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January 8, 1959

Mr. Martin Gentry, Superintendent
Asbestos Explorations Company
Box 146
Young, Arizona

ASBESTOS EXPLORATIONS COMPANY
Leases on Ft. Apache Reservation
Near Rockhouse, Gila County, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

I presume Mr. Pranter has advised you that we are planning to make an examination of the property of the Asbestos Explorations Company.

Our geologists, Mr. Von Fay and Mr. Kinnison, are planning to make the trip from Tucson to Young on January 13. They will get in touch with you upon arrival. I presume there will be accommodations for them at Young. They will plan to spend whatever time is necessary for an examination.

If the weather is bad, or if for any other reason it is necessary to postpone the trip, I will advise you by mail as early as possible.

Yours very truly,

Original Signed By
K. Richard

KENYON RICHARD

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AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY
Tucson Arizona

January 20, 1959

FILE MEMORANDUM

ASBESTOS EXPLORATION COMPANY
Leases on Ft. Apache Reservation
Near Rockhouse, Gila County, Arizona

One day was spent, accompanied by Mr. Kinnison, in examining asbestos prospects of the Asbestos Exploration Company on the Ft. Apache Indian Reservation. Asbestos is exposed in small workings on three leases, and evidently occurs in small outcrops on three other leases.

The Asbestos Exploration Company's representative stated that they have shipped some $7,000. worth of fiber from an open cut on the White Hill lease. This open cut was the most extensive working on the property, and was some ± 210 ft. long. The asbestos was in a concordant serpentinized unit in a more or less generally horizontal limestone. A typical section across the unit:

0.8" asbestos, harsh, with partings. ± 1/4" fiber.
2.0" serpentine with ± .1" seams asbestos, harsh.
0.3" fiber, harsh.
1.0" serpentine.
0.9" fiber as in first member, with partings.
6.5" serpentine
0.6" fiber with partings.

The fiber was generally iron stained, and the unit was some 2 ft. above a diabase sill, evidently making out from a minor "roll" in the diabase. The fiber was defined as harsh, in that it broke in one or two twists. Only what was probably the long dimension was seen on this bed, but the general habit of Arizona asbestos would lead one to believe that the "width" going into the hillside would be much less than the "length" exposed in the cut face.

No production of any significance has been achieved from any other occurrence on the six leases. The next largest occurrence is estimated by the Asbestos Exploration Company's representative to be 60' x 80', on the White Hill offset lease. The fiber in the offset occurrence is of about the same length as the first described occurrence, and is soft to semi-harsh in grade.

The general impression is gained that these asbestos occurrences are very erratic both as to length of fiber and softness. This, combined with the indicated limited areal extent of an individual occurrence, would apparently preclude any interest on Asarco's part.

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January 20, 1959

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Martin Gentry, Superintendent
Asbestos Exploration Company
Box 146
Young, Arizona

ASBESTOS EXPLORATION COMPANY
Leases on Ft. Apache Reservation
Near Rockhouse, Gila County, Ariz.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the map which you gave us, showing the location of the Asbestos Company's leases. We have abstracted the information we needed from the map.

Both Mr. Kinnison and I would like to thank you again for the assistance and cooperation which you gave us in showing us the Asbestos Exploration Company's leases.

Yours very truly,

STEPHEN VON FAY

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