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PLATERO CORPORATION
SUITE 1
4314 E. INDIAN SCHOOL RD.
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

SILVER CHIEF WILD WEST GROUP
Mineral County
(Nevada)
in SW foothills of Sand Springs
Range, in town of Rawhide
50 mi. SE of Fallon

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Silver Chief Wild West Group

Rawhide, Nevada.

This project, recently brought to your attention by Mr. Albert McCoy, of Sparks, Nevada, through Mr. Garrey; was visited November 25 and 26. Both surface features, and such underground openings as were accessible, were examined. Maps that might have proved useful, were not available at the time, but the enclosed sketches will approximate conditions closely enough for the purpose of this report.

This property is located in the southwest foothills of the Sandsprings Range, in the town of Rawhide, Mineral County, Nevada. The area is reached by fair desert roads, 27 miles from Sandsprings on the Lincoln Highway, or 30 miles from Schurz, the railway shipping point. The region has the usual desert range topography, and aridity, and lies about 5200 feet above sea-level. Water is developed by wells on a flat three miles to the south, being pumped while operations were in progress in the camp.

The property consists of three full claims and two fractions, all patented, being owned by a Mr. Scheeline, of Reno. Mr. McCoy has a three year lease and bond contract Under the ~~first~~ following terms:

Purchase price, \$30,000 to be paid in three years; \$15,000 at the end of the second year; the balance at the end of the third year. Royalties on ore of a value under \$50 per ton, 10%; on ore \$50-\$400, 15%, to be applied on purchase price. A minimum of 60 shifts per month in labor to be performed. The claims cover 3,000 feet of the Marigold vein and its extension, and 1,500 feet of the Mint vein. Sketch No.1 shows these locations.

The features of the property are the Marigold and Mint veins, with four other less well defined structures lying between and parallel. These veins are merely cracks or small fissures, containing a filling of vein quartz, with branching veinlets, or brown limonite, and crushed country rock. The veins as seen did not carry more than 1 or 2 inches of this filling, which at places develops small and irregularly spaced shoots of high grade free gold ore. These shoots show greater vertical than horizontal dimensions, but do not generally persist from level to level, and on account of their small thickness and area, produce only a limited amount of closely sorted high grade for shipment. Shipments from the Channing lease on the Mint vein ran from \$168 to \$400 per ton, while small shipments from the Marigold graded as high as \$2,000 per ton. None of this ore remains exposed, but one point in the so-called Miller vein shows ore of about \$10 grade which may or may not be the fringe of one of those shoots. Ore occurrences of this kind have produced \$300,000 or \$400,000 from the Mint and Marigold veins, mostly by block leasers, and some stock companies. From the Marigold or footwall vein to the Mint on the hanging side of this system, it is slightly over 200 feet on the surface. The veins have a steep dip, 75° or better and would not diverge greatly at depth.

The Marigold vein has been worked along the surface about 400 feet, and is opened by one two hundred foot shaft on the middle slope of Grutt Hill, and a 400 foot shaft at the base of the hill. These shafts are still standing well, but the timbers are badly dry-rotted and make entrance unsafe. The lower shaft is said to be opened at 100 foot intervals, but with very little lateral work on the 300 and 400 levels. It is claimed that high grade ore is exposed in the bottom of the shaft, but this would have to be verified. Ore has been shipped from a south drift on the 200 level which extends 200 feet from the shaft, giving a total length of 600 feet of workings along the vein.

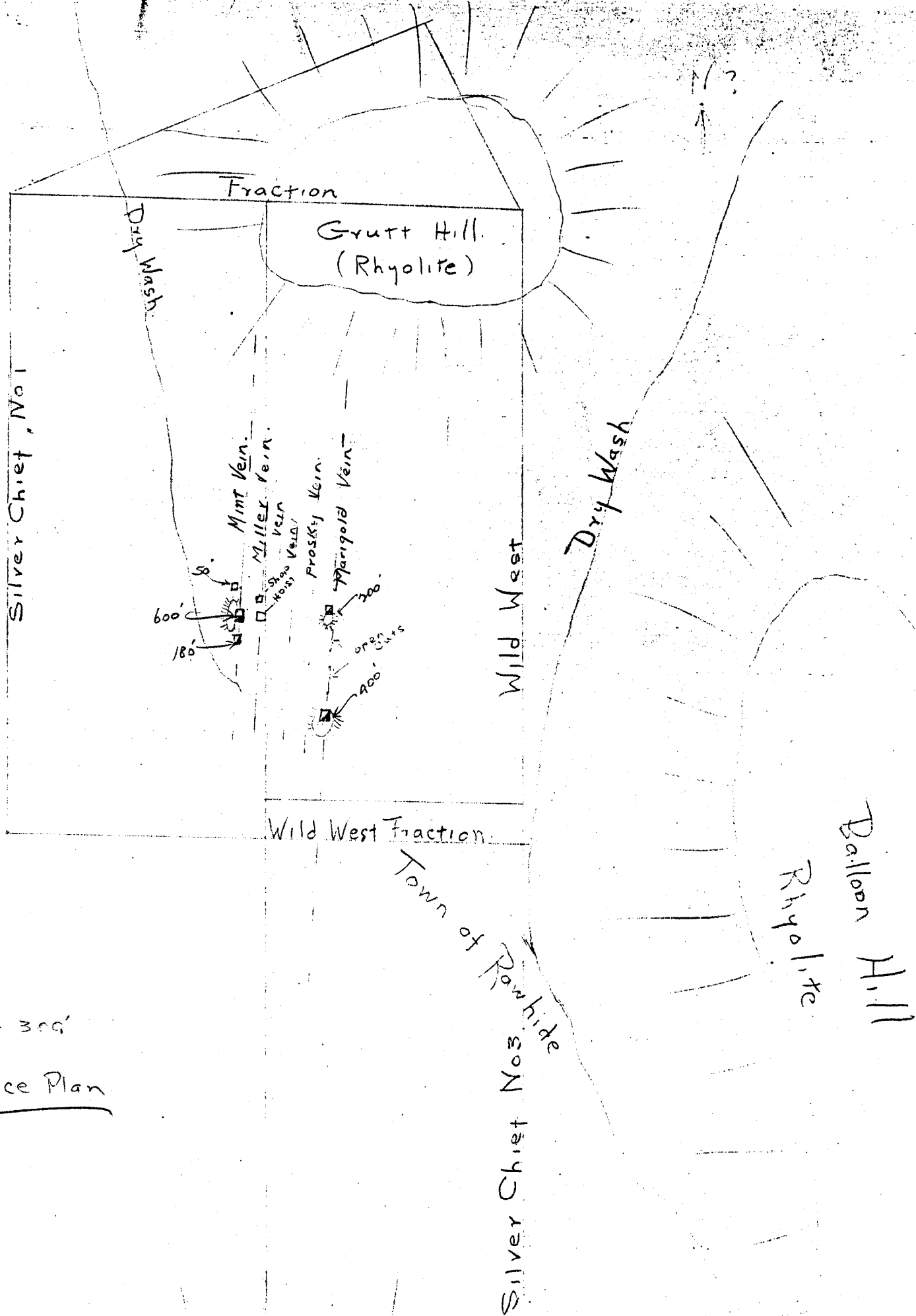
The vein has made the larger production and is the most favorably considered.

The Mint vein is opened by a 600 shaft with levels at 50, 150, 180, 300, 400, 500, and 580; as this shaft served a lease block. The lateral workings are rather short along the strike of the vein. ~~Stoping~~ and drifting has been confined to the Mint vein itself, ~~xxx~~ except for a few short cross cuts, one of which on the 180 foot level cut the Miller vein which showed values at that point of about \$10 ore for eight feet. The shaft has been repaired to the 400 level, and the openings are in good condition, as the ground stands remarkably well. Equipment consists of a Fairbanks-Morse ~~xxxx~~ oil engine, which is belted to a hoist, and an 8K6 Ingersoll-Rand single stage compressor; 2 mounted jackhammers, and two stopers, complete, a small amount of steel, blacksmith tools, tanks, etc. The equipment is adequate to carry operations in one heading, with one machine stoping. The machinery is the property of Frank Channing of Reno, and is priced at \$1000 which is very cheap. A new frame and dump apron has been installed, and all preparations made to start breaking ground. Freight rates on ore, oil, etc., are \$5 per ton to Schurz, which price could be reduced if sufficient hauling warranted it.

It is thought by the promoters that by the expenditure of \$7,000 more or less, that crosscuts started on the 300 and 400 levels could be extended to cut the Marigold and other veins, with the possibility of encountering high grade shoots by drifting. These levels are supposed to be virgin ground on the Marigold as well as the Miller and Prosky veins, and no doubt have the same chance as they had on higher levels. What the probabilities of striking high grade are, no one may say. It is entirely a speculation or gamble.

In view of the fact that it is extremely improbable that any important tonnage of ore could ever be developed to justify a treatment plant, and that the occurrence of high grade shoots is erratic and uncertain, it does not appear that this property would be attractive to a company. It has possibilities that might prove attractive to a group or syndicate willing to wager 8000⁰⁰ 10,000 dollars against the chances of encountering a high grade shoot, which if found would quickly return the expenditure. The property is in condition and equipped for an immediate start of operations, and the amount mentioned would crosscut the structure and permit three or four hundred feet of drifting or raising.

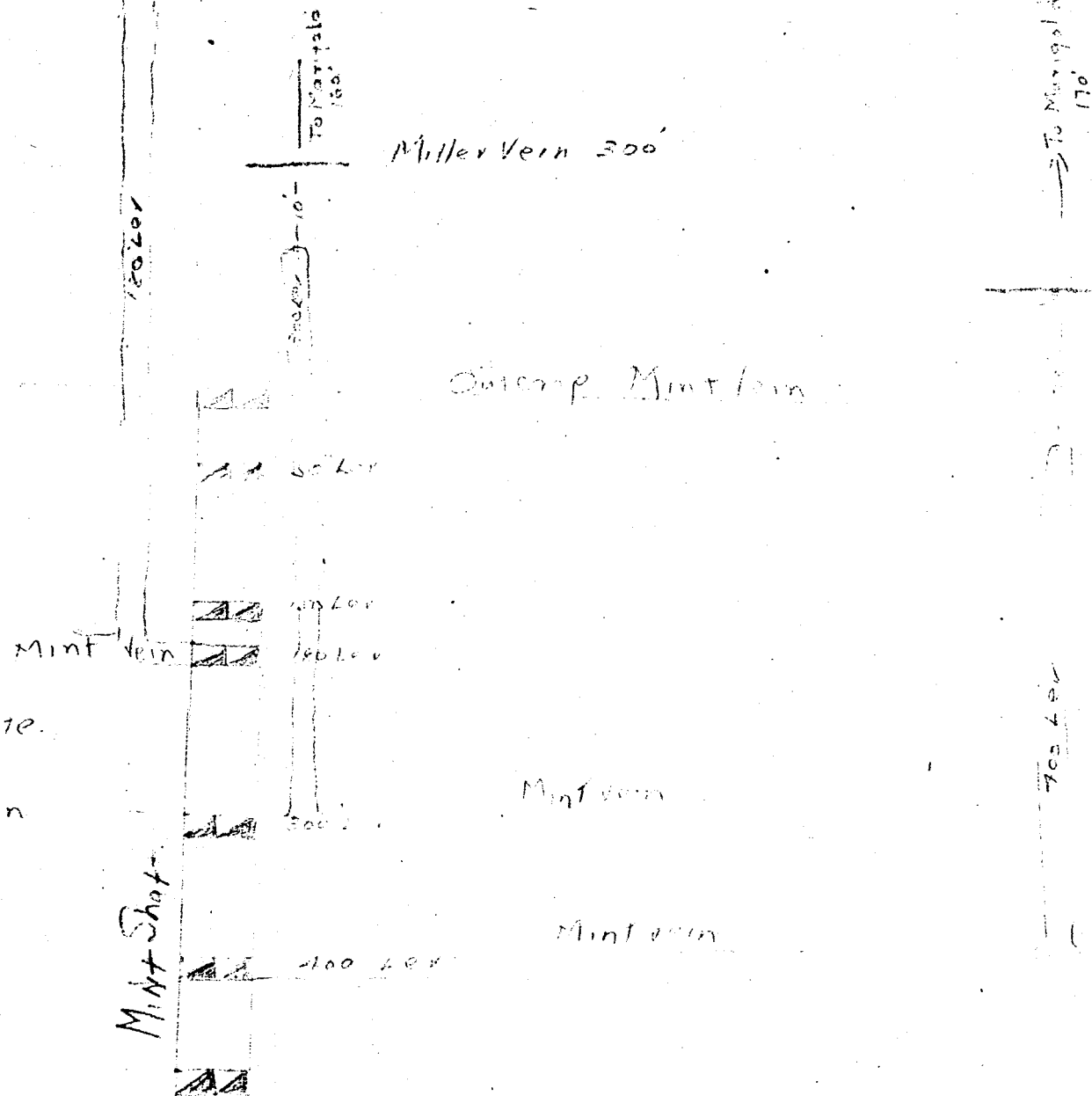
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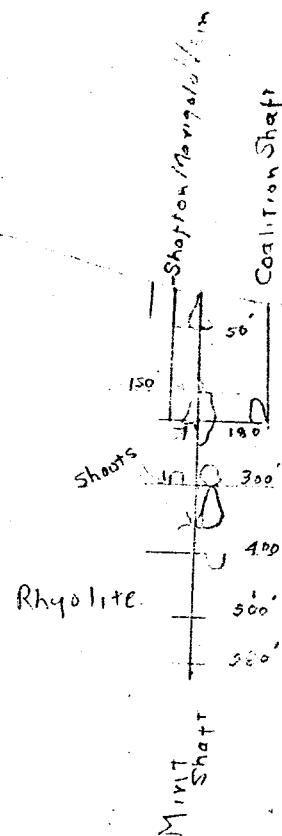
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Surface Plan

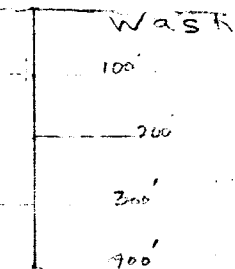
Sketch showing Approximate
Positions of Crosscuts to Miller Vein
on various Levels.



Grutt Hill
Rhyolite.



Manganese Shaft



Balloon Hill

Dacite Hill

1" = 300'

Long. Projection