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Mr. William Holcomb  
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Dear Sir:

In early 1945 a project which many mining people in Nevada and elsewhere consider to be one of the most daring and ambitious in the history of Nevada was started near Eureka in Eureka County. I refer to the Eureka Corporation Ltd. mine development job on Ruby Hill. Modest expenditures totaling about one million dollars have been made on the property by Eureka Corp. since 1937, but in early 1945 a large plant was started for pushing the work. Their Fad Shaft has now reached a depth of 2000 feet, the immediate objective being 2350.

Since 1945 the expenditures made by Eureka Corp. Ltd. for their plant and deepening the Fad Shaft have exceeded \$2,000,000.00, and they estimate almost another million will be spent before the production stage is reached in early 1948. In the past two and one-half years some 70,000 man shifts of labor have been expended. Employment at the present time is approximately 100 men. The population of the town of Eureka has almost doubled, the men and families coming from many parts of the western United States as well as from states as far distant as Virginia.

Much has already been contributed to the progress of the state of Nevada by this new project, but the potentialities of the property as a source of employment for additional people are enormous. This is the type of project that the state must encourage if Nevada is to prosper, increase its population and maintain its high standing as a mining state in the Nation.

It is well to consider the encouragement given this particular enterprise during the past two and one-half years when materials and equipment have been so difficult to obtain and other difficulties seemed, at times, unsurmountable. It is also well to consider the modesty of the requests that have been made by the community for aid and encouragement.

In anticipation of the program to be started in 1948 application was made in 1944 to the Federal Government for an access road from the town of Eureka to the shaft, approximately