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INTRODUCTION

In July 1971, a 400 mile marine seismic reflection survey was conducted in Keith and McVicar Arms of Great Bear Lake. This survey was shot across some 1.3 million acres of Permit lands held by Alminex Limited, Ram Petroleums Ltd., Yellowknife Bear Mines Ltd., Midcon Oil and Gas Ltd., Inter Rock Oil Co., and Canadian Export Gas and Oil Ltd. This program was originally planned as a 60 mile land seismic program to be shot along the south and east shores of Keith Arm however it was thought that, despite the uncertainties of marine seismic quality, more coverage could be obtained over the actual permit area.

The program was shot by Teledyne Exploration Ltd. - field and playback operations were supervised by Jordan Lewis & Jose Ltd. A full report by Teledyne on field and playback operations is attached to this report. The only basic changes made in recording parameters compared to those previously used were an increase in air gun capacity from sixty cubic inches to one hundred twenty cubic inches, and an increase of minimum offset from three hundred and fifty feet to five hundred and twenty-five feet. These changes were made in the field and were designed to give more useful refraction information and reflection stepout for velocity analysis.

Plans had been made to shoot three long spread reversed refraction profiles utilizing sonabuys - because of failure of the air compressor in the final stages of the program only half (one way) of one refraction profile was obtained. Because of lack of a reverse profile this data was difficult to interpret. However, it did indicate the presence of a faulted, shallow, carbonate refractor some four hundred to eight hundred feet below the lake bottom.

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LIST OF ENCLOSURES

Appendix - Field and Operations Report

Index Map: 1" = 16 miles Bear Rock Structure

2 miles = 1 inch Maps:

Shot Point Index Map

Surface and Lake Bottom Topography

Surface Geology and Lake Bottom Refraction Analysis

Isopach of Lake Bottom to Carbonate

Isopach of Lake Bottom to Basement

Structure Map on Basement



District of Mackenzie - H.R. Balkwill contains useful references to the regional geology of the area. In the project area itself, the south and west sides of Keith Arm are bounded by Cretaceous outcrops. Scattered outcrops of Mount Kindle, and undivided Ronning rocks occur along the southeast and east shores of Keith Arm and along the shores of McVicar Arm. Two major structural events have been mapped - at Manitou Island, Mount Kindle rocks occur in a tightly folded ENE striking anticline; and along Leith Ridge, immediately to the east of McVicar Arm, a prominent NNE striking exhumed Precambrian ridge has been mapped.

Regional outcrop and well data indicates that the pre-Cretaceous unconformity is dipping approximately twenty feet per mile to the west or northwest - this can be modified by local structure and by an interpolated steep west dipping hinge zone west of Ft. Franklin.

Integration of regional geology with the seismic interpretation has not yet been completed, however a regional map of the Bear Rock structure, using well and outcrop information indicates a number of anomalies - first, an extension of the Leith Ridge trend into a possible fault between the Canadian Reserve Signal Keller Lake O-13 and P-14 wells which could extend as far as the Shell Blackwater Lake G-57 well (note - Blackwater Lake could alternately be located on a shelfward extension of the Laramide fold belt present in the McConnel Range to the west). Secondly, the structure at Manitou Island requires a much steeper than regional gradient (on the Mt. Kindle) north from the Buttes et al Blackwater Lake I-54 well (75 feet per mile SSE).

Balkwill reports outcrop porosity developments in the Cambrian Old Fort Sandstone and in the basal Dolomites of the Mount Cap and Saline River formations. Structure can be anticipated as drape over Precambrian topography and along fault zones. A 16 mile to 1 inch index map showing a possible interpretation of structure on the Bear Rock is attached.

#### GEOPHYSICAL DISCUSSION

Basic shooting and data playback parameters are fully discussed

in the Teledyne operations report (attached). Playback and interpretation of Keith Arm and McVicar Arm marine data presents unique problems, not usually encountered in plains shooting. Because of the rapidly varying water bottom topography and extreme contrast between water velocities of 4600'/s and carbonate at 18 - 20,000'/s, spread correction of CDP data is an almost insurmountable problem. Water bottom ringing occurs throughout the area and is particularly troublesome over the east two-thirds of the project area. The final solution of the spread correction and associated muting problems utilized a judicious juggling of extrapolated outcrop geology and lake bottom short spread refraction data, preliminary interpretation of single fold uncorrected near trace playouts and a routine sampling of velocity scans. The final sections showed a considerable amount of improvement over initial playbacks which were prepared using fixed velocity data. The attached plat showing various geological models and corresponding seismic configurations gives some idea of the complex geometry involved in the CDP marine shooting. Note the considerable amount of delta T on the water bottom rings which should theoretically reduce the effect of water bottom reverberations to a minimum in the zone of interest.

A considerable amount of valuable refraction information was derived from first arrivals on the field monitor records. Routine sampling of refraction arrivals was used to prepare a water bottom velocity map and to calculate depths to the Precretaceous unconformity down dip from the zero edge of the quaternary Cretaceous sequence.

Because of varying water depths and uncertainty of replacement velocities no attempt was made to correct the seismic sections to a fixed datum. After final corrections were made, time values on the Unconformity and on the Pre-Cambrian were converted to depth using velocities of 8500'/s and 18,000'/s for the Quaternary - Cretaceous and Carbonate sections respectively.

Five maps have been prepared - Surface and Lake Bottom Topography, Surface Geology and Lake Bottom Refraction Analysis, Isopach of Lake Bottom to Carbonate, Isopach of Lake Bottom to Basement, and Structure Map on

Basement. These maps (~~except for Isopach of Lake Bottom to Basement~~) on a scale of 4 inches to one mile, are attached.

An approximate cycle identification was obtained by use of interval velocities from velocity scans, correlation to lake bottom refraction velocities and sonigrams from the Imperial Lac Tache C-35 and Sinclair Wolverine D-61 wells. It seems probable that most of the project area occupies a high shelfal position similar to that found at the Imperial Lac Tache and Cartridge wells. Nothing was seen to indicate that the thick Bear Rock and Ronning sequences found at the Wolverine Creek well will occur in the project area.

#### MAP DISCUSSION

Surface and Water Bottom Topography - Sources for this map are published four mile to one inch topographic sheets, Fathometer readings obtained by Teledyne and soundings published by the Canadian Hydrographic Service. Of particular interest are the pronounced scour channels along the SE and NW edges of Keith Arm and the large topographic high ridge centered on 121° 50'W and 65° 25'N.

Lake Bottom Refraction Analysis - This map shows surface geology (GSC Paper 71-11) and water bottom velocities based on short spread refraction analyses. An attempt has been made to relate these velocities to possible rock types. Note that the velocities shown are those of the deepest refractor present so that areas noted as OSK for instance could still have a hundred feet or more of Quaternary or Cretaceous cover.

Isopach Lake Bottom to Carbonate - This interval has been converted from time at a velocity of 8500'/s. Thickness varies from less than 100' along 122° 00' longitude and along the Manitou Island Structure, to 600' in the north-west side of Keith Arm.

Structure Contours on Basement - This map was constructed by preparing a Lake Bottom to Basement isopach (converting time values from

Carbonate top to Basement at 18,000'/s) and adding to Lake Bottom elevations.

Three distinct linear trends striking roughly NE-SW can be seen in Keith Arm. Perhaps the most outstanding trend is the steep west dipping hinge zone striking almost north south between 121° 45' and 122° 00'. Note that this trend shows up prominently on the Lake Bottom topography -there is some possibility that this correlation could indicate that the mapped Basement is influenced by water bottom multiples. It is also possible that Lake Bottom topography is influenced by Basement structure. Without definitive well ties this anomaly must be considered as very tentative.

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Overall quality and credibility of the seismic is only fair to poor. Interpretation of data has indicated the possibility of three fairly well-defined fault trends striking NNE-SSW through the permit lands. One of these trends is further supported by outcrop evidence at Manitou Island. Relief on basement could be up to five hundred to a thousand feet. Extremely rugged lake bottom topography, severe water bottom ringing and inability to correct adequately for near-surface velocity changes leave the interpretation in considerable doubt. On the other hand, presence of subsurface structure involving basement at Leith Ridge, Manitou Island, and in the Shell Blackwater Lake and Keller Lake wells, lends some support to the hypothesis of a severely faulted basement and Paleozoic section in the area of Keith Arm.

Interpretation was hindered by lack of subsurface well ties and supporting criteria such as could be supplied by gravity and aeromagnetics.

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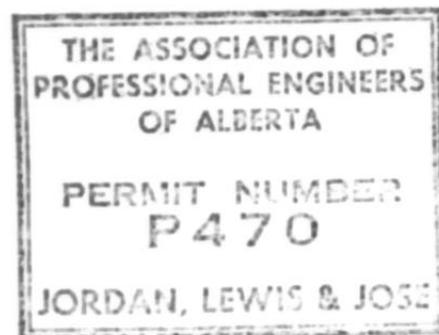
(a) Keith Arm appears to be the result of glacial scouring - Quaternary and Cretaceous deposits occur in the western half of the project area. Large ridges and scour channels, possibly modified or controlled by earlier tectonics or basement topography occur in the east half of the area.

(b) Other than evidence of a small Proterozoic basin and presence of a normal amount of Quaternary and Cretaceous cover in the west third of the area there is no evidence of any large scale pre-Cretaceous subsidence or preservation of rocks younger than Ronning in Keith or McVicar Arms. On the contrary, younger rocks, presumably including the Bear Rock and Hume have been largely removed by pre-Cretaceous and glacial erosion.

(c) Additional evaluation should include acquisition of trade seismic to tie wells to the west and south of the project area, acquisition by shooting or trade of a limited amount of land data along the south shore of Keith Arm. Additional marine data should be augmented by short spread (2500 ft.) refraction data and by low energy sparker data for shallow information. In addition, acquisition of trade aero-magnetic data on a regional basis and including coverage over Leith Ridge should be considered.



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APPENDIX

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Paralleling of the digital channels was accomplished at the output of the aliasing filters. Two second records were recorded at a sample rate of 4 milliseconds (Note: By paralleling inputs an effective sampling rate of 1 millisecond was obtained.)

Simultaneously with the six channel recording, a single trace facsimile section was made from the near trace. A Raytheon Model 196B recorder using NDK dry paper was utilized for this function.

Drywrite camera monitors were made with a Dynatronics camera every 8 shots for quality control.

#### IV. DATA PROCESSING

##### (a) Introduction

The Data obtained from the marine seismic survey of Great Bear Lake was recorded on six traces spaced 150 feet apart. The center of the first trace was located 525 feet from the energy source. Three air guns supplied the seismic pulse and were fired every 75 feet. The above parameters resulted in 600% C.D.P. coverage. The selection of the field technique was based mainly on previous experience in the area and on the assumption that the sedimentary section was very shallow. The nearest well control lies some 75 miles to the southwest. Water depths in the area of the lake surveyed ranged from 10 to 800 feet.

##### (b) Order of Data Processing

- (1) Demultiplex and edit field reels
- (2) Digital Filter
- (3) Deconvolution
- (4) Display of single short trace from each record
- (5) Removal of normal moveout
- (6) STACK
- (7) Digital AGC
- (8) 3:1 composite of STACK (3 lines only).

##### (c) Velocity Function

The velocity functions were supplied by the consulting firm of Jordan, Lewis & Jose. These were based mainly on a refraction survey and a study of the first arrivals. Automatic velocity programs were generally unsatisfactory, due to the shallow section, short spread and the presence of high amplitude water bottom multiples. The velocity of the water in Great Bear Lake was found to be from 4600 to 4650 feet per second. This was somewhat slower than had been previously assumed. Over a large part of the area surveyed, the velocity of the sediments near lake bottom was found to be

20,000 feet per second. This created some problem in designing a moveout curve that could change quickly enough from 4600 to 20,000 feet per second. A thin intermediate layer of sediment with a velocity of approximately 10,000 feet per second was encountered at some locations.

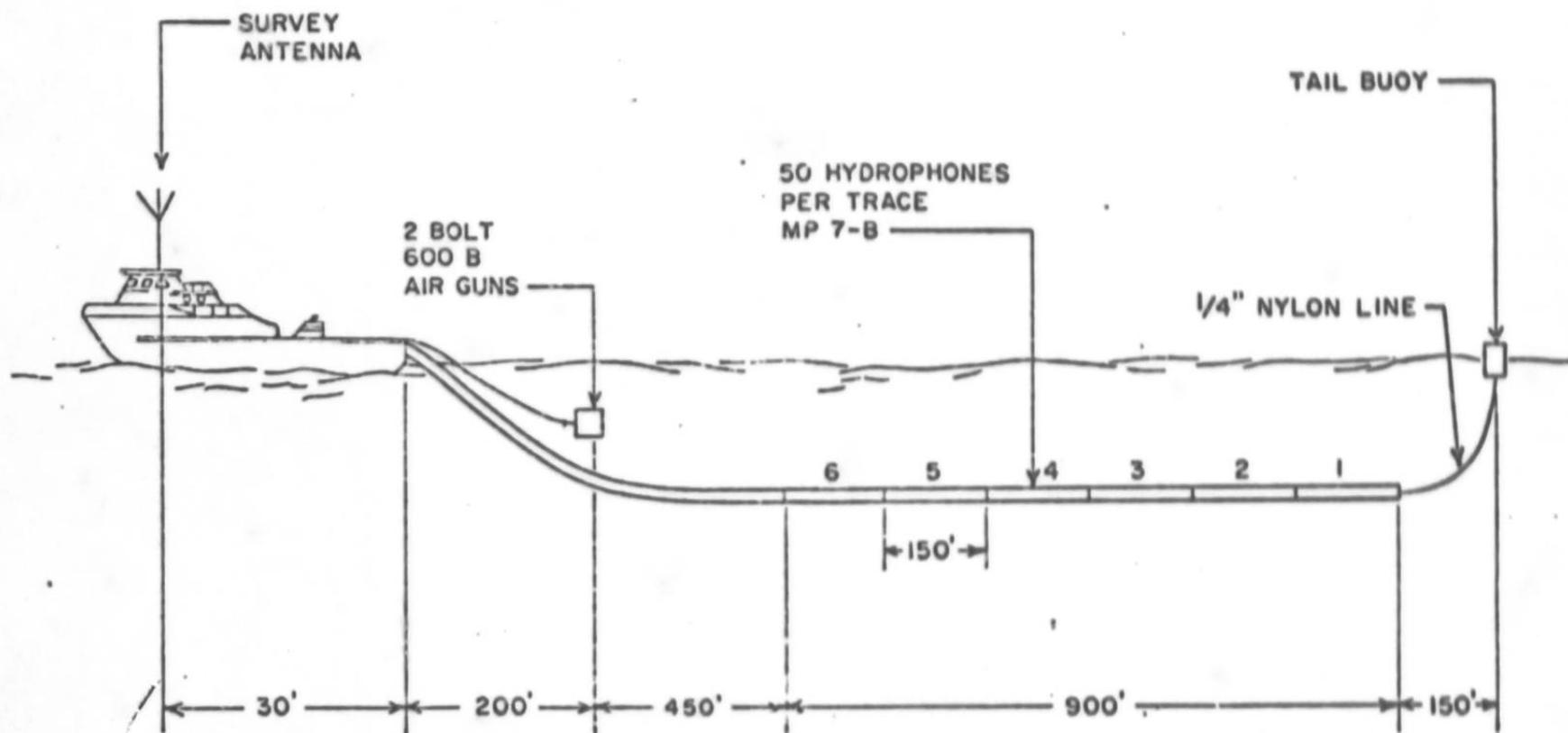
(d) Data Processing Techniques

Deconvolution was performed on the Great Bear Lake data mainly for pulse compression rather than multiple attenuation. The length of the deconvolution operator used was 100 M.S. A 25 cycle Ricker wavelet was used to limit the spectrum. It was felt that the section was too shallow to use a predictive type of deconvolution. The short spread necessary for recording the shallow section limited the effectiveness of multiple attenuation by stacking procedures. Velocity functions and muting patterns were adjusted as water depths changed. A comparison of various digital filters indicated a suitable frequency band pass to be from 15 to 50 cycles per second.

(e) Conclusions

Although the final stack sections from the Great Bear Lake survey still contained a fairly high multiple content; it is believed that a maximum amount of information was obtained from the field data by using the processing techniques previously outlined. Despite the limitations of the deconvolution filter, it was generally felt that the overall section was enhanced by partial dereverberation and wave shaping.

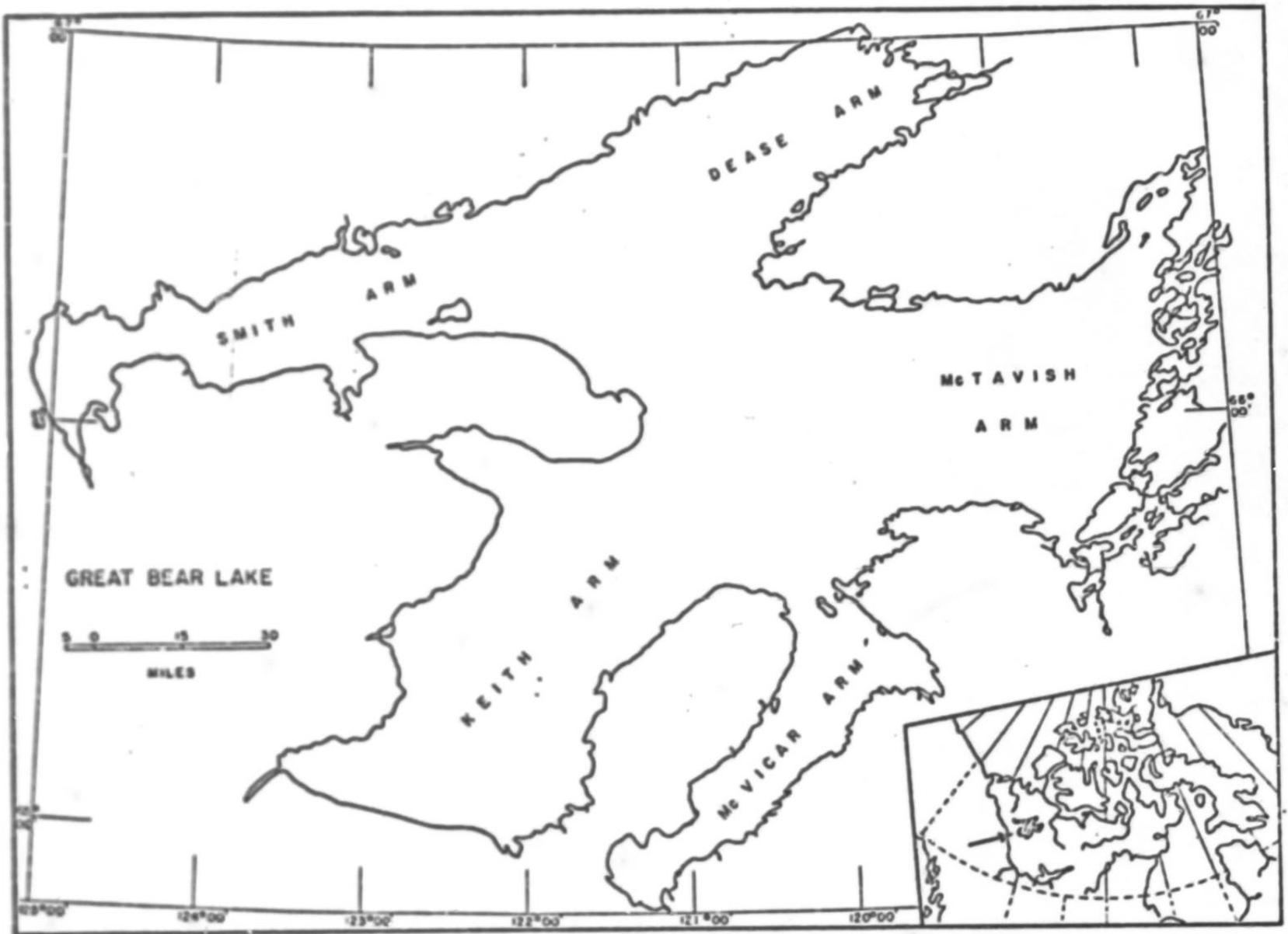
In the event of any future survey in Great Bear Lake, it is recommended that additional refraction profiles be obtained.



CABLE AND TOWING ARRAY DIAGRAM

**TELEDYNE EXPLORATION**

(150' TRACE INTERVAL)



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OF TAPE

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BIT "17"—LEAST SIGNIFICANT

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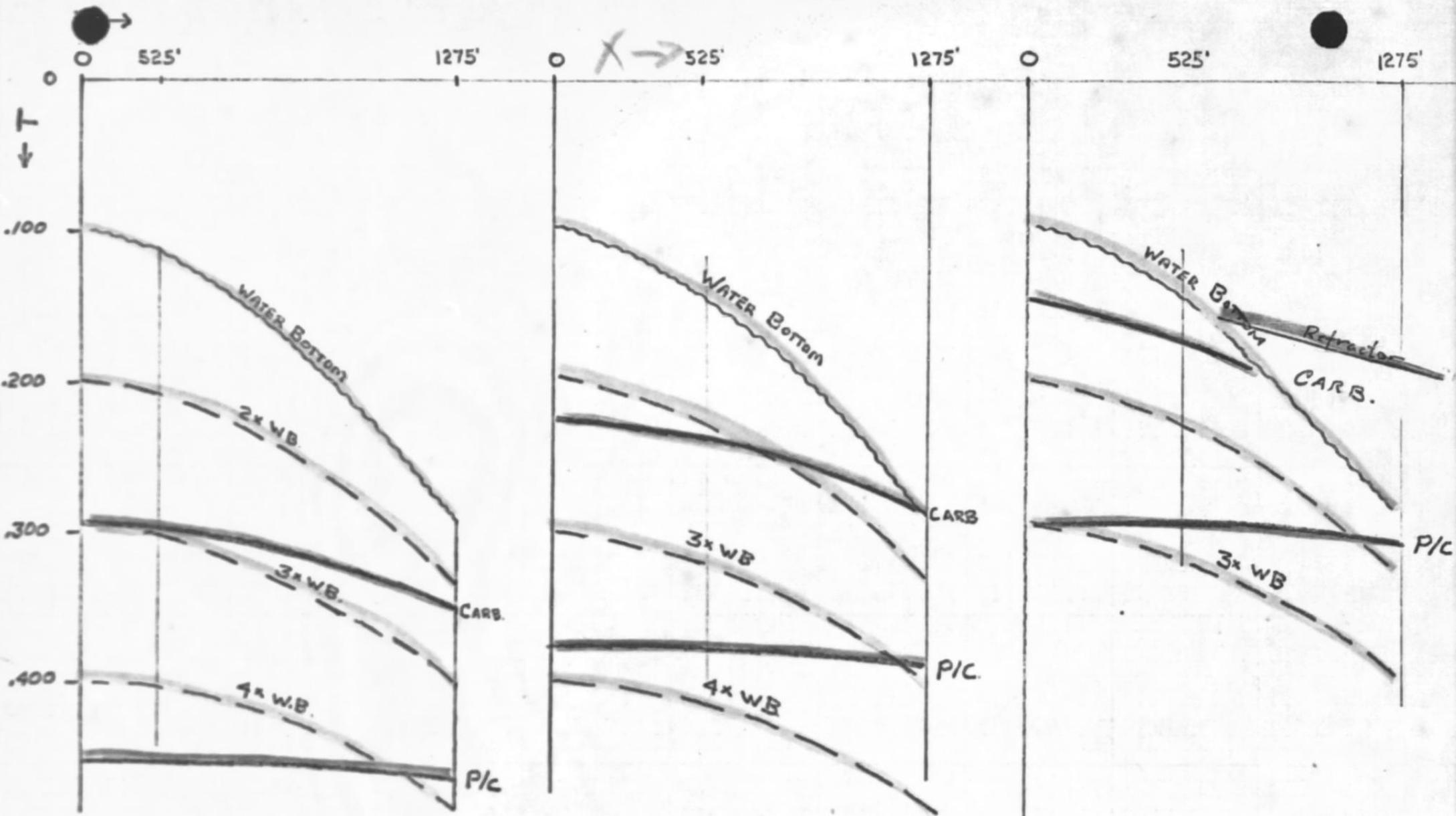
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Paralleling of the digital channels was accomplished at the output of the aliasing filters. Two second records were recorded at a sample rate of 4 milliseconds (Note: By paralleling inputs an effective sampling rate of 1 millisecond was obtained.)

Simultaneously with the six channel recording, a single trace facsimile section was made from the near trace. A Raytheon Model 196B recorder using NDK dry paper was utilized for this function.

Drywrite camera monitors were made with a Dynatronics camera every 8 shots for quality control.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

The overall operation proceeded more efficiently and produced better quality data than during the previous year for the following reasons:

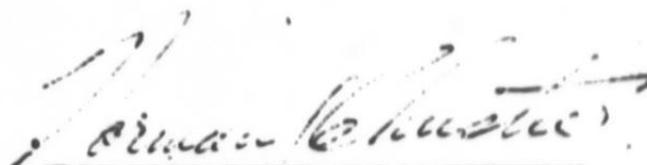
(a) The larger steel-hulled ship could operate in rougher weather and better grounding of the Ray-Dist equipment resulted in more reliable positioning and less electrical crossfeed to the recording equipment.

(b) Using three 40 cubic inch air guns nearly doubled the previous energy output and appeared to improve the record quality; particularly the reliability of the first arrivals.

(c) By extending the offset of the recording cables from the air guns, the refraction penetration was increased to give better velocity control on the shallow horizons.

The latter two changes mentioned above were suggested by Mr. Robert Jordan of Jordan, Lewis and Jose and we are indebted to him and his staff, not only for this, but for their co-operation during the acquisition and processing of the data.

Respectfully submitted,  
TELEDYNE EXPLORATION LTD.



NORMAN J. CHRISTIE,  
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PRESIDENT

## V. DATA PROCESSING

### (a) Introduction

The Data obtained from the marine seismic survey of Great Bear Lake was recorded on six traces spaced 150 feet apart. The center of the first trace was located 525 feet from the energy source. Three air guns supplied the seismic pulse and were fired every 75 feet. The above parameters resulted in 600% C.D.P. coverage. The selection of the field technique was based mainly on previous experience in the area and on the assumption that the sedimentary section was very shallow. The nearest well control lies some 75 miles to the southwest. Water depths in the area of the lake surveyed ranged from 10 to 800 feet.

### (b) Order of Data Processing

- (1) Demultiplex and edit field reels.
- (2) Digital filter.
- (3) Deconvolution.
- (4) Display of single short trace from each record.
- (5) Removal of normal moveout.
- (6) Stack.
- (7) Digital AGC.
- (8) 3:1 composite of stack (3 lines only).

### (c) Velocity Function

The velocity functions were supplied by the consulting

firm of Jordan, Lewis and Jose. These were based mainly on a refraction survey and a study of the first arrivals. Automatic velocity programs were generally unsatisfactory, due to the shallow section, short spread and the presence of high amplitude water bottom multiples. The velocity of the water in Great Bear Lake was found to be from 4,600 to 4,650 feet per second. This was somewhat slower than had been previously assumed. Over a large part of the area surveyed, the velocity of the sediments near lake bottom was found to be 20,000 feet per second. This created some problem in designing a moveout curve that could change quickly enough from 4,600 to 20,000 feet per second. A thin intermediate layer of sediment with a velocity of approximately 10,000 feet per second was encountered at some locations.

(d) Data Processing Techniques

Deconvolution was performed on the Great Bear Lake data mainly for pulse compression rather than multiple attenuation. The length of the deconvolution operator used was 100 M.S. A 25 cycle Ricker wavelet was used to limit the spectrum. It was felt that the section was too shallow to use a predictive type of deconvolution. The short spread necessary for recording the shallow section limited the effectiveness of multiple attenuation by stacking procedures. Velocity functions and muting patterns were adjusted as water depths changed. A comparison of various digital filters indicated a suitable frequency band pass to be from 15 to 50 cycles per second.

(e)

Conclusions

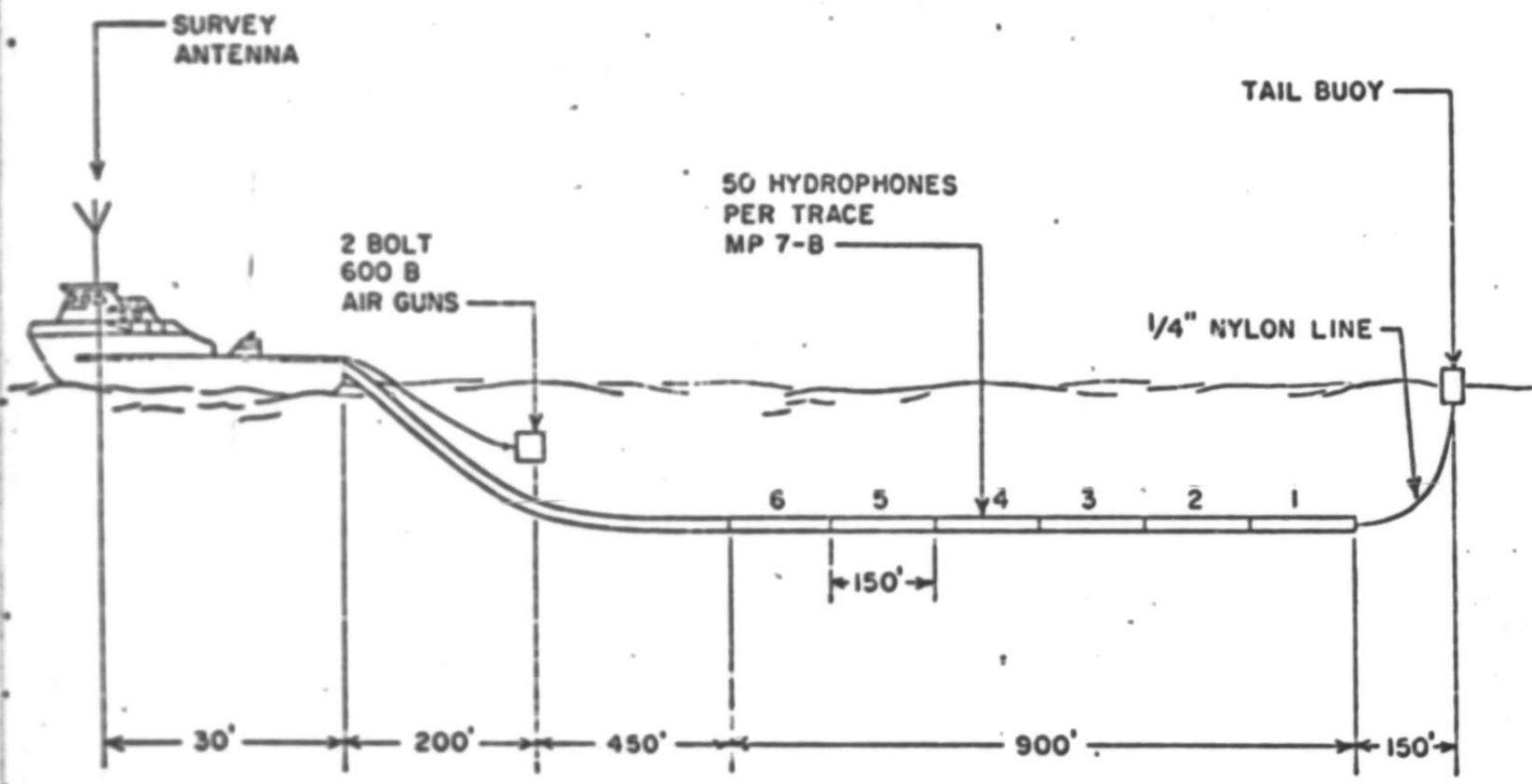
Although the final stack sections from the Great Bear Lake survey still contained a fairly high multiple content; it is believed that a maximum amount of information was obtained from the field data by using the processing techniques previously outlined. Despite the limitations of the deconvolution filter, it was generally felt that the overall section was enhanced by partial dereverberation and wave shaping.

In the event of any future survey in Great Bear Lake, it is recommended that additional refraction profiles be obtained.

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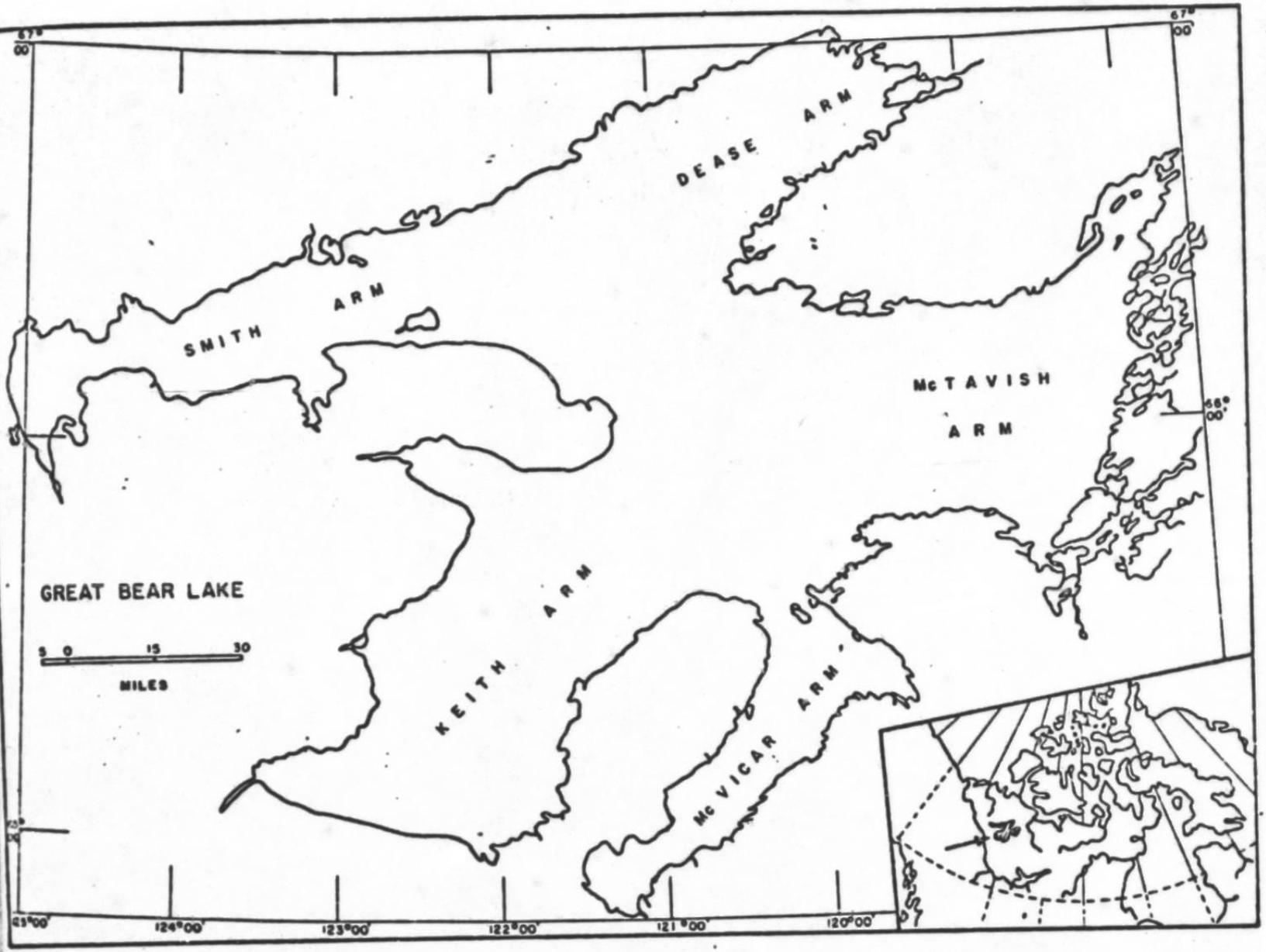
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**CABLE AND TOWING ARRAY DIAGRAM**

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(150' TRACE INTERVAL)



LOCATION MAP GENERAL



CONTINUATION  
OF TAPE

TAPE DIRECTION  
BIT "0"—MOST SIGNIFICANT  
BIT "17"—LEAST SIGNIFICANT

TRACK NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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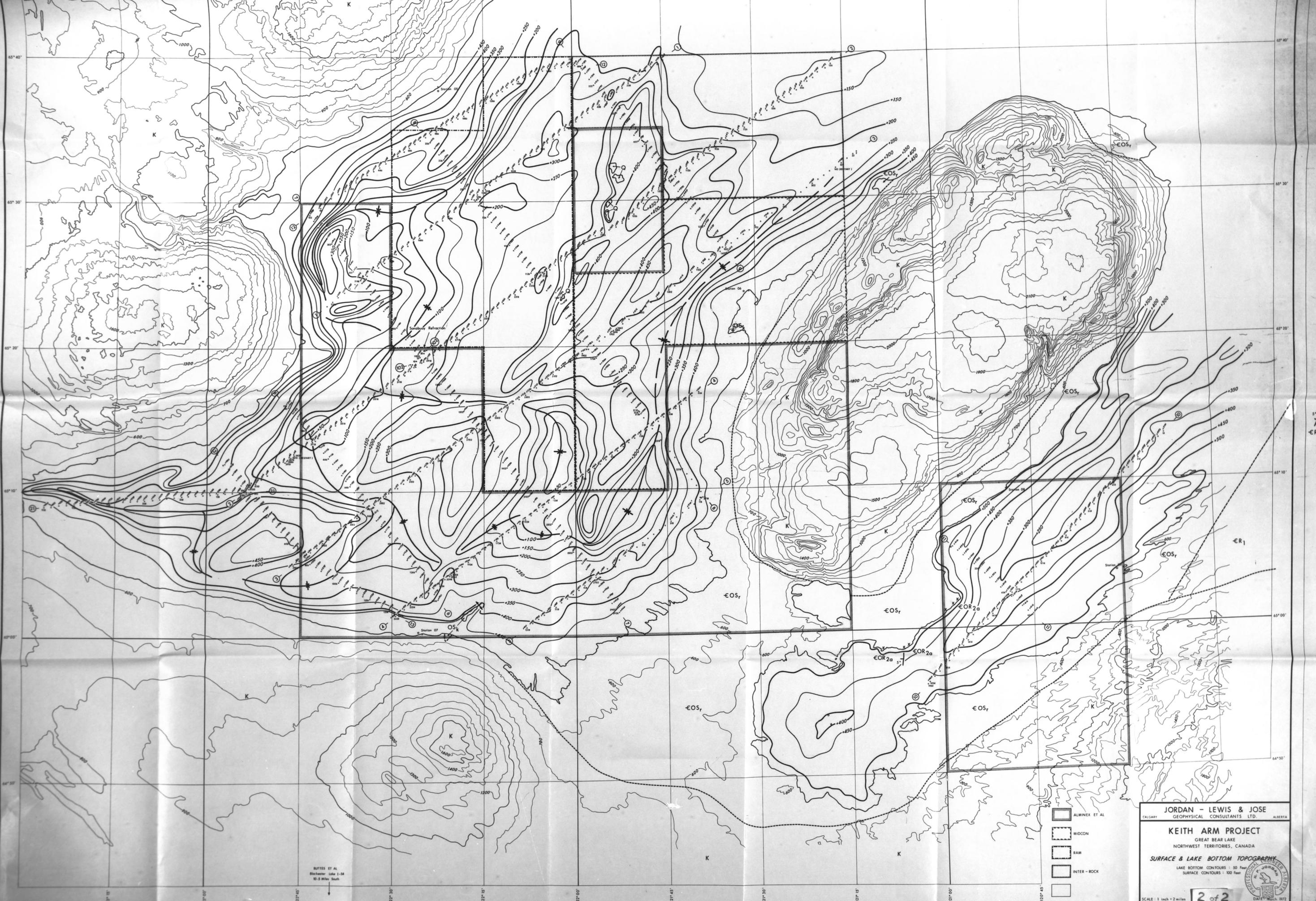
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WILL APPEAR—

NOTE: ARROWS ABOVE DENOTE TIMING WORDS

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Blackwater Lake 1-54  
10.5 Miles South

-  ALMINEX ET AL
-  MIDCON
-  RAM
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**SURFACE & LAKE BOTTOM TOPOGRAPHY**  
LAKE BOTTOM CONTOURS : 50 Feet  
SURFACE CONTOURS : 100 Feet

SCALE : 1 inch = 2 miles

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Blockwater Lake 2-54  
10.5 Miles South

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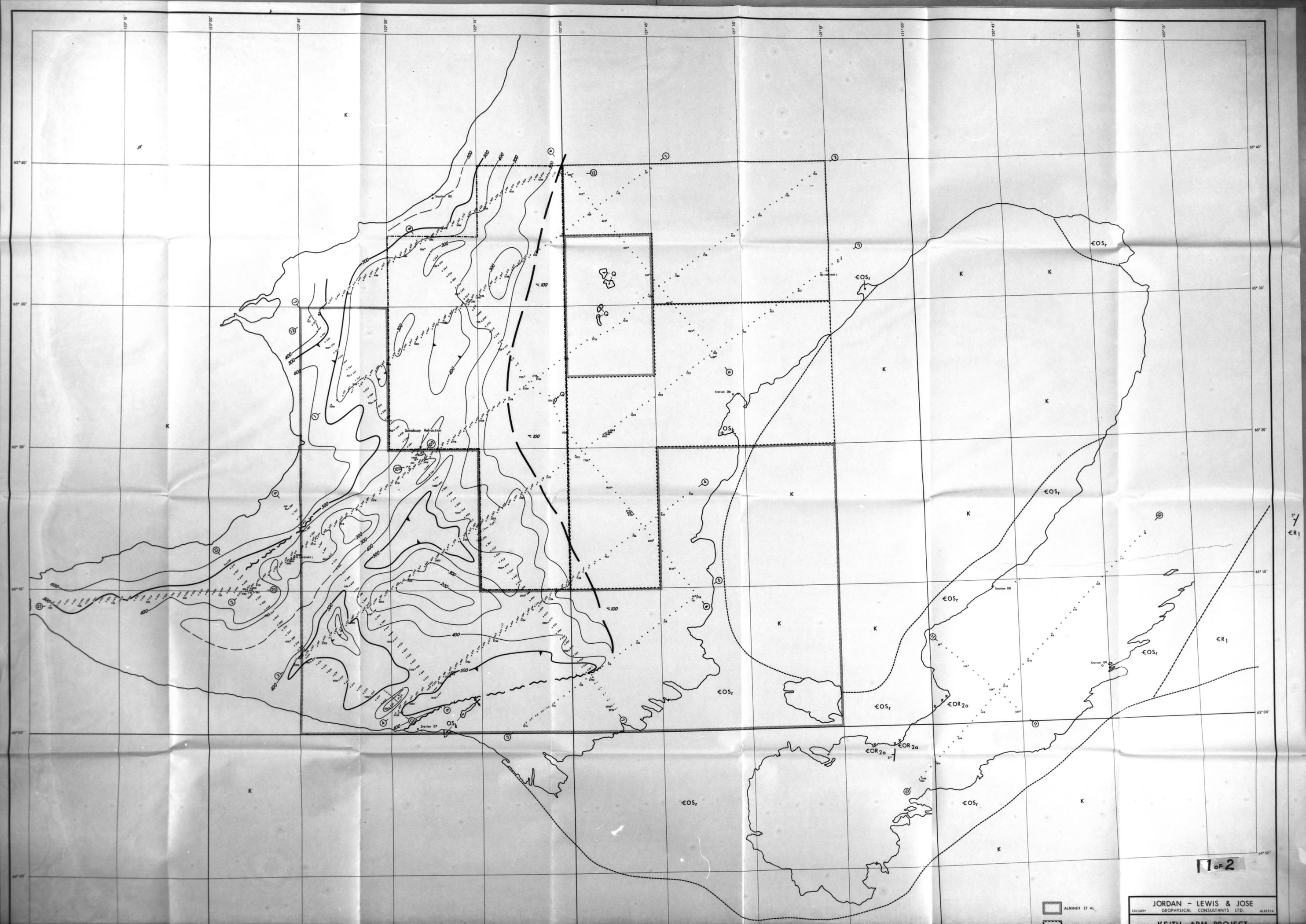
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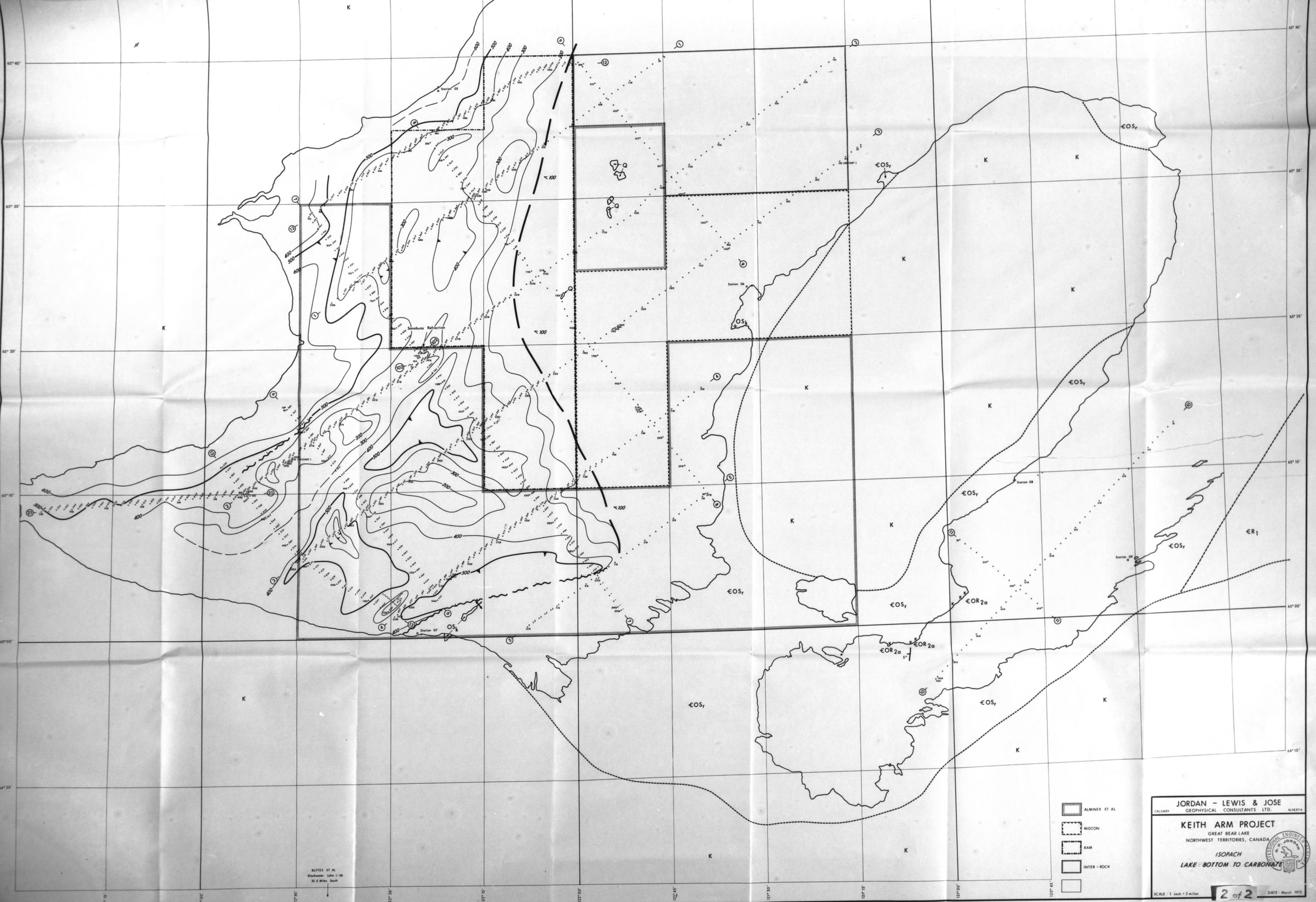
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ISOPACH  
LAKE BOTTOM TO BASEMENT

SCALE 1 inch = 2 miles  
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HIGH

POOR FATHOMETER CONTROL  
VALUES QUESTIONABLE

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ALMINEX ET AL

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BUTTES ET AL  
Blackwater Lake 1-54  
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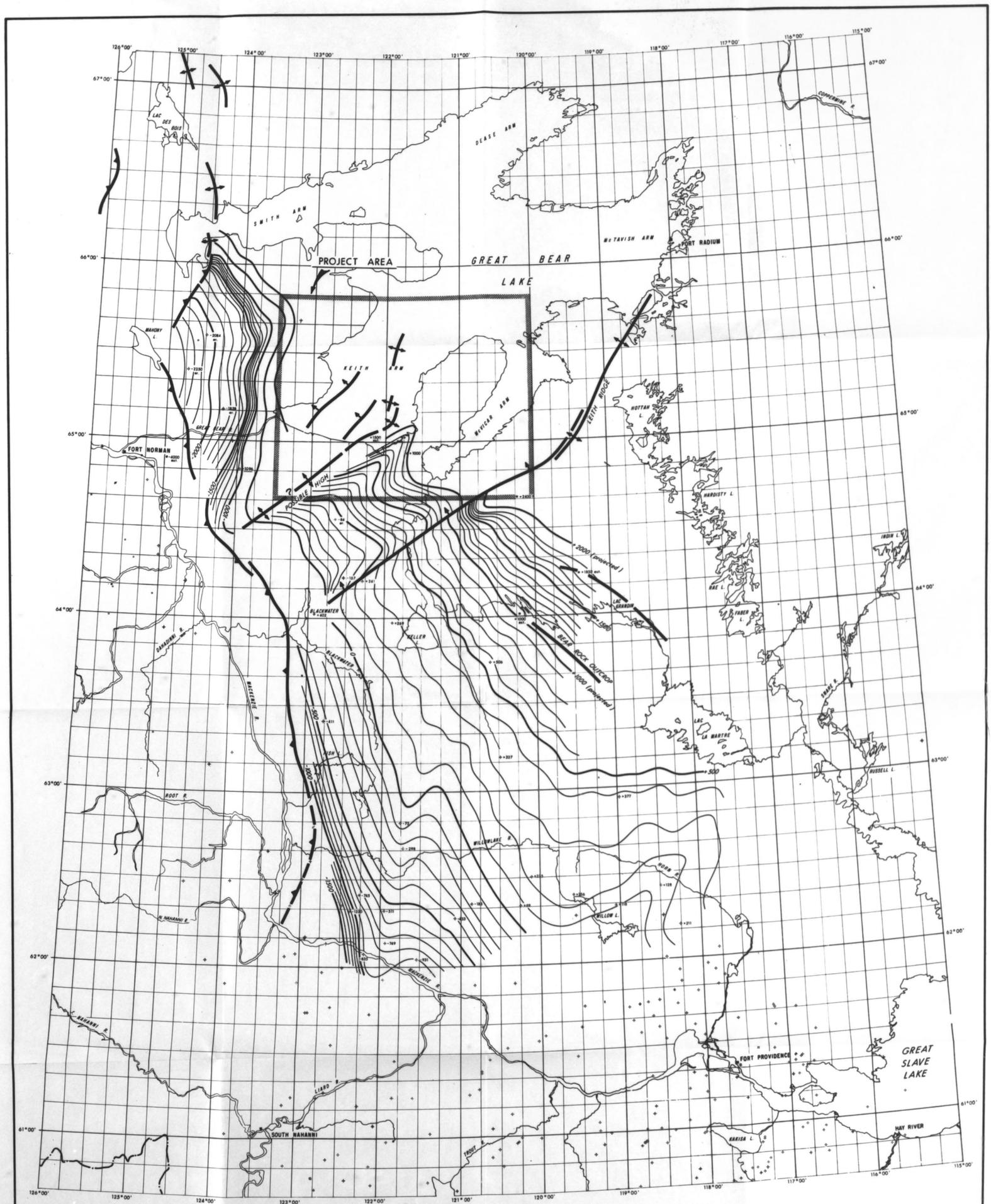
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**STRUCTURE CONTOURS  
BASEMENT**

CONTOUR INTERVAL: 100 Feet

SCALE: 1 inch = 2 miles

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**BEAR ROCK STRUCTURE**

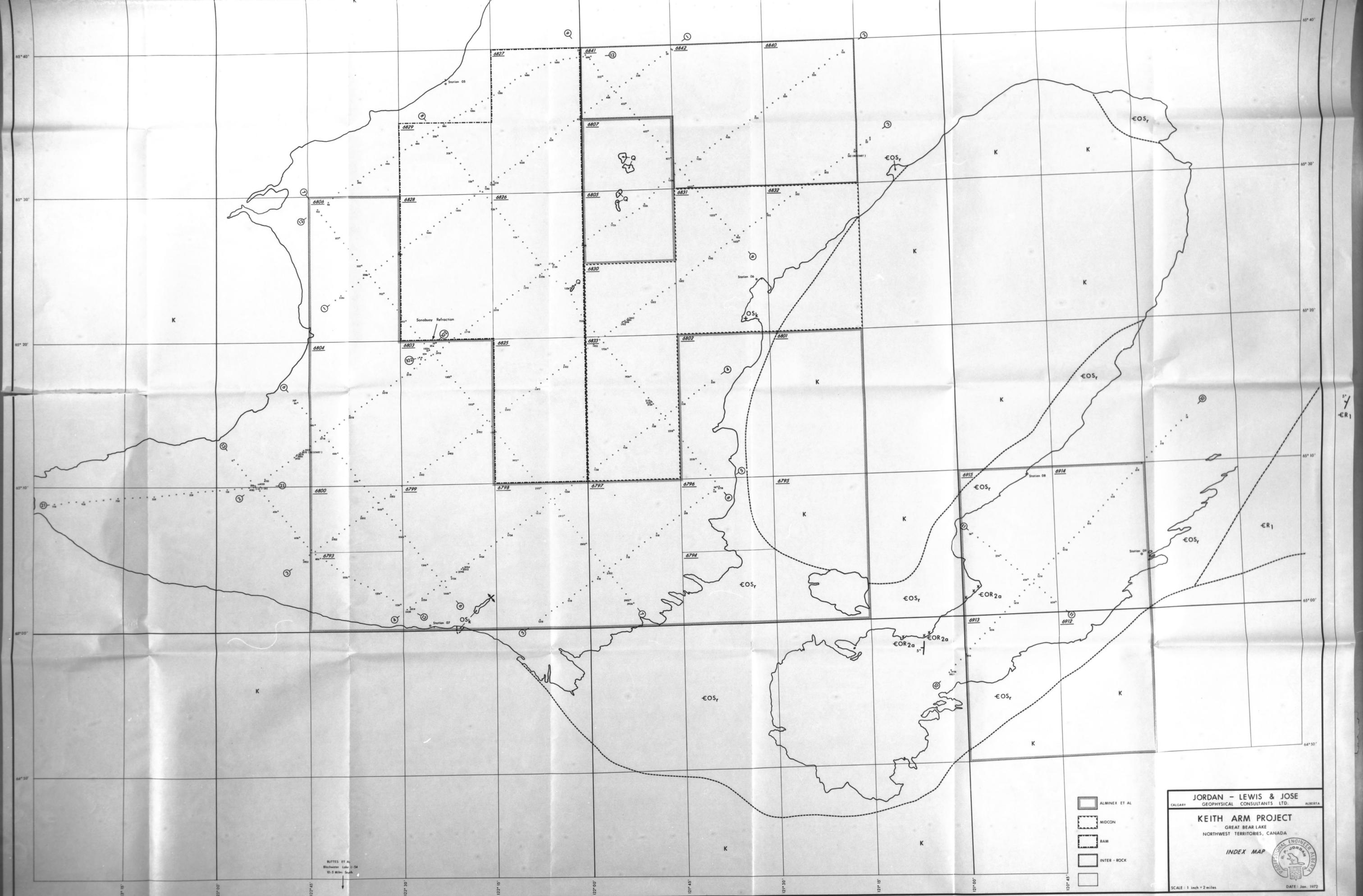
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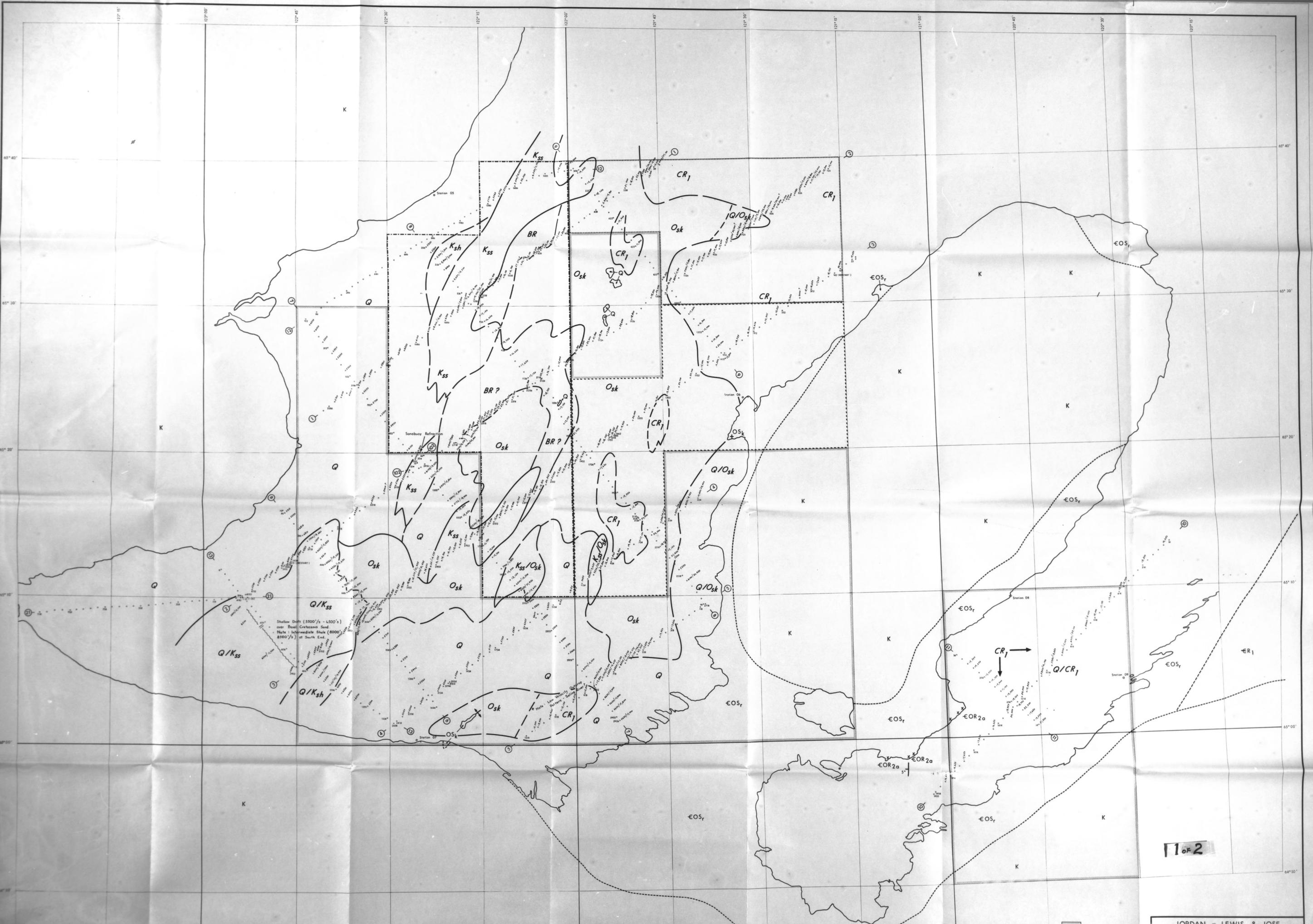


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Blackwater Lake - 54  
10.5 Miles South

-  ALMINEX ET AL
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**INDEX MAP**

SCALE: 1 inch = 2 miles  
 DATE: Jan. 1972



Station Data (5500'/s - 4500'/s)  
 over Base: Cretaceous Sand  
 Note: Intermediate Shale (6000' -  
 8500'/s) at South End.



**VELOCITIES**  
 > 20,000  
 15,000 - 20,000  
 10,000 - 15,000  
 < 10,000  
 X Depth to the High Velocity Layer Below the Water

- ALMINEX ET AL
- MIDCON
- RAM
- INTER - ROCK

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**LAKE BOTTOM REFRACTION VELOCITIES**  
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