

Dear Albert:

For two days now there has been about seven men here from different State and Federal agencies. They have taken <sup>well</sup> water samples from all over the Cape, and also from the cove and adjacent waters. They have dug clams to be tested for pollution. I do not think they are working with Callahan, but are really concerned about water pollution.

There were about seven of them ~~in~~ talking on the bridge. Callahan saw them there and sent a truck and man over, he sat there for about

ten minutes and watched them, he did not get out of his car, and they walked right by him and never spoke to him. They took some pictures and did not at any time confer with him.

I did see however the day before two tin hats talking with them. The man that was in here did say he was going to the office before he left, but of course we will not know what happened there.

There has also been a plane flying low and circling their works, presumably taking pictures, it stayed around about one hour and circled their works a dozen times or more.

The cove has been frozen over so Jimmy has taken up their float and runway. Anita is having a new road built out to the end of the point and will permanently move her float out there. You see with all the fresh water they are pumping in there and no tide like was caused by the falls, the cove freezes over very easy. This used to be a nice winter harbor and I used to keep my boat there all winter. They have ruined all that with that damned dam.

We lost our water last night and Marian was upset thinking of course our water

was gone. <sup>-4-</sup> I did not think that was the case as we got no air just lost the pressure. I went over and found a fuse blowed. I put in another fuse and that also blowed so I knew we had a short someplace.

I got Harold ~~Langhorne~~ Vaughan over and we found it in a light socket in the cellar.

People have seen in the Packet where I have deeded over that place with two parcels of land and buildings thereon, and are curious to find out what is going on.

Some one asked Jimmy if it was true that you had bought both of my places and he said yes I was very

fortunate, as he heard I got  
 \$40,000 for both places and a  
 chance to live here as long  
 as I wished. Some ~~tongue~~<sup>tongue</sup>  
 wagging, I haven't bothered  
 to tell anyone the difference.

I guess they think you  
 are wealthy, and that is  
 all the better let them  
 think so,

I do not know if my article  
 in the American will come out  
 to-day or next week, I have  
 not held back any punches.

Well Albert we both  
 wish you and family a  
 Very Merry Xmas and a  
 Happy New Year  
 Bramard

P.S. Come down in Jan if you can over

P. S. I forgot to tell you that when Callahan saw them taking water samples they stopped all their pumps for a whole day the first time in three weeks, and as soon as they were gone that night they started again.

We think some one keeps them informed when these men come down to investigate.

21 Dec 1967.

Dear Albert;

Sorry not to have written you sooner in reply to your very complete run-down on the situation at Goose Falls. We have been smothered by hundreds of letters from friends and relatives from everywhere that had to be answered. We haven't finished by any means but are taking a breather until after Christmas.

I have followed, with your letter and The Elsworth American and admire the fuss that you have managed to stir up. It may get some results unless you are again blocked by politics but The Elsworth American really laid it on the barrel-head with their interpretation of Callahan's intentions with regard to their replacement

obligations. I had a good smell of this at my visit to the mine with the Natural Resources Council. It was clear to me that they felt they had things well in hand and felt no obligation to restore anything. This was also the reaction of the N.R.C. people and they were pretty damned mad when they left me.

I think I'll write them again and see what their reaction was to the article being published in the American. I still believe they could be of great help in the larger sphere of state-wide public opinion. I don't have much faith in local public reaction especially in the town of Brooksville. Perhaps we can get help from them still. Certainly it would do no harm to have

them working with us.

Thank you again for keeping us informed. We have been deeply unwell in our own problems and the awe inspiring administration of death in the family. I hope you both have seats, seat belts and never ride in little foreign cars with anybody under any circumstances. Life is too valuable to throw away so casually.

Our best to you both for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely

Frank Beene

Friday morning.

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Dear Albert + Jean,

We were pleased to see the articles in the Ellsworth American this week. I am sending you an extra paper as we thought you might like to send it to some one. Brainard has written a nice letter to William Clark about the article he had in the Portland Press Herald. We sent him the articles from this weeks Ellsworth American. Mrs Melas thought Mrs Clark's article was very good and thought we should send a copy to different people to advertise it.

I think Beta sent you a copy of the letter she sent to Mr. Curtis. We think you are making advancement now. We hope it costs the town and state a large sum of money for the restoration. We would be pleased to see both go under. Everything to-day is that almighty dollar and it really is sickening.

The rocks are still flying. Wednesday when they blasted Brainard, spun a rock as large as his two suits come over here on this side of the brook in back of the house. He called Mastretti right up and he came over yesterday. He was real nice about it as usual. He seems to try to do what is right as far as he goes. Too bad they weren't all like him. He probably knows it is best to try to be decent, he would get a blasting like the rest if he didn't. I never realized people could be so mean as that crowd have been. It makes anyone lose confidence in the

on race.

Drainard says tell you he will pay the tax on the other house this year as we don't want you to have it with any strings attached.

I must close as it is time for the mail.  
Best wishes to all from all of us.

Sincerely,

Marian.

Reta has the pictures you send them up over the TV and they look good. They are very pleased with them.

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
December 23, 1967

Callahan Mining Corporation  
277 Park Avenue  
New York,  
New York 10017

Mr. Joseph T. Hall  
President

Dear Mr. Hall:

Again, at your request I am notifying you of a recent incident of fly-rock (see enclosure) as this involves the safety of human beings there should be something done about this hazard.

I understand that the Farnhams have notified Mr. Maestretti of this incident and as before they received his apology. My fear is that the next time Mr. Maestretti delivers his apology there may be one less person to hear it.

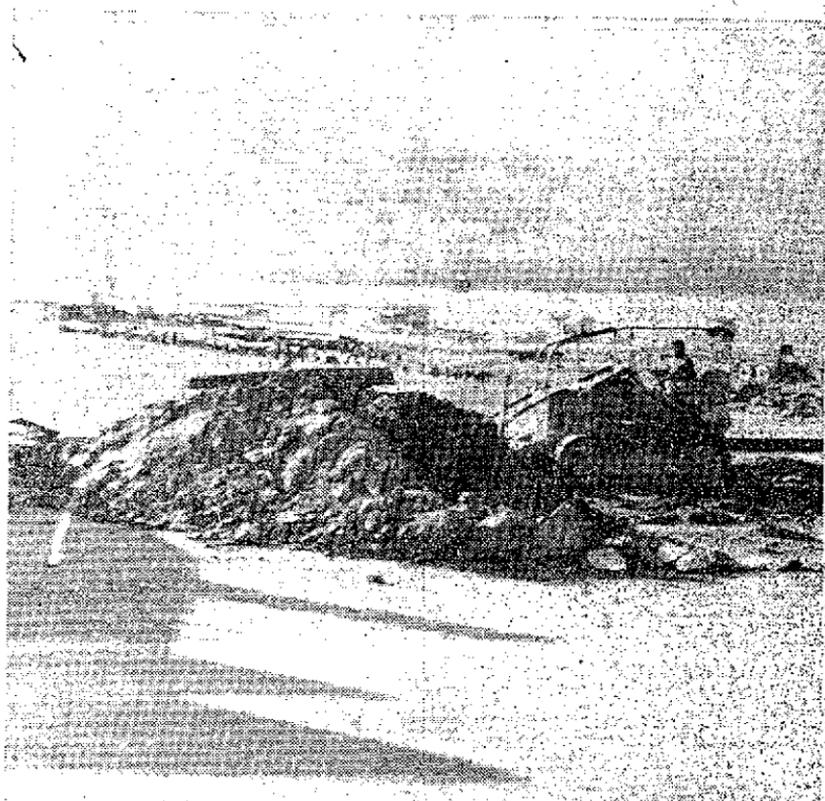
In hopes that you personally can do something to halt this hazard to your neighbors at Harborside now and in the future. I would appreciate a response on your part, prior to taking other action towards halting this danger to life, limb and property.

In regard to the lease sent to your office on December 5th, I would appreciate an answer and the copies returned now if they are of an unsatisfactory arrangement.

Thank you.

Albert E. Sandecki

## Callahan Ore Will Go By Rail From Bucksport



A loading ramp for Callahan's ore is being built between Violette's Auto Body Shop and Cropley & Jewett Co., on Bucksport's Main Street.

Ore concentrate from the Callahan mine at Cape Rosier will be trucked to Bucksport for shipping by rail, mine manager Gavin Young announced last week. At Bucksport the concentrate will be transferred to railroad gondolas. The zinc concentrates will be sent to the St. Joseph Lead Co. in Josephstown, Pa. The copper concentrates will be sent to the Noranda Miles Ltd. smelter in Gaspé, Quebec. St. Joseph Lead at one time had an interest in the Harborshide ore body.

Callahan hopes to go into production after the first of the year. They anticipate fifteen tons of copper concentrate and forty-five tons of zinc concentrate daily. The Maine Central Railroad is remodeling twenty cars to carry the concentrates.

A shipping ramp is being constructed in Bucksport on Main Street to load the ore. Young said the company hopes to reach full production in about six months.

The concentrates will be trucked from Harborshide to Bucksport by the Merrill Transport Co.

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## JUST WHO ARE WE WORKING FOR?

The Governor's Office called a pollution meeting last Wednesday. Officials from the towns and State agencies involved in the clean-up of the Penobscot River attended, as did Murray Stein, Chief Enforcement Officer for the Federal Pollution Control Administration. No members of the press, to the best of our information, were invited, so all we know of what transpired is based on a gushy little official release issued after the event.

The Maine public, which has been ordered to assume a terrific tax burden to pay for sewage treatment, is left in the dark about progress in this direction.

Mr. Stein, when he announced the clean-up program at the Belfast conference last April, gave the unfortunate impression that its purpose was to increase the number of cheap playgrounds available to out-of-staters such as himself. Last Wednesday's secrecy, which was less a matter of policy than an exhibition of contempt for the people of Maine, strengthens that impression.

## Reclamation fund proposed by Technical Action Panel

ELLSWORTH--The Hancock County Technical Action Panel (TAP) has recommended establishment of a reclamation fund to finance future restoration of the Goose Pond area at Cape Rosier, now the site of an open pit mining development by Callahan Mining Corporation.

The recommendation, based on "information thus far available to the Hancock County Technical Action Panel as submitted by Mr. Albert Sandecki, Brooksville, and by officials of Callahan Mining Corporation including an inspection of the mine site," is for the town of Brooksville, the county of Hancock, the Maine Mining Bureau and Callahan to establish the fund and form a board of trustees with representatives from each of the four parties to administer the fund.

ACCORDING to Roland Harriman, Bucksport, chairman of the Hancock County Commissioners, the TAP discussed the recommendation at a commissioners' meeting Tuesday and the commis-

sioners agreed to support the proposal.

Harriman also said that a proposal would be presented to the Legislative Research Committee in Augusta at a special session of the Maine Legislature in January.

Carl A. Rogers, Ellsworth, secretary of the TAP, said that any proposal to the legislature would be made by the county commissioners and not by the TAP.

Rogers said that, at present, details have not been worked out for establishing the fund, and indicated that it would probably be at least a year before the proposal could be approved.

FIGURES concerning the cost of a reclamation project are not yet available, Rogers said. "We don't know if we would need \$1,000, \$10,000 or \$100,000.

The Technical Action Panel includes representatives from various county, state and federal agencies, and is established by directives from various U.S. departments.

## Callahan to give turkeys to employes

12/14/67

BROOKSVILLE--The Callahan Mining Corporation will present cards Friday to mine employes which will entitle them to a turkey apiece through the Horseshoe Market, Cape Rosier.

According to Callahan officials, cards will also be presented to employes of sub-contracting firms including the A.C. Senecal Company; Steel Builders Inc.; and the H.B. Fleming Company, Portland.

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New Jersey 08033  
December 20, 1967

State of Maine  
Office of the Governor  
Augusta,  
Maine 04880

Hon. Kenneth M. Curtis  
Governor

Dear Mr. Curtis:

Enclosed are some copies of articles and letters that I think would be of interest to you, particularly in regard to your expressed concern in your letter of October 9th for the orderly development of the mineral resources of Maine.

I have not heard a word of any serious discussion on the part of Mr. Doyle secretary of the Maine Mining Bureau and the Callahan Mining Corporation's lease negotiations. No meetings to my knowledge at this time have been held that would have covered all phases of-- safety, conservation or schedules for final restoration of the Goose Pond area on Cape Rosier in Hancock County, Maine.

I felt it necessary to do something myself, as apathy seems to pervade the whole situation. I was stimulated by a letter from Mr. Doyle this past October 3rd, the results are explained in the enclosures.

My not having heard from Mr. Doyle in the past two months was also a contributing factor to my deep concern.

If I may I would like to take up the matter of safety and any proposed legislation in regard to this at a later date after the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandecki

cc: CMF

## Letters To The Editor

Harborside, Maine  
December 18, 1967

Dear Sir:

They have started open pit and strip mining in the State of Maine. Had it been in some states, they would have had to put up bonds and guarantees of reclaiming the land when they were finished. As there are no mining laws in this state they claim no responsibility for restoring the land. They buy a few acres and a few options on land that is necessary to their operations, then rip the guts out of the earth with heavy machinery, blasting and draining what used to be natural ponds. They have no thought for home owners in the immediate area when their blasts shake the very foundations of our homes and fly-rock endangers our homes and lives.

On Dec. 13th, about 12 o'clock noon when they blasted I was standing on my porch and saw a rock the size of a large cannon ball come sailing with terrific force and landed within 15 feet of where I was standing. I have 58 pounds of such rocks that have landed on my property and all of my neighbors have picked up blast rocks. The law calls this trespassing, but they continue with the permission of the powers that be. Our selectmen, state officials, and even our U. S. Department of Interior turn the other way and let it go.

They criticise and ridicule the few that are concerned, but I wonder if this would be the case if this operation were as close to their homes as it is to ours.

The tide is slowly turning as evidenced by an article that came out in the Portland Press Herald entitled "Hardly Anyone Cares."

The mine has been called a top tourist attraction in one of our local papers, but I can tell you otherwise as some of my summer guests went to see it out of curiosity (also summer guests who live nearby) and they reported quite the reverse.

The pollution problem is another thing that our state officials have not been worried about. When there is so much concern about cleaning up sewage and waste that is running into our rivers and bays, this mine has been pumping steady for weeks, muck, silt and waste that has accumulated for thousands of years in the bottom of those ponds. The effluent that comes out of those pipes looks like it could be anything but pure. I wonder what a test would show.

Yes, there are more and more people who are concerned but very few have come out in the open and state their views, afraid to get involved or afraid of the powers that be that started this operation in the first place.

Yes, open pit mining has come to Maine. I stand opposed to it and have from the time it started. If we cannot get industry in this state that is more permanent and less destructive than open pit mines we are better off without it or make them go under ground to take out the minerals.

With their so-called blasting experts and mining officials who have made promises to do better in the future, the rocks are still flying as I witnessed the other day. I am forced to stay here as I cannot afford to buy a place away from here, and I defy anyone in like circumstances to say they would like to have their home so close to a blasting area.

In closing let me say I still have a lot of friends and there is a fast-growing concern against open pit mining.

They may rape and blast this area as they have permission to do, but it is time to get some mining laws fast to protect other parts of our state.

Sincerely,

BRAINARD FARNHAM.

## Railroad building ramp to ship Callahan concentrate

BUCKSPORT--The Maine Central Railroad is presently constructing a shipping ramp in Bucksport which will be used as a point of departure for copper and zinc concentrate produced by Callahan Mining Corporation at its Cape Rosier mine.

According to mine officials, the concentrate will be transported from the mine to Bucksport in 20-ton dump trucks by the Merrill Transport Company.

At Bucksport the concentrate will be loaded into specially designed railroad cars for shipping.

Copper concentrate will be sent to Gaspé, Quebec, for smelting by the Noranda Sales Corporation of Toronto. Zinc concentrate will be shipped for smelting by St. Joseph Lead Company at Josephstown, Penna.

THE RAMP is being constructed by the railroad company to ac-

commodate the mining firm, and shipping is expected to begin near the end of January.

Approximately 15 tons of copper concentrate and 45 tons of zinc concentrate will be produced daily at the mine, but officials say that it will not be transported to Bucksport every day.

Facilities are available at the mine site to stockpile the material for several days, if necessary.

Changes continue to occur almost daily in the appearance at the Cape Rosier mine site. Construction has been completed on buildings housing both the primary and secondary crushers, and the crushers have been installed.

The concentrator is rapidly nearing completion with most of the major equipment, including the flotation cells and ball mills, installed; and the fine ore bin has been erected.

Dear Editor:

The Packet (December 7) is dead right that the important thing to do with Callahan's destruction of the beauty of Cape Rosier is to plan for rehabilitation after the mining finishes, and we should be grateful to Messrs. Sandeck and Farnham for turning public attention in this direction. Presumably this matter should have been considered when the Selectmen of Brooksville were welcoming Callahan, but I had it from the late First Selectman that they did not. Anyhow, that matter is now spilled milk, I think that most of Brooksville is pleased with its new economic revival, and most of us feel regretful that it has hurt the interests of some of the people who live in the neighborhood of Callahan. My wife is the principal abuttor to the Callahan property on the west, with the Holbrook Sanctuary the principal abuttor on the east, and while I think she is sad about the destruction of beauty, I confess that I am interested in seeing the eternal battle between beauty and utility that is being fought all over the United States so avidly now go on near at hand. There is no right way to view this matter, because both values are being pursued everywhere by the conservationists and the commercialists.

So it is a good thing that Messrs. Sandeck and Farnham have turned the attention of the Hancock County Technical Action Panel to the question of rehabilitation, but it is also a good thing that the Callahan Mining Corporation has had this problem in mind all along, as I know from correspondence with its officers, who have always been ready to talk about the matter although unable at this early stage to make a definite proposal. For one thing, Callahan wants to do eventually what Brooksville wants, and it doesn't know whether it would want a deep fresh-water pond or a deep salt-water inlet (with the falls restored?). It is, however, a bad thing that the groups have not gotten together, and that the panel is hurrying about something that needs long discussion and deliberation, especially as the real situation at Goose Falls is revealed by the actual mining. We had better see first how deep the hole is, and how much new land has been created by the digging and all that. I have been telling Callahan for over a year now that they ought to talk about rehabilitation through the pages of the Packet, which I felt sure would give them the space, since they would be discussing this in the public interest, and that, it seems to me, is what ought to be done now. You can't quite expect Callahan to make promises at this stage when they don't know what the problem is going to be, but it would be a good thing if they would accept a little public-relations counselling and talk to the residents of Brooksville about this ultimate phase of their hopes. Their open house was a splendid thing, and the large number of people who went to it in bad weather shows just how much interest there is in what Callahan is undertaking to do.

Edwin G. Boring  
Harborside, Maine

Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

Dear Albert!

Well they have done it again. I was standing on my porch when they blasted and I saw a rock the size of a large cannon ball, come sailing with terrific force and landed within 15 ft of where I was standing, in the bushes at the edge of my lawn. I called up the office and Mastretti came over the next morning very apologetic and admitted rocks were flying as one hit Elwin's house.

That makes twice lately I have had to call them with complaints.

I saw a lot of silt and muddy water coming down the brook that runs over our land. I called the office again and Marsetti came over and said the pump had frozen up and he had broken the pipe and let the water go on our side. I asked him if that was permanent ~~of~~ or temporary and he said he would change it right away, which he did.

I told him flatly that if that happened again we would take steps to see what could be done.

This has upset me to the point that I have written

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an article for the Ellsworth  
American, which Wiggins will  
have in his paper either  
this week or next.

We liked your letter to the  
Packet very much, and hope  
he has the courage to print  
it. I understand they continue  
to try to keep in the good graces  
with the public and their  
workmen by buying turkeys  
for all of their help for Xmas.

I wonder if they will  
give Marjorie Gray another  
box of candy for the ruin  
of her home.

They do not like publicity  
and if they continue to annoy  
us we will give it to them  
over.

I will pay the taxes on  
The White House this year as  
I do not want you to have  
it with any strings  
attached to it, but I am  
waiting until the last minute  
to show them I am not  
happy about it.

Well Albert I have  
recommended you as a prospective  
member for the O.T.C., Old  
Timers Club, and informed  
The High Exalted King Pin  
that you are quite proficient  
in the art of corn cob pipe  
smoking, which is an emblem  
of our ~~club~~ order.

Hope you can get down  
in Jan.

Sincerely  
Brainard

P.S. There are ~~six~~<sup>seven</sup> men here from different agencies I think some of them are government men, taking samples of water from the cove, digging clams to be tested etc. I think we have started something.

One man that has something to do with minerals was in here and took a sample of our water. I told him it was about time someone was waking up.

I do not know if it will amount to anything or not, or if Callahan will try to get them to cover up for them.

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
December 18, 1967

Farmers Home Administration  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Mr. Halton Foster  
Chairman TAP

Dear Mr. Foster:

I have received a copy of the minutes from the past meetings of December 1st and 8th from Mr. Rogers. It was a pleasure to see some action on the part of your panel, and I was glad to see that the Callahan Corporation was a party to these talks.

Hopefully there will be a constructive approach to not only this particular situation, but it may well lead to progressive state legislation in regard to reclamation of land exposed to this type of activity. I do not by any means consider my part in this matter at an end, I am content to be an interested bystander if you think this most practical at this time. However I would appreciate being kept up to date on this problem and will be quite anxious to lend any help that you may request.

I have written to Mr. Rogers in regard to this fund proposal of the TAP and would like to turn over some money that has been sent to me by interested parties that have expressed concern over the problem. If you have occasion to see Mr. Rogers he has the details. I have enclosed two letters for your file. The one to Mr. Doyle should evoke a response on his part to either the TAP or myself (I did not want to come on like Gangbusters as I think we will need cooperation from many quarters.) The other letter is a copy of one that I received from the Dept. of Int. as Mr. Moore and I have corresponded in the past.

I do not want to create any problems between your organization and others, but Mr. Moore headed a recent investigation of the open pit mines throughout the United States and he may have some worthwhile thoughts on the problems caused by open pit mining, possibly some aid could be realized by requesting his assistance.

Thank you again for your efforts and have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandeck

50 Tanner Street  
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New Jersey 08033  
December 19, 1967

Cooperative Extension Service  
Box 360 Post Office Building  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Mr. Carl A. Rogers  
Extension Agent and  
Secretary Hancock Co. TAP

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your letter and the enclosures regarding the meetings of December 1st and 8th. I have written to Mr. Doyle of the Maine Mining Bureau and included the extra copy of the minutes you had sent me. (I hope this was proper)

Personally I did not want to come on too strong to Mr. Doyle in this matter as perhaps his letter to me of October 3rd may simply have been the most convenient he could think of to silence my rather persistent requests for restoration measures to be written into the lease. I thought it best to let him see what your organization has done to date, let him then respond. This may not be what you would consider to be the best approach to Mr. Doyle, but I have met and talked to him and by this have been guided in my thinking.

After reading the third page of the minutes and the statement of the TAP I feel that this fund is indeed a good approach and I would like very much to turn over to this fund the money that has been sent to me by many people in the area.

It is quite a coincidence that this should come about as quite frankly I started a fund called, (for want of a better name) "The Friends of Goose Pond" it amounts to about 300.00 dollars. I feel that those who have contributed would be very pleased to have this money donated. I will check first and let you know. (enclosed is a copy of about 150 letters I circulated last September)

By your letter of December 15th (zerox sent to Boyle) I take it that there will be a suggested means of restoring the ponds that either your organization or I could submit to all those involved. This is all that was hoped for, at least it will be something to get one's teeth into.

Thank you again for your help and consideration of the problem at Goose Pond, - the TAP has made my Christmas for me and I'm sure a few others. I will be developing a newsletter to be sent to the many people who expressed a concern for the fate of the ponds and would like to be kept up on any new developments as they occur. I would appreciate your keeping me informed.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandecki

50 Tanner Street  
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December 19, 1967

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Mr. J. Cordell Moore  
Assistant Secretary

Dear Mr. Moore:

Enclosed is further material in regard to the open pit operations of the Callahan Mining Corporation on Cape Rosier, in Hancock County, Maine.

I think the Technical Action Panel's efforts represent a step in the right direction. Quite possibly the panel may request assistance of the Secretary of the Interior if the need arises. Therefore, I have made a copy of your letter of December 15th and have sent it on to Mr. Carl A. Rogers Hancock County Extension Agent and secretary of the T.A.P., as well as a copy to Mr. Halton Foster Chairman of the T.A.P..

If I may, you might extend an invitation from me to Mr. Udall for a jog around an open pit mine site at Harborside on Cape Rosier, at his convenience of course.

Thank you again for your expression of concern in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandecki

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
December 18, 1967

Maine Department of Economic Development  
Maine Mining Bureau  
State House  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Mr. Robert G. Doyle  
Secretary

Dear Mr. Doyle:

In reference to my letter to you on November 3rd, which was in reply to your letter of October 3rd concerning a formula for the restoration of the Goose Falls area on Cape Rosier, Me..

I have met with the Hancock County Technical Action Panel recently and have requested this agency's assistance in the development of a plan for the restoration of this area in the future when Callahan's operations terminate. Needless to say this is a rather involved situation and will require cooperation in good faith on the part of all concerned. In the material enclosed you will notice on page 3 of the minutes of the T.A.P. meeting of December 8th the recommendations of the panel. I feel these points are most practical at this time, and sincerely hope that you and your bureau members will agree in principal to this approach to insure the restoration of the ponds.

As time goes on I would like to feel free to discuss with you any further developments in regard to this matter. I believe that Mr. Halton Foster chairman of the T.A.P. and Mr. Carl Rogers extension agent of Hancock County and secretary of this organization would like to have your bureau's cooperation.

Enclosed are five pages of the results of these meetings, for further information on the panel's work Mr. Foster or Mr. Rogers would be the people to contact.

Thank you again for the opportunity to pursue the reclamation of this tidal estuary, someday I hope it will be a reality.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandecki

cc: to Mr. Halton Foster P.H.A.  
Mr. Carl A. Rogers H.C. Ext. Ag.  
Governor Kenneth Curtis  
Mr. J. Cordell Moore U.S.D.I. Sec.  
CMF

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December 15, 1967

Mr. Albert Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
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Dear Mr. Sandecki:

In response to your asking for help in replying to the request to you from Mr. Robert Doyle, State Geologist and Secretary of the Maine Mining Bureau, the Hancock County Technical Action Panel is suggesting a means of providing for reclamation of the Goose Pond area when the mining operations are completed. We trust you will take this up with Mr. Doyle. [The Technical Action Panel has conferred with officials at the mine, examined the site, including the areas proposed for waste tailings, and has reviewed the Maine Mining Laws. The panel has secured tentative approval of the selectmen of Brooksville and the County Commissioners of Hancock County that a reclamation fund be established and that this be administered by a Board of Trustees representing the Town of Brooksville] the Hancock County Commissioners, the Maine Mining Bureau and the Callahan Mine. You will find the wording of the proposal near the end of the minutes of the December 8 meeting. Enclosed are copies of the minutes of the December 1 and December 8 meeting.

We hope by next spring there will be estimates available of the costs of various alternative programs. Lacking such estimates, the Technical Action Panel could make no recommendation as to the size of the reclamation fund. If the panel's recommendations are adopted there will be a group representing locally elected officials, County elected officials, State appointed officials and the Mine to work out these problems.

You will be interested to know that after approving the recommendation of the Hancock County Technical Action Panel, the Hancock County Commissioners also voted to ask the Maine legislative research committee to investigate the problem with the idea of recommending legislation which would provide for future reclamation activities of what ever companies might mine in Maine.

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Sincerely,  
  
Carl A. Rogers  
Extension Agent and  
Secretary Hancock County TAP

c.c. to Mr. Gavin Young, Mgr. Callahan Mining Corp.  
Mr. Halton Foster, FHA  
Mr. Charles F. Holt, Field Program Coordinator, Cooperative Extension Service

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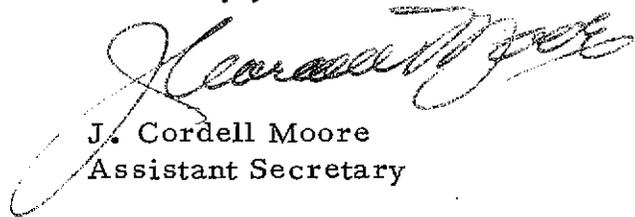
Dear Mr. Sandecki:

In response to your letter of December 10 we would be pleased to do what we can to assist the Hancock County Technical Action Panel in its consideration of reclamation of Goose Pond. We may not have all the technical expertise immediately at hand in this Department but I believe we could pull together the proper people from several areas.

The appropriate step at this time would be for the Technical Action Panel to request the assistance of the Secretary of the Interior in considering the problems that may be caused by open pit mining in the Goose Pond area. We do not feel it proper to inject ourselves into the local situation without an invitation from the authoritative local body.

Thank you for keeping us informed.

Sincerely yours,



J. Cordell Moore  
Assistant Secretary

Mr. Albert E. Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, N.J. 08033



# Hey, Ed!

Hey, Ed.

In reference to your recent Packet Opinion, "TAP has all the answers?" It has become obvious that no one has all the answers to the Callahan activity on Cape Rosier.

I had personally requested the assistance of the Technical Action Panel to formulate a plan for the restoration of Goose Pond. The reason for this request was in response to a letter from Mr. Robert G. Doyle of the Maine Mining Bureau. I would like to quote from this letter dated October 3rd,--"I am certain that Callahan and other agencies involved as well as the town (of Brooksville) will be very happy to know, beforehand, which method of restoration, if any, should be imposed on the area (Goose Pond). If you have the formula for such restoration, I hope that you will get together with Callahan and the State agencies so that all can agree on it."

This in my estimation is an invitation to put forth a plan for restoration of the ponds and further indicates that NO plan exists to the knowledge of Mr. Doyle, secretary of the Maine Mining Bureau. Mr. Doyle also states, "Legislature has not yet granted us these powers; other state agencies have many of these powers (to require restoration).

The TAP is composed of representatives of agencies involved with Hancock County. They are able men and experts in the field of proper land use and can develop a plan to be presented to the state, town of Brooksville and Callahan Mining (in time).

The hearing on December 1st was to permit a statement of documented facts, as follows:

\*Callahan's open pit operation is the first of this type to be undertaken in the state of Maine, thereby setting a precedent for other open pit mines that may come into the state.

\*Callahan Mining is under no legal documented obligation to restore the open pit or the adjacent land areas at the cessation of operations on the cape; they are obliged to reflood the ponds, that is all.

\*The Maine Mining Bureau is powerless in negotiating a lease with this corporation to insist on restorative measures.

\*I have been asked by Mr. Doyle to discuss with these agencies their decisions and to come forward with a formula for such restoration and rehabilitation of the Goose Pond area.

The TAP realizes the complexity of the problem (only too well). Time is most important, not for a hurried haphazard plan, rather the intent being to insure that the wording of the lease to be signed by Callahan and the Maine Mining Bureau by the end of this month would carry strong reclamation guarantees.

This is a start in an effort to have this piece of the Maine coast GUARANTEED TO BE RESTORED. Your paper's statements of questioning the panel's competency, ignorance of mining, egotism, etc. etc. will doubtless be most helpful in bringing restoration about. Your pen has indeed become a warped sword.

I am sure Callahan would be welcomed with open minds by the TAP to step forward with their plans for restoration no matter how incomplete.

I am not sure of the Weekly Packet's reception.

A. Sandecki  
Haddonfield, New Jersey

P.S.

Mr. Durnbaugh,

You know you have a point--but it was damn badly put.

## TAP has all the answers?

According to a story in the Ellsworth American, the Hancock County Technical Action Panel is preparing a plan for the reclamation of Goose Falls Pond in Harborside after conclusion of mining there.

The panel is composed of representatives of various government agencies, including the County Extension Service.

The story relates that the panel took testimony from Albert Sandecki and Brainard Farnham then decided to draw up a plan for reclamation of the pond. The panel is to discuss the situation again at a meeting Friday, and present the plan to County Commissioners Dec. 12.

As County Extension Agent Carl Rogers was reported to have noted at the meeting, Maine has no statutes regarding reclamation of land used in open pit and strip mining operations. This is of concern, of course, to all who are interested in working out the best possible compromise to make the utilization of our natural resources in a manner least disruptive to beauty and other possible uses.

Mining, aside from the boom of the '80's, is a relatively new industry to Maine. Because it is so new to the state, it is not surprising that such statutes do not exist. For one thing, Maine lacks the first-hand experience to design proper legislation. Some states, with years of mining activity behind them, are just now enacting regulatory statutes. Indiana is one state which has just put new statutes into effect. They cover gravel pit and quarrying operations as well as coal and other mining.

Callahan, although it does not have all reclamation plans formally committed to paper, has been working on the problem of restoration of the site, after the ore is removed, for some months. Primary effort, logically enough, has gone into getting the mine into operation. Once the mine is going, more time can be spent on planning for closing.

The point we are trying to make is that reclamation of a mine site is a vastly complex problem, one, we believe, much too complex to be resolved in 11 days time after two meetings.

We think it strange, indeed, that this Technical Action Panel did not inform Callahan officials of their hearing, nor tell them of their meeting Dec. 8, nor inform them that a plan for Callahan to follow would be presented to County Commissioners Dec. 12.

It has always been our assumption that all parties to an action should be engaged in the planning of that action, particularly when the burden of execution must rest almost exclusively on one of the parties involved.

That Callahan was not consulted in any manner, not given the opportunity to give testimony as to its own planning, indeed, not even given the courtesy of being informed of these meetings, causes one to query the competency of the Panel to tackle the subject at hand.

For the Panel to assume it can come up with a plan by Tuesday, knowing nothing about mining and not consulting the miners involved, smacks of a degree of egotism and self-omnipotence seldom seen this far East of the White House.

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
December 10, 1967

U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Mr. J. Cordell Moore  
Assistant Secretary

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your letter of December 5th and the enclosed President's message of July 3rd.

I am enclosing a copy of a recent newsclipping in regard to a hearing held in Ellsworth, Maine by the Farmers Home Administration (U.S.D.A.) on December 1st. The meeting raised my hopes that some constructive measures towards reclamation of open pit workings may come into being. The request for this hearing was prompted by the enclosed letter from the Maine Mining Bureau, I felt that this could well be the chance to put forward a comprehensive plan for reclamation of the Goose Pond area.

I would like to ask if there is any possibility on the part of your organization for assistance to the T.A.P.? I was thinking that through the experiences of your investigations there might be a helpful addition to the T.A.P.'s efforts at instituting some reclamation planning.

I have turned over to Mr. Carl A. Rogers of the Extension Service the reports I had of your study. I am sending both Mr. Carl Rogers and Mr. Halton Foster of the T.A.P. a copy of this letter in hopes that there may be a chance for cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandecki

cc: Mr. Halton W. Foster  
Farmers Home Administration (U.S.D.A.)  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Mr. Carl A. Rogers  
Hancock County Extension Association  
Federal Building  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

Governor Kenneth Curtis  
State Capital  
Augusta, Maine

Winterport, Maine  
December 8, 1967

Dear Governor Curtis:

I am writing to you in regard to the open pit mining operation of Callahan Mining Corporation at Harborside, Maine (part of Brooksville, Maine in Hancock County).

This mining operation is of great concern to me. Up until I was married, my home had always been at Harborside. In fact, my parents still live very close to this now ugly open pit. What was once a lovely, unique reversing falls has been blown to bits and two lovely ponds drained and made into this pit.

Last winter Callahan Mining Corporation blasted so heavily that sixty(60) to eighty (80) pound rocks and many, many smaller ones were thrown as far from the pit as my parents home and beyond, yet no warning was given them when blasting took place. One of the large rocks did go through the roof of a neighbors house and down into the kitchen. Fortunately, no one was in the house at the time. They worked at night, and it was impossible to sleep many nights. Nothing was done by the company to improve matters. Finally, the company couldn't overlook the hole in a roof and pressures from a few interested people. Then they gradually started doing something to improve, but only as they were forced to.

I feel that my family is in a unique position to see a side of the Callahan Mining Corporation that others might not see. From our side, where the sun is not shining, they do not look as good.

I point these things out for a purpose. As of now, Callahan Mining Corporation is under no obligation to do any restoration or clean up of the area when they stop operating the mine. Callahan could even leave for an indefinite time, leaving behind that ugly mess. A number of people have written articles in the local papers asking: Why doesn't Callahan make some statement as to its intentions for cleaning up the area? Callahan never commits itself.

A few interested people have inquired as to what the state plans to do regarding clean up. The state departments involved think it is up to the town of Brooksville to do something. When the town officials are approached concerning this matter, they shrug and say they think the State of Maine should be responsible for setting up an agreement with Callahan to clean up and restore the area.

I too believe that the State of Maine should be responsible. The towns people are not sufficiently familiar with big business transactions. The state has given Callahan a lot of leeway, knowing that mines often fail, knowing that Callahan is under no agreement to clean up, and right beside a wildlife sanctuary at that. Therefore, if Callahan or any other company involved discontinue their work there, temporarily or permanently, without cleaning up, I feel that the State of Maine should be responsible for restoring the area. This could cost a lot more than a little time and expense now to see that something is legally

binding on Callahan.

And what about the possible pollution of Penobscot River and Bay from the mine waste water? And what about future destruction in Maine if these current conditions go uncontrolled? We have a lovely state. I wonder how many of you who can prevent the ruination of our state really care? You talk about it. Do you act on it? When we first heard about the start of this mining operation two years ago, the State of Maine was said to have a group working on some strong mining laws to be in practice before the year was out. Where are these mining laws? Maybe you are going to wait until it is too late.

Please look into this <sup>Copy</sup> matter thoroughly. The area may seem small to you, but it was a lovely area. There are many who have already discovered it as an ideal place for summer homes, and the wildlife sanctuary there is something that will be valued more and more as years go by. Carelessness here now would set a very dangerous precedent for future compatibility of Maine's natural beauty and mineral development.

We send our best wishes to your family, especially your children. We too have a daughter with Cystic Fibrosis. My husband was president of the Eastern Maine Chapter of NCFRF when you were president of the Portland Chapter. We wish you a happy holiday season and a new year filled with happiness and success.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Reta Hunter

Hi - Thought that you might like to know what I told "Ken". It probably will fall on deaf ears, but I feel better anyway.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Sandecki:

DEC 5 - 1967

Thank you for your letter of November 19 concerning this Department's report, Surface Mining and Our Environment, and the operations of the Callahan Mining Corporation in Maine. Your interest in this situation during the past two years has been brought to our attention and, on the basis of our nation-wide study, we readily understand your concern for the environment of Goose Pond.

Your letter asks two rather difficult questions, namely (1) if our report has stimulated any reaction and (2) if any help may be forthcoming in the future. At this point it is difficult to evaluate the public's reaction to the report; however, the first printing of approximately 17,000 copies is nearly exhausted and the Government Printing Office is preparing a second printing. We have had a considerable amount of adverse reaction from some elements of the mining industry and there has been only a moderate amount of praise or expressions of concern from the general public and conservation groups. Nonetheless, the President's message of last July, copy enclosed, indicated that he would be discussing some possible action in future Congressional messages, and we believe this is still his intention. It is our anticipation that a hearing on some type of surface mining legislation can be expected in at least one House of the Congress during 1968. You realize, of course, that it may be a long time between a Congressional hearing and final enactment of legislation.

Your continued concern and expression of interest in the situation can be most helpful.

Sincerely yours,

J. Cordell Moore  
Assistant Secretary

Mr. Albert E. Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, N.J. 08033

Enclosure

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 3, 1967

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY  
(SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND THE PRESI-  
DENT OF THE SENATE TRANSMITTING A  
REPORT ON STRIP AND SURFACE MINING

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 89-4, The Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, I am transmitting to the Congress the report of the Secretary of the Interior resulting from the National Study of Strip and Surface Mining.

The report shows that much of the land which has been surface mined in the United States is now causing damage to our environment.

That damage is seen in water pollution, soil erosion, flooding, and safety hazards. Unsightly and wasteful as it is, it can be corrected by varying types of land treatment actions. Such a program is currently under development.

The report also indicates that present surface mining practices can and must be improved. Each year some 150,000 additional acres are being surface mined. By 1980, this annual increment will increase to 280,000 acres. Unless we develop these lands wisely, some of this freshly-mined land may cause additional environmental damage. The report contains constructive suggestions as to what better practices might be implemented with current surface mining. It points out that such preventive measures are usually only a fraction as costly as subsequent land treatment.

The Federal Government must put its own house in order -- so that its land stewardship will be an example to others.

To that end, I am asking that all Federal agencies immediately review their policies dealing with surface mining on lands under their jurisdiction, and with contracts for the procurement of surface mined mineral commodities and fuels. The aim is to develop policies to assure, insofar as is now possible, that effective controls are instituted over surface-damaging mineral exploration and extraction, and that reasonable land restoration provisions are included. I am directing the Secretary of the Interior to submit an evaluation to me on the results of this review by September 30.

This report is a major step forward in our understanding of the problems caused by surface mining. It outlines many constructive actions that can be taken by mining operators, by the States, and by the Federal Government. I believe it warrants careful study and consideration by all of these parties in order to minimize any future damage to our environment.

To that end I am asking the Secretary of the Interior to send a copy of this report to each State Governor. I am asking our own agencies to cooperate with the mining industry to develop and implement the best ideas in this report. I will be discussing these plans and recommendations in future messages to the Congress.

Sincerely,

/S/ Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable John W. McCormack  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
December 5, 1967

Mr. Joseph T. Hall  
Callahan Mining Corporation  
277 Park Avenue  
New York,  
New York 10017

Dear Mr. Hall:

Enclosed is the lease I have prepared at your request in regard to the leasing of the white house adjacent to your operations at Goose Pond.

I am submitting the original and a copy for your review and would like to request that both be returned at your earliest convenience. I am hopeful that this lease will meet with your approval, and will return with the proper signature.

At a later date I should like to submit to you a rendering of the proposed aesthetic pumphouse for your consideration. Noting your misspelling of the word aesthetic in some of your past letters to me and my misspelling of the word construction, - I feel we may both learn something as time goes on.

Sorry no psychedelic design.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandecki

cc: CMF  
B.S.Z.

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WILLIAM M. BAUMGARTNER, JR.  
CHARLES A. LITTLE

December 4, 1967

Mr. Albert Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033

Dear Al:

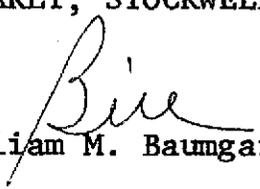
In accordance with our telephone conversation Monday morning, I am enclosing original lease between Callahan and you and Jean, with certain language blacked out in the designation of you and Jean as Lessor and with the phrase "to this lease of four printed and typed pages" added at the closing of the last page. Please correct the copies I sent you to conform to the original before sending the original to Callahan.

As we discussed, I would appreciate your sending me a carbon copy of your letter to Callahan at the time you forward the original lease.

I will hold up any further action in this matter until I hear from you about Callahan's response.

Sincerely yours,

BLEAKLY, STOCKWELL & ZINK

  
William M. Baumgartner, Jr.

WMB:jc

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033  
December 3, 1967

Mr. Halton Foster  
Farmers Home Administration (USDA)  
Ellsworth,  
Maine 04605

Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present the problem that exists at Goose Pond on Cape Rosier.

Pardon me if I were a bit too talkative at the meeting, this is a situation that has been dammed up in me and I am afraid it just burst at the meeting last Friday.

Would you please let me know of any developments.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Sandecki

667 8084 HOME -

50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield,  
New Jersey 08033

Mr. Carl A. Rogers  
Hancock County Extension Association  
Federal Bldg.  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

DEAR Mr. Rogers:

I wanted to thank you again for your consideration of the problem at Goose Pond.

I felt that I may have interrupted you in points that you were trying to make to the panel, if I did please pardon my doing so as quite frankly I have never experienced such a meeting as I did last Friday.

I sincerely hope that action will be taken to see that the ponds and the adjoining land at the Callahan Mine site will be restored.

If at all possible I would like to be kept up to date on any new developments, good or bad.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Sandeck

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

CARL A. ROGERS  
EXTENSION AGENT

HANCOCK COUNTY  
EXTENSION ASSOCIATION  
FEDERAL BLDG., ELLSWORTH

Telephone  
Area Code 207  
087-8212

December 3, 1967

Dear Miss Harris:

I am typing this letter to you as it will relate more or less a comprehensive story of my trip to seek the assistance of the Technical Action Panel (U.S. DEPT. of AGR.) and the SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE in developing a plan of restoration of the Goose Pond area. This being brought at the request of Mr. Robert G. Doyle (Geologist for the Maine Mining Bureau).

Brainard Farnham and I went to Ellsworth for a meeting at 10am at the offices of the T.A.P. I fortunately asked Mr. Wiggins of the Ellsworth American newspaper to be there, he came. Mr. Wiggins presence there was a great help as he has a great facility for accentuating points brought up in the discussions that came about. He took several notes and I sincerely hope that he will lend his editorial sword to the cause of restoration of the ponds. There were nine gentlemen at the meeting all of them experts in the fields of biology, ecology, and many other facets of wildlife resources. I explained my reason for being there and the fact that Callahan Mining is into this operation on Cape Rosier under no legal obligation of restoring the ponds at the cessation of their activities.

I pointed out the very questionable means undertaken to deprive you and the Holbrook Island Sanctuary's riparian lands. Noted also was the filling of the ponds with waste rock, the mountainous growing heaps of waste rock, pollution of the cove and Penobscot at this time with pumped waste water containing oils, rock dust etc. etc. And stated that in my personal judgement backed up by personal first hand experience that the Callahan firm is untrustworthy when giving their word on anything.

I further stated that to the best of my knowledge and ability that I have exhausted all avenues of approach to attain some control on this firm's operation, and to guarantee that the ponds would be restored. I then presented the T.A.P. with the letter Mr. Doyle had written to me on the 3rd of October of this year requesting me to come forward with a formula for the restoration of the area. I stated that I know little of the technical aspects of reclaiming land destroyed by open pit mining, and therefore respectfully request their help in development of such a plan, and that I was directed to this organization by a Mr. Richard Duncan of the S.C.S. I also stated that there is still a chance for this restorative guarantee to be incorporated into the lease now being negotiated by the Maine Mining Bureau and The Callahan Mining Corporation. This lease is to be signed no later than December of this year, and any action must be taken immediately if restoring of the ponds is to be at all possible.

The panel seemed genuinely concerned and proceeded to plan a course of action. The first step would be to stop or at least delay the signing of the lease between the M.M.B. and Callahan. Second was to enlist the aid of the T.A.P. at the state level, a telephone call was put through to Augusta by Mr. Halton Foster the chairman of the local T.A.P. to see if the lease could be delayed-- it was rather obvious to all at the meeting that he had run into a stone wall. "The state T.A.P. could not take action to delay the lease for purposes of a restoration plan unless the town of Brooksville requested a need for restorative measures." at this point I said the town will do nothing to alienate Callahan Mining, although I did through past meetings with the town selectmen detect an interest in taxability of the land after the mining firm left. and I would write to the selectmen to request if they are interested in having the S.C.S. develop a plan of restoration for the Goose Pond area.

Wiggins asked if the governor could be asked to delay the lease? There seemed to be a question as to who could make this request, a Mr. Rogers of the Hancock County Extension Association would look it to it.

(cont.)

It was at this point that all at the meeting seemed to become intent on doing something. The state agencies were brought into the discussion as far as what they would say, I interjected that my experience with the Sea & Shore Fisheries agency was most disappointing in that I called this agency in on the incident of Callahan Mining in their effort to plug holes in the causeway to the bridge at Goose Falls had dumped at least 4 to 5 truckloads of sawdust into the cove causing my boats engine to be burnt up and further endangered other power craft in the area that use the cove as a moorage, to say nothing of the dam causing the freezing of a cove used in winter by others. The results of the Sea & Shore Fisheries agents visit was the statement to me that, "Callahan said they would not do it again" I said to the panel, "I wonder if I could get out of paying a 200,00 dollar fine if I gave the same answer if caught dumping a bag of garbage into the bay?" Whereupon I was introduced to the Sea & Shore Fisheries county agent sitting to my immediate left. He stated that the Callahan firm were nice people.

I made further mention that the Maine Highway department were a bit upset with Callahan Minings treatment of the roads on the cape. Brainard was asked to relate the general feelings of the native residents on the cape towards the mine. He stated that they are all concerned with the dollar and have gone over backwards to have Callahan come in, although there is a growing feeling that some are starting to become concerned over what will be left of the cape. But those that are starting to worry are fearful of coming out against the mine for loss of wages on the cape and tax benefits.

Mr. Carl A. Rogers in summation expressed the need for a delaying action on the lease, in order to formulate restorative plans. Mr. Wiggins asked me if Jimmy Sawyer could cause this delay through his contacts in Augusta? I said quite possibly but I did not know however I would ask him if he could do this. (I saw Jimmy that afternoon and told him of this, he said he had been trying to do just that.) It was decided to approach the county commissioners of Hancock county on this delaying request at their next meeting (possibly an emergency meeting could be called) and have them request a delay in the lease. I suggested a call to Mr. Doyle to see how far the negotiations have gone. It was feared by Mr. Rogers that this might alert Doyle that something was cooking and he might ram the lease through.

I mentioned my request for the S.C.S. to aid me in my efforts to construct a dam which abuts the Callahan property, and could there be a way to get Callahan Mining to become a cooperater with the S.C.S. and my project and thereby get their names on a cooperative agreement and in that way the S.C.S. could get them to discuss restorative measures for the ponds. Mr. Dow of the S.C.S. said that this would be wonderful but he doubted that this could be done. Again I expressed my desires to see these ponds restored, as this is indeed a part of the Maine coast and it is place of beauty that is in imminent danger of complete ruin if some plan of reclamation is not instituted now.

The panel will meet again in the mean time all will work in regard to delaying the lease signing. The S.C.S. would do their best to come up with a restoration plan if this delay could be instituted.

I thanked the various members for their time and consideration of request for aid. It was stated that my request had merit in regard to Goose Pond and in the fact that this operation is setting the precedent in the State of Maine for open pit mining, and what is done in this area may well lead to what will be done statewide in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

The S.C.S. agent and M.S.S.F. agent visited the area this pm.

1 DECEMBER 1967

TECHNICAL ACTION PANEL U.S.D.A.

I AM HERE TO REQUEST YOUR ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN OF RECLAMATION OF THE GOOSE POND AREA ON CAPE ROSIER IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MAINE.

THE RESTORATION OF GOOSE POND AND THE ADJOINING LAND AREAS MUST COME ABOUT WHEN MINING ACTIVITY CEASES AT THE PONDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO OUTLINE A FEW POINTS THAT HAVE LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT I HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OF THE AVENUES OF HELP THAT I KNEW OF.

THE STATE IS POWERLESS AT THIS TIME TO REQUIRE RECLAMATION OF MINED OUT AREAS. THE STATE OF MAINE DESIRES INDUSTRIAL GROWTH. GOVERNOR CURTIS STATES, "WE WILL MAINTAIN A VIGILANT ATTITUDE." STATE GEOLOGIST MR. ROBERT DOYLE STATES, "WHAT SHOULD BE DONE AT GOOSE POND WOULD BE BEST WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF BROOKSVILLE AND THE CALLAHAN MINING CORPORATION."

THE TOWN OF BROOKSVILLE'S SELECTMEN, STATE, "THE LAND BELONGS TO CALLAHAN MINING TO DO WITH AS THEY SEE FIT, THERE IS NO REASON NOR DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK THAT THEY RESTORE THE AREA."

CALLAHAN MINING CORPORATION STATES, "TALK OF RESTORATION AT THIS TIME IS PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE." "THIS IS STATE OWNED LAND WE ARE WORKING ON IT'S A STATE PROBLEM."

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AT WAS URGED BY MR. DUNCAN OF THE S.C.S. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO CONTACT YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR RECLAMATION OF THE AREA. ONE THAT COULD BE PRESENTED TO THE STATE OF MAINE, THE TOWN OF BROOKSVILLE AND THE CALLAHAN MINING CORPORATION

*R. J. [Signature]*

## POINTS

1. UNDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF U.S. DEPT. OF INT. REPORT ON SURFACE MINING & OUR ENVIRONMENT - IT STATES THE U.S.D.A. AND S.C.S. SHOULD OBTAIN DATA ON SOILS, VEGETATION, WATER QUALITY, AQUATIC & WILDLIFE HABITAT - IN ORDER TO BETTER FACILITATE RECLAMATION OF ~~MINES~~ OPEN PIT MINES.
2. CALLAHAN MINING'S OPEN PIT OPERATIONS IS IN FACT THE FIRST OPERATION OF THIS SORT TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE STATE OF MAINE - THEREBY IT IS SETTING THE PRECEDENT FOR OTHER OPEN PIT MINES THAT WILL MOST SURELY BE COMING INTO THE STATE.
3. MR. ROBT. DOYLE OF THE MAINE MINING BUREAU HAS ASKED ME FOR ~~AN~~ A ~~FORMAL~~ PLAN AND FORMULA FOR RESTORING THE PONDS AND THE ADJOINING AREAS - WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED ~~AND~~ TO ALL <sup>INTERESTED</sup> STATE AGENCIES, THE TOWN OF BROOKSVILLE, AND CALLAHAN MINING.
4. THIS ~~IS~~ MAY WILL BE THE CHANCE FOR MAINE AND YOUR ORGANIZATION TO ~~INITIATE~~ INITIATE CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES OF RECLAMATION OF OPEN PIT WORKINGS.
5. AS A TAXPAYING LANDOWNER IN HANCOCK COUNTY, RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AND PRESENTING A PLAN FOR THE RESTORATION OF ~~THE~~ GOOSE POND ON CAPE ROSIER. I FEEL IT WOULD BE A MOST NOTABLE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION  
Ellsworth, Maine 04605

November 27, 1967

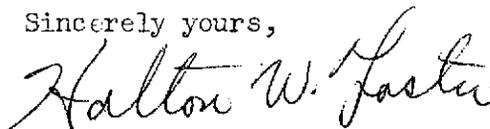
Mr. Albert E. Sandecki  
50 Tanner Street  
Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033

Dear Mr. Sandecki:

I am pleased to hear that you may attend our Technical Action Panel meeting on December 1. I am sure you are better qualified to present the problem to the panel than I. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. and usually lasts until noon. My plans now are to appoint a committee, probably headed by either Soil Conservation Service or the Extension Service.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, I will have the chairman of the committee get in touch with you immediately.

Sincerely yours,



Halton W. Foster  
County Supervisor



