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Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.,  
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1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Jim:

In my letter of May 1, 1981, I withheld my approval of Plateau Mining Company's request to extend mine working of the Star Point No. 2 Mine until the requirements of several recent violations were satisfied. My staff has been notified that these requirements have now been met. Therefore, I recommend approval to extend mine workings in the Star Point No. 2 Mine as outlined in Plateau's April 13th letter. The approved mining map and support narrative are attached to this letter.

If you have any questions in regard to this matter, please call me or John Nadolski of my staff.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE

Attachment

- cc: Jackson Moffitt, USGS, SLC (w/attachment)
- John Trippe, USGS, Denver (w/attachment)
- Reed Christensen, USDA-FS, Price (w/attachment)

# PLATEAU MINING COMPANY

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April 13, 1981

Mr. Cleon Feight, Director  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84116

RE: STAR POINT NO. 1 MINE PLAN

Dear Mr. Feight:

By letter dated February 26, 1981, Plateau Mining Company requested permission be granted whereby advance mining could be continued beyond the limits of the approved mining area prior to approval of Plateau's comprehensive Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Since the submittal of this letter, Plateau representatives have been in conference with Messrs. Moffitt, McKean and Whitney of the U.S.G.S. Conservation Division in Salt Lake City. By mutual agreement between the two groups of people, it was determined that if entries to the West should be required for exploration purposes, that a lesser number than six be driven. This number was indicated on the map submitted with the letter of February 26. Plateau Mining Company is still seeking approval to leave the confines of this "box"; however, with a slight variation in the number of entries to the West. There would be less than six entries driven to the West and they would be located in the set of entries just North of where the six entries were previously indicated. [The location of these entries is in the center of Federal Lease SL031286 and are indicated in project year 1 on the map]. The reasons for the change are [1] reduced number of entries to maintain in an "inactive" state, [2] less possible loss of coal, [3] reduced risk in losing a lesser number of entries as opposed to six in that the "country opened up" would be less, and [4] conforms to the Mine Plan as submitted.

If there are any questions in regard to this change or in the request to continue mining outside the confines of the currently approved area, please feel free to call Steve Rigby or myself. Our telephone number is [801] 637-2875.

Star Point No. 2 Mine Plan  
April 13, 1981  
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Enclosed are seven copies of the map showing this variation. They are for your use in sending for comments.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY

Floyd J. Tucker  
Vice President/General Manager

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Enclosures

cc: Don Crane - O.S.M. - wo/enclosures  
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Jim Smith - D.O.G.M. - wo/enclosures  
Jack Moffitt - U.S.G.S. - wo/enclosures