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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Mines Department, Marble Bar.

22nd February, 1950.

The District Inspector Boyland,
Mines Department,
CUE.

Re Wittenoom Gorge.

I beg to acknowledge thereceipt of your memo. of the 14th Feb. together with your report on the conditions as you found them at Wittenoom Gorge.

Do you think it would warrant the appointment of a Ventilation Officer to make them realize that their ventilation is going to be one of their Big problems before very long.

Would it be possible for you to get the Department o supply me with a Thermometer I think that the time has come now that it is most essential. (Wittenoom getting further in and the Blue Spec C.M. getting deeper.)

I found things generally to be in very bad condition at the Gorge and This was my report.

The men wrking on the surface have no proper Crib place

Request that a crib place be made available for the men working on the surface. (the men were eating more dust than food)

Ventilation nothing had been done to improve things since your visit. At two working faces the Ventura's were reasonably placed but Six others were from twenty seven feet to fifty feet back from the faces (properly measured) Also requested that a start be made immediately to bring them all up to within TEN feet of the working faces.

Electical System underground I was wised up by some very competent electricians of the appalling state of affairs that existed in the wiring underground, and no earthing etc. I have had several reports of men being knocked while handling their Leads at the faces. Also requested that this matter be dealt with at once.

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