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AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY Tucson Arizona August 25, 1960

FILE MEMORANDUM

SILVER HILL Cerro Colorado District, Arizona Mercury Examination

August 12, J. H. Courtright and J. E. Kinnison examined the <u>Charles-</u> ton group of John Fazio, of Tucson. Fazio presented the property to ASARCO as a mercury prospect; see attached report by S. R. Titley. The mineral occurrences have been worked for silver in the past and were known as the Silver Hill mines. The property is located in Sec. 1, T 20S, R 9E.

The rock for several miles around is andesite (Silver Bell fm.). Narrow discontinuous zones of sheared and slightly bleached andesite contain quartz, tetrahedrite, cinnabar (locally), galena, pyrite and chalcopyrite. There is no alteration of any extent away from the veins, and the mercury appears to be confined only to the quartz bearing zones. Because there is no indication that an appreciable tonnage exists, the property is not of interest to ASARCO.

It was noted that the ultraviolet mercury test revealed small amounts in rock where no cinnabar or other mineral except quartz and limonite could be seen with a hand lens.

JOHN E. KINNISON

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