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Mr. N. W. Sweetser
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Dear Mr. Sweetser:

I regret to inform you that the Nevada Bureau of Mines has not published any bulletins pertaining to the geology of the Newark Mining District. The following brief description of the district is quoted from "Mining Districts and Mineral Resources of Nevada" by Francis Church Lincoln, 1923.

History: The district was discovered by Stephen and John Beard and other prospectors from Austin in 1866. The principal mines were purchased by the Centenary Silver Company in 1867, and a 20 stamp pan amalgamation mill was brought from the Kingston District by this company the same year. The company was composed chiefly of members of the Methodist Church, in honor of whose centenary it was named, and the construction of a church was one of the conditions of the organization. About \$100,000 in bullion was produced from shallow workings in the course of a few years, and the district then became inactive. Interest revived in later years, and shipments of silver-lead ore containing a little copper were made from the Bay State Mine of the Newark M. & M. Co. from 1905 to 1908 inclusive; and from the Battery Mine in 1913.

Geology: According to Hague, the ore deposit is a nearly vertical vein in limestone. The gangue consists of quartz and calcite, and the ore, which is usually associated with quartz, is composed of antimonial and sulphureted combinations of lead, silver, and copper.

I am enclosing a list of "Publications of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Associated Organizations" which you may wish for your files.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure