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Churchill County  
Item 9

Lovelock Nevada..  
June 24th 1945.

Mr. Jay A. Carpenter, Director,  
Nevada State Bureau of Mines,  
Reno, Nevada.

Re; Nickel Mines in  
Churchill County  
Nevada

Bear Mr. Carpenter;-

In answer to your communication of the 21st regarding the "Lovelock Nickel Mine" would state that the legal owner of this property, is Miss Ruth Ruddell of Lovelock, Nevada.

This property, has had considerable development work and in the early eighties, a small waterjacket furnace was operated for the reduction of the ores to matte. Shortly after a brief run a clogging of the waterjacket developed and the furnace blew up. The operator in charge was seriously injured ultimately losing his eyesight.

Most of the earlier production on ore was "sorted" and shipped via San Francisco to Swansea in England. On account of the long period of time (sailing by Cape Horn) before returns came in, it was decided to install the smelting furnace above mentioned.

The ores of this property, contained considerable amounts of Cobalt. This was not recovered, but passed up the furnace stack and deposited over considerable area of the adjacent rocks in the form of "cobalt blue"

The total period of operation occupied about five years. I am giving here a brief resume of this property. The geology has been comprehensively treated in a bulletin issued by the mining department of the University of Nevada, several years



ago This brocure was quiet ~~comp~~ complete both in geology and mineralogj of all that Northern part of Churchill County,

The other Nickel Mine mentioned in this report, is the "Bell Nickel Mine." This property is owned by Tasker L. Oddie X-Govenor of the State. I am sure it would be his pleasure to answer any communication you send him.

With kindest regards.

*Paul G. Reid*