

----- 413 Granville Street

October 15, 1956

Mr. A. M. Ham, Manager  
Western Exploration Co., Ltd  
Silverton, BC, Canada

Dear Art:

Your letter of October 9th. received. Thanks for the information.

I note that you will soon finish the drilling from the end of the #1 H.W. X-cut, but presume that this will not include the hole designed to cut the vein at 300 feet below the Hecla level as proposed in my memo. "Proposed D. D. holes from face of #1 H.W. X-cut", which I note was not dated but was probably written around August 1st. Would it not be advisable to drill this hole before laying off the drill-crew? As noted in the above memo. this hole should have a bearing at right angles to the vein strike and the proper pitch to cut ~~right angles to~~ the vein at 300 feet below the Hecla level according to the vein dip as indicated by the drill holes which cut the vein at the minus 200 foot level. Also, I would suggest that the three holes mentioned in the memo. from the crosscut at survey station 738 be drilled now.

As I see it, from here, the only reason for deferring the above drilling is a possible shortage of air in the Hecla until the 4 inch line over the surface to #7 level is finished. That should give you enough air in the Hecla so that you can advance the box-holes in ore which, in addition to the Mammoth #9 ore,

should give you enough ore for a proper mill run.

I note that in the main raise you now have some good ore about 10 feet below the hanging wall, which is unfortunate, but I anticipate that it may be much closer to the hanging wall in some places above. I also think there is a good chance, as you suggest, that stall timber might be sufficient as long as the raise follows the hanging wall.

Morton dropped in just after my letter of the 4th. was written but didn't have much to say, except that the A. S. & R. man was back again and seemed quite interested.

I have not set any definite date to leave for the south but hope to get cleaned up here and leave by the end of November, if possible.

I can come out to Silverton any time you say and stay as long as needed, but as far as I am concerned the sooner the better since this climate is increasingly bad for my bronchitis. If possible, I would like to know how long you would likely want me at

Silverton as I have to give notice a month in advance that I will vacate office and apartment, and also have to sell furniture, etc

I will bring all tracings that I have of Western Exploration Company maps when I leave for Silverton.

With best regards,

Sincerely,