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Dear Jim:

Re your letter of the other day. I have been a little slow at answering but thought that I had better correlate what information I had with that which the C.M.&S. had. I was over in Trail to-day and tried to get a copy of "Cominco" of about Jan.1954 which contained a report by Horton re the discovery of the H.B. They did not have a spare on hand but promised to send me at once a copy of same. I expect to receive same in a few days when I will forward such to you.

From what information I have and which I believe is correct and safe to put in print is that around 1902 or earlier a prospector by the name of Pederson and partner staked the ground covered by the H.B. and the Emerald. He sold the Emerald ground to Walbeiser who eventually formed the Iron Mountain ? . I am missing a 1902 Minister of Mines Report but believe it mentions a man of that name as holding some 45 claims.

Back to the H.B. I feel that Pederson must have dropped this ground and same was then staked by H.M.Billings, P.F.Horton,S.N.Ross & J.A.Benson.

P.F.Horton & J.A.Benson werethe actual locators and used their initials. I do not know how Billings came into the picture but know that Ross at that time had a store in Salmo and possibly came in by the way of grubstaking. While it is a local contention that Horton & Benson used their initials I have persenaly always felt that such was just a little open to question. In 1912 this ground was known as the Hudson Bay Group and had claims as Easter,Canyon,Hudson Bay,Leadville,Carbonate Hill,Golden, to which others were added later. The ground was later taken over by a company known as the "Hudson Bay Zinc Co. You will note that the claim that must

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