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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ronald W. Daniels, Deputy Director
FROM: Carolyn L. Driscoll, Reclamation Legal Specialist *Comie*
SUBJECT: Assorted Difficulties with Utah Coal & Energy Company
DATE: September 2, 1981

The results of conversations with Martin Verhoef, attorney for Blackhawk Coal Mine are summarized below.

Mr. Verhoef will exert pressure and influence upon Utah Coal and Energy Company to pay the \$480.00 fine recently assessed by the Division's Assessment Officer. I told Mr. Verhoef we appreciated his efforts.

Mr. Verhoef did inform me that Blackhawk's "money man" would be in from San Francisco on the 2nd of September. They will do what they can to expedite obtaining a surety reclamation bond for Blackhawk Coal Mine.

Several of the concerns of the Boyers, which are addressed in a recent letter from them and which were aired last week at the Board Hearings were discussed. Marty indicated that he will approach the Division for permission and assistance in fencing/plugging the above holes, posting the area, and other steps to secure the site.

I'll keep you posted on new developments.

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9/3/81

I talked with Marty V. on 9/2 and he asked for a settlement of \$240⁰⁰ for the fine. My position to him was that the Division would settle for no less than the full \$480⁰⁰ or he could petition the Board. for