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1110 W. Moreland St.  
Phoenix, Arizona.

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May 25, 1958.

Mr. A. M. Ham,  
Silverton, B. C.

Dear Art:-

I was glad to receive your letter of May 7th as I was beginning to wonder what had become of you & Elsie.

I am very sorry that she has had another heart attack, even though it was a mild one. Anyhow one good thing is that "her heart is in the right place". Do you expect to stay in Silverton all summer?

Some time ago I received a copy of the mine operating and development data and costs for February and March which were very interesting. I note that there was a serious drop in profits from Feb. to March which was apparently due to lower grade ore plus a slight drop in prices. You note that the Buffalo-Mammoth stopes are getting zincy; how are the Monarch-Hecla stopes working out for grade and tonnage? I believe that you are entirely right in cutting out the zincy stopes but that if the high silver stopes are doing all right they should be continued, if possible, in order to keep #12 level crosscut going to be prepared for future production when prices rise.

Whom should I thank for the above mentioned reports - they were mailed at Silverton?

Many of the copper mines in the southwest are now only working a four day week. The lead-zinc mines here are comparatively unimportant and I havent heard anything of them lately.

We are putting a second bathroom in the house and making some other alterations to make our tenants room into a self containe light housekeeping unit and I am the workman for all except the plumbing for which the City requires a registered plumber. So I am, have been and will be darn busy and weeds, grass, bugs etc etc are running wild around the yard but if the bugs dont get 'em we will have grapes, boysenberries, figs, tomatoes and pecans later, to say nothing of flowers. One rosebush with blossoms is up 14 feet in an orange (sour) tree and another peeps out from under tile at the ridge of our roof.

Please tell Dick that if I am reasonably sure of getting an answer I would be very glad to write him. He and I offer wander over the W.E. Co. ground searching for ore in my dreams.

Please give my best regards to Matt & Paul when they arrive. Our regards to elsie and you,

*Charlie*

*P.S. Thanks for paper  
return with May 7 letter  
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SILVERTON, B.C.

May 7, 1958.

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

Dear Charlie;

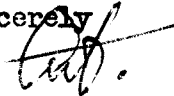
Elsie and I returned from Portland about three weeks ago. She has been getting along fine, but last Monday nite she had an attack and the Doctor took her to the New Denver hospital. She was fine this noon and thinks that he will let her go home to-morrow.

Conditions here are not good. We are not making any money and no. 12 Buffalo is only being advanced on a one shift basis, which as you know is very slow. The middle of April they reduced the mine crew about half. Some of the Buffalo Mam stopes were getting pretty zincy and were not making expenses so they stoped work in those places. The tonnage has been reduced quite a bit and they are only running the Mill at Nite.

I expect that both Matt and Paul will be West possibly by the end of this month or early June and we will sit in and see what they have to say regarding the operation. Seems a shame to be digging out good ore and getting nothing for it. What we should be doing is development work only, but then that takes money more that we have. However we will see what they have to say.

Dick seems very well and asked about you several times. All the bunch send their best regards. I am enclosing your check and trust that you and Rose are well and enjoying the nice spring weather. With very kind regards,

Sincerely



A.M. Ham.

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