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This Certifies That samples submitted for assay by **Mr. G. M. Colvocoresses** contain as follows per ton of 2000 lbs. Avoir.

MARKS CENTURY	SILVER		VALUE (Oz.)	GOLD		VALUE (Oz.)	TOTAL VALUE Of Gold and Silver	PERCENTAGE				REMARKS
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1				1.52		\$53.20						
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3				.05		\$1.75						
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P.O.Box 112

E. Pasadena, Cal.

Jan. 30 1939.

Mr. Geo. M. Colvocoresses,
Luhr's Tower,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir;

It is my understanding that you made a thorough investigation of Ruff & Bartol property for Mr. Anton Despol of San Pedro, Cal. I am also given to understand that this claim is now owned by Mr. Edmund Kaufman of Pomona, Cal. who claims that you are familiar with this property. Will you please give your opinion as to what can be done with this lease, is Kaufman dependable and why should Ruff & Bartol give it up.

I will appreciate greatly any help you give me on this subject. Thanking you, I am

Yours truly

Harry M. Kellam
Harry M. Kellam

PHONES:
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NIGHT, SAN PEDRO 4722

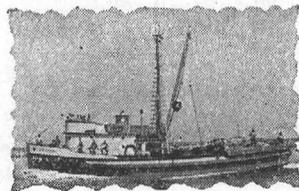
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December 15, 1938

Mr. George M. Colvocoresses
1102 Luhrs Tower
Phoenix, Arizona

(20th Century)

Dear Mr. Colvocoresses:

I wish to acknowledge that I received your welcome letter with the enclosed five copies of the report on 'Twentieth Century Group of Mining Claims', for which I and my friends are thanking you very much for your prompt and complete explanation regarding these claims.

On December 8, 1938, was the day that we were with you investigating the claims, that same night when you left with me and Mr. Gaspar to go together to your office, Mr. Kaufman was left in my automobile, and at the same time he promised to bring to you the statement of the shipments that he made to the smelters, which he claimed to be the Magma Copper Company, at Superior, Arizona. But that same evening after we had our dinner, I asked Mr. Kaufman, in front of Mr. Gaspar, and Mr. Pericich, I said 'let us go and get the statements of your shipments, so that we can facilitate Mr. Colvocoresses to investigate and give us reports as soon as possible, so that we can go to work and put the mine in operation'. At this time Mr. Kaufman says that he will have to have \$13.00 in order to get those papers, I asked him why, he said that the land-lady where he was living holds his clothing, shoes, some tools and these papers as securities for the room rent that he owes her, right there and then I concluded my mind that Kaufman is nothing but an imposter, as he told me the first trip I went there, and he repeated the same statement before Mr. Gaspar and Mr. Pericich the following statement; "That he discovered this mine in February, 1937, then he went and investigate to whom the claims belong, and after he found out, the quality and quantity of the ore that is in the mine, he got in touch with the owners, and in May, 1938, he had obtained the papers, and at that time in May he stated to work the mine until October 1938. During this time he claims that he took out \$29,000 worth of ore from the mine.

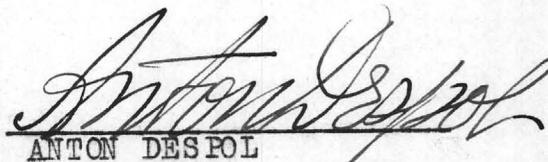
December 15, 1938

Out of this money he said he spent \$9,000 to fix the road on the North side of the mine, and \$5,000 to drill that tunnel on the North side of the mine.

But in the mean time, here is a young man by the name of Donald Adler, that he claims in September he gave Kaufman \$500.00, for which Mr. Adler claims that Kaufman sold him one-third of all mine claims, on the South and North sides. Out of this \$500.00 Kaufman himself said, and confirmed by this young man Adler, that he paid \$200.00 to the United States Government, Department of Interior, and that there is \$800.00 due to the United States Government Department of Interior for taxes owned by previous owners, which is Mr. A.E. Roof, and Mr. W.T. Bartol, and that as soon as Kaufman paid \$800.00 to the United States Government, Department of Interior, all these claims will belong to him. So figuring out all these statements together, I came to a conclusion that it don't tally good together. Therefore, I figure that there is nothing else in this proposition but a good lesson for all of us for the little money and time we spent.

I and my friends want to thank you again for your kind consideration and detailed report, that you have sent us, and if I ever come to Phoenix any time, rest assure that I will pay you a friendly visit. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, on the part of myself and my associates. I remain

Respectfully yours,



ANTON DESPOL

AD/md

December 12th, 1938

Mr. Anton Despol
P. O. Box 1241
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

The assays of my samples were only received this morning and I am mailing you herewith five copies of my report as you requested. I am sorry that the conclusion must be absolutely unfavorable but it is far better to have bad news of this nature before you have invested any money rather than later on when the investment would be lost.

I have made some inquiries concerning the history of these claims and as mentioned in my report I find that they were worked some years ago by Phoenix people, one of whom I know quite well and these parties wasted quite a bit of money before they were convinced that the claims were worthless. It is my opinion that they were the ones who did practically all of the work which Kaufman claimed to have done during the past few months as I could see no evidence of any recent activity and I think that his work was merely confined to sorting out a little picked ore from the dumps which these former operators had left behind.

It was a pleasure to have made the acquaintance of you and your associates and if at any future time I could be of assistance to you in examining other properties or in helping you to find some mining venture which would give you a real run for your money, I should always be pleased to be of service.

Yours very truly,

J. M.

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February 2nd, 1939

Mr. Harry M. Kellam
P. O. Box 112
East Pasadena, California

Re: Twentieth Century Group of Claims

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Dear Sir:

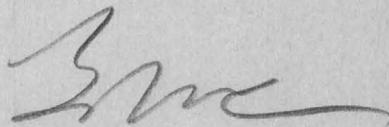
This will acknowledge your letter of January 30th in reference to the mining property of Ruff and Bartol in which Mr. E. E. Kaufman is now interested and which is locally known as the Twentieth Century Group.

This property was examined by me on December 8th in company with Mr. Despol of San Pedro, California and Mr. Kaufman and I submitted a report on same to Mr. Despol and his associates on December 12th, 1938.

I am sure that there is no reason why I should not furnish you with a copy of that said report which I shall be glad to do for a few of \$25.00 and promptly on receipt of this money, I will have copy of the said report made and mailed to you.

I believe that the report mentioned will give you all of the essential information which you may desire in reference to these mining claims and the activities of the various interested parties but if not, I shall be glad to answer any further questions without extra cost to you assuming that such answers do not involve any additional trip to the mining property or other procedure involving out-of-pocket expense.

Yours very truly,



GMC:MF

GEORGE M. COLVOCORESSIS
MINING AND METALLURGICAL ENGINEER
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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

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REPORT ON
TWENTIETH CENTURY GROUP OF MINING CLAIMS

December 18th, 1933

Messrs. Anton Despol, Christian Gaspar,
Nick Perisch & Associates
c/o Mr. Anton Despol
P. O. Box 1241
San Pedro, California

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit the following brief report on the above-captioned claims, portions of which were examined by me on December 8th in company with Messrs. Despol and Gaspar, also E. H. Kaufman of Phoenix.

Since Kaufman has failed to keep his promise to furnish me with a map showing the location of the claims or any records of past shipments, I am compelled to omit certain data which I should have liked to include in this report but which would not have altered my conclusion.

The object of my visit was to furnish you with a professional opinion in respect to the present and probable future value of the prospects from a mining standpoint and it is my very firm conviction that they are and always will be entirely worthless, therefore I most strongly advise you not to invest any money whatever in their acquisition or development.

LOCATION AND TITLE:

I understand that Kaufman has purchased the rights of the former lessees, Ruff and Bartol, to lease from the U.S. Indian Bureau, 13 mining claims three of which are known as the Sunrise, Klondike and Alaska.

The terms of such a lease provide for an annual rental of about \$200 and if and when ore is mined and shipped or treated, the Indian Bureau also collects a royalty of 5% of its value.

According to Mr. John L. Gust, Attorney of Phoenix, the present lease is in default by reason of the failure of the lessees to pay the rental for several past years now amounting to nearly \$1000 and suit to cancel the lease has been instituted. Mr. Gust has, however, received assurance that it would be reinstated for a period of 10 years if the delinquent rental should promptly be paid. Kaufman has deposited with Gust the sum of \$200 toward making this payment but an additional sum of approximately \$800 will have to be paid to the Indian Bureau before Kaufman can revive the lease. Also he will have to clear the property of certain liens filed by wage earners and others before he will be in a position to resume operations.

The claims comprise two groups to which I shall refer as the North Group and South Group - these groups are some three miles apart and they are located close to the western boundary of Pinal County on the eastern slope of the Estrella Mountains. They are some 20 miles southwest from Phoenix, reached by County and Indian Service roads to the foot of the mountains, then by

rough side roads, which Kaufman has claimed to have recently improved, to the base of the steeper inclines and finally by burro trails in each case some two miles in length. The elevation of the workings on the North Group is about 900' above the Valley of the Gila,- say 2000' above sea level; while the workings on the South Group are some 200' lower in elevation.

The ore formerly produced was packed down the trails on burros at a cost (according to Kaufman) of \$1.25 per ton and then sent by truck or truck and rail to smelters at Magma or Miami at a further cost of \$4.00 per ton.

GEOLOGY AND CHARACTER OF ORE:

The Estrella Mountains are mainly composed of pre-Cambrian schist and granite with later intrusions of granitoid dykes some of which may be termed pegmatite and aplite. There are also some dykes of diabase while certain phases of the granite resemble a gneiss and others contain a large percentage of mica,- both biotite and muscovite, entirely worthless from a commercial standpoint. A number of quartz veins or blow-outs were noted and the main vein (which Kaufman claims to be continuous from one group to the other) shows outcrops of quartz generally along a contact with a foot wall of biotite granite or gneiss and a hanging wall of granite.

The strike of this vein corresponds to the long axis of the mountains,- northwest-southeast and the dip varies from 35° to 45° to the southwest. The width of this vein is from

3' to 8' along the various outcrops and it would appear to me that the quartz has been deposited from solutions in a contact fissure resulting from the cooling of the intrusive mass which seems to form the footwall. Indications point to the probability that this vein will not continue to any great depth and in the lower tunnel on the North Group it has almost disappeared less than 100' below the outcrop while the material said to have come from the bottom of the shaft on the South Group (reported to be 110' deep) comprised very little quartz and practically no ore.

Metallic minerals have impregnated this quartz vein in a very erratic manner and in many places it is absolutely barren, elsewhere it carries silicate of copper (chrysocolla) and iron oxides while at greater depth a very little iron sulphide and copper sulphide is to be seen in stringers, pockets and kidneys and gold and silver values are found associated with the copper silicate and sulphide.

DEVELOPMENT WORK:

Apparently, these showings were first discovered many years ago and development was attempted at several points consisting mainly of shallow pits. On the South Group there was sunk the 110' shaft mentioned above which could not be examined in depth and is partly filled with water. Near the collar of this shaft the quartz vein is 7' wide but shows very little mineral while an examination of 5 shallow pits put down along

the outcrop to the south show that the vein at these points is practically barren, a representative sample assaying only \$0.70 in gold; 0.1 oz. silver and 0.94% copper.

A small pile of sorted ore near the collar of the shaft showed copper silicate and some iron and copper pyrites and assayed: \$1.75 in gold with low values in silver and copper.

There were some surface workings about 1/2 mile north of the shaft which time did not permit us to visit. Kaufman claimed that some good ore had been found and shipped from these workings but I am firmly convinced that the conditions there are entirely similar with those which I have described.

At the North workings there were two tunnels or adits, the upper having been driven on the vein for a distance of 60' and above this on the hillside portions of the vein had been mined and some hand picked ore from pockets had been sorted and shipped. My sample of this picked shipping ore assayed: \$53.20 in gold; 7.3 oz. silver and 13.73% copper., but this high grade material appears to have come from one small pocket which has been almost completely mined by previous operators. My sample of the average grade of the vein cut across the full width of 6' assayed only: \$4.55 in gold with less than one ounce of silver and less than 1% copper and such material is entirely non-commercial considering its location.

The lower tunnel driven at an elevation of some 60' below the upper one followed the vein for a distance of 130' into the hill, but here the vein had pinched to a width of

only one to two feet and there was very little quartz and absolutely no ore to be seen. In fact, in this tunnel the vein had become merely a contact plane with evidence of some pressure and fault movement and a certain amount of crushed rock forming a worthless gouge.

Kaufman claimed to have spent a long time in prospecting these claims and to have started actual work there in May of 1938 being forced to discontinue through lack of funds in November 1938. He stated that he had spent \$9000, largely in improving the two side roads up the lower stretches of the slopes and the trails to the North and South workings. He also claimed to have unwatered and cleaned out the deep shaft and to have mined and shipped ore from the workings on both groups of claims.

As to the value of this ore he made several contradictory statements, at one time mentioning a figure of \$29,000, at another a figure of \$18,000 and finally refusing to set any definite value, but the admitted fact that he ran out of funds leaving wages and other accounts unpaid appears to speak for itself.

The factual evidence presented by the showings did not seem to accord with many of Kaufman's statements. All of the actual development and mining work appeared to have been done many years ago and lacking any concrete evidence to support his statement of shipments, I am lead to conclude that he did no mining whatever but produced and shipped at most a very trivial tonnage of carefully hand-picked ore, probably

sorted from the dumps left by former operators, and that the cost of sorting and shipping this material much exceeded the value paid by the smelters or other purchasers.

Since visiting this property I have obtained reliable information that it was developed and worked by a group of Phoenix men some 6 or 8 years ago. These people actually built the roads and trails, installed the wire cable, and drove the lower tunnel at the South workings; all or a large part of which work Kaufman claimed to have done during the past few months. They produced and shipped at great expense a very small quantity of high grade ore from one small pocket but lost every cent that they had invested in the venture and the principal investor confirms my judgment as to the worthlessness of the property.

It is my opinion that the high assay values of certain samples obtained by Kaufman and in my ~~picked~~ sample quoted above, mean nothing at all from a practical standpoint. Some of the small stringers, pockets and kidneys evidently represent a secondary concentration and do carry substantial values in gold, silver and copper but the great bulk of the vein material is entirely worthless and the very small percentage of pay material could only be obtained through mining and sorting many times its volume of waste thus bringing the cost to a prohibitive figure.

I can see no reason to expect that any further or deeper development would in any way improve this condition and

it is my opinion that the small showings of ore which are noted near the surface would decrease or disappear entirely as depth was gained.

For all the above reasons, I must class this property as a most unpromising mining prospect and very definitely recommend against the expenditure of any further money in the futile expectation of ever developing a paying mine.

Yours very truly,

G. H. Colvocoresses

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Mr. Christian Gasper

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Anton Leopold
nick Pericich

Christian Tappan

with E. J. Kaufman

who holds control for

Ruff & Barton

on mining claims leased

from Indian Service

Claims: Sumner, Klondike

Alaska.

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20-21.

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John Smith.

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to put up 3000 in order
to clear the lease & provide
living equipment.

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for 10 yrs → reinstated.
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(Crysocolla + gold).

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& schistose structure of base.

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+ commonly some glauconite

no contact boundary

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Lower tunnel 60-70'

below (K. G. L. 100' &

near a 130' the strata

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+ v for stream of ice
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G. M. Colvocoresses, Esq.

property in wild cat territory still gets one eighth of the gross which is not so different from one quarter of the net.

The policy to be followed after the Dravo proposal is received will have to be left to Scott and Heckscher. It would strengthen our hands to have the other stockholders all in agreement but, on the other hand, it will be difficult to do so on a definite plan unless we have Shaw and Agassiz committed. I have no idea when the former gets back. In any case I'll Heckscher acknowledge Dravo's proposal promptly as I agree that we can now begin to deal directly between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. We might have muddied the waters had we done so sooner and your personal contact with the Dravos is probably all that has kept them in line. I note that it was the elder, not the younger one, who was at the Crater this time.

Needless to say I'll be glad to get the additional money for my local balance.

As to our "line of retreat" I suppose we'll really need three Arizona attorneys - one for the receiver, one for the complainant, and one for the Standard Iron. Naturally, I would like E. & R. for the latter and am sure they will be reasonable about terms owing to our past relationships. Are the other two men you mention, also Phoenix Attorneys? The expense of all three will be pretty heavy and I hope we can get around it.

Under pressure both from my family and the bank, I've tentatively agreed to a week in Bermuda about the middle of next month, but I won't let this interfere with the completion of our plan if all goes well.

As ever,

Brandon Barringer

P.S. Since writing the above the following letter from Mr. F. R. Dravo addressed to Father at 1242 Real Estate Trust Building dated the 21st. came in -

"I expect to be in Philadelphia Tuesday morning next and hope to have a very few minutes with you in reference to the Meteor Crater enterprise."

I have wired him as follows -

"Will be glad to see you tomorrow morning Townsend Elliott and Munson office Provident Trust Building Seventeenth and Chestnut Philadelphia stop Father's old office closed stop Please wire approximate time of arrival"

From John Lind Road

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bluish dykes & granitic gneiss

Also. Coarse pegmatite dykes. &

Quartz

Mr. Brandon Barringer - 2 March 3, 1931.

I am still hopeful that he may change his present opinion in spite of his letter to you in which he reiterates his intention to stand pat. I have it in mind that Shaw probably got Agassiz all excited and instigated him to make trouble in order that he (Shaw) might not appear to stand alone in his attitude, and, if Shaw now comes around, Agassiz may realize, as can be pointed out to him, that his own obstinacy could only result in loss to Crater Company stockholders and to the advantage of the Standard Iron Company, against whom he seems to have some resentment.

In reference to the Standard Iron, I have already written you my own position, but I want to say to you personally that, although I believe the present royalty arrangement is perfectly fair and equitable and a binding obligation upon the Crater Company, I do not believe that, if the present deal should be entirely upset, you are ever likely to obtain as large a royalty or as liberal terms from Dravo individually, or any other crowd who might consider continuing the Crater exploration where we have left off.

When we undertook to explore the crater, we had every reason to believe that water conditions would not prove a serious handicap, and this was strongly backed up by the evidence of the United States drill hole and other drill holes in that vicinity and by the arguments which your father advanced regarding underground water courses which would drain the saturated area around the meteorite.

Lloyd Lubin & Associates had the
property several years ago. They (fortisly)
dove the lower tunnel at the Smith building in
which they found nothing. They installed the
cable & probably fixed up the roads & tracks.

Shipped a little good grade as per a packet
at upper tunnel but had every cord they
invested & dropped it ~~every~~ 5 or more
years ago.

In my opinion Kaufman has found no heavy,
done practically no work, shipped little & no
ore (except for perhaps from sorting over the
Lubin dumps & practically everything he took
as to a lie

G. M. Colvocoresses, Esq. -2-

amount of stock to make further exploration possible. Both expressed entire willingness to do so. I feel very hesitant about directly approaching the stockholders until some definite plan is agreed on as Shaw might otherwise make it appear that I was doing so for the Standard Iron which is making no concession. In all of this I will have to be guided by the other directors, but I know you can count on all the stockholders I know, except the two delinquents, going along willingly and gladly.

Sincerely yours,

Brandon Barringer