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GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE BUCHANAN QUADRANGLE, LIBERIA

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Complied o, photo-planimetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1968-69

Form lines have no consistent interval and show only the general shape of terrain Geographic graticule and rectangular grid based on Hotine's Rectified Skew Orthomorphic projection

The international boundary must not be considered authoritative

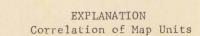
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Holocene Quaternary Pleistocene (?) Cretaceous

Stratigraphic succession not implied for the following units grg Plutonic rocks

## DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

Lagoonal and beach deposits--unconsolidated silt, sand, and mud of present coastal marshes and, locally, river levees.

Beach deposits -- unconsolidated sands. Includes white well-sorted nearly pure quartz sands of savannahs and yellowish brown poorly sorted fine- to coarse-grained sand in beach ridges and some sand flats. Also includes local present-day beach sands.

Edina Sandstone--brownish-yellow medium- to coarse-grained locally conglomeratic quartz sandstone. Commonly well-sorted and locally crossbedded. Beds cemented by clayey limonitic material.

Farmington River Formation -- brown to dark green sandstone consisting of poorly sorted to moderately sorted fine- to coarsegrained angular to subrounded grains of quartz, feldspar, mafic minerals, and lithic fragments in matrix of quartz, chlorite, sericite, and calcite. Fragments of gastrapod and pelecypod shells and carbonatized plant debris present locally.

Farmingtom River Formation conglomerate -- dark green conglomerate with well-rounded cobbles of granitic rock, gneiss, amphibolite, quartz, quartzite, and diabase in sandy matrix. Moderately well

Diabase--dark gray, chiefly diabasic but locally gabbroic in texture. Consists primarily of calcic plagioclase and clinopyroxene, with minor amounts of magnetite and ilmenite. Locally contains orthopyroxene. Forms dikes.

Charnockite -- olive green medium - to coarse - grained massive hypersthene-bearing granite. Minerals include potassium feldspar, plagioclase, quartz, hypersthene, and hornblende.

Quartz diorite--gray-green to dark gray medium- to coarse-grained hornblende quartz diorite. Hornblende content averages about 20-30 percent of rock. Massive, forming rounded outcrops. Locally, medium- to coarse-grained massive biotite quartz dio-

Granite--light gray to pink medium- to coarse-grained hypidiomorphic biotite granite. Generally massive. Locally, outcrops of coarse-grained granite contain megacrysts of potassium feld-

Composite unit z--comprises rock units associated with itabirite, and itabirite for which their is insufficient data to map separately or the units are too small to do so. Also includes: iron silicate rocks (e.g., grunerite-hornblende-garnet-quartz schist), quartzite and quartz-rich schists, pelitic schist, and gneiss. Amphibolite is commonly present in the unit and actinolite schist occurs locally.

> lron formation, oxide facies (itabirite) -- dark gray, brown to brick red finely laminated quartz-hematite magnetite rock.

Amphibolite--black fine- to coarse-grained foliated to massive rock consisting of about equal amounts of plagioclase. Quartz and garnets abundant in some outcrops. Typically resistant, forming ridges. Spheroidal weathering is common.

Quartzite--fine- to coarse-grained quartz rock of probable metasedimentary origin. Quartz content commonly greater than about 95 percent; minor minerals include chlorite, graphite, magnetite, garnet, or feldspar. Locally includes as much as 30 percent

Schist--mainly pelitic schists, but also locally includes mica schist and hornblende schist. Major minerals are staurolite, quartz, and feldspar, mainly plagioclase; minor minerals include garnet and biotite. Unit is generally weakly resistant to erosion. Mica schist--well foliated fine to coarsely crystalline schist.

Dominant minerals are biotite, quartz, plagioclase. Locally contains minor hornblende. Commonly not resistant to weather-Migmatite--original country rock is commonly fine- to coarsegrained rock of quartz diorite to granodiorite composition, but may be any other metamorphic rock. Later formed rock is fine-

dioritic; texture may be pegmatitic, aplitic, or granitic. Composite gneiss unit 2--unit is dominated by light to dark colored fine- to medium-grained graphite biotite quartz diorite gneiss. Graphite content ranges from a trace to 20 percent. Contains sillimanite and(or) garnets locally. Interbedded quartzite present locally. Amphibolite bodies common and locally contain

clinopyroxene or orthopyroxene.

Melanocratic gneiss--unit includes differing amounts of the following: dark greenish-gray hypersthene-diopside-hornblende-plagioclase gneiss; amphibolite with and without pyroxenes; and dioritic to granodiorite gneiss.

to coarse-grained and ranges in composition from granitic to

MAP SYMBOLS

Field data are shown by conventional symbols; other data sources are indicated by letter symbols adjacent to structure symbols, or at limit of line segment to which the symbol applies: M, aeromagnetic data; P, photo interpretation; R, radiometric data

D-M-P-P Fault--U, upthrown side; D, downthrown side Thrust fault--sawteeth on upper plate Fault zone or shear zone Antiform--showing trace of crestal plane and direction of plunge

P \_\_\_\_ Synform--showing trace of trough plane and direction of plunge

Overturned synform Strike and dip of axial plane of fold Vertical

Strike and dip of beds

Strike and dip of foliation--open symbol indicates foliation transecting earlier foliation or bedding; solid symbol indicates relation to bedding unknown

Strike and dip of parallel foliation and bedding

Strike of foliation, no dip determined

Strike and dip of joints

Strike and dip of planar features determined from photo interpretation (P) or aeromagneti data (M) -- one, two, or three ticks indicate

→ → 10 Bearing and plunge of lineation--barbed arrow indicates crinkle axis or intersecting foliations; solid arrow indicates mineral lineation

-M- - - Structural trend based on magnetics

• Observed outcrop

gentle, medium, or steep dip

-q- - -Marker bed distinguished by rock symbol or index mineral

hy Index minerals:

ep epidote eu eulite m muscovite px pyroxene cl clorite grunerite

Radiometric age in m. y.

K=K-Ar; R=Rb-Sr

Boundary between radiometrically determined age provinces--Pan-African, 500-700 m. y.; Eburnean, 1600-2000 m. y.; Liberian, 2700-3600 m. y.

Drill site for offshore well (abandoned)

Leucocratic gneiss--light colored medium- to coarse-grained biotiteand locally hornblende-bearing geniss largely of quartz diorite composition, but locally granodiorite composition. Amphibolite bodies are common. Includes minor quartzite, itabirite, and schist.

Leucocratic gneiss unit 1--similar to above but contains more granodiorite gneiss and has abundant, large amphibolite bodies.

Leucocratic gneiss unit 2--light to medium colored medium-grained micaceous kyanite- and sillimanite-bearing gneiss. Commonly

deeply weathered.

Quartz diorite gneiss-dark colored medium- to coarse-grained hornblende quartz diorite gneiss. Hornblende locally ranges from 20 to 35 percent of rock. Biotite quartz diorite gneiss is present