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ABSTRACT

During the months of July and August, 1979, geoMetrics, Inc. collected 11561 line miles of high sensitivity airborne radiometric and magnetic data in Idaho and adjoining portions of Oregon and Montana over four 1° x 2° NTMS quadrangles (Boise, Hailey, Idaho Falls, and Elk City) as part of the Department of Energy's National Uranium Resource Evaluation Program.

All radiometric and magnetic data were fully corrected and interpreted by geoMetrics and are presented as five volumes (one Volume I and four Volume II's).

Approximately 95 percent of the surveyed areas are occupied by exposures of intrusive and extrusive rocks. The Cretaceous-Tertiary Idaho Batholith dominates the Elk City and Hailey quadrangles. The Snake River volcanics of Cenozoic Age dominate the Idaho Falls quadrangle and southeast part of the Hailey sheet. Tertiary Columbia River basalts and Idaho volcanics cover the Boise quadrangle.

There are only two uranium deposits within the four quadrangles. The main uranium producing areas of Idaho lie adjacent to the surveyed area in the Challis and Dubois quadrangles.

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INTRODUCTION

General

Under the U.S. Department of Energy's (DoE), National Uranium Resource Evaluation (NURE) Program, geoMetrics, Inc., conducted a high sensitivity airborne radiometric and magnetic survey of the Boise, Hailey, Idaho Falls and Elk City 1:250,000 quadrangles, within the States of Idaho, Oregon and Montana (see Figure 1). The data collection and processing were conducted under requirements set forth in Bendix Field Engineering Corporation specification 1200-C, dated February, 1979. The objectives of the (DoE)/NURE program, of which this project is a small part, may be summarized as follows:

"To develop and compile geologic and other information with which to assess the magnitude and distribution of uranium resources and to determine areas favorable for the occurrence of uranium in the United States." (DoE)

As an integral part of the DoE/NURE Program, the National Airborne Radiometric Program is designed to provide cost effective, semiquantitative reconnaissance radio element distribution information to aid in the assessment of regional distribution of uraniumiferous materials within the United States.

All Airborne data collected by geoMetrics during the course of this project were done so utilizing an Aerospatiale SA315B "Lama" helicopters (U.S. Registry No. N49531), herein designated Lama II. The Lama used 2304 cubic inches of NaI crystal and a high sensitivity proton magnetometer (0.25 gamma).

This final report is organized in two logical sections: (a) Volume I, containing the survey description, specifications, data processing methods, interpretation methods, regional geologic review and (b) one volume, Volume II, for each of the quadrangles covered by the Idaho Project. Each Volume II contains a detailed geologic summary, interpretation report, standard deviation maps, pseudo-contour maps, interpretation map, flight line and geologic base map, individual corrected profiles, computer map unit histograms and statistical tables.

All data processing, statistical analyses, and interpretation were performed at the geoMetrics computer facility, Sunnyvale, California. After processing, the corrected data were statistically evaluated to define those areas which were radiometrically anomalous relative to other areas within each computer map unit. Standard deviation maps and radiometric and magnetic profile data were first evaluated individually and then integrated into a final interpretation map for each NTMS quadrangle.

120°W

115°W

110°W



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LOCATION DIAGRAM

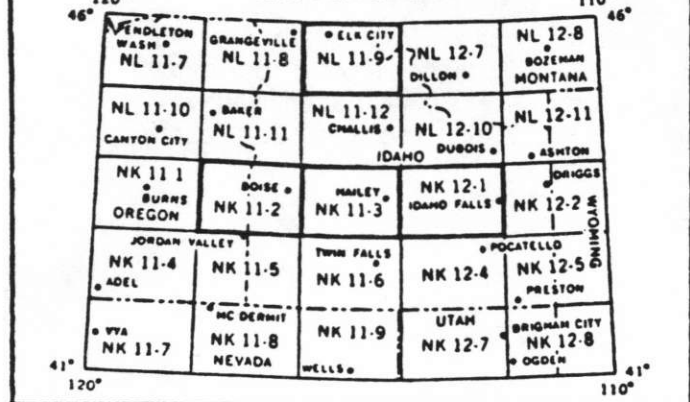


Figure 1

LOCATION MAP
IDAHO AIRBORNE SURVEY

Scale



Corrected profiles of all radiometric variables (total count, potassium, uranium, thorium, uranium/thorium, uranium/potassium, and thorium/potassium, ratios), magnetic data, radar altimeter data, barometric altimeter data, air temperature, and airborne bismuth contributions are presented as profiles in Volume II of this report. Single record and averaged data are presented on microfiche at 1.0 second sample intervals, corrected for Compton Scatter, referenced to 400 foot mean terrain clearance, and Standard Temperature and Pressure and corrected for atmospheric bismuth in Appendix C of Volume I. Digital magnetic tapes are available containing raw spectral data, single record data, magnetic data, and statistical analysis results.

Regional Geology

The area covered by the four 1° x 2° map sheets contains portions of the Northern Rocky Mountains, Pacific Cordilleran, and Basin-Range Physiographic Provinces.

The Northern Rocky Mountains Province is here represented by the Idaho Batholith and associated structural features of the Pre-Late Cenozoic Orogenic Complex. The Snake River and Harney Plateaus, along with a small section of the Blue Mountains represent the Pacific Cordilleran Province in this area. These structures are essentially composed of Cenozoic extrusive igneous rocks of dominantly basaltic composition. The southerly portions of the Idaho project area contains parts of several block faulted mountain ranges within the Basin-Range Province. These mountain ranges are separated from the more northerly Idaho Batholith complex by the east-west trending Snake River Plain basalts. These flood plain basalts are in places more than 1,000 feet thick (R.H.Dott, 1975). The basic structural configuration of this area can be seen in Figure 2.

Major faulting in the area occurs primarily in complex patterns within the Idaho Batholith region and along most of the structural boundaries. The northern Harney Plateau area contains a complex series of normal faults.

Over half of the survey area is dominated by Cretaceous and Tertiary intrusive rocks, and associated deformed older rock of the Idaho Batholith. A slightly smaller portion of the area is covered by middle-late Cenozoic basalts of the Snake River, Idaho, and Columbia River Groups (J.S. King, 1977). The remainder (less than 5% of the area) is occupied by block-faulted rocks of wide variety of ages and lithologies within the Basin-Range Province.

Only two uranium deposits (Hailey and Idaho Falls sheets) are known to exist in the survey area. However, the main uranium mining areas in Idaho (See figure 3) are in the Challis and Dubois quadrangles adjacent to quadrangles within the survey area (Cook, 1957). Uranium deposits occur as in veins and pegmatites near Lehmi pass (Anderson, 1958). Uranium is also found in mineralized fractures within the Idaho

FIGURE 2

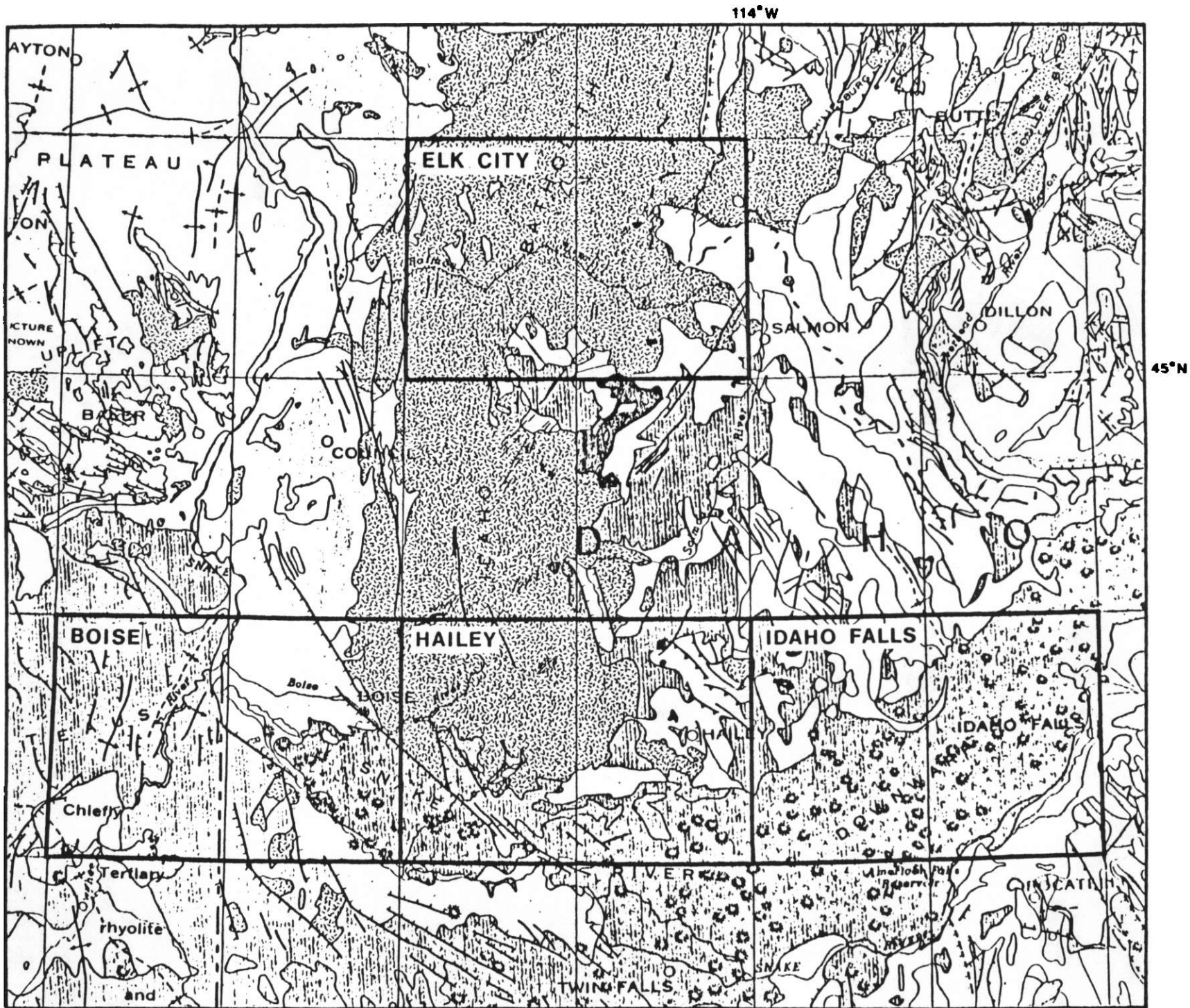
**TECTONIC
STRUCTURE MAP**

**ELK CITY, BOISE,
HAILEY, IDAHO FALLS
QUADRANGLES,
IDAHO, OREGON,
& MONTANA**

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After
USGS and AAPG
Tectonic Map of
the United States
by
Coe and others
(1962)



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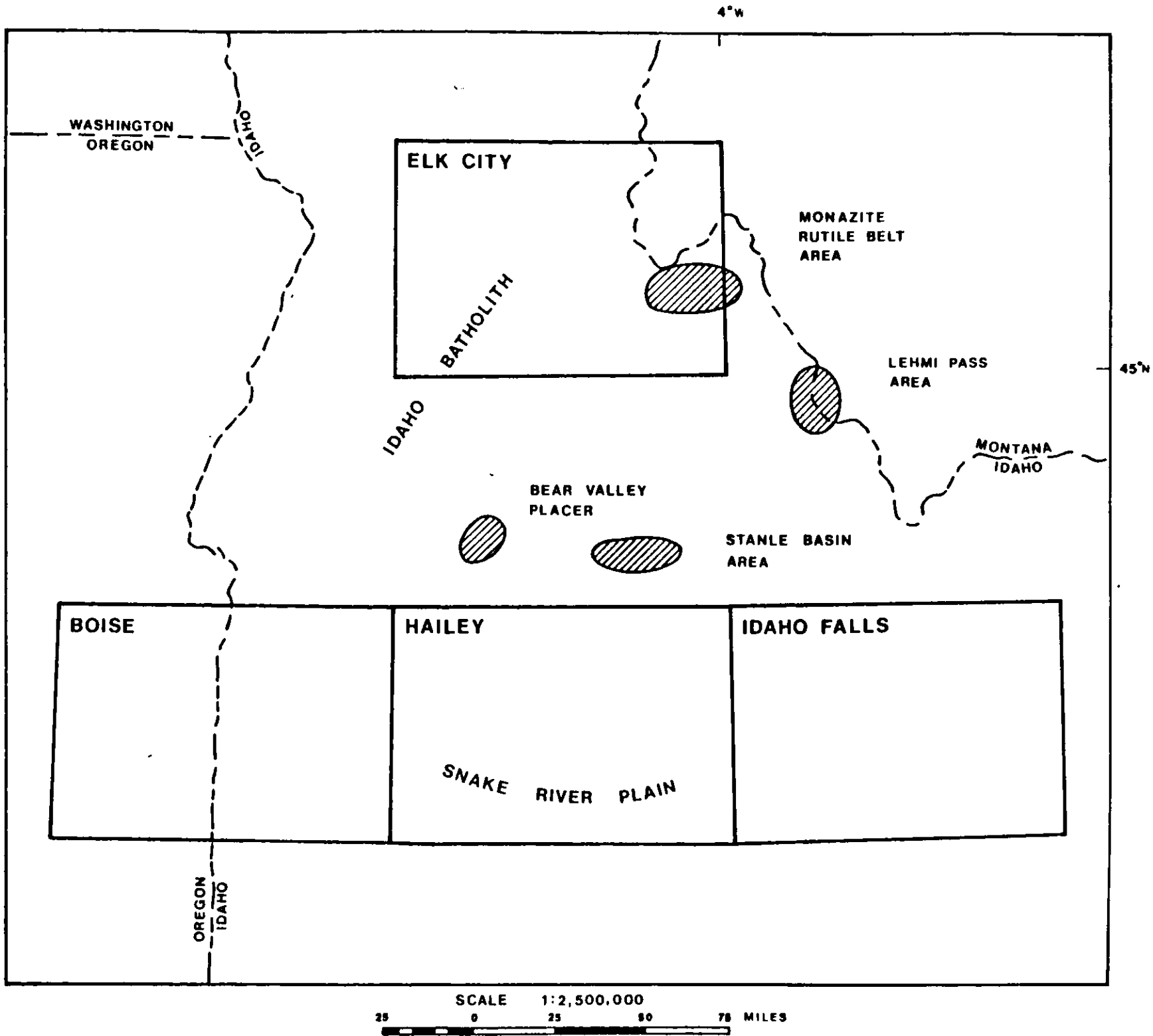
FIGURE 3

KNOWN
URANIUM
OCCURRENCES

IDAHO PROJECT

AREA OF
NUMEROUS
CLAIMS AND/OR
PROSPECTS

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Batholith and the overlying Challis Formation near Stanley (Kern, 1959). Uranium occurs in phosphate, lignite, and coal to the south and east of the survey area. Commercial deposits of uranium have been found in association with organic material and in rhyolites of the Challis Formation near Salmon (Cook, 1957).

Interpretation

Interpretation of the geophysical data for the individual quadrangles is included in Volume II of this report.

OPERATIONS

PRODUCTION SUMMARY-IDAHO PROJECT

For the four NTMS quadrangles comprising this portion of the Idaho Project a total of 11561 line miles, excluding reflights and overlaps and missing data were flown by the helicopter. The production summary presented below and the detailed daily production in Appendix B describes a portion of the total project. This project covered one other 1° x 2° quadrangle which is treated in a separate report.

Prior to the start of the survey operations, the helicopter was calibrated at the DoE test pads and Dynamic Test Range in June, 1979. Requirements for system calibrations are listed in the 1250-A specifications from BFEC. Data collection within this portion of the project was initiated on July 7, 1979 from Calwell, Idaho. Lama II finished the four quadrangles on August 23, 1979.

Throughout the course of the overall project, the average ground speed maintained by the helicopter was 70 mph.

Overall, in excess of 99% of the collected data by geoMetrics were within the specification limits of 200-700 feet mean terrain clearance (a sample altitude statistical distribution is shown in Figure 4).

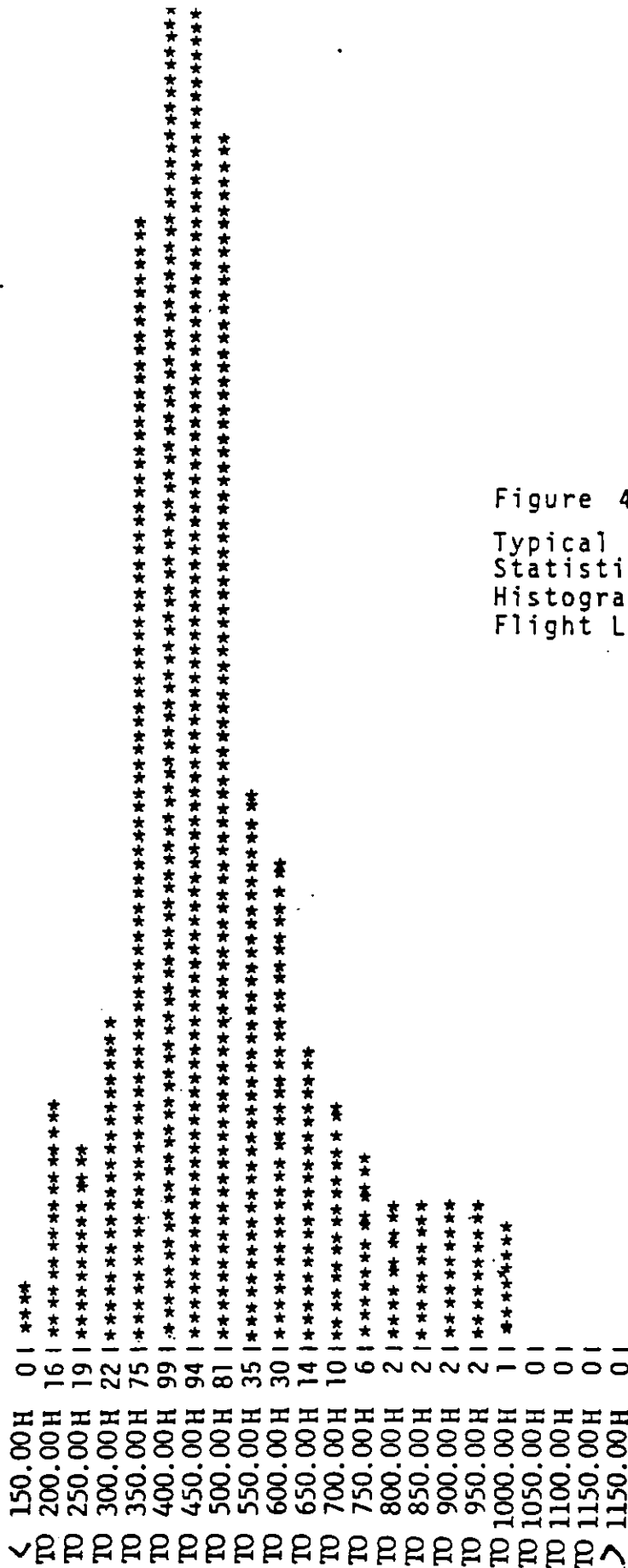
DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Operating Parameters/Sampling Procedures

This survey was conducted using data collection parameters summarized below:

1. Data sampling was performed by a time-base system using 1.0 second sample intervals. All sensor data with analog output were digitally sampled at each scan based upon the clock timing rate of 1.0 seconds. The data so collected are the instantaneous values of the altimeter, temperature, pressure, and magnetometer parameters determined at the time of the data scan, but represent a count time of 1.0 seconds for the gamma ray spectrometer data.
2. The helicopter's objective ground speed was 70 mph and was not exceeded unless dictated by safety.
3. For the Lama, the downward looking crystal volume was 2,048 cubic inches providing an objective V/V (crystal volume in cubic inches divided by ground speed in miles per hour) of 29.3 at 70 m.p.h.
4. The upward looking crystal volume was 256 cubic inches.

NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES



THE MINIMUM RADAR ALTMTR IS 147.500 FEET
 THE MAXIMUM RADAR ALTMTR IS 975.000 FEET
 THE AVERAGE RADAR ALTMTR IS 424.336 FEET
 THE STANDARD DEVIATION IS 123.4900 FEET

(GROUND CLEARANCE IN FEET)

Figure 4
 Typical Radar Altimeter
 Statistical Summary
 Histogram for Single
 Flight Line

Navigation/Flight Path Recovery

Profiles were flown east-west at 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) spacing in all four quadrangles. North-south tie lines were flown at 12 miles (19.2 kilometers) spacing in all quadrangles.

Navigation was accomplished using visual navigation techniques. Flight lines were drawn on 1:24,000 quadrangles for the Lama and the pilot/navigator utilized these maps to provide visual navigation features.

Simultaneously, a 35 mm tracking camera was used to record actual flight position. This camera's fiducial numbering system was directly synchronized to the digital recording system such that a one-to-one correlation between position and data could be made. Upon completion of a data collection flight, the 35 mm film was processed and actual flight path positions located on the appropriate scale map sheets.

Infield System Calibration

Due to the complex nature of both the system and the required data interpretation, much emphasis was placed on infield calibration of the data collection system. The objective of this calibration was to ensure continuous high quality of the data collected. The daily calibration procedures used are summarized below:

A. Pre Flight

1. Use cesium sources (same positioning on crystals every day), peak each Photomultiplier tube/crystal using the digital split-window detector of the GR-800. Then using thallium sources, repeat the tuning of the individual crystals.
2. Run full cesium spectrum on analog recorder for both down and up looking crystals. Calculate the cesium resolution (see sample in Figure 7). Run spectrum out past the K40 peak on down crystals for evaluation of system tuning.
3. Finally run a full thorium analog spectrum of the down crystals and check for centering of K40 and Tl208 peaks in spectrum.
4. Repeat 1-3 until system is within contract specifications.

B. During Flight

1. Fly test line at survey altitude (400 ft), for approximately five miles, prior to production data collection (record both analog and digital).
2. Prior to production data collection, the above data are evaluated to ensure + 20% limits on total count compared to average of all test flights from that base of operations.

3. During production data collection, monitor radon analog data for unusual increases. Visually correlate these with temperature and barometric pressure.
4. Upon completion of production data collection, re-fly test line at survey altitude (400 ft). Record both analog and digital.

C. Post Flight

1. Verify test line total count within 20% of average for all test lines at that base of operations.
2. Using cesium sources (same position as pre-flight), run full cesium spectrum for both down and up crystals (allow it to record through the K40 peak in the down crystals). Repeat the procedure using thallium sources and examine the T1208 window.
3. Calculate the resolution of down and up crystal pack.
4. Determine shift, if any, in T1208 peak position.

Field Digital Data Verification

At the completion of each flight, the raw digital data tapes were checked for data quality and completeness on geoMetrics' G-725. The G-725 system is a totally portable mini computer (and peripherals) consisting of; an Interdata 516, two 9 track tape drives, a CRT, a line printer, and two floppy discs. Any digital problems encountered were immediately evaluated by the electronics operator and data man, thus assuring optimum data quality.

DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT

The helicopter used for the survey is an Aerospatiale SA315B LAMA, Registry No. N49531 (Code System No. 07). The SA315B LAMA was originally designed and built by Societe Nationale Industrielle Aerospatiale of France to meet the requirements of the Indian Armed Forces for a medium-sized helicopter capable of working in the Himalayas. In that the craft was initially designed to haul heavy payloads in rugged mountainous terrain, its overall performance and safety features make it ideal for low level, rotary-wing airborne geophysical survey work. There is virtually no other medium-sized rotary-wing aircraft which can carry the adequate payload at the necessary constant low airspeeds and tight terrain clearances and still maintain a wide envelope of safety, all while operating economically. Performance data for the SA315B LAMA (both general and in its present geophysical survey configuration) are given below:

Type: Turbine-driven general purpose helicopter.

Rotor System: Three-blade main and antitorque rotors. All metal main rotor blades, of constant chord, are on articulated hinges, with hydraulic drag-hinge dampers.

Rotor Drive: Main rotor driven through planetary gearbox, with free-wheel for autorotation. Take-off drive for tail rotor at lower end of main gearbox, from where a torque shaft runs to a small gearbox which supports the tail rotor and houses the pitch-change mechanism. Cyclic and collective pitch controls are powered.

Fuselage: Glazed cabin has light metal frame. Center and rear of fuselage have a triangulated steel-tube framework.

Landing Gear: Skid type, with removable wheels for ground maneuvering. Pneumatic floats for normal operation from water, and emergency flotation gear, inflatable in the air, are available.

Power Plant: One 870 shp Turbomeca Artouste IIIB turboshaft engine, derated to 550 shp. Fuel tank in fuselage center-section, with capacity of 151.3 U. S. gallons (useable) (573 litres).

Accommodation: Glazed cabin seats pilot and passenger side by side in front and three passengers behind. Provision for external sling for loads of up to 2,204 lbs. (1000 kg). Can be equipped for rescue (hoist capacity 265 lbs.; 120 kg), liaison, observation, training, agricultural, photographic, ambulance and other duties. As an ambulance can accommodate two stretchers and a medical attendant internally.

Dimensions, External:	Main rotor diameter	36 ft., 1-3/4 in.
	Tail rotor diameter	6 ft., 3-1/4 in.
	Main rotor blade chord (constant)	13.8 in.

Length overall, both rotors turning	42ft., 4-3/4 in.
Height overall	33 ft., 8 in.
Skid track	7 ft., 9-3/4 in.

Performance (Sea Level Standard Conditions)

		Internal		External	
		Average	Maximum	Average	Maximum
At Gross Weight	lb	3,310	4,300	4,200	5,070
Empty Weight	lb	2,216	2,216	2,216	2,216
Useful Load	lb	1,094	2,084	1,984	2,854
Sling Load (max)	lb				2,500
Cruise Speed	mph	118	118	55-75	55-75
Top Speed, Vne	mph	130	130	-	-
Useable Fuel US	gal	146	146	46	46
Service Ceiling	ft (23,000)*		17,710	18,370	10,800
HIGE Ceiling	ft (23,000)*		16,730	17,600	9,220
HUGE Ceiling	ft (23,000)*		15,170	16,100	5,000
Rate of Climb SL	fpm	1,580	1,080	1,120	730
Max. Range, SL	mi	308	308	31**	31**

() Maximum certified altitude - 23,000 ft.

** Mission radius - includes: 10 minutes fuel reserve
3 minutes SL Hover
Return with no load

Present geophysical Configuration

Lama Weight Empty	2,193 lbs.
Maximum Fuel	900 lbs.
Geophysical Electronics	850 lbs.
Pilot	165 lbs.
Navigator	175 lbs.
Total	4,458 lbs.

Electronics

The major components of the airborne data collection system are summarized below (shown pictorially in Figure 5 and schematically in Figure 6 later in this report):

1. Gamma Ray Spectrometer, geoMetrics GR-800, utilizing a dual 256 channel capability to provide spectral data in the 0.4 to 3.0 MeV range for both the downward looking and the upward looking crystal packages and coverage in the 3.0 to 6.0 MeV range for cosmic background.

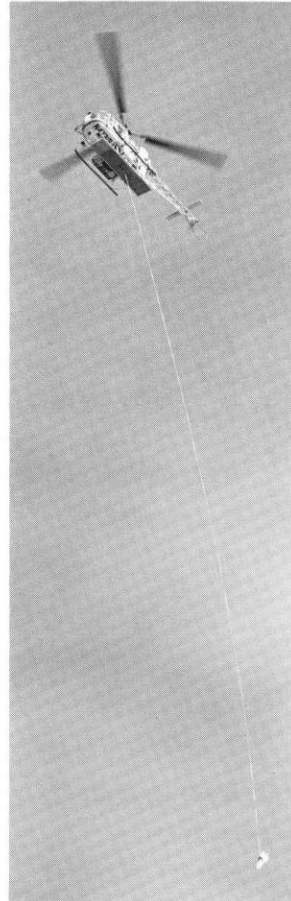
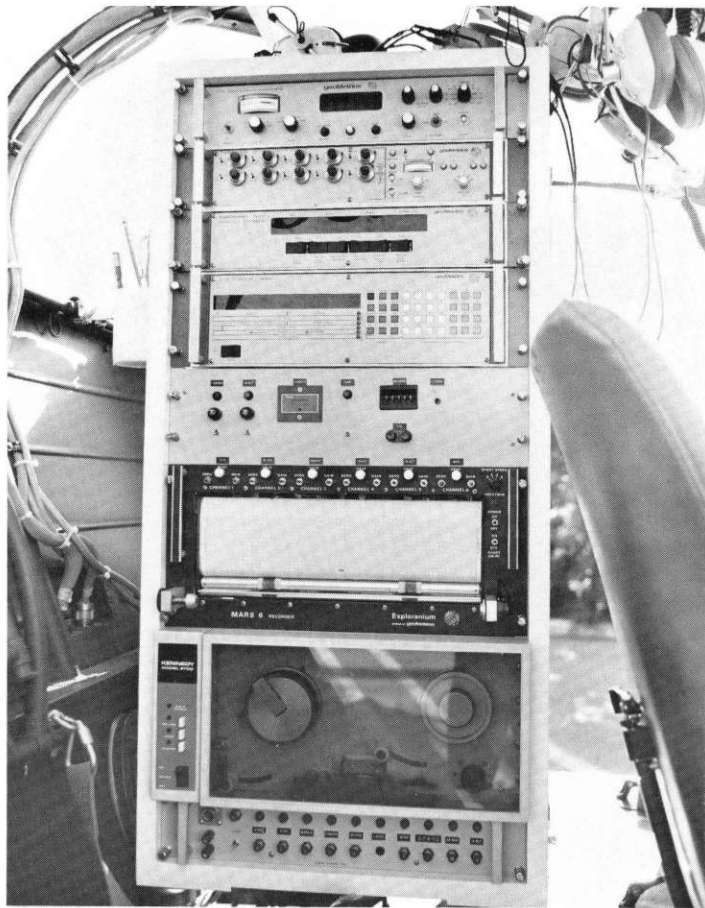


Figure 5

**HELICOPTER GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY SYSTEM
(Aerospatiale SA 315B Lama)**

Ideally suited to contour flying, this exploration platform is employed on a Midwest E. R. D. A. survey along the front range of the Rocky Mountains in central Colorado. [Far left]: A single shock-mounted instrument rack includes GeoMetrics Model G-803 Proton Magnetometer (top of rack), Model GR-900-2 Detector Interface console, Model GR-800D Multichannel Gamma Ray Spectrometer and G-714 Digital Data Acquisition System. A specially designed Intervalometer console is located above the Exploranium MARS-6 six-channel Analog Recorder and the Kennedy Model 9700 Magnetic Tape Deck. A fused Power Distribution Panel is shown at the bottom of the rack. Operator's seat is folded up to the left of the instrument rack. [Left]: Magnetometer "bird" sensor is towed from a 100 ft. nylon sleeved signal cable. [Bottom left]: The Lama was outfitted at GeoMetrics manufacturing facilities in Sunnyvale, California. [Below]: A center platform, held secure by the cargo hook, contains both a Model DET-1024 and DET-1024/256 R exSquare™ detector for a total volume of 2,048 cu. in. downward-looking and 256 cu. in. upward-looking. A Bonzer altimeter and Automax flight-path recovery camera are also included on the center platform. The entire instrumentation system, including detectors and hardware weighs approximately 700 lbs. (318 kg) installed.

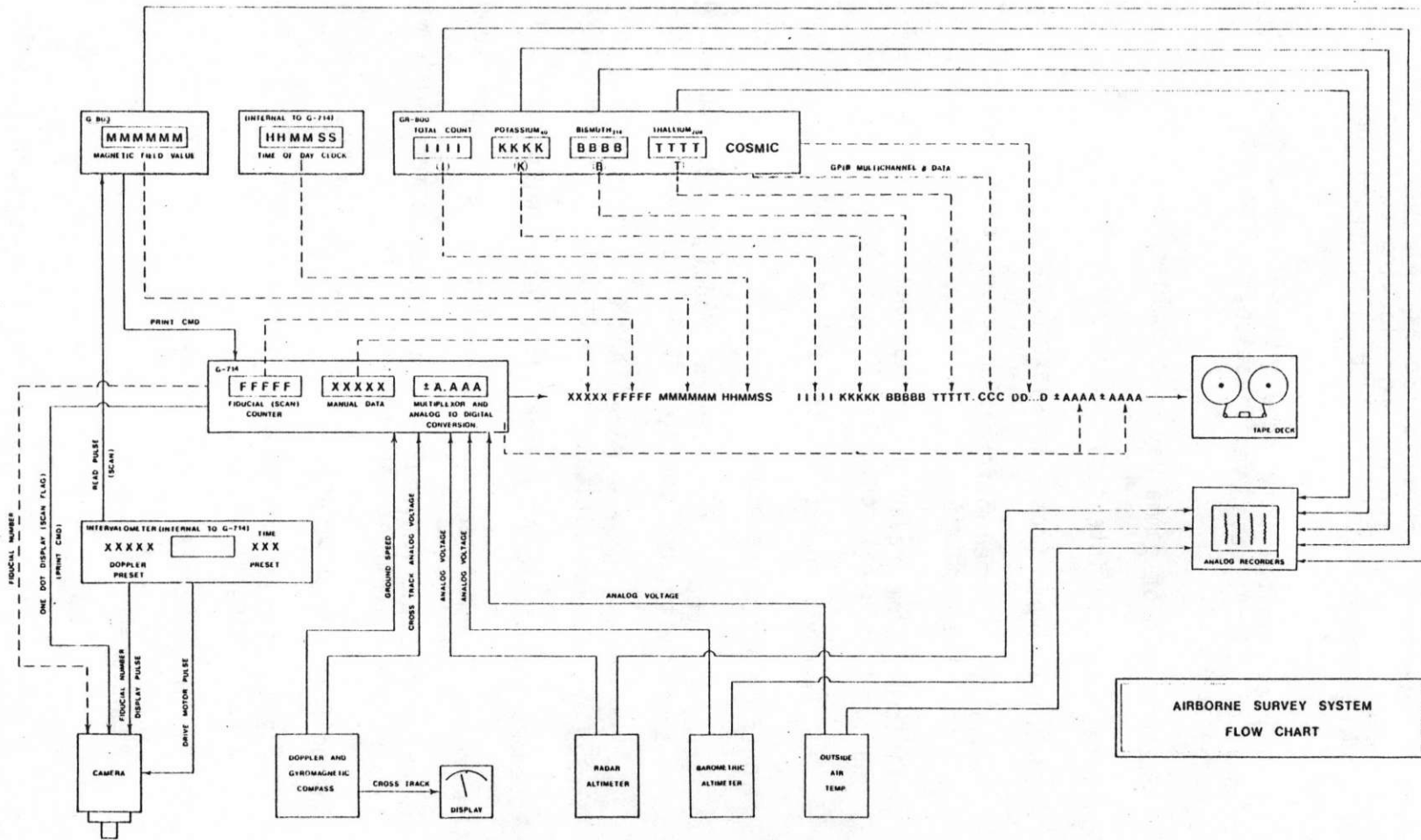


FIGURE 6

2. Crystal Detector, geoMetrics Model NaI-100/CS consisting of 2048 cubic inches in the downward looking configuration and 256 cubic inches appropriately shielded in an upward looking configuration.
3. A geoMetrics Digital Data Acquisition System, Model G-714 with "read-after-write" data verification, recording the following on magnetic tape:
 - a. 512 channels of gamma ray spectrometer data
 - b. Total magnetic intensity
 - c. Fiducial number from data system/camera
 - d. Manually inserted information, i.e. date, survey area, and flight line number
 - e. Altitude from radar altimeter and barometric altimeter (by analog-to-digital conversion)
 - f. Time in days, hours, minutes and seconds
 - g. Outside air temperature
4. Magnetometer, geoMetrics Airborne Model G-803, capable of 0.125 gamma sensitivity, but operated at 0.25 gamma sensitivity.
5. Radar Altimeter, Sperry Model AA200 with recording output and display and minimum altitude range of 0 to 2,500 feet.
6. Rosemont Barometric Altimeter with recording output and display.
7. Recording Thermometer for monitoring outside air temperature.
8. Tracking Camera. Automax 35 mm framing camera with wide angle lens to provide flight path recovery data.
9. Analog Recorder geoMetrics (MARS 6) to record the following data:
 - a. Bi214 using a window about the 1.76 MeV peak from the downward looking system.
 - b. Bi air background from the upward looking system.
 - c. Magnetometer
 - d. Radar Altitude
 - e. Total count for downward looking system (0.4 to 3.0 MeV)
 - f. Outside air temperature
 - g. Event and time markers

10. HP 7155 single channel analog recorder during pre and post flight calibrations, this recorder is used to plot a full analog spectra for both the down and up crystal systems via the GR-800. Thus, a hard copy record of the data used for resolution, drift, etc., checks are available at all times. This approach provides instant verification of system parameters (refer to Figure 7).

Figure 7

GR-8000 ANALOG SPECTRUM PLOT
DET-1024 Crystal Detector (1.024 in³)
137Cs Source 11.81 Kev/Ch

20K c.p.s. Full Scale

Resolution Calculation

$$\% = \frac{100 \times \text{FWHM} \times \text{Kev/Ch}}{662 \text{ Kev}}$$

$$\% = \frac{100 \times 4.79 \times 11.81}{662} = 8.5\%$$

Total number of channels FWHM
 $4.0 + 0.14 + 0.65 = 4.79$

0.65 Channel

0.14 Channel

FWHM Point

40K

214Bi

208Tl

SYSTEM CALIBRATION

AIRCRAFT AND COSMIC BACKGROUND

Full spectral data are collected at five (5) altitudes over water (14,000 feet, 12,000 feet; 10,000 feet; 8,000 feet and 6,000 feet) in an area where the existence of no airborne Bi214 can be assured (off shore over the Pacific Ocean). This results in separate spectra as shown schematically in Figure 10. We define $S(12,000)$ to be the spectra at 12,000 feet from 0.4 MeV to 3.0 MeV with $S(8,000)$ the same spectra at a lower altitude (8,000) and $C_i(h)$ the total count between 3.0 and 6.0 MeV at respective altitudes. Since the aircraft background is constant, the difference between any two altitudes separated sufficiently - typically, 2,000 feet - yields the cosmic spectral curve shape as shown schematically in Figure 8. Thus

$$S(12,000) - S(8,000) = \Delta S$$

and

$$\Sigma C_{12}(h_i) - \Sigma C_8(h_i) = \Delta C$$

This cosmic spectral curve is scaled back to 12,000 feet as follows:

$$\frac{C_{12}(h_i)}{\Delta C} \times \Delta S = \Delta C(12,000) \text{ the Cosmic Spectrum (shape and magnitude at 12,000 feet)}$$

The aircraft background is derived as follows:

$$S(12,000) - C(12,000) = \text{A/C Background}$$

Since data were collected at five altitudes, this procedure was repeated for each combination of altitudes and results averaged. Typical aircraft and cosmic spectra are shown in Figures 9 and 10 respectively.

SYSTEM CONSTANTS

System constants were determined by occupation of the DoE Walker Field Test Pads. (See Ward, 1978, and Stromswold, 1978, for complete descriptions of the building and monitoring of the pads). The five test pads contained varying concentrations of K, U, and T as presented by BFEC:

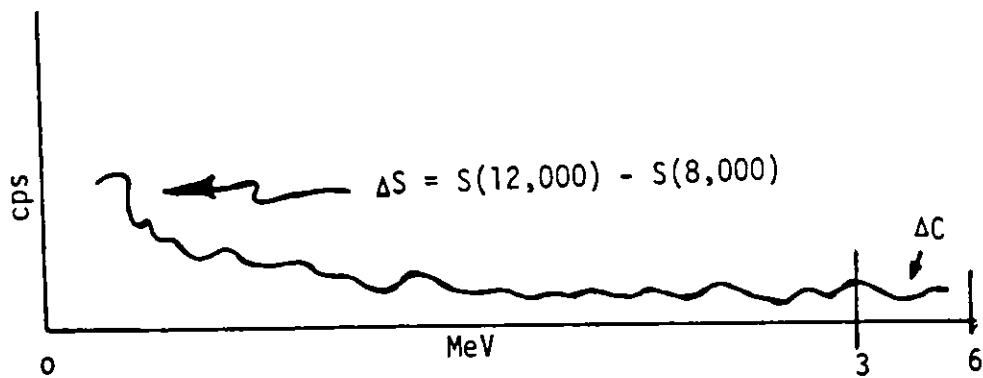
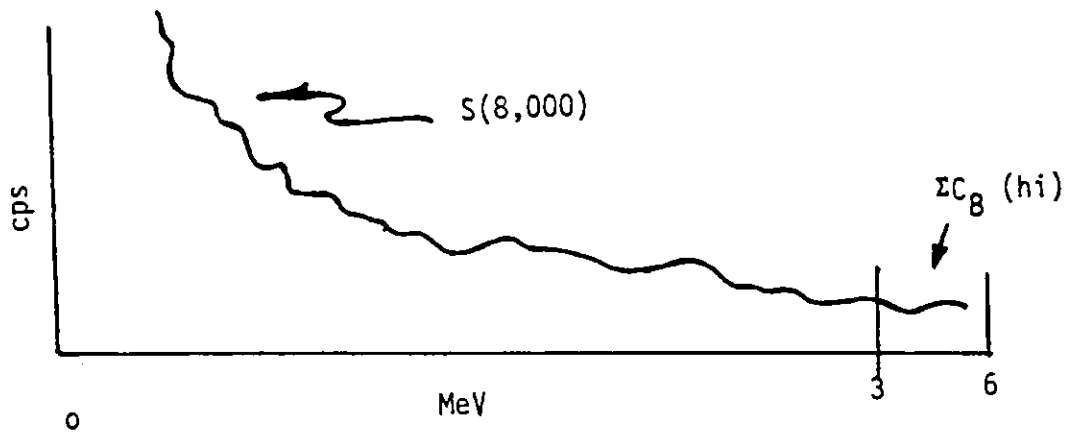
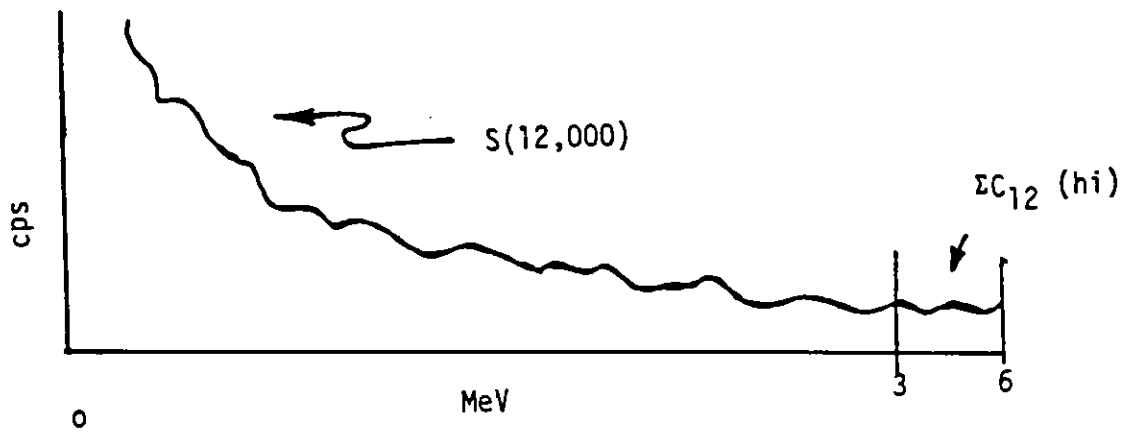


Figure 8 - Multiple altitude spectra schematic

<u>PAD</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>T</u>
Matrix	1.45%	2.19 ppm	6.26 ppm
K	5.14%	5.09 ppm	8.48 ppm
U	2.03%	30.29 ppm	9.19 ppm
T	2.01%	5.14 ppm	45.33 ppm
Mixed	4.11%	20.39 ppm	17.52 ppm

Since the measurements were taken over a relatively short time period (a few hours), it was assumed that the matrix pad measurements contain not only the effects of the matrix pad itself, but also aircraft background (which is a constant), cosmic background (constant over the time period of interest), and all other local background (e.g. BiAir, etc.) effects. (The matrix pad is constructed with only the basic concrete mix without the additional elemental minerals). Thus, by subtracting the matrix pad count rates from the count rates in the four pads, we have eliminated aircraft and cosmic background and BiAir effects for the four pads. The pad concentrations are then modified in a similar fashion by the subtraction of the matrix pad concentrations. The differential concentrations in the pads are given in the table below.

<u>PAD</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>T</u>
K-Matrix	3.7%	2.9 ppm	2.2 ppm
U-Matrix	0.6%	28.5 ppm	2.9 ppm
T-Matrix	0.6%	3.0 ppm	39.0 ppm
Mixed-Matrix	2.7%	18.8 ppm	11.3 ppm

Considering the above, we can define a functional relationship between the differential concentrations and the residual count rates which will provide a method of determining the calibration constants for the spectrometer system. These calibration constants are the six (6) stripping coefficients which account for the interactions occurring between the elemental channels in the system (Compton scatter coefficients, etc.).

On the basis of an ideal situation, one would anticipate that some of these interactions should be negligible. This is not totally the case, since we are dealing with a system which has less than infinite resolving power (i.e. the energies are smeared to some extent).

Thus, energy peaks within a spectrum of a given element are Gaussian shaped rather than pure line spectra. Additionally, we are dealing with finite spectral windows, multiple peaked spectra, and pulse pileup; all tend to couple each window's response to the other.

Keeping in mind that we are dealing with the count rates corresponding to the concentrations presented in the last table, we define the following:

KC_i = uncorrected system count rate for the K channel

UC_i = uncorrected system count rate for the U channel

TC_i = uncorrected system count rate for the T channel

K_i = the percent differential concentration of potassium

U_i = ppm differential concentration of uranium

T_i = ppm differential concentration of thorium

where "i" refers to the ith pad.

We also define the following:

ζ_{kk} = sensitivity of KC_i to concentrations of K_i

ζ_{ku} = sensitivity of KC_i to concentrations of U_i

ζ_{kt} = sensitivity of KC_i to concentrations of T_i

ζ_{uk} = sensitivity of UC_i to concentrations of K_i

ζ_{uu} = sensitivity of UC_i to concentrations of U_i

ζ_{ut} = sensitivity of UC_i to concentrations of T_i

ζ_{tk} = sensitivity of TC_i to concentrations of K_i

ζ_{tu} = sensitivity of TC_i to concentrations of U_i

ζ_{tt} = sensitivity of TC_i to concentrations of T_i

Using the above definitions, we now construct the functional relationship by means of the following nine (9) equations in sets of three (3) per pad.

$$\begin{array}{l}
\underline{K \text{ pad}} \quad KC_k = \zeta_{kk}K + \zeta_{ku}U + \zeta_{kt}T \\
\quad \quad \quad UC_k = \zeta_{uk}K + \zeta_{uu}U + \zeta_{ut}T \\
\quad \quad \quad TC_k = \zeta_{tk}K + \zeta_{tu}U + \zeta_{tt}T \\
\underline{U \text{ pad}} \quad KC_u = \zeta_{kk}K + \zeta_{ku}U + \zeta_{kt}T \\
\quad \quad \quad UC_u = \zeta_{uk}K + \zeta_{uu}U + \zeta_{ut}T \\
\quad \quad \quad TC_u = \zeta_{tk}K + \zeta_{tu}U + \zeta_{tt}T \\
\underline{T \text{ pad}} \quad KC_t = \zeta_{kk}K + \zeta_{ku}U + \zeta_{kt}T \\
\quad \quad \quad UC_t = \zeta_{uk}K + \zeta_{uu}U + \zeta_{ut}T \\
\quad \quad \quad TC_t = \zeta_{tk}K + \zeta_{tu}U + \zeta_{tt}T
\end{array}$$

Separating these equation into consistent groups, we get for the uncorrected count rates in the K channel

$$\begin{array}{l}
(K \text{ pad}) \quad KC_k = \zeta_{kk}K_k + \zeta_{ku}U_k + \zeta_{kt}T_k \\
(U \text{ pad}) \quad KC_u = \zeta_{kk}K_u + \zeta_{ku}U_u + \zeta_{kt}T_u \\
(T \text{ pad}) \quad KC_t = \zeta_{kk}K_t + \zeta_{ku}U_t + \zeta_{kt}T_t
\end{array}$$

The equations can be expressed in matrix notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} KC_k \\ KC_u \\ KC_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_k & U_k & T_k \\ K_u & U_u & T_u \\ K_t & U_t & T_t \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_{kk} \\ \zeta_{ku} \\ \zeta_{kt} \end{bmatrix}$$

Where the k, u and t subscripts represent the K, U and T pads.

In a similar manner we can write two other matrix equations for UC_i and TC_i respectively.

$$\begin{bmatrix} UC_k \\ UC_u \\ UC_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_k & U_k & T_k \\ K_u & U_u & T_u \\ K_t & U_t & T_t \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_{uk} \\ \zeta_{uu} \\ \zeta_{ut} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} TC_k \\ TC_u \\ TC_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_k & U_k & T_k \\ K_u & U_u & T_u \\ K_t & U_t & T_t \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_{tk} \\ \zeta_{tu} \\ \zeta_{tt} \end{bmatrix}$$

Collecting the above, these equations can be expressed in matrix form as

$$\begin{bmatrix} KC_k & UC_k & TC_k \\ KC_u & UC_u & TC_u \\ KC_t & UC_t & TC_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_t & U_k & T_k \\ K_u & U_u & T_u \\ K_t & U_t & T_t \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_{kk} & \zeta_{uk} & \zeta_{tk} \\ \zeta_{ku} & \zeta_{uu} & \zeta_{tu} \\ \zeta_{kt} & \zeta_{ut} & \zeta_{tt} \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$\bar{A} = \bar{B} \cdot \bar{\zeta}$$

where \bar{A} is the residual count rate matrix, \bar{B} is the matrix of the known differential concentrations and $\bar{\zeta}$ the sensitivity matrix.

Rearranging the above equations we have

$$\bar{B} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{\zeta}^{-1}$$

We now define

$$\bar{\zeta}^{-1} = \bar{\Delta}$$

Eliminating $\bar{\zeta}$, we get

$$\bar{B} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{\Delta}$$

We can now solve for $\bar{\Delta}$ by matrix inversion.

Therefore, the differential concentrations in the mixed pad can be derived from the k,u,t pads to check the computed $\bar{\Delta}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_m \\ U_m \\ T_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{kk} & \Delta_{ku} & \Delta_{kt} \\ \Delta_{uk} & \Delta_{uu} & \Delta_{ut} \\ \Delta_{tk} & \Delta_{tu} & \Delta_{tt} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} KC_m \\ UC_m \\ TC_m \end{bmatrix}$$

where the subscript m refers to the mixed pad. Expanding this in algebraic form we obtain the following set of equations:

$$K_m = \Delta_{kk}(KC_m + \frac{\Delta_{ku}UC_m}{\Delta_{kk}} + \frac{\Delta_{kt}TC_m}{\Delta_{kk}})$$

$$U_m = \Delta_{uu}(UC_m + \frac{\Delta_{ut}TC_m}{\Delta_{kk}} + \frac{\Delta_{uk}KC_m}{\Delta_{uu}})$$

$$T_m = \Delta_{tt}(TC_m + \frac{\Delta_{tu}UC_m}{\Delta_{tt}} + \frac{\Delta_{tk}KC_m}{\Delta_{tt}})$$

The terms in parentheses in the above 3 equations are the "corrected stripped count rates" for the system, and the stripping coefficients are as follows:

$$S_{ku} = \frac{\Delta_{ku}}{\Delta_{kk}} \quad (\text{effect of uranium on potassium})$$

$$S_{kt} = \frac{\Delta_{kt}}{\Delta_{kk}} \quad (\text{effect of thorium on potassium})$$

$$S_{ut} = \frac{\Delta_{ut}}{\Delta_{uu}} \quad (\text{effect of thorium on uranium})$$

$$S_{uk} = \frac{\Delta_{uk}}{\Delta_{uu}} \quad (\text{effect of potassium on uranium})$$

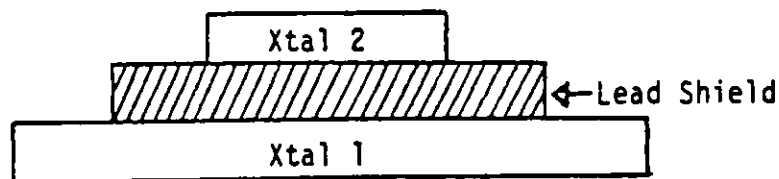
$$S_{tu} = \frac{\Delta_{tu}}{\Delta_{tt}} \quad (\text{effect of uranium on thorium})$$

$$S_{tk} = \frac{\Delta_{tk}}{\Delta_{tt}} \quad (\text{effect of potassium on thorium})$$

These stripping coefficients are defined in terms of S_{ij} in order to eliminate confusion with α , β , and γ , which are sometimes defined slightly differently.

ATMOSPHERIC RADON CORRECTION

Consider the crystal configuration shown below:



Let 1 and 2 designate the down and up crystal respectively. The down crystal sees radiation rates of I_1 composed of the air signal I_a and the ground signal I_g plus aircraft and cosmic background.

Therefore
$$I_1 = I_g + I_a + A_1 + C_1$$

Similarly, the up crystal sees the air signal and ground signal (both somewhat attenuated) plus an aircraft and cosmic background.

Therefore
$$I_2 = \lambda I_g + m I_a + A_2 + C_2$$

Where m is the response to the air signal and λ is the % of the ground signal getting through to the up detector.

Using the test pad data, the factor λ can be determined. Consider the two previous equations. When we subtract the matrix pad data from the K, U, and T pad data, we have essentially set A_1 , A_2 , C_1 , and C_2 and I_a equal to zero.

Therefore
$$I_1 = I_g$$

$$I_2 = \lambda I_g$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{I_2}{I_1} \right)$$

Instead of using the count rates we can use the resultant sensitivities $1/\Delta_{uu}$ to determine λ for the elemental channel U.

$$\lambda_U = \frac{1/\Delta_{uu} \text{ (up)}}{1/\Delta_{uu} \text{ (down)}}$$

It should be noted that due to "shine around" (since the shielding is not an infinite plane, the upward looking crystal responds to the surrounding terrain) on the test pads, as altitude increases, should decrease, thus $\lambda = f(h)$.

Only the factor m remains to be determined. This unfortunately cannot be determined from test pad data. It can however be determined by flying over water (e.g. use of the Lake Mead over-water data).

Consider the equations for I_1 and I_2 again

$$I_1 = I_g + I_a + A_1 + C_1$$

$$I_2 = \epsilon I_g + m I_a + A_2 + C_2$$

Over water $I_g = 0$

We have A_1 , A_2 , C_1 , and C_2 defined.

Removing the aircraft and cosmic background from the over water data and we are left with

$$I_1 = I_a$$

$$I_2 = m I_a$$

Since m is the shielding factor response to the air signal, we should have an air signal to "shield". Thus m is best determined if there is radon present.

Both up and down counting rates are corrected for aircraft and cosmic background and so we can solve the following two equations for I_a .

$$I_1 = I_g + I_a$$

$$I_2 = \epsilon I_g + m I_a$$

$$m I_a = I_2 - \epsilon I_g$$

but $I_g = I_1 - I_a$

then $I_a (m - \epsilon) = I_2 - \epsilon I_1$

or
$$I_a = \frac{I_2 - \epsilon I_1}{m - \epsilon} = \text{Bi Air}$$

and I_a is then the Bi Air contribution from the surrounding air. This is then subtracted from the down looking U count resulting in corrected data.

DATA PROCESSING

DATA PREPARATION

The following sections summarize the techniques used for reduction and processing of the airborne data collected by geoMetrics.

Field Tape Verification and Edit

The field data tapes containing the airborne data are read on a computer to verify the recording and data quality. Data recovery is essentially 100% from the field tapes. During this phase, statistics are generated summarizing all the variables recorded for each flight line. Simultaneously, the spectral peaks are evaluated for shifts using a centroid calculation and the particular window's peak channel. The data are also checked for correct scan lengths and proper justification of data fields within each scan and live time calculations are made. During this process, the desired window data fields are extracted from each spectrum and rewritten as a reformatted copy tape.

The reformatted raw data for each flight line (with aborted or unnecessary flight line data edited out) are then checked for consistency, data spikes, gradients, etc. Every correction suggested by the computer is evaluated by the data processing personnel prior to implementation. Upon completion of the phase, the data on the output tape are "clean" and ready for subsequent correction of the radiometrics and tying of the magnetics.

Flight Line Location

A single frame 35 mm camera is used for obtaining position recovery information. The photo locations are spotted or transferred to a suitable base map and are digitized. The fiducial numbers of the spotted points along each line are entered during the digitizing process. A computer program is used to check the consistency of these data using calculated intersections from tie line to tie line and from traverse to traverse. This program allows easy detection of entry errors as well as potential flight path recovery errors.

A computer program then calculates the map location for each intersection and the beginning and end of each line based on the fiducial numbers and the control line/tie grid. A computer plot is made of these locations to check against the field plot and correct editing

information. These flight lines are then overlain on the geologic base map and each map unit is digitized such that each sample falls within a single unit. This resulting location information is then merged with the geophysical data using the fiducial numbers as common reference.

RADIOMETRIC DATA REDUCTION

Reduction of the raw window data was carried out utilizing system calibration constants as derived from high altitude over water flights, Lake Mead Dynamic Test Range, and the Walker Field Test Pads. The data reduction sequence used is summarized in Figure 11, Flow Diagram. Processing of the data was performed using the window energies given below:

- Total count - 0.4 to 3.0 MeV
- K - 1.37 to 1.57 MeV
- U - 1.66 to 1.87 MeV (downward looking system)
- U_{up} - 1.04 to 1.21 MeV and 1.65 to 2.42 MeV (upward looking system)
- T - 2.41 to 2.81 MeV
- Cosmic - 3 to 6 MeV (downward and upward looking system)

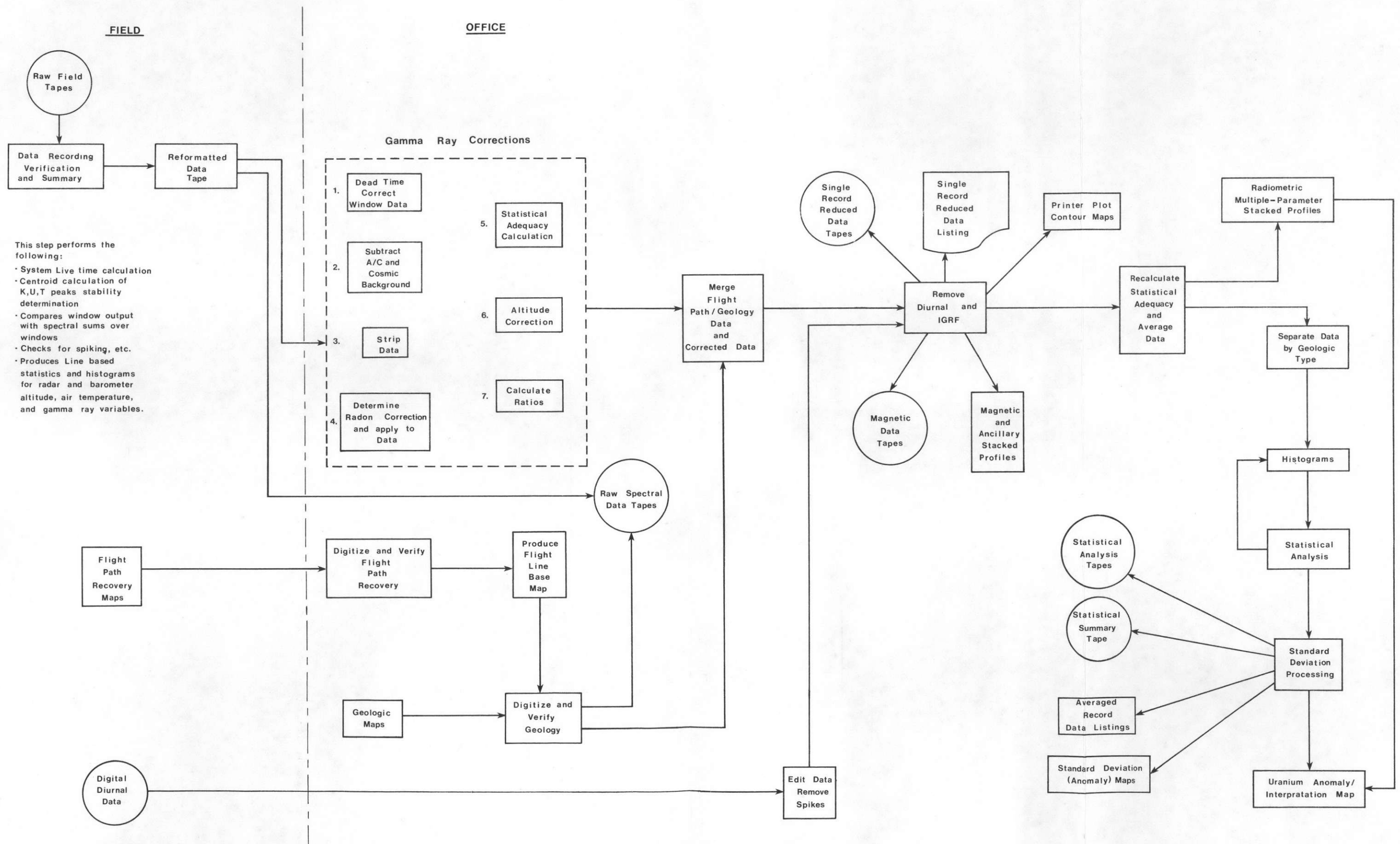
Aircraft and Cosmic background for the Lama over these windows are as follows:

		<u>LAMA II</u>	
		Aircraft	Cosmic*
TC	(cps)	116.02	3.206
K	(cps)	18.77	0.1762
U _{dn}	(cps)	4.36	0.1425
U _{up}	(cps)	2.07	0.7570
T	(cps)	2.30	0.1976

*Cosmic background values are in cps per 1.0 cps in the 3-6 MeV window.

DATA PROCESSING FLOW DIAGRAM

Figure 11



Compton corrections to the down data were made using the following constants:

<u>S_{ij}</u>	<u>LAMA II</u>
S _{ku}	0.8176
S _{kt}	0.1683
S _{ut}	0.2601
S _{uk}	0.0
S _{tu}	0.06048
S _{tk}	0.0

The ij subscripts represent the influence of the jth window on the ith window.

All parameters except for S_{ut} are considered constants. S_{ut} was considered an altitude dependent parameter utilizing the following expression (after Grasty, 1975).

$$S_{ut} = S_{ut_0} + 0.000076h, \text{ where } h \text{ is the altitude in hundreds of feet.}$$

Altitude attenuation coefficients used are defined as follows:

ALTITUDE ATTENUATION COEFFICIENTS

		LAMA II
TC	(per foot)	.002020
K	(per foot)	.002753
U	(per foot)	.002158
T	(per foot)	.002006

All radiometric data presented in the strip charts have been normalized to 400 feet mean terrain clearance at STP using the expression:

$$\exp - u_i \left[\frac{273.15}{760} \right] \times \frac{P}{T} (h - 400)$$

where h is the height in feet, u_i is the appropriate altitude attenuation coefficient, P is in mm of ¹Hg, and T is in degrees Kelvin. In cases where the altitude exceeds 1,000 feet, the correction coefficients were limited to the 1,000 foot value.

Bi Air calculations are made using the following expressions:

$$U_{up} - (R_{us} + \frac{C'_{uk}}{C'_{uu}} R_{ks} + \frac{C'_{ut}}{C'_{uu}} R_{ts}) \ell$$

$$Bi_{Air} = \frac{U_{up}}{m - \ell}$$

Where U_{up} = count rate from upward detectors

ℓ = crystal coupling constant

m = crystal geometric factor

$C'_{uk}, C'_{ut}, C'_{uu}$ = stripping coefficients relating down data to up data

R_{us} = stripped uranium count rate - down system

R_{ks} = stripped potassium count rate - down system

R_{ts} = stripped thorium count rate - down system

The numerical values for the constants ℓ , m, C'_{uk} , and C'_{uu} are given below:

	LAMA II
ℓ	0.0873
m	0.485
C'_{uk}	0.01833
C'_{uu}	0.1035
C'_{ut}	0.0734
$\mu\ell$	-0.000010
μm	-0.000075

μ_l & μ_m are altitude dependent as follows:

$$l = l - \mu_l \times h, \text{ where } h \text{ is in feet}$$

$$m = m - \mu_m \times h, \text{ where } h \text{ is in feet}$$

These Bi Air data are filtered and the filtered results are then removed on a point by point basis from the corrected uranium window data.

The window data are then evaluated for statistical adequacy prior to altitude correction to ensure they are significant within the context of the anticipated errors in count statistics.

Statistical Adequacy Test

The statistical adequacy test is made to determine whether the corrected data sample is sufficiently greater than the "noise" to represent the "signal" of interest.

We can define three separate criteria for detection thresholds (ref. Currie, Analytical Chemistry, Volume 40, No. 3, March 1968) of which only one is directly applicable to our case; this is the "critical level". This is the level at which the decision is made that a signal is "detected". We thus define this critical level as that level at which the data are statistically adequate.

Setting the actual levels in counts per second, "a priori" for each elemental window is difficult at best since the full effect of all parameters affecting the counts is not known to a sufficient degree of certainty. If the corrections to the data are a significant portion of the count rate, most of the error (exclusive of systematic errors due to electronics, etc.) in the corrected data can be ascribed to random errors within the applied corrections. The corrections are basically the results of counting radioactive decay products (gamma rays) and are therefore assumed to follow the classical Poisson distribution. The following assumptions concerning these corrections are:

1. In the best case, the error in each correction is additive.
2. The sum of these corrections also follows a Poisson distribution.
3. The uncertainty in the correction itself is equal to the square root of the correction applied.
4. This uncertainty is directly reflected in the corrected single record count rate.

With these assumptions in mind, the criterion for determining the statistical adequacy of a given data sample is defined as follows:

If a corrected single record data sample exceeds 1.5 times the square root of the summed correction applied to that data sample, then that data sample is statistically adequate.

Since any calculation using statistically inadequate data (such as ratios) is also inadequate, the adequacy of each element of the single sample record data is tested prior to the calculation. This is done during the course of the processing by retaining all corrections applied to each data sample and determining its adequacy as explained above.

Not only are the results of this statistical adequacy test used to insure that calculated ratios will be meaningful but they are also utilized to determine the optimum interval over which the data should be averaged (e.g. 5 seconds or 7 seconds, etc.) to improve the overall data statistical adequacy. In the case of this project, the resulting averaging sample interval was 7 seconds. This resulted in 95% or better of the uranium data to be statistically adequate, exclusive of those data which were outside of altitude specifications (the overall altitude specification was maintained at the 99% level) and excluding the known water saturated map units and water bodies.

Conversion to Equivalent ppm and Percent

At this point the data are single record corrected samples in units of counts per second. These data are then converted to equivalent ppm (parts per million) uranium, thorium and percent potassium. The conversion factors are the sensitivities derived from the Lake Mead Dynamic Test Range data at 400 feet mean terrain clearance.

LAMA II		
<u>Radioelement</u>	<u>Equivalent Percent/ppm</u>	<u>LAMA Counts/Second</u>
K	1%K	79.6
U	1 ppmeU	8.14
T	1 ppmeT	5.35

MAGNETIC DATA REDUCTION

The magnetic data reduction processes are: correction for diurnal variation, tying to a common magnetic datum, and subtraction of the regional magnetic field as defined by the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF). During data acquisition, the magnetic field is monitored by a ground-based diurnal magnetometer that samples every four seconds at a sensitivity of one-quarter gamma. These data are recorded on magnetic tape along with the time for synchronization with the airborne data.

The diurnal data are edited to keep only samples taken during flight time and remove spikes and man-made magnetic events. After editing, these data are displayed in profile form to ensure that all corrections necessary have been made. Next, the data are synchronized in time with the airborne data, interpolated, and subtracted from the airborne magnetic data.

DATA PRESENTATION

GENERAL

The majority of the actual presented data are contained in Volume II. These include the uranium anomaly/interpretation maps and pseudo-contour maps of potassium, uranium, thorium, and magnetic data and are integrated as part of the text in the interpretation section. In addition to these data, Volume II contains data presented in the form of radiometric profiles, flight path recovery maps, standard deviation maps, and histograms. Microfiche data are contained in Appendix C of this volume. Data tapes are available separately.

RADIOMETRIC PROFILES

Stacked profiles were prepared from the averaged data for each traverse and tie line. These stacked profiles, plotted at a linear scale of 1:250,000, contain the following parameters: corrected Total Count, percent potassium, equivalent ppm uranium, equivalent ppm thorium, eU/eT, eU/%K, and eT/%K ratios, equivalent ppm Bi Air, radar altimeter, and magnetometer data. Each of the stacked profile sheets contains a plot of the flight path superimposed on a geologic strip map. Included along these profiles are the fiducial numbers which correspond to flight path position as displayed on the flight path recovery maps. Each of the stacked profiles represents the data contained on the specific flight line within the boundaries of the specified NTMS Quadrangle sheet.

Radiometric traces on the stacked profiles contain an indicator showing those data which are statistically inadequate. These statistically inadequate data are marked by a small vertical tick at the sample location. The altitude profile has been limited in display to 1,000 feet. A dashed line at the 700 foot level is presented to show those data which do not meet the altitude specifications. The vertical scale of each variable remains constant on all stacked profiles. When overranging occurs, the trace is stepped and the step labeled showing the actual value. A pictorial representation of such a stepping profile is shown in Figure 12. At the end of each stacked profile, a statistical summary of the minimum value, maximum value, mean, and standard deviation for that variable is presented.

Contained in Volume II of this report is an equivalent set of stacked profiles for each quadrangle, photographically reduced to an approximate scale of 1:500,000.

MAGNETIC PROFILES

A set of profiles containing the magnetic data (corrected, with IGRF removed), barometric altimeter data, radar altimeter data, diurnal

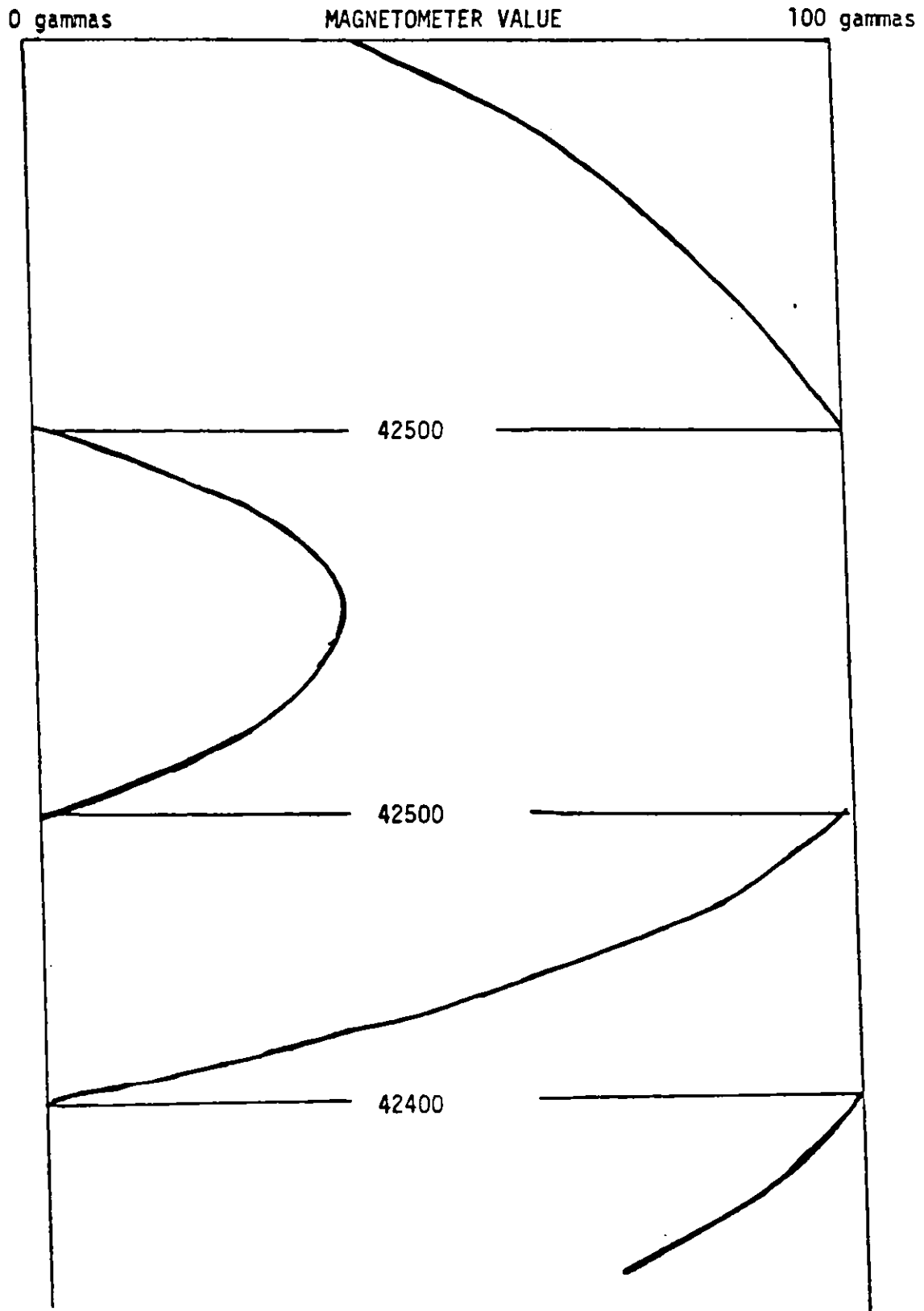


Figure 12 Plotter Step Value Labeling

monitor data, and temperature data are available at a linear scale of 1:250,000. Each of the stacked profiles contains a plot of the flight path superimposed on the geology over which the aircraft flew. Reduced scale, 1:500,000 copies of these are presented in Volume II of this report.

FLIGHT PATH MAPS

For each of the NTMS quadrangle sheets covered by this survey, a flight path position map is available at a scale of 1:250,000. The actual flight path has been superimposed on the geologic quadrangle maps. Flight lines and tie lines are annotated along with fiducial numbers of located positions. Reduced scale, 1:500,000, copies of these can be found in Volume II of this report.

STANDARD DEVIATION MAPS

Gamma ray standard deviation maps have been prepared for each NTMS quadrangle included in this survey. The six maps generated represent the following parameters: percent potassium, equivalent ppm uranium, equivalent ppm thorium, and eU/eT, eU/%K and eT/%K ratios. The data contained in each map represent only those data which are considered statistically adequate. This automatically excludes all data collected over water or data which falls outside of altitude specifications (i.e. altitude greater than 700 and less than 200 feet). The symbolism of each of the six maps is identical. The center of each circle represents the central averaged sample since the data had been averaged over a 7 second interval. The small boxes adjacent to each of the circles represents one standard deviation from the mean for that specific data sample. In order to determine whether the data shown are represented by positive or negative standard deviations, consider each map with north pointing away from the viewer. For east/west lines (traverse lines) positive standard deviations lie above or to the north of the traverse line with negative standard deviation below or to the south. On the north/ south lines (tie lines) positive standard deviations are to the left of the viewer (west) with negative standard deviations to the right (east).

These maps were generated at a scale of 1:250,000 for each NTMS sheet and in addition, are presented in each Volume II of this report at a reduced scale of approximately 1:500,000.

HISTOGRAMS

Computer generated histograms, showing the equivalent ppm and percent distributions for the three gamma ray emitters and their ratios measured and calculated as a function of computer map unit are presented in Volume II of this report (See Figure 13). Information contained on these histograms includes the standard deviation as calculated about the arithmetic mean (or median), and the total number of samples from which the statistics were derived.

MAP UNIT : TS

TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES 17516

URANIUM

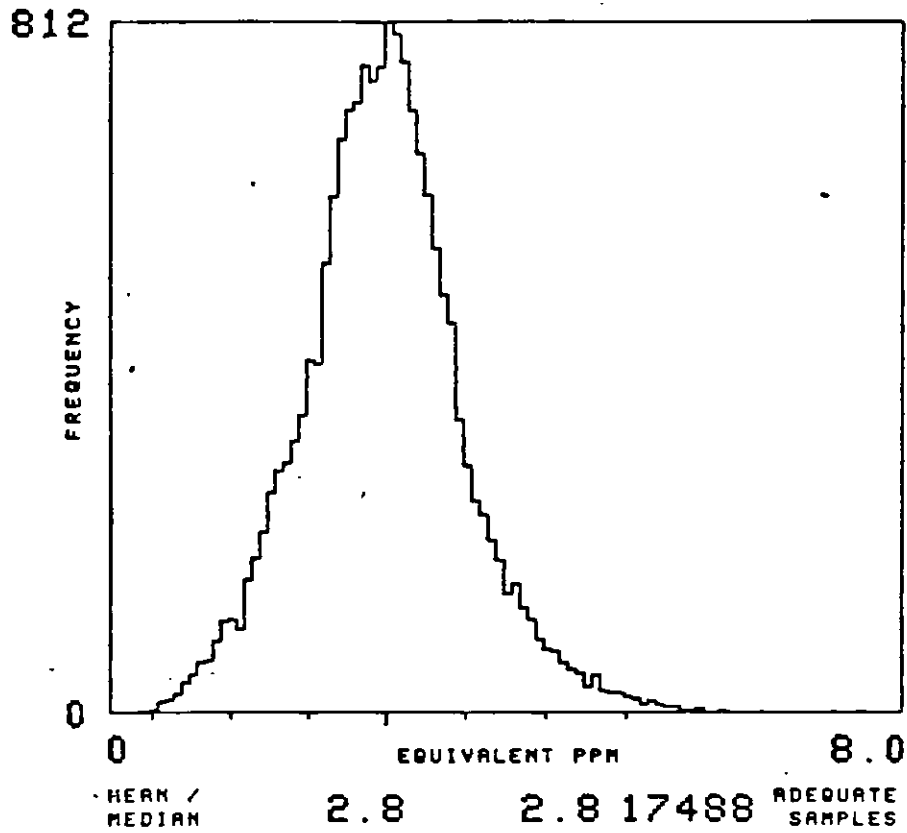


Figure 13 Sample Computer Map Unit Histogram

DATA LISTINGS

Single record reduced and averaged record (statistical analysis) data listings have been prepared on microfiche. The microfiche are contained in Volume I of this report as Appendix C. Each of the single record and averaged record data listings are presented for the data contained in a single quadrangle. The data contained in the single record data listings are summarized below:

1. Fiducial number
2. System/Quality (SAKUT) - The first digit identifies the system used to collect the sample. The remaining digits define the results of statistical adequacy testing for altitude, potassium, uranium, and thorium. A value of 0 indicated that the data are statistically adequate. A value of 1 indicates that the data are statistically inadequate. All data collected in excess of 700 feet and less than 200 feet are considered statistically inadequate.
3. Time - time presented in hours, minutes, and seconds
4. Altitude - altitude presented in feet above terrain
5. LAT/LONG - Latitude and Longitude presented in terms of decimal degrees
6. Magnetic field expressed in residual gammas
7. Geology - code representing geologic units
8. %K, eU, eT - percent potassium, equivalent ppm of uranium and thorium
9. eU/eTH, eU/%K, eTH/%K - calculated ratios of the three parameters
10. Total count - corrected total count data (0.4 to 3.0 MeV)
11. COS - downward looking cosmic count rate in the 3-6 MeV channel
12. Uair - atmospheric Bi-214 equivalent ppm
13. Temperature - outside air temperature in degrees centigrade
14. Press - barometric pressure in mm of mercury

The averaged record (statistical analysis) data listings are summarized below:

1. Fiducial number
2. System/Quality (SAKUT) - The first digit identifies the system used to collect the sample. The remaining digits define the

results of statistical adequacy testing for altitude, potassium, uranium, and thorium. A value of 0 indicated that the data are statistically adequate. A value of 1 indicates that the data are statistically inadequate. All data collected in excess of 700 feet and less than 200 feet are considered statistically inadequate.

3. LAT/LONG - Latitude and longitude presented in terms of decimal degrees
4. Magnetic field expressed in residual gammas
5. Geology - code representing geologic formations
6. %K, eU, eT - percent potassium, equivalent ppm of uranium and thorium data and the number of (+) standard deviations from the mean
7. eU/eTh, eU/%K, eTh/%K - calculated ratios of the three parameters, and the number of (+) standard deviations from the mean
8. Total count - corrected total count data (0.4 to 3.0 MeV)
9. COS - downward looking cosmic count rate in the 3-6 MeV channel
10. Uair - atmospheric Bi-214 in equivalent ppm

DATA TAPES

Data tape files have been generated for each of the 1:250,000 NTMS quadrangle sheets. The tapes are IBM compatible and recorded on 9 track EBCDIC at 800 bpi. Five separate types of data tapes are presented: raw spectral data tapes, single record reduced data tapes, statistical analysis tapes, magnetic data tapes and a statistical analysis summary tape. Detailed descriptions of the data tape formats are presented in Appendix A.

DATA INTERPRETATION METHODS

GENERAL

The stated objective of the NURE Program is the evaluation of the uranium potential of the United States. In support of this goal, high sensitivity airborne radiometric and magnetic surveys have been implemented to obtain reconnaissance information pertaining to regional distribution of uraniferous materials. Within this context, data interpretation has been oriented toward regional detection and description of anomalously high concentrations of uranium.

By far the most significant natural sources of gamma radiation in the geologic environment are the radioactive decay series of potassium 40 (K40), thorium 232 (Th232) and uranium 238 (U238) of which 0.7% is uranium 235. Potassium 40 is the largest contributor to natural radioactivity, accounting for nearly 98%, as it is the most abundant gamma ray emitter-.012% of all potassium in nature. (Refer to GSA Memoir 97 for abundances of uranium, thorium, and potassium).

Potassium 40 is directly identified by the airborne spectrometer from a single clear peak at 1.46 mev (million electron volts) in its gamma ray spectrum. However, thorium 232 and uranium 238 do not have any clear, distinct peaks at sufficiently high energies to allow direct detection from airborne systems. Instead, daughter products which do have distinct peaks are measured as representing the abundance of the parent element. For thorium 232, the daughter nuclide thallium 208 (Tl208) has a distinct peak at 2.62 mev while uranium 238 has a daughter, bismuth 214 (Bi214) possessing a clear peak at 1.76 mev (see Figure 9 for a composite decay series spectrum). Consequently the fundamental assumption implicit to airborne uranium and thorium measurements is that the measured daughter products are in radioactive equilibrium - the number of atoms of disintegrating daughter nuclides are equal to the number being formed (see Adams and Gasparini, 1970).

An airborne gamma ray measurement is the sum of photons counted during a specified time interval from a multitude of gamma ray sources which include the three geologic emitters that are being sought plus other interfering sources. These others include, but are not limited to higher energy cosmic rays, aircraft and instruments, contributions from overlapping decay series and airborne radon 222. (See Burson, 1974 and McSharry, 1973 for a more complete discussion of airborne radiometric measurements, and Radiometric Data Reduction in this volume for a complete description of data correction procedures).

When correlating ground data (geochemical, geological, etc.) with the corrected data derived from raw airborne measurements, the interpreter must remember what an individual airborne gamma ray sample physically measures. First, the terrestrial component of the gamma radiation measured by the airborne detector emanated primarily from the upper 18 inches of material on the earth's surface (Gregory and Horwood, 1963). The airborne measurement cannot "see" any deeper into the underlying rock material and is essentially a measurement of the soil's or exposed (weathered) rock's radioactivity. Secondly,

since each airborne sample is an accumulation of gamma rays measured on a moving platform over a fixed period of time, the individual sample represents a large areal extent of surficial material. For this survey, with specifications of 400 feet mean terrain clearance and an average ground speed of 70 miles per hour, a one second sample corresponds to an oval approximately 700 feet long by 600 feet wide (assuming an infinite, uniformly distributed source). Accordingly, averaged samples represent tremendous volumes of surficial materials.

METHODOLOGY

As described previously, the gamma ray data were located by computer map units, histograms were produced and statistical analyses performed. The basic unit for interpretation then is the averaged sample and its attendant deviations about a particular map unit's mean.

The uranium anomaly/interpretation map displays each individual averaged sample that meets the following criteria:

1. The averaged uranium sample must be greater than or equal to 1 standard deviation above its map unit mean.
2. The sample must have a U/T ratio greater than or equal to 1 standard deviation above its unit mean.
3. Each U/T ratio defined in (2) must have a corresponding thorium value lying at least greater than minus one (-1) standard deviation below the mean. If the thorium sample is less than one standard deviation below the mean, the U/T ratio is considered questionable.

All the possible anomalies displayed on the map are then examined for clusters, trends, and comparisons with all other available data.

Minimum requirements in the subsequent interpretation discussions of each quadrangle for anomalies listed in the uranium anomaly summary are defined as follows:

Two (2) consecutive averaged U samples lying two or more standard deviations above the mean or three (3) consecutive averaged U samples, two of which are one (1) or more standard deviations and the third of which is two (2) or more standard deviations above the mean.

Statistical anomalies which meet the above criteria can result from several factors or circumstances including: (1) true concentration of uraniumiferous minerals, (2) differential surface cover (soils and/or vegetation) within a lithologic unit, (3) local weather conditions such as rain and snow, (4) extreme facies variation within a mapped

unit, and (5) differential weathering of rocks within mapped units. Obviously an averaged sample which lies on the boundary between two map units is not truly reflecting either one, but is rather an average of both. Thus, for two markedly different units, such a sample would be anomalous relative to one of the units and not be a true indication of radioactive differences within the unit.

The percent potassium, equivalent ppm thorium and uranium, the three ratios and residual magnetic data were plotted as separate pseudo-contour maps and overlain on the geologic base map and standard deviation maps. Regional trends of each variable and average values could thus be easily and quickly determined and compared with the associated geological, magnetic, and statistical trends. Only the long wavelengths within each variable would show any line-to-line continuity on the pseudo-contour maps and thus, only regional trends will appear.

Each quadrangle's stacked profiles were also overlain on the corresponding geologic and standard deviation maps and anomaly map to further delineate trends and to allow a more detailed analysis of individual anomalies. Since the interpretation was concentrated on detection of anomalous uranium, subtle trends present in the potassium and thorium channels and ratios were only examined in a cursory manner. Even during such a brief examination of the profiles, it was evident that the spectrometer system was highly sensitive to changes in surface materials even in areas of low counting rates such as glacial drift. Thus radiometrics have a real potential for performing general surficial mapping "geochemical analysis" on a geologic unit (or soils) basis in addition to merely radioactive mineral "anomaly hunting".

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APPENDIX A

TAPE FORMATS

ELK CITY, BOISE, HAILEY and IDAHO FALLS
QUADRANGLES

IDAHO, OREGON and MONTANA

SINGLE RECORD REDUCED DATA TAPE

REFERENCE: Paragraphs 4.7.6 and 6.1.6, BFEC 1200-C

The Single Record Tape is an unlabeled, nine track, 800 BPI, NRZI. All data are recorded as EBCDIC characters. Each tape contains but one file of format, header, data, and trailer records for no more than one quadrangle. The tape is divided into 6900-character blocks containing the following information.

Block 1 - Format Data

This block contains 6768 characters in 94 consecutive lines of 72 characters containing the following literal description.

02 0978 (DATA TAPE TYPE AND FORMAT SPECIFICATION DATE CODES)

SINGLE RECORD REDUCED DATA TAPE

FORMAT FOR TAPE IDENTIFICATION BLOCK (SECOND BLOCK)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	A40	QUADRANGLE NAME AS PROJECT IDENTIFICATION
2	A20	NAME OF SUBCONTRACTOR
3	I4	APPROXIMATE DATE OF SURVEY (MONTH, YEAR)
4	I1	NUMBER OF AERIAL SYSTEMS USED TO COLLECT DATA FOR THIS QUADRANGLE
5	I1	AERIAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION CODE FOR FIRST SYSTEM
6	A20	AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION BY TYPE AND FAA NUMBER FOR FIRST SYSTEM
7	F6.1	NOMINAL ALTITUDE SYSTEM SENSITIVITY RELATIVE TO TERRESTRIAL POTASSIUM (K-40) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN CPS PER PERCENT K
8	F6.1	NOMINAL ALTITUDE SYSTEM SENSITIVITY RELATIVE TO TERRESTRIAL URANIUM (BI-214) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN CPS PER PPM EQUIVALENT U
9	F6.1	NOMINAL ALTITUDE SYSTEM SENSITIVITY RELATIVE TO TERRESTRIAL THORIUM (TL-208) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN CPS PER PPM EQUIVALENT TH
10	I6	BLANK FIELD (99999)
11	F6.3	4PI-SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION INTERVAL TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES IN SECONDS FOR FIRST SYSTEM
12	F6.3	2PI-SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION INTERVAL TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES IN SECONDS FOR FIRST SYSTEM
13	I3	NUMBER OF CHANNELS (0-3 MEV) IN 4PI SYSTEM FOR FIRST AERIAL SYSTEM
14	I3	NUMBER OF CHANNELS (0-3 MEV) IN 2PI SYSTEM FOR FIRST AERIAL SYSTEM

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
15-24	(SAME)	REPEAT OF ITEMS 5-14 FOR SECOND AERIAL SYSTEM
*	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
85-94	(SAME)	REPEAT OF ITEMS 5-14 FOR NINTH AERIAL SYSTEM
95	I3	NUMBER OF FLIGHT LINES ON THIS TAPE
96	I4	FIRST FLIGHT LINE NUMBER ON THIS TAPE
97	I6	FIRST RECORD NUMBER OF FIRST FLIGHT LINE
98	I3	JULIAN DATE (DAY OF YEAR) FIRST FLIGHT-LINE DATA WAS COLLECTED
99-101	I4,I6,I3	REPEAT OF ITEMS 96-98 FOR SECOND FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE
*	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
390-392	I4,I6,I3	Repeat of Items 96-98 For 99th Flight Line On This Tape

FORMAT FOR SINGLE RECORD REDUCED DATA RECORD (THIRD THRU LAST BLOCK)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	I1	AERIAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION CODE
2	I4	FLIGHT LINE NUMBER
3	I6	RECORD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
4	I6	GMT TIME OF DAY (HHMMSS)
5	F8.4	LATITUDE TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES
6	F8.4	LONGITUDE TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES
7	F6.1	TERRAIN CLEARANCE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN METERS
8	F7.1	RESIDUAL (IGRF REMOVED) MAGNETIC FIELD INTENSITY TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN GAMMAS
9	A8	SURFACE GEOLOGIC MAP UNIT CODE
10	I4	QUALITY FLAG CODES
11	F6.1	APPARENT CONCENTRATION OF TERRESTRIAL POTASSIUM (K-40) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U
14	F4.1	UNCERTAINTY IN TERRESTRIAL URANIUM TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U
15	F6.1	APPARENT CONCENTRAITON OF TERRESTRIAL THORIUM (TL-208) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT TH
16	F4.1	UNCERTAINTY IN TERRESTRIAL THORIUM TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT TH
17	F6.1	URANIUM-TO-THORIUM RATIO TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U PER PPM EQUIVALENT TH
18	F6.1	URANIUM-TO-POTASSIUM RATI TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE INn PPM EQUIVALENT U PER PERCENT K

19	F5.1	THORIUM-TO-POTASSIUM RATIO TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT TH PER PERCENT K
20	F8.1	GROSS GAMMA (0.4-3.0 MEV) COUNT RATE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN COUNTS PER SECOND
21	F6.1	UNCERTAINTY IN GROSS GAMMA COUNT RATE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN COUNTS PER SECONED
22	F5.1	ATMOSPHERIC BI-214 4PI CORRECITON TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
23	F4.1	UNCERTAINTY IN ATMOSPHERIC I-214 4PI CORRECTION TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U
24	F4.1	OUTSIDE AIR TEMPERATURE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN DEGREES CELSIUS
25	F5.1	OUTSIDE AIR PRESSURE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN MMHG

This description serves to identify the format of data on subsequent blocks on the tape. The remaining 132 characters on this block are blanks.

Block 2 - Single Record Reduced Identification Data

The second block contains the identifier information for the data contained in subsequent blocks. The identification information is written according to the format description in the first half of the first block. The remaining 4978 characters on this block are blanks.

Block 3 - Single Record Reduced Data

These blocks contain data written according to the format description in the second half of the first block. There will be 50 logical records per physical block. As of August 1979, the method for determining uncertainties specified in the data blocks remains undefined, and those values are filled with 9's under format control.

Appendix A

RAW SPECTRAL DATA TAPE

REFERENCE: PARAGRAPHS 4.7.5.1 AND 6.1.5, BFEC 1200-C

The RAW SPECTRAL DATA is unlabeled nine track, 800 BPI, NRZI. All data are recorded as EBCDIC characters. Each tape contains but one file of header, data, and trailer records for no more than one NTMS quadrangle. The maximum record length is 6600 characters.

The tape is organized such that each flight line of data is preceded by a header record and followed by trailer record. If a flight line is not complete on a given physical tape, no trailer record follows its last data record on the first tape, nor does a header record precede its first data record on the second tape.

Block 1 - Raw Spectral Format Description Block

The first 4248 characters on this block shall be 59 consecutive 72-character lines containing the following literal description.

01 0978 (DATA TAPE TYPE AND FORMAT SPECIFICATION DATE CODES)

RAW SPECTRAL DATA TAPE

FORMAT FOR TAPE IDENTIFICATION BLOCK (SECOND BLOCK ON TAPE)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	A40	QUADRANGLE NAME AS PROJECT IDENTIFICATION
2	A20	NAME OF SUBCONTRACTOR
3	I4	APPROXIMATE DATA OF SURVEY (MONTH, YEAR)
4	I1	AERIAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION CODE
5	A20	AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION BY TYPE AND FAA NUMBER
6	I3	BFEC CALIBRATION REPORT NUMBER
7	F6.3	2PI SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION INTERVAL TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES IN SECONDS
8	F6.3	2PI SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION INTERVAL TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES IN SECONDS
9	I3	NUMBER OF CHANNELS (0-3 MEV) FOR 4PI SYSTEM
10	I3	NUMBER OF CHANNELS (0-3 MEV) FOR 2PI SYSTEM
11	I3	NUMBER OF FLIGHT LINES ON THIS TAPE
12	I4	FIRST FLIGHT LINE NUMBER ON THIS TAPE
13	I6	FIRST RECORD NUMBER OF FIRST FLIGHT LINE
14	I3	JULIAN DATA (DAY OF YEAR) FIRST FLIGHT LINE WAS COLLECTED
15-17	I4,I6,I3	REPEAT OF ITEMS 12-14 FOR SECOND FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE
*	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
306-308	I4,I6,I3	REPEAT OF ITEMS 12-14 FOR 99TH FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE

FORMAT FOR RAW SPECTRAL DATA RECORD (THIRD THRU LAST BLOCK ON TAPE)

ITEM	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
1	I1	AERIAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION CODE
2	I4	FLIGHT LINE NUMBER
3	I6	RECORD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
4	I6	GMT TIME OF DAY (HHMMSS)
5	F8.4	LATITUDE TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES
6	F8.4	LONGITUDE TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES
7	F6.1	TERRAIN CLEARANCE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN METERS
8	F7.1	TOTAL MAGNETIC FIELD INTENSITY TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN GAMMAS
9	A8	SURFACE GEOLOGIC MAP UNIT CODE
10	I4	QUALITY FLAG CODES
11	F4.1	OUTSIDE AIR TEMPERATURE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN DEGREES CELSIUS
12	F5.1	OUTSIDE AIR PRESSURE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN MMHG
13	F5.3	LIVE TIME COUNTING PERIOD TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES IN SECONDS
14	I4	SUMMED RAW OUTPUT FROM COSMIC CHANNELS (3-6 MEV) IN COUNTS
15	I4	RAW OUTPUT FROM CHANNEL 1 IN COUNTS
16	I4	RAW OUTPUT FROM CHANNEL 2 IN COUNTS
*	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
270	I4	RAW OUTPUT FROM CHANNEL 256 IN COUNTS

The remaining 2352 characters in this block shall be blanks.

Block 2 - Raw Spectral Tape Identification Data

The second block contains the identifier information for the data contained in subsequent blocks. The identification information is written according to the format description in the first half of the first block. The remaining 5204 characters on this block shall be blanks.

Block 3 - Raw Spectral Tape Data

The third and subsequent blocks contain Raw Spectral analysis data in the format specified by the second part of the Block 1. Six logical records are allowed per block. The 2 data records are recorded after the 4 .

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS TAPE

REFERENCE: Paragraphs 4.7.7 and 6.1.6, BFEC 1200-C

The statistical analysis data tape is an unlabeled, nine track, 800 BPI, NRZI. All data is recorded as EBCDIC characters. The block length is 8000 characters long. Each tape contains one file of data for no more than one quadrangle.

Block 1 - Format Description Data

The first physical block on this tape contains a format description for data on subsequent blocks. The first 7560 characters on this block contains 105 lines of 72 characters exactly as written below:

03 0978 (DATA TAPE TYPE AND FORMAT SPECIFICATION DATE CODES)

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS DATA TAPE

FORMAT FOR TAPE IDENTIFICATION BLOCK (SECOND BLOCK)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	A40	QUADRANGLE NAME AS PROJECT IDENTIFICATION
2	A20	NAME OF SUBCONTRACTOR
3	I4	APPROXIMATE DATE OF SURVEY (MONTH, YEAR)
4	I1	NUMBER OF AERIAL SYSTEMS USED TO COLLECT DATA FOR THIS QUADRANGLE
5	I1	AERIAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION CODE FOR FIRST SYSTEM
6	A20	AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION BY TYPE AND FAA NUMBER FOR FIRST SYSTEM
7	F6.1	NOMINAL ALTITUDE SYSTEM SENSITIVITY RELATIVE TO TERRESTRIAL POTASSIUM (K-40) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN CPS PER PERCENT K
8	F6.1	NOMINAL ALTITUDE SYSTEM SENSITIVITY RELATIVE TO TERRESTRIAL URANIUM (BI-214) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN CPS PER PPM EQUIVALENT U
9	F6.1	NOMINAL ALTITUDE SYSTEM SENSITIVITY RELATIVE TO TERRESTRIAL THORIUM (TL-208) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN CPS PER PPM EQUIVALENT TH
10	I6	BLANK FIELD (99999)
11	F6.3	4PI-SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION INTERVAL TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES IN SECONDS FOR FIRST SYSTEM

12	F6.3	2PI-SYSTEM DATA COLLECTION INTERVAL TO THREE DECIMAL PLACES IN SECONDS FOR FIRST SYSTEM
13	I3	NUMBER OF CHANNELS (0-3 MEV) IN 4PI SYSTEM FOR FIRST AERIAL SYSTEM
14	I3	NUMBER OF CHANNELS (0-3 MEV) IN 2PI SYSTEM FOR FIRST AERIAL SYSTEM

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
15-24	(SAME)	REPEAT OF ITEMS 5-14 FOR SECOND AERIAL SYSTEM
*	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
85-94	(SAME)	REPEAT OF ITEMS 5-14 FOR NINTH AERIAL SYSTEM
95	I3	NUMBER OF FLIGHT LINES ON THIS TAPE
96	I4	FIRST FLIGHT LINE NUMBER ON THIS TAPE
97	I6	FIRST RECORD NUMBER OF FIRST FLIGHT LINE
98	I3	JULIAN DATA (DAY OF YEAR) FIRST FLIGHT-LINE DATA WAS COLLECTED
99-101	I4,I6,I3	REPEAT OF ITEMS 96-98 FOR SECOND FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE
*	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
390-392	I4,I6,I3	REPEAT OF ITEMS 96-98 FOR 99th FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE

FORMAT FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS DATA RECORD (THIRD THRU LAST BLOCK)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	I1	AERIAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION CODE
2	I4	FLIGHT LINE NUMBER
3	I6	RECORD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
4	I6	GMT TIME OF DAY (HHMMSS)
5	F8.4	LATITUDE TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES
6	F8.4	LONGITUDE TO FOUR DEICMAL PLACES IN DEGREES
7	F6.1	TERRAIN CLEARANCE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN METERS
8	F7.1	RESIDUAL (IGRF REMOVED) MAGNETIC FIELD INTENSITY TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN GAMMAS
9	A8	SURFACE GEOLOGIC MAP UNIT CODE
10	I4	QUALITY FLAG CODES
11	F6.1	APPARENT CONCENTRATION OF TERRESTRIAL POTASSIUM)K-40) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PERCENT K
12	F4.1	UNCERTAINTY IN TERRESTRIAL POTASSIUM TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PERCENT K
13	F5.1	POTASSIUM STANDARD DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE AND ALGEBRAICALLY SIGNED

14	F6.1	AVERAGED CONCDNTRATION OF TERRESTRIAL URANIUM (BI-214) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U
15	F4.1	UNCERTAINTY IN TERRESTRIAL URANIUM TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U
16	F5.1	URANIUM STANDARD DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE AND ALGEBRAICALLY SIGNED
17	F6.1	AVERAGED CONCENTRATION OF TERRESTRIAL THORIUM, (TL-208) TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT
18	F4.1	UNCERTAINTY IN TERRESTRIAL THORIUM TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT TH
19	F5.1	THORIUM STANDARD DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE AND ALGEBRAICALLY SIGNED.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
20	F8.1	GROSS GAMMA (0.4-3.0 MEV) COUNT RATE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN COUNTS PER SECOND
21	F6.1	UNCERTAINTY IN GROSS GAMMA COUNT RATE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN COUNTS PER SECOND
22	F5.1	ATMOSPHERIC BI-214 4PI CORRECTION TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U
23	F4.1	UNCERTAINTY IN ATMOSPHERIC BI-214 4PI CORRECTION TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U
24	F4.1	AVERAGED URANIUM-TO-THORIUM RATIO TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U PER PPM EQUIVALENT TH
25	F5.1	URANIUM-TO-THORIUM RATIO STANDARD DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE ANA ALGEBRAICALLY SIGNED
26	F6.1	AVERAGED URANIUM-TO-POTASSIUM RATIO TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT U PER PERCENT K
27	F5.1	THORIUM-TO-POTASSIUM RATIO STANDARD DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE AND ALGEBRAICALLY SIGNED
28	F6.1	AVERAGED THORIUM-TO-POTASSIUM RATIO TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN PPM EQUIVALENT TH PER PERCENT K
29	F5.1	THORIUM-TO-POTASSIUM RATIO STANDARD DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE AND ALGEBRAICALLY SIGNED

The remaining 440 characters in this block are blanks.

Block 2 - Statistical Analysis Identification Data

The second block contains the identifier information for the data contained in subsequent blocks according to the format specification in the first part of Block 1. The final 6078 characters on this block are blanks.

MAGNETIC DATA TAPE

REFERENCE: Paragraphs 4.7.8 and 6.1.6, BFEC 1200-C

The Magnetic Data Tape is an unlabeled, nine track, 800 BPI, NRZI. All data are recorded as EBCDIC characters. Each tape contains data for no more than one quadrangle and are divided into 8000-character blocks as described below.

Block 1 - Tape Format Description

The first block contains 3384 characters of format information in exactly the following format:

04 0978 (DATA TAPE TYPE AND FORMAT SPECIFICATION DATE CODES)

MAGNETIC DATA TAPE

FORMAT FOR TAPE IDENTIFICATION BLOCK (SECOND BLOCK)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	A40	QUADRANGLE NAME AS PROJECT IDENTIFICATION
2	A20	NAME OF SUBCONTRACTOR
3	I4	APPROXIMATE DATE OF SURVEY (MONTH, YEAR)
4	I3	NUMBER OF FLIGHT LINES ON THIS TAPE
5	I4	FIRST FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE
6	I6	FIRST RECORD NUMBER OF FIRST FLIGHT LINE
7	I3	JULIAN DATA (DAY OF YEAR) FIRST FLIGHT-LINE DATA WAS COLLECTED
8	F8.4	LATITUDE OF GROUND BASE STATION TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES FOR FIRST FLIGHT LINE
9	F8.4	LONGITUDE OF GROUND BASE STATION TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES FOR FIRST FLIGHT LINE
10-14	(SAME)	REPEAT OF ITEMS 5-9 FOR SECOND FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE
*	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
495-499	(SAME)	REPEAT OF ITEMS 5-9 FOR 99th FLIGHT LINE ON THIS TAPE

FORMAT FOR MAGNETIC DATA RECORD (THIRD THRU LAST BLOCK)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	I1	AERIAL SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION CODE
2	I4	FLIGHT LINE NUMBER
3	I6	RECORD IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
4	I6	GMT TIME OF DAY (HHMMSS)
5	F8.4	LATITUDE TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
6	F8.4	LONGITUDE TO FOUR DECIMAL PLACES IN DEGREES
7	F6.1	TERRAIN CLEARANCE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN METERS
8	F5.1	OUTSIDE AIR PRESSURE TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN MMHG
9	A8	SURFACE GEOLOGIC MAP UNIT CODE
10	F7.1	TOTAL MAGNETIC FIELD INTENSITY TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN GAMMAS
11	F7.1	RESIDUAL (IGRF REMOVED) MAGNETIC FIELD INTENSITY TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN GAMMAS
12	F7.1	DIURNAL MAGNETIC INTENSITY VARIATION TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN GAMMAS
13	F7.1	MAGNETIC DEPTH-TO-BASEMENT TO ONE DECIMAL PLACE IN METERS (IF REQUIRED)

The remaining 4616 characters in this block are blanks.

Block 2 - Magnetic Tape Identification Data

This block contains information about the data in subsequent blocks organized according to the format specification in the first half of Block 1.

Block 3 - Magnetic Data

This block and subsequent block contains magnetic data for the quad-angle organized according to the format specifications in the second half of Block 1. There will be 100 logical records per physical block.

APPENDIX B

PRODUCTION SUMMARY

ELK CITY, BOISE, HAILEY and IDAHO FALLS
QUADRANGLES

IDAHO, OREGON and MONTANA

APPENDIX B

LAMA N49531

DAILY PRODUCTION SUMMARY - JULY 1979

7-05-79	Crew and A/C arrived Caldwell, Idaho
7-06-79	Survey preparation
	Boise Quadrangle
7-07-79	Flt 1, 755 miles
7-08-79	Flt 2, 929 miles
7-09-79	Flt 3, 304 miles
7-10-79	Flt 4, 714 miles
7-11-79	Flt 5, 250 miles
7-12-79	Moved base to McCall, Idaho
7-13-79	Nil production. Weather
7-14-79	Flt 6, 404 miles
	Elk City Quadrangle
7-15-79	Flt 7, 404 miles
7-16-79	Flt 8, 404 miles
7-17-79	Flt 9, 340 miles
7-18-79	Flt 10, 285 miles
7-19-79	Nil production. Weather
7-20-79	Nil production. Weather
7-21-79	Flt 11, 303 miles

7-22-79	Nil production. Equipment problems
7-23-79	Nil production. " "
7-24-79	Nil production. " "
7-25-79	Flt 12, 473 miles
7-26-79	Flt 13, 308 miles
7-27-79	Moved base to Mountain Home, Idaho

Hailey Quadrangle

7-28-79	Flt 14, 1026 miles
7-29-79	Flt 15, 300 miles
7-30-79	Flt 16, 290 miles
7-31-79	Moved base to Ketchum, Idaho

Total mileage for July was 7,489 miles as recorded by the field crew.

APPENDIX B

LAMA N49531

DAILY PRODUCTION SUMMARY - AUGUST 1979

8-01-79

through

Weather

8-03-79

Hailey Quadrangle

8-04-79

Flt 17, 74 line miles. Base Ketchum

8-05-79

Flt 18, 275 line miles

8-06-79

Flt 19 & 20, 285 line miles

8-07-79

Flt 21, 130 line miles

8-08-79

Flt 22, 415 line miles

8-09-79

Flt 23, 241 line miles

Hailey, Idaho Falls Quadrangles

8-10-79

Flt 24, 238 line miles

8-11-79

Flt 25, 260 line miles

8-12-79

Move base to Idaho Falls

8-13-79

through

Weather

8-15-79

8-16-79

Flt 26, 205 line miles

8-17-79

Flt 27, 510 line miles

8-18-79

through

Weather

8-20-79

8-21-79

Flt 28, 457 line miles

8-22-79

Flt 29, 640 line miles

8-23-79

Flt 30, 510 line miles

8-24-79

Moved Base to Sturgis, South Dakota

Completion of the four quadrangles in Idaho.

Total Line Miles flown from August 1 thru August 23 = 4,420 Line Miles

APPENDIX C
MICROFICHE OF DATA

