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Mr. William M. Siegel
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Dear Mr. Siegel:

In answer to your request of last Fall, we have made a careful review of our exploratory drilling program in order to project a mining plan for the top of the Permanente quarry over the next four to five years. This work is intended to show what effect our probable future quarry operations will have on the skyline south of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

The proposed plan for mining the deposit for the foreseeable future is to start at the top of the deposit and mine back to the foot wall, or limit of the deposit, on 50 foot benches. Inasmuch as the deposit lies on the southeast side of the hill and dips 55 degrees to the south, all mining will be conducted on the southeastern side of the mountain which is not visible from the Los Altos area. To attempt to conduct the mining operation from the Los Altos side would be most uneconomical, as shown in the enclosed sketch, as tremendous quantities of unusable material would have to be mined before the limestone was uncovered.

As each bench is mined back to the limit of the deposit, the mining at that level will be complete and no further operation is contemplated. At this time two benches, the 1850 foot and 1800 foot levels, have been completely depleted of limestone.

The mining that has taken place on the top of the mountain has been carefully conducted so that the mining face is kept between the equipment and Los Altos, with the result that the quarry equipment is rarely visible from that area. The effect of Kaiser's operation to date on the Los Altos skyline has been a lowering of approximately 175 linear feet by 50 feet and another 825 linear feet by 100 feet. The tree line has been preserved, additional trees have been planted, and no quarry faces are visible from Los Altos. Photographs of the Permanente mountain taken from Los Altos before and after the mining of the 1800 foot bench are enclosed. These clearly show the very minor extent to which the skyline has been altered.

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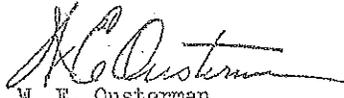
Based on the results of our diamond drilling program, we anticipate that four more 50 foot benches will be mined out over the next three to four years. These will be at elevations 1750, 1700, 1650, and 1600. Enclosed are projected profiles of the Permanente mountain as viewed from the north for each such elevation. These indicate the slight degree to which the skyline will be affected with the completion of each of the four additional benches. It is intended that these benches will be developed and mined in the same way as the 1850 foot and 1800 foot levels. Each bench when completed will preserve the natural tree line, and additional trees will be planted. No rock faces or outcroppings will be visible from Los Altos and there will be a smooth transition from one bench to another so that no sharp cuts will appear in the profile of the mountain.

At this time we expect that these four benches will be the only alterations to the Los Altos skyline for the foreseeable future. Based on a very limited amount of exploratory drilling, our present thinking for mining beyond these levels would call for benching the 1550 foot and 1500 foot levels below the top of the ridge line. If carried on in this manner, it should have no effect on the profile of the mountain. Also as a matter of interest, we are investigating the possibility of planting trees on the north slope of the mountain in advance of the projected benches so that they will have attained considerable growth by the time the above benching is complete.

I hope that the above information is what you desired. Please let me know if you have any questions. We would be most happy to discuss it with you at any time.

Very truly yours,

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