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REPORT ON
AIRBORNE RADIOMETRIC SURVEY
LUTTERWORTH TOWNSHIP
ONTARIO
ON BEHALF OF
JOREX LIMITED

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### SUMMARY

An airborne radiometric survey was carried out over an area near Minden, Ontario. A total of 300 line miles were flown at a nominal altitude of 150' and a ground speed of 60 miles/hour.

The following geophysical parameters were measured during the survey: Total Count, Potassium, Uranium and Thorium. In addition, an altimeter measured the terrain clearance.

The data were continuously recorded on analogue charts and magnetic tapes.

Stacked profiles on overlays were made of the corrected data.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

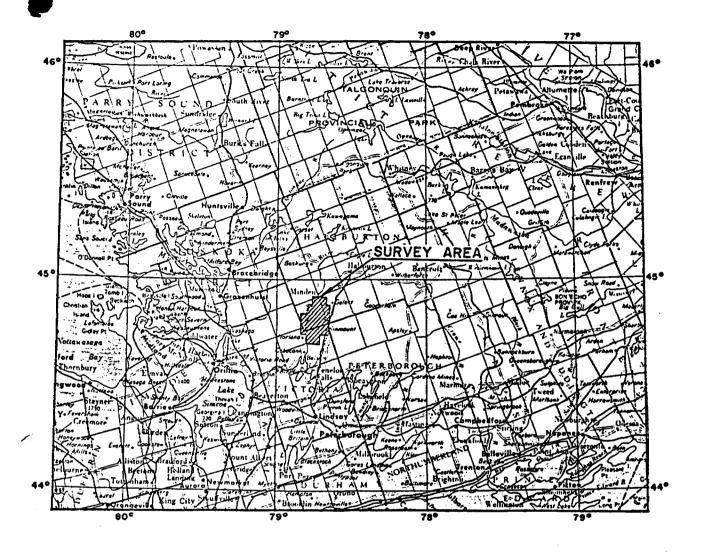
During the period August 31 - September 1, 1978, an airborne radiometrics survey was conducted by Scintrex Limited on behalf of Jorex Limited, in the Minden-Kinmount area of Ontario. A total of 300 line miles of survey were flown.

Simultaneous measurements of Uranium, Thorium, Potassium and Total gamma radiation counts were made at a count rate of one second. The data were recorded in analogue form on a chart recorder and in digital form on magnetic tapes. The geophysical instrumentation consisted of a four channel gamma-ray spectrometer and a gamma-ray sensor package. Ancillary equipment included an intervalometer, a flight path camera, a radar altimeter, a seven track digital recording system and a six channel analogue recorder.

The survey aircraft was a Bell 206B jetranger helicopter on charter from Dominion Pegasus Helicopters Ltd., King City.

#### 2. SURVEY AREA

The survey embraced an area of approximately 85 sq. km., bounded by Highways 501, 123 and 35 near Minden, Ont. (Loc. map Fig.1).



# LOCATION MAP

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SOMERVILLE GRID AND SCURRY GRID MINDEN AREA, ONTARIO

AIRBORNE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

Scale: 1: 2,000,000



The survey area was divided into two parts. The first section is located just south of the Lutterworth township line in Somerville township. The second section is north of this and is called Scurry.

In addition, test flights were flown over five mineralized showings in the same area.

## 3. FLYING SPECIFICATIONS

Table I lists the flying specifications applicable to the present survey.

### Table I

Nominal Terrain Clearance:

150 feet

Helicopter ground speed:

60-70 mph.

Flight direction:

N120°E

(Somerville, Scurry Areas)

Nominal line spacing:

1/8 mile (660 feet)

## 4. SURVEY EQUIPMENT

A brief description of the instrumentation used during the present survey is given below.

- 4.1 Geophysical Equipment
- 4.1.1 The gamma-ray detector system consisted of a single GSA-42 crystal assemblage. The GSA-42 contains two

4" x 4" x 16" thallium activated sodium iodide crystals representing a detector volume of 512 cu.inches (8,390 cm. 3) The crystals are attached to thermally insulated, magnetically shielded, shock mounted capsules, which are temperature controlled by an internal heating unit for spectrum stabilization.

The capsule was mounted in the rear baggage compartment of the helicopter.

### 4.1.2 Gamma-ray Spectrometer

A Scintrex GAD-6 spectrometer was utilized on the survey. The GAD-6 is a four channel, differential and spectral-stabilized gamma-ray analyser, capable of providing both a digital and an analogue output. For the present survey the instrument was set up to provide three channels of output in the differential mode. The energy windows are centered on  $K^{40}$  - Potassium (1.461 MeV), Bi<sup>214</sup>-Uranium (1.764 MeV) and Tl<sup>208</sup>-Thorium (2.615 MeV). The fourth channel was set up in the broad-band integral mode (Total Count Threshold: 0.3 MeV).

The radiometric data was recorded unstripped or "raw".

## 4.2 Ancillary Equipment

#### 4.2.1 Camera

A Vinten MK III 16 mm scientific camera, fitted with a 10 mm wide angle lens, was employed to record the survey flight path. The camera was mounted in the bubble of the helicopter. The film is characterized by overlapping frame exposures each corresponding to

one fiducial interval (i.e. 1 second).

#### 4.2.2 Altimeter

A Bonzer Mark 10 radar altimeter was utilized on the survey. This is a direct reading instrument capable of measuring the terrain clearance from 40 to 2,000 feet with an accuracy of ±5 percent. The altimeter was mounted at the front of the aircraft.

4.2.3 Scintrex IITC-2 Intervalometer

The instrument, mounted in the equipment rack, generates synchronization signals operating the fiducial counters and camera.

The unit also provides an on board communication system for the flight crew.

- 4.2.4 Scintrex Analogue Recorder
  - An RCM-6 analogue chart recorder was employed. This is a direct writing recorder capable of simultaneously recording six channels of data. Rectilinear traces are achieved by a rugged direct heated stylus writing across a knife edge on heat sensitive chart paper.
- Incre-Data MK II Digital Recording System

  The Incre-data unit digitally records data gathered by the on-board survey equipment on to 7-track magnetic tape. The following data are recorded incrementally at ½ second intervals:

Fiducial numbers (1 per second)

Time (Hours, minutes, seconds, tenths of seconds)

Radiometrics (T.C., K, U, Th)

Altimeter.

In addition, a header block, containing flight number, survey mode, line number and area number is recorded every tenth fiducial or second.

The unit contains a digital clock controlled by a 10 MHz crystal oscillator. This is used to synchronize data recording, fiducial intervals, camera exposure and radiometric counting periods.

The Incre-Data unit accepts both analogue and digitally coded data converting the analogue data (Altimeter) into digital form before recording. Figure II describes the complete system and its interconnections in block diagram form.

#### 4.3 Survey Aircraft

The aircraft employed on the present survey was a
Bell 206B Jet Ranger helicopter on charter from DominionPegasus Helicopters Ltd.

## 5. SURVEY CREW

The following personnel were employed on the survey:

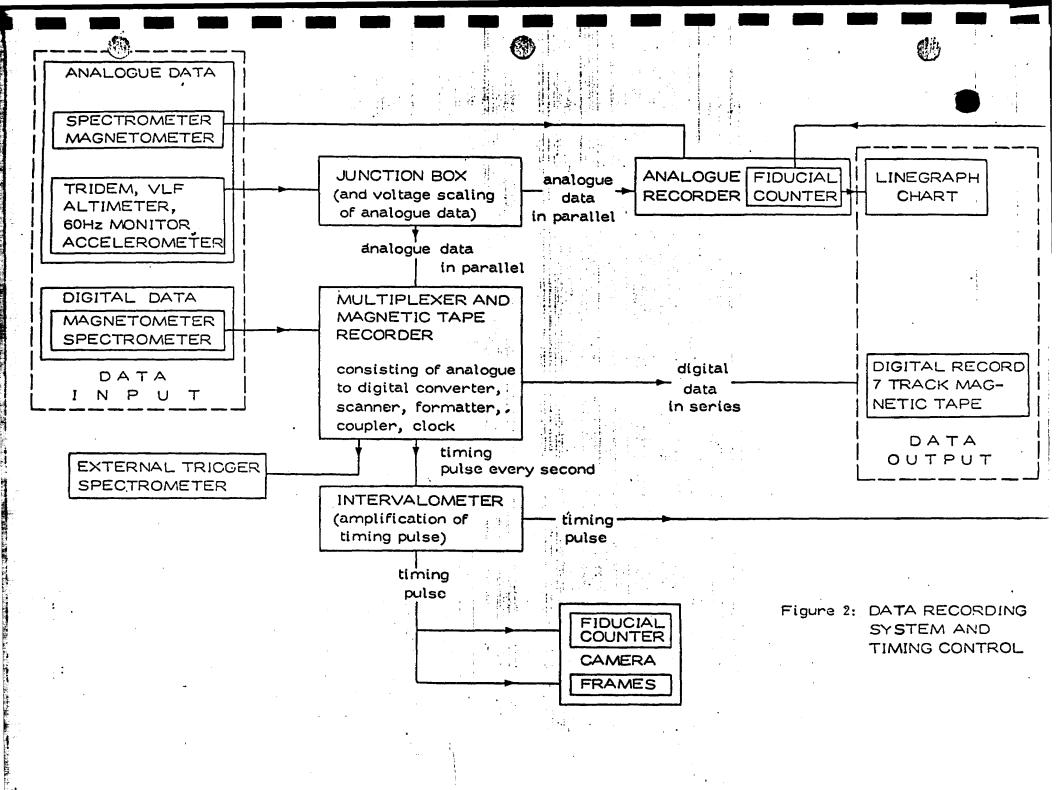
- 5.1 Neil Fiset Geophysicist/Dataman, responsible for overall supervision of the survey, client liaison, quality control of data, film processing and final presentation.
- 5.2 Jim Quance Operator/Navigator, operated and maintained the equipment and was responsible for directing the pilot during the survey along previously selected flight lines.
- 5.3 Len MacTaggert, Pilot, Dominion-Pegasus Helicopters.

## 6. FIELD PROCEDURES

6.1 Survey flight and Ground Procedures.

The main sequence of events occurring before, during and after each survey flight is illustrated below.

- 1) Switch on for warm-up of spectrometer.
- 2) Calibrate spectrometer.
- 3) Calibrate chart recorder.
- 4) Take off.
- 5) Survey lines.
- 6) Land
- 7) Calibrate spectrometer.
- 8) Calibrate chart recorder.
- 9) Check data quality.
- 10) Develop film.



- 6.2 Navigation and Flight Path Recovery
- 6.2.1 During each survey flight, the aircraft course was directed by the navigator by identifying ground features on a photomosaic on which the proposed flight lines had been drawn.

Appropriate fiducial numbers were marked on the photomosaic as the aircraft passed over recognizable features. The photomosaics used on the present survey were at a scale of  $1'' = \frac{1}{4}$  mile.

- 6.2.2 A flight log was maintained by the operator during each survey flight. The flight log contains all information pertaining to the weather, date, flight times, etc.

  Also, it lists the beginning and ending fiducial numbers for each survey line.
- 6.2.3 While each line was being surveyed a continuous film record of the flight path was made. After each roll of film was exposed it was developed. This was used in conjunction with the navigator's mosaic and the flight logs, to accurately record the actual flight path for each survey line. Recognizable features on the film were marked on a recovery mosaic identical to the navigator's mosaic. At each of these picked points a corresponding fiducial number was noted. The survey lines were reconstructed by joining picked points, assuming straight flight between each two points.

## 7. DATA RECORDING

7.1 Analogue Chart Record.

Data were recorded in analogue form on heat sensitive chart paper. The complete system was time synchronized by the intervalometer. Fiducial marks were recorded on the chart paper by means of an event pen in the recorder. Each mark corresponds to a one second interval. At normal survey speeds each fiducial corresponds to a distance of approximately 150' on the ground.

Each trace can be identified by the following table.

Table II

## Analogue Chart Identification

Trace No.

Parameter	Showings Somerville	Scurry	Vert.Nom.Scale
Thorium	2	1	100 counts/sec
Uranium	3	2	100 "
Potassium	4	3	100 "
Total Count	5	5	10,000 "
Altimeter	6	6	1 cm = 100'
#1 → top			

#### 7.2 Digital Record

In addition to an analogue record, the data was recorded on 7-track magnetic tape. The magnetic tape is a 200 B.P.I., B.C.D. record. Track 1, 2, 3 and 4 record the numerical data, tracks 5 and 6 express "end of line"

and "abort line". Track 7 is used for parity check.

A complete scan occurs every half second. The data are recorded in blocks of 20 scans (corresponding to 10 fiducials). A header is recorded at the start of each block. Table III displays the various parameters and their appropriate characters, in order, for the first scan of a block.

TABLE III
Magnetic Tape Format

Character	Parameter	
1, 2, 3	Flight number	
4	Mode 1 = Survey Line	
	5 = Calibration	
5, 6, 7	Line Number	
8	Area $1 \rightarrow 5 = \text{showings } 1 \rightarrow 5$	
	6 = Somerville	
	7 = Scurry	
9, 10, 11, 12	Fiducial number	
13, 14	Time, hours	
15, 16	Time, minutes	
17, 18	Time, second	
19	Time, tenth of second	
20 +27	Blank	
28 → 32	Total Count	
33 → 37	Potassium	
38 → 42	Uranium	
43 → 47	Thorium	
48, 39, 50, 51	Blank	
52, 53, 54	Altimeter (zero level = 500)	

## 8. DATA PROCESSING

- 8.1 Analogue Charts

  Processing of the charts was carried out as follows:
- 8.1.1 Each line was labelled with line numbers, direction of flight and fiducial numbers.
- 8.1.2 The charts were edited and bound in book form. Aborted lines were removed.
- 8.1.3 The chart recorder calibrations were labelled and placed in the book.
- 8.2 Flight Path
  The final flight path map was digitized.
- 8.3 Digital Record

  Processing of the digital data was done by Data Plotting

  Services Ltd., and consisted of the following steps 8:
- 8.3.1 The digital data was transferred from the original
  7-track Incredata magnetic tapes to a 9-track computer
  compatible tape.
- 8.3 2 Computer processing of the data was performed in the following order:
  - a) The natural background radiation obtained over lakes was subtracted.

- c) Normalization of the radiometrics to a constant terrain clearance of 150.
- d) The data, both radiometric and altimeter, were smoothed by a five point, weighted, low pass filter to remove any statistical aberrations.
  The detailed processing procedure is illustrated in Appendix I below.
- 8.3.3 The corrected data were then plotted on a flatbed plotter.
- 8.3.4 Lastly, two archive magnetic tapes were made. The first contains all the raw data, edited and with aborted sections removed. The second tape contains all the processed and plotted data.

### 9. PRESENTATION OF DATA

- 9.1 Overlays and Greyflex

  Stacked profiles of corrected Total count Potassium

  Uranium and Thorium and altimeter were plotted on

  overlays by a computer plotter. These profiles can

  be merged with the greyflex flight path map displaying

  flight lines and fiducials.
- 9.2 Analogue Charts

  Analogue charts, edited, labelled and bound in a book

  line by line.
- 9.3 Magnetic Tapes
  The following tapes were submitted:
- 9.3.1 The original 7-track Incre-data tapes containing all raw data
- 9.3.2 A 9-track magnetic tape containing raw data edited and checked with aborted sections removed.
- 9.3.3 A final 9-track tape containing all of the processed and plotted data.
- 9.4 Other Materials

  All flight logs, films, line summaries, recovery and flight mosaics and other materials employed on the survey.

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## APPENDIX I

## DETAILED ALGORITHMS USED FOR DATA PROCESSING

1. The constants given apply to GSA-42 with a GAD-6 spectrometer.

#### A. DEFINITIONS:

A0 = Averaging option 5 was used.

Nxy = Count numbers per given sampling interval

x = Processing step

1 = Raw number

2 = After background correction

3 = After altitude correction

4 = After stripping

5 = After Filter, Final Value

Y = Channels BB, Th, U, K.

BB = Broadband

Th = Thorium

U = Uranium

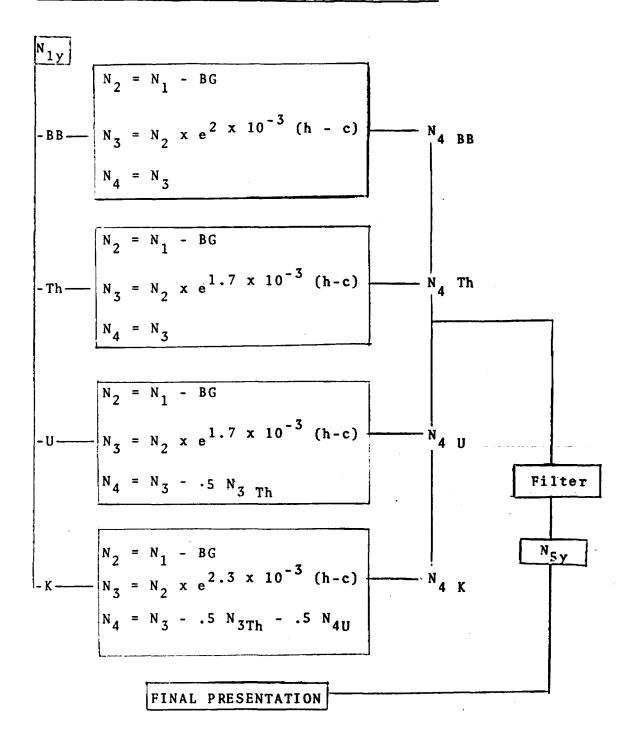
K = Potassium

C = Standard distance above ground for normalization of data (150 feet).

#### B. Filter

$$h = \frac{.06 \text{ ALT}(X_1-2) + .26 \text{ ALT}(X_1-1) + .36 \text{ ALT}(X_1) + .26 \text{ ALT}(X_1+1) + .06 \text{ALT}(X_1+2)}{40 - 5}$$

## C. ALTITUDE CORRECTION AND COMPTON SCATTERING



# APPENDIX II

## Plate No. Identification

Parameters	Area	
	Sommerville	Scurry and showings
Total Count and Uranium	IA	IIA
Potassium and Thorium	IB	IIB
Altimeter	TC	TTC



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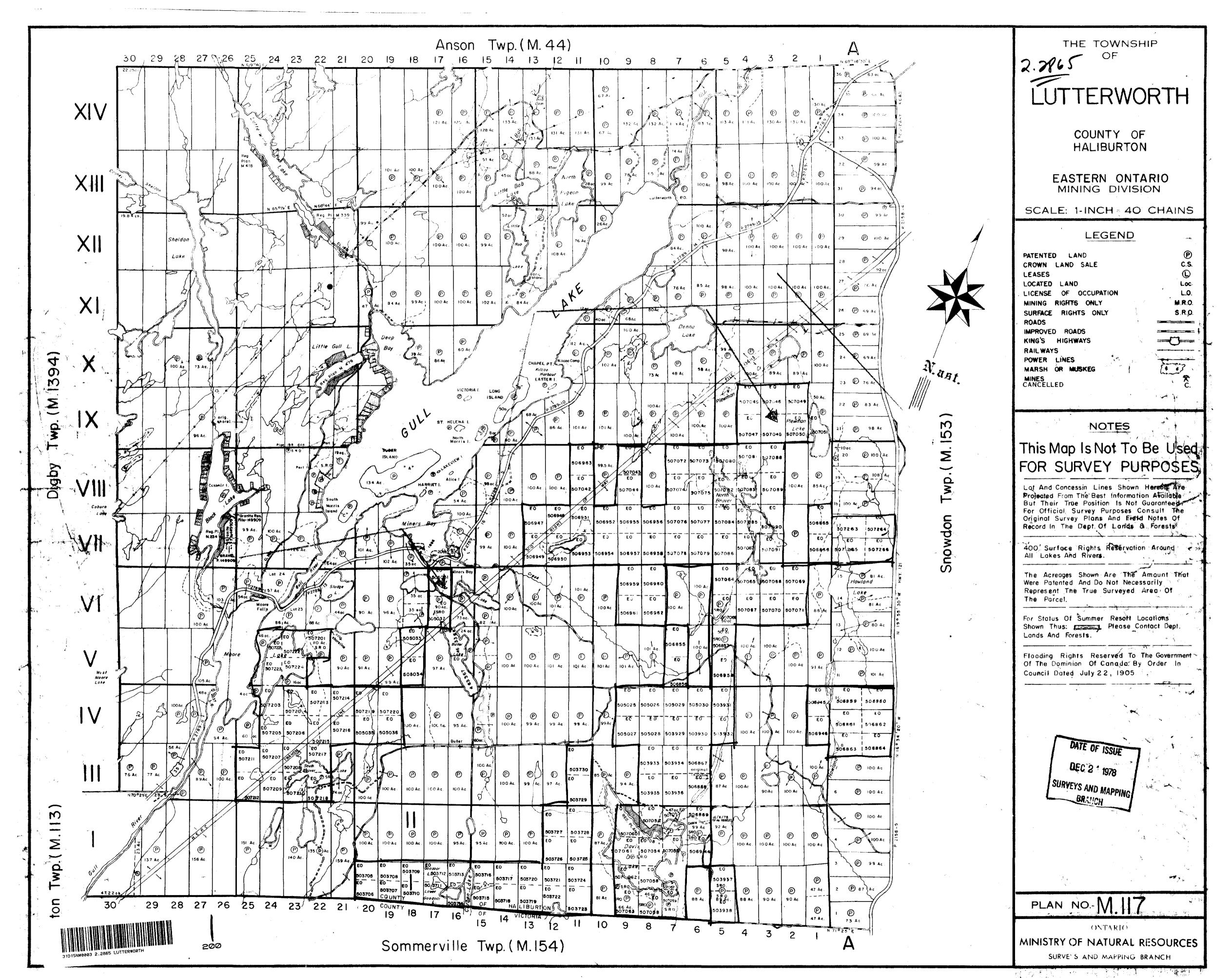
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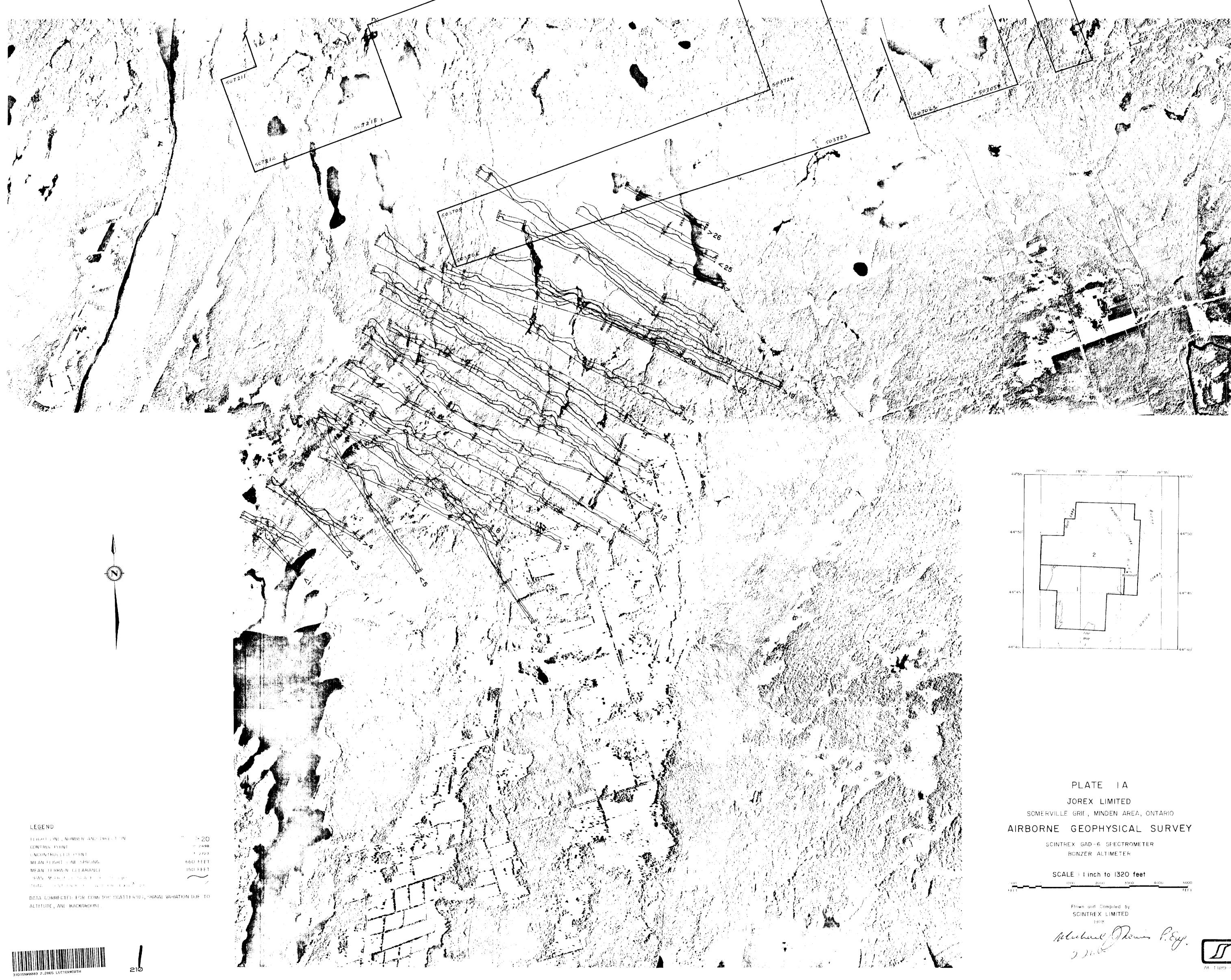
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