

INTER-OFFICE LETTER

FROM	Cleveland	OFFICE	Auxiliaires	DEPT.
FOR	Cleveland	OFFICE		
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MR.	W. R. Sieplein	SUBJECT	History of Auxiliaries	
ANSWERING LETTER OF		DICTATED BY		

Magdalena

The mines at Magdalena are located in the Magdalena Range of mountains in the southwestern part of New Mexico on a spur of the Santa Fe railroad, 26 miles from the main El Paso branch.

The mines have produced since 1850. In the early days the production consisted of silver and lead which were smeltered in a crude Mexican type furnace and carted by ox teams over the famous old Santa Fe Trail to St. Louis.

Production has been practically continuous since starting. The only interruptions have been for short periods in the old days when the Comanches were on the warpath.

The mines are located in an altitude 7,500 feet above sea-level.

The Sherwin-Williams Company purchased the mines in 1904 and have produced since that date more than 300,000 tons of ore.

The mineral ground contains 247 acres with an additional 556 acres of nonmineral ground. We have blocked out and ready for mining at the present time 133,000 tons of ore which is three years' requirements. We always keep three years development ahead of consumption. We have a modern mill which can treat 3,000 tons of ore per month. The mineral consists of zinc, lead, copper and in a small way silver and a little gold.

Coffeyville

The Coffeyville Smelter is located in the natural gas belt off the Oklahoma-Kansas Border. The first pigment was produced in 1906.

Capacity pigment per year	12,000 Tons
Ore Required per year	36,000 "
Coal Required per Year	45,000 "
Flux Required per Year	27,000 "

White Lead Department

The first unit of ODP Plant started producing April 1910. Present capacity - 15,000 tons white lead per year. Capacity red lead and litharge - 3,600 tons per year.

I think that Mr. Hain will have most of the above on his chart but you can select such as you want for your historical record, if there is anything of interest. Very truly yours,

OB:HC

/s/ Gen. Supt. - Mines & Smelters.