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Mr. Charles C. Starr,
P.O. Box 514,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Charlie;

I have yours of October 4th and note that you and Rose are settled in an Apartment. Have you set any tentative date for going south.?

There has been little news mine wise to write about. The diamond drilling has been going very slowly until recently. They are working on the last two holes from the far end of the hanging wall cross cut and these should be finished in another two weeks. None of the drill holes so far have cut any commercial ore. We have had a small in a few of them that is some mineralization. Due to lack of miners we will not be able to get the second cross cut in for diamond drilling until some time later and we have thought it advisable to call a temporary halt to the diamond drilling as soon as the holes mentioned are completed. Jim Cullinaine assures me that this will be O.K. and when we are ready for them again they will come in and as it will likely be some time this winter they may have more experienced men.

The raise is progressing with two shifts. We are going up from the intermediate on the hanging wall and if the wall stays solid as presently it is we may get away with just stalling which should speed up the work. As you know when this raise is through we plan to run a three inch air line into the Monarch and down this raise which should give us much better air for drilling. In the East face of the station we have plus or minus two feet of very nice ore, and continuing the raise above the station we have about three feet of very good ore but it is about ten feet below the hanging and appears to be going flat into the vein. Naturally with being so far below the hanging and going flat we can not get it now for development ore for the bottom of the raise will be above the ore.

We are laying a four inch air line from No. 4 Mammoth on the surface of the ground to No. 7 and will run this line into the receiver at the hoist. This should give us a greater volume of air at the hoist and below in the Buffalo. This four inch line was picked up at No 7 Standard when we picked up the three inch line and rail.

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Development work is proceeding in the Buffalo No.9. but quite slowly due principally to storage of Mill feed. When Dick gets his pockets and tramway bin filled we only have about two hundred tons and we are plugged up., and this does not make enough tonnage for a mill run.

I let Mortom the Engineer go and will explain what happened when I see you. Curry with other things that he is working on is presently looking after the diamond drilling and the surveying maps etc. etc.

We have not logged the core of the D.D.holes, just gone over them carefully to note change of ground and mineralization.

Mr. McCullough and Paul expect to be in Silvertion the 8th of November. Possibly you could come in prior to that and log the core and check up. I would like to have you here if at all possible when they are with us, for I am sure they would like to visit with you and discuss the mine possibilities.

Just before I got your letter Mr. Chilcott called on the phone this was the first I had heard from him since Henry Hill came in. I asked him if Hill had turned in his report and he said that he had not, but that he expected it in about ten days. Mr. Chilcott said that he would give me a copy. I asked him if he had talked to Hill since he was in and he said that he had not, but that Jim Chilcott had, and he was of the opinion that the report would be favorable. However we will have to wait and see.

I note that I have hit the wrong key occasionally but as I want this to go out on the mail, possibly you will excuse miss typing. With very kind regards to Rose and yourself I am,

Sincerely yours.



A.M.Ham.

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Mr. M.P.McCullough,
Mr. H.P.Klinestiver.

P.S. Thanks for the enclosures, I will take this up when you are with us. A.M.H.