

February 8, 1960

Mr. Walter M. Stephen
5036 - 44th Avenue, S.
Seattle 18, Washington

Dear Mr. Stephen:

The Bolivar Copper Company has been doing some exploration work during the past year or so at a property which was opened up by a short drift many years ago. Recently the press carried a story that the company had contracted to ship 800 tons of concentrate every two months to Japan, with shipments starting this fall.

Mr. R. F. Carr, Lookingglass-Reston Loop, Roseburg, Oregon, is in charge of operations, and more detailed information can probably be obtained from his as to plans for exploring the property and the construction of a concentration plant.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph S. Mason
Mining Engineer

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Seattle, Washington
Jan. 26, 1960

Hollis M. Dole, Director
Oregon Dept. of Geology
and Mineral Industries
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am interested in getting information on the copper property under development by the Bolivar Copper Co. This property is located in Coos County, 34 miles from Powers, Oregon.

If information of this property appears in any of your bulletins I will appreciate receiving copies. Will remit the cost as soon as you advise me. Thanking you, I am,

Yours respectfully,

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April 16, 1957

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Robert D. Holmes
FROM: Ivan Bloch, Consultant
SUBJECT: Copper in Coos County and letter thereon from Mr. Jack Patterson
1515 Woodland Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Attached is letter of Mr. Patterson and attachments regarding the Bolivar Copper Mine which you sent to me April 9, 1957. We have retained a verifax copy for further reference.

Also attached is copy of letter I have written to Mr. Patterson which I trust is self-explanatory.

The matter may be significant and might develop into an interesting operation. We will maintain close contact with the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, and will keep you currently informed.

For your information, the area of the Bolivar Copper Mine in Coos County has been known for many years as containing variable content copper ores. However, it has been an isolated area, distant from transportation; interest has been sporadic (in common with most copper properties).

Mr. R. F. Carr, the president of Bolivar Copper Mine Co. is a Roseburg resident and has been a coal miner. Early this year, he conferred at length with Mr. Hollis Dole, director of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. Mr. Dole assisted Mr. Carr appropriately in visualizing the necessary kind of exploratory drilling program. This program should now be underway by Mr. Carr and his associates. Mr. Len Ramp, district representative of the Department at Grants Pass has been directed by Mr. Dole to visit the scene of Bolivar operations as soon as possible.

Without relating the various details of Mr. Dole's discussions and directions, may I state I find them altogether appropriate and desirable. Until such time as the suggested, initial program of drilling on the property is accomplished by Mr. Carr and his associates, it is not possible to hazard any reliable opinion as to what might be the possibilities of occurrence of an important ore body. The Department has asked for split core samples so that it might independently perform necessary assays.

Mr. Dole, as soon as he returns from the important meeting on chrome and other minerals (Western Governors Minerals Conference in Reno at the end of this month) is planning to visit the Bollvar operation in the company of Mr. Ramp.

Regarding the financing problem mentioned by Mr. Patterson in his letter (and Mr. Carr during his conference with Mr. Dole), there is not much question that even at this time Bollvar could raise fair sums of moneys on a speculation. Mr. Dole's advice -- and it would have been mine also -- to Mr. Carr was that the Company would be in much better position to finance after drilling the property, providing the information obtained indicates the existence of a substantial ore body.

If the drilling program and the Department's visits provide information showing the existence of an important resource, it will then be appropriate to move in an aggressive assistance program, which we would suggest to you at that time.

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Mr. Jack Patterson
1515 Woodland Avenue
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Governor Robert D. Holmes has referred to me your letter of March 24, 1957 and its attachment regarding the Bolivar Mine in Coos County.

The matter has been discussed by me with Mr. Hollis Dole, Director of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. He indicated that he reviewed your company's program with your Mr. R. F. Carr early this year, and made certain suggestions regarding immediate steps of desirable exploration of the property. It is my understanding, therefore, that your initial drilling program should now be underway. This will provide basic information which will be helpful in determining the next steps, including those of financing, to be undertaken by parties of interest. Mr. Dole indicates that he will plan to visit your operations in the very near future, possibly in early May. I will keep in close touch with him so that we may advise Governor Holmes appropriately.

The Governor wished me to express to you his thanks for calling the matter to his attention. May I assure you that you will hear from me as to various suggestions as soon as I am advised by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries as to its findings.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Bloch
Industrial Consultant to
Governor Robert D. Holmes

CC: Mr. Hollis Dole