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POSTOFFICE ADDRESS, Kellogg, Idaho, May 29th. 1899

Alex. Spranger Esq.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of 25th. inst. with letter of Mr. Vannatta enclosed. I note that you instructed the latter to send the man he had in his office, although not a miner, and have no doubt that this will be quite satisfactory to Mr. MacDonald. Please notify Mr. Vannatta that this operator's services will be paid for by Mr. MacDonald and not by us. His telegram to Mr. MacFarland indicates a misunderstanding on this point. In like manner also the State of Idaho will settle the bill for the services of the operator sent to Boise.

In regard to our Wardner man, Operator No. 7. We consider it absolutely necessary that he should get work in the Last Chance mine, in order to be of any real value to us, as only

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in that case will he succeed in mixing with the troublesome element here, and in getting into the Miners' Union. If he remains idle he will excite suspicion, for working men do not stay long in the place unless they get work. You will therefore please ask Mr. Vanmatre to instruct #7 to use every effort to get to work underground. If he fails to get to work within say a month from this date - or say the end of June - he is to be recalled, and another man to be sent in his place - the latter to arrive at the time #7 leaves, so that the operation will be continuous. Similarly, if the next man fails to get work within two months he is to be replaced by still another.

In my letter of 24th the agency was requested to instruct #7 to report to Col. J. H. Forney - but further consideration of this request makes

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us think there is too much risk of exposure in such a course, and that there would be less risk involved if the operator wrote direct to me at Kellooq. The wardner postoffice people are perfectly safe, and provided he uses care in the matter no suspicion will be aroused. Will you please ask Mr Vanatta to instruct the operator accordingly, explaining the reason for the change as above stated.

yours truly
Fred. Burbidge