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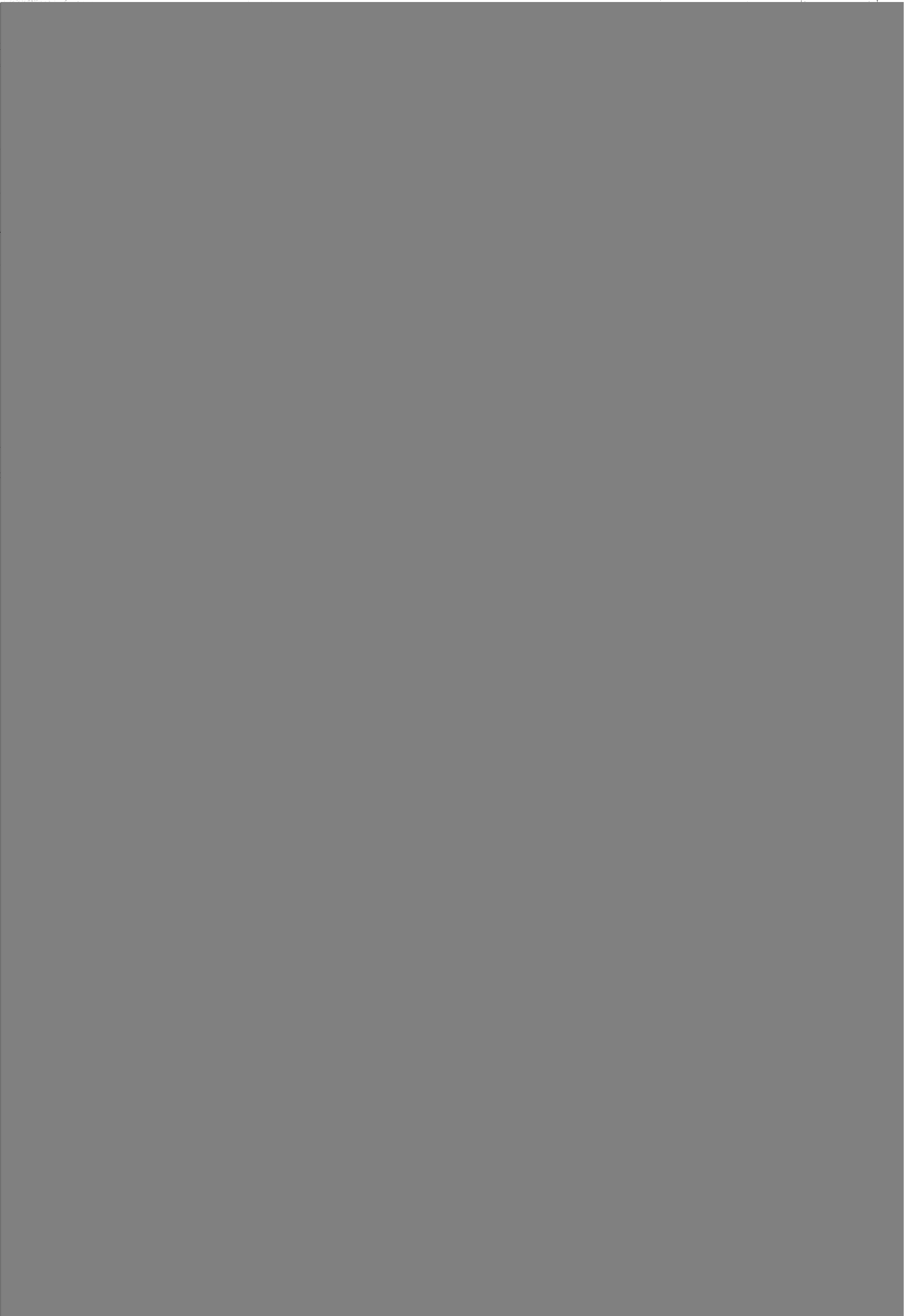
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Welder Don Loomis puts some finishing touches on an old rock-crusher at the mine.

AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY  
TUCSON ARIZONA

July 14, 1975

FILE MEMORANDUM

Black Diamond Mine Area  
South of Middlemarch Canyon  
Central Dragoon Mountains  
Cochise County, Arizona

Mr. William Hazel brought to our attention his group of "3 Oaks" claims in T18S, R24E (Pearce 15' quadrangle), along with a two-page letter from Dr. Willard D. Pye, consulting geologist.

I spent one day going over the part of the claim group along the road from Black Diamond (site) to the Dragoon Camp.

Hazel's map (attached with report) shows 3 Oak claims 74 through 221 which he reportedly holds and represents.

The claims basically overlie Bisbee formations which are intruded by rather large linear masses (dikes and sills) of mid-Tertiary Stronghold granite affinity. A few diggings were observed, but no mines or prospects were noted in Stanton B. Keith's compilation (Arizona Bureau of Mines Bulletin 187).

The Dragoon Camp was the townsite for the Dragoon Mine located west of the claim block. The Black Diamond (site) is the smelter site for the mine.

No immediate positive evaluation can be made on the claim block.

(Note: One location corner had a notice which stated that it was known as the "ARAB group". It appears that several re-papering sequences have been operative on the claim block.)

  
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Atts.

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January 15, 1975

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Re: Middlemarch Mining  
Claims

Dear Mr. Hazel:

In reply to your request for my opinion on the mineralization south of Middlemarch Pass in the vicinity of the old Black Diamond (Dragoon Camp) mine (Sec. 307, T. 18 S., R. 24 E.) Cochise County, Arizona, the writer first became interested in the mineral potential of the area some 12 years ago upon noting its position in relationship to various structural trends together with mineralization in that general region. The writer has worked on various properties in all directions from your property and he was once on your holdings for a few hours, not to make an evaluation, but to determine the extent and character of the mineralization. The opinions that follow are based upon this background.

Your property lies in an area that shows a wide variety of mineralization from which mines currently working, or in the past, have produced copper, silver, lead, zinc and gold.

The basic geology consists of a series of Paleozoic sediments composed mainly of limestones which have been overthrust onto Cretaceous sediments and possibly some pre-thrusting intrusives. This tectonic period was followed by Tertiary and later intrusive and volcanic activity.

Mineralization has been controlled by the thrusts and other associated faults and fractures and consists of massive sulfides which have been developed along the shear and fracture zones as well as by replacements in the limestone. Minerals observed were massive chalcopryrite and bornite with galena (argentiferous ?) sphalerite, and pyrite together with their secondary and oxidized products. Gold is reported.

There is no reason that there should not be other massive sulfide bodies in the area in addition to those worked by the "old-timers", and since the mineralization is related

to some of the Tertiary intrusives which range from andesitic to granitic in character, that there might not be some porphyry type of mineralization in these crystalline rocks. (SOME PORPHYRITIC TYPES FOUND)

I hope that this answers your questions and I shall be pleased to make a more thorough examination of your property if you should so desire.

Yours very truly,

*Willard D. Pye*

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