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Dear Charlie -

Mr. Ham has asked me to reply to your letter of November 30th which listed the mine maps you had previously overlooked and which we received by mail and duly filed. Our many thanks for sending these maps and I have purposely delayed writing in order to give you some definite news of the mine. Or more exactly 760 Raise which I am happy to report broke thru to the Monarch tunnel yesterday (December 14th) on night shift. Because of stoper trouble and soft ground we were unable to follow the hanging wall for the last 100 feet. Consequently a 10 foot cross-cut was required which broke into the tunnel about three feet above the sill. The line of the raise was off a bit as well being about ten feet west of proposal but the main thing is that a good size

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Connection has been made - the ground remained good, it was driven without any accidents and was completed before the Christmas shutdown. Everyone is very happy.

On the 9th level Dick has driven eastward to the last drill hole and is driving # 3 or # 4 box holes. They are all in ^{good} one and he is plugged up again. On Monday he is starting what he hopes will be a 500 ton run following which we will shut down the mine until the first of the year.

A three day cold spell was followed last week end by a very heavy snowfall both at the mine and down here. Since then it has been dull but not cold. It was quite a job to open the mine road but we made it and all are hoping that this will be the big fall for the year - some hope.

Don't suppose this fall of snow interests you at all. Everyone here sends their best and join me in wishing you and your wife a happy holiday season and good health and prosperity in the New Year. Sincerely
Hub Curry.