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Dear Mr. McGonigle:

Progress Report No. 1 - 65
Bibb Creek - Nomash River Property,
Zeballos Area, V.I., B.C.

PRELIMINARY

The preparation of the preliminary set of maps required for the extension of geological mapping, soil-sample survey control, and control for possible subsequent geophysical surveys was completed by June 21st. The preparation of subsequent contoured field prints for the whole area between the west fork of Bibb Creek and the Nomash River, on the east, will be correlated with field progress.

P.R. Mickelson and A.H. Knox, field assistants, commenced work on the program on June 16 and 18 respectively.

Preliminary arrangements with Okanagan Helicopters for flying in camp and personnel were made during April and May.

Mr. McGonigle instructed Mr. T. Curnow to make an inventory of Skeena field equipment stored at Ashcroft, B.C., and this was received prior to June 15th. In addition, Mr. Harry Clement was requested to take care of necessary organizational details at Zeballos.

PROGRESS NOTES

- June 14, 1965 - Mr. Phil McDiarmid commenced assembly of Skeena field equipment in storage at Ashcroft. Preparation of lists of additional supplies and provisions required were started at the writer's office.
- June 15 - 22 - Purchasing and organizing field supplies and equipment. Pre-framing of camp structures completed at Mr. H. McDiarmid's Abbotsford plant and transported to Zeballos in Skeena's Dodge truck via the Gold River road and ferry.
- June 23 - 24 - Skeena crew and Mr. H. McDiarmid make necessary repairs to Reno bridge to allow use by Power Wagon. Sharp and Mickelson hike into exploration area and appraise comparative camp sites, heliports and water supplies.
- June 24 - Okanagan's Hiller 12E helicopter transports bulk of camp material to "Saddle" heliport; Erection of 2-tent, floored, wall-tent camp started.
- June 26 - 28 - Camp constructed and material packed from heliport to camp. Note original water supply dried up, and new temporary source located.
- June 29 - Sharp and Mickelson search for a diamond drill water supply in upper Bibb Creek area. A possible supply issuing from the westerly extension of the lime band was located on a minor tributary of Bibb Creek at the 2300 elevation. However, as this was small, difficultly accessible, and possibly of only temporary duration, it was not considered adequate for the scheduled drilling.

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June 30 - Sharp and Mickelson set out elevation reference stakes above saddle area and down East gully, from the south summit down to the 1900' elevation. Crew instructed in general features of area, soil sampling procedures, and soil-testing by rubebanic method.

July 1st to date - P. Mickelson and A. Knox continue soil sampling of upper silicate-quartz diorite zone from the south summit to the 1500-foot contour.

SUMMARY

An early run-off, followed by a long period of warm, dry weather from mid-April to the end of June has markedly decreased all normal sources of water supply - even to the minor quantities required for field camp operation. The immediate objective of the current work is for an early completion of the necessary soil sampling and geological detail required within the silicate zone above the 1500-foot elevation from the present camp and very temporary water supply. Following this, the camp may be transferred to a lower site on the Nomash River, and from which the wider, lower sections of the limestone - lime silicate zone may be similarly investigated.

In view of the present sub-normal water supply, the Company has been advised to defer all preparations for drilling planned during the current summer months, and to accept a general revision of the original exploration schedule.

Respectfully submitted,



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