### Tem Plute district

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of the Tem Fiute Range in the west-central part of Lincoln County,

Nevada, approximately 85 miles west of Caliente, 100 miles east of

Tomopah, and 160 miles north of Las Vegas. The district is reached

by 60 miles of desert road from U. S. Highway 93 at Crystal, near

Hike. The deposits are in sees. 25 and 36, T. 3 S., R. 56 E.; sees.

The range was prospected for silver in the 1860's, and small amounts of silver ore were mined at various times from 1868 to 1883, and a gain from 1935 to 1939. The schoolite deposits are several miles north of the silver prospects, and were first discovered in 1916. They were not mined or extensively prospected until 1934, when

a mamber of claims were re-located by Wesley Koyen, in partnership with Mrs. W. Green, G. W. Thiriot, and D. P. Thiriot. The property was leased to Lincoln Mines, Inc., and a small mill was completed in June 1940. In 1945, the Atolia Mining Co. purchased Lincoln Mines, Inc. from D. B. Fegles, and took over the mining lease. The mine was idle in 1946, and was again operated in 1947. From 1940 to 1947 inclusive, Lincoln Mines, Inc., and its successor, the Atolia Mining Co., treated 81,872 tons of ore and recovered 45,590 units of Wog. More than half this production was made in 1941 and 1942.

The Borth Tem Piute Mining and Development Co. was organized in 1957 by the Schofield brothers, who had located claims in the district in 1928. In 1943, concentrate containing 32 units of WO3 was made. The property was leased in 1946 to the Atolia Mining Co.

The U. S. Eureau of Mines explored the deposits in 1942
(E. O. Binyon in charge) and in 1944 (C. H. Holmes, Jr. in charge).

In 1942, trenches were dug scross the ore zones at intervels of 100 feet or less, samples were cut and assayed, and 5 diamond drill holes were completed. In 1946, 5 holes were drilled.

Anonymous, Tem Plute tunguten district, Lincoln County, Nevada: U. S. Bureau of Mines, War Minerals Report 450, 19 p., 1945.

### Geology

The morth end of the Tem Fiute Eange is composed largely of steeply dipping Paleosoic sedimentary rocks. They are invaded by 2 small granite stocks and by several narrow, short baselt dikes. Volcanic tuffs and flows are found in the pediment at the north end of the range.

The Paleosoic sequence, the upper portion of which is mapped on fig. 114, includes rocks of Ordevician, Devonian, and Carboniferous

Fig. 114. Geologic map of the north part of the Tem Piute Range, Lincoln County, Nevada.

ages, and is more than 7,000 feat thick. The Ordovician rocks (not mapped) are exposed on the west side of the range where the Eureka quartists forms prominent autorops. They are succeeded eastward by Eilurian and Devenian rocks, nearly a mile thick, consisting of dolemite, limestone, and a small amount of quartists. The Carboniferous rocks are exposed on the east side of the range, and consist of a sequence of shale, sandstone, limestone, shale, and limestone.

Two granite stocks invade the sadimentary rooks near the Devonian-Carboniferous contact. The south granite stock is about a mile in diameter, the north stock a bout 4,000 feet. Both stocks are partly concerdent with the invaded sedimentary rocks.

be a homocline that strikes north, with older beds on the west side, younger ones on the east. Most of the beds dip east at steep abgles. At the north end of the range, however, beginning in the southern part of the area showin in figure 114, the beds steepen and overturn a long

shout by overthrusting from southwest to northeast prior to the granite intrusion, which cuts through the thrust plate. Although enough area has not been mapped to determine the character of the thrust, its presence is attested by anomalous stratigraphic relations, and by the overturn.

For a distance of 700 feet from the granite contacts, the limistons is bleached irregularly and re-crystallized locally. The shaly beds are altered to hornfels, and the sandy ones to quartaite.

On the west side of the south stock, part of the limistone is altered by contact metamorphism to thick bodies of tactite in bands parallel to bedding. Around the north stock, only a few marrow lenses of tactite have been found, principally on the northwest side, although the limistone is directly in centact with granite along other parts of the stock.

Tactite is present along the west half of the south stock for a distance of more than 8,000 feet (fig. 115). Directly at the con-

Fig. 115. Goologic map of the Tem Piute tungeten deposite, Lincoln County, Revade.

tact is a continuous band 15 to 110 feet thick, with occasional reme mants of limestone along the west side. Adjoining this band is a fairly continuous belt of platy hornfels, ranging in width from 28 to 110 feet, and in part split into 2 bads separated by testite. Before metamorphism, this hornfols was probably a limy shale. Large masses of tactito lie west of the hornfels, and extend as far as 450 feet from the granite contact. These more distant bands and lenses of twotite are less continuous than his one at the granite contact. No tactite is found farther than 450 feet from the granite, but farther away, in the outer contact aureole, is found a bed of impure limestone irregularly altered to light colored lime silicate minerals (mapped on

figure 116 as "silicated limestone"), and another continuous bed/ largely changed to hornfels.

A few hundred feet south of the south stock is an irregular granite mass about 400 feet wide by 600 feet long. This granite may be a tip of the south a tock separated from it by faulting. It is bordered on the southwest side by tactite.

Along the south stock where the tactite is more plentiful, the contact between granite and sedimentary rocks is conformable both at the surface and in the deepest mine workings and drill holes (fig. 116). The tactite bands are also parallel to bedding. Tactite

Fig. 116. Geologic sections of the Tem Piute tungsten deposits, Lincoln County, Bevada.

exposures range in altitude from 6,325 feet to 7,075 feet, and the tactite is penetrated at a n altitude of 5,760 feet by the deepest expaoration. In this vertical range of 1,300 feet, mineralization

appears to be relatively uniform, and the dip of beds fairly constant.

It seems likely that the tactite some extends to much greater depth,

but no data exist upon which to base speculation as to the ultimate

depth.

## Ore deposits

Schoolite is the only mineral found in commercial amounts in the contact deposits. Although small amounts of gold and silver were formerly produced from veins and replacement deposits faither south in the range, neither of these metals is known to occur near the tungsten mineralization.

The bulk of the scheelite occurs in garnet-tactite, but some rich deposits have been found in small masses of calcite-fluorite-sphalerite rock formed in marble remnants adjoining tactite bodies. Although the tactite masses around the south stock are very extensive and contain in the aggregate a large amount of tungsten, they are of low grads and had not been extensively exploited up to 1948.

Most of the production was from the richer calcite-fluorite-sphalerite rock found in the relatively small Moody ore shoot of the Lincoln mine. Small amounts of fluorite and sphalerite, and possibly bismuth, are petential by-products from this type of ore.

Nest of the tactite a round the south stock contains some scheelite, but only part of it contains enough scheelite to be considered
potential ore. The average grade of material that could be mined in
large bodies is estimated at 0.4 percent of WO3, determined from
samples taken by the U. S. Bureau of Mines. On the surface map
(fig. 115), rock containing 0.5 percent of WO3 or more was distinguished from lower grade material on the basis of estimated made in
ultraviolet light.

The tactite bodies exposed eround the north stock are narrow and discentinuous, and contain too little scheelite to be economically significant; the largest body, on the norkheast side of the stock, is composed of a series of lenses with a total length of 400 feet and an average width of 1 to 2 feet.

Minoralogy. -- The minerals observed in the tactite, listed in approximate order of abundance, are garnet, quarts, actinolite, calcite, fluorite, pyrite, pyrrhotite, dispside, sphalerite, scheelite, chlorite, hematite, clinosoisite, epidote, molylidenite, and powellite.

The bismuth minoral, shown to be present in concentrates, was not identified. Limonite is abundant in the surface gossan. Gypsum and manganosiderate occur as linings of solution cavities in the Lincoln mine.

The schoolite, which occurs for the most part in small grains, is white to buff in color. In ultraviolet light, it fluoresces white to pale yellow, indicating that some of it contains a small amount of molybdenum. The molybdenum content of concentrates rarely exceeded the tolerance of 0.4 percent.

Molybdenite is a rare mineral in the deposits. It is found sparlingly in a small quarts lens at co-ordinates 4,800 R., 4,870 E.

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(fig. 115), where it is partially replaced by powellite. In the

tungsten ores and associated bodies of sulfides, molybdenite is rare.

Sphalerite is found in very small amounts in the tactite. It is an abundant mineral in the calcite-fluorite-sphalerite-scheelite ore mined in the Moody ore shoot of the Lincoln mine. This ore averages about 5 to 4 percent of sinc.

The manganosiderite is dark green, socriaceous appearing material with a honey-comb framework. Jewell J. Class of the Geological Survey exemined the material microscopically and determined it to be a rhombohedral carbonate with an omega index of 1.830, that for the normal iron carbonate, siderite, with some manganese. The material completely dissolved in hot hydrochloric acid with efforwescence, and gave strong qualitative tests for iron and manganese, but none for tungsten.

Localization of orc. - Scheelite occurs in greater concentration on the limestone side of the tactite bands. The ore shoots present in the band of tactite that adjoins the granite (the "Moody" It seems probable that the bulk of the calc-silicate minerals were introduced at an early stage, and that they were impermeable to subsequent introduction of tungsten-bearing solutions. The un-replaced limestone was a favorable host rock for these later solutions. In most instances, only part of the limestone was replaced.

In the Lincoln mine, fractures and joints that cut across the bedding in the linestons are now mineralized in part; they served as channelways for mineralizing solutions which penetrated cut along them from the massive tectite. This relationship is particularly well shown in the Moddy ore body; it is also evident in the Grubstake tens.

Schoolite mineralization in the tactite west of the platy hornfels is very erratic. In the Grubstake zone of the Lincoln mine, several stopes of high-grade ore were mined. Development beneath them
showed that the ore bodies were not continuous downward. No infor-

mation was gained whereby to predict the occurrence of ore.

Insoferate is known, the Moody ore shoot is unique in the district. There has been no recognition of surface evidence suggesting the occurrence of similar ore bodies.

#### Mines

apart, on the northern and southern extremities respectively of the contact zone. The Lincoln mine has been the major producer in the district, whereas the Schofield mine, prospected sporadically for a number of years, had only produced about 32 units of WOg by the end of 1945.

Lincoln mine. - By 1944, the Lincoln mine was opened by an inclined chaft 220 feet deep, by an adit that intersects the shaft about 40 feet below the collar, and by several winzes (figs. 117, 116, and 119). Workings in 1944 included 4 main levels, several

<sup>√</sup> Fig. 117. Composite map of workings of the Lincoln mine, Tem Piute district, Nevada.

- V Fig. 118. Goologic map of levels 1, 2, 3, and 4, Lincoln mines
- Fig. 119. Vertical projection of the Moody ore zone, Lincoln mine, Tem Finte district, Mavada.

sublevels, 3 stopes, connecting raises, winses, and shafts. There were 5,200 feet of drifts and crossouts, 1,700 feet of raises, winses, and shafts. The fourth level, at a depth of 255 feet beneath the adit, was opened from a winse.

adjacent to the granite contact, and the Grubstake zone, from 60 to 200 feet northwest of the granite. The greater part of the ore mined came from the Moody ore shoot. The Grubstake zone was explored only on the first and second levels, and the only important ore body found was at the north end of the mine above the adit.

In the Lincoln mine, the Moody tastite bed is about 45 feet thick. It consists of bands of different kinds of tastite associated with some residual limestone on the hanging wall. Along the granite

succeeded outward by garnet tectite with little sulfide. The Moody ore shoot, which consists of calcite-chlorite-fluorite rock, with aphalarite and scheelite, lies between the tactite and the platy hornfels of the hanging wall. Irregular remnants of marble are in places present between the Moody ore and the hornfels.

The sulfide-rich tactite is a dense, hard rock consisting predominantly of pyrite and pyrrhotite with lesser amounts of dark silicate minerals. It pappears to fill the entire width of the Moody
some at the south end of the third level, but elsewhere takes up
only half the bed or less. At the surface, the rock is oxidized to
a limite gossan which extends only 20 or 30 feet deep. Oxidation
is much deeper in the adjoiring tactite bands because of their
higher porosity.

The rest of the testite is low inpulfides and consists dom-

inently of garnet with lesser member of quartz and calcite. Some of this rock may contain as much as I percent of WOg, but most of it is of lower grade.

part of the contact between ore and marble. They were formed by surface waters that seeped down along the percus contact, and extend to the lowest workings, although the present water level, before pumping, is above the third level.

The Moody ere body consists of calcite-chlorite-sphaleritefluorite-scheelite rock in an ore shoot with an average strike length
of 200 feet a nd an average thickness of 10 feet. The thickness
ranges from 5 to 15 feet. The shoot rakes 620 ME. (fig. 119). In
1944, it had been mired 500 feet along the rake, from the sufface
to the fourth level, and had been shown by drilling to continue
another 580 feet deeper along the rake. The deepest hole penatrated
4.6 feet of ore containing 0.92 percent of WOg at an altitude of

5.755 feet, 615 feet vertical distance beneath the outerop. The average content of WO3 is probably about 1.0 percent. The lower limit of the ore shoot is not known.

Schofield mine. -- The property of the Borth Tem Piute Mining and Development Co., known locally as the Schofield mine, consists of 40 unpatented claims, of which only 4, the Phylis, Rae Ella, Rae Ella No. 2, and Rae Ella No. 8, are known to contain mineral deposits of potential value. These claims are at the south tip of the south stock. A single band of tactite, ranging in thickness from 20 to 110 feet, is present along the granite contact on the west side of the granite, and a narrower band on the east side. Schoolite is widespread in the tactite, but concentrations are found only in the west band along the limestone side of the tactite. From surface sampling and core drilling, it is believed that 4 shoots of scheelite ore are present in a distance of 850 feet; those shoots range in strike length from 95 to 280 feet, in width from 4 to 15

feet, and in grade from 0.4 to 0.65 percent of WOz. Local enrichments contain as much as 1.5 percent of WOz, but they are too erratic in distribution to be mined separately. The tactite between ore shoots probably averages about 0.2 percent of WOz, and much of the tactite from the ore shoots east to the granite contact ranges from 0.1 to 0.2 percent.

The 4 claims are partly prespected by 9 short adits with a total length of 600 feet(fig. 120). At the surface, the tactite was

trenched and sampled, in 1942, at intervals of 60 to 100 feet.

Three diemond drill holes, with an aggregate length of 944 feet,
were drilled by the Bureau of Mines in 1944 to test the one some at
depths up to 200 feet beneath the outcrop. The drill holes cored
material similar in grade to that at the surface.

It is estimated that the indicated ore to the dopth of the deepest

Fig. 120. Geologie map of workings. North Tem Piute Mining and Development Co., Tem Piute district, Newada.

drill hole (elevation 6,570 feet) amounts to 80,800 tons containing 85,600 units of WOg. Inferred ore estimated at 420 tons per foot of wertical depth extends to unknown depths beneath the drill holes.

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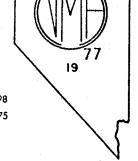
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# NEVADA MINES, COMPANY REPORTS, ETC.

UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION: - held dedication ceremonies for its Emerson Tungsten Mine and Mill at Tempiute, Lincoln County, Nevada on June 24, 1977. The brochure describing the operation states: "About 150 miles north of Las Vegas, Nevada, is the Timpahute Mountain Range where Union Carbide is operating a new tungsten mine and mill. Named for John F. Emerson, who has guided Union Carbide's mining activities for over 30 years, this mine and mill provides an important new source of this metal for use in cutting tools, light bulbs, drilling bits, aerospace hardware, and many other home and industrial applications. These 8000-foot high mountains contain approximately 20 years of tungsten reserves. The mine and mill can produce and process about 1000 tons of this low-grade tungsten ore per day, yielding about 2-million pounds of tungsten per year. About 200 miners, geologists, engineers, and mill operators as well as maintenance, laboratory and office personnel are needed to operate this efficient facility. Since the U.S. relies heavily on overseas production to meet its needs, the Emerson mine and mill will make the U.S. more self-sufficient in tungsten.

"The mineral scheelite (calcium tungstate) was first discovered in the Tempiute District in 1916. Not until the 1950's did Tempiute see much mining activity. At that time, 160 men were employed in what was then called the Wah Chang mine. This operation was closed down and dismantled in 1957 when the U.S. Government ceased its stockpile buying program and the price of tungsten dropped sharply. In 1968, Union Carbide leased a number of mining claims and did extensive drilling to define the grade and the extent of the tungsten-ore body. At the same time, metallurgical studies were made to evaluate suitable processes for extracting the useful ore from its waste material. This work led to the decision in 1974 to open the mine and build a mill to process the ore. Production at the mill began in mid 1977.....

"Each ton of rock mined contains only a handful of tungsten. Extracting this small amount of tungsten is the job of the mill at Tempiute. The first step in milling is to crush the ore to a powder. This small size is needed because individual grains of scheelite are scattered through the rock and must be broken free of the waste material in order to be recovered. Crushing takes place in two steps. First, ore from the mine containing lumps as large as 30 inches is broken down to 3/4-inch lumps in a massive crusher with a mechanical jaw. Then water is added and the ore is fed to rod-and-ball mills that pulverize the ore into powder. The resulting powder-water mixture is called a

This slurry must be conditioned in mixing vessels before the tungsten-ore particles can be removed from the rest of the rock. Small amounts of soda ash, sodium silicate, copper sulfate, lime, and soapy oils properly condition the slurry for flotation, where the concentrated tungsten ore is finally recovered. Flotation is a physicalchemical method of removing the ore by bubbling air through the slurry. The chemicals allow the tungsten-ore particles to attach themselves to the air bubbles, which carry them to the top of the slurry to form a mineral-rich froth which is skimmed off. The waste rock sinks to the bottom of the flotation cell and is carried away to the tailings pile. The froth containing the concentrated tungsten ore is then filtered to remove the excess water and shipped to Union Carbide's tungsten operations in Bishop, California. There it is chemically treated to produce a white crystalline compound called ammonium paratungstate. Ammonium paratungstate is the starting material for producing other forms of tungsten, such as ferrotungsten and tungsten metal. Union Carbide produces these products at its plant at Niagara Falls, N.Y. Ferrotungsten is the form of tungsten that is added to steel. Tungsten metal powder is used for tungsten-metal applications or converted to tungsten carbide for metal-cutting and forming uses.

"Tungsten (which is Swedish for 'heavy stone') is one of the heaviest metals known. It also has the highest melting temperature - 6170°F (3410°C) - as well as high strength at high temperatures and excellent wear resistance. These characteristics are used in many applications in our daily lives. For example, light-bulb filaments are made of (In fact, 1 pound of tungsten powder can be drawn into a wire 8.5 miles long to provide filaments for 23,000 60-watt light bulbs.) Dentists use high-speed drills containing tungsten while doctors use tungsten surgical instruments. Tips of ball-point pens last longer when they contain tungsten, as do distributor points in Tungsten is also found in TV sets, X-ray machines, dyes, paints and glass. Even more important are the uses of tungsten in industry. Tungsten-carbide tools outlast tool steels by 10 times as they drill, cut and shape metals, even at red-hot temperatures. construction industries rely on tungsten to increase the life of rock-drilling bits and wear-resistant parts. The aerospace industry uses tungsten heat-protection shields in rocket nozzles and tungstenbearing gas-turbine blades in jet engines that operate at high temperatures....

"The Emerson facility at Tempiute is the third tungsten mine and mill operated by Union Carbide worldwide. The Corporation has been mining and processing tungsten ores at Bishop, California, in the High Sierra since 1937. Early in 1977, Union Carbide started up a new tungsten mine and mill at Boca de Lage in Northeastern Brazil....."

All present at the dedication ceremonies were given a copy of 'What Mining Means to Americans', a booklet published as a public service by the American Mining Congress.

KENNECOTT COPPER CORPORATION: - reported consummation of the sale of Peabody Coal Company on June 30, 1977 for \$1.2-billion face amount of cash and securities. All shares of Peabody Coal were sold to Peabody Holding Co., Inc., a corporation owned by Newmont Mining Corporation

HOUSTON OIL AND MINERALS CORPORATION:- has a 6-months option to buy Minerals Engineering Company's silver-lead-zinc mine and mill near Creede, Colorado, and will pay \$850,000 if it exercises the option. Up to now, Houston oil has paid \$453,000 to Minerals Engineering, mainly for Minerals Engineering's interests in prospective uranium property in western Colorado and eastern Utah, and in prospective gold-silver property in the Comstock Lode area near Virginia City, Nevada. Earlier this year, Houston Oil acquired all the mining properties of Summa Corporation (the mining arm of Hughes Tool Company) in Nevada.

GULF RESOURCES AND CHEMICAL CORPORATION: - announced acquisition of options to purchase all outstanding common stock and subordinated debentures of INDUSTRIAL MINERAL VENTURES, INC. of Golden, Colorado. options are exercisable at Gulf's discretion and may be renewed by Gulf for a total period of 24 months. IMV has been in a development stage for the last several years. It has large reserves of bentonite, sepiolite, saponite, calcium carbonate and hectorite on the California-Nevada border, approximately 80 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. Bentonite may be used for fresh water drilling muds and because of its high whiteness, has applications in paint, paper coating and deterg-Sepiolite is used in salt water and high temperature drilling muds and has potential applications in paints, absorbents, and as a suspension agent. Saponite has potential applications in fresh water drilling mud, paint sealants, and in radioactive waste disposal. cium carbonate has high whiteness with uses in paint, paper, paper coating and as a filler in plastics. Hectorite has potential applications in organo-clad forms in paints, greases, and printing inks.

GULF OIL CORPORATION: - announced plans to acquire Kewanee Industries, Inc. for about \$440.2-million in cash. Boards of the two companies have approved the merger. Kewanee Industries is an oil and gas producer and a partner in Westmoreland Resources, which operates the Absaloka Mine in Hardin, Montana. Other partners are Westmoreland Coal Company, Penn-Virginia Corporation and Morrison-Knudsen Company.

COLBY MINES LTD: will start exploration on the Paradise Peak property near Gabbs, Nye County, 100 miles southeast of Reno, Nevada. The property has a dual potential, first as an early producer of tungstenscheelite and second for its large tonnage copper-molybdenum porphyry potential. Colby has also optioned from Gene Sawyer the small tonnage, high-grade Gabbs tungsten property. The mine, 8 miles north of Gabbs, formerly produced from working to a depth of 100 feet and has an unexplored potential which will be tested by Colby Mines in the near future. Acquisition of both properties in Nevada is subject to approval of the regulatory authorities.

ARGUS RESOURCES, INC:- acquired the White Caps Mine at Manhattan, Nevada, which consists of 12 patented and 31 unpatented gold and antimony claims, for 145,000 shares of Argus Resources common stock. Argus now owns the White Caps Mine outright and the old White Caps Mining Company, renamed Transworld Energy Corporation, is now the largest stockholder in Argus.

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY: - expects to begin construction of a power plant this fall at Valmy, Nevada, following approval of the Ne-

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# NORTH TEM PIUTE MINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY Lincoln Courty, Nevada

(Supplementary memorandum to Wyant report of January 1944)
by

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I spent September 27 to 29 reviewing geology and ore reserves of the North Tem Piute Mining and Development Co. Mr. George Holmes of the U. S. Bureau of Mines and I went over the results of Bureau drilling, re-interpreted the surface sampling done in a previous Bureau project, walked over most of the property, and examined the Moody ore some in ultraviolet light. Mr. Ed Schofield of Provo, Utah, one of the promoting owners, was on the property part of the time.

The North Tem Fiute Mining and Development Co. holds 40 unpatented claims in the Tem Fiute district, Lincoln County, Nevada. Only 4 of these claims, the Phylis, Rae Ella, Rae Ella No. 2, and Rae Ella No. 3, are known to contain mineral deposits of potential value. These 4 claims adjoin the group held by Lincoln Eines, Inc., which lies to the north; the main mineralization is on the same contact as the crebodies worked by Lincoln Mines.

The 4 claims are partly prospected by S short adits with a total length of 800 feet. The surface ore zones were trenched at intervals of 50 to 100 feet and sampled by the U. S. Sureau of Mines in 1942. Three diamond drill holes, with an aggregate length of 944 feet, were drilled by the Bureau in 1944 to test the ore zone at depths up to 200 feet beneath the outcrop. The Bureau has completed its work on the claims.

Scheelite is widespread in the surface exposures of tactite; orebodies that appear to have continuity are found only on the west side of the Moody tactite some against limestone and hornfels. Sampling and core drilling show 4 shoots of scheelite ore in a distance of 850 feet; these shoots have strike lengths ranging from 95 to 280 feet, average widths of 13 4 to 3 feet, and average grades ranging from 0.4 to 0.65% of WO3. Local

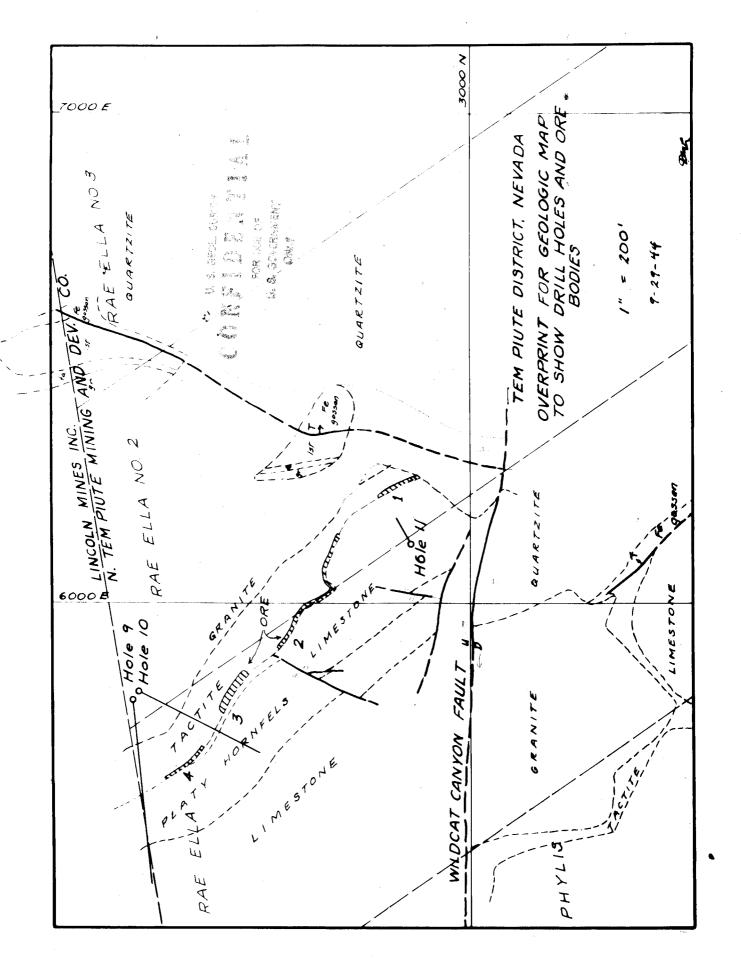
enrichments may contain up to 1.5%, but are too erratic in distribution to be mined separately. The tactite between shoots probably averages about 0.2% WO<sub>3</sub>, and much of the adjoining material east to the granite ranges from 0.1 to 0.2%. It is estimated that the indicated ore in these shoots to the depth of the deepest drill hole (elevation \$570 feet) amounts to 80,800 tons containing 35,600 units of WO<sub>3</sub>. Inferred ore estimated at 420 tons per foot of vertical depth extends below the drill holes; the downward limit is unknown, but probably is at least several hundred feet below the indicated block.

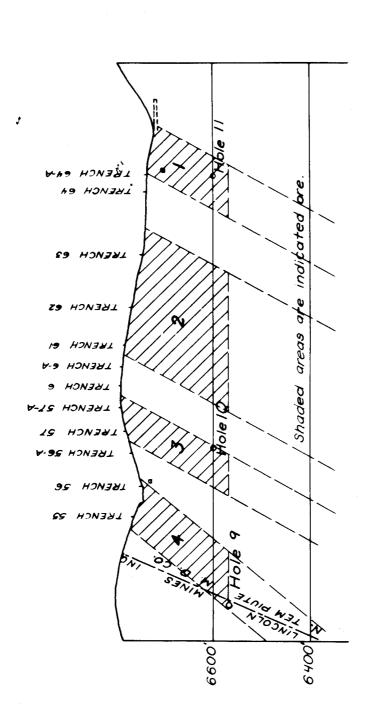
The other mineralized pertions of the property are not known to contain scheelite crebodies, although scheelite is present in places. No scheelite or other mineral of value has been found in the limonite gossan that marks the thrust fault between quartite and limestone, or in the silicified limonitic breccia along the Wildcat Canyon fault. Sphalerite is found in small amounts in the scheelite-bearing tactite, but none of the samples taken by the Bureau of Mines from drill cores or from surface trenches assayed more than a fraction of a percent of zinc. Of 10 smaples picked for zinc by L. D. Thomas of Combined Metals Co. in 1935, only one, representing a local enrichment 1.5° wide, assayed 8.5% of zinc; the others ranged from O.1 up to 2.0%. The Schofields are attempting to promote the property as a zinc deposit, their hopes being based mainly on the use of a doodle-bug. There is no evidence of bodies of zinc, lead, copper, or silver ore on the claims. In the places where the sulfides have been penetrated by drill holes beneath the exidized material, they have consisted of pyrite and pyrhottite without values.

Conclusion. The tungsten mineralization is the only known substance of potential value on the property. The grade of most of the ore is too low and the size of the bodies too small to permit successful operation at current prices for tungsten. The claims have a substantial reserve of marginal to submarginal ore which could be made available for \$30 to \$40 a unit, other conditions being similar to those prevailing during 1944.

Ore Reserves on Rae Ella and Rae Ella No. 2 claims of North Tem Piute Mining and Development Co., Tem Piute District, Lincoln County, Nevada

						INFERRED ORE Tons per foot of depth	
Blook	Midth	Longth	Depth	Tons	Grade	Units	below elev. 6,670'.
1	8 *	100	192	16,300	0.40	6,120	96
2	4.3	260	234	26,200	0.41	10,500	134
3	<b>#13.2</b>	95	240	30,000	0.43	13,000	150
4	4	100	230	9,300	0.65	6,000	<u>50</u>
		TOTAL.		80,800		35,600	430





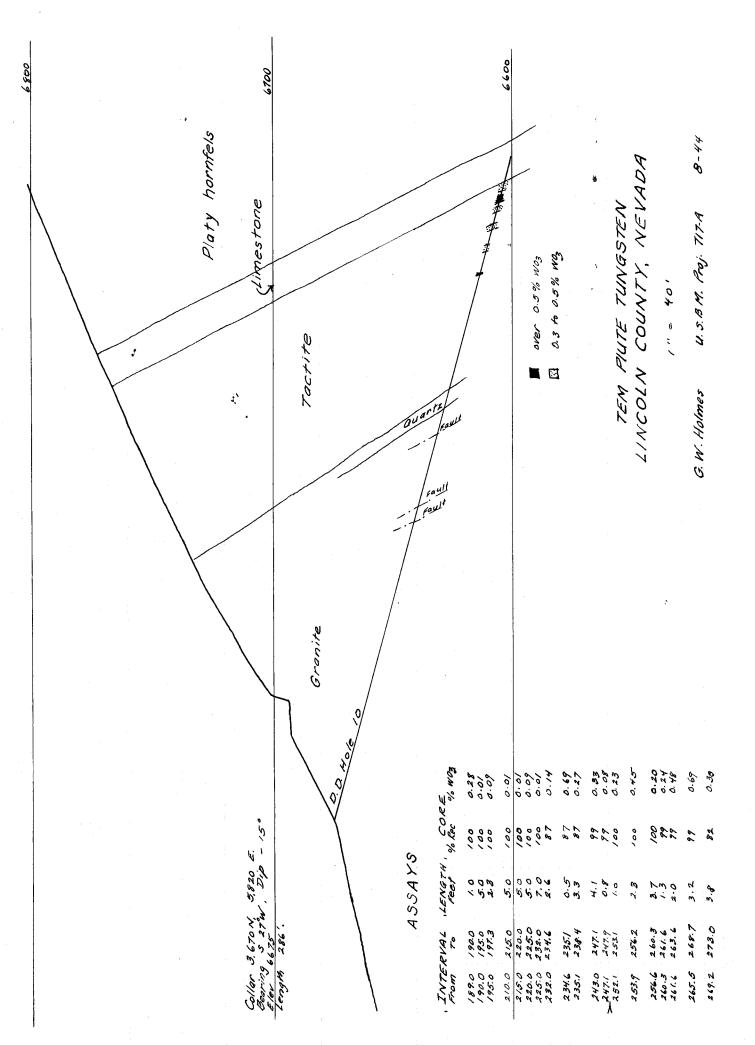
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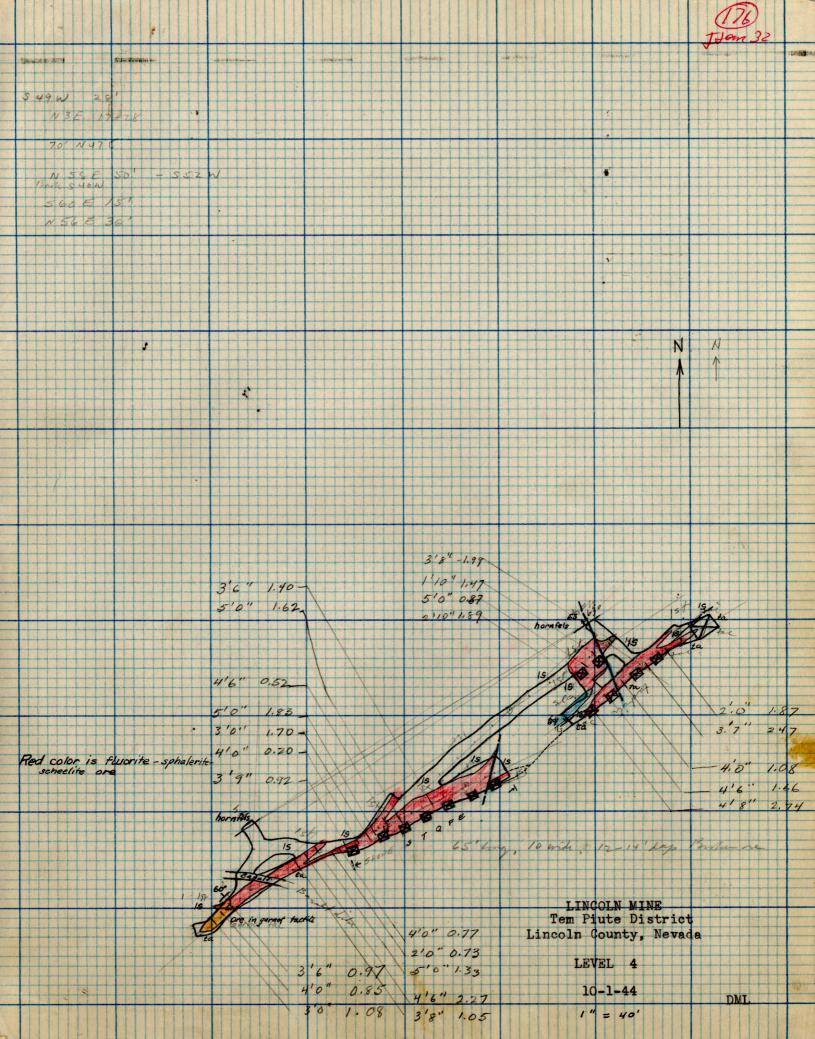
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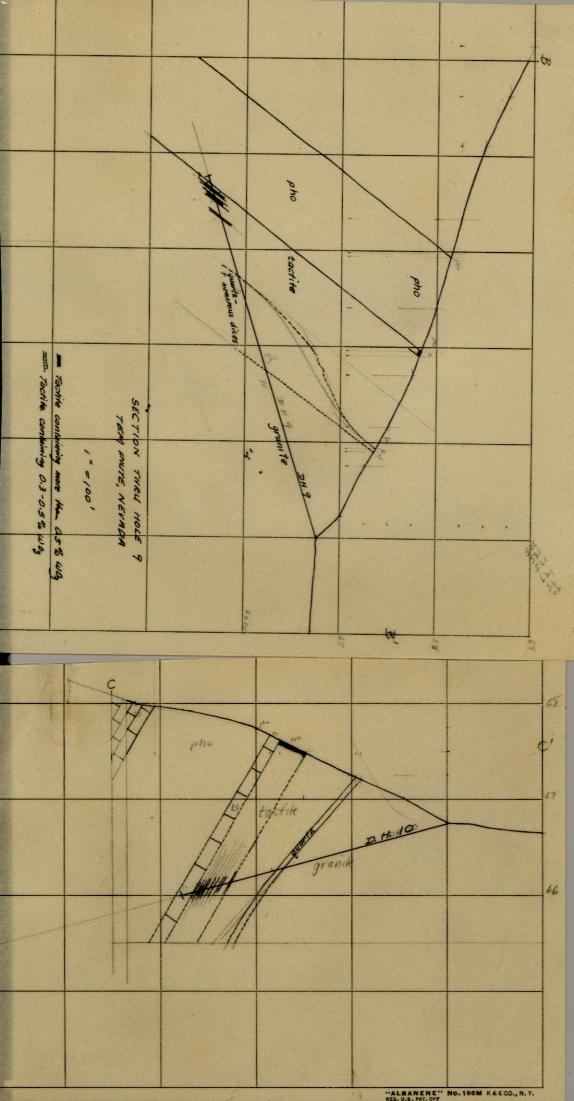
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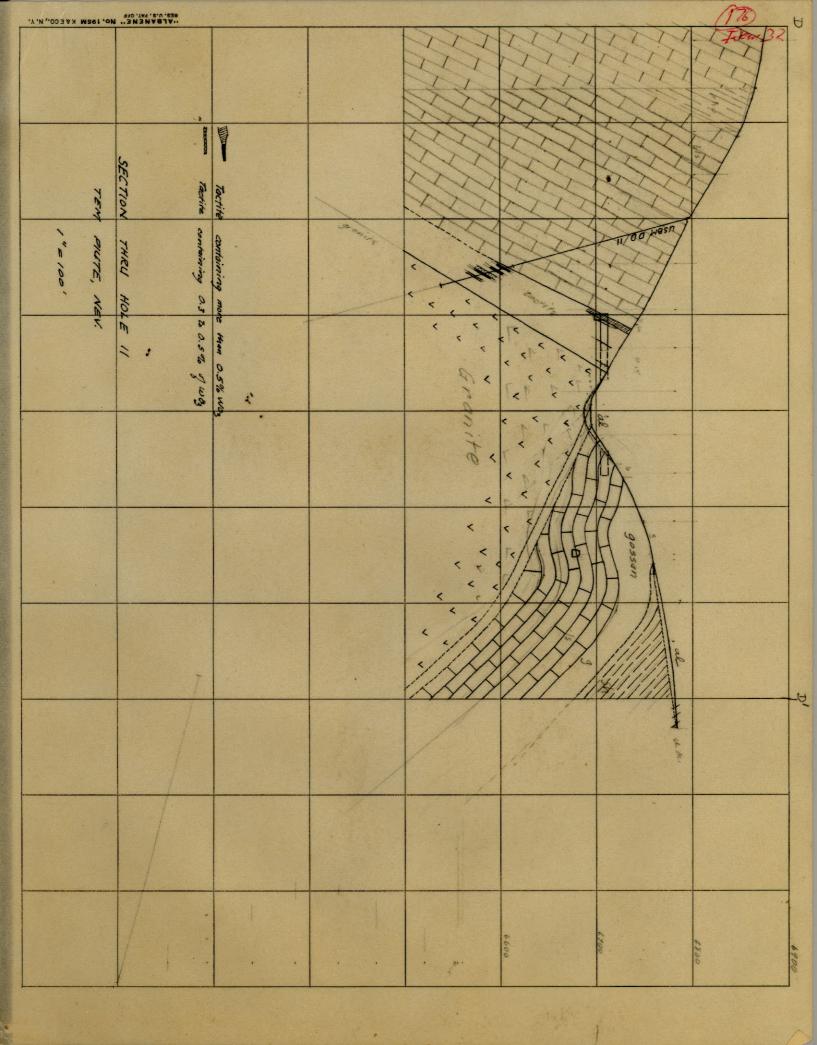
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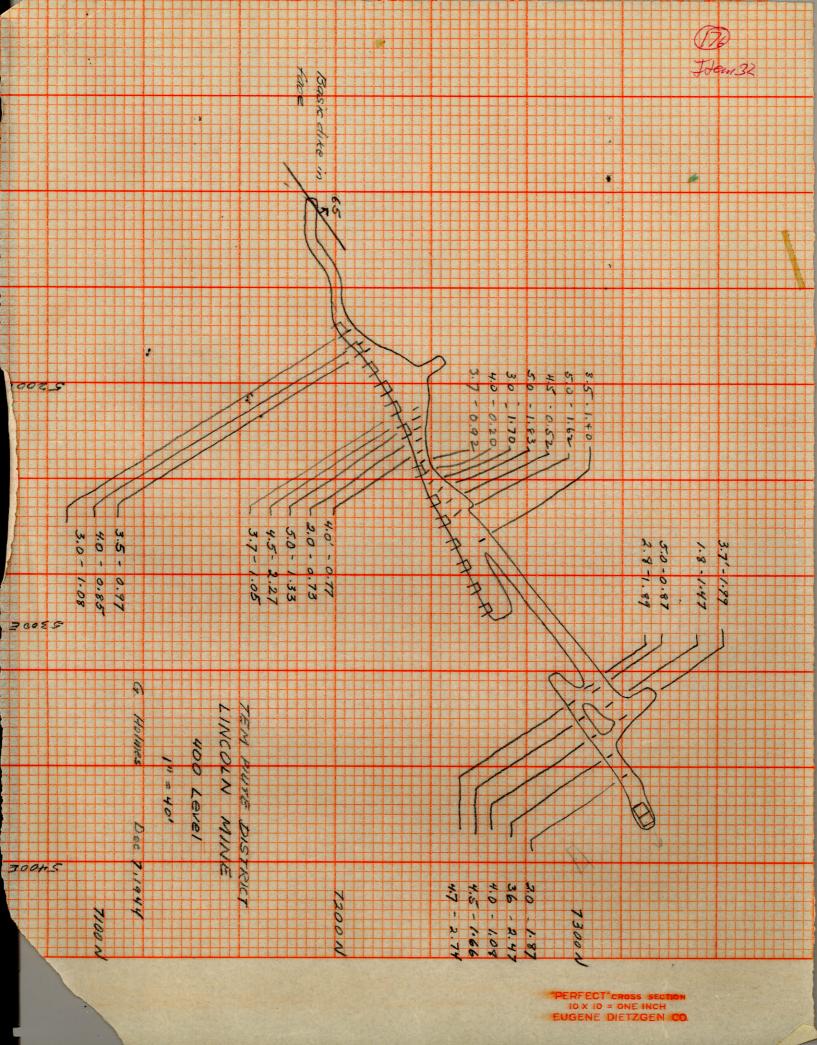


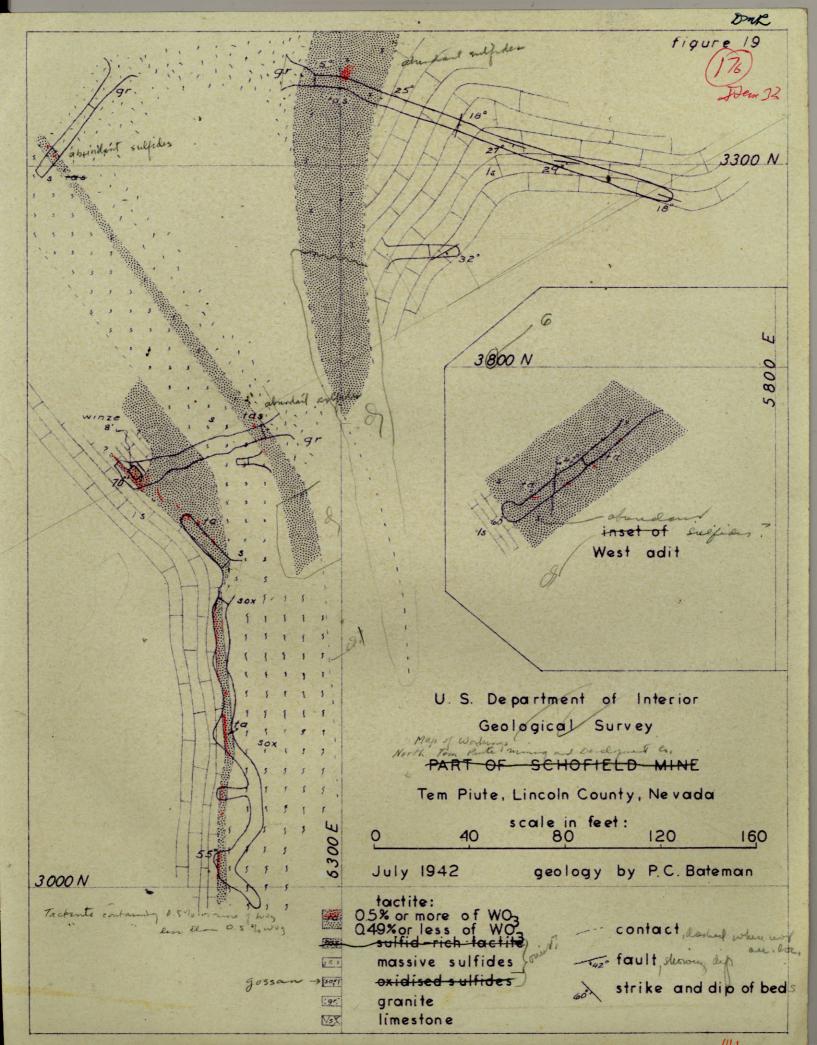






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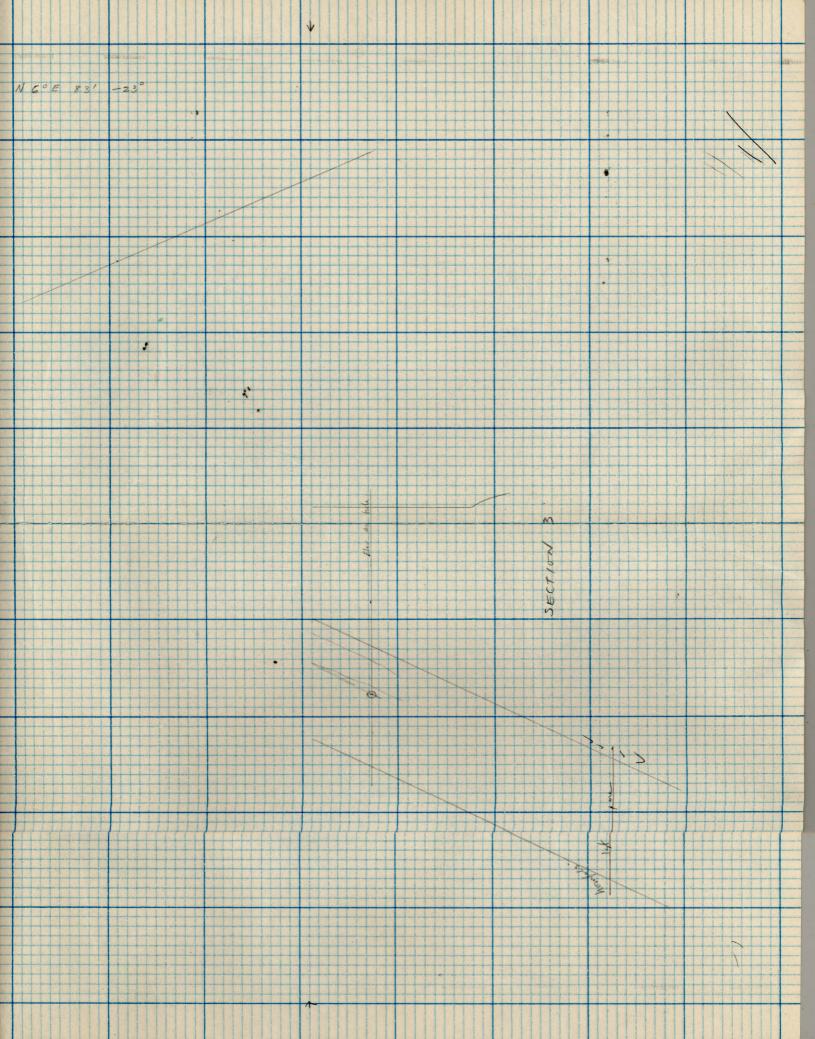


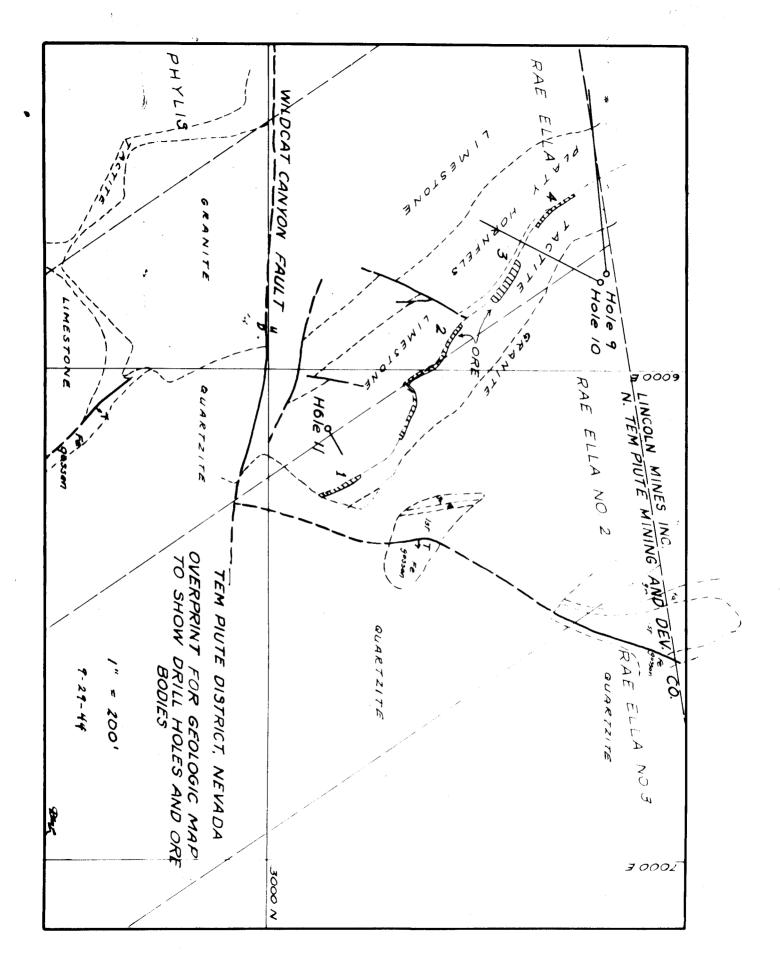


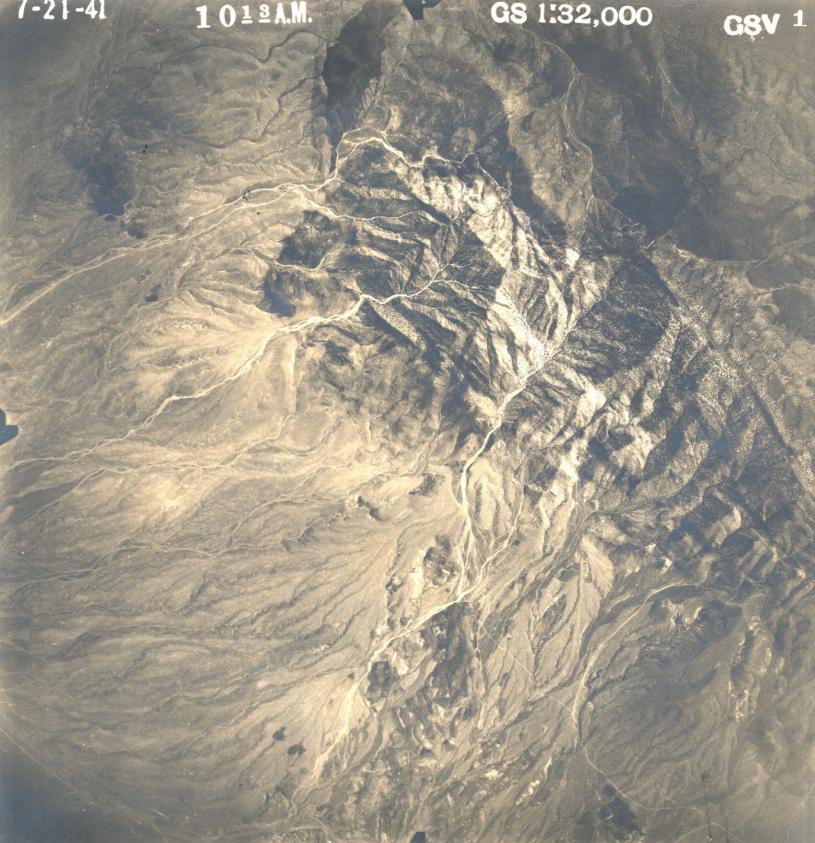
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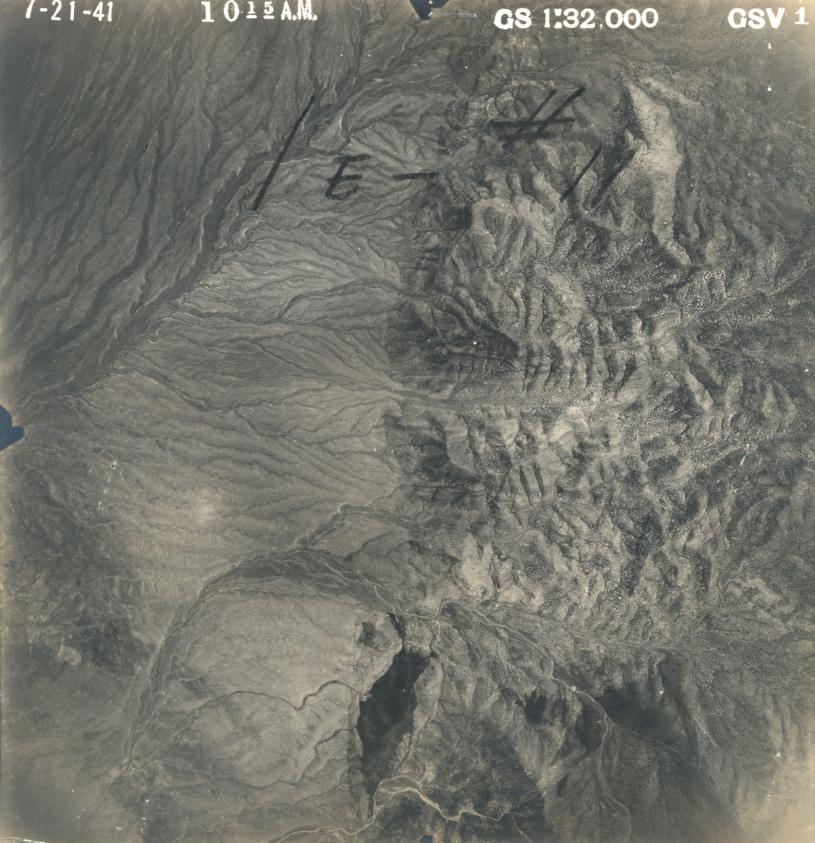
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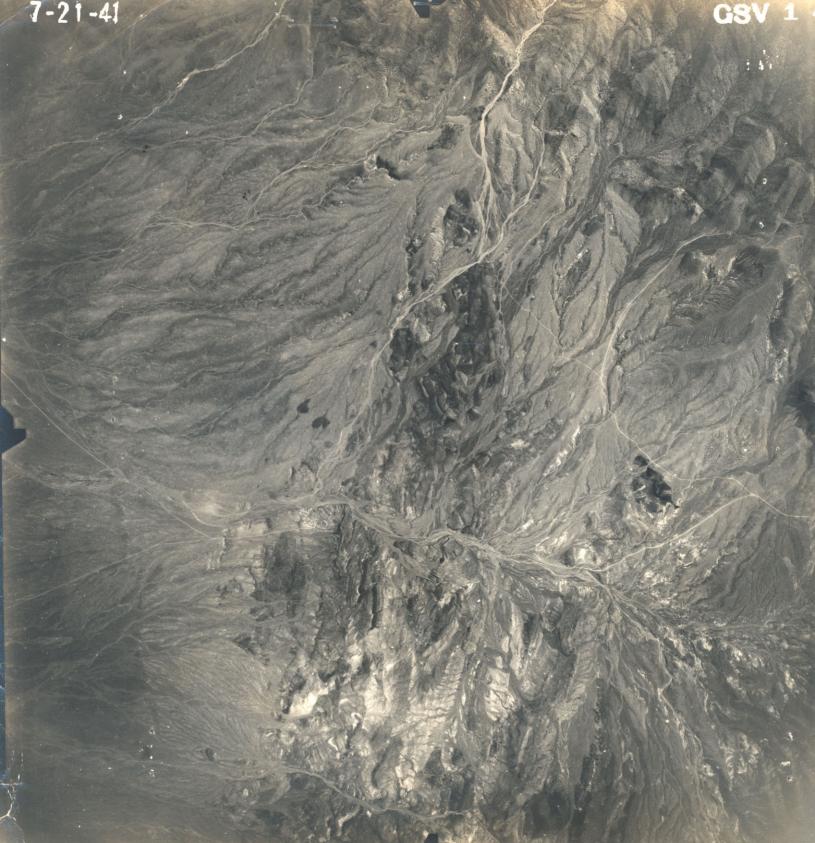
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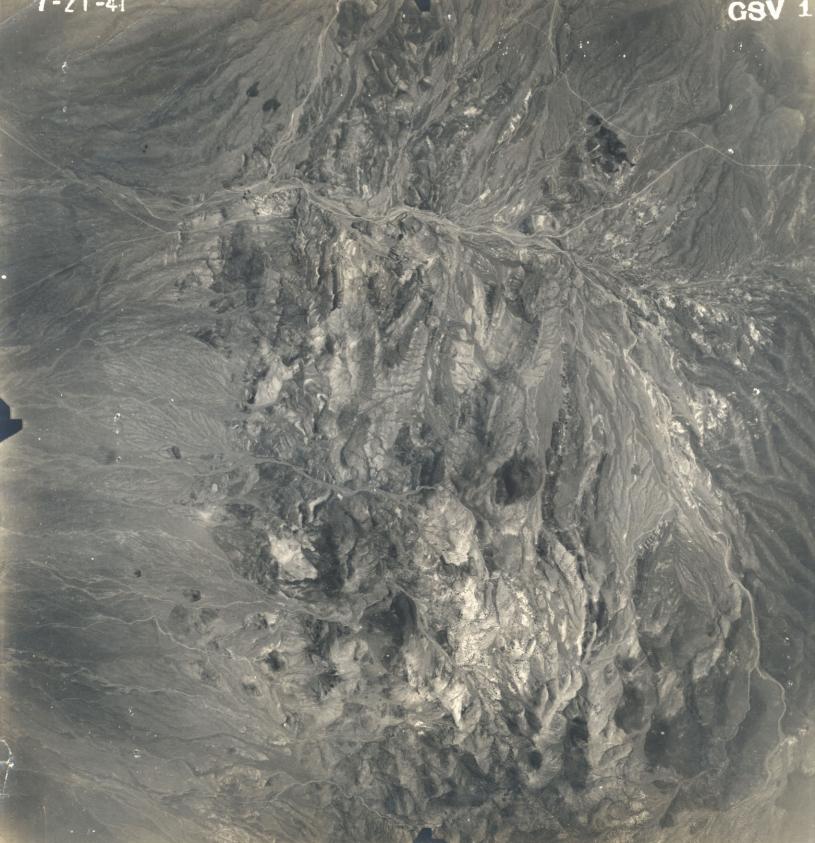


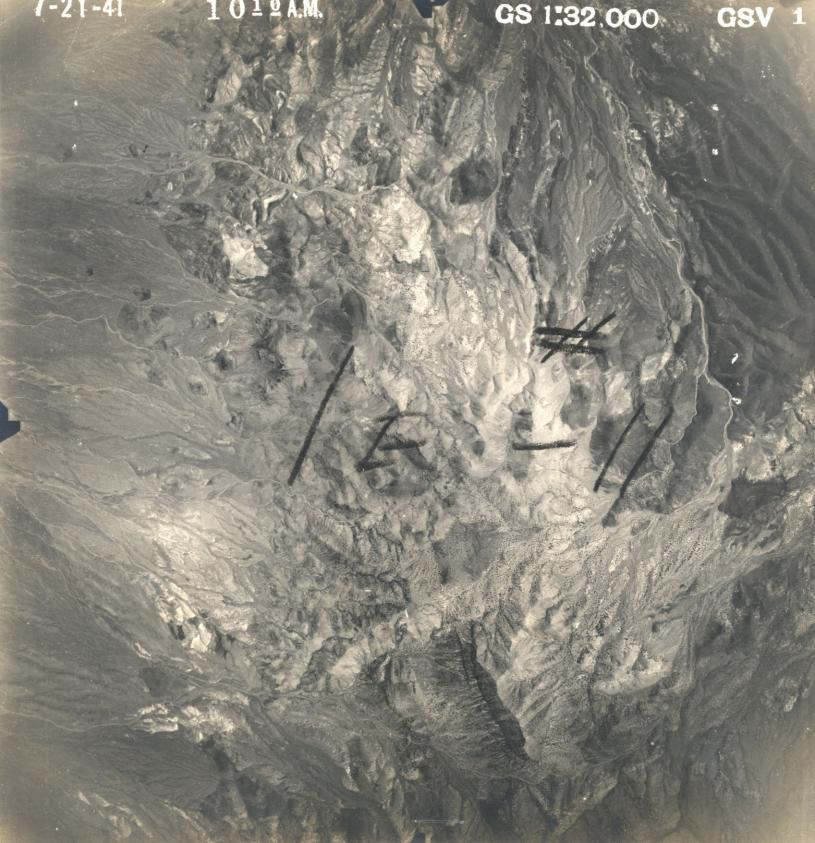




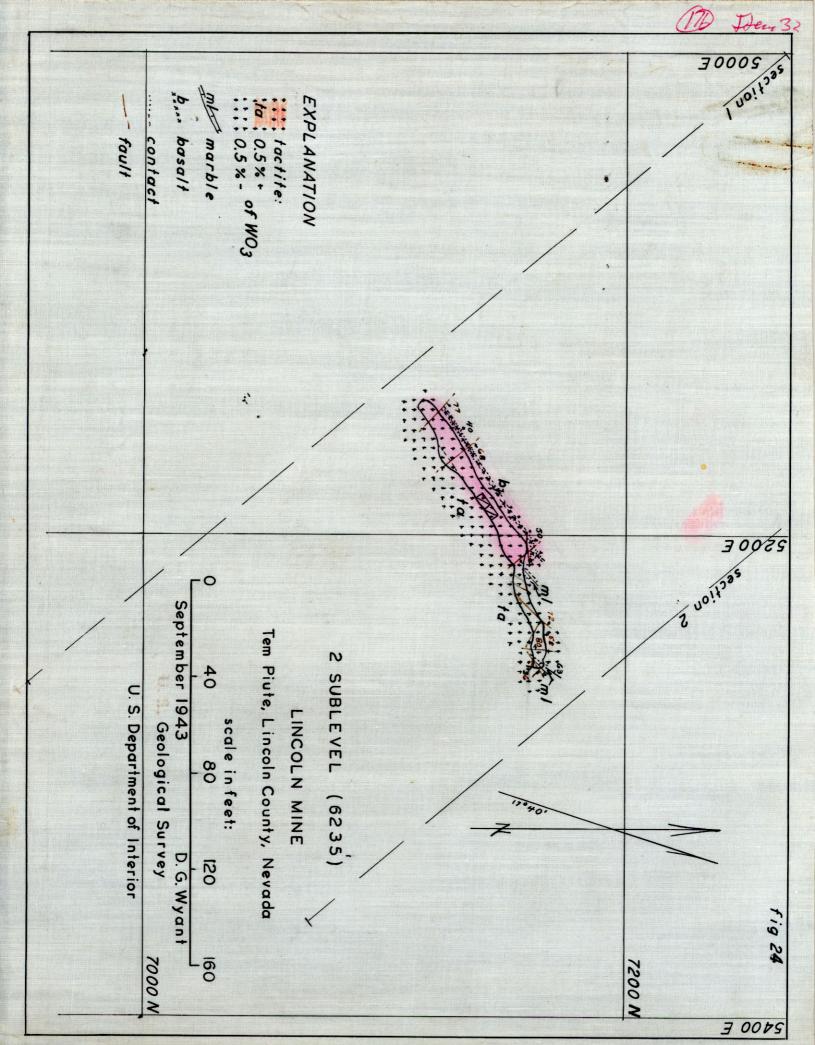


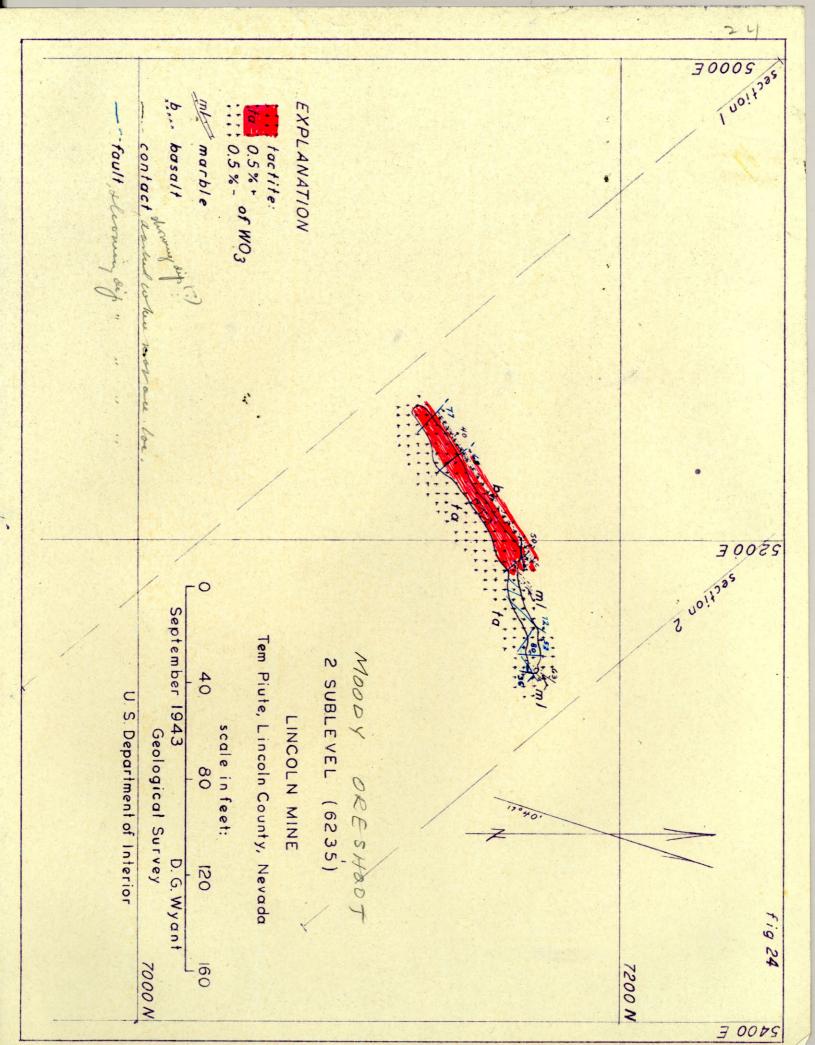


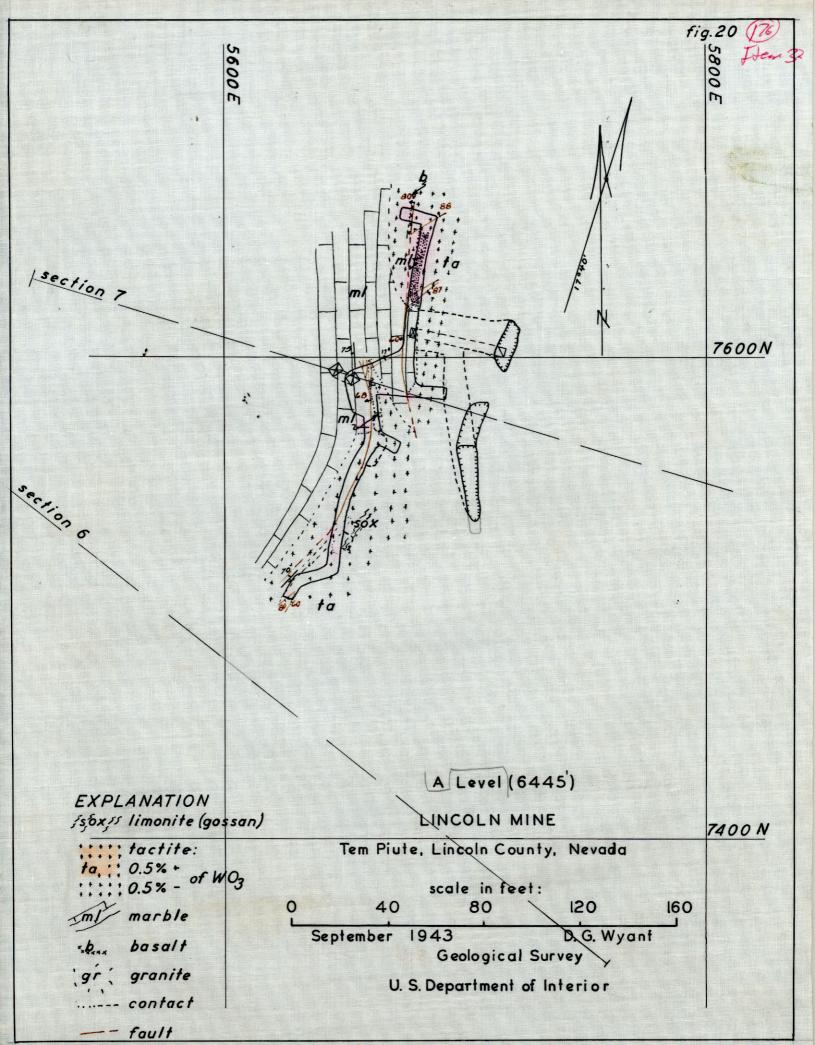


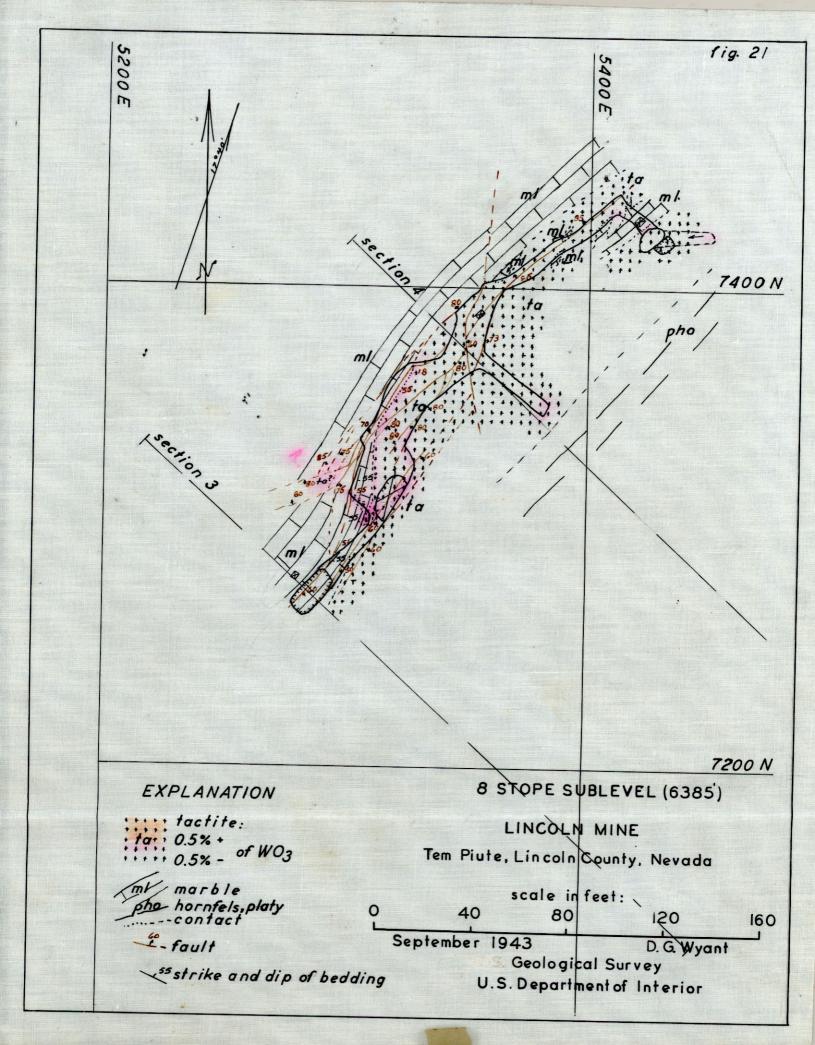


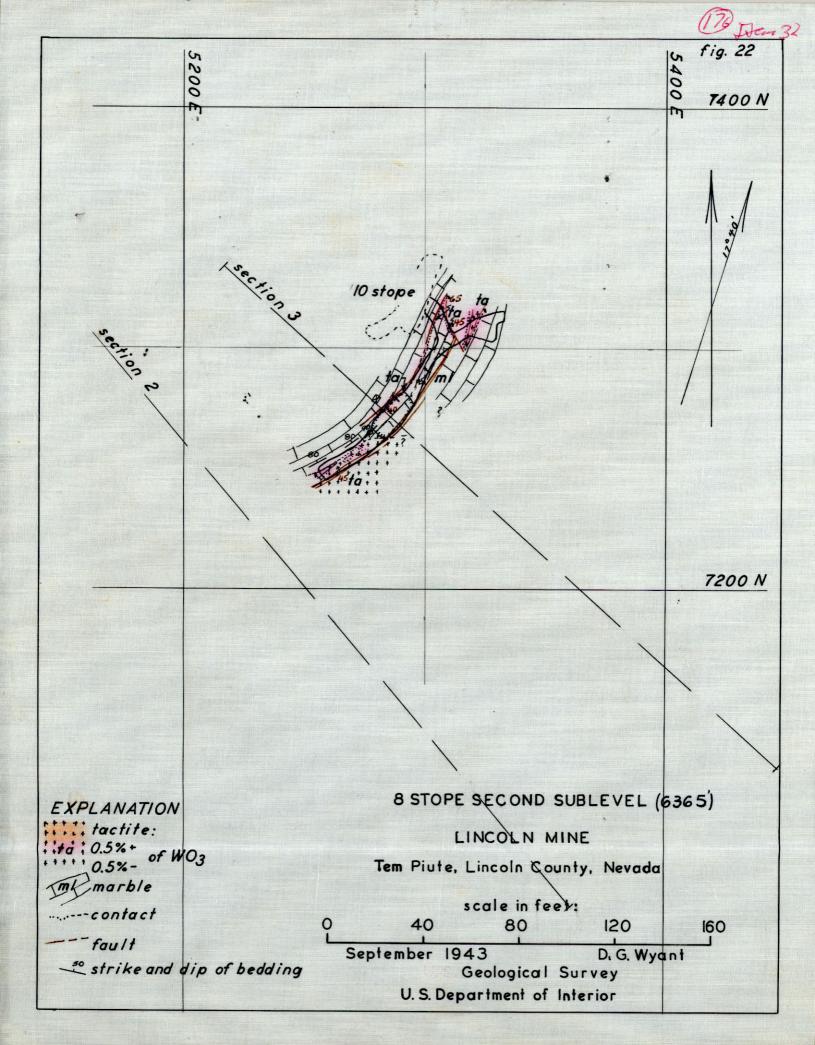
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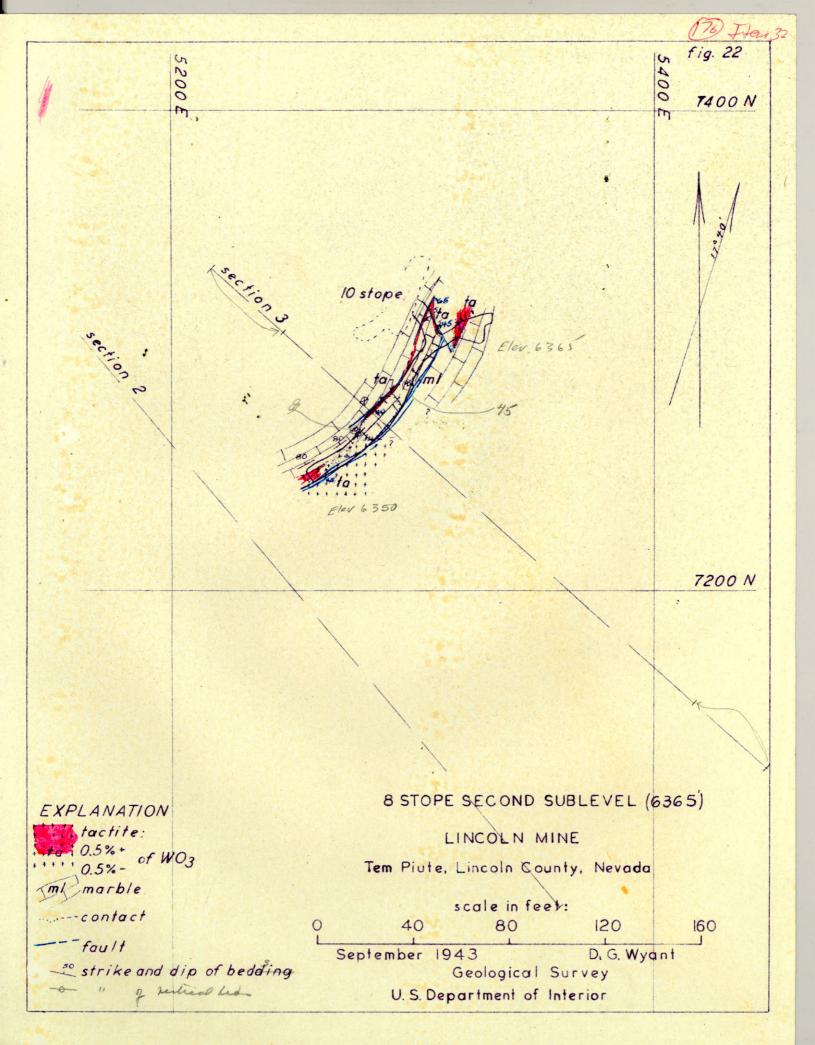






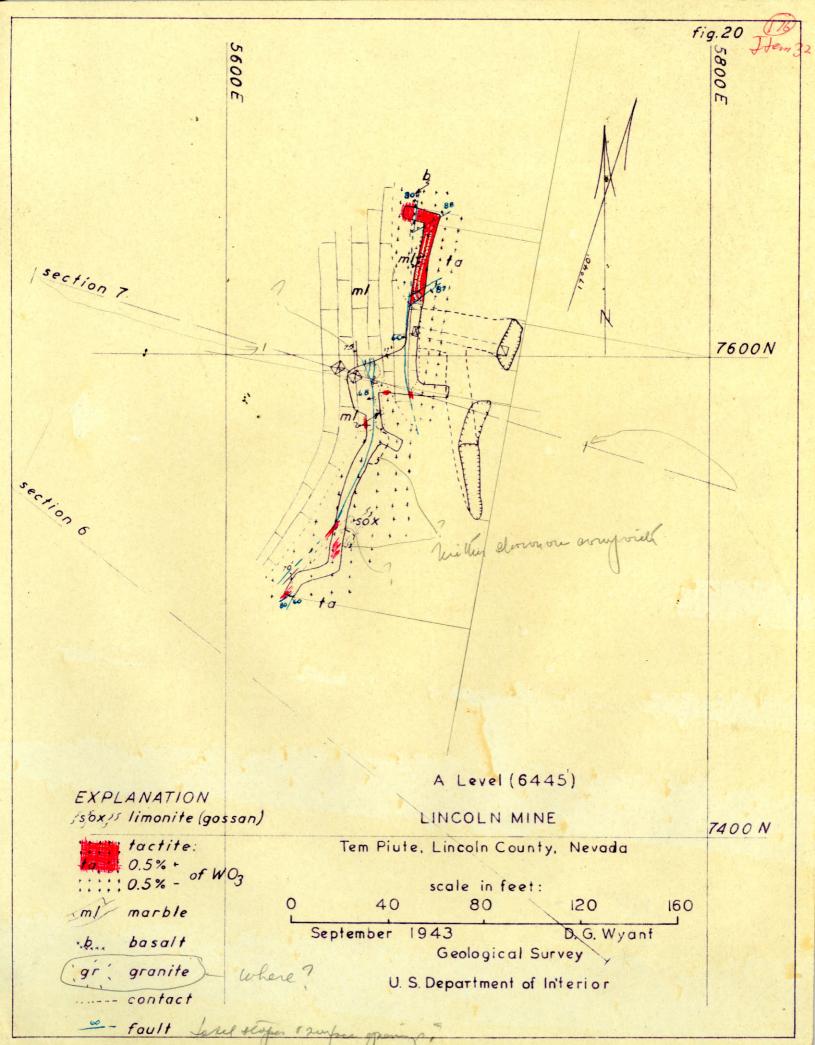






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MEMORANDUM: Mr. Henry DeWitt Smith.

Metals Reserve Company.

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SUBJECT:

Lincoln Mines, Nevada

Office of John E. North Consulting Engineer Metals Reserve Combany

Following are notes on a visit to the Lincoln Mines on October 23, 1942. Late trains made it necessary to examine this excellent tungsten mine hurriedly, at night.

### LOCATION; FACILITIES, ETC.

The mine is at the north end of the North Tempiute Range, in the Nevada desert 90 miles by road northwest from Caliente. Half of the road is paved, the rest a fair desert gravel road. The good 70 ton gravity mill, which makes 70 to 80% recovery, is at a 200 ft. drilled well in the gently sloping valley west of the mine, where there is abundant good water. The mine is at 6000 ft. elevation, 5 miles by road and 1,000 feet above the mill, on the lower slope of the rugged mountain. Camp facilities are ample for 100 men. About 60 are now working.

The mine is operated through two parallel connected tunnels 700 to 800 feet long, on the two veins or beds, with inadequate winzes 200 feet below the tunnel level. Walls are good and nearly all mining is by shrinkage stopes. A shaft will be needed for larger scale operations. Compressors, hoists, etc., are adequate for present work. Mine and mill are operated by Diesel power. All supplies must be hauled from Calients.

With 12 new employees just released by the army, an acute labor shortage is ended and development can be resumed.

### OR EBODIES

Ore replaces garnetized limestone in an are 6,000 feet long around the northwest, west, and southwest sides of a granite intrusion. The North Tempiute property contains an 800 foot extension of the ore formation southeast. There may be ore around another granite body further north.

The mine is in the northeast 800 feet of the arc, where beds strike northeast and dip 60 degrees northwest, parallel with the contact. Going away from the contact is the following series:

- 1. 40 ft. of garnet with much pyrrhotite and little scheelite.
- 2. Moody Bed or Vein, 6 15 ft. wide, lean on surface but with 0.5 to 1.2% ore for 650 out of 800 feet length on the tunnel level, 0 to 230 feet below surface. The #2 and #3 levels, 100 and 200 feet below the tunnel, are in the best zone, with 200 feet of good ore on

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the 200, and 120 feet of 1.2% ore 12 feet wide on the 300. The south 170 feet on the 300 is barren, and probably in the hanging wall. The better ore, of which 50,000 tons averaging about 1% have been milled, is where the bed is shattered and oxidized. Most of the remaining ore is hard garnet averaging about 0.6% WO<sub>3</sub>. Ore carries 2% zinc, which is stored in a middling product.

- 3. Between the Moody and Grubstake beds is shally limestone, with two small but rich ore pipes.
- 4. Grubstake Bed is developed by trenches and an open cut 525 ft. long and 11.5 ft. wide averaging 0.8% WO3. On the tunnel level the bed is disturbed by many small slips or faults, with short, irregular chimneys of rich ore. Only a little winzing has been done below the tunnel. More crosscutting is needed to prove there is not more ore in the walls.
- 5. In the hanging wall of the Grubstake is lean garnet, then limestone.

While the whole wide zone may average 0.2%, it will be much better to mine the lenses that average 0.5 to 0.7%. These are irregular in vertical and horizontal section, partly due to faulting, and require much development. Short drillholes would be useful.

#### ORE RESERVES.

High grade ove in sight, in the Moody Bed between the 200 and 300 levels, totals 10,000 tops averaging 1.2 to 1.4%.

In both veins above the 300 level, in the 800 ft. developed length, it seems likely that there will be 150,000 additional tons of 0.6% ore. This can not be economically treated in the present mill, which has inadequate crushing and grinding equipment for the hard garnet ore.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimated 63,250 tons of 0.7% ore, plus 800,000 tons of possible 6.2 to 0.4% ore. This was before ore was found on the 300 level. As above stated, it will be better not to mine the very lean material.

The 50,000 tons of tailings average 0.3% WO3. Tests show a recovery of 0.2% by tabling. Flotation tests have been unsuccessful on Lincoln ore or tailings.

#### POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ORE.

The U.S. Geological Survey map shows 280 lineal feet of 0.5% or better ore 10 feet wide outcropping in the undeveloped area, plus 960 lineal feet of similar ore averaging 10 feet wide in the undeveloped Lincoln area, and 500 feet in the North Tempiute or Schofield property.

The ground rises rapidly to the south, and an extension of the parallel Moody and Grubstake tunnels will give 200 to 400 or more feet backs.

If the undeveloped area turns out as well as the developed area, the undeveloped part of the Lincoln property may contain 300,000 tons per 100 vertical feet, and the North Tempiute may contain 100,000 tons per 100 ventical feet, with an average grade of 0.6% WO3.

It seems likely that the Lincoln property may produce 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 tons of 0.6% ore.

The Bureau of Mines has started to drill the property. While drilling has been slow, this work should be of much value. The only two holes completed thus far are under the developed area. The first 30 feet below a barren part of the 300 level, cut 11 feet of 2% ore. The second, 100 feet down the dip from the first, cut 35 feet of 0.3% ore. Details of the drilling were not available.

### COMPANY OPERATION AND PLANS.

As long as the property is operated by Mr. D. B. Fegles, the present owner, it is planned to follow and mine the present high grade ore, producing around 1500 units of WO<sub>3</sub> per month. It will take several additional months, at \$7,000 per month profit, to repay the investment.

Mr. Fegles realizes the importance of increasing production, and will be glad to consider any plan that will not imperil the return of capital and profit he is assured from developed ore. While Mr. N. Knickerbocker, local manager, and Mr. E. H. Burdick, Consulting Engineer, have done a very good job, Mr. Fegles does not want to take the responsibility of larger operations. He would prefer to turn the property over on lease to Metals Reserve Co., which could give a management contract to any one it desires.

### POSSIBLE TERMS FOR LARGER OPERATIONS.

To satisfy Mr. Fegles as well as to continue production, it will be necessary to mine the developed rich ore while the mill is being increased and lower grade ove blocked out for mining. Results would be about as follows:

Ore. 1.1% WO3. Recover 0.77% @ \$24.50 per unit, less frt., or \$18.75 p/t or Underlying royalty 15%, or \$3.65 per unit or 2.80 p/t "

Royalty to Lincoln, to give present \$7,000 per mo., \$5.00 per unit or 3.85 p/t "

Receipts after royalties, \$15.70 per unit or 12.10 p/t "

The \$24.50 price is due to the fact that the high grade concentrates (65% plus) command a premium.

While this should more than cover operating costs, the royalties are excessive. Lincoln will receive the indirect benefit of having leaner material made commercial by a larger mill. It is suggested that Lincoln be offered a \$3.00 per unit royalty, in addition to the underlying royalty, for six months.

After a 300 ton mill is in operation, results would be about as follows, assuming that flotation can be made to recover 85% in concentrates half of which would go to the Chemical Plant at Salt Lake.

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The royalty to Lincoln would continue the \$7,000 per month it can expect to make by developing and mining more high grade.

Total revalties of \$3.60 per unit, or 16.3% of returns, are excessive. Mr. Burdiek says the underlying owners have exaggerated ideas, and will listen to no change in the present sliding scale. In view of the fact that the life would be increased by the larger plant treating low grade ore, Lincoln might accept a lower royalty, or say \$1.50 per unit after the first six months.

As a basis for negotiation, it is recommended that Lincoln be offered a \$3.00 per unit royalty on production for the first six months, and \$1.50 per unit royalty thereafter, in consideration for which they would assign the lease and use of all equipment to Metals Reserve Company. Then some efficient medium sized gold company, if possible one with mining and milling equipment that can be easily moved, should be appointed as agent to operate the property for a moderate management fee.

If this is done, the property should produce 40,000 to 50,000 units of  ${\rm WO}_3$  per year at a very small profit to Metals Reserve Company or its agent.

MEMORANDUM: Henry Dowitt Smith.

Metals Reserve Co.

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LINCOLN MINES, Inc.

Following are notes on suggested development of Lincoln Mines, Inc., with Metals Reserve Company funds agreed on at a visit to the mine on January 19th with Mr. J. Fred Johnson of the Salt Lake City office of American Smelting and Refining Company, and Mr. N. J. Knickerbocker, Superintendent of Lincoln Mines, Inc., Illaess prevented Mr. S. H. Burdick, Consulting Engineer of Lincoln Mines, Inc., from making the trip. Mr. Johnson is having copies made of the mine section showing present workings and suggested development, and will distribute the section to those who receive this memorandum.

# PRESENT CONDITION OF MINE.

Due to unexpected developments, the lincoln mine is prectically out of high grade ore. A sub-drift between the 2nd and 3nd levels, above which the main Moody high grade orebody had been stoped out previously, proved to be 30 ft. lower down than shown on sketch maps. As a result, there were only 5,000 tons of 1 to 1.25% ore between the recent 3rd level north drift and the old stope, instead of 12,000 to 14,000 tons as expected.

A 40 ft. winze was recently sunk below the north end of the 3rd level. The pitch of the north end of the ore was reversed in this winze, and the width rapidly decreases. On the sub-level 35 ft. down the winze, the rich ore is only half as long and a third as wide as on the 3rd level. Only 1,000/of ore can be stoped above the sublevel, and this must be sined very slowly.

As a result, milling of ore has been discontinued until a few hundred tons are accumulated. Meanwhile, a little underground development is being carried on in the hope of finding more rich ore, and the mill is being run on old tailings.

be treated delly, with a possible recovery of 0.18 units 203 per ton, or 860 units per month. A conthly recovery of 600 units is more likely. This compares with a production of more than 1500 units per month from mine ore for the past few months.

It may be possible to make a small operating profit through milling the tailings, and to carry on a little development. With great good luck another high grade orebody might be found. It is more likely that the mill will have to shut down after making at most \$2,000 or \$3,000 per month for 6 or 8 months. This is a sed drop from the recent operating profit of \$9,000 per month.

The only reasonable chance of extending the profitable life of Lincoln, and of making more than a small tungsten production, lies in development of lower grade are through a loan on future production by metals Reserve Company, with a larger mill financed by Defence Plants Corporation if development is successful.

### POSSIBLE LOW GRADE ORE.

In spite of a good surface showing, development of the hanging well or Grubstake vein has found orebodies too small to return the exploration cost. Only 4 or 5 crosscuts to the Grubstake on desper levels are justified unless these crosscuts find good ore.

Unexplored parts of the footwall or Moody vein in the 1500 ft. southwest of present workings, have more promise. It would take many months to explore this outlying area, and more months to make ore from it accessible for mining. Such development is too uncertain to be worth considering as an aid to wartime production of tungsten.

There remains the area on the Moody Vein from a point 300 ft. southwest of the Burdick Tunnel, where a recent Bureau of Mines drillhole aut 10 ft. of good ore, to No. 5 Stope on the Moody Tunnel Level. The total length of this accessible, promising area is 1400 ft, of which the 750 ft. at the northeest end have been partly developed by the Moody workings.

In the Woody Tunnel itself, two bodies totalling 195 ft. in length have been stoped, with an average width of over 8 ft, and a grade of 1% WO3. The 400 ft. between the two bodies is a hard garnet and pyrrhovite vein 4 to 11 ft. wide, probably averaging 0.5 or 0.6% WO3, though no milk tests have been made to prove the grade.

Northeast of No. 5 Stope the Moody tunned out oxidized garnet with almost no scheelite. The 150 ft, of the Moody Tunnel southwest of the first ore-body is close to the surface, leached, and low grade. The 2nd level is here in 0.5 to 0.7% ore. The short Surdick Tunnel, starting 350 ft. southwest of the portal of the Moody and running southwest, is said to have cut 0.5 to 1% ore.

The second and third levels are too short to give conclusive evidence, but the proportion of stopes (over 0.8%) to lean material is about the same as on the tunnel level.

In the developed area of the Moody about one-fourth of the length has averaged more than 1% WO3, and the remaining three-fourths have averaged more or less 0.5%, with no accurate tests to prove the true grade of the lean material. If the whole length of 575 ft. had been mined, the grade should have averaged 0.6 to 0.7% WO3 for a width of 5 ft. or more.

If this ratio of good to lean ore continues, the central area in the Moody Vein above the 500 ft. level, will contain several hundred thousand tons of ore that may average  $0.6\% \% O_3$ . The plan of development shown on the vein section to accompany this memorandum is intended to develop, at the lowest possible cost, enough 0.6% ore to justify increasing mill capacity to 300 tons per day.

### SUGJESTED DEVELOPMENT AND COST

The following table, also shown on the section, gives the proposed development:

340		\$20,400.00
1650	ft. of drifts on Moody Vein @ \$20.00	33,200.00
	ft. of eroseutting to Orubstake @ \$20.00	10,000.00
440	20 mg	a,800.00
w v	Sheff equipment, hoist, compressor, drills, etc.	20,000.00
	Camp, transportation exp., etc.	7,600.00
	TOTAL	\$100,000.00

In order to check on values, ore free drifts should be accumulated until there is enough ore for a mill run of a week or more. Then milling of tailings should be temporarily discontinued while the development ore in being milled. Production from this ere would be a credit against development. Returns should be about as follows:

Mill ore from 1500 ft. of drifts, or 4500 tons of 0.6% ore recovering 0.4% at \$24.00 per unit or \$43,800.00 Less Hauling, 75¢, and milling \$3.25 per ton or 18,000.00 Less royalty at 7.5% or about 3,000.00 \$2,200.00

This credit should more than cover overbead, taxes, etc.

#### POSSIBLE TOWNAGE.

If results of the development are as expected, the following tonnage will be available at the close of the campaign:

## Moody Velu

Adit Level to surface, 400' x 100' x 8' 29,000 tons

3rd Level, Main Sto. to #5, 400' x 170' x 9' 56,000 "

" " Main Sto to Surdick Tun. g of 500'x 100'x 8'18,000 "

4th Level (New), 800' x 125' x 8' 72,000 "

TOTAL Possible above 4th Level 175,000 "

Grade unknown but possibly 0.6% av.

# Grubstake Vein - May add small tonnage.

The heavy garnet ore is figured at 11 cu. ft. per ton.
A large additional tounage might be developed later on the 3rd
and 4th levels further southwest, to the Bureau of Mines drillhole,
and below the 4th level.

### EMLARGED MILL.

The question as to the character and size of mill must depend on results of development and on used equipment available. By the time half the development listed above is completed, it should be possible to make the decision. Metals Reserve Company should of course be allowed to discontinue advances for development at any time, if results of the work or any other considerations make it advisable to do so.

During the early part of the development period, a study should be made of millsites and of available mills. It is possible that the good 300 ton mill of the Western Tungsten Co. may come on the market. There is little room for mill or tailings disposal close to the mine, and water would have to be pumped 5 miles, with 1,000 ft. rise. At the present mill at a well in the flat desert all tailings must be elevated and drainage is poor. A sasual inspection suggests that a hillside location 1 mile from the present mill and 300 ft. higher, and 4 miles from the mine, may be most economical. It may be best to put a permanent camp at the proposed mill, moving the present flipsy camp buildings to it.

If good used machinery can be bought at a fair price, as seems likely, and the tables and other adaptable equipment of the present 75 ton mill are used, it should be possible to build the new 300 ton mill for \$200,000.

### DIRECTION OF OPERATION.

As Mr. Fegles states in his letter of January 6, 1943 texation makes it advisable for operations to be carried on by the present Lincoln Mines, Inc. While the present management has been adequate for small operations, all agree that if large amounts of government money are spent, the work should be under the direction of an organization such as American Emelting and Refining Company, with extensive experience in large scale mining and milling. It is hoped that this can be arranged between Lincoln Mines, Inc. and American Emelting and Refining Company. A Metals Reserve Company advance for development should be contingent on such an arrangement.

## POSSIBLE FINANCIAL RETURNS.

Possible costs and peturn would be about as follows:

Mine 300 tens per day, or 100,000 tons per year of 0.6% ore. Recover 75%, or 0.45 units per ton & \$24 per unit, or \$10.80 per ton of ore Produce 45,000 units \*\*03 per year.

### Costs

Mining (shrinkege)	\$2.50	per	ton	of	ore
Development (Current)	1.00	" w *	**	29	**
Killing	2.00	17	Ħ	44	<b>9</b> ¥
Hauling	0.50	**	10	**	***
Overhoad	1.00	<b>9</b> 4	94	糟	**
Underlying royalty, 7.5%, after frt.etc.	.75	74	##	**	**
Total Op. Cost	7.75	*	<b>83</b>	**	<b>泰</b> 鄉
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With this operating profit, it would be fair for Lincoln to pay \$1.50 per unit WO3 recovered to Metals Reserve Co. to return the \$100,000 advanced for development. The total development fund would then be returned in 18 months.

As return to F.P.Z. for the \$200,000 spent for the plant, Lincoln could pay an additional \$1.50 per unit. This would return the cost to D.P.C., less probable resale or scrap value of the plant, in about 3 years. It would be fair to allow Lincoln to purchase the plant after the war at cost to D.P.C. less the amount payed as rental, with a small allowance for interest.

These rates would give Lincin a possible cash return of \$2.75 per unit \$0.3 produced, or \$120,000 per year. This is a generous return for a mine that is precipelly worked out as far as present scale operations are concerned.

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260,000.00 per yr. or

5.75 per unit WOA recovered.

RICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY

WESTERN MINING DEPARTMENT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

J. FRED JOHNSON

January 22, 1943

AIR MAIL

Mr. Ira B. Joralemon 315 Montgomery St. San Francisco, Calif.

> LINCOLN MINES, INC. (TUNGSTEN) LINCOLN CO. NEVADA

Déar Mr. Joralemon:

Enclosed find longitudinal section showing graphically the proposed new development work for larger exploitation of the Moody Tunnel area this being, in the light of our present knowledge, the most promising part of the ore zone for early production of tungsten for the war effort. The section is to supplement the report you are writing and sending to individuals for whom this letter is earmarked.

It is our understanding that the section shows the general plan of the work but that it will be subject to change in details to conform to findings in the development work as that work proceeds.

Yours very truly

JFJ:ES

J. FRED JOHNSON

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#### Abstract

Scheelite occurs in the Tem Piute range, Lincoln County, Nevada in contact metamorphic deposits formed in the vicinity of 2 small granitic stocks that invade Paleozoic sedimentary rocks. The scheelite deposits are of low grade, with large bodies that contains bout 0.4 percent of WO3. Most of the scheelite is contained in garnet tactite, which is found in several bands, separated by hornfels, along the west side of the south stock. The principal band of tactite extends along the granite contact for more than 6,000 feet, and ranges in width from 15 to 110 feet. The other tactite bands, which lie farther away from the contact but parallel to it, are nearly as continuous. In general, the granite contact and the tactite are concordant with bedding in the sedimentary rocks.

A small ore shoot of higher grade, averaging about 1.0 percent of WO<sub>3</sub>, is worked in the Lincoln mine. It consists of calcite-chlorite-fluorite rock with sphalerite and scheelite, and was shown by drill holes to extend to a vertical depth of at least 600 feet. The shoot is 200 feet long where exposed in mine workings, and averages 10 feet in thickness. Up to 1944, this ore shoot provided most of the tungsten production of the district, which amounted to 31,653 units of WO<sub>3</sub> recovered from 56,715 tons of ore. In this orebody, reserves to the depth of the deepest drill hole were estimated in 1944 at 43,000 tons containing 1.0 percent of WO<sub>3</sub>.

Reserves of garnet tactite containing about 0.4 percent of WO<sub>3</sub> are estimated at more than 1,000,000 tons of indicated and inferred ore. This estimate includes only one within a few hundred feet of the surface, and the ultimate reserve may be much greater. The low-grade ore occurs in shoots separated by tactite containing less than 0.25 percent of WO<sub>3</sub>. It is not likely that the entire mass of tactite could be mined for one under any conceivable conditions.

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#### Introduction

The Tem Piute range, in the west-central part of Lincoln County
County, Nevada, is approximately 85 miles west of Caliente, 100 miles east
of Tonopah, and 160 miles north of Las Vegas (fig. 1). It is reached by
40 miles of desert road from U. S. Highway 93 at Crystal, near Hiko.

The range is 5 miles long and trends north. The altitude of the 6 crest is 7,000 feet, and the relief is about 2,000 feet. The tungsten deposits are near the north end of the range, in secs. 25, 36, T. 3 S., R. 56 E.; secs. 31, 30, T. 3 S., R. 57 E.; and sec. 1, T. 4 S., R. 56 E., Fount Diablo Base and Meridian.

The Lincoln Mines, Inc. was the only mining company active in the district in 1943. Adjoining properties owned by North Tem Piute Mining and Development Co. were not being worked.

Silver ore was mined sporadically in the old Tem Piute district, on the west side of the range near the south end, from 1868 to 1883, and again in 1935-36. According to bullion tax records, production was about 2,500 tons valued at \$74,536.

The scheelite-bearing deposits were first discovered in 1916, but were not mined or extensively prospected until 1934, when a number of claims were relocated by Wesley Koyen, in partnership with Mrs. W. Green, G. W. Thiriot, and D. P. Thiriot. The property was leased to Lincoln Mines, Inc., and a small mill was completed in June 1940. In 1945, Atolia Mining Co. purchased Lincoln Mines, Inc. from D. B. Fegles, and took over the mining lease. The mine was idle in 1946, and was again mended in 1947.

The North Tem Piute Mining and Development Co. was organized in 1937 by the Schofield brothers, who had located claims in the district in 1928. The only production to 1944 was 0.7 ton of concentrate containing 46 percent of WO<sub>3</sub> (32 units).

Up to 1944, Lincoln Mines, Inc. milled 56,715 tons of ore that yielded 30,259 units of WO3. The company also re-treated or sold 3,432 tons

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of tailings and middlings containing 1,186 units of  $WO_3$ . Total production from the district to the end of 1943 was approximately 31,65 $\frac{1}{3}$  units of  $WO_3$ , sold for \$788,530.

Table 1. Tungsten ore and concentrates produced in the Tem Piute district to the end of 1943.

Field work by D. G. Wyant of the Geological Survey extended at intervals from November 1941 to November 1943 for a total of 11 months. He was assisted at times by D. C. Cox, F. M. Byers, Jr., and M. P. Erickson. The mine workings and a small area on the surface above the Lincoln mine were mapped on a scale of 40 feet to the inch, and the entire mineralized zone was mapped by plane table and alidade on a scale of 200 feet to the inch. On a visit to the property in 1942, P. C. Bateman mapped some of the workings on the Schofield claims. In September 1944, D. M. Lemmon spent 2 weeks reviewing the geology in connection with drilling by the Bureau of Mines. Using a topographic base prepared by multiplex method from aerial photographs, he malso por mapped part of the north end of the range on a scale of 1000 feet to the inch.

In the period 1942-44, the U. S. Bureau of Mines explored the deposits in 2 projects. In the first, extending from March to December 1942, trenches were dug across the ore zones at intervals of 100 feet or less, samples were cut and assayed, and 5 diamond drill holes were completed. In the second project, extending from the Nevember 1944, 6 holes were drilled. D. W. Butner, E. O. Binyon, and G. H. Holmes, Jr. was each in charge of the work at successive stages.

The Survey geologists make acknowledged with thanks the co-operation of members of the staff of Lincoln Mines, Inc. S. P. Holt, engineer and geologist for Lincoln Mines, Inc. 1940-42, provided mine surveys, including geology, and surface control points for the plane table map and the multiplex topographic map. D. B. Fegles, president, and N. J. Knickerbocker, general superintendent, furnished lodging and made available maps and and mutually beneficial records, including production data. Cordial/relationships existed between project engineers of the Bureau of Mines and geologists of the Survey assigned co-operatively to the exploratory projects.

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Mr. P. E. Galli District Geologist Union Carbide Exploration Corporation 751 Ryland Street Reno, Nevada 89502

#### Dear Pete:

I am sending you a print of the Tem Piute map (1:12,000 scale) requested in your letter of June 3. To obtain a cronaflex transparency, similar to the green line copies of the 1:2,400 map I sent you, we would have to make a photographic negative first. I have not done this because I have not found the original to copy. From the clean print, you might get photostat copies made in Reno, or possibly a photograph.

I am much interested in your exploration at Tem Piute and hope to discuss it with you some time this summer, in the field if we can. I expect to leave Washington for Menlo Park in about 10 days.

Sincerely yours,

cc: OTweto

Dwight M. Lemmon Assistant Chief Geologist for Engineering Geology A Mixture of Torrid Tips, Timid Tattlings, and Dubious Drivel, overheard in Passing, and Recorded for the Files for Forty-two-sixteen, and MED.

Lincoln Mines, Tem Piute District Nevada

(Conversation with Fran Frederick at Ima, June 26, 1945)

Atolia Mining Co. purchased for \$25,000 cash all Fegles' interest (Lincoln Mines) in the Tem Piute district, which included the mill, mill houses, well, and the lease on the mine and equipment. The mine was originally leased to Fegles for 35 years, with an option on another 35 years; approximately 29 years remain to go on the first lease. The original contract prevented Fegles from removing any equipment from the mine after it was once installed, but Atolia has made a new agreement with the owners allowing for temporary installation of equipment, and removal when the job is done. Royalties are 10% to 25% depending on grade mined and market value of tungsten. Pierce Wälker, who was in charge for Fegles, made the deal with Atolia, and will remain in charge as superintended. Hugh Coke is general manager for Atolia operations, but will not be in residence at Tem Piute. The mill is to be re-vamped to recover zinc, although I doubt if there is enough present to be of much value. It is planned to get a new mine foreman who knows something about mining.

Plan of development calls for sinking a winze from 4th to 5th level (125 foot interval), and then to raise the main shaft to the 3rd level. Also, cross cuts are to be run in the upper part of the mine, and

the 300 level will be extended beneath the Burdick shaft.

The price paid for the property is confidential information; so is my conclusion that Walker, and probably the Bureau of Mines, pulled a fast one on Fegles in disposing of the property for less than the value of the physical assets. Frederick spent quite a lot of time explaining to me the maps of the deposit, maps that obviously had been made either by me or by Wyant. Why do we ever have to release anything—the Bureau does the job very nicely for us!

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June 3, 1969

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Mr. Dwight M. Lemmon ACG, Engineering Geology Room 4216, GSA Bldg. Washington, D. C. 20242

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Dear Dwight:

I want to express my deep appreciation and many thanks to you for the four film transparencies of the Tempiute Tungsten Deposit Map which were received today: This map and the Geologic Map (1' \* 1000') of 1944 with your additions have proved to be invaluable to us.

On every occasion that we have field checked, we have found an excellent and complete mapping job had been performed.

Several interesting aspects of the deposit have developed with our deep drilling that might be of interest to you. Thus far, we have drilled 18 holes to a maximum depth of 2,000 feet. The deepest probe of the granite -tactite contact was 1,250 feet below the lowest mine level (600) or at an elevation of 4,995 feet. It appears that, with depth, scheelite mineralization in the Moody tactite zone is disappearing. At the south end of the workings, mineralization is completely missing and only the Grubstake tactite above the band of hornfels is mineralized.

At the north end, the deepest hole found hornfels on the granite contact and no Grubstake tactite above. Using the data from your map of 1944, with the overturned beds, indicates that we can expect this situation. However, we are presently trying to get deeper holes to see if tactite is present below where limestone should again be in contact with the granite. We are in the process of drilling the first of three deeper holes and, therefore, may have some answers in a couple of months.

If it isn't too much trouble, I would like to impose upon you again for a film transparency of the Geologic Map with your additions of 1944 which is at a scale of 1" = 1000 feet. Both our copies are now badly soiled from both age and use.

I hope that you can stop by Tempiute for a visit sometime soon. We have an adequate trailer camp to accommodate visitors and should be drilling for another two months. Thanks again for the films.

District Geologist

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has a pressure-tight closure. The Pyrex tube is then also inserted into the Teflon tube, and the pressure seal is closed. This unit, which has a thermocouple well similar to that of cold scal and Tuttle bombs, is next placed in a horizontal preheated furnace and heated to the temperature of the experiment. Teflon softens on heating but readily withstands the internal pressure to 200°C under these conditions. When the temperature of the experiment has been reached the liquids are mixed by exerting pressure on, the Teflon tube, by means of a specially constructed pair of pliers with jaws, to the point where the Pyrex tube shatters. The reaction that immediately takes place is recorded by the thermocouple, which shows a rapid increase in temperature of as much as 5°C. Thereafter the temperature drops back over the next 10 minutes or so to that recorded before the liquids were mixed. The Teflon tubes are kept in the furnace at temperature from 1 to 100 hours, depending on the temperature of the experiment after mixing of the liquids, to produce well crystallized materials. The products are filtered, washed, and studied by means of X-ray diffraction patterns and in polished sections.

# PYRRHOTITE FROM TEM PIUTE, NEVADA Peter R. Buseck

The composition of hexagonal pyrrhotite when in equilibrium with pyrite has found considerable use as a geological thermometer. Efforts to apply the thermometer to pyrrhotite-pyrite assemblages from the Tem Piute district encountered difficulties because at this locality the pyrrhotite is monoclinic. Arnold and Reichen (1962) suggested that the thermometer may be valid even for such assemblages and that the composition of monoclinic pyrrhotite can be determined by the standard X-ray method if the specimen is first inverted to the hexagonal form by heating in vacuo.

The tungsten-copper deposits at Tem Piute, Lincoln County, Nevada, occur in a skarn aureole surrounding a small granodiorite stock. One of the mines, the Free Tunnel, was studied in detail because of its rather complex and varied ore assemblages. All the metallic "minerals occur in a diopside, andradite skarn, which separates the barren intrusion from unmineralized limestone and, locally, hornfels.

The metallic minerals occur as disseminations or small lenses, veining being extremely minor. With the exception of pyrite, chalcopyrite, and scheelite, all of which occur throughout the aureole, the minerals are roughly thermally zoned. In the "inner," formerly hotter, portions of the aureole, in approximately paragenetic sequence are molybdenite, pyrrhotite, magnetite, and marcasite. Near the limestone in the "outer," formerly cooler, parts, are sphalerite, galena, galenobismutite, cosalite, and native bismuth. Except for sphalerite these minerals are sparse.

Pyrrhotite was one of the first metallic minerals to form, and, as such, it was deposited during the earliest, hottest stages of the mineralization period. It is most prominent along the granodiorite-skarn contact but occurs in decreasing amounts farther from the granodiorite. The pyrrhotite is commonly associated with and generally surrounds euhedral crystals of pyrite, thereby indicating its later origin. In an attempt to determine its temperatures of formation all available pyrrhotite was sampled and examined in the laboratory.

Arnold (1962) demonstrated that the  $d_{102}$  spacing of hexagonal pyrrhotite is a function of its composition. The composition is dependent on the temperature of formation provided that the pyrrhotite formed in equilibrium with pyrite and that it did not reequilibrate with decreasing temperatures. Most of the Tem Piute pyrrhotite was sampled within 1 mm of pyrite, and all such samples have similar  $d_{102}$  values. It is therefore assumed

that these pyrrhotites formed in equilibrium with pyrite. Pyrrhotites that did not form close to pyrite have different compositions from those in contact with it. This would presumably not be so had all the pyrrhotite reequilibrated as temperatures fell during cooling.

In the inversion of monoclinic pyrrhotite to the hexagonal form the time and temperature allowed for annealing are critical; with too long an annealing period or too high a temperature the pyrrhotite reequilibrates, and with too short an annealing time or too low a temperature it does not invert. To determine the optimum time and temperature for

temperature of the hexagonal-monoclinic transition lies below 260°C, but at the same time the reaction is too slow for quick annealing at temperatures below 300°C. As the samples inverted rapidly but did not reequilibrate in 0.1 hour at 346°C the other Tem Piute specimens were annealed under these conditions.

Several pyrrhotites were sampled from specimens containing no pyrite. In specimens, that contained appreciable pyrite the pyrrhotite was extracted with a dentist's drill kept in contact with pyrite at all times so that no pyrrhotite was collected farther than 1 mm from pyrite.

Table 22 lists the results of X-ray

TABLE 22. Average  $2\theta^{(102)}$  and Corresponding  $d_{(102)}$  of Tem Piute Pyrrhotite

Sample	20(102)	870* d(102)	Comments
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	44.03 <sub>6</sub> 43.96 <sub>6</sub> 44.00 <sub>2</sub> 44.01 <sub>7</sub> 43.95 <sub>1</sub> 43.90 <sub>6</sub> 43.87 <sub>1</sub> 44.01 <sub>1</sub> 43.93 <sub>6</sub> 43.88 <sub>2</sub> 43.95 <sub>1</sub>	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0.0041 & 2.0563 \pm 0. \\ 0.0097 & 2.0594 \pm 0. \\ 0.0033 & 2.0578 \pm 0. \\ 0.0053 & 2.0572 \pm 0. \\ 0.0044 & 2.0601 \pm 0. \\ 0.0109 & 2.0623 \pm 0. \\ 0.0067 & 2.0636 \pm 0. \\ 0.0046 & 2.0574 \pm 0. \\ 0.0082 & 2.0631 \pm 0. \\ 0.0042 & 2.0631 \pm 0. \\ 0.0053 & 2.0601 \pm 0. \end{array}$	.0004 .0002 .0002 .0005 Pyrite absent .0003 Pyrite absent .0002 .0004 Pyrite absent .0002 Pyrite absent

<sup>\*</sup>Standard error of eight or more successive oscillations.

annealing, natural pyrrhotite was finely ground under acetone and concentrated magnetically; replicate runs prepared from this material were heated in evacuated silica glass tubes.

Runs were annealed for 0.1 hour at different temperatures. At 700°C and 555°C the pyrrhotite-pyrite reaction is sufficiently rapid for the samples to have reequilibrated. Two runs heated at 346° and one at 455°C inverted but did not have time to reequilibrate. They indicate the same composition within the limits of error of the method. A sample heated at 300°C did not invert in 0.1 hour but did in 1½ months. Likewise, one at 260°C did not invert within 1½ months but did within 1 year. Clearly the

measurements on a number of Tem Piute pyrrhotites, all of which were originally monoclinic. Numbers 3 and 4 are from the same sample; they provide almost identical results. Likewise, all the pyrrhotite samples that were adjacent to pyrite have very similar d102 values and, had they been hexagonal when collected, would indicate temperatures between 455° and 510°C. Those that were not in contact with pyrite have consistently larger  $d_{102}$  values and, had they also been originally hexagonal, would correspond to minimum temperatures between 390° and 450°C. Although very reasonable for contact metasomatic deposits such as Tem Piute, these temperatures must be regarded as tentative. At present it is not

clear that the relations between hexagonal and monoclinic pyrrhotite are such that measurements on inverted monoclinic material yield sound estimates of temperatures of formation.

## STONY METEORITES

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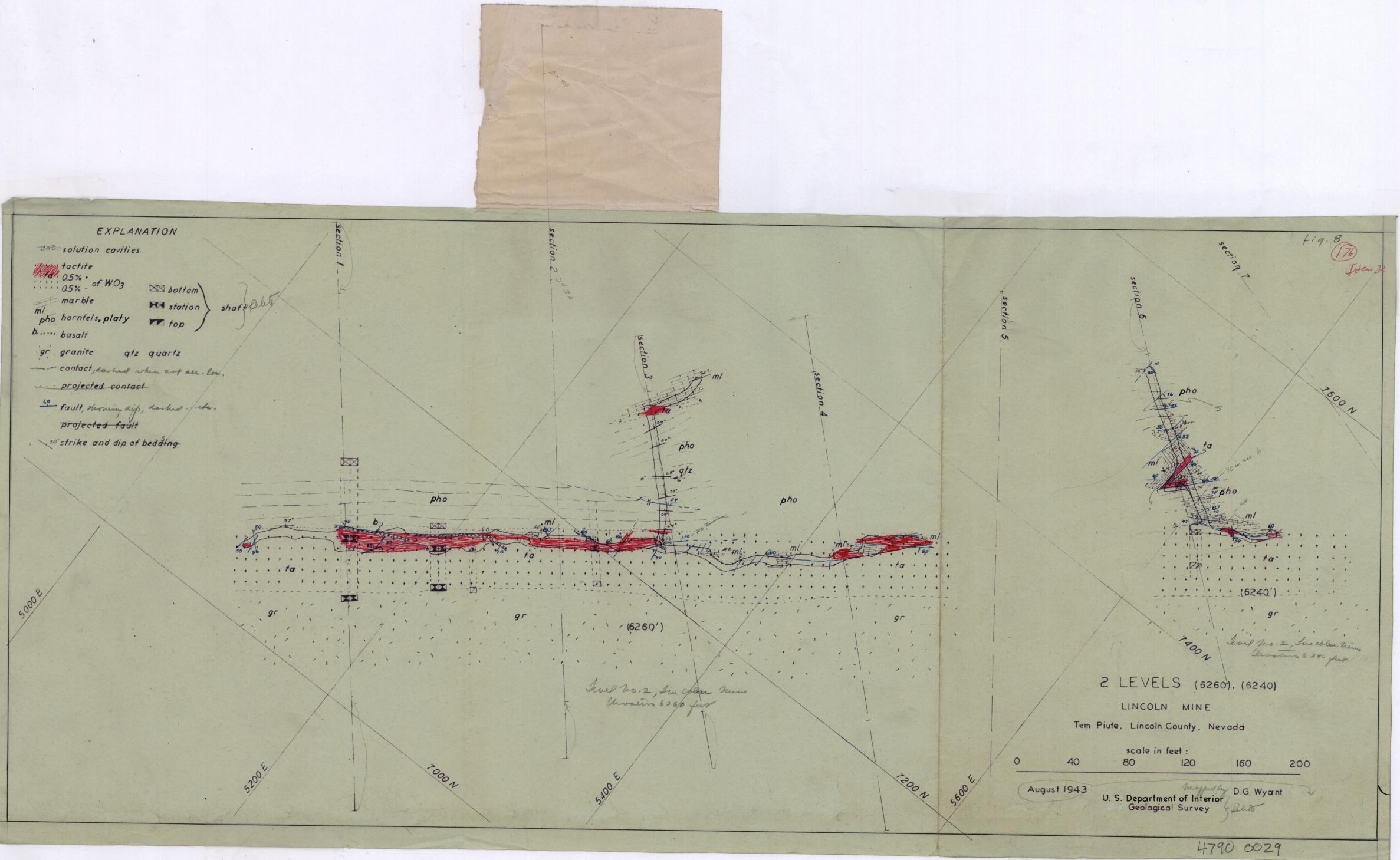
During this past year more than a hundred stony meteorites have been studied in polished sections in addition to those described in last year's report. The following opaque and semiopaque minerals have been identified: Minerals containing elemental iron include a iron (kamacite) with variable Ni content. Fe-Ni solid solutions (taenite) with the structure of  $\gamma$  iron, and intergrowths of the  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  phases, plessite. Cohenite (Fe<sub>2</sub>C) occurs only in a few stony meteorites and in small amounts. Schreibersite (Fe<sub>3</sub>P) is widely distributed in small amounts. A new mineral, which by synthesis was found to have the composition (Ni, Fe) 2S and which we refer to as the Henderson phase, was observed in three meteorites. Graphite (C) occurs in about one-tenth of the specimens. Native copper (Cu) is commonly observed, but in trace amounts. Native gold was observed in only one specimen. Troilite (FeS) is present in all specimens examined and is frequently the most abundant opaque mineral. Chalcopyrrhotite, (Fe, Cu, Ni, Zn)S, a cubic high-temperature solid solution, was observed in about one-third of the specimens. Valleriite occurs as a disintegration product of chalcopyrrhotite and as an exsolution product of pentlandite. Pentlandite. (Fe, Ni) S<sub>8</sub>, is present in about one-fourth of the meteorites examined. Oldhamite, (Ca, Fe, Mn)S, is limited to meteorites that are highly reduced or that have a high sulfur content. A new (Fe, Mg, Mn, Ca)S phase similar to oldhamite but with much higher reflectivity is rather common. Alabandite, MnS, was not observed. A new mineral with a hexagonal layer

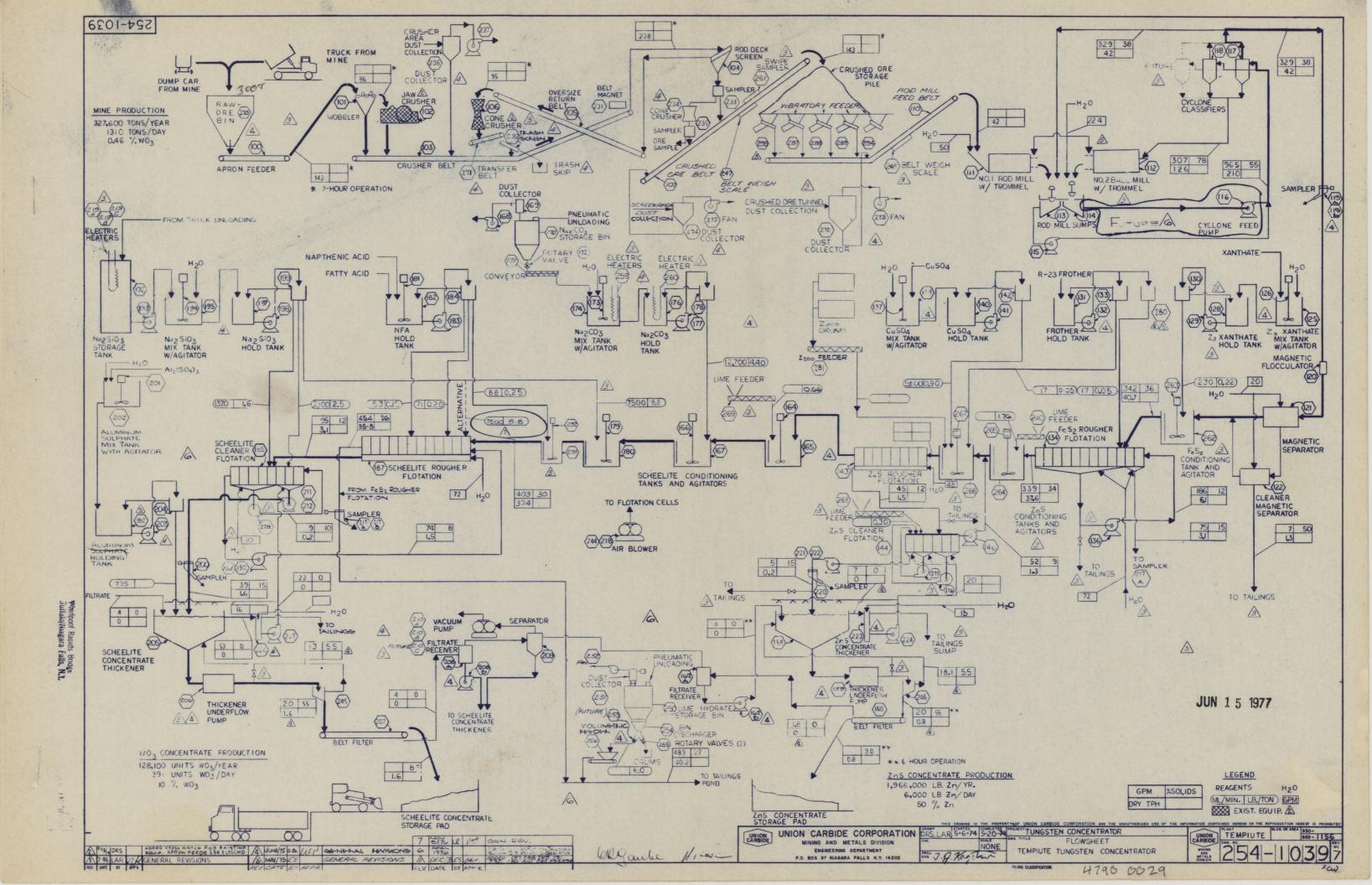
structure and containing Fe-C-S was observed in 10 per cent of the meteorites. Daubréelite, FeCr<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, is also present in about 10 per cent of the specimens. Sphalerite, ZnS, occurs in trace amounts only. Chalcopyrite, CuFeS<sub>2</sub>, was observed in a few meteorites, and pyrite, FeS<sub>2</sub>, was identified only once.

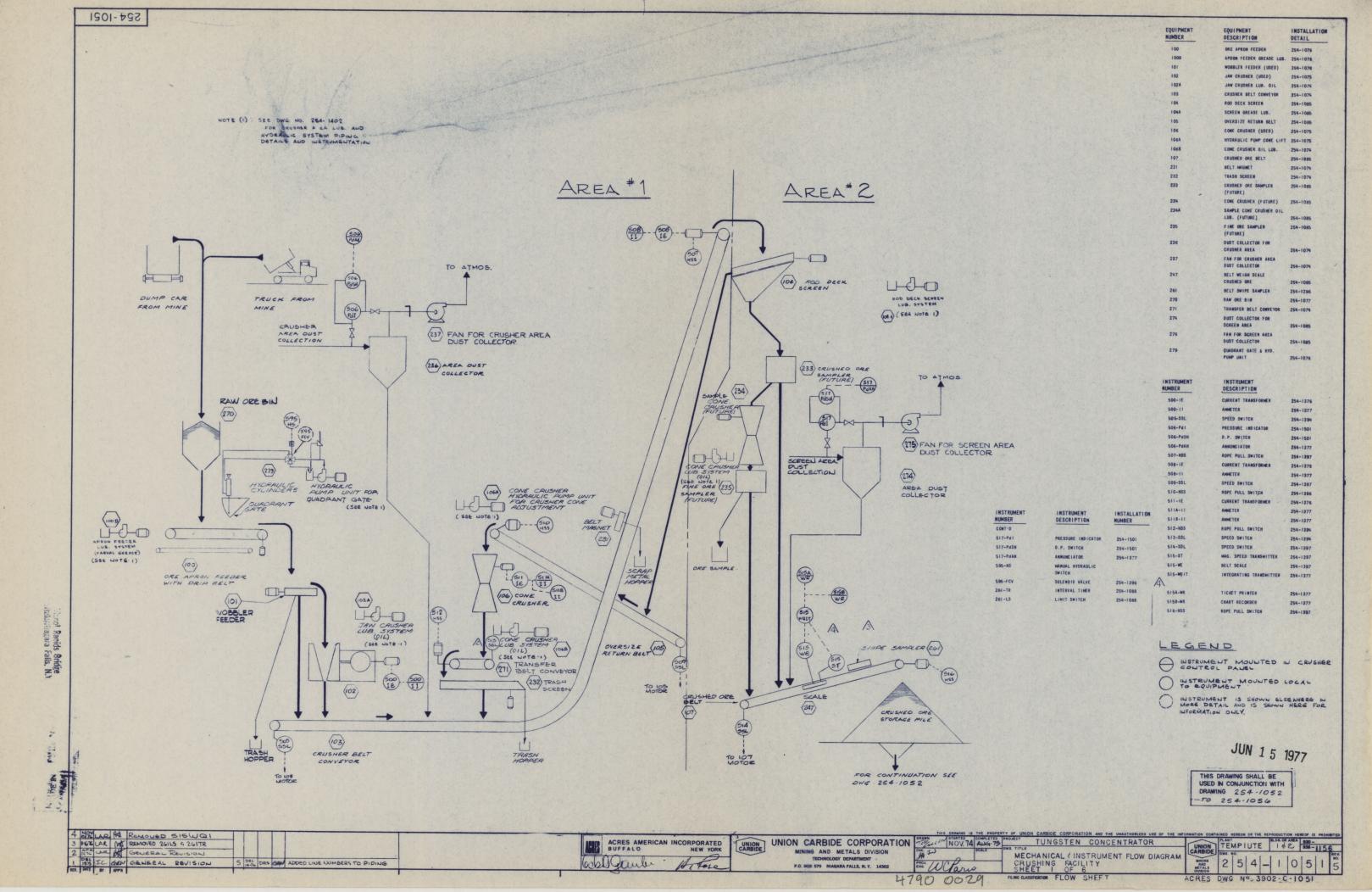
Besides these minerals a number of new ones were observed in small amounts and mostly in single meteorites. These phases are referred to by the letters A through L. For most of them the compositions are partly or completely unknown although their major constituents can often be deduced from the mineral assemblages with which they are associated. Mineral A is strongly anisotropic and has a dark yellow-green color. It almost invariably occurs as lenses or lamellae in daubréelite and only rarely is found independent of troilite. Its optical, properties indicate that it has a pseudohexagonal orthorhombic symmetry, and it may be a transformation product of daubréelite. Mineral B occurs interlayered with mineral A and appears to have formed from it, not directly from daubréelite, with which it is also closely associated. This mineral may be a terrestrial alteration product, although the neighboring minerals, some of which are very susceptible to weathering, show no sign of alteration.

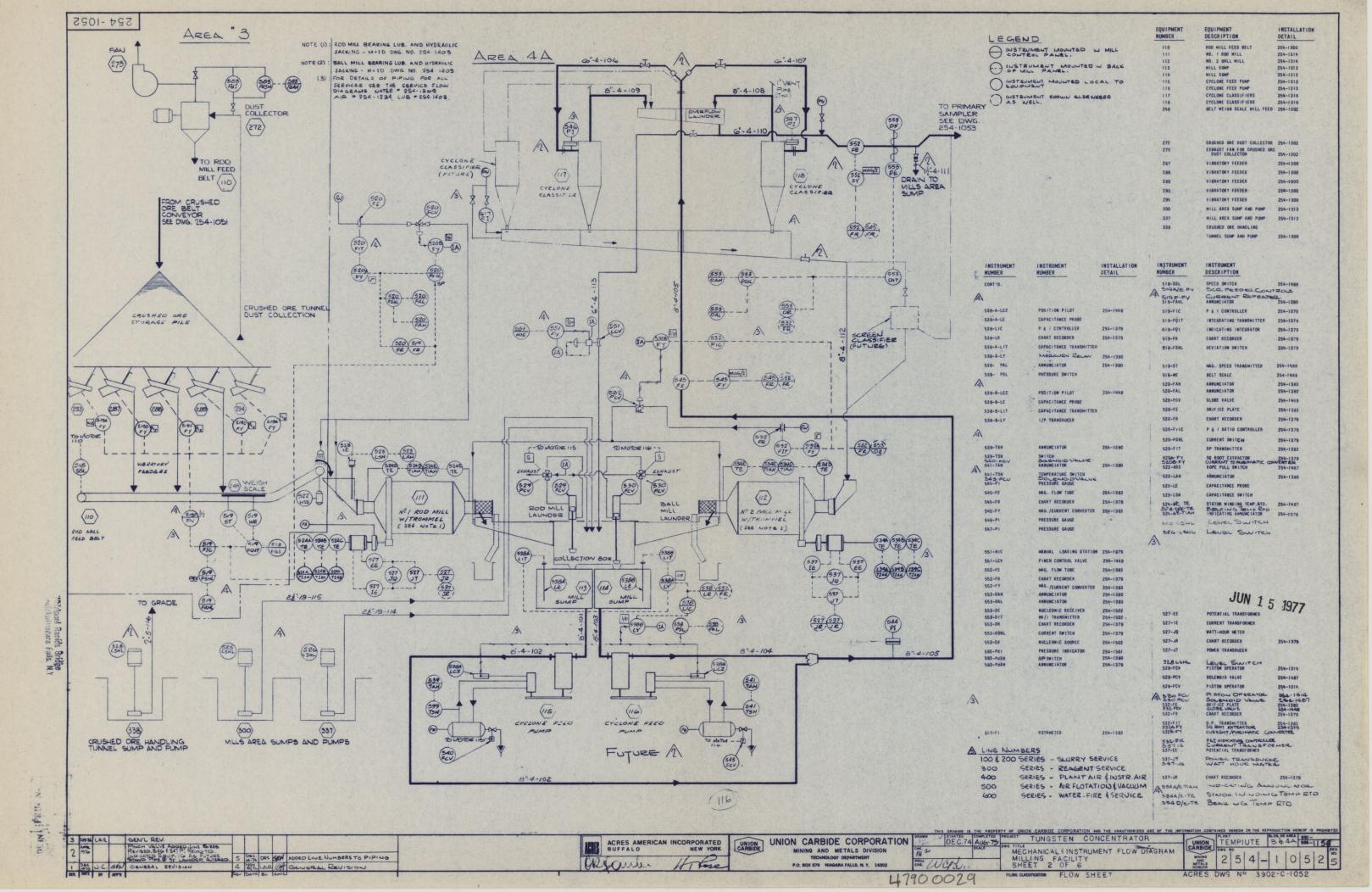
Mineral C is olive-brown, weakly reflecting, and apparently isotropic. It is commonly, but not always, associated with daubréelite. Mineral D is colorless and transparent with high refractive index. It replaces ilmenite and chromite and is always associated with chromite. Mineral E is dark brown and occurs with troilite. It is relatively soft, is isotropic,

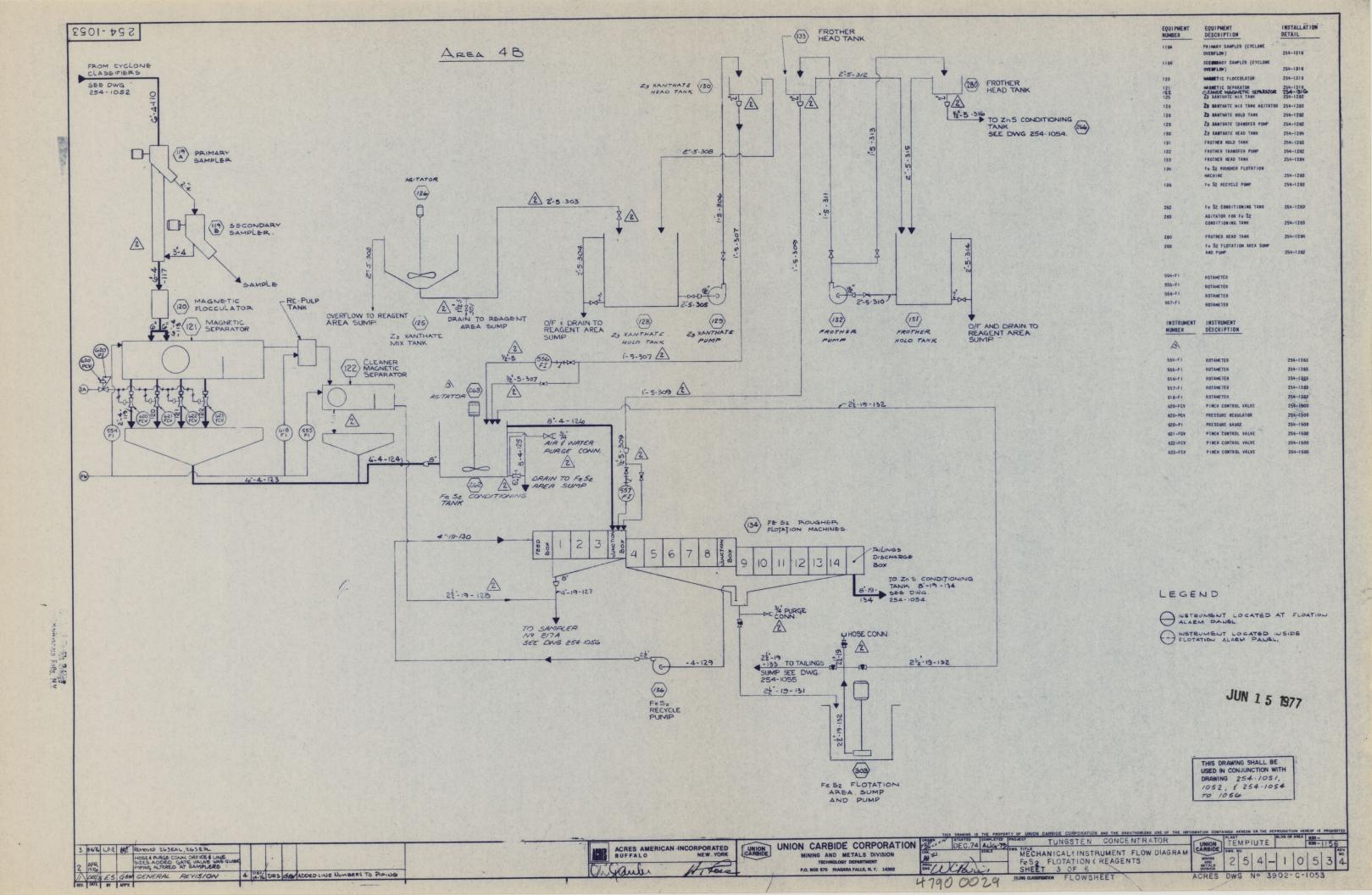
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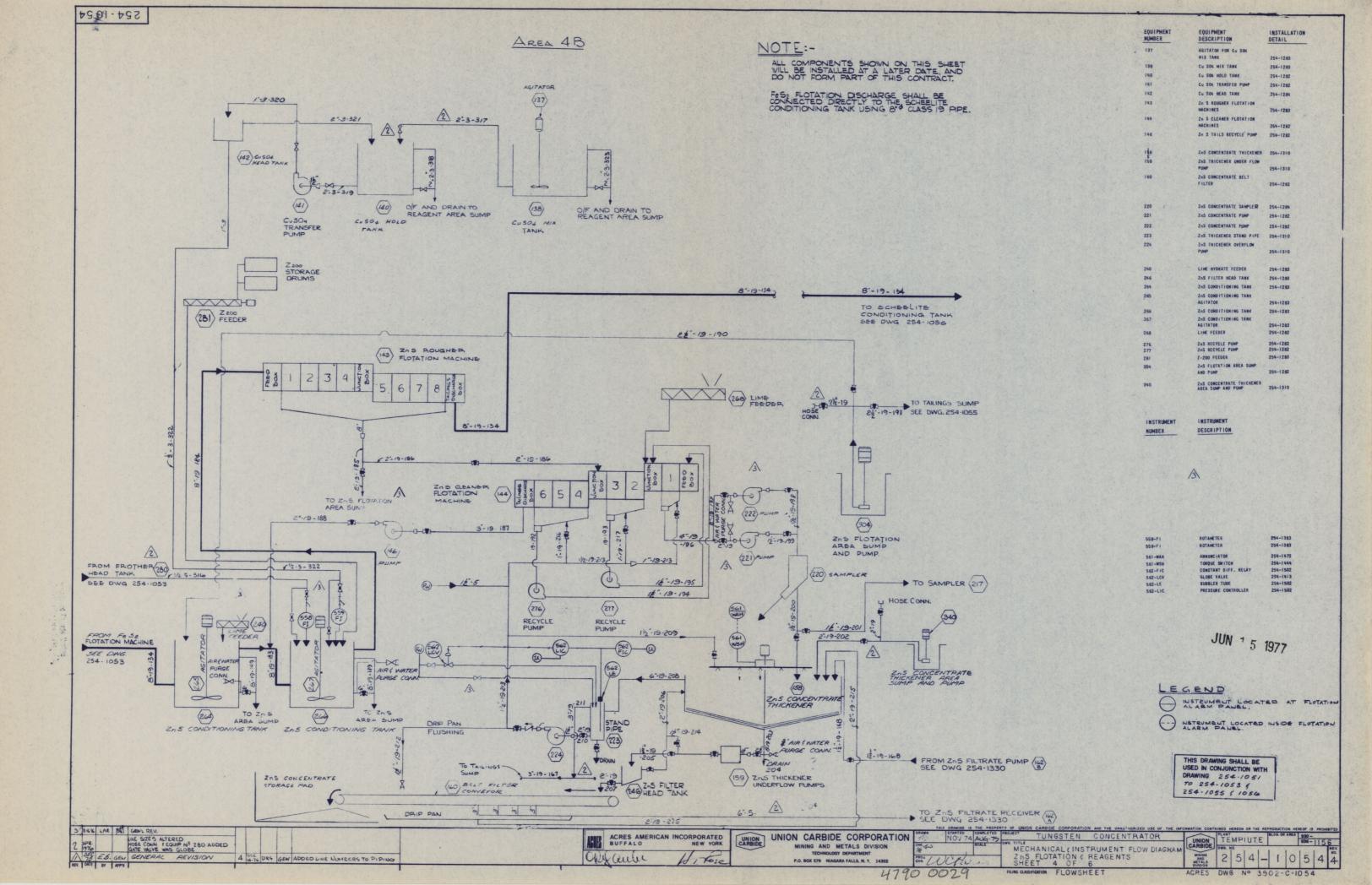


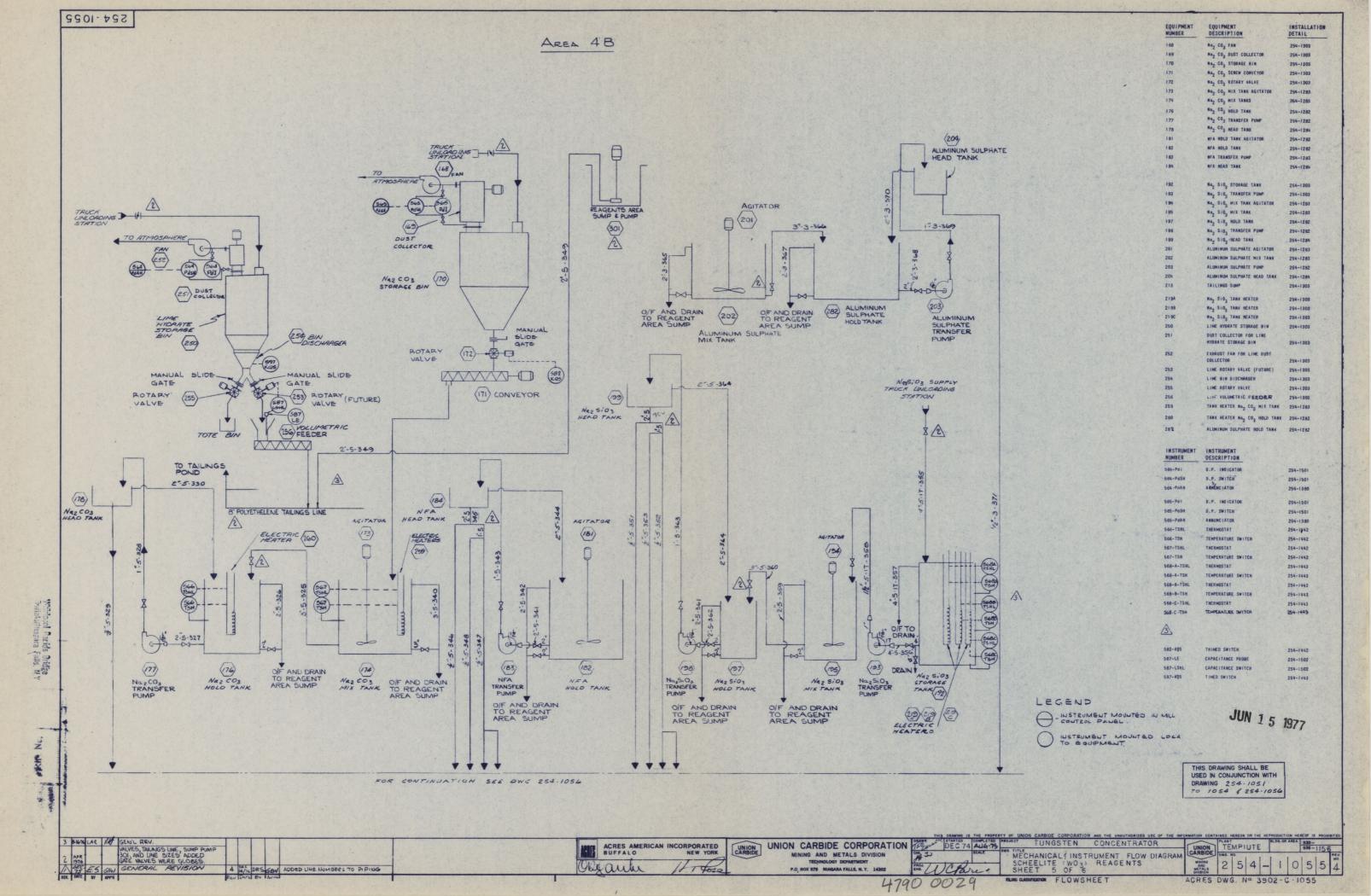


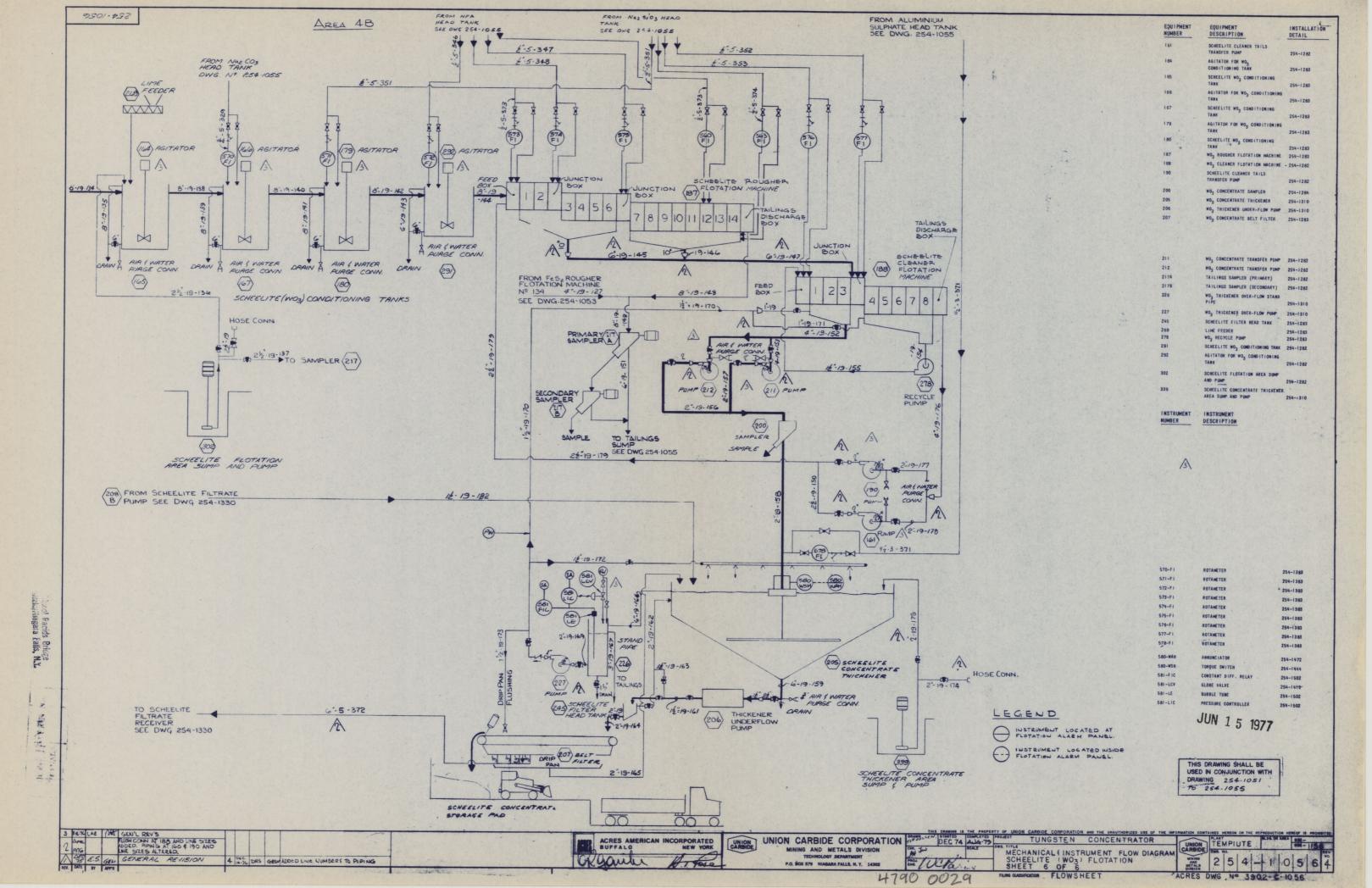


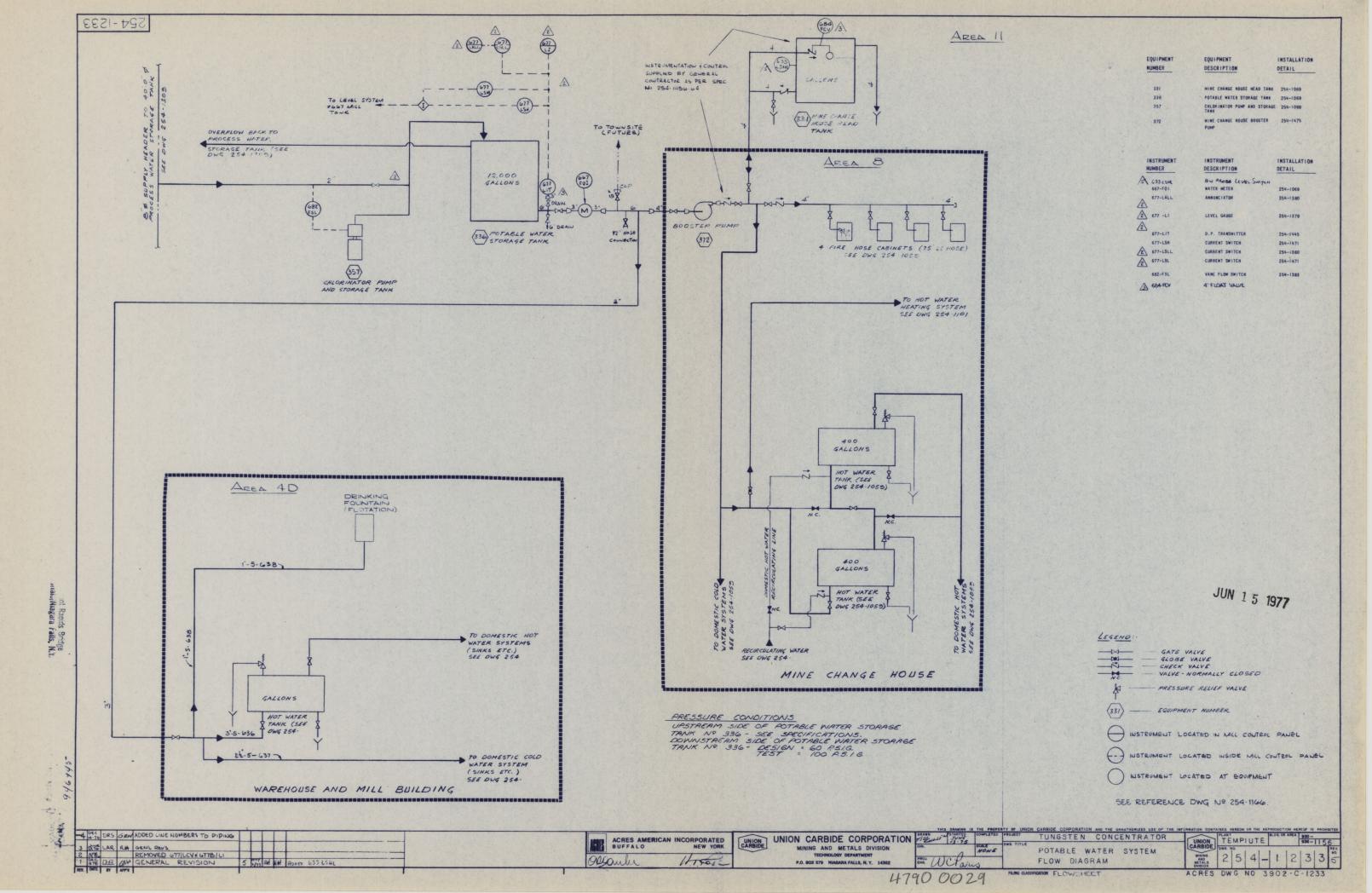


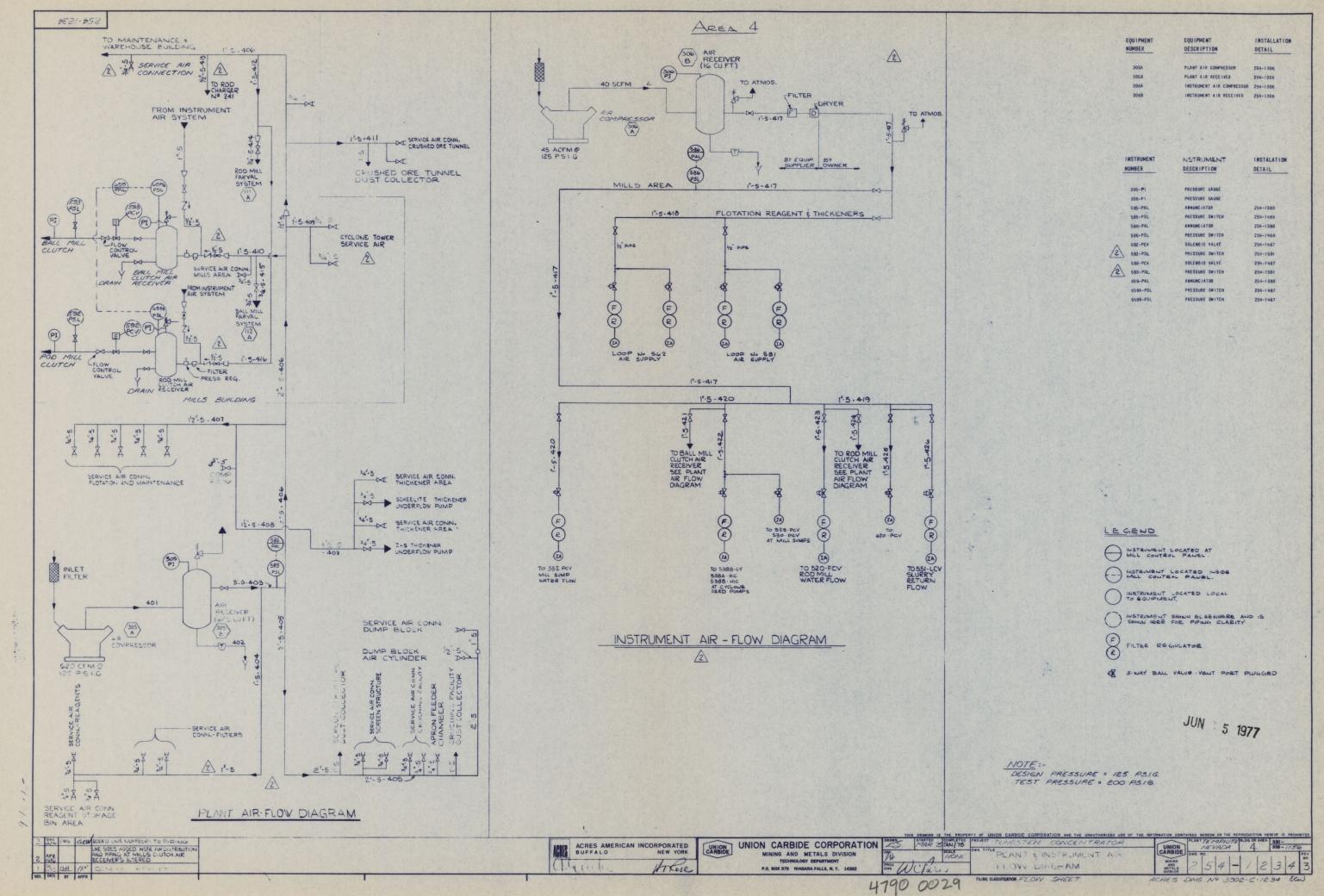


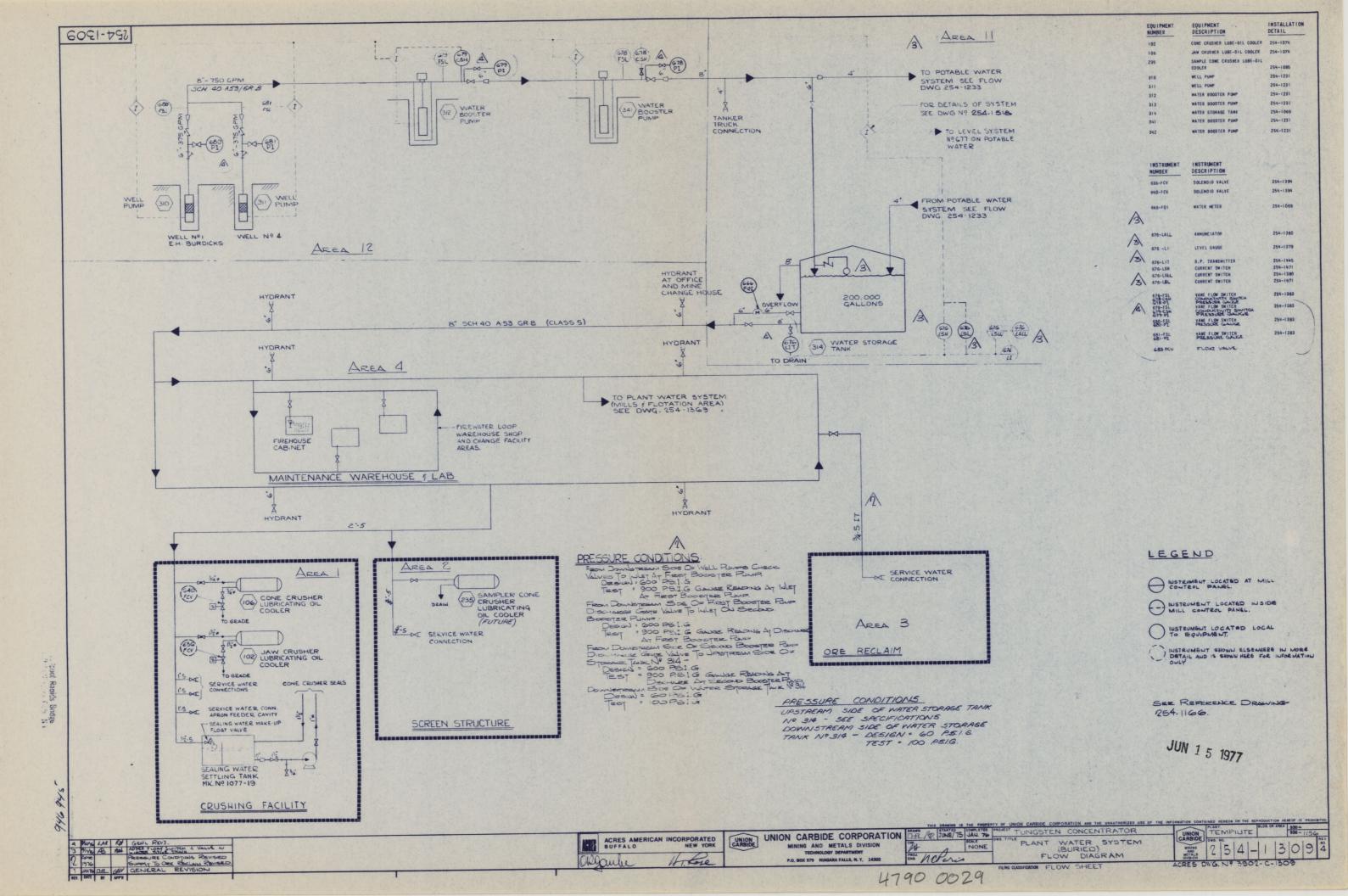


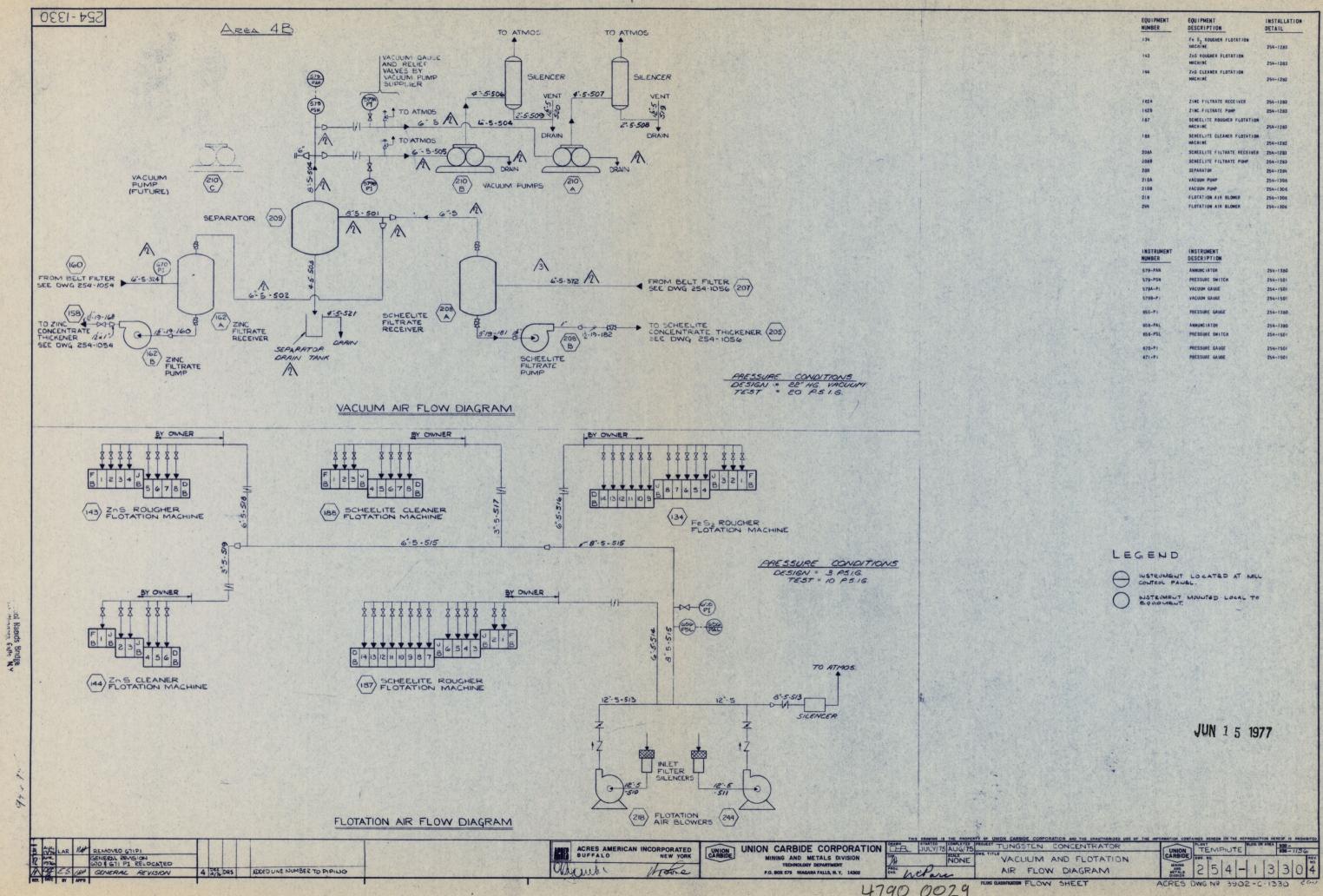




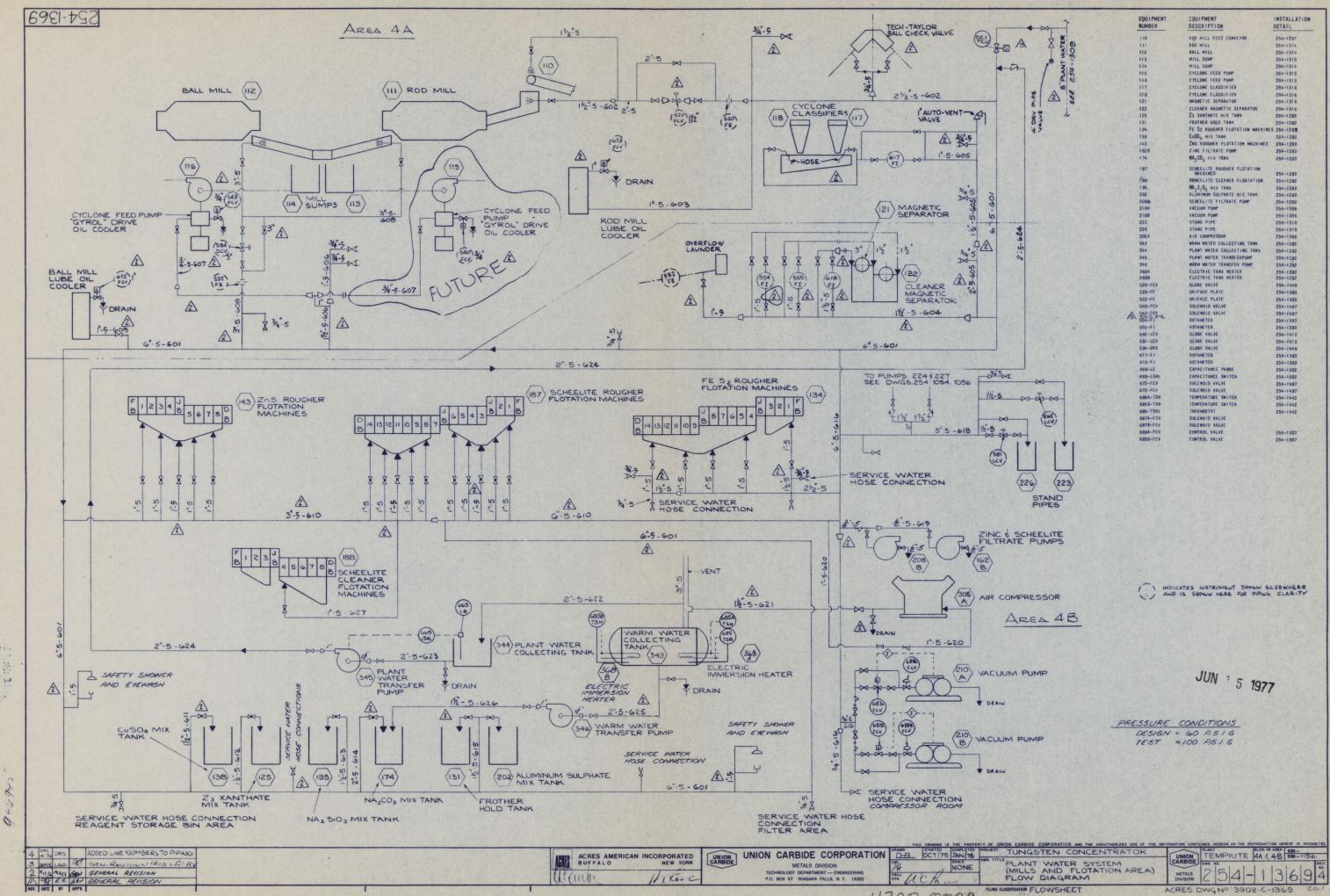








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