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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

OFFICIAL DOCKET FILE

DMEA NO. 4596

Application (Denied
(Withdrawn
(After disposition, delete items not applicable)

Contract (Terminated - not Certified
(Cancelled
(Terminated - Certified
(Royalty Agreement

This is the official contract file containing all official records of the project. The records contained in the files are checked and are arranged in this order:

Left Side

Interim Royalty Audits
Reports of Royalty Review
Certification of Discovery
Certificate of Audit (Final)
Interim Audit(s)
Report of Review
Termination Notice or Agreement
Recision Notice
Assignment of Contract
Contract Amendments (latest on top)
Contract with all exhibits and annexes
✓ Owner's Consent to Lien
Subordination Agreement
Leases and assignments of leases
✓ Application and attachments
(3) Envelope for maps

Right Side

Project summary
Work completed analysis
All other material is filed in chronological order with correspondence including the following reports as checked:

Final Field Team Report (Tab)
Operator's Final Report
(2R) Interim Reports
(2R) Operator's monthly reports and all attachments (latest on top)
✓ On-site Exam Report(s) (Tab)
(4) Settlement Sheets

When the volume of records is expected to warrant additional folders, or when convenience of reference warrants separate folders for certain records, they should be set up in this order:

Left Side

Folder No. 2: (In chron. order) Interim Summary Reports by W. O. Engineers

Right Side

Operator's Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project, Field Team Interim Reports, Operator's Monthly Report with transmittal, narrative, maps, and Field Team review.

Folder No. 3: Maps (Use pocket folder or envelope. Fold maps with title block out and show reference to related document or correspondence.)

Folder No. 4: Settlement Sheets

Folder No. 5: Drill Logs

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EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
Operator
Docket No. DMEA-
Contract No. Idm-
Contract Date

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CONSENT TO LIEN
and
SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT 1/

To the United States of America:

Referring to that certain land in the County of Tallapoosa State of Alabama, described as follows: 2/

Northwest Half of South Half of Southeast Quarter West of Road
Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 22, Range 23,
Same being back 40 acres of land owned by Harry Spraggins, Carl Spraggins,
and Lessie Spraggins, these three being joint owners, all unmarried and over 21,

which is the subject of a proposed exploration project contract, hereinafter called the "contract," with the United States of America, hereinafter called the "Government;" in consideration of the contract and as an inducement to the Government to enter into it, the undersigned hereby--

1. Undertakes and agrees that property in which the Government may acquire an interest or equity under the contract may be dismantled, severed from the land, and removed, as may be provided in the contract; and the Government's interest and equity in such property shall be prior and superior to any adverse right or claim of the undersigned;

2. Grants to the Government a lien upon all of the undersigned's right, title, and interest in the land and upon any production of minerals therefrom, to secure the payment to the Government of a percentage royalty on production as may be provided for by the Contract;

3. Subordinates the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land and in any production therefrom to the rights of the Government under the contract with respect to royalty on production and liens to secure same;

4. Represents and undertakes that there is no claim, lien, or encumbrance upon the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land other than the following: (If "none" insert the word "none." Do not leave lines blank.)

NONE NONE

1/ Mining or production from the land is not required, and in the absence of production there is no obligation to pay royalty to the Government.

2/ Either (a) insert the legal description of the land, or (b) strike out the words "as follows" and insert "in a lease [or contract, deed, or other document] dated _____, and recorded in Book _____, Page _____, official records of said county." If (b) is used, the book and page of recordation cannot be dispensed with. If the space provided is insufficient, use an Annex, and refer to the Annex in the space.

5. Undertakes and agrees (a) neither to commit any act nor assert any claim in conflict with the provisions of this Agreement; and (b) to give advance notice of the Government's rights under this Agreement to any subsequent transferee, mortgagee, encumbrancer, or lessee of any of the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land, or any production therefrom furnishing the Government with two copies of such notice; and

6. Consents to all amendments (including an agreement of termination) and assignments of the contract without notice thereof, and undertakes and agrees that this Agreement shall extend and apply thereto.

7. Added provision: none (State "None" or "See Annex No.____")

Dated this 3 day of January, 195 7.

Harry Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Carl Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Lessie Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

I, _____ certify that I am the _____ (Secretary, etc.) of the corporation named herein; that _____ who signed this agreement was then _____ (President or Vice-President, etc.) of said corporation; that said agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and was within the scope of its corporate powers.

_____ [Corporate Seal]

I hereby certify that the notes appearing after the [illegible] are [illegible], and that such [illegible] of [illegible] will not exceed.

Given to and subscribed before me this [illegible] day of January 1957.

[illegible]

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Same being back 40 acres of land owned by Harry Spraggins, Carl Spraggins,
and Lessie Spraggins, these three being joint owners, all unmarried and over 21,

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6. Consents to all amendments (including an agreement of termination) and assignments of the contract without notice thereof, and undertakes and agrees that this Agreement shall extend and apply thereto.

7. Added provision: none (State "None" or "See Annex No.____")

Dated this 3 day of January, 1957.

Harvey Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Carl Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Jessie Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

I, _____ certify that I am the _____ (Secretary, etc.) of the corporation named herein; that _____ who signed this agreement was then _____ (President or Vice-President, etc.) of said corporation; that said agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and was within the scope of its corporate powers.

_____

[Corporate Seal]

I hereby certify that the above signatures are genuine signatures, and that each was placed of their own free will and accord.

Given to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January 1957.

Alonzo Jackson

U.S. Commissioner

INT.-DUP. SEC., WASH., D.C.

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To the United States of America:

Referring to that certain land in the County of Bellsprooa, State of Alabama, described as follows: 2/

Northwest Half of South Half of Southwest quarter West of Road Northwest quarter of Southwest quarter of Section 14, Township 22, Range 85, Save being back 40 acres of land owned by Henry Spraggins, Carl Spraggins, and Lucie Spraggins, those three being joint owners, all unmarried and over 21 years,

which is the subject of a proposed exploration project contract, hereinafter called the "contract," with the United States of America, hereinafter called the "Government;" in consideration of the contract and as an inducement to the Government to enter into it, the undersigned hereby--

1. Undertakes and agrees that property in which the Government may acquire an interest or equity under the contract may be dismantled, severed from the land, and removed, as may be provided in the contract; and the Government's interest and equity in such property shall be prior and superior to any adverse right or claim of the undersigned;

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4. Represents and undertakes that there is no claim, lien, or encumbrance upon the undersigned's right, title, claim, or interest in or against the land other than the following: (If "none" insert the word "none." Do not leave lines blank.)

None None

1/ Mining or production from the land is not required, and in the absence of production there is no obligation to pay royalty to the Government.

2/ Either (a) insert the legal description of the land, or (b) strike out the words "as follows" and insert "in a lease [or contract, deed, or other document] dated _____, and recorded in Book _____, Page _____, official records of said county." If (b) is used, the book and page of recordation cannot be dispensed with. If the space provided is insufficient, use an Annex, and refer to the Annex in the space.

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6. Consents to all amendments (including an agreement of termination) and assignments of the contract without notice thereof, and undertakes and agrees that this Agreement shall extend and apply thereto.

7. Added provision: none (State "None" or "See Annex No. ____")

Dated this 3 day of January 1957 195

Harry Spragins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Carl Spragins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Leonie Spragins [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

I, _____ certify that I am the _____ (Secretary, etc.) of the corporation named herein; that _____ who signed this agreement was then _____ (President or Vice-President, etc.) of said corporation; that said agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and was within the scope of its corporate powers.

_____

[Corporate Seal]

I hereby certify that the above signing parties are genuine signatures, and that they did sign of their own free will and accord.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th. day of January 1957.

Alonzo Anderson

Ex. Ex. Justice of Peace

INT.-DUP. SEC., WASH., D.C.

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To the United States of America:

Referring to that certain land in the County of _____ State of _____, described as follows: 2/

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1. Undertakes and agrees that property in which the Government may acquire an interest or equity under the contract may be dismantled, severed from the land, and removed, as may be provided in the contract; and the Government's interest and equity in such property shall be prior and superior to any adverse right or claim of the undersigned;

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7. Added provision: none (State "None" or "See Annex No.____")

Dated this 3 day of Jan. 1957

Harry Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Cecil Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

Leonie Spraggins [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

_____ [Seal] _____ [Address]

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I hereby certify that the names appearing above are genuine signatures, and that each was signed of their own free will and accord.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th. day of January 1957.

Alonzo Anderson

N.J. Lloyd, Justice of Peace

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7. Added provision: _____ (State "None" or "See Annex No.___")

Dated this 3 day of January 1957 195

Harry Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 5 Dadeville Alabama	[Address]
Carl Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 5 Dadeville, Alabama	[Address]
Leslie Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 5 Dadeville, Alabama	[Address]
	[Seal]		[Address]
	[Seal]		[Address]
	[Seal]		[Address]

I, _____ certify that I am the _____ (Secretary, etc.) of the corporation named herein; that _____ who signed this agreement was then _____ (President or Vice-President, etc.) of said corporation; that said agreement was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and was within the scope of its corporate powers.

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[Corporate Seal]

I hereby certify that the names appearing above are genuine Signatures, and that each was signed of their own free will and accord.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th. day of January 1957.

Alonzo Henderson
N.P. Ex-Off. Justice of Peace

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7. Added provision: none (State "None" or "See Annex No.____")

Dated this Third day of January 1957

Harry Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 2 Dadeville, Alabama	[Address]
Carl Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 2 Dadeville Alabama	[Address]
Lessie Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 2 Dadeville, Alabama	[Address]
	[Seal]	R.F.D. 2 Dadeville, Alabama	[Address]
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	[Seal]		[Address]
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N.P. Ex-Off. Justice of Peace

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7. Added provision: _____ (State "None" or "See Annex No.____")

Dated this Third Jan 3 day of January, 195 7.

Harry Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 2 Dadeville, Alabama	[Address]
Carl Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 2 Dadeville Alabama	[Address]
Lessie Spraggins	[Seal]	R.F.D. 2 Dadeville, Alabama	[Address]
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Alonzo Anderson

N.P. Ex-Off. Justice of Peace

R.F.D. 2
Lafayette, Alabama
January 3 1957

Docket 4576

RE; DMEA 4576

Mr. Lawrence S. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration:

Dear Mr. Houk:

Papers requested by you in your letter of Dec. 28 1956 are enclosed herewith, and signatures were added to application, along with date, as also requested, and same is also returned herewith.

Thanking you for your attention, Sir, and wishing you and your department a Happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Respectfully yours

Forrest Britain Merritt

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Dear M[illegible] Houk:
PAPERS REQUESTED BY YOU ARE ENCLOSED H[illegible]WITH

Forrest Merritt

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Mr. Forrest Britain Merritt
R. F. D. #2
Lafayette, Alabama

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4576 (Mica)
Forrest Britain Merritt
Merritt Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Reference is made to your undated and unsigned application for exploration assistance, and an improperly executed Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement.

We are returning these documents, together with seven copies of a new Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement form. Please sign and date the application and have the Consent to Lien properly executed by the owner of the property, and return to this office. In addition, we will require a copy of your properly executed lease.

Upon receipt of these documents, we will continue to process your application.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Houk

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region V - Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Application - Forest Britain Merritt- R#2, Lafayette, Ala. (mica)

Enclosed are three copies of the subject application and six copies of Consent to Lien, as received in this office today.

A copy of the lease was not included with the application, and the Consent to Lien is signed by the applicant.

V. J. Lynch.

V. J. Lynch, Acting
Executive Officer, DMEA
Region V

Helmuth Wedow

Helmuth Wedow, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

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APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER 1, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

Not to be filled in by applicant

Docket No. 4576
Metal or Mineral Mica
Date Received 12-20-56
Estimated Cost $7,093
Participation (Government %)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. *Name of applicant.*—(*a*) State here your full legal name, in the form in which you will wish to contract, and your mailing address: Forrest Britain Merritt
R.F.D. 2
Lafayette
Alabama

(*b*) If other than an individual, add to your name above whether a corporation, partnership, etc., and the name of the State in which incorporated or otherwise organized.

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers.

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners.

2. *General.*—Read DMEA Order 1, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects," before completing this application. Submit this application and all accompanying papers in quadruplicate (four copies), with your name and address on each sheet of the application and on all accompanying papers. Where sufficient space is not provided on the form for all required information, state it on an accompanying paper, with a reference in each case to the instruction to which it refers by number. Comply with all applicable instructions; or, if not applicable, so state. File the application with Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest field executive officer thereof.

3. *Applicant's property rights.*—(*a*) State the legal description of the land upon which you wish to explore, including all land which you possess or control that may be benefited by the exploration, and excluding any land or interest in land which is not to be included in the exploration project contract Rights to lien 40 acres, that is, consent to lien, copies of signed contract for which accompany this legally described as northwest half of South Half of Southeast quarter West of Road Northwest Quarter of SE Quarter of Section 14, Township 22, Range 23

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. in Tallapoosa County, Alabama

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise Rights to lien and lease on royalty basis

(*d*) If you are not the owner, submit with this application a copy of the lease, contract, or other document under which you control the property.

(*e*) If you own the land, describe any liens or encumbrances on it None-have lien rights only

(*f*) If the land consists of unpatented claims, add to the description above, the book and page numbers for each recorded location notice.

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4. *Physical description.*—(*a*) Describe in detail any mining or exploration operations which have been or now are being conducted upon the land, including existing mine workings and production facilities. State your interest, if any, in such operations. Also describe accessibility of mine workings for examination purposes. Old shaft sunk in 1918 sheet

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades. mica taken in sheet in 1918

(*c*) Describe the geologic features of the property, including mineralization, type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.), and your reasons for wishing to explore. Illustrate with maps or sketches. Send with your application (but not necessarily as a part of it) any geologic or engineering report, assay maps, or other technologic information you may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you. Rocks Indicate both vein and bed mica-Old Shaft yielded sheets

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points. Paved road in 3/4 miles of land to be explored-field road leads to site

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power. Experienced manpower available, power nearby, water near, shipping (rail) 5 miles away-residences near-supplies 5 miles away at Dadeville, Ala.

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5. *The exploration project.*—(*a*) State the mineral or minerals for which you wish to explore .....

(*b*) Describe fully the proposed work, including a map or sketch of the property showing a plan (and cross sections if needed) of any present mine workings, and the location of the proposed exploration work as related to such features as contacts, veins, ore-bearing beds, etc.

(*c*) The work will start within 10 days and be completed within 4 months from the date of an exploration project contract. Several weeks allowed for unfavorable weather possibility

(*d*) State the operating experience and background of the applicant with relation to the ability to carry out such exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of costs.*—Furnish a detailed estimate of the costs of the proposed work (you will have to use a separate sheet), under the following headings. Add the totals under all headings to give the estimated total cost of the project:

(*a*) *Independent contracts.*—(Note.—If the applicant does not intend to let any of the work to contractors, write "none" after this item. To the extent that the work is to be contracted, do not repeat the cost of the contract-work in subsequent items.) State the cost of any proposed independent contracts for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in terms of units of work (such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, per cubic yard of material moved, etc.).

(*b*) *Labor, supervision, consultants.*—Include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes and rates of wages, salaries or fees for necessary labor, supervision and engineering and geological consultants.

(*c*) *Operating materials and supplies.*—Furnish an itemized list, including items of equipment costing less than $50 each, and power, water and fuel.

(*d*) *Operating equipment.*—Furnish an itemized list of any operating equipment to be rented, purchased, or which is owned and will be furnished by the Operator, with the estimated rental, purchase price, or suggested use-allowance based on present value, as the case may be.

(*e*) *Rehabilitation and repairs.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary initial rehabilitation or repairs of existing buildings, installations, fixtures, and movable operating equipment, now owned by the Operator and which will be devoted to the exploration project.

(*f*) *New buildings, improvements, installations.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of any necessary buildings, fixed improvements, or installations to be purchased, installed or constructed for the benefit of the exploration project.

(*g*) *Miscellaneous.*—Furnish a detailed list showing the cost of repairs to and maintenance of operating equipment (not including initial rehabilitation or repairs of the Operator's equipment), analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, and payroll taxes.

(*h*) *Contingencies.*—Give an estimate of any necessary allowances for contingencies not included in the costs stated above.

NOTE.—No items of general overhead, corporate management, interest, taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes), or any other indirect costs, or work performed or costs incurred before the date of the contract, should be included in the estimate of costs.

7. (*a*) Are you prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation (Sec. 7, DMEA No. 1)?

(*b*) How do you propose to furnish your share of the costs?

☐ Money ☒ Use of equipment owned by you ☐ Other

Explain in detail on acompanying paper.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, whether as an individual, corporate officer, partner, or otherwise, both in his own behalf and acting for the applicant, certifies that the information set forth in this form and accompanying papers is correct and complete, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated December 13th, 195[illegible]

Forrest Britain Merritt
(Applicant)

By Forrest Britain Merritt

Title 18, U. S. Code (Crimes), Section 1001, makes it a criminal offense to make a willfully false statement or representation to any department or agency of the United States as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—66551-1

Forrest M[redacted]
R.F.D 2
Lafayette, Alabama

Mica Exploring Estimates
for Spraggins Place
R.F.D.2 Dadeville, Ala.

Estimates of costs for exploring for Mica on rugged Wooded terrain

on Spraggins Place on R.F.D. 2 Dadedeville, Ala.

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80 hours tracor work at 14 hour	$1,120
800 hours hand exploring-pick-shovel demolition-skilled skilled workers for above $3hr.	2,400
800 hours common labor at $1.25 hour	1,000
600 hours supervision at $3.35	1,950
40 hours carpenters at $2.50	100
three thousand feet lumber at $66 2/3 hhousand	200
20 pounds nails at 15 cents	3
	$7,093

One of

State geologists recommend this lo-cality has visited site
Geologist is Dr. E.S.Pallister, of State Geological Survey

Own items of equipment to be used-tractor, trucks, shovels, picks, hammers, crowbars, hoists, drills, cutes, ropes, and other items needed

Plan to attack this by taking tractor-dozer to field road to improve it to site and then ripping rugged hillside sites with dozer-tractor to remove great rocks and overburden and trees and then to probe with shafts and possibly drifts with picks, shovels, drills, picks and shovels, etc as the situation may develop, callin in consultants from time to time as situation seems to call for same.

Will contract possibly for some of work-can get experienced contractors to some in-experienced contractors available-have been contacted-but first plan to get some of tangled underbrush and overburden and huge rocks removed by bulldozer after improving roadway to site, that is, if it needs it after dozer traverses it to site

SUBSTITUE ESTIMATE OF COSTS FO[redacted] PROPOSED WORK

EXPLORING FOR MICA ON SPRAGGINS PLACE.TOTAL

FORREST MERRITT
[redacted]O
Lafayette,ALA.

Dec.14 1956

COST ESTIMATES ARE SAME AS SUBMITTED Dec.13 1956

Decision to contract this work,having experienced contractors to do same,at union standard wages, is reason for this substitute proposal for work exploring mica lands on Spraggins Place on R.F.D.TWO ,Dadeville,Alabama. UNION PAY SCALES Are Desired To Forestall any Wage Agitation.

80 HOURS TRACTOR-BULLDOZER WORK AT $14 An Hr.....	$1,120
800 HOURS HAND EXPLORING BY SKILLED MEN BY PICK-SHOVEL DEMOLITION at $3 Hr...	$2,400
800 HOURS COMMON LABOR At $1.25 Hr.....	$1,000
600 HOURS SUPERVISORY Direction..... at $3.35 an Hr.....	$1,950
64 HOURS CONSULTANTS At $5 Hr.....	$320
40 HOURS CARPENTRY at $2.50 HOUR	$100
TRUCKING	50
2,400 feet of rough lumber.....	150
20 Lbs Nails at 15 Cents	3
Total Estimate	$7,093

It is proposed that this mica-bearing tract be attacked with tractor-bulldozer first,to remove trees and undergrowth and huge rocks, to be followed by more bulldozer work to remove some overburns. It is recommended that bulldozer be used as far as possible to get heaviest part of overburden shoved aside and off mica expected to be found near where mica has previously been obtained in sheets,during first Wirld War.

It is expected demolition will be needed because of large rocks on and in terrain and picks and shovels must be used largely also because of presence of big stones. Test shafts and drifts will be dug as consultants and experts and supervisors see fit after exploring is begun with bulldozers.Drills,hoists,and other machinery will be brought into play as occasion and needs arise and demand.

It is deemed most necessary that skilled wage scale and union standards be observed to prevent and kind of labor agitation or uproar,as mining in Alabama,or all known to the undersigned,is on union-standard,and all Alabama mine fields are Union or pay Union wagesin event mine locations is so small or so isolated unions have not reached same.

Respectfully Forrest Merritt

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County of Tallapoosa

State of Alabama

Dec 13 1956

For $1 and other good and valuable considerations, the undersigned property owners, Harry Spraggins and Carl Spraggins and Lessie Spraggings, do herein agree that Forrest Merritt and or assigns and or associates may search and test for minerals on their property and that said Forrest Merritt may develop, mine, recover and process such mineral deposists on their lands on a basis of a royalty of 10 per cent of the gross markatable value and or total sales of said minerals, said 10 per cent gross royalty to be paid to Harry and Carl and Lessie Spraggins in return for lease and rights to lease on 40 acres, said land being legally described as N.W. Half of South half of Southeast Quarter West of Road Northwest Quarter of Se4 of Section 14, Township 22, Range 23, all being in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, and free of all encumbrances and mortgages, and additional acres if needed or wanted for above purposes may be had on the same lease-lien basis, and the above property owners do agree to any needed roadways for exit and ingress to and from properties to be explored and tested for mining and for mining; for 10 1/2 years.

Harry Spraggins

Carl Spraggins

Lessie Spraggins

Three above are joint owners; all unmarried and all above 21 years of age.

A. V. Milan
Witness

Alonzo Henderson
No.

Forrest Merritt
RF.D. Two
Lafayette, Alabama

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Map and Sketch of
Work Proposed Exploring for Mica [redacted] on Spraggins Land

NORTH

Boundary

S

S

S

S

H (old shaft started in World War 1, 1917-18)
~~sheet~~ mica found, early war end stopped work
H(another old shaft)

S

H(third old shaft) S

S

S

S

Bush Creek

[redacted]

Lines indicate proposed bulldozer trenches and work in hunting vein and pockets
S indicates sites at which new test shafts are planned

witha drift or drifts to be thrown out if thought feasible

and justified.

Tull Road

Dadeville-Dudleyville Road

WEST

East

Dadeville 5 miles To Dadeville, Ala

SOUTH

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	Yoho	130
	Kiilsgaard	130
"	Brewer	110
"	Mittendorf	100
5/21	KB	220
		225

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MAY 20 1957

Mr. Forrest Britain Merritt
R.F.D. #2
Lafayette, Alabama

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4576-Mica
Forrest Britain Merritt
Merritt (Spraggins) Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Reference is made to your letter of May 9, 1957, stating that Mr. Brewer the adjoining owner will not give a written lease to explore for minerals on his land.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

Careful study of all our information indicates to us that the probability of disclosing significant reserves of mica upon the limited acreage which you control is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you, under these circumstances, that your application for exploration assistance is denied. Such denial, however, is made without prejudice to the property. Should you obtain a lease on the additional acreage, you may reopen your case by supplying a copy of the lease and consent to lien and subordination agreement and referring to this docket by number.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Program and for bringing your property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw)

Administrator

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Mr. Dietrich, 3061
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May 20, 1957

Memorandum

To: Mr. C. O. Mittendorf, Administrator

From: L. G. Houk, Director, Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Evaluation of application and field examination report
Docket No. DMEA-4576-Mica
Forrest Britain Merritt
Merritt (Spraggins) Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Denial of application is recommended.

Mica: Abundant muscovite in dump material. Best mica seen was a small book 3 x 3 inches across, flat, clear with some clay stain. Some bent and ribboned.

Pegmatite: A concordant, mica-bearing pegmatite of unknown dimensions exposed about 10 feet along dip in vertical shaft, composed of three or more zones including quartz core material. Mineralogical and structural environments favorable for discovery of significant mica deposit.

Workings: Two shafts each about 10 feet deep are open, other workings caved. The two open shafts are untimbered and apparently dug with hand-powered windlass. Shaft "A" is vertical, dry and follows the hanging wall of pegmatite body. "B" is in country rock. "C" caved and filled.

Past production: No records of production made. Some sheet mica probably sold during World War I.

Applicant's proposal:

80 hours bulldozing @ $14/hr.	$1,120.00
Shafts and possibly drifts	5,973.00
Total	$7,093.00

Comments: Project work is 25 feet from the boundary. The pegmatite strikes into the adjoining property (owned by Denson Brewer). The applicant has not been able to obtain a lease or consent to lien and subordination agreement.

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Recommendations: The Field Team recommends a two-stage program should the applicant obtain a written lease on the Brewer property. The applicant has been unable to secure a lease. The Nonmetallic Minerals Division concurs in the Field Team's recommendation. The Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey concur in the Field Team's recommendation for a two-stage program, but the application is being denied without prejudice and the case will be reopened if the applicant obtains the necessary lease and consent to lien and subordination agreement.

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Mr. Forrest Britain Merritt
R.F.D. #2
Lafayette, Alabama

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4576-Mica
Forrest Britain Merritt
Merritt (Spraggins) Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Reference is made to our letter of April 1, 1957, requesting that additional information be supplied to Mr. Robert A. Laurence on the subject application for exploration assistance.

Unless we receive the requested information we will not be able to resume the processing of your application. Please give this matter your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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IN THE HEART
OF THE CITY

RICH IN COMFORT
AND TRADITION

Kimball HOUSE

NATIONALLY KNOWN

M. E. HARKINS
MANAGER

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ATLANTA, GA.

ONE OF THE
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Mr. A. Muttendorf
DMEA
Knoxville, Tenn.

In reply to your letter, allow me to report that Mr. Brewer says he will give oral permit to explore for minerals on Brewer land adjoining Sproggins place obtayed by inspectors. But so far he balks at signing.

What about that

Respectfully yours
Forrest B. Merritt
Route 2
Lafayette
Alabama

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Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

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Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Laurence:

We are enclosing a letter to the subject applicant for your approval and forwarding if you have not received the requested information.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge
(by esf)
Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:
Frank D. Lamb (by esf)
Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard (by esf)
Member, Geological Survey

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Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Lamb
Kiilsgaard

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Reference is made to your application and the information requested by the Field Examination Team at the time of the examination.

Please supply the following to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee:

1. A list of equipment to be used, its age, condition, and market value of each item.

2. Provide a bearing and distance from the northwest corner of the Spraggins property to the site of the proposed work.

3. As the proposed work is adjacent to the Denson Brewer property line the right of entry across the property and a mineral lease on the portion of the Brewer property adjoining the Spraggins line is needed. A 700 foot square is deemed adequate.

When the above information is received, we will continue to process your application.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (lw)

Administrator

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March ~~18, 1957~~

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: W. F. Dietrich, Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA - 4576 (mica)

Applicant: Forrest Britain Merritt

Name and Location of Property: Merritt (Spraggins) Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Ala.

Date of Field Team Report: March 7, 1957

Date Rec'd. by Br. of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials: March 14, 1957

Field Team Recommendation: Recommend approval of a two-stage contract as outlined in the report of field examiners.

Comments:

1. A concordant, mica-bearing pegmatite is exposed about 10 feet along dip in a shallow vertical shaft.

2. Field examiners observed abundant muscovite in dump material. Some mica books 3 x 3 inches across, flat and clear are of strategic grade.

3. This deposit appears to have possibilities for the development of strategic mica.

4. Proposed exploration outlined by the field team is consistent with good engineering practices and estimated costs are in line with other DMEA projects.

Recommendation:

I concur with the recommendation of the field team for the approval of a two-stage exploration project as outlined in the field examiner's report.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
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Re: DMEA 4576
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Tallapoosa Co., Ala.
Appl. Est. $7,093.00
Rec'd Est. $6,789.00
Mica

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of Field Team Report.

The applicant requested assistance in exploring a pegmatite on which work had been done and, reportedly from which mica has been produced.

The examiners found at least 3 shallow shafts had been sunk in and near the pegmatite. What is taken to be a zoned pegmatite is exposed in one shaft. No mica was seen in place but the general environment and much quartz and mica in the dumps are considered favorable criteria and work is recommended.

The proposed work consists of:

Stage I	Bulldozing	$444.00
Stage II	Buildings	115.00
Shaft sinking	60'	2,635.00
Drifting	100'	3,595.00
	Total	$6,789.00

I concur with the recommendations of the examiners and the Field Team.

N. E. Nelson

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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region V - Knoxville, Tennessee

Subject: Field Examination Report, DMEA-4576-Mica
Forrest Britain Merritt, Lafayette, Alabama
Merritt (Spraggins) Prospect, Tallapoosa County, Ala

Enclosed are four copies of the subject examination report, and nine extra copies of the map. The Field Team is in agreement with the conclusions of the report, and we recommend approval of a two-stage contract as outlined in the report, preferably on the short form.

As no equipment was available for inspection by the examiners, and it appears probable that the Applicant will use rented equipment if a contract is approved, the equipment cost estimates are based on current rental rates for the area.

If the recommendations are approved, the Applicant should be requested to get a lease on the adjoining Brewer property, which is only about 25 feet, along strike of the pegmatite from the northwest end of the proposed trench.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Region V

W. A. Beck
Wm. A Beck for V. J. Lynch
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DMEA-4576 (Mica), MERRITT PROSPECT (SPRAGGINS PROSPECT)
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

By

E. L. Boudette, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

and

W. A. Beck, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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FIELD EXAMINATION REPORT

DMEA-4576 (mica) MERRITT PROSPECT
(Spraggins Prospect)

Applicant: Forrest Britain Merritt, Route 2, Lafayette, Alabama

SUMMARY

A concordant, mica-bearing pegmatite of unknown dimensions is exposed about 10 feet along dip in a vertical shaft. The pegmatite body is composed of three or more zones including quartz core material. The mineralogical and structural environments are favorable for the discovery of a significant mica deposit. A two-stage exploration program is recommended whereby a bulldozing stage would first better expose the pegmatite along strike and, if warranted, an inclined shaft would be sunk from which drifts are to be driven during a second stage to explore the pegmatite body.

INTRODUCTION

Examination.--The Merritt Prospect (also known as the Spraggins Prospect) was examined on February 12, 1957, over a period of one and one-half hours to ascertain if an exploration project with DMEA assistance is justified. Mr. Forrest Merritt, applicant, and Mr. Spraggins, property owner, accompanied the examiners during the inspection of the property. In addition, Dr. Hugh D. Pallister and Mr. E. L. Hastings of the Alabama Geological Survey were present during the examination. The examination was carried out in clear, warm weather.

Location and accessibility.--The prospect is located in the northwest corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 14, T. 22 N., R. 23 E., Tallapoosa County, Alabama (see map). The property may be reached from Dadeville, Alabama, by traveling northeast from the center of town on the Dadeville-Dudleyville road (paved) 3.7 miles to an intersection to the left or northwest with a graded road, thence along the graded road, bearing right at an intersection, crossing Buck Creek, bearing right at a second intersection 1.3 miles to an access road in a field to the right (or southeast). The access

road may be traveled by a passenger vehicle 0.1 miles across the field. The property is east-southeast from the end of the access road about 1000 feet and concealed by slash and timber. All roads, excepting the access road are shown on the USGS, Dadeville, Alabama, 30' quadrangle sheet (30' series, 1906) and are accessible in all weather and seasons. The access road is inaccessible to one-axle vehicles in extremely wet weather. The present route of access is over property owned by Mr. Denson Brewer not leased by the applicant. Only verbal right of entry has been secured by the applicant.

PHYSICAL FEATURES, PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT

Three shafts and several exploration pits have been dug into a gently eastward sloping hillside covered by brush, slash, and second growth pine trees. Only two shafts each about 10 feet deep are open, and other workings are caved, filled, or covered with forest debris. The two open shafts are untimbered and apparently were dug with the aid of a hand-powered windlass which is on the property. The three shafts are shown on the attached map and labeled "A", "B", and "C". Shaft "A" is vertical, dry, and follows the hanging wall of a pegmatite body. Geological conclusions are based largely on observation made in shaft "A". Shaft "B" is vertical, dry, and in weathered country-rock. Shaft "C" is caved and filled.

Ample timber is available at the property for mining purposes. Lumber is available in Dadeville, about 5 miles away. Water for mining, may be obtained from Buck Creek about 500 feet down slope. Rural power lines are within one-half mile of the property and arrangements can be made with the power company to run a 220-Volt line to the property. No usable equipment nor finished supplies are at the site.

The applicant reports the labor supply is plentiful in the area, and the standard scale is $1.25/hour. It is the applicant's plan to hire Mr. Spraggins, the property owner, as foreman-miner. The applicant is inexperienced in mining practice. Mr. Spraggins states that he is experienced in mica-mining practice and is competent to conduct an exploration program in an efficient and workman-like manner. The applicant states that he has or has access to all necessary equipment. He was requested at the time of examination to submit to the Region V field office a list of equipment he intends to use along with the age, condition, and market value of each item. This list has not been received.

HISTORY AND PRODUCTION

No records of mining and mica production on the property have been made. Mr. Spraggins, owner, stated during the examination that his father sunk shaft "C" near the end of World War I and sold sheet mica recovered from the shaft. Shafts "A" and "B" and the exploration pits were opened by Mr. Spraggins, owner, at various times in the last 15 years. Shaft "B" was sunk about 1950, according to Mr. Spraggins, with an intent to intercept the hanging wall of the pegmatite body, but it was abandoned when equipment at the site proved inadequate.

GEOLOGY

General.--The Merritt prospect is underlain by mica schist and gneiss into which a pegmatite body of uncertain dimensions is implaced parallel (conformable) to the schistosity. The schistosity strikes about N. 45° W. and dips 70° NE. The underlying rocks are deeply weathered and a thick residuum is developed in the weathered zone to at least the depth of

shafts A and B. Scattered about the site is abundant muscovite float and occasional boulders of massive quartz which have likely weathered out of pegmatite.

Pegmatite body.--The foot wall of the pegmatite body is exposed for a strike length of 12 feet in shaft A. The body is probably tabular to lenticular shaped and its thickness in shaft A is at least 5 feet (see section A-A' on map). Inasmuch as shaft B did not intercept the hanging wall of the body, it cannot be over 14 feet thick, assuming the body to be tabular. The pegmatite appears to be composed of discontinuous masses of quartz core separated by intermixed sodic plagioclase, perthite, and quartz which contains muscovite locally. Seen in shaft A the pegmatite is composed of nearly 80% quartz. It seems unlikely, however, that this percentage of quartz holds up throughout the pegmatite. The plagioclase and most perthite are completely weathered and limonite-stained. No mica was seen in place, but abundant muscovite is found in dump material. The best mica seen was a small book about 3 x 3 inches across, flat, clear, and with some clay stain. Some mica is bent and ribboned. M

Discussion of Applicant's proposal.--The plan of exploration proposed by the applicant is indefinite and is not based upon an interpretation of geology. After bulldozing to strip vegetation and overburden rather than to expose the pegmatite, he proposes to sink no fewer than 9 shafts and to drift from one or all of them. Such a program would be inefficient and much too extravagant to test the pegmatite body observed on the property. An alternate approach is proposed by the examiners whereby a two-stage program would first expose the pegmatite more adequately, and secondly, if warranted, AP.

an inclined shaft will be sunk from which the pegmatite can be further explored by drifts. This program is described in a later section, and a revised estimate of costs is given to replace the Applicant's unrealistic figures which are based upon estimates of hourly cost of operation. One estimate given by the applicant, $350 for 64 hours of consulting work is deemed unnecessary, and this item was eliminated. All costs given are sufficient to meet union-scale wage requirements which are a point of concern with the applicant.

The general features of the proposed program alternate to the applicant's proposal were discussed with the applicant during the examination, and he is willing to adapt the alternate program. The desirability of obtaining a mineral lease on the Denson Brewer property, to the west and adjacent to the Spraggins property, was also discussed with the applicant. He indicated a willingness to attempt to arrange such a lease if necessary. The examiners pointed out to the applicant the possibility that the strike projection of the pegmatite body places it on the Brewer property less than 50 feet to the northwest. A.P.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

General.--The examiners mutually agree after their survey that DMEA assistance is justified for an exploration program in the Merritt prospect. It is the belief of the examiners that the geologic environment is favorable for the discovery of a significant deposit of strategic mica. In support of their conclusions the examiners furnish below a summary of geologic justifications, outline a program of exploration, and such minor recommendations that may be helpful in completing a contract.

Geologic justification.--Geologic justification is based upon observed favorability criteria that are loosely drawn from comparison of producing mica deposits in the Southeast. The following favorable criteria are present: (1) The feldspar in the pegmatite is mainly sodic plagioclase. (2) The pegmatite is quartz-saturated and contains quartz-core material. (3) The pegmatite body is conformable to the country rock, and although conformity alone is not favorable, the pegmatite body is more likely to be uncomplicated by post-pegmatite faulting and to have good continuity along strike and down dip. In addition to these criteria, Strategic-grade mica is found in dump material indicating that the reported sheet mica production is accurate. In explanation of criteria (3) above, the examiners have observed that discordant pegmatite bodies in the Piedmont are often placed in fracture zones in the country rock that have undergone repeated post-pegmatite movement. Pegmatite bodies in a structural environment characterized by such faulting are almost impossible to predict and work with. It is believed that if the inferred continuity of the pegmatite body exists an excellent structural environment is present for the development of "mica pods" or "rolls" in irregularities along the pegmatite body caused by local "punches and swells". Hence, such minor structures in the pegmatite body constitute the exploration targets. The dimensions of the mica pods and their mica content in this particular pegmatite are unknown.

Proposed exploration program.--It is recommended that a two-stage, unit-cost program be undertaken.

Stage I should be a trench 200 feet long, 10 feet deep, and 15 feet wide along the strike of the pegmatite to get the true nature and

attitude of the body, and to determine where to locate an inclined or vertical shaft. Some drilling and blasting of quartz boulders will have to be done.

Stage II should include the necessary buildings, 60 feet of shaft and 100 feet of drift/and/or cross-cut.

Estimated Costs:

Stage I - Trench excavation, 1,110 cu. yds. of loose muck, dump material, weathered surface material and quartz boulders - 200' x 15' x 10' deep = 1110 (rounded) cu. yds. @ $0.40/cu yd	$444.00
Stage II	
Buildings	
Toolhouse	75.00
Powder Magazine	25.00
Exploder Magazine	15.00

Sink 60 ft of inclined or vertical shaft
Shaft costs include all requirements for shafting (40) shifts

Labor:		
1 - Miner-foreman @ $1.75/hr.	$560.00	
1 - Hoistman @ $1.50/hr.	480.00	
1 - Laborer @ $1.00/hr.	320.00	
Equipment (rental): (2 months)		
Air compressor, 105 c.f.m. @ $150/Mo.	300.00	
Drill, rock @ $40.00/Mo.	80.00	
Pump, air-sump @ $25.00/Mo.	50.00	
Hoist @ $50.00/Mo.	50.00	
Supplies:		
Explosives	180.00	
Gasoline and oil	150.00	
Drill steel	75.00	
Timber	100.00	
Small tools and pipe	60.00	
Miscellaneous	60.00	
Liability Insurance	135.00	
Social Security	35.00	
Total Cost of Shaft		$2,635.00

Drifting:		
Drive 100 feet 5 x 7' drift		
Timber where necessary		
Labor:		
1 - Foreman-miner @ $1.75/hr.	$700.00	
1 - Hoistman @ $1.50/hr.	600.00	
1 - Laborer @ $1.00/hr.	400.00	
Equipment (rental):		
1 - air compressor @ $150.00/Mo.	425.00	
1 - Hoist @ $50.00/Mo.	125.00	
1 - Rockdrill and Jackleg @ $60/Mo.	150.00	
1 - Sump pump @ $40/Mo.	100.00	
Supplies:		
Gasoline and oil	175.00	
Explosives	300.00	
Drill steel	185.00	
Timber @ $65/M	80.00	
Pipe and small tools	50.00	
Social Security	35.00	
Compensation Insurance	170.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00	
Total Estimated Cost of Drifting		$3,595.00
Total Estimated Cost of Project		$6,789.00

Miscellaneous recommendations.-- The examiners recommend that the applicant be requested to secure a mining lease on the Denson Brewer property adjacent and west of the prospect. The reasons are: (1) The observed strike of the pegmatite projects it into the Brewer property less than 50 feet to the northwest of shaft A. (2) A mining lease will provide legal access to the present prospect. If, after review, a mining lease is not deemed necessary, the applicant should be requested to secure a written

right of entry on the Brewer property. The northwest corner of the Spraggins' property was not located, and the plotted position of the prospect in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 14 (see Index Map) places the prospect close to the corner (the northwest corner of the Spraggins property should, by description, fall upon the exact centre of Sec. 14). If a request for additional lease is made on the adjacent property, the location of the corner should be established relative to the mine workings and the northeast corner of the adjacent property.

E. L. Boudette, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region V
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4576-Mica
Forrest Britain Merritt
Merritt Prospect
(Spraggins Prospect)
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please review the subject application and arrange for a field examination if you deem it necessary.

Copies of memoranda dated December 28, 1956, and January 7, 1957, by Mr. N. E. Nelson, USGS, and Mr. W. F. Dietrich, USBM, respectively, relating to the project are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Approved:

Member, Bureau of Mines

Thor H. Kiilsgaard

Member, Geological Survey

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Mr. Forrest Britain Merritt
R. F. D. #2
Lafayette, Alabama

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4576-Mica
Forrest Britain Merritt
Merritt Prospect
(Spraggins Prospect)
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Brch. Kiilsgaard

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Your letter of January 3, 1957, containing your signed and dated application, Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement (seven copies), and a copy of your lease has been received. Your application is now being referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region V, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for further consideration and possibly a field examination.

The Regional Office will contact you at an early date if an examination is to be made. Any assistance you may give the members of the Field Team during the examination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mitternicht (fw)

Administrator

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Mr. Forrest B. Merritt
Route 2
Lafayette, Alabama

Re: DMEA-4576 (Mica)
Merritt Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Your letter of December 26, requesting that we send our field men to examine your prospect, was received at the same time that we received a copy of Mr. L. G. Houk's letter of December 28 to you.

We cannot make examinations of prospects until we have been requested to do so by our Washington office. Obviously, they will not request an examination until you have supplied the documents requested in Mr. Houk's letter.

We will notify you in advance if a field examination is to be made, so as to assure your presence at the examination.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region V

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Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: W. F. Dietrich, Chief, Branch of Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials

Subject: DMEA-4576 (mica)

Applicant: Forrest Britain Merritt

Name and Location of Property: _____, Tallacoosa, Alabama

Date Application Rec'd. by Br. of Ceram. & Fertilizer Materials: 12/20/56

Comments:

1. Applicant says state geologist thinks this prospect might be a good one.
2. Plan of exploration is entirely too indefinite.
3. Designated costs for work planned are higher than equivalent DMEA projects.
4. Although it would be desirable for the applicant to furnish more complete information, it appears that a visit by an examiner would furnish more useful data.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the field team visit this mine when in that vicinity to ascertain if an exploration project is justified. If so, the field team and applicant should agree on a definite plan of exploration on a unit-cost basis.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 28, 1956
Re: DMEA 4576
Forrest B. Merritt
Spraggins Place Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Alabama
$7,093.00 - Mica

Memorandum

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: N. E. Nelson, U. S. Geological Survey

Subject: Review of application

The applicant requests assistance in searching for a pegmatite from which sheet mica is said to have been recovered in 1918.

Probably little is known of the conditions under what appears to be a cover of great rocks and overburden and trees. 'Old shafts' are marked on a rough map but no exposure of pegmatite is marked. Evidently as the application says "it would be a case of 'hunting'" for veins and pockets. Except that the site is in a township featured by numerous mica prospects, there seems to be no exact target.

Referral of the application to the Field Team for appropriate action is recommended.

N. E. Nelson

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Mr. Forrest Britain Merritt
R. F. D. #2
Lafayette, Alabama

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4576 (Mica)
Forrest Britain Merritt
Merritt Prospect
Tallapoosa County, Alabama

Dear Mr. Merritt:

Reference is made to your undated and unsigned application for exploration assistance, and an improperly executed Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement.

We are returning these documents, together with seven copies of a new Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement form. Please sign and date the application and have the Consent to Lien properly executed by the owner of the property, and return to this office. In addition, we will require a copy of your properly executed lease.

Upon receipt of these documents, we will continue to process your application.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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UNITED STATES
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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 20, 1956

Mr. Forrest Britain Merritt
R.F.D. 2
Lafayette, Alabama

Subject: DMEA-4576

Dear Mr. Merritt

Your application for exploration assistance, dated (application undated)submitted to our office at Knoxville, has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4576 and referred to the Nonmetallic Minerals Division in the Washington office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Allen S. Dakan

Allen S. Dakan, Director
Operations Control and
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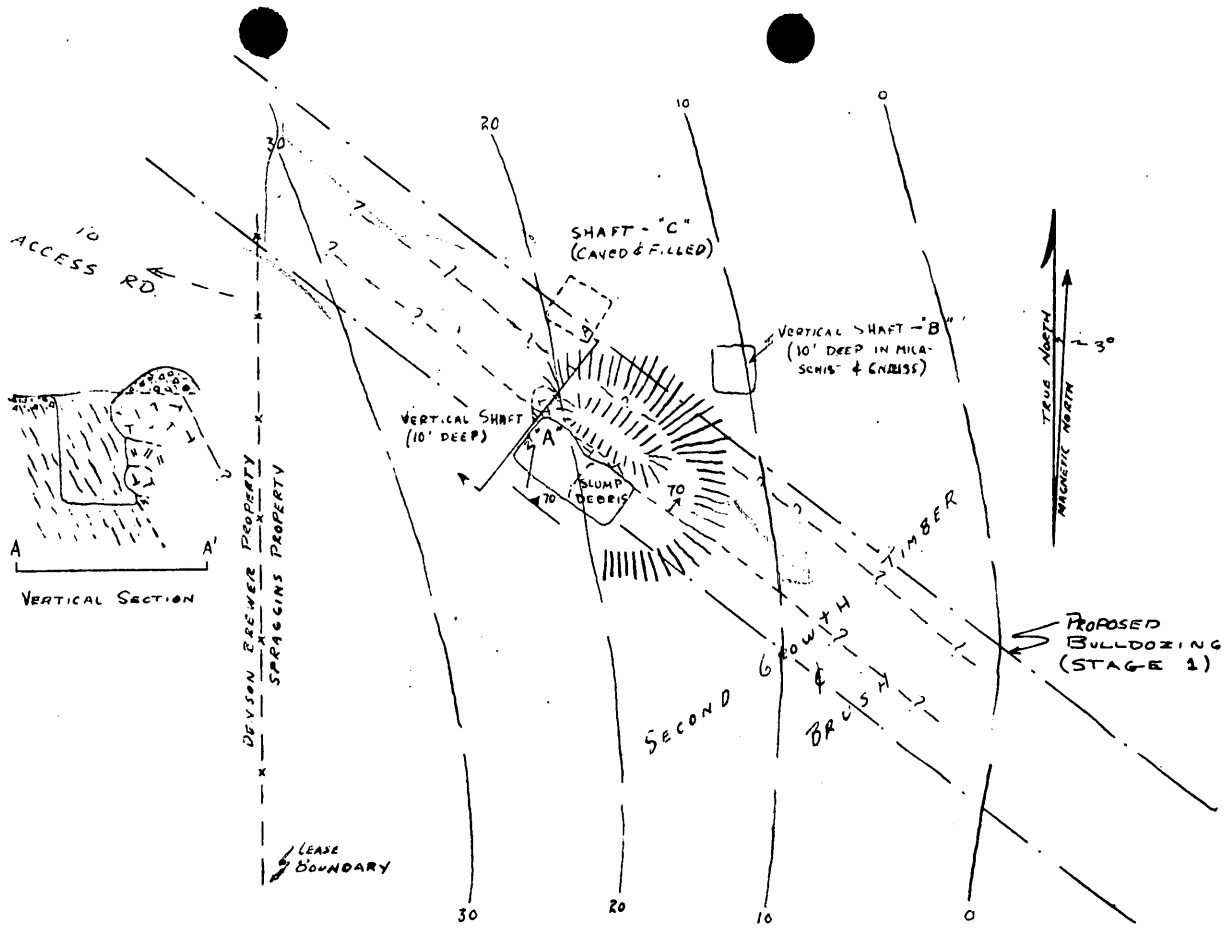

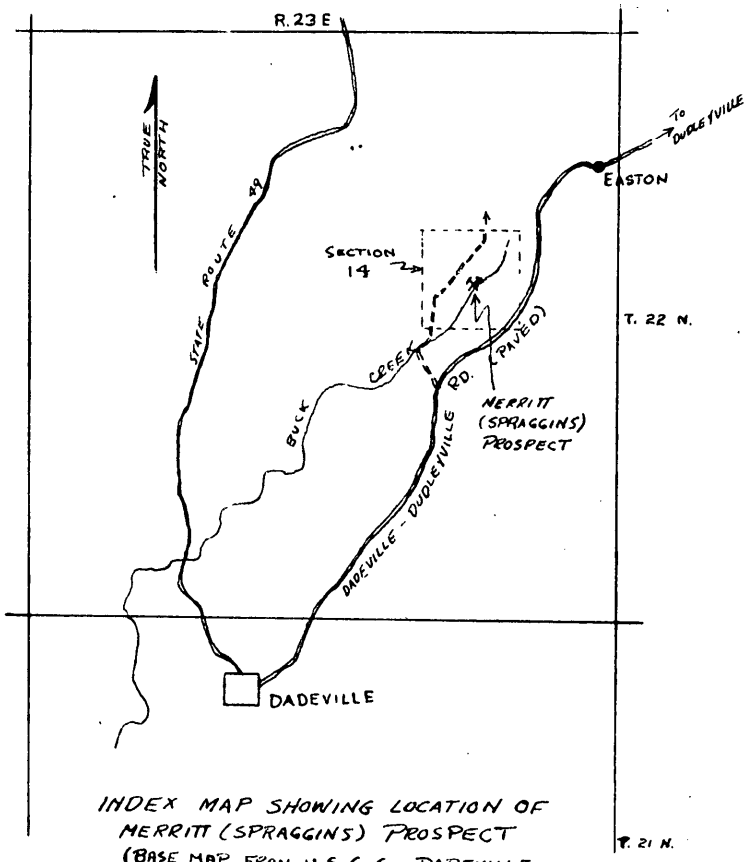

INDEX MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF MERRITT (SPRAGGINS) PROSPECT
(BASE MAP FROM U.S.G.S. DADEVILLE, ALABAMA SHEET - 30' QUADRANGLE)

EXPLANATION

- COVER - SOIL & MINE DUMP MATERIAL
- PEGMATITE, MASSIVE (ANHEDRAL) QUARTZ
- PEGMATITE, WEATHERED PLAGIOCLASE AND ORTHOCLASE (?) WITH SUBHEDRAL QUARTZ CRYSTALS
- MICA SCHIST & GNEISS, WEATHERED
- 70 STRIKE & DIP OF SCHISTOSITY
- 70 INFERRED CONTACT, SHOWING DIP
- ? POSSIBLE CONTACT
- DUMP
- FENCE LINE, BARBED WIRE
- 30 APPROXIMATE CONTOUR LINE, SKETCHED

GEOLOGIC MAP OF MERRITT PROSPECT (SPRAGGINS PROSPECT)

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

DMEA 4576 (MICA)

SCALE 1" = 20'

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E. L. BOUDETTE
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