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PROTECTION FOR MINERS IN GREAT BEAR LAKE MINE

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This is in reference to the memorandum of April 26, 1949 which you received from Shields Warren inquiring as to precautions taken to protect miners in the Great Bear Lake mine, Canada, particularly with regard to radon hazards. As I mentioned over the telephone, Mr. A. H. Ross, Manager of the Eldorado Mining and Refining, Ltd., was coming to the United States and would be talking to Evan F. Wilson, Assistant Manager, RMO, in charge of Research. I asked Mr. Wilson to discuss with Mr. Ross informally precautionary procedures for protection of health which were being followed at the various operations of the Eldorado Mining & Refining, Ltd. Attached is a copy of the memorandum from Mr. Wilson giving the results of his conversations with Mr. Ross.

This information was obtained on an informal basis and should be held confidential and not quoted in any published report. If we wish to comment on the precautionary methods taken by the Canadians in any official document, I believe that we should attempt to obtain from the Eldorado Mining & Refining, Ltd. a written statement of the problems and the measures being taken to protect the health of the workmen.

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