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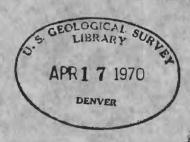
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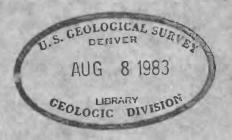
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INTRODUCTION

Seneral statement

bore than 500 samples from Alaska, mostly concentrates from placer operations, were tested for radioactivity during January 1945 in the laboratory of the Geological Survey. The samples were collected over a period of nearly 50 years by members of the Alaskan Branch of the Survey during their field work. The samples are from many districts (see figure 1 for boundaries of Alaskan districts). The locations of samples which preliminary work indicates contain more than 0.020% equivalent U. are shown on figures 2 through 15 as well as all other samples for those districts.

Testing procedure and results

Because of the large number of samples, it was decided that a preliminary scanning procedure using field testing equipment should be adopted to select the most promising samples for quantitative laboratory testing. By this method more than 100 samples were chosen from the total of more than 500 and these were tested quantitatively in the laboratory on a counting rate mater to measure radioactivity. Large samples were tested by measuring gamma radiation and small samples were tested by beta measurements.

As the preliminary scanning procedure was not sensitive enough to surely identify samples of moderate activity, quantitative reruns are proceeding on the rejected samples as rapidly as facilities will permit. The results of all quantitative tests to date are shown in table 1 or in table 2 at the end of the report. The samples are grouped geographically and listed numerically. For convenience the samples have been divided into four groups as follows:

Group B - 0.010-0.020% equivalent U.
Group B - 0.010-0.020%
Group G - less than 0.010%
Group B - not yet tested quantitatively.

Group A and group B samples are listed in table I and group G samples are listed in table 2. Group D samples are not listed in the tables but the locations of group D samples which accompany group A samples are shown on figures 2 through 15.

Beforence to table 2 will show that group C samples are nearly all quite low in radioactivity so they are probably of very little interest at this time except for the negative information they present. In table 2, group 3 samples are low enough to be of doubtful value. The group A samples are of greatest interest. In considering their possible interest it is pointed out that for many of the concentrates little or no information is available as to the abundance of the concentrate minerals in the placer gravel.

Chemical analyses have been obtained of the 11 samples of group A which showed considerable radioactivity. These results are abstracted below from table 1.

Sample No.	District	Equivalent U	Percent	Chem. Th
342	Koyak	>5.0	48.0	42.03
371	Fairheven	>6.0	3.8	4.70
289	Kougarok	1.835	0.088	0.93
375	Koyuk	0.443	0.12	0.61
517	Youtna	0.237	0.14	0.044
520	Tentas	0.229	0.090	0.044
527	Tentan	0.190	0.08	0.083
525	Yentun	0.119	0.07	0.03
61	Iditared	0.092	0.073	0.013
134	McGrath	0.086	0.26	0.026
81	Ophir	0.056	0.020	0.057

Differences between values of U equivalent and percenteges of U shemically may be due to therium but there are other possible explanations such as the equilibrium condition of the material.

For R. S. Larsen at Harward University. This work is incomplete but preliminary results are shown in Appendix I at the end of the report.

Limitations of report

It should be emphasized that this report is decidedly limited in a number of important respects which are enumerated below.

- 1. There are placer samples in other Alaskan Brench collections which would not be prepared in time for testing.
- 2. There are other placer operations in Alaska from which no samples are now available.
- 5. The scanning procedure adopted to identify the most interesting samples does not insure that there are not some samples of interest in the rejected group. This group is being tested quantitatively as rapidly as possible.
- 4. It must be remembered in considering the value of any sample that the samples are concentrates and that data indicating the amount of gravel from which they were derived are often not available.
 - 5. Information on the yardage of gravel is not always available.
- 6. The short time available for the testing of samples and preparation of this report has limited the suope and detail of information that can be presented.

DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICTS

General statement

The following discussion is confined largely to districts from which on the basis of information now available have come samples belonging to group A as previously defined. The discussion is systematized geographically like the listings in the tables, as follows — (1) by regions (2) by districts. In the test some districts are further divided into areas. In general the principal discussion unit is the district as commonly used by the Aleskan Branck of the Geological Survey (see fig. 1).

placer deposits are emphasized. However, the placer concentrates reflect in many cases the types of rock bedies, including lode deposits, in an area. There data on bedrook samples are available and where significant relations between placer samples and bedrook geology appear, such data and relations are pointed out.

The principal sources of information are the notes accompanying the sample collection, the field notebooks of the geologists who collected the samples, publications of the Geological Survey, and the personal knowledge of the districts as supplied by various geologists of the Alaskan Branch.

Seward Peninsula region

York district (see fig. 2)

Caps Mountain area;

The rocks of the Cape Mountain area include principally granite, linestone, sandstone, slate, and phyllite. Also present are perphyritic variants of the granite, silicic dike rocks, and basic dike rocks. The Cape Mountain area is one of the principal sites of tin mineralization on Second Peninsula. A number of tin-bearing lodes are known and at one property about 2,000 tone of ore containing 0.53 to 1.13 percent of tin have been blocked out.

Placer cassiterite was mined in the area from 1918 to 1941 but the higher grade tin placers are now largely worked out. The placer mining was restricted to Cape Greek and Goodwin Gulch (see fig. 3).

The tin paystreak on Cape Greek, though discontinuous, had a total length of about 7.000 feet, an average width of 80 feet, and included a body of pay gravel and overburden with an aggregate thickness of 11 feet. The average yield was more than 8 pounds of concentrates per cubic yard of gravel. The concentrates contained 65 percent of tin.

The works He paystreak on Goodwin Guich had a length of 6,000 feet, an average width of 50 feet, and included a body of pay gravel and overburden 6 feet thick. Some bench ground also was mined. The tenor was nearly the same as on Cape Greek, but the concentrates contained about 70 percent of tin.

Concentrates aggregating 975 tone have been produced and shipped from the Cape Mountain area.

All the creeks in the area have been prospected and lower-grade tin deposits are known on Boulder, Granite, Goodwin, and Village Greeks. The data in the following table are from war Minerals Report 146 of the Bureau of Mines.

Possible placer tin reserves. Cape Mountain area

	Cubic yards of gravel	Pounds of concentrates per qubit yard
Cape Greek	115,000 to 140,000	1 to 3
Goodwin Gulch	2,500 - 3,500	1 to 3
	4,000 * 5,000	3 4 6
Goodwin Creek	35,000 # 50,000	24 4
	50,000 70,000	1 * 3
Boulder Greek	20,000 * 25,000	2 4 4
Granite Creek	35,000 # 40,000	0.5* 2
	10,000 * 15,000	1 * 3
Village Creek	35,000 # 65,000	2 . 4
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The Eureau of Mines has estimated the total placer tin reserves of the Cape Nountain area at about 373,500 cubic yards of gravel containing about 831,780 pounds of concentrates.

Twenty-eight of the samples examined are from the Cape Mountain area (see fig. 3), and ten of the samples are known to belong to group A and 4 to group B. Two group A samples (light fractions of 592 and 593) are from Village Greek and each are concentrates of two pans of stream gravels. Four

group A samples (beavy fractions of 500 and 595; light and heavy fractions of 595; and 594) are each concentrates of two pans of gravels from Boulder Greek.

One group A sample (584) is from the mouth of Boulder Greek and is a concentrate of 3 pans of gravel, one from the mouth end 2 from 100 yards upstress. One group A sample (585) one group B sample (583) are from the beach between Boulder and Granite Greeks and each is a concentrate of 2 pans of gravel.

Two group B samples (491 and 498) are from Goodwin Gulch; the first is a time concentrate and the second is a concentrate from a cleaner jig representing 2.7 pounds of concentrates per subject yards of tailings. One group B sample (578) is from the dump of the middle drift of the Borth Star mine. One group A sample (497) is of time concentrates from Cape Greek. One group B sample (500) is a panned concentrates panned from Fauline Greek. One group B sample (500) is of concentrates panned from gravels from a trench on Granite Greek.

hamatite, momente, pyrite, garnet, chloritoid, dispuide, apatite, delemite, actinelite, tournaline, biotite, and quarts. Sample 497 is known to contain large amounts of cassiterite and magnetite, some pyrite, small amounts of titanite, and rare momente, vesuvianite, and olivine. Sample 498 contains a large percentage of delemite, some cassiterite and magnetite, and rare rutile and anataze.

Potato Mountain areas

The Potate Mountain area (see fig. 4) is about 14 miles EME of Cape
Hountain. The bedrocks are principally sandatone, slate, and phyllite. No
granite crops out but granite is presumed to underlie the Potato Mountain
ridge and to be the source of a few felsitic dikes exposed there. Hybrid baealtic rocks out all other rocks.

To lode tin deposits of significance have been found in the Potato Nountain area. Flacer casesterite was sined there from 1901 to 1930. The principal site of tin-placer mining in the area has been Buck Greek from which 1.410 tons of concentrates have been produced. The payetreak extended from a point on the West Fork of Buck Greek about 1,000 feet to its mouth, thence down Buck Greek to its mouth, and thence down Grouse Greek for about 4,000 feet, or a total distance of about 20,700 feet. The width of the payetreak renged up to at least 150 feet and the average depth probably was about 6 feet. In the middle of the payetreak the gravel yielded as much as 50 pounds of concentrates per cubic yard but the general tenor was perhaps 7 pounds per yard.

Iron Greek was mined for a length of 1,900 feet, over a width ranging from 5 to 12 feet, and to a depth of from 4 to 5 feet. About 15 pounds of concentrates per cubic yard were recovered.

Placer cassiterite is known also in the valleys of Potato, Diomede, and Red Fox Creeks, but the tin reserves are small.

The following tabulated data are from War Minerals Report 157 of the Dureau of Mines:

Possible placer tin reserves, Potato Mountain area

	Cubic yards	of gravel		concentrates bic yard
Grouse Greek	30,000 t	0 40,000	- Taranta 1	to 2
	80,000 "	90,000	2	# 4
Buok Creek	12,000 #	15,000	3	R B
		45,000	Parameter 4	# 6
		7.000	1	* 3
Butter Creek				
including Iron Creek	80,000 *	70,000	2	. 3
		19.000	3	H 6
		16,000	2	. 4
Potato Creek	130,000		3	1 6
Diomede Creek		75.000	200	7. 4
Red Fox Creek		60,000	2	H 4

The total tin reserves in the Potato Mountain area are estimated by the Bureau of Mines to be about 625,500 cubic yards containing about 1,778,000 pounds of concentrates.

Of the 18 samples from the Potato Mountain area, 3 belong to the B group.

The 3 group B samples (587, 588, and 591) are panned concentrates of gravels

from the beach of Lopp Lagoon.

Lost River area:

The country rock of the Lost River area (see fig. 5) consists mainly of Ordovicien limestone which has been intruded by two masses of granite and by numerous acidic and basic dikes of several ages. Casaiterite was discovered in this area in 1903 and prospecting has been carried on intermittently since then.

In earlier years small tin-placer operations were carried on at two places in the valley of Cassiterite Creek. Probably between 500 and 1,000 cubic yards of material were sluiged from one of these places. The total production of tin concentrates is reported to have been about 20 tons. All of the valley floor of Cassiterite Creek, from the crossing of the Ida Belle dike downstream to Camp Greek may be placer-tin ground. The volume of gravel is small, beulders are abundant, and floods pass through this valley at times of heavy rains.

Large lade deposits of low-grade tin and tungaten ore are available in and adjacent to the Cassiterite and Ida Belle dikes.

on Cassiterite Creek, 4 are from the bench near the mouth of the Lost River, and 1 is from the Lost River lods. Minerals reported from Lost River are cassiterite, solframite, topas, dolomite, fluorite, vasuvianite, tournaline, and scheelite.

Ear Mountain arear

The bedrock of the Ear Mountain area is calcareous schist that has been intruded by a granite stock and alaskite sills. Contact minerals including

Creek (see fig. 2) in 1901 and lode deposits were staked in 1903. No placer mining has been done and no tin minerals are known to have been shipped from the area.

The Geological Survey has estimated placer-tin reserves on Tuttle Creek to be 630,000 cubic yards of gravel containing 4 tons of tin and on Eldorade Creek to be 14,600 yards containing 1 ton of tin. Lode reserves blocked out are estimated to be 500 tons of ore containing 13 tons of tin. Other placer and lode deposits are small and low-grade.

Total done so far on the 12 concentrates from the Ear Mountain area has revealed that 11 belong to the 1 group (610-620). Samples 614-617 are from Tuttle Creek; sample 615 is from Eldorado Creek; samples 611-613 are from Quarts Creek; and samples 610 and 620 are from Croeby Creek. In four of these 11 samples (614,616,619, and 620) it is the heavy fraction that falls into group 1. Mineral determinations for samples 610-614, 616, 619, and 620 include the following minerals: monasite, xemotime, gircon, caseiterite, scheelite, topas, hyperstheme, damburite, feldspar, quarts, scapolite, biotite. tremolite, apatite, fluorite, tournaline, axinite, vesuvianite, spidote, olivine, brockite, garnet, magnetite, and diopside.

Koyuk district

The country rocks of the Koyuk district include mate-andesite, baseltic lava, schist and limestone of Paleosoic and Mesosoic age cut by granitic rocks. The Koyuk district (see fig. 5) has been a significant producer of gold and also has yielded some platinus. The production has come from relatively high-grade material. Heserves are estimated to be small.

Sweepstakes Greek area:

The bedrocks of the drainage area of Sweepstakes Greek include metaandesite, schist, granite, syenite, and basaltic lawns.

In 1917 claims were located along the upper 5 miles of the creek and its upper fork but the creek has been a small producer. Near the head of the creek the gravel is about 4 feet deep and is overlain by 2 feet of muck. Farther downstream the gravel is as much as 9 feet deep and a few inches of weathered bedrock were mined with the gravel.

The two samples from Seconstakes Creek belong to the A group (342 and 375) and are from the Circle claim opposite Sear Oulch. In sample 342 have been identified magnetite, chrome spinel, platinum, sircon, garnet, and olivine. Sample 342 may be a concentrate of sample 375. In the latter the same minerals have been identified as well as ilmemite, hematite, and gold.

Pube Creek area:

The bedrocks of the Rube Greek area are andesitic tuff and basalt. The creek has yielded only a small quantity of precious metals. Heavy minerals known from the creek include black garnet, hematite, clivine, sircon, chrome spinel, and gold. Platinum has been reported.

one sample of group A (315) is from Rube Greek and is of concentrates known to contain magnetite, gold. chrome spinel, feldspar, hematite, olivine, garnet, and sircon.

Fairbaven district

The Fairheven district is underlain by interstratified Paleosoic schists and limestones that are intruded by Fesoscic granitic masses. Baseltic and andesitic lavas also are known. Tertiary coal-bearing sediments are present along the Eugruk Siver. Some of the placer deposits have been mined for gold and the reserves are estimated to be large.

Candle Greek areas

The bedrock of the Candle Creek area is chiefly schist intruded by a small body of granitic rock near the head of the creek. Candle Creek (see fig. 7) has been a large producer for years and dredges have worked on it for 25 years. Next of the productive ground is along the lower 9 miles of the creek and several tributaries to it from the west. The gravel ranges from 5 to 25 feet thick and extends up to as much as 1,000 feet from the creek. The placer gold reserves are probably fairly large.

Heavy minerals reported in sluids boxes from the Candle Greek area include gold, armenopyrite, pyrite, galana, chalcopyrite, magnetite, ilmenite, rutile, sircon, garnet, cerusite, and hematite. Two of the six samples from Candle Greek (22 and 371) are known to belong to the A group. Sample 371 is of concentrates and free gold from cleanups and may possibly be a further concentration of sample 271. The samples contain magnetite, ilmenite, gold, sircon, garnet, rutile, and hematite. Both samples are from claim 19 above the discovery claim and near the mouth of Patterson Greek.

Lougarok district

The bedrocks in the Kougarok district are gneiss, schist, and limestone of Falconcis age. The bedrocks are overlain by gravel and sand of Quaternary and possible of Teritary age.

Little recent information is available on placer mining in the Kougarok district. The more important, earlier placer operations were on the Kougarok River (see fig. 8). The district has been an important producer of gold, and since 1930 production has been increasing. In 1940, four dredges operated in the district on the Kougarok River, American Creek, and Iron Creek. Other producing areas, where methods other than dredging are used, are along Dick and Macklin Creeks and the tributaries of the Morapage River. The deposits

near the Mozapage River sere discovered recently. The placer gold reserves of the Mozapage district are estimated to be large.

one (289) of the 5 samples from the Kougarok district is known to belong to group A. The sample is from Harris Greek and represents heavy minerals from a gold concentrate. The bedrocks of the drainage basin of Harris Greek are schist and limestone. Sample 289 contains magnetite, rutile, pyrite, garnet, gold, ilmemite, hematite, sircon, quarts, and rock fragments.

Cook Inlet region

The oldest sedimentary rocks in the Yentna district comprise a complex sequence of Resource graywacks, elate, and quartrite that contain quarts value and veinlets. These sedimentary rocks are cut by disrite, granite, and associated rocks that are exposed 10 miles west of the placer areas. Tertiary conglowerates and coal-bearing rocks occupy such of the lower ground and lie unconformably on the older sedimentary rocks. Dikes cut the Tertiary rocks near the placers.

Clackal till is spread over the lowlands and alluvium fills the stream valleys.

The Cashe Greek and Peters Greek areas are the two principal placer areas (see fig. 9). Other deposits are along the Eahilton River and at the head of Long Greek. Small deposits are known on Falls and Twin Greeks. The Yenton district has yielded a large amount of gold; both dredging and hydraulicking have been done. Sold reserves are estimated to be moderate.

The gold is thought to have cone originally from the quarts veins and veinlets in the oldest rocks. Placers were formed in the Tertiary rocks which later were warped. Subsequently other placer deposits were formed, in part by reconcentration of the older Tertiary deposits. During glaciation much of the Tertiary deposits and the placer deposits were planed away and the gold incorporated in glacial deposits in the lowlands. Present streams are working such gold-bearing material to form new placer deposits.

The gravels range in thickness from a few to more than 50 feet and paystreaks are as much as 100 feet wide but average probably less than 100 feet. Some payetreaks are several miles long but the average length probably is less than a mile. Nost of the creeks have been staked along their entire lengths.

Little is known of the distribution, number, and characteristics of paystreaks in the reworked glacial naterial. Despite the complex history of the deposite, the gold is coarse and apparently has not been transported far.

The placer mines are in areas in which either Nescould or Tertiray rocks are exposed and most camps are in Tertiary bedrock areas. In the Cache Creek area mines are on Cache, Dollar, Falls, Thunder, Hugget, and Gold Greeks and in the Peters Creek area on Poters, Bird, Willow, and Poorman Creeks.

of the 22 samples from the Tentna district, 11 are known to belong to group A and one to group B. Four group A and one group B samples are from the Peters Creek area, two group A samples are from the Cache Creek area, and four from the Eshiltan Biver below Peters Creek.

Sample 500 is a concentrate of platinum-bearing black send from beach and creek gravels from the upper part of Poorman Greek. The black sand concentrates which were further concentrated to yield sample 500 showed but little radioactivity. The group B sample (519) is also a concentrate of beach and creek gravels from the upper part of Poorman Greek.

Sample 522 contains platinum and is from Willow Creek and its tributaries.

Samples 474 and 518 are concentrates from Peters Creek about 5 miles below

Cottonwood Creek. In this vicinity dredge ground is as much as 1,200 feet:

wide and the gravel is 4 to 7 feet thick.

Sample 473 is heavy sand from sluige boxes from upper Gaghe Greek just above the mouth of Gold Greek.

Sample 523 is a concentrate from gravels in a creek placer from the right limit of Nugget Greek.

Sample 525 is of dredge concentrates from Cache Greek above the mouth of Windy Greek. The paystreak there averaged 180 feet side and 45 feet deep. Its length is said to have been 6 miles.

Sample 517 is a black-sand concentrate containing gold and platinum.

The original sample weighed 4.9 ounces and was from about \(\frac{1}{4} \) cubic yard. The sample is from Shalon Ber on Kahiltna River about 8 miles by river below. Peters Greek. The average width of the paystreak was about 650 feet and the gold was largely in the upper few feet of gravel. The gravel is from 6 to 9 feet thick and contains 1 to 3 pounds of black sand per cubic yard. Bench gravel also is workable in this vicinity.

Samples 480, 481, and 527 are from Sound Bend Bar about 16 miles up the Eshiltan River from the Yentua River. Sample 527, which contains platinum and gold, is from a 10-foot shaft about 100 yards from the river. The sample represents about 1.5 oubic yards of the 10 yards taken from the shaft.

thrown out. There is said to have been 3 pounds of black sand per subic yard. The sample contains platinum and represents 1/3 to 1/4 of the original platinum content. Sample 480 is a concentrate from a sandbar after high unter had altered the position of the payetreak. The sample represents 1 subic yard.

Enskokwim region

McGrath district

The country rocks of the Mixon Fork area in the McGrath district are early Paleozoic lineatone and Cretaceous sandstons and shale. These rocks are intruded by monzonitic rocks probably of Tertiary age. The intrusive rocks were the source of the solutions that produced the geld lodes in the area from which in turn the gold placers have been derived.

on Hidden Creek in 1917 and other placer and lode deposits were found soon after. The placers on Hidden Creek have been the most productive. The paystreak on Hidden Creek is about 1 mile long, 100 feet wide at the lower end, and 40 feet wide at the upper end. The average depth to bedrook is about 11 feet. The gold is in the lower gravel and on granitic bedrook. By 1935 only a little ground was left to be mined, but further downstream, lower-grade deposits lie under 45 feet of over briden.

of the six samples from the McGrath district, two (50 and 134) have been determined to belong to group A and two (11 and 483) to group B. Sample 50 is of concentrates from the paystronk on Hidden Greek. Sample 134 was donated to the Geological Survey and its exact source in the Hixon Fork placers is not known. Sample 11 is of concentrates from small placer operations on Birch Gulch, tirbutary of Hidden Greek, where the paystronk is 50 feet side and is covered by 11 feet of muck and gravel. Sample 483 is of scheelite concentrates from Alder Gulch in the Yinauele Meuntains.

Yukon region

Iditarod district

The principal bedrocks of the Iditared district are Gretaceous sandatone, argillite, and slate. These rocks are intruded by bodies of monsenite that locally have recrystellized the sediments. Mineralization in the district was associated with the intrusions. One prominent monsenite body is at the head of Flat Greek and another is in the vicinity of Otter Greek.

The placer deposits are worked for gold and were derived directly from eresion of mineralized sedimentary and igneous rocks. The placers are of two

types -- the normal type and a residual type in which the gold is concentrated in senthered rock in situ. The Iditarod district has produced about 8 percent of the placer gold from Alaska and dredges have been operated there for years. Some tailings have been profitably worked a second time. Reserves are estimated to be large.

The larger placers are around Flat. Four to five miles of claims have been staked on Flat Greek, those to the south on residual deposits and those to the north on stream deposits. The gravel is 10 to 25 feet thick and in places weathered bedrock has been mined with the gravel. Second tier and first tier claims have been staked on otter Greek on the south and north sides respectively.

to group A. One of these (57) is a concentrate from claims at the upper end of Flat Creek. It is from a placer of the residual type on monsonite. The overburden is 20 feet deep at the upper end of the claims and 1,000 feet dometreen is 4 to 12 feet deep. The gold is distributed uniformly through the overburden. The sample consists principally of angular sizzon (about 90 percent) with minor amounts of ilmenite, cinaabar, epidote, and pyromene.

of Happy Creak. The paystreak on Happy Creek is about 100 feet wide at the lower end and widens within a mile upstream, where the ground is richer, to as much as 500 feet. The paystreak continues another 1,500 feet to the head of the guich. Similarly the depth of the overharden increases from 12 feet at the lower end to 15 feet farther up. The increased thickness in part is due to tailings. Two to three feet of gravel are sluiced and as much as 7 feet of bedrock, which is sandatone and sandy argillite.

Emby and Ophir districts

Raby-Long-Pourmen area!

The bedrocks in the vicinity of Ruby, Long, and Poorman consist largely of schistose Paleosoic rocks and deformed greenstone lavas and tuffs probably of inte Paleosoic age. Some Gretaceous medimentary rocks and small areas of Tertiary baseltic lavas are present but seem to be unrelated to the presence or absence of placer deposits. The Paleosoic rocks are intruded by granitic rocks, probably of Mesosoic age, and these rocks are believed to have caused the mineralization in the area.

The Ruby-Long-Poorman area (see fig. 11) has yielded important amounts of placer gold. About 30 tons of cassiterite concentrates have been shipped from the area. The gold-placer deposits in general are deeply buried, dissentiauous bedies of gravel on bedrock. They are covered by wilt and are in broad open valleys less than 500 feet above sea level. Hany of the deposits do not follow the present courses of the streams but lie to one side on so-called benches. Nest of the creeks in the area have been sorked for gold. The total quantity of gravel is large but paystreaks are spotty and difficult to locate under the silt cover.

Hining operations on Poorman Greek show that in general about 5 feet of gravel on bedrock is overlain by 20 to 75 feet of frozen mak. The gold is on or in the upper part of the bedrock. The payetreak is said to be as such as 300 feet wide.

The paystreak on Soloman Greek is within 200 feet of the creek and extends discontinuously from the head to the mouth. Shafts reveal that 8 to 60 feet of gravel is covered by 10 to 60 feet of frozen muck. Nost of the gold is in the upper 2 feet of bedrock and is in narrow lenses in a paystreak 15 to 80 feet wide.

The basins of Long and Flint Greaks in the vicinity of Long have been worked for gold for many years. The principal paystreak is that on Long Greek. It is formed at its upper and by the junction of paystreaks from Bear Gulch and upper Long Greek. The paystreak continues downstream for at least 3 miles. All the paystreak is on or in the bedrock which is covered by 20 to 80 feet of gravel and mak. The paystreak has been worked to winths of as much as 100 feet, but is is neither continuous nor of uniform grade.

Greenatone Creek has been dredged for 2 miles along its lower course. The payetreak followed the general course of the creek and was from 60 to 100 feet wids. At the lower end of the dredged area, the overburden was 25 feet thick, but at the upper end it was only 5 to 8 feet thick.

Heavy minerals in the Buby-Long-Poorman area include gold, cassiferite, schoolite, galena, sinnabar, stibnite, and bismuth.

of a total of 37 samples from the area, one is known to belong to the A and one to the B group. The A-group sample (81) is of consentrates from the lower 2 miles of Soloman Greek. The B-group sample (130) is from the clean-up sluide of the Greenstone Greek dredge.

Hot Springs district

The bedrocks in the Tofty area in the Not Springs district are largely slate, quartaite, and schist that are intruded by monsonite and similar rocks. Several small somes of gold and tin mineralization are known in the area (see fig. 15). Each of the ground in the Tofty area has been worked but several thousands of tons of tin concentrates have been estimated to be in the tailings and in low-grade gravel.

On Nofty Gulch a considerable open out has been made in a bench:on the hillside about 1,000 feet from Sullivan Greek. The deposit consisted of 4 to 5 feet of gravel covered by several feet of yellow silt and black muck. Placer deposits on Sullivan Greek are 30 to 80 feet below the surface. All 8 samples from the Not Springs district are from the Tofty area and one of these (292) is known to belong to group A. Sample 292 is of tin concentrates collected by reworking tailings piles in Tofty Onich.

Assolymite has been reported from Deep Greek, Sullivan Greek, and Gache Greek. Xenotime has been reported from Sullivan Greek and monasite from Deep. Sullivan, and Karabner Greeks.

Tolovens district

The bedrocks of the folovana district include Falsoscia linestone, short, silicified linestone, grayenske, sandstone, shale, argillite and phyllite, and basic igneous rocks. Some of the basic igneous rocks are extrusive and some are intrusive. Hear Livengood small bedies of basic rock are altered to serpentine. Small bedies of acidic and intermediate intrusive rocks, in part of Resonaic age but probably representing several stages of intrusion, occur near Livengood and in surrounding areas. The mineralization is believed to be genetically related to the acidic rocks.

Greek and on the ridge between Livengood Creek and Tolovana River (see Fig. 14).

Both bench and atream placers have been worked but the bench placers have had
higher values. In recent years dredges have been operated along Livengood Creek.

The gold production from the district has been considerable and moderate reserves
are estimated.

The paystreak on Livengood Greek is about 4 miles long in beach gravel of an old stream channel. The paystreak averages about 125 feet wide. The average depth to bedrock is 80 feet and the gravel is 14 feet think. Nost of the gold is in the lower three feet of gravel and in the top 15 feet of the bedrock. Heavy minerals reported are magnetite, ilmomite, limonite, hematite, pyrite, barite, shrome spinel, and chromite.

The bedrocks of Goodluck Creek, a headward tributary of Livengood Creek, are limestone, chert, and greenstone. The paystreak is on bedrock and is as much as 35 feet wide. Abundant chromite is present in the concentrates. Other heavy minerals are cinnabar, gold, mircon, serpentine, and a little magnetite.

Little mining has been done on Goodluck Creek.

of the 24 samples from the Tolovana district, 23 are from the Livengood area and one (4) of these has been determined to belong to group A. It is from a 45-foot shaft on Goodluck Greek.

Fortymile district

The bedrocks of the Fortysils district include pre-Cambrian schist and limestone and mete-igneous rocks intruded by granitic rocks. Emanations from the granitic rocks are believed to have caused the mineralization in the district. Tertiary basic igneous rocks in the area are in part intrusive. Tertiary sandstone, shale, and conglumerate crep out locally.

The principal gold-placer areas are around Chicken Greek, Walker Fork, Wade Greek, Franklin Greek, the Fortynile River, and Deme Greek (see fig. 13). Small placer misses have been operated along some of the smaller tributaries. The district has been a steady producer of gold for half a century and production has been considerable. Hew paystreaks may still be found although no new ones have been found for many years. Reserves are estimated to be large.

The paystreak along Walker Fork is at least 5 miles long and 50 to 500 feet side. The gravel is 4 to 10 feet thick. The tenor varies from place to place and the gold is in the lower 2 feet of gravel and, in places, in the upper 12 feet of bedrock, which includes quarteite, schiet, gneiss, pegantite, and grantic rock. About ten miles of claims have been staked along Wade Greek. The paystreak is intermittent and is 50 to 800 feet wide. The gravel is as much as 12 feet thick and the gold in places is in the upper 12 feet of bedrock. The bedrocks are schiet, limeston?, granitic and basic rocks, and quarts veins,

The Chicken area covers about 20 square miles and claims have been steked along at least 5 miles of creeks. The payetreak along Chicken Greek downstream from the mouth of Myers Fork is 100 to 200 feet side and the gravel is 5 to 15 feet thick. The bedrocks are sandstone, shale, conglowerate, basic rock, granitic rocks, and rhyblite and dacite flows.

of the 26 samples from the Fertymile district, two (277 and 284) are known to belong to the A group. Samples 277 and 284 are reported to come from Atuntar Bar at the mough of Atunter Greek. Minerals reported in these samples are magnetite, ilmenite, hematite, garnet, pyrite, gold, and transparent yellow mineral with high indices and birefringence.

Table 1

Radioactivity values and U content by chemical smalysis (if available) of Alsakan placer samples in groups A and B .

BEAVARD PERINSULA REGION	Sample Ho.	Percent U equivalent	Percent U (Chem.)
York district			
	497 (A)	0.030	
	500 (A)1	0.133	DEAL AND LONG
	575 (A)	0.960	
A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR	584 (A)	0.180	
	585 (A)	0.106	
	592 (A)1	0.280	
	893 (A)	0.057	
	593 (A)2	0.440	
	594 (A)1 595 (A)	0.180	
	595 (A)	0.160	
	596 (A)1	0.415	The State of the S
	596 (A) 610 (A)	0.040	
	610 (A) 611 (A)	0.142	
	612 (4)	0.145	
	613 (A)	0.175*	
	614 (A)1	0.370*	The state of the
	614 (A)3	0.802*	
	615 (A)	0.021	
	616 (A)1	0.310	
	616 (A)3	0.132*	
	617 (A)	0.026	
	61.8 (A)	0.200*	
	619 (A)	0.211*	
	619 (A)1	0.520*	
	619 (A)3 620 (A)1	0.153*	
	620 (A)1 491 (B)	1.000*	
	492 (3)	0.012	
	578 (B)	0.011	
	583 (3)	0.018	
	587 (3)	0.019	
	598 (3)	0.013	
	591 (B)	0.010	
	592 (1)	0.012	
	600 (3)	0.010	
Shaktelik district Koyuk district	304n (B)	0.011	
wolde gratifie	342 (A)-	>5.0	42.0
Fairhaven district	375 (A)	0.443	0.13
4 4	371 (A)	>8.0	3.8
Kougarok district	22 (A) 289 (A)	0.049	0.000
			0.088
	315 (A)	0.026	

Location COOK TRUST REGICE	Nample No.	Fercent U equivalent	Fercent U
Tentas district	400 /41	A 200	
tennes aretras	473 (A)	0.084	
	474 (A)	0.064	
	480 (A)	0.036	
	481 (A)	0.023	
	517 (A)	0.237	0.14
	518 (A)	0.029	
	520 (A)	0.229	0.090
	522 (A)	0.035	
	523 (A)	0.030	
The state of the s	525 (A)	0.119	0.07
HERE WEST ALL LANDS IN	527 (A)	0.190	0.08
AND DESCRIPTION OF SPRING	519 (8)	0.019	
KUNKOKWIM HEDIOM		The state of the s	
Wodrath district	50 (A)	0.031	
	134 (A)		
		0.086	0.25
	11 (B)	0.014	NEWSTRAND WILES
TOKON ROBION	485 (1)	0.015	
Iditared district	A STATE OF THE STATE OF		
vorseled orselves	87 (A)	0.000	
	61 (A)	0.092	0.073
Ruby district	130 (3)	0.017	COLD SECTION S
Ophir district	81 (A)	0.056	0.020
Hot Springs district	292 (A)	0.029	
Televana district	4 (A)	0.020	
Fortymile district	277 (A)	0.035	
	284 (A)	0.030	

[&]quot;Samples too small for accurate determination 1/Heavy fraction of sample 2/ Light weight fraction of sample 3/ Intermediate weight fraction of sample

Table 2

Andiesctivity values in uranium equivalent, of Alaskan placer anaples in group C. (less than 0.010% U equiv.)

SEASARD PERIASULA REDICE	Semple No.	Percent U equivalent
Tork district	-10	0.000
	212	0.003
	222	0.0
	266	(0.001
	270	0.0
The second second second second second	281	<0.001
	294	(0.001
	343	0.001
	387	0.003
	397	0.002
	488	0.002
	439	0.009
	490	0.002
	493	⟨0.001
	494	0.001
	499	0.0
	5001	0.004
	801	(0.001
	502	0.0
	503	0.004
	504	(0.001
	805	⟨0.001
	506	0.008
	576	0.004
	577	0.008
	579	0.005
	580	0.0
	861	0.0
	562	<0.001
	586	0.001
	589	0.008
	590	0.008
	593 ²	0.006
	8941	0.0*
	595	0.008
	597	0.003
	5983	0.004
	5993	0.007
	600	0.008
	603	0.003
	604	0.0
	606	0.008
	606	0.004
	607	0.003
	608	0.008

Location	Esmala No.	Percent U equivalent
Tork district	609	0.004
	6164	0.009
	6191 620 ⁴	0.005*
SERVICE TO SERVICE THE RESERVE	621	0.0
	622	0.003
	623	0.008
Shaktolik district	304s	0.001
Keyuk district	263	0.001
	265	<0.001
MILE TO THE POST OF THE PARTY OF	295	0.002
	297	0.001
	308	0.009
	307	0.0
	310	0.002
Fairhaven district	444	⟨0.001
4	18	₹0.001
	120	0.001
	208	0.003
	271	0.006
	299	0.001
Tomorrow Manager	377	0.003
Kongarok district	122	0.001
	313	0.002
Buckland district	400	0.001
THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T	276	0.0
	282	0.002
Council district	105	0.006
	278	(0.001
	267	20.001
	385	0.003
Espenberg district	511	0.006
The state of the s	123	(0.001
Nome district		0.003
STATE OF THE PARTY	91 94	0.001
	112	<0.001
	114	0.0
	118	0.001
	119	<0.001
STATE OF THE STATE OF	121	0.001
	127	0.001
	193	40.001
	201	0.001
	203	0.009

Location	Samia No.	Percent U equivalent
Nome district	206	0.001
	213	0.001
VIII DE L'ANTINO L'ANTINO DEL	237	0.0
	238	0.001
	247	0.001
	263	0.0
医学生的 经工作工程	264 279	0.001
	280	0,008
THE PARTY OF THE P	311	0.0
	339	0.0
	344	0.0
	345	0.001
	284	0.0
	384	0.002
	388	0.0
	446	0.006*
	472	0.001
	649	0.0
COOK INLES REGION		
Yentan district	254	0.005
	268	0.0
THE MELE PROPERTY	260	0.001
	475	0.001
	476	0.002
	478 479	0.005
	821	0.001
	524	0.001
	626	0.008
YUKOS REGION		Salar Salar Salar
Iditared district	70	0.0
Ruby district	19	0.0
	48	0.001
THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T	62	0.002
	92	0.002
	111	0.0
	116	0.003
Ophir district	130	0.001
A STATE OF THE STA	52 60	0.001
	90	0.0
	110	0.002
Hot Springs district	239	0.004
Charles Ships Ships Ships	306	0.008
	814	0.008
Tolovana district		0.0
		0.008
	40	0.002
	78	0.001

Inble 2, cont.

Location Tolovana district	Sample No.	Percent W equivalent
LEVEL BY SERVICE BY THE RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS OF THE RESIDENCE AND ADDRESS	181	0.001
	210	0.006
	217	0.000
	326	0.002
Fortymile district	166	0.0
Circle district	45	0.003
	295	0.002
Regle district	433 483	0.0
	483	0.003
	507	(0.001
	608	(0.001
	513	0.0
	565 638	0.008

* Samples too small for accurate determination l/Light weight fraction 2/Light solored fraction a/Heavy fraction 4/Intermediate weight fraction

APPRODIX I (mineralogical data)

Preliminary mineralogical studies of concentrates from eight Alaskan
placer samples have been made by Professor R. S. Larsen of Harvard University.
The samples fall into two general groups, (1) those in which the radioactivity
is due mainly to monasite and, (2) those in which the radioactivity is due
mainly to a heavy, black, opaque mineral which occurs as black cubes. (Larsen
has suggested it may be uranimite, or thorisante, or a solid mixture of the two).

Preliminary results of the study which is continuing are susmarized for each sample:

371

Righty percent of the activity is contained in the seekly magnetic part which is 50 percent of the sample. Uraninite (7) makes up 92 percent of this portion, siroon about 5 percent, and aphene 1 percent.

375

Of the plus 200 mesh portion which is 88 percent of the nample, a weakly magnetic separate makes up 6 percent and contains most of the activity. Composition of the weakly magnetic separate is as follows:

umaniaite (1)	10	percent
sphone	29	
pyroxene	46	A 30
garnet	- 4	10 M
feldaper and quarts	9	

The minus 200 mesh portion makes up 12 percent of the sample and is considerably less radiometive.

242

This sample may be a further concentrate of 378. All of the sample falls into the weakly magnetic class. It contains 90 percent uraninite (1)

and 8 percent magnetite.

289

A weakly magnetic fraction makes up 39 percent of the sample, has 60 percent of the activity, contains 98 percent monarite, 2 percent opaque minerals with traces of magnetic sphene, tournaline, pyroxene, feldspar, and risbeckite. A less magnetic fraction makes up 2 percent of the sample, contains 85 percent monagite, 5 percent opaque minerals and 10 percent quartz and feldspar.

517

A sized fraction, plus 1 mm., makes up 8 percent of the easple and has very little activity.

A non-magnetic, sinus 200 mesh fraction makes up 3.8 percent of the sample, has about 20 percent of the activity, contains 4 percent monasite, 90 percent sircon, 3 percent opaque minerals.

A weakly magnetic, minus 200 mesh fraction makes up 1.3 percent of the sample, has most of the activity, contains 46 percent monasite. 7 percent mircon. 25 percent opaque minerals, some cassiterite, sphene, tournaline, pyroxene, apatite, quarts, feldepar, and sphene, traces of uranimite and spinel. A weakly magnetic, minus 115, plus 200 mesh fraction constitutes 1.3 percent of the sample, has a minor amount of activity and contains 22 percent monasite, 9 percent minor amount of activity and contains 22 percent monasite, ite, sphene, tournaline, and traces of uranimite and spinel. A weakly magnetic, minus 48, plus 115 mesh fraction makes up only 0.7 percent of the sample, has a small part of the activity, contains 6 percent monasite.

520

Most of the redicactivity is in a weakly magnetic fraction which constitutes 40 percent of the sample. This fraction contains 53 percent monasite. 3 percent sircen. 12 percent opaque minerals, 30 percent cassiterite.

525

A weakly magnetic, plus 48 mesh fraction is 1.2 percent of the sample, has 50 percent of the activity, contains monarite and uranimite (no percentage given), some garnet, some platinum (or analgam?), and some opaque minerals.

A weakly magnetic, nims 48 mesh fraction is 0.9 percent of the sample, has 50 percent of the activity and contains 28 percent monasite.

25 percent uraninite (7), 18 percent opeque minerals, 3 percent sircon.

4 percent cassiterite, some apatite, quartz, feldapar, horablande and fine aggregates.

A slightly less magnetic, minus 48 mesh fraction makes up 1.8 percent of the sample. It has about \(\frac{1}{2} \) of the activity, contains 1 percent monasite. 24 percent sirson, 20 percent opaque minerals, 1 percent uranimite, 50 percent cassiterite, 1 percent clear actahedrons (?), some apatitie, quarts, feldspar, hornblands.

527

The strongly magnetic parts are practically inactive.

A non-magnetic fraction makes up 15.6 percent of the sample, has 14 percent of the radioactivity and contains a trace of monasite, 95 percent sircon, I percent opaque minerals, some ensuitarite, quarts, feldspar and fine aggregates.

A weakly magnetic fraction makes up 0.6 percent of the sample, has 34

percent of the activity and contains 10 percent monatite, 45 percent sircon, 5 percent opaque minerals, 5 percent apatite, 25 percent fine aggregates.

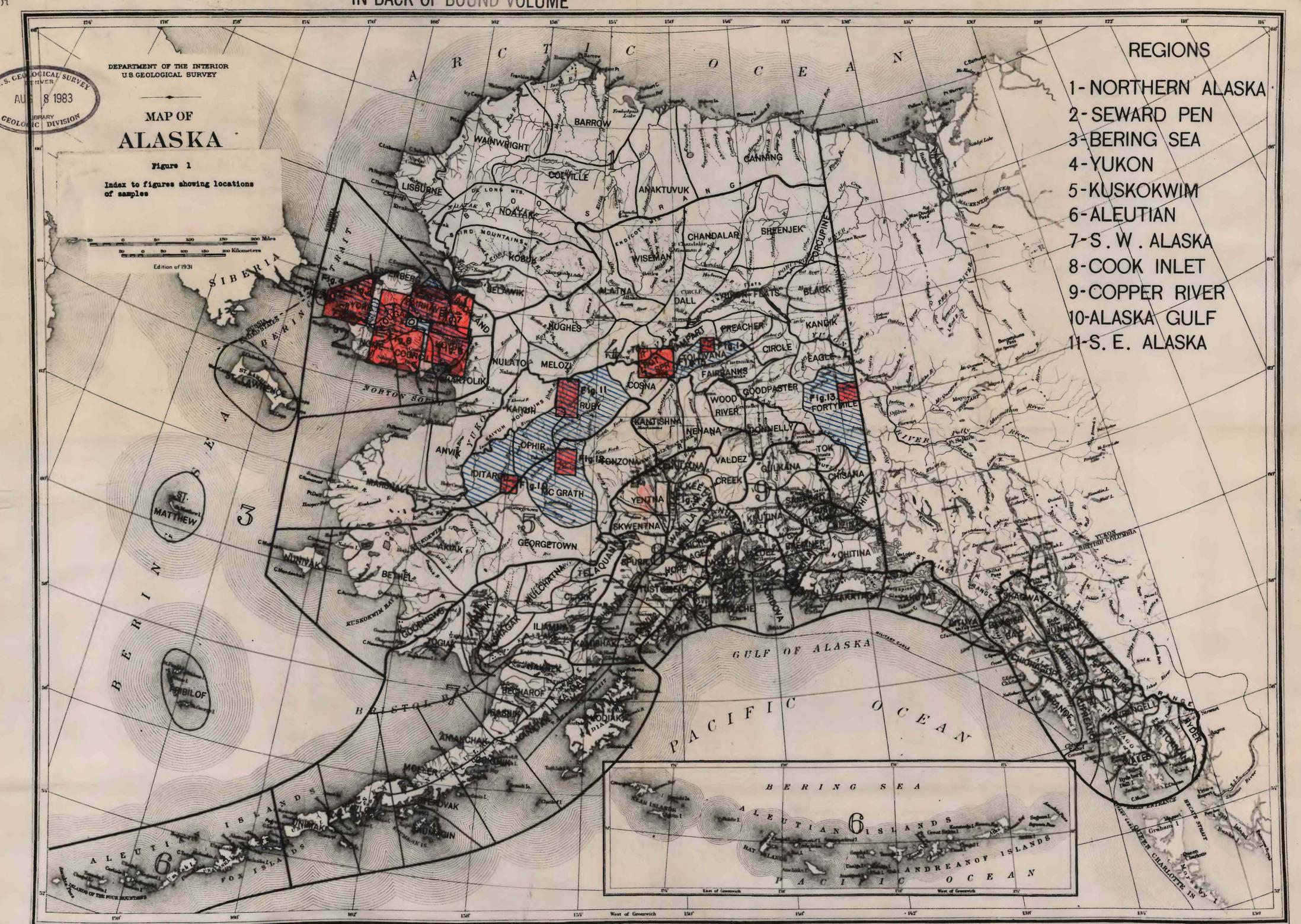
A slightly more magnetic fraction makes up 3.7 percent of the sample, has 60 percent of the active material, contains 90 percent monartie, 2 percent sircon, 1 percent opaque minerals.

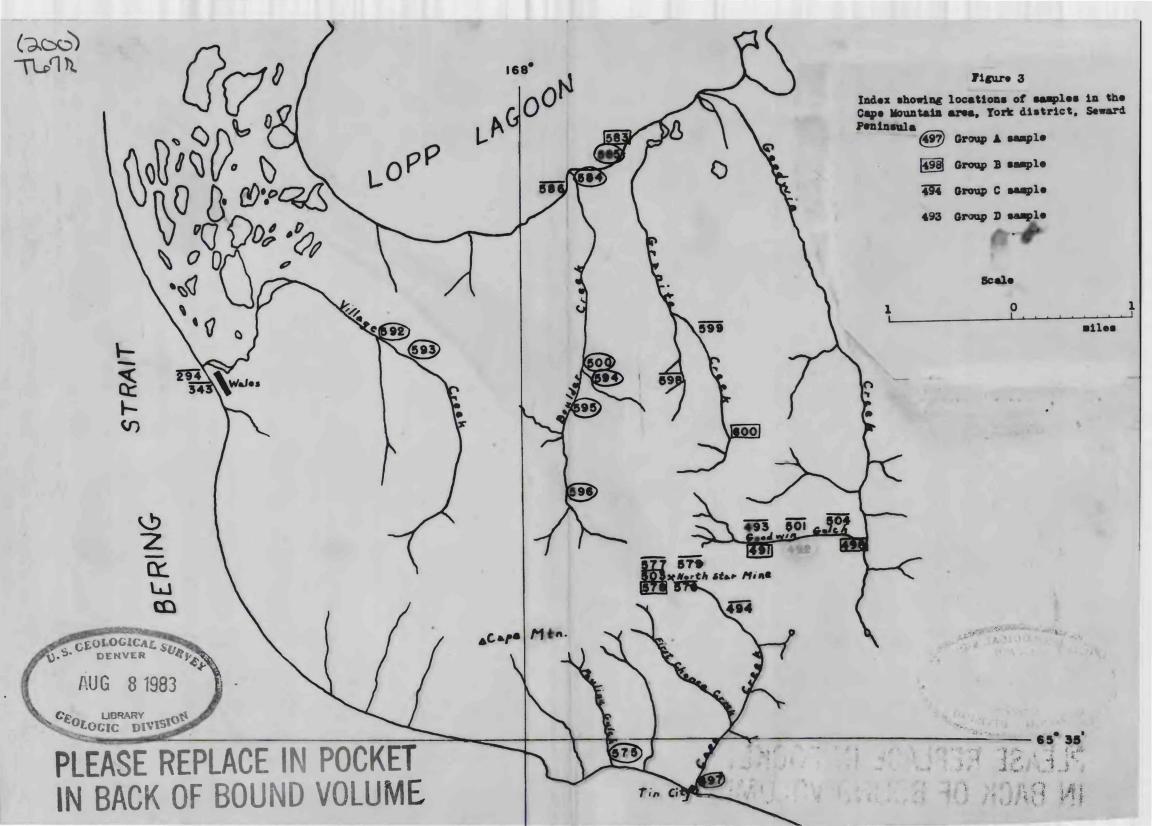
Conclusions

Monasite and uranimite (7) are the principal radioactive constituents in the samples although results indicate that mircon may also contribute to the radioactivity.

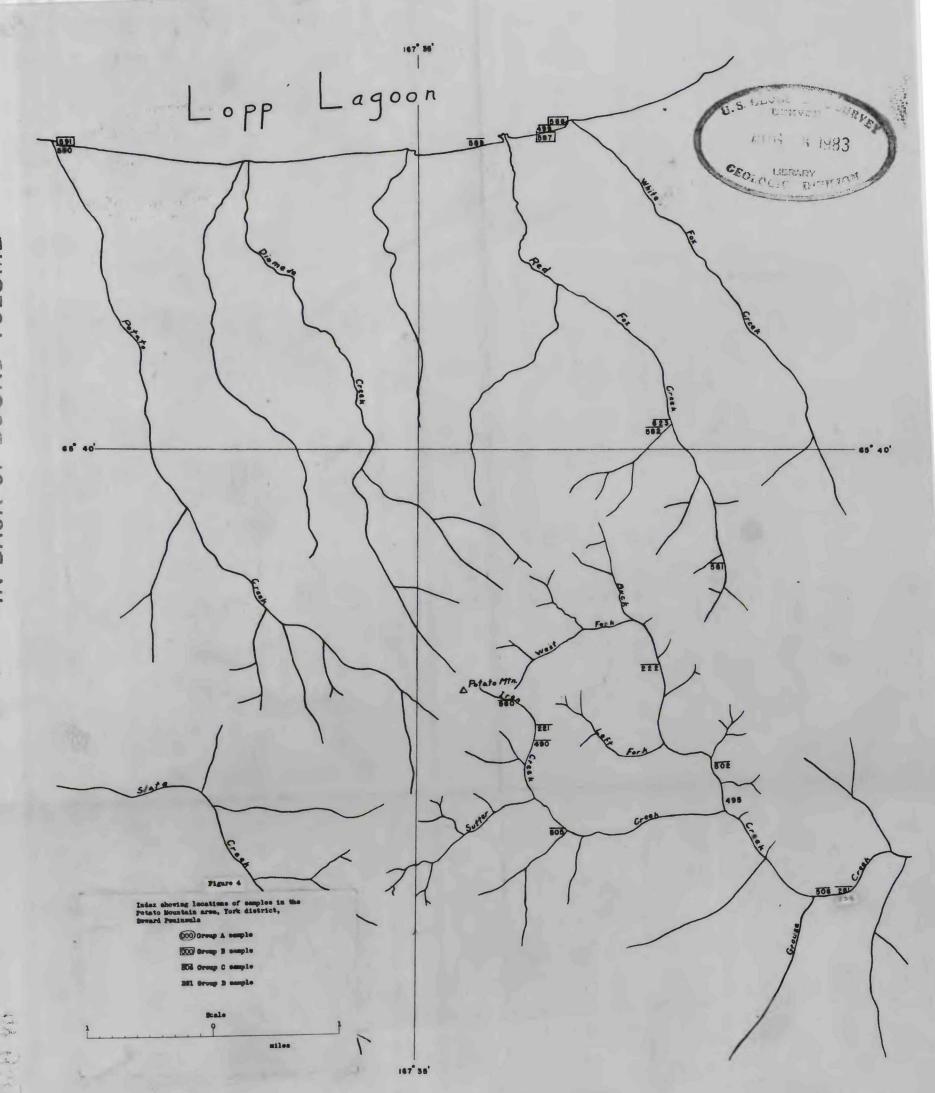
The weakly magnetic fractions of the samples are the most radioactive, the non-magnetic fractions are low in activity, the strongly magnetic fractions are lowest. Both monasite and uranimite (7) concentrate in the weakly magnetic portious.

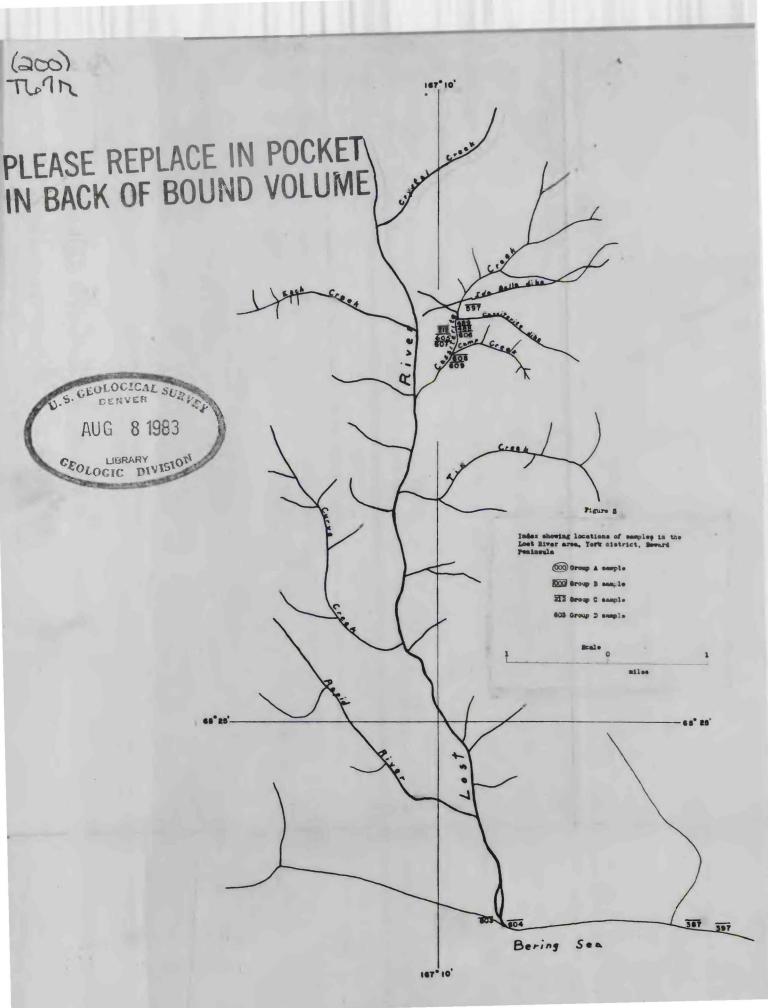
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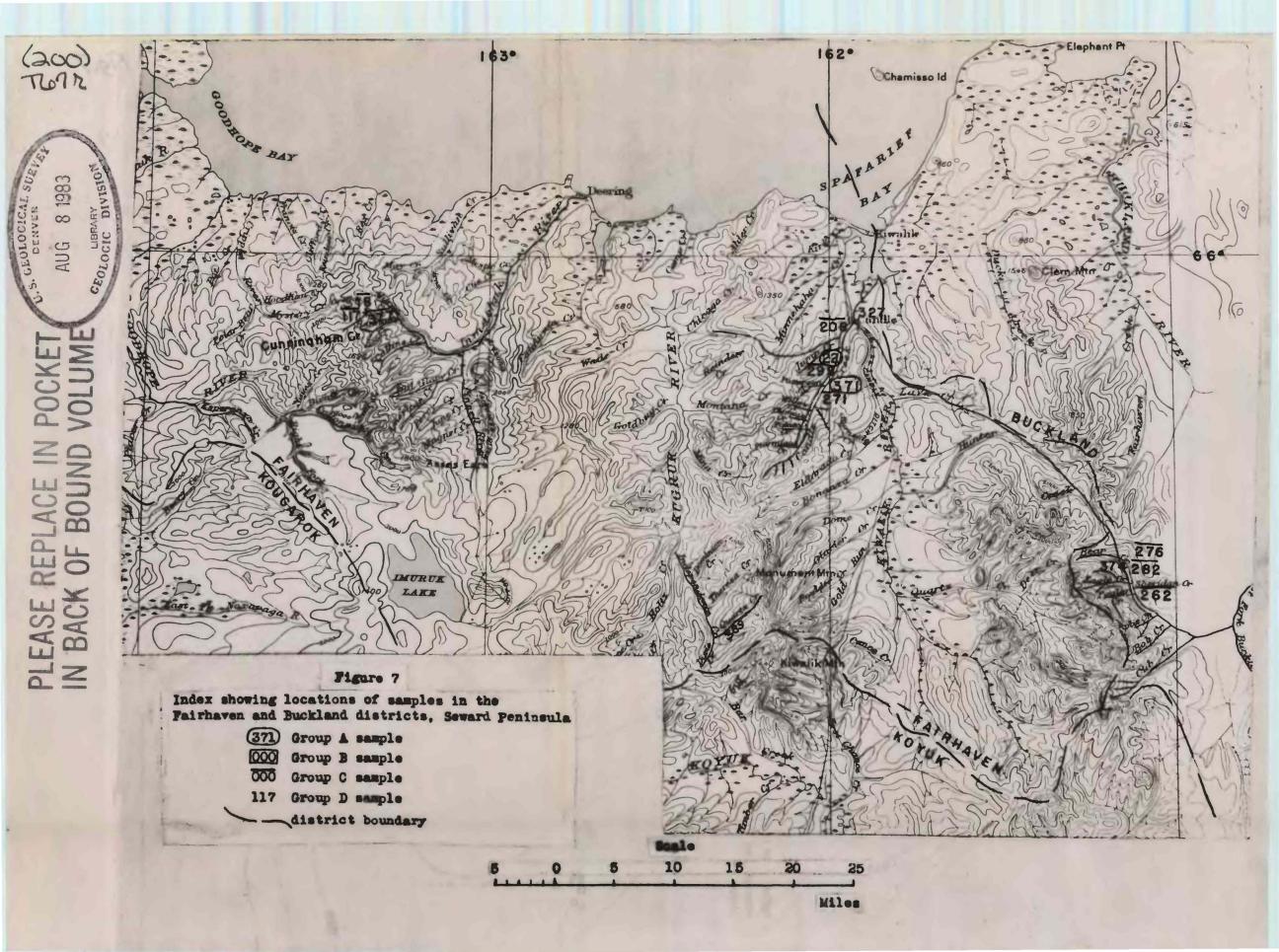


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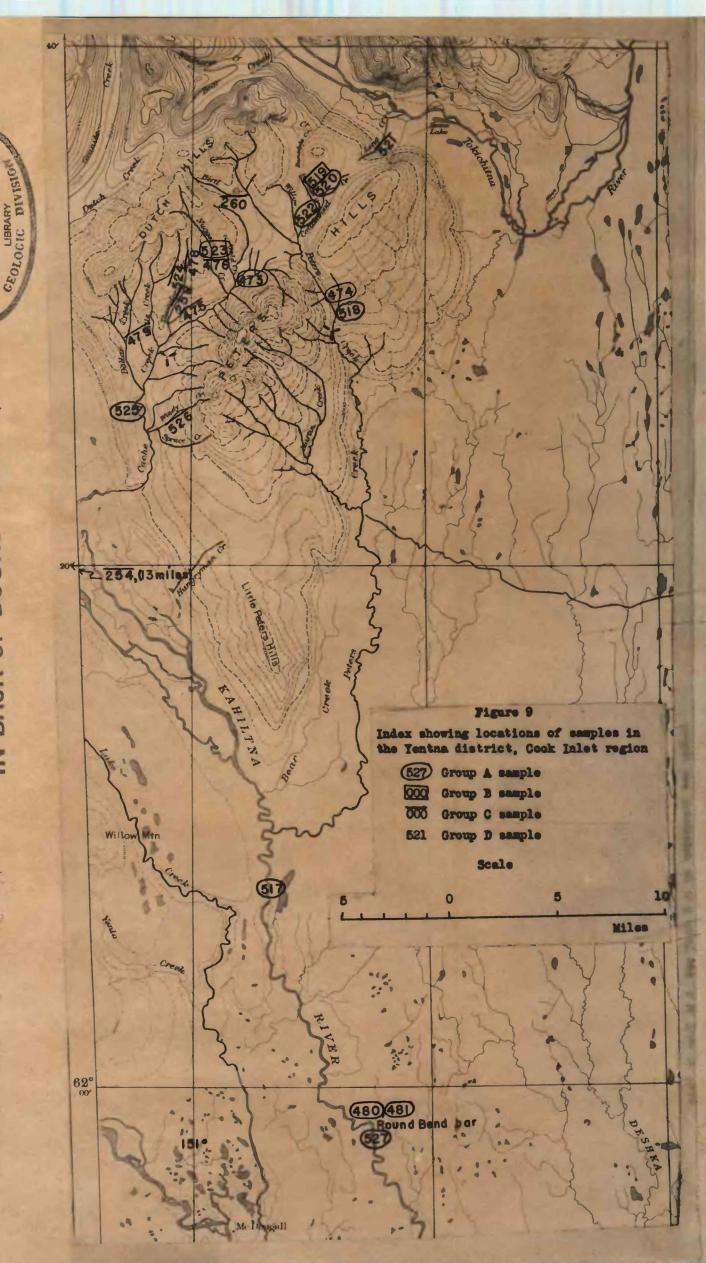
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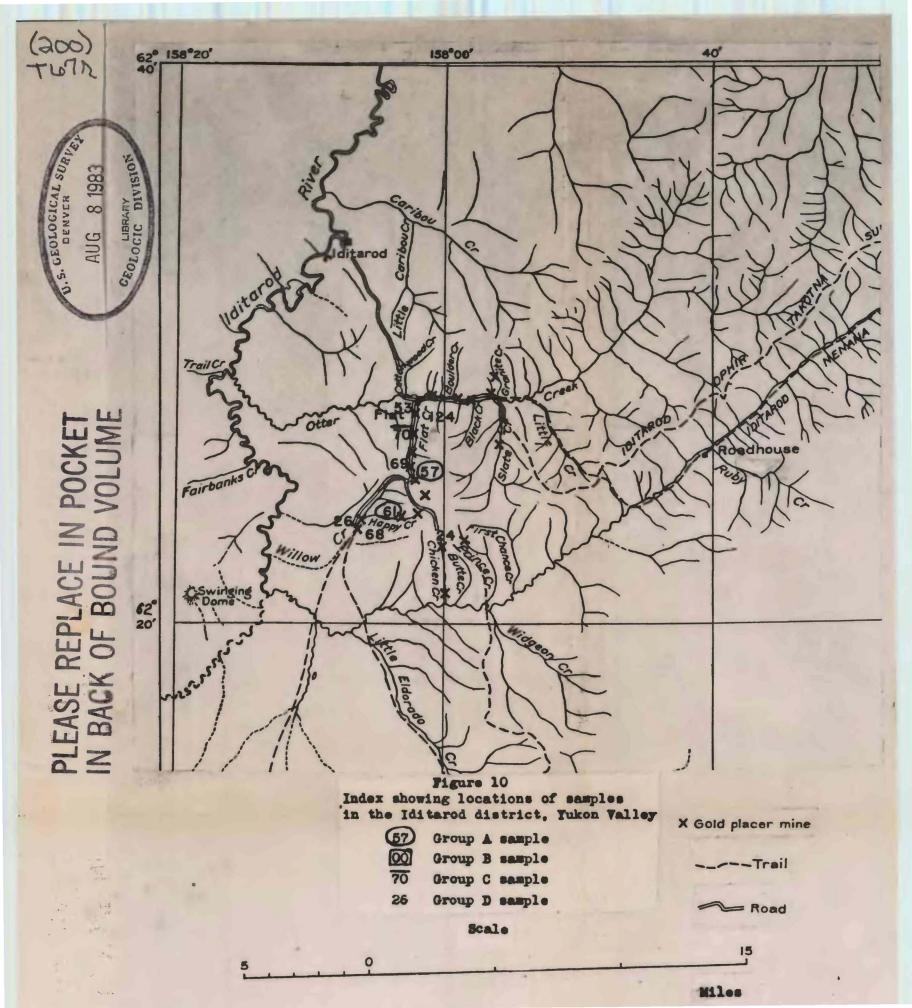


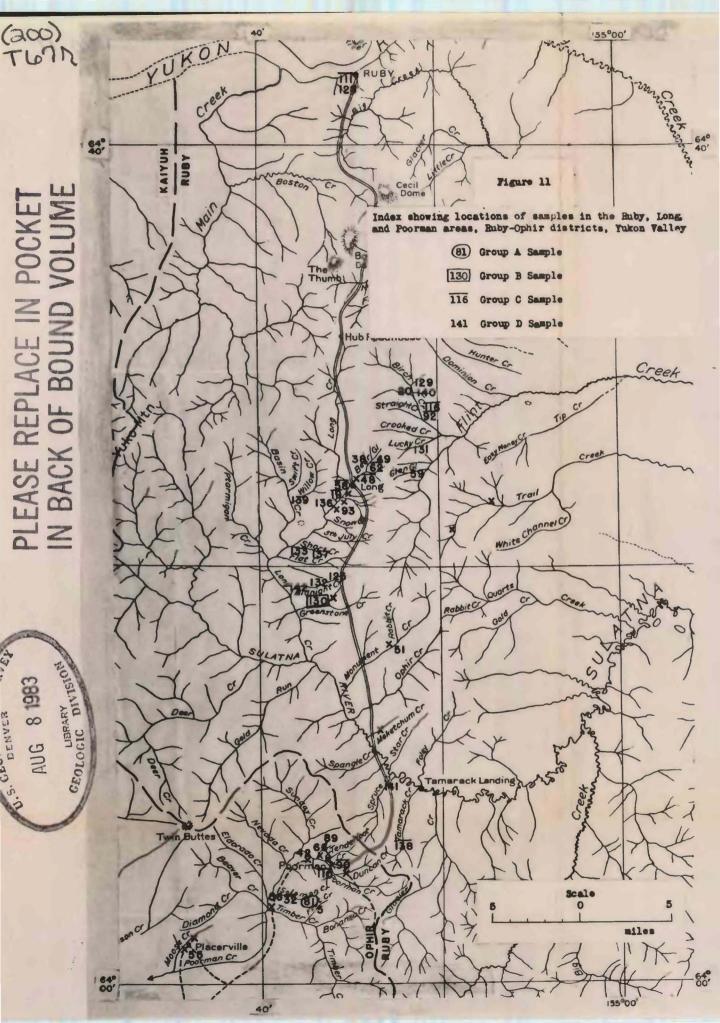
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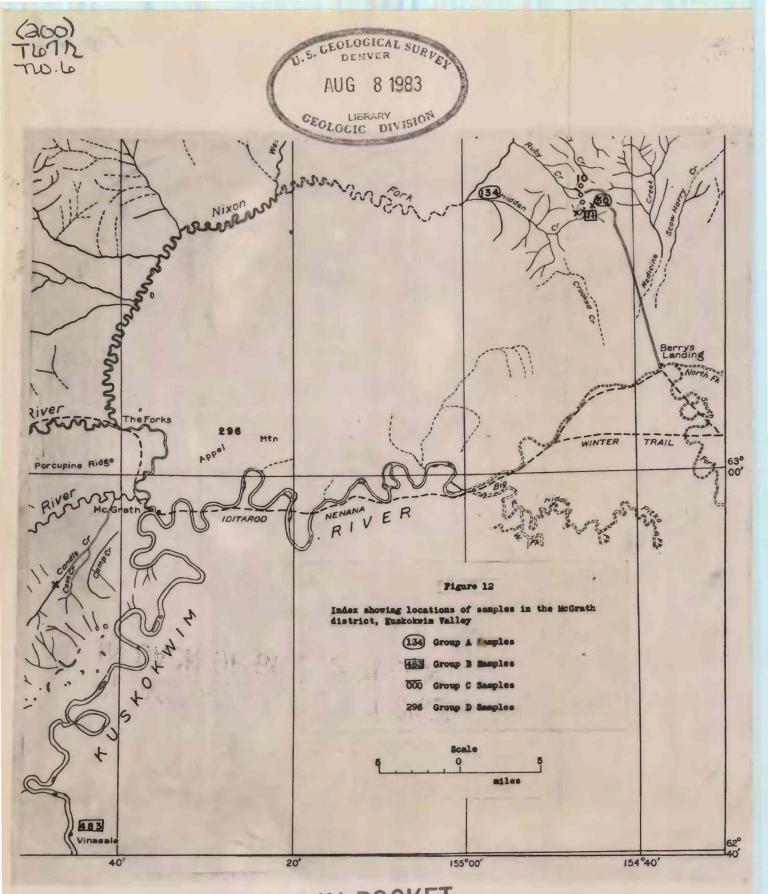
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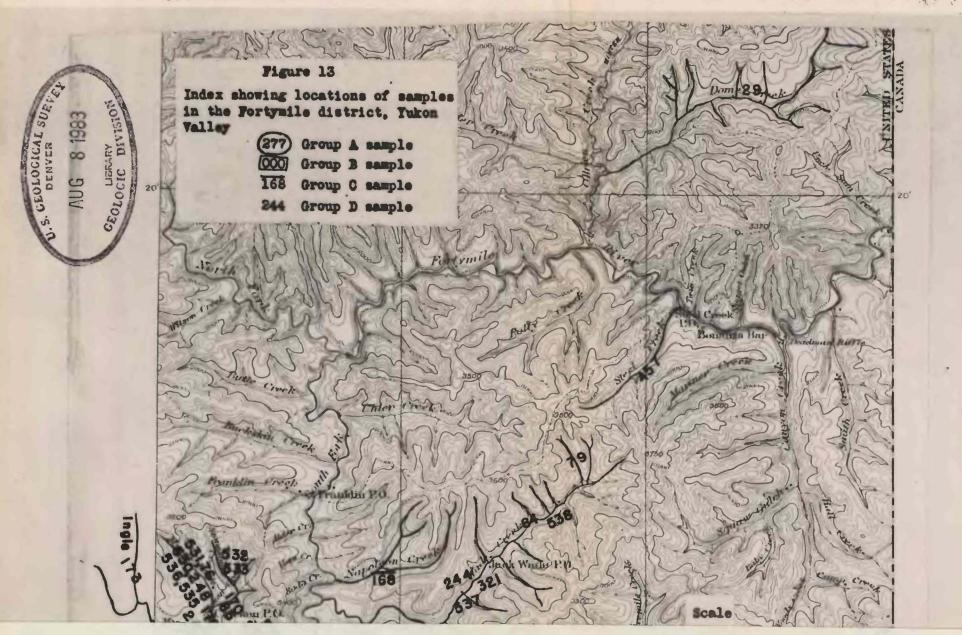




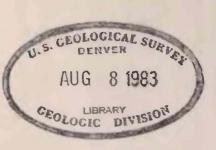
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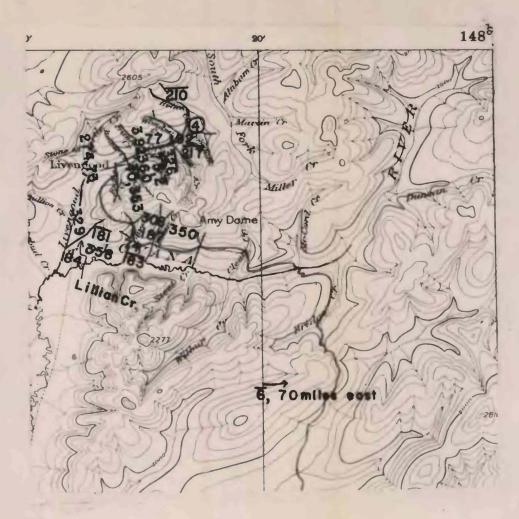
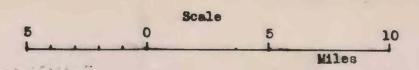


Figure 14
Index showing locations of samples in the Tolovana district, Yukon Valley

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Group A sample
Group B sample
The Group C sample
Group D sample



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