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Report, Hassayampa Project, Yavapai County, Arizona. SUBJECT: Letter of Iransmittal of Preliminary Exploration

Dear Mr. Hewlett,

report represents conclusions based on his geologic mapping, assisted by Mr. W.E. Speer, and geochemical rock chip and soil sampling done by Messrs. Mike Jensen and Tom Johnson. report on the Hassayampa Project, Yavapāi County, Arizona, prepared by Mr. Nicholas R. Nuttycombe. Mr. Nuttycombe, a summer employee, supervised the project from mid-June until the end of September. His rather detailed With this letter I transmit to you the geologic and preliminary drilling

accurate as the base topographic map permitted. Moderate soil cover over the alteration zone results in most contacts and fault locations being approximated. Intrusive relationships, except where drill hole information was available, were hard to establish. Mr. Nuttycombe's geologic and alteration maps are well done and are as

Geochemical rock chip and soil sampling proved to be the most useful ore guide. Unfortunately because of slow sample return, much of our rotary drilling during the summer was based on preliminary sampling and hence some of the anomalies which are plotted on the maps accompaning this report should receive further drilling effort.

his report and the geologic and assay crossections (Appendix A) were compiled after he had terminated. Thus, he was unaware of some of the data which is indicative of the small chalcocite ore body in the vicinity of RDH-6. This factor lead him to be more pessimistic than might have Some of the drill hole assays were returned after Mr. Nuttycombe finished otherwise been the case.

During the coarse of the summer, we followed our usual policy and had our consultants examine the property. Examinations were made by Messrs. Dave Lowell, Jack Still, and Dr. Willard Lacy.

Mr. Still examined the engincering aspects of the property and was generally optimistic on the preliminary indicators of a low grade leach operation on the property. A copy of his letter report on the examination is enclosed in this report.

Mr. Lowell thought the preliminary indications of a leachable chalcocite blanket were of interest. He felt the lack of definite increase in copper grade of DDH 70-1 with depth was a negative factor in assessing the possibilities of ore at depth on the property. The presence of a zone of secondary orthoclase exposed at the surface with a surrounding halo of increased but still sub-economic copper values, he also felt was a negative factor. Using the kalamazoo deposit as a type example, the presence of the orthoclase zone at the surface at Hassayampa might indicate that nothing different would be found at depth. A copy of his letter report included in this report.

Dr. Lacy visited the project in late August, when the drilling was a little further along. He felt that the project was worth continuing considering the dollar value of copper mineralization which had been indicated at that time. He did feel that considering the low tenor of the mineralization, the contract with the property owners should be renegotiated to a more realistic level. This has, as you know, been accomplished recently. In examining the area in the vicinity of RDH-6 (Plate B-2), Dr. Lacy felt the shattered nature of the rock was indicative of the area being a zone of mega-breccia. This area contains the strongest chalcopyrite prot re intersected to date. For this combination of reasons the area of possible mega-breccia appears to be the best spot for a drill hole to probe for a deep ore body (P-1, Plate B-1).

orthoclase at the surface without attendant ore grade chalcopyrite; and 2) lack of increasing copper values in DDH 70-1 which bottomed at 1,500 feet. Data favorable to this hypotheses include: 1) apparently increasing alteration and mineralization with depth in drill holes P.D.-6, 70-3, and 71-3(?), 2. the coincidence of high molybdenum geochem anomalies and a possible zone of mega-breccia. that a leachable chalcocite ore body exists. Further test drilling, metallurgical, and engineering studies will be necessary to determine its economics. The possibility for economic copper mineralization at depth exists and this potential has yet to be tested. Data unfavorable conclusion, at the time of this letter we have strong indications to this hypothesis include: 1) the presence of a zone of secondary

I feel that we should proceed with the drilling of one deep test hole within the moly anomaly-mega-breccia zone at location P-1(Plate B-1). This hole should be drilled with rotary equipment because of the speed of drilling, the cost saving and because the rotary cuttings will give us the required information, ie. whether copper values are getting

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#### SUMMARY

Within the Hassayampa area, Precambrian granodiorite, "aplite" and meta-andesite (greenstone) have been intruded by a sequence of Laramide rocks of slightly varying texture and composition. Though the age relationships have not been definitely established, the sequence from oldest to youngest is presently considered to be - biotite quartz monzonite #1, porcelain aplite, biotite quartz monzonite #2, quartz latite porphyry, dacite (?), and andesite. If this sequence is correct it is the reverse of what is considered to be the normal differentiation sequence.

Hydrothermal alteration and mineralization activity proceeded throughout most of the period of intrusive activity. This is reflected by decreasing intensities of alteration in successively younger (?) rock types which characteristically have less quartz veining and copper mineralization, but which may locally be strongly bleached and contain barren pyrite.

Disregarding the effects of the younger (?) rock types on the alteration pattern, the area as a whole does exhibit the classical porphyry copper alteration zoning. Secondary orthoclase flooding occurs centrally followed by an extensive area of clay-sericite-quartz alteration. The clay-sericite-quartz alteration is then encompassed by propylitic alteration.

The total sulfide content is definitely lowest within the "core" area of younger (?) rocks and the area of strongest secondary orthoclase flooding. The highest sulfide areas are some distance from the low sulfide "core"

by spot cores taken at 200 foot intervals or when considered necessary by spot cores taken at 200 foot intervals or when considered necessary by the project geologist. If and when the cuttings assay over 0.2% copper consistently, the hole should be cased and deepened with NX size wife-line diamond tools. For a meaningful test of the properties depth potential the hole should be drilled to a minimum depth of 3,000 feet. Whether additional holes should be drilled will have to be determined from the results of P-1. Unless significant favorable results are obtained, the one hole should test the potential and no further deep drilling need be done.

A bid from Boyles Brothers Drilling Company has been received which indicates a rotary hole to a depth of 3,000 feet should cost approximately \$28,000.

Wery truly yours,

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# HASSAYAMPA PROJECT

Prescott Area, Yavapai County, Arizona A PRELIMINARY GEOLOGIC AND EXPLORATORY DRILLING REPORT ON THE PROJECT

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that does exist, further reducing the economic potential. This active erosional environment has resulted in the deposition of only a thin chalcocite blanket of marginal grade under present economic and technologic conditions. The possibility of hypogene mineralization of economic grade and tonnage section of the alteration and mineralization zones is exposed. Assuming the mapping and interpretations are correct, it is the writers opinion existing at depth is questionable in light of what is presently underthat the same protore grades which occur "near" surface will continue stood about the area. Surface mapping indicates that a good crossdownward maintaining the same zonal relationships.

depth of 1,236 feet maintained its copper grade with depth and even showed suggestion of a mega-breccia existing in the vicinity of the hammer drill hole HA #6 and (3) The definite increase in alteration and mineralization the possibility of increasing grades with depth is ruled out. These are: Several other bits of information should be considered, however, before (1) The fact that Phelps Dodge's drill hole #6, which was drilled to a in drill hole #71-3, which collared in essentially unaltered andesite, but encountered increasing clay-sericite alteration, pyrite and chalcopyrite mineralization and even some secondary orthoclase toward its a slight increase in grade toward the botton, (Plate A-6). (2) The bottom at 452'.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The best continuous molybdenum geochemical highs should be drilled on

Depending upon what is encountered in the best areas other areas of 100' centers to determine if the grade and thickness of chalcocite lessor geochemical concentrations should or should not be drilled. below them is sufficient for a small scale heap leach operation.

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largely determined by what it encounters, but 2,500 to 3,000 feet would geochemical high. Ideally the test hole should be located on a strong be collared elevationally low, but not in the bottom of possibly fault anomaly somewhat centrally located within the broad high. It should controlled drainages and an attempt should be made to avoid drilling The depth to which the hole is taken should be be the minimum necessary to give new third dimension information. A deep test should be made somewhere within the broad molybdenum the hole in aplite.

## LOCATION AND ACCESS

travelling southwest of Prescott on U.S. Highway 89 (White Spar Highway). Further entrance into the property, which lies immediately south of the highway, is made along either Little Copper Creek or Copper Creek road. Yavapai County, Arizona, approximately 9 1/2 highway miles southwest of Prescott. Most of the area of interest falls within sections 23, The Hassayampa (Cummings-Copper Creek) project area is located in It is reached by 24, 25 and 26 of Township 12 1/2 N. Range 3 W.

### PROPERTY STATUS

Within the Hassayampa area Sierra Mineral Management and Norandex

have been established for it either.

The alteration and mineralization is fracture controlled to a large extent, but no dominate fracture directions were recognized. Major faults and fault intersections have controlled alteration to some extent, but generally no important increase in sulfide mineralization has occurred along them. Other notable structures within the area are breccia pipes and a series of concentric ring structures which encompass most of the alteration area. The transition from clay-sericite-quartz alteration to propylitic alteration and the largest area of brecciation are spatially associated with the innermost of the ring structures. The breccia pipes locally contain strong pyrite mineralization, but they are considered to be rather late features and do not appear to offer significant potential for important copper-molybdenum mineralization.

Chalcocite has been encountered in most of the drill holes, but it generally is not present below a depth of 200'. The shallow thickness, sparse development, and presence of fresh sulfides at or near surface in most areas suggest that the area has been subjected to rapid erosion. If this is the case, a chalcocite blanket of economic grade and tonnage could have existed at one time, but was largely destroyed by recent rapid down cutting along the Hassayampa drainage.

The limonites which are present are reflective of the rock types in which they occur and the degree of mineralization. Due to the generally

low copper content, and the probable rapid erosion rate, no areal distribution of "live" limonite indicating the presence of significant chalcocite exists.

The results of preliminary wide spread surface sampling indicate that both copper and molybdenum also have a ring shaped distribution pattern. The larger areas of high molybdenum concentrations occur outside the "core" area and are spatially associated with the strongest secondary orthoclase development. The areas of highest copper values are generally displaced from, but spatially associated with the areas of highest molybdenum concentrations. This displacement probably reflects the greater mobility of copper in an arid supergene environment, but one can reasonably expect that the two metals are more closely related in the hypogene environment. Some exceptions to this generalization are of course to be expected.

### CONCLUSIONS

The age and nature of the Laramide intrusive rock types, and the alteration and mineralization present in the Cumming's Copper Creek area (Hassayampa Project) are all characteristic of porphyry copper deposits. With the proper erosional history an economic chalcocite ore body probably would have existed in the area today. Rapid erosion has either destroyed any rich pre-existing chalcocite blanket or precluded its development. The existence of fresh sulfides at or near surface in most places and the shallow water table suggest any chalcocite blanket in the area would be thin. The incision of the drainages to a depth close to the water table appears to have segmented the blanket

resulted in one soil sample having a copper concentration extremely anomalous with respect to those of surrounding rock chip samples.

sampling was controlled by brunton and range finder surveying. Most, areas were sampled on approximately 100' centers. A portion of this Subsequent to the preliminary sampling all the indicated anomalous however, was carried out by pacing along contour lines.

with a moderate N55°-S55°W elongation. The sequence as listed is the assumed of rocks of Laramide (?) age. The sequence includes monzonites, latites, mineralization. Older Precambrian meta-andesites and granodiorite have Laramide intrusive activity with associated hydrothermal alteration and been intruded by a slightly varying textural and compositional sequence trusions was displaced slightly northwestward and smaller than the presequence of intrusion. If this is correct, each of the successive indacites, and andesites which occur together forming a composite stock The Hassayampa project (Cummings-Copper Creek) area is a center of ceeding one.

assumed sequence is incorrect. Other apparently contradictory relationships exist on the geologic map which could be resolved if the sequence Compositionally the sequence is the reverse of what would be expected from a normally differentiating magma. This may be evidence that the of intrusion was reversed.

### Rock Descriptions

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Older Precambrian Meta-Andesite: This is the oldest rock type present however, is indicated by the nature of the soil, a characteristic soft in the area mapped. It has been subjected to low-grade regional metamorphism and can now be classed as a greenstone. It weathers readily to soil and consequently outcrops are not abundant. Its presence, topography, and extremely dense scrub vegetation.

Texturally the rock is fine to medium grained. Small lathlike feldspars are intergrown with an olive green matrix composed of chloritized mafics and very fine grained feldspar. Locally the matrix content is so high that the feldspars present are obscured. The meta-andesite is in contact with the altered and mineralized biotite quartz monzonite, but it is locally altered only to the extent of being Laramide intrusive system, but the effects are difficult to distinguish undoubtedly also experienced the propylitic alteration induced by the primarily due to the effects of regional metamorphism. The rock has bleached. The mafics are always chloritized elsewhere, but this is from those of the regional metamorphism.

3% fracture controlled pyrite. Many of the mineralized fractures exhibit posed in road cuts the limonites in fractures are medium to dark brown. secondary biotite and magnetite halos. Where the meta-andesite is ex-In core from drill hole 71-4 the meta-andesite contains approximately

coarse grained equigranular rock with approximately 55% plagioclase, Older Precambrian Granodiorite: The granodiorite is a medium to 10% orthoclase, 15% anhedral quartz, 15% biotite, and 5% hornblend.

group. Five of the Oak claims are apparently in conflict with the Silver control the pattented Little Coppers #2 and #3 claims and the unpatented Douglas Stanford, holds 9 unpatented claims comprising the Silver King The Peacock group of 5 unpatented claims, and (4) The S.M.M. group of 12 (?) unpatented claims. Our competitors, Perry, Knox and Koffman, Oak group comprised of approximately 50 claims. A third individual, patented claims, (2) The Dean Rose group of 16 patented claims, (3) control the following claim groups: (1) The Cummings group of 15 King claims which were staked earlier. The Cummings and Dean Rose claim groups held by Sierra Mineral Management and Norandex are separated from one another by unpatented Oak claims and of unpatented claims join and extend south from the patented Cummings the patented Little Coppers #2 and #3. The Peacock and S.M.M. groups

fractions existed within the Oak claim group. Subsequent field checking, Sierra Mineral Management, by Jack Splane, indicated that a number of status as recognized at the time of this writing is shown on the enhowever, has indicated that these fractions do not exist. The land Claim maps prepared by Norandex and subsequently at the request of closed land status map, (Plate B-1).

#### PROCEDURES

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ind hand specimens were collected at approximately 200 of those locations. :62,500, contour interval 50'). Notes describing the rock types and alteration were made at approximately 500 points throughout the area the U.S.G.S. 15 minute Kirkland Quadrangle sheet. (Original scale he surface mapping was carried out using a 1"=500' enlargement of

The density of scrub vegetation and fairly extensive soil cover hindered and often precluded the accurate mapping of contacts or other continuous features in the field. Therefore, aerial photographs with a scale of "=1,000' were used in conjunction with the field work to establish many of the contact locations shown on the map.

The preliminary geochemical sampling was carried out using the existing road ways for control. Samples were collected 100' on each side of the intermediate areas of particular interest. The sample locations were plotted on a 1"=500' topographic base map with the new drill roads on roads at 400' intervals. Additional samples were then collected in it surveyed by compass and pace by Mr. Carson of Norandex.

to conversion factor was found necessary for molybdenum. The conversion surface horizon. In addition soil samples were also collected adjacent samples were used to establish conversion factors for the soil samples. Rock chip samples were collected where outcrops were available. Where factor arrived at for copper was: Rock equivalent = 1/3 concentration in soil. This conversion factor was not used in situations where it they were not, soil samples were collected from below the organic to rock chip samples for about 10% of the locations. These dual

of quartz and sericite. In surface exposures the porcelain aplite is stained both by hematite and jarosite.

books and quartz eyes are set in a finer grained feldspar and quartz matrix. grained chilled or flooded groundmass. The feldspar phenocrysts, biotite B.Q.M.P. #2: This rock is similar to B.Q.M.P. #1, but lacks the fine

various shades of brown limonite develop after sulfides. Below the effects strongly bleached and the biotites are altered to hydromica. Jarosite and of the supergene environment the biotites are generally fresh, but do not Within the supergene zone the feldspar of this rock type are generally show evidence of being secondary. Quartz Latite Porphyry: Much of what is considered to be the barren core of the composite stock is composed of this rock type. It is generally light pink to grey in color and has a fine grained to aphanitic groundmass of quartz and feldspar.

result from its central position within the altered area or its dense nature. The sulfide content in this rock averages less than 2%. This low volume may Whatever the explanation the rock is only weakly mineralized and bleached. Due to its paucity of sulfides limonites are sparse to absent.

This rock type has been assumed to be younger than the monzonites on the basis of its weak alteration and mineralization.

same diameter uniformly distributed throughout a finer grained feldspar matrix. phenocrysts to 3/16" diameter and 15% thin biotite books and flakes of the Dacite (?) Porphyry: The dacite porphyry is composed of 60% feldspar Free quartz is generally not visible to the naked eye.

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fragments also contain quartz-sulfide veinlets which indicates that the dacite than the quartz latite porphyry. Some of the quartz latite porphyry breccia engulfs breccia fragments of the quartz latite porphyry, as seen in diamond however, does contain some fracture controlled pyrite. In surface exposures is younger than some of the alteration-mineralization. The dacite itself The limonite may be the dacite(?) is in contact with the quartz latite porphyry and actually drill hole 71-6. This establishes the age of the dacite (?) as younger the rock is strongly bleached and softened and has a light orangish-tan derived to a large extent from the alteration of biotite. color due to the presence of a soft orange limonite.

composed of 70% feldspar, 10% hornblend, 15% biotite and 2% magnetite. It is slightly porphyritic with approximately 20% of the feldspars obtaining Andesite Porphyry: The andesite is a fine to medium grained porphyry a maximum diameter of 1/8".

content also increases from 0.5% to plus 1% and some chacopyrite is present phenocrysts at the surface and evidence of only trace amounts of sulfides. However in drill hole 71-3, which is 452' deep, the alteration gradually increases in intensity with depth. Most is clay-sericite alteration of There is very little evidence of alteration of the matrix and feldspar feldspars, but some secondary (?) orthoclase is present. The sulfide at depth. Latite-Andesite Dikes: This group of dikes range in texture and mineralogy. They are grouped together because they are all considered to be late or post and mineralization. Some do contain disseminated pyrite, but this is concutting all other rock types and they lack fracture controlled alteration mineral in age. Most of them trend north-northeast. They can be found sidered to be syngenetic.

Meta-andesite bounds it on the east and it has been intruded It is by far the most abundant rock type in the Hassayampa Project by the composite Laramide stock.

associated pyrite are commonly present. The biotite is possibly secondary normally higher in the granodiorite than in the other rock types, probably Within the propylitic alteration zone the mafics are altered to chlorite; granodiorite also has abundant fracture controlled pyrite which required the introduction of both iron and sulfur. The total volume of pyrite is and the pyrite probably derived its iron from the original biotite. The of fracture controlled pyrite, completely altered to hydromica and clay; epidote occurs as thin fracture fillings; there is a small percentage feldspars are less bleached and fine grained biotite aggregates with because of the two modes of development.

Jarosite is the common limonite product developed in the granodiorite.

rock mapped as aplite are believed to be closely related to the granodiorite graphic intergrowths. This second variety may be younger than Precambrian. to the granodiorite but are finer grained, have considerably less biotite, and are probably Precambrian in age. These rocks are texturally similar Aplite-Fine Grained Granodiorite(?): Possibly two distinct ages of dikes, is even more fine grained, and the quartz and feldspar occur in rocks have been grouped in this classification. The largest masses of and are much more dense. The other type is normally found in smaller

feldspars are commonly stained red by hematite. The density of the aplites The aplites commonly have a bleached appearance both within the proplitic zone and in the clay-sericite-quartz zone. In the oxidation zone the

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render them rather unfavorably as host rocks unless they have been strongly fractured.

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The groundmass in which these phenocrysts are set is very fine grained and is rocks. It is a biotite quartz monzonite porphyry with a fine grained ground mass. Mineralogically it contains 35% feldspar phenocrysts to 1/4" diameter, 10-15% biotite in books to 1/4" thick, and 3% quartz "eyes" to 1/4" diameter. 8.Q.M.P. #1: This is assumed to be the oldest of the Laramide intrusive vague and ghostly. This rock also commonly contains approximately 3% fine The phenocrysts are commonly apparently predominately quartz and orthoclase. It may reflect chilling grained pyrite well disseminated throughout the groundmass. but appears more like a flooding alteration.

silification. Fresh biotite is not uncommon below the supergene zone and Within supergene environments the biotite of the rock alter to hydromica and the feldspars to clay and sericite except where protected by strong the feldspars are less strongly altered. Jarosite and light to medium orange brown limonites are the common limonites developed in this rock.

east-west. Normally they are, as the name implies, porcelain-like in appearance. In some however, a small percentage of vague quartz eyes and feldspar dikes. The dikes are distinctive in that they commonly trend more or less phenocrysts can be found. For that reason they are believed to be closely Porcelain Aplite: This rock type is not abundant and occurs only in related to the B.Q.M.P. #1.

Later sulfides occur in fractures which have very pronounced alteration halos A small percentage of well disseminated pyrite is common in the groundmass.

veinlets are engulfed by the younger dacite (?).

entirely structural. The breccia zone east of HA #2 and its extension (?) to structure have apparently formed at structural intersections. The northern The breccia north of 71-6 and those southeast along the composite dike most one does have intrusive characteristics, but the other two may be the southeast are probably dominantly structural. The area around hammer drill hole HA #6 is intensely broken with few through going structures. This may reflect another area of mega-brecciation

is locally developed in some of them, but they are apparently low in hypogene seem to be late features with respect to the mineralization. Strong pyrite abundant brochantite (?), but this mineralization probably reflects exotic For the most part the breccias which appear to have an intrusive origin Drill hole P.D. #1 was drilled near a breccia dike containing mineralization localized by permeability.

# Alteration and Mineralization

strong secondary orhtoclase. The alteration is apparently controlled to some extends beyond the clay-sericite-quartz alteration. The sulfide content is posed of quartz latite porphyry, dactie(?) porphyry, and andesite porphyry, extent by host rock or age, however. The core of the composite stock, comhighest in the clay-sericite-quartz zone and lowest in the central area of copper deposits. Secondary orthoclase occurs centrally and is enclosed by is less strongly altered and mineralized than the surrounding monzonites The alteration and mineralization within the area is typical of porphyry an area of clay-sericite-quartz alteration. Propylitic alteration then and granodiorite

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locally. Hammer drill hole HA #3 is located in the second main area of this indicated on the alteration - mineralization overlay. In addition to drill orthoclase flooding in which the mineral has replaced up to 60% of the rock locally at many other points on the property. Some of the occurrences are alteration. Within that area the alteration is less pervasive, but it is Secondary Orthoclase: Two extensive areas of orthoclase flooding and veining have been mapped and are shown on the alteration - mineralization locally as strong. Secondary orthoclase veining and flooding also occurs hole 70-1 secondary orthoclase was encountered in holes 71-1, 71-2, 71-3 overlay. Diamond drill hole 70-1 is located within an area of pervasive and 71-8

Barren quartz veins are abundant within the main orthoclase zones and are exceptionally low and no increase in the chalcopyrite to pyrite ratio was obviously related to its introduction. The total sulfide contents are noted in the main areas of secondary orthoclase.

but its intensity is variable. On the surface most of the rocks are strongly bleached, but below the supergene zone much of the feldspar alteration is to Clay-Sericite-Quartz: The clay-sericite-quartz alteration is widespread, a pale green product which is believed to be montmorillonite. Within this zone some of the biotites have been altered to hydromica, but a large percentage are fresh.

The types recognized are an early barren stage with gradational boundaries, Quartz Veining: Quartz veining is abundant throughout most of the area averaging 5% by volume and locally approaching 30%. A variety of types of veins are present which probably reflects different ages of development. sharp walled quartz-MoS2 veins, and sulfide veins with quartz-sericite

Basalt: The basalt is the youngest rock type within the area mapped. It surface flow. It is undoubtedly related to similar basaltic flow rocks of Quaternary-Tertiary age which are found capping older rocks throughout the is medium grey in color and moderately vesicular. Well preserved surface features have been found locally which indicate that the material is a Bradshaw mountains.

#### STRUCTURE

Ring Structures: The largest scale structural features recognized to be concentric rings which are centered about the stock. The longest dimension of the stock is approximately 4,000' and the approximate ring diameters are directly related to the intrusive center are a series of discontinuous 5,000', 9,000', and 12,000'.

The rings are undoubtedly related to the intrusion of the stock and probably tensive area of brecciation, the rapid transition from clay-sericite-quartz to propylitic alteration, and the basalt flow spatially associated with it. The rings are expressed topographically and the innermost one has an exdeveloped either as a result of doming and/or collapse.

intrusive activity the trend of the stock and dikes could reflect the original general trend. If the monzonites represent the first phases of the Laramide direction and some of the wide monzonite dikes to the south have the same Stock Emplacement: The composite stock is elongated in a N550E-S550W controlling structural system. Faults and Dikes: There are two well defined structural trends of faulting the area, and dikes within the area. The most pronounced of the two trends is N10 $^{
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m E}.$ but can be seen throughout the area. Offsetting of the east-west trending It is emphasized by the numerous dikes in the northeast corner of

porcelain aplite dikes in the northeast corner of the area indicates that the dikes and mineralization indicate that the zone was active over a long time NIOOE system is one of right lateral displacement. Relationships between span.

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controlled early diking and significant amounts of alteration and mineralization. of hammer drill hole HA #2. This trend was active subsequent to the intrusions these two dominate sets there are many other directions of diking and faulting, The second of the well defined structural trends is N20<sup>O</sup>W. It is evidenced by the pronounced fault zone containing the composite dikes in the center of the area and the brecciation in the vicinity of diamond drill hole 71-6 and east of the monzonites and the quartz latite porphyry, but is old enough to have No sense of displacement has been determined for this set. In addition to but no other definite sets have been recognized.

Most are angular and reflect only shattering, but others are rounded and have Breccias: A number of areas of wide spread brecciation occur within the but the breccia apparently only locally contains strong sulfides. Some of obviously been transported. This breccia is just inside the innermost of the encircling ring features and may have been generated by gas discharge area mapped. The largest occurs in the west central portion of the area. In this breccia the size of fragments ranges from inches to tens of feet. along the structure. The fragments are all strong to intensely altered, the fragments contain mineralized veinlets of pre-breccia age. This general description holds for the breccias in the vicinity of and to the 71-6 breccia fragments of quartz latite porphyry containing quartz-sulfide north of diamond drill hole 71-6 and to those east of 71-1. In drill hole

the near surface rocks and at times has chalcocite free pyrite immediately below it.

<u>Turquoise(?):</u> Turquoise (?) or what is more probably allophane occurs in small amounts throughout much of the altered area and is locally abundant. Most of the occurrences are in granodiorite, but some are in monzonite. It is by far most abundant on the hill that holes 70-2 and P.D. #3 were drilled on. On the south and east slopes of that hill turquoise (?) occurs as numerous fracture fillings and veinlets to 3/4" thick. On the basis of the drill results it is obvious that its presence cannot be considered to indicate the grade of copper below the surface.

Brochantite: Brochantite is present only in the strongly broken area in the vicinity of drill holes P.D. #1 and HA #6. It is by far most strongly developed in a breccia dike in the vicinity of P.D. #1. The porous breccia probably provided a favorable area for its deposition.

Molybdenum Minerals: Molybdenite associated with quartz veins is quite widespread and easily found on the surface. Its distribution has not been accurately mapped however due to the time that would be involved, and the fact that geochemical surface sampling does show its distribution. In addition to molybdenite some ferrimolybdenite and akaganeite are present. Some of the molybdenum geochemical highs are apparently related to the occurrence of akaganeite and there is some evidence that it might be concentrating the molybdenum.

<u>Limonites:</u> Careful attention was paid to limonites while mapping, but no areas of significant size containing favorable limonites were recognized. The only relationships which can be established are general ones between rock types and limonite products. The most common limonite in the granodiorite

but the fracture controlled limonite is commonly jarosite. The porcelain aplite also becomes stained red by hematite. B.Q.M.P. #1 developed light to dark orange browns and medium to dark red brown limonites. B.Q.M.P. #2 and the quartz latite porphyry are characterized by very light orange-brown limonites or the absence of limonites. Soft gold-orange limonite developes in the dacite (?). The latite-andesite dikes and the andesite plug develop medium to dark brown limonites.

# SURFACE GEOCHEMISTRY

The distribution of geochemical quantities of molybdenum and copper in outcrop and soil offers the best guide to better grade copper mineralization. The maps prepared from the preliminary wide spaced sampling show the same general circular distribution of copper and molybdenum as the surface mapping indicated for alteration and the induced polarization indicated for the sulfide concentrations. Within the general patterns there are highs which, hopefully, indicate better grade mineralization. Most of the holes drilled to date are peripheral to those highs and therefore neither prove nor disprove their validity.

Detailed sampling on approximate 100' centers has been carried out in the areas of indicated anomalies to further define them. Preliminary results of this sampling indicates sizeable areas with irratic distribution of molybdenum values within the range of 100 to 300 parts per million.

The copper anomalies correspond fairly well with the molybdenum, but are somewhat displaced from them. This is as should be expected on the basis of the difference in their mobilities in an acid environment.

halos. These types have not been distinguished on the alteration overlay.

There are two main areas shown on the mineralization-alteration overlay in which quartz veins are rare. These areas are associated with a decrease in total sulfides and are considered unfavorable for exploration.

Secondary Biotite: Secondary biotite is present, but its extent is unknown. It is common in the granodiorite where it occurs as fine grained aggregate bunches with associated pyrite. Both minerals are apparently replacing the original biotite. Some also occurs with magnitite along pyrite filled fractures in the meta-andesite. The monzonites often contain fresh books of biotite but this appears to be primary.

<u>Propylitic</u>: The transition from clay-sericite-quartz alteration to propylitic alteration is abrupt in most places. On the west and north sides it is spatially associated with the innermost ring feature.

Within the granodiorite the alteration is characteristized by chloritization of the mafics and the development of epidote along fractures. Some fracture controlled pyrite occurs in this zone also. The propylitic alteration is difficult to distinguish from the effects of regional metamorphism in the meta-andesite.

<u>Sulfide Distribution:</u> Surface mapping and induced polarization surveying indicate that the distribution of sulfide mineralization is also of halo form. Throughout the clay-sericite-quartz zone the total sulfide content averages approximately 4%. Several areas of + 7% total sulfide contents have been mapped, however, and they also reflect a discontinuous halo distribution. The sulfide content is lowest in the core area of the stock and in the area

of pervasive orthoclase veining and flooding. The sulfide content of the core area as shown on the alteration - mineralization overlay averages less than 2%.

The areas of strongest pyrite development occur in the granodiorite and in structurally prepared areas. Within the granodiorite the pyrite associated with the fine grained biotite probably formed during a period of introduction of excess sulfur.

<u>Chalcopyrite</u>: Chalcopyrite is generally fracture controlled and associated with pyrite. Most of the fractures that contain chalcopyrite do have quartz-sericite halos, but it also occurs in unhaloed fractures. Not enough information is available to determine distribution of chalcopyrite to pyrite ratios or any definite relationship between molybdenite and chalcopyrite. In the areas that have been drilled to date the highest average primary grade encountered has been 0.19%, the average for the bottom 25 feet of hole HA #6 which is 25' deep.

Chalcocite: Chalcocite has been present in most of the drill holes, but it is generally present only as a very thin film on other sulfides. Its paucity in most of the holes can be attributed to the low primary grade in the areas of the holes, a shallow water table and the existence of only a thin oxidized zone within which the oxidation has not been complete. It is conceivable that a chalcocite blanket of economic grade and tonnage existed in the area at sometime in the past, but was stripped by rapid erosion.

<u>Covellite</u>: Covellite can be found in small amounts in surface rocks in many areas. It has probably formed from the alteration of chalcocite, but it is not necessarily a good guide to it. It is apparently present mainly in

A total of 28 holes have been drilled on the property to date. The first 6 were diamond drill holes put down by Phelps Dodge Corporation in the early sixties. Of those holes only one, PD #1, encountered potentially ore grade mineralization, assaying 0.43% copper over 150 feet. It contains 150' of 0.43% copper mineralization. This hole was spotted near or possibly on a porous breccia dike which containes abundant exotic copper. All of the better grade mineralization is at the top of the hole and from 153' to the bottom at 607' the assays are less than or equal to 0.1% copper.

Except for PD #6 the remainder of their holes are approximately 600' deep and none encountered potentially ore grade mineralization. Hole PD #6 was drilled to the depth of 1236'. It did not encounter potentially ore grade mineralization, but did show a slight apparent increase in grade from 734' to the bottom. This increase is actually relative to the interval 234' to 734' which averaged less than 0.1% copper. No geologic log is available for the hole, but the change in grade may reflect a change from aplite to grano-

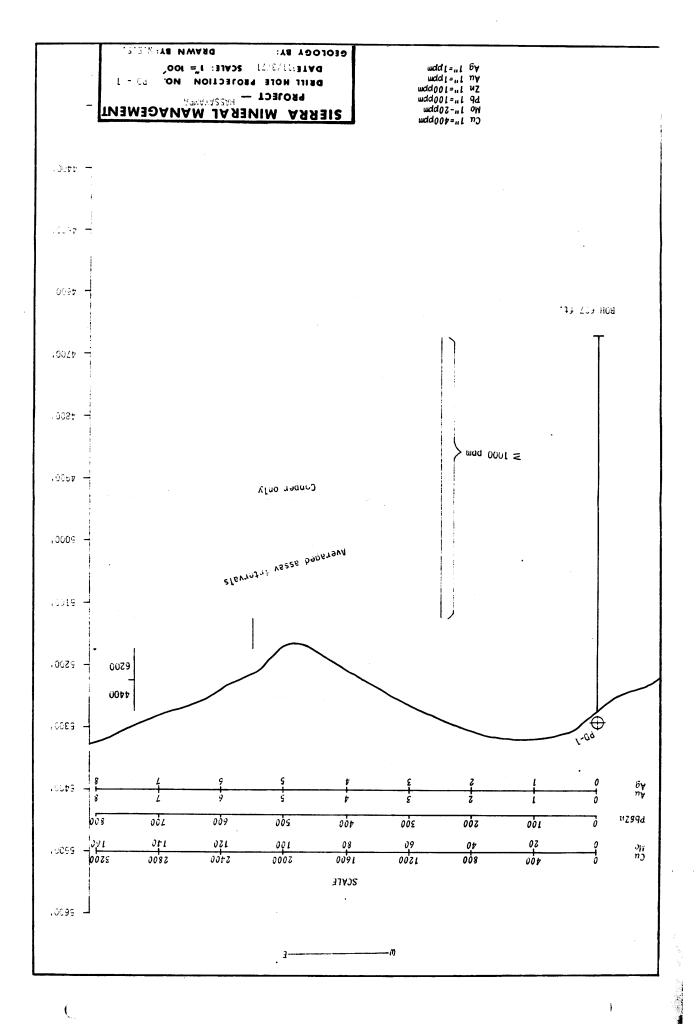
Norandex diamond drilled eleven holes. Most of them are between 400 and 600 feet deep, but the shallowest is 138' and the deepest 1,500'. The deep hole, number 70-1, is drilled in an area of very strong secondary orthoclase. This strong alteration continues to approximately 700' and then decreases abruptly and significantly, but then gradually increases somewhat toward the bottom of the hole. From 22' to 100' the copper content averages 0.27%. Below 100' there is only a couple of plus 0.2% copper intervals and the average grade decreases with depth until it is approximately 0.05% at the bottom.

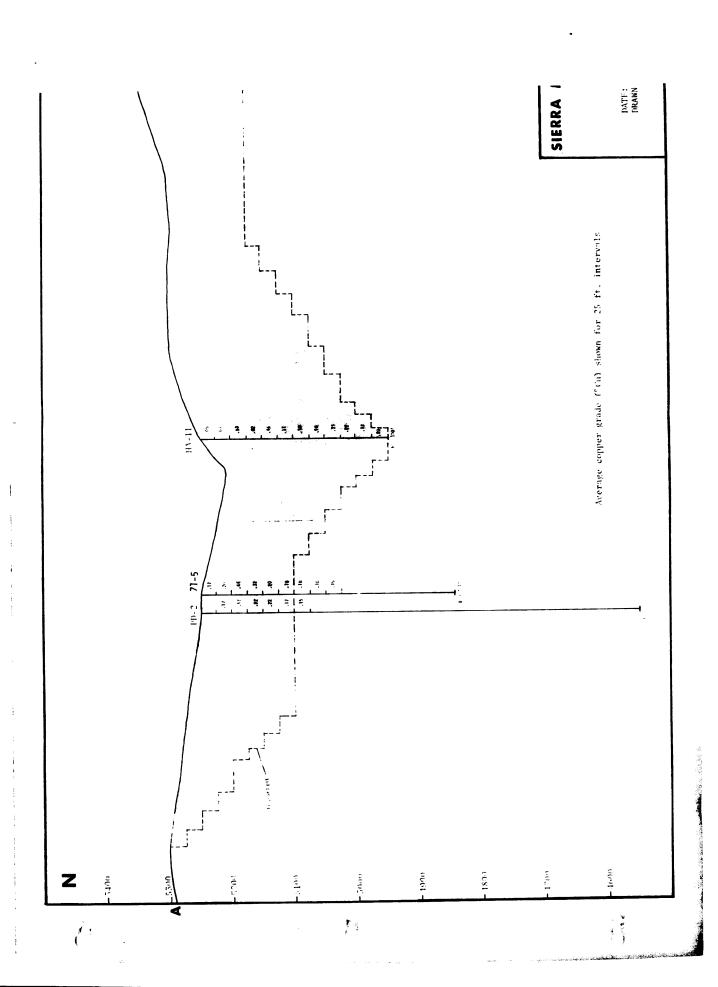
With respect to copper grade the best holes that Norandex drilled are 70-2, which averages 0.30% over the interval 59' through 130'; and 71-5 which averages 0.29% over the interval 22' to 91'. Both of these holes are peripheral to the best moly geochemical anomaly subsequently defined.

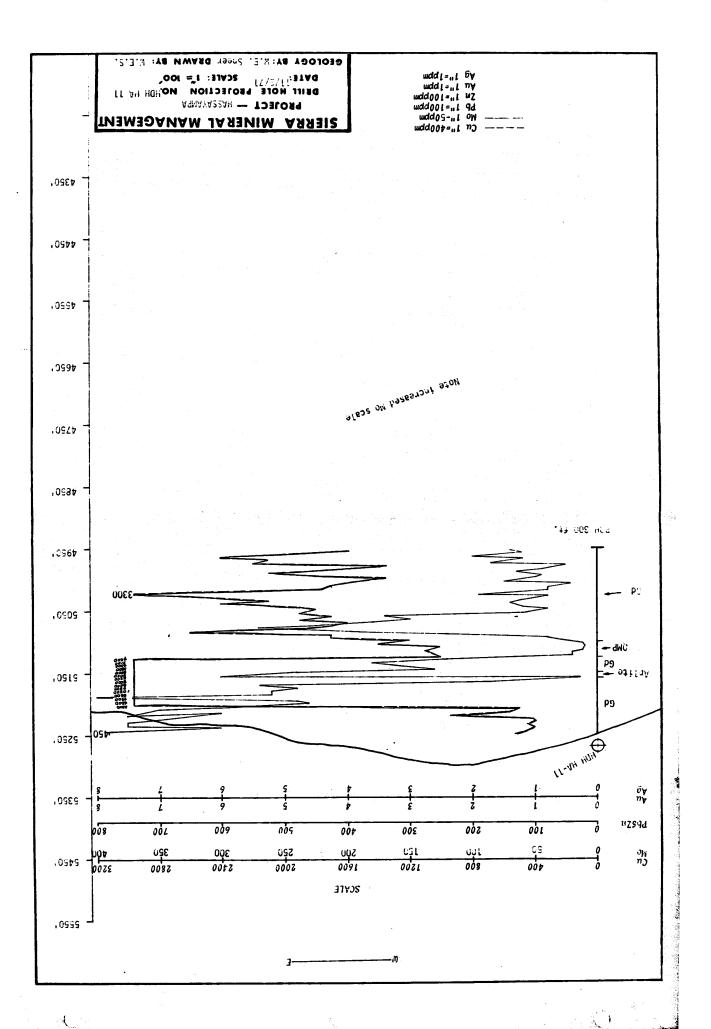
Sierra Mineral Management has hammer drilled 10 and are drilling an eleventh hole at the time of this writting. The deepest, HA #1, went to 430'. The others are in the 200'-250' depth range.

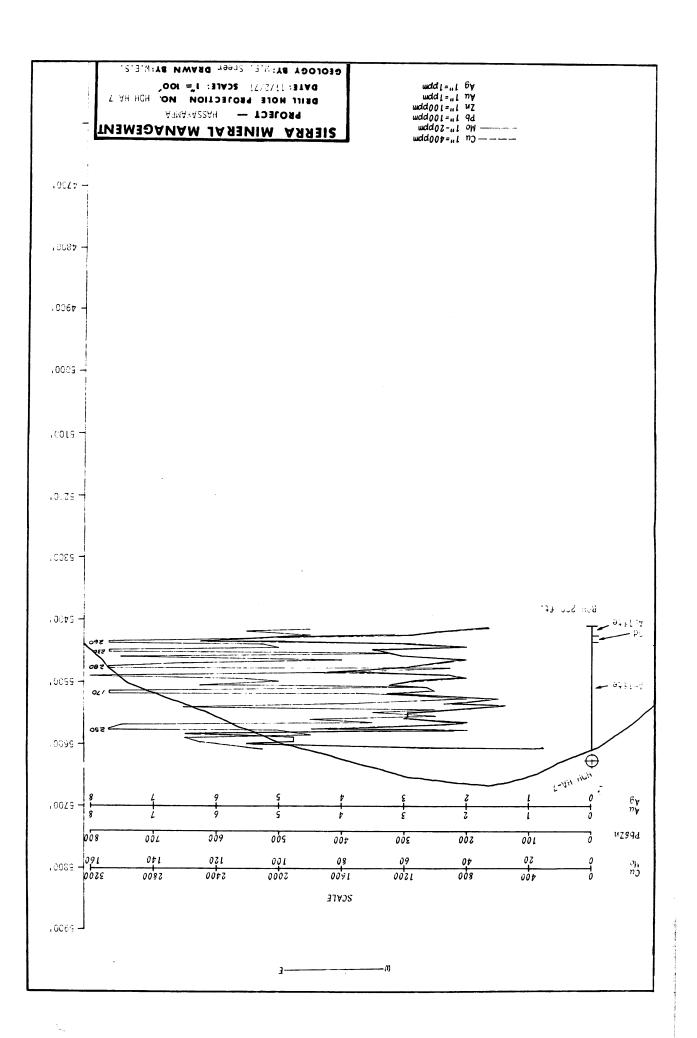
The best holes drilled by Sierra are: HA #1, which averages 0.42% copper in the interval from 30' to 195'; and HA #6 which averages 0.35% copper in the interval 70' to 265'. Hole number HA #11 is being drilled at this time and averages 0.58% copper between 50' and 80', the present bottom.

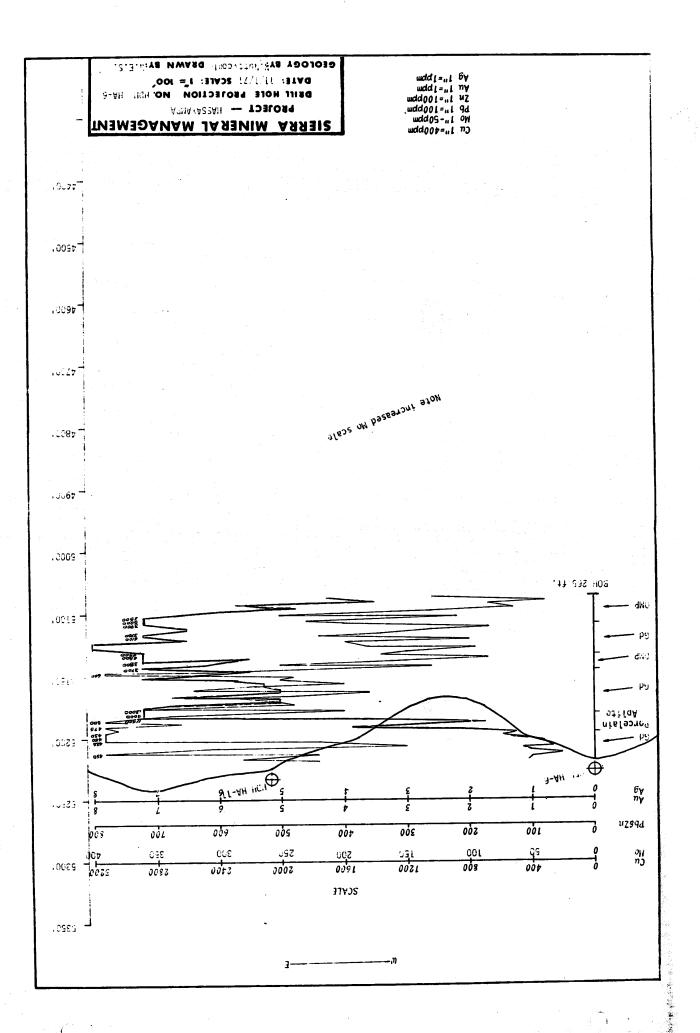
Of the 28 holes drilled six contained potentially ore grade and thickness of copper mineralization. All but one of these, HA #1, were drilled either within or peripheral to the largest well defined molybdenum anomaly. Of these five only HA #6 and HA #1 were drilled subsequently to defining the anomaly and with the purpose of testing it.

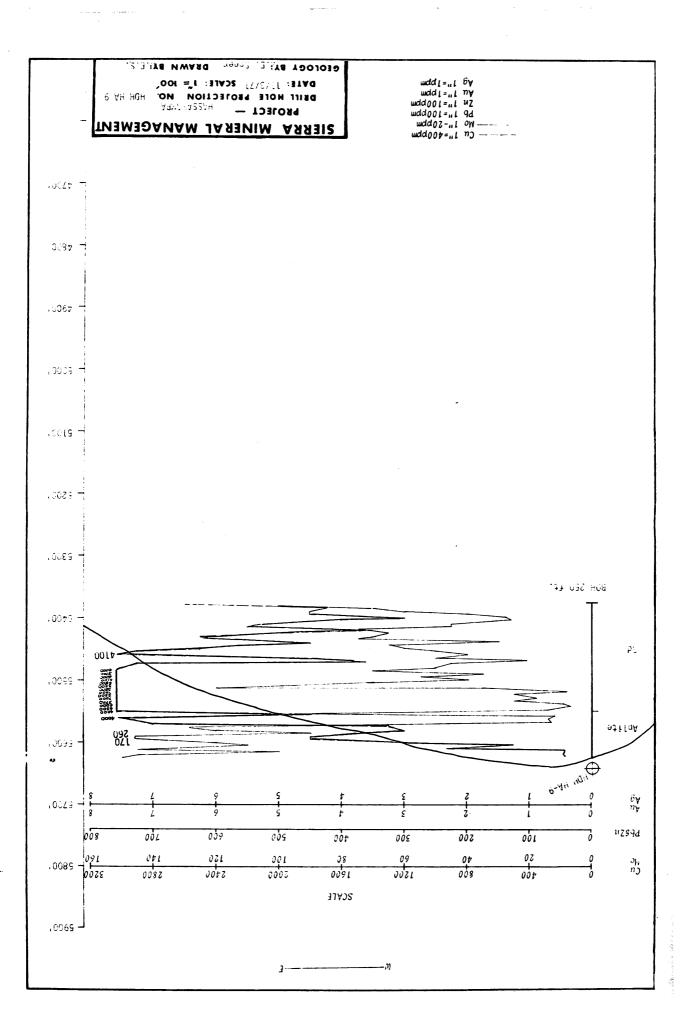


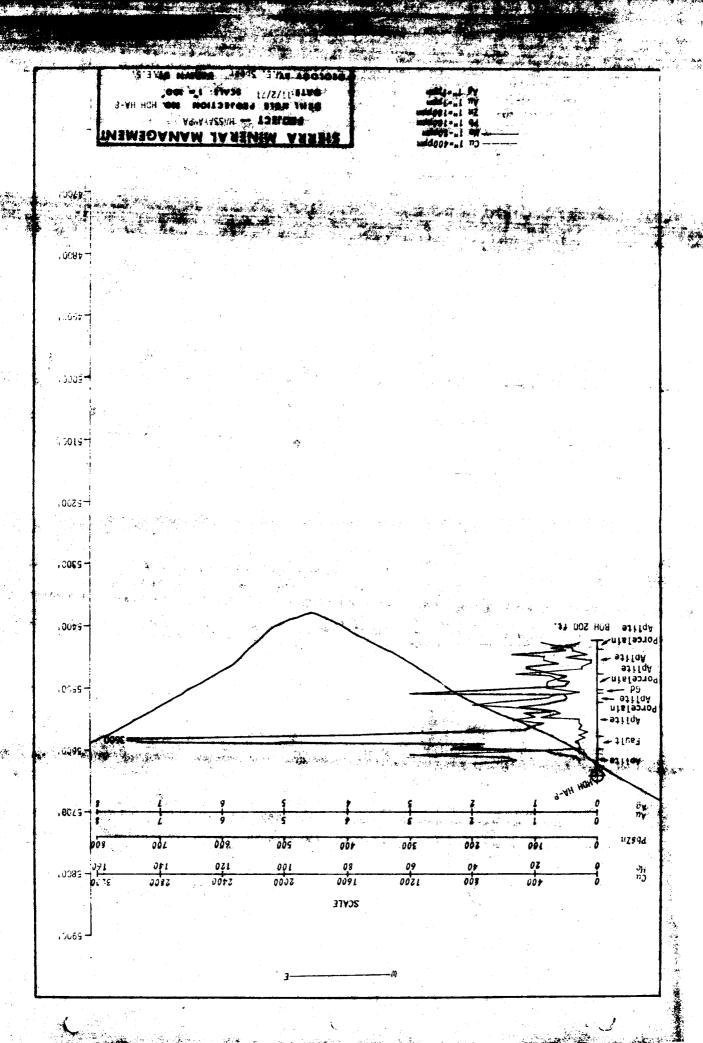


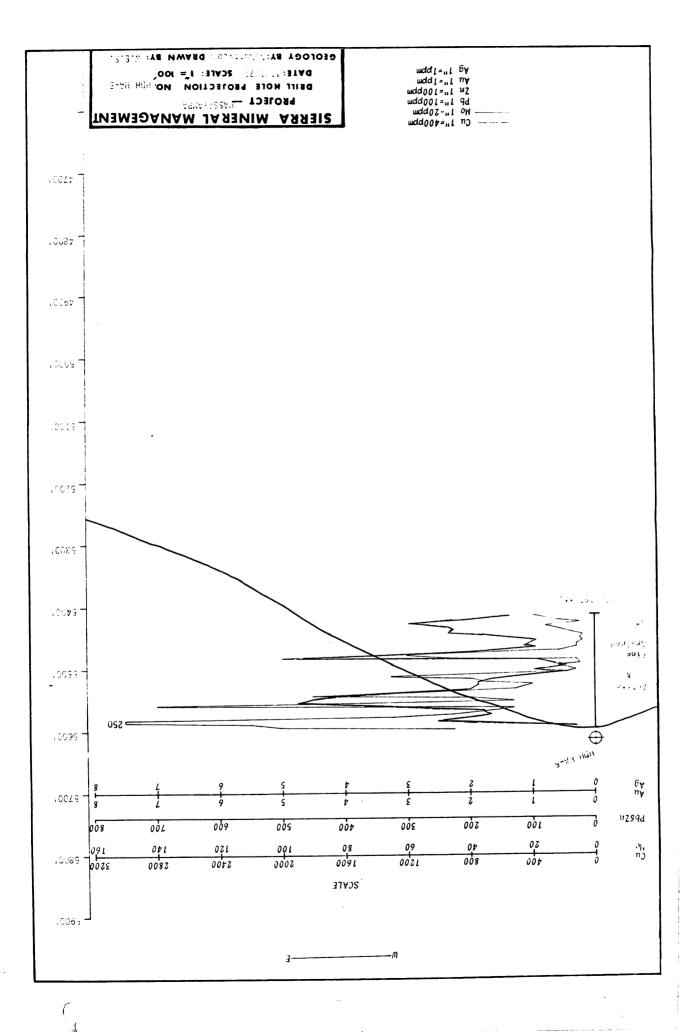


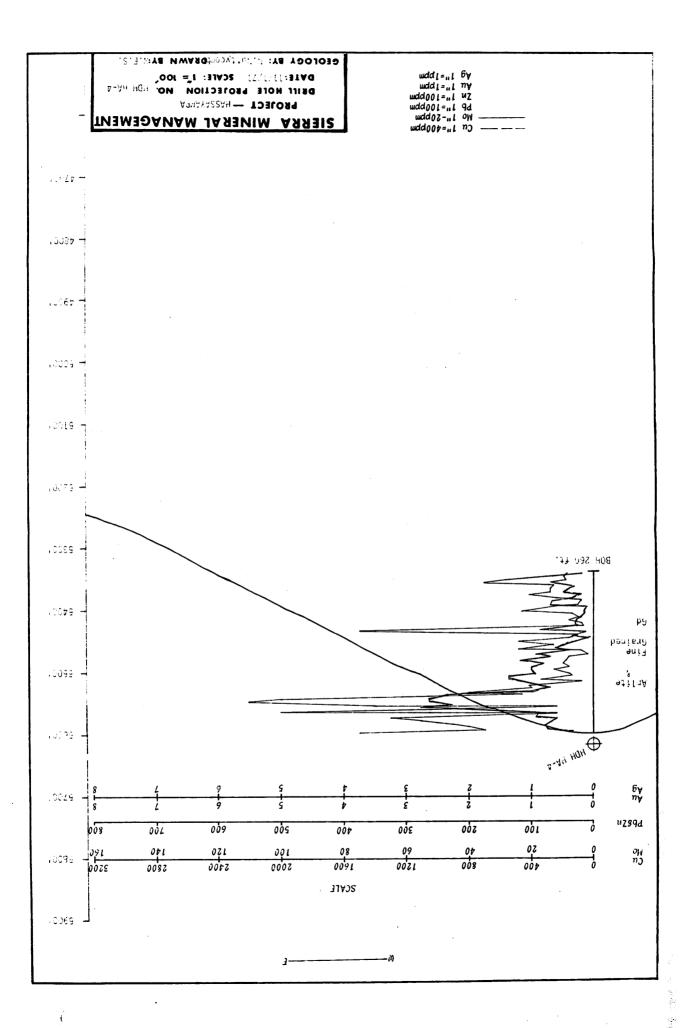


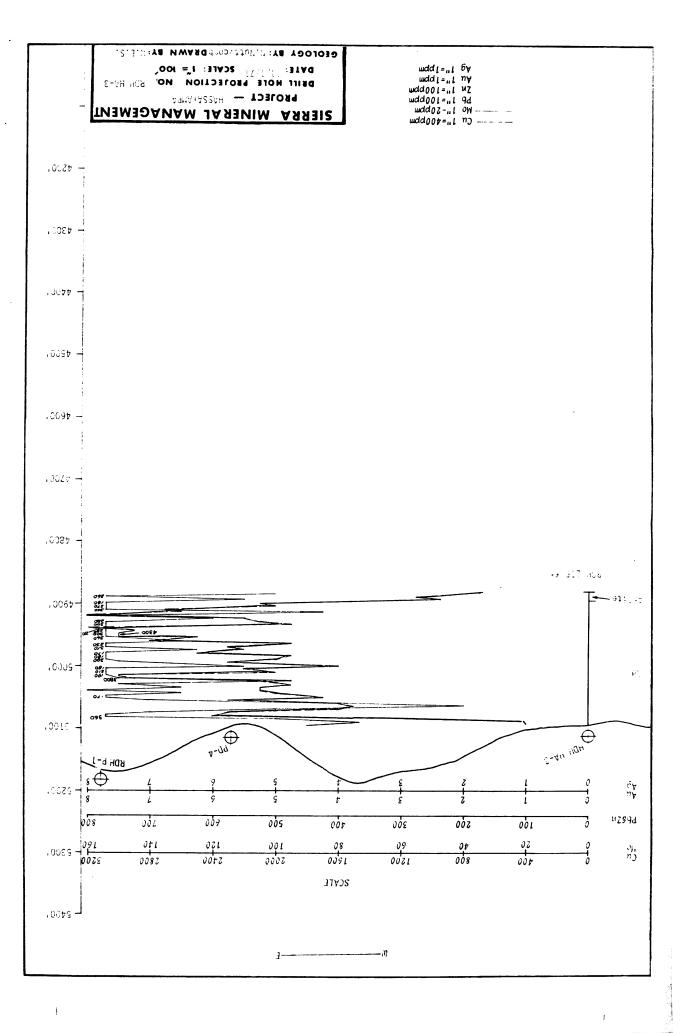


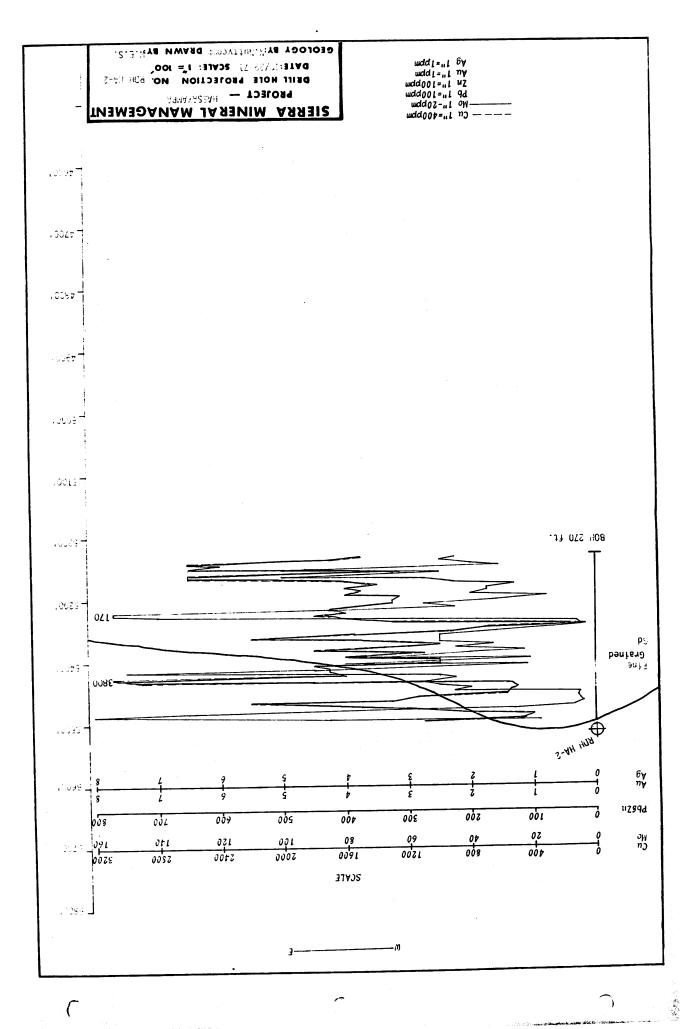


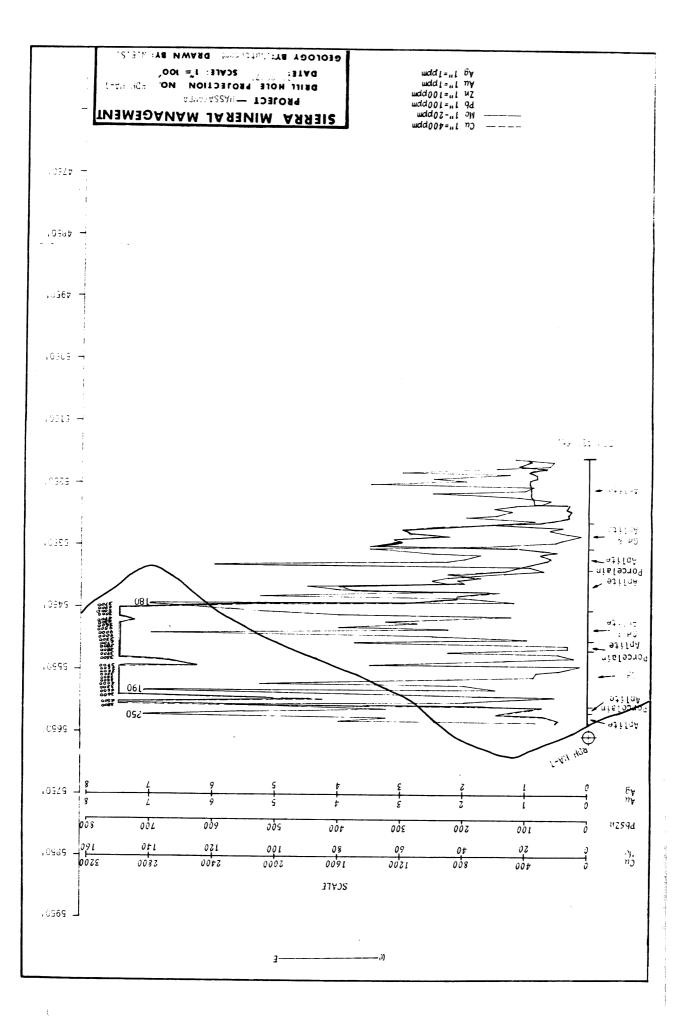


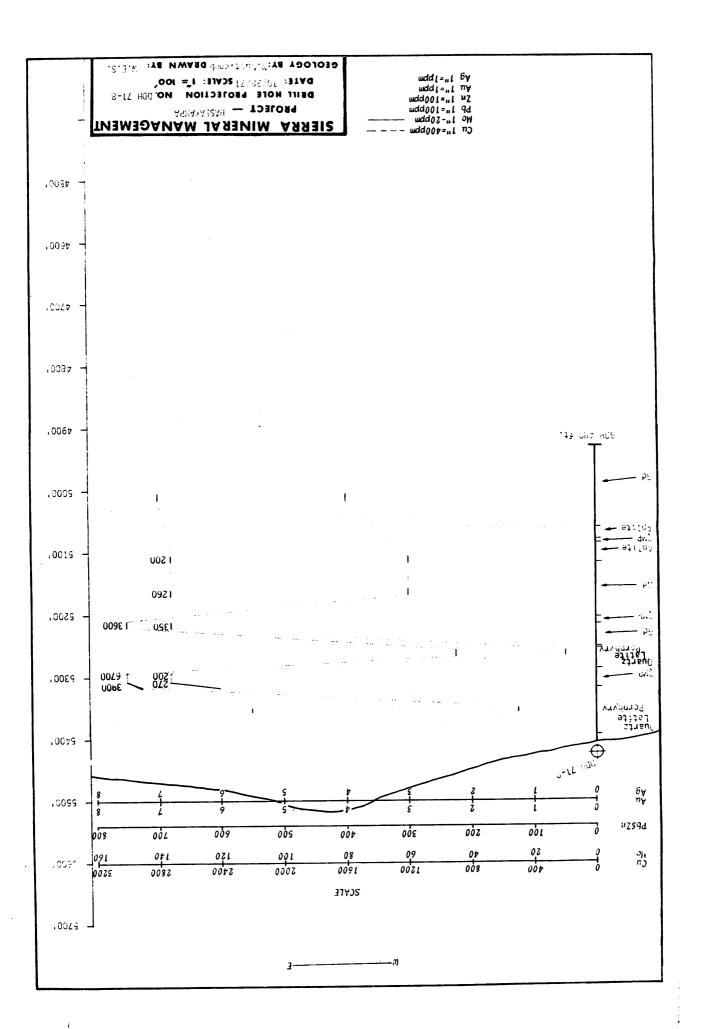


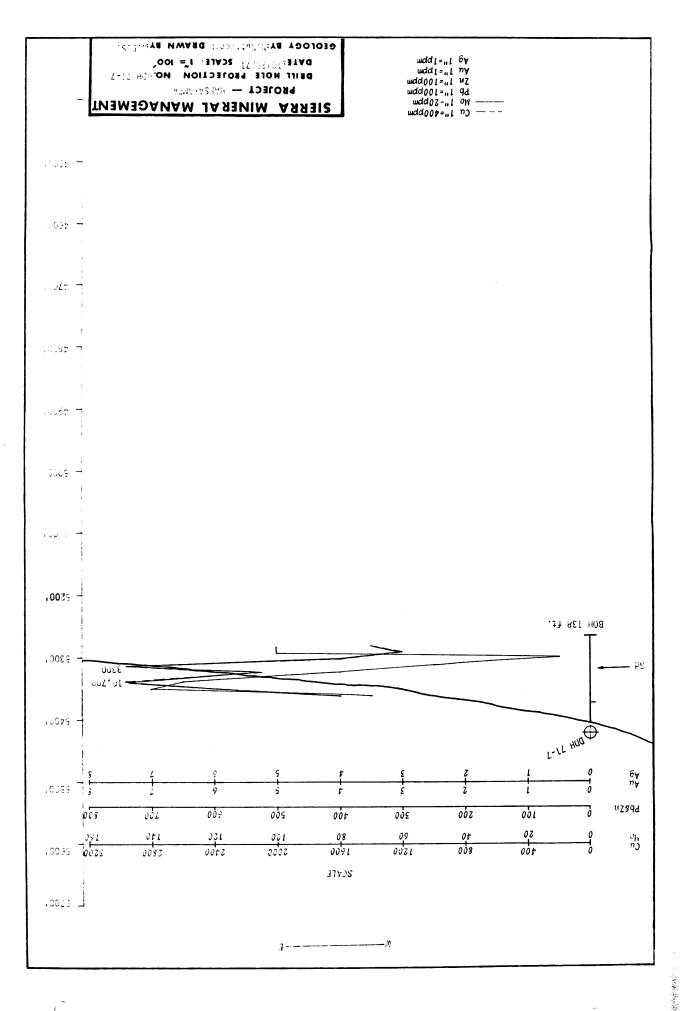


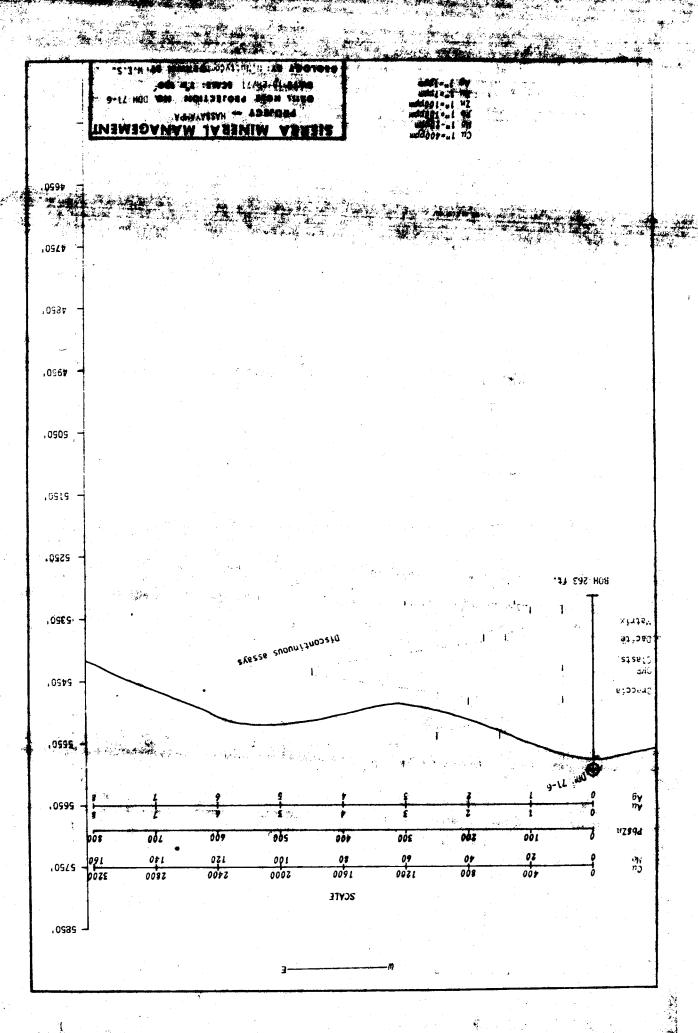


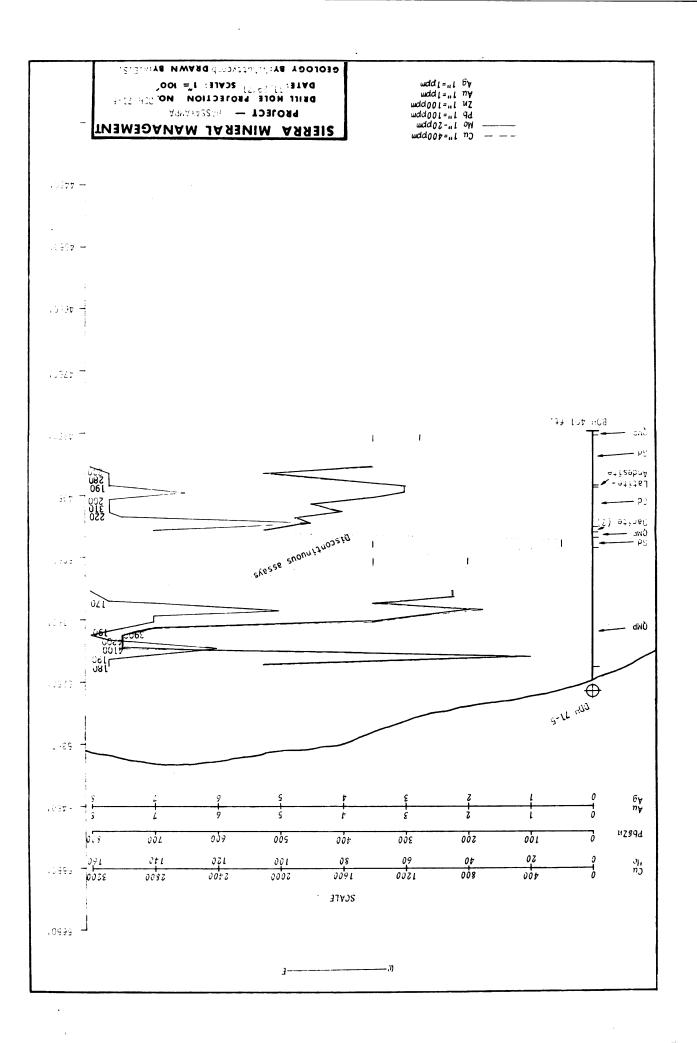


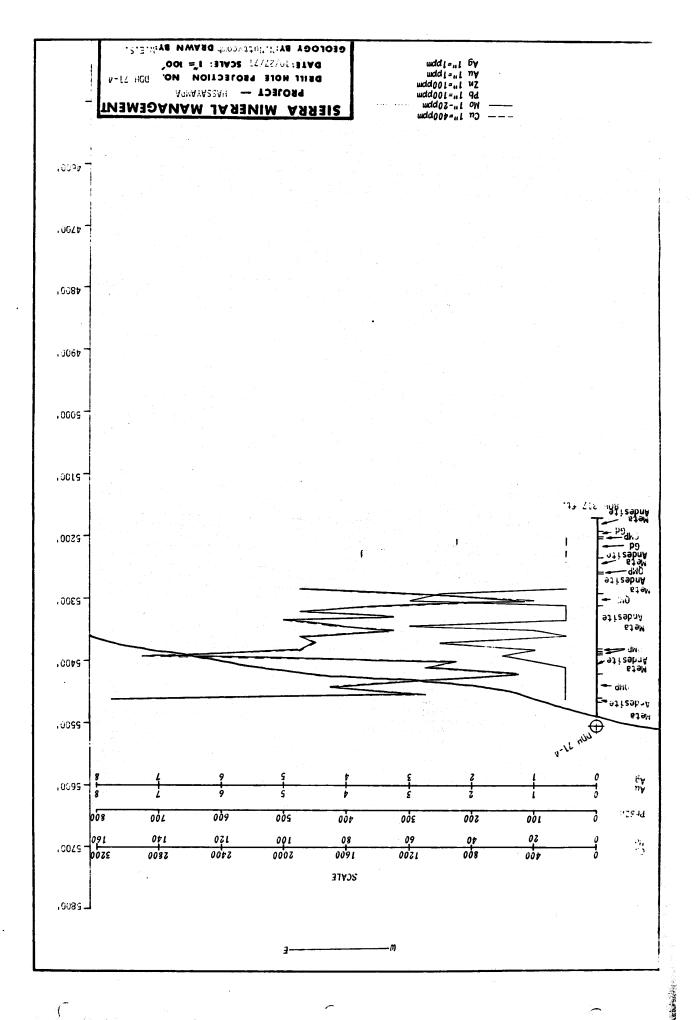


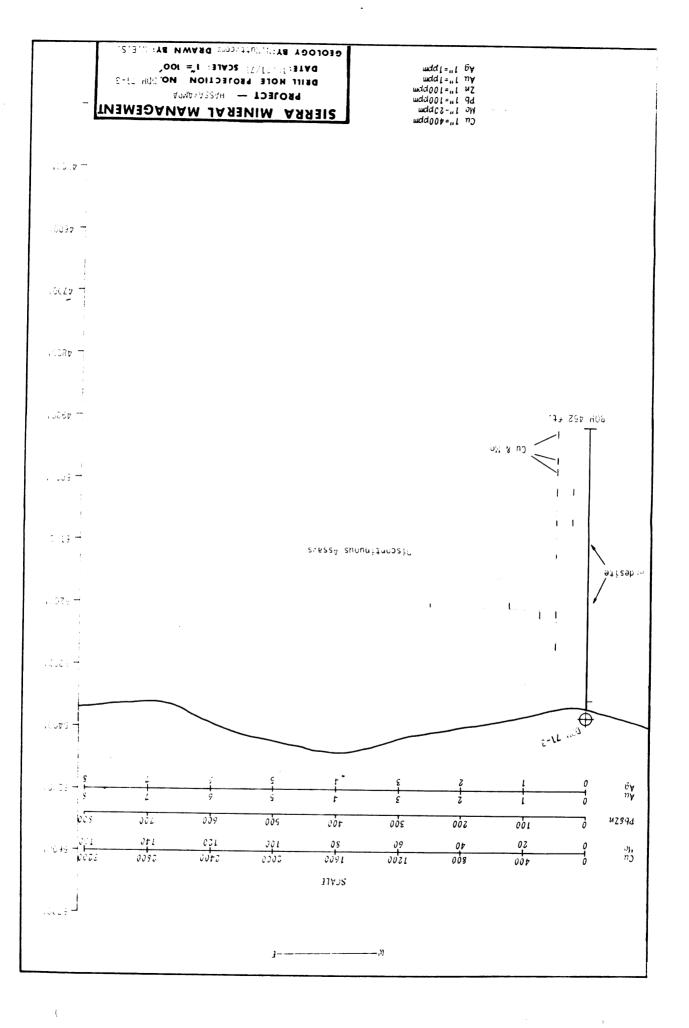


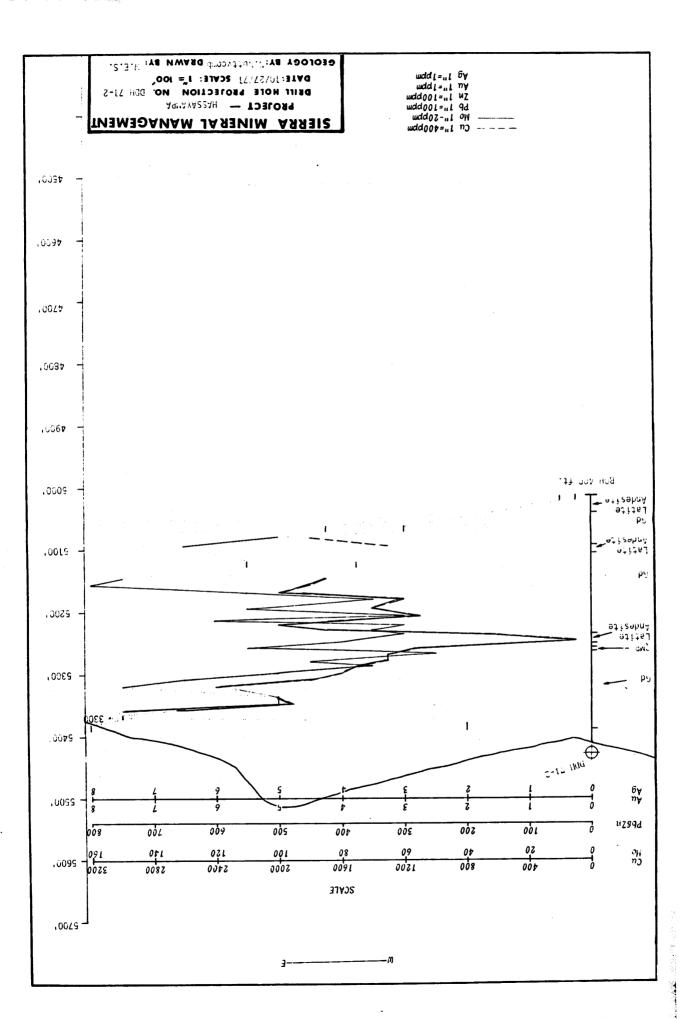


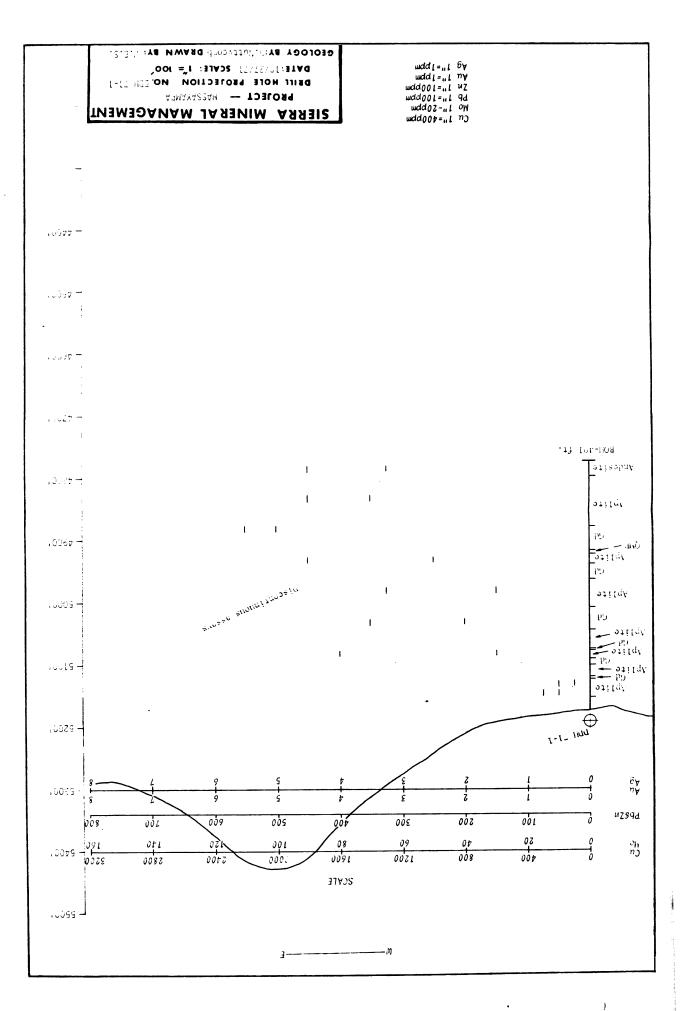


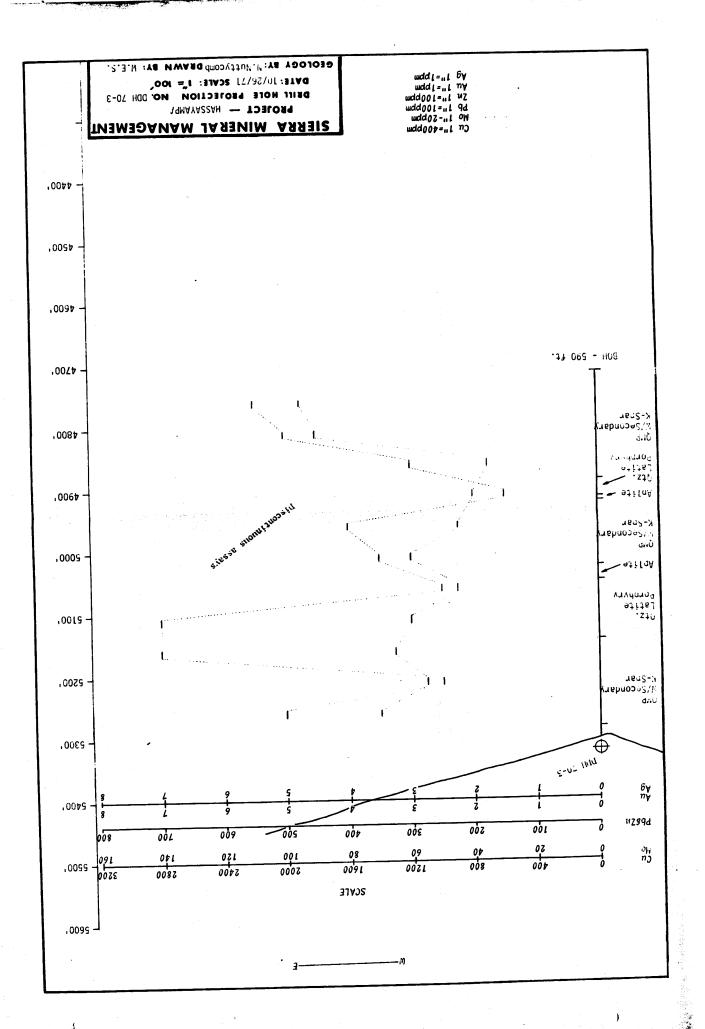


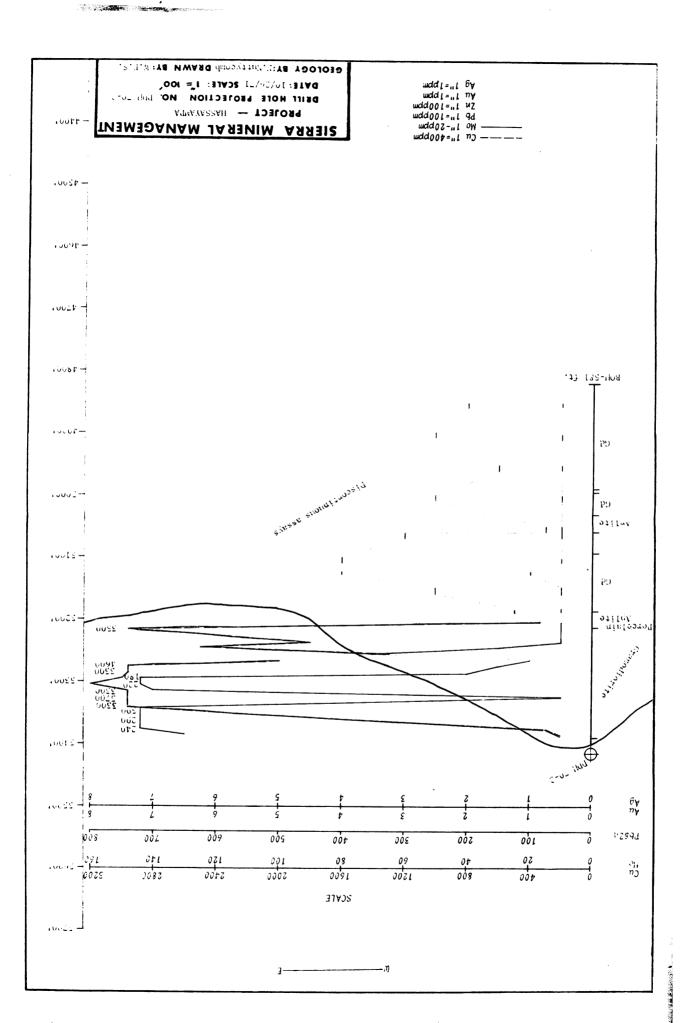


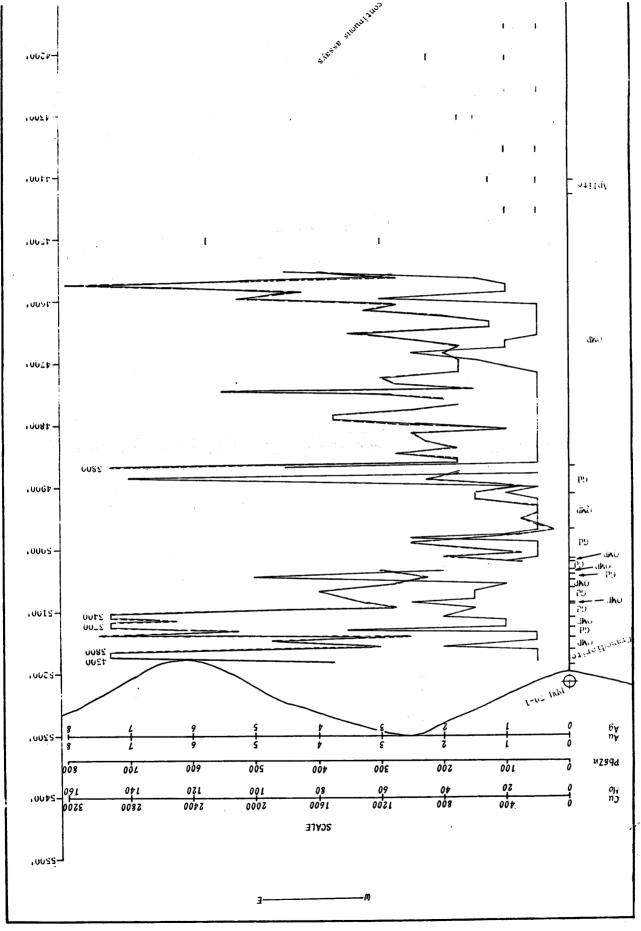








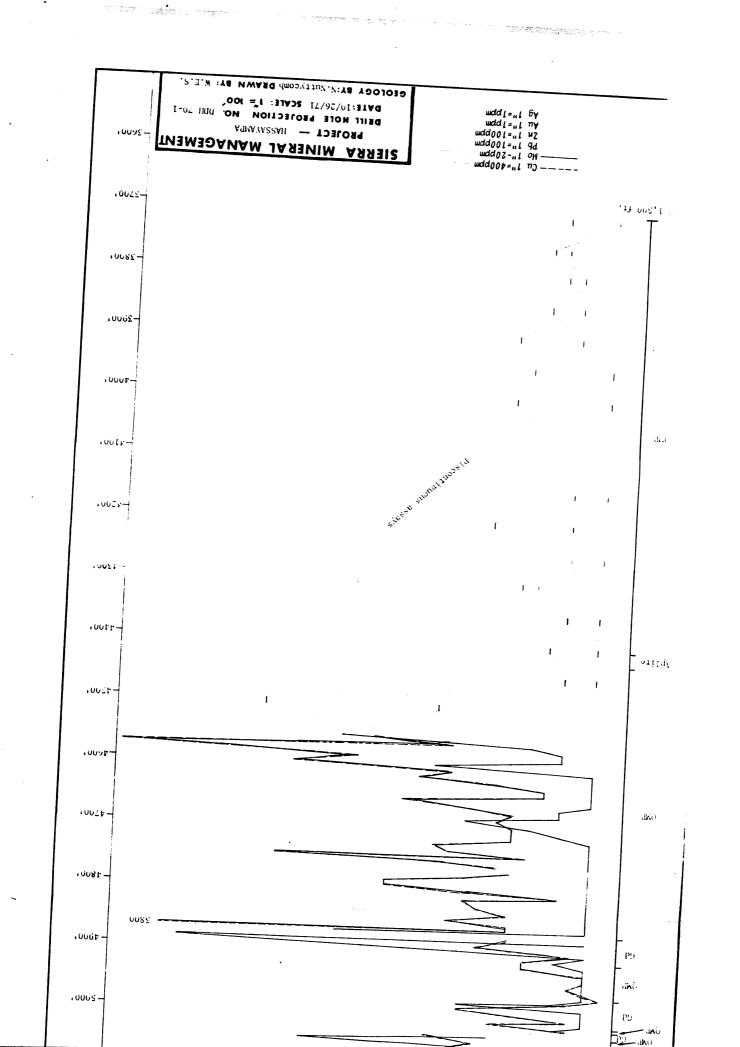


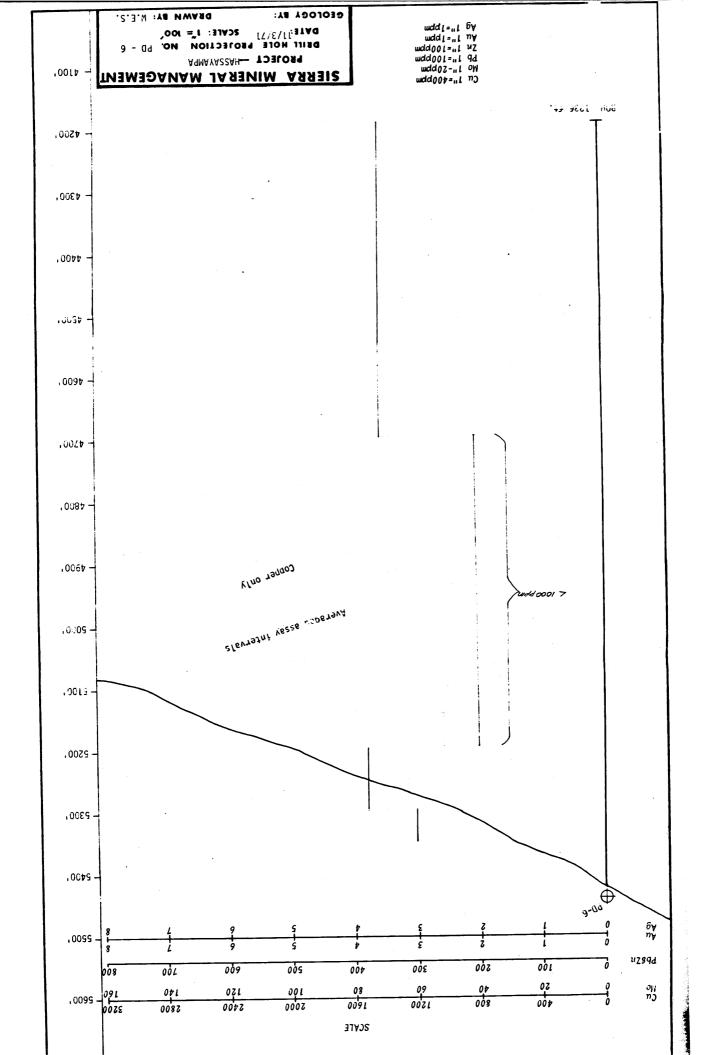


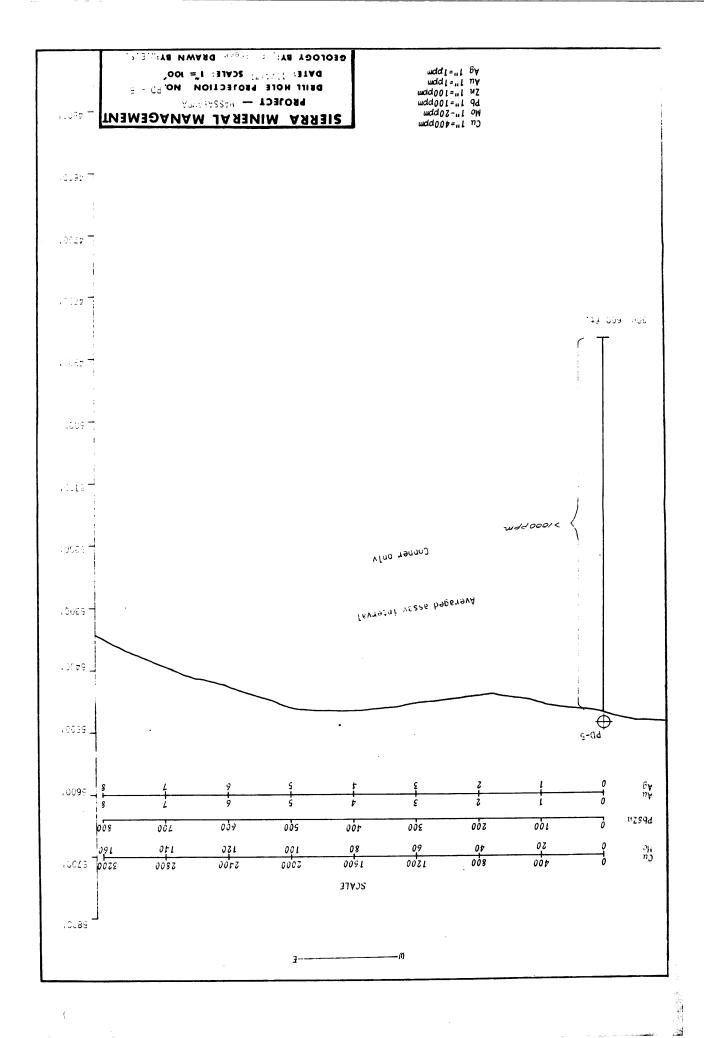
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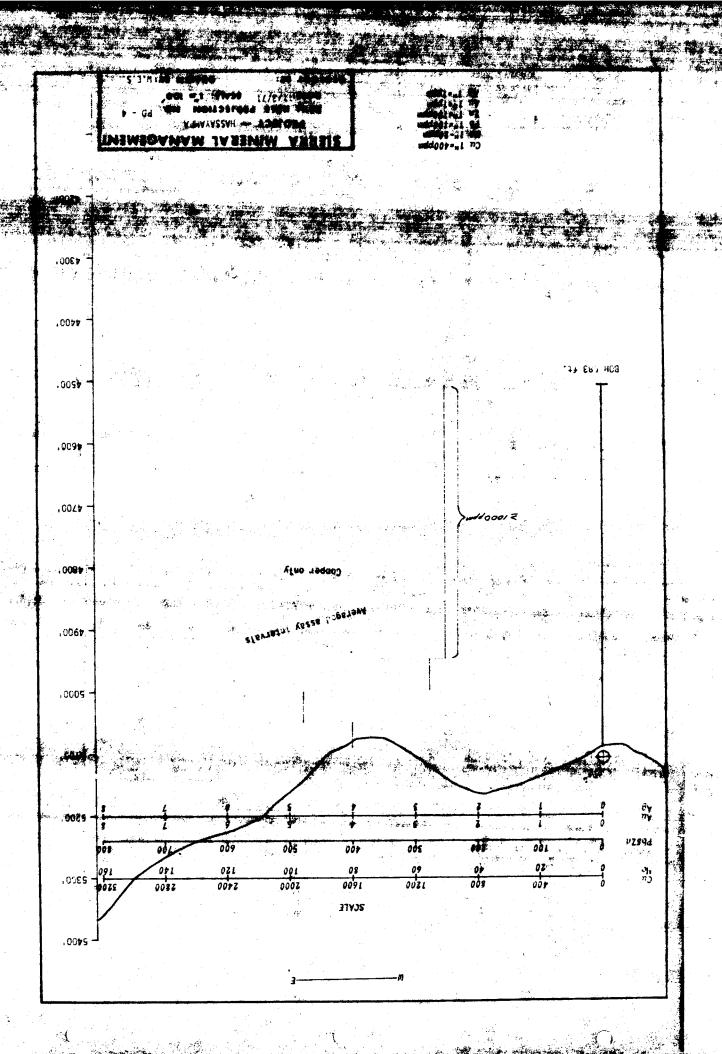
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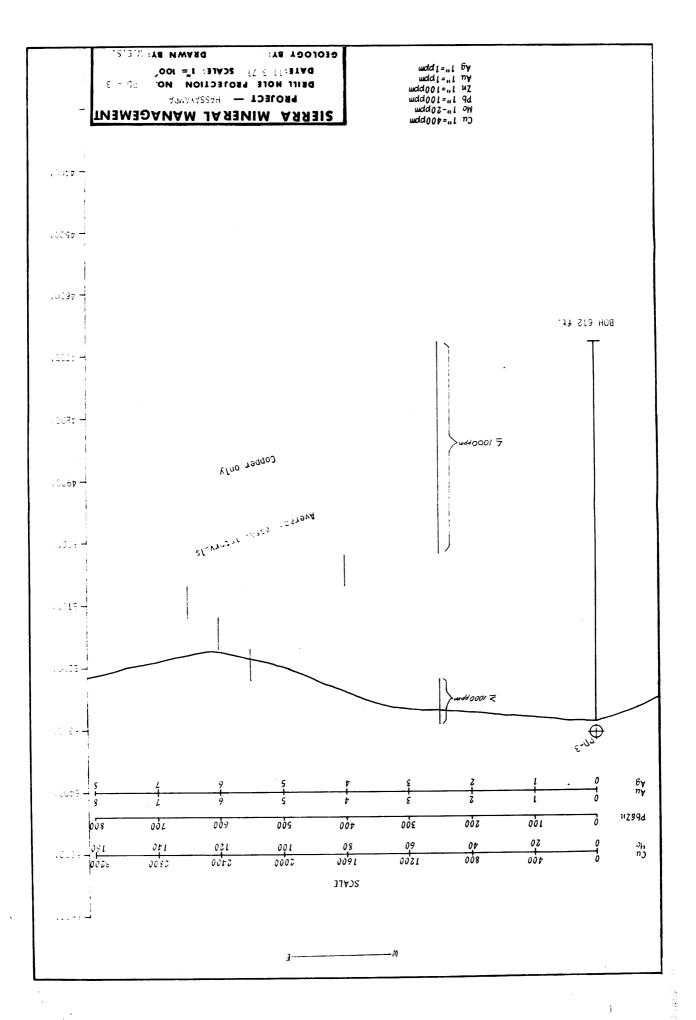
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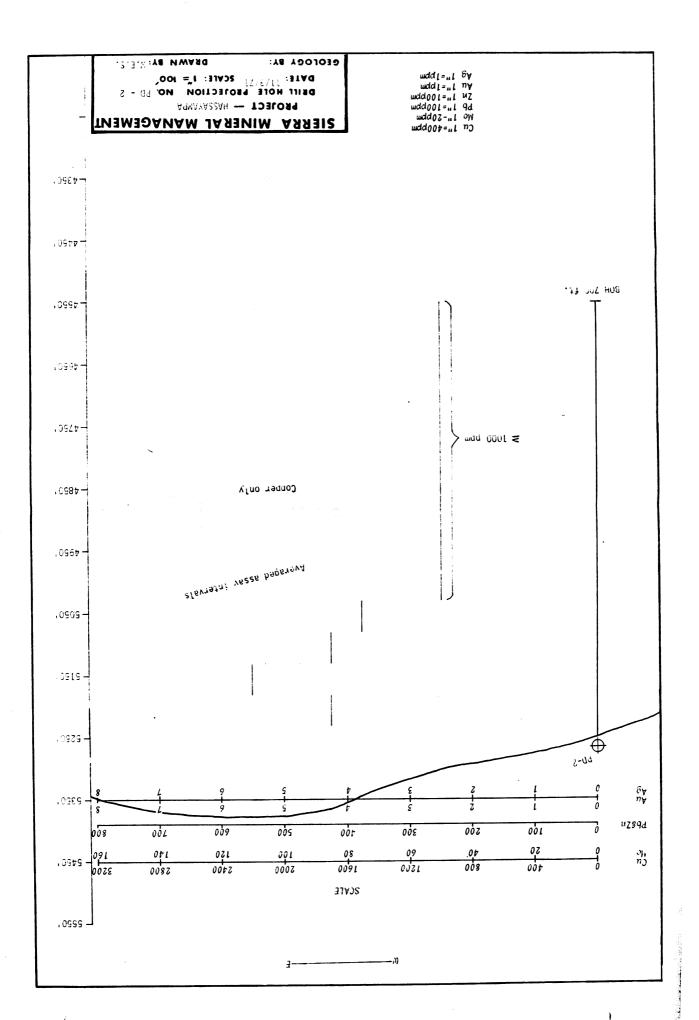








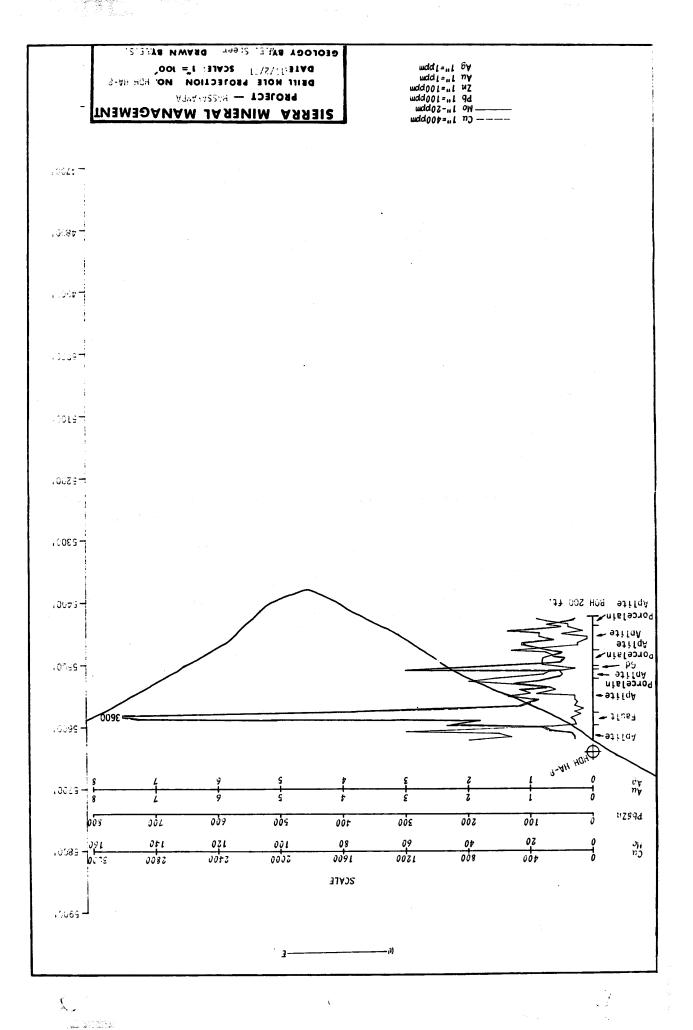




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Pyrite and chalcopyrite (slightly filmed with chalcocite and covellite) Allophane tends to be scattered in the fabric near these veins; elsewhere the clays are kaolin.

Mineral percentages are estimated as follows: quartz 24%, orthoclase 2%, plagioclase 8%, sericite 16%, clays 40%, blotite 6%, sulfides 2%, rutile 1%, and traces of zircon.

## C70-2 328'

The specimen is a dacite originally composed of phenocrysts of hornblende, plagioclase, and quartz in a microcrystalline matrix. showing flowage alignment. It has been subsequently intensely altered in the mesozone.

The plagioclase is mostly replaced by a mush of sericite and various other hydromicas (inclusive of allophane). The hornblande is completely replaced by fine grained secondary biotite and sericite. Pyrite is disseminated throughout the fabric but concentrated in quartz velns which carry traces of apatite. Alteration along these veins is no different than elsewhere.

Minerals are present in the following estimated amounts: quartz 22%, plagioclase 18%, sericite, clays, etc. 45%, biotite 12%, sulfides 2%, rutile 0.5%, and traces of apatite.

# C70-2 346.5'

The specimen is a tonalite originally consisting of anhedral plagioclase laths set in equally coarse, interstitial quartz. The rock was mildly crushed prior to mild epizonal K-metasomatism.

Portions of the rock are replaced by orthoclase which has attacked the margins of plagioclase, then replaced it in toto, and enters into a sort of graphic integrowth with the remaining quartz. Plagioclase is flacked with sericite and ankerite. Mafites present have been obliterated except for traces of rutile which suggest their former shape. Pyrite occurs along sinuous fractures with no gangue; they are merely filmed with sericite. Sericite adjacent to the pyrite tends to be of coarser size.

Minerals are present in the following estimated amounts: quartz 32%, orthoclase 14%, plagioclase 45%, sericite 5%, pyrite 1% ankerite 2%, and traces of apatite and rutile.

## C70-2 522'

The specimen is a tonalite composed of large equant and subhedral plagioclase with coarse granular interstitial quartz and hornblende and biotite. Accessory apatite and magnetite were concentrated in the mafites. Mesozonal hydrothermal alteration has been moderate.

The plagioclase is slightly sericitized and only rarely replaced along the edges by orthoclase. The mafites are totally replaced by matted secondary biotite and sericite studded with the original apatite grains. Pyrite grains are disseminated, especially in the altered mafites and do not occur in veinlets which carry gangue, but do occur along healed fractures. The quartz in the rock shows no signs of recrystallization.

Minerals are present in the following estimated amounts: quartz 12%, orthoclase 1%, plagioclase 64%, sericita 4%, biotite 14%, sulfides 3%, rutile 0.5%, apatite 0.5%, and traces of zircon.

### C70-3 107'

The specimen is a quartz monzonite composed of ragged phenocrysts of plagioclase set in a chilled, microcrystalline matrix of quartz and orthoclase. All vestiges of the original mafites are destroyed. Alteration has been mild and epizonal.

Pyrite associated with the alteration is disseminated in the fabric rather than in the barren, granular quartz veins which cut the fabric. No wallrock alteration along the veins can be demonstrated. The orthoclase in the matrix looks fresh and, although it was undoubtefally stable during alteration, little has been added. There are a few small orthoclase crystalloblasts, however. Plagioclase is feebly sericitized.

Ninerals are present in the following estimated amounts: quartz 19%, orthoclase 44%, plagioclase 26%, sericite 9%, pyrite 1%, and traces of apatite, rutile, and zircon.

## C70-3 319'

The specimen is a quartz monzonite porphyry identical in texture and general appearance to that at 107°. In addition to the plagioclase phenocrysts, outlines of thin biotite crystals have been preserved despite the later Kemptaconstien.

been preserved despite the later K-metasomatism.

Pyrite and chalcopyrite tend to occur in veins which cut the fabric but they may also be disseminated. The veins consist of quartz, orthoclase, and minor ankerite which have replaced the rock along fractures. Othoclase in the matrix is fresh and shows patchy incipient crystalloblastic growth and replacement of plagioclase. Blotte has been replaces by wispy sericite with accessory leucoxene.

The plagioclase is but slightly sericitized.

Mineral percentages are estimated as: quartz 18%, orthoclase 48%, plagioclase 27%, sericite 2%, sulfides 3%; apatite 1%, ankerite 1%, and traces of rutile.

### C70-3 469'

The specimen is a quartz monzonite porphyry with a texture like those above. It too has suffered K-metasomatism but in this sample it is more pornounced.

Orthoclase has replaced the matrix to a slight degree and the newly crystallized orthoclase is somewhat enlarged and quite fresh. Along older fractures it has developed into larger crystals with the exclusion of quartz and plagioclase. These replaced fractures may merge into orthoclase or quartz-orthoclase. Pyrite and chalcopyrite tend to occur along slightly later fractures with no gangue. Biotite has been replaced by wispy sericite with accessory leucoxane. Where orthoclase has been coarsened, there may be interstitial allonhane.

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C70-3 578°

The specimen is a quartz monzonito porphyry like those above Phenocrysts of plagioclase are equant and scattered among thick biotite books and quartz in a microcrystalline quartz-orthoclase matrix. K-metasomatism, as in the sample immediately above, is more advanced than higher in the hole.

but slightly sericitized. Biotite has been replaced by sericite and smectite with accessory leucoxene. Ankerite is most abundant in mafites it is very fresh. Along old fractures and at the margins of plagioclase grains it may be recrystallized as coarse anhedra with all of the former interstitial quartz excluded. Some of these replaced as well. Sulfides also may occur where the vein gangue dies out and the vein becomes a string of aligned pyrite beads. Plagioclase is The matrix orthoclase shows some enlargement of grains, and fractures are really veinlets with introduced quartz and sulfides

quartz 20%, plagioclase 20%, orthoclase 50%, sericite 4%, sulfides 1%, ankerite 4%, apatite 0.5%, and traces of rutile. Minerals are present in the following estimated amounts:

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Dear Sir:

This letter consists of my preliminary impressions gained during the brief reconnaissance with you, Ron Karvinen and Dave Carson on January 20.

by present opinions about exploration possibilities are hedged alteration types which characterize porphyry copper deposits. area. I believe he will do a very good job because he seems Carson had just arrived and intends to map the subject Carson's work, and can later express more positive opinions. a bit because I think Carson will come up with definitive facts rather quickly. I would like to keep in touch with already experienced in dealing with those rock types and

"deposit", in contrast to the many deposits in the world which The subject prospect is a good porphyry copper/moly lowing geologic criteria which I consider important: consist only of disseminated pyrite without all of

- (1) The deposit, or the area of hydrothermal alteration with accompanying hydrothermal sulphides, is substantial in lateral dimensions.
- (2) The altered rocks appear mostly to be Laramide

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#### Introduction

The Hassayampa prospect, which is described below, came to mind at the time Clark and I reviewed the CAP files in June. Although I clearly recalled reviewing the prospect for Kaiser around 1972, it has taken until now to locate a report on the property and even at that, the material assembled does not include the financial analysis which was done by Tom Mye or the engineering report prepared by Jack Still. The following comments outline very briefly the salient features of the prospect based upon the briefly the salient features of the prospect based upon the material in the Hewlett package, a copy of which is enclosed. A more detailed study of the existing data may be justified if the property still proves to be attractive and is available on reasonable terms.

#### Discussion and Analysis

The Hassayampa prospect is located just south of State Highway 89 about 9.5 miles southwest of Prescott, Arizona. It was originally drilled by Phelps Dodge Corporation, and later by Norandex under the direction of Ron Karvenin. At the time of my examination, it was being promoted by Dick Hewlett as a possible candidate for heap leaching. Although I tended to discount systematic mapping and sampling done by Nick Nuttycombe under Jim Briscoe's direction and by the encouraging reports submitted by Briscoe's direction and by the encouraging reports submitted by that Bill Lacy had also visited the property but was less optimistic than either Lowell or Richard.

Hewlett drilled one hole and planned additional drilling based upon the recommendations of Lowell and Richard, but whether that was ever done is uncertain. Kaiser failed to pursue the project because of insufficient budget allocation in 1972.

The immediate problem, as I see it, is to determine as quickly as possible the ownership status and availability of the property and to review exploration work completed since the time of the Hewlett ownership. Of particular importance will be the mineralogy and metallurgy of the Hassayampa mineralization and its suitability for heap leaching, neither of which was dealt with in any detail during the early exploration.

Based upon my analysis of the data available, I strongly recommend action on the Hassayampa property.

The results of IP surveys should of course be compared with geologic features as they are mapped, but I doubt that the IP will contribute much of value. Copper geochem results (either soil or rock chips) have to be evaluated with care because copper is so mobile. Moly geochem surface samples, however, sometimes provide better indication of the distribution of copper values in the sulphide sone than the copper geochem samples do themselves.

Drilling on this prospect should be conducted actively. The present program of drilling shallow, wide-spaced drillinces is OK; but I would anticipate, based on my inspection of a few segments of core and the thin section reports, that a possible vertical zoning of copper/moly values will become evident scon. If so, deep drillholes might become desirable rather early in the project.

Yours wery truly,

Kenyon Richard

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- ground mass and pre-mineral age is seen within the zone of alteration. This type of rock is found within all porphyry copper/moly deposits, and therefore it is an important feature. Usually, though, hypogene ore is found in the rooks surrounding that kind of porphyry, not within it.
- (4) The leached outorops and float show evidence of the original existance of some copper sulphides along with disseminated pyrite. But nowhere did I see in my brief traverse any "capping" material suggesting a "hot spot" of original copper sulphides of certain, good ore grade. Most of the outorops and float seemed to me to be in that range where the amounts of original copper sulphides between, say, .10 and .70% Gu cannot be differentiated with much assurance.
- generally strong. Except in the case of the quartz porphyry, original textures have been mostly destroyed.

  (6) A couple of small breccia pipes were seen. There may be more of them. Sometimes, though not always, these pipes contain better-than-average copper/moly values. Breccia pipes are almost always present in a good porphyry copper/moly prospect; and their mere presence in this deposit enhances its value as a prospect, whether the pipes carry better-than-average values or not.

Even though all of these favorable geologic features are present, this prospect does not represent a clnch, as you know. Although one should not quote race track odds, I would suggest that the chance is something like 1 in it that a viable ore body can be found within this deposit at a reasonable financial risk. These are pretty good odds.

To date the location of drillholes has been a matter of quickest first access—that is, along existent roads or new ones easily constructed along canyon bottoms. This procedure was entirely appropriate because it was partly guided by IP and geochem data and because, to begin with, a few drillholes were needed almost anywhere within the deposit. From now on, however, drillholes should be positioned without regard to any difficulty or extra expense of building access roads.

The locations of new drillholes should be governed by the early results of Garson's reconnaissance and mapping. Roads should immediately be cut into any areas which Garson finds interesting-for whatever geological reason. The more road cuts (which expose bedrock) the better. In fact, at this stage road cuts within zones of apparent better alteration-mineralization, but which are largely soil covered, should be considered as prospecting trenches having, possibly, as much value as drillholes. Such road cuts will certainly facilitate the matter of placing early drillholes in the best locations.

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plagioclase phenocrysts (which may be clustered together) set in a fine grained matrix of quartz and interstitial orthoclase. Mafites The specimen is a quartz monzonite porphyry with scattered originally were scarce. The rock has experienced mild epizonal alteration.

and euhedral sphene crystals have been replaced by leucoxene and the sparingly present in the fractures and also replaces mafites. Coarse Pyrite and chalcopyrite occur along fractures with little or no gangue. The walls of the fractures are replaced by coarse, anhedral orthoclase which may be slightly perthitic. Siderite is plagioclase throughout the rock is mildly sericitized. Minerals are present in the following estimated amounts:

quartz 18%, orthoclase 30%, plagioclase 44%, sericite 4%, siderite 1%, leucoxene 1%, sulfides 1%, and traces of apatite.

## C70-1 358.5'

the fabric shows evidence of mild shearing. The plagioclase pheno-crysts are somewhat distorted and rounded in a xenomorphic-granular quertz/orthoclase matrix. The mafite probably was biotite. Epizonal The specimen is a quartz monzonite porphyry like above but hydrothermal alteration has been notably stronger than above.

The plagioclase is flecked with ankerite and coarse sericite. weinlets which carry ankerite and orthoclase. More orthoclase occurs in the vein walls, however, where it has replaced the matrix of the These minerals, along with accessory rutile, also replace mafites. Sulfides (chalcopyrite, molybdenite, and pyrite) occur in quartz

Mineral percentages are estimated as follows: quartz 13%, orthoclase 30%, plagioclase 40%, sericite 10%, leucoxene 0.5%, sulfides 0.5%, ankerite 6%, and traces of apatite and zircon.

## C70-1 626.5°

The specimen is a quartz monzonite with phenocrysts of quartz plagioclase, and biotite set in a chilled, microcrystalline matrix of quartz and orthoclase. The rock has been mildly brecciated by late magmatic movement as at 358.5'. Hydrothermal alteration has been mesozonal,

veins. Here it also may replace the margins of plagioclase phenocrysts. and ankerite Weins it has been strongly replaced by sericite with secondary biotite The fabric is cut by veins of quartz, orthoclase, and ankerit These have altered their walls more strongly than the bulk of the rock. The plagioclase in the rock is flecked with sericite. Near the Sulfides (molybdenite, chalcopyrite, and pyrite), although clearly related to the veining, seem to prefer to be disseminated in the and minor ankerite. Orthoclase throughout the matrix is clean and recrystallized but shows an increase in grain size only near the alteration envelopes.

quartz 15%, orthoclase 38%, plagioclase 43%, sericite 6%, biotite 4%, leucoxene 1%, sulfides 1%, ankerite 1%, and traces of apatite. Minerals are present in the following estimated amounts:

C70-1 828'

Other phenocrysts are biotite and plagioclase. Mydrothermal alteration sample are quartz phenocrysts which also tend to be embayed grained and chilled matrix of quartz and orthoclase. More abundant has been weak and epizonal. n this

The rock is cut by quartz veins which carry pods of subhedral siderite and some sulfides, particularly molybdenite. Replacement of the vein walls by orthoclase occurs rarely and does not appreciably penetrate the walls. A few veinlets carry only orthoclase but seem and biotite:wholly replaced by montmorillonite with accessory leucoxene. Rarely is siderite disseminated in the rock; when it is it to be devoid of sulfides. Within the rock the orthoclase shows no bign of recrystallization. Plagioclase is speckled with sericite tends to be in altered biotite.

quartz 21%, orthoclase 34%, plagioclase 36%, sericite and hydromicas 5%, leucoxene 0.5%, sulfides 0.5%, and siderite 2%, and traces of Minerals are present in the following estimated amounts: apatite.

## C70-1 1482

are randomly oriented and are biotite, plagioclase, and slightly embayed quartz. All may be broken but evidence of late magmatic movement is lacking. The groundmass is microcrystalline quartz and orthoclase. In a few cases plagioclase phenocrysts have been pertially replaced by orthoclase but this is a late magmatic effect. Hydro-The specimen is a quartz monzonite porphyry. Phneocrysts thermal alteration has been virtually ni

quite fresh. Plagioclase is almost free of sericite. Sphene is all near these grains the biotite may be partly or wholly replaced by replaced by rutile and ankerite except in rare cases where sphene remnants occur in these pseudomorphs. Nagnetite has been replaced montmorillonite, sericite, ankerite, and leucoxene. Elsewhere it Pyrite is sparingly disseminated throughout the rock, by hematite

Mineral percentages are estimated as follows: quartz 24%, plagioclase 38%, orthoclase 29%, sericite 2%, leucoxene 0.5%, sphene 0.5%, sulfides 0.5%, biotite 4%, and traces of apatite and magnetite.

## C70-2 218'

The specimen originally was a sheared quartz monzonite porphyry biotite in a microcrystalline quartz-orthoclase matrix. Hydrothermal with broken or granulated phenocrysts of plagioclase, quartz, and alteration has been mesozonal and intense.

has been replaced by rutile. The alteration is uniform and not stronger Plagioclase is almost totally replaced (as is orthoclase) by biotite has been replaced by mats of secondary biotite also. Sphene fine grained sericite ans secondary biotite embedded in clays. The along quartz-sulf[de veins which cut the fabric. Those carry both

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Dear Mr. Hewlett:

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On August 2 I visited your Hassayampa project near Prescott, Arizona, in company with Jim Briscoe and J. W. Still.

Since my last visit S.M.M. has corrected some of the geologic mapping and core logging which was done by Noranda and has also clarified the land status of the area. One hole has been completed by S.M.M. which, together with results of several Noranda holes, suggests the existence of a partly dissected chalcocite blanket which might constitute a mediumsized mineable ore deposit.

the chalcocite deposit has been systematically planned and will give a reasonably good picture of the deposit. If results are encouraging when these holes are completed you might consider a fence of relatively closespaced holes across the principal block of chalcocite ore to provide a cross section showing the profile of the leached zone, the continuity of copper values and the distribution of oxide copper, etc. I would also recommend that a 6" core hole be drilled through a representative cross section of the deposit to provide a sample of coatse ore for heap leaching testing.

I am less optimistic regarding the possibility of a deep, primary, ore-grade deposit after spot checking the core and reviewing the log of the 1500-foot deep Hole 70-1. This hole penetrates into a zone of relatively weak alteration and low total sulfide below 750 feet. This suggests that the strongly mineralized zone may have the overall configuration of an overturned bowl which has been cut by erosion to leave a crude ring of stronger hypogene copper mineralization and chalcocite enrichment. Unless geologic mapping suggests a structural reason such as flat faulting or tilling to explain Hole 70-1, I do not think the prospect justifies additional deep drilling. It would also be difficult or impossible to operate a deep block cave mine without acquiring additional property.

S.M.M.'s property situation is also a significant problem from the standpoint of a possible strip and heap leach operation on the chalcocite body, but I feel that this possibility is sufficiently encouraging to justify a good deal of work including metallurgical work and preliminary

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feasibility studies. Favorable factors are the apparent accessibility of the ore, the presence of chalcocite which is relatively easy to leach, and the presence of sufficient pyrite to possibly make the ore self-leaching.

Yours very truly,

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LCA rewrite this to the form presented. He copied all reports and maps, and sent they to Dave in Chil. This was a good move, as IDL will make his own evaluation unquising, since he has all the state W Nimovandum to L. C. Arnold Subject: Harrayampa Copper leach project.
INSERT A like investigation, I which we went through the old CAP files of Dove Lowell's, and added to to that some additional information from my files and the published data from a Mulletin of the Ariz. Dept. of Mineral Resources, 10 or more possible porphyry copper-leach projects one of these sure thrown to my me, and I fororoble fearability report by Four Nye (decared). Kny My copies could not be located, and are believed to be Stored at the Ruby Mine (and somewhat macconsable) I have recently come into possession of the a thirty have at huly harge very - binder holding the major reports. The report by Nye, I believe was written with little more than this data; also, Nye, as can mort geologists, prepare or funcial outcome, although we often tender over-extend the limits of our technical sapabelety. In this instance, Tom went note a very detailed analysis of the operation and cost of a heap-leach-electrowing operation, He used Dick healith ove reserve, which is suspect, (Hew lett proncered some of the early competer olesigned put designs and or reserve cakulationic, but he bookly mixused assay cheto and drill hole information, and as president of Scerra Mineral Management, became

argustion and promotion of the properties became almost legendary in his own time, which exceeded the late 1960's and most of the 1970's. Tockground as mind seven though some of the clata may be faulted with this setting; I believe the reports at hand the Darpoile porphyry Copper leach project which invites cortical approved. The basic data are drill holes and to some extent but are portrayed in a graphic fashion. Interpret Nick Natly comb, a competent but -- at that time -- inexperiences geologist provides a subo has detailed geologie report. I.D. Loutel recognized the back potential, beselon a one day visit, and recommended more civilley. Kenyon Kechavel Who examed the property and make note that it was a legitimate prophyry copper deposit with a more intense central coxe, and generally Strong alteration. He also felt the the bushed capping was not sufficiently deagnostice to defferent between the goldon garde and, say, 0.77. Cu. He too recomended abrilling. Jack Atill visited the property and thought (his report

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Simmary) that as leach stration room possible,

Bill hard also visited the property, and was less enthusiast. t, easily accesible, containing 7,7 mill. Tons. grading . 5 hr, with all banches in this exitegory Treeching for 0.49. Cu. Benches were designed at 25 ft; the put would be 125 ft deep. Within this pet would be an adoleleonal 4.58 mill Tom of I 0.24% an. Horse

Jumpall the Squer-grade Bre (0.24%) would extend the pit to a depth of 37.5 ft. His summary of reason show a depoint of 9 mill tons grading 0. 476 % ac, or a larger toning a tot 0.30% he out off, or a larger tonings of 17.5 mill tons grading 0.372% be lee, bosed on a 0.20% an ent-off

The depoint was first shribbed by Philps Hoolge, many in the more pyritic, low-grade at avens. Novandey, under Ron Karvenin, was next in line and breated the areas of then obtained the proper, all better coffee grades. Sierra (Hewlitt) had drilled one "hammer hole" and planned additional drilling, based or recommendations of Lowell and Ruhard. How much movedvilling, if any, is a piece of information that is unknown, but I believe the project ferminated and was put up for sale bosel of Tom Nye's economic. out come. It has been about 18 years since I became aware of the projet, while I was employed by Kayer-Exploration. We did not pursue the project, largely for lick of funds for abolling in 1972. may have been further enfolored. The claims are largely patented and their present unpromon to me.

I would recommend the states of property

be determined, and if available on oversonable

terms, that it that past abrilling cartefully

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homore rigo and proper sample collection technique.

There is one was that no body has investigated, and that I is the cricial element of the percentage of aciel-soluble enjoyer. Only one hole had ortiales, and the semainaler of the copper is claserabed in Mr. Nuttycomb's report only by visual inspection. The principal leach mineral would be Chaloverte, which he describes as a then films on pipoto. Entil it is determined hono minch of the copper occurs as chacopyrate, this reducing the available leach - cofper, the whole leach plan remains in cloubt. As a first step, the old assay pulps, or core, or cattlings, should be asrayed for non-sulfiels copper. If this is favorable, and a heap leach pit seems to be in the carols, then the next step is to start moving doubles ar armunel on 100, 50, and perhaps even 25 ft. centers until the property can be adequately evaluated. and too few holes have been abolised this is a prime deposet for development drilling, as opposed to mere exploration. Bused on my analysis of the classa wailable, I strongly recomme action to the subject property.

John & Thomasan Typ 11 1989 Introduction

The subject project is located about 91/2 miles southwest of Prescott, an central arryona. At that time, the drilling which had been close had located an avea fletter grade chalcocite, described as though it had a crudly ring-shaped outline with, perhaps, a lower-grade center.

It was being promoted as a possible small heap leach ove body, which required adultional

dolling. Both Kenyon Pichard and David Verefly extended the deposit and strong for Lowel Amust specific recommendations for additional divilling, and both men felt fairly approve up.

Theorem with their assessment and recommend action to acquire the property. Doscussion and analysis

The following comments movely the spetch the salant features, bused on a rather brief interpretation of the various reports in the Hewitt peopage. I more detailed study of this existing data would seen in order, if on investigation the property is found to be available on suitable terms.

