509 Bloomingdale Ave.
Baltimore 28, Md.
May 29,1956.

Dear Barry and Henry;

On Oct.20,1954 Justice Whittaker of The Supreme Court of British Columbia set aside Uncle John's will on the ground that he had not made sufficient provision for his widow, Alma Harris,and awarded her all of the assest of the estate except the stock in the Reco Mining & Milling Co. and the mineral claims. The Reco stock and the mineral claims were awarded half to Alma Harris and half to the nieces and nephews.

In her petition Alma Harris stated Uncle John advanced the Reco Co. $32,279.31 for taxes and expenditures in the unsuccessful search for other ore bodies.The $32,279.31 was presumably awarded to Alma Harris and she holds this as a claim against The Reco CO. Mrs.Harris also stated that Uncle John held 503,780 shares of Reco stock at the time of his death. I have no information as to who owns the remaining 496,220 shares. Neither do I know what mineral claims are owned by The Reco Co.

This letter is in referrence to the appointment of someone to take " Power of attorney " to negotiate options and possibly consummate a sale of The Reco Co. and other mineral claims. And, also, the payment of taxes.

For your information , Mr.Gansner is attorney for Mrs.Harris,Mr Hamilton was appointed by The Court to represent the nieces and nephews at the hearings on Mrs.Harris' petition and I understand was Uncle John's attorney and Mr.Lincoln was a friend of Uncle John's who has considerable knowledge regarding mineral claims in the Sandon area. All three live in Nelson, B.C.

Enclosed are copies of the following with explanatory footnotes;

1 Court Order signed by Justice Whittaker on Oct.20,1954.
2 Letter from Mr.Gansner to Mrs.Golda Pollock dated Dec.14,1954.
3 Statement of taxes for 1954 which were paid by Mrs.Harris.
4 Letter from Mrs.Harris to Mrs.Golda Pollock dated Feb.15,1956.
5 Letter from Mr.Lincoln to Mrs.Golda Pollock dated March14,1956.
6 Letter from Mrs.Harris to Mrs.Pollock dated May 5,1956.
7 Letter from Mrs.Pollock to James H.Davis dated May 10,1956.
8 Letter from Mr.Lincoln to Mrs.Pollock dated May16,1956.
9 Letter from James H.Davis to Mrs.Pollock dated May 23,1956.

About two years before he died, Uncle John told Golda he felt the mineral claims were valuable.He continued to pay taxes despite the fact the Reco mine has not been operated for over fifty years.(I suggest that you reread Alma Harris' petition). We have no way of knowing their value. Alma Harris has the advantage of having kept Uncle John's books for a number of years and having lived in Sandon,B.C. for a long time. As I see the situation we have no alternative but to give someone in Nelson,B.C. the power of attorney,if we wish to negotiate options and possibly make a sale of the Reco Co. and the mineral rights.

It is my opinion that Mr.Hamilton will charge about $1,000.00 for his legal advice and services in negotiating options. If a sale is consummated, he would probably ask for a percentage of the proceeds.(The preceeding is purely a guess but we must have something to consider.) I have discussed these matters with Eleanor,George and Thurley and we have agreed to

1 Accept Mrs.Harris' offer to relinquish her interest in five claims and pay the taxes for the years 1954,1955 and1956 to prevent them being sold for taxes early in September 1956. These taxes total about $160.00 or approximately $16.00 for each of the nieces and nephews.
2 We will each put up a maximum of $100.00 as our share of Mr.Hamilton's fee for legal advice and for services as " Power of Attorney" to negotiate options.This must be unanimous or it can not become effective No one will take an option without the consent of all of the heirs.

In making your decision ,please keep in mind this is purely a gamble, we may realize several thousand of dollars if a sale is made or we may not get any return for the money invested. Please advise me promptly of your wishes in these matters.

I trust you and your family are well.All are well here. Love to all.

Sincerely,

James

GARLAND, GANSNER & ARLIDGE
Barristers, Solicitors, Etc.
PO.Box 490
NELSON, B.C.

Refer to Mr.Gansner

December 15th., 1954.

Via DOUBLE REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs.Golda Davis Pollock,
Executrix of the estate of John Morgan Harris, Deceased,
Vernon Mills,
Marshall, Virginia,
U.S.A.

Dear Madam:

We enclose herewith a true copy of the Order made by the Honourable Mr.Justice M.W.Whittaker on the 20th. day of October last, pursuant to Mrs.Harris' petition under the "Testator's Family Maintenance Act." Mr.Hamilton has no doubt already informed you of this Order, but as he was representing you on the proceedings in your capacity as a beneficiary and not as co- executrix, we have thought it well to serve a copy upon you by mailing it to you by double registered post in your latter ca pacity.

As you are doubtless aware, we are representing Mrs.Harris in her capacity as a beneficiary. It would appear to us there is no reason why the distribution of the estate should not be proceeded with, and we propose tp prepare the various documents which have to be executed by the executrices in order to pass enable the title to pass to the beneficiaries concerned, We assume that it will be in order for us to submit to Mr.Hamilton the various documents which will require your signature rather than to correspond with you direct. We would appreciate it if you would be good enough to let us have your instructions in this regard and would ask that you be good enough to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed copy of the Order mentioned above.

Yours very truly,

GARLAND, GANSNER & ARLIDGE

per L.S.G.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JOHN MORGAN HARRIS, DECEASED
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE "TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE ACT"
and
THE PETITION OF ALMA HARRIS, LAWFUL WIFE OF
THE DECEASED

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE)
MR. JUSTICE N.W. WHITTAKER) WEDNESDAY, the 20th. day
IN CHAMBERS) of OCTOBER, 1954.

The petition of Alma Harris, the lawful wife of John Morgan Ha rris, deceased, bearing date the 2nd. day of September, 1954, having come on for hearing on the 13th. day of October, 1954, at the Court House in the City of Nelson in the Province of British Columbia and continuing on the 18th. and 20th. days of October, 1954, upon hearing the said petition, the affidavit of Alma Harris in support thereof sworn the 2nd. day of September, 1954, a true copy of the last will and testament of John Morgan Harris, the said deceased testator, and the order of His Honour Judge Eric P. Dawson, Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, made the 27th. day of September, 1954, appointing Mr. Charles H. Hamilton to represent the nieces and nephews of the said deceased testator including Gold Davis Pollock all referred to or mentioned in the said last will and testament in the presence of Mr. Leo S. Gansner of counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Charles H. Hamilton of counsel for the said nieces and nephews of the said deceased testator, and in the presence of Alma Harris, one of the Executrices of the estate of the said deceased testator, and no one appearing for or on behalf of Golda Davis Pollock, the other Executrix of the estate of the said deceased testator although personally served with a true copy of the petition herein, a true copy of the affidavit verifying attached thereto a true copy of the last will and testament of the said deceased testator and a true copy of the Order made herein on the 27th. day of September, 1954, by His Honour Judge Eric P. Dawson, Local Judge, as appears by the affidavit of Duncan C. Gibb sworn the 4th. day of October, 1954, and UPON HEARING the evedence adduced by and on behalf of the said nieces and nephews of the said deceased testator and what was alleged by counsel aforesaid and the Honourable Mr. Justice N.W. Whittaker being of the opinion that the said deceased testator did not in his last will and testament make adequate, just and equitable provision for the proper maintenance and support of his wife, the petitioner herein;

This Court doth Order and Adjudge that the Executrices of the estate of the said deceased testator, not withstanding the provisions of the said last will and testament shall after payment of the just debts of the deceased, funeral and testamentary expenses and the costs of all parties appearing on the hearing of this petition grant, convey, transfer, assign and set over to the petitioner, Alma Harris, to and for her sole and only use absolutely and forever all and singular the assets of the estate of the said deceased testator save and except the shares of Reco Mining and Milling Company Limited and save the mineral claims owned by the said deceased testator at the time of his death:

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And this Court Doth Further Order and Adjudge that the said Executrices shall grant and convey an undivided one-half interest [redacted] testator at the time of his death to the petitioner, Alma Harris, and the remaining one-half interest therein and thereto to the nieces and nephews referred to or names in the said last will and testament and FURTHUR that the said Executrices shall transfer, assign and set over one-half of the shares of Reco Mining and Milling Company Limited, owned by the said deceased testator at the time of his death, to the petitioner, Alma Harris, and the remaining one- half of the said shares to the nieces and nephews referred to or mentioned in the said last will and testament;

And THIS COURT Doth FURTHER Order and Adjudge that the costs of all parties appearing on this petition be taxed as between party and party and paid by the said Executrices forthwith after the taxation thereof out of the estate of the said deceased testator.

Signed (N.W. Whittaker)

The above Court Order was sent to Mrs.Golda Davis Pollock under date of Dec.15,1954. together with a covering letter-Copy of which is attached.

The Court Order carries the following stamps or notations:

1 Nelson-Registry Supreme Court - Dec.3,1954.

2 British Columbia $2.00 Law Stamp

3 Entered at Nelson, B.C. - Dec.3,1954 - K.D.McRae , Dist.Registrar

4 Appd. "CHH." for Nieces and Nephews of deceased

5 Checked K.D.McRae - D.R.

THE RECO MINING & MILLING CO.
SANDON, B.C.

Mineral Taxes due for 1955

Mollie	$4.25
Omega	4.75
Twilight	5.25
#1	9.25
#2	5.25
#3	7.75
#4	9.25
#5	5.25
Pirate	11.25
Eldorado	4.25
Pole	6.25
Shoshone	8.00
Kaslo	15.00
~~Alma #2~~	~~10.25~~
Oro	9.00
Chambers	4.50
Eureka	3.00
Jay Gould	3.00
Wellington	5.25
	$129.25 plus interest from Nov.1st. at 4%

Mrs Harris paid taxes for 1954, plus interest totaling $130.46.

Memorandum from James H.Davis to Mrs.James W.Oliver & Henry Davis.

Mr.Hamilton , the attorney for the nieces and nephews, wrote to Golda Pollock and sent her the above statement of ~~taxes~~ taxes which had been given him by Mrs.Harris.

Mrs.Harris paid the taxes for 1954 which amounted to	$130.46
The nieces and nephews paid the taxes for 1955	131.59
The taxes for 1956 if paid by Oct.31,1956 will be	129.25

Mrs.Harris has half interest in the above mineral claims and is responsible for half of the taxes. The other half of the taxes must be paid by the nieces and nephews.

I am passing this along as a matter of information. If agreeable to all I will act a s clearing agent for my brothers and sisters and will send a check to Golda Pollock . She will act as agent for her family and will send a check for our half of the taxes to the Province of British Columbia. I will give you notice when she is ready to make payment .

May 25,1956.

(Copy)

THE RECO MINING & MILLING CO.

SANDON, B.C.
February 15, 1956.

Mrs. Golda Davis Pollock,
Vernon Mills,
Marshall, Virginia, U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Pollock

Enclosed herewith Tax Notices on Mineral Claims in which I relinquish my half-interest.

Conore	Lot 5615	Folio	14-20826	totaling	$33.00
Belt	" 2139	"	14-20381	"	39.00
St. Charles	" 3264	"	14-2[illegible]569	"	31.50
~~Monie Fraction~~	~~" 3270~~	~~"~~	~~14-20847~~	~~"~~	16.50
Loudoun	" 727	"	14-20134	"	27.00

Tax sales are usually held the first part of September, and in the event the above taxes being unpaid at that time, they will be put up for sale.
Please advise the other co-owners accordingly.

I have filled out a change of address form for you covering the above mineral claims, and enclosing same for you to sign. The Assessor's Office is at Nelson, B.C.

Yours very truly,

Signed (Alma Harris)

Mrs. John M. Harris.

Memorandum from James H. Davis to Mrs. James W. Oliver & Henry Davis

In February Golda requested any one who could to come to Vernon Mills to talk over the above letter. Eleanor, George and I went down. The discussion centered primarily around Mrs. Harris' motive in relinquishing her interest in these claims. Does she feel they are are of no value or does she hope to buy them for the taxes which amount to $147.00 for the years 1954, 1955 & 1956 plus interest at 4%.
I suggested that Golda write to Mr. Lincoln (a friend of Uncle John's who lives in Nelson, B.C.) and ask his opinion as to whether these claims have any potential value. Attached is a copy of his reply
It is the concensus of opinion that we should accept Mrs. Harris' offer to relinquish her interest and pay the taxes which will amount to about $16.00 for each of the ten nieces and nephews. We could then see what developes in the next three years before the claims would again be subject to sale for taxes.
If activity developes on the Chambers vein or the Richmond-Eureka vein these claims may become valuable. Do you wish to invest $16.00 on this possibility?

Mrs.Golda W.Pollock, (Copy) R.F.D. #1 , Sandon,B.C.
Marshall, Va., March 14,1956.

Dear Golda;

Yours of Feb.28th. with enclosures received and we were both glad to hear from you. I am at present employed as chief accountant for a new company who are opening a property near here. It is good to have something to occupy my time and bring in some income until things open up in the spring.

Now in regard to your inquiry in respect to the Claims Alma is prepared to give up. I enclose a small tracing of these claims showing their relation to some of the other claims of the camp.

The Condore is on the possible extention of the Richmond-Eureka vein which has produced considerable ore in past years. I do not believe the Condore has any showing of ore and its value would depend entirely on what may take place with regard to the Richmond-Eureka property.This does not look very encouraging at present. The Richmond Eureka veinmay or may not have some relation to the Chambers vein which has a very good showing.

The Loudoun,I beleive, comprises the Sandon Townsite and the other claims go up the hill opposite the Reco Hotel. There has been some tunnell work done on this group, mainly before my time,and I think there is some showing in the tunnell mainly zinc.

I would say that none of these claims have much value unless there is a very considerable increase in the activity of the Camp. However these claims will not come up for tax sale until next September and, even if sold at that time,may be redeemed so that I suggest that you accept her offer to give up her interest in them. You can decide later what you care to do with them in case there is any interest developed in the camp.I do not see that this commits you to any expense.

I did not have any luck in disposing of the Reco No.1 property last year as there seemed to be no interest in anything other than Uranium. Now Copper seems to have the spotlight. However, I am endeavoring to interest some large companies to undertake an extensive development program over a period of a year or two without payments other than royalty on ore sold to apply on the stated purchase price of $125,000. Even this may be subject to change.

I am doing this on my own as I have no definite option either from you or Alma. However,I do not think she will object too strongly, unless she can show a better offer,and, of course,will have to have your consent. I do not think there is any possibility of obtaining down payments. In any case nothing can be done before May or June on account of snow. This has been the worst winter I have seen since I came into the country. We have 3 feet of snow in our front yard now. I certainly expect to see very bad flooding conditions this spring. I wonder what will happen in Sandon.

Ethel has not been too well this winter and the weather has been very hard on her. It is hard for her to get out.We would both love to visit you (accept your invitation to) and perhaps we might be able to do it some time. In the meantime we both send you our love and best wishes. And remember I will be glad to help you in any way I can with this situation.

Yours sincerely
(Signed) Paul Lincoln

(Copy)

Sandon,B.C.
May 5th.,1956.

Mrs.Golda Davis Pollock,
' Vernon Mills'
Marshall,Virginia,U.S.A.

Dear Mrs.Pollock;

There appears to be several parties interested in the Reco et al, and Mr.Gansner advises that it is necessary a power of attorney be authorized by all the heirs soonest possible.

It would be definitely better if one person could act for all however should the heirs not wish to give me the power of attorney then it should be given to you and we will have to make the best of that arrangement.

The Power of Attorney would have to be drawn up under Canadian law- your solicitor Mr.Hamilton could do this and Mr.Gansnerthen would like Mr.Hamilton submit the document for his approval.It is a complex matter having to be complete and comprehensive, covering all phases of a lease and option, and any possible contingency that may arise, so as not to delay and complicate matters at some later date. Then when approved,each heir will have to sign before a Notary Public and have the Clerk of the Court affidavit the authenticity of the Notary Public.

Four parties have approached me and Mr.Lincoln says he has a prospect lined up. Three parties wish to see the property soon as snow conditions will permit,however,can deal with only one at a time so we cannot tie up the property too long in an option with any one party; our spring is late and our summers short.

When Mr.Lincoln wanted an option last September,I arranged for him to confer with Mr.Gansner. He was advised re the above necessary requirements which he was to convey to you--- had it been acted upon we would now be in a position to enter into negotiations for the sale of the property.

Trusting you may see your way clear to give this matter your immediate cooperative attention; conditions are not always so propitious.

Yours very sincerely,
Signed (Alma Harris)
Mrs.John M Harris

AH.AH.

(Copy)

R.R.#1 , Nelson,B.C.
May 16,1956.

Dear Golda;-

At last spring is coming to this part of the country and now is the time to try to do something with the Reco-No.1-Chambers properties. I know all this has been a headache to you but never-the-less , if anything is ever to come from it, there are some things thathave to be done assoon as possible.

There is beginning to be some interest in silver-lead-zinc properties although the copper and uranium are really still holding the spotlight.

You will remember that last year I tried to get some interest in the properties bgt without any great success.In doing this I did did not have any definite option from either Alma or the other heirs but I did consult with Alma on several occasions and obtained from her verbal agreements as to possible options. In all fairness I will say that she was very reasonable and strictly kept to her verbal agreements with me.

I have very recently made contact with people who would like to examine the property as soon as snow conditions will permit. I took the matter up with Alma and find that she has two different people who are enquiring about it.She informs me that the 'Will' has been probated and, in order to give a definite option, the consent of all of the Heirs will be required. This in itself will require considerable time. Any option would given would be for a short period and if not taken up in that period would automatically terminate. To give another option to another party would require the consent of all the heirs again. Such a procedure would manifestly be unworkable and would probably result in nothing being accomplished with regard to disposing of the property this summer.That would mean another year lost.

As far as I can see the only alternative is to have someone here with power of Attorney to act for the Heirs with Alma so that actdon couls be taken now or for any future option this summer. Now in case,Golda, you might wish to have me act in that capacity,I wish to say that,as I am trying to interest buyers and will expect a commission on any deal that I may be connected with,it might not be advisable for me to act as agent for the Heirs.You had better consult your lawyer on that point. I would suggest that Hamilton would be better.Alma has assured me that she will not make any deal without consultation with me and she has definitely stated that she would give me a commission of 10% for my advice in regard to any option. She admits she needs some advice and also some one who is familiar with the property and that part of the Camp.

Her proposition as to the distribution of any receipts from any sale or option is 2/5 to the Reco Mining & Milling Co. of which ½ of such payments would apply against the debt owing to J.M.Harris and the other ½ to the Reco Mining & Milling Co. and 3/5 to go to the No.1- Chambers group. Personally I think this a reasonable deal when you consider that she could foreclose on the loan which John made to the Reco Company and take that group away from the whole setup. This would,of course, detract from the value of the property as a whole.

As she says, she is getting older,as we all are, and it is very important that something be done this summer if at all possible. Metal prices are good but the season is very short and it will take considerable time to consumate any deal. And moreever any option may be subject to revision as to terms when it comes to a final deal therefore some one should have power to act and I strongly advise that the Heirs appoint some one to do just that.

Any proposition I have indicated to prospective purchasers so far has been $125,000. on terms for the entire property my commission to be added.

Let me suggest that you take action on this as soon as possible so that some definite option may be given to interested parties. You will understand that nobody will consider even looking at the property without a definite option and they will require a reasonable length of time for an examination.

I trust that I may have an answer as to what the Heirs are prepared to do so that something definite may be started.

You may be sure that I will have your best interests in view at all times.

Ethel joins me in very best regards to you.

Yours sincerely

Below is a copy of a note from Golda.which was written at the bottom of Mr.Lincoln's letter

Dear James;

Paul Lincoln failed to sign his letter but am mailing it to you to read,and will you, please return this and Alma's letter, so I may keep them for reference. What do you all think of asking Mr.Hamilton to act and give him power of attorney as he is right there? Of course,we would have to pay him, though we would have to have someone for legal purposes anyway- Do act on this as soon as possible .

Golda

May 23,1956.

Dear Golda;

Tha nk you for your letter of May 10 enclosing Mrs.Harris' letter of May 5 and Mr.Lincoln's letter of Mayl6. The latter with your footnote reached me yesterday. Please excuse the typed reply but as there is a lot of ground to be covered it seems more practical.

Enclosed are the following documents and letters which you sent me so that I might convey the information to my sisters and brothers:

1 Court Order signed by Mr.Justice Whittaker on Oct.20,1954.
2 Letter from Garland,Gansner & Arlidge dated Dec.15,1954.
3 Letter from Mrs.Harris dated May 5,1956.
4 Letter from Mr.Lincoln dated May 16,1956.
5 Copies of Mrs.Harris& and Mr.Lincoln's letters.

If Mr.Hamilton decides to represent the nieces and nephews, you would probably send the original letters to him so I made a n extra copy for you. In view of the limited time available I am replying to your letter and note without taking time to consult with all of my sisters and brothers but feel sure they will concur with the thoughts expressed below.

Time is of the essence if we hope to get the interested parties to take options on the Reco- No.1- Chambers properties this summer. I agree with you that we should cooperate with Mrs.Harris but, can't see giving her"the power of attorney".It is imperative that we have some one in British Columbia represent us.

From my conversations with you, I would have suggested Mr.Lincoln but as he does not care to serve it seems that we should give Mr. Hamilton power of attorney to act for us. You have met Mr.Hamilton and I am willing to follow your judgment.I suggest you write to Mr. Hamilton and ask if he would take "the power of attorney" to act for the nieces and nephews in negotiating options and if possible to consumate a sale.In the same letter I suggest you ask the approximate fee he would expect so we will have some idea of the costs involved.

In reference to Mrs.Harris' letter-First, the language indicates the letter was composed by a lawyer;Second, she would like to have "the power of attorney" but does not expect to get it; Third , it appears that her counsel would like for you rather than someone on the ground to have "the power of attorney" and Fourth,she would like to blame Mr.Lincoln for not having taken action to set up "the power of attorney" for someone to represent the nieces and nephews.

What do you think of replying to Mrs.Harris along these lines? You will be glad to cooperate with her.The heirs will select someone to act for them and will give him "the power of attorney". As soon as this selectionsls made, we will request Mr.Hamilton to draw up the neccessary document and to consult with Mr.Gansner before forwarding it for execution. I don't think it well to tell her you were trying to get Mr.Hamilton as he may decline to act or possibly his fee might be more than the heirs were willing to invest in the possibility of consummating a sale.

Mr.Lincoln outlined a proposition Mrs.Harris made regarding the distribution of any receipts from any sale of option on the Reco-No.1- Chambers properties. As I interpet his letter she proposes a division as follows: 20% to apply against the $32,000 SHE ALLEDGES Uncle John paid in taxes and improvements on the Reco property over a period of years , 20% to the Reco Mining and Milling Co. and 60% to the No.1- Chambers claims. Justice Whittaker's order gave Mrs. Harris all of the assets of Uncle John's estate except the stock in the Reco M.&M.Co. and the mineral claims . The order also gave her half interest in the Reco stock and the mineral claims.

If the money paid in taxes and improvements to the Reco Co. were considered part of Uncle John's estate her proposition may be reasonable . Mr.Hamilton can probably clear up this point.

Mrs.Harris apparently made this proposition to Mr.Lincoln in an effort to get our reaction without making a direct proposition to you in writing. If she felt sure of the validity of her claim she would probably foreclose on the Reco Mining & Milling Co. On the other hand The Reco property may not be valuable except in conjunction with the No.1- Chambers claims.

These thoughts occurred to me and I am passing them along to you for what they are worth.

Eleanor agrees with me regarding the suggestions made inthis letter.I will talk to George and Thurley as soon as possible. I shall write to Mary and Henry but you will probably have a reply from Mr.Hamilton by the time I hear from them.

If you get a favorable reply from Mr.Hamilton, I will contact Mary and Henry by phone in order to expedite matters.

Eleanor and Garnett join me in best wishes.Please remember us to The Boys.

Sincerely,

James