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Mr. R. R. Coats
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U. S. Geological Survey
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Dear Mr. Coats:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th and I am very glad to know that your quadrangle map of Mountain City will include the Merritt Mountain area.

Can you give me an approximate date when this might be released on open file?

The drilling at Contact is being done by Calta Mines Ltd a Canadian company based in Vancouver. They started here in 1968 and have drilled so far over 40,000 feet of diamond drill holes. It is estimated that they have about seven to eight million tons of proven and probable ore that will run slightly better than 2% copper. This ore occurs in veins varying in width from 7 to 22 feet. There are three veins so far developed being the Delano and two new parallel veins called the North Vein and the New Vein.

There is a larger tonnage of material that will run about 0.5% copper, but this is not included as ore at this time.

Drilling is now continuing with two rigs operating and there is some feeling that a disseminated deposit might be developed.

If there is any more information that you would like to have please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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PS: I note that you asked the location of the drilling. It is one to two miles west of Contact on the north contact of the batholith.