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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

November 2, 1955

ITINERARY REPORT

TO: Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner of Mines

FROM: Martin W. Jasper, Territorial Mining Engineer

SUBJECT: Visit to operations of Kenai Chrome Company and Alaska Chrome Company, Red Mountain Area, Seldovia Quadrangle.

While in the Red Mountain area it was desirable to visit the properties and inspect work done since last visit in July 1953.

October 1st: Left Seldovia at 9 AM via Inlet Flying Service plane landing on Kenai Chrome's airstrip at 9:15 AM. Arrived at their mine camp at 11 AM. Spent 3 hours inspecting the washing plant and mine workings. The mine was found to be in excellent condition. Safety First practices well observed. With an early winter season indicated by heavy snowfall the night before termination of ore haulage to the beach within a few days was indicated. KX-100-12

Kenai Chrome had an average of 25 men employed for their $4\frac{1}{2}$ month operating period. Ore deliveries to beach loading area average 600 tons a week. Shipment of 3650 tons was made Sept. 20th, 1955, and the last shipment of 2500 tons was made for the year about 10 days ago. With this last shipment the Government loan will have been paid off in full, and will be the first one ever doing so that had been processed through the Seattle government loan agency.

Alaska Chrome Company: Four men were working for the company at time of visit. An hour was spent with them, giving them some instruction on the technique of diamond drilling. A limited drilling program was planned to get underway within a few days.

Considerable rehabilitation work had been completed during the past summer and a new adit had been started below the old workings, located at foot of mountain slope, just above level of the valley floor. The adit had been advanced 75 feet through the talus and its face was thought to have reached bedrock just above the floor.

A maximum of 19 men had been employed for several months. It has been reported - but not confirmed by the undersigned - that wages had not been paid them, and that the previous management had finally settled their claims by payment of \$300.00 to each employee. It has been reported that the Zappa interests of New York had taken over control of the company shortly before my visit.

Returned to Seldovia at 4:45 PM via Inlet Flying Service.

Respectfully submitted,
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SUBJECT: Examination of chromite occurrences on property of Seldovia Chrome Company, Inc., and the claims held under name of L. M. (Bill) Lyons, Seldovia, located at headwaters of Fish Creek, Seldovia Quadrangle. Trip was made at request of Mr. Lyons.

September 26, 1955: Left Anchorage at 9:15 AM in personal car and arrived at Homer 3:50 PM. Trip to Seldovia was made in private plane arriving there at 4:25 PM, remaining there for the night.

September 27th: Left Seldovia at 8:15 AM in jeep of Holt Excavating & Construction Company with Dave Fowler, Robt. Holt, and L. M. Lyons. The new road up Fish had reached point about 8 miles from town. From there the jeep followed the old trail the last 4 miles, and reached the Seldovia Chrome Company's "wannigan" near their short airstrip about 11 AM. Heavy rains prevailing had slowed-up road construction and made the last 6 miles tough going by jeep. Kt-104-17

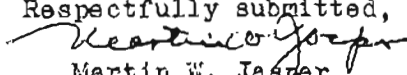
The afternoon was spent going over the several chromite showings with Messrs Lyons, Holt, and Fowler; the latter two had made tentative agreement to do the mining and freighting of the chromite ore to Seldovia.

September 28th to 30th: That period was used to run Brunton and chain traverse and mapping of the showings in the area, and the taking of a limited number of samples. A preliminary map on 200' to 1" scale was completed before leaving the camp midafternoon of the 30th.

Returned to Seldovia for the night about 7 PM on Sept. 30th.

October 1st: Spent the day at Kanai Chrome Company and Alaska Chrome Company properties. Returned to Seldovia at 4:45 PM. Left there at 5:20 PM for Homer. Half way across Kachemak Bay ran into zero ceiling and returned to Seldovia for the night.

October 2nd: Left Seldovia at 7:40 AM and arrived Homer 8 AM by private plane. Left Homer at 8:40 AM by personal car and arrived at Anchorage at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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