

# Alcoa Mining Company

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SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES

*Bauxite, Ark.*

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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

Mr. H. A. Franke, of St. Louis, has written us that you would like to visit the bauxite mines on Saturday, April 16th, and that you would like some information as to possibilities for overnight accommodations for your party.

We will be very glad to have you visit our mines. We do not work on Saturdays so it will be a dead operation, but I presume you are less interested in the operations than in formations.

We will have some of our personnel on hand to show you through the mining area and would like your group to be our guests at luncheon at our local cafeteria.

There is only one hotel at Benton, and I doubt if it will have the capacity to take care of the number you will have. I have inquired at Little Rock and find that the Marion Hotel, which is an excellent place, can furnish rooms with twin beds and private bath at \$2.50 per person. The manager said he had some sample rooms in which he could put 10 or 12 cots, at \$2.00 per person.

The Lafayette Hotel quoted me \$3.00 per person, if in rooms with twin beds, and \$2.25 per person in rooms with 4 or 5 single beds. All of the above have private baths.

There are other hotels in Little Rock, which can furnish accommodations cheaper: room with bath, double bed, \$3.50 for two people; room without bath, double bed, \$2.00 for two people. These prices are at the Gleason Hotel, but I would recommend either the Marion or the Lafayette if you stay in Little Rock.

There are a number of excellent tourist courts all along Highway 67, and you should be able to get accommodations at one of these courts at a lesser price than I have quoted you for the hotels. The A.A.A. can probably give you better information on tourist courts than I can.

We will expect your party the morning of April 16th. If there is any change in your plans, please let us know.

Yours very truly,

  
L. R. Branting

P. S. - If you wish to make reservations at any of these hotels, it will be necessary to let us know immediately.

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CC - Mr. H. A. Franke, St. Louis  
Mr. Lawrence Litchfield, Jr., New York