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Beall and Haerschaidt
Box 16
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Dear Sirs:

Subject: DMA 1756x Asbestos

Your application for aid for an exploration project on asbestos deposit located in San Miguel Co., New Mexico and designated as DMA-1756x has been reviewed by this office.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding material of acceptable grade, physical character and specifications, in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for National Defense.

A very careful study of your proposal revealed the following:

1. A sound geologic basis for expecting to find strategic grade asbestos in the deposit has not been established.

2. Sample of asbestos from the deposit was examined and determined to be antho-phyllite which does not qualify as strategic material.

Under these circumstances, your application for exploration aid to the extent of 50% of $10,000 is denied. Should additional information become available, we would be glad to have you resubmit your proposal for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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Memorandum

To: Reports and Records Unit, DMA

From: Chief, Industrial Minerals Branch, DMA

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Denial recommended because:

1. No sound geologic basis presented to justify proposal.

2. Sample of asbestos from the deposit was examined and found to be anthophyllite which does not qualify as strategic.

Attached:

1. Review of application for exploration assistance.

2. Forms I-3 and MV-100 with attachments.

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James A. Barr, Sr., Chief
Industrial Minerals Branch

Approved:
Tom Lyon

Tom Lyon, Director
Supply Division

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