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Dear Ray:

As you know, since 1961 I have been in charge of the mining operations concerning the caverns in which Earl P. Dorr made his famous trip to the underground River of Gold in May of 1927. I have been very fortunate in making what I think are fabulous discoveries and I will quote from reports and letters that you have read portions of, and have personally seen.

The first report I saw concerning my findings showed 50 oz. of gold, 50 oz. of platinum and 50 oz. of silver per assay ton. This startled me no end and I later submitted eight samples and had a metallurgist assist me in obtaining a grab sample.

As he reports: "This grab sample, taken over a wide area of the cavern sands, was reduced in a furnace with a nitrogen combustion chamber inserted in a crucible:

"a) Gold, 62 oz.

"b) Platinum as Ruthenium, .9.8 oz.

"Major constituent - Graphitic Magnetite 60% contained.

"Minor constituent - Andesite - quartz, carrying the gold.

"Copperas Test - Under the microscope I observed 52% primary Iron in the oxide pulp, the primary Iron being coated with copper in Acid Copperas Test.

"Conclusions:

"Based on laboratory tests there are no metallurgical problems in this ore; my process will do all that is needed - proper environment, adequate water; I see no problem with the topographical terrain.

"This is a very complex I have observed.

"These sand are chemically the same chemically as Olivine, excepting these sands are very (source unknown) and do not carry the peridotites and olivinites as the sands.

"Also these values are graphitic, and are of volcanic origin. The cavern sands are extremely fine and values are micron in size; values will float on water unless chemically wetted to depress.

(My note: The following samples were especially picked by me over an area of many miles from areas that were sparsest in values.)

"The samples submitted:

Cavern No.	Au	Pt.	Trace
2	1.5 oz.	"	
" 3	2.4 oz.	"	1 oz.
" 4	6.5 oz.	"	.3 oz.
" 5	6.0 oz.	"	3.70 oz.
" 6	6.2 oz.	"	2.4 oz.
" 7	9.68 oz.	"	.2 oz.

"There was quite a slag loss but the slag may be recycled after pulverizing and panning - add values in elemental state to re-smelt."

I have just received another report that showed 60 oz. free gold and a few ounces of complex gold platinum; actually 10 oz. of platinum was found in this sample.

After panning by a laboratory in Los Angeles I have seen about 20 pieces of free gold; in this particular sample the gold under the 600X glass appeared shaped like golf balls. In other samples the gold has been plainly visible to the naked eye - sometimes like wire gold and again about the shape of a grain of rice. I have over 50 locations that we could go to work on immediately. There is dire need of obtaining additional properties while this news is still quiet.

Now, Ray, you have been on these properties and you know a great deal more about them than most people that have spent considerable time and effort trying to solve this legend started by the Indians and Dorf. It would be possible to write you many pages of my findings and discoveries in the caves and the surrounding terrain but hope that the quotations of an outside finding will support the fact that many unusual and exciting things are about to unfold concerning these caves.

It was indeed nice to talk to you and your lovely wife on Sunday afternoon, and hope to see and talk with the both of you again soon.

Respectfully, I Am

Charles O. Thompson

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