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## THE TONOPAH MINING COMPANY OF NEVADA

BULLITT BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

Ely, Nevada. May 1st 1912.

Mr. J. E. Spurr,

571 Bullitt Bldg, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

REC'D MAY 6 1912		
	J. E. S.	
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Have received your wire of this date, and am returning to Los Angeles as instructed. I note the telegram is from San Francisco, but as no address is given I will wire my Los Angeles address to Philadelphia, expecting them to forward it.

I was unable to get very good terms on the Tungsten work, but did the best I could. I talked with every miner I could find in town, several of whom had worked at Tungsten, but could get no one to bid for a straight contract on the work at less than \$12 per foot. They all claim that the ground drills hard and breaks poorly and that two men can average but 6 inches per shift. If we find this to be true it will probably be best to start the compressor. It seemed to me, however, that \$12 was too high a figure so I finally arranged with Ed Anderson (the man of whom I spoke several times) to take the work at \$9 per foot, and guaranteed his men's wages at \$4 per day and his own at \$5.00. If the ground is as hard as they claim he will not be able to keep up to the contract price, but I feel that the price will still fall below \$12. It practically amounts to putting Anderson out there as a working foreman. I know that he is a hard worker and a good miner, and will get everything possible out of his men. As soon as we learn more about the ground we will be in better shape to let straight contracts. I have instructed Blair to keep Mr. Austin informed if he sees any indication of men laying off or loafing. Have also given him all other instructions as



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directed. I would advise that a deposit be put to Mr. Lockhart's credit as soon as possible, so that they will be independant in letting out men when necessary.

In regard to mill samples No. 2 and No. 3 at the Argus- No. 2 has an average value of  $12\frac{2}{3}$  ounces per ton.

No. 3 has an average value of  $10\frac{4}{5}$  ounces per ton.

You will understand that these figures were derived from averaging the sample values of which they were made up.

I have a little more information in regard to the Argus. A man who was Wells-Fargo Co's agent at Taylor, during the time the ~~work~~ work was done states that the bullion receipts totaled \$800,000. Supposing an 80 % extraction gives \$1,000,000 as the gross production of the Argus. Using our figures of tonnage milled and on the dump gives an average value for the original ore of 27 ounces per ton, or \$15.12 figuring silver at 56 cts per ounce.

Another word in regard to young McGill. When I saw him first he was wearing a cap with long fore-piece which gave me the impression of low forehead, etc as stated to you. I have met him since and talked some time with him, and find that my first impression was wrong. He has a very well shapped head and seems altogether a bright strong young fellow of considerable ability.

Sincerely yours.

*M. B. Huston.*

*P.S. Am inclosing copy which I thought you might wish for Mr. Huston.*