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REFRACTION SEISMIC SURVEY

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THE FLATHEAD PHOSPHATE CLAIMS

for

WESTERN WARNER OILS LTD.

and

MEDESTO EXPLORATION LTD.

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Mines and Petroleum Resources

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### LOCATION AND ACCESS

Phosphate claims held by Western Warner Oils
Ltd. and Medesto Exploration Ltd. are located 17
miles south of B.C. Highway #3 and the Crowsnest line
of Canadian Pacific Railway. The claims are situated
along the Flathead forestry access road which intersects Highway #3 seven miles west of the town of
Blairmore, Alberta. The properties lie five miles
south of the abandoned coal mining town of Corbin, to
which a spur railway is under construction concurrent
with re-activation of the coal mines of the area.
The Flathead access road is a good secondary road and
affords easy access to the vicinity of the claims.
Western Warner has constructed bush trails providing
access by four-wheel drive vehicles from the Flathead
road to the principal group of claims.

Although the terrain of the Flathead area is mountainous, grades along the Flathead road are low and the terrain in the locality of the claims is gently rolling, with relief not much in excess of 500 ft. Most of the area has been logged and subsequently burned and light second growth of pine, spruce and alder constitutes the bulk of the present forest cover.

#### CLAIMS AND OWNERSHIP

Claims WW 1, WW 2, WW 4, WW 6 to WW 12 incl., WW 45 to WW 60 incl., WW 83 to WW 88 incl. and WW 97 to WW 104 incl. are registered in the name of S.R. Dunn and held under option by Western Warner Oils Ltd.

Claims PH 7 to PH 12 incl., PH 14, PH 16 and PH 17 are registered in the name of Medesto Exploration Ltd.

The outlines of the above claims are shown on the 1:50,000 Index Map, together with the location of the four refraction profiles which are the subject of this report.

Also shown on the Index Map are the Flathead road, secondary access roads to the claims and the axes of the Squaw Creek and Coal Mountain anticlines, on the flanks of which the basal Fernie phosphate beds are exposed.

#### PURPOSE OF SURVEY

This survey was designed to confirm previous geological inferences that the phosphate bed lay at potential strip-mineable depth over a substantial area on the flanks of Squaw Creek and Coal Mountain anticlines. Four refraction profiles were shot for a total length of 4,350 ft. of control. These profiles were oriented perpendicular to the known geological strike.

Initial field testing was carried out in early June, 1975. The results were sufficiently encouraging to warrant a more detailed survey, which was conducted by Terra-Flex Exploration Services Ltd. during the period July 3 - 16, 1975. The survey was conducted with a portable seismograph Model FS-3, manufactured by Huntec Ltd. of Toronto, Ontario.

Technical supervision and interpretation of the results were provided by the author of this report N. Dornian, President of Dornian Consultants Ltd.

This firm holds Permit No. 695 from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, for the practise of Professional Geology and Geophysics.

#### GEOLOGY AND SEISMIC CRITERIA

The Phosphate Zone under investigation in this area is an oolitic bed 3 to 4 feet in thickness, lying at the base of the dark Fernie (Jurassic) marine shales. The phosphate bed lies directly on rather massive sandstones of the Spray River Formation (Triassic).

The basic requirement of a refraction survey is that the stratum to be investigated possesses a higher seismic velocity than the overlying beds. In this instance, the phosphate bed itself is too thin to be detected. However, there is a strong velocity contrast between the Spray River sandstones, with an average velocity of 12,000 ft./sec. and the overlying Fernie Formation, which has a velocity of 4,000 to 7,000 ft./sec. Velocity of the thin mantle of near-surface drift varies from 1,000 to 2,000 ft./sec.

It should be noted from the above that what has been mapped is the top of the Spray River Formation, which is inferred from known occurences to coincide with the base of the phosphate bed.

#### FIELD SURVEY TECHNIQUES

The seismic lines were laid out with a transit, chained and flagged and lightly brushed to facilitate movement. Station elevations were measured with an altimeter without calibration to a known elevation, ie: the noted elevations are relative only.

The Huntec FA-3 seismograph is a single channel instrument. It incorporates controls to adjust sensitivity to a level suitable to exclude ambient noise. Recording is on electro-sensitive paper. Two geophones were planted close to the instrument and remained stationary during the shooting of a given profile, while successive shot points are progressively recorded down the line.

Experimental shooting on Line A showed that a hammer energy source was not adequate. Therefore detonators and, at greater distances, small charges of high velocity seismic powder were used. Charges were detonated electrically by a control box incorporated into the recorder. Charges were buried six inches to two feet, as ground conditions permitted, to improve seismic coupling.

All profiles were reversed, ie: shot in both directions to permit averaging of observed velocities and cancellation of dip effects. Distance between shooting stations was 20 ft. for the first five stations closest to the recorder, and 100 ft. thereafter. Line A was shot as a single reversed profile over a distance of 950 ft. All other lines were shot as reversed 600 ft. profiles.

#### INTERPRETATION

Time-distance plots for profiles on each of the four lines are presented on the accompanying sections, together with the topographic profile and the depth profile for the top of the Spray River Formation. It might be mentioned that obviously spurious early arrivals which were observed on the records and which are believed to be due to crossfeed between shooting wire and geophone cables have been omitted from the time-distance plots.

Three different methods were used to calculate the depth to the Spray River:

- 1. Intercept time method.
- 2. Critical distance method.
- Hawkin's method.

Theory, formulae and momograms for these three methods are described in detail in the Huntec FS-3 manual, and were applied after correction of observed velocities for dip of the beds.

The close agreement between the depth interpretations by these three methods is gratifying and lends credence to the validity of the overall results.

#### DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Line A, on the west flank of Squaw Creek anticline, lies approximately % mile north of a diamond drill hole which encountered a 4 ft. thickness of phosphate (averaging P<sub>2</sub>0<sub>5</sub> 19.25%) directly overlying Spray River. Observed dips within the Spray River beds are in the 15-20 degree range, to the west. The seismic depth profile shows a depth range for the Spray River of 0 to 65 ft. Dip at the east end of the line is about 15 degrees, flattening to the west to give an overall west dip of 6 degrees.

Line B, on the east flank of Squaw Creek anticline, has no nearby drill control. Surface dips varying from 32 degrees east to 12 degrees east have been measured in Spray River beds to the west of the line. The seismic depth profile shows a depth range for the Spray River of 43 to 102 ft., with an overall east dip of 18 degrees.

Line C, The South Warner line, is also located on the south flank of Squaw Creek anticline, some 2½ miles south of Line B. Nearest observed bedding dip is 20 degrees east. The seismic depth profile shows a depth range for the Spray River of 30 to 40 ft., with overall east dip of 11 degrees.

Line D, The Medesto Line, is located on the west flank of Coal Mountain anticline, approximately 1/8 mile north of a diamond drill hole which encountered 3½ ft. of phosphate, not analyzed.

Nearest bedding dips, located in Spray River beds, to the east of the line, are 18 degrees west. The seismic depth profile shows a depth range for the Spray River of 26 to 53 ft., with an overall west dip of 13 degrees.

# CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Results of this survey indicate that the Spray River lies at strip-mineable depth over substantial strike widths on the Western Warner and Medesto Claims.

A logical followup to this survey would be to drill several holes on each survey line to confirm results and establish thickness and grade of the phosphate bed which is known to overly the Spray River.

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Respectfully submitted,

N. Dornian

WW Claims 80% - PH Claims 20%

#### PERSONS EMPLOYED

EMPLOYEE	# DAYS WORKED	DATES WORKED	DAILY WAGE	TOTAL AMOUNT	80% WW CLAIMS	20% PH CLAIMS
Management	3	May 18, 19 and 20	\$60	\$180	;	
Supervisor	20	Mav 18, 19, 20 and 31 June 1 and 2. July 3 to 16	\$60	1200		
Clahor (1)	20	May 18, 19,20 and 31 June 1 and 2. July 3 to 16	\$50	1000		
Lahor (2)	20	May 18, 19, 20 and 31 June 1 and 2. July 3 to 16	\$50	1900		
Lahor (3)	14	July 3 to 16th	\$50	700		
Labor (4)	14	July 3 to 16th	\$50	700		
Geologist	3	May 31, June 1 and 2	\$180	540		
Geophysicist	3	May 31, June 1 and 2	\$100	300		
				\$5620	\$4496	\$1124

Period May 18, 19 and 20 and Period May 31, June 1 and 2 were used to C test seismic equipment, determine results, lay out program and flag lines to be surveyed.

Period July 3rd to 16th was used to cut lines, do seismic survey and complete reclamation program.

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# WW and PH Claims (Jointly)

## WW Claims 80% - PH Claims 20%

		TOTAL AMOUNT	80% WW CLAIMS	20% PH CLAIMS
	Brought forward	\$5620	\$4496	\$1124
Cost of food and accommoda	tion	970	776	194
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Rental on tools and instru	ments:			
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Preparation of report pert	aining to investigation	800	640	160
Reclamation work included	in labor costs.			
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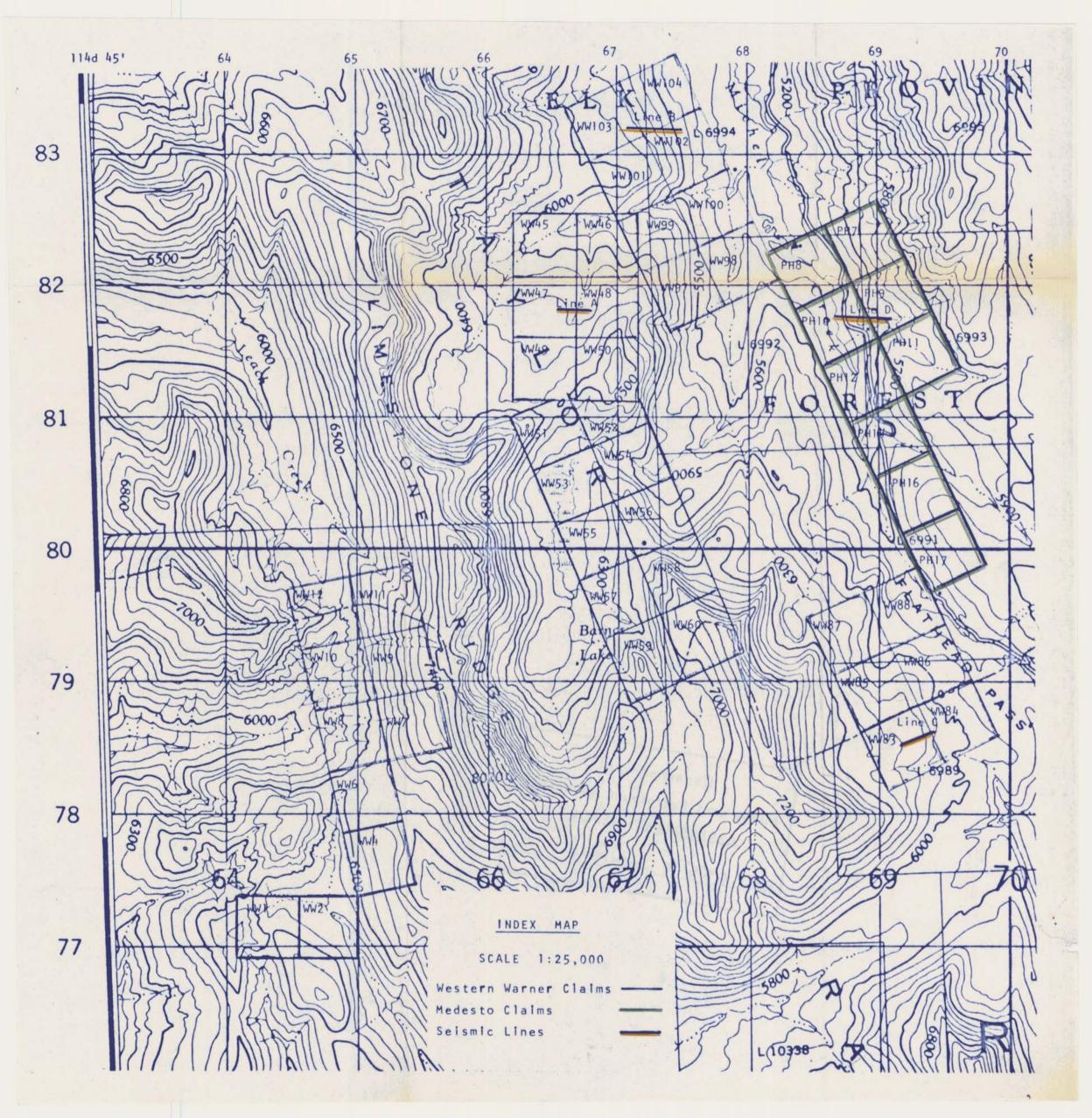
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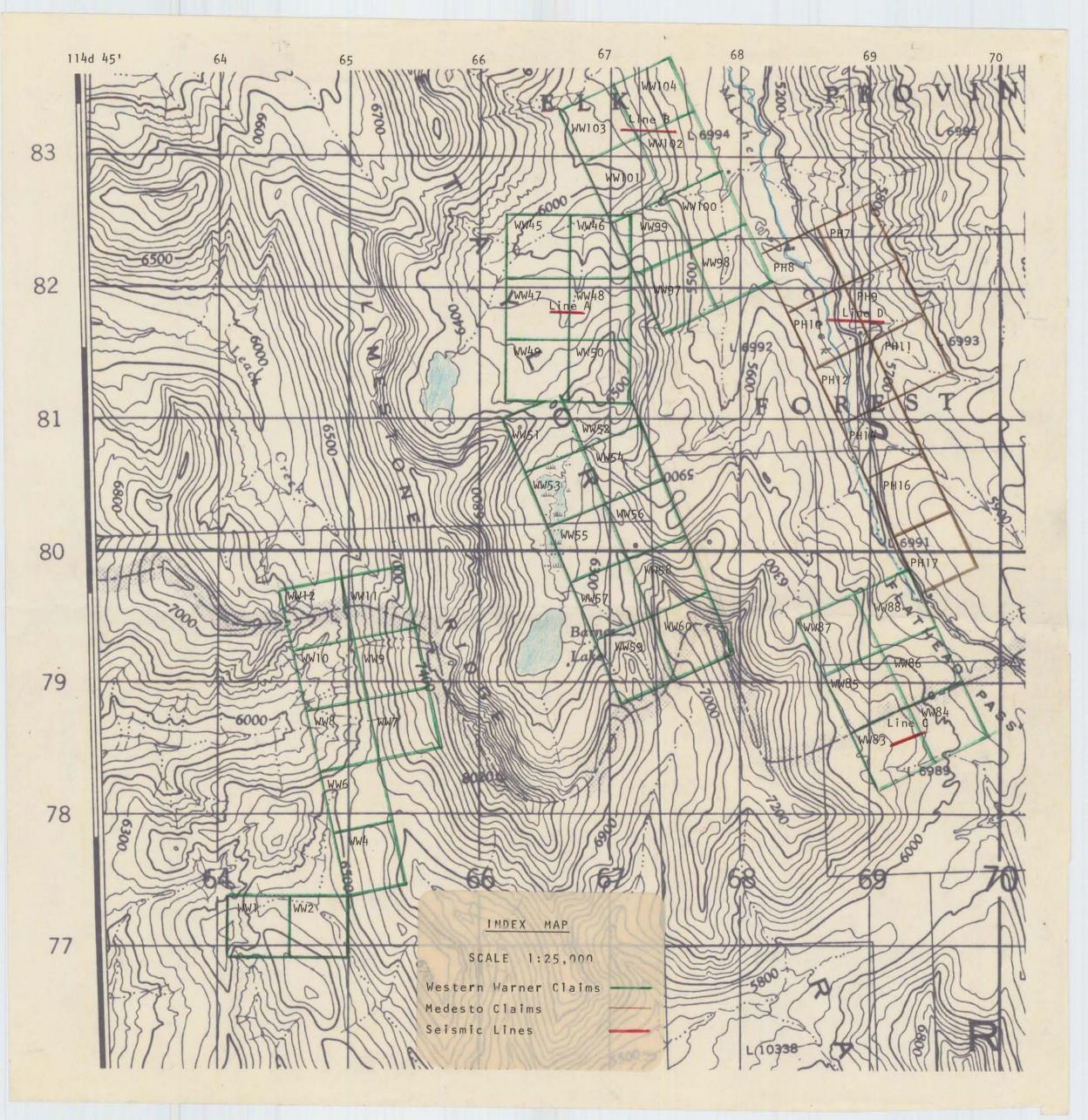
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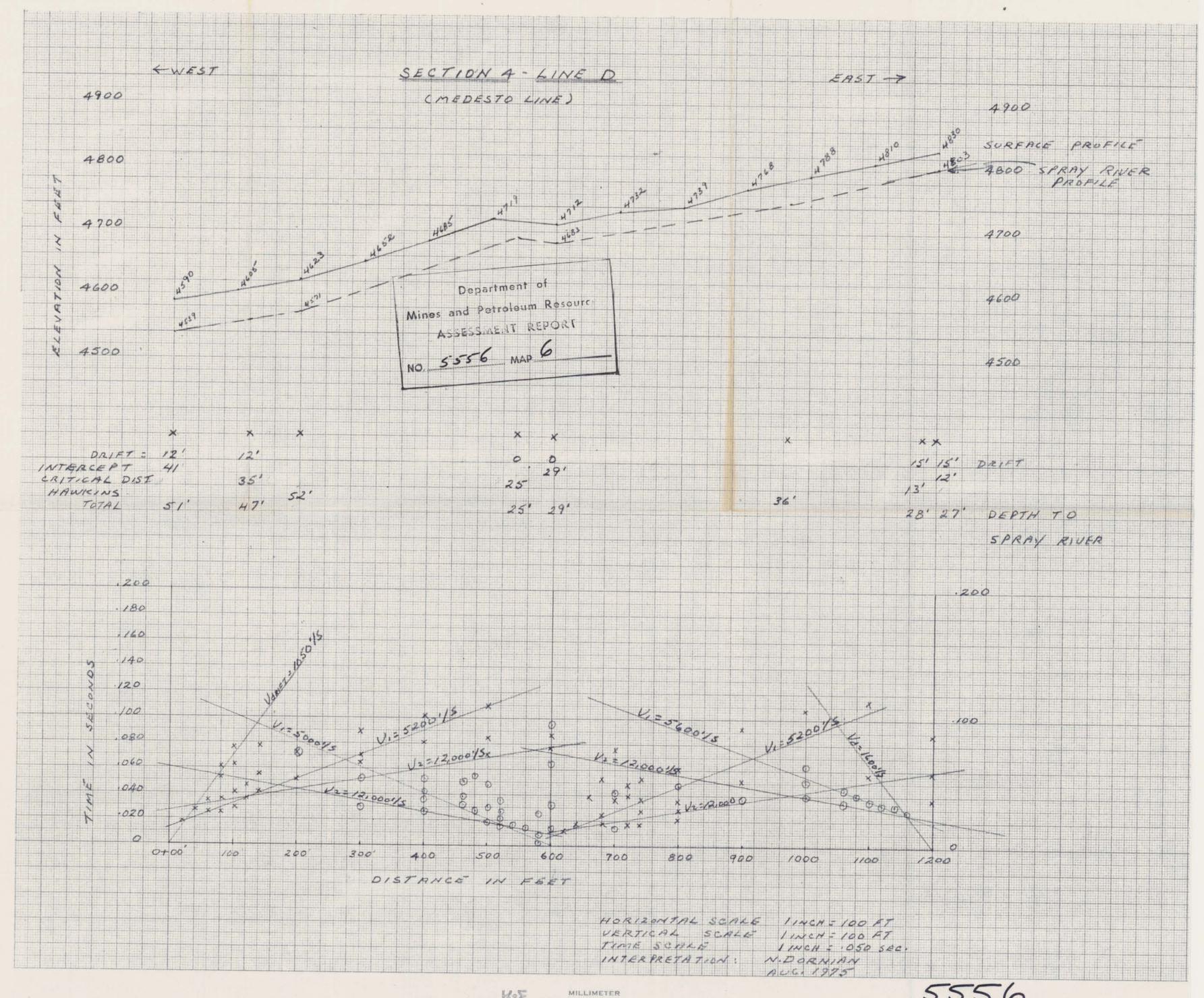
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Food & accommodation		776
Ground Transportation		1,552
Rental on tools & equipment		667
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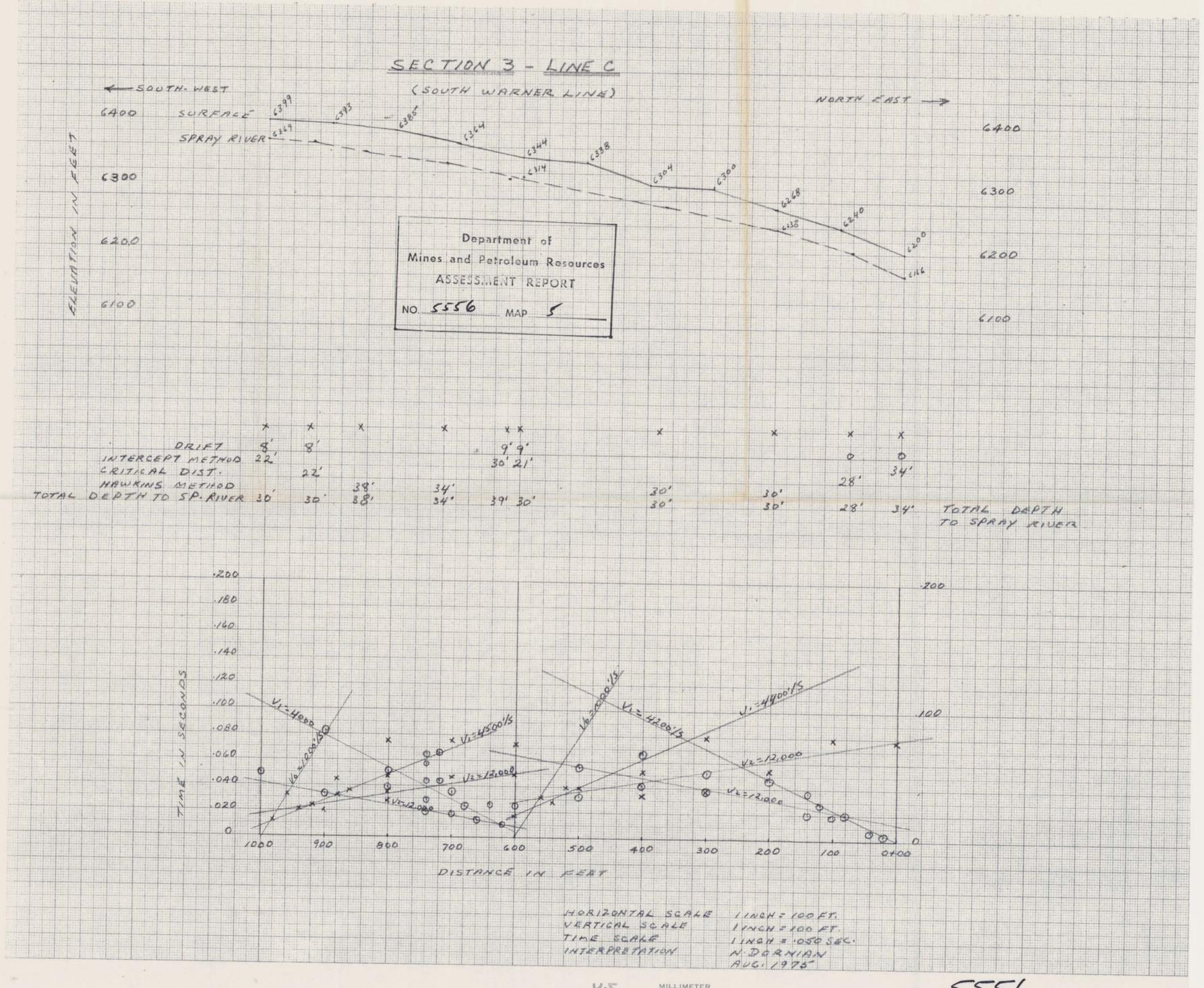






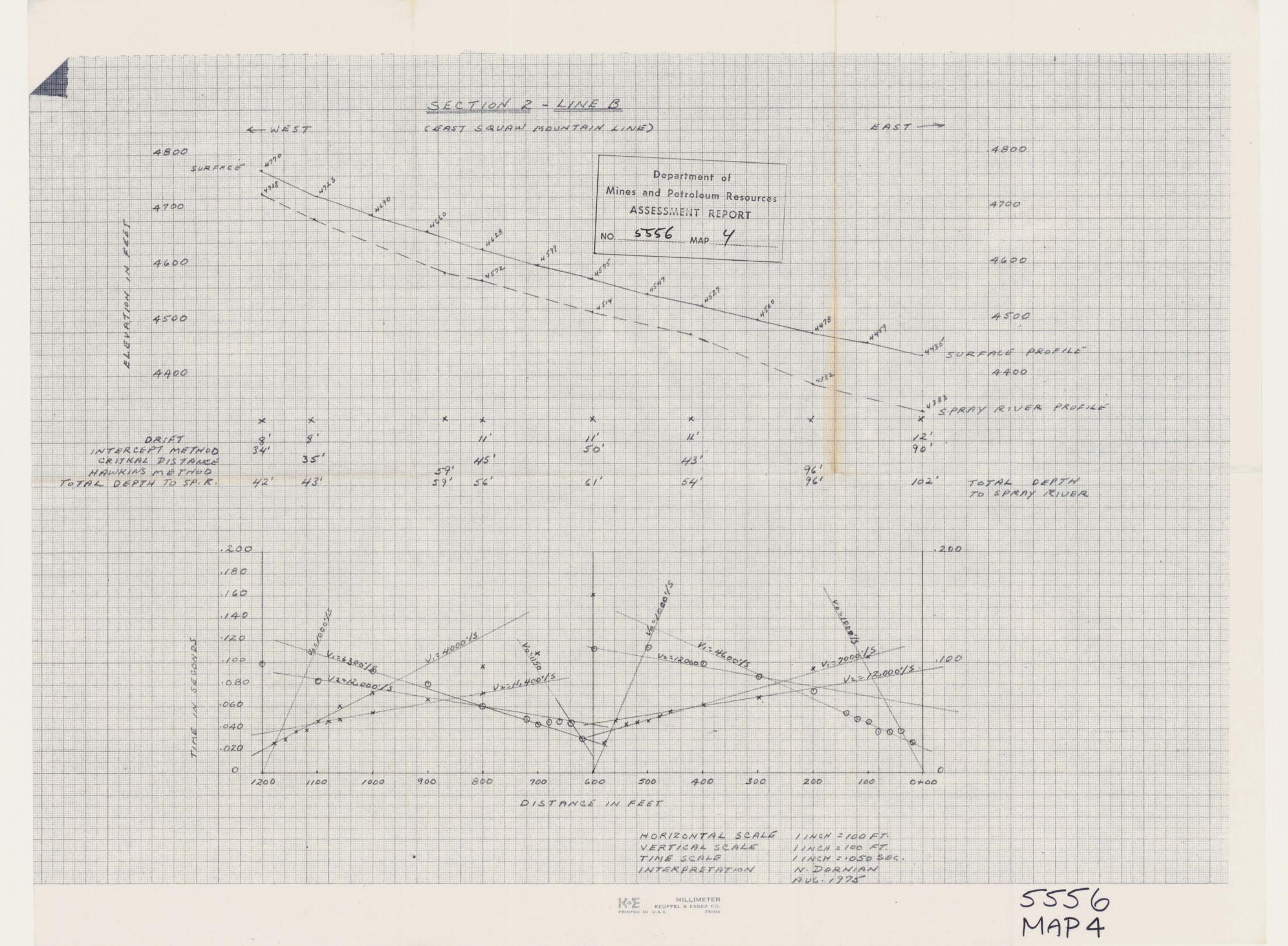
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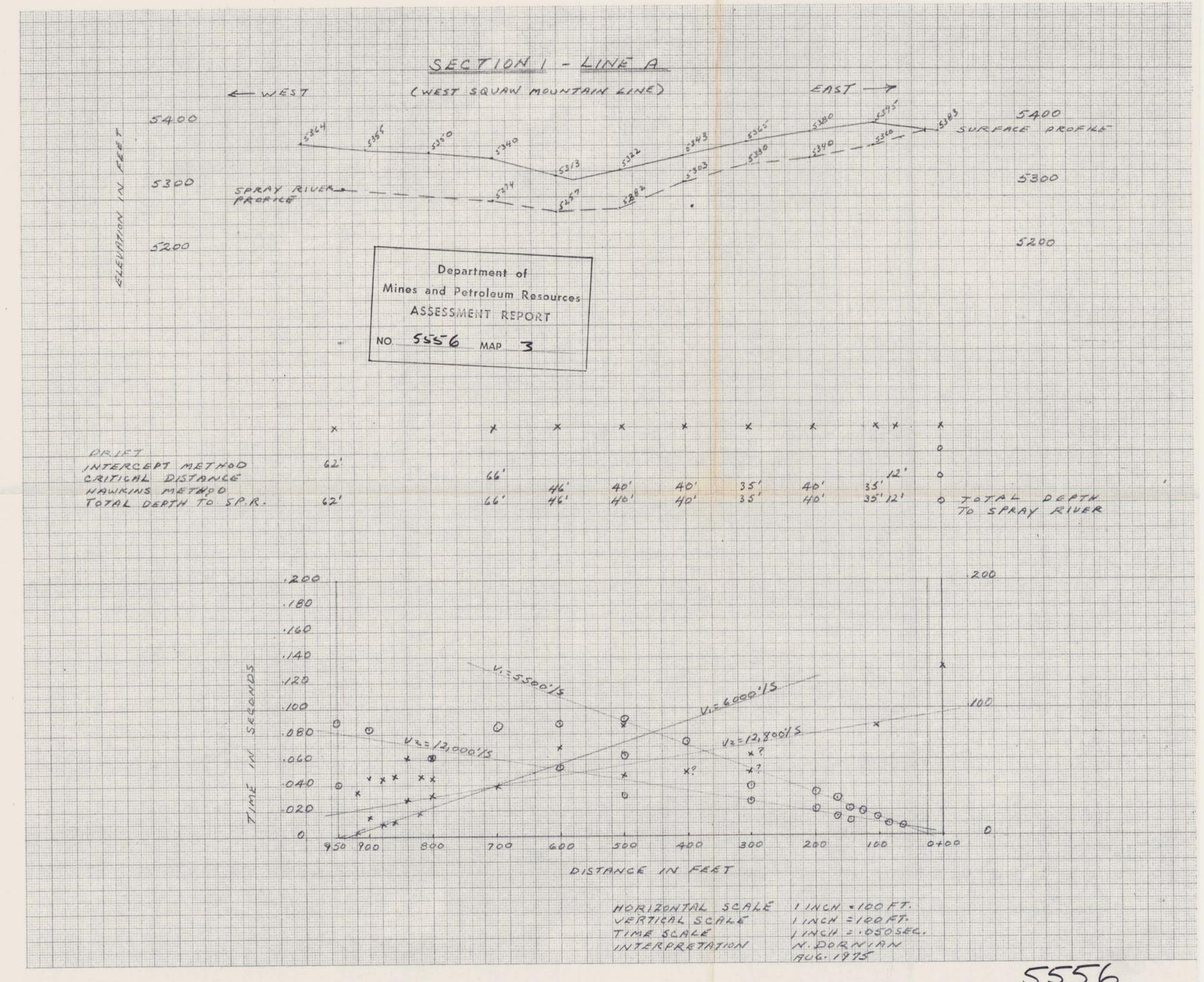
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