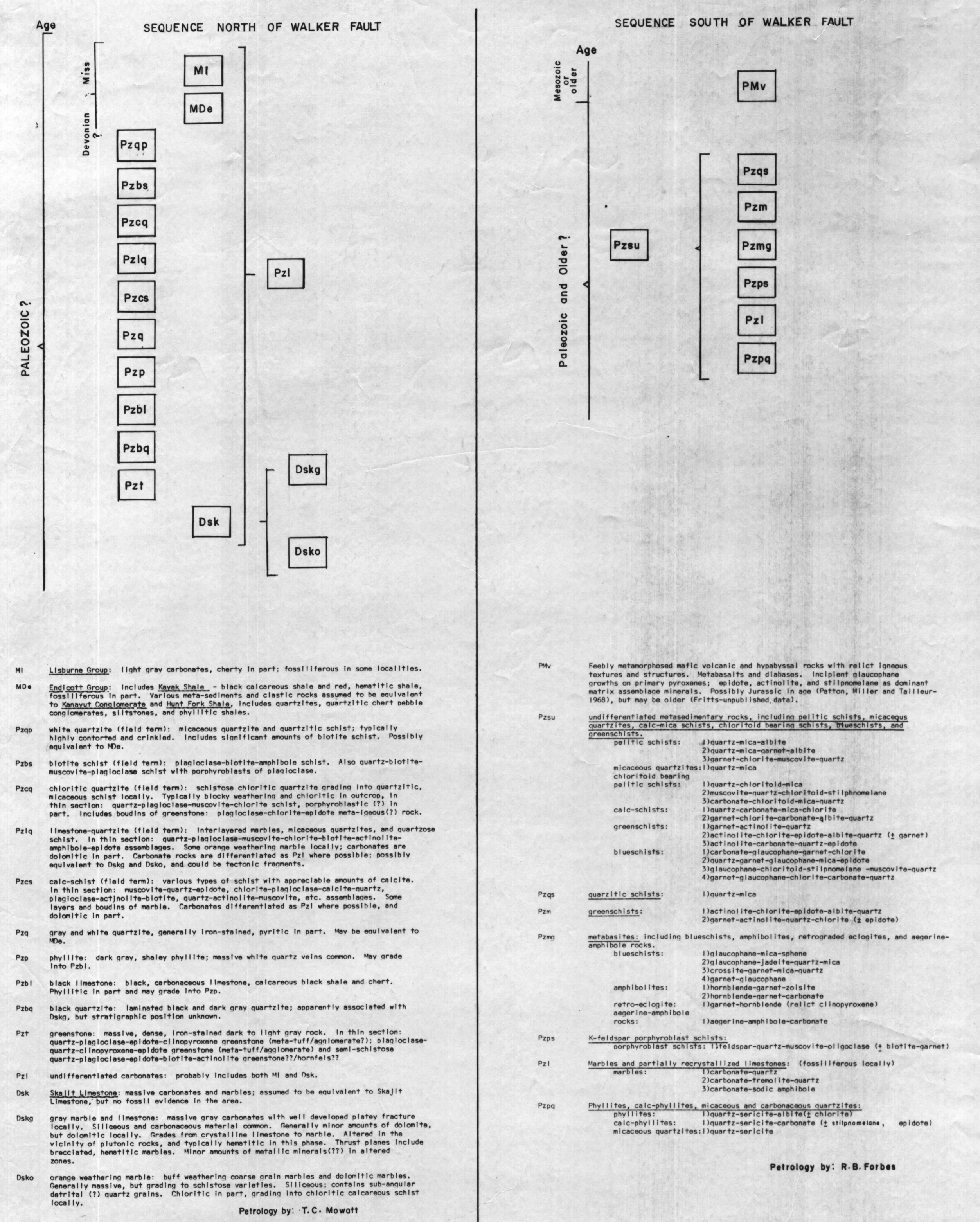


EXPLANATION



**MI** Lisburne Group: light gray carbonates, cherty in part; fossiliferous in some localities.

**MDa** Endicott Group: includes **Kvak** Shale - black calcareous shale and red, hematitic shale, fossiliferous in part. Various meta-sediments and clastic rocks assumed to be equivalent to **Endicott Group** and **Dark Rock Shale**. Includes quartzites, quartzitic chert, banded conglomerates, siltstones, and phyllitic shales.

**Pzqp** white quartzite (field term): micaceous quartzite and quartzitic schist; typically highly contorted and crinkled. Includes significant amounts of biotite schist. Possibly equivalent to MDa.

**Pzbs** biotite schist (field term): plagioclase-biotite-epidote schist. Also quartz-biotite-muscovite-plagioclase schist with porphyroblasts of plagioclase.

**Pzqs** chloritic quartzite (field term): schistose chloritic quartzite grading into quartzitic, micaceous schist locally. Typically blocky weathering and chloritic in outcrop. In this section: quartz-plagioclase-muscovite-chlorite schist, porphyroblastic (?) in part. Includes boudins of greenstone: plagioclase-chlorite-epidote meta-sediment(?) rock.

**Pzq** limestone-quartzite (field term): interlayered marbles, micaceous quartzites, and quartzite schist. In this section: quartz-plagioclase-chlorite-biotite-actinolite-epidote-epidote assemblages. Some orange weathering marble locally; carbonates are dolomitic in part. Carbonate rocks are differentiated as Pzi where possible; possibly equivalent to Dsk and Dsko, and could be tectonic fragments.

**Pzcs** calc-schist (field term): various types of schist with appreciable amounts of calcite. In this section: muscovite-quartz-epidote, chlorite-plagioclase-calcite-quartz, plagioclase-actinolite-biotite, quartz-actinolite-muscovite, etc. assemblages. Some layers and boudins of marble. Carbonates differentiated as Pzi where possible, and dolomitic in part.

**Pzp** gray and white quartzite, generally iron-stained, pyritic in part. May be equivalent to MDa.

**Pzp** phyllites: dark gray, shaly phyllites; massive white quartz veins common. May grade into Pzi.

**Pzbl** black limestone: black, carbonaceous limestone, calcareous black shale and chert. Phyllitic in part and may grade into Pzi.

**Pz bq** black quartzite: laminated black and dark gray quartzite; apparently associated with Dsk, but stratigraphic position unknown.

**Pzt** greenstone: massive, dense, iron-stained dark to light gray rock. In this section: quartz-plagioclase-epidote-chlorite-clinopyroxene greenstone (meta-tuff/taconite?); plagioclase-quartz-clinopyroxene-epidote greenstone (meta-tuff/taconite?) and semi-schistose quartz-plagioclase-epidote-biotite-actinolite greenstone(?) hornfels?

**Pzi** undifferentiated carbonates: probably includes both MI and Dsk.

**Dsk** Skagit Limestone: massive carbonates and marbles; assumed to be equivalent to Skagit Limestone, but no fossil evidence in the area.

**Dskg** gray marble and limestone: massive gray carbonates with well developed platy fracture locally. Siliceous and carbonaceous material common. Generally minor amounts of dolomitic, but dolomitic locally. Grades from crystalline limestone to marble. Altered in the vicinity of plutonic rocks, and typically hematitic in this phase. Thrust planes include brecciated, hematitic marbles. Minor amounts of metallic mineral(?) in altered zones.

**Dsko** orange weathering marble: buff weathering coarse grain marbles and dolomitic marbles. Generally massive, but grading to schistose varieties. Siliceous; contains sub-angular detrital (?) quartz grains. Chloritic in part, grading into chloritic calcareous schist locally.

**PMv** Feebly metamorphosed mafic volcanic and hypabyssal rocks with relict igneous textures and structures. Metabasites and diabases. Incipient glaucophane growths on primary pyroxenes: epidote, actinolite, and stilpnomelane as dominant matrix assemblage minerals. Possibly Jurassic in age (Patton, Miller and Tailleux, 1968), but may be older (Fritts-equilibrated data).

**Pzsu** undifferentiated metamorphic rocks, including gneissic schists, micaceous quartzites, calc-mica schists, chloritoid-bearing schists, blueschists, and greenschists:

- pelitic schists: 1) quartz-mica-albite 2) quartz-mica-garnet-albite 3) garnet-chlorite-muscovite-quartz
- micaceous quartzites: 1) quartz-mica
- chloritoid-bearing pelitic schists: 1) quartz-chloritoid-mica 2) muscovite-quartz-chloritoid-stilpnomelane 3) carbonate-chloritoid-mica-quartz
- calc-schists: 1) quartz-carbonate-mica-chlorite 2) garnet-chlorite-carbonate-albite-quartz 3) garnet-actinolite-quartz
- gneissic schists: 1) actinolite-chlorite-epidote-albite-quartz (± garnet) 2) actinolite-carbonate-quartz-epidote 3) carbonate-glaucophane-garnet-chlorite 2) quartz-garnet-glaucophane-mica-epidote 3) glaucophane-chloritoid-stilpnomelane-muscovite-quartz 4) garnet-glaucophane-chlorite-carbonate-quartz
- quartzitic schists: 1) quartz-mica
- greenschists: 1) actinolite-chlorite-epidote-albite-quartz 2) garnet-actinolite-quartz-chlorite (± epidote)

**Pzmg** metabasites: including blueschists, amphibolites, retrograded eclogites, and aserine-amphibole rocks.

- blueschists: 1) glaucophane-mica-sphene 2) glaucophane-jadeite-quartz-mica 3) crossite-garnet-mica-quartz 4) garnet-glaucophane
- amphibolites: 1) hornblende-garnet-zoisite 2) hornblende-garnet-carbonate
- retro-eclogite: 1) garnet-hornblende (relict clinopyroxene)
- aserine-amphibole rocks: 1) aserine-amphibole-carbonate

**Pzps** K-feldspar porphyroblast schists: porphyroblast schists: 1) feldspar-quartz-muscovite-oligoclase (± biotite-garnet)

**Pzi** Marbles and partially recrystallized limestones: (fossiliferous locally)

- marbles: 1) carbonate-quartz 2) carbonate-tremolite-quartz 3) carbonate-sodic amphibole

**Pzpq** Phyllites, calc-phyllites, micaceous and carbonaceous quartzites:

- phyllites: 1) quartz-sericite-albite-chlorite 2) quartz-sericite-carbonate (± stilpnomelane, epidote)
- calc-phyllites: 1) quartz-sericite-carbonate (± stilpnomelane, epidote)
- micaceous quartzites: 1) quartz-sericite

**IGNEOUS ROCKS AND CONTACT ROCKS**

**Kgr** Redstone pluton granite: quartz, perthitic K-feldspar, sodic plagioclase, muscovite; biotite uncommon, and altering to chlorite. Typically cataclastic; foliated in outcrop. Equivalent to Kgs. A sharp zone 10 to 25 feet thick forms a contact aureole around the pluton. The sharp zone consists of garnet-andradite/rossularite-calcifer-amphibole/actinolite-clinopyroxene/diopsidic-quartz-epidote-magnetite assemblages, as well as quartz-muscovite (often in symplectic intergrowth)-magnetite-hematite associations.

**Kgs** Shishakshonik pluton granite: quartz, perthitic K-feldspar, sodic plagioclase, muscovite, and biotite (altering to chlorite). Apatitic phases common near borders, possibly indicating chilled zones. Micrographic texture is not uncommon. Small fingers near borders are highly perthitic. Inclusions of country rock are common near borders, and lit-par-lit contact zones are found in some localities. Typically cataclastic, and foliated in outcrop. Roof remnants indicate that the uppermost portion of the intrusion is presently exposed.

**hornfels** Hornfels contact zone around Ulanak stock and Shishakshonik pluton. Biotite grade hornblende hornfels, with magnetite-hematite-sulphide assemblages present. Retrograde metamorphism is common.

**Kgu** Ulanak stock granite: cf. Kgs. Probably a limb of Kgs. Small fingers are highly perthitic.

**Kga** granite and granitic rocks: small tabular bodies of granite and granitic rocks. Biotite-muscovite bearing perthitic plagioclase granite in one location. Highly foliated and cataclastic.

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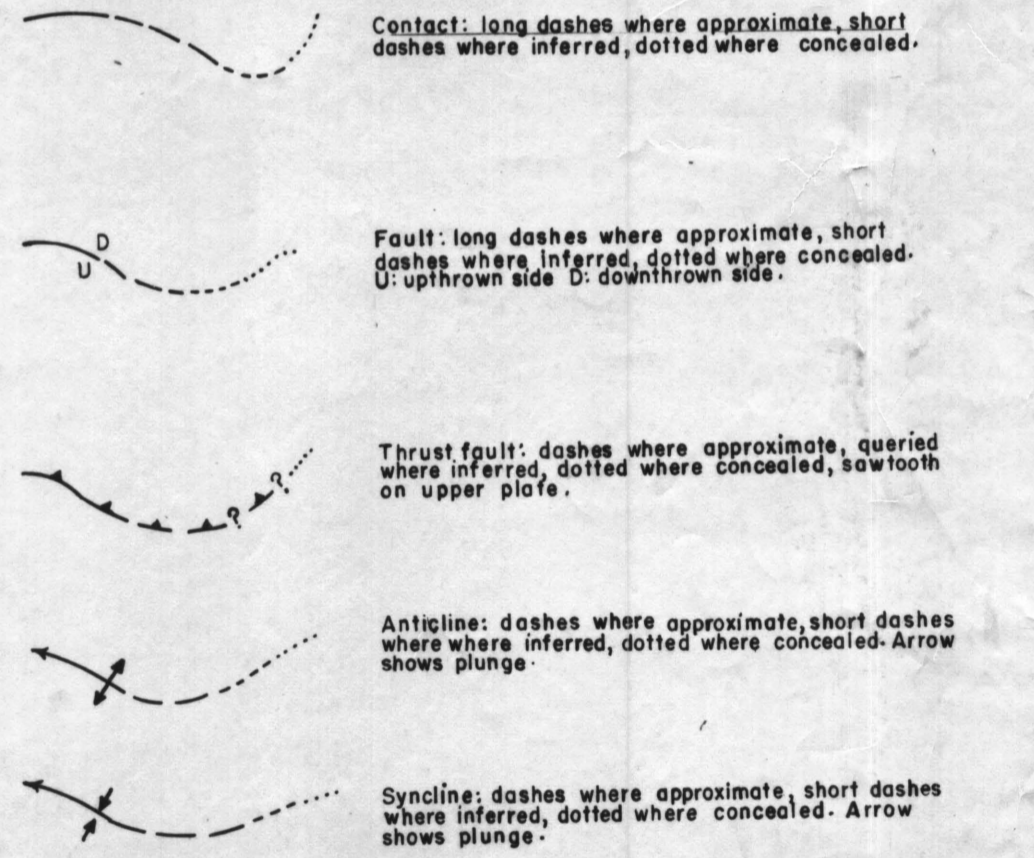
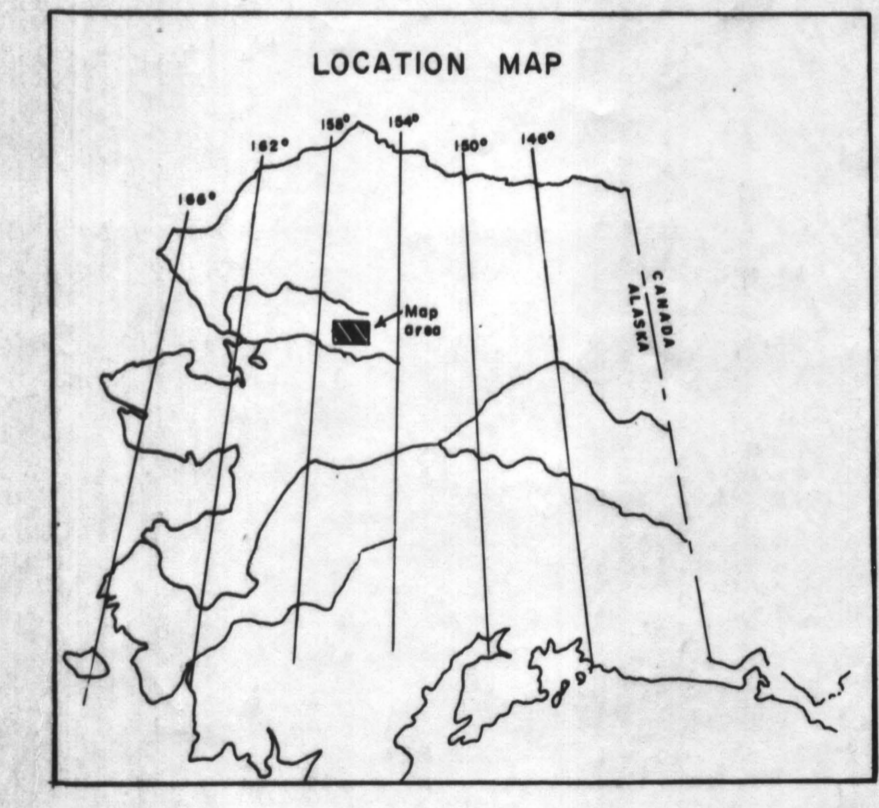
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TABLE 1. POTASSIUM - ARGON AGE DETERMINATIONS

PART 1. Data from: D. L. Turner (University of Alaska - Geophysical Institute)

Map No.	Sample No.	Rock Type	Mineral dated	K <sub>2</sub> O (wt. pct.)	Sample Weight (grams)	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sub>rad</sub> (moles/gm) X 10 <sup>-11</sup>	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sub>atm</sub> (moles/gm) X 10 <sup>-2</sup>	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sub>total</sub> (moles/gm) X 10 <sup>-2</sup>	Age ± 1σ m.y.
1	72F(0aR611) (72161)	actinolite schist	actinolite	0.029	0.9888	1.477	1.828	0.174	289.1 ± 46.2
	0.030			0.028	0.028	0.031	0.031		
2	A-1 (72146)	glaucophane-paragonite schist	paragonite	0.430	0.5177	15.86	1.460	0.322	234.4 ± 7.0
				0.430					
2	A-2 (72162)	glaucophane-paragonite schist	paragonite	0.550	1.9661	18.37	1.322	0.481	215.4 ± 6.4
				0.550					
2	A-3 (72163)	glaucophane-paragonite schist	paragonite	0.641	0.7656	21.75	1.344	0.782	216.8 ± 6.5
				0.640					
3	72B211 (73011)	carbonate-bearing biotite-quartz schist	biotite	0.167	0.2073	134.2	0.5785	0.814	96.4 ± 2.9
				0.169					

Constants used in age calculations:  
 $\lambda_1 = 0.585 \times 10^{-10} \text{ yr}^{-1}$   
 $\lambda_2 = 4.72 \times 10^{-10} \text{ yr}^{-1}$   
 $K^{40}/K = 1.19 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mole/mole total}$

The actinolite and paragonite K-Ar data listed above plot on a straight line on a <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sub>rad</sub> vs <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sub>total</sub> isochron diagram and yield an isochron age of 224 m.y., indicating that the latest thermal metamorphic event affecting these rocks culminated in latest Permian time.

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see note	65AP44	66°39'N, 156°42'W	hornblende	0.743	1.300 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	0.03	121 ± 3.8

Note: from granite unit in Cosmos Hills, just south of map boundary on Koolukukuk River  
 Argon analysis and age calculation: M. A. Lanphere, J. D. Leuschner and E. H. McKee  
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PART 3. Data from: unpublished U. S. Geological Survey work

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4	60AT134	67°04'N, 156°20'W	muscovite	10.55	15.76 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>	0.19	98.8 ± 2.2

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