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Mr. Charles C. Starr,
1110 West Moreland St.,
Phoenix Arizona.

Dear Charlie;

Enclosed you will find a letter to you from Mr. M.S. Hedley, regarding the core samples that you sent him. I also wish to acknowledge yours of November 29th, and trust that you got everything squared away in good shape and left for Arizona as you planned.

Regarding the retainers fee that we mentioned before you left Silverton. This has been authorized in the amount of \$60.00 per month starting with the month of December. We plan to send this to you when the December vouchers are made up and paid about the middle of January.

The raise is through. They broke through in good shape where you figured, last Friday. We were in the hanging wall of the vein and the break through was with a cross cut of two rounds.

We planned a mill run of about 450 tons starting Yesterday and to be completed the end of this week. Dick had the tram bin full and with subzero weather it froze pretty hard even with a fire below. However I got four good salamanders and we had it thawed out Sunday. We have had since the cold spell a terrific amount of snow. Nearly every nite it has built up at the mine from one to two feet, which has brought all the slides down and has meant plowing every day. We started the aerial tram yesterday A.M. promptly and everything was going nicely with 22 buckets down when the telephone line at the angle station broke, ran back and fouled a bucket. This bucket jumped and dragged, this was several towers below the angle station. When it jamed the tower above the power cut off and the sudden stop made a surge that flipped off three buckets, two of these on the long span over the standard slide. The boys are working on that now and I will not know how things are progressing until this afternoon. If the tram is repaired to day and runs O.K. we may still get our run, however if we run into more difficulties I do not know just what we can do, perhaps shut the mine for the winter months.

Elsie and I both send greetings for a very Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year to both Rose and yourself.

Sincerely,
A.M.H.
A.M. Ham.

amh- copy to
M.P. McCullough
H.P. Klinestiver.



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VICTORIA

December 4th, 1956.

Mr. Charles C. Starr,
c/o A.M. Ham,
Western Exploration Co. Ltd.,
Silverton, B. C.

Dear Charlie:-

I have your letter and nine pieces of core from
Holes H55 & H56. We differ a very little on classification, but
some of the pieces are pretty difficult to be positive about.

The following is my determination with hand lens.
Two were thin sectioned, but petrographic study is not necessarily
diagnostic for some of the products of alteration.

H55 - 155 ft.	altered porphyry ✓
H55 - 158 ft.	altered (bleached) argillite ✓
H55 - 191.5 ft.	altered sediment (argillaceous, probably)
H55 - 214	Porphyry, fine biotite lamprophyre
H55 - 237	Porphyry, same type
H56 - 187	Tuff - checked by thin-section
H56 - 189	Tuff - ditto
H56 - 222	Altered argillite
H56 - 231	Porphyry

The porphyry of H55 - 214 & 237 is a type I used to see
on the other side of the ridge. It would be called a sediment by a great
many people, but I saw no biotitic sediments like it in my work. Nos.
H56 - 187-189 are tuffs, containing many felspar crystals; this is the
sort of rock that would be unmistakeable in a weathered outcrop, but is
difficult to be certain about underground.

There is no charge for this information.

Yours very truly,

M.S. Hedley,
Senior Geologist.

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cc. Mr. Starr