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Mr. A. M. Ham, Manager,
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 Silverton, B. C.

Dear Art:-

Time rambles on pretty fast here; it only seems like a few days since I received your letter of Jan. 9th, enclosing the first retainer - for which many thanks.

I received a letter from Mr. McCullough a few days ago repeating some of the C. P. R. and mine news contained in your last letter, but also stating that the C. P. R. strike had been settled. I had seen nothing about the strike nor its settlement in the local papers. I presume that you will now be milling increasing amounts of your development ore? ~~new~~ And some of the Viola-Mac?

Arizona has been having B. C. type rains and showers for the past week, with snow in the mountains, and it is very welcome as they have had several years of drought which has been hard on the farmers and doubly hard on the cattlemen.

For the past week I have been cutting two 40 foot tamarisk trees along the back alley. They were so mixed up with fences, hedges and power lines that I had to start at the top and work on down. I hope to qualify as a "high rigger" soon. Also I have been looking around for a used 1956 car but have'nt bought one yet.

When you write again I would be grateful if you would give me the latest quotation on the W. E. Co. stock. I get nothing here that mentions any Canadian stocks. All the Canadian news I get is in TIME and the Western Miner.

Rose and I are well, but she never seems to have time to get fully rested.

With our best regards to you and Elsie,

Sincerely,

Charlie