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Len,

Here's the info. on  
Foster Co. Hope it's OK.  
Excuse the hand written  
summary - my typist is  
busy cooking dinner.

Also returning the  
Barron rpt & map

Many thanks.

Bob

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May 14, 1977

Dr. George N. Lenci  
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Dear Dr. Lenci:

I am actively searching for new ore deposits in southwestern Oregon, on behalf of a substantial Canadian client, and am finally getting around to investigating some prospects to which I assigned rather low priority when I began this project two years ago. Among this group are the copper occurrences in the Dodson Butte area, at least some of which I looked at yesterday. According to Len Ramp, geologist for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries in Grants Pass, you are familiar with these prospects and, therefore, I am writing you to find out what you know about them.

I am particularly curious about the 2.53% Cu reported by Diller (1898) in the Black Republican Tunnel. I think, but am not sure, that I have located this adit and it is caved tight at the portal. However, there is no indication at all of any mineralization on the dump.

Any first hand knowledge you have of this area will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald C. Parker

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May 23, 1977

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Dear Dr. Lenci:

Thank you very much for your very informative letter relating to your experiences in, and knowledge of, the Dodson Butte area. My own brief reconnaissance of this area failed to turn up anything of interest. In the Panama adit, for example, only the sparsest of mineralization is present and I agree with you that there is little, if anything, to be seen west of the power line. Unfortunately, many of the very old geological publications contain statements that cannot in any way be verified years later, such as Diller's reference to 2.5+% copper in the Black Republican Tunnel.

I am very familiar with the Silver Butte area, in which several major mining and oil companies now have land positions. In view of the chronically high unemployment rate in southwestern Oregon, let's hope something comes of it!

Thank you again for taking the time from your busy schedule to help me out with my work.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Parker:

Yesterday I received your letter of the 14th relative to mineral deposits in the Dodson Butte area.

For about three years, from 1966-69, I went up into that area almost every two to three weeks to explore and stake six claims in the Brushy Butte area and the saddle to the south of it toward Dodson. On each claim I made legitimate sized discovery cuts which was damned hard work. This was all O&C (BLM) land and open to mineral exploration. The Dodson Butte area is privately owned and was not available for mineral discovery work. The six claims I staked covered all areas which showed any sign of mineralization and also included all old workings with about twelve adits of various lengths.

I had heard that there were copper showings in the area and that many claims had been staked there in the past, but no significant work had been done since about 1912 when Milo Peters finally gave up his work on Panama #2. This is by far the largest adit and as I recall was more than 300 feet in length. Hand picked samples at various places\* were largely of malachite embedded in very badly rotted serpentine. In a few areas there was some nice green coloring where the serpentine intersected the metagabro.

I can truthfully say that I probably moved more earth and explored the area more carefully than anyone who went before me. Because of the fact I was able to cover the whole area, I was not restricted by any one claim. At one time I had a D-8 cat cover a large area, but this did not expose anything significant. I was very fortunate that part of the area was selectively logged while I was there and, of course, considerable ground was disturbed and a road was constructed from the south.

With respect to the Black Republican - I think I did identify this adit which is about a hundred feet in length on the northern slope of the saddle between Brushy Butte and Dodson and approximately three to four hundred yards west of the power lines. Incidentally, most of the mineralization showings were just to the east of the power lines. I believe I opened up this adit, trenched it, and drained the water out so that I could get in. There was no mineralization present.

The selected samples of copper ore which I sent in sometimes assayed as 8 or 10% copper and occasional traces of gold and silver. I was able to open all of the adits except one, and in no instance did I find any mineralization of consequence. These adits were driven well under the showings of copper on the surface above.

\*on surface of ground - not in tunnel

After three years of really hard work I came to the conclusion that the copper appearances there were only in the form of an occasional float and did not exist in any veins, shoots, or otherwise and was not worth any more of my time. I formally abandoned them in 1969, and within a few weeks they were all very amateurishly and highly inaccurately restaked. I made it real difficult for them because I pulled up all of my four inch legimate stakes before I left.

At about that time I made a trip to the Sudbury and Noranda areas to visit a number of the Falconbridge and Falconbridge Copper mines. By doing this I got a good idea of what good mineralization should look like. I had connections with these firms through my wife's uncle, Thayer Lindsley, who founded these mines and numerous others in Canada. I am sure you are familiar with his past.

The best mineralization in Douglas County is in the Silver Butte area, but I believe most all that land has been staked or leased by some large oil companies from the eastern part of the United States. At one time some outfit in Vancouver had an option to lease the Silver Butte area, but I believe this fell through.

While working in the Brushy Butte area I kept rather accurate notes and photographed everything I did, but I can assure you I don't think there is anything worthwhile. I hope this will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,



George N. Lenci, M.D.

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Note: Silver Butte lies across the valley to the south of the Hanna Nickel Mine in Riddle.