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702 Woodlark Building
Portland 5, Oregon

STATE DEPT OF GEOLOGY
& MINERAL INDS.

ATTENTION: John Eliot Allen

Dear Mr. Allen:

I thank you very much for your letter of June 10, enclosing logs of holes drilled on the Southport Mine belonging to this company. In your letter you mention Bulletin No. 27 of your department, and possibly you mailed one to me under separate cover. If not, I will very much appreciate receiving one and will gladly remit its cost.

We have consented to the Coast Fuel Corporation assigning its lease to Herb Olsen, Claude and Clyde Elliott for one year ending April 30, 1948, and these men are operating the mine at present. During such year I am hopeful a more permanent operation can be arranged.

The primary cause of Coast Fuel Corporation's failure was, as you undoubtedly know, under-financing. The secondary cause was, as you also unquestionably know, failure to develop a relatively uniform tonnage market. The secondary cause, of course, ties into the primary cause.

I am hopeful of being able to interest in this picture an experienced coal operator who, prior to April 30, 1948, will have an opportunity to make a detailed study of entire problem--particularly the market, mining costs, and capital needed. The "set up" at present is such that I do not believe any large amount of capital would be required, and particularly so if a uniform tonnage can be marketed at a reasonable profit.

I will certainly be very receptive of any advice or suggestions that you may care to advance, and on my next trip north (in September) I shall give myself the pleasure of meeting you.

Very truly yours,

SOUTHPORT LAND & COMMERCIAL CO.

BY

E.S. McCurdy

E.S. McCurdy, President

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cc/ Max Bennett

*Send Bull 27
Covey Bay Coal*

Complimentary

Sent 6-16-47

October 9, 1946

Mr. Max Bennett
Sentry Coal Mine
Coos Bay, Oregon

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Concerning the underground mine map which you are going to send us, we shall need the elevation of the point where the entry leaves the main slope and also the average grade of the entry from the main slope to the face.

Very truly yours,

Director

FWhjr

Portland, Oregon
February 6, 1946

Mr. Allen Torbet
General Manager
Coos Bay Times
Coos Bay, Oregon

Dear Mr. Torbet:

Sunday afternoon on my way north, I called Dean Gleeson and he informed me that he had not received a letter from you and that is the reason why you have not heard from him. I also asked Mr. Libby, and Mr. Libby tells me he did not get a letter from you. Would it be possible that your letters got lost in the mail?

I am sending copies of these to Dean Gleeson and Mr. Libby as I felt embarrassed when I asked them about getting a letter from you.

Kind regards.

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cc-Mr. F. W. Libby
Dean George Gleeson

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March 12, 1985

Herbert

Mr. Herbert Olson
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Dear Mr. Olson,

Thank you for your interesting letter about the Southport Mine. We mapped this mine in 1943 and 1944, and published the map in Bulletin 27 of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. I am enclosing a copy of the map we made, and it would be interesting if you could add the areas you mined out later, in order to bring the map up to date for the department's files.

Sincerely,

John Eliot Allen

John Eliot Allen
Emeritus Professor
of Geology

*Jeany tells me you have the SW
Oregon map repository.*

*Here's an addition to the Southport
mine map in Bull 27.*

John

*This was the 1548th letter I wrote in
answer to my column!*