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BUXTON LEAD

Attached is a memorandum summarizing the historical sequence of events and accounting entries for the Buxton Lead disposition. It was compiled from various sources and represents the most accurate record I have been able to develop.

Parts A, B, and C of this memo are prepared with the Revenue Agent in mind and could be shown to him to explain the story. Part D is for our internal use and is intended to form the basis for our own discussions.

Mr. McRae was aware that the transaction was not fully completed in 1958 and I propose to raise this point with the new agent at a convenient moment.

I should appreciate your review of the suggested procedures and of the historical narrative in case you wish to treat the matter differently or otherwise improve the story.

When we have recorded the new disposition we should find that we will almost exactly recover our present net book value of about \$43,000 (depending on depreciation).

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Trustees petition
in Bankruptcy co.
that property never passed
was upheld by judge
(Ed. Fish Co.)
& compromise was
ordered & agreed to
under which Glid.
Sight release & Trustee
& Durant quit-
claimed any rts. to
the prop.

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MEMORANDUM

EUSTON LEAD TRANSACTION

A. HISTORICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Under a sales agreement, dated March 3, 1958, Glidden agreed to sell the entire assets of Scranton Division No. 28 to Dumont Airplane and Marine Instruments, Inc. for the consideration of \$75,000 plus the value of inventory as determined at date of transfer (April 10, 1958). Glidden received a check as down payment for \$10,000 which was credited to Misc. Profit and Loss and was subsequently included as a miscellaneous income item on our 1958 tax return. The balance was due and payable on or before April 10, 1958.

The escrow instructions, dated March 31, 1958, provided that if the full purchase price was not paid before April 10, 1958, the deed and bill of sale (for inventory) would be returned by the escrow agent to Glidden, since time was of the essence of the contract.

By agreement on April 10 and April 16, 1958, the escrow was extended to April 18, at which time it expired.

On May 7, 1958, Glidden formally notified Dumont that it was in breach of its agreement as of April 19 and had forfeited its deposit.

On June 9, 1958, Glidden and Dumont entered into an Amendatory Agreement for the sale of the fixed assets at the following consideration: deposit \$5,000 (paid by check) and two promissory notes for \$75,000 (covering the fixed assets) and \$26,293 (covering inventory). The notes were to be secured by a mortgage on the real estate and by a mortgage bond.

Shortly thereafter Dumont entered into possession of the plant and presumably commenced operations.

On June 13, 1958, the Union Commerce Bank advised Glidden that the \$5,000 check was dishonored, at which time Glidden debited Misc. Accounts Receivable and credited Misc. Profit and Loss for this amount, which subsequently appeared as a miscellaneous income item on our 1958 tax return.

During this time, and in view of the breach of contract by Dumont in presenting a worthless check, Glidden retained the title deed. Consequently, the title deed was never recorded for transfer, the title did not pass and the assets remained in the ownership of Glidden.

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At the time of our 1958 fiscal closing the legal nature of this transaction was under consideration by our legal department, and it was not apparent that it should be treated for accounting or tax purposes on any basis other than the amended agreement of June 9th. We, therefore, recorded the disposition of the fixed assets under JVB (August 31, 1958) and showed a net gain of \$30,690 on Schedule D of our tax return.

On December 29, 1958, notice was issued to creditors to file proof of claim in bankruptcy of Dumont.

On February 12, 1959, Glidden filed claim in bankruptcy for \$110,146.64 as damages for breach of contract of June 9, 1958, comprising: dishonored check \$5,000, promissory notes of \$75,000 and \$26,293, plus balance of \$3,853.64 miscellaneous items.

In the interim, Dumont ceased operations and went out of possession and from August 1959, Glidden, to protect its property, re-entered possession through a caretaker and incurred various maintenance expenses and real estate taxes.

On December 17, 1959, Glidden received \$3,991.52 from Dumont representing certain operating proceeds due to Glidden and in no way connected with the sale or with the bankruptcy proceedings. This amount is currently carried in a Cash Clearance account and will be credited to Misc. Profit and Loss during F.Y.E. 8-31-60.

On December 15, 1959 the real property and machinery and equipment were sold at public auction to V.J. Fotarianni and others. Title to the personalty passed on December 15, to the realty on February 15, 1960. As of the later date, the transfer was completed and payment was received in cash. Accounting entries to record the property disposition will be made during F.Y.E. 8-31-60.

Glidden is currently amending its claim in bankruptcy to reduce the claimed damages for breach of contract by the amount of the proceeds from the December 15 auction sale.

B. ANALYSIS OF THE TRANSACTION

- (1) It is clear that there was no completed sale and no transfer of title to the property as the result of either the contract of March 3, 1958 or the contract of June 9, 1958.
- (2) Our tax return for F.Y.E. 8-31-58 (particularly Schedule D) did not represent the true state of affairs as subsequently revealed.
- (3) The property remained in Glidden's ownership at all times until the transfer dates of December 15, 1959 and February 15, 1960. On this point should be noted: Glidden's attempts to safeguard the property after Dumont went out of possession, Glidden's payments of real property tax and the recognition by the Bankruptcy Court that this property was in no way part of the assets of Dumont available for distribution and was absolutely in the ownership of Glidden.
- (4) The handling of the cash payment of \$10,000 and the dishonored check of \$5,000 as Misc. Profit and Loss items included in 1958 income, further illustrates that no sale took place.

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C. ACCOUNTING ENTRIES RECORDED

<u>Date</u>	<u>G.A.</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
5/31/58	54409	Cash Clearance Scranton #28 (Misc. P. & L.) Breach of Contract Damages	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
6/ 9/58	61502	Accounts Receivable Scranton #28 Rec. of note for inventory & supplies	26,293.00	26,293.00
6/ 9/58	61743	Accounts Receivable Unfinished Construction Rec. of note for prop., plt. & eqpt.	75,000.00	75,000.00
6/ 9/58	62505	Accounts Receivable Scranton #28 (Misc. P. & L.) Breach of Contract Damages	5,000.00	5,000.00
8/31/58	J.V.8	Depreciation Reserve Unfinished Construction Prop., Plt. & Eqpt. Misc. P. & L. - Cap. Gain To record sale of Euston Lead Div.	418,435.00 75,000.00	462,743.00 30,690.00
7/21/59	P.I.R. 7318	Accounts Receivable Cash Clearance R.E. Tax payment quarterly	1,278.50	1,278.50
8/31/59	83523	Accounts Receivable Accounts Payable Carstaker services for August	104.88	104.88
<u>Misc. Accounts Receivable - Dumont Credit Balance at 8-31-59</u>				\$107,676.38
<u>Tax Payments and Maintenance Expenses during F.Y.E. 8-31-60:-</u>				
9/24/59	91561	R.E. Tax		1,278.50
9/24/59	91316			89.58
10/8/59	100610			100.00
	101235			90.00
	101236			928.35
	102802			343.84
	103375			13.29
11/5/59	110250			115.34
	111147			30.00
1/7/60	021			(343.84)
<u>Total Misc. Accounts Receivable - Dumont 3/31/60</u>				<u>\$110,321.44</u>

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D. RECOMMENDED HANDLING

- (1) We have taken into Misc. P & L in 1958 the cash receipt of \$10,000 and the dishonored check for \$5,000. These now represent breach of contract damages and are properly recorded. The \$5,000 amount will be adjusted by our Accounts Receivable credit when charging off the bad debt.
- (2) Journal Voucher #8 of August 31, 1958 and G.A. 61743 of June 9, 1958 should be reversed by the following entries:

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Misc. P & L	\$ 30,690	
Prop., Plt. & Egmt.	462,745	
Misc. Accounts Receivable - Dumont		\$ 75,000
Depreciation Reserve		418,435

- (3) Additional Depreciation should be set up for one-half year in 1958, all of 1959, and one-half year in 1960.
- (4) Voucher should be prepared to record the ultimate sale in F.Y.E. 8-31-60.
- (5) Misc. Profit and Loss for F.Y.E. 8-31-60 should be credited with \$3,991.52 for the miscellaneous receipts now being held in Cash Clearance.
- (6) The taxes and miscellaneous expenses for the current fiscal year listed above and totalling \$2,645.06 should be reversed out of Accounts Receivable and charged directly to the expense accounts involved.
- (7) The same procedure as in (6) should be adopted for the tax and expense items of \$1,273.50 and \$104.88, totalling \$1,383.38, recorded 7/21/59 and 8/31/59.
- (8) The resulting Misc. Accounts Receivable - Dumont debit balance of \$31,293 should be charged to Bad Debts (but query: what division as Headquarters could not absorb this amount?).
- (9) Any subsequent proceeds of the bankruptcy proceedings should be taken as Bad Debt recoveries.

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12/29/58 - Notice to Creditors & file proof of claim
 2/12/59 Filed claim in Bkruptcy #110,146.64
 6/13/59 - Notice from U.S. Court Bk that ch. discharged
 12/17/59 3,991.52 net proceeds of operations of Eastern Land Div.
 - not connected w/ sale of assets - Eastern Bank has
 its deposit

1/10/60 Amount Claimed in Bkruptcy \$48,146.64
 from proceeds of sales sale (48,146.64)
 Eastern Bank & not on bal of proceeds 61,732.84

12/15/59 Public Auction sale of RO 2, 1116 & W. 9.
 Notarianni ~~1750~~ #35,000
 other purchasers of other
 175 & auction total proceeds 16,929.50
 Net Proceeds \$51,929.50

Exp. Sale - RO Commission 1750
 1 RO Fund to other 852.76 (2602.76)
 Exp. Sale - 11 - Commission 846.48
 other Exp. 4960.74 (5747.22)

Title Transfd. P.I. on 12/15/59
 R.E. on 2/15/60
 Five in 1/1/59 after ~~the transfer~~ (risk of loss on transfer)

Imp. Ass. & Govt. \$75,000 - Present. as per val. at.

3/2/58 Sales Agree. Gl. & Permanent - prop. date / transp.
4/10/58 (H. p. 100.5) - K. / sale entire head payment
less.
Depos. \$10,000 bal. payable on date / transp.
Present pay. on 4/10/58.

3/2/58 Clerg. Sub. : ~~draws~~ 75,000 less for 1000 pd. & docu. stamps
& Present \$215,146 - 1000 bal. due

Tot. Comm. 75,000
Net. Stamp 30.75
State " 360.75
Commission 6,000
Pd. d. p. 10,000 16,391.47

Due on Fir Ass. 58,608.53
Present. 215,146

100. Bal due 273,754.53

3/21/58 - Escrow conditional on prop. Bal. due on or before 4/10/58
- If not pd. bef. that date, deed & bill of sale re dated to Gl.

4/10/58 Letters to 4/16/58

4/16 Letters to 4/18

4/19 Mandatary Agree. - for \$10,000 dep. already pd.
plus \$5,000 addit. bl. pmt (ck. dishonored)
plus promissory note \$75,000

" " 826,293

" 1172. in Re. to secure the note

" 1172. bond securing parties
Transf. of 100 to be date of record. 6/19 (2-4)

5/2 WCL Int. to Permanent - notice we cannot agree to bond
on 4/19

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1/1/58 on 6/1 we recd. \$5,000 + note of 1172. 1/1/58
over deed to Permanent - last record recorded & dated to Gl.

Debit 1/12

	Dr	Cr	Tot
1960 91316	89.58		
9/24 91561	1278.50		
10/8 100610	100		
101235	90		
101236	928.35		
102802	343.84		
103375	13.29		
11/9 110250	115.34		
111147	30		
1/7 C/D	Cr. (343.84)	110,665.28	
ck. ret'd. unused		110,321.44	(59,367.15) 1960

- ① Reverse 918 - 918. 61743 for 415.00 (7673) - 1958
- ② Set up addit. deprec. for 58,594.60%
- ③ Charge off Bad Debt of 11/11 ~~110,221.44~~ / What Do? to partic. 1960
- ④ Make new gr. for new sale 35,321.44 (16,367)
- ⑤ Make entry to Misc. Ac. 1960 for \$3,991.54 other recs.

Other bcs from Debit (in Cash Clearance)
#3,110

Parent Sale - Title Transf. 11/15/59 on P.I. - 2/15/60 on L.C.

Land Bldg. 2116 to Notarianni	35000	
Other Purchasers of ME	16929.50	51929.50
% of Sale to Comm.	1750	
Pr. " "	846.48	
Other %	4900.74	
Net Proceeds - (Bank)		(8349.98)
		43579.52

Tax 91	Unfin. Contr.	46,002.28	
	Prop (Net addit. dep.)	44310.?	
	Comp. Gain	1677.?	422? - 1960