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3706 4th St.
Sparks, Nevada 89431

14 March 1978

Mr. John H. Schilling, Director
Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada 89507

Re: Quartz Mountain Mo prospect
Nye & Mineral Counties, Nevada

Dear John:

As we discussed the other day, I am enclosing a partial set of data concerning exploration on our claims at Quartz Mountain, near Gabbs. My report on exploration potential, abstracts of the ten holes completed by Cyprus and Amax, and a copy of a memo by Dick Thomssen, Cyprus' consultant, are enclosed.

I am having trouble reproducing the Amax surface geologic map, but will send a copy as soon as possible. I also have geophysical data, Cyprus and Amax reports, and about 70 thin sections from core. Some 300 boxes of core are available.

You are authorized to deposit this material in your files on Nevada exploration records and make it available to the public.

Thank you for your courtesies.

Very truly yours,

Peter H. Hahn

cc: R. H. Kollman

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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EXPLORATION POTENTIAL OF THE QUARTZ MOUNTAIN MINING DISTRICT, NYE AND MINERAL COUNTIES, NEVADA

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INTRODUCTION

Quartz-molybdenum veinlets in altered quartz-eye porphyry were discovered in the early 1970's on shaft dumps in the old Quartz Mountain district, in the Lodi Hills near Gabbs, Nevada. The camp had a modest lead-silver production; this combination of mineralization and rock type does not crop out in the district. Beginning in 1972, geologic mapping and geochemical sampling of surface and old mine workings, induced polarization surveys, and 9000 feet of drilling (1/3 core) in ten holes have confirmed the existence of a previously undocumented subsurface sulfide system, portions of which are molybdenum-bearing. The system occurs in a complex sequence of metasedimentary and polyphase igneous rocks, many of which are hydrothermally altered. The extent and economic significance of this system is unknown, and, at least to the east and west of Quartz Mountain, untested.

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LOCATION

The Quartz Mountain Mining District is located in the SW_{1/4} of T 14 N, R 36 E (unsurveyed), Nye County, with a small portion in Mineral County. It is about 13 miles north of Gabbs, and is accessible by five miles of graded road, easterly from Nevada Hwy. 23. Mean elevation is 5300 feet, and the topography is gentle.

GEOLOGY AND MINERAL DEPOSITS

The district is described in very general terms by Schrader (U. S. Geological Survey Open File Report, Carson Sink Area, 1947) and by Kral (U. Nev. Bull., Vol. XLV, No. 3, 1951) who repeats Schrader's data. A comprehensive report by Kleinhampf on the geology and mineral deposits of northern Nye County will soon be in press by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology.

Quartz Mountain is underlain by quartzite, quartz siltstone, and minor carbonate units, which are in contact with a nondescript, dark grit-argillite (possibly metadacite) which crops out on the northeast flank of the ridge. The siliceous clastic rocks, locally shattered, rehealed, and pervasively silicified, are intruded by a small alaskite stock containing pegmatite facies and prominent quartz veins. Calcareous rocks have been converted to calc-silicate hornfelses.

Two types of deposits, both predominantly oxidized, have been mined at Quartz Mountain, according to Schrader. The most productive have

been Mesozoic (?) lead-silver fissure veins and replacement bodies in limestone and quartzite; ore minerals are cerussite and argentiferous galena. The principal deposits of this type are in and related to the "Lease Vein", which strikes N 40° W and dips 25° NE, in the San Rafael mine. Smaller production has come from Tertiary (?) epithermal lead-silver-gold veins which cut both older sediments and intrusives and the Tertiary volcanic rocks. These ore minerals are cerussite, argentiferous galena, argentite, cerargyrite, and gold. The "Vertical Vein" is of this type, and cuts of the Lease Vein on the 350 Level of the San Rafael.

The San Rafael mine was discovered in 1920, and, according to Schrader, had produced \$340,000 by the mid 1930's. It is developed by a 40° decline shaft and 2000 feet of laterals, to a depth of 450 feet. Other mines in the district have had smaller production, and many prospects have not produced.

Molybdenite-bearing quartz veins and porphyritic rocks have been discovered on two dumps, the Calico shaft just northwest of Quartz Mountain, and the Quartz Mountain Metals shaft at the south end of the ridge.

On the Calico dump, quartz-molybdenite veinlets cut quartz-feldspar porphyry with strong quartz-sericite alteration; the molybdenite occurs as tiny flakes disseminated in the veinlets and as flakes and seams on the veinlet margins. On the Quartz Mountain Metals dump, molybdenite occurs in quartz veins and seams in alaskite and porphyry, and some showy specimens have been collected. Sparse wulfenite occurs on the San Rafael dump.

The molybdenum mineralization is subtle and was discovered by breaking rocks on dumps. The quartz-eye feldspar porphyry does not crop out anywhere in the vicinity. Except for the rocks described above, most of the surface around Quartz Mountain is covered by argillized, quartz-veined, Tertiary tuffaceous rocks, originally rhyolite welded and non-welded tuffs. The drill holes cut 135 to 730 feet of volcanics before reaching the pre-volcanic rocks.

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EXPLORATION HISTORY AND RESULTS

A large number of claims were staked around Quartz Mountain in 1971 by Bear Creek Mining Company; and IP survey indicated a large (1500 ft. diameter) "donut" shaped anomaly, interpreted as a pyritic halo around a possible molybdenum porphyry, north and east of the Calico shaft (Priest, report for Cyprus Mines, 6-75). The untested target was dropped, however, when Bear Creek reduced their Nevada exploration program.

In 1972, the author and R. H. Kollman staked the Mac 1-30 and Mac Extension claims, which were taken under option by Cache Creek Exploration Company (Cachex) early in 1973. Cachex also leased the

Big Wash and Big Engine claim groups from John Peterson, et al, and turned the entire group to Cyprus Mines Corp. in August, 1973.

Cyprus renovated the Calico and Hasbrouck shafts and mapped and sampled the workings of both shafts. Molybdenite on fracture coatings and in quartz veinlets was discovered in a leucocratic quartz-sericite-feldspar porphyry in a 400-foot level drift northeast of the Calico shaft. Encouraged by these results, alteration studies, and ground geophysical data, Cyprus carried out a surface drilling program near the Calico shaft. Eight holes, totalling 6955 ft. (1/3 core, 2/3 rotary) were drilled in a 1000-foot by 1600-foot area. The deepest hole, Q-5, is 1246 feet deep. Visible molybdenite was encountered in four of the original rotary holes; subsequent deepening by core drilling intersected molybdenite in five holes, Q-1, 3, 5, 6, and 8. Molybdenite occurs as fracture coatings in potassically altered (pyrite-biotite-quartz veinlets and clots) quartz latite porphyry and calc-silicate hornfels. DDH Q-3 cut highly silicified and sericitized quartz-eye latite porphyry and calc-silicate hornfels, both of which are locally fractured and sheared; hornfels in the bottom 78 ft. of the hole (790-868 ft.) contains disseminated molybdenite with an average grade of .06 Mo, including a 4-foot interval of .35% Mo.

Quartz-tourmaline veinlets are present in leucocratic granite - quartz monzonite basement near the bottom of DDH Q-1 (interval 999-1109 ft.).

However, Cyprus did not find sufficient encouragement to continue their exploration, and terminated their agreement with Cachex in April, 1975.

The claim groups were then leased to Amax Exploration, Inc., in June, 1976. Amax ran 8.5 miles of 1000-foot dipole, time-domain IP (Applied Geophysics, Inc.) and followed up with a 1000-foot dipole "Complex Resistivity" line (Zonge Engineering). Both surveys suffered from severe coupling and noisy data, and definitive interpretation was difficult. Amax elected to test a diffuse IP response southwest of Quartz Mountain, 3500 ft. south of the area drilled by Cyprus. QM-9 and QM-10 went to 1507 ft. and 600 ft., respectively; 30% of this drilling was cored. These holes cut 630-foot and 330-foot volcanic sections, respectively, and encountered pyritic siltite/quartzite, quartz porphyry, calc-silicate hornfels, and granitic rocks. In QM-9, dark hornfels contained visible molybdenite (max. 130 ppm Mo).

Amax terminated their agreement in October, 1977, returning the Cachex groups to Hahn-Kollman and Peterson et al.

LAND STATUS

- A. Peter H. Hahn (3706 4th St., Sparks, Nevada 89431) and Ronald H. Kollman (16900 Sylvester Rd., Reno, Nevada 89502) own 82

unpatented claims and fractions (Mac 1-11, 14-30; Mac Extension; Rob 2-40, 43-56).

- B. John Peterson (P.O. Box 855, Fallon, Nevada 89406, tel. 702/423-6301) and two partners own the Big Wash and Big Engine groups, 13 unpatented claims. As a result of Cachex' work, these claims are well tied down, and the owners have indicated an interest in dealing on them.
- C. Louis D. Gordon Estate (Contact: Valley Propane in Gabbs) owns five unpatented claims. These claims are believed to be available, but may not be immediately pertinent to exploration.

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DATA AVAILABLE

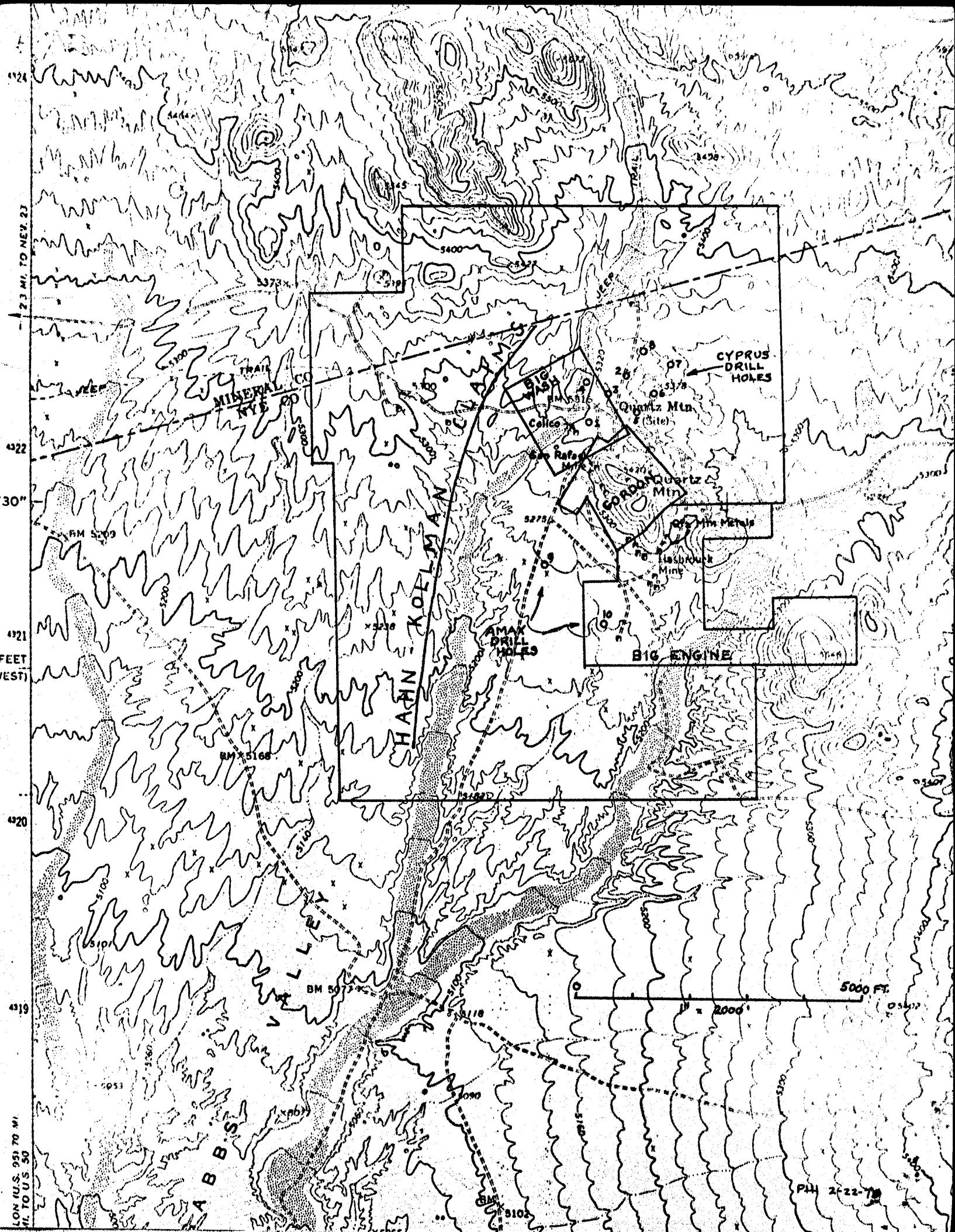
Final report of Cyprus exploration, including drill logs, assays, underground maps and sample results, ground magnetic survey, and thin sections and descriptions.

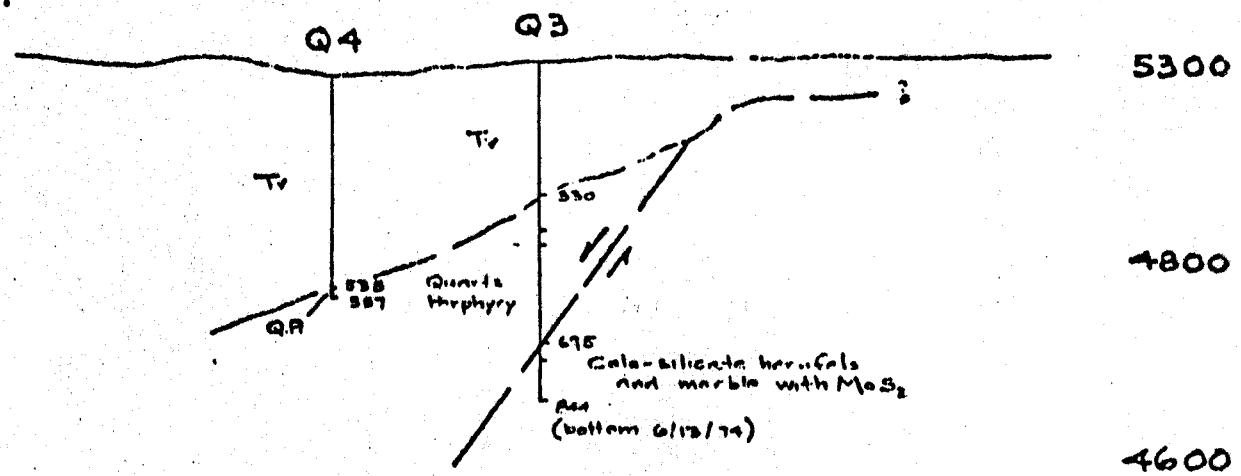
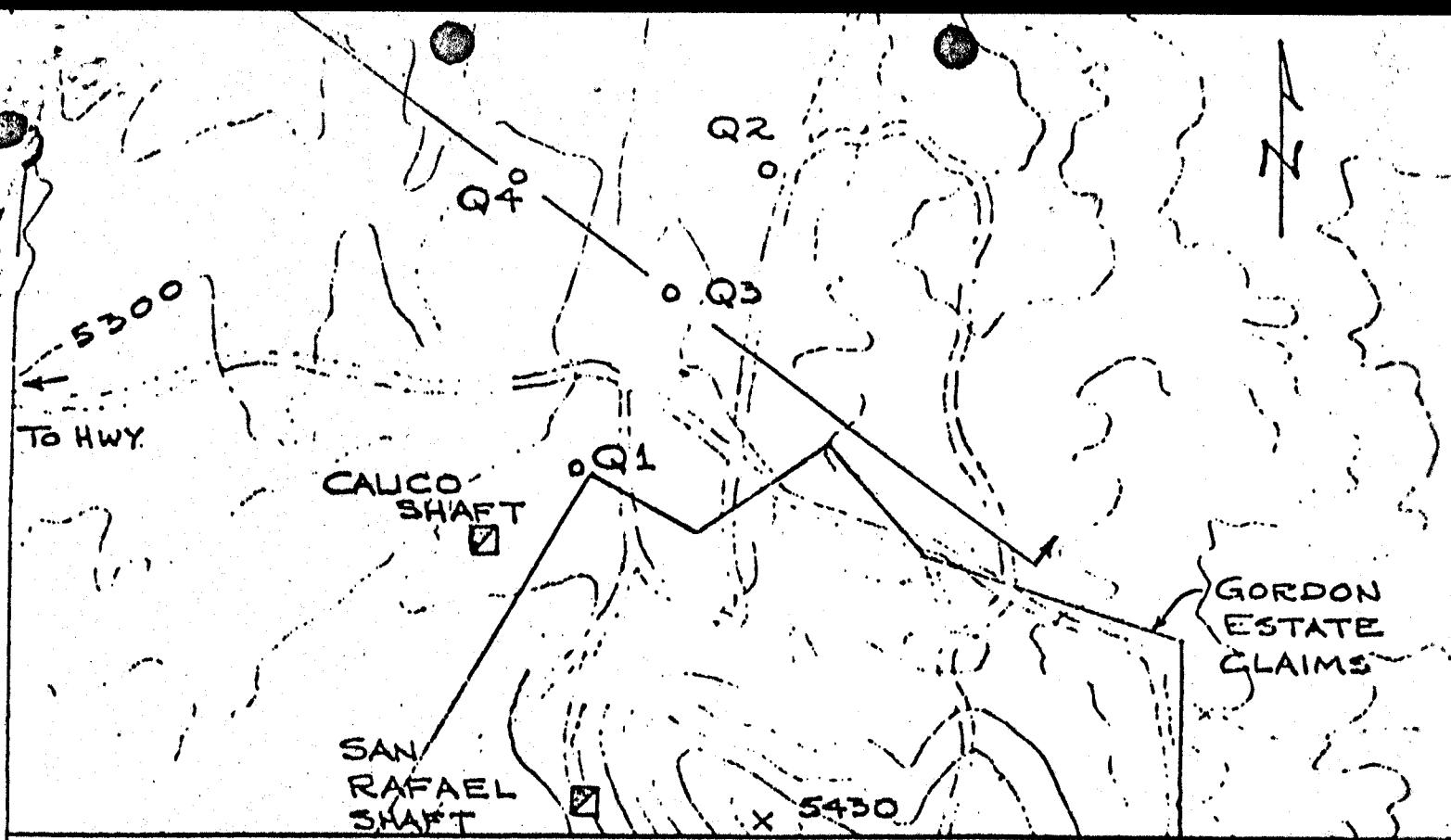
Amax drill logs and assays, IP pseudosections and interpretation, 200 scale surface geologic map and alteration and mineralization map. (maps to be reduced to 500 scale for reproduction).

Low altitude color aerial negatives (at Pugh-Nolte & Associates, South San Francisco, California)

Core from Q-1, 3, 5, 6, 8; QM-9, 10 (soon to be moved from Mina to Reno.)

Claim maps, correspondence, misc. data.





LINE OF SECTION - N 55°W
LOOKING NORTHEAST

PLAN AND SECTION
QUARTZ MT. PROS.
NYE COUNTY, NV

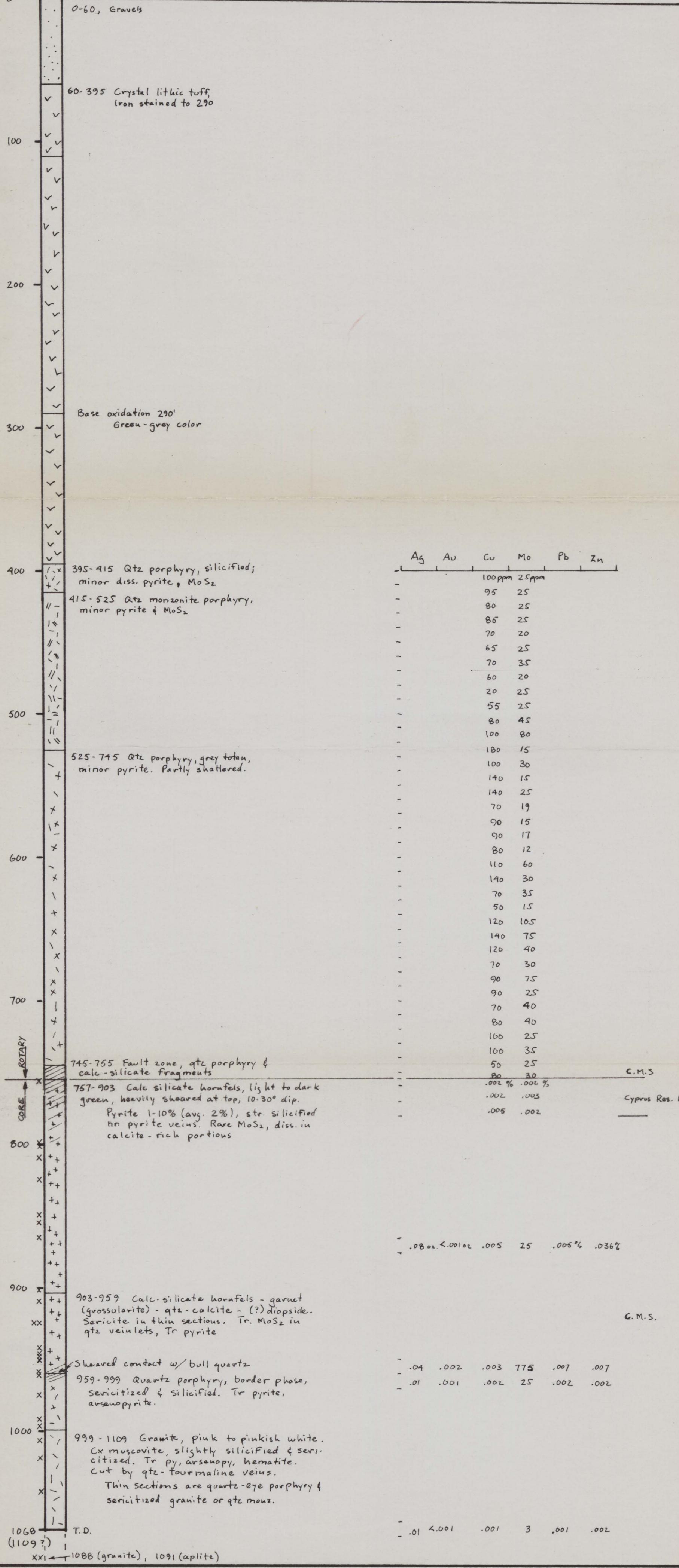
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Q-1 (CYPRUS)

X - thin section descr

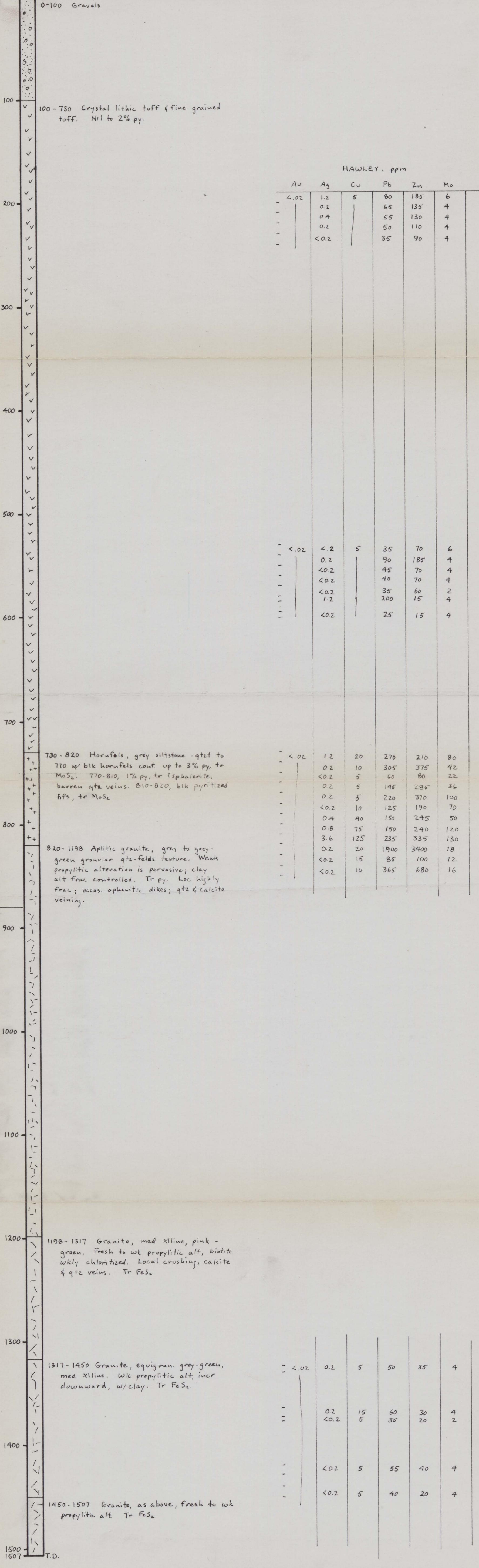
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QM-9 (AMAX)

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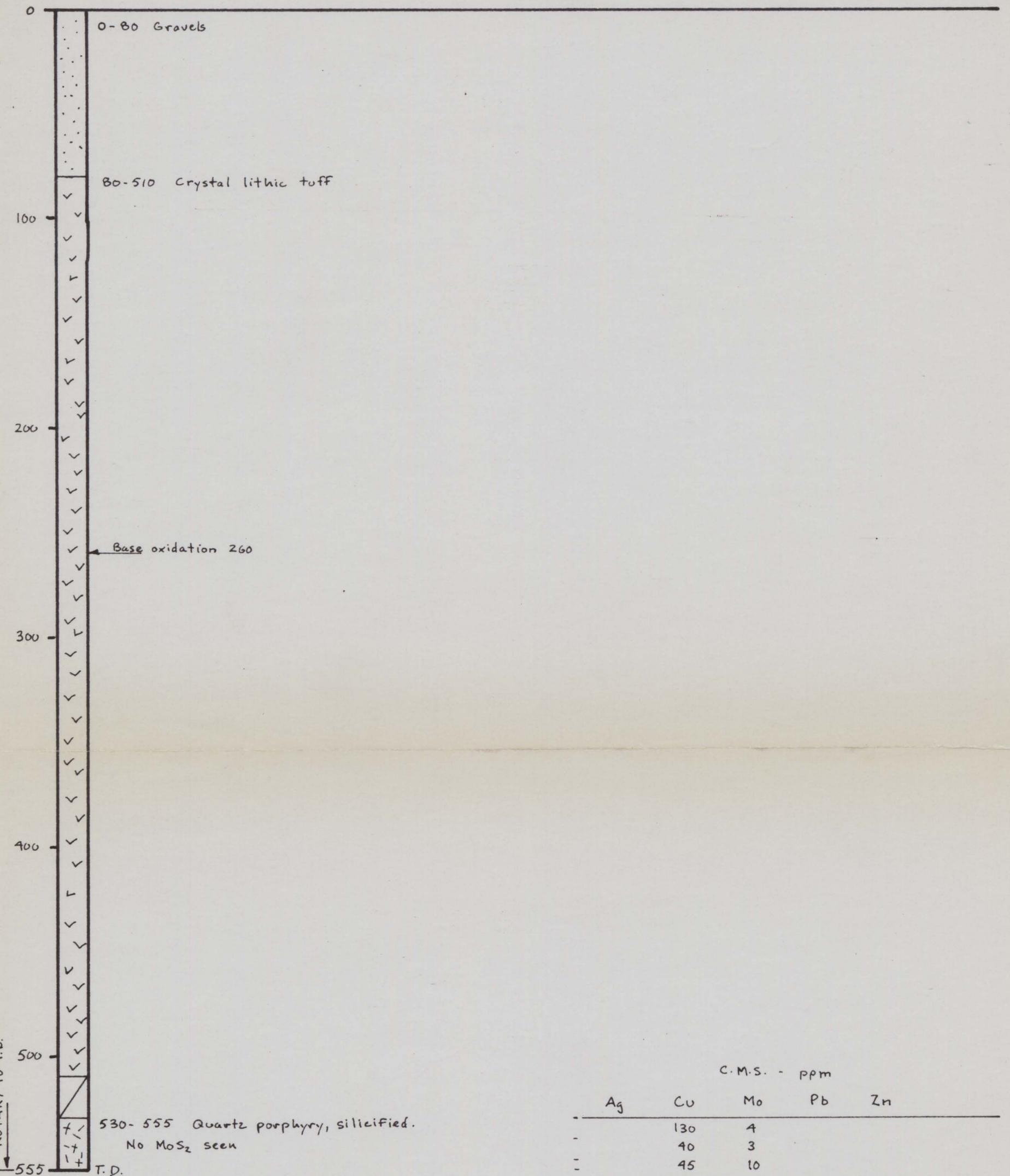
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Q- 4 (CYPRUS)

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Q-2 (CYPRUS)

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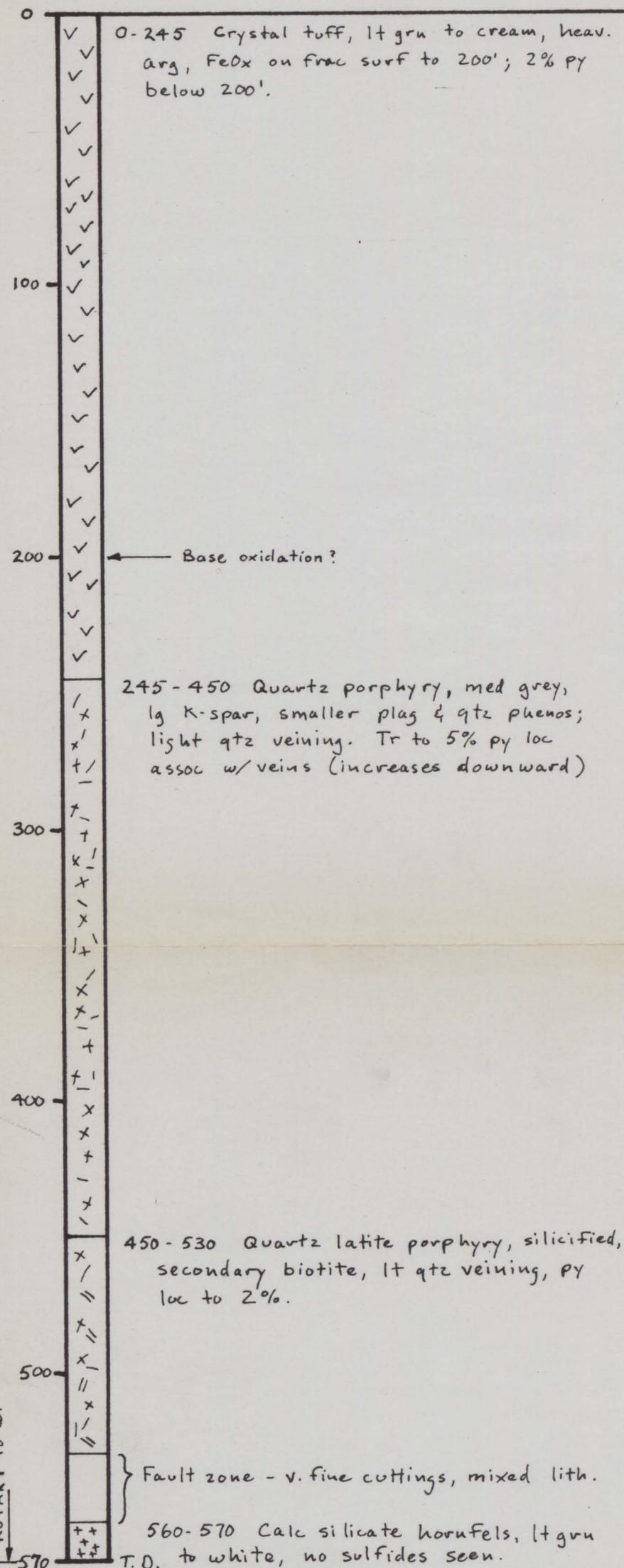
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0	0-20 Gravel	R. Haun 2-13-78
v	20-100 Crystal lithic tuff, lt grn to off-white	
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100	100-310 Crystal lithic tuff, lt grn to buff. FeOx incr w/ depth	
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300	310-415 Quartz porphyry, silicified. Sulfides throughout - highest 310 to 330.	Ag Au Cu Mo Pb Zn
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x		- 80 13
+		- 90 13
x		- 165 9
/		- 70 9
x		- 70 5
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		- 75 7
		- 80 8
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Q-7 (CYPRUS)

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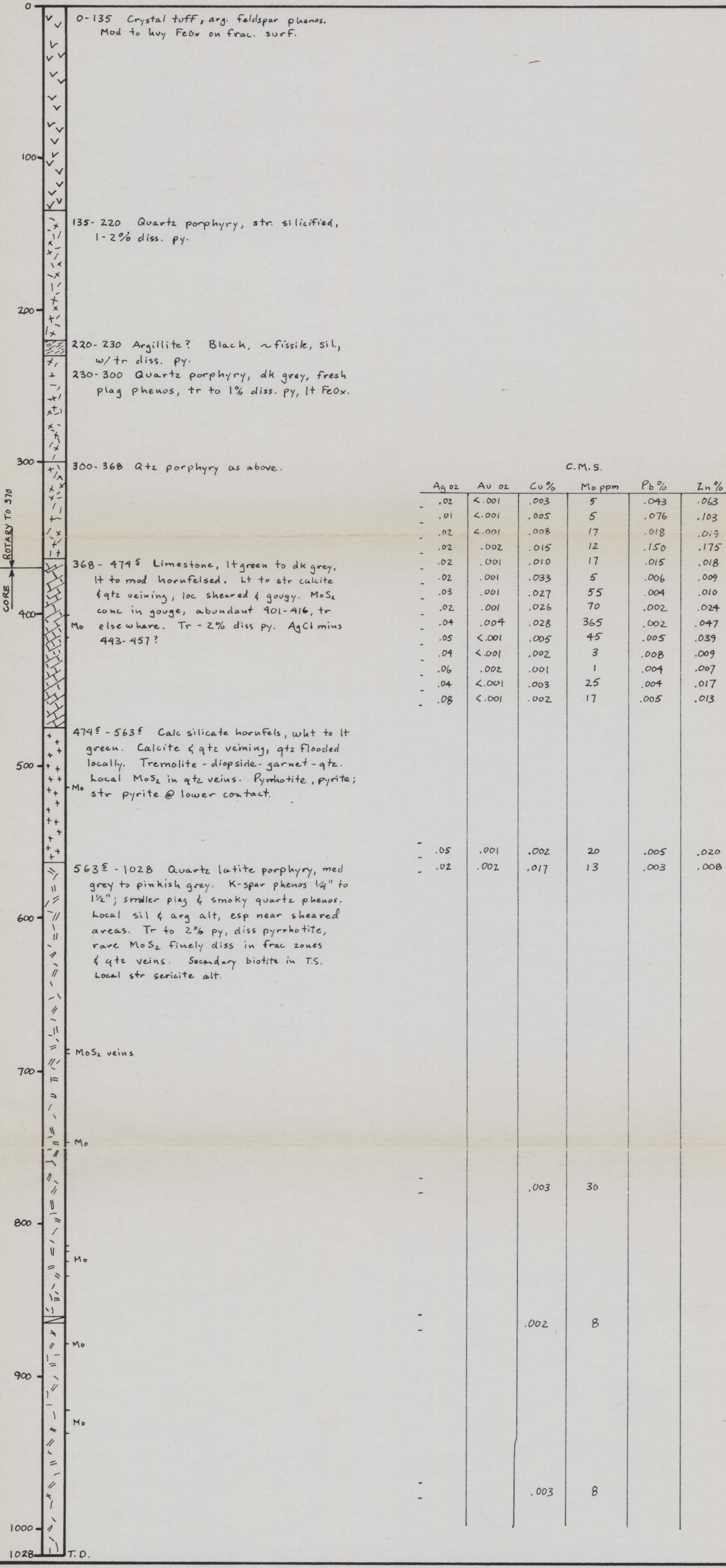


C. M. S.					
Ag oz	Au oz	Cu %	Mo ppm	Pb %	Zn %
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.05	<.001	.002	3	.003	.009
.05	.001	.002	1	.006	.022
.02	.002	.002	8	.004	.018
.03	<.001	.001	5	.004	.018

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Q-6 (CYPRUS)

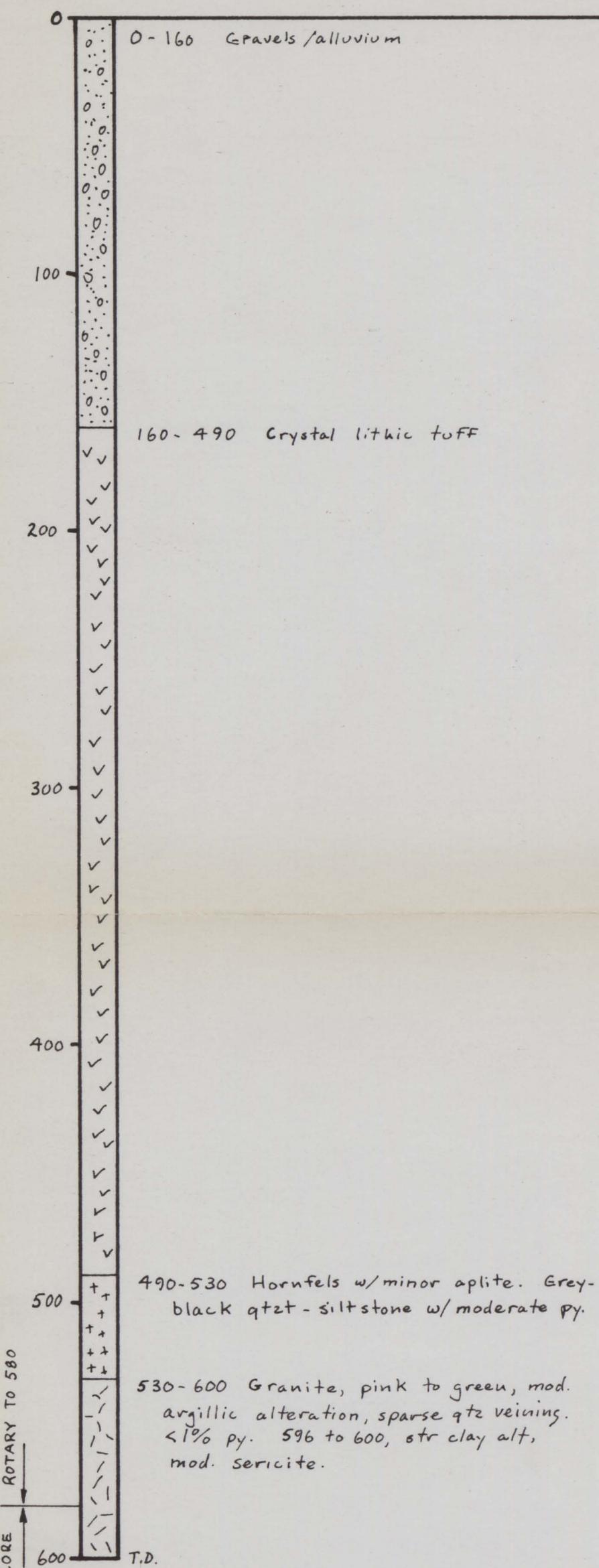
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QM-10 (AMAX)

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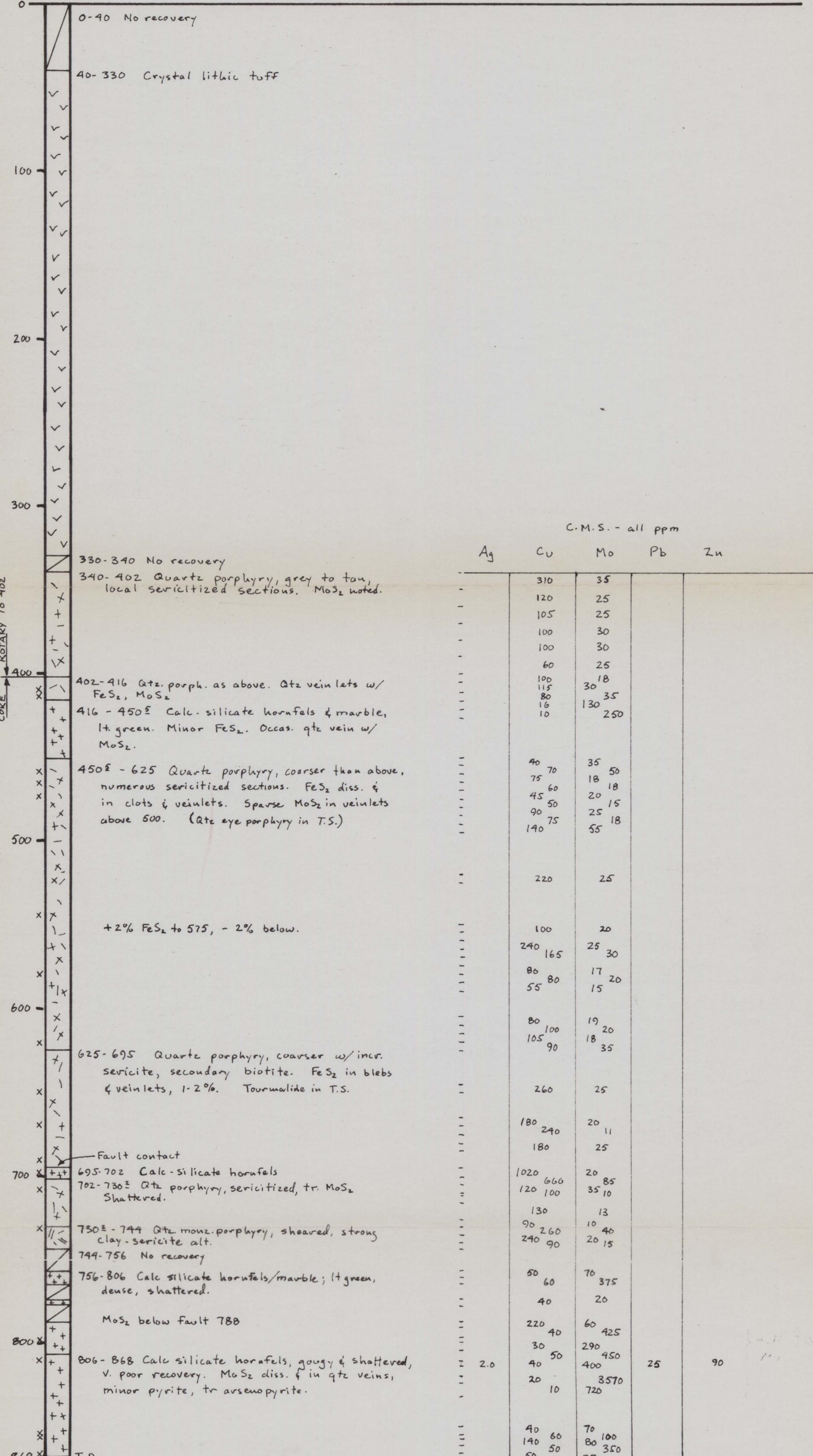
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-	<.02	0.4	65	75	175	4
-		0.6	40	145	420	8
-		0.2	30	55	305	14
-		0.2	35	220	770	10
-		0.8	70	110	205	10
-		2.2	40	315	300	8
-		0.2	25	55	80	8
-		1.2	5	200	15	4
-		<0.2	5	25	15	4

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Q-3 (CYPRUS)

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x thin section descr.

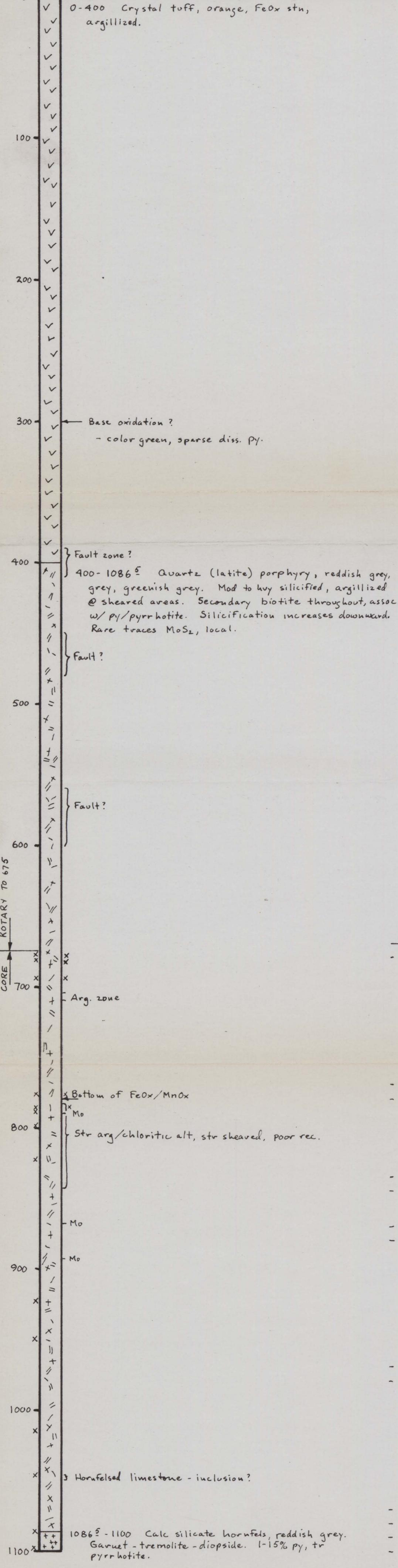


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Q - 8 (CYPRUS)

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X thin section descr.

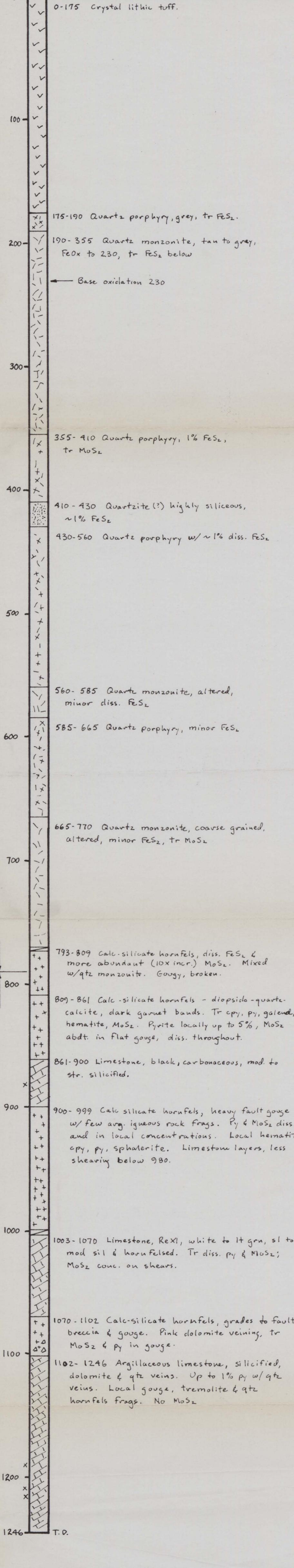


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Q-5 (CYPRUS)

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x thin section descr.



	C.M.S		Skyline		Assay Mo ppm	Cyprus Mo %
	Cu ppm	Mo ppm	Cu ppm	Mo ppm		
	-	50	5			
	-	70	8			
	-	40	3			
	-	40	8			
	-	30	8			
	-	70	3			
	-	50	3			
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	-	25	8			
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	-	210	90	85	60	
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