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- [ ] Assignment of Contract
- [ ] Contract Amendments
- [ ] Contract with all exhibits and annexes
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- [ ] Field Team Semi-Annual Report for Certified Project
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- [ ] Operator's Final Report (Tab)
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
So. 157 Howard Street
Spokane 4, Washington

Air Mail

April 4, 1958

Mr. George C. Selfridge, Chairman
Operating Committee, DMEA
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: New Application (Antimony-Copper-Lead-Zinc-Uraninite-Cobalt
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Jefferson County, Montana

Dear Mr. Selfridge:

Enclosed are the original and two copies of an application for DMEA aid to explore for copper, lead, zinc, uranium, cobalt, and antimony in the Hope and Bullion Mine, Jefferson County, Montana.

This property was the subject of Contract Idm-E220, Docket No. DMEA-326, which was between this applicant and DMEA. Although the application is poorly prepared and rather vague presumably it is a request for reinstatement of the old contract.

The Field Team final report on Contract Idm-E220 states in the summary "The contract was terminated August 11, 1953, by agreement, after commencement but before completion of the work because of operator's gross incompetence, failure to prosecute the work diligently, and financial inability to provide her share of the project cost.--- Failure of the operator to complete work does not in any way detract from the geologic possibilities of the property." The same report states under Recommendations "The property merits further exploration; however, Government participation in this exploration is not recommended as long as the present lessee controls the property."

From the letter to the Executive Officer, which accompanies the application, it appears that $6,400 represents the labor of four men, contributed freely to the contract work, that $1,300 represents free secretarial work, and that $212 represents an expected tax refund, source not given. Thus, it appears that the applicant has available only $6,335--not $14,247 as she indicates--and probably a goodly portion of these funds will be required to rehabilitate the shaft and equipment, especially if they have been idle since 1953.

From the application it is obvious that Mrs. Romerio does not have adequate funds to complete even the shaft sinking, and furthermore there is nothing in the way the application is prepared to indicate that she has acquired the ability to carry on the work any more competently or diligently than she did before.

We therefore recommend that the application be denied.

By Field Team, Region I

A. E. Weissenborn

A. E. Weissenborn, Exec. Officer
U. S. Geological Survey

Thomas E. Howard
for: Wing G. Agnew, Member
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Enclosures

cc: USBM (2)
Prinz

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.3
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APPLICATION FOR AID IN AN EXPLORATION PROJECT

PURSUANT TO DMEA ORDER I, UNDER THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950, AS AMENDED

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

RECEIVED APR 1 1958 U. S. G. S. SPOKANE, WASH.

ALBERTA K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Boulder Mont.

APPLICANT NOT TO USE THIS BLOCK

Docket Number	DMEA-4978
Date Received	4-7-58
Government Participation %	
Region	I.
Division Code	500

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION (Check one)

- Individual [ ]
- Corporation [ ]
- Partnership [X]
- Other (Specify) [ ] Family Partnership

State in which firm is organized

LIST CORPORATE OFFICERS OR PARTNERS HERE, IF APPLICABLE

Name	Address	Title
Alberta K. Romerio	4821 Lee St. Torrance Cal.	Mgr.
Richard J Romerio		Asst. Mgr.
Charles A. Romerio		Mech & Blksmith.
and Two Helpers.		
Delight Lewis		Secretary

Mineral(s) for which you wish to explore Antimony Copper Lead Zinc Uranium Cobalt.

Estimated Cost of Project $ 28 000

LOCATION OF PROPERTY

Name	County	State
Hope Patent #3914	Jefferson Co	Mont

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Before filling out this application, please read DMEA Order—I, Revised, "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects." 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 four 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 1, existing mine workings and geology in item 2, and the proposed exploration project in item 4. 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 2(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 Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., or with the nearest DMEA 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.

March 30 - 1958
Dated

Alberta K. Romerio
BY *(Signature)*

Manager & Owner
Title

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. *Applicant's Property Rights:*

(a) 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 land adjacent to the proposed project area which you own or control. Describe any part of the project land or workings which should not be subject to Government lien for royalty payments. If the land consists of unpatented claims, state the book and page number for each recorded location notice, including amended locations, and the place where recorded (courthouse, recorder's office, county, and state).

(b) State all the names by which you know the property.

(c) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise. If you are not the owner, submit with this application one exact copy of the lease, contract, or other document (with address of owner) under which you control the property.

(d) Describe all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the property.

2. *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 lands, including existing mine workings. Describe all production facilities.

(b) State your interest, if any, in operations stated in 2*(a)*.

(c) State, as far as 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 on the property giving quantities and grades and sampling methods used, supporting 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 may have, indicating on each whether you require its return to you.

3. *Accessibility of Project:*

(a) To aid DMEA representatives who may be required to examine the property, state the name and address of the person who will meet the DMEA representative; give directions for reaching the property; and describe accessibility of the property including the mine workings.

(b) Name the shipping and supply points and places where employees reside and state the distances between them and the property.

4. *The Exploration Project:*

(a) Describe fully the proposed exploration project giving individual footages and sizes of openings *for each item of work.* Use narrative, maps, plans, and longitudinal and cross sections as necessary. Show the 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 *property boundaries* or to the closest identifiable corner.

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

(c) In the event that an exploration contract with DMEA is executed, how soon will the work start and how many months will be required to complete it? State your anticipated average daily or monthly rate of progress for each type of work.

5. *Experience:*

State your operating experience and background with relation to your ability to carry out this exploration project, and also that of the person or persons who will supervise the operations.

6. *Estimate of Costs:*

Furnish detailed estimates of the costs *for each item of the work proposed in 4(a)* under the headings listed below with a total for each heading and the estimated total cost of the project. Costs for any work to be performed by an independent contractor should be shown separately under category *(a)* below. Costs for any work that is not to be performed by an independent contractor should be given in detail under categories *(b)* through *(g)*.

(a) Independent contracts. State the cost of any proposed independent contract for the performance of all or any part of the work, expressed in units of work, such as per foot of drilling, per foot of drifting, per hour of bulldozer operations, 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. For necessary supervision, engineering and geological services, and labor, include an itemized schedule of numbers, classes, rates of wages, salaries or fees, and periods of employment. State whether these technicians and employees are available.

(c) Operating materials and supplies. List items of material and supplies with their cost. 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 operating equipment to be used giving specifications and indicating how each item is to be acquired – i.e., rented, purchased, or provided by the applicant. If it is rented or purchased, state the estimated rental or purchase price. If it is to be furnished by the applicant, give its present fair market value.

(e) Initial rehabilitation and repairs. Describe the type and the cost of necessary *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 on the exploration project.

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

(g) Miscellaneous. For the operating equipment listed in 6*(d)*, describe the type and estimate the cost of repairs and maintenance expected during project operations. Do not repeat initial repairs listed in 6*(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 – 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)* State whether you are prepared to furnish your share of the cost of the proposed project in accordance with the regulations on Government participation stated in Sec. 7 of DMEA Order–I, Revised.

(b) Explain to what extent you propose to furnish your share of the costs by providing money, by use of equipment owned by you, or otherwise.

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Mr A. E. Heissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA.
Field team, Region I

March 30-1958
4821 Lee St.
Torrance Calif.

My dear Mr Heissenborn -

May first I expect to have

toward Contract - 6 months:

Reserve Cash. $2335.00

4 mens labor - Value $400 mo. 6 mo. 6400.00

16x6 = 9600
64
32

Secretary 1300.00

Tax Refund 212.

My earnings 500.00 per mo for 6 mo 3000.00 will continue to work in lab

Totaling $14,247.00

As you know, we picked up the shaft but it must be pumped & cleaned out & jacked up. -

We will have rehabelitation costs on shaft and equipment. -

I have had the best brains in the country in with their suggestions and they concurred this

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Denver, Colo.

is the best procedure so in figuring our contract will you please make as large an allowance for rehabilitation as possible - and as large a footage allowance on the shaft as possible ($325 to $375 ft). for our next 60 feet.

That 100 foot depth is our aim - if we don't hit ore first. and we must make haste slowly in this ground.

The drifting costs will be negative compared with rehabilitation sinking and cross cutting, as we will be mining ore and the pay off should begin -

As you know we gave up DMEA 326 R because we were really In the Hole and have worked consistently since with the single thought of retrenching -

successfully completing the work that I started -

Remember me to Mr Kulsgaard and all who helped me so much with their courtesy in your office - I was in once when you were not there, to inspect Mr Beacraft's map for the A.E.C. and, received the same courteous treatment extended by you.

As you see I have included antimony in our project application - The Smelter assay shows antimony - Question is where & how much - Do you suppose that could up the Gov. contribution -

Sincerely yours.

Alberta K. Romero.

P.S. Can come into Spokane office to sign final papers, first week in May if that will help expediate.

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JUN 6 1958

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Box 421
Boulder, Montana

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4978 (Lead-Zinc-Copper-Antimony-Uraninite-Cobalt)
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Jefferson County, Montana

Dear Mr. Romerio:

I have your letter of May 26, 1958, and have reviewed it with some care.

I must point out that you are reinstituting your work on generally the same basis as previously; using unskilled mine labor and with inadequate financial resources. Mining work in general, and most particularly shaft sinking in heavy ground, requires the services of thoroughly experienced miners. When attempted by others such work can be very dangerous and I definitely would not be inclined to commit the Government to participate in such an undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (for)

Administrator

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Mr. Kiilsgaard, USGS
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June 5, 1958

Memorandum

To: The Administrator

From: Director, Division of Base Metals

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-4978, Alberta K. Romerio, Hope and Bullion Mine, Jefferson County, Montana, Lead-Zinc-Copper-Antimony-Uraninite-Cobalt.

This is most pathetic, the good lady insists upon keeping herself broke by trying to sink a shaft in bad ground, using inexperienced relatives. They will probably eventually succed in getting themselves caved in and killed - shaft sinking, when the ground is bad, is dangerous enough, even for skilled miners. What a set-up, almost no money, patched up, haywire equipment, and unemployed boy friends for labor. The attached letter is rather strong, but its only the simple truth.

W. R. Griswold

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Re DMEA-4978

May 26-58
Hopper Dredging Mine
Box 4311 Bradley Mont

Mr. Hopper & Bullen
Box 4311
Bradley, Mont

Dear Mr Wellendorf -

Does know you guys of 2 chap. you are making a mistake in judgement when you refuse to consider a new contract for the Hopper & Bullen property -

As you see I am no longer in Torrance - Calif - My husband (Steve) my son (Cooke) were drafted out of my home by Uncle Sam) and two of my sons remain plus all my friends, needed to secure the mines whether Government assisted or not - I'm completely at a loss. Change needs - Federal Stockpiles and our great Nation Above -

We must keep feet planted in the year - workers [illegible]

have built a new out house are enlarging the Hand shed and have put in a new hoist, milking cable, shaw wheel, and are building out the shop. Expect to be moving out the week.

Have also put in some protective spiling and support for our gallery frame & shop.

Your Honor the municipality a new contract would produce the Government would be entitled date and would take my degree of the unemployment lists. The engineer that the Government demanded no longer has an interest here and whether this is done to the Government satisfaction or not it will of into production the revenue would likely things are being shaped —

I could use Management help
for rehabilitation of my Company.
My superintendent with Better
Income Gauges have been there
as were my and does complete
the last year and I have had as
3 sons and after five years profit
and new figures are increased
of 3 as a couple - I get it
will be definitely to Management to
interest in sales and I want to
have the property developed. Gas
Prices I had to increase now.
and to get Represented requires
Very times. That is
during what put me to work here.
to Here is Replying for
your re-consideration. The
people in Jefferson County are

giving us the entire cooperation in spite of the fact that our last Government officially left us out as state of Brentwood. They seem to feel the need of a good preacher among us in this part of the country.

The Sheriff has given me a call to do the job. The Green - Hamilton altercation has extended considerable. His personal to all the parties concerned. Cooperation - Rev. J. Lemon. Government should be in this case here.

Very sincerely

Albert F. Lemon

Pastor Southern Methodist

Dist. of Col. Southern

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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
4821 Lee Street
Torrance, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4978 (Lead-Zinc-Copper-Antimony-Uraninite-Cobalt)
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Jefferson County, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your application for additional financial aid to resume exploration of the above-captioned property has been reviewed together with other data available to this Administration.

As you will recall, the Government entered into an exploration contract with you under DMEA-326 (Contract No. Idm-E220) on December 3, 1951, to perform essentially the same work proposed under your new application. Also, Contract Idm-E220 was terminated on August 11, 1953, at the instigation of the Government because of your inability to perform the approved work as required by the terms of the Contract.

A careful analysis of your new proposal gives little assurance that further work would be prosecuted to the satisfaction of the Government and, therefore, it is improbable that significant ore reserves would be disclosed as a result of any funds expended.

We regret to inform you that, under these circumstances, further Government assistance is not justified and that your application is therefore denied.

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Mr. Kiilsgaard, USGS
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Sincerely yours,

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Administrator

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Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
4821 Lee Street
Torrance, California

Re: Docket No. DMEA-4978 (Lead-Zinc-Copper-Antimony-Uraninite-Cobalt)
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Jefferson County, Montana

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other data available to us in Washington concerning your application have been reviewed.

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 ore reserves ~~by your proposed program~~ is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you, under these circumstances, that your application for exploration assistance is denied, ~~but without prejudice to the property.~~

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

Sincerely yours,

Administrator

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A careful analysis of your new proposal gives little assurance that further work would be prosecuted to the satisfaction of the Government and, therefore, it is improbable that significant ore reserves would be disclosed.

We regret to inform you that, under these circumstances, further Government assistance is not justified and that your application is denied.

Sincerely yours,

Administrator

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Memorandum for the Docket

From: Director, Division of Base Metals

Subject: Justification for Denial of the Application, Docket No. DMEA-4978, Alberta K. Romerio, Hope and Bullion Mine, Jefferson County, Montana, Lead-Zinc-Copper-Antimony-Uraninite-Cobalt.

The Applicant, Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio, formerly had a contract with DMEA (DMEA-326) which was terminated in 1953.

The project was a veritable nightmare to everybody concerned; the Operator, the Field Team and us here in Washington. The poor lady, with not the faintest idea of mine operation, using inexperienced relatives for labor, with very limited funds, was trying to sink a shaft through soft, caving ground. The result was inevitable, lots of money wasted and nothing accomplished; accompanied by resentment and recriminations on the part of the Operator toward the Government.

We would indeed be ultra-stupid if we again let the Government get involved in such a hopeless situation.

W R Griswold

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 10, 1958

Re: DMEA 326X; Lead-Zinc-Copper-Antimony
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Jefferson County, Mont.

Memorandum

To: W. R. Griswold, DMEA

From: O. M. Bishop, USBM

Subject: New application dated April 7, 1958 apparently requesting renegotiation of contract Idm-E220 that was terminated August 11, 1953

Alberta K. Romerio, through a letter addressed to Mr. Selfridge dated April 4, 1958, implies she now is financially capable of executing the authorized work program and wishes reinstatement of the subject contract.

The Field Team's final report of August 11, 1953 note that, although geologic factors appear favorable, the applicant's lack of financial responsibility and unskillful, indolent work habits dictated termination of the contract. I believe these criticisms are the dominant factors to be considered. I agree with the Field Team's views as expressed in the letter transmitting the new application - there is nothing to indicate Alberta Romerio is more competent today than at the time the contract was terminated. I, therefore, recommend denial without prejudice to the property.

O. M. Bishop

O. M. Bishop

cc: Division of Minerals
Mr. Kiilsgaard
Mr. Lamb
Mr. Callaway
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

April 10, 1958
Re: DMEA 4978
Alberta K. Romerio
Hope & Bullion Mine
Jefferson County, Montana
$28,000 - Copper-lead-zinc etc.

Memorandum

To: W. R. Griswold, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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

Subject: Review of application.

The applicant requests assistance in continuing exploration of a "....strongly altered and sheared vein zone poorly and discontinuously exposed for about 150 feet. It appears to be up to 10 feet wide, dips steeply and consists of altered quartz monzonite laced by gouge strands and containing discontinuous sulfide-bearing quartz lenses. The vein is unquestionably on the strike of the Comet-Gray Eagle vein system and the proposed exploration would be about 1500 feet east of the easternmost Comet ore shoots. ...." Letter, Acting Executive Officer, Region II, to Chairman, Coordinating Committee, August 3, 1951.

A contract, DMEA 326 Idm-E220, awarded December 3, 1951, authorized the expenditure of $21,200 on: Stage I shaft rehabilitation, sinking 100 feet and crosscutting 50 feet: Stage II 250 feet of drifting.

Only 38' of shaft work was completed. The total cost, including preparatory work and shaft rehabilitation, was $8,725.04. The contract was terminated by mutual agreement August 11, 1953. Nothing had been added to the geologic knowledge of the property and it continues, apparently, to be a good geologic bet.

But the lease ownership and management have not changed and the same financial embarassment continues. Experience has shown the shaft work is much more expensive than estimated in 1951. The applicant has upped the estimated cost per foot from, perhaps, $125.00 to $325-$375, but she expects the ore that may be found will pay for the drifting.

To clean up the shaft and sink 62 feet at, say, $250.00 foot would cost upwards of $20,000. If, as before, the applicant's family (2 sons, husband and daughter) help and they have the reserve cash claimed, $3,335.00, they might pull through.

If the applicant can show conclusively she has the cash and time of five or six, now 5 years older, people on call, it appears she is entitled to a new contract.

I recommend that further investigation by the Field Team be requested.

N. E. Nelson

N. E. Nelson

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 8, 1958

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
4821 Lee Street
Torrance, California

Subject: DMEA-4978

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

Your application for exploration assistance, dated March 30, 1958 submitted to our office at Spokane, Washington has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-4978 and referred to the Division of Base Metals in the Washington office. Kindly identify all future correspondence relating to your application by this Docket Number.

Sincerely yours,

Allen S. Dakan, Director
Operations Control and
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So. 157 Howard Street
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March 17, 1958

Mrs. Alberta K. Romerio
4821 Lee Street
Torrance, California

Dear Mrs. Romerio:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 11, 1958, requesting a DMEA contract for aid in exploring the Hope-Bullion mine for uranium.

As Mr. Thor H. Kiilsgaard mentioned in his letter of May 5, 1954, your contract was terminated by mutual agreement so that before a proposal for more work can be considered, it will be necessary for you to submit a new application. This application should describe, in detail, the work you propose to do, the estimated costs of the project, and any new workings completed since termination of your prior contract, with pertinent maps and assays.

I am enclosing DMEA Order 1, Revised, a Questions and Answers booklet, and 5 copies of Form MF-103. If you submit an application, please send the original and three copies to this office, retaining the other for your files. Please note that Government participation in uranium exploration projects is now 50 percent instead of 75 percent as you mention in your letter.

Should you decide to submit the new application, I doubt whether a decision regarding its acceptance or denial could be reached before May 1, the starting date mentioned in your letter. It usually takes several weeks to process an application.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. Weissenborn
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region I

cc: DMEA (2) w/incoming
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Note: Previous docket No. DMEA-326 (lead-zinc), Hope-Bullion property, Jefferson County, Montana, Contract No. Idm-E220, terminated August 11, 1953.

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Re: Hope - Bullion Mine
Jefferson County, Montana

From: Alberta K. Romerio
4821 Lee St.
Torrance, Calif.

March 11, 1958

Mr. A. E. Weissenborn
U. S. Geological Survey
Spokane, Washington

Dear Mr. Weissenborn:

Spring is here and the old mining fever grows hot -

Have been saving from my salary and expect to have $1500 in cash May 1 plus grub stake of $240 monthly and two men for work. There is a possibility I shall have more cash but think I should have sure money.

Do you suppose you could draw up a contract for uranium ? exploration say for 6 mo. or more possibly 8 mo.

240		1900	
x8	-	1500	$13,600 total
1920		3400 x 4 or 75%	

As you know our Lode contains assays of 40% uraninite not to speak of high contents of Base Metals - and what you'd like to know, is that major interests have offered me $3,500,000.00 for the mine.

We feel that this offer has been received, largely due to the excellent work of the United States Geological Survey work and the fine assistance of the engineers of the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

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Do you suppose this contract could be ready for May 1 starting of work (due to all preliminary work done and completed)

which will eliminate fighting weather conditions.

I have a $412 monthly income besides the mine savings.

If it is necessary for me to come in to the department to speed this up I shall be happy to do this.

You can reach me at work by phone 3 to 11 P.M. - John Wesley County Hospital, Los Angeles - Phone Ri 9-5211 -5th Floor Charge Nurse - Tuesday thru Sunday 3 to 11 P.M. or by Mail 4821 Lee St., Torrance, Calif.

Richard may be able to raise more cash if we sell the house. But believe the $13,600 or 75% financing for uranium will due the job. I have the Deed to 1/2 the mine property in my name now and Les's leases.

Sincerely as always,

/s/ ALBERTA K. ROMERIO