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Abstract

Some of the metallogenic provinces of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico are defined by the geographic distribution of sulfophile trace elements in more than 500 samples of chalcopyrite and sphalerite from 172 mining districts.

Maps that show the geographic distribution of tin, silver, and the "combined metal content" in chalcopyrite, and of silver and the "combined metal content" in sphalerite, reveal three major belts of high trace-element content in the Southwest. These belts, which are here called the Eastern, Central, and Western metallogenic belts, are consistent in trend and position with a beltlike distribution of the major ore deposits of copper, gold, silver, and other metals. However, the deposits of a given metal tend to be concentrated in certain segments of the metallogenic belts; consequently, the metallogenic provinces, in the ordinary sense, are merely component parts of the larger beltlike features.

The metallogenic belts also are generally consistent in position and trend with the major tectonic features, although they do not appear to be closely related in time. Hence, it is suggested that both the metallogenic belts and the major tectonic features are the effects of a more fundamental cause, which perhaps is a combination of compositional heterogeneities and associated physical discontinuities in the deep-seated source regions of the ores.

Introduction

This paper¹ embodies, in part, the results of an investigation of the geographic distribution of trace or minor elements in two hypogene sulfide minerals, chalcopyrite and sphalerite. The investigation was undertaken mainly in an attempt to define quantitatively some metallogenic provinces in the southwestern United States, as a knowledge of these features is of considerable value in the search for new ore deposits and in the formulation of sound theories on the origin of ore deposits and associated geologic features. Especial emphasis is placed on a discussion of the results of the work, and an effort has been made to restrict speculation on the origin of the features that are described, for in the present state of knowledge gross speculation would serve little constructive purpose.

The concept of metallogenic provinces appears to have been first described by De Launay and Urbain (1910), although Spurr (1902, 1905) previously had applied the terms "metalliferous provinces" and "metallographic provinces" to a similar concept. De Launay (1913) regarded a metallogenic province as a region of the earth that is characterized by mineral deposits which belong to a specific metallogenic epoch or combination of epochs and to a specific tectonic setting, whereas Spurr (1902, p. 336) visualized a metallographic province as a region that is "characterized by special combinations or amounts of the rarer, especially the commercially valuable metals. Spurr recognized, moreover, that within a metallographic province thus defined there may be deposits which represent several metallogenic epochs.

Lindgren (1933) applied the terms "minerogenetic provinces" and "metallogenetic provinces" to a concept that appears to be very similar to De Launay's, whereas Bateman (1950, p. 319) has used the term "metallogenetic provinces" in referring to "certain regions characterized by relatively abundant mineralization dominantly of one type."

Recently, Turneaure (1955) has presented a comprehensive review and summary of ideas on metallogenic provinces. However, neither he, Bateman, nor other contemporary investigators of the subject appear to make a distinction in the application of the terms metallographic, metallogenetic, and metallogenic. Consequently, the term metallogenetic (or metallogenic) province commonly is applied to the feature that Spurr called a metallographic province, although a demonstrable genetic relationship is not generally implied. Therefore, the term metallogenic province is used throughout this paper, in part to effect harmony with current usage and in part because evidence is presented that suggests certain genetic relationships.

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Although there are numerous discussions in the literature concerning metallogenic provinces, in terms of groups of ore deposits or mining districts that possess some feature in common, very few have resulted in concrete expressions, such as maps of the provinces. Spurr (1923) was one of the first to attempt such an expression in the publication of maps (p. 459-462) that show the "Great Silver Channel." He concluded that all the silver deposits along this "channel" have a common genetic element; namely, a compositional similarity in terms of source. Moreover, this source, which differs compositionally from adjacent regions, has a configuration that corresponds to the configuration of the "channel." About 10 years later, Butler (1933, p. 233) published a map which indicates that the important mining districts of the western United States tend to be concentrated around the margins of the Colorado and Columbia Plateaus. This distribution previously had prompted Butler (1930) to suggest a possible genetic relationship between the ore deposits and these "positive" tectonic elements. More recently, Billingsley and Locke (1941, p. 52) have published a map of the orogenic belts of the United States and have attempted to show that the more important ore deposits tend to cluster around intersections of these orogenic belts (the "cross-roads") and other tectonic features that extend to great depths. Also, Kerr (1946) has outlined three "tungsten arcs" in the western United States, based on the geographic distribution of tungsten deposits, and finds certain features in the deposits of one "arc" that in general serve to distinguish them from the deposits in the other "arcs."

The foregoing summary of ideas concerning metallogenic provinces is not intended as a comprehensive survey of the literature on the subject, but as an illustration of the fact that although the basic concepts have been in existence for nearly half a century, our knowledge of metallogenic provinces consists mainly of generalizations based on qualitative studies. Few, if any, quantitative studies heretofore have been aimed specifically at the definition of metallogenic provinces, although some trace-element studies indirectly have provided much evidence that bears on the problem.

The existence of a distinct geographic distribution of trace elements in certain primary sulfide minerals was recognized very early by De Launay and Urbain (1910), but little emphasis was placed on the geographic or province aspect of the distribution until Stoiber (1940, p. 513, 518) pointed out that:

A closer similarity in composition of sphalerite from a single metallogenic group of deposits than from deposits of a single temperature group suggests a further correlation between minor element content and the geology of sphalerite occurrence.

Sphalerite from the same metallogenic group of deposits contains similar kinds and amounts of constituents but the composition of sphalerite from each region is distinctive.

This concept of a metallogenic group that is characterized by a distinctive trace-element content in sphalerite was enlarged upon by Warren and Thompson (1945, p. 334):

Metallogenic provinces or zones are of primary importance in establishing the minor element content of sphalerite. Within a metallogenic province or zone, the temperature and type of deposit in which the sphalerite occurs are important, but not determining factors.

There appears to be a tendency for each mining camp in Western Canada to exhibit a characteristic assemblage of minor elements. This tendency is reflected in part by the minor elements which appear in sphalerite. There are several instances of one or more mines situated on the same, or intimately related lodes, exhibiting a striking similarity in their minor element content. However, in view of the fact that sufficient collaborative results are not yet available, no final conclusions relative to most of these minor areas may yet be made. Nevertheless, further work may profitably be carried on in this field: there is every indication that detailed studies will show that each important orebody has a characteristic mineral assemblage and, furthermore, a characteristic minor element distribution in those minerals.

It is clear, then, that the concept of metallogenic provinces that are defined by the trace- or minor-element content of hypogene sulfide minerals has been held previously. In fact, Warren and Thompson (1945, fig. 1) outlined a beltlike tin province in eastern British Columbia that is defined by tin as a trace element in sphalerite. Although the data on which this map is based might be regarded as somewhat meager, the map nevertheless represents the first depiction of a metallogenic province that is based on quantitative information. Moreover, the position, trend, and general dimensions of this tin belt are consistent with the findings of the present study.

Schroll (1950, 1951) has shown that in Europe the trace-element content of sphalerite and galena from the Alpine region reflects certain geological conditions and hence exhibits a provincial distribution. Recently, Goldschmidt (1954, p. 92-93) has discussed the problems connected with the uneven distribution of certain elements, notably tin, and has noted that:

The absence of workable tin deposits in large regions of the earth, which are also characterized by the scarcity of even small amounts of tin minerals, seems also to be followed by a scarcity of tin as a "trace element" as indicated by spectroscopic observations on magmatic rocks.

It has been known for a long time that workable deposits of some metals, especially tin, are not evenly distributed throughout the earth, and now it is suggested that there is a close correlation of tin deposits with tin as a trace element in the minerals of igneous rocks. Further development of this idea leads to the conclusion that metallogenic provinces, in this case tin provinces, could be defined by the trace elements in minerals that are genetically connected with the tin deposits. Thus, al-

though the present work was begun 2 years before the appearance of Goldschmidt's book, it nevertheless was predicated on the assumption that a relationship exists between the distribution of metals in workable deposits and the distribution of the same or chemically similar metals as trace elements in hypogene minerals.

It is noteworthy that the relationship is postulated only for "the same or chemically similar" elements, for there appears to be no a priori reason to suspect that the chemically dissimilar elements would possess consistent genetic relationships. These studies, therefore, are confined to the sulfophile (or chalcophile) elements; more specifically, they are confined to those sulfophile elements whose spectrographic sensitivities permit their detection in a majority of the samples.

The establishment of the validity of the assumption that a relationship exists between the distributions of metalliferous deposits and sulfophile trace elements was an essential first step in these investigations. To this end, a fairly comprehensive preliminary study was made of the region that includes Arizona and adjacent parts of southwestern New Mexico and northern Sonora. This area was selected primarily because it includes the so-called Arizona Copper Province, one of the most widely recognized metallogenic provinces in North America. Other factors that influenced the selection are the accessibility of the region and the ready availability of samples of hypogene sulfide minerals, especially chalcopyrite.

Inasmuch as the results of this preliminary study indicated that the area includes parts of three metallogenic provinces instead of one, as was supposed previously, it was considered desirable to include a larger area in the study, in order to define as much of the provinces as possible. Consequently, the region outside Arizona, as shown in Plates 1-5, was studied largely in reconnaissance fashion; the definition of the provinces in this large region, therefore, is correspondingly less reliable. The data, however, are considered sufficient to establish the general positions and trends of the beltlike provinces as they are shown in Plates 1-5, although their precise dimensions and detailed configurations are somewhat conjectural. The geographic coverage of samples is by no means complete, and it is hoped that further work will provide information on the areas where data are now meager or lacking.

Initially, attention was confined to the distribution of trace elements in chalcopyrite, as it is the most abundant and widespread hypogene ore mineral of copper in the Southwest. However, as the region under investigation was enlarged, areas were included from which suitable samples of chalcopyrite were not readily available, although other hypogene sulfides, such as sphalerite, could be obtained. Consequently, sphalerite eventually was included in the study, with the hope that its trace-element content would be sufficiently similar to that of chalcopyrite to permit its use in some areas where chalcopyrite is unavailable. Despite the fact that definite relationships exist between the two minerals with

respect to trace-element distributions, the relationships unfortunately are not precise enough to permit prediction of the amounts of trace elements contained in chalcopyrite from a knowledge of their contents in sphalerite. Therefore, sphalerite was investigated with the same objectives in mind as for chalcopyrite, but as an independent system.

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Sampling and Analytical Methods

SAMPLING METHODS

The determination of the variations in the trace-element content of chalcopyrite within an ore deposit, within a mining district, and between mining districts is an essential preliminary in the establishment of the validity of the trace-element approach in defining metallogenic provinces. Consequently, samples were collected from several of the large copper deposits of the Southwest, a special effort being made to obtain fresh material from widely separated parts of the deposits. However, once these preliminary determinations indicated that the most profitable course lay in the gross enlargement of the area to be studied, samples from every available source were utilized. The adoption of this procedure introduces a great deal of uncertainty into the reliability of the results, although an estimate of the effect can be obtained from a comparison of the "within district" variances in Tables 3 and 4.

The samples for spectrochemical analysis were obtained as drill cuttings from the surfaces of polished sections under the metallographic microscope. The drilling equipment consists of a laboratory-model dental machine fitted with S. S. White No. 2 "Carbide" dental burrs. These burrs are approximately 1 mm in diameter and are therefore suit-able for the sampling of relatively small areas of the polished section. The chief advantages of this method over the commonly employed method of "handpicking clean-looking" fragments under a binocular microscope are that intimate mineral intergrowths can be detected and avoided, and possible contamination by other minerals can be evaluated more easily.

The possibility that contamination occurs in the preparation of the polished sections and in the drilling process was tested by analyzing two samples that were taken from the same part of a specimen by two different methods. One sample (JER-36HSP) was chipped with a diamond-tipped probe from an unprepared surface. No other minerals could be seen in the specimen under the binocular microscope. A second sample (JER-36) was obtained by the regular drilling procedure from a polished section of the same part of the specimen, after the first sample was obtained. It is evident from the analyses of these samples presented below that the preparation of the polished sections and the drilling process do not introduce any systematic contamination effects.

TESTS FOR CONTAMINATION IN THE PREPARATION OF SAMPLES
(In parts per million)

SAMPLE NO.	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Te
JER-36HSP	30	—	30	—	4	—	100	30	—	—	—	300	—
JER-36	30	—	30	—	—	—	100	20	—	—	—	100	—

ANALYTICAL METHODS

The trace-element contents of chalcopyrite and sphalerite were determined spectrographically on a Jarrel-Ash 21-foot Wadsworth mounted grating-type instrument. The instrumental conditions and analytical procedures are described elsewhere (Chodos and Burnham, 1954), and the details need not be repeated here.

The use of standard methods of spectrochemical analysis did not yield satisfactory results with small samples, owing to the high iron content of chalcopyrite. Therefore, a special method was developed that involves a two-stage arcing of the sample mixture; in this way the profuse and interfering iron spectrum is effectively separated from the spectra of the elements that are of most interest. The sample mixture consists of 25 percent chalcopyrite, 37.5 percent quartz, 30 percent zinc oxide, and 7.5 percent sodium carbonate.

The method yields results that are reproducible to one significant figure, with a standard deviation of about 25 percent. It requires the use of only 5 mg of chalcopyrite in each electrode charge; hence, it was possible to make duplicate analyses of 95 percent of the samples. Moreover, the 5-mg sample is sufficiently large to yield sensitivities that are satisfactory for most elements of interest, as shown in Figure 1.

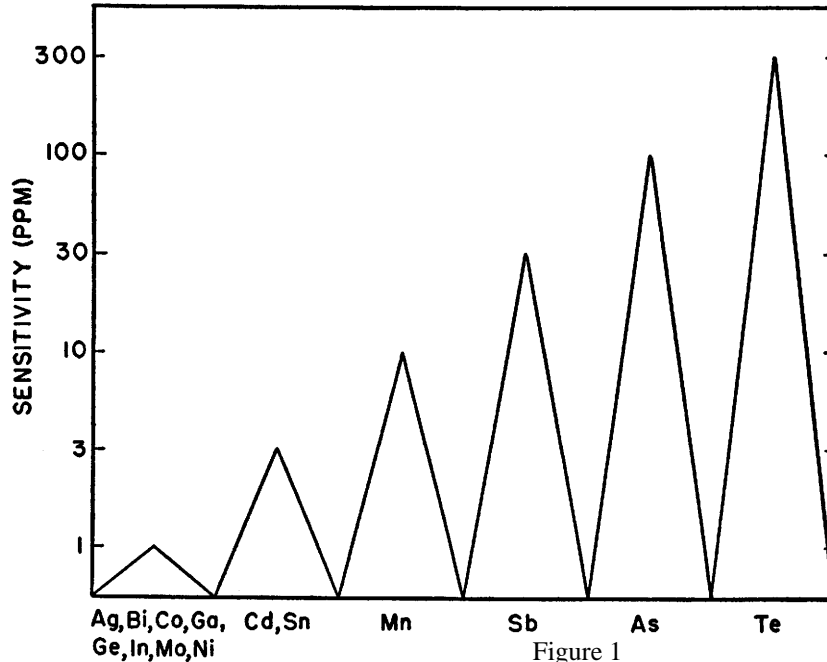


Figure 1
MAXIMUM SPECTROGRAPHIC SENSITIVITIES OF THE ELEMENTS IN
CHALCOPYRITE

Essentially the same method, with only slight modification, was used for the analysis of sphalerite. The principal difference consists of the addition of cupric oxide to the sample mixture to give a bulk composition of 25 percent sphalerite, 37.5 percent quartz, 18.8 percent zinc oxide, 7.5 percent sodium carbonate, and 11.2 percent cupric oxide. The lower iron content of sphalerite as compared with chalcopyrite, permits an increase in the amount of light transmitted to the slit from 40 percent to 64 percent; this results in a slightly increased sensitivity for some elements, notably cadmium, as shown in Figure 2. The reproducibility of the sphalerite analyses is essentially the same as for the chalcopyrite analyses.

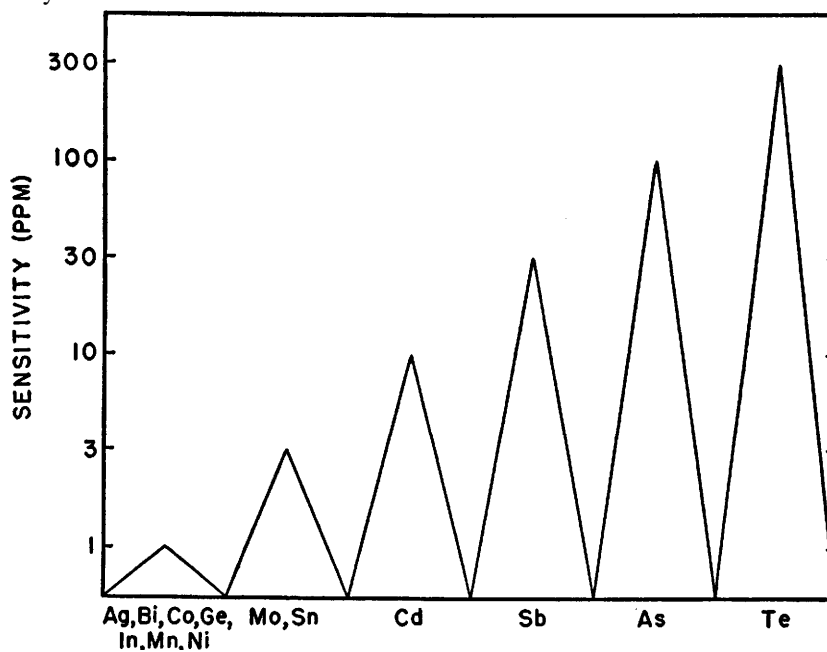


Figure 2
MAXIMUM SPECTROGRAPHIC SENSITIVITIES OF THE ELEMENTS IN
SPHALERITE

Analytical Data

The elements of particular interest in these studies are the sulfophile elements: antimony, arsenic, bismuth, cadmium, cobalt, copper, gallium, germanium, gold, indium, iron, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, sulfur, tellurium, thallium, tin, and zinc. However, inasmuch as copper, iron, lead, sulfur, and zinc are major constituents of the ores, they are generally unsuitable as trace-element indicators. Also, the relatively poor spectrographic sensitivities of antimony, arsenic, gold, mercury, selenium, and tellurium preclude their detection in the majority of samples; hence, they also are generally unsuitable.

Each sample of chalcopyrite was analyzed for antimony, arsenic, bismuth, cadmium, cobalt, germanium, indium, molybdenum, nickel, silver, tellurium, and tin, but because tellurium was found in only one sample (N-116, 800 ppm), it has been omitted from Table 1. In addition, gallium, gold, selenium, and thallium were sought in each sample but not found.

Each sample of sphalerite was analyzed for the same elements as chalcopyrite, plus gallium and thallium. Tellurium was found also in only one sample of sphalerite (ARI-58, 300 ppm); so it has been omitted from Table 2. Gold and selenium also were sought in sphalerite but not found.

The analyses in Tables 1 and 2 are grouped according to the mining districts from which the samples were obtained. The data thus grouped are averaged, and these district averages form the basis for the maps of Plates 1-5. All the data that are represented in Plates 1-5 are contained in Tables 1 and 2, and 95 percent of the entries in these tables are averages of duplicate determinations. The remaining 5 percent of the entries are single determinations, owing to insufficient amount of material.

A short dash (—) in the tables indicates that the element was not detected in either analysis of the sample. A "less than" symbol (<) in the silver analyses indicates that silver was detected, but in amounts less than 1 part per million, the lower limit of the standards. A "greater than" symbol (>) indicates that the element is present in such large amounts that the analysis line is too dense to measure accurately with a microphotometer (less than 2 percent transmission). A query (?) indicates one of two things: Either slight contamination from the preceding sample during weighing is suspected, or a potentially interfering element is present in abnormally high concentrations.

Mode of Occurrence of Trace Elements in Chalcopyrite and Sphalerite

The two most widely recognized modes of occurrence of "impurities" in minerals, as noted by Fleischer (1955) and others, are as "trace minerals" and as atomic substituents for the major component elements in regular lattice positions. A third mode of occurrence, not as widely recognized as the other two, is as individual atoms or small groups of atoms in lattice defects of the host mineral.

The "trace minerals" occur as separate mineral phases, commonly of microscopic size, that are included within the crystal of the host mineral and are likely to have an appreciable effect upon the apparent trace-element content of the mineral. The effect of these "trace minerals" on the data in Tables 1 and 2 has been minimized by drilling the samples from polished sections under a microscope.

Impurities that occur in atomic substitution for the major constituents of the host mineral are likely to exhibit a more consistent distribution and hence to provide more information on the factors involved in the formation of the mineral deposits. Consequently, they are the real object of these investigations, as well as of most other investigations of the trace-element content of minerals.

The occurrence of individual atoms or small groups of atoms in lattice defects of the host mineral obviously would be greatly affected by the number and nature of such defects. The sphalerite examined in this study is notably rich in microscopic defects as compared with chalcopyrite; this may account in part for the greater variability of some elements, such as tin, in this mineral.

Many of the polished sections used in this study yielded samples of both chalcopyrite and sphalerite. A comparison of the trace-element content of these sample pairs provides much information on the distribution of trace elements between coexisting phases. These distributional relationships, a discussion of which will be published elsewhere, indicate that many elements exhibit a definite and consistent preference for one or the other of the two minerals. Such a consistent preference is difficult to explain unless it is assumed that the host mineral exercises a controlling influence. Thus, it is suggested that these elements occur largely in atomic substitution for the major constituents of chalcopyrite and sphalerite.

TABLE 1. TRACE ELEMENTS IN CHALCOPYRITE
(In parts per million)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
ARIZONA														
1		Wallapai district												
	CHL-11	Keystone mine	900	-	100	-	-	-	200	90	-	-	-	200
2		Cedar Valley district												
	AN-1	Antler mine	40	-	70	-	3	-	10	40	4	-	-	500
	CW-1	Copper World mine	100	-	-	-	-	5	4	10	90	5	-	600
	CW-2	do.	100	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	300	3	-	600
	BOR-1	Boriana mine	600	-	-	50	-	-	80	7	-	20	-	2000
	BOR-2	do.	700	-	-	30	2	-	50	70	-	20	-	1000
	BOR-3	do.	1000	-	-	80	-	-	80	20	-	5	-	700
3		Eureka district												
	BAG-4	Bagdad	<1	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	60
	BAG-21	Bagdad pit	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	70
	BAG-22	do.	6	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	500	-	-	80
	BAG-23	Old Dick mine	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	20	-	-	8
	BAG-25	Copper King mine	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	200	-	-	-	2000
4		Verde district												
	JER-30	United Verde mine	10	-	-	-	-	-	30	40	-	10	-	50
	JER-32	do.	50	-	-	-	20	-	70	20	30	-	-	200
	JER-33	do.	50	-	-	-	-	-	200	40	-	20	-	200
	JER-34	do.	40	-	-	-	-	-	300	70	-	-	-	300
	JER-35	do.	70	-	-	-	-	-	60	100	-	-	-	100
	JER-36	do.	30	-	30	-	-	-	100	20	-	-	-	100

METALLOGENIC PROVINCES

TABLE 1. TRACE ELEMENTS IN CHALCOPYRITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
5	ARI-98	Peck district Crown King mine	4000	300	3	20	2	-	5	20	-	5	-	100
6	ARI-99	Bradshaw district Money Metals mine	600	300	-	100	40	-	10	1	-	4	-	30
7	ARI-103A	Minnehaha district 12 mi SW. of Mayer	20	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
8	ARI-66	Swansea district Swansea	3	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	5	-	-	-
	ARI-67	do.	1	-	-	-	8	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
9	MAZ-15	Green Valley district E. foot of N. Peak, Mazatzal Mtns.	2000	20000	2000	400	-	-	200	20	30	≥10000	8000	
10	MIA-12	Miami district Inspiration shaft	40	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	40	-	200
	MIA-13	Live Oak pit	50	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1000	30	-	90
	MIA-14	Inspiration mine	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	200
11	OD-3	Globe district Old Dominion mine	10	-	-	-	2	-	7	3	5	5	-	200
12	MIA-4	Summit district Castle Dome mine	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	-	-	4
	MIA-6	do.	100	-	-	-	60	-	-	6	6	9	-	100
13	MAG-27	Pioneer district Magma mine	8	-	8	-	2	-	8	600	3	6	-	10
	MAG-32	do.	100	1000	900	-	6	6	3	8	7	20	100	70
	MAG-46	do.	30	6000	500	-	3	-	3	2	-	-	100	20

TABLE 1. TRACE ELEMENTS IN CHALCOPYRITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
13	(cont.)	Pioneer district												
	MAG-76	Magma mine	10	-	20	-	-	-	20	20	-	-	-	30
14		Copper Mountain district												
	MCI-9	Arizona Central mine	50	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
15		Mineral Creek district												
	RAY-12	Ray pit	70	-	20	-	-	-	9	10	100	-	-	30
	RAY-14	do.	40	-	-	-	2	-	30	200	-	-	-	20
	RAY-15	Ray (surface)	50	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	-	20
	RAY-16	Ray, No. 4 well	50	-	8	-	-	-	50	20	-	-	-	80
16		Banner district												
	CHR-3	Christmas mine	10	-	-	-	20	-	10	400	60	40	-	30
17		Stanley district												
	ARI-113	Unnamed prospect	2	-	200	-	4	-	-	60	200	70	-	10
	ARI-114	do.	<1	-	60	-	1	-	-	200	20	100?	-	-
18		Bunker Hill district												
	CHA-1	Childs-Aldwinkle mine	3	2000	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	6	-	100
	CHA-10	do.	9	-	400	-	-	-	3	3	6	-	-	20
	CHA-12	do.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	30
	CHA-27	do.	<1	-	-	-	30	-	-	30	5	3	-	-
	CHA-40	do.	2	-	-	-	6	-	7	1	4	-	-	200
19		Mammoth, San Manuel district												
	SM-7	San Manuel mine	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	30
	SM-8	do.	20	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	8	3	-	30

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
20		Silver Bell district												
	AT-1	Atlas mine	50	-	40	-	10	-	10	10	-	10	-	-
	AT-2	do.	60	-	20	80	50	-	30	400	80	20	-	20
	AT-3	do.	200	-	30	-	30	-	10	30	9	70	-	-
	AT-4	do.	100	-	10	-	20	-	10	7	-	8	-	-
21		Ajo district												
	AJ-36	New Cornelia mine	40	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	40
	AJ-37	do.	40	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	AJ-38	do.	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	8
	AJ-40	do.	50	-	20	-	7	-	7	2	-	-	-	5
	AJ-41	do.	100	-	-	-	2	-	-	100	7	-	-	40
22		Gunsight district												
	CM-1	Copper Mtn. mine	200	400	500	-	70	-	7	4	-	7	-	10
23		Amole district												
	ARI-108A	Mile Wide mine	6	-	30	-	-	-	9	100	10	-	-	-
24		Cochise district												
	JO-1 + 2	Johnson camp	6	-	5	-	9	-	20	500	20	30	-	20
27		Pima district												
	PIM-2	San Xavier Ext. mine	60	-	50	-	6	-	-	6	3	4	-	-
	PIM-3	Pima mine	400	2000	30	-	100	-	70	20	400	20	-	70
	PIM-4	do.	40	-	20	-	30	-	100	300	10	5	-	40
	PIM-6	do.	60	-	6	-	30	-	50	200	-	6	-	50
28		Helvetia district												
	ARI-107	McClary's mine	400	-	9	-	200	-	20	-	100	10	-	200
	ARI-110	Exile and King mine	200	-	-	-	10	-	30	500	20	3	-	40

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
33		Warren district												
	BI-52	Junction shaft	40	-	20	-	-	-	400	80	-	20	-	200
	BI-53	do.	70	-	20	-	-	-	400	300	10	-	-	200
	BI-54	do.	30	-	-	-	-	-	400	30	-	-	-	100
	BI-56	Campbell shaft	60	-	-	-	-	-	1000	90	10	-	-	200
35		Patagonia, Duquesne district												
	ARI-85	Santa Nino mine	60	-	9	-	20	-	-	20	600	-	-	40
	SN-1	do.	40	-	-	-	40	-	70	20	-	20	-	40
	SN-4	do.	100	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	-	-	50
	ARI-108B	Morning Glory mine	30	-	-	-	-	-	80	700	-	-	-	30
		CALIFORNIA												
36		Afterthought district												
	AFT-3	Afterthought mine	1	400	-	10	4	2	-	2	-	20	-	-
37		Lights Canyon district												
	SUP-13	Superior mine	1000	-	-	-	2	-	9	600	-	-	-	20
38		Nevada City district												
	IMM-56	Idaho Maryland mine	<1	-	-	200	1	-	3	-	-	6	-	-
40		Fairplay district												
	C-229	Consumnes mine	40	-	100	-	1	-	-	2	-	10	-	20
41		Pine Creek district												
	C-220	Pine Creek	<1	500	3	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	-	70
44		Argus Range												
	MS-17	Mtn. Springs Canyon	100	-	4	40	2	-	1	7	-	-	-	-

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
45		Woody district												
	C-257	Greenback mine	20	-	-	-	20	-	10	-	-	70	-	100
47		Cima district												
	C-151	Evening Star mine	30	-	-	70	-	-	400	6	-	10	-	1000
48		Ord district												
	C-256	Painsville mine	7	-	4	-	3	-	10	30	-	10	-	-
50		Tujunga district												
	C-263	Pacoima Canyon	2000	-	-	60	8	-	9	30	-	10	-	30
51		Crestmore district												
	C-261	Crestmore mine	800	-	300	10	1	-	20	-	-	200	-	40
52		Julian district												
	C-260	Friday mine	3	-	-	-	100	-	-	20	-	>1000	-	10
53		Cargo Muchacho district												
	CMU-29	Cargo Muchacho COLORADO	1000	-	1	20	-	-	20	300	-	-	100	-
54		Ward district												
	COL-102	Albion mine	3000	5000	-	20	1	-	2	600	90	9	500	50
55		Kremmling district												
	COL-80	Kremmling	30	100	40	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
	COL-81	do.	70	300	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	600	-
56		Central City district												
	COL-100	Bobtail incline	30	700	100	-	-	-	200	9	10	-	-	100
57		Idaho Springs district												
	COL-94	Plutus mine	80	100	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	7	-	7
	COL-95	Bride mine	2000	8000	-	90	2	-	3	20	20	-	9000	20

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
58		Griffith district												
	COL-91	Georgetown	2000	1000	9	-	<1	-	200	-	10	20	1000	-
60		Red Cliff district												
	COL-106	Gilman	70	-	-	-	-	-	40	2	-	4	-	2000
	COL-107	Rocky Pt. horizon	200	-	-	-	1	40	200	2	-	-	-	900
62		Fremont Pass district												
	CL-14	Climax Molybdenum mine	60	-	9	-	50	-	200	700	10	5	-	800
65		Roaring Fork district												
	COL-101	Aspen	200	-	-	-	10	-	10	2000	70	9	-	-
67		Cebolla district												
	COL-83	Red Top mine	70	2000	-	-	6	-	60	1	-	-	-	2000
69		Uncompahgre district												
	OU-1	Des Ouray ore chute	1000	9000	80	30	-	-	7	200	-	-	800	40
	OU-2	Benack tunnel	500	-	5	300	-	-	40	600	8	-	300	200
70		Sneffels district												
	COL-113	Camp Bird mine	7	-	20	7	7	-	6	50	-	-	-	-
72		Iron Springs district												
	COL-108	Alta mine	300	-	1000	80	1	20	?	8000	-	5	-	-
74		Animas district												
	COL-110	Green Mtn. mine	200	-	2	600	10	-	2	100	-	6	-	-
75		Pioneer district												
	COL-104	Blackhawk mine	30	-	200	20	1	-	300	50	-	4	-	2000
		NEW MEXICO.												
76		Willow Creek district												
	PEC-2	Pecos mine	50	-	-	30	-	-	2	20	-	20	-	4

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76	(cont.)	Willow Creek district												
	PEC-3	Pecos mine	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	8
78		San Pedro district												
	NM-60	San Pedro district	400	-	10	-	2	-	7	200	20	40	-	-
	NM-69	San Pedro mine	200	-	5	20	70	-	7	8	-	500	-	-
79		Magdalena district												
	MG-1	Magdalena district	600	-	2000	40	-	-	3	20	-	-	-	-
80		Nogal district												
	NM-74	Tommy LeMay claim	9	-	-	200	1	-	-	3	-	50	-	-
	NM-75	do.	60	-	-	-	<1	-	-	200	-	5	-	-
82		Hermosa district												
	HE-5	Nana mine	2000	-	-	30	-	-	-	40	6	-	600	4
	HE-6	do.	20000	-	-	50	4	-	-	200	400	10	500	-
83		Fierro-Hanover district												
	BH-14	Black Hawk Cons. mines	20	-	20	-	10	-	-	200	-	4	-	-
	OS-1	Oswaldo No. 1 mine	100	-	-	-	6	-	-	400	-	-	-	-
84		Steeple Rock district												
	NM-25	Carlisle mine	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NM-70	do.	200	-	-	500	2	-	-	30	-	-	-	4
	NM-71	Gold-Silver mine	70	-	-	10	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	3
85		Santa Rita district												
	G-3	Groundhog mine	40	-	-	-	3	-	10	7	3	9	-	-
	G-4	do.	20	-	-	-	4	-	-	10	-	3	-	-
	G-6	do.	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	2	-	-

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
85	(cont.)	Santa Rita district												
	G-11	Groundhog mine	100	-	60	-	20	-	2	300	-	-	-	8
	SR-15	Ivanhoe lease	1000	-	-	100	20	-	-	100	-	-	-	-
	SR-16	Chino mine	40	-	-	-	20	-	-	400	4	6	-	6
	SR-17	do.	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	10	4	6	-	30
88		Orogrande district												
	NM-79	Jim mine	20	-	4	-	-	-	10	40	-	3	-	-
	NM-80	Lucky mine	40	-	-	-	5	-	10	30	20	30	-	5
89		Organ district												
	NM-57	Stevenson Bennett mine	90	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	-	10	-	-
90		Lordsburg district												
	CAM-11	85 mine	300	-	600	-	-	-	20	-	8	-	-	-
	CAM-21	do.	200	-	20	-	-	-	10	200	-	6	-	8
	CAM-22	do.	60	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
	CAM-24	do.	5	-	40	-	-	-	8	10	-	60	-	-
	CAM-25	do.	7	-	10	-	-	-	30	6	2	-	-	6
	CAM-27	do.	80	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	-	6	-	-
	NM-30	do.	70	-	-	-	3	-	10	100	-	4	-	-
	NM-28	Banner mine	100	-	7	-	-	-	2	5	4	20	-	-
	NM-32	do.	50	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	3	-	-
	NM-62	Lordsburg district	20	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
91		Eureka district												
	NM-76	Little Hatchet Mtns.	90	-	90	-	2	-	2	200	-	30	-	-
	NM-77	do.	90	-	600	20	1	-	50	4	10	8	-	-

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
NEVADA														
92		Mountain City district												
	N-168	Mtn. City copper	6	-	5	-	20	-	-	20	30	8	-	30
93		Jackson Creek district												
	N-159	Humboldt King claims	2	-	8	-	80	2	-	1	-	90	-	-
94		Tuscarora district												
	N-86	Independence mine	400	-	-	70	1	-	3	5	-	-	300	40
98		Safford district												
	N-138	Safford district	700	1000	-	-	50	-	1	100	20	100	-	6
	N-140	do.	3000	-	-	100	3	-	5	2000	-	3	-	-
99		Railroad district												
	N-142	Railroad district	100	-	10	300	10	-	10	3000	-	9	-	400
102		Bullion district												
	N-148	Elder Creek	1000	200	3	200	80	-	8	20	-	200	-	200
103		Dolly Varden district												
	N-162	Victoria mine	100	-	-	-	10	-	4	3	-	80	-	-
	N-163	do.	200	-	-	-	4	-	5	2	-	50	-	8
110		Reese River district												
	N-146	Austin	100	600	-	-	2	7	2	200	-	-	-	200
112		Comstock district												
	COM-1	Comstock district	4000	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-
	VI-1	Cons. California and Virginia mine	2000	-	-	10	-	-	-	40	70	-	-	-
113		Ely district												
	ELY-13	Emma-Nevada mine	20	-	-	-	300	-	-	7	-	8	-	100

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
113	(cont.)	Ely district												
	ELY-18	Ruth mine	70	-	-	-	40	-	-	200	-	7	-	20
	ELY-19	do.	70	-	-	-	70	-	-	100	-	40	-	30
	ELY-23	Morris mine	50	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	10	7	-	40
	ELY-24	do.	50	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	3	7	-	30
115		Buckskin district												
	N-128	Buckskin district	500	-	3	20	7	-	5	70	-	6	-	8
116		Yerington district												
	YER-2	Yerington Copper Co.	<1	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
	YER-4	Ludwig mine	30	-	-	-	5	3	-	1	-	400	-	-
	YER-5	Mason Valley mines	2	-	-	-	100	-	-	7	-	100	-	-
117		Gardnerville district												
	N-154	Ruby Hill mine	100	-	-	80	-	-	2	30	-	10	-	40
	N-157	do.	60	-	-	20	3	-	-	10	6	-	-	10
	N-158	do.	50	-	-	10	6	-	-	20	5	-	-	40
120		Santa Fe district												
	N-87	8 mi N. of Luning	200	200	-	10	200	-	10	10	-	-	-	10
	N-97	Emma mine	100	-	7	10	100	-	4	90	10	40	-	30
	N-100	Champion mine	30	-	-	30	-	-	1	300	40	-	-	6
123		Silver Star district												
	N-95	Gold Range district	90	-	30	60	1	-	10	1	-	-	-	5
125		Tonopah district												
	TON-78	Montana Tonopah mine	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
	TON-79	do.	2000	-	20	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	-	80
	TON-85	MacNamara mine	2000	-	-	-	-	5	-	6	-	-	300	-

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126	N-114	Jack Rabbit district Bristol district	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	2	-	-	6
129	N-164	Tem Piute district Lincoln mine	100	-	-	20	-	-	3	400	-	10	-	100
130	N-160	Bullfrog district Beatty	40	-	-	-	-	-	<1	<1	-	-	-	-
	N-161	do.	60	-	-	-	40	-	20	2	-	200	-	40
131	KW-1	Copper King district Key West mine	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	7	-	300	-	7
	KW-3	do.	20	100	4	-	-	-	-	7	-	70	-	6
133	N-116	Eldorado district Callahan & Averal property	3000	400	600	-	40	-	-	200	2	200	-	-
		UTAH												
135	PC-12	Uinta district New Park mine	500	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
	PC-16	do.	500	-	500	-	-	-	70	40	-	-	-	-
	PC-17	do.	100	-	20	-	-	-	50	3	-	-	-	-
136	BIN-7	Bingham district Utah Apex mine	30	-	8	7	-	-	50	70	-	-	-	200
	BIN-8	Highland Boy mine	200	-	2000	20	-	-	100	300	-	-	-	900
	BIN-12	Utah Apex mine	200	-	200	-	-	-	40	20	-	-	-	400
	BIN-14	Bingham mine (pit)	100	-	20	-	10	-	6	8	-	20	-	40
137	UT-31	American Fork district Silver Wave Min. Co.	20	-	-	-	7	-	1	80	60	-	-	10

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
137	(cont.)	American Fork district												
	UT-41	American Fork district	20	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	30	-	80
138		Ophir district												
	UT-42	Hidden Treasure mine	800	-	-	100	5	3	-	200	-	20	-	100
139		Gold Hill district												
	UT-45A	Gold Hill	200	-	-	-	6	-	20	2	80	-	-	40
141		San Rafael district												
	UT-38	Lucky Strike mine	1	4000	-	100	3000	200	-	-	300	1000	-	-
142		Frisco district												
	UT-43	O.K. mine	10	-	20	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	7
143		White Canyon district												
	UT-44	Happy Jack mine	200	700	-	-	300	20	-	400	90	100	-	-
		MONTANA												
172		Butte district												
	BU-36	Mountain Con mine	30	4000	40	-	-	40	1	3	-	-	800	50
	BU-45	do.	200	-	100	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-
		MEXICO												
		CHIHUAHUA												
145		Temosachic,												
		Guerrero district												
	CA-7	Calera mine	400	-	-	30	4	-	2	500	10	-	-	-
146		Magistral,												
		Iturbide district												
	MEX-47	Magistral mine	20	-	-	-	90	-	9	<1	-	60	-	-

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147		San Diego, Iturbide district												
	SE-94	San Antonio mine	200	-	-	40	1	-	1	400	-	-	-	5000
	SE-95	do.	50	-	-	30	1	-	1	300	-	5	-	5000
149		Guerrero, Guerrero district												
	MEX-48	Guadalupe mine	30	-	30	-	20	-	7	4	-	10	-	-
152		Los Reyes, Jimenez district												
	MEX-45	Los Reyes mine	60	-	-	-	100	-	10	1	-	50	-	-
153		El Parral, Hidalgo district												
	PAR-3	Parral unit	200	-	-	30	30	-	-	2	-	3	200	-
154		Alisos, Andres del Rio district												
	MEX-35	El Carmen mine	<1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
	MEX-36	do.	<1	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
		DURANGO												
159		Reina de Cobre, Cuencame district												
	VEL-1	Reina de Cobre mine	60	200	-	30	400	-	-	50	-	30	-	8
	VEL-2	do.	200	100	-	20	90	-	<1	60	-	30	-	9
160		San Lucas, San Juan del Rio district												
	MEX-37	Santa Cruz mine	60	-	-	-	-	-	200	1	-	4	500	-

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Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
160	(cont.)	San Lucas, San Juan del Rio district												
	MEX-38	Santa Cruz mine	100	-	-	-	-	-	100	1	-	6	300	-
	MEX-39	do.	600	-	1000	50	-	-	200	300	-	7	2000	-
162		Tayoltita, San Dimas district												
	TAY-1	Tayoltita	50	-	-	-20	4	-	50	10	-	4	-	300
163		SAN LUIS POTOSI												
		Matehuala, Gatorce district												
	MAT-1	Dolores unit	60	-	50	200	30	-	60	20	-	10	-	1000
	MAT-2	do.	60	-	5	300	10	-	20	100	-	-	-	2000
165		SONORA												
		Cananea, Arispe district												
	CN-20	Puertocitos open cut	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	-	-	-
	CN-33	Colorado mine	60	-	4	-	4	-	-	2	20	20	-	20
	CN-35	do.	40	-	50	-	3	-	-	20	-	20	-	10
	CN-37	do.	20	-	20	-	20	-	-	2	-	-	-	50
	CN-38	Cananea Duluth mine	90	-	90	-	2	-	-	60	-	-	-	4
166		Nacozari, Arispe district												
	NAC-6	Pilares mine	50	-	-	-	-	-	70	5	40	-	-	90
	NAC-7	do.	40	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	20	-	-	40
	NAC-9	do.	70	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	30	-	-	50
	NAC-18	do.	9	-	-	-	-	-	40	10	20	-	-	200

TABLE 1. TRACE ELEMENTS IN CHALCOPYRITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn
167		Santa Domingo, Arispe district												
	NAC-21	Santa Domingo mine	7	-	-	-	1	-	20	600	-	4	-	80
168		Santa Barbara, Hermosillo district												
	MEX-29	Alaska mine	<1	-	2000	-	-	3	10	800	-	-	-	20
	MEX-30	do.	2	-	4	-	-	2	10	200	-	-	-	10
	MEX-31	do.	6	-	2	-	-	-	6	50	-	-	-	6
169		San Javier, Hermosillo district												
	MEX-26	Cerro Verde prop. ZACATECAS	<1	-	4	-	-	-	4	900	-	-	-	30
170		Sain Alto, Sombrerete district												
	MEX-52	San Martin mine	2000	200	10	100	9	-	1	100	-	30	300	2000
171		Sombrerete, Sombrerete district												
	MEX-49	Tocayos mine	2000	-	-	40	1	-	-	<1	-	-	7000	60

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (In parts per million)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
ARIZONA																
1		Wallapai district														
	CHL-10	Towne mine	200	-	10	5000	10	6	-	200	900	-	-	-	-	-
	CHL-11	Keystone mine	200	-	3	2000	4	10	-	600	2000	-	-	-	-	-
2		Cedar Valley district														
	CW-1	Copper Worldmine	8	-	2	2000	5	20	2	10	400	-	-	-	10	-
3		Eureka district														
	BAG-24	Copper Queen mine	1	-	-	2000	40	20	20	-	400	10	-	-	30	-
	BAG-28	do.	<1	100	-	2000	10	10	7	3	200	6	-	-	100	-
	BAG-29	Copper King mine	2	200	-	3000	30	20	3	5	500	-	-	-	200	-
4		Verde district														
	JER-37	United Verde mine	40	800	-	5000	40	200	90	300	200	-	10	-	1000	-
	JER-361	do.	4	-	-	4000	10	90	-	200	700	50	-	-	800	-
5		Peck district														
	ARI-98	Crown King mine	100	-	-	3000	200	20	-	40	1000	-	-	-	10	-
6		Bradshaw district														
	ARI-99	Money Metals mine	20	-	6	5000	400	9	-	200	800	-	-	-	-	-
12		Summit district														
	MIA-4	Castle Dome mine	20	-	-	3000	80	-	-	50	400	20	8	-	8	-
	MIA-6	do.	20	-	-	4000	-	-	-	20	800	-	-	-	-	-
13		Pioneer district														
	MAG-27	Magma mine	300	-	9	3000	10	-	-	100	2000	-	10	-	10	-
	MAG-75	do.	300	-	100	2000	5	200	8	300	2000	-	-	-	9	-
14		Copper Mtn. district														
	MCL-9	Arizona Central mine	90	-	2	20000	30	9	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
19		Mammoth, Tiger, San Manuel district														
	MAM-6	Mammoth mine	200	-	4	4000	-	50	-	-	50	-	-	200	500	-
	MAM-9	do.	40	-	1	8000	60	10	-	20	600	-	-	-	-	-
	MAM-11	do.	40	-	2	9000	20	6	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-
20		Silver Bell district														
	ARI-104	Stump mine	2	-	3	6000	200	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
	AT-1	Atlas mine	10	-	70	4000	800	2	-	80	2000	-	70	-	-	-
	AT-5	do.	2	-	3	4000	400	8	-	200	2000	-	80	-	-	-
	AT-6	do.	2	-	100	4000	400	-	-	70	2000	-	40	-	-	-
	AT-7	do.	4	-	3	3000	300	-	-	40	5000	-	50	-	-	-
25		Dragoon district														
	AB-1	Abril mine	100	-	4000	3000	200	-	-	-	3000	-	20	-	-	-
	AB-2	do.	30	-	500	4000	300	-	-	-	1000	-	30	-	-	-
	ARI-100	Senecia mine	2	-	30	4000	10	-	-	50	4000	-	-	-	-	-
	SJ-1	San Juan mine	20	-	50	5000	200	10	-	20	2000	2	3	-	-	-
	SJ-2	do.	200	-	2000	4000	200	-	-	10	1000	20	-	-	-	-
	SJ-3	do.	3	-	10	4000	100	-	-	-	2000	-	3	-	-	-
26		California district														
	ARI-112	Hilltop mine	3	-	-	4000	10	30	-	-	1000	200	3	-	8	-
27		Pima district														
	PIM-2	San Xavier Ext. mine	30	-	-	5000	300	-	-	40	3000	-	10	-	-	-
	PIM-7	do.	2	-	-	3000	60	-	-	-	3000	-	-	-	-	-
	PIM-8	do.	20	-	80	3000	100	-	-	10	2000	-	3	-	4	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
29		Tombstone district														
	TB-12	Ingersoll mine	200	-	1	5000	-	200	3	2	40000	-	-	90	40	-
	TB-14	Silver Thread mine	300	2000	-	5000	100	20	-	-	20000	7	20	400	-	-
	TB-15	Toughnut mine	1	-	10	6000	60	-	-	-	1000	-	-	-	-	-
30		Tyndall district														
	TY-1	Tyndall district	20	-	5	3000	400	20	-	-	1000	-	-	-	20	-
	TY-2	do.	200	-	400	3000	300	2	-	-	2000	-	-	-	6	-
31		Harshaw district														
	ARI-106	Trench mine	30	-	-	4000	-	30	20	-	30	-	-	-	-	-
32		Oro Blanco district														
	MON-2	Montana mine	300	-	-	8000	50	-	-	3	2000	-	-	100	-	-
	MON-3	do.	60	-	-	9000	30	-	-	-	500	-	-	60	-	-
33		Warren district														
	BI-58	Sacramento mine	30	-	100	4000	-	9	-	100	2000	-	-	-	20	-
	BI-59	Junction mine	3	-	2	3000	-	2	-	10	3000	-	-	-	-	-
	BI-60	Bisbee	5	-	-	5000	20	-	-	200	30	-	-	-	-	-
34		Hereford district														
	ARI-115	Hereford	7	-	-	10000	30	-	-	-	80	-	20	200	-	-
35		Patagonia, Duquesne district														
	ARI-105	Duquesne mine CALIFORNIA	<1	-	-	3000	100	-	-	30	6000	-	-	-	-	-
39		Ophir district														
	C-153	Hathaway mine	900	-	-	9000	7	-	-	9	40	-	7	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
42		Cerro Gordo district														
	C-171	Estelle mine	90	-	-	6000	-	200	40	20	500	-	5	-	30	-
43		Darwin district														
	DA-13	Thompson tunnel	20	-	-	7000	10	70	-	20	6000	-	10	-	30	-
	DA-20	Defiance mine	50	-	4	6000	5	200	-	40	3000	-	10	-	200	-
46		Saratoga district														
	C-258	Shoshone mine	200	-	-	4000	3	20	-	40	100	-	-	90	100	-
	C-259	do.	70	-	-	4000	-	6	-	200	90	-	-	50	90	-
49		Oro Grande district														
	AD-14	Adelanto district	<1	-	-	5000	20	30	-	20	5000	-	-	-	-	-
51		Crestmore district														
	C-175	Crestmore mine	3	3000	-	10000	-	-	-	9	1000	2	-	-	-	-
	C-261	do.	50	-	20	10000	50	10	-	70	200	-	10	-	60	-
		COLORADO														
54		Ward district														
	COL-102	Albion mine	300	700	-	2000	-	4	-	20	3000	20	-	-	5	-
55		Kremmling district														
	COL-80	Kremmling	900	-	1000	3000	-	30	-	90	50	-	-	-	-	-
	COL-81	do.	10	-	4	3000	-	20	-	100	60	-	-	-	-	-
57		Idaho Springs district														
	COL-95	Bride mine	400	1000	-	6000	-	60	50	20	2000	-	-	2000	6	-
	COL-96	do.	100	600	-	6000	7	30	8	100	3000	-	-	-	6	-
58		Griffith district														
	COL-92	Silver Plume mine	60	-	-	5000	70	5	-	-	200	3	-	-	-	-
	COL-93	Molini tunnel	<1	-	-	4000	90	-	-	10	400	-	20	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
58	(cont.)	Griffith district														
	COL-117	Jo Reynolds vein	200	-	-	4000	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	20	-
59		Montezuma district														
	COL-111	Fisherman vein	80	-	-	4000	10	60	20	-	200	-	-	-	20	-
60		Red Cliff district														
	COL-105	Gilman	40	-	-	4000	-	80	-	50	500	-	-	-	1000	-
61		Tenmile district														
	COL-82	Sheep mountain	400	-	-	5000	-	30	-	80	700	-	-	-	30	-
63		Leadville district														
	COL-85	Little Ellen hill	100	-	10	5000	20	-	-	200	2000	5	8	-	10	-
	COL-86	do.	30	-	-	4000	-	-	-	40	1000	3	-	-	8	-
64		Buckskin district														
	COL-115	Russia mine	2000	-	-	6000	30	-	-	-	300	3	-	2000	-	-
	COL-116	do.	7000	-	-	7000	30	-	-	-	40	8	-	300?	-	-
66		Elk Mtn. district														
	COL-84	Crested Butte district	200	-	-	7000	200	8	-	300	2000	-	-	-	10	-
68		Kerber Creek district														
	COL-88	Blue Moon lode	200	-	-	7000	-	400	50	300	2000	-	-	-	-	20
	COL-90	Pawley mine	100	-	-	6000	-	300	40	60	800	-	-	-	-	40
69		Uncompahgre district														
	OU-2	Benack tunnel	50	-	3	3000	3	10	-	100	600	4	-	-	50	-
	OU-3	do.	60	-	-	3000	6	9	-	-	400	-	-	-	7	-
70		Sneffels district														
	COL-113	Camp Bird mine	7	-	5	5000	100	-	-	60	900	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
71		Eureka district														
	COL-118	Sunnyside mine	40	-	4	4000	-	-	-	20	3000	-	-	-	2	-
72		Iron Springs district														
	COL-109	Alta mine	300	-	20	4000	6	9	-	-	2000	-	-	400	4	-
73		Creede district														
	COL-114	Amethyst mine	3	-	-	8000	90	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-
74		Animas district														
	COL-110	Green Mtn. mine	500	-	5	8000	60	4	-	9	1000	7	-	100	-	-
75		Pioneer district														
	COL-103	Enterprise mine	100	-	-	9000	-	20	-	-	3000	-	-	-	5	-
		NEW MEXICO														
76		Willow Creek district														
	NM-58	Willow Creek district	800	-	100	3000	9	100	-	10	400	2	2	500	40	-
77		Cerrillos district														
	NM-65	Cerrillos district	9	-	-	5000	40	30	-	20	50	-	-	-	4	-
	NM-66	Pennsylvania mine	3	-	-	3000	-	10	3	-	3000	-	-	-	-	-
79		Magdalena district														
	MG-1	Magdalena district	200	-	500	4000	30	-	-	60	600	-	-	-	-	-
	MG-2	do.	20	-	100	4000	100	-	-	50	800	-	-	-	-	-
	MG-3	do.	60	-	-	5000	4	-	-	-	2000	-	-	-	-	-
80		Nogal district														
	NM-74	Tommy LeMay claim	40	-	-	10000	30	4	-	-	60	-	40	-	2	-
81		Mogollon district														
	NM-67	Mogollon district	30	-	-	3000	7	-	-	-	3000	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
81	(cont.)	Mogollon district														
	NM-68	Mogollon district	20	-	300	1000	200	-	-	8	2000	-	300	-	-	-
82		Hermosa district														
	HE-1	Day tunnel	30	-	-	5000	60	-	-	-	70	5	-	-	-	-
	HE-3	do.	30	-	-	5000	30	2	-	-	200	10	-	-	200	-
	HE-5	Nana mine	1000	-	1	5000	40	20	-	-	300	-	-	-	5	-
83		Fierro-Hanover district														
	BH-6	Black Hawk mine	200	-	80	2000	100	-	-	30	4000	-	8	-	-	-
	BH-9	do.	30	-	80	2000	200	-	-	30	2000	-	20	-	-	-
	HAN-5	N. J. Zinc Co. mine	50	-	3	2000	20	-	-	20	2000	-	-	-	-	-
	HAN-6	do.	80	-	3	2000	60	-	-	-	600	-	7	-	-	-
	HAN-16	do.	50	-	4	1000	40	-	-	30	3000	-	-	-	-	-
	HAN-19	Surface outcrop	90	-	50	4000	-	-	-	100	7000	-	-	-	-	-
	HAN-20	Empire Zinc mine	2	-	2	2000	30	-	-	-	20000	-	1	-	100	-
	NM-54	Shingle Canyon mine	400	-	7	2000	10	-	-	200	4000	-	20	-	-	-
	NM-55	do.	20	-	40	3000	40	10	-	200	400	-	-	-	20	-
	OS-1	Oswaldo No. 1 mine	70	-	60	2000	100	-	-	40	2000	-	-	-	-	-
	PEW-8	Pewabic mine	20	-	4	1000	300	20	-	60	1000	30	20	-	-	-
	PEW-9	do.	40	-	2	2000	200	10	-	60	2000	-	10	-	-	-
	PEW-12	do.	30	-	3	2000	200	-	-	60	1000	-	20	-	-	-
	PEW-13	do.	200	-	700	1000	200	-	-	50	3000	-	9	-	-	-
84		Steeple Rock district														
	NM-25	Carlisle mine	20	-	2	20000	100	8	-	-	300	-	-	-	7	-
	NM-70	do.	300	-	-	7000	50	9	-	-	500	-	-	-	20	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
85		Santa Rita district														
	G-3	Groundhog mine	30	-	2	4000	7	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-
	G-4	do.	200	-	2	2000	60	-	-	100	2000	-	5	-	-	-
	G-11	do.	100	-	40	800	60	-	-	20	2000	-	-	-	-	-
	G-18	do.	70	-	7	3000	30	-	-	-	2000	-	-	-	-	-
	OS-2	Oswaldo No. 2 mine	100	-	4	3000	6	-	-	30	500	-	-	-	10	-
	OS-4	do.	90	-	8	3000	5	-	-	100	1000	-	-	-	8	-
	SR-15	Ivanhoe lease	100	-	20	3000	60	-	-	20	1000	-	-	-	-	-
86		Burro Mtns. district														
	NM-59	Little Burro Mtns.	500	200	-	4000	60	5	-	-	300	-	-	40	20	-
87		Cooks Peak district														
	NM-63	Cooks Peak district	80	-	-	4000	-	-	-	20	600	5	-	-	-	-
	NM-64	do.	20	-	-	3000	-	-	-	100	300	7	-	-	90	-
89		Organ district														
	ORG-2	Merrimac mine	20	-	200	1000	200	-	-	8	2000	-	30	-	-	-
	ORG-4	do.	60	-	>4000	1000	100	2	-	7	1000	-	20	20	10	-
90		Lordsburg district														
	CAM-23	85 mine	30	-	-	4000	80	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
	CAM-26	do.	4	-	-	6000	20	10	-	10	40	-	-	-	-	-
		NEVADA														
95		Donnelly district														
	N-111	Comrade mine	10	-	-	5000	8	8	-	10	1000	-	4	200	40?	-
96		Sierra district														
	N-124	Dun Glen mine	200	-	50	8000	-	3	-	40	70	-	-	400	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
97	N-125	Imlay district Nr. Betty LaVerne mine	100	-	30	5000	-	-	-	100	600	-	->7000	-	-	-
98	N-140	Safford district Safford district	200	-	10	4000	90	-	-	-	2000	3	4	-	-	-
100	N-93	Lewis district Eagle mine	4000	300	4	7000	-	20	-	30	7000	-	->7000	20	-	-
101	N-121	Kennedy district Kennedy district	20	-	-	7000	-	20	-	10	4000	-	-	50	-	-
	N-155	do.	100	6000	-	6000	5	50	-	20	2000	-	-	200	-	-
102	N-143	Bullion district Julius mine	8000	300	90	3000	-	7	-	30	200	20	-	20000	5	-
	N-147	Buckingham Mina Consolidated mines	500	200	7	7000	-	90	-	30	10000	-	-	1000	2000	-
	N-149	Gray Eagle mine	400	20000	6	7000	6	30	-	30	3000	-	-	2000	-	-
104	MH-2	Mineral Hill district Mineral Hill mine	500	-	-	3000	-	20	300	-	200	-	3	-	-	-
	MH-3	do.	300	200	-	2000	-	40	>500	-	300	-	-	-	-	-
	MH-4	do.	300	-	-	3000	-	40	300	-	70	-	-	-	8	20
105	PYR-1	Pyramid district Frank Blandin claims	600	700	2	4000	-	40	80	80	300	-	-	2000	10	-
	PYR-2	do.	100	200	6	4000	-	100	6	20	70	30	-	1000	2	-
	PYR-3	do.	900	300	2	7000	-	20	20	10	30	-	4	2000	-	-

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TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
106	N-139	Roberts district Jameson, Fletcher, and Carletti prop.	100	900	2	4000	-	300	1000	-	70	-	-	-	40	100
107	N-126	Cherry Creek district Cherry Creek district	70	-	-	6000	60	10	-	-	2000	-	3	-	300	-
	N-129	Star mine	900	-	-	6000	20	-	-	-	2000	-	-	400	70	-
108	WED-1	Wedekind district	1	-	1	5000	-	30	3	2	2000	-	-	-	3	-
	WED-2	do.	40	-	-	8000	-	60	-	10	1000	-	-	-	-	-
109	N-156	Peavine district Votero Zinc mine	4	-	-	5000	9	100	200	-	40	-	-	-	-	-
111	EU-1	Eureka district Albion mine	700	-	-	6000	6	30	-	100	2000	-	1	800	100	-
114	N-141	Antelope district Keystone lode	200	-	-	3000	90	-	7	6	3000	2	10	-	-	-
117	N-158	Gardnerville district Ruby Hill mine	200	-	-	8000	100	10	80	7	80	-	10	-	4	-
118	N-85	Duckwater district Duckwater	1	-	-	6000	-	8	-	-	700	-	-	-	-	-
119	N-131	Garfield district West of Luning	500	-	3000	7000	7	9	-	40	2000	80	-	-	-	-
	N-135	Mabel mine	70	-	20	9000	5	10	-	5	100	-	-	-	-	-
121	SIM-2	Cedar Mtn. district Simon mine	40	100	100	9000	400	-	-	40	2000	-	30	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
121	(cont.)	Cedar Mtn. district														
	SIM-7	Simon (mina)	400	-	10	4000	100	4	-	-	4000	-	4	100	4	-
	SIM-8	do.	100	-	1	4000	200	1	-	-	6000	-	3	20	3	-
122		Belmont district														
	BEL-3	Belmont	1000	-	9	4000	-	10	-	20	400	-	4	2000	-	-
124		Tybo district														
	N-152	Tybo	30	300	-	5000	-	-	-	80	1000	-	-	-	-	-
127		Pioche district														
	N-21	Comb. Metals mine	60	-	-	4000	-	60	20	30	500	-	7	-	300	-
	PIO-2	do.	200	200	-	6000	10	90	>100	40	500	-	8	-	300	-
	PIO-9	Pioche	90	100	-	5000	-	80	300	-	400	-	9	-	600	-
	PIO-12	Black Ledge, Pioche mines	300	200	8	3000	-	8	500	-	90	20	10	20	3	-
128		Goldfield district														
	GFD-37	White Rock shaft	400	200	70	9000	-	500	70	700	20	-	-	1000	-	-
129		Tem Piute district														
	N-165	Lincoln mine	<1	-	-	4000	10	-	-	100	5000	-	6	-	-	-
	N-166	do.	1	-	-	3000	20	-	6	80	9000	-	10	-	-	-
132		Yellow Pine district														
	GS-34	Potosi mine	600	700	1	10000	-	4	700	-	-	-	8	200	-	-
	GS-43	do.	700	100	1	6000	-	4	600	-	-	-	6	40	-	-
	GS-44	do.	500	300	2	7000	6	30	700	-	-	200	10	-	6	-
	GS-45	do.	100	400	1	8000	3	10	700	-	-	30	30	300	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
UTAH																
134		Big Cottonwood district														
	UT-46	Cottonwood Canyon	50	1000	3	6000	-	>700	40	10	4000	-	6	60	3	-
135		Uinta district														
	PC-1	Ontario mine	2	-	-	6000	-	10	-	-	7000	-	-	-	100	-
	PC-3	Daly-Judge mine	6	-	-	5000	-	20	-	-	2000	-	-	-	-	-
	PC-10	do.	40	-	-	7000	7	50	-	20	3000	-	-	100	-	-
	PC-12	New Park mine	30	-	-	10000	-	10	-	30	2000	-	-	-	-	-
	PC-13	do.	5	-	-	8000	-	-	-	-	1000	-	-	-	10	-
	PC-16	do.	4	-	-	10000	-	-	-	30	700	-	-	-	-	-
	PC-28	Ontario mine	1	-	-	5000	-	7	-	20	100	-	-	-	100	-
	PC-34	do.	1	-	-	5000	-	9	-	20	500	-	-	-	60	-
136		Bingham district														
	BIN-9	Lark mine	<1	-	-	6000	-	40	-	-	5000	-	-	-	5	-
	BIN-11	Butterfield mine	5	-	-	4000	4	60	-	20	500	3	-	200	20	-
138		Ophir district														
	UT-37	Ophir district	20	-	-	10000	30	20	-	200	4000	-	-	-	-	-
	UT-42	Hidden Treasure mine	60	-	2	7000	8	8	-	-	4000	-	-	-	20	-
140		Tintic district														
	EUR-46	North Lilly mine	20	600	-	6000	-	1	6	5	80	-	-	40	3	10
	UT-29	Chief Cons. mines	600	200	2	8000	8	>400	30	80	90	-	-	2000	-	-
142		Frisco district														
	UT-1	Lincoln mine	40	-	-	5000	-	-	-	200	900	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
142	(cont.)	Frisco district														
	UT-14	Lincoln mine	30	-	-	3000	-	-	-	500	1000	300	-	-	-	-
	UT-33	Milford	30	-	60	5000	100	4	-	60	7000	-	-	-	3	-
		<u>MEXICO</u>														
		BAJA CALIFORNIA														
144		El Triunfo, San Antonio district														
	MEX-32	Humboldt mine	400	-	-	6000	-	100	-	200	200	-	-	3000	4000	-
		<u>CHIHUAHUA</u>														
147		San Diego, Iturbide district														
	SE-94	San Antonio mine	10	-	-	4000	20	-	-	-	2000	-	-	-	4	-
	SE-95	do.	60	-	8	4000	10	-	-	-	3000	-	-	-	20	-
148		Santa Eulalia, Iturbide district														
	SE-96	Potosi mine	10	-	-	9000	-	20	-	8	4000	-	-	-	-	-
	SE-98	Santo Domingomine	20	-	-	5000	10	20	-	10	3000	-	-	-	-	-
149		Guerrero, Guerrero district														
	CA-4	Calera mine	80	-	-	5000	100	-	-	-	2000	20	-	50	-	-
150		Meoqui, Camargo district														
	MEX-28	Las Plomosas mine	100	-	-	3000	-	30	100	-	700	-	-	-	9	-
	MEX-33	do.	40	-	-	3000	-	10	200	-	200	-	-	-	-	-
151		Naica, Camargo district														
	MEX-53	Naica	200	-	-	7000	50	-	-	5	6000	-	-	-	10	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
151	(cont.)	Naica, Camargo district														
	MEX-54	Naica	200	-	30	8000	70	-	-	9	5000	10	-	-	-	-
152		Los Reyes, Jimenez district														
	MEX-46	Josefina y Anexas mine	200	-	-	5000	30	-	-	100	3000	-	-	-	-	-
153		El Parral, Hidalgo district														
	PAR-1	Parral unit	500	-	-	8000	200	8	-	-	1000	-	-	400	-	-
	PAR-2	do.	3000	200	-	4000	70	9	-	-	1000	4	-	1000	200	-
	PAR-4	do.	80	-	-	7000	100	10	-	-	3000	1	-	-	-	-
155		Santa Barbara, Hidalgo district														
	SAF-1	San Francisco del Oro	100	-	-	9000	200	8	-	-	1000	-	5	-	-	-
	SAN-1	Hidalgo vein	30	1000	5	4000	70	-	5?	-	1000	-	-	-	-	-
	SAN-3	La Paz vein	40	-	-	5000	200	20	-	6	2000	3	1	-	-	-
		DURANGO														
156		Penoles, Mapimi district														
	OJ-37	Ojuela mine	200	-	-	6000	-	-	-	30	6000	-	-	300	10	-
	OJ-40	do.	10	-	-	10000	-	9	-	10	3000	-	-	-	-	-
157		Las Vacas, Nombre de Dios district														
	MEX-44	La Fortuna mine	700	-	-	8000	5	10	-	8	300	-	-	1000	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
158		Teneras, Cuencame district														
	VEL-3	Teneras mine	300	900	-	8000	10	50	-	-	2000	-	-	4000	40	-
	VEL-4	do.	30	-	-	8000	8	60	-	-	1000	-	-	400	20	-
159		Reina de Cobre, Cuencame district														
	VEL-1	Reina de Cobre mine	6	-	-	3000	600	7	-	10	2000	-	20	-	-	-
	VEL-2	do.	20	-	-	4000	600	2	-	20	2000	-	20	-	-	-
160		San Lucas, San Juan del Rio district														
	MEX-40	Santa Cruz mine	7	-	3	8000	-	-	-	5	1000	-	-	-	20	-
	MEX-41	do.	700	-	-	8000	5	10	-	8	300	-	-	1000	-	-
161		Panuco de Coronado, San Juan del Rio district														
	MEX-42	Guadalupe Victoria	800	3000	-	9000	200	-	-	30	3000	-	-	3000	10	-
	MEX-43	do.	200	200	-	9000	20	-	-	40	3000	-	-	3000	8	-
		SAN LUIS POTOSI														
164		Charcas, Venado district														
	MEX-34	Charcas	90	-	-	10000	-	-	-	-	3000	-	-	60	10	-
		SONORA														
165		Cananea, Arispe district														
	CN-38	Cananea Duluth mine	200	..	100	2000	300	10	-	80	5000	-	6	-	-	-

TABLE 2. TRACE ELEMENTS IN SPHALERITE (continued)

Dist. No.	Sample No.	Locality	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Ga	Ge	In	Mn	Mo	Ni	Sb	Sn	Tl
165	(cont.)	Cananea, Arispe district														
	CN-39	Cananea Duluthmine	100	400	30	2000	200	-	-	50	700	30	10	500	7	-
	CN-40	Democrata mine	70	200	70	2000	400	-	-	100	1000	-	10	-	-	-
166		Nacozari, Arispe district														
	ELT-3	El Tigre mine	200	-	-	10000	-	300	-	300	2000	-	-	300	200	-
	ELT-7	do.	70	-	-	5000	7	100	-	-	6000	-	-	200	20	-
	ELT-8	do.	200	-	-	9000	-	100	-	300	3000	-	-	500	300	-
		ZACATECAS														
170		Sain Alto, Sombrerete district														
	MEX-52	San Martin mine	300	-	8	4000	-	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	40	-
171		Sombrerete, Sombrerete district														
	MEX-50	Tocayos mine	200	-	-	10000	5	-	-	4	800	70	10	300	10	-
	MEX-51	do.	20	-	-	10000	-	-	-	3	900	3	-	-	100	-

Effects of Conditions of Formation on the Trace-Element Content of Chalcopyrite and Sphalerite

Attempts to associate certain minor and trace' elements, or certain concentrations of elements, with particular types of ore deposits have been one of the chief objectives in nearly all the studies on the distribution of minor and trace elements in sulfide minerals since the very early work of De Launay and Urbain (1910). Except for this earliest work, in which more emphasis was placed on depth of formation, the general tendency has been to relate the minor and trace-element content of certain sulfides, especially sphalerite, to the temperature type of deposit, mostly in terms of the Lindgren classification.

The results of all this previous work have been summarized concisely by Fleischer (1955). The essence of this summary apparently is that several factors affect the trace-element content of sulfide minerals. Among these factors are: (1) Temperature and pressure of formation, (2) the nature of the wall rocks, (3) "regional factors," and perhaps related to this, (4) the amount of the elements present in the ore-forming solutions. It is widely recognized that the amount of the elements present in the ore-forming solutions generally is a determining factor in the trace-element content of sulfides, although Fleischer (1955, p. 975) believes "that the available data support many of the generalizations that have been made linking the concentrations of minor elements with temperature of formation or other factors." However, he also acknowledges that a "regional trend" may have a greater effect "than the generally observed trend due to temperature of formation."

This "generally observed trend" apparently alludes mainly to the fact that sphalerite from the presumed low-temperature deposits of the Mississippi Valley province and from European deposits of Mississippi Valley type are relatively rich in germanium. It is unlikely, however, that the deposits in these two regions are representative of low-temperature deposits the world over. In fact, the evidence presented in Table 2 does not support the premise that sphalerite from epithermal deposits is richest in germanium. Nor does it appear that the overall trace-element content of either sphalerite or chalcopyrite is in general closely related to the type of deposit in which the mineral occurs. This could mean that the deposits included in this study are not properly classified, or that the trace-element content of sphalerite is not sensitive to temperature differences such as are presumed to exist between epithermal and mesothermal conditions, or that the classification has relatively little temperature significance as far as the majority of Cordil-

leran sulfide ore deposits are concerned. All these explanations appear meritorious; thus any attempt here to classify the deposits listed in Tables 1 and 2 is unwarranted.

Many deposits are placed in one or another (sometimes more than one) temperature category of the Lindgren classification on the basis of their mineral composition, and their mineral composition reflects largely their bulk chemical composition. Inasmuch, therefore, as the trace elements are controlled by the same processes that control the major component elements of the ores, it is probable that the chemical history, including the composition of the source material, is fully as important as the so-called temperature type of deposit in determining the trace-element content of the hypogene sulfide minerals.

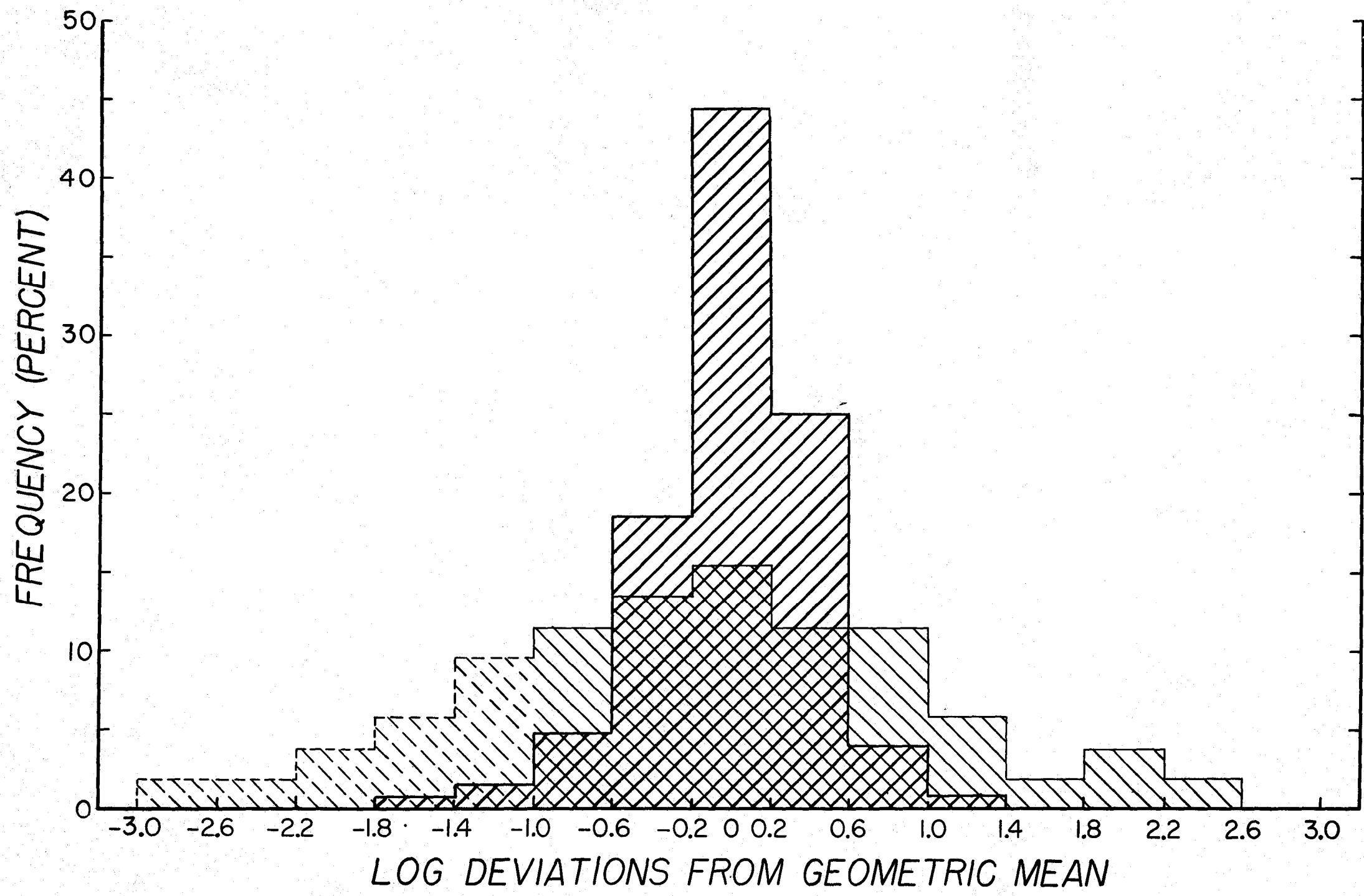


Figure 3

FREQUENCY HISTOGRAMS OF THE LOGARITHMIC DEVIATIONS FROM THE GEOMETRIC-MEAN TIN CONTENT OF CHALCOPYRITE WITHIN EACH MINING DISTRICT (heavy lines) AND AMONG ALL THE MINING DISTRICTS (light lines)

Dashed light lines indicate assumed distribution of deviations of the district means that lie below the spectrographic sensitivity (3 ppm).

Geographic Distribution of Trace Elements in Chalcopyrite

Perhaps it would be desirable, before proceeding to a detailed discussion of the elements, to present additional evidence for the existence of a well-defined geographic distribution of trace elements in chalcopyrite and sphalerite. This can be done on a statistical basis by comparing the variation of the sample means for a given element about the district means, with the variation of the district means about the grand mean for the entire region. That is, a definite geographic distribution is more firmly established if it can be shown that the variance about the grand mean is significantly greater than the variance about the district means. In practice, the approach is to adopt the hypothesis that the variances are equal and then to test this hypothesis at a predetermined level of significance.

An assumption that underlies the simpler tests of the hypothesis of equal variance is that the deviations from the mean are normally distributed, but for most practical purposes it is sufficient that the frequency-distribution curve have a symmetrical bell shape. The assumption of "normality" for deviations from the arithmetic-mean tin content of chalcoprite appears to be invalid, owing to a strong positive skewness of the frequency-distribution curve. However, the deviations of the logarithms of the tin content from the geometric mean appear to approximate closely a normal distribution, as shown in Figure 3. Therefore, the hypothesis of equal variance is tested on the assumption that the deviations of the logarithms of the concentrations from the geometric mean are approximately normally distributed.²

The analysis of the data in Table 1 for the tin content of chalcopyrite is summarized in Table 3. A comparison of the computed variance

TABLE 3. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE OF TIN IN CHALCOPYRITE

SOURCE OF VARIATION	SUM OF SQUARES	DEGREES OF FREEDOM	S ²	F
Among all mining districts	157.17	53	2.966	
Within each mining district	23.06	116	0.199	14.92 ††

$F_{0.99}(40, 120) = 1.76$ (Dixon and Massey, 1951, p. 312)

2. Ahrens (1954) and others have suggested that variations in the trace-element content of igneous rocks and minerals closely approximate a lognormal distribution. This has been questioned (Chayes, 1954) on the ground that other types of distribution might fit the data equally well. However, considerations based on the distribution law indicate that the variations in the trace-element content of a given mineral should tend to be logarithmic functions ($c \ll \exp \mu/RT$, where c is the molar concentration and μ is the chemical potential in the standard state).

ratio (F) with the critical variance ratio at the .01 level of significance indicates that the hypothesis of equal variance must be rejected. Hence, it is concluded that the variations in the tin content of chalcopyrite from district to district are greater than the variations within each mining district. This same conclusion is surmised readily from a comparison of the frequency histograms in Figure 3.

The frequency histogram shown in heavy lines represents the distribution of the logarithms of the tin concentrations about the means for each of the mining districts, and the histogram shown in light lines represents the distribution of the district geometric means about the grand mean for all the mining districts in the sample.

It should be emphasized that all available data have been utilized in the foregoing analysis; i.e., every mining district that is represented in Table 1 by more than one spectrochemical analysis is included in the statistical analysis. Although this procedure furnishes the most accurate statistical information concerning the data utilized in the construction of Plate 1, it does not permit a precise evaluation of the variance that actually exists within each of the mining districts. The reasons are that much material was utilized in the present studies about which nothing is known firsthand, and hence some of which is likely to be labeled incorrectly; and the data are grouped into arbitrary geographic units, the mining districts, the sizes of which are greatly different in different regions.

An estimate of the effect that these and other factors might have on the within-district variance can be obtained by a comparison of the variance of a group of samples, the sources of which are known, with the variance of all the data. Thus, an analysis of variance was made of the tin content of chalcopyrite that was collected by the writer or obtained firsthand from the collector. This analysis is summarized in Table 4, and a comparison with Table 3 reveals that the within-district variance of the reliable data is less than half the within-district variance of all the data. It also is evident from the variance ratio (F) in Table 4 that if the sampling is completely reliable and the geographic unit is the mine or relatively small group of mines, the significance of the differences in "district" averages would appear to be even greater than Table 3 indicates.

TABLE 4. ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE OF TIN IN SELECTED SAMPLES OF CHALCOPYRITE

SOURCE OF VARIATION	SUM OF SQUARES	DEGREES OF FREEDOM	S ²	F
Among selected mining districts	43.27	17	2.545	24.44
Within each selected mining district	3.40	35	0.097	

$F_{0.99}(15, 30) = 2.70$ (Dixon and Massey, 1951, p. 312)

TIN

A pronounced regional distribution of tin in chalcopyrite was recognized early in the present studies; as a result, considerable emphasis has been placed on it. In fact, the realization that tin, perhaps more than any other metal, is concentrated into certain regions of the earth's crust has led to the use of its distribution, as shown in Plate 1, as a model in the construction of other maps that represent distributions which are not so well defined. Conversely, the distributions of other elements, notably silver, have been used to work out some of the details of the tin distribution. For example, without knowledge of the silver distribution, it would have been about as reasonable to continue the Western belt for tin southward, west of district 52 in California.

A very remarkable feature of the distribution of tin, and of other elements as well, is the occurrence of three main belts of relatively high trace-element content in the western United States. These three belts are hereinafter referred to as the Eastern, Central, and Western belts.

Perhaps a note of caution should be expressed here with respect to the interpretation of the beltlike patterns for tin and other elements shown in Plates 1-5. Although there is abundant evidence to indicate that the positions, trends, and approximate widths of the belts are as shown on the maps, some of the details may require alteration when more complete sample coverage is obtained. The main reason for presenting all the data is to permit one to judge for himself the validity of the features shown on the maps. Attention also should be brought here to the logarithmic nature of the pattern intervals in Plates 1-5. This is in keeping with the evidence presented above in support of the thesis that trace elements in minerals appear to be distributed "log-normally." Thus, the darkest pattern on the maps represents concentrations approximately 1,000 times greater than those represented by the lightest pattern.

Another notable feature of the tin distribution in Plate 1 is the continuity of the Central belt. This is in contrast to the Eastern belt, which is very strongly expressed along most of the Colorado mineral belt, but which apparently does not continue through southern New Mexico. However, the tin deposits of the Taylor Creek district, New Mexico, about 60 miles north of district 83, may be significant in connection with the southward extension of the tin-rich belt from Colorado.

The Eastern tin belt is practically severed by a tin-poor area in the San Juan region of southwestern Colorado, and a similar feature occurs in the heart of the Western belt in north-central Nevada (district 98). Although the cause of this phenomenon is not known, the fact that all the deposits which exhibit the anomaly occur in thick piles of tuffaceous volcanic rocks is perhaps significant. Moreover, many of the volcanic rocks in north-central Nevada are notably cassiterite bearing. It appears possible that the higher oxidizing environment of these rocks promotes

the early separation of tin from the sulfide-bearing solutions and its fixation in cassiterite. Perhaps a similar explanation applies to the behavior of indium, which shows essentially the same anomalies. Tin exhibits a well-defined geographic distribution not only as a trace element in chalcopyrite, but as economically important deposits as well. This distribution of tin has been known for many years, and the problems connected with it have been summarized recently by Goldschmidt (1954, p. 392-393) as follows:

A difficult problem in the geochemistry of tin is the question, whether or not tin is distributed evenly in corresponding rocks of different regions of the globe. The data available seem to indicate that there are important regional variations. It was observed long ago, and probably even known to prehistoric man, that an obviously regional concentration existed, but the average amount of tin in ordinary magmatic rocks seems also to show regional variations. The scarcity of tin deposits in the enormous region stretching from the northern Urals to near the North American west coast is certainly not due to the absence of such magmatic rocks as are commonly followed by tin deposits in "tin regions."

Tin is not the only metal which is subject to such regional concentrations and deficiencies. Tungsten in this respect is very closely associated with tin in the same type of deposits. Molybdenum also is subject to regional variations, but these seem to be independent of those of tin and tungsten or even reciprocal to them, as in Norway, where tin and tungsten are practically absent while workable molybdenum deposits are found associated with granites of very different geological ages from early Precambrian to Permian.

The reciprocal relation of molybdenum to tin and tungsten that Goldschmidt suggests is not supported by the present studies, at least not on the trace-element level. A majority of the molybdenum-bearing chalcopyrite deposits, as well as the more important molybdenite deposits, occur within or very close to the tin belts as they are defined in Plate 1. In fact, tin has been a byproduct in the recovery of molybdenum at the Climax mine in Colorado (district 62).

SILVER

The relatively common occurrence and great range in concentration of silver in chalcopyrite combine to produce a relatively well defined geographic distribution, as shown in Plate 2. However, owing to the danger of contamination by silver-bearing minerals, a question arises as to the meaningfulness of some of the high concentrations reported in Table 1. Consequently, no attempt has been made to distinguish on the map the geographic distribution of silver contents in excess of 100 ppm. The area in central Nevada between districts 99, 110, 125, and 130 on one side, and districts 103, 113, and 129 on the other, for lack of information, is covered on the map with the 30- to 100-ppm pattern.

A feature of Plate 2 that is of particular interest is the fairly direct relationship between the silver content of chalcopyrite and the regional productivity of silver (cf. pl. 6). Deserving of mention in this connection

are the Comstock district (112) in western Nevada, the Colorado mineral belt, and many deposits in Chihuahua, Durango, Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi, etc.

COBALT

Maps showing the geographic distribution of cobalt, indium, and nickel were prepared but have been omitted from this presentation mainly because the distributional patterns are the same as for tin and silver in most essential respects. They are represented, moreover, more effectively in their aggregate as the "combined metal content of chalcopyrite" in Plate 3.

Some features of the distribution of cobalt in chalcopyrite that are not apparent in Plate 3 are: (1) The weakness of the Central belt, especially in Arizona; (2) a possible branch in the Western belt in north-western Nevada, extending northward through district 93; (3) the weakness of the Eastern belt in New Mexico; and (4) the occurrence of relatively large amounts of cobalt in the pitchblende-bearing ores of southeastern Utah (districts 141³ and 143).

The weakness of the Central belt is noteworthy, as this belt is especially rich in copper (cf. pl. 7). The weakness of the Eastern belt in New Mexico also is of interest inasmuch as this belt is strongly expressed to the south in Chihuahua and Durango. The fork in the Western belt is problematical, for it is based on very scanty data.

The association of cobalt with uranium, which apparently is worldwide, leads to interesting speculation regarding the cobalt-rich Eastern belt in Mexico. It should be pointed out, however, that although nearly all pitchblende- or uraninite-rich ores are cobaltiferous, not all cobalt-rich ores are uraniferous.

It is conceivable that chalcopyrite is subject to enrichment or impoverishment in cobalt, as well as some other elements, depending upon certain paragenetic factors. That is, the presence of abundant pyrite, the lattice of which will accept much larger amounts of cobalt, could cause the chalcopyrite to become impoverished in this element. However, Gavelin and Gabrielson (1947) found no such effect in the pyrite and chalcopyrite from the same specimen. Thus, if pyrite contains a higher than average amount of cobalt, the chalcopyrite generally contains a higher than average amount also. The evidence indicates, more-over, that the same principle applies to the trace-element content of sulfides in general—a reflection perhaps of the sequential deposition (and replacement) of sulfide minerals.

NICKEL

The geographic distribution of nickel in chalcopyrite has several features in common with the distribution of cobalt, as might be ex-

3. The cobalt content reported for district 141 might be too high, owing to possible contamination by cobaltite that is present in the polished section.

pected from the chemical similarities of the two metals. Thus, the Colorado Plateau uranium deposits are nickeliferous as well as cobaltiferous. Also, the Western belt for nickel is strongly expressed, especially in southern California, and there is a suggestion of a fork in this belt in northwestern Nevada. The low nickel content of the copper-rich Central belt in Arizona constitutes another resemblance to the distribution of cobalt.

INDIUM

One of the more noteworthy features of the distribution of indium in chalcopyrite is the relatively strong expression of the Central belt, in contrast with cobalt and nickel. The northeast-trending Colorado mineral belt also is strongly expressed, except for the deposits of the San Juan volcanic region, but the rest of the Eastern belt and the Western belt are very weakly expressed.

The low indium content of the deposits in the San Juan volcanic rocks, as compared with the deposits in older rocks on either side, already has been mentioned in connection with the similar distribution of tin. This association of indium with tin appears to be general and has been noted by several workers (Borovick and Prokopenko, 1939; Brewer and Baker, 1936; Fleischer and Harder, 1946). Thus, there are few deposits of chalcopyrite that are indium rich and tin poor, although there are many deposits that are tin rich and indium poor.

OTHER TRACE ELEMENTS

No attempt has been made to define quantitatively the geographic distribution of antimony, arsenic, bismuth, cadmium, germanium, manganese, and molybdenum in chalcopyrite, mainly because most of these are not sufficiently widespread in spectrographically detectable quantities. Manganese, although sufficiently widespread, is highly erratic in its behavior even within a single mine or district. Consequently, it does not exhibit a consistent geographic distribution.

An examination of Table 1 reveals that larger amounts of antimony are associated with above average concentrations of silver in chalcopyrite, although not all silver-rich chalcopyrite is antimony bearing. Hence, the map that shows the distribution of silver in chalcopyrite (pl. 2) defines in a general way the areas in which larger amounts of antimony occur.

The geographic distribution of arsenic in chalcopyrite is more difficult to determine than the distribution of antimony, because the spectrographic sensitivity for arsenic is poorer than for antimony, and arsenic does not appear to be closely associated with any of the other elements sought. That arsenic and antimony differ in their behavior with respect to silver is indicated by the rarity of argentic tennantite as compared with argentic tetrahedrite (freibergite). Gold commonly is regarded as an associate of arsenic, but owing to relatively poor spectro-

graphic sensitivity as compared with its abundance in sulfides, gold was detected in only a few samples of chalcopyrite. Consequently, very little information in this connection has been obtained in these studies.

The bismuth content of chalcopyrite is highly erratic even within a single deposit; consequently, its geographic distribution is not well defined. In general, the Central belt in Arizona and adjacent parts of Sonora appears to be enriched in bismuth, but elsewhere along the belts shown in Plate 3, bismuth is sporadically distributed.

Owing to the common association of sphalerite with chalcopyrite and to the fact that sphalerite contains essentially all the cadmium in the average base-metal ores, the data in Table 1 on the cadmium content of chalcopyrite are not very reliable. Therefore, any attempt to define the geographic distribution of cadmium in chalcopyrite on the basis of the present data is unwarranted.

Germanium is rare as a spectrographically detectable trace element in the chalcopyrite of the Southwest. The only really noteworthy occurrences are in the uranium deposits of the Colorado Plateau (districts 141 and 143) and at Butte, Montana.

The manganese content of chalcopyrite is highly erratic, as mentioned above. This behavior perhaps reflects the more oxyphile or lithophile nature of manganese, as many of the variations might result from contamination of the hydrothermal fluids by manganese-bearing wall rocks.

Molybdenum is similar to manganese in its erratic behavior within many mining districts. In general, it appears that the molybdenum content of chalcopyrite is greater along the Central belt in Arizona (pl. 3) than in any other region, except perhaps the region that includes the two Colorado Plateau uranium deposits (districts 141 and 143). It is noteworthy that the chalcopyrite from the molybdenite-rich Climax and Childs-Aldwinkle deposits (districts 62 and 18 respectively) is not molybdenum rich.

COMBINED METAL CONTENT

A comparison of the maps in Plates 1 and 2 and the data for cobalt, indium, and nickel in Table 1 reveals a close relationship between the positions and trends of the belts of greater than average trace-element content. This implies a fairly high degree of correlation in occurrence among the metals, at least among the five metals represented. In order that the distributional relationships might be visualized more readily, the district average cobalt, indium, nickel, silver, and tin contents of chalcopyrite have been combined as the logarithms of their products, and the distribution of the quantities thus obtained is shown in Plate 3. The individual metal contents are combined in this manner in order to reduce the effect of unusually high concentrations of a particular metal that otherwise would dominate the combined metal content.

It should be emphasized that the belts shown in Plate 3 represent an aggregate effect, as the axes of the individual belts do not everywhere coincide. However, in many places, as in central Arizona, they very nearly coincide. This indicates that although the degree of correlation in occurrence among the five metals is relatively high, it is by no means perfect. If another group of metals had been combined in similar fashion, the axes of the aggregate belts doubtless would not coincide exactly with those shown in Plate 3, although they would be essentially parallel in trend. However, the important fact here is that the belts for each of the five metals overlap to such an extent that their aggregate effect results in a very well defined geographic distribution of the combined metal content of chalcopyrite.

Although the distribution of trace elements in chalcopyrite is unknown in the region of central Mexico south of the patterned area in Plate 3, the distribution of metalliferous deposits suggests that the continuation of the belt shown would be mainly in a south-southeasterly direction; also, there is a vague suggestion that the Western belt eventually joins this main belt, perhaps in the State of Queretaro.

Another fork in the main belt occurs in Zacatecas (pl. 3), the north-eastern branch becoming the Eastern belt and the southwestern branch continuing as the Central belt. In the vicinity of the junction, each of the five metals makes a significant contribution to the combined metal content. In the northeastern branch, cobalt, nickel, and silver are the main contributors, and indium and tin are relatively unimportant, whereas in the southwestern branch, indium, silver, and tin are most important, and cobalt and nickel are nearly absent. However, as the Eastern belt is traced northward into Colorado, it is no longer characterized by cobalt, nickel, and silver, but by indium, silver, and tin, as in the Central belt in Zacatecas.

The compositional characteristics of the Central belt remain much the same from Zacatecas to south-central Nevada, but from Nevada northeastward the indium content of chalcopyrite decreases and is compensated by an increase in nickel and, to a less extent, cobalt. The tin, as well as the silver, persists, however, and is the most characteristic feature of the Central belt.

The extension of the Western belt southward from southern Arizona is conjectural. Presumably it is the belt that joins the main belt in Queretaro, and very probably it is silver rich. The combined metal content of chalcopyrite in the Western belt in southern Arizona consists largely of cobalt, silver, and tin. Nickel also becomes important in southern California. In central California the Western belt branches, but the main branch, to which the name Western belt still applies, continues northeastward through Nevada. The western branch, which is rich in silver and tin, courses northward into northern California.

Geographic Distribution of Trace Elements in Sphalerite

The geographic distribution of trace elements generally is not as well defined in sphalerite as in chalcopyrite; hence, sphalerite is not as suitable a geographic indicator as chalcopyrite. The principal reason for the behavior of sphalerite in this respect is that tin, the mainstay of the trace-element distribution in chalcopyrite, exhibits an erratic distribution in sphalerite. Moreover, cadmium, which in sphalerite should be the counterpart of tin from the standpoint of uniformity of content within each district, is not very suitable as a geographic indicator because the total range in its concentrations is only about tenfold, not great enough to produce a well-defined geographic distribution in many large regions. Cadmium might be suitable, however, if a more precise method of analysis were employed. In view of these disadvantages, less emphasis is placed on sphalerite as an indicator of the geographic distribution of trace elements than is placed on chalcopyrite. Moreover, largely owing to this lighter emphasis, only the maps that show the distribution of silver and the "combined metal content of sphalerite" are presented here (pl. 4 and 5).

SILVER

The geographic distribution of silver in sphalerite (pl. 4) is very similar to the distribution of silver in chalcopyrite (pl. 2), although generally it is more irregular. These irregularities result in a distributional pattern in Colorado that, in addition to being unusual, suggests that the silver-rich belt which coincides with the northeastern part of the Colorado mineral belt branches southwestward into two belts. The southeastern branch presumably extends southward as the Eastern belt into New Mexico. The northwestern branch continues southwestward along the Colorado mineral belt, perhaps into northeastern Arizona, where it presumably turns back southeastward and joins the Eastern belt again in southwestern New Mexico.

The genetic significance of the great width of the Western belt in Nevada is not clear, but its economic significance is well attested by the amount of silver that has been produced from this region. Also, the distributional relationships of silver in sphalerite in western Chihuahua, northeastern Sonora, and southeastern Arizona are not clear, and the interpretations indicated for this region in Plate 4 should be regarded as tentative.

COBALT

The geographic distributions of cobalt, gallium, germanium, and indium are shown in their aggregate effect in Plate 5. The individual

maps for each of these metals have been omitted, as little information in addition to that contained in Plate 5 could be obtained from them.

The distribution of cobalt in sphalerite resembles in several respects its distribution in chalcopyrite, although there are some notable differences. The near lack of cobalt in chalcopyrite from the Central belt in Arizona contrasts with the well-developed belt for cobalt in sphalerite. Also, chalcopyrite gives little indication of an Eastern belt, whereas sphalerite from this region exhibits a pronounced distribution.

GALLIUM

The gallium content of sphalerite exhibits a fairly well defined geographic distribution, although there are some complicating local irregularities. Some of these irregularities perhaps could be due to contamination by gallium-bearing aluminous wall rocks, but the magnitude of this effect probably would be small. The relatively high concentrations of gallium in sphalerite from the Central belt in Utah and the Western belt in Nevada are especially noteworthy. Also, there is a strong indication of a northwestward trending belt in Colorado, whereas there is little indication of a northeast trend parallel to the Colorado mineral belt.

GERMANIUM

The most striking features of the geographic distribution of germanium in sphalerite are the relatively high concentrations in the Central and Western belts in Nevada and the general scarcity elsewhere in the Southwest. This is in contrast to the general abundance of germanium in sphalerite throughout much of the Mississippi Valley region.

INDIUM

The geographic distribution of indium in sphalerite is somewhat more erratic than that of the other four elements represented in Plate 5, and also more erratic than that of the indium in chalcopyrite. Indium resembles tin in this respect, as tin exhibits a highly consistent distribution in chalcopyrite but an erratic distribution in sphalerite. Moreover, the definite association of indium with tin in chalcopyrite finds no counterpart in sphalerite, as many of the indium-bearing samples of sphalerite are not tin bearing.

The Eastern belt in New Mexico provides a good illustration of the poor correlation in the indium contents of sphalerite and chalcopyrite. Indium in sphalerite is distributed in a well-defined belt, whereas indium is virtually absent from the chalcopyrite of this region. Similarly, sphalerite from the Central belt in Nevada is indium rich, whereas the chalcopyrite is indium poor.

OTHER TRACE ELEMENTS

The cadmium content of sphalerite is remarkably uniform within a given district, as indicated in Table 2, and on this account might be

expected to exhibit a well-defined geographic distribution. However, the total range in the cadmium content of sphalerite from the Southwest is only about tenfold, whereas the total range in the tin content of chalcopyrite, for example, is more than a thousandfold. Consequently, there is a great deal of uncertainty as to the significance of small differences in cadmium content among mining districts throughout large regions.

On the other hand, in some regions where the range in cadmium content is from about 1,000 to 10,000 ppm, as in southern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico, the distribution is well defined and consistent with the trends in the distributions of the other trace elements. The very narrow range in the cadmium content of sphalerite throughout the Southwest probably indicates that owing to the close chemical similarity of cadmium to zinc, the processes that concentrate zinc in sulfide bodies cannot differentiate it from cadmium.

The behavior of antimony, arsenic, and bismuth in sphalerite is much the same as in chalcopyrite. Thus, antimony-rich sphalerite also generally is silver rich, the arsenic content of sphalerite appears to bear no close relation to the content of any other element, and the bismuth content is highly erratic.

The average manganese content of sphalerite is several times that of chalcopyrite, but the characteristics of manganese behavior in the geographic sense are very similar in the two minerals. It is possible, as noted previously, that the erratic behavior of manganese is related to its more oxyphile character and its greater abundance in the gangue and wall rocks of the sulfide deposits.

Molybdenum resembles manganese in its erratic behavior in sphalerite, but, unlike manganese, it is slightly enriched in chalcopyrite as compared with sphalerite. The erratic behavior of molybdenum in sphalerite and chalcopyrite perhaps reflects a lack of tendency for molybdenum to enter the structures of these minerals, except perhaps in defects.

Thallium was not detected in any chalcopyrite and occurs in the sphalerite from only four of the mining districts included in this study; hence, little can be said about its geographic distribution. However, all the thallium-bearing sphalerite analyzed also is germanium bearing. Inasmuch as germanium is not a common trace constituent of sphalerite in the Southwest, the association suggests that perhaps the geographic distribution of thallium is closely related to that of germanium.

The erratic behavior of tin in the sphalerite from a given district stands in contrast to its behavior in chalcopyrite; consequently, no attempt has been made to represent its geographic distribution in sphalerite on a map. Despite the erratic behavior, however, most of the samples of sphalerite that contain appreciable amounts of tin are from the tin-rich belts shown in Plate 1. Moreover, the indications of a definite geographic distribution of tin in sphalerite are strong enough to

have enabled Warren and Thompson (1945, fig. 1) to outline a tin belt in British Columbia.

COMBINED METAL CONTENT

The geographic distribution of the combined metal content of sphalerite is shown in Plate 5. The component elements are cobalt, gallium, germanium, indium, and silver, and these are combined to form the log-product concentration in the manner described for the corresponding combined metal content of chalcopyrite. In view of the many irregularities in the distributions of the component metals, it is somewhat surprising that as consistent a distributional pattern as shown in Plate 5 was obtained.

The essential features of the distribution of the combined metal content of sphalerite are very similar to those for the corresponding distribution for chalcopyrite. That is, there are three main belts, the Eastern, Central, and Western belts, and a subsidiary west branch of the Western belt in California. However, owing to the smaller geographic coverage of sphalerite samples, the features and interrelationships of each of the belts are not as well known.

Cobalt and silver are the main contributors to the Eastern belt in north-central Mexico and New Mexico, although in the latter area indium becomes increasingly important. All the elements except germanium are important in the Eastern belt in Colorado, where, in contrast to chalcopyrite, the main trend appears to be northwesterly. Again, all but germanium are important contributors to the Central belt from south of the international boundary to the Nevada border. From southern Nevada northeastward, germanium is an important contributor, and cobalt becomes unimportant. In the portion of the Western belt that is known, only indium is relatively unimportant.

Comparison of the Combined Metal Contents of Chalcopyrite and Sphalerite

A comparison of the geographic distribution of the combined metal contents of chalcopyrite and sphalerite reveals striking general similarities. Throughout the Southwest, exclusive of Colorado, the belts defined by the combined metal contents in the two minerals either are essentially coincident or closely parallel. The significance of this empirical relationship appears to be that the seven metals represented in the two maps, and probably the sulfophile metals in general, are very closely related in the sulfide ore deposits of the Southwest.

Although the trends of the Central and Western belts in Nevada are essentially parallel for both minerals, the axes of the belts for chalcopyrite lie about 50 miles northwest of the corresponding axes for sphalerite. In Colorado, on the other hand, there appears to be an inter-section of the Eastern belts for the two minerals. The Eastern belt for chalcopyrite is very nearly parallel to the northeast-trending Colorado mineral belt. The Eastern belt for sphalerite, however, appears to cross the Colorado mineral belt with a northwesterly trend, although a weak northeast trend along the mineral belt also is evident.

The belts do not everywhere coincide, apparently because the positions of the belts for each of the component metals are not exactly the same, and of the seven metals that are represented on the two maps only three are common to both. The belts of the remaining four elements, two in each mineral, are sufficiently different in their positions, then, to cause a shift in the positions of the belts for the combined metal contents. However, had the four elements, or a certain combination of pairs, been chemically more similar, the evidence suggests that the belts for the combined metal contents in the two minerals would have been nearly coincident. For example, the belts for the two chemically similar elements, gallium and germanium, are essentially coincident, whereas the belts for nickel and tin are far from coincident.

Perhaps a relationship such as that just postulated is largely responsible for the irregular distribution of indium in sphalerite, for in some respects indium is similar to gallium and in others it is similar to tin. Thus, in regions where the belts for tin and gallium do not coincide, as in southern Nevada, the distribution of indium might tend to resemble that of tin in one area and to resemble that of gallium in another.

Metallogenic Provinces

The foregoing discussion has been concerned primarily with the geographic distribution of trace elements in two primary sulfide minerals, chalcopyrite and sphalerite. Considered from a more general point of view, the metals that have been investigated also are trace elements in the ore deposits and in the earth's crust, and as such do not differ in most essential respects from the other metals, such as copper, gold, lead, tungsten, and zinc, which also are trace elements in the earth's crust. Hence, it might be expected that whatever processes have operated to produce a geographic distribution of one chemically heterogeneous group of sulfophile elements very probably have produced a similar geographic distribution of another group of sulfophile elements. That such a relationship exists between the two groups of metals is demonstrated by silver, which is a member of both groups.

SILVER PROVINCES

Silver as a trace element in chalcopyrite and sphalerite has been shown to possess a well-defined geographic distribution. Moreover, a comparison of Plates 2 and 4 with Plate 6,⁴ which shows the distribution of ore deposits in which silver is an important constituent of the ores, reveals that all the major silver-producing districts lie within the belts defined in Plates 2 and 4. Therefore, the distribution of silver as an economically important constituent of the ores is consistent with the distribution of silver as a trace constituent of two common sulfide minerals. Furthermore, inasmuch as the distribution of silver is consistent with the distribution of all the other trace elements investigated, there is good reason to expect that the distribution of the sulfophile elements in general would be consistent with the distribution of these trace elements.

A further comparison of Plate 6 with Plates 2-5 reveals that the silver deposits are not uniformly distributed along the belts defined by the trace elements, but tend to be concentrated into certain segments of the belts. This phenomenon is analogous to the variations observed in the concentrations of a particular trace element along the axes of the belts, or to the resulting changes in the relative importance of that element along the belts of the combined metal contents. However, the higher concentrations of silver as a trace element in chalcopyrite and sphalerite generally extend for greater distances along the belts than do the corresponding silver-rich deposits. Therefore, there might be a distinction between the metallogenic province in the trace-element sense and the metallogenic province in the economic sense, although the trace-element province generally includes the economic or production province.

4. Plates 6-8 were adapted from maps made by Dr. J. A. Noble in 1954.

Unfortunately, copper, gold, lead, tungsten, and zinc cannot be treated in a manner similar to silver, because no data are available on their distribution as trace elements in the sulfide minerals of the South-west. However, by analogy with such chemically diverse elements as cobalt, gallium, germanium, indium, nickel, and tin, all of which bear a consistent distributional relationship to silver, there is good reason to expect that the distribution of deposits of copper, gold, lead, tungsten, and zinc also would be consistent with the distribution of silver deposits.

COPPER PROVINCES

All the major copper deposits, as well as a majority of the minor ones, can be seen in Plate 7 to lie within belts that are consistent in trend and position with the belts defined by the trace-element distribution, especially the combined metal content of chalcopyrite (pl. 3). Furthermore, copper provinces can be defined within these belts. For example, two and possibly three copper metallogenic provinces occur within the Central belt: one that is centered in Arizona and extends southward into Sonora; another that extends from eastern Nevada into north-central Utah; and, by extrapolation, possibly a third that includes Butte, Montana.

There are two clearly recognizable copper provinces in the Western belt and its western subsidiary branch. One of these provinces includes the western branch in California and adjacent parts of the main Western belt in Nevada. This province also might extend northeastward across Nevada to the Idaho boundary, although it is weakly developed throughout most of its length in Nevada. The other copper province in the Western belt lies in southern Arizona and adjacent parts of Sonora.

The Eastern belt contains only one prominent copper province, which extends northwestward through southwestern New Mexico into Arizona, and there disappears beneath the volcanic rocks of the Colorado Plateau. In addition, a very weakly developed copper province appears to be centered in central Colorado and to extend northward into Wyoming. Although this province is relatively insignificant from the standpoint of copper production, it is of especial interest here as it does not appear to reflect the northeast trend of the Colorado mineral belt.

GOLD PROVINCES

The distribution of gold deposits is even better defined than the distribution of copper deposits, as shown in Plate 8. In general, the distribution of gold deposits most closely resembles the distribution of silver as a trace element in chalcopyrite and sphalerite (pl. 2 and 4); consequently, it reflects the distribution of silver deposits as well (pl. 6). However, the gold provinces do not necessarily coincide with the silver provinces. For example, the most prominent gold province extends along the Western belt from southern California to northern Nevada,

and northwestward along the western subsidiary branch as far as south-ern Oregon.

Perhaps the second most prominent gold province is the one that lies in the Eastern belt in central and southwestern Colorado. Gold, unlike copper, strongly reflects the Colorado mineral belt; but, like copper, it also reflects a north-south trend through Colorado.

Gold also differs from copper in the relative weakness of the gold provinces in the Central belt. A weakly developed gold province lies in northwestern Utah and perhaps extends into southeastern Nevada, but probably it does not join another weakly developed gold province that is centered in Arizona. Perhaps a third very weakly developed gold province in the Central belt includes Butte, Montana, if extrapolation of the Central belt northward from Utah is warranted. The regional relationships of the gold deposits of the Black Hills, South Dakota, are not yet understood.

LEAD PROVINCES

The distribution of lead deposits in the western United States most closely resembles the distribution of the combined metal content of sphalerite (pl. 5). The economically most important lead metallogenic province in the Cordilleran region extends from northern Idaho north-ward into British Columbia. The belt in which this province lies is largely conjectural, but from the work of Warren and Thompson (1945), together with extrapolations from the present work, it is suggested that the three main belts that are distinguished in the Southwest join in Idaho and Montana to form a single major belt that trends generally northwestward through the region included in this lead province.

Lead metallogenic provinces occur in all three of the main belts in the southwestern United States, but the province in the Western belt that extends from eastern California into northeastern Nevada is relatively unimportant economically. In the Central belt there are two lead provinces, one that extends from northwestern Arizona northwestward into Nevada and thence northeastward into northern Utah, and another that extends from southeastern Arizona southward for an unknown distance into Sonora. The lead deposits in the Eastern belt in New Mexico probably belong to the same province as the lead deposits in Colorado. Moreover, this lead province probably extends southward through Chihuahua into Durango and perhaps somewhat farther.

ZINC PROVINCES

Inasmuch as there are only about 25 zinc deposits in the western United States, it is difficult to define zinc metallogenic provinces with much assurance. It is clear, however, that nearly all the zinc deposits lie within the three main belts, especially those defined by the combined metal content of sphalerite (pl. 5). It appears that there are only three important zinc provinces in the western United States: one that extends

from the vicinity of Butte, Montana, northwestward into northernmost Idaho and southern British Columbia; another that extends along the Central belt from north-central Utah to southern Arizona and perhaps into Sonora; and a third, in the Eastern belt, that apparently extends from Colorado southward through New Mexico into Chihuahua. A noteworthy feature of the distribution is the relatively rare occurrence of zinc deposits in the Western belt; in this respect, zinc bears a close resemblance to lead.

TUNGSTEN PROVINCES

In describing the distribution of tungsten deposits in the western United States, Kerr (1946) recognizes three "tungsten arcs" that are defined by the distribution of tungsten deposits and known occurrences of tungsten minerals. A comparison of Plates 3 and 5 with Kerr's Figure 1 (p. 4) indicates that the three "tungsten arcs" correspond very closely to the three main belts defined in this study, especially the belts for the combined metal content of chalcopyrite.

Doubtless the most prominent tungsten metallogenic province in the western United States lies in the Western belt (Kerr's "western arc") and extends from southern California into northern Nevada. Second in importance are the much smaller provinces in the Central belt (Kerr's "central arc"), one of which lies in southern Arizona and extends into Sonora. Another, or perhaps merely a northwestward extension of the southern Arizona province, lies in western Arizona and adjacent parts of California. A third province in the Central belt extends northeastward through southeastern Nevada. A single tungsten-rich district in Colorado, the Boulder district, justifies the recognition of a tungsten province in the Eastern belt (Kerr's "eastern arc") that extends from the Boulder district southwestward along the Colorado mineral belt.

SUMMARY

The evidence presented in the foregoing pages clearly indicates that there is a definite and consistent relationship between the distribution of certain metals as economically important constituents of ore deposits, and the distribution of the same or similar metals as trace elements in the sulfide minerals chalcopyrite and sphalerite. More specifically, this relationship consists of the repeated occurrence of three main belts in the Southwest that, although not everywhere coincident for each of the metals, are nevertheless generally closely parallel in trend. However, within each of these three main belts, the distribution of metalliferous deposits, as well as the trace elements, is not uniform, and this nonuniformity has given rise to relatively well defined metallogenic provinces.

Each of the three metallogenic belts, which correspond to the three main belts defined by the distribution of trace elements in the sulfides, can be distinguished, as a whole, by the predominant metals produced

from it. Thus, the Western belt may be regarded as a gold-silver-copper belt, the Central belt as a copper-silver-gold belt, and the Eastern belt as a silver-gold-copper belt.

A distinction such as this suggests a crude zonal arrangement of the metals. For example, the Central metallogenic belt is distinctive for its high copper content, whereas the gold-rich provinces lie on either side in the Western and Eastern metallogenic belts. However, lead and zinc appear to be less abundant, whereas tungsten is more abundant, in the Western belt than in the other two belts.

It is not known to what extent these relationships are real or the result of over-generalization; the evidence indicates that they are real. However, it is probable that features such as the zonal arrangement are fortuitous and merely reflect overall similarities on the one hand, and differences on the other, of the processes of concentration in the source materials in each of the metallogenic belts.

Metallogenic Belts and Provinces in Relation to Other Geologic Features

In describing the "Great Silver Channel," which he visualized as a very narrow, long, straight silver metallogenic province, Spurr (1923, p. 463) says:

Along this line in North and South America occur most of the celebrated mines in the world, like the Comstock, Tonopah, Santa Eulalia, Guanajuato, Pachuca, Cerro de Pasco, and Potosi. This wonderful straight line slashes clean across mountain ranges and other geologic structures, and continues its course independent of them. This is shown in Nevada, where it cuts at an angle of nearly 45° across the trend of the north-south-trending desert ranges. In Mexico, it shows an utter disregard of the main geologic features and mountain chains—starting in northern Sonora west of the main range, or Sierra Madre, it cuts diagonally across this onto the central Mexican Plateau, with its short desert ranges; and in the south of Mexico, its unswerving course carries it back across the Sierra Madre again, for this range curves much like the west coast line.

In addition to the "Great Silver Channel," Spurr recognized several other shorter channels, some of which are nearly at right angles to the "Great Silver Channel." These features led him (p. 483) to postulate:

The data which I have above outlined are, of course, sketchy, but do indicate the existence in North America of two sets of intersecting straight belts or channels of silver (with other metals), running respectively northeast and northwest. These channels correspond rudely in trend to the skeletal geometrical framework of the continent; and the major channel, which is of world proportions, parallels rudely the eastern side of the Pacific.

Here, then, is a discovery of prime scientific and commercial importance. This channel system is marked by a continuity or rather a chain system (like beads on a wire) of consanguineous magma occurrences and also consanguineous ore occurrences. In part—in large part—both magma and ore chains have no evident relation to the major belts of folding and faulting of the rocks, and therefore appear to belong to a zone below the zone of surface wrinkling and breaking.

A comparison of Spurr's data (fig. 74, p. 459, and fig. 75, p. 460) with Plates 1-8 of the present paper, especially Plates 3 and 5, reveals that the deposits which Spurr visualized as constituting a single metallogenic belt or "channel" actually occur in three different metallogenic belts that are by no means straight lines. Furthermore, instead of two sets of belts, one trending northwest and the other northeast, there appears to be only one set, which has variable trends.

The purpose of pointing out these discrepancies is not so much to emphasize the disagreement, but to indicate that Spurr's conclusion of

the independence of the metallogenic belts from other major geologic features may not be valid, if the belts actually have the forms shown in Plates 3 and 5 instead of the oversimplified straight lines that Spurr has drawn. In fact, a comparison of these latter maps with the Tectonic Map of the United States (1944) reveals some remarkably close relationships between the metallogenic belts and the tectonic trends.

Thus, northward from north-central Mexico, where a strong east-west tectonic trend is reflected in an east-west trend in the metallogenic belts, the Central and Eastern metallogenic belts are nearly parallel to the tectonic trends. The Western belt, however, does not appear to bear as close a relationship to the tectonic trends as do the Central and Eastern belts. For example, there appears to be a considerable divergence in the two trend axes in southwestern Arizona. Furthermore, although there is a general parallelism of trends in southern California, northward the trends again diverge, so that the Western belt appears to bear a crosscutting relationship to the axis of elongation of the Sierra Nevada batholith. However, in view of the branching nature of the Western belt in this part of California, the divergence in trends might be more apparent than real. Northeastward through Nevada there is a weak but discernible tectonic belt that is closely parallel in trend to the Western metallogenic belt.

Another feature of the Western metallogenic belt in the United States that serves to distinguish it from the Central and Eastern belts is its association with exposed batholithic intrusives. In the north, it assuredly passes through the heart of the Idaho batholith. Southwestward through Nevada, it is associated with granitic intrusives that perhaps are related to the Sierra Nevada batholith (Ferguson, 1944). The association with Sierra Nevada-type intrusives persists southward through California, and in southern California the Western metallogenic belt trends diagonally across the northern exposed part of the Southern California batholith. This relationship may be more significant in view of the statement by Larsen et al. (1954) that the three batholiths just mentioned are essentially of the same age (approximately 100 million years).

There is indication, then, that the main extension of the Sierra Nevada batholith might be northeastward through Nevada, perhaps to a junction with the Idaho batholith, and that the northwest trend into northern California is merely a branch, analogous to the branch in the Western metallogenic belt. An interpretation such as this would provide not only a more consistent tectonic picture and relationship to the metallogenic belts, but would be compatible with the position of the boundary between the so-called "Paleozoic-Mesozoic-Cenozoic" orogenic belt and the "Cretaceous-Cenozoic" orogenic belt very near the eastern margin of the Western metallogenic belt, as shown by Eardley (1951, pl. 1). However, in view of the age relations that recently have

been indicated, the distinction between "Mesozoic" (Nevadan?) and "Cretaceous" might not be valid.

Billingsley and Locke (1941) also have discussed apparent relationships between the distribution of some of the more important mining districts of the western United States and various structural features. In general, there is fairly good agreement between the trends and positions of several of the "orogenic belts" shown by Billingsley and Locke (1941, fig. 13, p. 52-53) and the metallogenic belts defined here. This is particularly true of the belts in New Mexico, southern Arizona, central Nevada, and Utah. However, the present study, as well as the information available on the Tectonic Map of the United States (1944), which was published subsequent to Billingsley and Locke's work, does not indicate the existence of the "Walker line," which the latter authors visualize as extending northwestward through southwestern Nevada. Instead, the so-called "Walker line" in Arizona actually appears to bend around the western margin of the Colorado Plateau and to continue north-northeastward through Utah as Billingsley and Locke's "Early Tertiary" orogenic belt.

The uncertainty connected with the existence of the "Walker line" in Nevada leads to further uncertainties concerning the significance of "superimposed orogenic movements or of intersecting lines of successive motion, or of persistent deep seated breaks" (op. cit., p. 58) in determining the loci of the "clusters" of "ore deposits of upper magnitudes," for there are no "upper magnitude" ore deposits near the intersection of the Tertiary orogenic belt and the "Walker line" in southern Nevada or northwestern Arizona. Furthermore, it is doubtful that many mining districts could be found in the North American Cordillera that would not possess one or more of the three determining features required by Billingsley and Locke.

Despite these objections, however, many of the orogenic belts established by Billingsley and Locke doubtless are real and are of considerable importance in connection with the metallogenic belts. In fact, some of the trend lines, taken in conjunction with the more prominent of those shown on the Tectonic Map, lead to interesting speculation on the extensions of the metallogenic belts defined in the present study. For example, the west branch of the Western belt in California might be extended northward into Oregon and thence northeastward across Oregon to a junction with the main belt in Idaho. Furthermore, the Western belt appears to join the Central belt in central Idaho to form the "Main belt." This relationship also is suggested from a consideration of the distribution of the ore deposits alone.

Billingsley and Locke (1941) distinguish three orogenic epochs in the western United States since the Precambrian. The earliest of these epochs, the "final Paleozoic," characterizes the orogenic belt in Oregon (the west branch of the Western belt?). The orogenic belt that corre-

sponds to the main Western metallogenic belt is presumed to be early Cretaceous; and the youngest orogenic belt, which corresponds to the Central metallogenic belt, is supposed to be early Tertiary. Although these age distinctions may be valid for the orogenic belts, they do not appear to be valid for the corresponding metallogenic belts, for there are as many as four different epochs of mineralization represented within any one of them.

Conclusions

It was stated at the outset that the main purpose of these investigations was to define some metallogenic provinces in the southwestern United States. That a certain measure of success in this endeavor has been achieved can be seen by a comparison of Plates 1-8. Thus, it appears that in their aggregate the metallogenic provinces form three major beltlike features in the Southwest that are consistent in trend and position with the major tectonic features. Moreover, the metallogenic provinces for a specific metal or group of metals, as determined by the regional productivity, appear to be beltlike features of smaller extent that lie within, and are essentially defined by, the major metallogenic belts. The ends of a given province along a metallogenic belt are not sharply defined, however; as a result, there appears to be no good argument against the possibility of enlargement of the provinces in these directions.

It also was stated at the outset that an effort has been made to restrain gross speculation on the origin of the features described, as such speculation is not warranted in the present state of knowledge. However, these investigations provide certain lines of evidence that bear directly on the origin of the metallogenic belts and that must be included in any acceptable explanation of them. Especially noteworthy in this connection are the following facts: (1) The metallogenic belts are of vast extent; (2) they are largely unrelated in time to the associated tectonic features; (3) relatively small segments of them contain deposits that represent as many as four widely separated metallogenic epochs, and (4) they are not uniquely associated with a particular kind of intrusive or wall rock, for the same kinds of rocks occur both within and outside the belts.

The conclusion that appears to be most compatible with the fore-going facts is that the metallogenic belts are of deep-seated origin. This view already has been summarized by Spurr (1923, p. 444), as follows:

The phenomenon on which I have just touched, of metallographic provinces characterizing certain zones, belts, limited areas, or even spots on the earth, and that independently in large measure of the distribution of granites, diorite, or diabases, rhyolites, andesites, or basalts (although closely associated in general with belts of igneous activity and crustal disturbance), can hardly be explained except by postulating a highly individualized distribution of the metals in that portion of the earth beneath or at the base of those rocks which are exposed to our view by erosion, or beneath what we conveniently though perhaps inaccurately term the crust.

An alternative to the deep-seated origin involves a hypothetical genetic connection between the ore deposits and geosynclinal sediments. Specifically, it involves the postulate that the ores are concentrated into

the deposits from the surrounding sedimentary rocks, which, by the nature of the processes of their formation, are abnormally rich in certain metals. Although this hypothesis does not appear to be compatible with the fact that the same kinds of rocks occur both within and outside the belts, it must be acknowledged that there is a close correspondence of the metallogenic belts with the geosynclinal belts. However, a spatial association, and perhaps a genetic connection, does not necessarily imply a specific cause-and-effect relationship.

If, on the other hand, the abnormally high metal content of the sedimentary rocks does not reflect the nature of the processes of their formation, but merely the composition of the source materials of the sediments, the origin of the beltlike features no longer lies in the geosynclinal sediments but in their source materials. Hence, the weight of evidence does not appear to favor a shallow-seated origin of the metallogenic belts within the geosynclinal sediments.

Although it is conceivable that the metallogenic belts could have originated by the repeated occurrence of a more or less unique process of concentration within each belt but not outside it, it appears more probable that they merely reflect beltlike compositional heterogeneities in the ore source materials that have existed since early in the history of the earth. Accordingly, the ores derived from these source materials would reflect their nature regardless of the metallogenic epoch in which a particular deposit was formed. Of course, in order to explain the origin of the heterogeneities, it is necessary to postulate that at some stage in the early history of the earth, certain processes operated within beltlike regions to concentrate a metal or assemblage of metals, and did not operate, at least not to as great an extent, outside the beltlike regions. The important advantage of this hypothesis is that it does not necessitate the recurrence within a belt of the same process or set of processes at several widely separated intervals of geologic time.

Despite the relatively close parallelism of the tectonic or orogenic belts and the metallogenic belts, neither is regarded as the cause or the effect of the other, but both the gross tectonic features and the metallogenic belts are more probably the effect of some more fundamental cause. Moreover, this more fundamental cause probably is not the postulated deep-seated compositional heterogeneities alone, but a combination of compositional heterogeneities and closely associated physical discontinuities, both of which may have arisen during the same events of early earth history.

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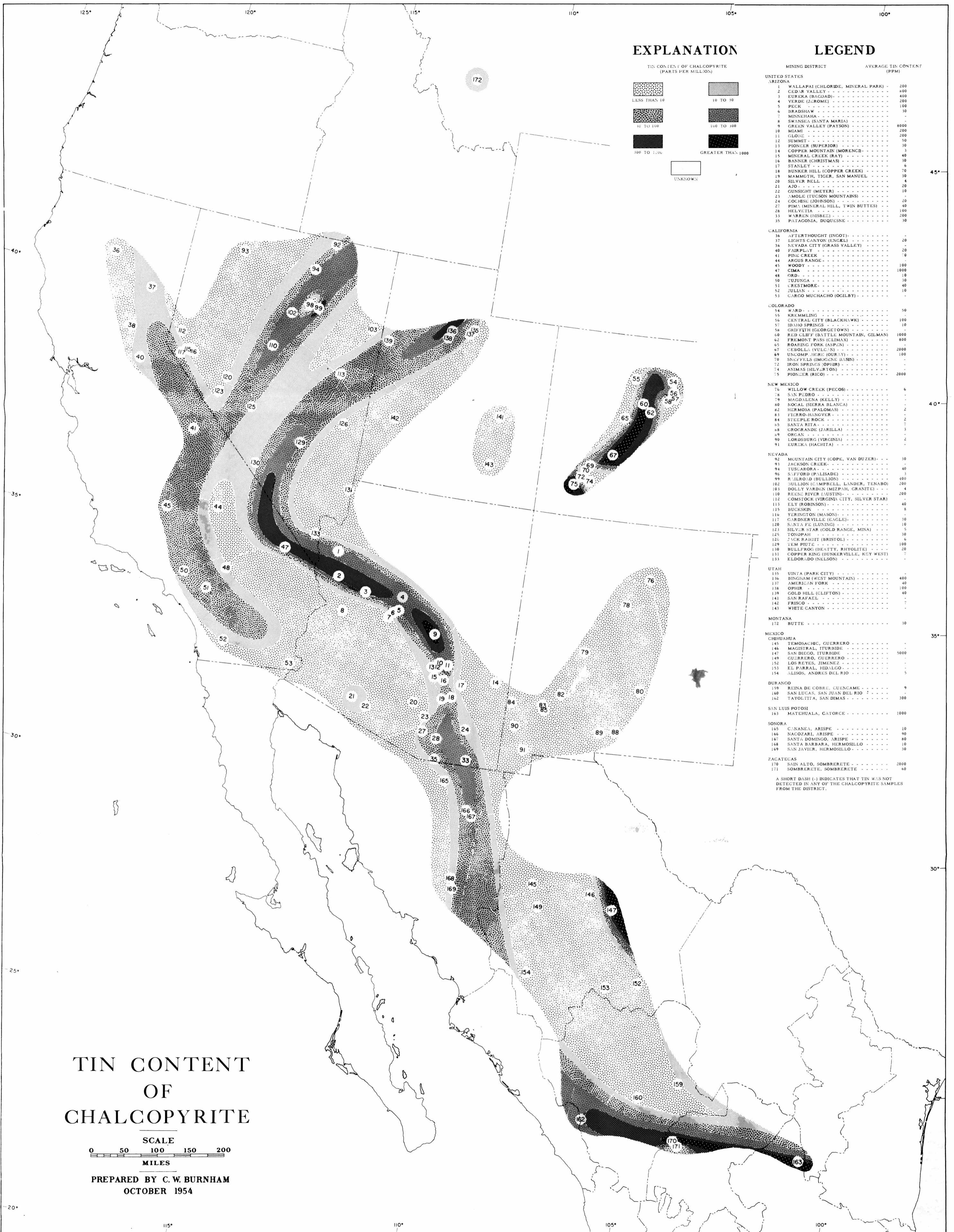
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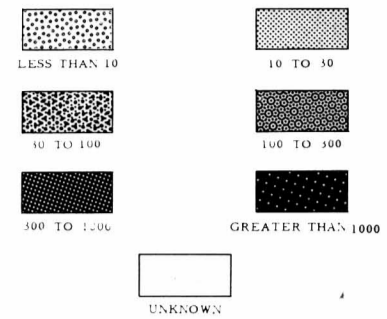
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TIN CONTENT OF CHALCOPYRITE
(PARTS PER MILLION)



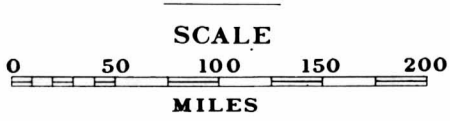
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MINING DISTRICT AVERAGE TIN CONTENT (PPM)

UNITED STATES	AVERAGE TIN CONTENT (PPM)
ARIZONA	
1 WALLAPAI (CHLORIDE, MINERAL PARK) -	200
2 CEDAR VALLEY -	800
3 EUREKA (BAGDADI) -	400
4 VERDE (LEROME) -	200
5 PECK -	100
6 BRADSHAW -	10
7 MINSHAWA -	10
8 SWANSEA (SANTA MARIA) -	10
9 GREEN VALLEY (PAYSON) -	800
10 MIAMI -	200
11 GLOHE -	200
12 SUMMIT -	50
13 PIONEER (SUPERIOR) -	30
14 COPPER MOUNTAIN (MORENCI) -	3
15 MINERAL CREEK (IRAY) -	40
16 BANNER (CHRISTMAS) -	10
17 STANLEY -	6
18 BUNKER HILL (COPPER CREEK) -	70
19 MAMMOTH, TIGER, SAN MANUEL -	10
20 SILVER BELL -	4
21 AJO -	20
22 GUNSLIGHT (MEYER) -	10
23 ANGLE (TUCSON MOUNTAINS) -	10
24 COCHISE (JOHNSON) -	20
27 P.M. (MINERAL HILL, TWIN BUTTES) -	40
28 HELVETIA -	100
33 WARREN (HISBEE) -	200
35 PATAGONIA, DUQUESNE -	10
CALIFORNIA	
36 AFERTHOUGHT (INGOT) -	10
37 LIGHTS CANYON (ENGEL) -	20
38 NEVADA CITY (GRASS VALLEY) -	10
40 FAIRPLAY -	20
41 PINE CREEK -	10
44 ARGUS RANGE -	10
45 WOODY -	100
47 CIMBA -	1000
48 ORD -	10
50 TUJUNGA -	10
51 CRESTMORE -	40
52 JULIAN -	100
53 CARGO MICHACHO (OGILBY) -	10
COLORADO	
54 WARD -	50
55 KREMMLING -	100
56 CENTRAL CITY (BLACKHAWK) -	100
57 IDAHO SPRINGS -	10
58 GRIP FITH (GEORGETOWN) -	10
60 RED CLIFF (BATTLE MOUNTAIN, GILMAN) -	1000
62 FREMONT PASS (CLIMAX) -	800
65 ROARING FORK (ASPEN) -	100
67 GIBBONS (VULCAN) -	2000
69 UNGOMP (HICK) (OURAY) -	100
70 SNEFFELS (IMOGINE BASIN) -	10
72 IRON SPRINGS (OPHIR) -	10
74 ANIMAS (SILVERTON) -	10
75 PIONEER (RICO) -	2000
NEW MEXICO	
76 WILLOW CREEK (PECOS) -	6
78 SAN PEDRO -	10
79 MAGDALENA (KELLY) -	10
80 NOGAL (SIERRA BLANCA) -	10
82 HERMOSA (PALOMAS) -	2
83 FERRO-HANOVER -	10
84 STEEPLE ROCK -	2
85 SANTA RITA -	3
88 GROSSE (GARRILL) -	3
89 ORGAN -	10
90 LORDSBURG (VIRGINIA) -	2
91 EUREKA (HAGHTA) -	10
NEVADA	
92 MOUNTAIN CITY (COPE, VAN DUSER) -	30
93 JACKSON CREEK -	10
94 TUSCARORA -	40
96 SIFFORD (PALISADE) -	10
99 RULBOLD (BULLION) -	400
102 JULLION (CAMPBELL, LANDER, TENABO) -	200
103 DOLLY VARDEN (MIZPAH, GRANT) -	4
109 REED RIVER (LUSTINE) -	200
112 COMSTOCK (VIRGINIA CITY, SILVER STAR) -	40
113 ELY (ROBINSON) -	40
115 BUGSKIN -	8
116 YERINGTON (MASON) -	10
117 GARDNERVILLE (EAGLE) -	10
120 SANTA FE (LEWING) -	10
123 SILVER STAR (GOLD RANGE, MINA) -	5
125 TONOPAH -	10
126 JACK RABBIT (BRISTOL) -	10
129 TEM PIUTE -	100
130 BULLFROG (BEATTY, RHYOLITE) -	20
131 COPPER KING (DUNKERVILLE, KEY WEST) -	7
133 EL DORADO (NELSON) -	10
UTAH	
135 UINFA (PARK CITY) -	10
136 BINGHAM (WEST MOUNTAIN) -	400
137 AMERICAN FORK -	40
138 OPHIR -	100
139 GOLD HILL (CLIFTON) -	40
141 SAN RAFAEL -	7
142 FRISCO -	7
143 WHITE CANYON -	10
MONTANA	
172 BUTTE -	30
MEXICO	
CHIHUAHUA	
145 TEMOSACHIC, GUERRERO -	10
146 MAGISTRAL, ITURBIDE -	10
147 SAN DIEGO, ITURBIDE -	5000
149 GUERRERO, GUERRERO -	10
152 LOS REYES, JIMENEZ -	10
153 EL PARRAL, HIDALGO -	10
154 ALISOS, ANDRES DEL RIO -	5
DURANGO	
159 REINA DE COBRE, CUENCA ME -	9
160 SAN LUCAS, SAN JUAN DEL RIO -	300
162 TAYOLITTA, SAN DIMAS -	10
SAN LUIS POTOSI	
163 MATEHUALA, GATORCE -	1000
SONORA	
165 CANANEA, ARISPE -	10
166 NACOZARI, ARISPE -	10
167 SANTA DOMINGO, ARISPE -	80
168 SANTA BARBARA, HERMOSILLO -	10
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ZACATECAS	
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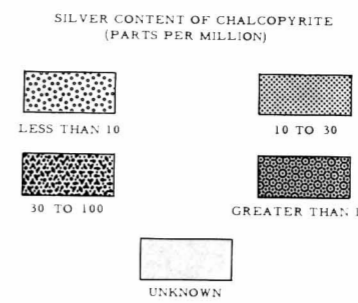
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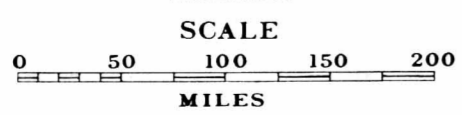
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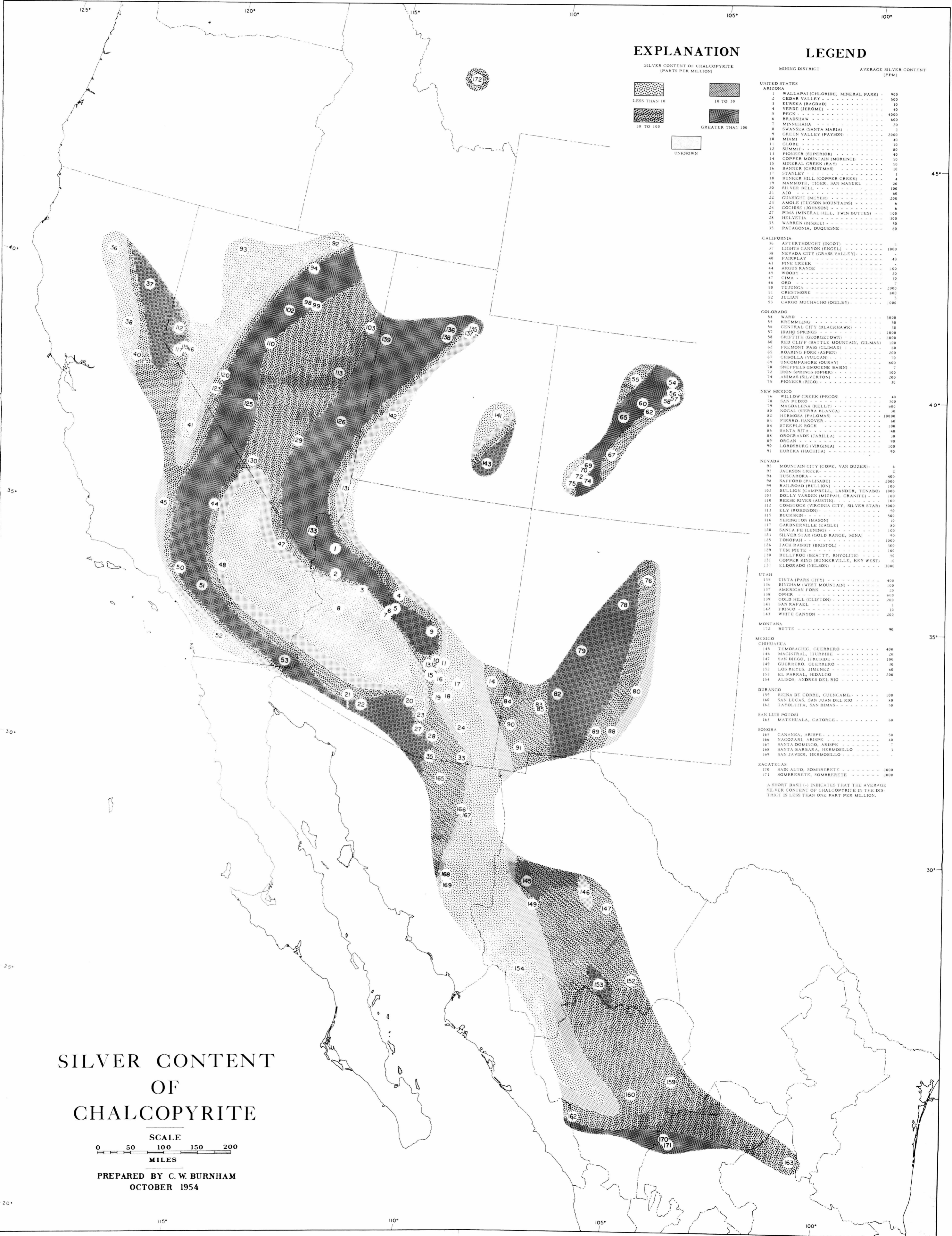
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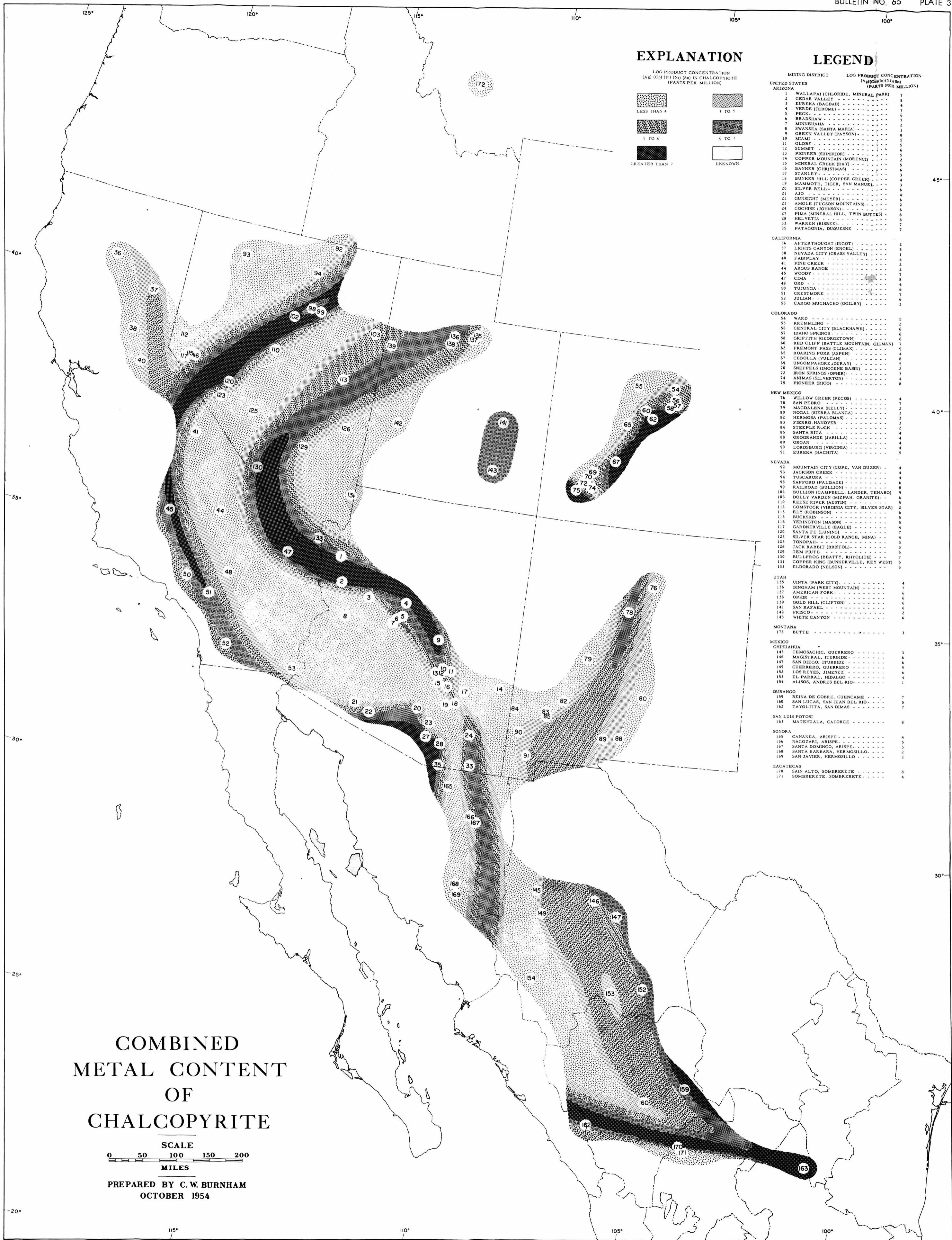
MINING DISTRICT	AVERAGE SILVER CONTENT (PPM)
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1 WALLAPAI (CHLORIDE, MINERAL PARK)	900
2 CEDAR VALLEY	500
3 EUREKA (BAGDAD)	10
4 VERDE (JEROME)	40
5 PECK	4000
6 BRADSHAW	600
7 MINNEHAHA	20
8 SWANSEA (SANTA MARIA)	2
9 GREEN VALLEY (PAYSON)	2000
10 MIAMI	40
11 GLOBE	10
12 SUMMIT	40
13 PIONEER (SUPERIOR)	40
14 COPPER MOUNTAIN (MORENCI)	50
15 MINERAL CREEK (RAY)	50
16 BANNER (CHRISTMAS)	10
17 STANLEY	1
18 BUNKER HILL (COPPER CREEK)	4
19 MAMMOTH, TIGER, SAN MANUEL	20
20 SILVER BELL	100
21 AJO	200
22 GUNNIGHT (MEYER)	200
23 AMOLE (TUCSON MOUNTAINS)	6
24 COCHISE (JOHNSON)	6
27 PIMA (MINERAL HILL, TWIN BUTTES)	100
28 HELVETIA	300
33 WARREN (BISBEE)	50
35 PATAGONIA, DUQUESNE	60
CALIFORNIA	
36 AFTER THOUGHT (INGOT)	1
37 LIGHTS CANYON (ENGEL)	1000
38 NEVADA CITY (GRASS VALLEY)	1000
40 FAIRPLAY	100
41 PINE CREEK	40
44 ARGUS RANGE	100
45 WOODY	20
47 CIMA	10
48 ORD	7
49 TULINGA	2000
51 CRESTMORE	400
52 JULIAN	3
53 CARGO MICHACHO (GILBY)	1000
COLORADO	
54 WARD	3000
55 KREMMLING	50
56 CENTRAL CITY (BLACKHAWK)	30
57 IDAHO SPRINGS	1000
58 CRIFTH (GORTOWN)	1000
60 RED CLIFF (BATTLE MOUNTAIN, GILMAN)	100
62 FREMONT PASS (CLIMAX)	60
65 ROLLING FORK (ASPER)	20
67 CEROLLA (VULCAN)	10
69 UNCOMPAGNE (OURAY)	800
70 SNYFELS (MOGENE BASIN)	7
72 IRON SPRINGS (OPHER)	300
74 ANMAS (SILVERTON)	200
75 PIONEER (RICO)	30
NEW MEXICO	
76 WILLOW CREEK (PIGOSI)	40
78 SAN PEDRO	300
79 MAGDALENA (KELLY)	600
80 NOCAL (SIERRA BLANCA)	10
82 HERMOSA (PALOMAS)	10000
83 FIERRO-HANOVER	60
84 STEEPLE ROCK	100
85 SANTA RITA	40
88 OROGRANDE (JARRILLA)	30
89 ORGAN	60
90 LORDSBURG (VIRGINIA)	100
91 EUREKA (HACHITA)	90
NEVADA	
92 MOUNTAIN CITY (COPE, VAN DUZEL)	6
93 JACKSON CREEK	2
94 TUSCUMBIA	400
96 SAFFORD (PALISADE)	2000
99 RAILROAD (BULLION)	100
102 BULLION (GAMBRELL, LANDER, TENABO)	1000
103 DOLLY VARDEN (MIZPAH, GRANITE)	100
110 REESE RIVER (AUSTIN)	100
112 COMSTOCK (VIRGINIA CITY, SILVER STAR)	1000
113 ELY (ROBINSON)	50
115 BUCKSKIN	500
116 YERINGTON (HANSON)	10
117 GARDNERVILLE (EAGLE)	80
120 SANTA FE (LUNING)	100
121 SILVER STAR (GOLD RANGE, MINA)	90
125 TONOPAH	1000
126 JACK RABBIT (BRISTOL)	300
129 TOM PETE	100
130 BULLFROG (BEATTY, RHYOLITE)	10
131 COPPER KING (BUNKERVILLE, KEY WEST)	10
137 ELDORADO (NELSON)	3000
UTAH	
135 UTAH (PARK CITY)	400
136 BINGHAM (WEST MOUNTAIN)	100
137 AMERICAN FORK	20
138 OPIHER	400
139 GOLD HILL (CLIFTON)	10
141 SAN RAFAEL	1
142 FRISCO	200
143 WHITE CANYON	200
MONTANA	
172 BUTTE	90
MEXICO	
CHIHUAHUA	
145 TEMOSACHIC, GUERRERO	400
146 MAGISTRAL, HURHIDE	20
147 SAN DIEGO, IRRUBIDE	100
149 GUERRERO, GUERRERO	10
152 LOS REYES, JIMENEZ	60
151 EL PARRAL, HIDALGO	200
154 ALISOS, ANDRES DEL RIO	10
DURANGO	
155 REINA DE CORRE, CUENCAMEL	100
160 SAN LUCAS, SAN JUAN DEL RIO	80
162 TAYOLITIA, SAN DIMAS	50
SAN LUIS POTOSI	
163 MATIHUALA, CATORGE	60
SONORA	
165 CANANEA, ARISPE	50
166 NAQUIARI, ARISPE	40
167 SANTA DOMINGO, ARISPE	7
168 SANTA BARBARA, HERMOSEILLO	3
169 SAN JAVIER, HERMOSEILLO	10
ZACATECAS	
170 SAN ALTO, SOMBRERETE	2000
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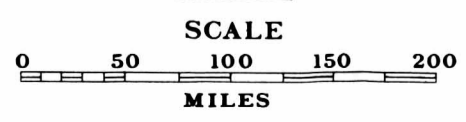
LOG PRODUCT CONCENTRATION
(Ag) (Cu) (In) (Sn) IN CHALCOPYRITE
(PARTS PER MILLION)

LESS THAN 4	1 TO 5
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GREATER THAN 7	UNKNOWN

LEGEND

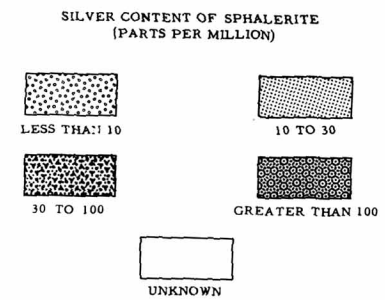
MINING DISTRICT	LOG PRODUCT CONCENTRATION (Ag)(Cu)(In)(Sn) (PARTS PER MILLION)
UNITED STATES	
ARIZONA	
1 WALLAPAI (CHLORIDE, MINERAL PARK)	7
2 CEDAR VALLEY	8
3 EUREKA (BAGDAD)	4
4 VERDE (JEROME)	7
5 PECK	7
6 BRADSHAW	7
7 MINNEHAHA	2
8 SWANSEA (SANTA MARIA)	7
9 GREEN VALLEY (PAYSON)	8
10 MIAMI	5
11 GLOBE	5
12 SUMMIT	4
13 PIONEER (SUPERIOR)	5
14 COPPER MOUNTAIN (MORENCI)	2
15 MINERAL CREEK (RAY)	5
16 BANNER (CHRISTMAS)	6
17 STANLEY	4
18 BUNKER HILL (COPPER CREEK)	4
19 MAMMOTH, TIGER, SAN MANUEL	3
20 SILVER BELL	6
21 AJO	4
22 GUNSIGHT (MEYER)	6
23 AMOLE (TUCSON MOUNTAINS)	2
24 COCHISE (JOHNSON)	6
27 PIMA (MINERAL HILL, TWIN BUTTIES)	8
28 HELVETIA	7
33 WARREN (BISBEE)	7
35 PATAGONIA, DUQUESNE	7
CALIFORNIA	
36 AFTERTHOUGHT (INGOT)	2
37 LIGHTS CANYON (ENGELL)	5
38 NEVADA CITY (GRASS VALLEY)	4
40 FAIR PLAY	1
41 PINE CREEK	2
44 ARGUS RANGE	7
45 WOODY	7
47 CIMA	8
48 ORD	4
50 TUNJUNGA	4
51 CRESTMORE	7
52 JULIAN	6
53 GARGO MUCHACHO (GILBY)	3
COLORADO	
54 WARD	5
55 KREMMLING	2
56 CENTRAL CITY (BLACKHAWK)	6
57 IDAHO SPRINGS	6
58 GRIFFITH (GEORGETOWN)	6
60 RED CLIFF (BATTLE MOUNTAIN, GILMAN)	7
62 FREMONT PASS (GLIMAN)	9
65 ROARING FORK (ASPEN)	4
67 CEBOLLA (VULCAN)	8
68 UNCOMPAGNE (JOHNSON)	5
70 SNEFFELS (MIOCENE BASIN)	2
72 IRON SPRINGS (OPHIR)	3
74 ANIMAS (SILVERTON)	4
75 PIONEER (RICO)	8
NEW MEXICO	
76 WILLOW CREEK (PECOS)	4
78 SAN PEDRO	7
79 MAGDALENA (KELLY)	7
80 NOGAL (SIERRA BLANCA)	3
82 HERMOSA (PALOMAS)	3
84 FIERRO-NAVIERO	3
84 STEEPLE ROCK	2
85 SANTA RITA	4
88 OROGRANDE (JARILLA)	4
89 ORGAN	4
90 LORDSBURG (VIRGINIA)	4
91 EUREKA (HACHITA)	5
NEVADA	
92 MOUNTAIN CITY (COPE, VAN DUZER)	4
93 JACKSON CREEK	4
94 TUSCARORA	4
98 SAFFORD (PALLASDE)	6
99 RAILROAD (BULLION)	6
102 BULLION (CAMPBELL, LANDER, TENABO)	9
103 DOLLY VARDEN (MIZPAH, GRANITE)	6
110 REESE RIVER (AUSTIN)	6
112 COMSTOCK (VIRGINIA CITY, SILVER STAR)	2
113 ELY (ROBINSON)	6
115 BUCKSKIN	5
116 YERINGTON (MASON)	5
117 GARDNERVILLE (EAGLE)	7
120 SANTA FE (LEUNG)	4
123 SILVER STAR (GOLD RANGE, MINA)	4
125 TONOPAH	3
126 JACK RABBIT (BRISTOL)	3
129 TEM PHUTE	5
130 BULLFROG (BEATTY, RHYOLITE)	7
131 COPPER KING (BUNKERVILLE, KEY WEST)	5
133 ELDORADO (NELSON)	6
UTAH	
135 UINTA (PARK CITY)	4
136 BINGHAM (WEST MOUNTAIN)	7
137 AMERICAN FORK	6
138 OPIER	6
139 GOLD HILL (CLIFTON)	6
141 SAN RAFAEL	6
142 TRISCO	2
143 WHITE CANYON	6
MONTANA	
172 BUTTE	3
MEXICO	
CHIHUAHUA	
145 TEMOSACHIC, GUERRERO	3
146 MAGISTRAL, ITURBIDE	6
147 SAN DIEGO, ITURBIDE	6
149 GUERRERO, GUERRERO	5
152 LOS REYES, JIMENEZ	6
153 EL PARRAL, HIDALGO	4
154 ALISOS, ANDRES DEL RIO	1
DURANGO	
159 REINA DE COBRE, CUENCA	7
160 SAN LUCAS, SAN JUAN DEL RIO	5
162 TAYOLITTA, SAN DIMAS	7
SAN LUIS POTOSI	
163 MATEHUALA, CATORCE	8
SONORA	
165 CANANEA, ARISPE	4
166 NACOZARI, ARISPE	5
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**COMBINED
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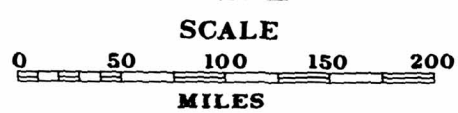
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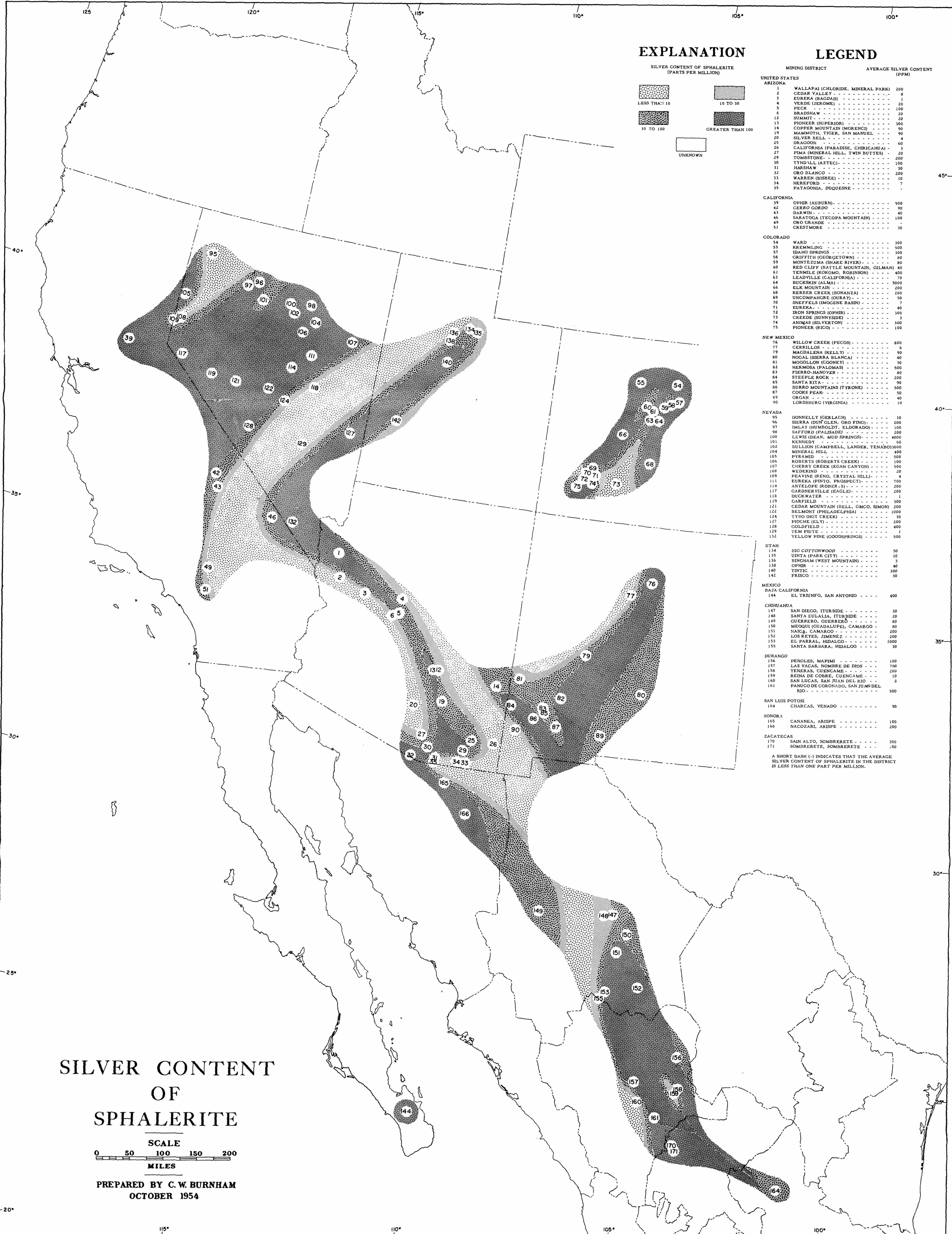
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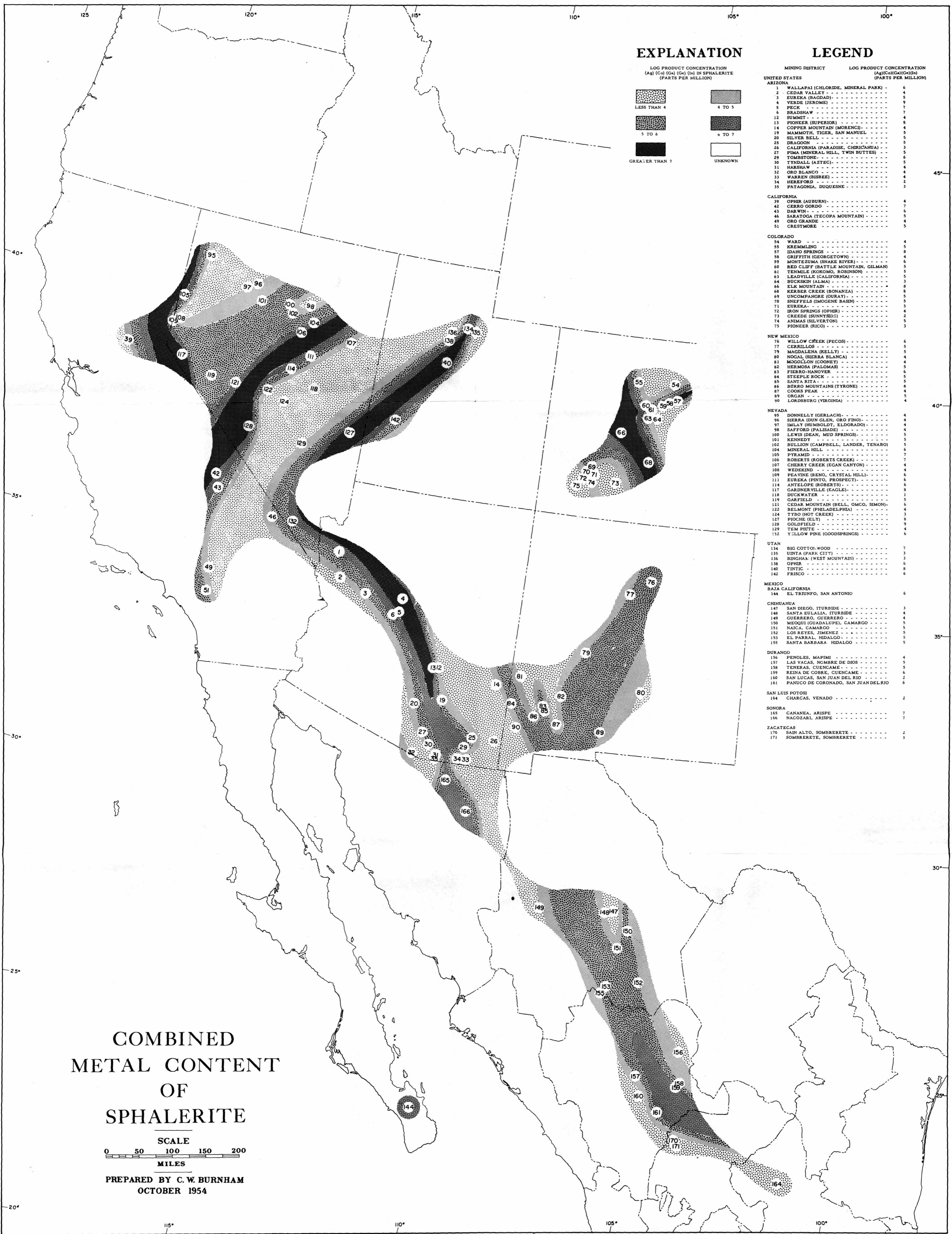
MINING DISTRICT		AVERAGE SILVER CONTENT (PPM)
UNITED STATES		
ARIZONA		
1	WALLAPAI (CHLORIDE, MINERAL PARK)	200
2	CEDAR VALLEY	8
3	EUREKA (BAGDAD)	1
4	VERDE (JEROME)	20
5	PECK	100
6	BRADSHAW	20
12	SUMMIT	20
13	PIONEER (SUPERIOR)	300
14	COPPER MOUNTAIN (MORENCI)	90
19	MAMMOTH, TIGER, SAN MANUEL	90
20	SILVER BELL	4
25	DRAGON	60
26	CALIFORNIA (PARADISE, CHIRICAHUA)	3
27	PIMA (MINERAL HILL, TWIN BUTTES)	20
29	TOMBSTONE	200
30	TYNDALL (AZTECI)	100
31	HARSHAW	30
32	ORO BLANCO	200
33	WARREN (BISBEE)	10
34	HERSFORD	7
35	PATAGONIA, DUQUESNE	-
CALIFORNIA		
39	OPHIR (AUBURN)	900
42	CERRO GORDO	90
43	DARWIN	40
46	SARATOGA (TECOPA MOUNTAIN)	100
49	ORO GRANDE	-
51	CRESTMORE	30
COLORADO		
54	WARD	300
55	KREMMLING	500
57	IDAHO SPRINGS	100
58	GRIFFITH (GEORGETOWN)	80
59	MONTEZUMA (SNAKE RIVER)	80
60	RED CLIFF (BATTLE MOUNTAIN, GILMAN)	40
61	TEMBLE (KOKOMO, ROBINSON)	400
63	LEADVILLE (CALIFORNIA)	70
64	BUCKSKIN (ALMA)	5000
66	ELK MOUNTAIN	200
68	KENDER CREEK (SONANTA)	80
69	UNCOMPAGHRE (OURAY)	50
70	SNEFFELS (IMOGENE BASIN)	7
71	EUREKA	40
72	IRON SPRINGS (OPHIR)	300
73	CREEDE (SUNNYSIDE)	3
74	ANIMAS (SILVERTON)	500
75	PIONEER (RICO)	100
NEW MEXICO		
76	WILLOW CREEK (PECOS)	800
77	CERRILLOS	6
79	MAGDALENA (KELLY)	90
80	NOGAL (SIERRA BLANCA)	40
81	MOGOLLON (COONEY)	10
82	HERMOSA (PALOMAS)	500
83	TIERRA-NUEVO	80
84	STEEPLE ROCK	200
85	SANTA RITA	90
86	BURRO MOUNTAINS (TYRONE)	500
87	COOKS PEAK	50
89	ORGAN	40
90	LORDBURG (VIRGINIA)	10
NEVADA		
95	DONNELLY (GERLACH)	10
96	SIERRA (DUN GLEN, ORO FINO)	200
97	IMLAY (HUMBOLDT, ELDORADO)	100
98	SAFFORD (PALISADE)	200
100	LEWIS (DEAN, MID SPRINGS)	4000
101	KENNEDY	60
102	BULLION (CAMPBELL, LANDER, TENABO)	3000
104	MINERAL HILL	400
105	PYRAMID	500
106	ROBERTS (ROBERTS CREEK)	100
107	CHERRY CREEK (EGAN CANYON)	500
108	WEDEKIND	20
109	PEAVINE (RENO, CRYSTAL HILL)	4
111	EUREKA (PINTO, PROSPECT)	100
114	ANTELOPE (ROBER. SI.)	200
117	GARDNERVILLE (EAGLE)	200
118	DUCKWATER	1
119	GARFIELD	300
121	CEDAR MOUNTAIN (BELL, OMCO, SIMON)	200
122	BELMONT (PHILADELPHIA)	1000
124	TYHO (HOT CREEK)	10
127	POCHE (ELY)	200
128	GOLDFIELD	400
129	TEM BUTTE	1
132	YELLOW PINE (GOODSPRINGS)	500
UTAH		
134	DIG COTTONWOOD	50
135	UINTA (PARK CITY)	10
136	BINGHAM (WEST MOUNTAIN)	3
138	OPHIR	40
140	TINTIC	300
142	FRISCO	30
MEXICO		
BAJA CALIFORNIA		
144	EL TRUNFO, SAN ANTONIO	400
CHIHUAHUA		
147	SAN DIEGO, ITURBIDE	30
148	SANTA EULALIA, ITURBIDE	20
149	GUERRERO, GUERRERO	80
150	MEQUI (GUADALUPE, CAMARGO)	80
151	NAO, CAMARGO	200
152	LOS REYES, JIMENEZ	200
153	EL PARRAL, HIDALGO	1000
155	SANTA BARBARA, HIDALGO	30
DURANGO		
156	PENOLAS, MAPIMI	100
157	LAS VAGAS, NOMBRE DE DIOS	700
158	TENERAS, CUENCAME	200
159	REINA DE COBRE, CUENCAME	10
160	SAN LUCAS, SAN JUAN DEL RIO	8
161	PANUGO DE CORONADO, SAN JUAN DEL RIO	500
SAN LUIS POTOSI		
164	CHARCAS, VENADO	90
SONORA		
165	CANANEA, ARISPE	100
166	NACAZARI, ARISPE	200
ZACATECAS		
170	SAN ALTO, SOMBRERETE	100
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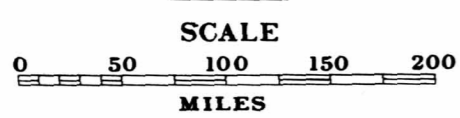
LOG PRODUCT CONCENTRATION
(Ag) (Co) (Ga) (In) IN SPHALERITE
(PARTS PER MILLION)

LESS THAN 4	4 TO 5
5 TO 6	6 TO 7
GREATER THAN 7	UNKNOWN

LEGEND

MINING DISTRICT	LOG PRODUCT CONCENTRATION (Ag) (Co) (Ga) (In) (PARTS PER MILLION)
UNITED STATES	
ARIZONA	
1 WALLAPAI (CHLORIDE, MINERAL PARK)	6
2 CEDAR VALLEY	4
3 EUREKA (BADGAD)	5
4 VERDE (JEROME)	7
5 PECK	7
6 BRADSHAW	7
12 SUMMIT	4
13 PIONEER (SUPERIOR)	8
14 COPPER MOUNTAIN (MORENCI)	4
19 MAMMOTH, TIGER, SAN MANUEL	5
20 SILVER BELL	5
25 DRAGON	5
26 CALIFORNIA (PARADISE, CHIRICAHUA)	3
27 PIMA (MINERAL HILL, TWIN BUTTES)	5
29 TOMSTONE	5
30 TYNDALL (AZTEC)	5
31 HARSHAW	4
32 ORO BLANCO	4
33 WARREN (BISBEE)	4
34 HEREFORD	2
35 PATAGONIA, DUQUESNE	3
CALIFORNIA	
39 OPHIR (AUBURN)	4
42 CERRO GORDO	7
43 DARWIN	6
46 SARATOGA (TECOPA MOUNTAIN)	5
49 ORO GRANDE	4
51 CRESTMORE	5
COLORADO	
54 WARD	4
55 KREMMLING	5
57 IDAHO SPRINGS	8
58 GRIFFITH (GEORGETOWN)	4
59 MONTEZUMA (SNAKE RIVER)	6
60 RED CLIFF (BATTLE MOUNTAIN, GILMAN)	5
61 TEMPLE (KOKOMO, ROBINSON)	4
63 LEADVILLE (CALIFORNIA)	5
64 BUCKSKIN (ALMA)	3
66 ELK MOUNTAIN	8
68 KERBER CREEK (BONANZA)	8
69 UNCOMPAGHRE (OURAY)	5
70 SNEFFELS (IMOGENE BASIN)	5
71 EUREKA	3
72 IRON SPRINGS (OPHIR)	4
73 CREEDE (SUNNYSIDE)	4
74 ANIMAS (SILVERTON)	5
75 PIONEER (RICO)	3
NEW MEXICO	
76 WILLOW CREEK (PECOS)	6
77 CERILLOS	5
79 MAGDALENA (RELY)	4
80 NOGAL (SIERRA BLANCA)	4
81 MOGOLLON (COONEY)	4
82 HERMOSA (PALOMAS)	4
83 FIERRO-HANOVER	6
84 STEEPLE ROCK	5
85 SANTA RITA	5
86 BURG MOUNTAINS (TYBONE)	4
87 COOKS PEAK	4
89 ORGAN	4
90 LORESBURG (VIRGINIA)	4
NEVADA	
95 DONNELLY (GERLACH)	4
96 SIERRA (DUN GLEN, ORO FINO)	4
97 IMLAY (HUMBOLDT, ELDORADO)	4
98 SAFFORD (PALISADE)	4
100 LEWIS (DEAN, MUD SPRINGS)	5
101 KENNEDY	5
102 BULLION (CAMPBELL, LANDER, TENAHO)	5
104 MINERAL HILL	6
105 PYRAMID	7
106 ROBERTS (ROBERTS CREEK)	7
107 CHERRY CREEK (EGAN CANYON)	4
108 WEDEKIND	4
109 PEAVINE (RENO, CRYSTAL HILL)	4
111 EUREKA (PINTO, PROSPECT)	6
114 ANTELOPE (ROBERTS)	6
117 GARDNERVILLE (EAGLE)	6
118 DUCKWATER	1
119 GARFIELD	5
121 CEDAR MOUNTAIN (BELL, OMCO, SIMON)	6
122 BELMONT (PHILADELPHIA)	4
124 TYBO (HOT CREEK)	3
127 POCHE (ELY)	9
128 GOLDFIELD	8
129 TEM PIUTE	4
132 YELLOW PINE (GOODSPRINGS)	6
UTAH	
134 BIG COTTON WOOD	7
135 HINTA (PARK CITY)	3
136 BINGHAI (WEST MOUNTAIN)	3
138 OPHIR	6
140 TINTIC	6
142 FRISCO	6
MEXICO	
BAJA CALIFORNIA	
144 EL TRIUNFO, SAN ANTONIO	6
CHIHUAHUA	
147 SAN DIEGO, ITURBIDE	3
148 SANTA EULALIA, ITURBIDE	4
149 GUERRERO, GUERRERO	4
150 MEOQUI (GUADALUPE), CAMARGO	5
151 NAICA, CAMARGO	5
152 LOS REYES, JIMENEZ	5
153 EL PARRAL, HIDALGO	5
155 SANTA BARBARA, HIDALGO	5
DURANGO	
156 PEÑALES, MAPIMI	4
157 LAS YAGAS, NOMBRE DE DIOS	5
158 TENERAS, CUENCAME	5
159 REINA DE COBRE, CUENCAME	6
160 SAN LUCAS, SAN JUAN DEL RIO	6
161 PARUICO DE CORONADO, SAN JUAN DEL RIO	6
SAN LUIS POTOSI	
164 CHARGAS, VENADO	2
SONORA	
165 CANANEA, ARISPE	7
166 NACOZARI, ARISPE	7
ZACATECAS	
170 SAIN ALTO, SOMBRERETE	2
171 SOMBRERETE, SOMBRERETE	3

COMBINED METAL CONTENT OF SPHALERITE



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EXPLANATION

- Production plus reserves - more than \$250,000,000.
- Production plus reserves - \$25,000,000 to \$250,000,000.
- Production plus reserves - \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000.
- Production less than \$5,000,000 (U. S. G. S. Bull. 507)

Note: production data are incomplete for some districts in Idaho, Montana, and Washington.

LEGEND

- ALM - ALMA
- ASP - ASPEN
- BAT - BATTLE MOUNTAIN
- BIN - BINGHAM
- BIS - BIS
- BON - BONANZA
- BRD - BRADSHAW MOUNTAINS
- BRE - BRECKENRIDGE
- BU - BUTTE
- CAL - CALICO
- CAN - CANANEA
- CDA - COEUR D'ALENE
- CDL - CANDELARIA
- CEN - CENTRAL CITY
- CS - CERRO GORDO
- COM - COMSTOCK
- COR - CORTEZ
- COT - COTTONWOOD
- CRE - CREEDE
- DAR - DARWIN
- EUR - EUREKA
- JER - JEROME
- KIM - KIMBERLEY
- LDB - LORDSBURG
- LV - LEADVILLE
- MOG - MOGOLLON
- MON - MONARCH
- OAT - OATMAN
- OPH - OPHIR-STOCKTON
- PAT - PATAGONIA
- PC - PARK CITY
- PIO - PIOCHE
- RAN - RANDSBURG
- RR - REESE RIVER
- SC - SILVER CLIFF
- SF - SAN FRANCISCO
- SJ - SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS
- SUP - SUPERIOR
- TIN - TINTIC
- TOM - TOMSTONE
- TON - TONOPAH
- TYB - TYBO

SILVER DEPOSITS OF THE WESTERN UNITED STATES



EXPLANATION

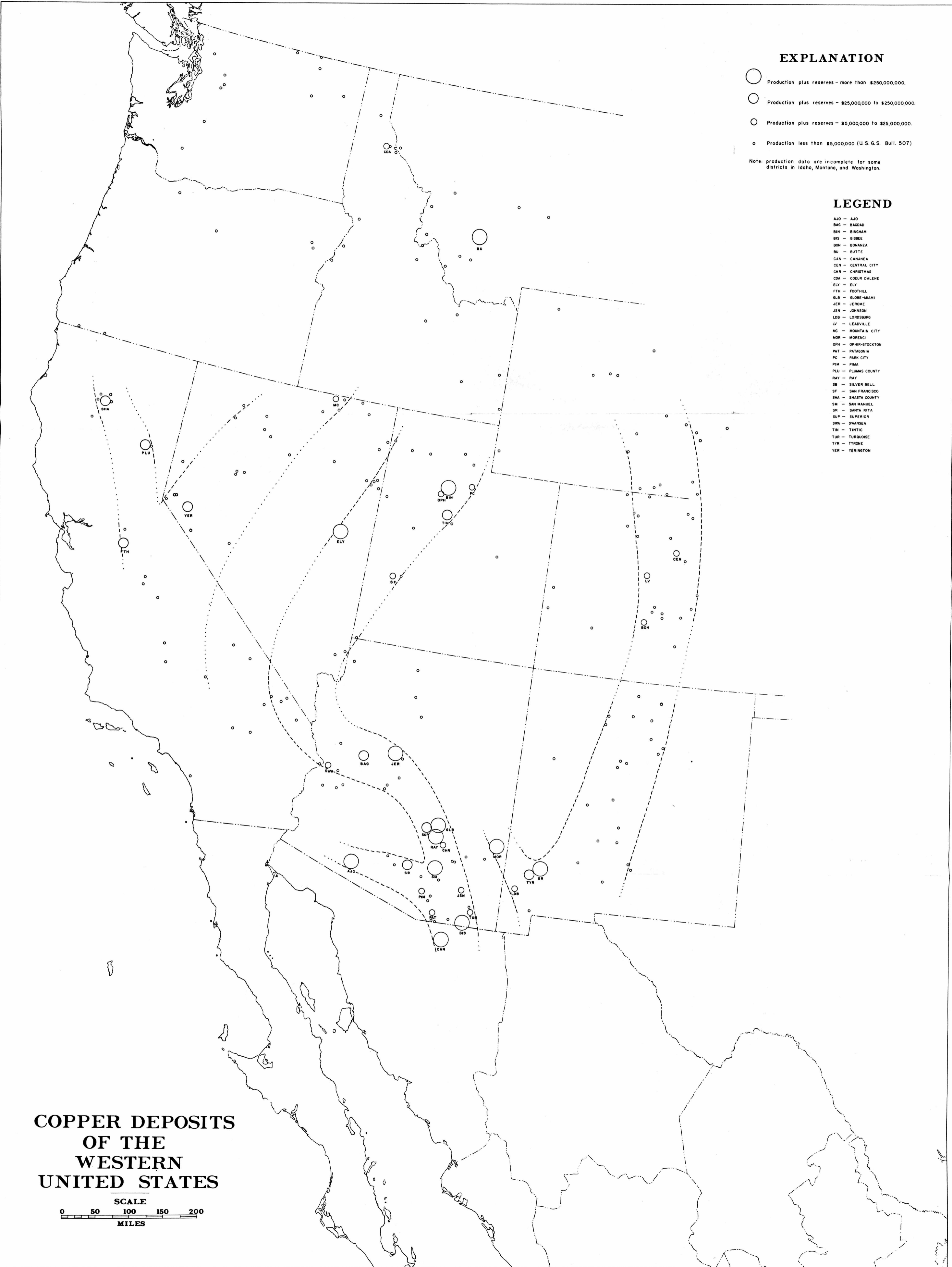
- Production plus reserves - more than \$250,000,000.
- Production plus reserves - \$25,000,000 to \$250,000,000.
- Production plus reserves - \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000.
- Production less than \$5,000,000 (U.S.G.S. Bull. 507)

Note: production data are incomplete for some districts in Idaho, Montana, and Washington.

LEGEND

- AJO - AJO
- BAG - BAGDAD
- BIN - BINGHAM
- BIS - BISBEE
- BON - BONANZA
- BU - BUTTE
- CAN - CANANEA
- CEN - CENTRAL CITY
- CHR - CHRISTMAS
- CDA - COEUR D'ALENE
- ELY - ELY
- FTH - FOOTHILL
- GLB - GLOBE-MIAMI
- JER - JEROME
- JSN - JOHNSON
- LDB - LORDSBURG
- LV - LEADVILLE
- MC - MOUNTAIN CITY
- MOR - MORENCI
- OPH - OPHIR-STOCKTON
- PAT - PATAGONIA
- PC - PARK CITY
- PIM - PIMA
- PLU - PLUMAS COUNTY
- RAY - RAY
- SB - SILVER BELL
- SF - SAN FRANCISCO
- SHA - SHASTA COUNTY
- SM - SAN MANUEL
- SR - SANTA RITA
- SUP - SUPERIOR
- SWA - SWANSEA
- TIN - TINTIC
- TUR - TURQUOISE
- TYR - TYRONE
- YER - YERINGTON

COPPER DEPOSITS OF THE WESTERN UNITED STATES



EXPLANATION

- Production plus reserves - more than \$250,000,000.
- Production plus reserves - \$25,000,000 to \$250,000,000.
- Production plus reserves - \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000.
- Production less than \$5,000,000 (U. S. G. S. Bull. 507)

Note: production data are incomplete for some districts in Idaho, Montana, and Washington.

LEGEND

- ALL - ALLEGHANY
- ALM - ALMA
- ANG - ANGELS-CARSON
- AUR - AURORA
- BCH - BAGDAD-CHASE
- BH - BLACK HILLS
- BIN - BINGHAM
- BIS - BISBEE
- BOD - BODIE
- BRD - BRADSHAW MOUNTAINS
- BRE - BRECKENRIDGE
- BU - BUTTE
- CAN - CANANEA
- CC - CRIPPLE CREEK
- COA - COEUR D'ALENE
- CEN - CENTRAL CITY
- COM - COMSTOCK
- CON - CONGRESS
- FER - FERGUSON
- GET - GETCHELL
- GFD - GOLDFIELD
- GH - GOLD HILL
- GRV - GRASS VALLEY
- JAR - JARBIDGE
- JER - JEROME
- JUL - JULIAN
- KFA - KONA
- KTH - KATHERINE
- LAP - LA PLATA
- LDB - LORDSBURG
- LV - LEADVILLE
- MAM - MAMMOTH
- MAN - MANHATTAN
- MER - MERCUR
- MOG - MOGOLLON
- MOJ - MOJAVE
- MON - MONARCH
- DAT - DATMAN
- PLY - PLYMOUTH-JACKSON
- RAN - RANDSBURG
- RH - RICH HILL
- RM - ROUND MOUNTAIN
- ROC - ROCHESTER
- SJ - SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS
- SP - SILVER PEAK
- SUM - SUMMITVILLE
- SUP - SUPERIOR
- TIN - TINTIC
- TOM - TOMSBURG
- TOM - TOMBSTONE
- TOM - TONOPAH
- TUS - TUSCARORA
- VUL - VULTURE
- WIL - WILDROSE

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