CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Balance Sheet
July 31, 1967

RONALD W. ROBINSON
Certified Public Accountant
Evansville, Indiana

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Certified Public Accountant
115 N. WEINBACH
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47711
TELEPHONE 477-7771

August 25, 1967

Board of Directors
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Evansville, Indiana

Gentlemen:

We have prepared and attached hereto the Balance Sheet of Cato Enterprises, Inc. at July 31, 1967.

No opinion is expressed as this statement was prepared from the books without audit verification of the accounts contained therein.

Yours very truly,

Ronald W. Robinson

RONALD W. ROBINSON,
Certified Public Accountant

CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.
BALANCE SHEET
JULY 31, 1967

(Without Audit Verification)

ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Cash on Hand & In Bank		$ 2,593.09	
Accounts Receivable		57,583.77	
Oil Runs Receivable		7,272.86	
Advances to Employees		7,211.80	
Inventory - Material & Supplies		5,015.00	
Total Current Assets			$ 79,676.52
Fixed Assets:			
Operating Equipment - Cost	$ 86,326.23		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	59,538.81	26,787.42	
Asphalt Plant & Equipment - Cost	$ 17,050.00		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	8,751.72	8,298.28	
Producing Properties - Equipment - Cost	$ 68,044.92		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	20,894.89	47,150.03	
Producing Properties - Leasehold Costs		7,675.00	
Appreciation in Value of Leasehold Costs - Note 1		293,307.50	
Undeveloped Properties - Cost		2,100.00	
Total Fixed Assets			385,318.23
Total Assets			$464,994.75

LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable		$ 7,982,94	
Loans from Officers		70,082.93	
Deposits		1,848.22	
Accruals:			
Payroll Taxes	$ 675.52		
State & Local Taxes	4,644.18	5,319.70	
Total Current Liabilities			$ 85,233.79
Net Worth:			
Capital Stock		$ 25,000.00	
Earned Surplus		61,453.46	
Surplus from Appreciation in Value		293,307.50	
Total Net Worth			379,760.96
Total Liabilities & Net Worth			$464,994.75

Note 1 - Value determined by an independent petroleum engineer's calculation of oil in reserve at July 31, 1967 per copy attached.

ALSTON B. BARROW, P. E.
Petroleum Engineering and Geology
HARRISON 2-4815
310 COURT BUILDING
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

August 10, 1967

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station D.
Evansville, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

I have examined your oil producing properties located in Sections 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 3 South, Range 7 West, Pike County, Indiana and report the current calculated Oil-In-Reserve as of July 31, 1967.

The following tabulation is based upon core analyses, cores, drill stem tests, Electric Logs and production history, it includes both Primary and Secondary recoverable oil:

Lease Name & Number		Producing Formation	Gross BBLS. Res.	Cato %	Cato Net BBLS. Res.
Spurgeon East	#1533	Jax. Sd.	525,000	.287869	151,131
P. Corn	1546	Jax. Sd.	50,000	.875	43,750
Boyd Woolsey	1539	Cyp. Sd.	143,500	.875	125,562
Interlake Iron	1545	Cyp. Sd.	51,000	.8125	41,437
B. Erwin	1531	Cyp. Sd	133,000	.872691	116,069
Aust-Enos	1527	Cyp. Sd.	60,000	.40625	24,375
Aust-Beadles	1510	Cyp. Sd.	108,000	.40625	43,875
O. Hartke	1493	Cyp. Sd.	30,000	.419435	12,583
C. Rademacher	1494	Cyp. Sd.	30,000	.423828	12,715
Henning-Aust	1501	Cyp. Sd.	45,000	.40625	18,281
Reller-Erwin	1530	Cyp. Sd.	30,000	.40625	12,187
Total BBLS. of Res. Oil			1,205,500		601,965

Cato "Stock Tank" barrels of oil [42 U. S. Gals.] in reserve of----------601,965 bbls.

Value of Cato's Oil-In-Reserve, as of July 31st., 1967 at 50¢ per barrel ----------$300,982.50

Very truly yours,

A. B. BARROW
Reg. Professional Engineer, Indiana #12309

MME Form 9
Rev. Nov. 65

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Geological Survey

OFFICIAL DOCKET FILE

Contract No. _____ Docket No. 6656

Application
- [ ] Denied
- [x] Withdrawn

Contract
- [ ] Terminated - Not Certified
- [ ] Terminated - Certified
- [ ] Cancelled
- [ ] Royalty Agreement

The records contained in this file are marked (x) and arranged in this order:

Folder No. 1:

Left Side

- [ ] Royalty Audits
- [ ] Certification of Discovery
- [ ] Closing Letter
- [ ] Cost Audits
- [ ] Termination Notice or Agreement
- [ ] Recision Notice
- [ ] Assignment of Contract
- [ ] Contract Amendments
- [ ] Contract with all exhibits and annexes
- [ ] Owner's Consent to Lien and Subordination Agreement
- [x] Application and Attachments

Right Side

- [ ] Project Summary (final)
- [ ] Work Completed Analysis (final)

All other material filed in chronological order including the following reports if checked:

- [ ] Field Team Semiannual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Final Field Team Report (Tab)
- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
- [ ] Interim Field Team Reports
- [ ] Operator's monthly reports and all attachments
- [ ] On-site Exam. Report (Tab)
- [ ] Settlement Sheets
- [ ] Drill Logs

Additional Folders:

Left Side

Folders No._____: Reports

- [ ] Analysis of Semiannual Inspection Reports
- [ ] Project Summary (Interim) by MME Engineers

Right Side

- [ ] Field Team Semiannual Report for Certified Project
- [ ] Field Team Interim Reports
- [ ] Operator's Monthly Reports with Transmittal, Narrative and Maps

Folders No._____: Maps (Use pocket folder or envelope)

Folders No._____: Settlement Sheets

Folders No._____: Drill Logs

Folders No._____: Royalty Material

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Memorandum

September 5, 1967

To: Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington, D. C.

From: Field Officer
Region II

Subject: New Application (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California

Enclosed is an application for assistance in a uranium exploration project in Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California, received in the Field Office this date.

The application appears complete and fairly well prepared, although the geology of the deposit is inadequately described. The proposed project is ambitious and is largely prospecting in nature. Production from the area is very small, probably not exceeding a few hundreds of tons of marginal ore. Costs appear reasonable for the size of the project. The claims are all placer claims, and if a project appears justified I am sure we would want lode claims to be located also. The legality of the present claims is certainly questionable.

H. K. Stager

Enclosure

MME Form 40
Jan. 65

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1508
Approval expires Dec. 31, 1968

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION

Pursuant to Public Law 85–701 (72 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 641)

NAME OF APPLICANT *(Full legal name and mailing address as they should appear on contract if one is executed.)*

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station D.
Evansville, Indiana 47714

APPLICANT DO NOT USE THIS BLOCK

DOCKET NUMBER: 6656

DATE RECEIVED: September 15, 1967

REGION: II

DIVISION CODE:

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION *(Check one)*

- INDIVIDUAL [ ]
- CORPORATION [X]
- PARTNERSHIP [ ]
- OTHER *(Specify)* [ ]

STATE IN WHICH FIRM IS ORGANIZED:

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

NAME	ADDRESS	TITLE
John Miles	Evansville, Indiana	President
Joe J. Nickolick	Evansville, Indiana	Vice-President
Stephen Miles	Evansville, Indiana	Sec. Treasurer

MINERAL(S) FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO EXPLORE: Uranium

ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT: $507,192.00

PROPERTY NAME	LOCATION COUNTY	STATE
Benlick Claims	Kern & San Luis Obispo	Calif.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read the *OME Regulations for Obtaining Federal Assistance in Financing Explorations for Mineral Reserves* (30 CFR Chap. III). To assure prompt action, your application must provide all applicable material and information specified on the back of this application form. Avoid unnecessary correspondence and delays by submitting complete and accurate information. *Please submit two copies of this application and all accompanying papers* except as otherwise noted. Place your name and address on each sheet. Each item of information, maps, and reports required as a part of this application is described on the back of this form. Identify each attached statement by the item number to which it applies. If an item does not apply to your application, show the item number on your statement and after it write "not applicable." Maps or sketches should be used to supplement narrative descriptions of the property location and boundaries in item 2, existing mine workings and geology in item 3, and the proposed exploration work in item 5. When this information is not too complex, all of it may be shown on one map or sketch. All documents and other attachments submitted as a part of this application, except those in item 3(g) which you mark to be returned, become the property of the Government and will not be returned to the applicant. Send true copies, *not originals*, of leases, contracts, and other documents which are an essential part of your business records. *File this application with the Office of Minerals Exploration, Department of the Interior,* ~~Washington, D.C., or with the nearest OME Field Office.~~ Washington, D. C., 20242, or with the nearest OME Field Office.

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, and that he would not ordinarily undertake the proposed exploration under current conditions and circumstances at his sole expense.

August 31, 1967
DATED

CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.
BY *(Signature)* Joe J. Nickolick
Joe J. Nickolick
TITLE
Vice-President

A wilfully false statement or certification to any Department or Agency of the United States Government is a criminal offense. U. S. Code, Title 18, Sec. 1001.

INFORMATION REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION

1. Financial Eligibility:

(a) Submit evidence of efforts made within 90 days preceding the filing of this application to obtain credit from your bank of account and at least one other banking institution or other private source of credit. Such evidence shall include true copies of correspondence which show: (1) date of loan request, (2) amount and terms requested, (3) proposed use of loan funds, and (4) the replies from credit sources. If the loan was offered under terms which you consider unreasonable, state why you consider them so.

(b) List names and addresses of affiliated, parent, or controlling companies or organizations and state extent and nature of their interest.

(c) State how you propose to furnish your share of the cost of the exploration work.

2. Applicant's Rights in Land:

(a) State your interest in the land and mineral rights, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or other. If you are not the owner, submit one true copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property. Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the land and state book and page number and official place where recorded.

(b) State the legal description (section, township, and range; metes and bounds; patent number of claims) of the land upon which you wish to explore and all adjacent land which you own or control. Describe any part of the land or workings which should not be subject to Government royalty and liens. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and official place where recorded. State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) For all land or mineral rights encumbered or not owned, submit five copies of Lien and Subordination Agreements on MME Form 52. If the agreements cannot be obtained, state reasons and provide copies of letters of refusal.

3. Physical Description:

(a) Describe in detail and illustrate with maps or sketches all mining or exploration operations which you know have been or are being conducted upon the land. Include existing mine workings and all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations described in (a).

(c) State, if you know, the past and current production, supporting your statement with copies of settlement sheets, mine records, or published data if available.

(d) Describe known ore reserves, giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used. Support your statement with copies of assay certificates and assay maps if available.

(e) Describe by narrative and maps or sketches the geologic features of the property, including ore minerals, geologic formations if known, and type of deposit (vein, bedded, etc.).

(f) State your reasons for expecting to find ore, and if you have sampled the area you propose to explore, show where the samples were taken, describe sampling methods used, and provide copies of assay certificates.

(g) Send with your application at least *two* copies of all geologic or engineering reports, assay maps, or technologic information which you have, indicating whether you require their return.

4. Accessibility of Property:

(a) To aid the OME representative who may examine the property, state name and address of person who will meet him; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of property and of any mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and state the distances to the property.

5. Exploration Work:

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration work giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and sections as necessary. Show location of the proposed work as related to geologic features such as veins, ore-bearing beds, contacts of rock formations, etc. Show also the relation of the proposed work to any existing mine workings and to *land boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

(b) If an access road must be built, show the proposed location on the property map and state the length, type and construction methods proposed.

(c) If an OME contract is executed, state how soon thereafter work would be started and finished. State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

6. Experience:

State your operating experience and background to conduct this exploration work and also that of the person who will supervise the work.

7. Estimate of Costs:

Furnish detailed estimates of the necessary costs *for each item of the work proposed in 5(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the work. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed separately under category (a) below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be listed under categories (b) through (g).

(a) Independent contracts. State the total cost of any proposed independent contract for all or any part of the work, and the number of units and the unit cost for each type of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, or per cubic yard of material moved. Cost estimates should be supported by bids from three contractors if possible. (*Note*—If none of the work is to be contracted, write "none" after this item.)

(b) Personal services. The cost of supervision, engineering and geological services, outside consultants, and labor should be itemized by numbers and classes of employees; rates of wages, salaries or fees; and periods of employment. State whether these services are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies giving quantity and cost of each. Include under this heading power, water, and fuel, and units of equipment and tools costing less than $50 each.

(d) Operating equipment. List items of equipment and tools costing $50 or more per unit. Give specifications and indicate how each item is to be acquired—i.e., rented, purchased or provided by the applicant. If rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If furnished by the applicant, state condition and present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of *initial* rehabilitation or repair of existing buildings, fixtures, installations (exclusive of mine workings), and movable operating equipment now owned by the applicant which will be used in the exploration work.

(f) New buildings, fixtures, installations. Describe each building, fixed improvement, and installation to be purchased, constructed, or installed for the exploration work, stating specifications and cost including labor, materials, and supervision.

(g) Miscellaneous. Describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance of the operating equipment listed in 7(d). Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 7(e). Show also the costs of analytical work, accounting, workmen's compensation and employees' liability insurance, payroll taxes, and other required costs that do not fall within the previous categories. [*Note*—The Government will not contribute to costs incurred before the date of the contract, or to costs of or incident to: (1) acquiring, using, or possessing land and any existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances, or the depreciation and depletion thereof; (2) general overhead, corporate management, interest and taxes (other than payroll and sales taxes); (3) insurance (other than employees' liability insurance); and (4) damages to persons or property (other than authorized repair to or replacement of equipment or other property used in the work).]

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Enterprises, inc.
PHONES
HA 3-8288, GR 6-9530
AND WJ 7-3726

U. S.
Highway 41 North

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MINERALS EXPLORATION

I. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY:

a. See Folder I [a]

For Letters requesting loan and replies from the National City Bank of Evansville, Indiana and Bank of America, Taft, Calif.

1. Requested August 10th. and 14th., 1967
2. Amount $250,000, terms 5% Royalty
3. To be used for Drilling and Exploring for Uranium
4. See Folder I [a]

   For replies from National City Bank of Evansville, Indiana and Bank of America, Taft, California

b. Cato Enterprises, Inc. will solely be doing this work, it has no affilliates. It will be doing this work by Lease Agreement with Nickolick-Bennett Etals

c. Cato Enterprises Share of the cost will be supplied by the necessary equipment, such as drills, trucks, supplies plus the necessary funds for operation.

II. APPLICANTS RIGHTS IN LAND:

a. Cato Enterprises, Inc. has a Lease Agreement from Nickolick-Bennett Etals, owners of the 94 Benlick Claims.

See Folder II [a]

For copy of Lease Agreement, and true copies of the recorded claims

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b. See Folder II [a]

For legal description of each claim and recording data

See Folder II [b]

For map by Meacham & Associates, Reg. Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, covering the 94 Benlick Claims, which represents all the land that Nickolick-Bennett Etals or Cato Enterprises, Inc. has any interest in.

c. Covered in a and b above

III. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

a. This is largely unexplored territory, however in 1956 in the State of California Department of Natural Resources Division of Mines, Special Report #49 on Page 34 The Geslin-Fiscus Property (47) which the Atomic Energy Commission assayed to contain 0.32 percent U_3O_8 is our Benlick Claim #12

Also in the same report on Page 33 under surprise No. 1 Claim (43) the Atomic Energy Commission Assayed to contain 0.11 percent U_3O_8, is our Benlick Claim #80

See Folder V [a] for map.

b. Cato Enterprises, Inc. had no interest in these properties in 1956, but now has a lease agreement from Nickolick-Bennett Etals the present owners of these claims.

c. Cato Enterprises, Inc. has had no production from these properties

d. See Folder III [d]

For Geological Report by Arthur E. Granger, retired Geologist who was in charge of the A. E. C. Office in Salt Lake, Utah

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And a report by Kelley Bennett, consulting Geologist

e. See Folder III [d]

For Mr. Granger's and Mr. Bennett's Reports

See Folder V [a] for map

f. See Folder III [d]

For Mr. Granger's and Mr. Bennett's Reports

g. These are furnished in [d] above in Folder III [d]. If for any reason this loan is not granted, please return all engineering and geological data.

IV. ACCESSIBILITY OF PROPERTY:

a. The O. M. E. Representative may contact Mr. Kelley E. Bennett

1101 Union Avenue, Bakersfield, California

Phone: Area Code 805 No. 327-4671

Property is accessible from Highway 33 between Taft and McKittrick, California, known as the Temblor Range

b. The Santa Fe Railroad in Taft, California is an average distance of 10 miles.

V EXPLORATION WORK:

a. See Folder V [a]

For drill map, showing location of holes, depth and size

b. Access roads have been established in the process of development work on this property.

c. If an O. M. E. contract is executed we will commence work immediately and do everything in our power to have it com-

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pleted within one year.

Our rate of progress should be approximately one-twelfth completed each month.

VI. EXPERIENCE:

See Folder VI

For Cato Enterprises, Inc.'s qualification as a Drilling Contractor and Operating Company.

Financial Statement

Letter's of Credit (3)

Kelley E. Bennett's qualification as a supervisor

Letters of recommendation ( )

VII. ESTIMATE OF COSTS:

All the exploration and drilling will be done by Cato Enterprises, Inc., under the supervision of Kelley E. Bennett

See Folder VII

Bids (30

Cato Enterprises fixed unit cost - total

a. Covered in above

b. Cost of supervision and geologist

$800.00 per month,

Plus out of pocket expence and car mileage of 10¢ per mile, for 12 months

Mr. Kelley E. Bennett is available for this service

c. Included in Cato's fixed unit cost. See Folder VII.

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d. Included in Cato's fixed cost. See Folder VII.

e. Included in Cato's fixed unit cost. See Folder VII.

f. Office space will be rented at $150.00 per month for 12 months, for the purpose of keeping records and filing reports. Will have one employee at $350.00 per month for 12 month to keep books, file reports and do necessary office work ?

g. Included in Cato's fixed unit cost. See Folder VII.

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August 14, 1967

Mr. Robert Carter
National City Bank
Evansville, Indiana

Dear Bob:

We have over 15,000 acres of claims in Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California which lie in the Taft-McKittrick Mining District. After doing considerable surface work we find that we have some very favorable conditions for finding some rather large deposits of uranium. In order to substantiate our findings and also those of Mr. A. E. Granger, who was formally with the Atomic Energy Commission, we will have to undertake an extensive drilling and exploring program.

We would like to inquire about obtaining a loan of $250,000 which would be used to help finance this drilling and exploratory work.

The loan would be repaid from a 5% Royalty Assignment on all production from all of the properties.

If it is possible to make this type of a loan, please send us the necessary papers so that we may supply you with the information you will need.

Thanking you very kindly, I remain,

Yours truly,

Joe J. Nickolick, Vice-President
CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.

JJNrb

The NATIONAL CITY BANK of Evansville

EVANSVILLE
INDIANA

ROBERT E. CARTER
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Joe J. Nickolick
Vice President
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Post Office Box 2038
Station D
Evansville, Indiana

Dear Mr. Nickolick

Your letter of August 14, requesting a loan of $250,000.00 for drilling and exploratory work in California has been considered by our Loan Committee. I have been asked to tell you this Bank would not be interested in a loan of this type and must decline your request.

We regret our inability to help you in this instance.

Yours very truly

R. E. Carter

August 17, 1967

R. E. Carter
ER

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Bank of America
NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

TAFT BRANCH • 501 CENTER STREET • TAFT, CALIFORNIA 93268

August 24, 1967

Mr. Joe J. Nickolick
Vice President
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Evansville, Indiana

Dear Mr. Nickolick:

We regret to inform you that we are unable to extend credit requested in your letter of August 10, 1967. We are unable to extend credit in the amount of $250,000 for mineral exploration on an unsecured basis. NC

Yours truly,

J. Ware
Pro-Assistant Cashier

JW:jf

P. O. Box
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August 10, 1967

Mr. J. H. Ware
The Bank of America
Taft Branch
Taft, California

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Yours truly,

Joe J. Nickolick, Vice-President
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JJNrb

Kelley E. Bennett
CONSULTING GEOLOGIST

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING **COAL AND URANIUM**

PHONE(805) 327-4671

August 31, 1967

Kelley E. Bennett
1101 Union Ave.
Bakersfield, California

Studied Geology under the late Dr. Griffin at the University of Kentucky at Bowling Green, Kentucky

Coal business since 1942 - Developed three of the leading strip coal mining companies now operating in Kentucky:

1. Colonial Mine, Hopkinsville, Ky. now owned by Pittsburgh Mining
2. Paradise Colliers, Muehlenberg Co., Ky. now owned by Pittsburg Mining
3. Gibralter Colliers, Muehlenberg Co., Ky. owned by Ayrshire Colliers.

Uranium Experience:

Eleven years work studying geologic formations in Kentucky, Tennessee, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah and California.

THE PITTSBURG & MIDWAY COAL MINING CO.

HANOVER BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105

JOHN H. PLUMP
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

May 24, 1967

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to advise that I have known Mr. Kelley Bennett since approximately 1952. Since that time, Mr. Bennett has been intermittently associated with me in various capacities, both during my association with the Sunnyhill Coal Company and my present association with Pittsburg & Midway.

Mr. Bennett is quite knowledgeable and capable in conducting and supervising prospecting and drilling programs. I have always found him to be industrious, competent, and cooperative.

If additional information is desired, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John H. Plump

JHP/wt

DAVID C. DONAN, JR.
CONSULTING ENGINEER
[illegible] OAK STREET
MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY [illegible]
PHONE: (502) [illegible]

COAL EXPLORATION

October 27, 1965

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Mr. Kelley E. Bennett for the past twenty years and have been intimately associated with him on various coal development projects.

He has developed some of the outstanding coal properties in Western Kentucky including three of the largest strip mining operations currently operating in Western Kentucky.

I have found him trustworthy as well as talented and capable of handling major and complex undertakings.

Very truly yours,

David C. Donan, Jr.

AYRSHIRE COLLIERIES CORPORATION
BIG FOUR BUILDING
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

CLETUS A. BROECKER
VICE PRESIDENT

May 22, 1967

To Whom It May Concern:

We have known Mr. Bennett for perhaps ten years and have utilized his services on a number of occasions. We believe him to be well qualified to engineer and evaluate a mining property and follow through on all phases of geological survey, drilling and economic evaluation.

He has performed such duties for us on a number of occasions in several different fields of endeavor and we have found him to be very capable.

Cletus A. Broecker

Cletus A. Broecker
Vice President

CAB:hr

A C C O M P L I S H M E N T S

1942 - 1950 Hopkins County, Kentucky	L. W. Schnotzer Land & Mineral Company Founder-President-Co-owner
1943 - 1950 Hopkins County, Kentucky	Kelley E. Bennett & Company Real Estate-Insurance-Brokerage Founder-President-Co-owner (Family owned)
1945 of Kentucky	Commonwealth Acceptance Corporation. Founder-President-Co-owner (Automobile loans)

COAL DEVELOPMENTS

		Approx. Reserves
1944	Industrial Coal Company Mine in Hopkins County, Kentucky; now owned by Pittsburg & Midway Coal Company	6,000,000
1945	Colonial Coal Company Mine in Hopkins County, Kentucky; now owned by Pittsburg & Midway Coal Company	76,000,000
1946	Paradise Collieries Mine in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky of Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co.	50,000,000
1946	Gibrator Collieries Muhlenberg County, Kentucky; of Ayrshire Collieries Corporation	75,000,000
1957	Sunnyhill Coal Company Columbus, Ohio Geology and drilling Superintendent	
1959	Ayrshire Collieries Corporation Reconnaissance study of coal deposits in Warrior Coal Field	
1960	Consolidation Coal Company Gathering geology information for coal structure map of Warrior Coal Field	
1961	Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Company Geology of lignite and coal deposits of Alabama. Lignite drilled - workable	200,000,000
1955	Authored: "The Origin of Uranium" (Copyright applied for)	

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Cato Enterprises, Inc. is an Indiana Corporation activated in 1954, is primarly a Oil Well Drilling and Producing Corporation, has been very active in the Tri-State [Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky] for the past 13 years. Cato's key personnel has been with them for the past 13 years.

Cato has installed two waterflood projects and is presently operating them.

Joe J. Nickolick
1000 Cullen Ave.
Evansville, Indiana

United States Army - World War II - Four Years, Nine Months
Organized Petro Drilling Co. [Oil Well Drilling] in 1952
Organized Cato Enterprises, Inc. [Oil Well Drilling and Producing Co.] in 1954, have managed Corp. from the day it was activated.
Fifteen Years experience as an Oil Well Drilling Contractor, completing well, handling production, building Gas Transmission Lines and setting up compressor stations.

NATIONAL SUPPLY DIVISION
ARMCO STEEL CORPORATION

F. D. HAMMITT
AREA CREDIT MANAGER

ADDRESS REPLY TO
1480 WEST LANE AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43221

August 16, 1967

OFFICE OF MINERAL EXPLORATION
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Washington, D. C.

JOSEPH NICKOLICK
CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.
Highway 41 North
Box 2038, Station D
Evansville, Ind. 47714

Gentlemen:

Mr. Nickolick has been known to us since 1955 as an officer and stockholder in Cato Enterprises, Inc. Our business transactions have been with the corporation and our recent experience, while not on a large scale, has been quite satisfactory.

All personal contacts resulting from our business relationship have been with Mr. Nickolick and we have a high regard from Mr. Nickolick's ability, character and integrity. We are pleased to furnish you this information and hope it will be of some assistance.

Yours truly,

F. D. Hammitt

F. D. HAMMITT

FDH:glp

Birdwell
A DIVISION OF
Seismograph Service Corporation

ROBINSON, ILLINOIS FIELD OFFICE
OUTER EAST MAIN STREET / P. O. BOX 260
PHONE: AREA CODE 618 544-3191

August 15, 1967

Department of Interior
Office of Mineral Exploration
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have known and done business with Mr. Joe Nickolick, an officer of Cato Enterprises, Inc., for fifteen years. During this time, we have extended unlimited credit to Cato Enterprises. They have always met their obligations on time.

I have known Mr. Nickolick to be a man of honesty and integrity, well respected among his acquaintances. He is a good family man with high moral standards.

In my opinion, Mr. Nickolick would handle his obligations as he has in the past.

Very truly yours,

Stanley M. Flynn

Stanley M. Flynn
Area Manager,
Birdwell, Division of SSC

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DOWELL DIVISION OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

P. O. BOX 4067 — STATION A
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47711

August 14, 1967

OFFICE OF MINERAL EXPLORATION
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

RE: Cato Enterprises, Inc.,
P. O. Box 2038
Station D
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Gentlemen:

We have been requested by Joseph Nickolick, an officer of the Cato Enterprises, Inc. to furnish you credit information relative to their account with our company. Dowell has sold both Mr. Nickolick personally and the corporation on a continuing basis since January of 1956 and have at all times considered the account quite satisfactory. Our sales to the corporation in the past twelve (12) months amounted to $1,144.00, all sums have been paid and the account is strictly current.

I have personally known Mr. Nickolick during the time mentioned and consider him a good friend. He has on an occasion or two requested special terms which we were pleased to grant to him. I do not have a current corporate financial statement since I have not recently requested that one be furnished. However, I am well aware of his oil exploration activities in the States of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. Further, I am pleased to state he and the corporation have been very faithful about keeping any financial committments that they make.

Yours very truly,

E. C. "Gene" Robinson
District Credit Manager

ECR/jg

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August 31, 1967

United States Department of Interior
Office of Minerals Exploration
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Cato Enterprises, Inc. proposes to do the following work:

Drill 94 4" Holes to a total depth of 800 ft. each-	
Total footage 75200 ft. @ $2.75 per foot	206,800.00
Drill 170 4" Holes to a total depth of 500 ft. each-	
Total footage 85,000 ft. @ $2.75 per foot	233,750.00
Probe 264 Holes - total footage 160,200 ft.	
@ 25¢ per ft.	40,050.00
Employ supervisor-Geologist [Mr. Bennett]	
@ $800.00 per month - 12 months	9,600.00
Supervisor's Misc. Expence, travel and out of	
pocket expence $150.00 per month - 12 months	1,800.00
Have 4 assays per hole [264 holes] total 1056	
assays run @ 7.00 each	7,392.00
Rent office at Taft, California or Bakersfield,	
California @ $150.00 per month - 12 months	1,800.00
Furnish necessary supplies	1,200.00
Telephone $50.00 per month - 12 months	600.00
Office personnel - 1 employee @ $350.00 per month-	
12 months	4,200.00
Total	$507,192.00

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We shall move our equipment on and off of each hole, build any additional roads if necessary to get our equipment on location.

We will furnish all the necessary equipment, tools, bits and probe to do the above work.

As contractors we will carry the necessary insurance to comply with all Federal, State and Local Laws.

The above work will be done in a workman like manner and pursued with due diligence.

Yours truly,

CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.

Joe J. Nickolick

Joe J. Nickolick, Vice-President

JJNrb

Barnes Core Drilling Company
TELEPHONE 399-9181 1350 ROBERTS LANE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
93308

July 13, 1967

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Kelley E. Bennett
P.O. Box 2038, Station "D"
Evansville, Indiana

Gentlemen:

We wish to submit the following bid on your proposed drilling program on 94 mining claims in the mountain range between Maricopa and McKittrick, in Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California:

$2.75 per foot for straight drilling - 4" open hole
$5.75 per foot for all footage cored - Recover 1-7/8" core

This includes:

a. Transportation of equipment to and from location, and transportation between locations
b. Tractor work, if necessary to get equipment on or off locations
c. Making roads, and building bridges if required to get our equipment on and off locations
d. Drilling bits and coring equipment
e. Allows 8 hours time for probing hole after hole is at total depth.

Any probing after the 8 hours allowed above, or any work not included above, will be done at an hourly rate of $25.00.

Yours very truly,

BARNES CORE DRILLING COMPANY

By Doyle B. Barnes
Doyle B. Barnes

DBB:v

E. J. LONGYEAR COMPANY
308 EAST PIMA STREET
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004
PHONE 258-6543
GEN. OFFICE - MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

July 25, 1967

CATO Enterprises, Inc.
Post Office Box 2038 - Station D
Evansville, Indiana

SUBJECT: EXPLORATORY DRILLING, VICINITY TAFT, CALIFORNIA

Gentlemen:

1. In response to the request of your Consulting Geologist, Mr. Kelley E. Bennett, we are pleased to submit our proposal covering non-core drilling and core drilling activity in the above subject area.

2. Our understanding of your proposed program is as follows:

The minimum footage will approximate 215,000 linear feet in 188 4-1/2" maximum diameter, vertical non-core drill holes varying in depth from 500 feet to 800 feet and 94 core drill holes with minimum 1-7/8" diameter core to maximum depths of 500 feet.

Where possible, drill holes will be located at accessible sites to drills and service trucks. Only in rare cases will it be necessary for the Contractor to prepare access roads or level drill sites.

The Contractor will make every attempt to core drill the holes using air for circulation. However, in the event high water tables, either perched or permanent, be encountered, it is understood that air drilling would cease and the hole would be either abandoned or be continued using fluid circulation to its projected depth. Air coring cannot be economically carried out in formations of high water content.

This proposal is given with the understanding that it applies only to drilling in sedimentary formations composed mainly of sandstone, shale and siltstone. In the event intrusive rocks of a more hard and dense nature are encountered, it is understood and agreed that the hole would be abandoned, or if continued, to be at agreed upon rates separate from those outlined in this proposal.

3. For the work as outlined above, the Longyear Company proposes to furnish, when available, two complete rotary air drilling rigs. We would be agreeable to the furnishing of one additional truck mounted coring rig if it should be determined it would be required to carry out the core drilling portion of the program.

We would expect to operate the rigs on a one or two shift basis, working eight hour shifts on a five or six day per week schedule.

4. We will carry public liability insurance covering personal injury and property damage and Workmen's Compensation insurance and also all-risk insurance on the drilling equipment protecting against loss by theft, fire, flood, landslides and other similar hazards. Certificates showing the coverage referred to will be furnished upon request.

5. Based upon conditions expected to prevail on this work, we are pleased to quote as follows:

a) Mobilization and demobilization of personnel and drilling equipment.....$850.00 per rig lump sum

b) Air rotary non-core drilling in vertical holes with maximum diameter of 4-1/2" -

0 to 800 feet in depth.....$2.90 per foot

c) Diamond core drilling - Vertical holes with minimum core diameter of 1-7/8" -

0 to 500 feet in depth.....$6.95 per foot

d) Reaming, if required in order to place casing through unstable zones, will be carried out at.....$1.95 per foot

e) Standby time or delays for your convenience or for which you are responsible will be invoiced at.....$20.00 per hour with 2-man drill crew.

f) Time spent by crews performing cementing activity, installing or pulling casing or performing other necessary stabilizing activity will be invoiced at.....$22.00 per hour for 2-man drill crew.

g) Core boxes, cardboard construction, capacity ten feet of core, if supplied by the Longyear Company, will be invoiced at.....$1.00 each

h) In the event air coring should prove to be unfeasible and it would be necessary to continue coring using fluid circulation, the following additional charges would apply:

(1) Water truck rental.....$250.00 per month plus 15 cents per mile traveled while engaged in water hauling activity.

(continued)

(2) Separate water truck driver, if required, will be invoiced at $4.00 per hour.

(3) Charges for water at source will be invoiced to you.

i) Cement, drill mud, additives or other stabilizing material consumed in the program will be invoiced at our jobsite cost, plus a 10% handling charge.

6. Cores and/or samples will be turned over to your representative at the drill site in containers furnished by you or by the Longyear Company as outlined above.

7. If awarded this work and prior to the mobilizing operations, it is understood and agreed that you will make acceptable financial arrangements with the Longyear Company for payment of invoices covering work performed. Such arrangements can be either in prepayment funds or acceptable information on financial ability that would permit billing on an open account basis.

8. Statements will be submitted on a monthly basis promptly at the end of each month covering invoiceable work performed during the month. Payment will become due promptly upon your receipt of statement.

9. We appreciate the opportunity to submit this drilling proposal to you. If awarded the work, it is understood that sufficient time would be given for the purpose of mobilizing the necessary equipment required to carry out the program.

Sincerely,

E. J. LONGYEAR COMPANY

J. R. Miller

Manager, Southwestern Zone
Contract Drilling Division

J.R.Miller:jag

ACCEPTED:

Company_____

By_____

Date_____

L O P E R A N A D R I L L I N G C O.
6th & Kern St.
T A F T - C A L I F O R N I A

Cato Enterprises
P. O. Box 2038 Station "D"
Evansville, Indiana

July 17,1967

Sirs:

We are making the following bid on the drilling acording to the attached sheet:

$3.10 per foot for the 4" holes to be probed.
$6.50 per foot for allcored footage. Recovering 17/8" core.

This price includes tractor work, road building getting in and out, and all drill bits, and allowing 6 hours time for probing the hole before closing the hole. Any time taken beyond the six Hrs, will be paid for at the rate of $15.00 per hour.

Yours,

Loperna Drilling Co.

By: Everett E Olin

Everett E. Olin, Vice President

Kelley E. Bennett
CONSULTING GEOLOGIST

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

COAL AND URANIUM

PHONE(805) 327-4671

1101 Union Avenue
Bakersfield, Calif.

July 12,1967

Request for Drill bid to be made to :

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P.O.Box 2038 Station "B"
Evahsville, Indiana

Bids to be made as follows:

To be drilled on 94 claims as per the accompanying Maps:
(Claim # 21 is to be omitted)

94- - Holes to be 4" Diameter and 800' deep,to be left open for probing.

94 - - Holes Cored, recover 1 7/8" core ; to be cored all way, 500' Holes.

188 - - Holes (two per claim) 500' deep by 4" in diameter, to be left open for probing.

Make a seperate bid on the coring from the 4" rock bit holes.

Location of drill sites as shown on the accompanying U.S.G.S. Topp. maps with the legend thereon.

Four (4) copies of bids to be mailed to me at the above address to reach me by noon July 19th. 1967.

50% of drilling to be done within first six months from date of reciveing award notice, and 50% during second six months from date of award notice.

Thank you,

K. E. Bennett

K. E. Bennett

All drilling to be done with AIR, no water-- thank you.

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AIRMAIL

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station D
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Re: OME-6656 (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Beulick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 11, 1968, requesting the return of the balance of material submitted with your recently withdrawn application.

We are returning the envelope (Exhibit 2a) containing the numerous lease agreements, and have instructed Mr. Harold Stager, OME Field Officer, Menlo Park, California, to return to you his copies of the application material. We have retained the original copy of the non-technical material in accordance with the General Instructions on the application form. This copy is the Government's permanent record of your application and information contained therein can be referred to if you wish to submit another application sometime in the future.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Materials Exploration

Enclosure

cc: Director's Reading File
Division File
Economic Geology File
OME File
OME Reading File
Mr. Peterson
Region II w/copy of incoming ltr. dtd. 3/11/68

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Office of Minerals Exploration
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, California 94025

March 14, 1968

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Mr. J. J. Nickolick
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P.O. Box 2038 Station D
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Re: OME-6656 (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, Calif.

Dear Mr. Nickolick:

At the request of our Washington, D. C. office, we are returning herewith the balance of your application material from our files. The maps (5) and geological reports (2) were return to you on March 12, 1968.

Sincerely yours,

H. K. Stager
Field Officer
OME, Region II

Enclosures

cc: Chief, OME, WDC
Docket 6656
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March 11, 1968

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of Minerals Expiration
United States Department of Interior
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C. 20242

RE: OME- 6656 (uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc., Benlick Claims
Kerr and San Obispo Counties, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for the partial return of the above application. I would greatly appreciate your returning the balance, which consists of a large brown folder marked "U.S.A. Department of Interior, Geological Office of Minerals Expiration" and containing the following:

Compartment 1- Application folder

Compartment 1a- Financial eligibility

Compartment 2a- Lease agreement and true copies of (returned) Benlick Claims (94).

Compartment 2b, 3d, 5a (These three were returned)

Compartment 6- Qualifications:
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Joe J. Nickolick
Kelley E. Bennett
Cato financial statement and letters of credit.

Compartment 7- Bids, 3
Cato's fixed unit costs

Thanking you kindly, I remain

Very truly yours,

Joe J. Nickolick

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AIRMAIL

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station D
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Re: OME-6656 (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your request of March 5, 1968, we are considering the subject application as having been withdrawn and are placing it in our inactive files.

If you wish to reopen this case at any time in the future, you may do so by filing a new application, referring to this OME docket number, and furnishing the information pertinent to your new proposal. This information should include new bank letters dated within 90 days of filing the new application, but need not repeat data already submitted.

The maps (5) and geological reports (2) submitted with the application are being returned to you as requested. Other non-technical material submitted is retained for our records.

Sincerely yours,
FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

Enclosures

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March 5, 1968

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of Minerals Exploration
United States Department of the Interior
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Re: OME-6656 [Uranium]
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties
California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We wish to withdraw our application on the above as we have made other arrangements.

Would you please return our application brochre?

Thank you very kindly for your splendid co-operation.

Yours truly,

Joe J. Nickolick

Joe J. Nickolick
CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.

cc: Mr. Steigger
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, Calif.

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AIRMAIL

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station D
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Re: (BK-6656 (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California

Gentlemen:

During their visit to our office on November 30, 1967, Mr. Nicholick and Mr. Bowers indicated that the data required to continue the processing of the subject application would be submitted shortly thereafter. To date, we have not received this information.

For administrative and fiscal reasons this office cannot indefinitely defer action on an application. Therefore, will you please advise us of your plans regarding the application, and if you have decided not to pursue it further, please so inform us.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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SOUTHERN SECURITIES BUILDING
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WILLIAM T. FITZGERALD
F. WESLEY BOWERS

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Mr. Frank Johnson
Office of Mineral Exploration
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.

Re: Cato Enterprises, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of Mr. Nickolick and myself I wish to express our appreciation to you for taking the time to discuss with us the application of Cato Enterprises, Inc.

The guidance which you and Mr. Peterson gave to us was most helpful.

We are taking steps to provide the additional information which you indicated would be desirable.

We look forward to visiting with you again.

Sincerely yours,

FITZGERALD & BOWERS

By F. Wesley Bowers

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cc: Cato Enterprises, Inc.

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AIRMAIL

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station D
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Re: OME-6656 (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of September 28, 1967.

We are enclosing six copies of the Lien and Subordination Agreements (OME Form 52) for your possible use.

These forms were inadvertently not forwarded with our letter of September 26.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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Mr. Peterson

Nov. 30 — Joe Johnson & Bowers in today to discuss program. We will issue proposal and [illegible] a more limited one. Keep application active for reasonable length of time. EP

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September 28, 1967

Mr. Frank E. Johnson
Chief Office of Mineral Exploration
United States Department of Interior
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Re: OME - 6656 (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern & San Luis Obispo Co., Calif.

Dear Sir:

We received your letter of September 26, 1967 requesting additional information and a Lien and Subordination Agreement.

Apparently you forgot to enclose the 6 copies of MME Form 52, so if you will forward these forms to us, we will have them executed and also get you the additional information you requested, as soon as possible.

Thank you very kindly.

Yours truly,

Joe J. Nickolick
CATO ENTERPRISES, INC.

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AIRMAIL

SEP 26 1967

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station B
Evansville, Indiana 47714

Re: OME-6656 (Uranium)
Cato Enterprises, Inc.
Benlick Claims
Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties, California

Gentlemen:

A preliminary review of your application for exploration assistance indicates that the geologic information furnished is too meager and generalized for us to properly evaluate your proposal. Consequently, additional data is required before we can continue the processing of the application.

Information needed may include assays of samples taken from mineralized areas of the property to be explored, geologic maps or sections, and a more detailed description of the structures, formations, and mineral occurrences on the property. The results of past exploration of the Benlick Claims referred to in Mr. Granger's report should be included. In addition, please provide the geologic justification for placing the proposed holes in the locations shown. Are any ore reserves inferred?

Since Cato Enterprises, Inc., does not own the claims where work is contemplated, it will be necessary for you to furnish five copies of Lien and Subordination Agreements signed by the property owners. If the agreements cannot be obtained, we must have your assurance that a Performance Bond covering the Government's share of the estimated cost of the work would be furnished by the company in the event of a contract. Lien and Subordination Agreements (6 copies MME Form 52) are enclosed for your possible use.

This request for additional information should not be construed as a commitment by the Government to grant an exploration contract. We shall continue to hold your application until the requested data are received.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK E. JOHNSON

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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September 15, 1967

Cato Enterprises, Inc.
P. O. Box 2038, Station D.
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Subject: OME - 6656

Gentlemen:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated August 31, 1967, submitted to our office at Menlo Park, California, has been assigned Docket No. OME-6656.

Please identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this docket number.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Johnson
Chief, Office of
Minerals Exploration

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