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THE PALACE HOTEL
SAN FRANCISCO

Wednesday -
February 18 -

Dear Ben -

Dropped in to see if Toralman
had returned this afternoon.
only to find that now - he
is not expected for another
week.

And so - alas - I must
return to Reno - shortly and
won't see him. I had
planned to return here
Saturday. if I could see him.

Probably the best bet. if
he is interested and if
I can be of any help

is to see him sometime
in Reno. I would - go to
him of course - except for
the reason I gave you
in Los Angeles - that pushing
it to such an extent might
be taking advantage of the
group I work for.

However - I feel the true
situation to be serious enough
to justify my going out
of my way as much as
possible - to help it along.
That's that.

Thanks Bess - for making
my - southern trip such
an enjoyable one. The
same goes for John -
too - of course. Regards
Laffy

- Tuesday Night -
March - 17 -

Dear Ben -

Greetings from Oregon - This is just a line - I have nothing to say - only the announcement to make that - the Evans family is moving to GRANTS PASS - and unfortunately shaking the alkali from their feet.

The chances are very good that we will be here all summer. The Company is interested in a certain geologic possibility in the Coast Ranges and this will be the center of operations. Only two of us will be left out here - the other three being transferred back to New Orleans. Thank heaven. N.O. is not to be my reward.

Our Secretary - over the phone today - told me - of a reported placer tin - discovery - in the Rabbit Hole Country - South of Majuba Hill. Naturally it arouses my interest. I still think the district has its possibilities.

As far as I know nothing

has been done with my 'baby'
Spurned by government and
freepart alike. I am sorry that
I have never been able to
meet Jerusalem and talk it
over with him. He probably would
wonder at my imagination - but
perhaps - not.

Hope to see Sox and Frankie
when I return. It will be
a rest trip - to pick up my
family and haster back to
Oregon - but I will not leave
town - without saying Adios.
Give my best to Alta -
to Tom and Frankie - and
take a bus - up here this summer
for the fishing. It's good. Have
rented - a four bed room house -
surrounded by an acre of ground -
lawn - flower - fruit - berries and
Cous for 35 per month - which
surpasses Reno.

Hasta la Vista - hermano -

And don't fail to
remember me to
you father!

Tuffy

AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING COMPANY
Mining Department
120 Broadway, New York

March 25, 1942

H. A. Guess
Vice President

Mr. W. W. Charles,
510 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California

TIN MINE
MAJUBA HILL DISTRICT
NEVADA

Dear Mr. Charles:

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We do feel interested and if agreeable to Mr. Evans, would like to have his report, maps, etc. and if then we decide to look into it ourselves, we will write Mr. Evans to tie the thing up, upon the most favorable basis possible, and at the same time Mr. Evans could in such event let us know what compensation he thinks should properly be paid to him.

May say that we do not appear to have anything upon our file upon the Majuba Hill District, or be able to locate it on any map.

Yours very truly,

H. A. Guess (signed)

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April 10, 1942

Mr. Benj. C. Charles
510 West Sixth Street
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Dear Ben:

Al is busy and so I'll longhand this note to you. First of all - thank you for the April copy of the Auburn paper which I am returning under separate cover. I read the paper usually for its gossip content; I find it particularly handy, also on cold mornings; it keeps one's blood temperature up without the aid of furnace heat. From the start the man has been absolutely wrong on the Burns-Oregon Tin set-up- but apparently there is no way of settling or muzzling him. The fact that some traces of tin were found by the Spectrograph is not significant inasmuch as volcanic rocks of the Burns type commonly carry traces of tin, which are uneconomic from a mining standpoint. As an example of that - take the Izenhoo Ranch occurrence near Battle Mountain which the Auburn Journal refers to as "exceptionally good" and reported favorably upon by Knopf and Vanderburg. The tin in place at Izenhoo occurs in isolated small gash veins, in rhyolite flows- and from a lode standpoint could never make an operation. Knopf's report has been public property since its publication about 1915. Bill Vanderburg showed me his report on Izenhoo; that plus conversation gave a pretty clear picture of his ideas, which were not complimentary. However, in this area no one can condemn small placer possibilities until the ground is sampled. Another example of tin with volcanics - also non-economic - are the Mexican Mines in rhyolite, extending for about 400 miles South from Northern Durango.

As for Boake Carter - Colorado has nothing. New Mexico (Taylor and Squaw Creek) occurrences are dead ringers for the spotty Mexican type and of no intrinsic value; The Texas occurrence in the Franklin Mountains near El Paso has been given the benefit of much development only to be proven very small and of no value; In Washington tin is found in Pegmatite at Spokane, but tin in Pegmatite is like Moly in pegmatite, ie; Spotty - high grade - no tonnage - and of little value. As for Oregon, I have already spoken my piece.

Carter forgets North and South Carolina (Gafrey area) the Black Hills - fails to meet in Temescal. The first two are pegmatites and we agree on Temescal.

Regarding the New Mexeda possibilities they must be considered interesting until proven otherwise. Being in the general Majuba area where the one known occurrence in place is Cassiteute with copper and silver associated with an acid I naturally think there is a chance. It has been damnable luck for me, to be shipped to Oregon just when an area I have been working in starts to get really interesting.

I note with interest your initial contact with Reber. From what you find out it would appear that Fred de L has things fairly well in hand. I would have no qualms about approaching him directly therefore, but I would also look into this Brockbank matter referred to in a recent letter.

I sincerely regret not having had the opportunity of meeting Major Boyd. Ever since Pete Guin went to work for Pacific Coast Borax I have envied him, but that is as far as I ever got. But I would have valued the chance to discuss Majuba with Major Boyd. If there is any chance at all of his being up this way such a discussion can be arranged if a few days notice can be given to get me out of the field (most of my time will be spent in the field) .

In answer to his question - a few inches of high grade material did not foster 4% average across 14 feet. The 14 feet shows tin across that width. As in all structure there is some tendency towards spottiness with some samples much higher grade than others, but the best way to show it is on the attached sheets; guard them "con su vide" - and treat the stuff with the confidence I know you will. The included is merely a taste and duplicates what I know you have in your mind after our first conversation on this property. As you know there is considerable data on the pipe- structure- etc.

Pardon the length of this epistle but know that length of discourse is prompted by a sincere interest in tin.

Best regards,

Tafft (signed)

PS None of the above - please - and especially to those now intimately associated with the property!