thin Section work. Calico

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Ilm. Robert L. Redmind loso Fina Ridge Drive Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Redmond:

Again my applogy for the delay: some personal problems arose at the last moment making it impossible to finish on the date I had earlier indicated.

Included is a report on the core complete. They certainly seem to represent into netaloguetism attendant to the emplacement of "granitic" rocks and concemitant introduction of calcium and lesser amounts of other elements into the "granitic" rocks from calcareous or carbonate rocks. Not knowing the geology of the location of the cores makes it impossible to be completly firm about such as whether some of the rocks were initially calcareous sediments or limestones, sto. I hope that the report will be of use to you. If you have any unanswered questions feel free to ask them.

Costs are as follows:

Thin sections and polished sections Petrologic, wineralogic, and X-ray analyses time 35 hours 0 6.00/hr

Total cost 270.00

Yours truly,

Douglas M. Morton

### REPORT OF PETROGRAPHIC EXAMINATION

At the request of Mr. Robert Holt 10 drill core samples. entine to lowert Redmond, were emained reprogratically and mineralits in a total of 1) thin sections and 7 poliched sections and the definitional data were obtained by the use of x-ray diffor a sair-roy Timoregemoe.

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based on thin section examination the samples appear to fall into is annually three groups based on inferred original nature of the rocks.

- 1. Slightly metasomatisied quartzites (1, 2)
- 2. Altered libritic rocks (3, 5, 29)
- 3. Herasomatized calcareous quartzites or inqure carbonate (limestone) (6, 9, 12, 13, 22)

## Heta-cuartzites

Chlorite

Samples 1 and 2 appear to be metamorphosed impure quartzites.

The major constituent in anhedral strained Quartz masses.

Sodic Plagioclase small amount (<1%) albite twins Potash feldspar small amount of untwinned small crystals

small amount, generally interstitial, could Carbonate be either indigenous or introduced.

sample #2 contains small amount of pleochroic green (iron-bearing) chlorite. It occurs interstitial to the quartz and also in fractures in the quartz. Some is altering to a bowlingite-iddingsite-like mineral(s).

Spene and Zircon

are accessories.

Altered dioritic (?) rocks

Samples 3, 5, and 7, look to be contaminated intrusive igneous rocks of probably dioritic composition. Three shows more igneous features then 5 or 7.29.

Common to abundant, generally altered and Plagioclase partially replaced. Looks to have been originally an intermediate composition, zoned plagioclase. In part replaced by magnetite. Commonly altered to carbonate

and white mica.

Biotite

Partially altered to green chlorite. Commonly contains reticulated intergrowths of fine needles of opaque mineral.

Potash feldspar

Very small amount of untwinned rotash

feldspar.

Quertz

Small amount of fine grained quartz.

Amphibole

colorless to green hornblende; in part replacing pyronene. In part probably indigenous to igneous rocks and part

probably due to contamination.

Byrotene

Probably the result of introduction of calcium to form dionsidic pyrozene. In

part it is being replaced by opaques. Commonly altering or being replaced by hornblende.

Chlorite

Alteration of biotite, however some maybe due to contamination and not alteration of biotite. Not present in #29. Some idding-

site-bowlingite mineral common in #5.

Enidote

Clinozoisite filling fractures and as

alternation of plagioclase. Pistacite occurs

as scattered grains.

Carbonate

Introduced(?) as scattered interstitial

grains and few thin veinlets. Some occurs as

alteration of plagioclase.

Pyrite

Scattered grains in #29.

Accessories

Apatite, zircon, and sphene. In #5 there is a fine grained mineral which resembles scapolite but positive indentification was

not possible.

Metasomatic calcareous quartzites or sandy carbonates (Sample #6, 9, 12, 18, 22)

Frimary minerals

Carbonate

Ranges from major constituent (#12) to minor (#6). It appears to have been original (indigenous) in the rocks where most abundant.

Quartz:

Apparently original (primary) mineral in some rocks; others (#18) forms skeletal intergrowths with garnet and maybe replacing quartz. Generally occurs as small ahedral strained grains.

Secondary (Metasomatic or metamorphic)

Emidote

(Clinozoisite to pistacite, biaxial - to + ) mostly pistacite (Iron rich) occurs in large quanities in these specimens.

Garnet

Grossularite-type occurs in #12, 9, and 18. Commonly as large zoned and/or skeletal crystals with intergrowths of opaques and quartz. (along 112 faces of garnet).

Hornblende

Fyroxene

Chlorite
Scapolite(?) --

Green to bluish green hormblende is widespread and in part replaces syromene.

Clinopyroxene near diopside occurs in all but #6. It is colorless commonly subhedral and is in part being replaced by hornblende.

Green chlorite is widescread.

Very fine grained aggregates of colorless minerals is probably scapolite. It has one perfect chevage, paralled extinction, low birefringence and is uniaxial negative. All these properties fit scapalite, but due to the small size of the crystals, and intimate admixture with other minerals, it could not be definitely identified. It was seen in #18, 9, 22, and 6.

Schene and Zircon

are common accessories.

## OPAQUE MINERAL EXAMINATION

Seven polished sections were made from 2 samples (#18 and #22) where conspicuous amounts of opaque minerals were present. Four of these sections were studied in detail.

In all samples magnetite is the predominant mineral; it is estimated to represent between 75% and 85% of the opaque fraction. It is present in different grain sizes occupying large masses surrounding other opaques and ranging downward to small fractions of a mm grains scattered throughout the transparent minerals.

Pyrrhotite is the next most abundant mineral. It can be identified under the ore microscope by its color and anisotropic characteristics. It is present in three forms: (1) as large well formed grains usually surrounded by magnetite, often with pyrite crystals adjacent to or surrounded by the pyrrhotite. (2) as elongate, thin, film-like grains usually separated from pyrite, although occasionally adjacent to pyrite. In this case the pyrrhotite is less closely associated with the transparent minerals than is pyrite. (3) In the third form pyrrhotite has formed in crystal-ographic parting in garnets. Here it is associated with quartz and other transparent minerals. Minor chalcopyrite(?) occurs as very fine grains with this type frequently.

Pyrite is less abundant than pyrrhotite in all samples but #22 where both are present in approximately equal abundance. Pyrite does not seem closely associated with chalcopyrite.

Chalcopyrite(?) tenatively identified by color and hardness but present only in very small irregular shaped grains. Sample #18, with garnets, has more chalcopyrite than #22.

One other opaque mineral was observed in very minute amounts. It is nearly white under the ore microscope, harder than pyrrhotite, slightly emisotropic. It is closely related to the magnetite in habit and appears not likely hematite.

The presence of abundant asgnetite and pyrrhotite was confirmed in all and #22 by n-ruy diffraction techniques where characteristic lines used identified.

H-ray spectrographic methods indicate that iron dominates in the chaque minerals. At low power settings (20 KV, 10 mA) the rate meter was at full scale 50,000 CFS for the Kø, line. The Kø, line approximated 50,000 CFS. At a sensitive scaling line profiles were checked for the resence of Hi, Zn, and Ou. In all samples Hi and Zn were undetected with a detection limit less than 0.002%. Very minor amounts of copper, estimated at 0.02% or less, were found in all 7 samples. Each of 3 samples from #18 yield approximately 2 times the counting rate of the samples from #22. The x-ray measure confirms the ore microscope estimate of the relative abundance of copper mineral in #18 and #22 and gives further evidence for the presence of chalcopyrite.

No paragentic relationship could be determined from the ore samples studied, but there are suggestions that the pyrrhotite-ryrite-chalcopyrite are contemporaneous.

## INTERFRETATION

The most straightfoward explanation of the mineralogy and textures, based soley on the 10 specimens, would be:

A sequence or section of sediments in part calcareous and in part quartzites.

Emplacement of diorite bodies. Reaction of the sediments, especially the more calcarious ones (impure limestone(?), and the igneous rocks. Introduction of Fe, Al, Si, and minor Cu into the sediments, especially the calcareous ones, from the intrusion.

This forms the garnet, magnetite-pyrrhotite, scapolite(?), pyroxene, pidote, anphibole, chlorite, chalcopyrite, etc. Contamination of the ntrusives by Ca from the calcarious sediments resulting in the alteration f plaglicelase and biotite and the formation of pyroxene, hornblende, bidote, carbonate, and scapolite(?). Age relationships such as the replacement of pyroxene by magnetite should not be interpretited as an event removed

in time from the formation of the pyroxene. This type of (skarn) formation has been known in a single episode, to result in several sequences of mineral replacements. Apparently the sequence was governed by the relative rate of movement of the different elements during metasomatism. Generally the most calcareous sediments are the most thoroughly metasomatized.

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"Black lamp" was not available in this study. If core has not been lamped it should be.

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## 1 12 1 WILLIAM INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Volgamore

DATE May 8, 1970

J. Anderson

FROM:

N. Horlocker Lewvince ordulates Main intrusive body (Otz Diorile Porphyry Copper Potential - Calico Arca, Walker Res., Nevada Lenh of Calico.

SUBJECT:

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Pursuant to your request I am summarizing my conclusions on the porphyry

copper potential of the Calico area.

The texture and intimate association of magnetite and sulfide minerals with the Calc Silicates indicate these minerals were developed pend-contemp-The occasional cross cutting relationship of the chalcopyrite and its tendency to be segregated from the massive magnetite-pyrite-pyrrhotite zones indicate chalcopyrite was the last sulfide to be deposited. paragenesis is consistant with the paragenesis observed in other iron-copper skarn type deposits and does not require a latter introduction of copper from an extraneous (eg. porphyry copper) source. The local zones of quartz monzonite (?) lack sharp contacts and/or chilled borders with the adjacent quartz diorite, indicative of the later intrusion by a quartz monzonite magma. This suggests the quartz monzonite (?) was either differentiated from the quartz diorite in situ or is a hybrid rock. An entirely passive intrusion by quartz monzonite, however, can not be totally discounted.

It has been observed in the Yerington district that the porphyry-type copper mineralization was precipitated from a hydrothermal system superimposed upon the older contact metasomatic, assemblage (including skarn) producing diaphthoritic alteration of the older alteration minerals and chloritization sericitization, and (silicification) of the intrusive rocks. These charact eristics have not been observed in the Calico area. The lack of significant alteration (and generally weaker mineralization) in the quartz diorite and quartz monzonite(?) indicates these units were in equilibrium with the mineral izing solutions which precipitated the iron and copper.

The lack of significant mineralization in drill holes WC-1, WC-3 and CA-7 and the sharp cut off in the I.P. response indicate a major sulfide system is not to be expected north, east or south of the area drilled. The skarn zone has apparently been downdropped to the west by the border fault. Hole CA-8, drilled in the hanging wall of this fault, did not penetrate pre-mineral rocks.

however, the decreased intensity of mineralization in hole CA-2 suggests (possibly slort mineralization decreases to the west. mineralization decreases to the west.

The only area in which a porphyry copper deposit could occur in the Calico Hills appears to be withing the hanging wall of the border fault west of drill >holes (CA-2)and (CA-3). The results of drill hole CA-8 indicate depth to premineral rock in this area may be excessive, although an isopachous map of post-mineral cover suggests the cover thins to the north. Drilling in the hanging wall of the border fault may outline additional tonnages of ironcopper, skarn type mineralization.

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Cu deposit

It is concluded there are no data indicating a porphyry copper deposit is present in the Calico Hills. The mineralization interpreted in the Calico drill , lusu. holes is enterpreted to be of the "contact metasomatic" iron-copper type similar he happen to several other such occurances in western Nevada, none of which appear to be ind - related to a porphyry copper system. It is recommended that no additional drilling be done in the Calico Hills to test for a porphyry copper system.

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(Derichty reverse of "Doc" adams thinking)

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DXY INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

James A. Anderson

DATE: May 18, 1970

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FROM:

John H. Volgamore

COLUMN TO STREET

SUBJECT:

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION S. Data on Lyon Deposit, near Yerington, Nevada

The following data was obtained from Sam Sargis, by R. L. Redmond and furnished to me in strict confidence. Mr. Sargis is reluctant to talk with me but opens up to Mr. Redmond with a lightle bit of information at a time. Whether or not this information is applicable in evaluating the Calico potential remains to be seen.

- 1. The hanging wall indicated higher copper values. The foot wall shows lower grade copper but it is present.
- 2. Width of the skarn zone is 2000' to 4000' west
- 3. The ore bodies (in a strict sense) are not clustered around an intrusive center (at least with the information now available) but are segements of a single ore body that has been offset by a northeast striking, southeast dipping 150 fault.
- 4. The sulphides are all beneath the Magnetic enclosure, (the intensity was not stated)
- 5. The drilling has encountered fresh diorite on the flanks of the ore bodies that show no alteration of any type.
- 6. Holes drilled into the diorite, nearly on the contact, showed copper mineralization, but not far from the sedimentary contact.
- 7. Drill offsets around any potential ore strike are on 500' centers (maximum), and the depths range from 1200' to 4000'. The fill in drilling is now on 250' centers.
- 8. No sulphides were found that are not beneath the magnetic closure and at least near the flank of the magnetite. (see note #4)
- 9. The host rock is Luning? limestone, metamorphosed and cut by FRESH diorite dikes, sills, etc.
- 10. Vertical size of the area is unknown but the lateral extent is several thousand feet, in roughly a tabular shape.
- 11. JHV comments No explanation of the northeast ore body is available at the present time. U.S. Steel has apparently not drilled the blank space between the southwest and northeast ore bodies to determine if a quartz monzonite intrusive exists. Perhaps the NE ore body is the other flank of a skarn zone, trending northwest through the Lyon area.

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See Lawrence 1969, p. 97

## Geophysics

- 1, 1963 Aeromag survey 500 ft AGL, 1/3 mile FL spacing
  - 2. 1965 Ground mag survey (Talander vertical field) ( wo
  - 3, 1963-65 I. P. survey by McAnar
  - 4. 1966 I.P. Survey: traverses perpendicular to original zero Inc. @ 2000 ft intervals
  - 5. See Lawrence, 1969, p. 61
  - 6. Down-Hole IP surveys made of Holes CA-1,3,
  - 7. Bouquer gravity map fig 24 see also p. 02-" Additional gravity data in the drilling area might extend the anomaly of give a larger estimate of actual mass of the immeral deposit."
    - 8, 1966 Seismin feasibility survey conducted by J.W. Cooksley p. 92-95
    - 9. Heat flow surveys 1968 by Rob't F. Roy p. 96

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1. Good dh info. p.7 AIME 67-I-311 Put under dlg

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5. Haxby, 1967: A. p. 3. Deposit dimensions, Interred Iron reserves

B. p. 9-10 Exploration History

C. p. 16-27 Calico Geology

D. P 28-35 Geol. correlation analyses of Calico dh data

E. p ZZ-Z7 Mmeralogy & Paragenesis, Metal Distribution, Metamorphic & Mmeralization Zoning

F. p 47-54 Calico From Reserve Estimate

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6. Lawrence, 1969

A. p. 5 production from surrounding mining districts B. p. 13 Jummury of Calico Area geol.

C. p. 15-31 Petrology

D. p-32-34 Structure

E. p-35 Location map showing WL & assoc. faults (good for Report overview),

F. p. 43-53 Econ geol.

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On December 18, 1965, in a conference between S. G. Sargis and W. L. Wilson in Reno, Nevada, the possibility of a joint-venture on the Lyon Property of Columbia Iron Mining Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of U. S. Steel Co., between U. S. Steel and Sear Creek Maning Co. was discussed, and the following pertinent facts were brought out:

- U. S. Steel has already been approached by ASARCO,
   U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co., Utah Construction & Mining and one other unknown mining company relative to this subject.
- 2. A "Go" decision has not been made by U. S. Steel on this property. It is being considered vs the "Rex" property in Southern Utah, which is a higher grade iron deposit, but with no copper values present. In the matter of overall economics, the Lyon deposit is probably slightly ahead, but all metallurgy and cost factors for the Lyon have not yet been determined. A decision will likely be forthcoming in about two years to put one of these properties into production.
- 3. The Atlantic City mine of U. S. Steel in Wyoming is supplying the primary feed for the Provo works of U. S. Steel, but this is in the form of a high silica content pellet, and it cannot be made into a larger pellet, which would be more desirable, because of metallurgical considerations. The Lyon deposit appears capable of supplying a larger pellet, with much lower silica content, because of the carbonate content of the host rock.
- 4. Their Cedar City mines, in Southwestern Utah, are nearly exhausted, which will leave a deficiency in the ore supply at the Provo works.
- 5. U. S. Steel has done some drilling beyond the limits of the magnetic highs on the Lyon property, primarily spotted on IP anomalies, and have encountered some copper in this drilling.

In general, this copper is of higher grade than in the magnetite zone, but little of this type of drilling was permitted by the company.

- 6. There are IP anomalies around the periphery of the iron that could be large copper targets in skarn or possibly even porphyry copper targets.
- U. S. Steel management may be amenable to a joint venture wherein Bear Greek would do further exploration at Bear Creek's expense, primarily seeking copper. If a satisfactory ore body were developed, then Bear Creek would be the operator and profits would be shared on an equitable basis. If ores containing both iron and copper were mined, they would be milled and the iron concentrate made available to U. S. Steel, at a price to be agreed on (this would have to be less than U. S. Steel's cost of mining and concentrating the iron irrespective of the copper content). Three situations are possibilities: A .-- mine known iron-copper orebodies, with Bear Creek taking copper concentrates and USS taking iron concentrates., B. -- discovering new iron-copper ore bodies and mining as above in A. C .-- discovering new or further developing already discovered copper deposits, particularly in light of the reported IP anomalies and favorable results obtained drilling some of these, with a split of profits.

An arrangement such as outlined above would seem to be advantageous to both Bear Creek and USS, as it could materially aid their decision to put this property into production instead of the Rex.

Bear Creek probably would be better able to use the copper concentrate than other copper companies because of their smelter situation at McGill.

Note: It was not discussed in this meeting, but it is felt that USS owns this property outright, with no royalties owed to anyone.

Mr. Bill Wilson

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September 1, 1966

Mr. Robert Redmond Manager Walker-Martel Mining Company 1080 Pine Ridge Drive Reno, Nevada

Re: Mineralization - Calico Deposit

Dear Bob:

Some thought should be given to the age of the mineralization of the Calico deposit and its structural setting.

From what little we know of its characteristics they are similar to those of the Lyon deposit and possibly the mineralization is of the same age. Both deposits are completely different from the Yerington deposit and may or may not be of the same age. At Yerington the ore is intimately associated with a cretaceous age quartz monzonite porphyry and only rarely is found to transcend the porphyry into the intruded rocks.

The ore at the Lyon deposit is in skarn and hornfels and the entire ore bearing horizon has been highly altered and flooded with silica. As far as we know the ore bearing horizon is in a metamorphosed zone which has also been flooded with silica. The Lyon ore is closely associated with a monzonite porphyry similar to the ore bearing porphyry at Yerington. There is a porphyry that outcrops northwest of the Calico but as far as I know it has never been encountered in the main Calico drilling.

The ore bearing units at the Calico are thought to be slightly metasomatized quartzites, altered dicritic rocks and metasomatized calcareous quartzites or impure carbonates. It is entirely possible that this is a highly altered and metasomatized section of the Excelsior formation. I realize that little is known of the Excelsior formation and that considerable controversy exists about it being present in this area. However, the units encountered in the Calico drilling appear to be metamorphosed equivalents of Excelsior (?) units which I have mapped in both the Gillis and Wassuk ranges.

Within several of these areas the Excelsior is mineralized. Nowhere have I encountered as much metasomatism or silica flooding within the Excelsior as is present at the Calico. In one area, the Granite-Mountain View district, this phenomenon is present to some extent and I have sent a suite of samples to D. Morton for thing sectioning and study. In all probability the three deposits, the Lyon, Yerington and Calico, are of nearly the same age. It is doubtful that the "plumbing" of the three is in any way connected. Genetically they are probably related to the same group of intrusives which apparently are not directly correlative with the Sierra activity as has been suggested for the intrusives in the Wassuk and Gillis ranges. I say this because, generally speaking, very few significant ore bodies have been found with these Sierra intrusives. If the intrusives related to these ore bodies are significantly different from the Sierra intrusives, an ability to recognize them could be a significant prospecting tool.

The Wassuk intrusive is quite variable and is probably a composite of multiple intrusions contaminated by having assimilated large blocks of Excelsior (?) formation. If the characteristics of the ore bearing intrusive were known it might be possible to sort it out from the main Wassuk massif and help focus our exploration activities. Because of this I strongly recommend more than section work on the Calico core; some on the Hottentot area, and because of the nature of the mineralization, some from your W. C. holes. In addition, emphasis should be placed on determining at least the relative age of the mineralization at the Calico, Hottentot and W.C. areas. In fact, I, personally would consider having an age determination done on the Calico rocks with the knowledge that the data obtained would be more helpful in exploration for another deposit rather than in exploring the Calico.

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CC: Mr. Bill Wilson 2685 Thomas Jefferson Drive Reno Nevada Sincerely,

Robert E. Holt

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#### JOHN S. SUMNER

728 N. Sawtelle Tucson, Arizona 85716 January 14, 1967

Mr. R. L. Haxby 5550 N. Maria Drive Tucson, Arizona 85704

Dear Ron:

The laboratory results of the susceptibility measuring program are enclosed. I have checked over the data and calculations, and they are in order.

You probably recall that the magnetic susceptibility of pure magnetite is roughly 0.3 emu/cc which would show as 300,000 on the enclosed table because of the factor 10°. Thus if the relationship of susceptibility to magnetite content of a rock were completely linear, sample CAl 1641° with a susceptibility of 130,000 x 10<sup>-6</sup> emu/cc would mean that this specimen has about 44% magnetite by volume. By analyses of this sort, specimens can be speedily and economically rough-assayed, once the procedure is set up. Accuracy of this assay technique can be judged by comparison of susceptibility with the estimated magnetite content given in Table 1 of my report of November 25, 1966.

Susceptibility-to-magnetite relationships are of course not quite linear; this seems to depend mainly on geologic factors such as grain size and foliation. However within a particular rock type an empirical correlation within acceptable limits usually can be reached.

Comparison of actual susceptibilities as shown on the enclosed table, with the assumed value used in the interpretation of my November 25, 1966 report, is generally within 10 percent. Thus geophysical interpretation of size and grade of the Calico magnetite body is supported by these laboratory measurements. Magnetic remanence and sampling interval remain as the major uncertainties.

If you have any further questions or comments on this work, please call me.

Best regards

Encl: cc: R. Mayberry

# MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY VALUES FROM THE CALICO AREA, MINERAL COUNTY, NEVADA

Sample	Susceptibility x 10 <sup>6</sup> in emu/cc	
CA1 1641'	130,000	
CA1 26281	161,500	
CAl 3200' (a and b) .	29,800	
CA2 1140	45	
CA2 2661	48	
CA3 1941'	746	
CA3 28751	850	
CA3 30551	4,320	
CA3 3085'	1,620	
CA3 3414'	29,400	
CA3 ?	120,700	
CA4 1423'	120	
CA4 2114'	73,000	
CA5 13301	34,400	
CA5 2150'	127,000	
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A (by CA2)	1,030 795	
B (by CA1) C (on CA1)	210	
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D (N of CA?)	168	
E (Ridge)	100	

Geomagnetics Laboratory University of Arizona January, 1967

#### IOHN S. SUMNER

728 N. Sawtelle Tucson, Arizona 85716 November 3, 1966

Mr. R. L. Haxby \* Walker Martel Mining Co. 100 Washington Street Reno. Nevada

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Dear Ron:

My report "Analysis of Geophysics on the Walker River Reservation, Mineral County, Nevada" is enclosed. It summarizes my thoughts and opinions after reviewing the available geophysical exploration data.

Our laboratory processing of the core and rock samples from the Walker Reservation is not yet completed. I will forward this information to you about the middle of November, and it will be an appendix to this report.

The Calico magnetite deposit appears to be fairly continuous, judging from the magnetic data, all the way from CA-3 to CA-4, with a minor offset or dike about 1000 feet northwest of CA-1 and CA-5. The variability along strike should be about the same as that encountered down-dip in CA-1 and CA-5. The average width of the deposit seems to average about 400 feet as calculated from the magnetic anomaly, although this may be conservative.

Future drilling on the Calico iron deposit would be more to develop tonnage and grade, rather than for discovery. Perhaps the southeast end should be investigated first, to see if the copper trend has any sort of pattern. Direct geophysical prospecting for the copper found by hole CA-3 does not seem feasible at this time. This better grade material is, of course, over one-half mile below the surface, and the zone does not have any particularly distinctive properties which are definitely amenable to geophysics. The laboratory physical property studies of these specimens will be well worth noting.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, please let me know.

Best regards.

John S. Summer

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Mr. Robert E. Holt Bear Creek Mining Company 3075 Mill Street Reno, Nevada 89502

Dear Bob:

Re: Walker River Area, Nevada

Enclosed are two copies of the I.P. data for the Hottentot and Calico areas. A brief memo will be written covering the test lines.

Sincerely,

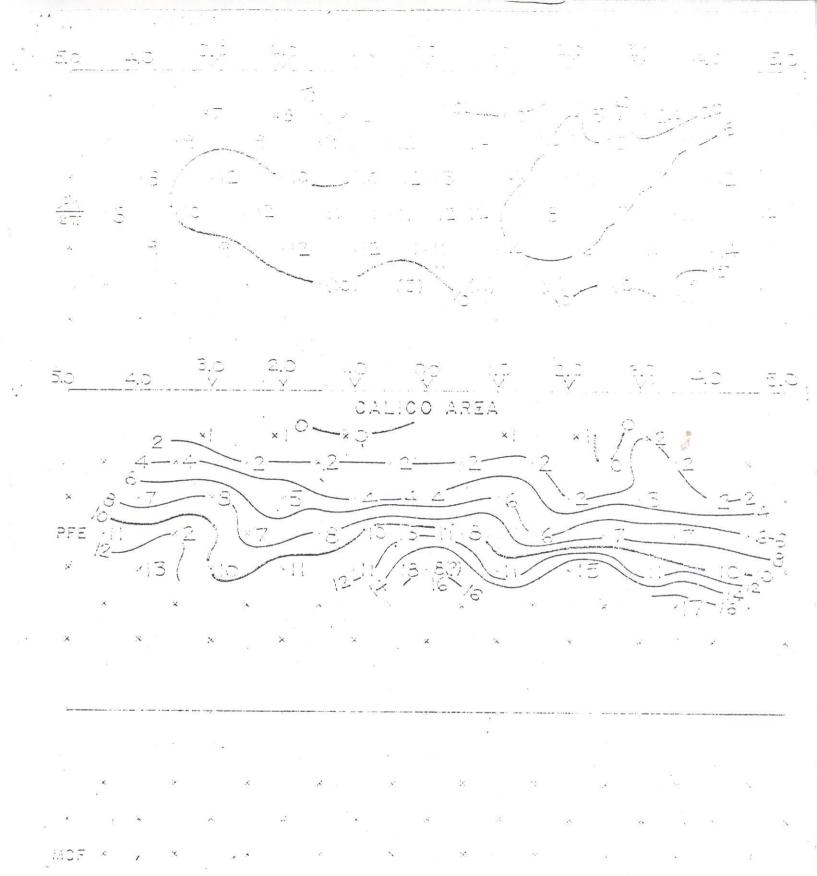
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Enclosures: Line 1, Calico Area - 1000-foot dipoles

Line 400S, Hottentot Area - 500-foot dipoles Line 400S, Hottentot Area - 200-foot dipoles

cc: R. E. MacDougall C. G. Schwenk



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Memorandum to R. L. Redmond

From: W. L. Wilson

Subject: Down the hole IP Measurements by Bear Creek Mining Co. On Calico.

Date: July 29, 1966

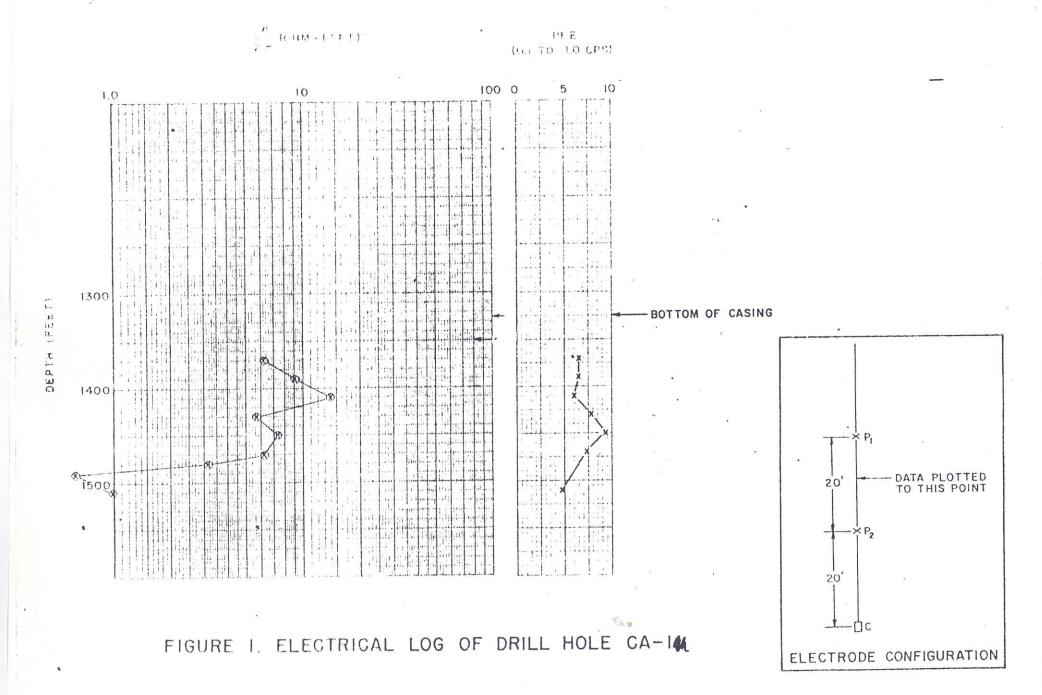
On July 5, 1966, Ton Nettlebeek, Districk Geologist for Bear Creek Mining Co. delivered to W. L. Wilson the down-the-hole IP and Resistivity logs which they had run on the Drill Holes CA 1 and CA 3, copies of which are attached.

CA 1 This hole was surveyed from 1370 to 1510'. The bottom of the casing was at about 1320'. He reported that CA 1 was dry and that they had to use sponges around the electrodes to make contact with the walls of the hole. Their geophysicist felt that the data was good to 1510', and below that the sponges hung up on the walls and/or did not make adequate contact to take the measurements. The hole was probed to 1900' and was open. They felt that they could make measurements in the future below 1510' if the hole were re-filled with fluid. The outstanding electrical feature of this hole insofar as they were able to make the measurements, is a strong resistivity contrast in the zone 1470-1490. Below this, the resistivity is extremely low, on the order of 1 ohm-foot. Above this zone it was on the order of 8 to 10 ohm-feet. PFE's were from 5 to 9 throughout the zone of measurement.

<u>CA 3</u> This hole was surveyed from 2300 to about 2600'. The bottom of the casing is about 2200'. All resistivities were on the order of 1 ohm-foot or lower. The lowest was 0.3 ohm feet. PFEs were moderate, considering the tenor of mineralization, ranging from about 2.5 to 11%. All measurements in this hole were taken in the ore zone.

The geophysicist who performed the field work (Jerry Van Voorhis) stated that the PFEs would be about 30% higher if they had used the set of frequencies used by McPhar in their surface IP work in this area (0.05 and 1.25 c/s in contrast with the set of 0.1 and 1.0 c/s used by Bear Creek).

W. L. Wilson



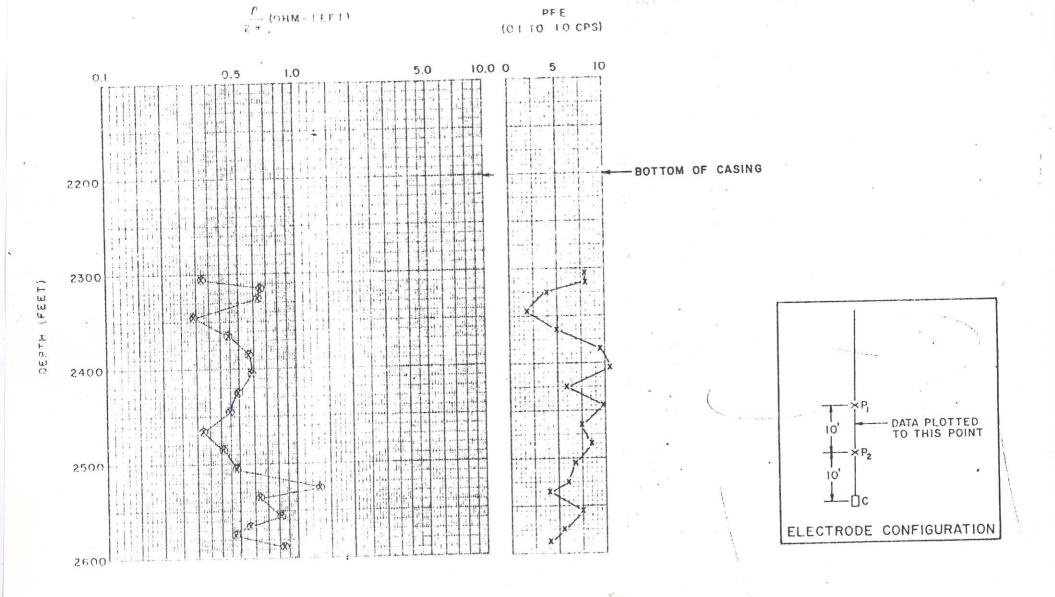


FIGURE 2. ELECTRICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE CA-3

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#### COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

GOLDEN, COLORADO 80402

March 17, 1966

CSMRF Project No. 260211

Mr. Robert L. Redmond Walker-Martel Mining Company 1080 Pine Ridge Drive Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Redmond:

The purpose of this letter is to give you a progress report summarizing the information we have obtained to date on your iron-copper ore from Nevada. We have completed petrographic work for mineral identification, head analyses, Davis tube tests for mesh of grind-grade of concentrate relationships, and a few exploratory flotation tests. The latter are concerned with sulfur reduction in the magnetic concentrate and recovery of copper.

The sample for the initial test work was prepared as an approximate composite. Each 10-foot increment sample was split in half using one split for the composite. We did not use equal weights of each interval sample because this would result in a composite too small for the planned test program. The weight of some increments was very small. We can prepare a weighted composite for a final process check later in the work if this seems advisable.

The petrographic work confirmed the presence of magnetite, chalcopyrite, pyrite, and pyrrhotite. Typical gangue minerals such as augite, calcite, feldspar, etc., are present. Ninety-eight per cent of the magnetite is liberated at 150 mesh; however, some gangue minerals remain locked in the magnetite at this size. Chalcopyrite grains occur in sizes approximately minus 150 mesh.

Chemical analysis of a head sample gave the following:

Fe	46.8	%
Cu	0.059	%
S	3.08	%
P	0.03	%

These results indicate a very encouraging iron content but much lower copper content than some area of this type in Nevada. It is likely that additional drilling will demonstrate a higher copper content; accordingly, our test program will include studies for copper recovery although for this particular sample the copper economics are questionable.

The first group of tests were designed to determine the mesh of grind-grade of iron concentrate relationship obtainable by magnetic separation. This consisted of a series of three Davis tube tests in which the mesh of grind was varied from a nominal 35 mesh to a nominal 200 mesh. Laboratory notes on the three Davis tube tests are attached. The results may be summarized as follows:

	Weight	Magnetic Concentrate	Magne Cher	Per Cent		
Davis Tube Test No.	% Passing 325 Mesh	Weight %	Fe %	Cu %	\$ %	Recovery Fe
1	28.9	67.8	62.4	0.016	2.58	89.5
2	56.6	59.5	67.8	0.006	1.92	85.0
3	85.6	59.2	69.4	0.005	2.52	86.4

These results demonstrate that satisfactory concentrate can be made at a grind of about 55 per cent minus 325 mesh. It is possible that a little finer grind may be necessary for satisfactory pelletizing. Iron recoveries appear to be satisfactory since the ore contains other iron-bearing minerals such as pyrite, chalcopyrite, and pyrrhotite. The drop in sulfur content to 1.92 per cent obtained in Test No. 2 may not be significant; we plan to check this later. At present, we are assuming the magnetic concentrate will contain about 2.5 per cent sulfur.

Mr. Robert L. Redmond Walker-Martel Mining Co. Page Number 3 March 17, 1966

A petrographic examination will be made to determine the nature of the suifur in the magnetic concentrate. Presumably it is pyrrhotite, but it is important to determine whether it is liberated or not. In the meantime, we are proceeding with a few exploratory flotation tests. We plan to make preliminary studies of various treatment schemes such as (a) a bulk suifide flotation before magnetic separation followed by selective flotation for a copper concentrate, and (b) magnetic separation followed by flotation of the nonmagnetic product for a copper concentrate and flotation of the magnetic product for pyrrhotite removal.

Considerable variations are possible within these two broad categories. At the present time we do not have progress on flotation work to report.

Our experience with are of this type has shown that high sulfur in the magnetic concentrate resulting from the presence of pyrmotite can be a difficult problem. Selective flotation often is not too efficient and can result in important iron losses. If our preliminary flotation work is unsatisfactory, we believe consideration should be given to a study of sulfur removal during pellet firing. We have the necessary equipment to perform pelletizing operations, and to investigate sulfur removal with respect to variations in the pellet firing process.

Yours very truly,

Burt C. Mariacher, Manager

Metallurgical Division

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enclosures: Davis Tube Tests No. 1, 2, and 3.

cc: Mr. T. B. Counselman Mr. H. E. Roberts DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLE OF CALICO ORE SUBMITTED TO COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC., FOR METALLURGICAL TESTING.

The basic sample for this work was obtained by a vertical drill test, designated drill hole CA-1, located on the magnetic anomaly on the Calico Prospect. This hole was drilled by rotary techniques from the surface to 1332', and was continued from 1332' to 2640' with NX wireline core drilling techniques. Core recovery was in excess of 95% throughout the hole. The core was placed in core boxes, and the mineralized portions were split longitudinally with a hand core splitter, and one-half of the core was placed in sample bags, each identified with a unique number, and the other half returned to the core box. The portion in the sample bags was sent to Union Assay Office, P. O. Box 1528, Salt Lake City, Utah, for iron and copper assays. After assaying, the rejects from these samples were then returned to Walker-Martel Mining Co. in Reno.

For purposes of this metallurgical testing, the entire bags of rejects from samples 1013R to 1050 R, inclusive, and 1101R to 1120R, inclusive, representing the drill hole interval 1766.0' to 2286.0', a distance of 520', were shipped to Colorado School of Mines Research Foundation, Inc., together with instructions as to the type of testing desired. Colorado School of Mines Research Foundation is still in possession of approximately one-half of each bag of rejects, the balance having been used in the testing. Walker-Martel has possession of the assay pulps and the other one-half of the raw core, stored in the core boxes, which is available for further testing or examination.

All the above work was done in accordance with standard practices used in the mining industry, by technical personnel of Walker-Martel's staff, and it is felt that this sample fairly represents the interval in the drill hole from which it was taken.

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#### BECHTEL CORPORATION

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ENGINEERS-CONSTRUCTORS SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94119

September 21, 1966

Mr. William L. Wilson Walker-Martel Mining Company 100 Washington Street Reno, Nevada

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I was recently informed by Bob Shoemaker of your interest in the capabilities of Bechtel Corporation to perform an engineering feasibility study for your iron ore properties in Nevada. We look forward with interest to your pending visit to our San Francisco offices to meet our representatives who have had broad experience in the preparation of similar iron ore assignments and to discuss with you your interesting project.

As a matter of information to you prior to your visit, we are enclosing herewith a copy of a recent brochure which we have prepared setting forth the qualifications of the Bechtel Corporation in the field of engineering and construction of iron ore beneficiation and pelletizing plants. We trust this will be of interest to you and will acquaint you with the depth and extent of our present activities as well as those of our past accomplishments. We are very proud of our overall experience in the iron ore industry and have had the opportunity to be of service to the majority of the major iron producing companies in the United States, Canada and abroad.

Thank you for your interest in Bechtel and we look forward to your early visit.

Very truly yours,

H. C. Lynch,

Executive Engineer

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#### MEMORANDUM

From: WLW To: Kay

Re: Miscellaneous gold prospects, Walker

River Reservation

Date: July 24, 1974

As time permits, you should make a reconnaissance of the Calico area, as it has been reported that there were several shallow pits dug for gold mineralization. I think that these are on the North side of the Calico Hills, but they may also be on the East and West ends, and it would be a good idea to scout these out and to sample the dumps for gold, silver, arsenic and mercury.

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## Idaho Mining Corporation

OFFICE: 591 - 25 ROAD

MAIL: P.O. BOX 2183

GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO 81501

PHONE: 303 - 243-7806

Total Acres:

February 10, 1978

Walker River Paiute Tribe Schurz, Nevada 89427

Att'n: Chairman

Re:

Mineral Prospecting Permit Contract

Number 14-20-H53-313

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of the above-referenced prospecting permit covering Tribal lands, please be advised that Idaho Mining Corporation hereby gives notice that it wishes to apply for leases on the following described lands:

1.	Township 14 North,	Range	29	East:	West Calico		Acres:
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	Township 13 North,	Range	29	East:	Calico		
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					Total	Acres:	2,560
2.	Township 14 North, Section 33.	Range	29	East:			320
	Township 13 North,	Range	29	East:	Little Calico		
	Section 3 Section 4 Section 9 Section 10			S½ All All All		v	320 640 640 640

Township 12 North, Range 30	East: Hotlen fot	Acres:
Section 1	All, except that portion	
Section 2	in present lease All, except that portion	627
Section 12	in present lease N; except that portion	627
*	in present lease	320
Township 12 North, Range 31  Section 6 Section 7	East: Budger All N'2	623 318.5
Less 240 acr	Total Acreage: res in existing lease,	2,515.5
	Net Acreage Approx.	2,275.5

The existing Hottentot Lease, Contract # 14-20-0450-5727, encompasses approximately 180 acres in Section 2, 30 acres in Section 1, and 30 acres in Section 12. As you may be aware, the lands selected are in portions of Townships which are unsurveyed insofar as the public land surveys go, and therefore, according to terms of the permit, the actual description of the lands to be leased will be by metes and bounds, and it will be Idaho's responsibility to have the lands surveyed and substantial monuments posted at the corners thereof. The acreages noted above for unsurveyed sections 1, 2, 6, 7 and 12 are as shown on the Bureau of Land Management's Protraction Diagram for the townships in question, and it is our desire that when the lands are surveyed and posted, that we follow the protraction diagram, so that when the lands are finally surveyed by the cadastral engineers, the lease description will conform to the section line boundaries which will be established by such survey.

Maps are attached showing the areas encompassed by the proposed leases. Having notified you of the desire to take these leases under terms of the prospecting permit, we will await word from the Bureau of Indian Affairs as to how to proceed to effectuate the actual leasing.

Yours Very Truly, Hand delivered a copy of this document to Tribal Chairman office, Schuz, IDAHO MINING CORPORATION ( Mary Hernandy) at 2:30 pm. 7cb. 13, 1978 Mailed copy 2/13/78. Cit deler . / WLW/jb Superintendent, Reed at Tribal Chaumens Office on 2-13-78. By Georg Herrandez Nevada Indian Agency Stewart, Nevada A. K. Wilson, Jr. Reno, Nevada

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TO:

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FROM:

WIW

RE:

CALICO - CYPRUS

Date:

March 22, 1979

On this date, I called Cliff Mark to see if they might be interested in the Hottentot/Badger area, even though they were not going to be interested in the Calico deposits. He said that they would not be interested in that, as they have several higher priorities than that, and they had taken it up at the management committee meeting yesterday, and decided not to proceed with it. He stated that he had sent a letter advising us of this, but we have not yet received it.

WLW

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Cyprus Mines Corporation

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March 19, 1979

Mr. W. L. Wilson, President Idaho Mining Corporation P. O. Box 2183 Grand Junction, CO 81501

RE: Calico Iron Deposit

Dear Bill:

Your letter regarding the Calico Iron Deposit brings back a lot of old memories. Memories of claim staking at midnight on an Indian Reservation hoping the Indians would not scalp us! Followed by dozers. drill rigs, etc.

As it turned out nobody wins a case like that. Both U. S. Steel and the Indians lost a good finanicial opportunity to develope this expensive target.

As you have found out, as well, it is a very expensive and long drawn out process from an anomaly to an orebody. Even the Pumpkin Hollow, Lyon County, U. S. Steel Deposit along with their high grade copper zone is still not being mined as yet.

After a review of the Calico property and the various targets involved our Executive Management has rejected it due to the fact it would be a very expensive long-range project to undertake. Due to our present exploration budget limitations we still have to be selective and put priorities on the new projects we select.

Maybe sometime in the future when our budgets for exploration have been increased we could take a crack at the Calico. I am certainly convinced you have a major mineral district under control on the Walker Indian Reservation - the only problem is most of it is covered by post mineral volcanics, which makes the exploration costs extremely high.

Thank you for thinking again of Cyprus and please keep us advised in the future status of the property.

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> Re: Calico Deposits, Walker River Indian Reservation - Nevada

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter of September 9th, requesting permission to run IP tests over the Calico deposit. As you probably know, Bear Creek Mining Company ran some IP tests over this deposit in the mid-1960s, and various service companies have run extensive IP surveys over this deposit. Generally, it is not responsive to this method; however, your new system, with which I am not familiar, may very well do better than has been our experience in the past.

Also, as you may be aware, we have a similar deposit to the Calico, named the Hottentot Deposit, about 12 miles Southeast of the Calico, and it is much smaller, on the order of 5 million tons; however, it is also situated close to the surface and varies from a modest outcrop to a depth of 4- to 500 feet. We have also done extensive Ip testing over this property, and we have a great deal of drill hole information to indicate the nature of the mineralization. This deposit, also, virtually defies detection by IP methods used in the past, which we attribute to various causes, the principal of which being extremely low resistivity, on the order of 3 to 10 ohm/feet, and to the massive nature of the mineralization, which, within the parts of the ore body which are unoxidized, consists of pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, and magnetite. Apparently, the massive nature of the mineralization is in part responsible for the low resistivities, and in fact causes almost direct shorts through the ore body.

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Very truly yours,

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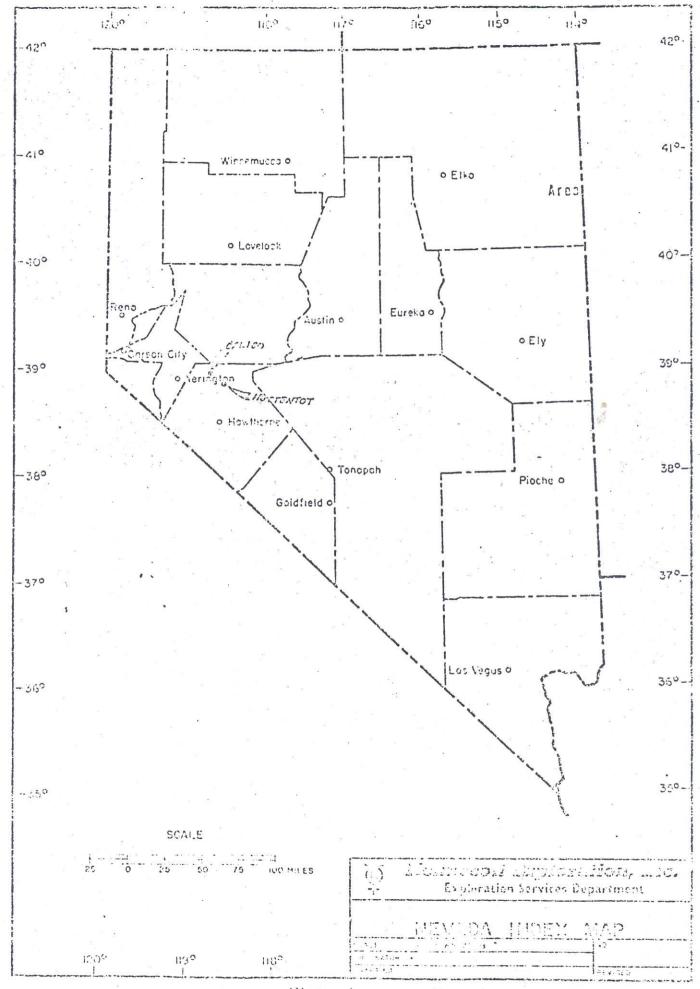
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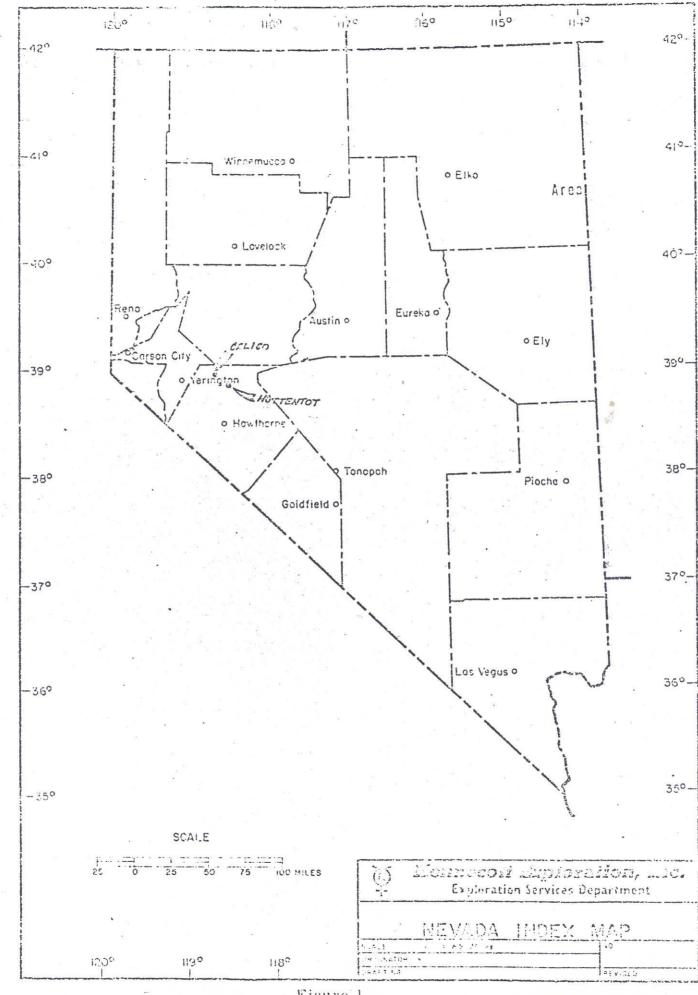


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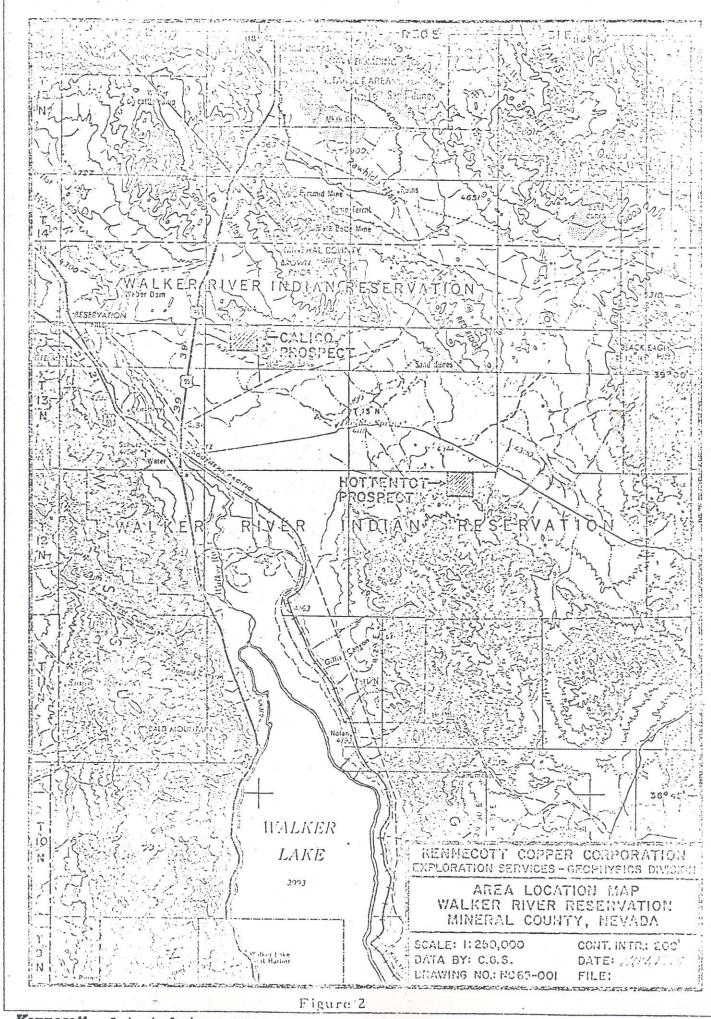
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