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Referred by Mr. Gilfillan
Gilfillan Radio Co. - Mr. Chase

Placer tin and possible lode deposit Yukon Territory.

Will show location (expenses paid by us - no salary) and accompany engineer to locale, make necessary claim denouncements, etc. for a percentage of profits not to exceed 10% of a company to be formed to explore, develop and operate. This maximum 10% would be as stock interest.

Nodule specimen of cassiterite analysis by Smith-Emery - 78.0% Sn

Located between town of Whitehorse, Y.T., and Lake Marsh on Lewes River.

B.W.S.

11/13/51

Telephoned Sidebothan that we had had no opportunity to do anything about this. He said that was OK if and when we did he'd be glad to show. Will wait till next season.

BWS



*Called J. B. 7/23/52
re this ads. any
discussing with Pegg-
Vancouver*

July 21, 1952

MEMO:

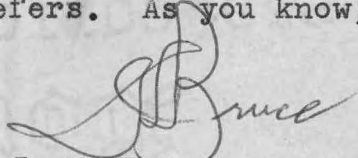
TO: Blair W. Stewart
FROM: James L. Bruce
RE: Jeffery Sidebotham's Tin Placer in Yukon Territory,
Canada

This morning I had a phone call from Mr. Jeffery Sidebotham (phone CHapman 55141). He was calling to inquire about what your program will be for investigating the occurrences of placer tin in the Yukon somewhere near White Horse, which was brought to your attention by him several months ago and about which he made inquiries directed to you last winter. He stated that he had left with you some assay records and some typewritten data and that you had assured him that we would in due course give it further attention.

I have been unable to dig out any information whatsoever from our files. Henry and George Dub know nothing about it. Spellmeyer, Price and Roy Moore are away.

This morning's "Times" had an article on page 24, section 1 (Mining and Oil) referring to some new activity on tin in Alaska. Sidebotham saw this article which reminded him to inquire about our interest in his prospect, about the merits of which he apparently knows very little - although he has seen it. He wants to get someone on the ground who has ability to judge whether it is important.

Will you kindly send a few lines to let me know what advice to give Mr. Sidebotham and, at the same time, let me know where to find the material to which he refers. As you know, Mrs. Andrews is away on vacation.


J. L. Bruce

JLB:rg

cc: Butte

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of location of this area could
be learned - Dismiss
Whitehorse Yukon T.
8/19/52
BWS*

September 30, 1952

Mr. Jeffery Sidebotham
5717 Corbin Street
Tarzana, California

Dear Mr. Sidebotham:

While I was in Butte in July, Mr. Bruce of this office called me and stated that you had inquired as to whether anything had been done with the tin placer property in Yukon Territory, Canada, which we discussed in June, 1951. I had taken the memo with me to discuss with our field representative in Vancouver and, consequently, Mr. Bruce was unable at that time to give you any information on our progress.

When I arrived in Vancouver, I found our field man was out of the city and I did not get a chance to discuss the matter with him. However, I did not arrive there until late August and even had we decided to do anything about it we would not have had much time before winter weather conditions set in. I talked with some of the British Columbia Department of Mines officials and gained some little information about other spotty tin discoveries in that general vicinity in British Columbia. We would like to investigate the matter further but I don't see now how we can do anything with it until spring. We have tentative plans of inspecting this general region, i.e., around the Alcan Highway at that time and if you have not disposed of the property to any others in the meantime, we would like to take it in then. We would not want you to hold the matter up any longer on our account however, as we have been delayed longer than we had originally hoped.

Will you please let me know what your reaction is and keep me advised of any change in the situation.

Kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

Blair W. Stewart
Vice President

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REC'D JUN 14 1954
Action Date

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM: R. E. Legg

CITY: Vancouver, B. C. Action C Date June 8/54.

To: Evan Just

I = Information

SUBJECT: Ballinger Property

On June 3rd I called in at the local office of the Canadian Geological Survey for a routine talk with Dr. W.E. Cockfield. He told me that a man named D.A. Ballinger had called to make enquiries regarding the value of a titanium-zircon property which he owned in the Yukon. Ballinger showed him a sample of what he claimed to be average ore as well as a small vial of finely ground ore. He told Dr. Cockfield that his ore occurred in what appeared to be a sandstone and that it had considerable length (2000 feet mentioned), and he thought it would run 25% titanite (CaTiSiO₅) and 25% zircon.

I considered this information worth while following up, and on June 4th I met Ballinger in my office at 4:40 p.m. after he was through work. He is employed in the Dominion Government assay office in Vancouver which is a branch of the Canadian Mint. This office has been established for many years and refines gold produced in the Province. The employees have to be persons of integrity and when I met Ballinger I sized him up as a reliable man whose age would be around 30.

I talked for half an hour with him. He expressed surprise that Dr. Cockfield had told me about his property as he was not looking for anyone to make a deal with and said he went to the C.G.S. office for the purpose of finding out the commercial aspects of his deposit. He said he intended to go back there in July or August to do further work and stake more ground. At the present time he has six claims.

When talking to me he appeared to be very cautious and would not state exactly where the claims were located. He had previously told Dr. Cockfield the approximate area, namely some 10 to 20 miles east of Carcross which is a small settlement on the White Pass & Yukon Railway, and I realized immediately that this was an excellent situation from the point of view of transportation owing to the navigable lakes which extend east from Carcross.

I asked Ballinger if he had any samples with him and he produced what were probably the same samples which he showed Dr. Cockfield. One of them was a piece about 2" x 2" x 1 1/2" of which looked like a very fine grained sandstone highly mineralized with a black mineral. I wanted him to give me a piece of it but he did not want to do so. He also had a small vial of very fine material and he let me have a very small amount. I later examined this and I shall elaborate on this later on in this report. Ballinger stated that he thought his ore would run 25% titanite and 25% zircon. He had no assay certificates but he talked very intelligently on this subject. I have not determined yet if he is an assayer, but I believe he must have made some tests in the Dominion Government assay office.

Ballinger told me he had a partner, but he would not disclose his name. I told him that I would like to have some samples to have them tested and if they bore out his statements, then we (Cyprus) were prepared to take an examining option on his property. I said I would like him to go up there with me, and I stated that I would include in any agreement a clause to the effect that any additional claims we staked would be included in the deal. I could see that this was worrying him because he frankly stated that he felt he should consolidate his position. I would judge that when he staked the claims he did not know what he had, and only found out during the past winter that his samples contained titanium and zircon. I might add that he is one of those persons who works for a living and does a bit of prospecting as a side line.

When I left him on Friday I suggested that he talk the matter over with his partner during the weekend and then see me again on Monday. In the meantime I telephoned you at Flin Flon to see what you thought about it.

On Monday morning (Yesterday) I had the very small sample of fine material tested. There was not sufficient to have any quantitative tests made, but a qualitative test showed titanium. The sample reacted very strongly under the fluorescent lamp, showing a white fluorescence, and my assayer stated that this was evidence of zircon. I have not yet been able to confirm his statement in this connection. Under a fine magnifying glass the sample appeared to be chiefly composed of dark black mineral containing titanium and a colorless mineral which could be the zircon. All the grains were rounded and smooth.

I again met Ballinger yesterday afternoon. He said he had talked to his partner over the weekend and they were both reluctant to make a deal, as they wanted to go up there next month and do further work and stake more claims. I told him that he was taking a chance that others might go in and tie up all the ground, and I told him he was going about the matter in the wrong way. I impressed upon him that any experienced prospector could find his ground. The claims are recorded in the mining recorder's office in Whitehorse and the records there show the approximate location of the claims. I once again impressed on him that if he made a deal with us we would include in the deal all claims staked by us. When I left him last night he seemed more reasonable and was going to talk again with his partner. I would say that he appears naive, inexperienced and doubtful rather than unwilling or suspicious. He is not in doubt as to the standing of Cyprus as Dr. Cockfield assured him of this angle.

His property may not be of value, but to me it is something which should be investigated. If Ballinger's remarks are true, and nothing so far has made me doubt his integrity, then there could be extremely large tonnages available of a titanium - zirconium bearing formation. Whether the titanium is in the form of ilmenite, rutile or titanite is something I am not yet positive about. Ballinger says titanite. I am seeing him again today and will try and get samples for assay.

I have written this out at length so you can appreciate the situation. I do not think Ballinger has any idea of dealing with anyone else, although he did say the first time I met him that he thought eventually of taking the property to Dr. Smitheringale of Conwest.

R. E. Legg

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CC. to CHES.
CC. to E.J. at Finlen Hotel
Butte, Montana.

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RECORDED JUN 11 1954
Action Date

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM: R. E. Legg

CITY: Vancouver, B. C.

TO: Evan Just

SUBJECT: Ballinger Property

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Further to my letter of yesterday's date I saw Ballinger and his partner Peters yesterday afternoon and they told me that they have decided to go it alone, that is to say they intend to go up to the Yukon later on this month and make further tests on their showings and presumably stake additional claims. They then said they would come back to me.

I discussed the property at some length yesterday trying to get further necessary information from them. I could not get them to give me any idea of the width of ore. I think this is curious, since it is obvious that a commercial width is necessary. I questioned Ballinger further about the assay values. He is an assayer over at the local branch of the Canadian Mint. He told me that his assaying showed about 24% zircon and 26% titanium ore. I tried to get some idea if the titanium was in the form of ilmenite, rutile or titanite. He did say the iron analysis was around 3% which would rule out ilmenite. He would not give me a sample.

Apparently Ballinger and his partner are able to finance the trip to the Yukon. They remarked that they could sell a ton of the material at a dollar a pound to specimen collectors. It sounded odd to me, to say the least.

Both of them did state that they would be in to see me when they got back, so I thought I had better let it go at that. I must say I find the matter very different to the usual mining deal, but on the other hand it must be remembered that these boys did not approach me in the first place. It was I who approached them.

I am considering taking a tour through the Yukon leaving here next week on behalf of Cyprus. Do you agree? I have nothing specific to see, but for one thing I will check on Ballinger's claims at the Mining Recorder's Office at Whitehorse. There is a fair amount of exploration activity in the Yukon at the present time and I will ascertain if there are any worthwhile opportunities.

R. E. Legg
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C.C. to CHES.
" " E.J. at Butte

Evan Just

New York

6/14/54

R. E. Legg

Ballinger Titanium-Zircon Property, Yukon

Having just returned to the office after three weeks, I am answering your memo of June 9. Copies were received of the two memos in Flin Flon and Butte, but the latter only just before stepping on the plane to return.

It would appear that there is nothing we should do about this property except await developments. I will repeat that we should make some attempt to get definite knowledge of the nature of the minerals before going to the expense of a trip. Also, we should know approximately what the zirconium and titanium content of a concentrate would be (metal in both cases). The phrase "26% titanium ore" leaves one in doubt as to the actual titanium content.

I would assume that the titanium mineral is probably rutile, having never heard of any such concentrations of titanite. However, if it proves to be titanite, the sooner we know about it the better, as there might be some complications in marketing this mineral as against rutile.

I will repeat the comment that a zircon-rutile property of adequate grade may prove to be commercial, but I doubt that an ilmenite concentrate can be shipped at a profit from that location.

Evan Just

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