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TERMINATION OF EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT BY AGREEMENT
AFTER COMMENCEMENT BUT BEFORE COMPLETION OF THE WORK

It is agreed this 8th day of January, 1953, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and W. H. Covington, Polkville, North Carolina, hereinafter called the "Operator," parties to that certain Exploration Project Contract I-dm-E 450, Docket No. DMEA-2601, dated 21 November 1952, that the said contract shall be and is hereby terminated as of the first date above written.

Any work prosecuted or costs incurred by the Operator after the date first above written shall be for the sole account of the Operator, except for (a) such necessary and reasonable costs and expenses as may be incurred in preserving and disposing of any facilities, buildings, fixtures, equipment, or other items, to the cost of which the Government has contributed and in which the Government has an equity, and (b) the costs of any reports, accounts, and winding-up and settlement actions provided for in the contract.

The undersigned Operator hereby releases and agrees to save harmless the Government from all claims and demands under or arising out of said Exploration Project Contract, except as herein expressly otherwise provided.

Witness the following signatures as of the day and year first above written.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By Robert A. Lawrence EXECUTIVE OFFICER DMEA REGION VII

W H Covington
(Operator)

By _____

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Exploration Project Contract

W. H. COVINGTON

DOCKET NO. DMEA-2681

AMENDMENT NO. I

It is agreed this 16th day of December 1952, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and W. H. Covington, each acting in consideration of the agreement of the other to the terms hereinafter set forth that the Exploration Project Contract Idm-R450, Docket No. DMEA-2681, dated November 24, 1952, between the parties hereto be modified and amended as of said date as follows:

In Article 3, in lieu of the words "two months" insert the words "four months".

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By Robert A. Lawrence
Executive Officer, Defense
Minerals Exploration
Administration Field Team,
Region VII

W. H. Covington
W. H. Covington

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Exploration Project Contract

W. H. COVINGTON

DOCKET NO. DMEA-2631

AMENDMENT NO. I

It is agreed this day of 1952, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and W. H. Covington, each acting in consideration of the agreement of the other to the terms hereinafter set forth that the Exploration Project Contract Idm-2450, Docket No. DMEA-2631, dated November 24, 1952, between the parties hereto be modified and amended as of said date as follows:

In Article 3, in lieu of the words "two months" insert the words "four months".

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By _____
Executive Officer, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration Field Team, Region VII

_____
W. H. Covington

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EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT[1]
(Short Form)

IT IS AGREED this 24th day of November, 1952, between the United States of America, acting through the Department of the Interior, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration, hereinafter called the "Government," and[2] Pollville, North Carolina

hereinafter called the "Operator," as follows:

ARTICLE 1. *Authority for contract.*—This agreement is entered into under the authority of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, pursuant to DMEA Order 1 entitled "Government Aid in Defense Exploration Projects."

ARTICLE 2. *Operator's property rights.*—With respect to that certain land situated in the State of North Carolina County of Rutherford located about ½ mile west of State Highway 26 about 8 miles northwest of Pollville and one mile west of the Cleveland-Rutherford County line, being the same property recorded in book 155, page 395, in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for Rutherford County at Rutherfordton, N. C.

the Operator represents and undertakes:[4]

(*a*) That the Operator is the owner, in possession and entitled to possession, and that the property is subject only to the following claims, liens, or encumbrances none, to each of which the subordination agreement of the holder is attached:

(*b*) That the Operator is a lessee, in possession and entitled to possession, and the Owner's Consent to Lien is attached.

The Operator shall devote the land and all existing improvements, facilities, buildings, installations, and appurtenances to the purposes of the exploration project without any allowance for the use, rental value, depreciation, depletion, or other cost of acquiring, owning, or holding possession thereof.

ARTICLE 3. *Exploration project.*—The Operator shall within 60 days from the date of this contract shall commence work on a project of exploration for[5] strategic mica

in or upon the described land; and shall bring the project to completion within a period of two months from the date of this contract. The work to be performed is more fully described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, which, with any maps or drawings thereto attached, are made a part of this contract. The Government will contribute to the cost of this work as hereafter provided. The work shall be performed by the Operator or by independent contractor or contractors efficiently, expertly, in a workmanlike manner, in accordance with good mining standards and State regulations for health and safety and for workmen's compensation and employers' liability insurance, with suitable and adequate equipment, materials, and labor, to bring the project to completion within the time fixed. The Government shall have the right to enter and observe and inspect the work at all reasonable times, and the Operator shall provide the Government with all available means for doing so. The Government may consult with and advise the Operator on all phases of the work.

ARTICLE 4. *Costs of the project.*—The agreed, estimated costs of performing the work, expressed in terms of units of work to be performed (per foot of drifting, per foot of drilling, per cubic yard of material to be moved, etc.) are set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto. The Government will pay ninety (90) percent of these agreed, estimated costs, as they accrue, for units of work actually performed that conform with the description or specifications for the work set forth in this contract, in an aggregate total amount not in excess of $1,341.00, which is ninety (90) percent of $1,490.00, the agreed, estimated total cost of the project in which the Government will participate: *Provided,* That until the Operator's final report and final accounting have been rendered to the Government and any final check or auditing required by the Government has been made, and a final settlement of the contract has been made, the Government may withhold from the last voucher or vouchers such sums as it sees fit not in excess of ten (10) percent of the maximum total which the Government might have been called upon to pay under the terms of the contract. The Government may, as it sees fit, make payments direct to the Operator's independent contractors, if any, for the account of the Operator, rather than to the Operator.

ARTICLE 5. *Reports, accounts, audits.*—(*a*) *Progress reports.* The Operator shall provide the Government with monthly reports of units of work performed under the contract, in quintuplicate (five copies), upon forms provided by the Government. These progress reports shall be certified by the Operator, and shall constitute both the Operator's invoice of units of work performed on the project during the period covered by the report and his voucher for repayment by the Government, unless the Government requires the use of a standard voucher form with invoice attached. Progress reports shall include surface and/or underground engineering-geological maps or sketches showing the progress of the exploration, with assay-reports on samples taken concurrently with the advance in mineralized ground.

[1] If sufficient space is not provided in any blank, use an extra sheet of paper and refer to it in the blank.
[2] State name, address, and nature of organization if any.
[3] Give legal description or enough to identify the property, particularly excluding any land or interest therein to which the Government's lien is not to attach or the production from which is not to be subject to the Government's percentage royalty.
[4] Strike out the provision not applicable.
[5] Name of mineral or minerals.

(*b*) *Final report.*—Upon completion of the exploration work or termination of the contract the Operator shall provide the Government with an adequate geological and engineering report, in quintuplicate (five copies), including an estimate of ore reserves resulting from the exploration work.

(*c*) *Compliance with requirements.*—If, in the opinion of the Government, any of the Operator's reports are insufficient or incomplete, the Government may procure the making or completion of such reports and attachments as an expense of the exploration work; and the Government may withhold approval and payment of any vouchers depending upon insufficient or incomplete reports.

(*d*) *Accounts and audits.*—The Operator shall keep suitable records and accounts of the units of work performed, which the Government may inspect and audit at any time. The Government may at any time require a check of the work performed and an audit of the Operator's records and accounts, by a certified public accountant or otherwise, the cost thereof to be treated as a cost of the project. The Operator shall keep and preserve said records and accounts for at least 3 years after the completion of the project or the termination of this contract. Upon the completion of the project or termination of the contract the Operator shall render a final account and statement of work performed to accompany his final report.

ARTICLE 6. *Repayment by Operator.*—(*a*) If, at any time, the Government considers that a discovery or a development from which production may be made has resulted from the exploration work, the Government, at any time not later than 6 months after the Operator has rendered the required final report and final account, may so certify in writing to the Operator. The certification shall describe broadly or indicate the nature of the discovery or development. In the event of such certification, any minerals mined or produced from the land described in Article 2 within 10 years from the date of this contract, including any mined or produced before the certification, shall be subject to a percentage royalty which the Operator or his successor in interest shall pay to the Government, upon the net smelter returns, the net concentrator returns, or other net amounts realized from the sale or other disposition of any such production, in whatever form disposed of, including ore, concentrates, or metal, until the total amount contributed by the Government, without interest, is fully repaid, or said 10 years have elapsed, whichever occurs first, as follows:

(1) One and one-half (1½) percent of any such net amounts not in excess of eight dollars ($8.00) per ton.

(2) One and one-half (1½) percent of any such net amounts, plus one-half (½) percent of such net amounts for each additional full fifty cents ($0.50) by which such net amounts exceed eight dollars ($8.00) per ton, but not in excess of five (5) percent of such net amounts.

(For instance: The percentage royalty on a net amount of five dollars ($5.00) per ton, would be one and one-half (1½) percent; on a net amount of ten dollars ($10.00) per ton, three and one-half (3½) percent.)

(*b*) As here used, "net smelter returns," "net concentrator returns," and "other net amounts realized from the sale or other disposition," mean gross revenue from sales, or if not sold, the market value of the material after it is mined in the form in which and the place where it is held. In the case of integrated operations in which the material is not disposed of as such, these terms mean what is or would be the gross income from mining operations for percentage depletion purposes in income-tax determination.

(*c*) To secure the payment of its percentage royalty, the Government shall have and is hereby granted a lien upon the land described in Article 2 and upon any production of minerals therefrom, until the royalty claim is extinguished by lapse of time or is fully paid.

(*d*) This article is not to be construed as imposing any obligation on the Operator or the Operator's successor in interest to engage in any mining or production operations.

ARTICLE 7. *Assignment, transfer, or loss of Operator's interest.*—Without the written consent of the Government, the Operator shall not assign or otherwise transfer or hypothecate this contract or any rights thereunder. The Operator shall not make any voluntary nor permit any involuntary transfer or conveyance of the Operator's rights in the land described in Article 2, without making suitable provision for the preservation of the Government's right to a percentage royalty on production and lien for the payment thereof; *Provided*, that mere failure by the Operator to maintain the Operator's rights in the land, without any consideration running to the Operator other than relief from the cost of maintaining such rights (as by surrender of a leasehold, failure to perform assessment work, or failure to exercise an option), coupled with complete abandonment by the Operator of all interest in or operations on the land for a period of 10 years from the date of this contract, shall not constitute such a transfer or conveyance. Should the Operator make or permit any transfer or conveyance in violation of this provision, the Operator shall be and remain liable for payment to the Government of the same amounts, at the same times, as would have been paid under the terms of the percentage royalty on production. If for any reason the net smelter returns, net concentrator returns, or other net amounts realized from the sale or other disposition of such production are not available as a means of measuring the amount of the Operator's liability, the amount thereof shall be estimated as well as may be, and in the event of dispute as to such estimates, the determination thereof by the Administrator of Defense Minerals Exploration Administration or by his successor shall be final and binding upon the Operator.

ARTICLE 8. *Termination and completion.*—The Government may, at any time, by written notice to the Operator, terminate this contract: (*a*) If the Operator fails to provide his share of the money necessary to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract; (*b*) if the Operator, in the opinion of the Government, fails to prosecute operations pursuant to the terms of the contract; or (*c*) if, in the opinion of the Government, operations up to the time of the notice have not indicated the probability of making any worth while discovery and in the opinion of the Government further operations are not justified.

ARTICLE 9. *Changes and added provisions* .....

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Executed in sextuplicate the day and year first above written.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

W. H. COVINGTON
(Operator)

By W. H. Covington

By C. Mitchell
Administrator, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

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I, _____, certify that I am the _____ secretary of the corporation named as Operator herein; that _____, who signed this contract on behalf of the Operator, was then _____ of said corporation; that said contract was duly signed for and in behalf of said corporation by authority of its governing body, and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

_____ [CORPORATE SEAL]

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EXPLORATION PROJECT CONTRACT
W. H. COVINGTON
DOCKET NO. DMEA-2681

Exhibit "A"

Description of the Work

Stage I

Strip overburden from the pegmatites by bulldozing for a distance of approximately 75 feet as shown on map attached hereto and made a part hereof and entitled "Sketch of W. H. Covington Prospect, Rutherford Co., N.C."

Stage II

Stage II is to be undertaken only after completion of Stage I, and the location of the work is to be dependent upon the results of Stage I and to be undertaken only upon the expressed approval of the Government. The work shall consist of sinking a test pit 25 feet deep and driving 25 feet of drift from it.

Agreed Estimated Costs

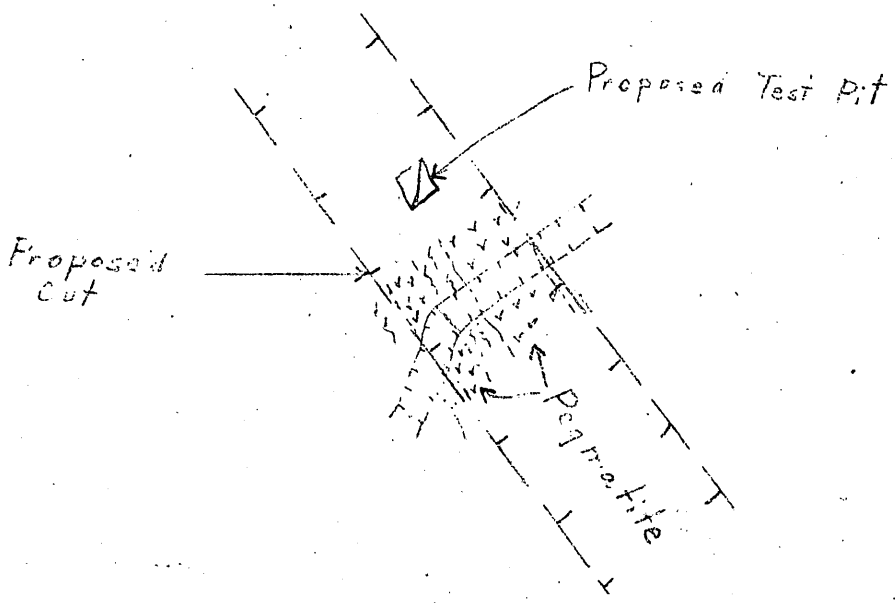
Stage I

Trenching		$ 240.00

Stage II

25 foot test pit @ $25.00/ft.	$ 625.00	
25 foot drift @ $25.00/ft.	625.00	1,250.00

Total estimated costs, Stage I and Stage II	$1,490.00
Government's participation @ 90%	$1,341.00



Sketch of
W. H. Covington Prospect
Rutherford Co., N.C.

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Scale

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April 17, 1953

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, D M E A - Washington

From: DMEA Field Team, Region 7

Subject: Final Examination Reports.

Department of the Interior
Defense Minerals Administration
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Transmitted herewith are 4 copies each of the final reports on the following:

Idm-E450, DMEA-2681, W. H. Covington Prospect (mica)

Idm-E358, DMEA-2431, Glenn Mead Mine (mica)

The Field Team is in agreement that no certification of discovery should be issued on either of the above contracts.

B. Gildersleeve, for

Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region 7

Wm. A. Beck

Wm. A. Beck, for V. J. Lynch
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Referred by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
4-24-53
(date)

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM, REGION VII

FINAL REPORT
on

DMEA-2681, W. H. COVINGTON PROSPECT
IDM-E 450, Mica.
Rutherford County, N. C.

By

Kefton H. Teague, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

Lawrence E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

April 15, 1953

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
4-24-53
(date)

FINAL REPORT
ON
DMEA-2681, Idm-E450, W. H. Covington Prospect
(Mica)
Operator: W. H. Covington, Pokeville, N. C.

The W. H. Covington Prospect is 8 miles by road northwest of Pokeville, N. C. The prospect is one mile west of the Cleveland-Rutherford County line, in Rutherford County.

No discovery was made at this propect and no additional work is justified.

Work completed under the contract consisted of cutting a trench 40 feet long by 30 feet wide to an average depth of five feet and a maximum depth of 12 feet. Work was begun on January 2, 1953, and terminated by mutual consent on January 8, 1953.

When the project was begun, two pegmatites were exposed. As the work progressed, both pegmatites pinched out and at a depth of 12 feet no pegmatite is exposed. It appears that two small lens-like pods occurred which extended only to very shallow depth. No worthwhile mica was found by the project.

Expenditures:

(a) Total approved	$1,490.00
(b) Total Cost of Project	96.00
(c) Government's share of cost	86.40
(d) Government's share unexpended	1,254.60
(e) Value of production - none	

The operation was conducted in a competent and efficient manner. No equipment costing in excess of $50.00 was purchased under this contract.

April 15, 1953

K. H. Teague, USGS

L. E. Shirley, USBM.

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Memorandum

To: Operating Committee - D M E A - Washington

From: Executive Officer, DMEA - Region 7

Subject: Termination Agreement - DMEA-2681, Idm-E450 (mica)
W. H. Covington, Polkville, N.C.

Enclosed are original and two copies of a Termination Agreement on the subject contract. One copy has been sent to the operator, one copy to the Regional Finance Officer, and one copy retained for our files.

After doing one days bulldozing on the property it was evident no worthwhile discovery could be made so the project was terminated by mutual agreement.

Robert A. Laurence
Robert A. Laurence

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December 22, 1952

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, D M E A - Washington

From: Executive Officer, D M E A - Region 7

Subject: Contract Amendment No. I. Contract Idm-E450, DMEA-2681
W. H. Covington (mica)

Attached are 3 copies of the above subject amendment to Contract Idm-E 450, D M E A-2681, W. H. Covington.

R. A. Lawrence

cc
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Released under the Freedom of Information Act

INTERIM REPORT

IMEA-2681 Idm-E450 (mica) COVINGTON PROSPECT

OPERATOR: W. H. Covington, Polkville, North Carolina.

LOCATION: 8 miles by road northwest of Polkville, Rutherford County, North Carolina. It is 1 mile west of the Cleveland-Rutherford County line and on the Covington Farm Property.

This project had not begun at time of visit. The operator was under the impression that notice would have to be given by the government before any work could begin. His present plan is to start work during the month of December, if proper equipment for trenching can be obtained. Monthly voucher, Progress Reports and Narrative Reports were outlined to the operator.

L. E. Shirley

L. E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

December 16, 1952

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SURNAME:

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UNITED STATES
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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Mica
W. H. Covington Prospect
Rutherford County, North Carolina
Contract No. Idm-E450

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please find herewith the original and five copies of a proposed Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. Idm-E450 as captioned above.

In order to allow the operator the full sixty days for commencing the contract, as inserted in Article 3 by the Field Team, it appears advisable to increase the time for completion to four months instead of two months.

If the amendment meets with your approval, please sign it yourself and present it to the operator for his approval and signature. It it is not satisfactory, please return all copies to this office.

After signing the amendment, one copy is to be given to the operator, one copy retained for your files, one copy for the Regional Finance Officer, and the remaining copies, including the original, are to be returned to this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Wm. Ellis (JHB)

ACTING Chairman, Operating Committee

12-15-52

Approved:

E. H. Hedges (JHB)

Member, Bureau of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr. (JHB)

Member, Geological Survey

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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December 9, 1952

Subject: Docket DMEA-2681 - Mica
Contract Idm-2450
W. H. Covington
W. H. Covington Prospect
Rutherford County
North Carolina

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Amendment No. 1 to Contract Idm-2450

Recommendation: Approval

The above amendment increases the completion time for the contract from two months to four months. It is necessary because the sixty days allowed for commencement of the work by the field team, presumably because of winter weather, would include the full two months completion time specified in the contract.

Laurance F. Hearne
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

December 5, 1952

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee - D M E A-Washington

From: Executive Officer, DMEA - Region 7

Subject: Contract Idm-E 450, DMEA-2681, W. H. Covington. (mica)

Attached are three copies of the above subject contract which have been signed by Mr. W. H. Covington, Polkville, N. C.

One copy was retained by Mr. Covington, one by this office, and one sent to the Finance Officer in Norris, Tennessee.

Robert A. Laurence

Robert A. Laurence

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SURNAME:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, DMEA
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Mica
L. H. Covington
Rutherford County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please find herewith the original and five copies of a contract covering the subject exploration project which have been signed by this office for the Government with register number and effective date as shown.

If the contract meets with your approval, present it to the Operator for his approval and signature. If any provisions are unsatisfactory to the Operator, return all copies to this office along with suggested changes for consideration. Please explain to the Operator that this is a firm contract and that he is obligated under the terms of the contract to complete the work outlined.

After signing of the contract, one copy is to be given to the Operator, one copy retained for your files, one copy for the Regional Finance Officer, and the remaining copies, including the original, are to be returned to this office as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

(FHB)

Chairman, Operating Committee

J.H. 11-24-52

Approved:

J. H. Hedges (FHB)
Member, Bureau of Mines

G. R. Finkel, Jr. (FHB)
Member, Geological Survey

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Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Norton, G-232 GSA Bldg.
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Houk

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.600

November 20, 1952

Memorandum

To: Chairman, Operating Committee

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Review of Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Mica
W. H. Covington
Rutherford County, North Carolina

8/29/52	Received application dated 8/25/52.
9/4/52	Memo from USGS approves field examination.
9/24/52	Memo from USBM approves field examination.
9/24/52	Received letter from Spruce Pine buying depot stating that mica is acceptable.
10/2/52	Referred to Region VII for field report.
10/22/52	Field Team recommends contract.
11/17/52	Memo from USGS recommends contract.
11/17/52	Memo from USBM recommends contract.

Laurance F. Hearne
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Acting Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-2681, Mica, W. H. Covington Prospect,
Rutheford County, North Carolina

I concur in the field team's recommendation for two stage exploration program in the amount of $1,490.

Brooke L. Gunsallus
Brooke L. Gunsallus

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To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Acting Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-2681, Mica, W. H. Covington Prospect,
Rutheford County, North Carolina

I concur in the field team's recommendation for two stage exploration program in the amount of $1,490.

Brooke L. Gunsallus

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REVIEW OF FIELD TEAM REPORT ON APPLICATION DMEA-2681 (mica)

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From: R. E. Van Alstine, U. S. Geological Survey
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Comments: None.
ACTION SUGGESTED: Follow field team's recommendation.

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cc: Director's reading file 4212
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Room 13, Post Office Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

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October 30, 1952

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA - Washington

From: Field Team - DMEA - Region 7

Subject: Field Examination Report on -DMEA-2681, W.H. Covington (mica)

Transmitted herewith are 4 copies of the above subject examination report and 6 extra copies of the map. The Field Team is in agreement with the recommendations set forth in this report.

Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer
DMEA - Field Team, Region 7

Wm. A. Beck, for V. J. Lynch
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM, REGION VII

DMEA-2681, W. H. COVINGTON PROSPECT
(mica)
Rutheford County, North Carolina

BY

Kefton H. Teague, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey
-
Lawrence S. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

October 22, 1952

Report of Field Team Examination on

DMEA-2681, W. H. Covington Prospect
(Mica)
Applicant: W. H. Covington, Pokeville, N. C.

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The deposit was examined on October 22, 1952. Mr. W. H. Covington, the Applicant, accompanied the Field Team on the examination which required two hours.

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pegmatites for a distance of approximately 75 feet and Stage 2 to consist of sinking a 25-foot test pit and driving 25 feet of drifts if results from Stage 1 are favorable.

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Hand tools	20.00
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October 22, 1952

Kefton H. Teague, USGS

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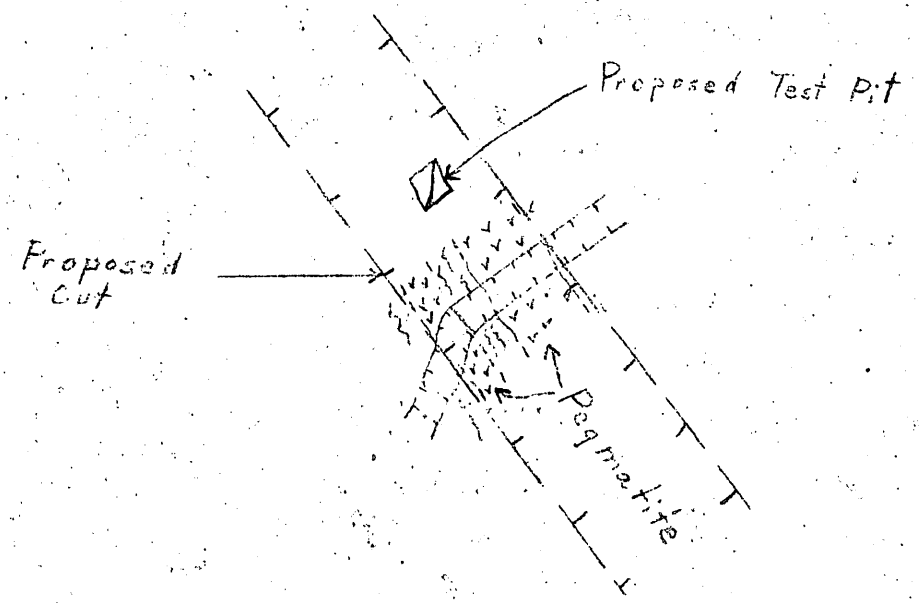

Sketch of
W. H. Covington Prospect
Rutherford Co., N.C.

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Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE

October 22, 1952 11-7-52
(date)

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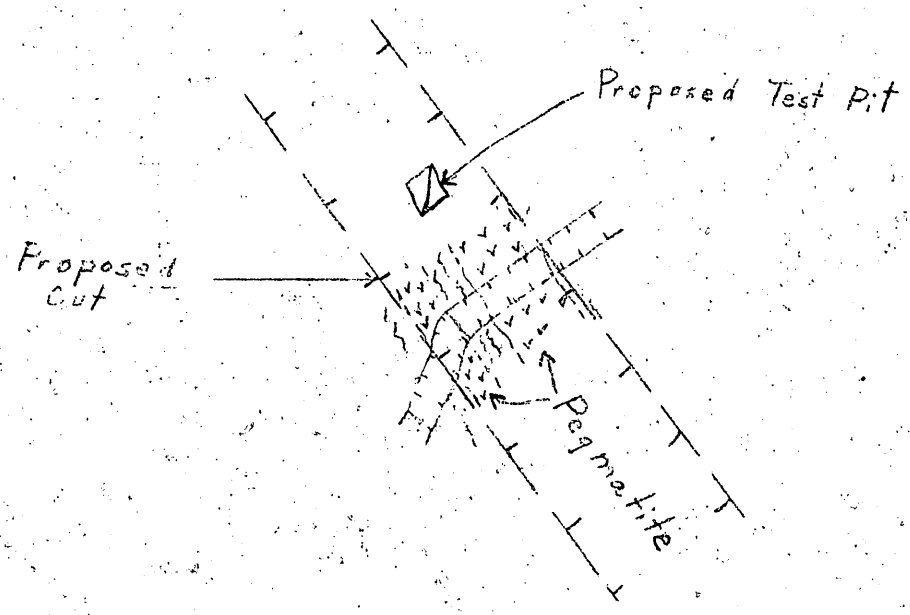

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 600

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Mr. W. H. Covington
Polkville, North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Miss
W. H. Covington
Polkville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Covington:

Your application in the above-numbered docket has been referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for field investigation and recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf (fw) P.H. 10-2-52

Administrator

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Mr. Houk

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

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Mica
W. H. Covington
Polkville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

A field examination of the subject applicant's property is requested.

Memoranda from the U. S. Bureau of Mines and the U. S. Geological Survey are enclosed.

If the field team favors a contract, please outline a suitable proposal of work to be done.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) FRANK E. JOHNSON

Chairman, Operating Committee

J.H. 10-2-52

Approved:

C. H. Johnson (B.H.)
Member, Bureau of Mines

G. R. Knickel Jr. (B.H.)
Member, Geological Survey

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Spruce Pine, N. C.
September 22, 1952

Mr. Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Attn: Jasper T. Roberts

Dear Sir:

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Mica
W. H. Covington
Polkville, North Carolina

Replying to yours of September 17, 1952, we are pleased to advise that the samples submitted are ruby mica and if large enough and with proper preparation would be acceptable under the Goverments Purchasing Program.

Yours very truly,

W. S. Flynt
Superintendent

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

Mr Heaney

September 24, 1952

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-2681, Mica, W. H. Covington, Polkville, North Carolina

No data are available in this office on subject property. Applicant states that mica has been classified as ruby mica by the Government Purchasing Depot in Spruce Pine. The evidence as submitted warrants a field team investigation.

W. F. Dietrich

W. F. Dietrich

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Defense Minerals Administration
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UNITED STATES
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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 603

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Mr. W. S. Flynt
Manager, General Services
Administration Depot
Box 346
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Mica
W. H. Covington
Polkville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Flynt:

We are enclosing a specimen of mica from the subject mine of W. H. Covington, Polkville, North Carolina, for evaluation as to strategic value.

Kindly determine if this material is acceptable for purchase under the purchase program of your Purchase Depot.

If possible, please return the sample together with your report to this office.

Sincerely yours,

signed 9-16-52
Joseph Robertson
for Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Enclosure

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Mr. W. H. Covington
Polkville, North Carolina

Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681 - Miss
W. H. Covington
Polkville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Covington:

Reference is made to the above-captioned application which has been referred to this office.

It is requested that you please advise in what county your deed to the property is recorded, giving the book number and page.

It would be helpful if you can indicate on a road map or by a sketch approximately where your property is located with respect to State Highway No. 26.

Sincerely yours,

Signed J. Robertson
for

Lawrence G. Houk, Chief
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 4, 1952

Mr. Hearne

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-2681 (Mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: P. L. Weis, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant: W. H. Covington
Name of property: None.
Location of property: Not provided.
Estimated cost of project: $3,735.
Summary of applicant's proposal:

1) Bulldozing to expose pegmatite in three places.
2) If bulldozed exposures are encouraging, excavate three test pits, each 25 feet deep, and extend crosscuts from them for 80 feet.

Sources of information on applicant's property: None.
Comments: Applicant has neglected to provide information as to the location of his property.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Request the applicant to indicate the location of his property.
2) Check, if possible, with Spruce Pine Mica Depot to make certain the mica is of strategic quality.
3) If there is reason to believe the property contains mica of strategic quality, recommend examination by the field team.

Paul L. Weis

Paul L. Weis

Mr. W. H. Covington
Polkville
North Carolina

Subject: DMEA-2681
Re: Exploration Assistance
September 2, 1952

My dear Mr. Covington:

The receipt of your application dated August 25, 1952, for exploration assistance under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, is hereby acknowledged.

Your application has been assigned Docket Number DMEA-2681 and referred to the Non-Metallic Minerals Division.

Kindly refer to DMEA-2681 in any future correspondence relating to your application.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT E. ADAMS
Robert E. Adams
Chief, Operation's Control
and Statistics Division

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Budget Bureau No. 42-R1035.2.

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. DMEA-2681
Metal or Mineral
Date Received 8-29-52
Estimated Cost
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:

W. H. Covington
Pollville, North Carolina

(*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. None

(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers. None

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners. None

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

Applicant owns property.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. None

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise Owner

(*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

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

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. Attached.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*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.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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

(*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 30 days and be completed within 6 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*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: Lumber and Farming and Varied Business

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. None

(*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)? Yes

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

☐ 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 August 25, 1952

W. H. Covington
(Applicant)

By

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

G. E. [illegible]
Polkville, N. C.

4.(a) The Mica deposit has never been mined. There are no mine openings.

(b) None

(c) Strike, width and pitch of pegmatite unknown. Have no maps or Geological reports on the pegmatite.

(d) State Highway #26 passes within 300 yards of deposit.

(e) Farm labor available. Electric power available. Water on property. Supplies and equipment available.

5.(a) Ruby Mica, approved by Spruce Pine Mica Depot. Have Market Certificate.

(b) Propose to trench by bulldozing at each of the outcrops Nos. 1, 2, 3. One day of bulldozing at each outcrop should determine if additional exploration is necessary.

If the bulldozing proves worthwhile, I propose to sink 25' pits and crosscut at the three locations.

6. Approximate costs should be about.

Bulldozing	50 hours	@$18/hr.	$ 900.00
Pits,	75 feet	@$25/ft.	1875.00
Crosscut,	60 feet	@$25/ft.	1500.00
		Total	$3775.00

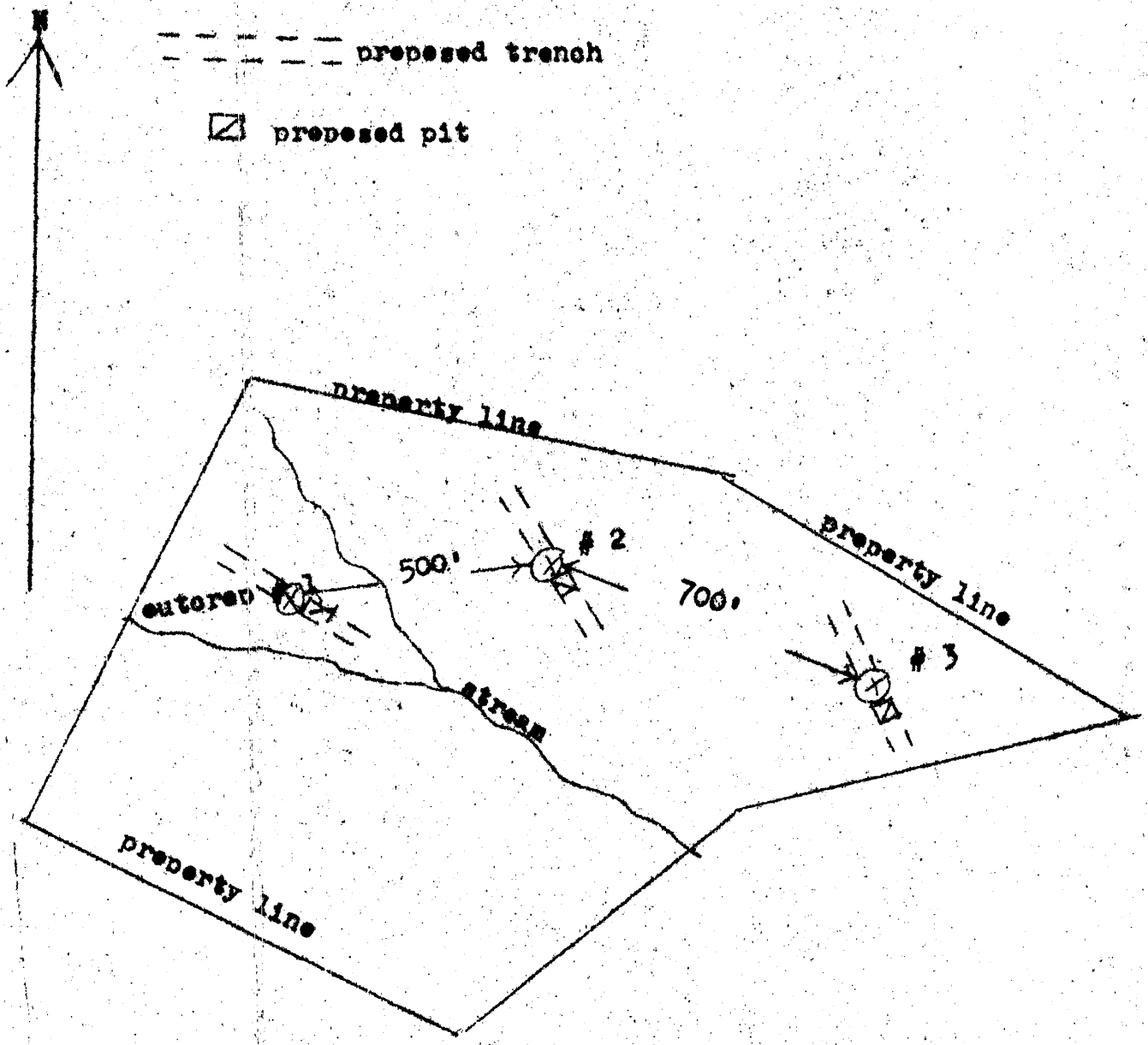
W. H. COVINGTON
Pelkville N. C.

RUBY MICA

present outcrop

proposed trench

proposed pit



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Polkville, North Carolina

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(*c*) If a corporation, add to above statement, titles, names and addresses of officers. None

(*d*) If a partnership, add to the above statement the names and addresses of all partners. None

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

Applicant owns property.

(*b*) State any mine name by which the property is known. None

(*c*) State your interest in the land, whether owner, lessee, purchaser under contract, or otherwise Owner.

(*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

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

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. Attached.

(*b*) State past and current production, and ore reserves, if any, giving quantities and grades.

(*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.

(*d*) State the facts with respect to the accessibility of the project: Access roads, distances to shipping, supply and residence points.

(*e*) State the availability of manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, water, and power.

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

(*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 30 days and be completed within 6 months from the date of an exploration project contract.

(*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. Lumber and Farming and Merchantile Business

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. None

(*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)? Yes

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

☐ 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 August 25, 1952

W. H. Covington
(Applicant)

By

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.

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4.(a) The Mica deposit has never been mined. There are no mine openings.

(b) None

(c) Strike, width and pitch of pegmatite unknown. Have no maps or Geological reports on the pegmatite.

(d) State Highway #26 passes within 300 yards of deposit.

(e) Farm labor available. Electric power available. Water on property. Supplies and equipment available.

5.(a) Ruby Mica, approved by Spruce Pine Mica Depot. Have Market Certificate.

(b) Propose to trench by bulldozing at each of the Outcrops Nos. 1, 2, 3. One day of bulldozing at each outcrop should determine if additional exploration is necessary.

If the bulldozing proves worthwhile, I propose to sink 25' pits and crosscut at the three locations.

6. Approximate costs should be about:

Bulldozing 30 hours	@$12/hr.		$ 360.00
Pits, 75 feet	@$25/ft.		1875.00
Crosscut, 60 feet	@$25/ft.		1500.00
		Total	$3735.00

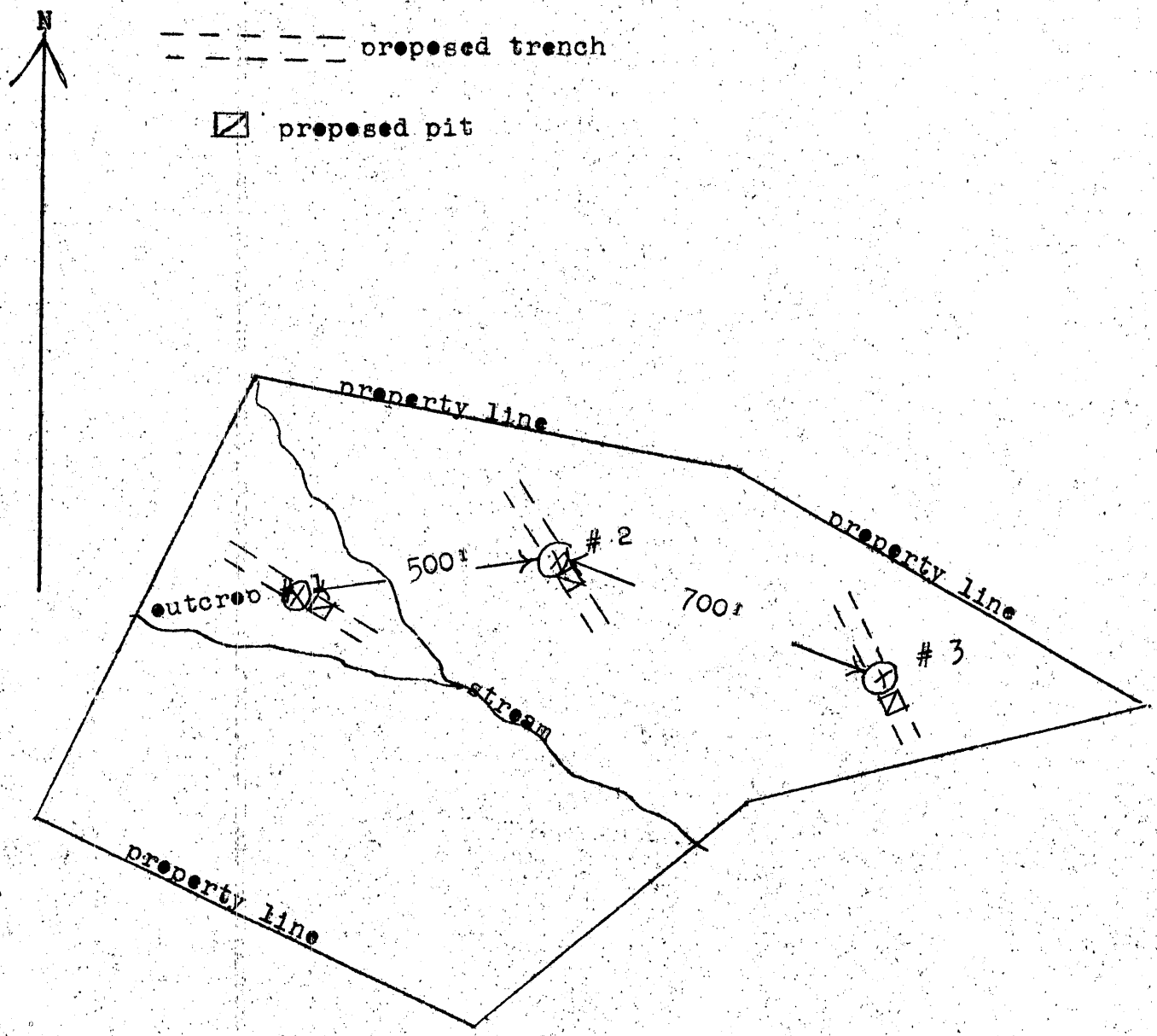
W. H. COVINGTON
Polkville N. C.

RUBY MICA

present outcrop

proposed trench

proposed pit



Phone 2872

W. H. COVINGTON

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

POLKVILLE, N. C.

Aug. 28, 1952

The Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
Department of the Interior
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find samples of mica which came from area around circle number one and from a depth of about four feet.

Yours truly,
W. H. Covington

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W. H. COVINGTON

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

POLKVILLE, N. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Defense Minerals Administration
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September 15, 1952

U.S. Dept. of the Interior
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to yours of September 8, 1952 I will advise that the deed to the property - Subject: Docket No. DMEA-2681-Mica - is recorded at Rutherfordton, N.C. - in Rutherford County - in book number 155, page 395.

Inclosed you will find a map of Rutherford County with the location of property indicated by a red circle.

Yours truly
W. H. Covington

RUTHERFORD COUNTY

NINTH DIVISION

SCALE MILES

0 1 2 3 4

Circle is where property is located.

MONTREAT
RIDGECREST
BLACK MTN
OLD FORT
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EVANS KNOB
CROSS MTN
DUTCHMAN RIDGE
SUGAR HILL
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- UNIMPROVED ROAD
- PRIMITIVE ROAD
- RAILROAD
- GRADE SEPARATION
- COUNTY SEAT ALSO INCORPORATED CITY
- SCHOOL
- CHURCH
- TRIANGULATION STATION
- FOREST SERVICE LOOKOUT STATION
- 64 UNITED STATES HIGHWAY
- 27 STATE HIGHWAY

SHEET 1 OF 2

RUTHERFORD