Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D.C. 20535

December 13, 2023

FOIPA Request No.: 1348152-000 Subject: BECKER, TROY

Dear

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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498 pages were reviewed and 158 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

In response to your negotiated Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed are the processed documents. Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

This is the 8th interim release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. Accordingly, upon receipt of the enclosed CD, please go to www.pay.gov to make an electronic payment* in the amount of \$15.00 or make a check or money order payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and remit it to the Initial Processing Operations Unit, Record Information/Dissemination Section, Information Management Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602. Please include the FOIPA Request Number with your payment.



Failure to pay for this release within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter will close any pending FBI FOIPA requests from you. Nonpayment will also cause an automatic denial of any future FOIPA requests.

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Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, another Government Agency [OGA]. We are consulting with the other agencies and are awaiting their response. Our office has processed all other information currently in our possession. The FBI will correspond with you regarding those documents when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at <u>www.fbi.gov/foia</u>. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact <u>foipaquestions@fbi.gov</u>. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at <u>foipaquestions@fbi.gov</u>. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Acchives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at <u>ogis@nara.gov</u>; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) Intelligence Records. To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) Requests for Confidential Informant Records. The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C.§ § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C.§ 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) Record Searches and Standard Search Policy. The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. Main Entity Records created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. Reference Entity Records- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) Foreseeable Harm Standard. As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets. The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.ebo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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JULY 6, 1976 Date of transcription. On June 29, 1976, Mr interviewed was at his residence of After viewing the agent's credentials, Mr. advised as follows: Approximately four or five years ago, Mr. worked as a salesman with a for Fundamental b6 Investment Corporation, a company which has since gone b7C bankrupt and is no longer in existence. This company specialized in investments, real estate, and insurance. On September 1, 1973, attended brother's, birthday party in San Francisco, California, and while at the party after several drinks began talking about a gold mine which was located in Nevada and a new chemical process for extracting gold created by Both and became somewhat interested and indicated that they would possibly buy stock in this mine if were able to locate some at a reasonable price. The following day, went to see at his office to have some work done on his teeth as is a dentist. took with him several ore samples b6 taken from the mine in Nevada and showed them to b7C became very interested and on September 5 or 6, 1973, both and _____ went to Reno and then drove south approximately two hours to Bridgeport, Nevada, on the California - Nevada state line to view the mine that had told them about. At the mine, the met who was the man told them had invented the new chemical process for extracting gold from gave the a tour of the mine site and explained ore. Mr. the new process to them and then gave them a demonstration showing them how much gold he could get out of the ore which his process indicated would yield approximately two to three thousand grams per ton of ore. Approximately two or three weeks later, contacted the brothers and advised that the lease on the ore-crushing mill by the mine which was being used by to prepare the ore 6/29/76 Millbrae, California SF 87-35977-File # Interviewed on ____ b6 b7C SA Date dictated -This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions -14- BI. "BI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside .

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for refining was coming up due. Mr. had told that he had a great deal of money coming from a Los Angeles Corporation who was completing refinement of some ore which he had sent down there; however, the Los Angeles corporation was brc running behind schedule and was trying to find a way to buy the mill which would cost \$75,000 without having to wait on the Los Angeles company which apparently was not going to pay him until after the lease had expired.

The brothers then contacted several of their friends who had expressed an interest in this gold mine and themselves and ten other people collectively bought the mill to be used by _____ and then leased the mill to _____ through his attorney whose name is _____ The lease, according to _____ indicated that once the Los Angeles corporation had paid ______ for the gold in his ore, he would buy the mill from these people and terminate the lease.

and ______ then established two trust b7C companies under the United Silver and Plantinum heading and received blocks of stocks to sell to investors. These trusts were called the Eureka Trust and Liberty Trust. It was later learned by ______ that after establishing these two trusts, _______ also set up a trust through ______ and sold stocks to his own friends through this trust.

During this time period, either _____ or _____ and frequently both, were traveling to the mine three or four times a month and on these visits were talking with ______ who continued to speak of unknown parties who were coming to visit the mine to view it and then invest millions of dollars to help build the refineries and other buildings needed so that _______ could complete the process of extracting the gold and selling it in buillion form at the mine site. _______ b6 b7c

Also during this time period, a mining engineer from Reno named BUCHOLTS had been brought into the mine site to observe procedures and to verify the legitimacy of claim to extract gold from the ore at the mine site. BUCHOLTS took several samples and then watched as extracted the gold from them, a process taking three or four days. After this, a letter of verification came from BUCHOLTS to the stockholders, stating that in his opinion, formula was legitimate and that it did, in fact, extract gold from the ore samples which he had taken from the mine site and that apparently estimates of the amount of gold to be withdrawn from the ore at the mine site were valid.

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Shortly after this letter from BUCHOLTS, _______ found a refinery which was being sold by a company going bankrupt and ______ felt that this refinery had everything he would need to complete the process of getting gold buillion out of the ore at the mine site. _______ also indicated that the big investors who supposedly were going to put millions of bfc dollars into the operation had not yet been to the mine site and, therefore, were not investing. Consequently, it was decided that the refinery would be bought outright using money from the trusts set up by the ______ brothers.

Throughout this time period, following the purchase of the refinery and then the construction of the chemical refinery, had released information about the new process for extracting gold and a great many people had become interested in this process and were investing heavily in the trust funds and were largely responsible for the money which was using to build and buy the refineries and to lease the land that the chemical refinery was on.

By April, 1973, most of the money from the trusts established by the brothers had been exhausted and when it became apparent to that no more money was coming from these trusts, the individuals, including the who had invested in them, were no longer welcome at the mine site and the guards which had hired required the individuals who had help pay for the mine to sign in, open brief cases, etc., before they were allowed on the mining ground. In May, 1973, a company based in Switzerland named Anacardia and represented by a received a good deal of ore from to complete processing to extract the gold. Apparently, the European company could find no gold in the salts blamed and other ore samples sent to them by and this fault on the European company, saying that they had not conducted proper assays. Claimed that this fault on the part of the European company had resulted in the loss of a two billion dollar

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agreement with the company.

In June, 1973, _____ was placed on the Board of Directors of the United Silver and Platinum Mining Company and learned that _____ had been sending samples to Europe at the cost of \$45,000 per shipment, this money coming from the 'trust fund money established to operate the United Silver and Platinum Mining Company.

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Once on the board, began to ask questions of specifically why after the investment for the mill, the first refinery, and the subsequent building of the second chemical refinery, they were shipping ore salts and not buillion which the refineries were supposed to be capable of making, to which replied that he had been unable to obtain three or four chemicals necessary to the process of producing was able to obtain the names of these four buillion. chemicals and in a few days time was able to obtain the chemicals for _____to produce gold. However, at this point, stated that rather than producing gold, they were going to produce platinum which was worth a great deal more than gold and that to do this he would need some new chemicals and another refinery as well as some special equipment in the established refineries. _____ then advised that after locating the chemicals necessary and building the special equipment to produce the platinum, _____ then stated that he was going to produce teridium which was worth then more than either gold or platinum and that for this process, he would need more chemicals which were unavailable as well as additional special equipment.

As of June, 1974, the Board of Directors consisted of , who owned the majority of the stock, his wife, his attorney, and At these Board was the only individual who would stand up meetings, against and demand to know where the money for this company was going and how it was being handled. usually had smooth answers for these questions; however, as the pressure b6 increased, stopped the board meetings and from b7C held only one board meeting between that time and January, 1975; whereas board meetings were supposed to be scheduled on the first Monday of each month.

By January, 1975, the mining company was in dire financial condition with all of the electricity cut off and the telephones disconnected. None of the large investors which ______ claimed to have waiting in the wings to invest their money had produced any investments and the company was going under. However, in January,

1975, ______ was able to talk someone into giving him \$2000 with which to get the power turned on at the mining site after which _____ then showed the site to a Mr. _____ who was from Washington. Mr. _____ invested approximately \$350,000 in the company and received as collateral from _____ the refineries at the mining site. _____ was not sure b6 of the contract; however, it is his understanding that the loan b7c was for approximately 90 days and repayment was to be in the amount of \$600,000 and made directly to the John Birch Society.

After had learned that had put the four refineries which had been bought outright with funds from his trusts up as collateral, then went to the mining site and collected samples from around the area to be assayed for any valuable chemicals at all and then began court proceedings against

In the intervening months, between ______ investment in the company which temporarily put the company back on its feet, and ______ learning of the collateral used in subsequent court proceedings against _______ along with his wife, a psychic, and another friend took two trips to the Philippines in search of lost treasure which was supposedly buried by the Japanese on that island during the second World War. After the second trip, ______ was thrown out of the Philippines for writing so many bad checks.

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At this point, Mr. _____ then indicated two cardboard boxes containing various file folders and several grocery sacks containing small samples of ore packaged in plastic bags. He explained that the records had been obtained by himself from the office of ______ at the mining site at the same time as he had collected the ore samples from around the mine site for future assaying to determine if there were any metals of value contained in the ore. He had obtained several boxes of records, the majority of which he had already supplied to the FBI in Reno, Nevada; however, he did not have room to take these two boxes to them; therefore, he requested that the interviewing agent take these two boxes containing the records and send them to Reno as they were under subpoena through that office.

Agent then took the two boxes of records and the four grocery bags of ore samples and concluded the interview.

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voluntarily appeared at the San Rafael, California, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Resident Agency. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of his rights as <u>stated</u> on the Interrogation; Advice of Rights form. Mr. ______ stated he understood his rights and executed the waiver by signing it. He furnished the following information:

He stated he has known for about 20 years and had been in the Junior Chamber of Commerce with in the Bay Area. He advised he married the of former wife. advised that approached him in June, 1973, about the possibility of getting together a group of investors to finance exploration for gold and platinum. He advised he was working in Alameda at the time as a financial consultant and was involved with finding investments for his clients. told him he had developed a secret formula that greatly increased the amount of gold obtained from ore over conventional processing methods. He advised told him he had over 100 rich mineral claims in Nevada and his secret formula would allow him to obtain 12,000 ounces of gold per ton of ore as compared to the normal yield of 2 ounces per ton. advised he did not believe the claim of until he saw demonstrate the process numerous times and each time high quality gold was obtained. He advised he got together a group of investors, including Dr. Dr. with Kaiser in San Francisco, Mrs. , Danville Cupertino; Mrs. and with the U.S. Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland. He advised there were one or two more people, but he was unable to recall their names. He stated they raised over \$50,000 with the agreement they would receive \$10 for every \$1 invested on a 24 month payoff.

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Mr. _____ advised he got together another group that bought a milling company in Reno, Nevada, and then leased it back to _____ He advised both transactions were set up in trusts in order to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission regulations. Mr. _____ advised that all investors and stockholders were invited to visit the corporation facilities in Reno and most of them did actually see the plant at various times.

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He advised that the stockholders and investors were told the corporation had over 100 claims of which four werebeing worked and substantial amounts of high quality gold, platinum and other valuable metals in these claims. They were also shown various assays by _____ to confirm his statements. He stated that the main inducement by _____ to the stockholders was the secret formula of which was shown to the stockholders in demonstrations.

Mr. ______ advised there was never any revenue from sales and no quantity of gold or other minerals were processed at the plant. He stated all the plant produced was mineral salts which were to be processed into gold, platinum, et cetera, by the formula of _____. He advised all money the companies had came from the stockholders and investors. He stated _____ and MC ALLASTER spent a great deal of money for their own personal use and spent huge sums in the construction of office space that was not needed. He advised ______ did not get a salary, but got \$100,000 annually in expenses in order to avoid paying taxes.

advised many experts would take the ore from the claims and process it through conventional methods without getting anything other than occasional traces of gold. Then would take some of the same ore and use his secret formula to obtain a small amount of high quality gold. He stated _____ would never tell anyone the contents of the formula.

He advised the corporation employed some 30 employees at its peak in 1974.

He stated TROY BECKER, who operated Aero Engineering, had been trying to develop a high recovery process for 20

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years and was interested in ______because of his apparent success in this area. He advised that BECKER loaned ________ \$100,000 to further develop the secret formula. _______advised that sometime later when BECKER asked for repayment of the loan he was told by ______ to "Go to hell." He advised he felt the relationship between _______ and BECKER was initiated by BECKER for the purpose of sharing technical knowledge.

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He advised the only instances he was aware of where had instructed employees to provide false information was regarding false financial information given to creditors in order to stall them.

advised he met MILLS BEAM at the last Mr. stockholders meeting in July, 1975. He advised that had told the stockholders the corporation was completely bankrupt and there were no alternatives in order to forestall the collapse of the company. _____ then introduced to the stockholders, Mr. BEAM, who ______ said was an international millionaire and President of the Atlas Bank of Bermuda, the third largest bank in the world. He advised | told them BEAM would buy up all their stock with gold certificates from some bank in the Philippines and MC ALLASTER said the certificates could be cashed in any Bank of America. He advised he and others in the two trust groups voted against the idea, but the majority voted in favor of the idea. He advised he did some quick research and determined there was no such thing as an Atlas Bank of Bermuda and that had secretly made a 4 million dollar deal with some Hawaiian corporation which would have netted \$1.5 million in his own pocket and was not reported to the stockholders. He advised he did not know anyone named _____ and did not recall BEAM mentioning anything about the Tropicana Hotel.

He advised he and the stockholders have civil litigation pending against _____ and MC ALLASTER in Reno. He advised a person appeared in court at a hearing and said he was the Vice President and Treasurer of the Atlas Bank. He advised this person was brought in by _____ to substantiate the story of his and BEAM's. He advised this person advised he had been employed by the bank for 60 days and had no specific knowledge of the bank's financial condition or even where their home office was located. He advised this **4** Sf 87-35977

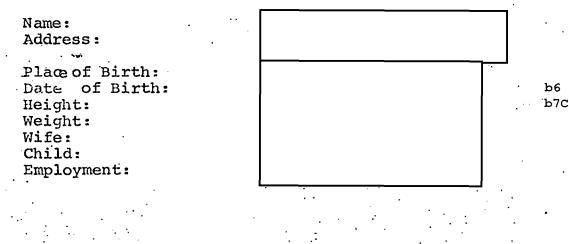
person produced a bank charter dated September 5, 1975, which was after the offer was made by BEAM to buy the corporation's stock. ______ advised it was determined the alleged bank location was determined to be a small house in Los Angeles.

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advised that is a very convincing Mr. person and is extremely good at getting things done his way. He advised he was skeptical of at first, but as a result of watching use his formula in the laboratory over and over with success each time, and then to let an expert do it under his instructions and also have success, he was convinced the formula must work. _____ added that was a paranoid personality and had many armed guards around the plant as well as numerous security systems. He advised he had many employees take polygraph examinations for the purpose of determining their suitability for employment, but had the ability to deliberately provide false that information and yet pass the polygraph tests.

The following descriptive information was obtained through observation and interview:



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date____9/15/76

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furnished the following information:

In approximately April, 1973, at which time he resided in Detroit, Michigan, he heard that a of Reno, Nevada, had submitted samples of ore to Chrysler Corporation in Detroit. As had been associated with this firm, he contacted in Reno, Nevada, and was invited to Nevada by to observe the latter's process of extracting precious metals from ore.

in Sparks, Nevada, and observed the latter produce a gold button from ore in his possession.

called by _____ and informed that a HERBERT F. BUCHHOLTZ, a mining engineer of Reno had assayed work done by _____ and had certified that the process of _____ was capable of extracting precious metals from ore.

During January, 1974, returned to Reno at which time introduced him to TROY BECKER of Aero Engineering located in Sparks, Nevada.

Shortly thereafter, BECKER and set up plants in the area to process ore and to extract precious metals therefrom.

BECKER solicited to buy 20,000 tons of ore from a mine owned by BECKER called the Leubec property located in the State of Washington.

To substantiate the fact that nobel metals could be produced from this ore. BECKER gave ______ assays performed by BECKER, ______ and BUCHHOLTZ. Copies of same are attached hereto.

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April 5, 1974

AERO ENGINEERING, IN. 11748 Sand Point Way N. E. Seattle, WA 98125

Attention: Mr. Troy E. Becker, President

Dear Sir

The following results were obtained from the ore samples submitted from your Taneum deposit utilizing chemical reduction methods as employed by United States Platinum, Inc.

CHEMICAL REDUCTION METHOD

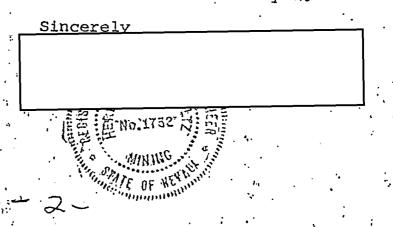
EXTRACTIVE ANALYSIS

Gold	•		2,200	ounces/ton
Platinum			1,220	ounces/ton
Palladium		• •	4,100	ounces/ton
Iriḋium			800	ounces/ton
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On the pilot plans facility currently under construction, the above quantities should be expected on a tonage basis.

I am looking forward to visiting the property and making a complete geological survey, at which time additional samples would be drawn, so that I can qualify your total tonnage.

I hope that this report will be of assistance to you.



b6 b7С BUCHHOLTZ, Herbert Frederick ۰**۰** . . Consulting Engineer, Geologist, Educator. Born in New York City, November 11th, 1921, ... son of Frederick C. and Ida (Loos) Buchholtz. / Student - Colorado School of Mines, 1940-42; . Bachelor of Science in Engineering -University of Kansas, 1950; . Master of Arts in Geology -Claremont Graduate School, 1960. .Married b6 h7C one daughter, Mining Engineer -Anaconda Co., Tecopa and Darwin, Calif. 1951-53; Exploration and development engineer, assistant to Superintendent of Mining -Riverside Cement Co., Oro Granda and ·. · Crestmorė, Calif., 1953-59; , General Manager -Huntley Industrial Minerals Co., Bishop, 1959-60; Exploration and development engineer -Americal Cement'Co., Los Angeles, 1960-63; Consultant -Cartel Chemical Corp., Monterey Park, 1962 - ; Consultant -"Granite Rock Co., Watsonville, 1963 - ; Associate Professor, Department of Geology -Ricker College, Houlton, Maine, 1964-66; Assistant Professor, Engineering and Geology -New England College, Henniker, New England Correge, New Hampshire, 1966 - .

BUCHHOLTZ, Herbert Frederick - continued

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Served with A.U.S., World War II, now Major.

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C.E. Res. Registered professional engineer, Nevada, Kansas. Member of -Society of Mining Engineers, Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Geological Society of America, National Society of Professional Engineers, Scabbard and Blade, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Kappa Sigma. Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy,

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BUCHHOLTZ, Herbert Frederick, cons. cngr., genlogis), enhantor: h. N.Y.C., Nov. 11, 1921; s. Frederick (I. and fida (Loos) R.; Mudent Colo, Sch. Mines, 1940-42; R.S. in Engrue. H. Kan., 1950; M.A., in Grubory, Charomont Grad. Sch., 1940; m. Grubory, Charomont rage, Anaconna Co., Tecopa and Darwin, Cal., 1951-53; cynloration and devel. engr., asst. to supt. muning Binerxide Centent Co., 0ro Grande and Crestmore, Cal., 1953-50; gen. mer. Huntley Indsl. Minerals Co., Biston, 1953-60; rxploration and devel. engr., Ana-Coment Co., Los Angeles, 1960-63; cons. Car-tel Chem. Cop., Monterey Park, 1963---; axos, prof. dept. geology Ricker Coll., Houlton, Me., 1961-666; asst. prof. engrine, and geology New Eng. Coll., Hermsker, N.H., 1965---; Seriel with AUS, World War H., upst maj. C.E. Res. Registered profil, engr., Net., Kan. Meni, Suc, Muong Engrs., Canadian Inst. Mun-ing and Metallurgy, Geol. Soc. A., Nat. Ster, Prof. Engrs., Scabbard and Bilder, Tau Reta Pr., Sigma Tau, Sigma Canada List. Mu-Rappa Sigma, flowe: Henniker, N.H.

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Acro Engineering, Inc.

11748 Sandpoint Way, Seattle, Washington 98123, USA. June 14, 1972

Certified Report on Analysis

Subject: Our Own Tansum Ore Concentrate-from Leubec Property-Uniformly sampled to represent 200,000 tons in situs.

esults of Nuclear	ATTINLTY	Analysis:		• **	•	
Gold	21.2%	Iron	0.0%	Magnesium	0.07	
Platinum	10.0%	Tantalum '	0.0%	Aluminum	0.3%	
Palladius	19.25	Tungsten	0.0%	Germanium	0.1%	
. Silver	13.5%	Antimony	0.0%	Gellium	1.2%	• •
Osmium	4.1%	Arsenic	0.0%	Nickel	0.35	
Ruthenium	4.2%	Sulphur	0.05	Lead	0.05	
Iridiua	7.1%	Bismuth	0.0%	Beryllium	1.1%	•
Rhodium	0.0%	Titanium	C.0ಸ	Copper	0.0%	
Silica	4.2%	Thallium	0.1%	Molybdenum	0.0ž	
Seleniun	0.0%	Chrcmium	0.2%	Tin	0.0%	
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Mercury	0.0%	Cobalt	0.0%	Cednium	0.4%	
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Our findings show there are a considerable number of unstable isotopes in the precious metals. The material is quite complex and extreme care will be necessary in the separation. We will insure and guarantee to recover eleven (11) percent Gold ard ten (10) percent Silver from this analysis.

AERO ENGINEERING, Troy E. Secker, Analyst R. Ph. Nashington State

R. Phy. Neshington State License #262-03-32338 Licyd's of London Insured Policy #92000

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On this 14th day of 1972, before me personally appeared Troy E. Becker to se known to be the President of the corporation that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that he was authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of said corporation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

Miltic and KEAA Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at matth

United States Platinum, Inc.

5690 Ambrose Drive • Reno, Nev. 89502 • Phone: (702) 747-2147

May 17, 1973

Mr. Troy Becker Aero Engineering, Inc. 11748 Sandpoint Way Seattle, Washington 98125

Dear Troy:

The following results are indicative of our recovery capabilities of the ore sample you sent us recently. We could guaranty a minimum recovery of this amount:

EXTRACTIVE ANALYSIS

CHEMICAL REDUCTION METHOD

Results of metallic recovery of 500 grams of ore identified as Taneum Ore Concentrates - Leubec Property.

SOLUABLE AQUA REGIA PRECIPITATION

ELEMENT	METAL RECOVERED	% OF RECOVERY	OUNCES OF RECOVERY PER TON OF CONS
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	•		24,000 02/Ton 29,166 4/FX
Au ·	• 46 grams	9.2%	2208.0 ounces 2683
Pt .	25	5.1	1224.0 1487
Pd	86	. 17.2	4128.0 5016
Ag	-84	13.9	4056.0 49-9
Rh	5.5	1.1	264.0 3-0
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INSOLUABLE METAL NOT DISSOLVED BY AQUA REGIA

Ir	•	16.5			3.3%			ounces	962
Ru Ta		3.4	• .	٠	•68 0.1	2) * •	163.2 2256.0		198
μd		47	•	•	~ • + •				2741

Mr. Troy Becker Aero Engineering, Inc.

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This material is reasonably easy to work with, however, I question the concentrating methods and feel chloride losses have been high.

We hope this will be of assistance to you. Better results could be obtained with proper facilities, which you know we do not presently have.

Sincerely,

UNITED STATES PLATINUM REFINERY, INC.

President

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On April 30, 1974, ______ entered into an agreement with Aero Engineering and Nolan and Associates whereby ______ was to buy twenty tons of the above mentioned ore concentrate.

A copy of this agreement follows.

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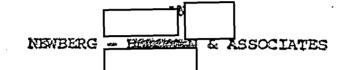


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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

NOLAN & ASSOCIATES



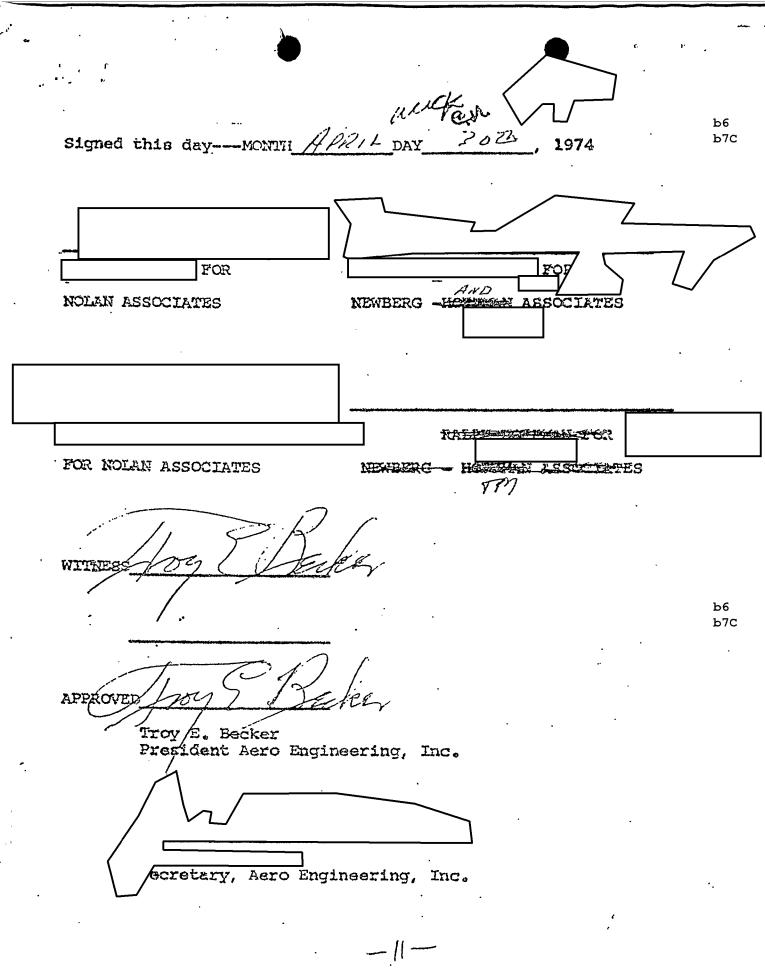
Nolan & Associates does hereby certify and declare as followes

- 1. Aero Engineering, Inc. and Nolan & Associates have an active agreement signed December 11, 1973. (Copy attached).
- 2. Nolan has completed the portion of the Aero agreement due April 1, 1974.
- - B. 5 tons, May 15, 1974.
 - C. 5 tons, June 1, 1974.
 - D. 5 tons, Jun 15, 1974.
 E. Nolan agrees that Newberg Hereinen will receive full title to the tons, Aero will refine, and all monies due for that material will be paid directly to Newberg See V, A, and V, B of agreement.

Newberg - Herrich will have the right, option and privelege or joining Nolan on a joint venture basic on items VII A, B, C; VIII; of Aero agreement up to 33 1/3% interest by paying the any proportionate share of monies required for the refinery covered in aforementioned b6 b7C paragraphs of the Aero - Nolan agreement. Nolan will notify Newberg - many in writing of the refinery plans (with Newberg's approxed) and monies peeded and will give Newberg - Beamson fifteen days to notify nolan of their intent and then forty five (45) days to commit the money. Providing the remaining 66 2/3 is committed by that time. Newberg or his representative (approved by Aero) shall have full right to inspect the refinery under construction at any time and examine tho expenditures and income statements and accounts.

- 4. Payments for concentrate tonnage shall be made directly to Aero, and Aero shall notify Nolan of these payments and amount of tonnage purchased and Nolan and Aero will give title to this tonnage to Newberg - concern promptly.
- 6. Newberg <u>Rectann</u> and Associates recognize and agree to the conditions and limitations as set forth in the Nolan -Aero agreement as being binding to the parties of this agreement.

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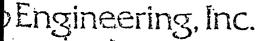
AGREEMENT between AERO ENGINEEEING, INC. and CHARLES NOLAN and ASSOCIATES

ALKO ENGINELAING, INC. does hereby certify and declare as follows:

- 1. That ALRO ENGINEERING, INC. has available to market 200,000 short tons of proven precious metal concentrates.
- 11. AERO ENGINEENING, INC. states that it will guarantee that said contrates have a recoverable value of not less than 3200 Troy ounces of Gold per short ton.
- 111. AERO ENGINEERING, INC. states that said material is in situ near Cle Elum, Washington.
 - IV. CHARLES NOLAN and ASSOCIATES, 301 520 Ninth Street, New Westminster, B. C. V3M-3W5, Canada, agree to purchase 20 short tons of said natural ore concentrates, in situ, with payment to be made in U. S. Bollars. The current price is \$25,000.00 U. S. per short ton, f.o.b. Cle Elum or AERO's blending plant. This purchase is to be fully completed by April 1, 1974.
 - V. AERO agrees that it will option to NGLAN an additional 20 short tons of said concentrates at the price of \$25,000.00 U.S. per short ton, f.o.b. Cle Elum or AERO's beloding plant. This option is to be exercised, with payment made, by October 1, 1974.
 - A. AERO agrees that, upon completion of its projected facilities, it will process, by AERO's procedures, the 40 tons of ore concentrates purchased by NOLAN. AERO's production shall be so programmed as to allocate a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 25% of their plant capacity to the reduction of NOLAN's purchased concentrates. This production is scheduled by AERO to commence in July 1974. This production schedule shall be subject to weather, strikes, acts of God, and any and all interruptions not under AERO's control. AERO's fee for said reduction will be 25% of the precious metals recovered; (20% for smelting and 25% for refining).
 - B. The reduction of the above-mentioned 40 short tens of said one concentrates shall be scheduled to begin within 30 days following the receipt of written request by NOLAN, but in no event before ALAO's plant facilities are on stream.

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V1. In consideration of the execution of this agreement, NOLAN and ASSOCI-ATES and/or their assigns, agree that they will not sine. purchase,





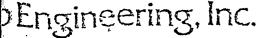
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process, refine or smelt any ores containing Gold, Silver, Platinum or Palladium originating from any ore body located in the State of Kashington from any source other than ArkO, without the express written consent of ArkO, for a period of ten (10) years from this date.

- VII. AERO agrees that, upon completion of its five (5) tons per day projected facilities, it will license KOLAN (under separate document) to partially process blended ore concentrates, using AERO's procedures at a flow-rate to be determined by NOLAN. This licensure is dependent upon the finalizing of the engineering, equipment selection, personnel training, etc. relative to NOLAN's facility. This licensure cannot be granted until the purchase of the above-mentioned 20 to 40 short tons of AERO's ore concentrates has been completed.
 - A. This licensure for use by NOLAN and ASSOCIATES and/or their assigns will be dependent upon the signatures of all persons connected with NOLAN's licensed operations to the same non-disclosure and non-use agreement as required by AERO of all persons connected with their own operations.
 - B. A royalty of 25% of all materials recovered will be delivered to AERO for this licensure, either as metals or metallic salts, depending upon the nature of the end-product of NOLAN's plant, for credit to AERO's final refining facility.
 - C. AERO recognizes that NOLAN will make a substantial investment in the licensed extraction plant. Therefore, AERO will agree to sell to NOLAN an open tonnage of the above-mentioned blended ore concentrates at the most favorable customer price in effect at the time of each sale. This tonnage is in addition to the 40 tons under firm option. The option to purchase the additional open tonnage will be kept in effect by the annual purchase and processing by NOLAN at a rate equal to a minimum of 50% of NOLAN's plant capacity, designed for the processing of AERO's ore concentrates. Thus, the term of this purchase option will be for a period of ten (10) years from the date of the completion of NOLAN's extraction facility and will be renewable if mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto.
 - D. NOLAN and ASSOCIATES agree that they will construct under AERO's licnesure an extraction facility within twelve (12) months following receipt of formal written notice by AERO that it is prepared to license NOLAN, under the conditions set forth under Paragraph VII above.

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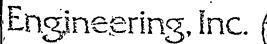


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- VIII. When NOLAN's extraction facility is in production, it is projected that AERO's refining facility will then require additional flowstreams. AERO will advise NOLAN, at the time of construction of his licensed facility, of the projected cost per ton of NOLAN's tonnage required, as a depreciable advance, to add the above-mentioned florstreams at AERO's facility.
 - IX. AERO agrees to balance and program the "NOLAN-SKAGIT VALLEY ORE" for extraction on the schedule previously agreed upon. AERO will agree to commence this programming in January 1974.
 - A. AERO agrees to prepare for extraction at AERO's blending plant the above-mentioned ore from the "NOLAN-SKAGIT VALLEY CLAIMS", at a price per ton to be finalized at the conclusion of the balancing program.
 - B. AERO agrees to license an extraction facility for said "NOLAN-SKAGIT VALLEY ORE", if it is so desired by NOLAN, at the conclusion of balancing and programming phase as described in Paragraph IX and IX-A above, but in no event sooner than AERO's projected 5 ton per day facilities are in production, under the provisions set forth in Paragraph VII, VII-A, VII-B, VII-C, VII- D and Paragraph VIII.
 - C. NOLAN and ASSOCIATES will be required to build an d operate said extraction facilities for the "NOLAN-SKAGIT VALLEY ORE" within <u>9</u> years from the date of completion of the balancing and programming project as described in Paragraph IX.
 - X. This agreement shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the respective parties hereto, their heirs and successors, but may only be assigned to Great Central Mines, Ltd, a British Columbia, Canada, corporation without the written consent of AERO.
 - XI. Time is of the utmost importance to all the parties concerned hereto. Therefore, should NOLAN fail to complete the above-mentioned agreed upon arrangements in order to meet AERO's conditions as above stated by April 1, 1974, all of this agreement shall be rendered null and void, with the exception of the terms and conditions concerning any tonnage previously paid for by NOLAN and ASSOCIATES. Such tonnage, purchased prior to April 1, 1974 will be reduced by AERO at the abovementioned price per ton. Thereafter, the parties hereto shall hold each other harmless as to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

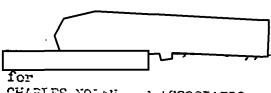
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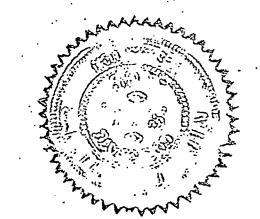
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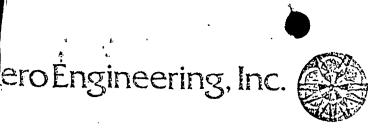
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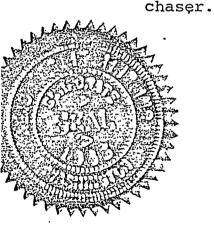
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May 22, 1975

NEWBERG & ASSOCIATES GROUP I

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that with regard to Aero Engineering's guarantee of 3200 Troy Ounces of gold per ton of ore purchased by your groups, in case Aero is unable to recover the guaranteed amount of 3200 troy ounces per ton of ore concentrates on a production basis, Aero will provide and process an additional amount of ore concentrates to make up the amount of the guarantee at no cost to the pur-



Very truly yours,

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AERO ENGINEERING, President Troy Becker,

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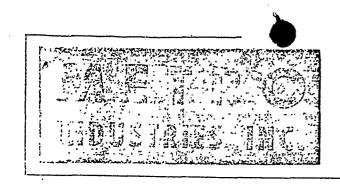
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\$150,000.00 with BECKER and Aero Engineering.

Michigan, _____ Warren, Michigan, and _____ of Livonia, Michigan, regarding the purchase of ore concentrate belonging to BECKER.

As a result of these contacts, the above three individuals came to Reno, Nevada, were shown the process by BECKER whereby he extracted precious metal from the concentrate and they subsequently purchased ore. ______ purchased two tons for \$50,000.00, _____ purchased a similar amount and _____ purchased five tons. The price was \$25,000.00 per ton. Copies of letters from the above individuals to Aero Engineering are attached hereto.



21930 GROESBECK HWY. . WARREN, MICH. 4

Phone: 772-1620 Area code 313

May 18, 1974

Aero Engineering, Inc. 11748 Sand Point Way, N. E. Seattle, Washington 98125

Attention: Troy E. Becker

Dear Troy,

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 check number for full payment of two (2) tons of ore. Another check of \$50,000.00 will follow on or befor June 15th for same.

talked to ______ in regards to the Centrifuge, as soon as we receive proper information we will return his call with regards to the age, condition and price of the machine.

Hope everything is going smoothly, looking forward to seeing in the near future. Give my best regards to everyone.

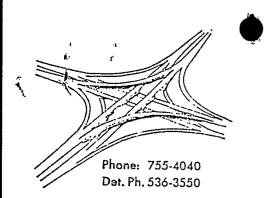
Sincerely,

METRO INDUSTRIES, INC.

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Encl.



TO:

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QUOTATION FROM

INTERCHANGE EQUIPMENT

Used Machinery Div., Robert F. Brown Machinery, Inc. 21500 Hoover Road • P.O. Box 868 • Warren, Mich. 48090 APPRAISALS - REBUILDING - LIQUIDATIONS

May 28, 1974

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Mr. Troy Becker Aero Engineering Inc. 720 East Glendale Sparks, Nevada 89431

Dear Troy:

You will find enclosed our check for \$50,000.00 to purchase two tons

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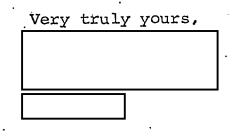
Mr. Troy E. Becker, Aero Engineering, Inc., 720 East Glendale, Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Troy:

I enjoyed meeting and talking with you and and some of the other people involved in your project. The venture certainly looks like it could be something exciting and worth while.

Therefore, I am definitely committing myself to the purchase of 5 tons of precious metal ore from you. At this time, I am sending you the initial check to cover the first ton of ore. Other checks will be forthcoming as required.

Please forward the necessary documents to consummate this transaction.



Encl.Chk.

COMPLETE FILTRATION TECHNOLOGY [] 39201 AMRHEIN ROAD [] LIVONIA, MICH. 48150

Nerbert F. Buchholtz, P. E. Consulting Mining Engineer P. O. Box 7074 Reno. Nevada 89503

December 16, 1974

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Mr. _____ 39201 Amrhein Road Livonia, Michigan 48150

Dear Mr.

On the fifteenth of December, 1974, in Aero Engineering, Inc.'s refinery, located at 720 East Glendale, Sparks, Nevada, I observed Mr. Walter P. Lucich, Vice-president of Aero Engineering, Inc. produce a "gold" button from a sample of Gold Salts. These salts were the present end product of the chemical processing currently being performed at the refinery.

The production of this button was performed under controlled conditions. A random sample was taken from the finished product barrels and weighed. The sample weighed 5.000 grams. Mr. Lucich prepared flux for the sample. Samples of the materials composing the flux were examined, burned to ash and re-examined to determine that no previous metals were introduced into the samples through the flux. Each crucible and cupell used was also closely examined for the same reason.

The sample was combined with the flux, the resulting mixture was placed in a crucible and was fired. The resulting molten mass was poured into a pre-examined mold where it was cooled allowing the metal portion of the melt to settle to the bottom.

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When solidified, the metal portion of the cone was separated from the slag and placed in a previously examined bone ash cupell and was re-fired. The lead and other non-precious metals was absorbed in the bone ash cupell leaving a gold bearing button in each cupell. The resulting button was then weighed, this weighing 2.600 grams. This shows a metal recovery of 52% from this sample of gold salts.

The button was analized to determine its content. It was found to contain 81.26% gold.

Yours truly, il. he Herbert F. Buch

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In approximately August, 1974, BECKER informed that Aero Engineering needed more money to actually produce and as a result thereof. the following agreement was entered into between and Aero Engineering.



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AGRIEVINT botwen AERO ENGINEERING, INC. and NEWBENG AND ASSOCIATES, (Croup II)

AERO ENGINEERING, INC. does hereby certify and declare as follows:

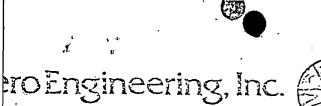
- I. That ASID INCINERING, INC. has available to market a minimum of 200,0'7 short tons of proven provious metal concentrates.
- II. That MERO HEITEIRING, INC. will guarantee that said concentrates have a recovarable value of not less than 3200 Troy ounces of gold per short ton.
- III. AERO ENGINEERING, INC. states that cald material is in situ coar Cle Elum, Vashington.

IV. NEWERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II), whose mailing address is 4310 Varmor Court, Blockfield Hills, Michigan agrees to purchase 20 to 200 short tone of said precious motal concentrates in situ with Payments to be made in United States Collars. The current price is \$25,000.00 per short ton, FOB Clo Elum, Washington or AERO ENSIDEER-INS'S blending plant. This purchase is to be completed by October 15, 1974.

ANNO INCIDENTRING agrees that upon completion of its refinery faci-V. litics at Sparks, Nevada and the larger facility in the same general area that they will process by ALTO ENGINEERING, INC.'S procedures the tonnage of one concentratos surchased by NEWERC AtO ASSOCIATES, (Group II). AEFO EXCENTERING, INC.'S production will be so programed to allocate a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 25% of their plant capacity beginning within one your from date of this agreement to the reduction of MERENG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) purchased concentrates. Completion of the reduction of the 200 tons will be no longer then two and one-half years from date of this contract. This production sciedule shall be subjust to weather, strikes, acts of God and any and all interruptions not under ALTO ENVIREMENTS, HAC.'S control. ALTO ENGINEERING, INC.'S fee for suid reduction will be 45% of the previous metals recovered: (20% for smalting and 25% for refining).

VI. AEND ENGINEERING, INC. agrees that upon completion of its 5 ton per Cay facilities in Nevada it will license NEWDERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II), (under separate document) to partially process blended one concentrates using AENO ENGINEERING, INC.'S procedures at a flow-rate of up to 5 ton per day (depending on total quantity of

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ore purchased under this contract). This licensume is dependent upon the finalizing of the engineering, equipment selection, personnel training, etc. relative to NEWERS AND ASSOCIATES (Group II) facility. This licensure cannot be granted until the purchase of at least 20 short tons of AERO INSERTIFY, INC. ore concentrates has been completeed. For each 20 tens purchased under this contract AERO ENGINEERING, INC. agrees to license HEVERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) for a onehalf ten per day facility.

A. This licensure for use by NEXNERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) and/or their assigns will be dependent upon the signatures of all persons connected with NEXEERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II)*S licensed operations to the same non-disclosure and non-use agreement as required by AERO ENGINEERING, INC. of all persons connected with their own operations.

VII. MEND ENCINEERING, HAL. recognizes that NEWHERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) will make a substantial investment in the 11 unsed extraction plant. Therefore, AERO ENGINEERING, HNL. will agree to sell to NEW-2023 AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) of the above mentioned blended ore concentrates at the most favorable customer price in effect at the time of each cale up to 5 tons per day. The option to purchase the additional termage will be kept in effect by the annual purchase and processing at a rate equal to a minimum of 50% of NEWERNG AND ASSOCIATES (Group II)'S plant capacity, designed for the processing of AERO ENGINEERING, INC.'S one concentrates. Thus, the term of this purchase will be for a period of ten (10) years from the date of the completion of NEWERNG AND ASSOCIATES (Group II)'S catraction facility and will be noteenable if muturily agreed upon by the parties hereto.

- A. The MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) facility will be so intograted with AERO ENGINEERING, INC.'S facility that NEWBERS AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) responsibility will be for the inverment for purchases and installation of depreciable assots of mechinery and equivalent to be installed in leased portions of AERO ENGINEERING, INC.'S chemical amplting and refinding plant facilities. The production operation of NEWDERG AND ASSOCIAT.'. (GROUP II) extraction facility will be wholly operated by AERO ENGINEERING, INC. personnal in production and management.
- B. NEWBERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) agree that they will furnish the investment capital to AEO EXAMPLEMENT, INC. for purchase of equipment and installation promotly upon notification by AERO ENGINEERING, INC. but in no case before 25% of the purchase of tennage of one concentrates under this contract have been processed by AERO ENGINEERING, INC. -2.5—



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VIII. This agreement shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the respotive parties hereto, their heirs and successors, but may only be assigned to a corporation formed for this purpose without the written consent of AERO FAGINEERENC, INC.

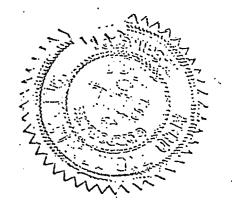
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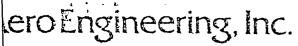
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- IX. Time is of the utnost importance to all the parties conversed heroto. Therefore, should NEWERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) fail to complete the above mentioned agreed upon annangements in order to not AERO ENG-INVERDE, DRC.'S conditions as above stated by October 15, 1974 all of this agreement shall be readered null and void, with the exception of the terms and conditions concerning any tennage previously paid for by MENERIES AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II). Such tennage, purchased prior to October 15, 1974 will be reduced by AERO ENGINEERING, DRC. at the above mentioned price per ten. Thereafter, the parties hereto shall hold each other hamiless as to the terms and conditions of this agreement.
 - X. NEWBERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) has the right to check and examine all projected costs as submitted by ADAD LODINEERING, INC. for the facility licensed to insure that costs and fair and equitable (considoring cost increases, etc.) to all parties concerned.

XI. Since NETHERS AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II) do not have a gold license, AERO ENGINEERING, INC. will agree to market gold for NEWHERS AND ASSOCI-ATES, (Group II) if desired. The same applies to all other metals entracted. AERO ENGINEERING, INC. will resit net proceeds (after marketing costs) to NEWHERG AND ASSOCIATES. (Group II).

Jugust 12, 1974 Becker, Pres b6 b7C Securitary for APPO ENGINEERING, INC. HENERG AND ASSOCIATES, (Group II)







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NEWBERG AND ASSOCIATES (Choup 11)

Dated Angust 12, 1974

The subject Agreement is hereby modified as follows:

Paragraph III, addition:

"The cost and responsibility for the mining operation and delivery of the precious metal concentrates to Sparks, Nevada is that of AERO ENGINEERING, INT."

Paragraph IV, addition and change:

"Newberg and Associates (Group 11) is a Nevada Limited Partnership whose address is % Continental Lodge, 1885 S. Virginia, Reno, Nevada and William C. Newberg C. the sole General Partner."

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AERO ENGINEEPING, INC.

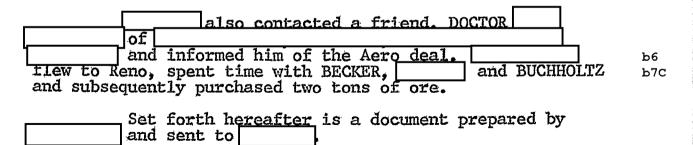
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Summary of Information re: Aero Engineering Investment

Newberg Associates, inited Partnership, is a speciative investment opportunity involving an advanced technology for the extraction of unusual amounts of precious metals from high yield ore of an established mining claim.

Generally, the sequence involves 1) open-pit mining of a 200 acre claim in Washington, 2) constituting the mined ore into a blended concentrate by crushing, tabling, and blending with an additive, 3) shipping to a new processing plant in the Reno, Nevada area, 4) extracting and separating out gold, platinum, iridium, palladium, osmium, ruthenium, and others in pure form sequentially by chemical, electro-chemical and nuclear physical techniques, 5) and, lastly, marketing the extracted metals at current market prices which presently range from \$50. to \$650. per oz. depending on the individual metal.

Newberg Associates will be formed of those individuals, or groups of individuals, who purchase ore at the selling price of \$25,000./ton of blended concentrate. The limited partnership has an agreement with Aero Engineering to purchase up to 200, tons of ore The terms of the agreement are:

- 1) .Purchase must be accomplished by Uctober 15, 1974
- 2) Aero Engineering will produce, process, and market the ore.
- 3) Aero Engineering will charge 45% of the realized price at time of sale as its fee

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- 4) will charge 10% of the balance as his commission
- 5) The investor will be paid the remaining balance

Aero Engineering has further committed in writing:

- 1) A minimum of 10% of processing capacity, to 25%, will be designated to process Newberg ore
- 2) A minimum of 3200 oz. of gold per ton will be guaranteed to be produced as applied to each individual ton originally purchased.
- 3) Newberg Associates may exercise an option to own up to a 5 ton a day capacity processing plant (capacity to be determined on a pro rata basis by the percent purchased of the 200 ton allocation). The 5 ton/day plant will be part of a planned 100 acre complex having a total capacity of 25 30 tons/day.
- 4) Aero will sell additional ore to Newberg Associates and operate the plant for ______ on contract.

Assays by nuclear affinity and by wet chemical methods have been performed by qualified independent assay agents. These assays have repeatedly confirmed the presence of precious metals in an amount per ton which have a value of greater than \$1,500,000 at present day market prices. The principals of the firm intend to return original capital to each investor as a first priority, probably within six months. Completion of processing and marketing of all original investor ore is projected within one year but required by contract within two and a half years.

The principals key to the agreements are:

- former president of Chrysler. Motors Corporation, who will
 be general partner of Newberg Associates and general manager of Aero b6 Engineering.
- 2) Troy Becker, a graduate pharmacist who has spent his adult life in mining of precious metals and the last 17 years in developing the involved technology.
- 3) Walter Lucich, a geologist and metallurgist who has spent his adult life in imining of precious metals, the last 17 years working with Becker.
- 4) M.A., a physical chemist who has worked with Becker and Lucich the past nine years in the development of the present technology.

Leubec is a partnership of Lucich and Becker which outs the 200 acre mining claim near Cle Elum, Washington from which the ore is presently being mined. The validity of the claim and the ownership has been validated. Ore has been processed and extracted metals sold.

Aero Engineering is a corporation wholly owned by Becker, Lucich, and located in Sparks, Nevada with a 1 ton/day 16,000 square feet processing plant ready to go into operation between October 15 and November 1, 1974. Aero also is purchaser, on a three year land contract, of a 4200 acre ranch 16 miles out of Reno which will be the site of the 100 acre plant and associated development including on-site mining. An additional 3000 acres is under option to Aero. The above has been authenticated by a personal visit to the plant and the lands plus personal discussion with the attorney who supervised the land sales.

Mr. has been known to me for over 12 years. He has been occupied with the business development of new technology firms since leaving Chrysler. He has developed his relation with Aero Engineering over a period of seven years and is now moving from Bloomfield Hills to Reno to become general manager of Aero and its levelopment.

I have met all principals of the firm personally and directly discussed the technology and business aspects. Also, direct discussions by telephone have been held with the principal banking entity for the firm, the attorney concerned with the land transaction, and Mr. Buchholtz, the independent assayer. All provided unqualified personal recomnendation of all principals, substantiation of business integrity, and confirmation of all assembled facts.

In spite of the possible high return on this investment,the speculative nature nust be recognized and any investment must be made with full acceptance of the possibility of loss of all or a substantial part of committed capital funds.

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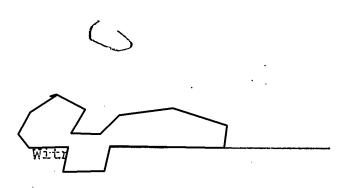
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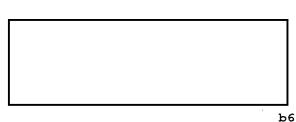
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Dear

As stated to you and agreed by you, I will pay to you as a commission 50% (fifty per-cent) of the commission due me under the Newberg & Associates, Group II limited partnership, on all sales of ore concentrates sold through your efforts. This money will be paid to you by me as soon as possible after distribution of monies. for each pay period.

Sincerely;





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Set forth hereafter are the members of ______ and Associates group I and II who have invested in Aero Engineering. Their addresses are set forth, their social security numbers and the figure to the right of their names represents the number of tons of ore purchased, or fractions thereof. To the right of this figure is the amount of money they have been paid back by Aero.

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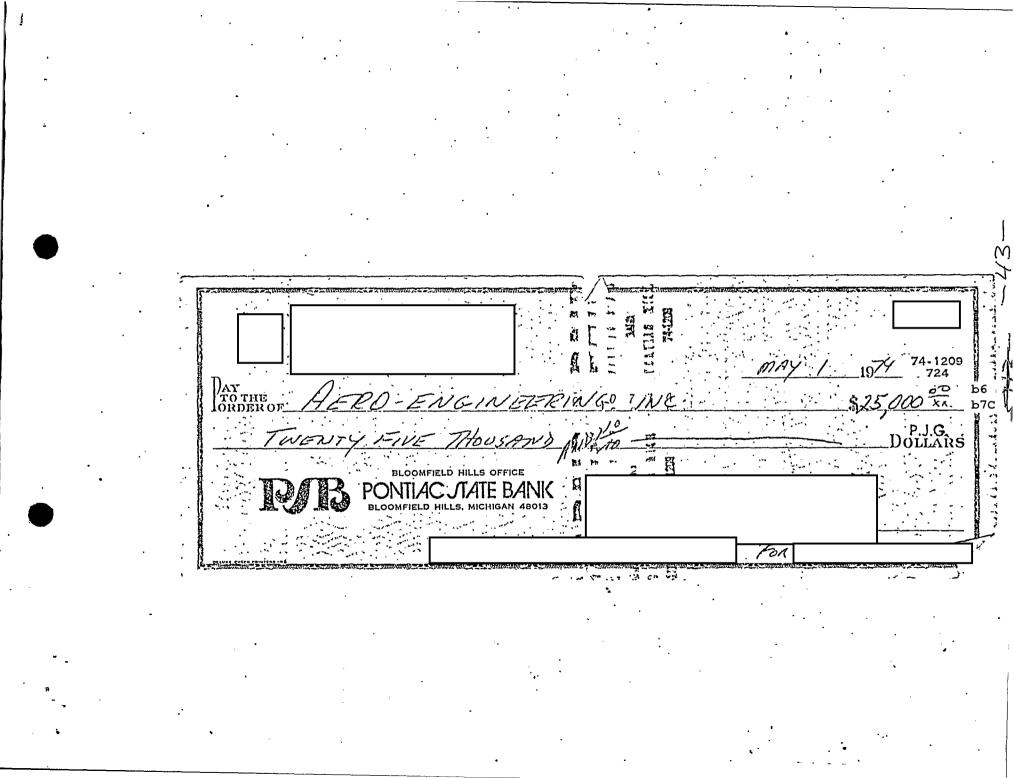
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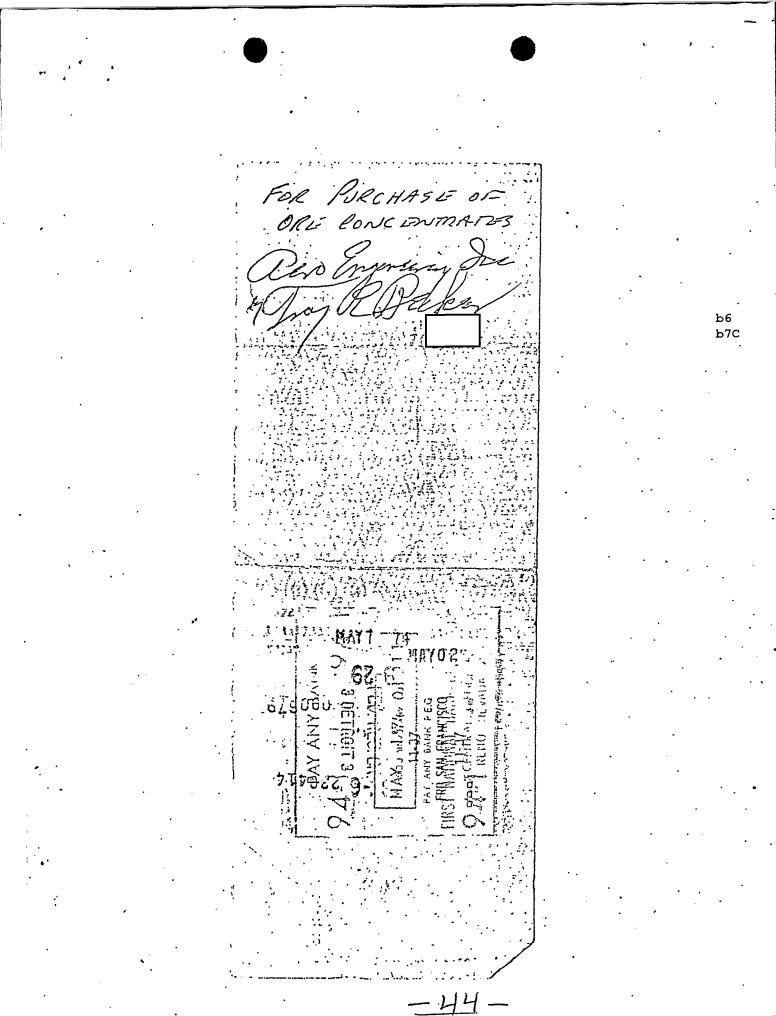
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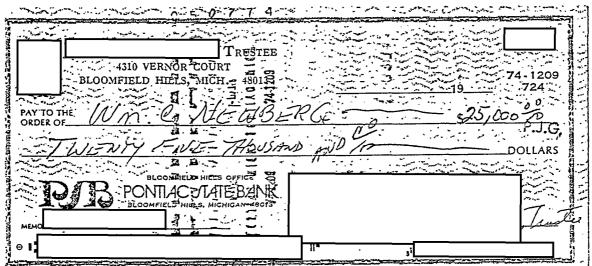
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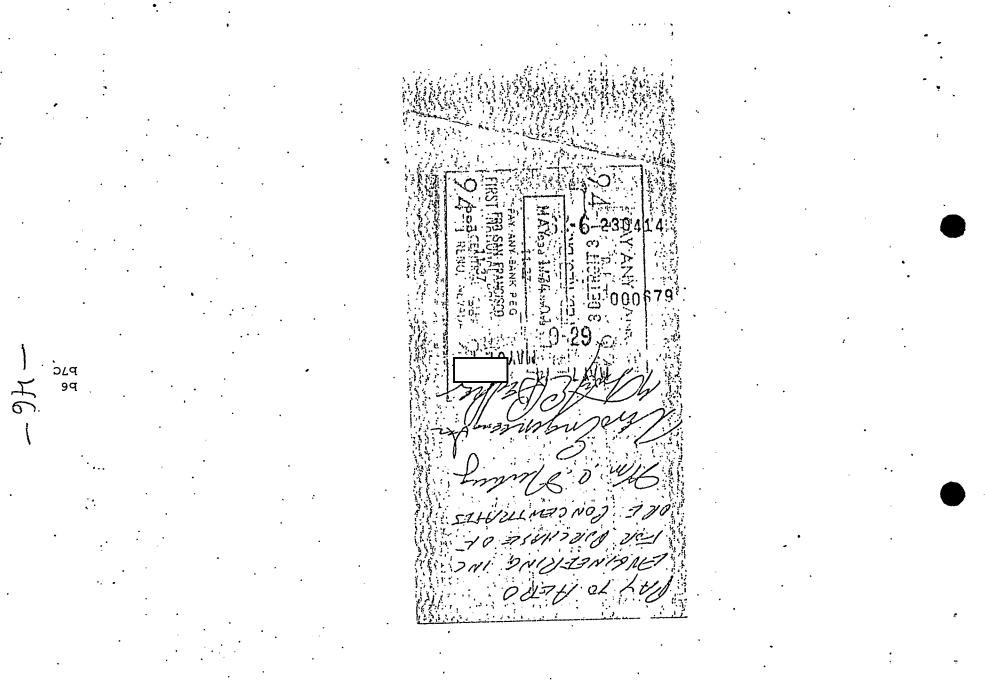




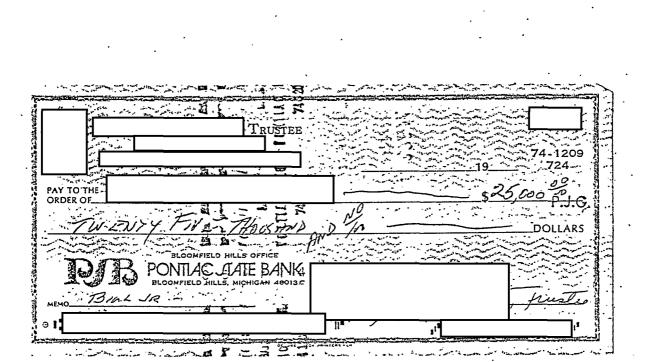
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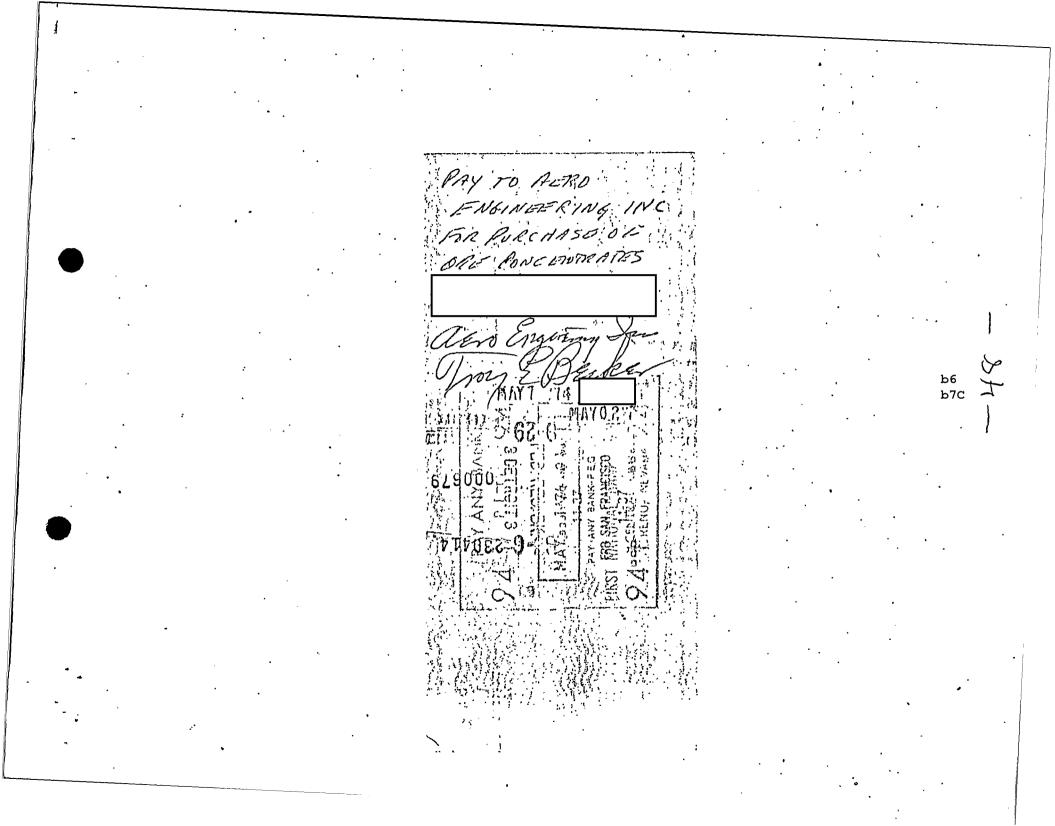
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FUNDS RECEIVED TO JULY 20, 1976, BY AERO ENGINEE SALE OF ORE AT 325.000 BER TON AS REPORTED IN ME AND		•
Nolan and Associates, Vancouver B.C.	\$315,405.39	
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(friends of Aero) Seatldel Wn.	\$112,500.00	ЪС Ъ7С
Financial AnalysisSan Francisco	\$857,250.00	
MrsBirmingham, Alabama	\$450,000.00	
Vancouver,B.C.	\$55,000.00	

TOTAL \$2,840,155.39

Money is all spent, none left, and returns to purchasers relatively ZERO to date.

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During April, 1975, advised he finally realized that BECKER and or Aero Engineering had never produced and could not extract precious metals from their ore and directed the following communication to BECKER.

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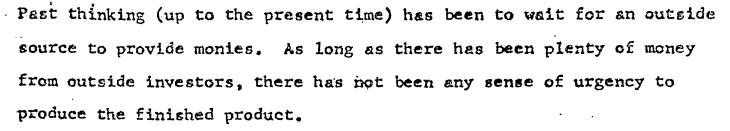
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AERO'S PROBLEM



AERO'S ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM:

Future thinking must be that monies are to be <u>earned</u> by Aero by its own production.

The <u>only</u> way to safeguard Aero's future is to be set up to run a minimum of 15 pounds of AU per day or approximately 1,000 ounces a week, for sale.

On that basis, Aero will be able to stay in business. If additional monies or loans come in, they can be utilized for the large ranch facilities.

The following is what it would take to eliminate the damaging lawsuits by ______ and _____ and what it would take to protect the ranch: _______ b6 b7c

1,000 ounces of AU to cover refund for ________ and ______

1,000 ounces of AU to cover the next payment on the ranch.

The following should be the method of operation:

Schedule to make 15 pounds of AU per day, or 1,000 expect a week for the next several weeks and provide manpower to ϕ

<u>Today</u>: Reassign at least three present employees to smalling and electrolytic.

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Acro has proven the rocess by producing a small amount of AU. Now it is a matter of concentrating more of the labor on the smalling and electrolytic refining.

Ropefully, Aero will be able to honor its contracts, and go on to a great future.

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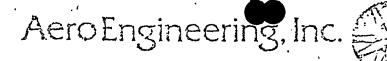
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Set forth hereafter are copies of letters deemed important to this matter as well as correspondence from BUCHHOLTZ to Aero Engineering.

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11748 Sandpoint Way, Seattle, Washington 93125 (208 720 - 740 E. Glendale, Sparks, Nevada 89431 (702)

June 11, 1976



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This is for transmittal to all of your limited partners. Much of this has been known by you for some time. You may have also transmitted it at various times to the interested people. Without a doubt, some of it may come as a shock and surprise to them. It is not offered as excuses, but facts and reasons as to our present position.

The financing for the entire Aero program was originally expected from ______ as per an agreement dated May 22, 1973. This was to have been a loan of \$5,000,000 to Aero on a six year basis to be repayable from production. Several of Mr. ______ associates worked diligently toward this end even long after the present chemical facility was established. This agreement has never been cancelled. However, funding is not now expected, although it had been expected until about six months ago. ______ b6

Considerable time having elapsed and the functing not bein readily available, a second agreement was made with ______ and Associates on December 11, 1973, which resulted in the initial \$250,000 which was used to start the 720 East Glendale operation A Detroit group later acquired a portion of this contract and assisted substantially in the continued financing of the chemica facility. Mr. _____ was expected to continue assistance through his Great Central Mines Canadian Corporation with a large block of stock which could have been sold to produce the needed revenu for Aero.

Financial assistance was loaned to Mr. _____ based on his assurance that the stock transaction would be completed and profitable. As you know, this was never accomplished and the stock was not received, resulting in a financial set-back to Aero.

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Concurrently, U. S. Platinum, Curtis-Nevada Mines and Marmac Mines had agreed to smelt Aero's product from the chemical extraction facility; therefore, during the ensuing months, Aero advanced considerable money to Mr. ______ toward smelting. Due to Mr. ______ problems in technology, this fell through and it became apparent that this was another serious set-back to Aero. At this point in time, we had the choice of either folding completely or attempting to establish our own smelting and refining facility far ahead of schedule and in the position of being seriously under-financed for such an ambitious program.

The unpredictable inflation rate, plus the far from ideal delivery and construction time on equipment and supplies added both time delays and financial difficulties. There was an additional drain caused by the unwise over-expansion occasioned by the pledge and agreement of Mr. and Hydromation. In the midst of this expansion, he withdrew his support, both personal and corporate, with a loss to us in excess of \$1,000,000. This was an extremely devastating blow to our operation. During this same period of time, a number of other contracts had expected to be funded, which were not, but some are still working toward this end. However, time delays are costly. Mr. has also assured us repeatedly of forthcoming investments of large sums of money from various sources. None of these have so far materialized.

In addition to the problems in financing, certain technological problems have arisen from time to time. Some of these could have been solved immediately by sufficient funding. For example, the continuing and increasingly difficult situation with the electrical power in the refinery. Generator power is far too erratic to maintain the constant current required and damages to the D.C. rectifiers have resulted in constant repair and replacement of these costly units. This has been a mounting problem. Furthermore, the local water has a considerable amount of dissolved minerals, many of which create destructive chemical reactions in the electrochemical cells. This can be easily solved by treating the water supply by distillation, but once again, this requires a monetary outlay.

There seems to have been a great number of questions lately

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concerning the area of marketing. Without going into great detail at this time, we would like to go on record as having never intended to market intermediate products (such as salts, anode muds and miners bars), but due to pressures, we agreed to test the marketability of these and made our contacts with a number of refineries. (The Canadian Mint; Johnson, Matthey, Mallory; International Recycling; Wildberg; etc.) The results obtained by these firms were very much in line with our expectations, knowing full well that the materials were incompletely processed, still requiring, to our own knowledge, two full steps of further refining to reach the standard of quality which we know to be marketable.

We know that you all had expected returns on your money before now. We are truly sorry that we have been unable to make this possible. In lieu of this, we are going to supply you with bills of sale to tonnage which will represent Ten (10%) percent interest on all hard dollar purchases which we have had for one year or more.

We greatly appreciate the tremendous help and assistance from all the general partners that have continued to work in our behalf.

Let us assure you that it has been very nerve wracking and difficult to keep this operation on stream, but we feel we have most of the problems solved with the exception of financing.

Sincerely,

AERO ENGINEERING, INC. /Írov Becker, President Vice b6 b7C Secretary

NERBERG AND ASSOCIATES

June 28, 1976

Troy Becker, President <u>Malter Lucich.</u> Vice President Secretary Aero Engineering, Inc. 720-740 East Glendale Sparks, Nevada 29431 Dear Troy, Walter, and Thank you for your letter of June 11, 1976. At the time that you asked me if I could raise the money to pick up option of 20 tons, or \$500,000, you showed me the tract, dated December 11, 1973. You stated at that time that had completed the funding on the first 20 tons, but you doubted that he would pick up the option promotly, which was due on Oct. 1, 1974. I was told then that the December 11, 1973 agreement was the only agreement that Aero had with On April 30, 1974, I signed the agreement with nessed and approved, and the funding on the 20 tons was totally completed by August, 1974, for \$500,000, of which funds \$150,000 came from my own family. In July, 1975, you informed me that had not sold the 20 tons he had contracted to sell, in fact, had only sold 12 tons. You asked me to sell the other 8 tons and an agreement was drawn to that effect In your letter of 6/11/76, you mention to me for the first time a Agreement for 35 million," dated May 22, 1973. I asked for an received from you a copy of the so-called Agreement for \$5,000 The agreement is entitled "preliminary" and covers one page, hardly a document ensuring a \$5,000,000 agreement. In August of 1975, you paid the sum of \$43,000..FOR 'MAT? had none of his own money invested, only the funds of other people. Our groups are entitled to parity, but you have concealed

and ignored these facts.

b7C During April, 1974, when discussions were taking place and I learned from you for the first time that you intended to have and U.S. Platinum do Aero's smelting, I strongly advised against it because you would thus become entirely dependent on U.S. Platinum and for the output of your finished product. I could not understa your delivering the "salts" (an intermediate product) to U.S. Platinu to put into 990 fine gold when U.S.Platinum had no track record incof as production was concerned, even though you told me you were convinc smelting process worked and would produce the fineness of go that you wanted, and you would not need the electrolytic method.

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In addition, sometime in July, 1974, I was told that you had advanced a substantial sum of monopolo and U.S. Plating. The reason, bo you said, was that he needed it. I strongly objected to this use of brc funds that I had raised for Aero. These funds were intended for Aero's sole use. After further discussion and objections, in July or August, 1974, you stated that had repaid you (Aero) \$150,000. I asked when the balance would be paid back. You said you didn't know. Sometime later I learned officially that NO MONEY WHATSOEVER had ever been paid back by and U.S. Platinum to Aero.

Getting back to _____ I never could clearly understand the vague promises he made of stock for Aero in return for ore. He had stated at the time of the signing of the agreement with him that there would be a stock option for our group in consideration of our picking up his option so promptly. Actually, it was not then, nor do I believe it ever was in his power to offer Aero an exchange of stock for ore, or b6 a stock option for my group, because of the Canadian Securities Dept. b7c

I believe the _____ matter is pretty well understood by you since you were involved personally in virtually all of the negotiations with him, particularly in the assay area. If you could have proven to ______ recovery as guaranteed, there would have been no problem. Regarding the electric power for the smelting and electrolytic plants, I recall a figure of approximately \$18,000 that Mr. ______ had worked up about 18 months ago. Thus, it seems incredible, with funding to date of about \$2,500,000, that the power was not put in. Now the cost has doubled. Regarding the water, you have known since the well was drilled, 18 months ago. the condition of the water. It was discussed with ______ at the time, and Hydromation built a deionizer which was available for about \$15,000 Distillation of water, if "important," as stated, could be done in the cookers in the chemical plant.

Regarding marketing: There has been a considerable marketing expense to date with little to show for it. The first bars went to the Canadian mint over one year ago. You say you reluctantly agreed to it, so what, factually, has been done during the past year in so far as the "two full steps of further refining" is concerned?

I feel that in your letter you have lost sight of the fact that you <u>GUARANTEED 3200 OUNCES OF GOLD PER TON PURCHASED AND THAT YOU WOULD BE</u> <u>PROCESSING CONCENTRATES AT SUCH A RATE BY NOW THAT THE FURCHASERS WOULD</u> <u>HAVE RECEIVED THEIR HONEY BACK AS WELL AS A FROFIT LONG BEFORE THIS!</u> Projections that have been made and circulated by Aero will substantiate this. (Copy enclosed).

I recall your committment to that you would run a ton of their ore for architectural services in Feb., 1975. On what basis was this agreement signed? Yet $l\frac{1}{2}$ years later this has not been delivered.

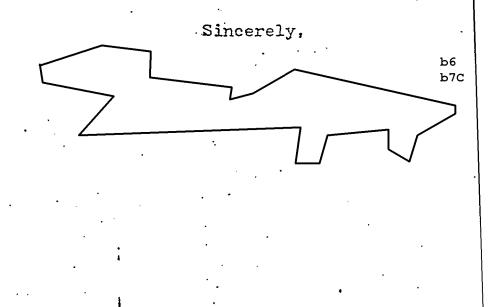
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Regarding smelting by Aero or U.S. Platinum: In December, 1974, Aero had a smelting building erected from your Seattle friends, "Sea Fab, " and the #300 gas furnace was installed and fired in February, 1975, about 12 years ago. Thus Aero had their smelting at that time. In your letter you state that "much" has been known by me. As a matter be of fact, "little" has been known by me, and day by day it becomes clearer and clearer that "Aero Engineering, i.e., Becker, Lucich, and " does NOT nor did they EVER have, a complete process that "works," producing 3200 ounces AU per ton as guaranteed on a day to day basis in production.

After spending \$2.5 million dollars, it is unclear to me just what has been accomplished and how much money has "gone down the drain" on false starts in marketing and production with no tangible production results that I can see at this time. Experimenting and trial and error testing continues. It is difficult to understand, even though some people may try to rationalize it, how \$2,500,000 could be spent by Aero without having cash flow from a product by now.

This entire matter has been difficult for my family, having put up a substantial amount of money for Aero and dropped everything in Michigan to move out to Reno in order to look after the interest of the limited partners and to be of assistance to Aero as requested. I firmly believe Aero must furnish a firm projection of when and in what amounts the limited partners in my groups can expect a return on their purchase.

Regarding the 10% interest on the money in tonnage: Ten percent in tonnage is relatively little for the use of the money for 2 years, considering all the facts and risk involved. Aero could well afford interest based on the risks involved and results to date which I consider valued at least 1½ per month, "16% per year," which is the same deal you signed 2 years ago with Sassak and Mardigan, except interest to be paid in cash. However, the Sassak & Mardigan money was used for one year, and one ton was assigned as interest on four tons, or 25%. We are entitled to <u>AT LEAST</u> that same amount.



Herbert F. Buchholtz, P. E.

Consulting Mining Engineer

P. O. Box 7074

Reno, Nevada 89503

August 27, 1974

AERO ENGINEERING, INC. 720 E. Glendale Sparks, Nevada 89431

Attention: Troy E. Becker, President

Dear Mr. Becker:

As per your instructions, I, an independant consulting mining engineer and geologist, have made an engineering and geological examination and evaluation of your company's (AERO ENGINEERING, INC., Leubec) mineral deposit.

The Leubec mineral deposit consists of 10 lode mining claims located in section 18, T 19 N, R.15 E, EWM, near Cle Elum, Washington. The area claimed is entirely within the Easton schist (the ore material). This schist has, during a pre-Mesazoic intrusion of ultra basic magmas, had a majority of its original material altered and subsequently replaced by ions of the platinum group. Later, during a Granodioritic intrusion, the schist was injected by heavy loadene gold bearing quartz stringers and veinlets. The sum total of these activities has produced this ore of a tremendous value.

In determining the tonnage available from this property due consideration was given to the limitations of open pit mining presented by the necessity of slope stability and prudent mining methods. The tonnage available is 1.7 million tons of probable ore and 83.3 million tons of possible ore.

The property was sampled and submitted to two independant consultants, United States Platinum, Inc. and to myself, to determine, not the assay value of the material in the ore, but the ounces per ton of commercially extractable metal which could be realized. The average results of the findings were: Gold, 2,204 oz/ton: Platinum, 1,222 oz/ton: Paladium, 4,114 oz/ton: Iridium, 796 oz/ton: and Silver, 1,166 oz/ton. Using these values and a conservative market

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value, the value of each ton of ore was determined to be one million, five hundred fifty-two thousand, six hundred forty dollars, (\$1,552,640.00).

It is again emphasized that this tonnage and grade can be reasonably expected to be obtained on a production basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert F. Buchholts

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H. P. Buchholtz, P.E. Consulting Mining Engineer P. O. Box 7074 Keno, Nevada 89503 November 22- 1974

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Mr. President Great Central Mines, Ltd.

Dear Mr.

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As per your request, I have assessed the production and capabilities of Aero Engineering, Inc.'s Sparks, Nevada process and plant after the completion of the processing of the first ton of ore.

The processing and material handling equipment performed as well as was expected. However, as with all new plants of this nature, there will be some changes and substitutions made, particularly in the materials handling equipment. In the longer range, the proposed major facility, new concepts in the processing equipment will be instituted.

The results of processing were in general better than predicted, but still not totally satisfactory as maximum extraction has not as yet been achieved.

The extraction that has been achieved is from a run of 450 pounds of concentrates. 170 pounds of dry gold salts were produced. These salts assay on the average 70% gold.

As of this date there has been produced one to one and onequarter tons of gold salts which are ready for sale.

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Respectfully submitted,

Buchholtz, P.E.

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Aero Engineering, Inc.

11748 Sandpoint Way, Seattle, Washington 98125, 206-362-536 720 E. Glendale, Sparks, Nevada 89431, 702-358-5515

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May 20, 1975

CERTIFIED INVENTORY OF UNFINISHED CHEMICALLY REDUCED PRECIOUS AND NOBLE METAL SALTS

These materials are warehoused at the Aero Engineering of Nevada, Inc. Chemical Reduction Facility, 720-740 E. Glendale, Sparks, Nevada.

PRODUCT	QUANTITY IN LBS.	PERCENTAGE METAL	TROY OZ.
Au-Gold	10,861	.50	65,160
Ag-Silver	28,222	.05	1,692
Pt-Platinu	nll,623	.26	36,263
Pd-Palladium	n 11,052	.285	37,979
Os-Ir	8,931	.10 Os	10,717
		.25 Ir	26,793
Ir	313	.266	999
Rh	3,162	.246	9,334
Ru	28,222	.209	70,780

These salts are valued at Thirty (30%) of monthly average of world price per metal.

The valuation of this inventory is as follows:

PRODUCT	PRICE	TOTAL VALUE	
Ir - Iridium	<pre>@ 150.00/oz. tr.)@ 425.00/oz. tr. @ 425.00/oz. tr. @ 180.00/oz. tr.</pre>	2,131 1,631,835 1,253,307 (Os) 482,265 (Ir) 3,415,107 127,372 504,036	
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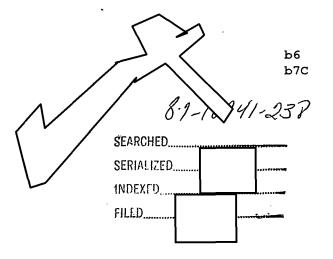
FROM SAC, LAS VEGAS (87-10741) (P)

SUBJECT: WALTER L. WARD, dba Walter Ward Co., Inc. Post Office Box 456 6006 Bellaire Boulevard Suite 231 Bellaire, Texas ITSP; FBW; MAIL FRAUD 00: LR

Re Little Rock airtel to Springfield, 3/17/77.

Enclosed for Little Rock is a copy of Dallas airtel to Las Vegas, 3/15/77 captioned, ET AL, ITSP, 00: Dallas", and two copies of an FD 302 re interview of 7/17/76. Also enclosed for Little Rock is the original and one copy of an FD 302 re interview of U.S. Bureau of Mines, Reno, with documents disclosing assays done by him.

He advised his department has no record of doing an assay of ore stored at Home Van Services, Inc., Odessa, Texas. It is felt that the attachments to his FD 302 when viewed with the information contained in re Dallas airtel constitute the information requested by Little Rock.



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Re Little Rock airtel to Las Vegas, 12/20/76; Las Vegas airtel to Los Angeles, 1/17/77. Enclosed herewith for Spr <u>ingfield is</u> a list of	
specific questions to be asked of one copy of Assay Report signed by, dated 7/9/74, and one copy of FD-302 reflecting interview with dated 10/6/75, in Springfield file 29-1821 as obtained from Oklahoma City Division.	Ь6 Ь7С
Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles Division is a copy of Assay Report of, dated 7/9/74, one copy of FD-302 of dated 10/6/75, and one copy of Assay Report dated 6/23/75, signed by of P. M. Labs, Lancaster, California.	
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For information of Springfield and Denver Divisions, who have not received previous communications in Little Rock case on WARD, subject, WARD, white male, dob 6/1/18, dba Walter Ward Company, Inc., Houston, Texas, has received investments from various persons known and unknown during the past two or three years, which money was supposedly used in the construction of an ore processing plant at Houston. Three Arkansas investors invested a total of \$59,000 during the period February through May, 1975, and were promised returns equivalent to one-ounce of fine silver per dollar invested to be received within one year of the date of the investment. WARD held leases on two pieces of land in Llano and San Saba Counties, Texas, containing ore deposits which he claimed were rich in silver content. Investors have never received any returns and WARD has avoided further contact with them.

WARD was convicted in U. S. District Court, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in September, 1976, of Bank Fraud & Embezzlement in a scheme whereby he put up 40 tons of b6 ore deposits supposedly rich in silver as collateral on b7c a \$100,000 bank loan obtained by WARD received \$50,000 for his part. He was sentenced to a 13-month sentence in this case.

WARD has been in possession of and has used various Assay Reports, supposedly of ore deposits coming from Llano County, Texas, which reports reflect high silver content. Samples of Llano County ore examined by FBI Laboratory were found to contain minute traces of silver and the ore was judged to be worthless. Following interview with WARD on 12/6/76, it has become apparent that WARD's defense will be that he has relied upon what others have told him concerning the silver content of the ore as well as the ability to extract the silver from this ore.

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The Assay Report of Transworld Investment Group, Inc., dated 7/9/74, signed reflects a silver content of 6,000 troy ounces per ton. This same report reflects that on a simulated commercial run with a small sample of ore provided by WARD, a recovery in excess **h**6 of 2,000 ounces of silver per ton was noted. The purpose b7C of the lead to interview _____ is an attempt to letter establish that the information contained in to WARD is grossly inaccurate and unreliable if not outright is not a subject in this investigation false. and AUSAT EDA, advises that need not be advised of his rights.

Three separate bank accounts, including personal and business accounts of WALTER L. WARD and Walter Ward Company, Inc., have been subpoenaed for the years 1974 through 1975 and examination of these records reflect WARD has deposited into these accounts in excess of \$439,000 for the two year period, which money is believed to have come from various investors. A review of bank records received from the Fondren Southwest Bank, Houston, b6 Texas, for the account of Walter Ward Company, Inc., b7C reflects check number dated September 15, 1975, was made payable to "The Colorado Assaying Company" in the amount of \$20 with the notation "Assays - Spectograph." This check was signed by WALTER L. WARD and was endorsed for deposit only, Colorado Assay Company, and deposited to the First National Bank, Denver, Colorado. It is noted that corporation records made available by WARD to a Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock, Arkansas, in December, 1976, failed to include any assay by the Colorado Assaying Company and such an assay has not previously come to the attention of the Little Rock Division.

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On 1/20/77, Richardson, Texas, was interviewed by Agents of the Dallas Division. came to the attention of the Little Rock Division through bank records previously received which reflected a check payable to ______ signed WALTER L. WARD in the amount of \$150. During interview with on 1/20/77, advised he had been asked by WARD to put together a financial package to be used in the presentation for loans for WALTER L. WARD. | made available to interviewing Agents at that time 16 documents including various letters, financial statements, resumes, and assays which included an assay dated 6/23/75, from P. M. Labs, Lancaster, California. One of the items included in this financial package, a performance bond on International Surety and Casualty Company, signed by President, is determined to be a fictitious document. Dallas has advised there is no such company as International Surety and Casualty Company and _____ is currently under indictment at Dallas, Texas, for ITSP, Fraud by Wire, and Mail Fraud.

LEADS:

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

Will interview _____ Transworld Investment Group, Inc., 710 Fayette Street, concerning his letter to WALTER WARD, dated 7/9/74, and his previous interview on 10/6/75. A list of specific questions to be asked of ______ is enclosed to assist interviewing Agent.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA.

Advise Little Rock results of contact with as set forth in referenced Las Vegas airtel. b6 b7С

AT LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA.

Will identify and interview P. M. Labs, 560 E. Avenue J-1, telephone Identify owners of P. M. Labs and determine whether this company is identical with P. M. Refinery previously located at Rosamond, date of California. (See FD-302 of interview 10/6/75) Exhibit to Assay Report dated 6/23/75, signed by Identify individual who conducted this assay and establish his professional qualitifications. Determine circumstances concerning this report, where samples came from, how and when they were delivered, and to whom results were furnished and copies of all correspondence. Determine of knowledge of and association with knowledge of Richardson, Texas. Also determine who reportedly or association with Dr. operated the P. M. Refinery at Rosamond, California, conducted during 1974 and who, according to the assay which is the basis of letter to WARD.

AT ROSAMOND, CALIFORNIA.

Verify the existence of P.M. Refinery at Rosamond, California, during 1974 and attempt to locate b6 Dr. ______ If located, interview ______ b7c concerning the assay performed by him for ______. Establish Dr. _____ professional qualifications.

DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO.

Will identify owners of the Colorado Assaying Company, telephone 303-623-2842, and determine nature of work performed for Walter Ward Company, Inc., in about August or September, 1975, noting a check in the amount of

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\$20 dated 9/15/75, payable to that company was signed by WARD. Establish professional qualifications of person conducting any assays for WARD and whether persons associated with the Colorado Assaying Company have any financial interests in Walter Ward Company, Inc. Obtain copies of assays for WARD as well as all correspondence to and from WARD.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT RENO, NEVADA.

Will interview _______ and _____ U. S. Bureau of Mines, Reno, concerning an assay b6 conducted by them of ore samples taken from Home Van Service, b7c Inc., Odessa, Texas, which assay was conducted in approximately July, 1976. Obtain a copy of this Assay Report and determine the method used in this assay.

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	Continued contact has been maintained with AUSA at Reno. Nevada.	

He has advised he will bring this case before a FGJ at his earliest opportunity upon his completion of a review of the reports and other evidence furnished him by the FBI.

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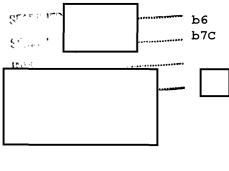
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LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At San Bernardino, California

I. Attempt to determine the identity of noting that a check number dated 5/10/75, in the amount of \$250, was payable to , was endorsed in that name and marked for deposit only in the account of Goldfield Deep Mines Company of Nevada at Bank of America, National Trust and Savings and Association, account number . This check bears the notation "assay work".

2. Determine nature of Goldfield Deep Mines Company of Nevada and details concerning any work done for Walter L. Ward Company, Inc.

3. If an essay was performed, determine the results of this assay and attempt to obtain a copy of any such assay.

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	SUBJECT:	WALTER L. WARD, dba Walter Ward Company, Inc., P. O. Box 456, 6006 Bellaire Boulevard, Suite 231, Bellaire, Texas ITSP; FBW; MF OO: LR	
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		Enclosed for Bureau are three pages of handwriting ovided by WALTER L. WARD and 11 original promissory eved signed by WARD. Enclosed herewith for receiving offices is one	
	copy each on 12/6/76	of FD-302 reflecting interview with WALTER L. WARD	
	signed by for	Also enclosed for Houston is a copy of a letter Ph.D, dated 3/10/75, and a resume Ph.D.	
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Also enclosed for San Antonio are copies of <u>letters</u> dated 4/20/74 and 3/18/75 signed by Ph.E., and a resume for

Also enclosed for New Orleans is a copy of a promissory note to for use in the interview of

By way of background information, subject WARD, a white male, born 6/1/18, dba Walter Ward Company, Inc., Houston, Texas, has received investments from various persons, known and unknown, during the past two or three years, which money was supposedly used in the construction of an oil processing plant at Houston. Three Arkansas investors invested a total of \$59,000 during the period February through May, 1975, and were promised returns equivalent to one ounce of fine silver per dollar invested to be received within one year of the date of the investment. WARD held leases on two pieces of land in Llano and San Saba Counties, Texas, containing ore deposits which he claimed were rich in silver content. Investors have never received any returns and WARD has avoided further contact with them.

WARD was convicted in USDC, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in September, 1976, of Bank Fraud and Embezzlement in a scheme whereby he put up 40 tons of ore deposits supposedly rich in silver as collateral on a \$100,000 bank loan obtained by WARD received \$50,000 for his part. defauled on the loan and the ore was determined to be worthless. WARD has received a 13-month sentence in this case. b6 b7С

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Investigation reflects	
that Tom and Jerry Enterprises never existed at Mesa,	
Arizona. WARD is also associated with	
who claims to hold a Ph.L.'degree and who is described as	
an inventor. who is an air conditioner repair-	
man, admits that he never graduated from college and claims b	53
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Corporation, a Houston firm headed by	
This device is supposed to be capable of separating elements	
from ore and, according to WARD, will be used in his ore	
processing plant upon completion. Included in WARD's	
brochures are resumes, letters, and test results prepared	
byas well as information relating to his electro- <u>magnetic separat</u> or. Also included are letters prepared by	
who is a petroleum engineer at Texas A & M	
University.	

On 12/6/76. in response to a subpoena duces tecum,

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For information of Phoenix Division, Little Rock has been made aware that _______ is principal subject of Phoenix file ______. In review of check stubs of a corporate account for Walter L. Ward Co., Inc. at the Hillcross Bank, Houston, Texas, it is observed that four checks in the amounts of \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000 were made payable to ______ on 10/5, 11/1, 11/18, and 11/22/74 respectively. No other notations were noted.

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REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

Compare the known signatures of WALTER L. WARD with the signatures on letters believed signed by WARD.

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HOUSTON DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

(1) Conduct background investigation concerning Ultrason Corporation with offices at 1111 Cullen Bank Bldg., Houston, and with plant facilities located at 6230 Evergreen, Houston.

(2) Contact President of Ultrason b7c Corporation, and in response to his pledge of cooperation during the interview of 9/9/76, ask him if he would voluntarily make available copies of the following company records:

(a) Copies of bank statements, balance sheets, cancelled checks, dating from 2/75 when WARD entered into agreement with Ultrason.

(b) Copies of any annual reports concerning Ultrason Corporation.

(c) Copies of any company prospectus relating to Ultrason Corporation.

(d) List of investors and/or contributors to Ultrason Corporation.

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(e) Records substantiating amounts of money invested and/or loaned by or on behalf of WALTER L. WARD.

(f) Samples of any ore deposits on hand provided in behalf of WALTER WARD and an explanation as to the origin of any such samples.

(g) Photographs of the electromagnetic separator under development by the Ultrason Corporation for WALTER WARD. It is requested this machine be physically observed by Agents.

No interview of should be conducted on this date and the only purpose should be to take advantage of previous offer to cooperate fully and make available all records concerning Ultrason Corporation.

(3) Recontact _____ at which time he should be advised of his rights, and interview concerning his association with WALTER L. WARD; development of the electromagnetic separator; origin and purpose of the Ultrason Corporation and specifically determine:

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(a) His association with

(b) His knowledge of _____ qualifications;

of

(c) Any knowledge he has of prior convictions

(d) Confront him with letter of dated 3/10/75 and determine his knowledge of this letter or of test results referred to in this letter.

(e) Determine the nature of Brimble Brothers and Company, noting that a Walter Ward Company check dated 7/23/75, signed by WALTER WARD, in the amount of \$6,500, was payable to Brimble Brothers and Company, and counter endorsed by

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(4) Reinterview who should be advised of his rights, and interview concerning his letter dated 3/10/75 and the test results. Determine the exact degree of his associationd with Ultrason Corporation, noting that he previously/that he is employed on a retainer basis for <u>Ultrason</u> Corporation and _____previously advised owns 39% of the Ultrason Corporation. that Exhibit the letter dated 3/10/75 to and determine whether he wrote this letter or at whose direction he wrote this letter and also exhibit a resume obtained from the brochure of WALTER WARD to determine which items contained in the resume are fictitious and who prepared this resume.

Identify and locate for interview (5) , who received ten Texas Driver's License #____ checks totaling \$1,181.25 from WALTER WARD for work performed for WARD. Determine his knowledge of the WALTER WARD Company. Also attempt to identify believed to be related to and set forth appropriate lead to have him interviewed inasmuch as he received seven checks totaling \$589.50 for work performed for WARD. has Oklahoma 0 as noted on endorsement of drivér's license 🕷 checks payable to him).

SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

(1) Obtain from Secretary of State's Office certified copies of Articles of Incorporation for Ultrason Corporation located at Houston, Texas, and forward to Little Rock.

(2) Will contact officials of Sikes Trucking Company to determine if they have any records reflecting the transportation of several truckloads of ore from Llano, Texas, to WALTER WARD, dba American Resources Recovery, Inc. or Walter Ward Company in about 1974 or 1975. Obtain details as to the weight and origin of any shipments of ore and by whom was this shipment consigned.

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AT COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

Identify and interview _______at Texas A & M University and determine the following:

(a) His association with or knowledge of WALTER

(b) Whether he has any financial interest in the Walter Ward Company or the Ultrason Corporation.

(c) Exhibit letters to WALTER WARD dated 4/20/74 and 3/18/75 and determine if the information is correct and whether he gave WARD permission to use his name.

(d) Was he continously present when the ore delivered to ______ was processed by _____ and did he witness the extraction of silver from this ore.

(e) Is the resume of _____as obtained from WALTER WARD correct.

AT LLANO, TEXAS

Contact (as of 1/17/74), concerning his lease agreement with WALTER L. WARD which has expired and determine if at any time any excavations were conducted by the Walter Ward Company on the 9 acres of land leased to WARD or if any ore deposits were removed from this tract of land.

AT SAN SABA COUNTY, TEXAS

Attempt to locate who is owner of 259 acre tract of land currently leased by WARD and determine from him whether there has been any mining activity or the removal of ore deposits by or on behalf of WALTER L. WARD.

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DALLAS DIVISION

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Attempt to identify who has account at the Bank of Dallas noting that a check was paid to ______ in the amount of \$150, dated 7/16/76, with the notation "fee." Determine ______ association with WALTER L. WARD and the purpose for this payment.

EL PASO DIVISION

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Locate and interview , concerning a loan or investment in the amount of \$67,866 to the Walter Ward Company, Inc. on 11/11/75. Determine the purpose of the loan; how he was originally contacted; how the money was sent; what promises were given to him; has any return been made on this loan; and what is the extent of his assocation with WALTER L. WARD.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Attempt to determine the identity of _______ noting that a check //______ dated 5/10/75, in the amount of \$250, was payable to _______ was endorsed in that name and marked for deposit only in the account of b6 Goldfield Deep (next word illegible) Company of Nevada at b7C Bank of America. National Trust and Savings and Association, account //______. This check bears the notation "assay work." Determine nature of Goldfield Deep ______ Company of Nevada and details concerning any work done for the Walter L. Ward Company, Inc. If an assay was performed, determine the results of this assay and attempt to obtain a copy of any such assay.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT MONROE, LOUISIANA

Locate and interview ______ Box for details concerning a promissory note in the amount of \$60,000, paid to WALTER L. WARD Company, Inc. and acknowledgedby letter dated 3/6/75. Determine purpose of this loan, how he was contacted, how money was sent, what representations and promises were made to him, and if he has ever received any repayment on this note.

AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Attempt to identify who has bank account at the Commerce National Bank and interview concerning his association with Walter L. Ward Company, Inc., noting a check drawn on Walter Ward Company account, dated 6/27/75, in the amount of \$1,602.50 was paid to with the notation of "interest on loan" and was deposited to account on 7/1/75. Determine date, amount, and circumstances of any loan to the Walter Ward Company and if this loan has been repaid in full according to any agreements with WARD.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Interview American General Life Insurance Company, and determine if he has ever received any commissions for lining up investors in the Walter Ward Company. It is noted a check dated 7/24/75, payable to cash, in the amount of b6 b7C \$2,000, signed by WARD, reflects a notation "cashier's check and "commission." This check is dated one for day after a second cashier's check from in the amount of \$10,000 was deposited to WARD's company account. (It is noted that was first interested in investing in silver with the Walter Ward Company by

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AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Tulsa is requested to advise Little Rock of the current whereabouts of the 40 tons of ore put up by WARD as collateral in the case recently tried at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Locate and interview with business address at 3004 North 68th concerning details of his \$200,000 loan to the Ultrason Corporation in behalf of Walter Ward Company, Inc. Determine the purpose of this loan; how he was first contacted; how the money was sent; what promises were made to him; whether he has received repayment; and the degree of his knowledge of or association with WALTER L. WARD, or

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

AT UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

Verify that patent #3,463,319 patented 8/26/69 is identical with an electromagnetic separator developed by It is noted that WARD's brochure contains a six-page xerox copy of a document from the U. S. Patent Office describing the electromagnetic separator and is complete with drawings.

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WALTER LEE WARD, 5860 Gulfton, Apartment 7, Houston, Texas, was contacted at the office of the United States Attorney, Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was interviewed by SA _______ in the presence of Assistant United States Attorney ______, and Mr. ______ attorney for WARD. WARD was advised of certain of his constitutional rights by SA ______ prior to questioning as set forth on a standard "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form which he stated he understood and signed. Mr. ______ witnessed the waiver of rights form and remained with WARD throughout the interview. WARD provided the following information:

He is president of the Walter Ward Company which was organized in about 1972 and incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas. The original intent of the company was the purchase of real estate and land development. He gradually became involved in an effort to extract silver from ore deposits.

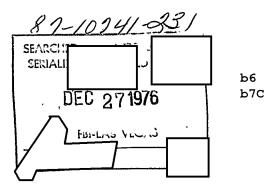
WARD was previously associated with a but he declined to answer any questions concerning this relationship.

WARD said that he had leased two pieces of land, one being 269.15 acres located at San Saba County, Texas, which he leased in about June 1973 and which is still under lease to him. The other piece of land was a 9-acre tract of land located in Llano County, Texas, owned by a (FNU) which WARD leased in about August 1973 and which lease lapsed in about February 1976.

When asked from which piece of land ore had been taken to be processed, WARD advised that he had 60 tons of ore which he understands came from some land in Llano County, Texas. He said that he obtained this ore from a who is a trucker. WARD said that he assumes ______ owned the ore since he paid ______ for it. WARD was unable to recall how much he paid for the ore. He said that the ore was delivered by _______ in 20-ton shipments sometime in late 1973

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and/or during 1974 and was delivered to WARD's pilot plant located at 14503 Sommermyer, Houston, Texas, which is a building leased by WARD from a person whom he was unable to recall at this time.

WARD said that he believed that ore in and around Llano County, Texas, was rich in silver and that prior to signing lease agreements or purchasing the 60 tons of ore, he transported about 2,000 pounds of ore from Llano County, Texas, on two different occasions in about early 1973 to Mesa, Arizona, where it was analyzed by and doing business as Tom and Jerry Enterprises.

WARD said that he first met and in about January 1973 in the presence of and a Mr. He advised that he spent a b3 considerable amount of time at Tom and Jerry Enterprises in b6 Mesa, Arizona, while tests were being conducted on his ore b7C samples and advised that Tom and Jerry Enterprises did have a laboratory complete with a furnace for roasting ore samples. He further noted that when he worked for , he, WARD, at one time raised some money for the purchase of this furnace used by Tom and Jerry Enterprises.

Federal Grand Jury

WARD declined to answer any questions concerning the raising of monies with which he financed his efforts except to say that he did raise between \$400,000 and \$500,000 which was invested in the pilot operation.

WARD said that ______ and _____ did b7c go to work for him and that he did pay them salaries as well as paying salaries to a part-time secretary and to other people who worked from time to time on the pilot plant.

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WARD stated that he personally worked on the project full time and did not pay himself any salary as such. WARD said that he had no other source of income and that he did hold out money as needed to meet his personal needs. WARD could not advise as to an approximate figure that he held out for his personal needs on a monthly basis or an annual basis.

WARD declined to comment on his association or	,
meetings with either or	
who reside in Arkansas and who invested money with the	
Walter Ward Company, Inc. WARD advised that he did exhibit	b3
to various persons who were interested in his pilot plant .	- b6
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WARD said that he did obtain silver from the processing of ore at the pilot plant in Houston, Texas. However, he admitted that he has never repaid any of his investors the silver that was promised them since he never obtained any commercial production of the silver.

WARD said that the method utilized by for the extraction of silver from ore at the pilot plant was a thermo-chemical process. He said that in about December 1974 he came into contact with a firm known as Ultrason Corporation whose president is a WARD said that Ultrason holds a patent on equipment which can separate elements, and in about February 1975 WARD entered into an agreement with Ultrason Corporation whereby Ultrason is currently building equipment that will be used in WARD's pilot plant and which uses an electromagnetic process to separate elements, thus replacing the thermo-chemical process used by WARD said that he has paid between \$50,000 and \$70,000 to Ultrason Corporation thus far in the development of this equipment. He said that the equipment will be owned by Ultrason Corporation who will hold the patent for this

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equipment, but that it will be leased to the Walter Ward Company who will have exclusive use of the equipment. Also, Ultrason is to receive 50% of the proceeds from the material developed by this machine. WARD further advised that al of Phoenix; Arizona, has loaned \$200,000 in WARD's behalf for the development of this equipment. WARD said that the money was sent directly to the Ultrason Corporation by and did not go through WARD. WARD said that lives at Scottsdale, Arizona, and can be contacted through Rainbow's Inn Ranch, Route 1, Box 95, Douglas, Arizona, telephone number and that has a business address of 3004 North 68th, Scottsdale, Arizona. WARD stated that he is not an officer or stockholder of the Ultrason Corporation.

WARD said that he is familiar with a Dr. who is an inventor and a consultant to the Ultrason Corporation and, as such, is paid by Ultrason. WARD stated that his knowledge of was limited to information contained on a resume made available to him. WARD said that approximately six months after entering into his agreement with the Ultrason Corporation, he learned that Dr. has some felony convictions but that he does not know any of the details and he did not inquire any further concerning WARD said that he does not believe Dr. L is a con artist and that he has complete faith in Dr. abilities. WARD said that he does not know what college or university Dr. is a graduate of, and he dénied ever advising prospective investors that Dr. was employed by or a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). WARD did sav that he understood that Dr. had been a consultant for NASA on occasion, but he could provide no details.

WARD said that statements concerning the degree of purity of the silver that he could obtain from ore which was to be delivered to investors, as found in letters to various investors, is based upon information made available ^{b6} to him by ______ and Dr. _____ WARD further ^{b7C} advised that he has every intention of paying to the various investors everything that they have been promised, but he was unable to set any date when these payments might be met

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inasmuch as his ability to produce the silver is dependent upon the completion of the machine currently under development by the Ultrason Corporation. WARD said that he understands that one aspect or portion of this machine is to be completed within the next two weeks. He further advised that offices for Ultrason Corporation are located at 1111 Cullen Bank Building, Houston, Texas, and that their plant is located on Evergreen in Houston, Texas.

WARD said that the money reflected in the letters to the investors signed by him was used for the overall development of the pilot plant but that most of this money went to the Ultrason Corporation.

WARD further advised, concerning the current status of his pilot plant, that the equipment at the pilot plant had been dismantled, and he is not in commercial production at this time. However, he advised that Dr. ______ is still conducting tests on the ore and informs him, WARD, that small bits of silver are being obtained.

WARD was specifically asked if the silver promised to the various investors would come from his landholdings at San Saba County, Texas, and he declined to answer this question on the advice of his attorney.

No further questions were asked of WARD, and the interview was terminated.

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Platinum company loses case

The year-long civil case against U.S. Platinum of Sparks concluded/this week with a judicial denunciation of the firm as a farce and hoax.

Washoe Dist, Judge John Gabrielli ordered the nowdefunct company headed by Bob Curtis to pay investors \$750,000.

Gabrielli passed over the request by 125 shareholders for publicle damages, saying the company has no more assets.

saying the company has no more assets. Plaintiffs: attorney Mike Specchio also represents a similar investors' suit against Curtis associate Troy E. Becker, head of Aero Engineering, which was located adjacent to U.S. Platinum and which claimed to have the same "secret formula" as U.S. Platinum for extracting precious metals from ore.

Last Friday, Becker and four other persons were convicted in Dallas, Tex., of 16 counts of fraud and conspiracy, for falsely claiming the same thing.

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Each faces a possible maximum sentence of 110 years in prison and \$70,000 fine. They will be sentenced Dec. 17.

A jury found them guilty in a trial at Liano, Tex.

The conviction included conspiracy to commit fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud and interstate transportation of checks obtained by fraud.

They were accused of bilking investors from California to New York of \$1 million by selling silver options and refining contracts and obtaining advance money on loans for fictitious projects.

A procession in closing arguments called the defendants "con men and thleves" who armed, themselves with paper instead of guns.

At a U.S. Platinum stockholders' meeting in 1974 in Reno, Becker was described as a close associate of Curtis.

Minutes of the meeting stated: "Mr. Becker and his company have worked closely with U.S. Platinum in the past. Mr. Becker has ore rich property east of Seattle and has the ore shipped to Sparks:"

Curtis had said he helped Aero Engineering get into business, prominsing his secret extraction process for loans.

Also named defendants in the Washoe action were Yolanda Curtis, John W. McAllaster, Marcella McAllaster, Marmac Mines, Curtis Nevada Mines, James DeClos, Lee Marcussen and several other corporations.

Investors said they gave Curtis \$1 million, believing he could extract \$1 million a day in gold.

Gabrielli said Curtis, a former cab driver and automobile and mobile home salesman; deluded the plaintiffs.

Gabrielli. wrote, "The court has con-cluded that the so-called secret process, based on this record, was in reality a farce, a hoax and a flagrant misrepresentation."

If the process even was theoretically possible, it couldn't have been put into production because the type and quality of key chemicals required were impossible to acquire anywhere in the world, Gabrielli said

He said the defendants Curtis and McAllaster utilized corporate funds "for-unwarranted and questionable expenditures and activities.

The judge wrote: "The court recognizes that Curtis" personal expenditurs were to be in repayment of certain personal loans made by Curtis to the corporation; however, defendants so utilized corporate funds and assets as to cast a suspicious dark cloud over the transactions and expenditures as a summer thunderstorm hangs over the Sierras, so filled with electricity that it is just bursting to explode.

"The thunderstorm of mismanagement, breach of fiduciary duty, alter ego, negligence, waste, etc., arose during the trial and came to rest upon a mountain of evidence from which it has not dislodged."

He singled out Curtis' insuccessful trip to the Philippines with a psychic to seek sunken Japanese treasure as an example of misuse of corporate funds.

Gabrielli also mentioned Curtis' attempt to sell U.S. Platinum to the Atlas Bank of Commerce, a bank allegedly based in St. Vincent, West Indies, "a purported pur-chaser of questionable background and substance."

The defendants had asserted they were unable to prepare properly for the trial because their records were subpoened by the FBI in its investigation.

Aside from finding that barrels of ore-stored at a Stead warehouse contained little gold, the federal government has never taken legal action against Curtis.

Gabrielli also wrote:

"The court wishes to make it abundantly clear that nothing stated in this decision is to cast any adverse reflection, expressly in implied, on the integrity and character of persons such as learned defense counsel, Leslie M. Fry, for whom the court has the highest regard, or Conrad Priess, C.W.

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Sparks Man Convicted

In Fraud

DALLAS (AP) — A Sparks man was among five men found guilty in federal court here Friday on 16 counts of fraud and conspiracy in connection with a silver mine in which investors nationwide reportedly lost about \$1 million.

Troy Becker was convicted along with James McCollum of Dallas, Theodore Dunkle of Long Beach, Calif.; James L. Cockrell of Arizona and Kyle G. Bretz, who listed a Dallas motel as his residence.

The jury deliberated about four hours in returning a guilty verdict that said the defendants' claims to have a secret process to extract silver from ore in a Llano, Tex., mine were false.

Government, prosecutors, said, each of the defendants faces up to 110 years in prison and \$70,000 in fines.

U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Hill set sentencing for Dec. 17. The five were accused of cheating investors by selling refining contracts, silver options, and obtaining advance money on loans for ficticious projects.

Several of the defendants testified they believed in the project and had no intent to defraud investors. The government said the ore from Centr Texas was worthless.

Appeals will be filed, according lawyers for four of the defendants.

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He was graduated from Glasgow University in Scotland in with a BS Degree in Chemical Engineering. He has practiced his profession since that time.

During March, 1974, he observed an ad in a Reno newspaper advertising for a chemical engineer. He was subsequently interviewed by of United States Platinum (USP) and subsequently went to work for him on April 1, 1974.

He advised that from his association with this firm, he determined that USP was trying to change the nucleus of concentrates as a result of their chemical process and that from this knowledge of their process, this could not be done.

. He stated brought ore from his claims located near Topaz Lake, California, to a mill located in Bridgeport, California, where the ore was concen-It was then taken to the plant of USP on trated. Greg Street in Sparks, Nevada, where it was roasted. The roasted ore was put into 55 gallon drums and taken to the plant of USP on East Glendale Road in Sparks, Nevada.

This concentrate was put into a reactor vessel and boiled with aqua regia for some 30 hours, with agitation.

The sand was filtered off and the clear brown liquid was neutralized with a costic soda solution. This caused an insoluble brown solid material to be separated out.

This solid material was then boiled again with hydrogen peroxide and filtered again. The dark

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brown chocolate-like sludge was taken back to the Greg Street plant, dried, fluxed and fired at which point the gold was suppose to be poured off.

He again stated that based on his knowledge, gold or other precious metals could not be obtained from the above process.

He stated that this process is basically the same as that used by TROY BECKER in Aero Engineering, who had a plant located next to USP. He stated he spoke on practically a daily basis with BECKER and discussed this process with him.

He advised that during the months he was employed by USP no gold or other precious metals were ever produced and he became convinced in his own mind that the entire operation was a hoax. When he began telling investors and employees of this, he was fired by

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He stated he was also acquainted with HERBERT BUCHHOLTZ, who is merely a mining engineer and who had no knowledge of chemistry.

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Mrs. was contacted at her residence, She was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent, the nature of the interview and furnished the following information:

On November 5, 1974, she paid \$5,000 for 100 pounds of Big Apple gold ore. The purchase was made through a salesman for the Great American Silver Company, 3862 Stewart Road, Atlanta, Georgia. The purchase was made on the basis that she would receive her money back in nine months if she was not satisfied. She was furnished an assay report allegedly prepared by TROY EUGENE BECKER, President of the Aero Engineering Company in Sparks, Nevada, reflecting he had assayed the ore being offered for sale and it tested 50.2 percent gold. Prior to making the initial purchase, she called Nevada to see if there was an Aero Engineering Company and TROY EUGENE BECKER. She spoke personally with BECKER and he assured her he prepared the assay report and that it was accurate.

On November 13, 1974, she made a second purchase of \$5,000 worth of the ore. During this period, she called BECKER about four different times and certainly his representations influenced her to purchase the ore. He told her the ore he assayed was a "hand sample." She would not have purchased the ore except for the influence and representations of BECKER.

The ore in question was to have been refined by the United States Platinum Company, but this firm went into bankruptcy and no ore has been processed to date.

She and her husband, who is Associate Director of Medical Services for Western Electric Company, resided in Atlanta, Georgia, when the ore was purchased. They discussed this matter extensively with the Attorney General of Georgia as well as with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Atlanta.

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Enclosed for Dallas are two copies each of two FD 302s, one of which includes bank records of Aero Engineering, Inc., obtained from the First National Bank of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.

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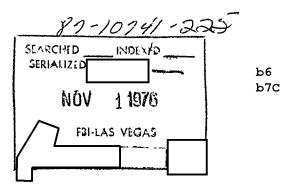
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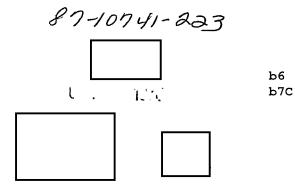




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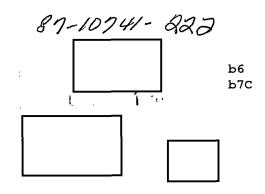
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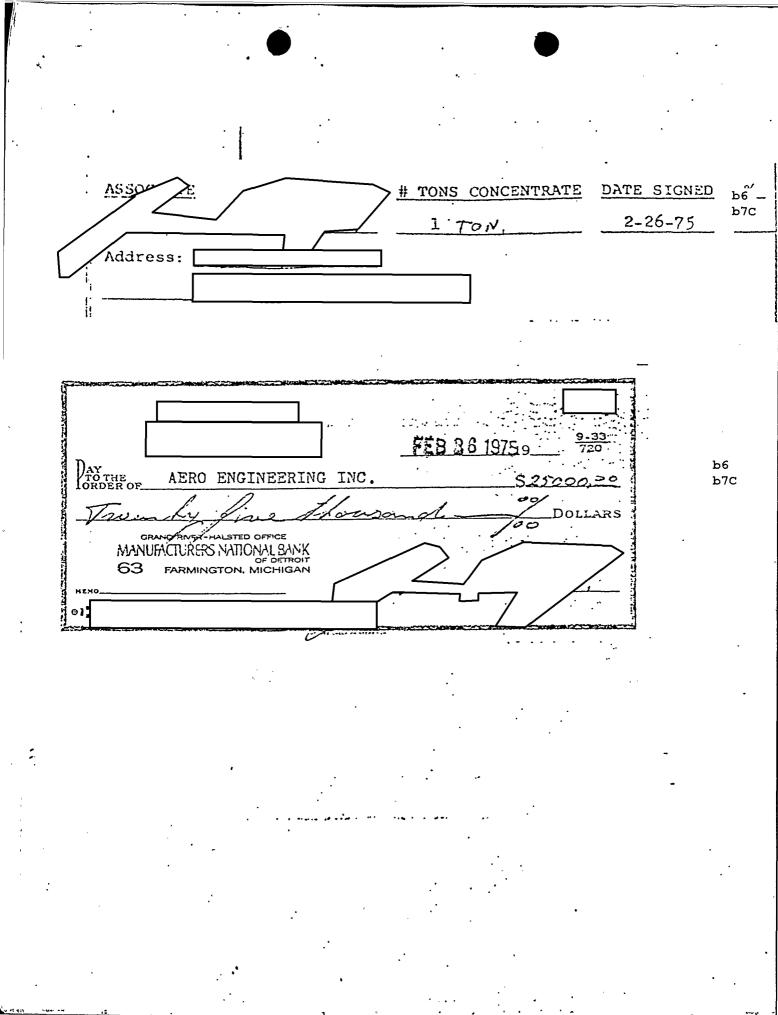
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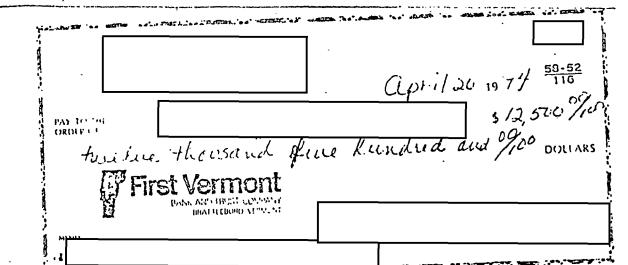
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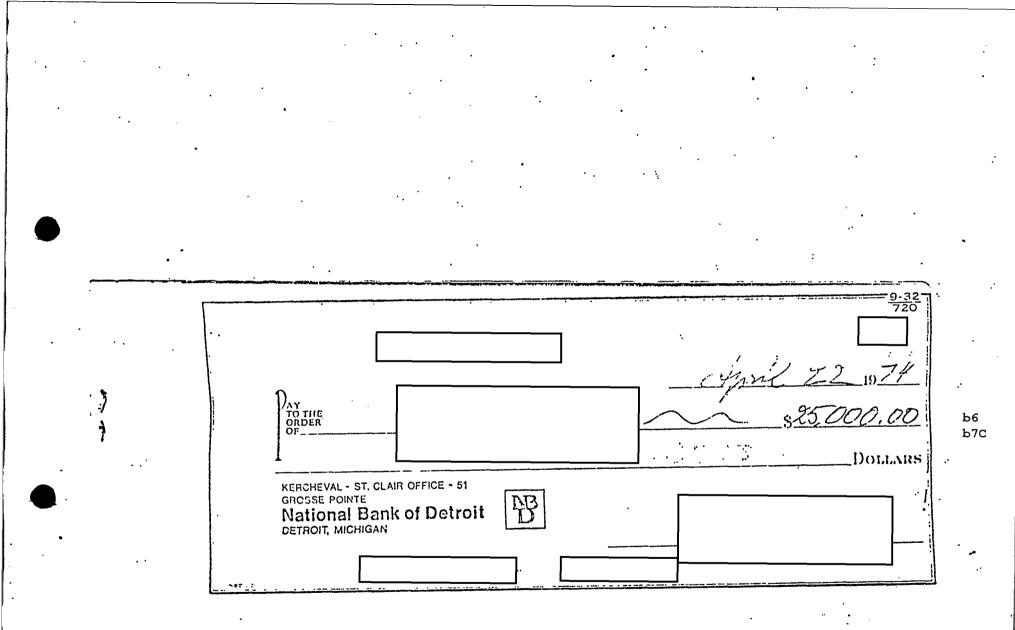
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November 4, 1974

Mr. Troy Becker Aero Engineering Incorporated 720 E. Glendale Sparks, Navada 89431

Dear Mr. Becker:

This is to state that I, have transferred the agreement of purchase of one ton of Blender Concentrated Ore, value \$25,000 dollars, to Community Hospital Anesthesiologists, F.C., of which I am the President.

Enclosed, please find a check for \$25,000 dollars paid in full for the Community Hospital Aresthesiologists, P.C. Incorporated. b6

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I would appreciate if you would return my signed purchase agreement in exchange for the new one and return my personal check of \$1,000 dollars deposit at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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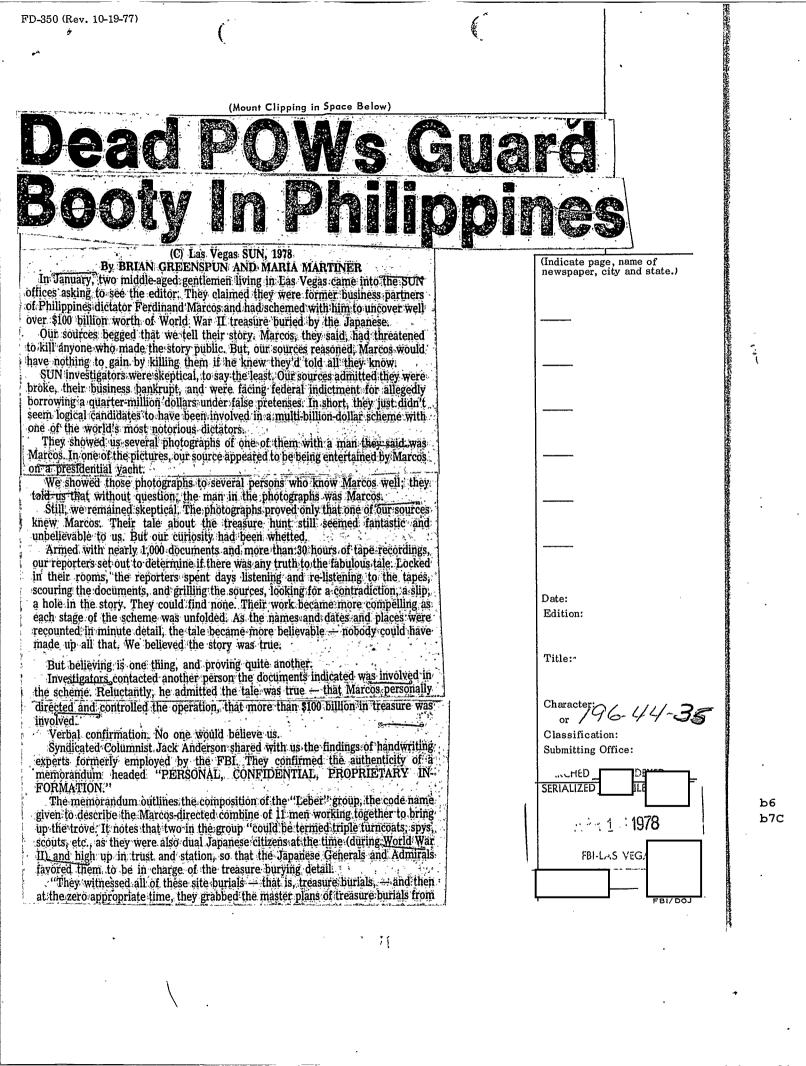
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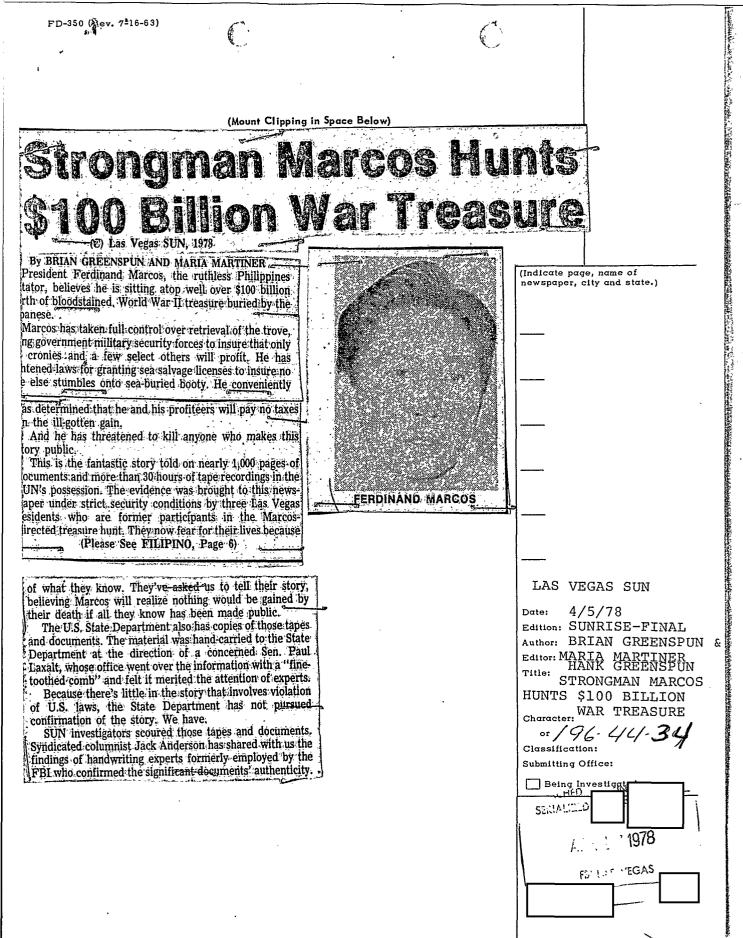
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We have satisfied ourselves that taped telephone con versations involving Philippines leaders and other partici pants in the scheme are authentic. We've received sworn statements from our Las Vegas sources and have interviewed other participants in the scheme — both here and in the Philippines. And the SUN believes the story is true.

Participants in the venture were told the treasure, most of it in gold, was taken during World War II by the Japanese. The conquerors reportedly pillaged the national treasures of countries, they occupied, including China, Burma, French Indochina, Malaya, Korea, and all of greater southeast Asia. The reported plundering by the Japanese of such vast amounts makes WWII Nazi raids on the national art treasures of France and other European countries look like child's play in comparison.

The Japanese reportedly transported their loot to the Philippines, then also in their control; in hospital ships for retrieval after the war. They reportedly sunk some of those hospital ships themselves to avoid having to bury the booty later. Other ships reached their destination in the Philippines, where their luxurious, clandestine cargo was buried — in a most extraordinary way.

Using the labor of American and other prisoners of war, the Japanese built miles of tunnels and underground vaults. In one case, 13 military trucks laden with gold bars were driven to an underground location and buried with their \$10billion baggage. Most of the land sites were mined with up to 2,000 pound explosives to insure that only those who knew the carefully planned route for retrieving the troves could profit from them.

To insure the Japanese retrieving the gold after the war would know they were on the right track, guideposts carefully recorded on maps — were left behind to mark the route.

At one site, for instance, the Marcos diggers knew they were headed in the right direction when they found, as precorded on the maps, the indicated level of buried charcoal, a layer of bamboo some distance below that, and a layer of criss-crossed wooden boards after that.

But that's not all the Japanese reportedly left behind to mark the path. Former participants in the venture blanched as they recalled the horror and stench of discovering the decayed remains of hundreds of human bodies — the POW's who allegedly were buried alive with the loot when their work was done to prevent them from carrying the tale. Their,

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Our sources found the Japanese maps outlining the path to the treasure correct to the last detail. Soon after locating the bodies at a site in Teresa, a town about 35 miles south of Manila, they located the fender of one of the 13 goldladen trucks the maps indicated were buried there. They were called off the job soon after and were not allowed to see the treasure there.

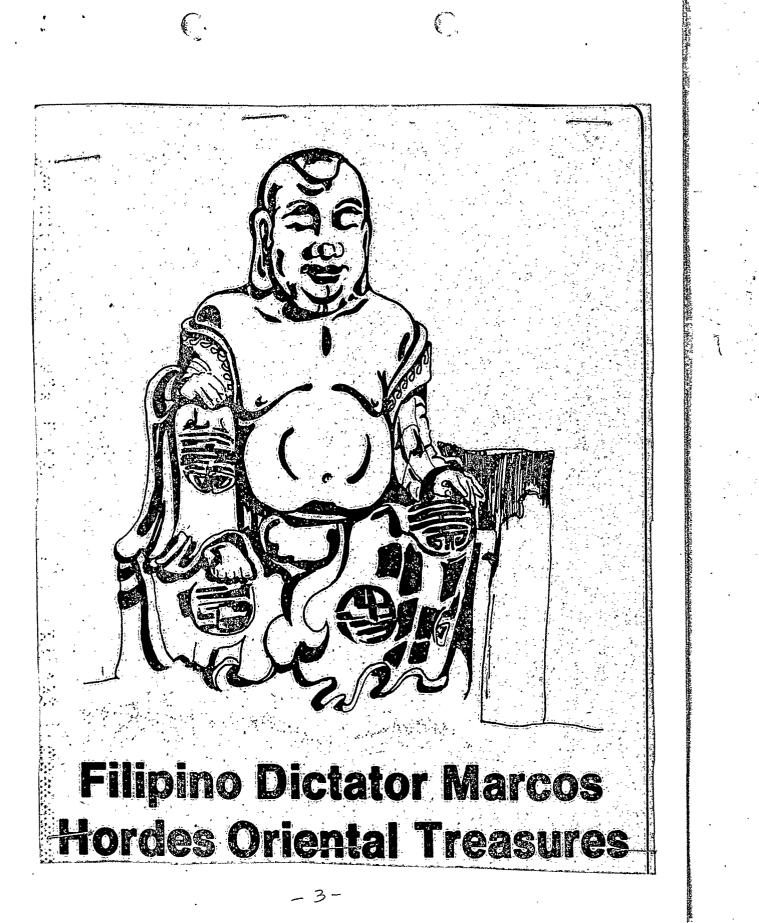
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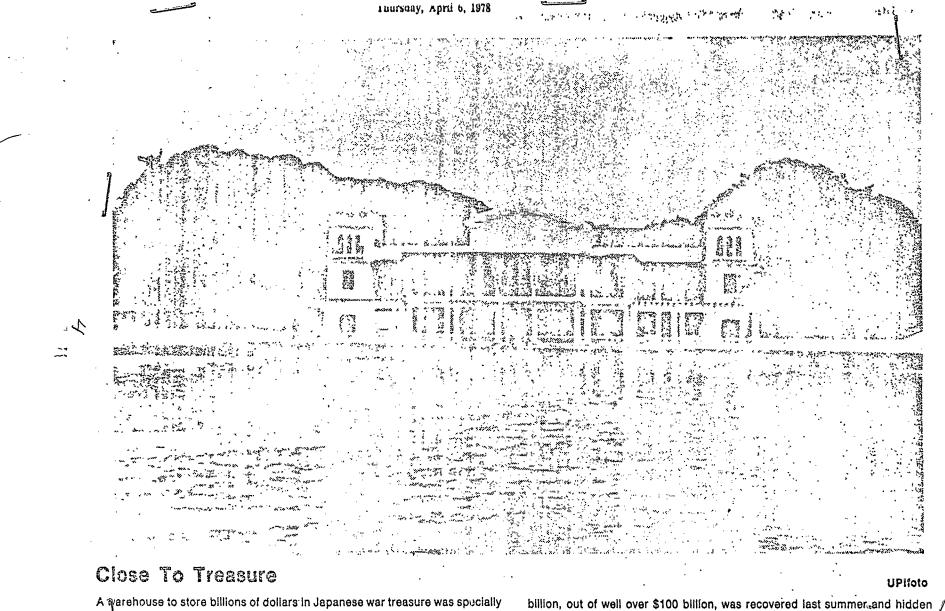
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To help insure those countries would never know the truth, Marcos reportedly devised a plan for covering up the origin of the wealth. Ancient, solid gold art objects would be destroyed — melted down, chemically altered and sold for the value of their contents — with one exception. A twofoot-tall solid gold Buddha recovered from one of the sites graced Marcos' Malacanang palace office, at least until recently, say our sources.

According to the plan, paintings and other goods that could not be melted would be destroyed. To further disguise the origin of the precious metals before sale, Marcos in 1975 reportedly arranged for the building of a laundering facility near Malacanang, Gold and other precious metals have telltale "fingerprints;" upon examination, an expert can tell in what part of the world the metals were mined. By altering the chemical content of the trove, Marcos reportedly planned to convince the world the precious metals were the result of improved recovery processes at Philippines mines.

It is not known whether Marcos has used the laundry, nor whether he has tried to sell any of his ill gotten gain on the world market. It is clear that Marcos has located troves at several sites. We have received an unconfirmed but reliable report that more than \$14 billion of the treasure has been removed from ground and sea locations and was being stored, as of last July, in a specially constructed warehouse near Malacanang and in the basement vault at the summer palace. (Tomorrow-Part II)





A starehouse to store billions of dollars in Japanese war treasure was spucially built near Philippines dictator Ferdinand Marcos' presidential palace in Malecanang, shown above, according to SUN sources. The sources said \$16

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Marcos Scheme Called Bizarre

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Bresident Ferdinand Marcos, the Filipino strongman, has developed a reputation for cronyism, kickbacks and high living at his Spanish style Malacanany presidential palace in the Philippines. His wife, Imelda, wears \$4,000 gowns and is never seen twice in the same one. The money for their extravagant lifestyle and layish parties won't be found in the national budget.

The SUN has been reporting on a bizarre Marcos scheme that may explain where the dictator hoped to get money to support such habits. We've uncovered evidence that the dictator has maps indicating that well over \$100 billion worth of Japanese World War II treasures are buried in the Philippines and in under sea sites nearby. Today we can reveal some of the details of the fantastic story surrounding the Marcosdirected search for the loot.

Eyewitness accounts; documents and taped telephone conversations revealing and taped telephone conversations revealing and the secret provide the trove unfold the labyrinthian maze utilized by the dictator to secret the billions in booty. If reads like a paperback thriller. More than 100 maps, reportedly made by the Japanese generals, who buried the loot, were scoured for directions to the burial sifes. Renowned Chicago psychic Olof Jonsson was brought in to assist in precisely locating the underground and undersea vaults. — and he reportedly did.

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To satisfy Marcos obsession with the need for secrecy, participants in the venture reportedly were given code names to be used in telephone and written communications; Marcos' pseudonym was "Charlie," his top aide Gen. Fabian Ver's "Jimmy." Overseas cables concerning the project were sent in one of two codes.

But not all communications concerning the project are veiled in code. A memorandum by Wisconsin businessman Norman Kirst, reportedly a participant in the scheme, clearly spells out details surrounding the treasure as well as Marcos' role. The memorandum, written in February 1975, notes that Marcos' proposed. "take" would be 50 percent.

But, according to a March 1975, contract and sworn statements by former participants, Marcos later agreed to share the profits equally with 10 colleagues in the venture, who called themselves the "Leber group." Among those reportedly involved in the agreement for a tax-free — by Marcos' own decree... share of the loot were Marcos; his aide, General Rabian Ver; Colonel Fernando Lachica, head of the presidential security force; Amelito Mutuc; former ambassador to the United States, who has admitted his role in the venture; Kirst; and two Japanese "turncoats;" who helped to supervise burying of the treasure during the war and, who now reside in the Philippines under dual citizenship.

Just as Marcos had no quality about denying the impoverished Philippine people a share in the trove by declaring it tax-free, the president reportedly didn't hesitate to bend other laws to suit his purpose. Government security forces, military divers and other personnel reportedly were used to help locate the booty for Marcos and his pals. Regulations governing the issuing of salvage permits were tightened, reportedly to insure that nosy private divers wouldn't get too close to sea buried vaults. Marcos went a step further in May 1975, when he ordered a government takeover of the Luzon Stevedoring Corp.; the firm's divers were causing problems by working near a treasure site in Manila Bay, say our sources.

Another temporary barrier inadvertently was created by a July 3, 1975, report by syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. The bulk of that column based on testimony before a House subcommittee by former Marcos press aide Primitivo Mijares, was devoted to an account of the abuses of power and misuses of funds that made up Marcos' own "Watergate," Philippines style. But, buried within that account, Anderson also noted that Marcos allegedly controlled "even a claim on some buried World War II Japanese freasure in the Sierra Madre."

Former participants in the venture recall they were digging at a Sierra Madre site on the very day the column was published. And Marcos "nearly had a fit," one told us. Marcos reportedly ordered a halt to all work on the project until he could

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determine "just how much Anderson knows." Apparently satisfied no one was on his trail, Marcos reportedly allowed work to resume a few weeks later.

Tales of the inner-circle wheelings and dealings of members of the Leber combine could make a story in themselves. SUN sources recall that: "Marcos went to great lengths to insure that the other half of his conjugal dictatorship, first lady Imelda Marcos, would not know about the treasure hunt." Marcos reportedly discussed matters with the Leber group only when she was out of town.

But, say our sources, through a member of the Leber group loyal to Mrs. Marcos, she learned of the treasure hunt. And in the spring of 1975, when three of our sources, were working at an isolated jungle site near Teresa, a town about 35-miles south of Manila, they witnessed a most extraordinary power play. Armed forces loyal to the first lady reportedly moved in on the site and announced they were taking over operations there. The coup-reportedly was short-lived, however, as forces loyal to the president moved in by dark several hours later, regained control of the site and, at gunpoint, dispatched the first lady's crew.

Marcos also reportedly used his control of the Leber group project to discipline those with whom he was angry. For instance, also in spring 1975, say our sources, Marcos was displeased with former Ambassador Mutuc. Part of Marcos' anger reportedly arose from attempts by Mutuc as an attorney to obtain a safe conduct pass for Sergio Osmena Jr., a prominent anti-Marcos Filipino exiled in the United States. Marcos was so angry he threatened to cut Mutuc out of the Leber group, say our witnesses.

Mutuc's concern at the president's reaction is outlined in a May 13, 1975, letter from him to Marcos. We have obtained an unsigned copy of that letter, written on Mutuc's stationary and stamped "Duplicate Copy." In the letter, a submissive Mutuc clearly is begging for forgiveness.

"The undersigned was very much disturbed to hear reports that your Excellency has looked with dislavor upon him having made a special appearance before the Joint Reinvestigation Panel for (former) Mayor (Sergio) Osmena Jr.," the letter begins, In all candor, the undersigned merely entered his appearance perore the panel to maintain the connection which he previously had made between your Excellency and Mayor Osmena," the letter continues. (The reference here apparently is to a 1973 blackmail attempt, when Mutuc reportedly visited Osmena in California and told him Marcos was willing to "let bygones by bygones" in return for an endorsement of Marcos' martial law regime. Osmena, whose son and several others were seized by the military in 1972, on what are widely regarded as trumped up charges of plotting to assassinate Marcos, says he spurned Mutuc's proposal. Osmena himself would also have been rounded up had he not come to the United States a few weeks earlier, where he has remained in fear.)

The letter continues: "The most important thing Mr. President is that the undersigned has no commitment to Mayor Osmena. His loyalty first and above all is to your regime, which he always defended and whose good image he consistently tried to promote both here and abroad."

In another part of the letter, the writer begs that "I be cleared" to continue participation in the Leber group.

Mutue apparently mended fences with the president; he reportedly was allowed to take part again in Leber group operations soon after. And in June 1975, he testified to behalf of the regime before a U.S. congressional investigating committee, refuting the anti-Marcos testimony of former pressman Mijares.

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Re Atlanta letter to the Bureau, 1/30/78.

<u>Enclosed for Las Vegas are Atlanta reports of</u> SA dated 9/26/77 and 12/1/77.

For information of the Bureau and Las Vegas, Atlanta, Georgia, and Departmental AUSA Attorney Fraud Section, have decided to postpone prosecution of until trial in Reno, Nevada, has been completed. If receives substantial prison time, no prosecution will take part in Atlanta. Subjects in any Atlanta and TROY EUGENE BECKER. action would be

Since the Reno trial has been continued until 6/12/78, Atlanta is placing this matter in a pending inactive status until 6/1/78.

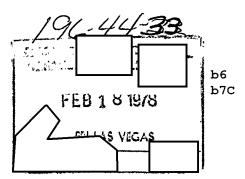
Atlanta reports in this matter are being forwarded to Las Vegas to assist prosecution of this matter.

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Will maintain contact with AUSA regarding prosecution of this matter.

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