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ABSTRACT

The results of semiquantitative spectrographic analyses for 31 elements in 126 specimens of rocks from the Yemen Arab Republic, collected mainly during February 1976 from the Precambrian area in the southeastern part of the country, provide background data for use in geochemical evaluation of areas potentially favorable for mineral deposits. Gold and thorium were undetected; the lower limits of determination are 10 parts per million (ppm) and 20 ppm, respectively. For the other elements, the abundances follow geochemical norms for crustal distribution: (1) Fe, Nb, and Zr in Holocene weathering products; (2) Ca and Sr in Pliocene limestone; (3) Mo in Pliocene(?) or Miocene(?) dikes; (4) Be, La, and Sn in Miocene(?) alkalic granite; (5) As, Be, and La in Tertiary and/or Cretaceous felsic tuff; (6) V in Tertiary and/or Cretaceous carbonaceous sedimentary rocks interbedded with volcanic rocks; (7) Be, La, Sn, and Zr in Tertiary and/or Cretaceous undivided volcanics; (8) Sn and W in Precambrian felsite and pegmatite; (9) Co, Cr, Ni, and Ti in Precambrian mafic rocks; (10) Mg and Sr in Precambrian marble and calcsilicate rocks; (11) Y in Precambrian schist; (12) B and Sc dispersed in rocks of many ages; and (13) Ag, Ba, Bi, Cd, Cu, Mn, Pb, Sb, Sn,

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and Zn in a hydrothermal replacement deposit in Precambrian sediment. None of the rocks contained as much as 205 ppm equivalent uranium.

The highest values for Ag, Cu, Pb, Zn, and Cd were obtained on a sample of hydrothermally altered siltstone not personally collected by the writers. It was said to have come from the Ma'rib area in the eastern part of the Yemen Arab Republic. The source must be studied, because this single sample is high-grade base-metal ore.

Among the samples collected by the writers, the economically most significant are altered tuffs, ignimbrites, and felsites exposed between Jibāl Hufash and Manākhah on the road from Hudaydah to San'ā'. They are strongly anomalous for As and weakly anomalous, variously, for Hg, Mo, and Pb, which elements may constitute an epigenetic dispersion pattern from hidden sulfide deposits. Inasmuch as chalcopyrite and native copper have been reported in the vicinity of Jabal Haraz in the Manākhah area, the rocks of the Yemen Volcanics in this region should be explored for base-metal sulfide deposits.

The first results of paleontologic examinations of fossils collected during 1975 and 1976 are presented, as are a list of Landsat images covering the Yemen Arab Republic, and a selected bibliography of reports on geology and the allied sciences relating to the Yemen Arab Republic.

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of report

A study of the regional geology, mineral deposits, petrography, and paleontology of the Yemen Arab Republic was begun in 1975 as part of the Water and Mineral Survey Project of North Yemen being conducted by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the Mission to the

Yemen Arab Republic of the U. S. Agency for International Development in cooperation with the Ministries of Agriculture and of Economy. The work was sponsored by the Yemen Arab Republic (YAR) and the Agency for International Development, U. S. Department of State (USAID). The regional geology was described in a set of preliminary geologic maps (Grolier and Overstreet, 1976a-1976i), and the first results of investigations of mineral deposits were given in 1976 (Overstreet, Domenico, and others, 1976).

This report has been prepared to make available the large amount of new geologic data that was acquired during 1976 by the Water and Mineral Survey Project. It is thought appropriate to make these raw data available prior to completion of interpretation and synthesis.

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James W. Aubel, a U. S. Peace Corps Volunteer and geologist working on the USAID water supply project in Yemen, helped in collecting the rock samples described in this report.

SAMPLING PROGRAM

The program that provided the samples of rocks, ores, and slags related to the mineral deposits, as well as the rocks needed for petrographic description and paleontologic examination, began in June and

July 1975. This program was augmented in February 1976 when M. J. Grolier returned to the YAR to make a hydrologic interpretation of the nation (Grolier and others, unpub. data). On that later visit, many new samples of rocks were collected. Although these new samples came from localities as far apart as the shore of the Red Sea and the southeasternmost boundary of the YAR, most were taken from southeastern Yemen in the area covered by Landsat image number 1206-06504.

The geographic distribution of the analyzed samples of rock collected in the two field seasons is shown on figure 1, where the boundaries of image 1206-06504 are also defined. Separate symbols are used for the localities visited in 1975 and those reached in 1976. A numerical progression in geographic order is followed for the localities. Sample localities occupied in 1975 are numbered from the north to the south, beginning with locality 1 and ending with locality 14. They cover the region from Sa'dah to Ar Rahidah. Sample localities visited in 1976 are plotted from west to east, thence northward. They begin with locality number 15 at Al Luhayyah on the coast and extend eastward to San'ā'. From San'ā' the localities are numbered in succession southeastward to Al Bayda', thence northward to Ma'rib, where they end at locality 51. Many localities on figure 1 represent more than one sample. Owing to the small size of this figure and to the close spacing of many samples taken in 1976, the localities in the southeastern part of Yemen are shown on a geologic map of the region covered by Landsat-image number 1206-06504 (fig. 2). (Data for interpreting the annotation block for the Landsat images are given in table 1.)

Table 1. DATA FOR INTERPRETING THE ANNOTATION BLOCK FOR THE LANDSAT-1 IMAGES Extracted from "Earth Resources Technology Satellite Data Users Handbook," prepared by Goddard Space Flight Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.





Figure 1A. Index map of the Yemen Arab Republic showing localities where rocks were sampled in June-July 1975 and February 1976.



Figure 1B. Index map showing locations of 17 samples collected by Dr. Kabesh, Sana'ā' University in the Hamdan volcanic field, north of Sana'ā', Yemen Arab Republic.

The localities indicated on figure 1A show the sources of samples taken for chemical analyses made in 1975 (Overstreet, Domenico, and others, 1976) and in 1976 (this report).

The localities sampled in 1976, together with field descriptions of the rocks, are given in table 2. The geographic coordinates were scaled from localities plotted in the field on 1:250,000-scale topographic maps (Ministry of Defense, United Kingdom, 1974). Where two or more samples were taken at the same locality, the lowest sample number is used to designate the locality. Thus, at locality 10, figure 2, three samples were collected. The designation of the locality as 10 is taken from MJG-76-10, the field sample numbers MJG-76-11 and MJG-76-12 are included under locality 10 in table 2.

A study on the petrochemistry of some Quaternary basaltic rocks collected by Dr. Kabesh, San'ā' University, in the Hamdān volcanic field, 20-50 km north-northwest of San'ā'has been published (Kabesh and Ghoweba, 1976). This study is largely based on 17 rock samples collected by Dr. Kabesh, who kindly plotted the locations on figure 1B.

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Field sample number	Locality Figure 1	numbers Figure 2	Coordin North latitude	ates Last longitude	Locality description	Field description of rock
MJG-76-1A	18	1	15 ⁰ 07'50"	43 ⁰ 55'42"	2.7 km SW. of Al Khamis on highway between San'ā'and Hudaydah	Tertiary, black, sheared obsidian of Yemen Volcanics; vent grading into dike, intrudes and bakes rhyolitic ignimbrite of Yemen Volcanics, undivided (TKy). Tertiary, pink ignimbrite host for obsidian, MJG-76- 1A; strong layering and collapse structure, but not strongly welded; Yemen Volcanics, undivided (TK _y).
MJG-76-1B	18	I	ł	ł	٠op	Tertiary, pink ignimbrite host for obsidian, MJG-76-1A; strong layering and collapse structure, but not strongly welded; Yemen Volcanics, undivided (TKy).
MJG-76-2	20	1	14 ⁰ 43'05"	44 ⁰ 21'50"	0.8 km NNE. of Risābah, about 9.7 km SSE. of Ma'bar	Tertiary, friable, weathered, gray-buff ignimbrite from Yemen Volcanics (TK $_{\rm Y2}$), contains mafic xeno- liths, but most lithic fragments in ignimbrite are purple tuff and gray tuff; vesicles in ignimbrite are flattened and filled with glassy shards that are unwelded.
MJC-76-3	21	1	14 ⁰ 15'15''	44 [°] 33'15''	<pre>1.1 km SE. of Dhī Ishra' and 3.2 km NW. of Adh Dhārrah at a locality about 25 km SE. of Yarim on the trail to Damt.</pre>	Tertiary, carbonaceous sedimentary layer 0.3 meter thick in Yemen Volcanics $(TK_{\mathbf{y}2})$.
MJG-76-4	21	ł	14 ⁰ 13' 25"	44°35'15"	2.6 km SE. of Adh Dhārrah on the trail to Damt	Tertiary, indurated but pervasively weathered felsic tuff of Yemen Volcanics (TK_{Y2}) ; scattered laths feldspar up to 4 mm long, lithic fragments up to 25 mm in diameter are round and stained brown, rare vesicles up to 3x15 mm are partially coated or filled with brown limonite; joints coated with black to dark- brown limonite; deep weathering is shown by the leaching and staining of lithic fragments and feldspars.

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Field description of rock	Tertiary, carbonaceous siltstone interbedded with mafic lava flows of Yemen Volcanics (TKy3?)	Tertiary, vesicular glassy tuff near top of the Ye Volcanics (TK _{y3} or younger); vesicles up to 30 n across are coated with crusts of unidentified mi als of various colors: white, yellow, light greered, and brown; magma probably was exceptionally rich in volatiles to cause the abundance of vesithis tuff is a strong cliffmaker and is a promit horizon marker owing to the spectacular vesicles	Tertiary, dike (?) of porphyritic epidotized, fine grained diorite from Yemen Volcanics $(TK_{Y3}^{d}$ or T^{d} contains brownish-red, altered phenocrysts of py ene (?) with strong longitudinal parting, and ag gates of zeolite.	Precambrian, dark-gray quartzite with 15 percent bi tite, in layers about 15 cm thick in soft biotit schist, strikes N. 10 ⁰ W., dips 75 ⁰ W., has a fe specks of greenish-blue chrysocolla on cleavage planes, chrysocolla usually associated with blea quartz-rich parts of the quartzite.	Precambrian biotite schist interlayered with quart represented by MJG-76-8A; schist is composed of biotite, quartz, and feldspar.	Precambrian, coarse-grained muscovite-granite gnei (?) conformable with foliation of the thick sequ of pelitic metasediments represented by the quan and schist of samples MJG-76-8A and 8B, sequence tains very little carbonate; granite gneiss may sill.	
Locality description	8.8 km along Shībam gravel road from its juncture with the Wādī Dahr road, about 20 km from San'ā'.	23.3 km east of the east- ern outskirts of Dhamar.	Spoil pile from well dug about 3.2 km S. 30 ⁰ W. of Mallah	8.7 km SE. of Ridā' on N. side of road to Al Baydā'.	٠op	115 meters SE. along road from sample MJG-76-8A	
lates East Iongitude	44 ⁰ 02'40"	44°34'37"	44 ⁰ 46' 30''	44°53'50"	44 ⁰ 53'50"	44°53'50"	
<u>Coordin</u> North latitude	15 ⁰ 12' 30"	14026144"	14°24'57"	14°26'11"	14 ⁰ 26'11"	14°26'11"	
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<u>Locality</u> Figure 1	19	22	23	25	25	25	
Field sample number	MJG-76-5	MJG-76-6	MJG-76-7	MJG-76-8A	MJG-76-8B	MJG-76-9	·

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	Field description of rock	Precambrian pink quartzite interlayered with bio- tite-quartz schist; quartzite contains accessory feldspar and muscovite; layering strikes N. 40^{0} E. and dips 40^{0} W.	Precambrian fine-grained biotite-quartz schist with felspathic layers that are coarser grained than main mass of rock; these schists are interlayered with th quartzite represented by sample MJG-76-10.	Tertiary (?), weathered, porphyritic mafic dike, fine- grained felted mixture of feldspar and mafic mineral with hornblende phenocrysts intergrown as composite crystals with feldspar; may be a lamprophyre or dia- base dike, because color and texture resemble mafic dikes seen farther north to intrude limestone of Jurassic Amran Series (Overstreet, Domenico, and others, 1976, p. 9b); at this locality the dike in- trudes quartzite and schist represented by samples MIG-76-10 and 11. Dike may be part of Yemen Volcanics (TKyl or TA).	Precambrian (?) dike of pink microgranite porphyry intrusive into sheeted fine-grained granite and quartz-biotite schist of Frecambrian sequence repre- sented by $MG-76-11$; amount of feldspar in schist is greater at this station than at $MJG-76-11$; schist strikes N. 40 [°] E. and dips 40 [°] NW.; dike is verti- cal. Possibly a late Precambrian dike, because it closely resembles Precambrian rhyolite dikes in Saudi Arabia (Overstreet and Rossman, 1970).	Precambrian, fine-grained, sheeted, pink granite at MJF-76-13, scattered small phenocrysts of feldspar up to 5 mm across; granite contains about 2 percent of biotite and sparse, rounded, felsic cognate in- clusions of finer grain than main mass of granite; despite the field aspect of a sheeted rock, the hand specimen is massive with a faint parallelism of biotite-rich layers that suggests primary flow band- ing. Possibly this granite is equivalent to the lat Precambrian peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi
	Locality description	7.9 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-8A; rock exposed in small pass just NW. of a cistern.	do.	д	6 km SE, along road from sample MJG-76-12 and about 2 km SE, of Abbãs.	- op
ates	East longitude	44 ⁰ 54'53"	44 ⁰ 54'53''	44 ⁰ 54'53'	44 ⁰ 57' 32"	44 ⁰ 57' 32"
Coordina	North latitude	14 ⁰ 24'36''	14 [°] 24'36"	14 ⁰ 24'36"	14 ⁰ 22'46''	14 ⁰ 22'46''
numbers	Figure 2	10	10	10	13	13
Locality	Figure 1	26	26	56	27	27
Field	sample number	MJG-76-10	MJG-76-11	MJG-76-12 10	MJG-76-13	MJG-76-14

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Field	Locality	numbers	Coordir	lates		
sample number	Figure 1	Figure 2	North latitude	East longitude	Locality description	Field description of rock
MJG-76-15	28	15	14°21'36"	44 ⁰ 59 [°] 43''	4.8 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-13.	Precambrian, pink, fine-to medium-grained, mas- sive biotite granite with gneissic banding at con- tacts; may be equivalent to the late Precambrian peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi Arabia (see MJG-76-14).
MJG-76-16	29	16	14 ⁰ 21'25''	45°01'30"	4.8 km E. along road from sample MJG-76-15.	Precambrian, feldspathic biotite gneiss, medium-grained, strongly layered, probably granodiorite gneiss.
MJG-76-17	30	17	14 ⁰ 21'03"	45 ⁰ 03'07"	4.8 km E. along road from sample MJG-76-16.	Precambrian, fine-grained biotite schist intruded by two pegmatite dikes of Precambrian age.
MJG-76-18A	30	17	14 ⁰ 21'03"	45 ⁰ 03'07"	do.	Upper of two pegmatite dikes at this locality; consists mainly of white to pink potassium feldspar with 20 percent of quartz and 2 to 3 percent of blotite weath- ered), a trace of muscovite on the cleavage surfaces of the feldspar; this body of pegmatite tends to con- form to the foliation of the wall-rock biotite schist.
MJG-76-18B	30	17	14 ⁰ 21'03"	45 ⁰ 03'07"	- op	Lower of two pegmatite dikes at this locality; consists mostly of pink potassium feldspar with about 10 per- cent of quartz and a trace of biotite.
MJG-76-19A	31	19	14°21' 05"	45 ⁰ 05'04"	About 5 km E. along road from sample MJC-76-17.	Precambrian, pink to white fine-grained granite gneiss; sample is pink phase, it contains very little biotite, but the biotite lies in the foliation plane and helps define it.
MJG-76-19B	31	19	14 ⁰ 21'05"	45 ⁰ 05' 04"	. ob	Precambrian, white, fine-grained, granite gneiss, white phase is quartz rich and contains no more than 1 per- cent of biotite, but the biotite is well oriented in the gneissic layering; about 1.6 km to the SE., the granite gneiss is in contact with biotite schist.
MJG~76-20A	31	20	14 ⁰ 20'55"	45 ⁰ 05'47"	2.6 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-19.	Precambrian, quartz vein with pegmatitic pods strikes N. 40° E., dips vertically parallel to foliation of biotite schist host; sample consists of white, mas- sive quartz free from visible sulfide minerals or gold.

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Field description of rock	Precambrian, light pink fine-grained biotite granite dike intrusive into biotite gneiss represented by sam- ple MJG-76-26A; this granite has a faint parallel ar- rangement of biotite flakes with a few flakes across the grain of the rock, may be a weak primary flow banding; dike resembles late Precambrian peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi Arabia (see MJG-76-14).	Precambrian, coarse-grained feldspathic biotite gneiss with sheared metacrysts of feldspar; inter- preted to be a coarse-grained phase of gneiss repre- sented by sample MJG-76-16 and thought to be poly- metamorphosed granodiorite.	Precambrian, coarse-grained schistose biotite gneiss similar to sample MJG-27A but more strongly folia- ted and somewhat finer grained than that specimen; feldspar porphyroblasts up to 10 mm across; folia- tion strikes N. 25 ^o E. and dips vertically.	Precambrian coarse-grained biotite gneiss that is a coarse, feldspathic pahse of MJG-76-27A; coarse-grained layers of pink feldspar are segregated from fine-grained biotite layers, virtually a pegmatitic phase of granodiorite gneiss; intrudes biotite schist and contains septa of biotite schist as inclusions.	Precambrian, fine-grained biotite schist that forms septum in gneiss represented by sample MJG-76-28A; septum is about 1 meter wide, 100 meters long,
Locality description	3.9 km SSE. along road from As Sawādiyah	4.8 km E. along road from sample MJG-76-26A	Ф	4.8 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-27A.	о р
nates East longitude	45°15'17"	45°17'56''	45°17'56"	45 ⁰ 20'03"	45° 20' 03"
<u>Coordir</u> North latitude	14°16' 30"	14°16'33"	14 ⁰ 16'33"	14°15' 36''	14 ⁰ 15' 36''
numbers Figure 2	56	27	27	28	28
Locality Figure 1	34	35	35	35	35
Field sample number	MJG-76-26B	MJG-76-27A	MJG-76-27B	MJG-76-28A	. MJG-76-28B

Field description of rock	strikes N. and dips vertically; schist is composed of biotite, quartz, and small, equant feldspars; schist has pronounced rodding that is made more evi- dent by weathering, sample is weathered and biotite is hydrated and has a color resembling that of brass.	Precambrian, pink felsite dike grading along strike in- to pegmatitic quartz vein; felsite, represented by sample MJG-76-28C, consists of pink potassium feldspar and quartz; felsite dike intrudes biotite gneiss.	Sample is gray, greasy-appearing quartz from the peg- matitic quartz vein from MJG-76-28C.	Precambrian, fine-grained pink granite that contains sparae amphibole; granite forms a sill in fine- to medium-grained biotite diorite gneiss, and granite is weakly foliated parallel to contacts striking N. 10° E. and dipping 75 W., granite is weathered with pervasive limonite replacing amphibole and pyrite (?).	Precambrian, hornblende-biotite schist with equant, essentially interstitial plagioclase; seen in both schistose and gneissic phases, may be metadiorite; host for granite sill.	Precambrian, coarse-grained biotite gneiss that closely resembles MJG-76-16, MJG-76-27A, and MJG-76-27B; probably gneissic granodiorite; foliation strikes N. 35 ⁰ E. and dips vertically.	Precambrian, gray, fine-grained, well-foliated blotite gneiss composed of blotite, feldspar, and quartz with a trace of accessory garnet and, in the more felds- pathic layers, specks of red-brown allanite; rock is interpreted to be a metasediment of lower amphibolite facies.
Locality description		4.8 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-27A	do.	4.8 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-28A	op	4.8 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-29A	4.8 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-30.
lates East longitude		45 ⁰ 20'03"	45 ⁰ 20'03"	45 ⁰ 21'45"	45°21'45"	45 [°] 22' 09"	45°22' 29"
<u>Coordin</u> North latitude		14 ⁰ 15'36"	14 ⁰ 15'36"	14 [°] 15'16"	14°15'16"	14 ⁰ 13'46"	14º12'38"
numbers Figure 2		28	28	29	29	30	Ŧ
<u>Locality</u> Figure 1		35	35	36	36	37	37
Field- sample number		MJG-76-28C	MJG-76-28D	А16-76-29А	MJG-76-29B	MJG-76-30	MJG-76-31

Field	Locality	numbers	Coordi	nates		
sample number	Figure 1	Figure 2	North latitude	East longitude	Locality description	Field description of rock
MJG-76-32A	38	32	14°10'31"	45 ⁰ 23'46''	5 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-31	Precambrian, gray, fine-grained, massive biotite grau- te which is sheeted parallel to the foliation of the host rock; granite resembles the late Precambrian peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi Arabia (see MJG-76-14).
MJG-76-32B	8 E	32	14°10'31"	45°23'46''	чо.	Precambrian, medium- to coarse-grained metadiorite that is host for granite; metadiorite is similar to that in specimen MJG-76-29B, except that MJG-76-32B is coarser grained, has more amphibole and less biotite; thin granitic stringers cut across the foliation of the metadiorite, and these stringers are, in turn, intersected by epidote-bearing veinlets that extend both across and parallel to the foliation of the metadiorite.
MJG-76-32C	38	32	14°10'31"	45°23'46"	do.	Precambrian, epidote-rich, lenticular inclusion in fine-grained biotite granite represented by sample MJG-76-32A.
MJG-76-33A	38	33	14 ⁰ 09'08"	45 ⁰ 25'30''	4.7 km SE. along road from sample MJG-76-32A	Precambrian, pink, fine-grained granite gneiss; gneissic structure strongly marked by thin layers of fine-grained biotite.
MJG-76-33B	38	33	14 ⁰ 09108"	45 ⁰ 25'30"	- op	Precambrian, gray to pink, very fine grained, biotite granite gneiss with small porphyroclasts (?) of pink feldspar; rock may be a mylonitic phase of granite represented by sample MJG-76-33A.
MJG-76-34	39	34	14 ⁰ 06'26"	45°26'50"	4.8 km SSE. along road from sample MJG-76-32A and 30.1 km NW. of Al Baydā'.	Precambrian, gray, fine- to medium-grained feldspathic biotite gneiss; aggregates of epidote are concentra- ted in the biotitic layers; paragneiss of low amphib- olite facies; resembles rocks represented by samples MJG-76-23 and MJG-76-26A.
MJG-76-35A	4 6	35	13 ⁰ 59' 00"	45 ⁰ 37'13"	4.8 km by road ENE. of Al Baydā'.	Precambrian, massive greenstone with tiny gash veins filled with epidote and quartz.
MJG-76-35B	46	35	13°59' 00"	45 ⁰ 37' 13''	-ор	Precambrian, dark green, chloritized and feldspathized massive metadiorite; relicts of pyroxene and biotite in a chloritic matrix, porphyroblasts of pink to white feldspar, and veinlets of red feldspar in rock.

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MJG-76-35C	46	35	13 ⁰ 59'00"	45°37'13"	4.8 km by road EWE. of Al Baydā'	' Precambrian, coarse-graimed chloritized hornblende granodiorite gneiss; dull greenish chloritized hornblende grains up to 20 mm across, pink and white feldspars up to 10 mm across; poorly defined gneissic banding owing to large size of main minerals composing rock.
MJG-76-36A	47	36	13°59' 31'	45°39'43"	4.8 km by road ENE. of sample MJG-76-35A.	Precambrian, gray to pink fine-grained, biotite granite dike that intersects metadiorite with granitic layers; dike resemble peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi Arabia (see sample no. MJG-76-14).
MJC-76-36B	47	36	13 ⁰ 59' 31"	45 ⁰ 39'43''	do.	Precambrian, fine-grained metadiorite or coarse-grained meta-andesite, has abundant fine-grained biotite in a felted matrix of feldspar with sparse quartz; intruded by granite dike.
16~36C −36C	47	36	13 ⁰ 59'31"	45°39'43"	do.	Precambrian, little metamorphosed, mafic dike, possibly diabase, intrudes metadiorite and may be intruded by granite dike represented by sample MJG-76-36A.
MJG-76- 37A	47	37	14 ⁰ 60' 32"	45°40'43"	4.8 km by road NE of sample MJG-76-36A	Precambrian, fine-grained, feldspathized metadiorite; traversed by veinluts of cpidote; resembles rock represented by sample MJG-76-358.
MJG-76-37B	47	37	14 ⁰ 00' 32''	45°40'43"	do.	Precambrian, porphyroblastic granitic gneiss occurs as layers in metadiorite; strong planar structure in gneiss is composed of quartz-feldspathic layers up to 10 mm thick alternating with biotitic layers less than 1 mm thick.
MJ(76-37C	47	37	14°00'32"	45 ⁰ 40'43''	- op	Precambrian, feldspathic segregation zone in metadio- rite represented by sample MJG-76-374; segregation consists of massive red feidspar with minor chlori- tized amphibole and biotite; it resembles the small zones of feldspar porphyroblasts present in the meta- diorite except that this segregation zone is 10 cm thick whereas the small zones tend to be 5 to 12 mm thick.

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XJG-76-38A	47	æ	14°01'25"	45°41°56"	4.8 km by road NE. of sample MJG-76-37A; for northeasterly 1.6 km the road is on a light- colored granite, possibly equivalent to the older calc-alkaline granite map- ped in Saudi Arabia (see MJG-76-21).	Precambrian, gneissic alaskite that is parallel to the foldation and bedding of calc-silicate rocks in a sequence of metamorphosed sedimentary and volcanic rocks that strikes about N., gneissic structure in the alaskite is defined by rare flakes of biotite.
MJG-76-38B	47	38	14°01'25"	45°41'56"	9	Precambrian, pale green to white calc-silicate rock that forms layers 0.9 to 1.2 meters thick in gneiss and greenstone; small veins of tremolite up to 10 mm thick are in the calc-silicate rock, and some joints in the calc-silicate are coated with selvages of muscovite in flakes up to 6 mm across but only 3 to 4 mm thick.
млс- 76- 38с	47	38	14 ⁰ 01'25"	45°41'56"	Same locality, but in expo- sures on N. side of road whereas the two previous samples are from the S. side.	Precambrian (?), pyroxenite dike, consists mainly of pyroxene with 5 percent of feldspar, little altered; intrudes augen gneiss that was not sampled.
MJ G- 76- 39A	х 7	36	14°02' 43"	45°42' 58"	2.9 km by road NE. of sample MJC-76-38A.	Precambrian, pink, massive, quartz-rich granite from E. wall of pluton; massive granite grades into primary grutss of wall zone which is banded and con- tains inclusions of wall rock oriented parallel to conteact; this massive granite varies in size of grain from coarse to fine; sample MJG-76-39A is of the coarse-grained phase; rock resembles the late Precambrian peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi Arabia (see sample MJG-76-14).
NJG-76-39B	48	39	14 ⁰ 02'43"	45 ⁰ 42'58"	do.	Precambrian, pink, fine-grained granite from same pluton as sample MJ(~76-39A.

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ί Σ .	JG-76-40	84	66	14 ⁰ 02'43"	45 ⁰ 42 ¹ 58"	Same location as sample NIG-76-39A near east side of pluton.	Precambrian skarn from contact between granite pluton and wall rocks that consist of greenstone or fine-grained metadiorite; the skarn is a fine- grained, felted mixture of feldspar and mafic sili- cate minerals weathered to a gray-brown massive rock.
Σ.	JG-76-41A	48	41	14 [°] 03'11"	45 ⁰ 43' 32"	4.8 km NE. by road from sample MJG-76-39A.	Precambrian layered mafic rocks ranging in texture and composition from fine-grained gabbro and diabase to medium-grained diorite; sample MJG-76-41A is fine-grained gabbro or coarse-grained diabase.
Σ	JG-76-41B	48	41	14°03'11"	45 ⁰ 43'32"	do.	Precambrian, massive, fine- to medium-grained diorite; unmetamorphosed.
Σ	UG-76-41C	48	41	14 ⁰ 03'11"	45 ⁰ 43'32"	do.	Precambrian, dark, massive diorite with a trace of biotite and quartz.
z 18	UG-76-42A	48	42	14 ⁰ 03'42"	45 [°] 45'50"	4.8 ken ENE. by road from sample MIG-76-41A	Precambrian, massive, layered, medium-grained, epido- tized metadiorite country rock.
∞ }	LJ G-7 6-42B	8	42	14 ^{°0} 3'42"	45[°]45'50''	do.	Precambrian, pink, gneissic granite with gneissic structure defined by strung-out grains of quartz in plane of foliation; gneissic granite occurs as sills parallel to layering in metadiorite.
Σ	LJG-76-42C	48	42	14 ⁰ 03'42"	45 45 50"	do.	Precambrian, greenstone dike in gneissic granite.
Z	LIG-76-43	67	43	14 [°] 04°4 9 "	45'48'15"	4.7 km NE. by road from sample MJG-76-42A and at outskirts of As Sawma'ah.	Precambrian, green, gneissic metadiorite, partly chloritized, contains some epidote; thin quartz- feldspar stringers transect foliation; the metadiorite is the country rock in this area.
Σ	UG-76-44	48	44	14°02°00"	42 ⁰ 42'40"	10.6 km by road from Madliwaqayn	Precambrian, pink, fine-grained, gneissic biotite granite; hiotite is sparso.
2	111-76-45A	41	45	14 ⁰ 01'04"	45°29'46"	Mica deposit at Sh <mark>a'i</mark> b Al Carlikah in Wadi Nabah.	Precambrian, zoned, sheet-muscovitu-bearing pegmatite intrusive into porphyritic, biotite granite gneiss; This pregnatite forms a dike $20-24$ meters wide and 60 meters long that strikes N. 70° E. and dips about vertically; the pegmatite dike may be gunetically associated with a granitic stock exposed to the SW.

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Field description of rock	at Jabāl Saudah; other sheet-muscovite-bearing pegma- tite dikes are exposed upstream in Sha'ib Al Garlikah, in Wādī Nabah, in Wadi Al Thoaier, and in Wadi Khabid; sample MJG-76-45A is potassium feldspar from feldspar-rich zone in basal part of exposure.	Precambrian white quartz associated with potassium feldspar in basal part of exposed pegmatite dike; sample MJG-76-45B is pure white quartz.	Precambrian, wall zone of pegmatite dike near contact with porphyritic biotite granite gneiss; sample MJG-76-45C consists of dominant potassium feldspar, 15 percent of red-brown garnet, and less than 10 percent of quartz.	Precambrian wall zone of pegmatite higher in exposure than sample MJG-76-45C; wall zone of pegmatite repre- sented by specimen MJG-76-45D consists of dominant potassium feldspar with 5 percent of muscovite, 2 percent of garnet, and 1 percent of quartz.	Precambrian core of pegmatite near top of exposure, consists of muscovite-garnet-rich zone containing 90 percent of muscovite, 4 percent of garnet and 10 percent of quartz; muscovite in small books up to 15 mm across, A-structure common, books badly warped.	Precambrian, muscovite-garnet selvage from pegmatite; consists of 5 percent garnet, 1 percent quartz, remainder is muscovite.	Precambrian, feldspar-muscovite selvage from pegma- tite at contact with gneiss.
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<u>Coordir</u> North latitude		14°01'04"	14 ⁰ 01'04"	14 ⁰ 01'04"	14 ⁰ 01'04"	14 ⁰ 01'04"	14 ° 01 ' 04 ''
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<u>Locality</u> Figure 1		41	41	41	41	41	41
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MJG-76-4	ES I	41	45	14 ⁰ 01'04"	45029146"	Mica deposit at Sha'ib Al Garlikah in Wādī Nahah.	Precambrian books of muscovite up to 75 mm across, strong A-structure, books are warped, smoky color.
MJ (~ 76-4.	21 7	41	45	70 .10 ₀ 71	45 ° 29' 46"	ę.	Precambrian, purphyritic biotite granite gneiss from contact on N. side of pegmatite dike; strongly weathered.
MJG-76-4	r c	41	6	14° 00' 35"	45°3 0'25"	Bed of Wadd Nabah about 0.8 km downstream from sample MJG-76-45A.	Precambrian ferruginous breccia layer in granite gneiss exposed in N. side of bed of wadi, breccia is about 5-10 cm thick, cemented by limonite devel- oped by weathering of siderite; age of siderite may be considerably younger than the Precambrian gneiss.
7-92-51W 20	7	41	47	13º57'18"	45°27'07"	0.2 km E. of Al Zahair	Precambrian greenish gray slaty argillite, cleavage strikes N. 75 ⁰ E. and dips 75 ⁰ S.
	ВА	۲ <i>ب</i>	8 •†	13 ⁰ 57 ¹ 50"	45''29'45''	5 km by road E. of Al Zahair.	Precambrian, dark gray, banded, quartz-rich, biotite- quartz gneiss with thin biotite-feldspar layers; layering strikes N. 40 ⁰ E. and dips 75 ⁰ to 80 ⁰ S.
MJG-76-4	88	43	48	13 ⁰ 57'50"	45 ⁰ 29145"	do.	Precambrian, gray-green, fine-grained granitoid layer parallel to foliation of biotite-quartz gneiss.
NJG-76-4	¥6,	4 3	6,1	13 ⁰ 57'42"	45 ⁰ 32122"	Exposure on N. side of road at F. end of alr- field runway at Al Bayda [†] .	Precambrian gray-green sericite schist, limonite stain; metasediment.
MJG-76-4	9B	73	67	13 ⁰ 57'42"	45 ° 32' 22"	do.	Precambriun, white to light gray sericite schist; silky luster, more quarizose than rock represented by sample MJG-76-49A; metasediment.
NJG-76-4	- - -	43	49	13 ⁰ 57' 42"	45 ⁰ 321 22"	фс,	Precambrian green calc-silicate rock with red-brown garnets, forms layers parallel to the bedding of the sericite schist; metasediment.

Field sample number	Locality Figure 1	numbers Figure 2	Coordin North latitude	nates East longitude	Locality description	Field description of rock
MJG-76-49D	43	49	13°57'42"	45°32'22"	Exposure on N. side of road at E. end of air- field runway at Al Baydā'	Precambrian, red to dark green feldspathic gneiss, possibly feldspathized metadiorite similar to sample MJG-76-37C.
MJG-76-50	45	50	13 ⁰ 58' 50''	45°34'43"	Exposure just N. of Al Bayda' high school at N. entrance to town.	Precambrian, light gray, coarse-grained, massive granite intrusive into sericite schist of area; may be equivalent to the peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi Arabia (see sample MJG-76-14); the town of Al Bayda' is built on this granite.
MJG-76-51A	45	51	13 ⁰ 59'12"	45 ⁰ 34'32"	0.8 km by road NW. of sample MJG-76-50 and 2.4 km from the cen- ter of Al Baydā'.	Precambrian, gray-green chloritic sericite schist containing a layer siliceous marble; sample MJG-75-51A is of the schist; metasediment.
MJG-76-51B	45	51	13 ⁰ 59'12"	45 ⁰ 341 3 2"	do.	Precambrian, sample of siliceous marble.
A22-76-72A	44	52	14°01'13"	45°34'02"	4.7 km by road NNW. of sample MJG-76-51A.	Precambrian, gray-green meta-andesite interlayered with metadiorite and gneissic granite; the meta- andesite, represented by sample MJG-76-52A, con- sists of a felted aggregate of feldspar grains less than 0.5 mm across set in a chloritic matrix; se- quence strikes N. 45 ^o E. and dips vertically.
MJG-76-52B	44	52	14°01'13"	45 ⁰ 34'02"	do.	Precambrian dark gray, medium-grained metadiorite interlayered with meta-andesite; metadiorite, repre- sented by specimen MJG-76-52B, is parallel to the layering of the meta-andesite and is transected by stringers composed of epidote and feldspar.
MJG-76-52 C	44	52	14°01'13"	45 ⁰ 34 ' 02''	do.	Precambrian, pink, coarse-grained gneissic feldspar; has scarce augen of pink potassium feldspar, and greatly elongated blades of quartz the shape of which suggests response to regional deformation.
MJG-76-53A	40	23	14 ⁰ 02' 55''	45 ⁰ 32' 17''	4.8 km by road NW. of sample MJG-76-52A.	Precambrian, gray, medium-grained, epidote-bearing feldspathic biotite gneiss; strongly segregated quartz feldspathic layers alternate with micaceous layers, each several millimeters thick; the pres- ence of small porphyroclasts of quartz is interpreted to indicate cataclastic origin of gneiss; strikes N. 30 ^o E., dips vertically; metagraywacke (?).

Field description of rock	mbrian, dark gray, metadiorite with the ture and composition of biotite-hornblende iss in which hornblende is dominant; interlayered h feldspathic biotite gneiss represented by ple MJG-76-53A.	mbrian, pink to white, medium-to coarse-grained issic biotite granite in layers parallel to the issic structure of the biotite gneiss and meta- rite.	mbrian, gray to dark gray, massive, granodiorite h sparse, scattered porphyroblasts of pink potas- m feldspar; contacts covered, but the granodiorite ears to intrude metamorphosed sedimentary rocks.	mbrian, grayish white quartzite; exposed surfaces quartzite, where joints intersect bedding, show ective erosion of layers 2 to 3 mm to 6 to 8 mm ck with the thicker layers 2 being more deeply ded and stained light brown; may indicate that more readily eroded layers contain a little car- ate; sample MJG-76-54B represents the largest y of quartzite observed on this traverse in theastern Yemen: the body of quartzite is at st 800 meters thick and 5 km long and supports two ges of hills.	mbrian, gray, slaty argilite with extremely fine ined sericite on cleavage surfaces; strikes N. E. and dips 85 ⁰ S.	mbrian, grayish green, lustrous, chloritic seri- e-chloritoid schist exposed 10 meters along road NW. of sample $MJG-76-56A$; chloritoid porphyro- sts in schist are up to 2 mm by 5 mm in size; ut 3 km farther toward the NW. is the contact be- en the metasedimentary rocks represented by sam- s $MJG-76-55A$ and 55B, and a pluton of intrusive nite.
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Locality description	4.8 km by road NW. of sample MJG-76-52A.	-op	2.3 km NW. along road from sample MJG-76-53A.	1.8 km by road NW. of sample MJG-76-54A.	4.8 km by road NNW. of sample MJG-76-53A	do.
<u>ates</u> East Iongitude	45°32'17"	45°32'17"	45 ⁰ 31'23"	45°31'50"	45°31'03"	45°31'03"
<u>Coordin</u> North Latitude	14 ⁰ 02'55"	14 ⁰ 02'55"	14 ⁰ 03'07"	14 ⁰ 03'01"	14°03'35"	14 ⁰ 03'35"
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Field description of rock	Precambrian (?), massive coarse-grained, hornblende granite that forms a small pluton about 3.5 km across and intrusive into metasedimentary rocks; aample MJG-76-56A is of massive granite from central part of pluton, but the walls of the pluton show flow banding, compositional layering, and inclusions oriented parallel to the contacts; although the plu- ton resembles megascopically the late Precambrian peralkaline granite mapped in Saudi Arabia (see sample MJG-76-14), the granite in this small pluton also resembles the Tertiary granites sampled in Yemen at Jibāl Sabir (Overstreet, Domenico, and others, 1976, table 1) and Jibāl Hufash (this report, sample MJG-76-72B.	Precambrian (?), quartz-tourmaline-feldspar vein in hornblende granite; these veins are 25-50 mm wide and occupy joints in the granite; locally the feldspar in the veins is replaced by epidote; the tourmaline is black and forms rosettes up to 20 mm across.	Precambrian quartz-sericite-actinolite schist exposed to the NW. of the pluton of granite represented by sample MJG-76-56Å; actionolite gives a strong linea- tion in the plane of follation of the schist, and joints normal to the lineation are filled with brown- stained quartz stringers up to 5 mm thick, stain may come from the weathering of siderite or pyrite; len- ticular masses of calc-silicate rocks are present in this sequence of metasedimentary rocks; sample MJG- 76-57Å represents the quartz-sericite-actinolite schist.	Precambrian, calc-silicate rock.
Locality description	4.8 km by road NW. of sample MJG-76-55A.	Ф	5 km by road NW. of sample MJG-76-56A.	ġ.
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MJG-76-57B	6 E	57	14 ⁰ 05 ¹ 33"	45 ⁰ 27'34"	5 km by road NW. of sample MJG-76-56A.	Precambrian (?), black, manganese-stained, chalcedonic matrix cementing white quartz vein with subparallel fractures following the walls of the vein; cubes of limonite pseudomorphic after pyrite and boxwork structures after carbonate minerals are present in chalcedony.
MJG-76-58	37	58	14 ⁰ 12'00"	45 ⁰ 22'45"	4.8 km by road NW. of Dhī Nā'im.	Precambrian, equigranular, epidote-rich, garnetifer- ous, biotite-plagioclase gneiss; veins of pink feld- spar are associated with parts of gneiss where epi- dote replaces plagioclase; garnet is red-brown.
MJG-76-59A	37	59	14 ⁰ 14'02"	45 [°] 23'25"	3.6 km by road NNW. of Al Qā.	Frecambrian, white to pale yellow, coarse-grained marble; strikes N. 10 ⁰ E. and dips 75 ⁰ SW.; 12 meters thick, at minimum, 5 km long.
MJG-76-59B	37	59	14 ⁰ 14'02''	45 [°] 23'25"	ф.	Precambrian, coarse-grained, feldspathic quartz vein in marble; siderite crystals up to 10 mm by 20 mm present in vein, and quartz in vein has sparse limonitic stain.
MJG- 76-60	24	60	14 [°] 25'30"	44 ⁰ 51'02"	4.8 km by road E. of Ridā'	Cretaceous, ferruginous layer in sandstone of the Tawilah Group; the ferruginous cement is hematite, and some layers 15 to 30 mm thick are nearly pure hematite.
MJG-76-63	51	1	No data	No data	Sample received from Dr. Hamed M. El- Shatoury, Dept. of Geol- ogy, Faculty of Science, Sana'a University, and reported to be from the Ma'rib area.	Precambrian (?), hydrothermally altered, dolomitic siltatone having texture of an intraformational brec- cia (possible turbidite) extensively replaced by pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, and sphalerite.

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MJG-76-67C	15		15042'29"	42041'50"	NE. end of Al Luhayyah salt dome.	Pliocene, ferruginous sandstone near top of sedimentary sequence overlying Al Luhayyah salt dome; Baid Formation.
MJG-76-68	16	I	15°41'19"	42°48' 42"	Northernmost part of the Guma salt dome 16 km E. of the coastal town of Al Luhayyah.	Pliocene, brown and white limestone at the top of the marine, tuffaceous sedimentary section exposing the salt diapir of the Guma salt dome; Baid Formation.
MJG-76-69A	16	ł	15°41'19"	42 ⁰ 48'42"	South side of Guma salt dome, sampled just south of the old Turkish fort.	Pliocene, red, laminated limestone from top of south side of Guma salt dome; Baid Formation.
MJG-76-69B	16		15°41'19"	42048'42"	do.	Pliocene, brown and white, coarse-grained, crystalline limestone with pockets of limonite, near the top of the sedimentary sequence.
MJG-76-70A	16	ł	15 ⁰ 40' 55''	42 ⁰ 49' 05''	do.	Miocene, rock salt from the Guma salt dome at site of mining.
17-97-9LM 52	16	I	15°40'50"	42048'41"	do.	Pliocene, ferruginous rock stratigraphically above the limestones at the top of the sedimentary sequence at the Guma salt dome; Baid Formation.
MJG-76-72A	17	ł	15 ⁰ 11'03"	43°30'42"	Southern edge of Jibāl Hufash on San'ā' Hudaydah road.	Tertiary, pinkish gray, medium-grained hornblende granite; sample MJG-76-72A taken of the granite about 30 meters inside of eastern contact of granite pluton with felsite of the Yemen Volcanics; Miocene (?).
MJG-76-72B	17	1	15 ⁰ 11'03"	43 ⁰ 30'42''	- op	Tertiary, gray to pink, coarse-grained, hornblende granite; contains a conchoidally breaking, brown- weathering accessory mineral that may be allanite; Miocene (?); megascopically quite similar to possible late Precambrian granite represented by sample MJG-76-56A.
MJG-76-72C	17		15 ⁰ 11'03"	43030142"	do.	Tertiary, grayish buff felsite of Yemen Volcanics (TKy), 0.3 meter E. of contact with Tertiary granite.

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REGIONAL GEOLOGY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC

An interpretation of the geology of the southeastern part of the Yemen Arab Republic was made through use of Landsat-1 imagery (Grolier and Overstreet, 1976e-1976i) prior to the field work in this area. The long traverse made in February 1976 has afforded an opportunity to add to the original interpretation, particularly in the area of Landsat-1 image 1206-06504 (Grolier and Overstreet, 1976i), and a revised geologic map of that region is included here (fig. 2). The complex stratigraphy and structure of the Precambrian rocks in this area are still poorly known, because the major uncomformities that separate the units of metamorphosed layered rocks have not been defined and mapped. The angular uncomformity between Precambrian and Phanerozoic rocks, as seen from the road from Rida^{-'} to Al Bayda^{''} is illustrated in figure 3.

The vast assemblage (fig. 4) of Precambrian metamorphosed volcanic and sedimentary rocks, where mapped across the national boundary with the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen, was called the Aden Metamorphic Group (Greenwood, Bleackley, and Beydoun, 1976, sheet 2). Eleven varieties of rock were recognized on a lithologic basis, but major stratigraphic divisions were not defined in the Group. The term Aden Metamorphic Group is not extended here into the area of the Yemen Arab Republic. In the present work, these rocks are divided lithologically into mappable units, but formation names are not assigned.

Doubtless two, and possibly three, major unconformities are present within north-striking Precambrian layered rocks in the area of Yemen covered by figure 2. These rocks may also be unconformable with



Figure 3. Angular unconformity between Precambrian metamorphosed schist and overlying Phanerozoic sedimentary rocks. Looking southwestward from Rida'-Al Bayda' road, 11.7 miles east-southeast from Rida', and 1 mile northwest of sample locality MJG-76-13, February 1, 1976.



Figure 4. Rough dissected terrain, typical of the southeastern Precambrian province, Yemen Arab Republic, February 15, 1976. Trail is the Rida'-Al Bayda' road, at sample localities MJG-76-10, 11, and 12.

respect to the Precambrian layered rocks that crop out along the eastern border of figure 2, but the stratigraphic relations are complicated by faults.

The north-trending mafic volcanic and metamorphic rocks represented by the symbols "am" and "sb" (fig. 2) probably are extensions of the Baish and Jiddah Groups mapped in Saudi Arabia (Greenwood and others. 1976, pp. 519-521). Interspersed with these units of metavolcanic rocks are units of metamorphosed sedimentary rocks shown by the symbols "bq" and "mq." They may be equivalent to the sedimentary members of the Baish and Jiddah Groups as well as equivalent to the Bahah Group of Saudi Arabia (Greenwood and others, 1976, p. 520). The folded and metamorphosed volcanic and sedimentary rocks entering the area from the northeast may be equivalent respectively to the Halaban Group and the Ablah Group of Saudi Arabia (Greenwood and others, 1976, p. 522-523). The metamorphosed sedimentary and volcanic rocks in this northeasterly trend that have been correlated with the Thaniya Group as shown on the geologic map of the Arabian Peninsula (U. S. Geological Survey-Arabian American Oil Company, 1963) may also be equivalent to the Ablah Group of southwestern Arabia. However, the possibility is not excluded that the metamorphosed rocks of northeasterly strike in this part of the Yemen Arab Republic may actually be older than the Baish and Jiddah Groups--a prospect that will require detailed field work to resolve.

The units mapped as diorite (d) and gabbro (gb) on figure 2 may be equivalent to the "second dioritic series" in Saudi Arabia, and the gneissic granite and gneissic granodiorite (gg) may be equivalent to the "injection gneiss" of Saudi Arabia (Greenwood and others, 1976,

table 1). Post-tectonic granites (gr and gp) in the area of figure 2 in the YAR have been tentatively correlated with the calc-alkaline and peralkaline granites of Late Precambrian age in Saudi Arabia (U. S. Geological Survey-Arabian American Oil Company 1963), but diverse radiometric ages from Middle Cambrian to Ordovician have been reported (Greenwood, Bleackly, and Beydoun, 1967, sheet II) for apparently similar granite plutons in the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen. As noted in table 2, some small granitic plutons in the area underlain by Precambrian rocks in figure 2 yield specimens that are indistinguishable in hand speciman from the alkalic granite of Miocene (?) age elsewhere in the Yemen Arab Republic. Resolution of these problems of relative age and composition of the post-tectonic granitic plutons will require further field work and analyses.

Several persistent faults of great length are shown in the Precambrian area of figure 2. Of these, the most important is the northeasterly fault that extends across the mapped area and enters the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen at Wādī Khirr. Wādī Khirr is a left-bank tributary of Wādī Bayhān, which joins Wādī Bayhān about 3 km north of the city of Bayhān al Qašab, in the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen. This fault can be traced southwestward on Landsat-1 imagery across the YAR and the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen to the Gulf of Aden. As interpreted from Landsat image 1206-06504, movement along the fault appears to be left lateral. This structure may be a transform fault. Areas of dark rock adjacent to the fault and plotted as amphibolite (am) on figure 2, may be serpentinite.
ANALYSES OF ROCK SAMPLES

Methods and results

Spectrographic analyses for 31 elements

Semiquantitative spectrographic analyses for 31 elements were made by James A. Domenico, USGS, of 126 rock samples principally representing specimens collected in 1976 in the YAR. The method of analysis, reporting intervals, and precision of the results are the same as those described for the samples collected in 1975 (Overstreet, Domenico, and others, 1976, pp. 10-11). It is well to repeat here, however, that the analytical results are reported in six steps as the approximate geometric midpoints of ranges in concentration of which the respective limits are:

Approximate geometric

Range of values represented

midpoint (reporting value)

by each midpoint

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0.7	.83	-	.56
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0.3	.38	-	.22
0.2	.22	-	.18
0.15	.18	-	.12
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The results of these analyses are listed in table 2, where it can be seen that 2 of the 31 elements sought were not detected in any sample, and 6 elements were detected in only 4, or fewer, samples. The undetected elements, and their lower limits of determination, are: gold, 10 ppm; thorium; 20 ppm. The rarely detected elements and their lower limits of determination, are: silver, 0.5 ppm; arsenic, 200 ppm; bismuth, 10 ppm; cadmium, 20 ppm; antimony, 100 ppm; and tungsten, 50 ppm. Mostly, where these rarer elements were observed, they are present in abundances

much greater than their lower limits of determination (see footnote to table 3), but silver and tungsten values only reached the lower limits of determination for these elements.

The more commonly detected elements are rarely present in anomalous abundance. Indeed, as most of the high values for individual elements are achieved in appropriate rocks for the reported values, the elements can be regarded as being present in expected crustal abundances (table 4). A summary of the averages in table 4 shows:

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1.	Holocene weathering products	Fe, Nb, and Zr.
2.	Pliocene limestone	Ca and Sr.
3.	Pliocene(?) or Miocene(?) dikes	Mo.
4.	Miocene(?) alkalic granite plutons	Be, La, and Sn.
5.	Tertiary and/or Cretaceous felsic tuff .	As, Be, and La.
6.	Tertiary and/or Cretaceous carbon- aceous sedimentary rocks inter- bedded with volcanic rocks	V.
7.	Tertiary and/or Cretaceous undivided volcanic rocks	Be, La, Sn, and Zr.
8.	Precambrian felsite, pegmatite, and quartz veins	Sn and W.
9.	Precambrian mafic rocks	Co, Cr, Ni, and Ti.
10.	Precambrian marble and calc-silicate rocks	Mg and Sr.
11.	Precambrian schist	Υ.
12.	Dispersed in rocks of many ages	B and Sc.
13.	Hydrothermally altered Precambrian sedi- ment; age of alteration unknown	Ag, Ba, Bi, Cd, Cu, Mn, Pb, Sb, Sn, and Zn.

Table 3.--Results of semiquantitative spectrographic analyses of rocks from the Yemen Arab Republic [6-step D.C. arc semiquantitative spectrographic analyzes by James A. Domenico, U.S. Geological Survey, November 30, 1976; lower limits of determination of individual elements shown in parentheses after symbol of element; other symbols used are: N, not detected at lower limit of determination shown; L, detected but below limit of determination; G, greater than value shown; sample MJG-76-63 analyzed by Donald A. Risoli, U.S. Geological Survey, October 3, 1976; sample R0J-1 analyzed by H. G. Neiman, U.S. Geological

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Sample	numbers	Re	sults in	n percer	tage							Resu	lts in	part	s per	milli	(mdd) uo							
Field	Laboratory	Fe (.05)	Mg (.02)	Ca (.05)	T1 (.002)	Mn (10)	в (10)	Ba (20)	Be (1)	Co (5)	Cr (10)	Cu (5)	La (20)	(2) W0	(20) B	NI (5)	Pb (10)	3c (5)	Sn (10)	Sr (100)	v (10)	ү (10)	Zn (200)	Zr (10)
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-29A	-859	5	.15	.	.2	1,000	Z	700	٣	N	Ч	ч	150	z	20	ŝ	10	г	Z	N	ч	150	N	300
-33A	-866	2 4	çi.			88	23	1,500	- -	Z	Z	Ś	300	z,	z	- '	88	ц 5	z	100	01 <u>9</u>	9	-	200
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MJG-76-41B	MAM-885	10	1.5	2		2,000		1,500	1.5	20	15	20	50	z	z	10	15	20	z	300	300	70	N	200
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-41A	-884	15	10	15	1	2,000	10	200	N	150	1,000	150	N	N	N	300	N	70	z	200	1,000	90	N	100
-36C	-874	15	~ ~	ς	5,	3,000	ч .	2,000	٦.	20	88	29	z;	z	z	20	23	29	z	200	300	100	z	800
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-42C	-889	10	1	2	۲.	2,000	Ч	150	ы	100	500	100	z	z	N	200		20	z	100	500	50	z	50
							Rocks	of Pre	cambri	an age-	metamo	rphosed :	sedimen	ntary	rocks									
MJG-76-63	None	15	3	15	.03	G5 ,0 00	z	35,000	Z	500	z	620,000	20	z	Ч	15	620,000	z	300	1,500	20	24	610,000	z
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-558	-919	10	10	10	5.	3,000	Ч	150	N	100	1,000	70	N	N.	N	200	10	50	z	200	500	30	2	100
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Sample	rumbers	Res	ults in	percen	ttage							Reat	ilts i	n part	s per	millio	(morque) n							
Field	Laboratory	₽ e (.05)	₩8 (.02)	Ca (.05)	Ti (.002)	H (10)	B (10)	Ba (20)	a Ê	Co (5)	Cr (10)	(2 (2 (1)	La (20)	₽ 29	(50) (20)	ин (2)	41 10)	Sc (5)	Sn (10)	Sr (100)	V (10)	¥ (10)	Zn (200)	Zr (10)
						Rocks	of Pre	cambri	an age-	metan	orphosed	sedimen	itary	rocks-	Cont	fnued								
MJG-76-49B	MAM-904	3	0.5	2	0.2	2,000	10	1,500	1	N	×	15	150	N	Ч	'n	15	7	N	z	90	100	N	20
-51A	-908	ព	ŝ	97	C1	5,000	N	3	Ч	100	150	7	N	N	N	150	10	50	N	200	205	50	X	150
- 813	-833	1	2	2		1,500	20	1,000	1.5	30	2	20	3	N	N	30	20	30	N	200	800	20	N	300
-11	-836	91	ę	ŝ		2,000	20	1,500	-	70	200	200	N	N	N	70	20	20	N	200	500	ñ	N	150
-17	-842	7	1.5	2		1,000	N	1,000	2	R	100	10	N	N	N	70	20	5	N	200	200	õ	Z	8000
-23	6778-	S	ч	1.5	ŗ.	1,000	z	1,500	ŝ	ŝ	3	20	100	N	N	51	20	10	N	700	100	20	X	150
-288	-857	10	2	ŝ	Gl	2,000	ت.	200	ę	2	50	50	20	N	N	50	15	8	N	100	205	20	N	ğ
-26A	-852	ŝ		ę	s.	1,000	N	<u>8</u>	1.5	រ	150	ង	20	N	N	70	г	ព	N	100	150	ព	1	300
-31	-862	ŝ		1.5	.	700	N	1,500	1	ŝ	9	Г	50	N	N	7	г	ŝ	N	700	20	15	N	150
-34	-868	ŝ		e	ŗ.	500	N	500	2	7	9	30	N	N	N	7	15	ŝ	N	1,000	100	9	N	150
-48A	-901	ŝ	ñ	ŝ	s.	1,000	9	200		20	8	50	50	N	N	20	150	9	N	82	51	ጽ	N	200
-53A	-913	9	m	ŝ	1	1,500	N	1,500	1	20	20	35	50	N	N	20	70	8	N	500	800	2	N	200
-58	-923	រ	ę	9	.7	G5,000	Ч	ŝ	-	3	15	Ч	X	N	N	8	100	õ	N	200	õ	ŝ	700	100
- 84	-835	ŝ	-1	-	ŝ	500	70	200	1.5	ព	70	100	50	10	N	90	20	20	N	120	8	20	Z	200
-10	-835	1.5	<u>.</u>	ŝ	ม.	300	5	1,000	7	N	N	N	70	Z	N	7	10	9	N	N	15	8	N	150
-54B	-917	ŝ	۳.	ង	.05	5,000	Ч	20	L,	N	9	10	N	N	N	2	10	Ч	N	5	ŝ	2	N	50
- 38B	-879	1.5	9	20	.05	1,000	9	20	Ч	N	8	1	Z	N	N	10	N	N	N	100	ŝ	9	N	20
-40	-883	9	5	10		1,500	9	800	ч	50	200	2	N	N	Z	150	20	20	N	<u>8</u> 00	300	20	N	100
-49C	-905	15	2	9	.7	3,000	Ч	100	Ч	ଛ	รา	70	N	N	N	3	20	ŝ	N	5,000	202	3	N	100
-57A1	-922	ង	ŝ	ង	٦	3,000	Ч	100	Ч	g	200	50	N	N	N	50	L	20	N	500	500	20	z	150
-518	606-	۲.	ę	ę	.01	300	Ч	Ч	Ч	N	N	N	N	z	N	2	20	Ч	N	N	20	N	N	z
-59A	-924	ч	C10	20	.05	1,000	50	20	Z	ŝ	50	7	N	N	N	Ч	10	Ч	N	200	100	N	N	20
a, Analyze	d by James A	. Domen	tico, U.	S. Geo.	logical S	urvey, No	vember	24, 1	975. 1	lement	s not de	tected,	andt	heir	lower	limits	of deter	minati	ion ar	e: AU,	10 ppm;	Ъ, 2	0 ppm.	

r. aparation of aments, reported as below the limit of determination for most samples, were observed only in a few specimens as follows:

	Samples in which	
Element and limit	reported	Abundance
of determination (ppm)	(field numbers)	(mdd)
Ag (0.5)	MJG-76- 5	0.5
Ag (0.5)	- 8A	Ч
Ag (0.5)	-63	700
As (200)	MJG-76-73A	200
As (200)	-73B	1,500
As (200)	-74B	Ч
B1 (10)	MJG-76-63	300
Cd (20)	MJG-76-63	6500
Sb (100)	MJG-76-63	3,000
W (50)	MJG-76- 3	г
W (50)	-18B	Ч
W (50)	-28C	Ч
W (50)	-358	Ц

			-	Numerica	l average	es of v	alues i	r tabl	e 2; s	ymbols	and conv	rentio.	ns fol	low ta	ble 2]								
	Averé	ages in	percen	tage							Averag	ges in	parts	per u	illion	(mqq)							
kock units (from table 2)	Fe (.05)	Mg (.02)	Ca (.05)	T1 (.002)	Mn (10)	B (10)	Ba (20)	Be (1)	Co (5) (Cr 10)	Cu (5)	La (20)	Mo (5)	Nb N 20) (0	E 1	e 9	2) 20	Sn (1)	Sr 100) () (0T	Y 10)	Zn (200)	Zr (10)
Holocene weathering product Pliocene Baid Formation Pliocene (?) or Miocene (?)	20 3 10	0.03 3 3	0.07 20 3	0.2 .15 1	300 3,000 1,500	15 10 15	70 500 1,000	3 L 1.5	N 7 50	N 70 150	5 10 150	N 20	30 80	150 N N	L 20 70	100 100	N 10 50	N 2 N 2	N ,000 700	100 500	150 10 30	I N N N	000, 50
andesite and diabase Miocene rock salt Miocene (?) alkalic granite Tertiary and/or Cretaceous	.05 2		1.5 5.	.002 .2	50 3,000 1,000	L5 L5	N 70 300	и 7 10	N N N	LNN	니니다	N 200 150	г 130	N 100 70	5 L0	N 20 50	L N N	N L5	100 N N	30 N 20	N 70 100	N 300 200	N 300 700
tuft of Yemen Volcanics Tertiary and/or Cretaceous sediments of Yemen Vol- canics		1	2	.,	500	10	150	г	Г	70	30	50	10	Ŀ	20	N	٢	Z	500	700	20	N	200
Tertiary and/or Cretaceous undivided Yemen Volcanics	ε	.15	е.	е.	1,000	10	300	7	ц	L	r	200	10	100	S	30	Ч	15	N	20	100	11	200
Tretaceous Tawilah Group Precambrian veins Precambrian peralkaline	5 5		2 3 2.5	.15	1,500 2,000 1,000	гг 20	500 500	3 S L	100 10 5	70 15 10	30 20 2	30 N	N N IO	N 70 N	50 15	70 30 30	30 30 10	04 N	N 200 300	500 100	30 30 30	NNN	200 70 150
grante Precambrian calc-alkaline granite	2	.2		.2	700	N	1,000	2	r	г	Ч	100	N	N	Ś	15	10	N	г	15	50	N	300
Branitic Precambrian granodiorite oniess	'n	٠.	1.5	. [.]	1,000	N	1,000	2	10	20	10	100	N	N	15	30	10	N	200	70	50	N	200
Brites Precambrian granitic rocks undivided	e	.5	3	.1	1,000	10	1,000	2	ŝ	20	5	100	N	N	20	30	7	N	300	50	30	Z	100
Precambrian intermediate and mafic rocks	15	5	7	۲.	3,000	г	700	ц	100	300	70	N	z	N	50	N	50	N	200	500	50	N	150
Precambrian metamorphosed intermediate and mafic rocks Precambrian metamorphosed	10	Ω.	2	Ч	1,500	Ч	700	Ч	02	300	50	20	Z	z	00	20	50	N	700	500	50	N	151
seumentary rocken Suffide replacement Argillite and meta-shale Sericite schist Biotite gneiss Quartzite Calc-silicate rock Marble	15 5 7 7 10 2 .5	3 1.5 2.5 7 ~ .5	15 5 15.5 15	.03 .7 .5 .03	G5,000 1,500 3,000 1,500 2,000 2,000 2,000 2,000	20 - 30 - 1	65,000 500 1,000 1,000 100 100 L	Z U L U L U L U L Z	500 50 7 8 8 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	N G: 15 15 100 30 30 20 150 L	20,000 25 50 20 20 20 20 20 1	N N 30 5 20 L 50	NNNNNNN	N N N N N N 0	15 62 50 15 30 15 15	0,000 25 10 20 10 15 15 15	r 50 50 50 50 1	п 1 1 300 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	,500 700 500 500 100 N	20 500 500 300 300 50 50	700 200 30 100 200 200 200 200 80 100 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 8	00,00 1 N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	N 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 200 20

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Table 4 .--Average values of selected elements in rocks from the Yemen Arab Republic [Numerical averages of values in table 2; symbols and conventions follow table 2]

Radiometric analyses for uranium

Radiometric analyses for uranium were made by Geiger counter on all the MJG-76 series of samples listed in table 3 prior to spectrographic analysis. The lower limit of determination by this method is 250 ppm equivalent uranium (eU). None of the samples had as much as 250 ppm eU.

A yellow incrustation of a clayey mineral, the color of which is bright enough to resemble that of certain secondary uranium minerals, is present on altered felsite of the Yemen Volcanics exposed on the highway west of Manākah and 1.5 each of Jibāl Hufash pluton. A sample of this material (MJG-76-73A, table 2) was found by radiometric analysis to be nonradioactive. By X-ray diffraction analysis, it gives the pattern of jarosite (Theodore Botinelly, written commun., Dec. 10, 1976), a potassium-bearing hydrous iron sulfate having the general formula $K(FeO)_3(SO_4)_2 + 3H_2O$. Jarosite is a secondary mineral formed by the alteration--commonly through weathering--of iron sulfide minerals in potassium-bearing silicic rocks.

Atomic absorption analyses of 14 samples for gold and mercury

An unfinished part of the analytical work on the samples collected in 1976 is the determination of their gold, mercury, and selenium content. Fourteen samples from veins and altered rocks, however, were analyzed by J. A. Domenico and R. W. Leinz, U. S. Geological Survey, on December 8, 1976, for gold and mercury using instrumental procedures previously described (Overstreet, Domenico, and others, 1976, pp. 11-12). The results of these analyses showed that gold was absent in all samples at a lower limit of determination of 0.5 ppm, but that small amounts of mercury were present:

Field sample no.	Laboratory no.	Mercury (ppm)
MJG-76-20A	MAM-810	0.02
-20B	-811	.02
-28D	-812	.02
-45B	-813	.04
-46	-814	.02
-56B	-815	.04
-57B	-816	.04
59B	-817	.04
-72D	-818	.04
-73A	-819	.08
-73B	-820	.02
-73C	-821	.02
-74A	-822	.06
-74B	-823	.16

Known mineral occurrences

The locations of mineral occurrences reported in the Yemen Arab Republic by previous authors or described for the first time in this report are shown on figure 5, according to a four-fold classification based on preferential enrichment in precious metals, ferroalloy metals, iron, and base metals. These localities are listed below, with a summary of the mode of mineralization at each site; the various bibliographic references in which mineralized occurrences in the Yemen Arab Republic are mentioned are also cited. Numbers refer to location numbers on figure 5.

Precious metals

Locality 1. Gold placers, Sirwah area (Halévy, 1872, p. 53-54); exploited about 100 years ago.

Locality 2. Gold deposit northeast of Ma'bar (Altmann and Delfour, 1971, p. 13, Appendix 1; Miclea, 1973, p. 66; Minerals Department, 1974, p. 65); mode of occurrence, size, grade, and exploitation not stated.

NOTE: Silver is present in the base-metal sulfide replacement deposit in the Ma'rib area (see locality 6 under base metals).

Base metals

Locality 1.--Prospect pit or cistern disclosing a trace of chrysacolla in sheared mafic lava of Yemen Volcanics, 4 km southwest of Qaryat an Naqīl (this investigation), on the east side of a valley. It was observed by the writers on June 27, 1975. The sheared zone strikes to the east and dips 80° N. Rhyolite dikes intrude the andesite. A trench 0.4-1.2 meters wide and about 30 meters long has been opened to depths of 0.3-2.5 meters uphill along the shear zone. The walls of this trench are massive, unsheared andesite. No evidence of mineralization was seen in the wall rocks, or in the joints in the rock, but about 12 meters to the south of the trench, small pieces of chrysocollacoated andesite were found on the ground. This open trench is linked at its eastern end to a surface-runoff catchment system and serves to direct rainwater to fields on the west.

Locality 2.--Al Baydā' region, includes Taffa-Al Fatha and El Gheili areas which are said (Yemen Minerals Department, 1974, p. 64-65) to occupy 25 km² where quartz veins with impregnations of chalcocite, bornite, and malachite (Altmann and Delfour, 1971, p. 13) are emplaced in Precambrian rocks; the veins are said to crop out over strike lengths of 10-700 meters and to be 1-1.5 meters wide; copper content reported to be generally 1-10 percent with 15 percent of copper reached in samples from the largest vein, which attains 260 meters in length and 20-30 meters in depth; explored by Boliden of Sweden in 1964.

Locality 3.--Ar Rāhidah area veins and disseminated deposits in Precambrian rocks at seven localities explored in 1971 by YOMICO of Japan, as follows (Yemen Minerals Department, 1974, p. 65):



Figure 5. Index map of the Yemen Arab Republic showing distribution of some metalliferous mines, prospects, and mineral localities.

Loc	ality	Minerals	Type of deposit
A.	WadI Rakam	Pyrite, chalcopyrite	Disseminated in gneiss
в.	Wadl al Ahrooz	Malachite, antimonite	Vein.
c.	Wādī Hamid	Malachite, chalcopyrite	Veins in pegmatite.
D.	Jabal Hatary	do.	Disseminated in gneiss.
E.	Wadī al Sheiveifa	Malachite	Quartz vein.
F.	Wadi al Regelma	Malachite, chalcocite	Do.
G.	Jabal al Salwy	Malachite, azurite	In mafic rocks.

Locality 4.--Hayfān area, veins in Precambrian rocks at two localities (Altmann and Delfour, 1971, p. 13; Miclea, 1973, p. 66; Minerals Department, 1974, p. 61-64; Atia, Hegab, and Morsey, 1974; Overstreet and others, 1976, p. 27-32):

A. Al Humura-Maazig vein:--1,200 meters long, 30 meters wide; vein said to consist of quartz, pyroxene, and epidote with pyrrotite, chalcopyrite, digenite, pyrite, and magnetite; four analyses of vein reported by Atia and others (1974, table 5) to show 0.35-20.4 percent Cu, 0.06-1.2 percent Ni, and 0.05-0.7 percent Co; similar values observed by Overstreet and others (1976, table 2); four analyses of the Maazig vein are reported (Atia and others, 1974, table 5) to have shown 0.02-0.45 percent Cu and 0.01-0.25 percent Ni.

B. Mazabi-Shakkat vein consists of lenticular bodies of quartz up to 150 meters long and 20 meters wide striking northwestward and dipping vertically; vein composed of same gangue and ore minerals reported for Al Hamura vein, except that digenite is absent; the results of two analyses of the Shakkat vein show 0.1-2.1 percent Cu, 0.03-1.02 percent Ni, and 0.0-0.25 percent Co (Atia and others, 1974, table 5).

Locality 5.--Vicinity of Jabal Harāz in the Manākhah area, chalcopyrite and native copper are reported (Ansaldi, 1933, p. 193) in lavas of the Yemen Volcanics.

Locality 6.--Uncertain locality said to be in the vicinity of Ma'rib (oral commun., 1976, Dr. Hamed M. El Shatoury), yielded specimen of hydrothermally altered dolomitic siltstone, of probable Precambrian age, which is partly replaced by pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, and sphalerite; analysis by present investigation shows more than 2 percent each of Cu and Pb, more than 1 percent Zn, 700 ppm Ag, and >500 ppm Cd.

Locality 7.--Khoban, deposits of galena reported (Miclea, 1973, p. 66); locality, origin, grade, and size not indicated; apparently unexploited. (Not shown on fig. 5.)

Iron

Locality 1.--Localities east of Sa'dah (Geukens, 1966, p. B21; Altmann and Delfour, 1971, p. 13; Miclea, 1973, p. 66; Minerals Department, 1974, p. 65; Overstreet and others, 1976; p. 33-55); goethite and hematite gossan developed over massive sulfide iron formation; probably large deposits of pyrite and pyrrhotite; nickel may be present locally; exploited since antiquity; magnetite deposits said to be in this area (Minerals Department, 1974, p. 65).

Locality 2.--Locality near Majadh, about 30 km northwest of Sa'dah (Geukens, 1966, p. B21); probably similar to the iron deposits at Sa'dah; exploited since antiquity.

Locality 3.--Deposit in Wadi Rijam (Miclea, 1973, p. 66); locality, origin, mineralogy, and size not described; grade said to be 32-40 percent Fe; not exploited. (Not shown on fig. 5.)

Ferro-alloy metals and other elements

Locality 1.--Illmenite (an ore of titanium) deposits reported in Wadi Akwam basin northeast of Sa'dah (Geukens, 1960, p. B21); mode of occurrence, size, and grade not stated; not exploited.

Locality 2.--Nickel deposits reported north of San'a (Miclea, 1973, p. 66); locality, mode of occurrence, size and grade not stated; not exploited.

NOTE: Nickel and cobalt are present in base-metal sulfide vein deposits in the Hayfān area (see locality 4 under Base metals). Cadmium is present in base-metal sulfide replacement deposit in the Ma'rib area (see locality 6 under Base metals). Cassiterite (an ore of tin) has been reported (oral commun., 1975, Dr. Joachim Thiele, Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe) in Precambrian granite immediately northeast of Jabal Abbelle and adjacent to iron deposits near Sa'dah (see locality 1 under Iron).

Economic interpretation

The sparsity of precious metals in the rocks from the YAR, as shown from the atomic absorption analyses and in table 3, seemingly sustains the observation made 2,000 years ago by the Greek geographer Strabo, that the great quantity of articles wrought from gold and silver possessed by the Sabaeans was acquired through trade in incense rather than from mining (Hamilton and Falconer, 1889, p. 207-208). However, most of the analyses represent unmineralized rocks, and the 14 altered rocks and veins checked for low abundances of gold are not necessarily representative of the kinds of geologic materials in which gold would

be found. Indeed, the later literature mentions a gold placer near Sirwäh (fig. 5) that was being worked in a small way about 100 years ago (Halevy, 1872, p. 53-54), and a gold deposit near Ma'bar (fig. 5) that is frequently mentioned but not described (Altmann and Delfour, 1971, p. 13; Miclea, 1973, p. 66; Minerals Department, 1974, p. 65). Thus, gold is present in the nation, but surface deposits such as would be found and exploited in the past are evidently small because the historical record accords little prominence to the metal. The same must be said also for silver. However, the possibility for silver being associated with base-metal sulfide ores increases the potential for its future discovery in deposits where it might be recovered as a co-product with copper, lead, and zinc. In this connection, sample MJG-76-63 is discussed on pages 43, and 50-51.

Seven areas of base-metal sulfide deposits are reported for the Yemen Arab Republic (fig. 5). Probably many more areas have been exploited in the past, and the geologic and geochemical data acquired in 1976 afford reason to expect that modern methods of exploration have an acceptable chance to reveal other deposits of copper, lead and zinc.

Data acquired in the present investigation reflect on three basemetal localities shown on figure 5 (sites 1, 5, and 6) as well as a locality near Ya'arah, which is the source of the 75-JA series of samples on figure 1 and in tables 1 and 2, but not located on figure 5. Two of these localities, sites 5 and 6 on figure 5, yielded geochemical data that require follow-up in the interest of economic development of the Yemen Arab Republic. Before discussing sites 5 and 6, a few comments

will be made to describe the apparently unimportant localities near Qaryat on Nagil and Ya'arah.

Base-metal locality 1 (fig. 5) is a prospect pit or cistern that discloses a trace of chrysacolla in sheared andesite of the Yemen Volcanics of Tertiary and/or Cretaceous age. This may be an ancient prospect trench now adapted to irrigation, but no waste or ore is piled near the trench, and the chrysocolla is too sparse to suggest that copper was mined here.

About 45 meters farther south along the hillside is a broad, shallow trench opened on a spheroidally weathering diabase dike in the Yemen Volcanics. This trench extends N. 75° E., and its walls dip 80° N., thus it is subparallel to the shear zone to the north. Its length is about 25 meters. The trench is 1.5-4 meters wide, and it steps downward on shallow benches to a maximum depth of 3 meters. Off the west end of this trench, about 10 meters, and across a trail, is a circular pit 12-14 meters in diameter and 6-8 meters deep. On the west, the wall of the pit is in alluvium resting on weathered amygdaloidal basalt. The circular opening appears to have been dug more recently then the trench, possibly within the last 20 years. These structures may also have had some other use than test pits for possible copper, but the circular opening more closely resembles a test pit than a cistern. However, no evidence of mineralization was seen, and the area seems to be unmineralized.

Samples 75-JA-1 and 75-JA-2 (tables 2 and 3) at locality 50 on figure 1 were collected by James W. Aubel, geologist with the U. S. Peace Corps, from debris from a water well being dug at the village of Ya'arah between WadI Kharhla and WādI Khāniq, about 35 km southsouthwest of Ma'rib. The well is in a fault in Precambrian meta-shale

that strikes to the northeast and dips 40° SE. in an area of metamorphic rocks and granite. Rocks in the fault zone are impregnated with a lightcolored sulfide mineral that was determined through X-ray diffraction analysis by Roy O. Jackson, U. S. Geological Survey, to be pyrrhotite. The residents of Ya'arah were hopeful that the pyrrhotite-bearing rock was auriferous, and gave the material to Aubel for testing. Results of the semiquantitative spectographic analyses show that the material lacks precious and base metals at their respective lower limits of determination (table 3), except that 75-JA-2 contains a trifle (10 ppm) of lead. Further tests were made by James A. Domenico, Donald G. Murrey, and James Turner, U. S. Geological Survey, on December 4, 1975, using atomic absorption procedures for gold, mercury, and selenium. These results confirmed the absence of gold at this locality:

Field sample number	<u>E1</u>	ement (pp	<u>m)</u>
	Au	Hg	Se
75-JA-1	<0.05	<0.02	0.2
75-JA-2	<0.05	<0.02	0.2

Thus, the Ya'arah occurrence is neither a precious-metal nor a basemetal deposits.

Base-metal locality 5 on figure 5 consists of occurrences of chalcopyrite and native copper reported in the Yemen Volcanics in the vicinity of Jabal Harāz in the Manākhah area (Ansaldi, 1933, p. 193). This report of copper increases the interest that attaches to the anomalous and weakly anomalous values reported above for As, Cu, Hg, Mo, and Pb in samples MJG-76-73 and 74 collected from crystal tuff and felsite of the Yemen Volcanics exposed along the highway west of Manākhah and near the eastern end of Jibāl Hufash (table and footnote).

Field sample number		<u>E1</u>	ement (pp	<u>(m</u>	
	<u>As</u> 1/	<u>Cu</u>	<u>Hg</u> 1/	Mo	<u>Pb</u>
MJG-76 -7 3A	200	5	0.08	10	70
-73B	1,500	5	.02	30	100
-74A	N	5	.06	20	20
$\frac{-74B}{1}$ See footnote, table 3.	L	7	.16	30	50

Samples in the MJG-76-73 and 74 series were collected about 1.5 km east of the eastern contact of the Miocene (?) alkalic granite that makes up the Jibal Hufash pluton. The pluton is intrusive into the Yemen Volcanics, but where the highway crosses the contact at the locality of samples MJG-76-72A-72D (table 2). the granite of the pluton is thrust over felsic lavas of the Yemen Volcanics. Both at this locality and at the localities represented by the MJG-76-73 and -74 series of samples, the lavas are extensively altered. The most evident alteration has been caused by the secular weathering of the lava in Holocene time. Zones of yellow, brown, maroon, purple, and black stain are present in the lavas, films of hematite coat some joints, small masses of hematite replace parts of the lava near fractures; elsewhere the lava is replaced by kaolinite, and incrustations of jarosite (see section on Radiometric analyses for uranium) are on the lava. The iron oxides and jarosite are products of the weathering of iron sulfide minerals, probably pyrite. The kaolinite may have formed from the weathering of the lava, or it may predate the weathering and be a product of hydrothermal alteration, possibly connected with the formation of the iron oxides. These relations need considerable further study, because the outcrop gives the impression that the felsic lavas of the Yemen Volcanics in this area have been

hydrothermally altered, and subsequent to that alteration, they have been chemically weathered, which has caused the pyrite to oxidize and yield iron oxides and iron sulfates to stain the rocks.

Arsenic and mercury are volatile elements that may form distant aureoles around sulfide ore deposits. This group of four samples contains the most As and Hg detected in specimens analyzed and listed in table 3. During supergene weathering of sulfide deposits in siliceous rocks, As, Cu, Mo, and Pb tend to follow a pattern of decreasing mobility Mo>Cu>As>Pb. The least mobile elements of the group, As and Pb, reach their highest values in the most weathered parts of these rocks. Mobility relations during weathering may account for the abundances reported for these elements in the four samples, because As, Cu, Mo, and Pb are less abundant on average (table 4) in the Yemen Volcanics and Miocene (?) alkalic granite than they are in these altered rocks, thus leaving room for some concentration during alteration:

Average for rock (tables 3		Element	(ppm)	
and 4, table 3 footnote)	As	Cu	Mo	<u>Pb</u>
Miocene (?) granite	N	L	L	20
Tuff of Yemen Volcanics	N	${\tt L}$	L	50
Yemen Volcanics undivided	N	L	10	30
MJG-76-73A	20 0	5	10	70
-73B	1,500	5	30	100
-74A	N	5	20	20
-74B	\mathbf{L}	7	30	50

None of these values except the larger of the two for arsenic represents a major increase over the normal abundance in the source rocks, and they

all may be attributable to concentration during weathering, but the small amount of data is insufficient to dismiss the possibility that the trace element content of these altered felsic volcanic rocks signals the outer edge of an alteration halo around otherwise hidden sulfide deposits. The combination of anomalous As and Hg and weakly anomalous Cu, Mo, and Pb taken together with the report of chalcopyrite and native copper in the Yemen Volcanics to the east means that a reconnaissance geochemical survey covering several hundred square kilometers in the Manākhah area is required to determine the possibility for base-metal sulfides in blind deposits of large size and low grade.

Base-metal locality 6 (fig. 5) is uncertainly sited both geographically and geologically. It is represented by sample MJG-76-63 (tables 2 and 3) that was given to the writers by Dr. Hamed M. El Shatoury of San'ā' University, who stated that the specimen was from the vicinity of Ma'rib. The rock is a hydrothermally altered dolomitic siltstone of possible Precambrian age having the texture of an intraformational breccia--possibly a turbidite. The matrix is extensively replaced by pyrite, chalcopyrite, galena, and sphalerite. It is unfortunate that the source of this rock is not better known, because the specimen is a high-grade base-metal and silver ore.

The spectrographic results (table 3) confirm the megascopic description of the sample. The high value for Fe is caused by the abundant pyrite. High values for Mg and Ca, combined with the extremely low value for Ti, indicate a sedimentary rock with scant mafic volcanic detritus. In the field, the rock may form a layer in a more dolomitic

or more calcareous sequence than can be inferred from the specimen, or it may be in a shaly or calcareous bed in a dominant volcanic-sedimentary sequence.

The distribution of the minor elements is quite interesting economically, because the analyst noted that where the values were flagged with the letter "G" signifying "greater than" the indicated quantity (table 4), those elements so shown were vastly more abundant than the upper limits of spectrographic determination, particularly Cu, Pb, and Zn, but also Ba, Cd, and Mn. Zinc is the most abundant of the three base metals, which is supported by the high value for Cd, an element typically associated with zinc in sphalerite, and brown sphalerite forms prominent bands in the sample. Silver, equal to 700 grams per ton, is probably associated with the lead in the galena. High values for Ba, Bi, and Sb indicate that the ore mineralogy is complex, although they may be associated with the Mn. If the Co and Ni are mainly in the pyrite, as is possible, then the actual abundances of the two elements, the value of the Co/Ni ratio, and the fact that the Co is more abundant than Ni, shows the hydrothermal origin of this ore (Overstreet, Hubert, and others, 1976, p. 40-48). Absence of Mo, W, Y, and Zr suggests a moderate temperature of hydrothermal deposition, but the Sn is high. It may be associated with the Cu.

Thus, the spectrographic analyses can be interpreted to show a moderate-temperature hydrothermal replacement deposit in a sedimentary rock. The ores are sulfides of Cu, Pb, and Zn, with accessory Ag and Cd. The sample shows that the area and the specific locality from which the specimen came should be examined thoroughly until the area can be dismissed or drilled. If there is much material like

sample MJG-76-63 present, an extensive program of geologic mapping, geophysical surveying, geochemical exploration, diamond drilling, and assaying would be needed to appraise the deposit. The locality must be revisited, and a plan for study worked out after the locality has been seen. We have not observed base-metal ore of this type and grade elsewhere in the YAR.

Known iron deposits of the Yemen Arab Republic are shown on figure 3 as plotted from the literature. Field work in February 1976 added the interesting, but economically not significant, information that ferruginous cap rock on salt domes in the Tihāmah at Al Luhayyah and Guma (localities 15 and 16, fig. 1) is locally sufficiently rich in iron to have been smelted in a small way. Scattered fragments of slag in the vicinity of the caprock showed the existance of this cottage industry, but examples of the furnaces were not observed.

Sample MJG-76-71 (tables 2 and 3) is from a low-grade ferruginous rock capping the Guma salt dome. This rock is dominantly dolomite with some calcite, hematite, and geothite(?) as determined by X-ray diffraction analysis (Theodore Botinelly, written commun., Dec. 10, 1976). Far more ferruginous material was observed. Some consists of mixture of siderite (FeCo₃) and iron oxides. Other ferruginous rock is mainly secondary iron oxides, which may have formed from the weathering of pyrite (FeS₂), a mineral commonly present in the rocks that make the cap of salt domes. Seemingly, the highest grade ferruginous rock was handpicked to yield a charge of iron ore for a small furnace, which may have been situated to take advantage of the sea breeze to force a draft for smelting.

The distribution of reported ferro-alloy elements and cassiterite (tin ore) are shown on figure 3 from available data. The results of the analyses given in table 3 show that tin is present in small amounts-generally geochemically expectable amounts--in 15 samples from Miocene(?) alkalic granite, Tertiary and/or Cretaceous felsic lavas of the Yemen Volcanics, and Precambrian pegmatites, where the tin tends to be associated with Nb and Y. However, B. Be, Cu. Mo, Th, and W are all quite sparse in the stanniferous samples, which appears to indicate that none of the samples is an indicator of possible tin deposits. Tungsten and Be are lacking in the calc-silicate rocks, which elsewhere locally have proven to be hosts for ores of both metals. However, Be, exceeds crustal abundance (2-3.5 ppm) in enough samples to raise the question whether felsic lavas of the Yemen Volcanics and Miocene (?) and Late Precambrian granites may not locally be enriched in this element. The same can probably be said for Mo, Nb, and Ti. However, Bi, Co, Cr, and Ni are notably lean in the specimens of rocks thus far analyzed.

PALEONTOLOGIC SAMPLES

The geographic and stratigraphic distributions of samples of rocks collected by the authors in June-July 1975 and February 1976, in the YAR for use in paleontologic examinations are shown in figure 6. These samples range in probable stratigraphic position from Upper Jurassic to Holocene. A brief description of them and corresponding localities is given below. Localities are keyed to site numbers on figure 6.



Figure 6. Index map of the Yemen Arab Republic showing localities where rocks were sampled for paleontological examination.

Upper Jurassic fossil localities in the Amran Series

Locality 1.--Sample MJG-1 collected 9 km southeast of Amran in a shallow borrow pit on the southwest side of the highway; mollusks.

Locality 2.--Samples MJG-75-2a and MJG-75-2b collected 12 km north-northwest of Raydah in the Amran Series exposed in the west side of a gully halfway up the valley wall on the northeast side of the highway and north of a cistern; mollusks.

Locality 3.--Samples MJG-75-4a and MJG-75-4b, collected June 28, 1975, in a spoil heap from a dug well on the west side of the road 2.5 km south-southeast of Khabshah, a village 6.5 km due north of Al Ghirās; mollusks.

Included in locality 3 on figure 6, sample MJG-75-5, collected June 28, 1975, from a locality 1 km south-southeast of Khabshah on a stripped structural surface, is a gastropod-rich fossiliferous layer in limestone of Amran Series; sample MJG-75-6, from windblown silt on the stripped structural surface 5 meters above the richly fossiliferous layer, consists of echinoderm spines that are residual on the surface from the solution of the limestone.

Locality 4.--Sample MJG-76-61 from the Al Jannāt area northeast of Amrān about 3 km; collected by Korosaki in 1976; echinoids and ostracodes.

Locality 5.--Sample MJG-76-75, from top of Red Sea escarpment about 7 km southeast of Kuhlān; gastropods in limestone correlated with the Amran Series.

Locality 6.--Sample JA-75-1, collected in April (?) 1975 by James Aubel at a locality about 15 km south-southeast of Ma'rib in float below a limestone escarpment in the Amran Series; corals.

Locality 7.--Unnumbered sample collected by students of San'ā' University near the top of the escarpment at an altitude of 2,000 meters east of a tributary to Wādī Warazān at Najd Thujahāt; brachipod in limestone of Amran Series (?).

Tertiary and/or Cretaceous fossil localities in the Yemen Volcanics

Locality 1.--Sample MJG-76-3 collected in February 1976 about 25 km southeast of YarIm on the trail to Damt at a point about 3.2 km northwest of Adh Dhārrah; material may be charcoal; from carbonaceous and silty layers a few centimenters thick in felsic tuff and basalt of Yemen Volcanics; collected for microfossils.

Locality 2.--Sample MJG-76-5 collected in February 1976 at a point 8.8 km along Shibām gravel road from its junction with the Wadi Dahr road about 20 km northwest of San'ā'; material may be charcoal; from carbonaceous and silty layers a few centimeters thick in felsic tuff and basalt of the Yemen Volcanics; collected for microfossils.

Eocene and/or Paleocene (?) fossil localities in the Medj-Zir Series

Locality 1.--Sample MJG-75-14a through MJG-75-14c (float) collected July 11, 1975, about 30 km northeast of San'ā', on the north valley slope of Wadi as Sirr and about 0.5 km north of As Sālahī village in a gullied terrace slope; opalized-silicified coquina of fresh-water gastropods; stratigraphic position is near the base of the Yemen Volcanics. This is an important locality that could lead to more accurate dating of the Yemen Volcanics and Tawilah Group.

Samples MJG-75-15 and MJG-75-16 are from the same locality as MJG-75-14a through MJG 75-14c; samples MJG-75-15 and -16 are fish vertebrae, fish scales, and possible pollen; the two samples are a few meters apart stratigraphically and are interlayered with the gastropod coquina represented by MJG-75-14a through -14c.

Pliocene fossil localities in the Baid Formation

Locality 1. Samples MJG-76-65a through MJG-76-65f collected in February 1976 from dirty tuffaceous marine sediments and MJG-76-65g from ferruginous dolomite at the west tip of a small diapir exposed along the beach 0.2 km south of Al Luhayyah; sample MJG-76-66 collected in February 1976 from limestone 0.5 km east of the Red Sea coast from the west-facing slope of an east-dipping cuesta on the Al Luhayyah diapir (fig. 7); MJG-76-67a through MJG-76-67c collected in February 1976 from silty sandstone exposed in the west-facing slope of the easternmost cuesta on the Al Luhayyah diapir; collected for possible microfossils (spores, pollen, Foraminifera).



Figure 7. Small diapir located a few meters inland from the beach at high tide, and 0.2 km south of Al Luhayyah. Broken blocks strewn about the uplift consist of unfossiliferous ferruginous dolomite, which disconformably caps the uplifted sedimentary sequence. Sample MJG-76-66 is from the same dolomite layer, which is exposed along the beach a few hundred meters east of this diapir. Locality 2.--Sample MJG-76-69c collected in February 1976 from siltstone on top of a small diapir about 300 meters northwest of the Guma salt dome; sample MJG-76-70b collected in February 1976 from marine tuffaceous beds exposed in the diapir around the Guma salt quarry; fossil spores and pollen have been reported (Heybroek, 1975, p. 17-40), and ostracods have been reported from nearby diapirs (Goerlich, 1956, p. 213-214.

Holocene and Pleistocene fossil localities

Locality 1.--Sample MJG-75-3 collected June 27, 1975, at a locality 17 km north-northwest of Ma'bar and 6.5 km west of highway in a structural valley between fault blocks on north rim of caldera 10 km wide: Holocene gastropods in angular colluvium, and one live gastropod from nearby well for comparison.

Locality 2.--Samples JJG-75-7a--MJG-75-7d collected June 29, 1975, in a low pass about 9 km south of Ibb on the highway leading from Ibb to Ta'izz; four samples of fossiliferous loess collected in a 5-10 meter section, upward as follows: MJG-75-7a, 7b, kc, and 7d; black paleosols separate 7a from 7b, and separate 7b from 7c; 7d was taken a few tens of centimeters below the present soil surface.

Locality 3.--Samples MJG-75-8a and MJG-75-8b collected July 8, 1975, about 7 km east of At Turbah and just northeast of Al Akamah village,

near Jabal al Qalah and overlooking the escarpment; a most spectacular section of loess; sample MJG-75-8a from bottom of exposure and 8b from upper part of section about 15 meters above 8a; collected by James W. Aubel, U. S. Peace Corps.

Locality 4.--Sample MJG-75-9 collected July 6, 1975, about 53 km east of Mocha in the north valley slope west of Jabal 'Akamah; fossiliferous tufa. Remnants of tufa indicate ponding of many streams debouching on the Red Sea coastal plain in late Pleistocene or early Holocene time.

Locality 5.--Sample MJG-76-64 collected in February 1976 from a marine terrace 1-2 meters above mean sea level at a point on the coast 2.5 km north of Al Luhayyah; the site is a few hundred meters from a large salt diapir and several smaller piercement domes bringing upper Pliocene rocks close to the surface. Quaternary marine terraces are developed at various levels on the slopes of the diapir; these terraces are strewn with marine mollusks not collected on this trip. This sample will be useful for future comparison with samples from the higher and older terraces.

Locality 6.--Samples MJG-76-70c, and MJG-76-70c₂ (fig. 8) collected in February 1976 from a layer of silt and clay 0.3 meter thick unconformably overlying salt in the Guma salt dome and fluviatile in origin; collected for possible microfossils (spores, pollen, and other material).

> NOTE: Locality 6 is at the same site as Pliocene fossil locality number 2; thus, it is not separately numbered on figure 6.



Figure 8. Northeast wall at bottom of Guma salt quarry, about 14 km east of Al Luhayyah. Hammer is held against contact between rock salt and overlying fluvial deposits. Note horizontality of upper salt surface along contact. Samples MJG-76-70a, and MJG-76-70c1 through 70c3 were collected here; sample MJG-76-70b, a few feet nearby in the quarry.

Paleontological analysis

The rock samples listed above have been examined by paleontologists of the U. S. Geological Survey, as follows:

<u>Upper Jurassic mollusks</u>.--Ralph W. Imlay (USGS., written commun., January 5, 1977) described the Upper Jurassic mollusks listed in figure 4, as follows: "The pelecypods from Jurassic beds in Yemen are too poorly preserved and represented by too few genera to be of much age value. However, the presence of Exogyra cf. E. mana (Sowerby) suggests a Late Jurassic age on the basis that the species in nearby Saudi Arabia has been recorded only from Tuwayq Mountain Limestone and the overlying Hanifa Formation. These formations are respectively of Oxfordian and early Kimmeridgian age. By contrast, in England that species is recorded from beds of Bajocian to Tithonian (Portlandian) age.

"Pelecypods from Yemen Arab Republic:MJG-75-1 - ..., 9 km southeast of Amran, Amran series, in shallow borrow pit, southwest side of highway:

Gryphaea or Exogyra

"MJG-75-2a - ... 12 km north-northwest of Raydah, Amran series, west side of gully, northeast side of highway, halfway up valley wall, north of cistern:

Exogyra cf. E. nana (Sowerby), Echinoid spine (Pseudocidaris)

"MJG-75-2b - Locality same as 2a above.

Oyster fragments

"MJG-75-4a - ... 2.5 km south-southeast of Khabshah, ... in spoil heap of dug well...:

Exogyra cf. E. nana (Sowerby)

"MJG-75-4b - Locality same as 4a above:

Oyster fragments

"MJG-75-5 - 1 km south-southeast of Khabshah, fossiliferous surfaces both sides of trail:

Protocarida <u>Pteropera</u> <u>Trigonia</u> <u>Thracia</u> (?) Pseudisocardia (?)"

Another report from Imlay (written commun., January 1, 1977) describes the Jurassic material from locality 5, figure 4:

"Loc. MJG-76-75 contains one large gastropod and fragments of the following bivalves (locality, top edge of Red Sea escarpment, about 7 km southeast of Kuhlān):

<u>Modiolus</u> cf. <u>M. Subangustissima</u> Dacque <u>Orca?</u> <u>Chlamys?</u> <u>Camptonectes?</u> Ostrea or Gryphaea?

"The pelecypods are poorly preserved and of no value for close age determinations. Previous collections from the Amran Series at locs. MJG-75-2a and -4a contain <u>Exogyra</u> cf. <u>E. mana</u> (Sowerby). That species, if correctly identified, indicates an early Late Jurassic age (Oxfordian to early Kimmeridgian)."

Eocene and/or Paleocene (?) fossil localities in the Medj-Zir

<u>series.</u>--The fossil materials from the important locality in the Medj-Zir series (Eocene and/or Paleocene (?) locality 1, fig. 4) have been examined for palynomorphs by Norman Frederiksen who reported (written commun., March 3, 1976):

"...the samples labelled MJG-75-15 and MJG-75-16...were both barren of palynomorphs. Several objects were seen that looked vaguely like pollen, but they could not be identified. There was a great deal of organic material in both samples, but it was strongly carbonized. Whether this was due to metamorphism or to action of bacteria during diagenesis under a slow rate of deposition could not be determined."

On the basis of these results, Frederiksen was unable to assign an age to the material.

Pliocene fossil localities in the Baid Formation.--Charles C. Smith (USGS, written commun., December 14, 1976) examined two samples from Pliocene locality 1, figure 4, for calcareous nannoplankton. Both samples were barren, thus a stratigraphic range could not be assigned:

"MJG-76-65g collected from the west tip of small diapir....south of Al Luhayyah. Carbonate sinter at top of section: approximately same stratigraphic position as MJG-76-66, unconformable over older marine sediments. Field stratigraphic assignment: Pliocene or Pleistocene.

"MJG-76-66 collected from the Al Luhayyah diapir.... Field stratigraphic assignment: Pliocene or Pleistocene.

"Sample MJG-76-65g is barren of calcareous nannoplankton and thus no biostratigraphic determination can be assigned this sample based on nannoplankton. The sample consists of light gray to tan indurated and well cemented, slightly ferruginous dolomite containing

authigenic (often doubly terminated) quartz crystals along both weathered as well as in freshly fractured surfaces. This sample contains common to abundant fragments of what appears to be algally laminated sediment, although preservation is very poor and structures obliterated due to recrystallization. Along fresh surfaces, algal(?) laminae appear as very uniform, thin (1 mm thick), pale gray to milky colored dolomite lenses interlaminated with 0.5 mm thick lenses consisting of tan to light brown dolomite. Individual irregular pieces of algally(?) laminated sediment vary from one-half inch to about 3 inches in length. These fragments are randomly oriented, indicating the possibility that this section consists of recemented, torn and broken fragments of a pre-existing algally(?) laminated limestone.

"Sample MJG-76-66 is barren of calcareous nannoplankton and thus no biostratigraphic determination can be assigned this sample based on the nannoplankton. This sample consists of light brown to tan, indurated, case hardened, well cemented, thinly and irregularly laminated dolomitic (?) limestone. Freshly fractured surfaces show thin lenses of pale gray dolomite (?) one-half to 1 mm in thickness interlaminated with 1-3 mm thick lenses of ferruginous, clayey, very finely divided dolomite or limestone. The origin of these structures is unknown to the present investigator. They could represent algally laminated sediment, or nonbiologic interlaminated clean and more clayey carbonate. Details of microstructure are obscured by recrystallization of these samples."

Another report from Dr. Smith (written commun., February 4, 1977) describes one sample from Pliocene (?) locality 2 (fig. 6) examined for foraminifers and ostracods. The sample was barren, thus a stratigraphic range could not be assigned:

"Field loc. number MJG-76-70b, salt quarry at Guma, 7.5 km. east of Al Luhayyah; 15 41' N., 42°49' E. approx.

"The sample was washed and concentrated by flotation, but no calcareous fossils, either Foraminifera or Ostracoda were found. Therefore, no date is possible."

<u>Pleistocene mollusks.</u>--The sample MJG-76-64 from Holocene and Pleistocene locality 5 (fig. 6) was referred by Blake Blackwelder, USGS, to Dr. H. E. Rehder of the U. S. National Museum for study. The following mollusks were identified, and the stratigraphic range was given as Pleistocene (Blackwelder, written commun., January 18, 1977):

Pleuroploca trapezium (Linne, 1758) <u>Anadara sp cf. A. crebricostata</u> (Reeve, 1844) <u>Anadara Ehrenbergi</u> (Dunker, 1868) <u>Anadara antiquata</u> (Linne, 1758) <u>Polinices mamilla</u> (Linne, 1758) <u>Volema pyrum</u> (Gmelin, 1791) <u>Chicoreus Virgineus</u> (Roding, 1798) <u>Strombus</u> (<u>Tricornis</u>) <u>tricornis</u> Lightfoot, 1786 Terebralia palustris (Linne, 1758)

These mollusks inhabit shallow marine environments and lagoons.

In connection with this report, reference was made to R. B. Newton's article on Pleistocene shells and raised beach deposits of the Red Sea (Newton, 1900).

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND SATELLITE IMAGERY

Aerial photography covering the territory of the YAR was obtained in 1973 by the United Kingdom Royal Air Force. It was used by the United Kingdom Mapping and Charting Establishment to compile the 8 topographic sheets of the country at 1:250,000 scale. This photographic coverage is available from the appropriate British agency, after special authorization from the Government of the YAR has been secured.

In addition to conventional photographs, a growing amount of image data about the atmosphere and the earth's surface has been accumulating in the last 15 years, particularly since the advent of U. S. weather and land-resources satellites. All these data are archived in the United States and may be purchased upon request. Some of these data cover the YAR. The weather data gathered by the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) satellites provide a small-scale synoptic view of the weather over the YAR at regular time intervals.

The land resources data, available since July 1972 when the first Land Resources Imaging Satellite (Landsat-1) was launched by NASA, have proven to be a useful addition to existing medium-scale topographic maps in many countries. In the YAR, Landsat data have been used in preparing a nine-image mosaic of the country, and in compiling a reconnaissance geologic map at 1:500,000 scale. Ultimately, the potential usefulness of Landsat data will be revealed, when repetitive coverage is fully exploited for study of the changes brought about on the earth's surface by fluctuating climatic and other natural processes, or by the activities of man.

In the YAR, a first attempt at using repetitive Landsat coverage was made in determining changes in the regional pattern of vegetation and streamflow at irregular time intervals between the years 1972 and 1976 (Grolier and others, unpub. data).

Because of their potential usefulness to scientists and regional planners as well, the Landsat-1 and Landsat-2 data available for the YAR as of January 28, 1977, are presented in table 5. In table 5, Landsat images are listed scene by scene. As explained in the index for figure 2, a Landsat scene, identified by orbital path and row numbers, uniquely defines each square area of 100 by 100 nautical miles covered by a Landsat image. A total number of nine Landsat scenes covers the Yemen Arab Republic; from north to south, and from east to west, they are: 177/049, 177/050, 178/048, 178/049, 178/050, 178/051, 179/048, 179/049, and 179/050.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Three specific recommendations arise from the geochemical and paleontological data presented above: 1) Find and appraise the unknown locality purported to be in the Ma'rib region and from which sample MJG-76-63 is said to have come. The specimen is high-grade ore for Cu, Pb, Zn, Ag, and Cd. If it is from the YAR, then the deposit must be evaluated early in the program of national economic development. 2) Conduct a geologic and geochemical reconnaissance investigation at 1:100,000 scale for Cu, Pb, and Zn in the Yemen Volcanics in a region approximately centered at Manākhah and extending from 14°30' N. to 15°30'N.by 43°15' E. to 44⁰00' E. 3) Begin a broad stratigraphic, structural, and geophysical investigation of the Amran Series in Wadi Jawf and eastward and southward in the desert to the national boundary; determine the extent of the series and what sedimentary rocks lie above the limestone in the Amran Series now that biostratigraphic evidence, available from the paleontological examinations, shows this unit to be correlative with the Tuwayq Mountain Limestone of Saudi Arabia. This limestone is reported in the Ramlat Dahm (U. S. Geological Survey-Arabian American Oil Company, 1963). The extent of the Amran Series or Tuwayq Mountain Limestone and associated sedimentary rocks in the Ramlat Dahm area and Ramlat as Sab'atayn area within the borders of the YAR is important for possible sources of water and of petroleum.

Planning for economic development in the YAR would be aided by a census of known or reported mineral deposits, mineral occurrences, and ancient mines. Preliminary to any sustained exploration program for base metals, as well as for gold, silver, and other ores that were used historically in the region, a search of national archives, libraries, and local records should be made to recover and plot the localities said to have been prospected or mined for metals or minerals (for example, early comment on the presence of turquoise could become evidence for copper). Complementing the search of records should be an active field program to locate on the ground all ancient prospects and mines known to local residents throughout the country. Obviously, a national effort involving many reporters would be required for the field search, but it could be undertaken as part of a census of population and agriculture.

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Indicated positions of boundary lines not demarcated on the ground are not necessarily definitive. Abbreviations: YAR - Yemen Arab Republic; PDRY - Peoples' Democratic Republic of Yemen.

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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

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Qsb Silt, clay, and muddy sand; commonly saturated with brine and salt encrusted; in mud flats (sabkhas) along the Red Sea coast

(OR)

Qu River terrace deposits, alluvial fans, gravel, sand, and silt including unmapped alluvium which overlies rock salt at Jabsl Kushah, near Guma; numerous loess deposits particularly in the central plains. Wherever possible, alluvial deposits have been divided regionally on a basis of reflectance, natural vegetation and crops, altitude, and location into six sub-units, as follows: Qal, alluvial gravel, sand, and eilt restricted to channels and flood plains of present-day ephemeral streams Qal, alluvial gravel, sand, and silt on river terraces and fans, adjacent to and higher than the flood plains of present-day streams; generally darker than Qal6; may include colluvium at base of foothills Qal4, same as above, but darker, and possibly older

- Qal₃, same as Qal₄, but higher and older Qal₂, same as Qal₃, but higher and farther inland from the Red Sea Coast Qal₁, alluvial gravel heavily coated with desert varnish, restricted to dissected river terraces on the south valley slope of Wadi Jawf, north of Jabal Bahra and west of Wadi Raghwan Yellow and green marly limestone, white lime-
- stone, and reef limestone, undifferentiated, exposed on Kamaran Island. Fossiliferous, and of probable Pleistocene age (MacFadyen, 1930; Cox, 1931). Probably correlative with unmapped marine terrace deposits which disconformably overlie Plio-Miocene tuffaceous sandstone at the Al Luhayyah diapirs

Loess deposits, with calcareous concretions and caliche layers; fossil mollusks abundant locally; may include alluvial silt alternating with alluvial or colluvial. gravel

Qe Eolian sand, commonly mobile

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Basalt flows and dikes; numerous scattered cones and craters; at places covered with tuff and volcanic bombs. May be rock and time equivalent of the Aden Volcanic Series in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen; in the San'a region, lava flowa have been divided regionally on a baais of reflectance into four sub-unita, as follows:

Qa4, very dark basaltic lobate flows, extruded in historical times, possibly in 3rd century A. D. (Rathjens, G., and Wissman, H. V., 1934, v. 2, p. 13; v. 3., p. 105, fig. 51; p. 162-163; Rathjens, C., and Wissman, 1942, v. 33, p. 276) Qa3, dark basaltic flows

- Qa₂, thin basalt flows, discontinuous over older rocks; appear lighter gray than units Qa₃ and Qa₄ on LANDSAT-1 images
- Qa₁, basalt flows forming a continuous mantle over older rocks; Qa₁ and Qa₂ possible are part of only one eruption phase

Tha BAID FORMATION--Gray, red, and green siliceous and tuffaceous shale and sandstone; also limestone and evaporite layers. Includes rock salt of salt domes at Salif and Jabal Qimmah, and st Jabal Kushah near Guma. Generally unfossiliferous, but middle to late Miocene microflora reported by Klaus (in Heybroek, 1965, p. 34-35) from rock salt at Jabal Kushah, and at Salif, and late Pliocene microfauna reported from marine sediments overlying salt (Goerlich, 1956, p. 213-214). Correlated with rocks of the Baid Formation exposed in Wadi Baid, Saudi Arabia, because of similar lithology (Gillmann, Letullier, and Renouard, 1966, p. 1479-1480, pl. 1, fig. 4).

Ta Hypabyasal andesite and diabase intrusives, commonly glomeroporphyritic, and in dika swarms

Tgr Alkali granite and diorite in subvolcanic plugs, stocks, and plutona (Karrenberg, 1959, v. 17, no. 1, p. 33-36); leucocratic granite locally has primary flow banding. Crests of unbreached plugs may be overlain by hydrothermally altered rocks of the Yemen Volcanics, locally in northwestern part of the Yemen Arab Republic mapped as Tertiary laccoliths (U.S. Geol. Survay and Arabian American Oil Co., 1963). Some granitic plutons as at Jibal Sabir, south of Taiz, have syenite margins. A K-Ar age of



gr Calc-sikaline granite, gray and pink, generally massive; includes some quarts monzonite; may have been intruded during second and third episodes of the Hijas tectonic cycle recognized in southwastern Saudi Arabia Greenwood and others, 1975, p. 23) 77-733

gg Gneissic granite, gneissic granodiorite, and injection gneiss; commonly intruded by swarms of mafic dikes, contains numerous septa and inclusions of schist and gneiss; may have been intruded during second episode of Hijsz tectonic cycle
d st Diorite, d, and gabbro, gb; may have been intruded during second episode of the

Hijaz tectonic cycle BC Slate, pelitic schist, and quartzite, sl; chlorite-schiat, graphitic schist, sc; low-grade metamorphosed sedimentary rocks possibly of second and first episodes of Hijaz tectonic cycle

Marble, quartzite, and biotite gneias, mq; biotite schist, biotite gneiss, and quartzite, bq, intruded by dikes of gneissic pink granite, diorite, and gabbro; mediumand high-grade metancrohoaed sedimentary rocks possibly of second and first episodes of Hijaz tectonic cycle

em sb Mafic volcanic and metavolcanic rocks, with some interlayered metagraywacke and metaconglomerate, consisting of andesite, meta-andesite, metabasalt, greenstone, and chlorite schist, sb; hornblende gneiss, and amphibolite, am; posaibly of second and first episodes of Hijaz tectonic cycle

 Predominantly granite, gneiss, and mica schist with subordinate quartzite, hornblende schist, and marble
 wh Chlorite-sericite schist, amphibole schist, graphite schist, marble, quartzite, slate, conglomerate, and greenatone
 th Thaniya Group, contorted and cleaved metasedimenta consisting of graphitic calcschiat, quartzite, phlogopite marble, chert, and associated volcanics

NOTE

The gossans in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabis at Wadi Wassat (Overstreet and Roasman, 1970), and at Wadi Qatan (Dodge and Rossman, 1975) were formed over extensive deposits of stratabound massive and disseminated pyrite and pyrrhotite in Precambrian volcanogenic rocks. Should the iron deposits near Sa'dah, which are known to extend tens of kilometers northward, and similar deposita gossans over massive sulfide, then the region mined for iron northward from the vicinity of Sa'dah and Majadh to the border between the Yemen Arab Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabis merit geologic, geophysical, and geochemical exploration for base metals, nickel, silver, gold and molybdenum.

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