

Adams Township, MI

Feb. 17, 1942

Mr. B. F. Sparks, Engineer  
Michigan State Highway Department  
Escanaba, Michigan

Dear Ben:

I tried to reach you at the hotel at noon today but found that you had check out.

You asked me as to the estimated probable life of the property. This we estimate is about fifty years.

Also I wanted to correct a figure that I gave you on the additional cost of transporting around via Ontonagon. This \$112.00 per day additional cost would have to be spread over 125,000 lbs. refined copper, giving an additional cost of 1/10¢ instead of 1¢.

Very truly yours,

*William H. Schacht.*

President

WHS/WPN



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Mr. B. F. Sparks:

The present plans for the White Pine property provides for 5000 tons of rock per day which is to be crushed and treated by a mill at the site and would produce 150 tons of mineral per day. This mineral will be trucked either directly to the Copper Range Company's smelter at Coles Creek, Michigan (near Houghton) for smelting and refining, or trucked to McKeever and put in temporary storage and kept warm during the winter months to keep it from freezing and then transported via Copper Range Railroad to the Copper Range Company's smelter.

To truck the mineral via the Ontonagon to White Pine route, at the rate of 5¢ per ton mile, would cost another \$112.00 or more per day additional, which means an additional cost of 1¢ per pound of copper, and if there is only a few cents margin, you can readily see how this will endanger this project.



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A bill has recently passed congress. called  
Reference Highway Act of 1941.

and provides (Access to source of Materials.)

- (1st) Must have Approval of Secretary of War
- (2nd) Then goes to Public Road Administration

Kennedy say. State Funds will slip in near future in course of  
Restriction on Texas and Auth.

Make your application to Dist. Engr. Office. Duluth.

This will then go to Reg. Office Eng. Corp Cleveland  
att'd Capt. Major

then to Gen Staff. S4. calls for Col. Mc Ginnley app-  
also talk up with OpM. member familiar with this project.  
and have OpM. Advise War Dept of necessity.

Above received from Kennedy.  
Kennedy will supply Survey and Estimates. right away.

T 50 - R 42      19 Miles of Rd

Dist. Col. Schenk H. Griffin  
Corp of Eng.

Jan. 15, 1942 Petition in open am  
2000 points 28-29-30  
Jan 15, 1942 Mr. Simmons in of  
in afternoon