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# REPORT ON RECONNAISSANCE GEOLOGICAL MAPPING AND SAMPLING

MARINER II CLAIM GROUP

SPANISH MOUNTAIN AREA

CARIBOO MINING DIVISION, B.C.

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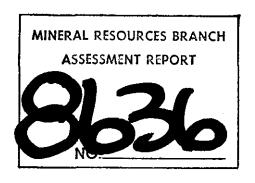
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#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to investigate the potential for lode deposits on the Mariner II Claim Group on Spanish Mountain, near Likely, B.C., to provide some understanding of the geology, and to accurately sample any veins which might be exposed.

#### LOCATION AND ACCESS

The Mariner II Claim Group consists of four claims each of 25 hectares located on the north slope of Spanish Mountain and south of Spanish Lake about 8 km. east of Likely, B.C. with the Peso Claim Group lying to the south and the east of the Mariner II Group.

Photo copies of the Department of Mines Location Map are included in Figure 1. Copies of the filing affidavits are included as Appendix I.

Access to the property is by Highway No. 1 to Cache Creek, thence by Highway 97 north through Williams Lake to McLeese Lake, thence east 74 km. by the Likely Road, on all-weather gravel road to Likely, B.C. From Likely head east toward Kiethley Creek; at about 1 km. past the Esso Service Station, turn right on the Spanish Lake road, which is called "Road 1300" by the Forest Service. This is all-weather gravel road used by the logging companies as haul roads. Proceed 7 km. to the km. 1307 marker. About 50 meters past this marker turn right up the hill and into the centre of the Mariner II Claim Group. Four-wheel drive vehicles will be required past this point.

This is also a logging haul road which proceeds south through the Mariner II claims and onto the Peso Group. This road provides access to trenches which have exposed most of the veins.



Photo 1. Access road through Mariner II Claims.

The Mariner II Claim Group can be traversed fairly easily on foot from this logging road. The forest cover was removed by clear cut logging methods and the skidders provided fairly clear pathways which tend to be very steep and although now somewhat grown in with alder are still passable. The skidders also cut into the banks a little on sidehills unearthing some of the bedrock and providing a better look at the geology.

On the Peso Claims above the Mariner II Group the forest is uncut, fully mature black spruce and western hemlock forest with dense undergrowth of alder, buck brush, devils club and other West Coast Marine climate vegetation. This dense cover is a result of the north slope setting of the claims as

the south slopes in the Quesnel Lake area are quite friendly and easily traversed. Outcrops are not abundant in the forest or at least difficult to find and then only the very resistant rocks such as the quartz veins and the resistant intrusive rocks persist. Care must be taken in interpreting the geology that this phenomena does not lead to an emphasis on these rock types at the expense of the softer ones.

#### PREVIOUS WORK

These showings were probably first discovered at the time of the Cariboo Gold Rush or shortly after. The gold prospectors of that era are known to have been very thorough and left their mark on most of the gold showings throughout the Cariboo and elsewhere. The earliest information to hand is contained in a letter by Roland E. Legg addressed to the N.A. Timmins Corporation and dated July 12, 1938. In this letter (included as Appendix II) Mr. Legg refers to several veins and values ranging from 0.23 oz. Au/ton to 5.60 oz. Au/ton. Mr. Legg refers to a crew of eight men, open cuts and at least one adit. Mr. Legg's sketch map is included as Figure 2 and was used as key to searching out some of the important veins in this area.

A brief search of the area indicated at least four periods of activity on the property. The first, probably around 1880, which consisted of building the cabin (Photo 2) and digging of some of the test pits.

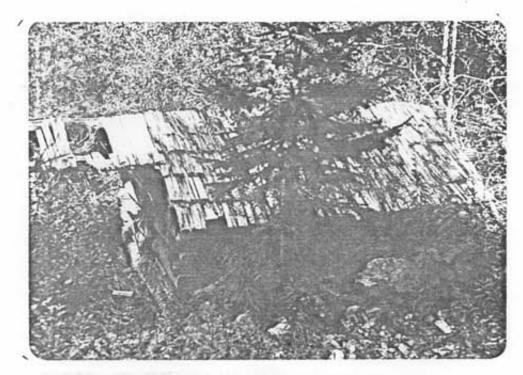


Photo 2. Log cabin, Mariner II Claims.

The second period, around 1938, is described in Mr. Legg's letter which consisted of extensive trenching by hand and the driving of the adit.

A surge of interest in gold about 10 years ago prompted the bulldozer trenching in which at least 13 trenches were dug to expose numerous quartz veins. It would appear that this was followed up with at least five diamond drill holes. A log cabin and core storage shed were discovered about 2 km. west by bush track and it is thought probable that this core was from the Mariner II Claims. (Photo 3 and 4).

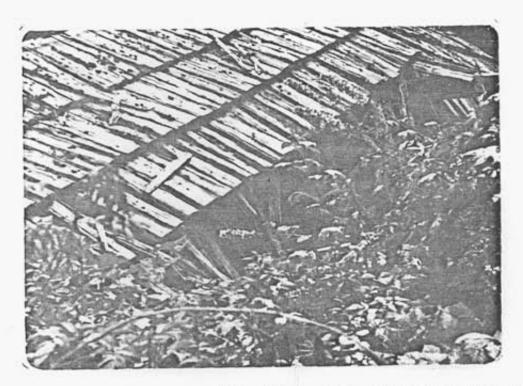


Photo 3. Log cabin 2 km. west of Mariner II Claims.

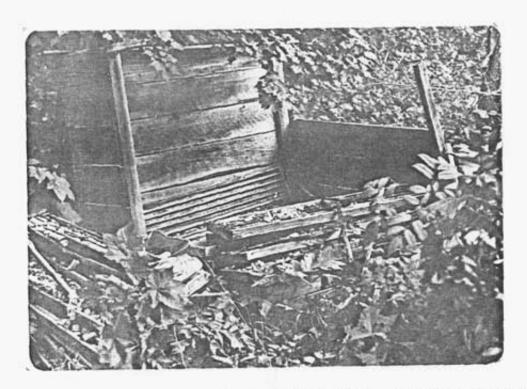


Photo 4. Core storage shed 2 km. west of Mariner II.

The most recent work in the summer of 1979 was with the use of a backhoe to expose some of the veins. Many of the old pits from Legg's report were dug out, presumably tested, then backfilled with this backhoe.

#### SURVEY METHODS

The survey control used in this survey was mainly pace and compass. Spot checks with chain were made to provide a control on pacing. One loop on the northwest was closed with an accuracy of 1:700.

The sampling methods were changed from sample to sample to suit the conditions. Whenever possible channel samples were taken. If veins were too massive to channel well, chip samples were taken. In some instances only grab type samples were taken where exposures were poor and indications only were needed.

#### GEOLOGY

The regional geology taken from the government's Quesnel Lake Map Sheet by R.B. Campbell and published in 1978 is discussed briefly in C.W. Ball's "Preliminary Geological Report, Spanish Lake Area, Cariboo Mining Division, B.C." March 1979 included as Appendix III and is shown as a sketch in Figure 1.

No argument is taken with the argillites to the north as these are widespread and easily recognized. It is felt that

they are often limey and may vary in graininess to greywacke and that this is worthy of note.

The transition zone is made up of a progressively

more grainy to volcanic rock as one passes toward the south.

Some greywackes, arkoses then trachytes were noted toward the center of the transition zone. It is felt that this represents a period of volcanism in the development of this "transition zone". Into this zone is intruded the fine grained copper bearing nepheline syenite. The third rock called greenstone was not traversed on the north slope of Spanish Mountain.

Where the syenite can be seen at the Mariner II and Peso Claims it is developed as dykes or as thin sills of only a few centimeters thickness which run in irregular patterns roughly conforming with the strike of the country rock. small sill-like bodies are usually criss-crossed with a stock work of quartz veins and carry pyrite, traces of galena and often some copper staining. Alteration halos around these sills are many times wider than the sills themselves. halos start next to the syenite with intense silisifcation then kaolinization and pyrite alteration further from the This same intense kaolinization is noted around most sills. of the quartz veins and is probably what Legg refers to as alaskite. However, in most instances this writer feels that the white aphanitic rock with the brown spots is an intensely kaolin altered argillite country rock in which the carbonate has been recrystalized into a poikiloblasts of siderite or (Photo 5). iron dolomite.

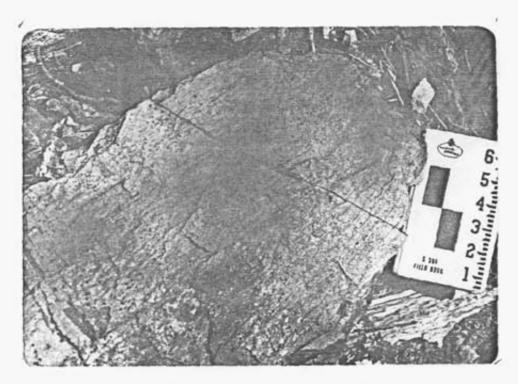


Photo 5. Vein, 1 mm. quartz with 30 cm. alteration halo.

As seen in the photo above, a small (1 mm.) vein of quartz is flanked by 15 cm. of alteration on either side. In larger veins of several meters, this halo encompasses all the host rock between veins overlapping with halos of adjacent veins and thus causing a large zone to present itself as a white aphanitic rock with brown spots. This zone may contain several rock types, argillite, greywacke or trachyte which, at the present level of study, remain as a kaolin carbonate rock and are not distinguishable one from the other. This unit has been termed felsite for field identification for lack of a better term at this time.

#### MINERALIZATION

The mineralization is separted into three main zones: quartz in felsite, quartz in trachyte and quartz in syenite.

The first zone, the quartz in felsite, which is as speculated above, probably quartz in altered argillite, is nearly all south of the Mariner II Claim Group and is the zone on which the 1938 workers, Legg & Co., did most of their exploration. Most of the veins tested carry .1 - .2 ppm gold. Some gold was panned by this writer from the heavily shear argillites near the strong NW - SE fault. Near this fault one small vein (10 cm.) assayed 39.5 ppm and another (10 cm.) assayed 18.1 ppm. Three more veins with accumulated widths of .90 meters average about 4.5 ppm.

The second zone, the quartz in trachyte zone is the zone most heavily trenched by the bulldozer prospectors and the zone that the drilling was concentrated on. This zone is characterized by very large flat-lying veins of quartz. These veins are in excess of 2 meters in places and are complex, splitting and often carry some carbonate and/or pyrite. They are characterized also by fine-grained felsite rock on the hanging-wall and a flow breccia trachyte with large pyrites (up to 2 cm.) on the foot wall. All veins except one in this zone assayed less than 1 ppm. One assay in wall rocks assayed 2.1 ppm over 1.5 meters, and one vein assayed 2.4 ppm Au over .35 meters.

The third zone, the quartz in syenite, or the mixed zone as it was mapped, carries complex quartz stock works in and associated with the syenite sills. An abundance of pyrite silica and some copper silicate minerals are usually present. Assays from this zone were very low.

The values of interest taken on this survey seem to favor the heavily sheared areas rather than any particular rock type. The area that is adjacent to SM 25 in which the argillites are heavily sheared and show good colors in the panning tests is an example. However, most of these heavily sheared zones are poorly exposed outcropping very low. The taking of meaningful samples and the usefulness of those collected in the sheared zones is hampered by lack of exposure and caving of trench walls in this soft rock.

A total of eight veins carry values of interest and of these six are as follows:

| SM   | 23 | 10 | cm. | Qtz. | in  | felsite   | 18.1 | ppm | Au. |
|------|----|----|-----|------|-----|-----------|------|-----|-----|
| SM   | 24 | 10 | cm. | Qtz. | in  | argillite | 39.5 | ppm | Au. |
| SM   | 26 | 25 | cm. | Qtz. | in  | argillite | 4.6  | ppm | Au. |
| SM : | 27 | 50 | cm. | Qtz. | in  | argillite | 3.7  | ppm | Au. |
| SM   | 28 | 15 | cm. | Qtz. | in  | andesite  | 5.6  | mqq | Au. |
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These veins are all associated with or adjacent to the two major strike faults which are suspected of traversing the claims.

Two other samples of interest are SM 50 which was cut across a 35 cm. quartz vein in the trachyte flow rocks and assayed 2.4 ppm Au and SM 43 which was cut in felsite wall rock between two major flat quartz veins and assayed 2.1 ppm Au.

(Parts per million ppms in the metric system is grams per tonne).

#### CONCLUSIONS

From these results the veins would appear to be too cattered and too erratic in values to be of interest.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is, therefore, recommended that no further work be done on the property.

N. L. Tribe, P. Eng.

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Chief Gold Commissioner
Ministry of Mines and Petroleum Resources
Parliament Buildings
Victoria B.C.
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Dear Sir:

Re:

MARINER Mineral Claims

Geological Report '80-#668

The above-noted report has been amended as you requested, and is submitted for your approval; the amendments are as follows:

- -claim boundaries/posts have beendrawn in on figures 2, 4 north, and 4 south,
- -metric bar scales have been drawn on all maps,
- -pattern coding has been superimposed on maps to facilitate reproduction on microfilm,
- -the author, Mr N.L.Tribe is a graduate Geologist, and a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia. His P.Eng number (11330) has been added to the Report

I trust the above changes will satisfy your requirements, and thank you for your patience in this matter with an am amateur.

Yours very truly,

Murray B. Neilson

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R. Rutherford Chief Gold Commissioner Parliament Buildings Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

February 16th, 1981

Dear Sir:

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Re: Mariner Mineral Claim Geological Report "80-#668

your letter dated February 5th, 1981

Enclosed please find the referenced report with all maps redone in a manner we hope is acceptable.

With regard to the detailed cost statement, Mr. Ed Schultz of Schultz International Ltd., through whom I obtained the report, died suddenly in 1980 and his records have been returned to the U.S.A. Mr. Schultz and Mr. Kutney of Cosico Mines Ltd. undertook to have the report produced in exchange for \$5,000.00 which they owed me. I calculated that \$1,000.00 of this was absorbed in administrative costs and am therfore enclosing a Statutory Declaration as to the \$4,000.00 cost of the report to me.

I trust that this will prove satisfactory.

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Yours very truly

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# APPENDIX II

LETTER TO N.A. TIMMINS CORPORATION,
JULY 12, 1938. R.E. LEGG

July 12th, 1938.

The N. A. Timmins Corporation, 1010 - Canada Cement Building, Montreal, Que.

Dear Sirs:-

## Re: Mariner Group - Cariboo District.

I am submitting herewith a report on my examination of the Mariner group of mineral claims, situated on Spanish Mountain in the Cariboo District and which we have under option.

In company with L. H. Hinton I arrived on this property on June 21st. We proceeded to make a transit survey of all the vein exposures on the claims and by June 25th we had a map completed. We then arranged for a crew of eight men, under direction of Frank Breeze, to start work at once in opening up by stripping and surface rock work what we thought were the most promising places. The necessary tools and supplies were sent in for this purpose. Hinton and I then left to make our examination of Rafferty's property on Blackhorn Mountain. On July 4th we returned to the Mariner property to inspect the work done and take any samples. I then left Hinton in charge of this work and returned The crew go to work in a truck which lands them withto Vancouver. in a mile from where we are working. This arrangement has saved the expense of erecting camp buildings until such time as we feel that a camp is warranted, and furthermore, later on we may be in a better position to know the best location for such buildings.

Our survey confirmed Dr. Dolmage's map with regard to the number and location of veins. We did not attempt to check his sampling results because, as we have already told you, the property is not to be judged by the surface values. We have to find out if commercial values exist below the oxidized and leached out zone, and our open cut work is being directed to this end.

I am enclosing herewith a sketch plan showing the approximate location of the claims. This will give you an idea of the excellent working facilities available. About three quarters of a mile of road work will bring one right to the main showings. The veins can be worked to depths of from 600 to 1000 feet by surface tunnels, and as the hillside is fairly steep, these tunnels would not be long in relation to the depth obtained. The sketch plan is an enlargement of an aerial survey map. Hinton is now surveying the claims and is also making an accurate topographical map covering the immediate showings we are working on. This map will tell us the best place to drive a preliminary tunnel should our surface work prove encouraging.

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On June 25th our crew started work on the surface cuts. We chose as likely places the veins at Stations 55, 65 and 126 which are shown on Dr. Dolmage's map, a copy of which you have. By July 4th we had not got below the oxidized zone with our open cuts, but nevertheless we are giving you a brief description of the work done.

At Station 55 the surface showing, before we did any work, was rather peculiar. We were not sure what had happened, but our open cut clarified the picture. A section through this open cut is attached hereto. This work did not get below the oxidized zone, but we thought we would take a few test samples:

| Number | Width | Oz. Au/ton | Remarks   |
|--------|-------|------------|---|
| 1.     | 21"   | . 68       | Rusty quartz showing many vugs. Was formerly well mineralized. No visible gold.   |
| 2.     |       | 5.60       | Sample of heavily oxidized material which was probably originally solid sulphides. This sample taken from numerous places along flat lying vein. Panning test did not show gold, but it was probably too fine to see. |
| 3.     | 8"    | .28        | Narrow quartz vein dipping<br>steeply. Sample very very<br>slightly mineralized. Trace<br>of galena noticed.  |
| 4.     | 7"    | . 32       | Narrow quartz vein dipping steeply. Sample was barren quartz except that one piece showed a little fine pyrite.   |

The work on this cut showed that the flat lying vein was at one time very well mineralized, and much more so than we had enticipated from the look of the surface showing. We consider this an encouraging feature and expect that it will apply elsewhere. We do not plan any further work at this cut.

At Station 65 (see Dolmage plan) we started an open cut on the large "A" vein. At July 4th the cut was still in the oxidized zone, but the quartz was rusty and the mineralization

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July 12th, 1938.

all leached out. At one time this vein was fairly well mineralized. The width is at least 6 feet at this point. Work is to be contined until the fresh ore is exposed.

Another cut is to be started at Station 67.

At Station 126 a large trench was made to try and open up what Dolmage refers to as a large shear zone. At a depth of 17 feet we had not found solid rock, and from the information obtained in this work, we believe the very large amount of broken up quartz has slipped down the hillside from somewhere else.

Rock exposures on the Mariner group are very There would not be over 1% of the surface exinfrequent. posed. In the immediate vicinity of the known veins the depth of overburden is not great, but on going down the hillside, the overburden increases. It is only reasonable to suppose that many other quartz veins exist on this property. The owners had put down 55 pits and 43 had found quartz veins. Of the remaining twelve, several had not reached bed rock. You can thus see why I feel there must exist many other veins. This condition is characteristic of the Cariboo district. In the Cariboo Gold Quartz property, there are over 300 known veins, and yet only a small part of their acreage is explored. On adjoining claims we saw a number of veins, and if our open cut work proves successful, then we can negotiate for these claims so as to have more ground under control.

I am encouraged by the limited amount of work done to date. A report from Hinton is expected in a day or so covering the second week's work.

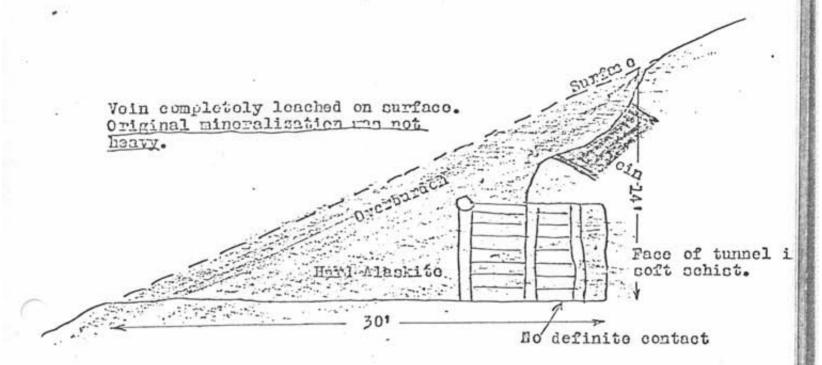
I have not had a formal agreement drawn up covering our option. I told Mr. Fraser I would like to wait two or three weeks before deciding on this expense, and in the meantime we are fully protected by his letter of June 17th, a copy of which I sent you. As called for in our agreement, I have already given Mr. Fraser a month's notice in advance that we would be making the cash payment of \$1000.00 on August 1st, 1938.

Yours very truly,

R. E. Legg.

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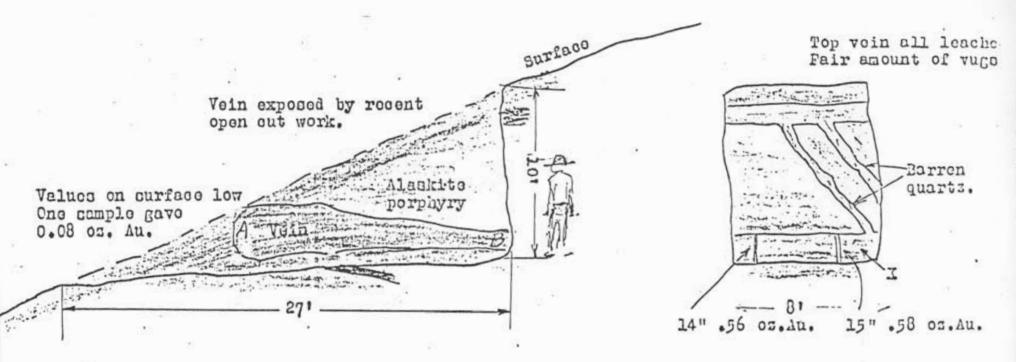
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Longitudinal Section Through Open Cut on Voin at Station 67 (SEE MAP BY DR. DOLMAGE DATED JUNE 7. 1938).

At August 8th, 1938 the face of the tunnel was not advanced far enough to cut any downward continuation of the vein. Open cut work was stopped and tunnelling commenced because the sides of the open cut kept sluffing in. The cut is 14' wide in places

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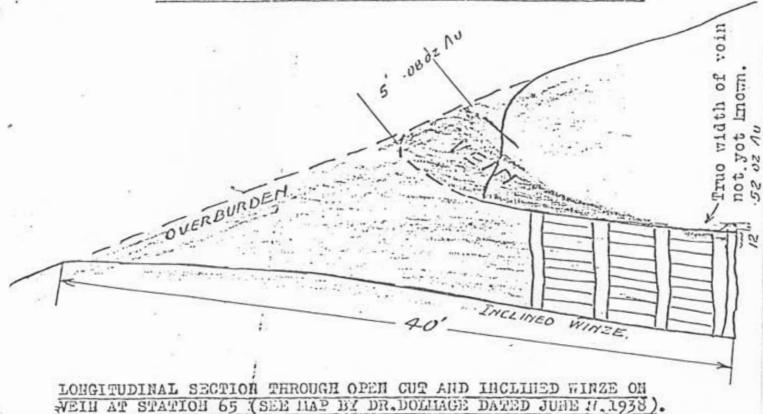
Longitudinal Section Through Open Cut on Voin near Station 71 (see Han by Dr. Dollmage dated June 7,1938.

Front Viow Paco of Open Cut.

Voin (A-B) is completely leached all along open cut. It shows very little evidence of mineralization along the side of the open cut, but where it begins to narrow towards the face of the cut, the mineralization was stronger. The quarts is all rusty and stained. Several pieces of quarts showing visible gold were found. The gold always occurs in a more or less loose condition in the vugs. A panfull of quarts and exidized material was taken from the point marked X (see above) and on panning this gave a big string of colors.

No work has been done on the top flat-lying voin shown in the above sketch. Its presence was not known until this open cut work was done. Overburden lies immediately above this vein.

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At the surface the vein had an apparent dip of around 45 degrees. As the open cut was put in it flattened gradually to 30 degrees, and in the last 12' of winze it shows a dip of 12 degrees.

On the surface the vein has a width of 6. At the face of the inclined winze there is 12" of quartz chewing and a sample across this width nameyed .52 oz, gold. The true width of the vein at this point is not known for sure, but at August 8th a small pop shot in the roof had shown schist to lie above the quarts. The vein may narrow down or else have split up.

The mineralization at the bottom of the winze has all been leached out. Judging from the amount of vugs left in the quarts the mineralizati was not heavy. The quarts is rusty and stained. A panning test on a sample from the face showed a number of fine colors.

At the surface both the footwall and hangingwall consists of the intrusive Alaskite porphyry, but at the bottom of the winze the footwall is a soft schiot. The Alaskite appears to merge gradually into a schiet and there is no well defined contact.

Legend.

Cartz.

Alaskite porphyry.

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# APPENDIX III

PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL REPORT,
SPANISH LAKE AREA, CARIBOO MINING
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Vancouver, B.C. March 14, 1979.

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#### REGIONAL GEOLOGY

Early geological reports deal principally with the Barkerville and Quesnel River Districts as for example Geol. Survey Summary Reports by B.R. McKay 1918 and G.S.C. Memoirs 149 and 181 by W.L. Uglow and G. Hanson respectively.

Later reports around 1922 and 1932 deal almost exclusively with descriptions of gold placer properties. Published Bulletins by the B.C. Department of Mines have been closely studied but do not throw any light on the geology of the area under considerations.

The most valuable reference is the Quesnel Lake map sheet with geology by R.B. Campbell, 1959 - 1963 and 1979.

This map was published in 1978 and the writer has consulted with Dr. Campbell regarding the salient features of the geology.

It is important to bear in mind that field traverses were widely spaced - access was difficult at times and time spent on the map sheet was not of sufficient duration as to provide great detail. The map is on a scale of 1:125,000 or approximately 2 miles to 1 inch.

The writer has selected an area 30 miles by 30 miles square in order to delineate the regional geology as mapped by R.B. Campbell (See Figure 1).

Predominant rock units are of Triassic age with some sediments and intrusions of upper Triassic and Turassic age.

Argillites, greenstones, sandstones, conglomerates, phyllites and cherts are very common in addition to some relatively unaltered volcanic flows and sediments and breccias of andesitic and basaltic composition.

Possibly the most interesting units are the intrusive rocks which include syenite, monzonite and diorite.

with copper and have been mapped on Viewland Mountain, Shiko Lake, south of Kwun Lake, Cariboo Bell (Mount Polley) and Gibbons Creek. It is noted that a belt of such intrusions trend north-west to south-east following the grain of the sedimentary and volcanic rocks. It would appear that the intrusives follow a major N.W. trending series of strong faults.

Prevailing dips of the sediments are to the north-east at moderate angles with some reversals indicating some degree of folding along north-west axes.

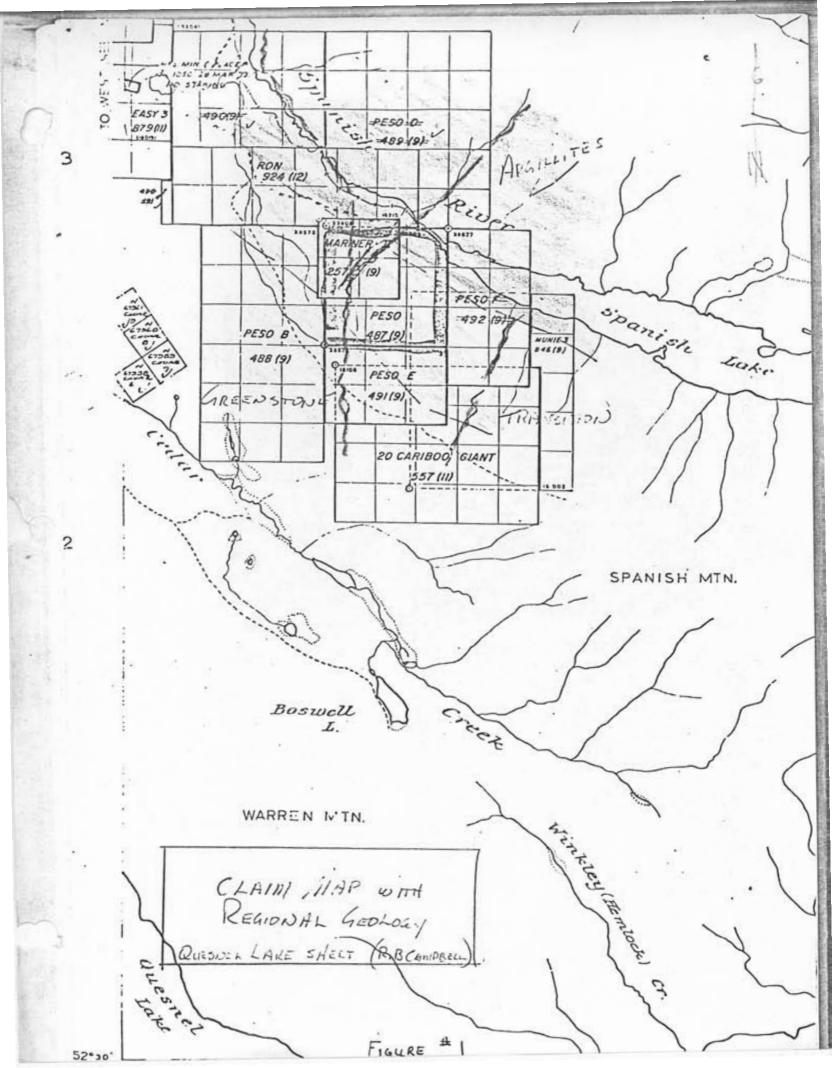
Dr. Campbell has mapped a series of north-south, north-east and east-west faults in the Likely area and these offset the rock formations quite pronouncedly.

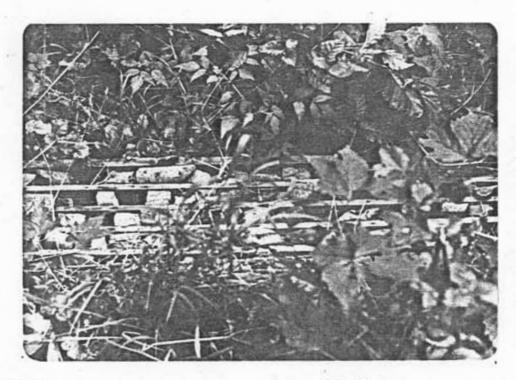
The Mariner II claims and the western portion of the Ron claim groups are traversed by a transition zone intermediate between the black slaty argillite around Spanish Lake and the fine grained greenstones on Spanish Mountain. Mr. R.E. Legg has suggested that intrusive igneous rock probably alaskite occurs on the Mariner II claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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'Core left in bush near Mariner II claims

