

you were not relying on this deposit entirely to fulfill the desires of the owners of the concern you were working for?

THE WITNESS: We were not relying on this deposit as our sole source of supply of this material.

BY MR. WHITELEY:

Q Did you obtain at that time any other properties, - the option on any other bauxite properties?

A I do not remember taking options on any other property. We examined a great many and we put in an application for several governmental properties which were known to contain appreciable tonnages of bauxite.

Q When you say governmental properties, what government do you mean?

A Deposits which were owned by the local colonial government. I am referring especially to the Christenberg Property, which the government reported contained somewhere around two million tons.

Q You made application for title?

A We made application for a lease of that deposit.

Q To whom did you make that application?

A We made that application to the Colonial Office in London and to the local Department of Lands and Mines in British Guiana.

Q Now, will you state what steps were taken by you to acquire the deposits on the Demerara River, which you