Report by: R. F. Keizur, June 26, 1929.

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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th inst. I have made some drawings for you, along with a number of notations. Rather crude and offhand, but the contours are taken from quadrangle made by U. S. Geological Survey and are very near to true.

Please study every feature of this carefully.

Mr. Schuette of San Francisco, California, a renowned geologist and acknowledged authority on the geology of quicksilver, made an exhaustive study of the entire world's known deposits of that metal prior to the year 1930.

If you can get "Technical Publication #264, Feb. 1930, by C. N. Schuette, to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, you will gain some worth-while information as to the importance of what we have in Baker County, Oregon.

This may be had at the Engineers' Club in New York or the Dept. of Interior in Washington.

Excerpts from his report:

"The largest and richest ore bodies of quicksilver the world over are due to a concentration of the primary mineralization during deposition, caused by favorable stratigraphy. It is clearly evident that a concentration of the primary mineralization took place in an open textured rock covered by a nonporous cap rock. Ore bodies, as distinguished from mere mineral occurrences, were formed because of these favorable stratigraphic features."

The entire report of Mr. Schuette makes a perfect graph of what we have.

In the drawings: Note the impervious lava cap rock; the pervious strata below; The 2 ridges joining at the peak of the dome, like this with the continuation of the main ridge running south across the grain of the slate to break like this to form the brecciated zone. The presence of the once boiling hot-spring coming out from under the lava; The presence of salicious scinter and opalite below the southeast and north-west borders of the lava; The presence of gigantic laccolith of Hornstone intrusion showing to the north; The fault in the lava which proves this large southerly cape of overlying rock had insufficient support from the semi-colloidal substance below, causing this great mass to break off the main flow and drop down onto the mush-like matter beneath, causing a squishing gush of the thickening mud, out through the mouth of the once boiling crater, carrying out onto both slopes of the ridge the heavier elements along with the lighter (gold, quicksilver and cinnabar) the heavier of which had previously dropped to and slid back down the steep foot-wall slope of the crater.

This would cause the stoppage of the free flow of steam and gases through the original outlet, build up pressure, which in turn would force the farther traveling sulphur and quicksilver gases toward the east and northwest extremities of the dome trap, which would account for the presence of cinnabar float at these outer points.

Millions of tons of the lighter elements of this extinct crater (silicious scinter) can now be seen for a mile or so down the gulches on both sides of the ridge from the crater's apex. The float gold and cinnabar, mixed with detris of the hillsides, only extends a few hundred feet below the rim of the crater. The gold and cinnabar shows considerable wear at these places, but the cinnabar at the east and northwest borders shows little or no wear.

This is a good geologist's idea of a perfect set-up.

I originally called this deposit a quicksilver, or cinnabar mine. I still call it that. The simple fact that gold is present does not detract from its value. A gold ore shoot of primary nature has no doubt intruded into this subteranean caldron and mixed its auriferous contents with this seething mass while the deposition was being made. Any native quicksilver present would readily take up with the gold where great heat and pressure were lacking, but greater heat and pressure would sublime the quicksilver and force it to take up with any sulphur present and form the mineral called sulphide of mercury (cinnabar).

You can't go wrong on the drilling if you place the first 3 holes within a hundred feet of the exact center of the dome.

It will be easy to find a drilling contractor to take the job of drilling the property, but you should have some one else to check and verify the findings.

Personally, I would place the first 3 holes something like this

Will be glad to help in any way I can.

Yours very truly,



Dear Sir:

Ansering yours of 7/29/46

Am enclosing a photo of the dome and a rough sheet of contour sketches that may answer some of your questions.

The greatest depth that would likely be needed for many years of operation can be reached with a tunnel on the north-west side of the dome giving upward of 1000 feet of depth with a tunnel 1600 feet long.

I think \$30.00 a foot would be tops in cost.

A shaft would cost less per foot of depth (about \$60 per foot) but you would be up against a perpetual cost of pumping out water, hoisting by power and higher elevation to reach your point of operation.

I warned you before that the cut-a-way sections are not accurate.

Any guess as to cost of a retort plant might be right. It would depend a lot on the richness of the ore and the amount of tonnage one would want to handle. Ore running less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of one percent in mercury would require a large plant, probably costing near \$100,000.00 to pay good dividends. Rich ore has been handled profitably on plants costing less than \$20,000.00.

No one can figure cost of plant until the ore body has been explored.

You could make a pretty fair estimate on the plant from results of drilling before operating tunnel or shaft has been put in.

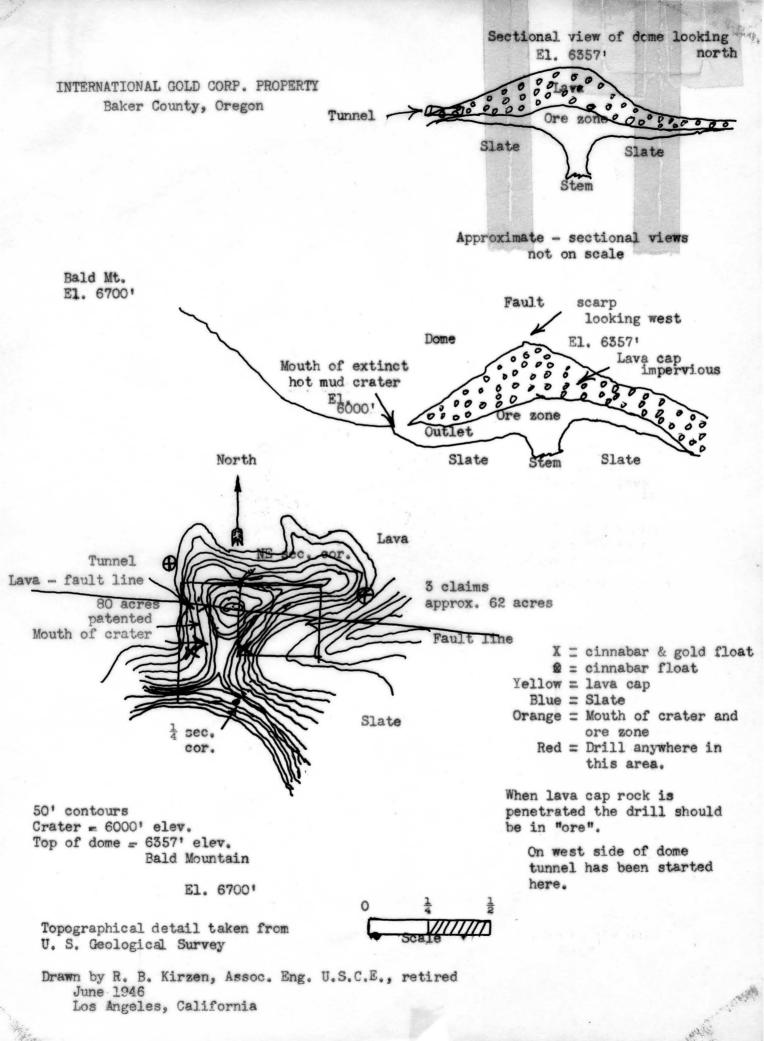
I once had the entire report of Mr. Schuette on quicksilver of the world, but don't know where it is now.

Probably is in storage with some other stuff.

Labor at Baker can always be had.

Total cost of drilling operations after all equipment and material is on the ground, would likely run about \$70.00 for 1 shift a day, about \$130.00 a day for 2 shifts, and \$180.00 a day for 3 shifts. They should average upwards of 20 feet of hole per shift of 8 hours. Would need a light service truck for handling supplies, and water to drill. 60 days drilling at full speed would require about \$900.00 worth of gas, oil, grease, coal, powder, etc. In all, roughly, about \$11,000.00 after equipment is on job, not counting cost of equipment or rental.

The photo was taken from west of the crater, southwest of the dome, looking northeast.



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OREGON CRATER CORPORATION

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> STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY & MINERAL INDS.

Gentlemen: -

The mining property of Oregon Crater Corporation is in Baker County, State of Oregon, about the center of the County and center of the Eastern Oregon mining and mineral district, and, approximately, two miles west and sixteen miles south of the city of Baker, at the head waters of the North Fork of Stice's Gulch and the head waters of Buffalo Gulch. It is in a low saddle at the top of a ridge between these two gulches - altitude 5900 feet - two thousand feet north of the reak of Bald Mountain, which is the highest point along what is known as Burnt River Range of the Blue Mountains. From the top of Bald Mountain - altitude 6800 feet - the drainage waters flow northerly to Powder River - five miles - and six miles southerly to Burnt River. The Burnt River Range runs, approximately, east and west at this point, but swings back to the northward at each end, forming a sort of horse-shoe. The Oregon Crater property is on a short spur ridge branching northward from the main divide: this spur runs north about 3000 feet before branching into three smaller ridges, easterly, westerly and northerly.

Throughout the Eastern Oregon mining district there are a large number of gold-quartz and gold-placer mines which have produced many millions of dollars. Taking the Oregon Crater property as a center, directly to the north, about eight miles, lies the famous Auburn Diggings, where the first gold in Eastern Oregon was found. About ten miles farther northward lies the Basley-Elkhorn gold mine. Four miles west of the Basley is the Bourne District with the B. & B., Columbia, North Pole, Cracker-Jack and Mountain View gold mines. A few miles west and north of Bourne are the Red Boy, Imperial, Belle of Baker amd Ben Harrison gold mines and Monumental silver mine. About ten miles southnof this district is the town of

Sumpter where gold was taken from the gravel and much dredging done. Sumpter is about fifteen miles northwest of the Oregon Crater property. Five or six miles south-west of Sumpter is the Greenhorn district and the famous Bonanza mine. few miles farther west, on the head waters of the John Day River, are the Buffalo and Bear mines of gold, lead and silver. Ten miles southward of the Greenhorn are the Mt. Hastas mines. About eight miles southerly from the Oregon Crater property are the Mormon Basin mines, most noted of which are the Rainbow and Inter-Mountain gold mines, carrying considerable silver. Twelve or fourteen miles south-easterly from the Oregon Crater property is the Durkee gold district and six miles farther is the Bay Horse silver mine. About sixteen miles easterly, a little north, are the famous White Swan and Virtue gold mines. Thirty-five miles northeasterly from the Oregon Crater property is the great Eastern Oregon Copper belt. Throughout this whole district and near the quartz mines mentioned herein and near many others not mentioned above, are several hundred placer workings of note. The middle part of Baker County runs heavily to gold with some silver, also lead and silver, and easterly runs off to copper. The nearest rich workings to the Oregon Crater property are in Pine Creek, about two miles wouth-westerly, and in the main branch of Stice's Gulch, about two miles southeeasterly. Both of these gulches are said to have produced several millions in gold.

The Oregon Crater property consists of 80 acres of patented land in Section 26, Township 11, South, Randge 39, E.W. M. and two mining claims of, approximately 80 acres each, in Section 25. The 80 acres are made up of two 40 acre squares, 2640 feet north and south and 1320 east and west. The located mining claims are joined to the east side land of the patented land.

There is a contact of two separate and distinct geological formations running through about the center of the property, easterly and westerly, and crossing the ridge on which the property lies in the lowest part of the saddle. On the south side of the contacts is Slate and on the North side is porphyritec-opal formation.

The contact seems to dip about seventy degrees to the north. The porphyritec-opal is a glassy rock formation. Some of it is nearly a pure porphyry with a well developed phenocryst, while deeper down and near the contact seems to be more opal than porphyry, and some seems to be of the jasper type. The layers of the perphyry, as seen at the top of knoll, about 1000 feet to the north of the contact, has a dip of about twenty-five degrees to the north. This point is about 300 feet higher in elevation than in the bottom of the saddle and at the contact. The rock on the top of the knoll, has a grayish-white colored phenocryst and going dwon the hill toward the contact, the phenocrysts gradually become darker and redder, until they are a rich, bright red. The top porphyry has a cark blue to purple cast, while the more opal type graduated to pale blue, comtimes clouded and streaked with red. The bedding planes of the slate formation are standing about 70 degrees, dipping to the north and strike easterly and westerly. The strike of the slate lifts up on the east side of the ridge and points down on the west side. (To make this last statement plainer, the strike of the formation lifts upward toward the crest of the ridge on both sides.) This would indicate a perfect shear or brecciated zone at the crest of the ridge. Recent drilling operations have proven that some limestone, dolomite and pure opal exist in and along the contact at the crest of the ridge. Also, some of the slate at this point has become epalized to a great extent.

At the top or the spur ridge and at the contact between the two main formations, and at the shear point in the slate, is an extinct hot mind spring crater of the open mercurial type. This crater is composed of a stiff, sticky, gray, sandy mud and is funnel-like in shape. The crater is about six hundred feet across the top, easterly and westerly, and about 450 northerly and southerly. The crater is split in two parts at the surface by an isthmus of rock running north and south, but I believe the crater becomes one unit a few hundred feet down in the ground. It seems that the crater matter found an easier way out by bursting through the sides of the ridge near the surface and left a bridge of hard rock running across

the top of the crater. The walls of the crater, near the surface, seem to converge downward, toward a general center, along the lines of a French curve, and form a chimney. Such surveying as we have done indicates that the walls of the chimney, or pipe, become parallel at about 450 feet in depth and that the chimney should be about 100 feet in diameter at that depth. Although the crater matter is gray in color, as before mentioned, it is red at and near the walls. The red portion is about two to five feet thick.

The crater matter, which we call "atlas", contains a great variety of metals and minerals. Samples of the atlas, near the surface, gave a trace of gold, upt to 80% in value, and from a trace of mercury up to one-fifteenth of one percent. The values, very gradually, gained a little, in both gold and mercury, until a depth of about 235 feet was attained, where extremely high grade ore was encountered. The drill penetrated the wall at 242 feet and the values ceased at this point. The writer made a number of field tests and microscopic examinations of the ore and estimates the ore to run on an average of #500.00 to the ton in gold, silver and mercury. Several samples for assay were taken, by stockholders, on the property and the certificates of their assays shown to me, bear out strongly my estimates of values.

Careful study of the atlas matter under the microscope, with a magnifying power of from 50 to 500 times, in natural and acid tests, indicates the following mineralization:

Quartz and hydrous silica - transparent and glassy, brilliant, vitreous, resinows white, ember, yellow, gray, red and graduating tints; fracture - regular, irregular splintery, conchoidal and crystalization amorphous and varied; Iron - titanium, ilmenite, magnetite, hematite, pyrite and marcasite; Tin - cassiterite and native; Silver - freibergite, stibnite and native; Nickel - pyrotite; Copper - chalcoprite and native; Silver, Mercury, Lead, Antimony-tetrahedrite and stibnite; Mercury - cinnabar, Kleinite, montroydite, terlinguaite, several bituminous forms and native; Gold - stibnite (possibly), mispickel, pyrites and native; Lime; Gypsum; Supphur;

Magnesium silicates and carbonates; Other rock forming minerals and acids.

The deposit was found by the writer after two years of tracing the cinnabar from the gulches below. On approaching within five to six hundred feet of the lip of the crater, or deposit, while tracing the cinnabar, gold was encountered. The tracing was performed by panning the soil and gravel on the mountain slopes and carefully examining the pannings under the microscope. After the gold was encountered it showed, in the pan, along with the cinnabar, right up to the very lip of the crater. This tracing was done on the Stice's Gulch side of the crater. Sampling was then conducted on the opposite side of the ridge (The Buffalo Gulch slope) with similar results. Various small holes, tunnels and shafts were then dug into the crater matter to outline the deposit and sample same for metals expected. Development work consisted entirely of hand dug holes, until the year 1928, when a drilling outfit was obtained and drilling operations were conducted on the property from the first of May until the fifth of November 1928. Seven holes were drilled into the crater and overhanging rock. The sixth hole penetrated the crater matter deep enough to encounter high values before striking the foot wall, Another the seventh hole - was started late in the season and is now down 100 feet in the crater matter. This hole is so placed that it should reach to about 400 feet before striking the foot wall. If this last hole does not hit the foot wall under 400 feet, it should go through 150 feet of high grade ore.

There is one building on the property. This is the cook house. It is about 500 feet to the west of the crater and on the same level. Two tents are used as sleeping quarters for the men. One drilling outfit, mounted on a self-propelling truck and operated by gasoline. The first is large enough to drill to a depth of 1000 feet. A spring of cold, clear water, enough for drilling operations and camp purposes, comes out of the side of Bald Mountain and 800 feet southwest of the center of the crater and about 40 feet higher in elevation than the camp?

A fairly good mountain road runs from the property, down the hills, in a northerly direction about five miles to Powder River. At this point it meets a well graded State highway and the Sumpter Valley Railway (narrow gauge). It is almost

level from his point into the City of Baker, a distance of eleven miles. The main line of the O.W.R.R. & N. runs through Baker. This Railroad is part of the Union Facific System. Another State highway runs up Stice's Gulch to within four miles of the property, and a fairly good mountain road comes up to within two miles of the property on the east side. Two miles more of mountain road can easily be constructed to the proposed site of the tunnel, from which the deposit should be worked.

There is no timber that belongs to the 80 acres of the Corporation's patented land but there is nearly two million feet of good timber on the Corporation's located claims which can be used for mining and building purposes.

It is to be remembered that the Oregon Crater property is in a highly mineralized district. I believe that the bedding planes of the slate stood at about 40 to 45 degrees when the igneous flow occurred which covered up the slate. Subsequently, a volcanic movement pushed Bald Mountain up through the igneous rock and split the igneous rock in two parts. The volcanic movement, after striking the slate, followed the lines of least resistence, which was the bedding planes of the slate. At six to seven thousand feet deep the volcanic disturbances would be directly under the present contact and farther northlof the contact and under the igneous rock when the last movement started. The heat from this volcanic movement and/or, from subsequent intrusive movements in the vicinity, would maturally heat the Waters within the ground and drive the waters out by preasure. The hot and acid maters would carry the metals in solution until the water gained room enough to expand to the extent where the metals would recrystalize. The grain of the slate would naturally shear the escaping waters throughout the heated zone, toward the crest of the ridge and away from the heat cinter. The escaping waters could not escape in a lateral direction farther than the contact of the igneous rock, therefore the waters, with the metals in solution, followed the foot wall of the igneous rock and the shear ways of the slate rock, and since most of the escaping waters on the upward and northward side of the movement zone followed the same route, it e eventually formed a general channel and wore out a large vent hole along these

lines. This, undoubtedly, made the chimney. As soon as the hot waters under pressure expanded enough so that the temperature was lowered to a point where the metals in solution recrystalized, the crystalization took place. If the expansion took place below the surface, the metals would crystalize below the surface of the ground and there would be little or no escape of the metals over the lip of the crater.

On the other side of the volcano (southward) there seems to be no general vent. The mountain is higher on that side, and distant about two miles to the igneous rock, and the heat would not be so intense as on the northward side. As a result the gold and other metals on that side seem to have reached nearer the surface through small and various vents and subsequent erosion has caused the metal on that side to work its way into the creek channels. Placer mining operations conducted on that side, in two main channels, have resulted in finding several million dollars worth of gold. It is my opinion that the fold found in the soil, a short distance below the lip of the crater was the result of the last struggles of the mud crater action after the waters were nearly exhausted and the mud was thick enough to lift the gold to the surface. Most of the gold in the crater, no doubt, settled back down in o the crater after the boiling action ceased. The gold found in the soil below the lip of the Crater was in various sizes, some being fairly large pieces. The gold encountered in the crater with the drill was all very fine, only visible under a 100 power microscope. The heaviergold, no doubt, will be found farther down. The lighter gold, or smaller pieces, would more likely settle slower than the coarser gold. I surmise, aslo, that the atlas matter would become richer as more depth was attained, ;until the density of the matter would become so great as to hinder the further settling of the heavier elements. I predict that the ore will reach its greatest richness between five and seven hundred feet of depth. Below that level I would expect the atlas matter to become leaner, however, as I would not expect to find any values outside of the crater walls, whenever the ore becomes too poor to work at a profit, it would be possible to immediately cease operating.

I recommend that further drilling operations be conducted on the property until the crater deposit is proven up to the extent of at least three additional holes, so placed as to actually block out certain tonnage and at least one hole, in the crater, to the depth of 600 feet. This is the depth at which I recommend a tunnel be driven from the mountain side into the deposit. As the drop of the mountain side is about one foot in three, this tunnel would be, approximately, 1800 feet in length. At the helplace where this tunnel should be started, in the north branch of Stice's Gulch, a good tunnel, dump, mill and building site can be had, easily accessible to the main highway.

I estimate the cost of proving up this property to the extent of not less than 600 feet of chimney depth, by drilling, etc., at between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars. My estimate on cost of tunnel and equipment is withing fifty thousand dollars. I cannot estimate the cost of milling until the metallurgy of the ore is fully determined, however, it is my belief that a simple retort and a reduction plant is all that will be required. The concentrated ore, after the mercury has been retorted out, would probably be shipped to a smelter for extraction of the other metals that are worth saving. Unless something else shows up in the ore greater depth than has been attained so far, I surmise that gold and silver is all that would be returned from the smelter. The best place to extract mercury from the ore is at the mine. The Process is very simple and of low cost.

There is every indication of much wealth in the Oregon Crater Property.

Yours respectfully

(signed) R. F. Keizur

Karl Von Segemont - Sturman was born in Westfalin, Germany; finished his education at Jena University; was employed for several years by Phelps Dodge and Green Cananea Companies; was consulting metallurgist for several large Companies in the United States for a period of years and was for six years in China with the Kailan Mining administration.

What seems to be, and is called, "Slate Rock" fartheraway from this immediate zone is nearer a shale at this point. The shale is naturally brecciated along the crest of the ridge under the lava. This would allow free movement of the solutions up to the contact with the cap rocks.

The Oregon Crater deposit is in exceptionally rich and productive gold district.

The topography, stratigraphy and geology of this property is ideal for a large and rich deposit of quicksilver. Quicksilver is known to exist at and near the solfateric vent. Gold, along with quicksilver, is also known to exist in small quantities at the edge of the crater where the "slop-over" would naturally occur.

Gold was also found in the chimney of the crater in highly concentrated richness, along with a good showing of quicksilver, which seems to be a secondary enrichment by precipitation.

As shown by the topography, the prominent knoll, about 800 feet to the north of the apex, would indicate the probability of an inverted trough under the lava flow where the concavity, if such exists, would be an ideal condition for a tremendous dome-deposit of cinnabar. Recent discoveries strongly indicate that a receptacle of this nature does exist there.

A substantial drilling outfit will quickly determine the truth about the many eutstanding and pertinent features pertaining to the interesting deposit.

March 10, 1930

(Signed) Raymond B. Keizur, Mgr.,
Oregon Crater Corporation.

No te:

This report on the Chimney Deposit was made when the property was controlled by the Oregon Crater Corporation. Through internal dissensions and other complications the corporation was unable and restrained from developing the property and put it into production, and thus the property has laid dormant for several years,

The Oregon Crater Corporation has now gone out of existence as it surrendered its Charter and also lost what title it had to the Chimney Deposit.

The title to this property passed into the hands of two parties who sold and deeded this Chimney Deposit property to the International Gold Corporation, and it is now known as the Gold Crater.

The International Gold Corporation is in no way connected with the O. C. Corporation, and the report herein is simply a description of the Chimney Deposit now known as the Gold Crater Property and owned by the International Gold Corporation.

This summary or report is under no consideration to be considered as an offer of any security or solicitation or offer to buy or sell any security or solicitation as a prospectus.

## State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

702 Woodlark Building Portland, Oregon

Gold Crater Property (Au and Hg - ?)

Baker District Baker County

Old Names:

Chimney Deposit, Kizer Mine, Oregon Crater Corporation.

Owner:

Internation Gold Corporation, Address c/o F. T. Deptuy,

1942 E 29th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Location:

T 11 S; R 39 E; Sections 25 and 26. This is near the summit of Dooley Mt. at an elevation of about 5500 to 6000 feet and about 13 miles northwest of the Forest Service lookout on Bald Mt.

Area:

The property is comprised of an expert acre tract of patented land and two unpatented quartz claims.

Foreword:

This property was inspected on October 19th, 1948. The writer accompanied Mr. Hunthausen of the U. S. Bureau of Mines and Mr. Langdon Rand. Hunthausen was making an official Bureau of Mines examination. Rand had done the assessment work for the owner that year.

History and Development:

A considerable amount of prospect work was done on this property in the 1920's, and perhaps some in the early 30's. This work consisted of trenching, pitting, some tunnelling and drilling. The drilling in question was churn drilling. Seven holes were sunk. As far as is known this work was done by a Mr. Reymond B. Keizur (Forest service sign spells it Kiser).

The property is somewhat of a local mystery. Little is known of Keizur's activities other than that he spent several years on the property. It is generally told around Baker that the Keizur story of mineralization to be had on the property varied periodically. Gold, silver, antimony, mercury and copper have all been mentioned by local informants. A report written by Keizur, June 26, 1929, features gold and mercury as the principle values.

All trenches, cuts and pits seen by the writer and his associates are thoroughly sluffed in. No trace of cuttings was observed around any of the drill holes that were found (four in number).

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Geology:

The country rock consists of a body of the normal Dooley Mountain Breccia surrounded by the Burnt River Schist formation as mapped by Gilluly on his map of the Baker quandrangle. No valuable or possibly valuable mineralization of any kind was seen in place, nor was there any indication of fragments on the dumps to suggest that any unusual mineralization had been encountered in any of the workings.

General:

The writer has had a considerable amount of correspondence with the present owner during the past two years. It seems that the present owner bought the property sight unseen, and on the basis of the Kreizur report and maps. This report is impressively written, but is geologically weird. The geologic sections and contour maps accompanying it are excellent from the standpoint of draftmanship, and are likewise impressive in appearance. The geologic conditions illustrated, however, meaning the craters and vents, etc, represent imaginative interpretation of the finest sert.

THIS PROPERTY DESERVES NO MENTION IN ANY FUTURE HANDBOOK EVER PUBLISHED BY THIS DEPARTMENT UNLESS VALUABLE MINEPALIZATION OF SOME SORT IS DEMONSTRATED TO EXIST THEREON AS THE RESULT OF FUTURE YORK.

Report by:

) Walther

Date examination october 19, 1948

Date report: January 15, 1949

References: U. S. G. S. Bulletin 879 by Gilluly.

The Kreizur report and accompanying maps and various letters from the owner.