August 21, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Starpoint Mine
Plateau Mining Company
Carbon County, Utah
ACT/007/006

This mine site was visited on August 8, 1979, by Mary Ann Wright of the Division. The purpose of the visit was to view some possible areas to be used as reference sites in achieving revegetation success and to discuss this with Mr. Steve Rigby and Mr. Mark Adkins of Plateau Mining.

Plans for revegetation test plots are presently being developed cooperatively between Plateau Mining and Utah State University. A commitment to develop test plots was requested by the Board and Division staff at the Board's June meeting.

Four areas were chosen as sites of possible reference units. They included the following types: a sage-grassland slope, a pinyon juniper community, mountain brush type and Douglas fir and grass slopes. The areas were chosen looking at a property map and aerial photos. The areas were then field verified and rechecked on the aerial photos. All areas chosen would fall within surface jurisdiction of Plateau Mining Company.

The next step in choosing these areas for reference sites is to have them sampled for cover and marked off in the field. Plateau will proceed with this when suggested methods are provided to them.

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Note: For statistics see Braztah Memo of August 7 & 8, 1979.