

FRASER OIL AND REFINING COMPANY

512 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

Mine File No. 7000

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

11/14 "1919

My dear Mr. Halland

Just as I
was enclosing your letter yesterday
Mr John C. Montgomery of 165 Broadway dropped
in to see me in regards to a mining
property called The Midnight - located
some 55 miles North of Engle - New
Mexico - The mine is reached by a
stage line from Engle -

This I understand is an old mine
and has not been worked for over
30 years - Some two months since
some parties took an option on
the thing and have cleared out an
old shaft (claimed to be 300' deep) to the
183' level - He has two reports, but these
fellows claim so much that he does not
follow them - These reports give from
one to two million in sight and a
rough ^{assay} list of very high values -

I suggest that maybe you would
decide to go to Texas, and in
this case you might arrange to
swing down from Albuquerque and
go over the property - and send us
your report on it - I do not think
Mr Montgomery cares to spend any
money on the mine now - or until
he gets some reliable report - If you
can see your way clear to make the
trip and go over the property - I can
arrange for a good fee for you - if
any business results -

Sincerely

A. G. Fraser

1718 La Brea Avenue,
Hollywood, California.
November 23, 1919.

Mr. Allan G. Fraser.
Fraser Oil and Refining Company,
512 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Fraser:-

I am very greatly obliged for your letters of 13th. and 14th. instant, just to hand. I have not yet heard anything from Mr. Walbert, but am hoping that he will engage me on your kind recommendation.

I think quite well of the proposition of pulling up sticks and locating in Texas, but I am not in very good shape to stand much of a siege without being assured of some income. Since the lamented demise of the rare metals, I have been "busy" enough here, but the only reward has been much promise and little performance in the way of cash money. The Hollingsworth Building bunch and their following are now nearly all in oil, in which I think they show their wisdom. I am hoping that some one will pay me to make an examination in Texas so that I can at least get there at his expense. Perhaps Mr. Walbert will be the angel.

I shall certainly visit the Midnight Mine if opportunity presents itself. I have some notes on the district already. It is an andesite and limestone country and has produced quite a little silver chloride ore. In fact the district is called Chloride. The distance from R.R. and El Paso Smelter is a disadvantage of course.

Very truly yours,

FRASER OIL AND REFINING COMPANY

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OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

November 13th, 1919.

Mr. L. F. S. Holland,
1718 La Brea Ave.,
Hollywood, California.

My dear Mr. Holland:

I am very pleased indeed to have received your good letter, which had been forwarded on to me here from Texas office, and it is with pleasure that I can respond in any way to advise or assist you in a fulfillment of your desire.

pull You know something about my efforts as engineer of mines in Los Angeles, and how little real money was available thereat any angle of the profession you may pursue. That is why I ~~built~~ ^{built} up stakes and decided to devote my energies to the oil business, and I assure you that I have no reason to regret it. My operations in Texas have been very successful, and also has paved the way for a lot of splendid business for sometime to come. I came on here last May, and the above Company have been consuming my interest since about the first of August.

with My associates ^I acquired some very valuable leases, scattered through the proven area West Texas, and have put them into this organization, on a developing basis, and everything has progressed very nicely so far. We are now on our big well, about a \$55,000 shot in the West Ranger field. We are surrounded by the biggest production in the district, and we expect to bring in a big producer between now and January 1st, in which event, we will establish a base for drilling our other properties as fast as can be done.

In regard to yourself, I believe that there is a great field in Texas for you. I would suggest either Fort Worth, Dallas or SanAntonio, as a base. I have some substantial acquaintance in SanAntonio, and of course I am very favorably well known in Fort Worth. The latter place for your profession, I think, you would find considerable competition, but of course it is the most centralized point for all the great production of the mid-continent field. You can reach all the big producing areas in Texas within a few hours. Louisiana fields in a night's run, likewise Northern Texas and Oklahoma. SanAntonio is a very delightful place to live. The oil interests are very keen for many hundred miles in all directions from this point. Also there is a Mexican field twenty-four hours distant. I have a friend, John Sur, who has built up quite a clientele in SanAntonio. If you decide to make a move, let me know, and I will give you some letters that will be of assistance, and I might join you if you establish yourself in either one of the place. I would not promise to take any active part, excepting loaning you my name and assist you in this way. I really think that it would be a good move for you, because I figure that the shadow of the oil possibilities

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Mr. L. F. S. Holland,

in Texas have not even been scratched. They have territory of about 800 miles across in each way, and there has only been about 100 miles attempted so far. It is all ~~g~~gantic matter, excepting the Llano uplift, and I believe there is going to be some wonderful developments, as the operators begin to scatter. The booming prices on White Cat acreage, has in a measure detarted companies in taking hold, but there is a process of illimination, and I think that the development will expand very rapidly from now on. At any rate, let me hear from you.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Manly Iron

Since dictating the above I have an inquiry from a firm in Arkansas for me to recommend to them a geologist - Here is the name of the concern -

T. J. Walbert

Mont Olive Stone Company

Batesville, Ark.

You may hear from this party as I will recommend you - I do not know any-thing about this firm but you can find out if they write you

I am writing you another letter tomorrow
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