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December 15, 1971

Mr. A. L. Ryan,  
Keen Industries Ltd.,  
270 Pacific "66" Plaza,  
CALGARY, Alberta

Dear Art:

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you regarding the exploration joint venture proposal which we have discussed earlier. Our people were in the middle of 1972 budget planning, and found it impossible to reach a decision until our money supply for next year was settled. I have now received a reply from my superiors and regret to have to advise you that we will not be able to participate.

Although we are certainly not as hard hit as many companies, our general level of expenditures for next year will be reduced somewhat as a result of general economic conditions, and we are, therefore, forced to allocate our funds and efforts to top priority projects which are in the more advanced stages of exploration. The result, of course, is that primary exploration projects must rank of lower priority for the time being, although we, of course, consider them to be important.

We want to thank you for including us in your planning, and we regret we are unable to come along with you at this time. If the possibility arises on specific situations, we would still be interested to have an opportunity to consider them.

Best Personal Regards.

Yours very truly,

CYPRUS EXPLORATION CORPORATION, LTD.

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J. B. P. Sawyer  
Manager - Canadian Exploration

c.c. Mr. C. A. Mark, C.M.C., Los Angeles

September 20, 1970

Memo

To: J.B.P. Sawyer

From: C.C. McFall

Subject: Nizi Creek Property of Cry Lake Minerals Ltd.

I don't recommend optioning the Nizi Creek Property because of:

- (1) unfavorable (greenstone) host rocks: "copper is commonly associated with greenstone but is unlikely to be found in abundance in this metallogenic belt" according to Mulligan (E.S.C. Paper 68-70, p. 12),
- (2) pyrite, which is common in these greenstones, plus copper in shear zones probably explain the I.P. and geochemical anomalies in the "northeast zone". Trenching in this area has apparently exposed bedrock locally there without but has not been encouraging. E.D. Black ranks this "northeast zone" third behind two <sup>mineralized</sup> shear zones, ~~mineralized~~
- (3) the occurrence has been known for some time and the potential doesn't seem very large.
- and (4) the ~~pro~~ area is fairly remote, requiring prospects to have especially large potential to be