

1545 Marine Dr.,
White Rock, B. C.,
Jan. 2, 1954.

Mr. C. C. Starr,
Western Exploration Co.,
Silverton, B. C.,

Dear Charlie:

Sorry not to have been able to write you before this but an absessed tooth has prohibited me from making plans of any sort. The tooth was maltreated in Trinidad by a local dentist and my father has been trying to get it back into shape. Unfortunately, however, I got here too late and the tooth did not respond to treatment so that I had to have it removed today.

I appreciate very much having had the opportunity to travel to Silverton to have a look at the Monarch tunnel and regret deeply that the condition of my tooth prevented my doing this. I attempted to get an extension of my leave for this purpose but was turned down on the score of pressure of work. It is probable that I will be back on leave again in the interval July to Spetember. If so, I would certainly like to get up.

Fortunately, I managed to work in a quick trip to Victoria where I saw Mat. We agreed that any major ore shoot or ~~gor~~ group of shoots in the vicinity of the Monarch tunnel would be below the working. We also agreed, however, that it is indeed possible that there are mineable shoots above the tunnel and that these should not be neglected since they are readily accessible and since they may pay for work done to date. I gather that you misunderstood Mat on this point.

Mat has the feeling, as do I, that it is worthwhile putting a few holes down where the lode takes a pronounced swing in the vicinity of Nos. 4, 5 & 6 X-cuts. You will have observed the tendency for ore in the Slocan to occur along warped parts of lode zones. Shoots which are found in such arcs generally funnel down and probably funnel upward although there is no such shoot that I know of that tops underground. We agree, however, that there must be some, possible in the breakover hill. Mat has also agreed that it is worthwhile to drill down for a more favourable intersection of lode and bedding - in the vicinity of

Nos. 7 & 8 X-cuts. These ideas are along the lines of your thinking and I can find no discord amongst us. Thus we must sit back and wait for the drill results. I certainly hope that they are favourable for the Company deserves a run of good luck. I will appreciate hearing the results of your additional mapping and of the drilling.

Please thank Art for the opportunity to visit Silverton and tell him that I regret very much that I couldn't make it.

My very best wishes to Art, Dick and his family and yourself, all of whom I hope to see this summer.

Yours sincerely,

Paul.