4370 0012 TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA IPA . MI MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS Los Angelas, Calif. Apr. 12, 1915. Mr. J. E. Spurr. ANS'D 571 Bullitt Bldg., Philadelphia, Penn. Dear Sir- You will remember that, at the time Mr. Sirdevan made an examination of the Nevada Reduction Company's property at Dayton, Nevada, Mr. Sayers promised him a report on the property which was being gotten up at that time. The report was made by Mr. Sidney H. Ball and Mr. Benjanin loaned me a copy of it. To me it seems an interesting description of the Virginia City and Silver City Districts so I am sending it on for you to read, if you wish. When through with it kindly return it to me as I promised to return it to Mr. Benjamin. Very truly yours, M. B. Huston

TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA

MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS

REC'D APR 1 8 1915

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Mr. JANS Durr,

571 Bullitt Bldg.,

Los Angelas, Calif. Apr. 11,1915.

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir- While talking to Mr.Benjamin in San Francisco I learned that he is now Engineer for Mr.Hotaling on the Nevada Reduction Works Company property at Daton, Nevada, which was first put up to us by Walter Brown and later by H.E.Bierce and about which I recently received a copy of your letter to Mr.R.C.Moore.

Mr.Benjamin has recently examined the property. He allows me to informy you that the large amount of low grade surface ores which they have been claiming really amounts to very little, possibly 80,000 tons out of which a profit of \$1.00 pre ton might be hoped for. Mr.Benjamin things that they have a chance of finding some good sulphide ore with more depth in the Haywood Mine. On the strength of the fact that Mr.Hotaling has already spent \$400,000.00 on the property Mr.Benjamin has advised that he spend \$20,000.00 more on sinking the shaft 400 feet deeper and doing some little drifting. If this work finds no ore Mr.Benjamin will advise Mr.Hotaling to sell the property for anything that he can get for it.

Under these conditions I do not think you care to spend any more time on the proposition.

Very truly yours,

M. B. Huston

COPY THE TONOPAH MINING COMPANY OF NEVADA PHILADELPHIA TONOPAH, NEVADA, February 22, 1915. Mr. R. C. Moore, 1424 West Pine Street. Alhambra, California. Dear Dir: Subject: Kaywood claim, Dayton, Nevada. Yours of February 8th, to Mr. Austin, has been referred to me, together with letter from Mr. O. P. Steen: This proposition has already been submitted to us several times, and we have made some preliminary investigations. In the present instance, I should be interested to know whether the proposition includes only the Haywood mine, or whether the other groups lying contiguous have been consolidated, as originally planned. Yours very truly, Vice President. JES:PR Copy to J.S.A.



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TONOPAH NEVADA

YOURS TWENTIETH HAYWOOD GROUP AT DAYTON IS THE SAME PROPERTY

AS THE NEVADA #REDUCTION WORKS ADVISE BY SIRDEVAN AT ONE TIME
BIERCE HAS ALSO BEEN WRITING YOU REGARDING THIS PROPERTY AT
THE SAME TERMS OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

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TONOPAH, NEVADA, February 20, 1915.

M. B. Huston,

Hartman Apartments, Oak & Washington Streets,

Los Angeles, California.

Am offered Haywood group of gold properties at Dayton,
Nevada, at five hundred thousand dollars on terms Is this
the property you visited and what were the terms at that
time.

J. E. SPURR

CHARGE: TONOPAH MINING CO.

COPY THE TONOPAH MINING COMPANY OF NEVADA PHILADELPHIA February 15th, 1915. Mr. R. C. Moore, 1424 West Pine St., Alhambra, Calif. Dear Mr. Moore: Your favor of the 8th instant received, with enclosure as stated. The Commission asked by you for turning the proposition over to us is higher than generally asked, but we have no objections to paying the commission if the property warrants it. As a rule, we are not much interested in properties of this kind, which shows an average grade as low as \$5 per ton. However, I will refer your letter to Mr. Spurr, who is now in the West, and suggest to him that he communicate direct with you if he wishes further information regarding the property. If he is sufficiently impressed with it to recommend our making an examination, we will then have a contract prepared for signature by your people and curselves, and this must be executed before the examination is begun. /It sometimes happens that properties offered to us are already under consideration by us. If such be to the case, we will advise you as soon as we learn the idenity of your property. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNED J. S. AUSTIN President.

Dene as Nevada Mining + Reduction +

J. S. A. Power Co: Alhambra, Calif., Feby. 8th. 1915. Mr J. S. Austin, President Tonopah Mining Co., Philadelphia, Pa. My dear Mr Austin; When last Mr Charles was in Los Angeles we talked over the proposition of submitting to your Company any property which had the appearances of merit, so I have kept it in mind and yesterday Mr O. B. Steen addressed the enclosed partial report to me upon the Haywood groupe, and from the investigation he has made of the reports submitted it would appear as though this would come very near filling your wants for a good large milling property. As he states, if this would seem to warrant investigation on your part. he will place you in direct communication with the owners so that you can arrange your own terms and price. The compensation we would ask would be ten per cent of the stock of the Company you would organize upon this property. With kind personal regards, and trusting this will prove to be worthy of your investigation, I beg to remain Yours truly R. C. Moore 1424 West Pine St., Alhambra, Calif.

PACIFIC PIPE LINE COMPANY TITLE INSURANCE BUILDING LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CODE WORD-PACOIL PHONES MAIN 2218 F 6216 LONDON OFFICE 33 ST. SWITHIN'S LANE, E. C. February 6, 1915 Mr. R. C. Moore, Alhambra, Calif. My dear Moore: Referring to our conversation regarding the Haywood group of gold properties, at Dayton, Nevada, I will say by way of introduction I believe this to be one of the most meritorious propositions in the United States that is available for purchase. This group of properties comprises seventeen patented claims, with mill site, water rights, etc., aggregating over seven hundred acres of patented ground. The surface improvements consist of a hundred ton mill, laboratory, melting room, shops, etc., all fully equipped and in first class condition; a hoist on the main shaft with sinking capacity of 1800 feet and an aerial tram from the mine to the mill, comprise the principal items of equipment, the total cost of which was over \$200,000.00. The Haywood mine has produced upwards of a million dollars above the 200 level, and has at present blocked out 350,000 tons of ore at an average value of \$5. per ton. The ore shoot in the Haywood has been mined for over 1300 feet in length and varies in width from ten to twenty feet. Mr. S. H. Ball, a well-known geologist and engineer, spent several weeks on the property and made a detailed report to the owners. Mr. Holton, his assistant, with two men, spent six months making a geological survey of the entire district. Dr. Ball's report is very comprehensive and illuminating; it has never been taken from the office of the Company but will be furnished, together with maps and detailed information, to reliable parties for examination. In view of the amount of detailed information, mill returns and other data available, all of which, as stated above, will be furnished by the owners, it is hardly worth while for me to attempt any further outline of the property. The price made by the owners is \$500,000.00, on terms to be agreed upon by them and the purchasers, which will provide for the payment out of the proceeds of ore mined and treated. If this interests your friends, I will arrange at once to place them in communication with the owners of this property and let them arrange for their own investigation and conduct their

2/6/15 R. C. M. -2-* own negotiations. Ample time will be given for examination and every assistance given to facilitate same. Trusting this may receive favorable consideration, I beg to remain, Sincerely yours, Dict. O. B. S.

Philadelphia, January 2, 1915. Mr. H. E. Bierce. c/o Sterling Borax Company, Trust & Savings Building. Los Angeles, California. Dear Mr. Bierce: I have yours of December 28th regarding the Nevada Reduction Works at Dayton, Nevada, and in reply thereto would say that my impression of the proposition has not changed materially, and I believe that the price as quoted is too high for the conditions as stated. It is possible, however, that full reports and maps might modify my conclusion, and I would be glad to look them over if convenient to send them. Nevertheless. I am not sanguine as to any proposition being made by the Nevada Reduction Works which we would entertain. Our previous dealing on the matter was indirectly with Mr. Sayres, and this dealing was not satisfactory. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNED J. E. SPURR Vice President JES-C

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December 28, 1914.

Mr. J. E. Spurr,
Bullitt Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA

MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS

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REC'D IAM 2 - 1915

Dear Mr. Spurr:

SEEN On October 19th Mrs' M. B. Huston telegraphed you concerning the property of the Nevada Reduction Works at Dayton, Nevada. He received an answer to that some time ago and communicated with me your impression of the proposition, recommending that I take the matter up with you giving such data as I have. During a prolonged absence from this office, one of the owners came in and took away with him several maps and reports on the property so that I am unable at present to forward you anything of that kind. However, I understand from Mr. Huston that one of your engineers has seen the property and you probably have all such necessary data concerning the development of the property. My knowledge of the Nevada Reduction Company is simply through Mr. J. C. Monroe of Los Angeles, who was one of the original owners, and who, with Captain Davis, developed the property to a point where it was at the time your engineer saw it. Since then a Mr. Hotalling of San Francisco put in some \$300,000 in modern equipment and a tramway and also on the improvement of the mill. Mr. Hotalling is a wealthy man and feels that his investment is alright. -They are not at all anxious to sell entirely, preferring to give an interest for a certain amount to be put into the property in development work. However, as this would not interest you, I have gained

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the consent of Mr. Hotalling and Mr. Monroe to give an option on the entire stock of the company. This option is not in definite written form at present, but can be gotten as soon as I care to get it. The price is \$500,000 and they will allow two or three years before any cash is demanded, with the exception of certain royalties. Mr. Monroe and Mr. Hotalling both claim that there is in sight and ready for extraction, a block of ground totalling about 300,000 tons. This ore runs approximately \$6.00 a ton. They feel confident that the mining and milling costs will not exceed \$3.50, leaving a met profit of \$2.50, which they believe it is possible to extract inside of the years with some added equipment over what they already have on the ground.

My dealings with the company have been entirely through Mr. Monroe and Mr. Hotalling and any option which I would get would be from the Board of Directors as a whole. You would have no trouble in exercising the option or in making a thorough examination of the ground, if you saw fit. I understand from Mr. Huston that there was some little difficulty with Mr. Sayre. He would not enter into this question at all except as one of the Board of Directors and he is dominated now by Mr. Hotalling, particularly.

If the proposition as briefly outlined interests you and changes the impression which you had as a result of your past negotiations, I should be more than pleased to obtain full reports and maps and submit them together with a definite option on the property.

Yours very truly,

A. E. Bierces.

Saylor Cal Alhambra, Calif. Mar. 29th. 1915. TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA Mr J. E. Spurr, Vice President Tonopah Mining Comming and Exploration Departments REC'D APR 3 - 1915 Philadelphia. SEEN Dear Sir: ANS'D Your letter of Mar 8th. came duly to hand and as Mr Monroe was in San Francisco, I sent him a copy of it and he understood that you were in Tonopah so he wired there in an endeavor to meet you before your return east, but he was too late. He received your reply in which you asked for their terms and he informed me a few days ago that he had taken up that question with Mr Hotaling , and no doubt before this you have the whole matter from the latter gentleman. I am certain from the talks I have had with Mr Munroe that you will be able to come to satisfactory terms as placing the property in the proper hands is one of their main endeavors and wishes. . If I can be of any service at this end in helping out the matter I will be glad to do what I can in that line. Yours very truly R.C. Moore 1424 West Pine St.. Alhambra, Calif.

TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS REC'D NOV 25 1914 SEEN Plymouth, Calif. Nov, 20, 1914. ANS'D 571 Bullitt Bldg.. Philadelphia, Penn. Dear Sir- If it is not too much trouble will you kindly send me a copy of the letter which you wrote me, addressed to Long Beach, Cal., regarding the Nevada Reduction Company at Dayton, Nevada. I have written both the Postmaster and Apartment at which we lived at Long Beach, both claim no letter has been received.

I took the matter up with you because the owners have been trying to turn the property to Bierce at the terms stated and I remember that you were interested in the property until Sayers became so indefinite.

Mr. J. E. Spurr.

I am wiring you tonight as per the enclosed confirmation. is in New York and I have no particular, reason for going to Los Angeles just now. Under the conditions, if it is simply a matter of being at Los Angeles as headquarters, I would like to do a little duck hunting near Sacramento for a few days or until you may have other instructions. keep you advised of my telegraphic address. The Hartmann Apts., Los Angeles, will still be my regular mail address.

Very truly yours,

On. B. Husten

THE TONOPAH MINING COMPANY OF NEVADA

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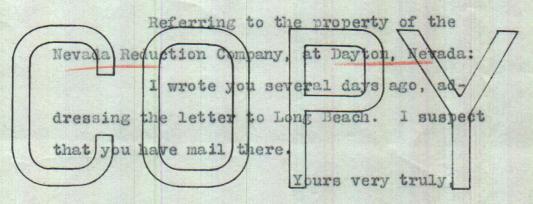
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TO THE COMPANY

TONOPAH, NEVADA.

October 28, 1914

Mr. M. B. Huston, c/o Hartmann Apartments, Oak & Washington Streets, Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:



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Vice President.

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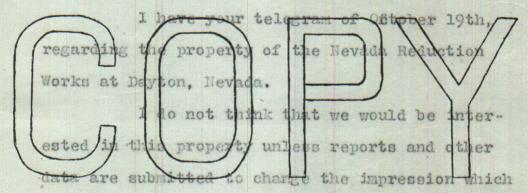
PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE COMPANY

TONOPAH, NEVADA,

October 22, 1914

Mr. M. B. Huston, 1078 East Ocean Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Dear Sir:



I have of it as a result of our past necessations. If such were done, I would be willing to reconsider the matter.

Yours very truly,

JES

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Vice President.



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TONOPAH MINING COMPANY TONOPAH NEVADA

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BEIRCE AND THORKILDSE ON FOLLOWING TERMS SIX MONTHS FOR EXAMINATION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ONE YEAR FROM END OF EXAMINATION

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M B HUSTON

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Philadelphia, December 10, 1913. Mr. B. Stanley Revett, Breckenridge, Colorado. Dear Sir: Enclosed please find correspondence concerning the Hotaling matter which you spoke about. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNLE J. E. SPURR Vice President JES-C



Searchlight, Nevada, Dec. 4th, 1913.

Matter M. Brown.

Mr. J. E. Spurr,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Spurr: --

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Mr.

Sayers regarding the Dayton property, in the light of which I can do no less than to concur with you in your decision to drop further consideration of it, at least, for the present. I regret that I have been the means of causing you to incur expense in a matter that has taken so unsatisfactory a turn.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours very truly,

The Hotaling Estate Co. Lan Francisco December 1, 1913. Mr. Walter M. Brown. Searchlight, Nevada. My dear Walter:-I am in receipt of your letter of November 27th, enclosing Mr. Spurr's letter to you, which I am returning herewith. I am really very sorry the way this matter has shaped itself, and I have no doubt but that Mr. Spurr is laboring under a mistaken idea. In the first place, about the time that you called Mr. Spurr's attention to our property, we were engaged in making a careful study of the situation and had some men employed for that purpose, with the intention of taking up our findings with a coterie of friends and connections, but there was, at that time, nothing definitely settled, and as I wrote you, we would have been very pleased, indeed, to show Mr. Spurr any courtesies possible, should he care to examine our holdings, and had they suited him, we, undoubtedly, could have entered into some satisfactory arrangement with regard to a deal. We found, however, as time passed, that our negotiations with other parties were taking a very satisfactory turn and, of course, it is and has been out of the question for us to break off our negotiations with these parties to simply hold the property open for Mr. Spurr's inspec-Of course, I regretted that Mr. Spurr was unable to look

into the matter some months ago, when we first commenced our detail work on the district. In these things, as you know, there are unavoidable delays, and when I saw Mr. Houston, I had hoped that I should be able to make an appointment with him some time in the early part of November, but, unfortunately, we have been delayed, and I wrote to Mr. Houston about two weeks ago, informing him of that fact, and, I think, perhaps it would be better to drop the matter altogether, as I do not think that the property will be on the market at all.

I note that Mr. Spurr states the property has been presented to him by some friend of Mr. Hotaling's. While there are a number of friends of Mr. Hotaling in Philadelphia, I rather think that Mr. Spurr's attention has been called to it by a gentleman named Rivett, who is a member of the Bohemian Club in San Francisco, and talked with Mr. Hotaling, and also with me, about this property, and represented himself as being an agent for certain groups of capitalists, and, incidentally, looking for property for Mr. Spurr. Mr. Rivett, however, has no authority from any one to present the property to Mr. Spurr or anybody else. He knows absolutely nothing about it and has never seen it, and, of course, you can fully appreciate the fact that a property as well known as ours, and belonging to a man who has such an extensive circle of acquaintances as Mr. Hotaling, will be known to a great many of these promoters, and it is impossible to prevent them from assuming positions as agents and representing properties which they do not own or have any right to attempt to promote, as well as only a superficial knowledge thereof.

W.M.B. #3: As soon as I get back to Nevada, I shall write again to Mr. Houston simply as a matter of courtesy, and while, I am quite confident that he is not planning or expecting to go to Nevada, at the same time it will be better to drop him a few lines and let him know the situation. Sincerely yours, W.B. Dagan WBS/G



Searchlight, Nevada, Nov. 27th, 1913.

Mr. J. E. Spurr,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. spurr: --

I have your letter of Nov. 21st, and note your decision not to proceed further with the examination of the Dayton property; for the reasons stated: but I trust you will not make this decision final until I have had an opportunity of hearing from Mr. Sayers, to whom I am forwarding your letter, and of communicating his reply to you.

I will state that Mr. Sayers wrote me at the time that Mr. Huston visited the property to the effect that he (Mr. Sayers) had received no notice of Mr. Huston's coming, but had found Mr. Huston at Dayton upon making a hasty trip from San Francisco to the property under conditions which demanded his immediate return either to San Francisco or on some other trip. At any rate, he said his plans, already arranged when he found Mr. Huston awaiting him, absolutely prevented his showing Mr. Huston around at that time, and that he didn't care to have anybody inspect the property then without being able to accompany him in person, for the reason that the geological examination of which you have been advised was then under way. Mr. Sayers also advised me that he had arranged to show the property to Mr. Huston about the first of November "or as soon as Mr. Spurr returned from Nicaragua:" also that he was remaining in communication with Mr. Huston for that purpose. Subsequently, he wrote me that the geological examination had not been begun as promptly as had been planned, and would not be completed by Nov. 1st, as anticipated, and that it looked then as though it would be about Dec. 1st before he would be in a position to show the property. He has, however, at all times assured me that you would have the first opportunity to examine the property.

I have not had any word from Mr. Sayers for some little time, myself, but supposed that he and Mr. Huston were keeping in touch with each other as previously arranged. At any rate, I know I shall have a prompt reply from Mr. Sayers, and I also feel positive that the property is ready for your inspection or will be in the near future.

Yours very truly,

Matter M. Brown.



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Phila, Mch. 19, 1915.

J. E. Monroe, c/o Hotaling Estate, Company, San Francisco, California.

Your telegram seventeenth. Uncertain when any of our officials will be on the west coast. Are you likely to come east soon? If not, should be glad to have you write me stating your idea of a proposition, along the lines suggested in my letter of warch eighth to Mr. R. C. Noore.

J.E. Spurr

Chge: Tonopah Mining Co., Exploration Dept. Philadelphia, November 21, 1913.

Mr. Walter M. Brown.

Searchlight, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Brown;

Regarding the property at Dayton, as I wrote you sometime ago I was unable to visit the property on my last visit to California as I was obliged to sail at a given time for Central America. I, however, commissioned Mr. Huston to go down and look over the property, as he has had somewhat more experience than Mr. Sirdevan, the first engineer who examined it for me. Mr. Huston visited the locality but reported that Mr. Sayres was too busy to show him the property and would not consent to his going over the property without him. He therefore went away without obtaining any information. Mr. Huston, however, reported that Mr. Sayres would set a time about the first of November when he could take him over the property. Contrary to Mr. Sirdevan's report, Mr. Huston stated that the report which Mr. Sayres was making on the property was for their own personal use and he would not give us a copy; but that he would take it east to the people he is trying to interest, about November 15th, in case we did not care to take the matter up. Since Mr. Huston's visit he has notified us that Mr. Sayres has

WMB---page 2. not communicated with him further to date. Under the circumstances I shall not follow the matter further. This same property was brought to my attention yesterday by a friend who had it brought to his attention by a Mr. Hotaling of San Francisco. who I understand is putting the money up. I informed him that you had already brought the matter to my attention, and I am writing you this to advise you of the fact that I am apparently unable to proceed further in the negotiations which you initiated. Under these circumstances I should of course be free to take the matter up elsewhere should occasion arise, but I have no present intention of doing so. I shall probably be going west as far as San Francisco within a few weeks. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNED J. E. SPURR Vice President JES-C

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J E SPURR

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YOURS TENTH RECEIVED AM RETURNING LOS ANGELES AS DIRECTED MR SAWERS AT DAYTON NEVADA WIRES THAT HE CAN NOT SHOW ME THEIR PROPERTY UNTIL THE LAST OF THE MONTH AM GLAD TO HEAT OF YOUR RETURN.

M B HUSTON

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TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA M.B. HUSTON MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS MINING ENGINEER REC'D SEP 23 1913 SEEN on Francisco, Calif. Sept. 19. ANS'D Mr.R.S. Conrad, 571 Bullit Bldg., Philadevphia, Penn. Dear Sir- Regarding the enclosed better will you kindly send on to me at my Los inceles ad ress thatever information in Sturdayent obtained on the Nevada Mining, Millian & Power Go. property. I feel sure that Mr. Spure would approve of my having this information. Very truly yours, M. B. Huston Ach. S. 19th stewards report.

TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS M. B. HUSTON REC'D SEP 23 1913 MINING ENGINEER SEEN ANS'D .Nevede, Sept. 18, 1913. Mr. J. E. Spurr. 571 Bullitt Bldg., Philadelphia, Penn. Dear Sir- As per your instructions I have visited Mr. In.E. Sayers here regarding the Nevada, Mining, Milling & Power Co. of which he is Supt. You will recall blat Mr. Sturdevent had already visited this proper-ST. I find rather a peculiar condition and am unable to make any personal examination at his time. Mr. Savres has just returned from San Francisco and is going to Carson tonight from which place he is returning to San Francisco again and will be busy out of town until about the first of November. He does not consent to my going over the property without his being present so there seems nothing for me to do but withdraw. He states that he will set a time about the first of November then he can take me over the district thoroughly and I am leaving the matter in that way. Regarding the report which he is having made he states that it is for their own personal use and he would not give us a copy. It seems that the this report will be out and he will take it east to the people he is trying to interest along about November 15th, in case we do not care to take the matter up. He promised plainly to give us a chance to say whether or not we cared ###### to make a thorough investigation before he took it East. I think it would be wise for me to return here about the first of November then if it interests me as much as it did Mr. Sturdavent I feel sure that I pr can hold him down until you return. He would not consider giving thy option until you had been over the ground and stated that you dered for one, tuen he would sign up for almost any time during which we cered to examine of make mill runs. Very truly yours, m. B. Huston.

Philadelphia, September 15, 1913. Mr. Walter M. Brown, Las Vegas, Nevada. Dear Sir: I have yours of September 6th regarding the Silver City proposition. I have talked to Sirdevan regarding the matter. As a result I have asked Mr. Huston to visit the property, and if he thinks well of it and finds that it is necessary, to take steps in connection with the Philadelphia office to have the property tied up under a satisfactory agreement so that an examination may be made and the time allowed sufficient so that I shall be able to pass final judgment upon it after my return from Central America in say two months. I regret very much that I was unable to visit the property personally on my trip and would have done so had there been any opportunity. Shall be glad to have you assist in making the necessary arrangements, and you may address your letters direct to the Tonopah Mining Company and the matter will be handled direct by the President. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNED I E. SPURR Vice President JES-C

Silver aly ENGINEERING CO. Las Vegas, Nevada, Sept. 6th, 1913. TONOPAH MINING CO. OF MEVADA Mr. J. E. Spurr, MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS Philadelphia. Pa. BEC'D SFP -9 1913 Dear Sir: --I am in receipt of your letter of Aug. 28th, and will state that if the "General summary" of the Silver City proposition which your engineer reports Mr. Sayers to be making refers to something other than the geological examination that is to commence shortly or is already under way, it is, no doubt, well to await its completion. But if it refers to the geological examination itself, Mr. Sayers has informed me, as I stated in my last letter, that the geological report will first be submitted to operators who have been following the work of the particular geologist engaged for this work. A more recent letter also informs me that following the completion of the geological report, there will be a "stiffening up" of the terms that could be made at present. I have been hoping that the western trip you were expecting to make a couple of weeks ago wwould bring you through here soon, for I think I have enough data in my possession, (which, however, I am not at liberty to forward) to convince you that a personal inspection of these properties would be advisable, prior to the completion of the detailed geological examination. In the meantime, I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Sayers. Yours very truly atter M Brown

Philadelphia, August 28, 1913. Mr. Walter M. Brown, Searchlight, Nevada. Dear Sir: Referring to the Silver City matter, our engineer's report is that further investigation should be postponed until Mr. Sayers should complete a general summary of the proposition which he is now making, and which should be finished by October 1st. You may advise Mr. Sayers, therefore, that we await his report before further action. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNED J. E. SPURR Vice President JES-C



TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA

MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS

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Las Vegas, Nevada, Aug. 25th, 1913.

Mr. J. E. Spurr, Philadelphia, Pa.

Referred to

Mr. Spurr for reply

Dear Sir: --

Having heard nothing from you for some time, concerning either the Eldorado Canyon properties or the Dayton property, I write to ask whether you still expect to get out this way in the near future.

Regarding the Dayton property, I understand that sometime this coming month the gelogical examination to which I referred when I first mentioned this property is to commence. I have not learned the name of the geologist in question, but am given to understand that he is employed by one of the European governments—that of Belgium, I believe, and that it is costing Mr. Sayers' company a good many thousands of dollars to have the examination made. An assistant has been working on the ground all summer, mapping the area to be covered, which, if I remember Mr. Sayers' statements correctly, is four miles long and two miles wide.

Mr. Sayers has informed me that when this geological examination is completed, the property is to be submitted to a group of mining men who have been following the work of this particular geologist for some time past, unless I have made some tangible progress toward interesting someone in the meantime—in which case nothing will be done towards a new deal until the negotiations initiated through me have been closed, one way or the other.

I have, therefore, been looking forward to the western trip you expected to make about the middle of this month, as this seems to be the most propitious time for investigating this particular proposition and of doing something with it.

Yours very truly,

Malter M. Brown.

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TO THE COMPANY, TONOPAH, NEVADA TONOPAH, NEVADA, August 21,1913. TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA Mr.J.E.Spurr, Vice-Pres., MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS Tonopah Mining Company,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

REC'D AUG 26 1913 SEEN ANS'D

I am mailing you today under separate cover my report on the Nevada Mining, Reduction, and Fower Company property located at Dayton and at Silver City, Lyon County, Nevada.

The property comprises about twenty mining claims - which include three mines with considerable development work, a new tramway four miles in length, a modern 40-stamp mill, and considerable real estate in and around Dayton. Five days were spent on this examination. To verify the estimated tonnage of ore and its average grade would require a large amount of sampling and would take considerable time. Consequently this report is very preliminary and gives but a general summary of the proposition as presented to me by Mr.W.B.Sayers - the manager of the company. A complete report on the property is being prepared by Mr. Sayers at the present time. This report will include complete topographic and geologic maps which are being made by an engineer from the staff of W.H.Emmons. I have advised postponing further investigation of the property until Mr. Sayer's report is at hand. This report should be finished by October first. It might be well to advise Mr. Sayers that his report is desirable before further action is taken by this company.

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MR MOORE TOLD TO WIRE YOU AND ASK WHEN YOU WANTED TO MEET OWNER OF
THE NEVADA MINING AND MILL CO AT DAYTON I AM IN SANFRANCISCO NOW
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For further information than that given in the report in regard to terms - communication had better be made with Mr.W.B.Sayers, Dayton, Nevada. R.M.Hotaling of San Francisco is the sole owner of the property described in the report, and your communication will doubtless be referred to him. I have not Mr.Hotaling's complete address at hand.

Very truly yours,

W.X. Sirdevan!



TONOPAH MINING CO. OF NEVADA MINING AND EXPLORATION DEPARTMENTS MINING AND CONSULTING REC'D AUG 12 1913

Las Vegas, Nevada, Aug. 8th, 1913.

Mr. J. E. Spurr, Philadelphia, Pa.

Referred to

Mr. Spurr for reply

Dear Mr. Spurr: --

I am forwarding a letter from Mr. Sayers, which I hope will have your careful consideration and not result in prejudicing his case. Mr. Sayers is a gentleman who would not voice a complaint of this nature unless he thoroughly believed it was justified.

I have never met Mr. Sirdevan myself: but if, as Mr. Sayers says, he has been accustomed to high grade ore, he is very apt to find himself out of his element in estimating the Dayton possibilities, as Mr. Sayers seems to think is the case.

I should sincerely regret it if Mr. Sirdevan's report should prove to be of a nature that would lead you to forego a visit to the district in person: for I am positive you would find something there to interest you.

When Mr. Sayers says "there is no ore in this camp worth bothering with," he is thinking in terms of developed tonnage, and not expressing himself very clearly. There is ore in the district, and a lot of it, at that. But from what I have seen of the section, myself, there is not a great deal that can be considered as blocked out. The report to which I have referred, in my former letters, made by the Virginia City operator, shows not only that there is a lot of ore still opened up in the district, but that there has been a large production from the district already, largely from the work of leasers. The Haywood and Santiago properties, of this proposition, are alone credited with a production of \$623,000 from two surface stopes. This engineer also says of the Haywood and Santiago "I should say that a profit of \$100,000 to \$200,000 per level was a reasonable amount to hope for, without taking into consideration a recurrence of the much richer ore formerly found near the surface." He also estimates the probable profit of the Ida or the Ida and Milwaukee (adjoining claims) as about \$150,000 per level. These estimates are based simply upon one vein in each property, while the entire proposition up there embraces many other opportunities for ore.

I mention these things in the hope that I shall either see you in person when you come west, or that you will arrange your schedule in such manner as to enable you to see this Silver City section in person while you are out here.

Yours very truly,

Natter M. Brown.

Dayton Nevada August 5th 1913 Mr Walter M, Brown, Las Vegas, My Dear Walter; -I have spent the past three days in showing Mr Sirdevan over a portion of this property, Saturday I took him up to the top of the Hartford Hill which is a good point to see the vein system of the district from, From there we went over the Ida, and in general over the silver City Camp, and Sunday and yesterday we spent in the Haywood mine, Today Mr Sirdevan, went to the Mine by himself as I was obliged to attent to some matters in Dayton, Personally Mr Sirdevan is a very charming young man, but I am very sorry that it is necessary for the Chief Engineer of the Tonopah Mining Co to have to see this district through the eyes of this young man Of course I am familiar with the way most of the Companies like the Tonopah Mining, run their field system, and in the majority of cases it will do, Young men like Mr Sirdevan are simply good samplers, and on a small bunch of claims they can tell if there is any ore in sight, but really they are only just out of school, and getting their first field experience, He told me yesterday that his reports went to Mr Spurr who would decide as to wheather he wished to take up such a proposition or not, Well it is hardly fair to us, or to Mr Spurr, Sirdevan will do the best he he can and will turn in a report which he believes in and be as conscien--tious about it as can be, but at the same time he will mess the whole thing so far that it is a joke. Sirdevan has been used to high grade ore, He told me he did not know how to think in low grade figures and values, and when it comes to grasping the possibilities of this District, He is entirely at sea, and I do not blame him for it could not be otherwise, His training has been to go and take a lot of samples following certain rules, and to draw certain deductions, and anything that is foreign to that method is at the present time a blank wall to him, But in years to come he will be a good man at the game, when he has had time to unlearn a lot of dope he believes in now, Tis too bad Mr Spurr could not have seen this district first, just gone over it and in a general way sized it up, then he could have used a man like Sirdevan to did up some data, But it takes a man who knows, and who is willing to take a chance, There is no ore in this camp worth bothering with, and I have never put this up as anything but a development proposition, so we do not need a Sampler, We cheed a man like Spurr of good judgment who is a Geologist, and is willing to spend a few dollars to prove certain conclusions he may form, In the mean time I shall take mr Sirdevan all over the Camp, it will be a pleasant trip for him and help tow broaden his horizon, but I do not look for anything to come from his report, as it will follow certain fixed lines, and I dont see how Mr Spurr can be interested to investigate personally, There is a chance if Spurr would take hold of this Camp to make a very big proposition out of it, The possibilities are here and it is too

bad a strong financial concern like the Tonopah Mining Co cannot be induced to take a hand at the game, I do not know how long Mr Sirdevan will remain, but will let you know when he leaves, and then you will probably get some information from the source you were corresponding with when you presented it to them, Your long letter of the 30th July received and I think that the Chicago outfit acted very badly, I shall wait and see what comes of you next letter to them and if you will keep me in touch with it I would like to take up the thing but done want to get into something that goes to pieces, or changes after a year or so, Wish you were up here with me now, so that you could take up a general discription of tais District and get it to Mr Spurr, but we will have to let it go as it is, and that does not look good to me just now, Sincerely yours, W.B. Dayers

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THE MINING AND CONSULTING ENGINEERING CO.

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Mr. J. E. Spurr, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. spurr: --

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I have your letter of July 29th, and will state that there is no reason why you should not continue to hold that McGreer option. I asked its return only that a forlorn hope might be tried out, prior to its expiration.

I shall hope to meet you when you come west again, not only in connection with any possibilities in the Canyon, but also that we may run over the data I have secured on the Dayton proper-Mr. Sayers has sent me what he terms his "physical report", but I find that this is limited to a statement of the properties owned by the company, results of mill runs, tests upon the ores, etc. It does not treat of underground conditions at all, although I still have the report of the Virginia City operator which does cover those conditions, though in a very broad, general way. Sayers, in a recent letter, states that he has had no visitors from Tonopah as yet, and he urges me to come to Dayton and assist him in assembling for presentation the data which the company has on the underground conditions in its verious properties. I should be glad to do this if it seemed at all necessary. The data I already have shows the proposition to be well worth investigation, and if an investigation is made, all the company's records will, of course, be readily accessible.

Yours very traly,

Walter M. Brown.



Las Vegas, Nevada, July 21st, 1913.

Mr. J. E. Spurr,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Spurr: --

I have your two letters of the 17th inst., the one advising me of the decision not to exercise the Eldorado Canyon options, and the other advising me that your engineer at Tonopah has been directed to investigate the Dayton, Nevada, proposition as soon as possible. The former is, of course, a disappointment: but these disappointments seem to be all in the days work. I trust the Dayton property will look better, and really believe it will, inasmuch as cash payments on the property-do not enter into the proposed deal for a long time to come.

I want to ask you to re-assign the McGreer option on the Crown, to me, and to send it to me by return mail, if possible. I don't know that it will be of any value to me or to anybody else, but would like to be able to offer it to one of the other parties that have been figuring on the property, as it will save them considerable loss of time to act under that option, if they care to do so, instead of going over the same ground I have already gone over.

Yours very truly,

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Las Vegas, Nevada, July 16th, 1913.

Mr. J. E. Spurr, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Spurr: --

I wish to ask whether you expect to be out here soon, in person. I have today received some information from Mr. Sayers, relative to the Dayton property, which is in the form of a report (of a general nature) made by a very prominent mining operator of Virginia City, Nevada, but which I am requested not to allow out of my possession. Mr. Sayers states that it was made for the benefit of a certain man who took a California oil flotation to England a couple of years ago, and who proposed, after disposing of his oil affair, to see what he could do with the mining proposition. The oil flotation did not go well, however, and the mining proposition was not broacked at all. Later on, Mr. Sayers secured a copy of the report direct from the engineer who made it, but with the understanding that "it was not intended for a report to go out, because he had run it off in a hurry, for the purpose of giving ---- information and telling him that he approved of the proposition and believed it was a good game and worth going into."

Mr. Sayers then goes on to say "However, in many ways it answers the questions you ask me in your letter today, and I am going to forward it to you with this understanding, that you do not allow it to get out of your possession, as I do not want it to get back to Mr. ---- (the engineer) that I have been sending his report around the country to other engineers to look over. You will understand the situation and will act accordingly."

If you are going to be out here in person in the near future, I would like to arrange to meet you, here or elsewhere, and have you go over the report while it remains in my "possession," as it goes to confirm the impression I obtained of the various properties and of the district as a whole, and discloses a situation that is certainly worthy of investigation. If you are not likely to be here soon, I want to quote parts of the report to you, by letter.

In addition to this report which is already in my hands, Mr. Sayers says he has located a copy of the "physical report" which he originally intended sending me, but as it is in bad shape, is having a copy of it made, which he will forward in a few days. There are no strings on this report, and I can forward it to you whenever it comes to hand, if you are likely to remain in the east for some time yet. Regarding this "physical report," Mr. Sayers says: "This report deals simply with the facts as we have them to show, and is correct all through, with no opinions or guess work, as it is simply a statement of the property." In other words, as I understand it, it is written from the standpoint of a practical man, wholly, and contains little or nothing of geology or geological theories.

J.E.S. No. 2. Regarding the Eldorado properties, I shall appreciate it if you will advise me of the decision that is reached as to their purchase as soon as you are ready to advise anybody of the decision. Yours very truly,

Matter M. Brown.

July 17th, 1913. COPY Mr. W.H. Sirdevan, Tonopah, Nevada. Dear Sir: Please find enclosed correspondence and report covering the Dayton-Silver City property, near Dayton, Nevada, which I wish you would investigate as opportunity offers. Yours very truly. ORIGINAL SIGNED Vice-President.

July 17th, 1913. COPY. Mr. Walter M. Brown, Las Vegas, Nevada. Dear Mr. Brown: Referring to yours of July 8th, with accompanying report of Mr. Sayers, I am forwarding the same to our engineer at Tonopah, asking him to investigate as soon as possible. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNED J. E. SPURR Vice-President.

Mr. R. C. Moore---page 2. the property on a paying basis, rather than an outright purchase. In such transactions our company usually expects also a preference given to the capital which they so invest, in other words, they expect their investment to be repaid out of the first profits. I should like to inquire whether the company has already secured control of the Hartford mine, as I believe this is one of the principal sources which they originally counted upon in their plans. Under the circumstances would it not be advisable for Mr. Monroe or Mr. Hotaling to communicate directly with our company, in order that we might know what the present situation is and what kind of a deal they would be disposed to offer us. Yours very truly, ORIGINAL SIGNED J E SPURA Vice President JES-C CC MBH

Philadelphia, March 8, 1915. Mr. R. C. Moore, Alhambra, California, Dear Sir: I have yours of February 27th, with enclosed letter from Mr. J. H. Monroe. As to the former times that this property has been offered to us, I wish to say that it was first brought to our attention by Walter M. Brown, of Las Vegas, Nevada, July 1913, and that a preliminary investigation was made by our engineer, Mr. Sirdevan, but nothing came of it. In October 1914 this property was brought to the attention of our engineer, Mr. M. B. Muston, by Mr. H. E. Bierce, who subsequently wrote me in December stating that he had the consent of Wr. Hotaling and Wr. Monroe to give an option on the entire stock of the company for \$500,000. I advised him that I considered the price too high, but would be glad to look over the full report and maps if he could send them, to which letter written over two months ago I have had no reply. I advise you of these particulars in order that you may fully understand the situation. You will note that our dealings through various intermediaries have not resulted in any definite action. I believe that if our company could be induced to consider the property, they would prefer to take over a substantial control in return for cash and other considerations advanced to put

Los Angeles, Calif. Feb. 27.1915. Mr. J. E. Spurr, % Tonopah Mining Co., Tonopah. Nevada. Dear Sir-I have just answered your telegram of Feb. 20th. regarding the Hayward Group at Dayton, ###Nevada as per the enclosed confirmation. You will remember that the Nevada Reduction Company was reported upon by Sirdevan and that later on I made a trip to Dayton. I saw Mr. Sayers, the Supt., but he did not allow me to go over the property. I have just seen Mr. Bierce and he tells me that the Haywood Group is a part of the Nevada Reduction Company's property so I think there is no doubt that the same property is meant. The price of \$500,000.00 is the same as put up to us by Bierce. I have delayed answering until now because I was unable to find Bierce. Very truly yours, M. B. Huston

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 27, 1915.

Mr. R. C. Moore,

Alhambra, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your question as to what immediate adjacent property to the Haywood mine was included in our holdings, will say that we own eight contiguous claims in this group, consisting of the Haywood, Santiago, Munroe #1, Monroe #2. I do not recall the names of the other four without the map. Our holdings altogether consist of 23 patented claims together with a large acreage along the Carson River, etc.

We have Mr. Ball's report, which is very exhaustive at the mine together with other maps covering underground work of the important mines of this vicinity.

Accommodations at the mine are very complete and the properties very easy of access. If Mr. Spurr will advise you when he wishes to visit this property I can go on very short notice and will be more than glad to do so as I am very familiar with all the recent development work which has been done, and it is quite possible that I may have my associate Mr. Hotalling present at the same time so as to be able to discuss the price terms etc.

I wish to repeat my former statement that our property has never been offered for sale before and if so it was not with any authority or knowledge of ours, and you are the first party who has been given this authority, although numerous brokers have requested the privilege of handling it.

Yours truly, JE an on-200

Alhambra, Calif. Feby. 27th. 1915. Mr J. E. Spurr, Vice President Tonopah M. Co., Tonopah, Nevada. Dear Sir; Yours of the 22nd. at hand and I have called upon Mr J. E. Monroe, who is one of the three owners of this property, and secured the enclosed letter for your information. The eight claims which he mentions surround the Haywood claim covering the valueable territory very completely. As you will notice Mr Monroe is anxious to accompany you to the property and can arrange to leave on very short notice, so I would suggest that if you decide to visit it in person or have your representative do so, you wire me and I will get word to him and have him go up there, as he is very familiar with all of the workings and has full knowledge as to the holdings and the business in general, as most of the work was done under his personal supervision. The accomodations at the property are very good and I believe you will find the maps and reports mentioned in very complete shape. Trusting this gives you the information which you desire and that I will hear from you as to your intentions, I beg to remain Yours truly R.C. Moore 1424 West Pine St. Alhambra, Calif.