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Mr. Hollis M. Dole, State Geologist
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Dear Hollis:

I have just returned from a short trip to Lakeview--left here Thursday and returned yesterday.

On Friday I talked to some of the local citizens, Les Shaw and Zane Gray included, then drove out to the White King. The Western Nuclear people were off on a four day weekend but I visited with Don Tracy for a couple of hours. Core drilling is being done with a truck mounted rotary rig. The first hole was down 330 feet. Purpose of the drilling is to check previous assays.

A 2500 gal/min pump has been installed at the shaft. In four days the lake level was lowered by 14 feet. At this point, which was just a few days ago, the Fish and Health boys reportedly found some dead fish along the stream below the discharge line and immediately ordered stoppage of pumping operations. The water is now being tested for arsenic content although, according to Tracy, the Fish people admitted having tested the Lake water periodically for the past several years and each time found the arsenic level to be non-detrimental. The stream is very low; perhaps the fish are dying from lack of oxygen. The cause of the trouble should be determined by the end of this week. You might want to call Tracy to learn the outcome.

Homestake has apparently decided against further exploration in the Quartz mountains area. They have not been back since completion of the soil sampling project last fall.

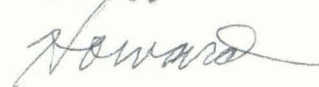
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Mr. Johnson of Reno who in times past has exhibited some of the finer talents of the well polished con-artist has departed under a cloud of contempt. Among other iniquities, he stands accused of bungling one of the more elementary tricks of his trade. It seems that on at least two occasions Mr. Johnson salted some quicksilver samples while the sampler's back was turned. Unfortunately the "seasoning" was added in such quantity as to arouse suspicion and was of such character as to be readily detected.

I visited Glass Buttes on the way home; mill construction is nearing completion--but still no water. A new driller has been hired and the fifth hole is now down 500 plus feet.


Sincerely,



HOWARD C. BROOKS

HCB/aw
c.c. -Norman Peterson

Norm - Thanks much for the note
re the Doodlebug prospect. I hope to
be down your way about Nov. 3 or
so.



Les Richards -

About 1 Dec. 1964

reported that Western Nuclear was pumping out the original #1 shaft of White King and State San Auth. shut them down because of acid trim waters - neutralization was carried out but ranchers complained of sick cattle and they were shut down again - this is the present status.

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Dear Norm:

I was sorry I missed you in GP, and you me in Lakeview. But such are the happenstances of ships passing in the night.

The geologist for Western Nuclear is Mike Salo, 956 Willow Street, Reno, Nev. His telephones: office 322-6167; home 747-4005. Right now I'm told he's in Spokane, and is expected to be here (possibly) about Friday of next week.

I've never met the guy, although I scattered word around that I would like to talk to him; have never known where to contact him here. However, the local contact for Western Nuclear is Don Tracy from whom I got the above address.

I knew they had quit pumping at the White King pit, but did not know why until Len told me the other day in GP.

Best wishes,

Les Shaw