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TO : Bernard E. Kelly
Regional Director, DHEW

FROM : Robert Radford, UCEP Director *RAR*
THRU: William E. McLaughlin, Regional Commissioner, OE *WEM*

SUBJECT: Proposal to the Department of Defense for Military Air Transportation of Scientific Exploration Teams to Expedition Sites in Various Parts of the World.

DATE: March 12, 1973

We are seeking your support in urging the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to enter into negotiations with the Secretary of the Department of Defense in order to obtain a two-year contract or agreement to provide military air transportation for scientific exploration teams to expedition sites in Africa, Europe, Central and South America (See attached list of expeditions, Exhibit E) for the summer of 1973-74, if consistent with existing regulations. Typical teams will be composed of Smithsonian scientists, some of the nation's leading University researchers (See attached list of scientists, Exhibit B), gifted and talented scholarship winners, sponsored by the United States Office of Education/Office of the Gifted and Talented and gifted inner-city youths under the auspices of the various Model Cities across the nation.

Traditionally, scientific expeditions have not included students; however, during the summer of 1972, for the first time, the United States Office of Education/Office of the Gifted and Talented, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Boy Scouts of America and Seattle Model Cities all participated in a model demonstration that provided scholarships for students (ages 13-21). If the Department of Defense were willing to provide transportation, this would serve as an inducement for the scientists to include more students on expeditions.

Normally, expedition teams are composed of from 15-25 members, including scientists with scientific equipment, field gear and personal baggage weighing from 500-1,000 lbs.; However, one notable exception we would like to speak specifically about is an Astronomy expedition in Mauritania, Western Sahara Desert being led by Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Paine Professor of Practical Astronomy, Harvard University; and research scientist, Smithsonian Institute Astrophysical Observatory. This expedition will observe and record the longest total solar eclipse until the year 2150. The purpose of the expedition is to observe the spectrum and polarization of the solar corona, make film records of the partial and total phases of the eclipse. The expedition will take place from June 15 to July 3, 1973 with Naukchott, Mauritania serving as the expedition staging area. Approximately 80-100 people will make up the team, including students. It is also anticipated that a major television network will film the expedition for a one-hour color special.

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June 15, 1973

Dear Dick:

As I promised you by phone, I am sending you two copies of the President's Proclamation commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the exploration of the Mississippi by Marquette and Jolliet.

All my best.

Sincerely,

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

Mr. Richard Hanneman
Office of Honorable Vernon Thomson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosures: two copies of 6/14/73 Proclamation "Commemorating the
Opening of the Upper Mississippi River

Sent by White House car.

EH:ck
cc: Virginia Olson/Central Files

Enclosures filed in
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Noss, Milton E.

September 12, 1973

Dear Ed:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter regarding the claims of Mr. Elliott's client concerning the White Sands Missile Range and recovery of an alleged treasure. Having checked into this matter, I have been advised that it would be more properly handled by agencies other than the White House, and, therefore, the materials have been referred to the appropriate officials.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

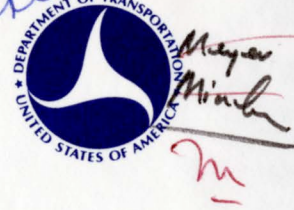
Mrs. Tobin Armstrong
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Ed Foreman
Regional Representative of the Secretary
of the U.S. Department of Transportation
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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY
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July 12, 1973

The Honorable Anne L. Armstrong
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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Dear Anne:

Enclosed herewith is a self-explanatory letter from Texas Attorney W. Doyle Elliott requesting executive action in support of his client's claim for admittance to the White Sands Missile Range for the recovery of an alleged treasure.

Your leadership, response and guidance to Mr. W. Doyle Elliott will be sincerely appreciated. If you have questions or observations in this regard, I will be pleased to have you contact me or Mr. Elliott directly.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,

ED FOREMAN

Enclosures

*Anne -
Hope your "broke foot"
is well - best wishes!
[Signature]*

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July 6, 1973

Hon. Richard M. Nixon
President
United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C.

Re: Padre La Rue Legend, Victoria Peak,
White Sands Missile Range.

Dear Mr. President:

Approximately fifteen (15) months ago, a gentleman, hereinafter referred to as Mr. "A", came to me with a fantastic story of a fabulous hoard of gold treasure and unmined gold deposits of a possible value of one billion dollars or more on the White Sands Missile Range and which is historically known as the "Padre La Rue" treasure or legend.

A Dr. Milton E. Noss in the year 1937 allegedly discovered a large amount of gold bars with other artifacts. Mr. "A" in about 1941, through his father and others made contact with Dr. Noss, who at that time was attempting to regain access to the gold. An unfortunate event had occurred which prevented access to the gold using the route of first discovery.

The following is a condensation of some of the highlights related to me by Mr. "A" as to a few of his activities in regard to his relations with Dr. Milton E. Noss in 1941 to the death of Dr. Noss in 1949, and the activities of Mr. "A" since that day to the present. Mr. "A" has a great amount of documentation in his possession which is available to the proper officials as validation of his story.

1. A certain pioneer of the southwest from about 1870 and thereafter guided several expeditions in search of the legendary Padre La Rue settlement in the State of New Mexico. This pioneer passed on his knowledge and information to the father of Mr. "A" in 1934 or 1935.

2. In the years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940, the father of Mr. "A" and another made search of the Padre La Rue treasure. In February of 1941 from sources available to them, Mr. "A" and his father located the area where they believed the Padre La Rue treasure and mining settlement to have been located, and there found Dr. Milton E. Noss who was exercising squatter's rights over the area they desired to investigate.
3. A short time after the meeting with Dr. Noss and at the request of Dr. Noss, Mr. "A" and his father and other associates went into a written contract to finance the operations and personally assist Dr. Noss in regaining access to the treasure he had located in the year 1937.
4. Mr. "A" has seen some of the gold allegedly removed by Dr. Noss and has personal knowledge of some of the assays made.
5. Personal difficulties in the life of Dr. Noss, Ova Noss and others slowed and stalled the operations of the various groups formed to regain access to the treasure.
6. Mr. "A" at great financial and personal sacrifice to his family became the only individual to have started with Dr. Noss and to have remained active with him from 1941 to this death in 1949 in an attempt to regain access to the treasure.
7. By Mr. "A"'s own words "a very close confidential relationship" grew between Dr. Noss and Mr. "A". At the death of Dr. Noss, who was killed by a Mr. Ryan in 1949, Mr. "A" caused Dr. Noss to be buried at his own expense.
8. Sometime after 1947, Dr. Noss, feeling that his chances of regaining access, before his death would occur, to the treasure and gold deposits was becoming more and more improbable, relayed to Mr. "A" certain instructions and information as to the location and methods and means of regaining access to the treasure and, further, gave to Mr. "A" all of his rights, claims and ownership, in the treasure and gold deposits with certain instructions as to the disposition of a part of the treasure and gold deposits with the balance of the treasures and gold deposits, after such instructions were carried out, to belong to Mr. "A". Mr. "A" accepted and agreed to fulfill the requests made of him by Dr. Noss.
9. Shortly after the death of Dr. Noss, Mr. "A" contacted the Secret Service Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After some investigation, the Secret Service agent, (a man called James M. Hurst) told Mr. "A" that he had been instructed to work with him and would keep the case open, and further promised Mr. "A" that if anything developed in regard to the gold treasure and gold deposits that Mr. "A" would be immediately informed and his claims would be recognized by the government. At various times during the 1950's and also 1960's, Mr. "A" has been in contact with the Secret Service.

10. Rumors came to Mr. "A" after 1961 of unlawful prospecting in and around Victoria Peak by Army personnel in the year 1961.

11. Sometime about the year 1963 as a result of an order from President Kennedy (as Mr. "A" is informed) the Gaddy's Mining Company and Ova Noss under the sponsorship of the State Museum of New Mexico was given a permit to conduct certain explorations on the missile range, which so far as Mr. "A" knows proved to be unfruitful. Mr. "A" did not become cognizant of these operations until after or near the end of the exploration. Immediately thereafter he requested permission, which was denied, to inspect the site of exploration to see if "Dr. Noss's instructions were being carried out." Subsequently the so-called "Johnson" report as to the 1963 exploration was published by the State Museum of New Mexico.

12. Recent additional activity has been evidenced by:

- (a) A group is alleged to have discovered 292 bars of gold treasure and who, as is reported in numerous newspaper articles, are being represented by F. Lee Bailey, a Boston attorney. An assay has been made by the Treasury Department of such gold. That Tod Hullin, a White House aide, and Mr. Haldeman, the aide to the President, had knowledge of Bailey's request.
- (b) The group representing Ova Noss's interest and her attorney, Mr. Koury from Kansas City are again taking some action publicly in the way of newspaper articles.
- (c) Mr. "A" was contacted about January of 1972 by a man representing to Mr. "A" that he had connections to the "top" of the federal government, and Mr. "A" would get no permit to make explorations so long as Mr. Nixon was President. Mr. "A" was asked to assist in obtaining the treasure for this man and his group. Mr. "A" refused to do so because he felt that the proposed actions of such person were, if not illegal, highly questionable.
- (d) Mr. "A" has recently requested a permit from the Department of the Army to conduct an exploration following the instructions given him by Dr. Noss, but has been denied such permit.
- (e) The first day's testimony of Mr. Dean, before the Senate committee investigating the Watergate affair, according to the newspaper articles, made some reference to the Padre La Rue legend, of just what nature and for what purpose Mr. "A" is not sure.
- (f) Numerous newspaper articles in regard to the legend have appeared in the last two weeks.

13. Mr. "A" had been under the impression since sometime about the year 1950 that the missile range would become open again in 1975 for exploration and has been awaiting such date. About the year 1950 an aide of the commanding officer of the White Sands Missile Range, showed Mr. "A" a copy of an Act of Congress which Mr. "A" remembers as providing that the rights of the Army would terminate in 1975.

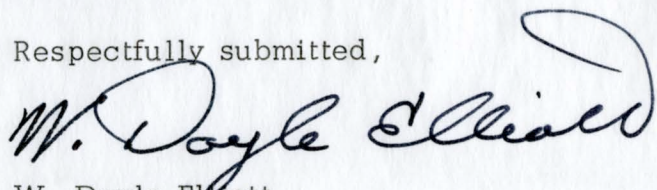
Mr. "A" feels now that though he has followed the law at all times and has waited with patience for the Army to relinquish their control that his rights are in jeopardy and his only alternative at this time is to appeal directly to the President of the United States to intervene as such in this matter in order that Mr. "A"'s rights be protected and that it be assured that the rights of others, if any, and that of the government be protected.

In order that no question will arise as to the site on the missile range which Mr. "A" desires to explore, Mr. "A" upon being contractually assured that his rights will be protected can and will define the area to be explored by monuments and courses, and will reveal to the proper officials, step by step, the instructions given him by Dr. Noss, as discovery progress is made.

The undersigned is personally acquainted with Mr. "A", and has known him or of him for a period of ten years or more and has found him to be a credible, honest, sincere and god-fearing person.

Mr. "A" is most desirous of a personal appointment with you, Mr. President, in order that you can be fully apprised of the circumstances surrounding the recent activities and Mr. "A"'s position in requesting a permit to explore on the missile range.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "W. Doyle Elliott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end of the last name.

W. Doyle Elliott
Attorney for Mr. "A"

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MEMORANDUM

Dear Mr. President:

Subjects:

1. Last 93 years activity on Legendary Gold.
2. Dark horse of last 26 years suppression will bring truth and proof to President's hands undercover.
3. Dean, Haldeman, Mitchell and other high Government people suspected.
4. Rumored black marketing our gold overseas.

Subject No. 1. Pioneer (1859-1943) started early in life as guide to many expeditions coming into the country in search of legendary gold mining settlement of later 17th century. 1934-35 pioneer gave knowledge and experience to my father. 1936-1937-1938-1939 and 1940, act of God led father to discovery. I was with my father and found Dr. Noss (February 1941) on it with squatters rights, not knowing just what he had discovered alone and with helper re-lost. Dr. Noss went into contract with us and associates. Then failures of some and restoration. March 1941 to March 1949 a very close confidential relationship developed here. I became the only individual to have stayed active with him from the start of his own efforts to recover access again to his end. I gave him the decent funeral March, 1949.

Subject No. 2. 1947-1949 Dr. Noss seeing his hopeless circumstances gave it to me when he saw all failed him (including his wife, Ova). He hoped I could get the chance to finish the work and follow his request as to all who had helped him (including his wife, Ova, and later also wife, Violet). 1949-today, I have reported that if and when fair and rightful cooperation came I would prove Dr. Noss right or wrong. (March, 1949) I inherited Dr. Noss' Watergate, and for 26 years have been fighting a Watergate of my own. In 1949, I once turned this information over to the Secret Service who promised to assist me later, and partially did so, but later followed consistent Army refusal of cooperation and high government branch actually were caught digging for gold. (1950 to 1963) There was much unlawful digging, lying and unscrupulous law

manipulation behind my back that put pressure on President Kennedy who gave them a chance on White Sands in 1963. Proved they did not know what they were doing. After years of repeated refusal of Army to cooperate, started us some months back searching for a sure, trustworthy way to quietly get the truth into Mr. Nixon's hands.

Subject No. 3. Now Mr. Dean makes mention in Senate Watergate; Mr. Bailey's representing people who claim to have made a discovery; other publications we know to contain lies, along with rumor of last few days about the gold being black marketed overseas; all this brings us to the conclusion that I am in the middle of a National Security situation of multi-million dollar magnitude in new gold bullion. Now with assurance of undercover safe passage to President Nixon with no news leaks, I will follow with my own identity and all 93 years of unpublished truth to date. Then with fair and proper cooperation and treatment I will bring out the total truth to date and circumstances how proof can be had.

I am deeply concerned about my conviction unto God for a well financed "Truth Foundation" to cope with todays problems where government and people need much help they have not been getting.

A while back we walked out of a meeting with a wealthy business man because:

(a) He proposed to pay \$25,000.00 for waiting Army permit of entry on White Sands. Or to go without permit paying Army guards.

(b) He threatened no one else but his powerful political group, reaching to top of Federal government would ever get the Army permit as long as Mr. Nixon was President.

(c) Only those working with his group would be paid.

(d) State would have to sue the Government to get anything.

(e) He pressured us to go get the gold he was sure we already knew about which Dr. Noss was supposed to already have had in his possession.

(f) He pressured us to go without an Army permit and get the work done that we knew to do.

Seems almost certain that this is the same secret group Bailey is representing who claims to have discovered some such gold bar or bullion.

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A stranger representing large capable group, tricked me into giving certain broad general location under pretense of helping us. Then in a few months gold is reported found and Bailey is hired.

Subject No. 4. Now tangible rumor of the gold being black marketed.

Seems we can trust no source but quiet undercover placement of details to President Nixon.

Mr. "A"

Mr. "A"

Note: The above was copied from handwritten memorandum of Mr. "A" in his own words.

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