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TACOMA SMELTER

Mr. R. E. Shinkoskey
American Smelting and Refining Co.

Professor W. W. Staley
Department of Geology-Geography
University of Idaho
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Professor Staley:

In your letter of April 11 you request certain information concerning Tacoma Plant history. I am helping the Indian Claims Commission with;

The Tacoma Smelter started in 1890 as a lead smelter but, with increased copper production throughout the years, it was found possible to smelt the lead intake in the copper smelter and the lead smelting facilities were eventually shut down in 1911.

I am sorry to say that I cannot state with certainty whether or not Bunker Hill made shipments to Tacoma prior to 1891.

Very truly yours,

Sincerely,
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R. E. SHINKOSKEY

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Professor of Mining

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American Smelting and Refining Co.
P. O. Box 1605
Tacoma 1, Washington

Dear Mr. Shinkoskey:

I recently wrote Mr. Rex C. Beckstead in your Salt Lake City office for information concerning the smelting operations at Tacoma. He referred me to you. I explained to Mr. Beckstead that I wanted the information in connection with a project I am helping the Indian Claims Commission with; and that the information given me will more than likely wind up in their files.

The information I asked of Mr. Beckstead was as follows:

Has the Tacoma plant, in its history, ever smelted lead ore? If so, between what dates? Can you tell me if the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Concentrating Co., Kellogg, Idaho, made shipments to Tacoma before 1891?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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