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Memorandum

To: Fred McDonald, Pilot Plant Equipment Operator,
Electrometallurgical Experiment Station, Boulder City, Nevada

From: R. B. Maurer, Chairman, Mines Incentive Awards Sub-Committee,
Region II, San Francisco, California

Subject: Superior Performance Cash Incentive Award

Mr. D. D. Blue, Superintendent of the Electrometallurgical Experiment Station, and Mr. D. H. Baker, Supervisor of the Pure Metals Project, have recommended a superior performance award based upon your performance and accomplishments in the Pure Metals Project during the past eighteen months.

Specific recommendations referred to your suggestion for the adoption of a crush roll technique followed by hydraulic classification to accomplish the separation of fine metal particles from crystalline deposits formed in the reduction process which eliminated the washing step in the leaching operation, representing a saving of approximately 10 man-hours per week or an estimated annual savings of about \$1,250.00; and also to intangible benefits which accrued, upon which, a true monetary value could not be placed. The Incentive Awards Sub-Committee in considering these recommendations agreed that a Cash Incentive Award in the amount of \$160.00 should be made to you.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and also to commend you on your superior application to the performance of your duties.

R. B. Maurer

Copy to: W. E. Rice, Chairman, Incentive Awards Committee, Washington, D. C.
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