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MEMORANDUM:ALLEGED GOLD OCCURRENCE AT MEANDER

Encouraged by a local legend of an old prospector possessing a good sample of gold-tin which he stated he had found in the Meander District Mr. R.E. Stagg and his brother have carried on a limited amount of prospecting there. On the southern slopes of a mountain known as Mother Cummins, in and near the bed of a small creek running into Huntsman's Rivulet, they have sunk several prospect holes. This locality is reached by a Forestry Road leading west from the end of the Meander Road. At one mile along this road is an old log track which leads up a steep hill. The prospect holes are about a mile from the Forestry Road and 700 feet above it.

Unfortunately this area is occupied by mudstones and conglomerates of Permian age, succeeded not far above the prospect by Triassic Sandstones and finally the dolerite-capped crest of the mountain. None of these formations are likely to carry any metallic minerals of economic importance. No gold or tin samples of any kind were found by Messrs. Stagg either in the prospect holes or in the creek bed. I advised Mr. Stagg to discontinue prospecting in this area.

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