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ABSTRACT

This report discusses the need for Alaska's minerals, the need for surface transportation corridors, and their relationship to planned D.2 withdrawals. On May 4, 1973, thirty-one tracts within the planned D.2 withdrawals were jointly recommended for multiple use including mining by the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines. Twenty-one of these tracts of land are analyzed and known mineral deposits and metallogenic provinces are shown. The potential economic value of each tract, its impact upon the State and Nation, and the salient mineral and transportation data for it are summarized.

INTRODUCTION

In December 1971, the United States Congress passed the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Section 17(d)(2) of that Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw up to 80 million acres of unreserved public lands which the Secretary deems suitable for inclusion in national parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and wild and scenic river systems (the so-called D.2 lands). Thirty-one tracts of land that have been given D.2 status were jointly reported by the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines to have high potential value for mineral production. The purpose of this report is to show why these tracts should be left open to mining. If total

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Figure 1 -- Map showing study tracts and Alaska 1:250,000 scale quadrangles.

exclusion from D.2 classification is not advisable, these lands should be classified for multiple use management that permits entry under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The tracts were analyzed in order of estimated priority. The top 21 were completed, figure 1. The remaining 10 will be analyzed when personnel become available.

THE NEED FOR ALASKA'S MINERALS

Table 1 lists minerals that have been or are likely to be found on the tracts being recommended for exclusion from D.2 status or for multiple use classification. The primary quantity of each commodity produced in the United States in 1971 is given and compared with the primary demand. The difference between the two figures was made up by imports or the utilization of scrap. Two projections are given for the production of primary commodities in the United States in the year 2000. One projection assumes the Nation's mineral producers will continue to provide the same percentage of the Nation's projected requirements in 2000 as they did in 1971. The second projection for 2000 is based upon the trend of production for the last 20 years. Finally, the projected demand for 2000 primary production is given. All data is provided by the Bureau of Mines.

The table shows the United States' producers were capable of supplying the 1971 primary demand for only two commodities, coal and molybdenum. If production trends of the last 20 years continue, the Nation's producers will fall even farther behind meeting demands in the year 2000 than they did in 1971, thus requiring greater imports or greater utilization of secondary supplies such as scrap. Obviously, any mineral production from Alaska would help lessen the Nation's dependency upon imports and improve its balance of payments situation.

TABLE 1.- National Supply-Demand Pattern From 1971 - 2000

Mineral	Unit	1971		2000 Production if 1971 constant		2000 Production if past 20-year trend prevails		2000 Primary Demand	
		Primary Production	Primary Demand	ratio prevails	ratio prevails	2000 Production if past 20-year trend prevails	2000 Primary Demand		
Antimony (Sb)	S.T.	1,853	14,419	6,192	731	48,000			
Beryllium (Be)	S.T.	(1)	(1)	874	187	1,770			
Bismuth (Bi)	Thousand lb.	(1)	1,769	2,468	1,016	4,000			
Chromium (Cr)	Thousand S.T.	0	335	0	0	1,090			
Coal	Million S.T.	552	495	1,115	767	1,000			
Cobalt (Co)	Thousand lb.	690	13,418	1,260	0	24,700			
Copper (Cu)	Thousand S.T.	1,522	1,627	5,049	2,463	5,400			
Gas	Billion C.F.	21,610	22,133	47,824	43,752	49,000			
Gold (Au)	Thousand T.oz.	1,495	6,562	3,260	1,040	14,300			
Iron (Fe)	Million S.T.	54	75	110	57	153			
Lead (Pb)	Thousand S.T.	578	945	875	643	1,430			
Manganese (Mn)	Thousand S.T.	38	1,170	76	0	2,360			
Mercury (Hg)	Thousand Fl.	18	42	34	31	80			
Molybdenum (Mo)	Million lb.	110	41	507	190	188			
Nickel (Ni)	Million lb.	31	282	85	80	770			
Oil	Million Bbl.	4,072	5,550	10,643	6,409	14,500			
Platinum (Pt)	Thousand T.oz.	8	333	20	0	820			
Silver (Ag)	Million T.oz.	42	102	86	44	210			
Tin (Sn)	Thousand L.T.	(1)	50	0	0	90			
Tungsten (W)	Thousand lb.	6,900	11,122	45,880	2,648	74,000			
Uranium (U)	S.T.	10,945	11,300	60,076	24,500	62,000			
Zinc (Zn)	Thousand S.T.	503	1,361	1,147	551	3,100			

(1) Confidential company information

Units: S.T. = short tons; lb. = pounds; C.F. = cubic feet; T.oz. = troy ounces; Fl. = flasks; Bbl. = barrels; L.T. = long tons.

Source: U. S. Bureau of Mines Commodity Statements.

WHEN WILL MINING COMMENCE?

Knowing when mineral deposits will be discovered and developed is impossible. The copper deposits near Bornite were first reported in 1898. Kennecott Copper Corporation purchased the property in 1958. Reserves today are estimated to have a value in excess of \$2 billion (8) 2/₁;

2/₁ Underlined numbers in parentheses refer to items in the List of References at the end of this report.

no time for the commencement of mining has been publicized for this major deposit which has been known to exist for 75 years.

Mining will commence in Alaska when it becomes economically profitable. Discovering economic deposits is largely a function of exploration expenditures. In British Columbia during 1970, nearly \$250 million was spent on mineral exploration excluding oil and gas; in Alaska \$6.9 million was spent (1). In the past 17 years, 17 new copper porphyry deposits have been discovered in British Columbia, seven of which are now in production (6). Three such deposits have been discovered in Alaska during that same time, and none is near production. Clearly, development in Alaska will come with greater mineral exploration expenditures. Keeping the geologically favorable areas open to mining until the time is economically right is imperative.

HOW LONG WILL MINING LAST?

Mineral production will last until it is no longer economically profitable. After a mine opens in an area, exploration expenditures increase to extend the mine's reserves. The facilities needed for one mine can also be expanded for the development of other mines. As rich ores are depleted, leaner ore is mined. Higher prices and improved technology

tend to extend the life of all mines. The Almaden mercury mine in Spain began production about 400 B. C. and is still a major world producer. Copper has been mined at Bingham Canyon, Utah, since 1906. Lead has been produced from southeast Missouri since 1904 (12). So the life of any given new mining district may extend from 1 to 2,000 years or more. For study purposes, 20 years is generally assumed for a mine's life. Most large mining companies will not install a mine in Alaska without blocking out a 15 year's supply of ore. Probably 15 to 20 years might be a minimum time frame for individual mines in Alaska. All mineral reserves are finite, so a mine's life is also finite and is usually determined by economics.

TRANSPORTATION

The development of mineral deposits is dependent upon the development of transportation. Conversely, the construction of any given road depends upon the demonstration of an economic need for that road. The need to connect all towns with a road system is weighed against the need to develop natural resources; both are weighed against the amount of highway funds available.

Highway building programs are established five years in advance; no 20- or 25-year plans are formulated. However, naturally defined highway corridors have been identified for the entire State, figure 2. Highway construction will tend to proceed along these corridor routes as needs arise and priorities are established. Knowing the sequence of corridor development beyond five years is impossible, and so, the sequence of mineral deposit development cannot be predicted. Final land classifications should not preclude the development of highway corridors that could be necessary for mineral resource development.

The mineral deposits now known or reasonably inferred will not by themselves justify building surface transportation systems. If the State decides that the mining industry must bear the cost of building such systems, they will not be built now. If developed reserves, as at Bornite, lie idle too long, companies will become discouraged and cease exploration. The chance to develop sufficient reserves to justify the construction of surface systems, through exploration and discovery, will be lost. The copper deposits at Kennicott in the Wrangell Mountains were among the richest deposits known to exist; and yet a recent study revealed that if these deposits were discovered today, they would be uneconomical without public surface transportation to tidewater (9).

MULTIPLE USES

Mining is a land intensive industry where high commodity values are obtained with relatively little land being disturbed. As of January 1, 1965, only 0.14 percent of the land area in the United States had been disturbed by strip mining (13). In those 12 States where surface mining has been most active, 0.41 percent of the land has been disturbed (13).

With proper planning most other activities can co-exist with mining, particularly when compliance with both State and Federal environmental regulations is observed. For this reason lands can be used variously with mining and need not be mutually exclusive. Once mining is completed, the forests tend to move in to hide previous mining activities; given today's reclamation laws, the surface must be returned to roughly its former contour.

The Kenai National Moose Range is one example of industry co-existing with nature and providing access routes to canoeing and fishing lakes for

the recreationist. This area of 2,700 square miles is administered by The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. A major Alaskan oil producing field is located on public lands which are visited by over one-half million people each year. The area exemplifies the benefits, other than economic, which are derived from a properly controlled industry and a cooperative Federal agency (2).

STUDY TRACTS

The U. S. Bureau of Mines and U. S. Geological Survey on May 4, 1973, agreed on geological evidence that 31 tracts of land having D.2 status may contain potentially valuable mineral deposits and should be kept open to mining. Since that date 21 of these tracts with 13,785,220 acres of land have been studied in more detail to note the occurrence of mineral and fuel commodities and to estimate the potential value of these commodities, figure 1. To accomplish this task, figures were assembled using maps of mineral claims, metallogenic provinces, geology, transportation corridors, oil and gas leases, coal fields and coal leases (4, 5, 11). The maps showing coal, oil, and gas data have been compiled by Bureau of Mines personnel but as yet are unpublished.

Each tract has an accompanying data sheet which gives the location from Anchorage or Fairbanks, its present accessibility and its nearness to future highway corridors, its proximity to labor and supplies, the general geology, and the occurrence of mineral and fuel commodities known or likely to exist by virtue of the tract's location within metallogenic provinces. Finally, the mineral potential is assessed and the potential mineral value estimated. From this the potential benefits to the State and Nation are derived.

The determination of potential mineral values was based on studies which attempted to equate geologic features such as folding, faulting, intrusive and mineral occurrences with known mineralized belts and past production statistics in the Western United States (3, 7). The potential mineral values derived from geostatistical inference were modified by subjective evaluations of the potential of those occurrences. The mineral value determinations for each area are therefore dependent in large degree on the amount of knowledge of that area that has accumulated. Consequently, the relative values may not agree with the priorities established by estimating geological probability. The potential mineral values in this report are believed to represent a minimum that may go upward as new information is obtained.

Using the potential mineral values, one may derive the potential impact that mining could have upon the State and National economies. For example, the potential benefits to the Federal and State Governments can be estimated . . . "In terms of taxes, reduced welfare, unemployment insurance, costs, etc., resulting directly from mining operations, mineral transportation, tourism, and business generated for support services, as well as from the multiplier effect of the increased expenditures " (14). The wages generated for supporting industries in Alaska and the rest of the Nation were estimated assuming 20 to 25 percent of the potential mineral value was distributed as wages (10).

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-20-1 (Figure 3)

TRACT LOCATION: Lake Clark and Lime Hills quadrangles,
100 air miles west of Anchorage

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, trails from Cook Inlet 20 air miles distant;
two proposed highways will pass through the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kenai, 60 air
miles to the east.

GEOLOGY: Mostly unmapped; southern one-third is predominately granitic
intrusive rocks; the western edge has extrusive volcanics;
some metamorphic rocks north of Lake Clark.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu, Mo, Au, Ag (Pb, Zn)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Mo, Au, Zn, Pb

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Cu, Pb, Ag, Zn, Au, Mo

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The tract is located in an area which is highly
favorable for the occurrence of high temperature vein and
replacement deposits of gold, silver, copper, lead, and
zinc. Porphyry deposits of copper and molybdenum and contact
metamorphic deposits of copper exist at several locations
within the area. Confidential information from mining
companies in the area show the existence of a large deposit
containing 12 million tons proven ore, 20 million tons probable
and 40 million tons possible ore with an average grade in
excess of 1 percent copper located just south of Kontrashibuna
Lake just south of the withdrawal. A conservative estimate of
the resource worth of this deposit alone is 250 million dollars.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$2,902,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$7,254,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$4,352,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$580,000,000 - \$725,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$1,354,000,000 - \$1,693,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$2,321,000,000 - \$2,902,000,000



TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-19-1 (Figure 4)

TRACT LOCATION: Talkeetna and Mt. McKinley quadrangles,
100 miles north of Anchorage.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, numerous trails, road ends at Petersville,
10 airrailes from tract and 155 road miles from Anchorage.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ population is
Palmer, 85 airrailes to the southeast.

GEOLOGY: Mostly sedimentary rocks in southern two-thirds, and
granitic intrusives in the northern one-third.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Cu, Mo, Pb, Au, Ag, (Zn, Sn) #2. Au, Cu, Ag, Pt, Cr, Ni

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au, Ag, Pt, Coal

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, Ag, Pt, (Sn, W, Cu, Pb)

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The tract has been an important producer of placer
gold indicating significant potential exists for copper,
silver, lead, and zinc replacement-type deposits.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$544,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$1,360,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$816,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$109,000,000 - \$136,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$254,000,000 - \$317,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$435,000,000 - \$544,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-37-1 (Figure 5)

TRACT LOCATION: Bering Glacier and McCarthy quadrangles,
265 air miles east of Anchorage.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, numerous trails, road ends at Chitina,
85 air miles from tract and 130 road miles from Valdez;
a highway is proposed to the center of the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Valdez,
145 air miles to the west.

GEOLOGY: Marine and nonmarine deposits associated with extrusive volcanics;
granitic intrusives occur in south central portion; largely
glaciated and unmapped.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu, Ag (Au, Mo)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Mo, Pb, Zn, Cu, Hg

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Cu, Au, Ag, Sb (W)

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The tract lies in an area highly favorable for volcanic
and redistributed copper deposits near basaltic units and
molybdenum and tungsten deposits near granitic intrusives. Copper
deposits similar to those mined near Kennicott probably exist in
the western one-third of the tract. The relative scarcity of known
deposits is partly due to lack of exploration and difficult access
to the tract.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$680,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$1,701,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$1,021,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$136,000,000 - \$170,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$318,000,000 - \$397,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$544,000,000 - \$680,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-37-4 (Figure 5)

TRACT LOCATION: McCarthy quadrangle; 270 air miles east of Anchorage.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, numerous trails, 85 air miles east of Chitina which is 130 road miles from Valdez; a proposed highway will pass through the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Valdez, 150 air miles to the west.

GEOLOGY: Extrusive volcanic rocks, covered by glacial outwash in part; largely unmapped.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Cu, Ag (Au, Mo) #2. Au, Mo, Cu, (Ag, Pt, Cr, Ni)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Cu

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Cu

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The western quarter of this tract is encompassed by a copper belt which contains the Kennecott deposits. This tract is largely unexplored and unmapped and is hidden by the Wrangell lavas. Its general geologic setting indicates it is favorable for the occurrence of metallic mineral deposits.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$199,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$497,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$298,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$40,000,000 - \$50,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$93,000,000 - \$116,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$159,000,000 - \$199,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2 - 37-3 (Figure 6)

TRACT LOCATION: McCarthy quadrangle, 210 air miles east of Anchorage.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, numerous trails, road ends at Chitina, 25 air miles from the tract and 130 road miles from Valdez; a proposed highway will pass through center of tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Valdez, 90 miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Marine and nonmarine sediments with and overlying older extrusive volcanics; granitic intrusives found in the western end; most of western one-half glacier covered or unmapped.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu, Ag, (Au, Mo)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Cu, Ag, Au

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Cu, Au, Ag, Sb, W (Bi, Fe, Pb)

MINERAL POTENTIAL: A major copper belt crosses the western townships. Molybdenum and tungsten deposits are likely near granitic intrusives. The southern portion is highly favorable for volcanogenic and redistributed copper deposits near basaltic units. Part of the tract contains concealed limestones which could be mineralized by copper deposits similar to those found near Kennicott. There are many known small deposits in the area.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$477,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$1,192,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$716,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$95,000,000 - \$119,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$223,000,000 - \$278,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$382,000,000 - \$477,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-37-2 (Figure 7)

TRACT LOCATION: McCarthy and Nabesna quadrangles,
240 air miles northeast of Anchorage.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, numerous trails, road ends at Nabesna, 15 air miles northwest of the tract and 232 road miles from Valdez. A proposed highway will pass along the southern boundary.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Valdez, 130 air miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Largely extrusive volcanic rocks partly buried by glacial deposits; western half is not mapped.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Au, Mo, Cu (Ag, Pt, Cr, Ni) #2. Cu, Ag (Au, Mo)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Cu, Au, Pb, Zn, Ag, Mo (Co)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Cu, Au, Pb, Zn, Ag, Mo

MINERAL POTENTIAL: Several low grade bulk disseminated copper deposits are located within a mineralized belt which encloses the western quarter of the tract and touches the northern boundary to the east. The Orange Hill-Bond Creek copper porphyry deposits lay just to the north of the tract and three additional copper porphyries occur near by; all are very large and low grade with Orange Hill having reserves of 400 million tons of 0.4 percent copper worth \$1.6 billion at today's prices. Good potential for non-porphyry deposits also exists.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$549,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$1,372,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$823,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$110,000,000 - \$137,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$256,000,000 - \$320,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$439,000,000 - \$549,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-36-1 (Figure 8)

TRACT LOCATION: Bering Glacier, McCarthy, and Valdez quadrangles,
180 air miles east of Anchorage.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, trails, road ends at Chitina, 20 air miles
north of the tract and 130 road miles from Valdez; a
proposed highway will parallel the northern boundary.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Valdez,
60 air miles to the west.

GEOLOGY: Sandstone, shale, and limestone sedimentary deposits partially
buried by glacial outwash, partially unmapped; granitic
intrusives in eastern quarter.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Ni, Cu (Cr, Pt) #2. Au, Cu (Pb, Zn, Ag, W)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Cu, Au, Ag

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, Zn, Cu, Ni

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The tract is in an area which is geologically favor-
able for the occurrence of metallic mineral deposits. Molybdenum
and tungsten-bearing deposits are favorable near granitic intrusives.
The western portion lays in a mineralized belt having potential
for copper-nickel deposits of the Brady Glacier type. Difficult
access to the tract has resulted in much of it having been just
cursorily prospected.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$525,000.000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$1,312,000.000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$787,000.000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$105,000,000 - \$131,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$245,000,000 - \$306,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$420,000,000 - \$525,000,000



EXPLANATION

- Mount Prison, Prison
- Mount Prison, Lake
- Lot or 1/2 Block Parcel
- Mount Prison Boundary (Shows a high number of acres in square shape & many streets)
- Lot Road
- 1/2 of the Lake (shown with shading)
- Wetlands, Prisons (Shows regular occurrence of various of various economic significance. Occurs at secondary locations where it originates. (Only signs within the wetlands area of the wetlands area.)
- Tract Boundary

FIGURE 4

TRACTS WITHIN 25 LACRES WHICH SHOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR MINERAL AND FUEL FUEL DEVELOPMENT

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-13-1 (Figure 9)

TRACT LOCATION: Bendelben quadrangle, 50 air miles northeast of Nome.

ACCESSIBILITY: Road skirts western boundary; two proposed highways will pass through the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Nome, 50 air miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Mostly metamorphic rocks surrounding an area of extrusive volcanics; several small areas of marine sediments.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Au (Hg, Pb, Ag, W) #2. Sn, Au, Fl, Be (W)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au, Ag, Pb, Zn (Mn, Radioactives)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, Ag (Sn, Pb, W, Hg, Radioactives, Coal)

MINERAL POTENTIAL: This tract is geologically favorable for the occurrences of metallic mineral deposits. The eastern half is part of a lead-zinc belt. Western and southern areas have been important placer gold producers, the gold coming from veins and wide stringer-type lodes in metamorphic rocks. Much of the tract is favorable for gold and silver or lead-zinc-silver deposits. The geology is varied and complicated.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$1,147,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$2,866,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$1,720,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$229,000,000 - \$287,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$535,000,000 - \$669,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$917,000,000 - \$1,147,000,000



TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-24-1 (Figure 10)

TRACT LOCATION: Iliamna and Mt. Katmai quadrangles,
220 air miles southwest of Anchorage.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, trails from Cook Inlet; a proposed
highway will cross the northern tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Homer,
120 air miles to the northeast.

GEOLOGY: Mostly granitic intrusive rocks in contact with marine
clastic sediments. Partly unmapped.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu, Mo, Au, Ag (Pb, Zn)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Cu, Au, Fe

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Cu, Au, Fe, Ag

MINERAL POTENTIAL: This tract is highly favorable for the occurrence
high temperature vein and replacement deposits of gold, silver,
copper, lead and zinc. A copper belt encompasses nearly the
entire tract.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$138,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$344,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$206,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$28,000,000 - \$34,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$64,000,000 - \$80,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$110,000,000 - \$138,000,000



EXPLANATION

- Road Front, Street
- △ Road Street, Lane
- City or US Map Street

Black Throat Boundary
 (Shows a high number of miles or more,
 when a heavy black)

- Trail
- or in the Lane
 (shown with a line)

Waterbody Feature
 (Shows regional contours of contours of ge-
 ological importance. Shows of ge-
 ological importance shown in parentheses.
 Other regions within the are characteristics
 of the surrounding features.)

- Tract Boundary

FIGURE 10

TRACTS WITHIN 100 YARDS BUFFER ZONED OPEN FOR MEDICAL AND FARM USE, DEVELOPMENT

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-3-3 (Figure 11)

TRACT LOCATION: Ambler River quadrangle,
330 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, trails, 260 air miles to proposed Yukon
River bridge which is 133 road miles north of Fairbanks;
a proposed highway will pass along the western boundary.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue,
140 air miles to the west.

GEOLOGY: Northern one-half unmapped; southern one-half underlain by
metamorphic rocks.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu (Pb, Zn)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: None

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: None

MINERAL POTENTIAL: This tract is highly favorable for the location of
copper, lead, and zinc deposits of the massive sulphide type.
It lies in the same mineralized belt of metamorphic schists
and phyllites found in the Bornite deposits of the Kennecott
Copper Corporation.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$45,000,000

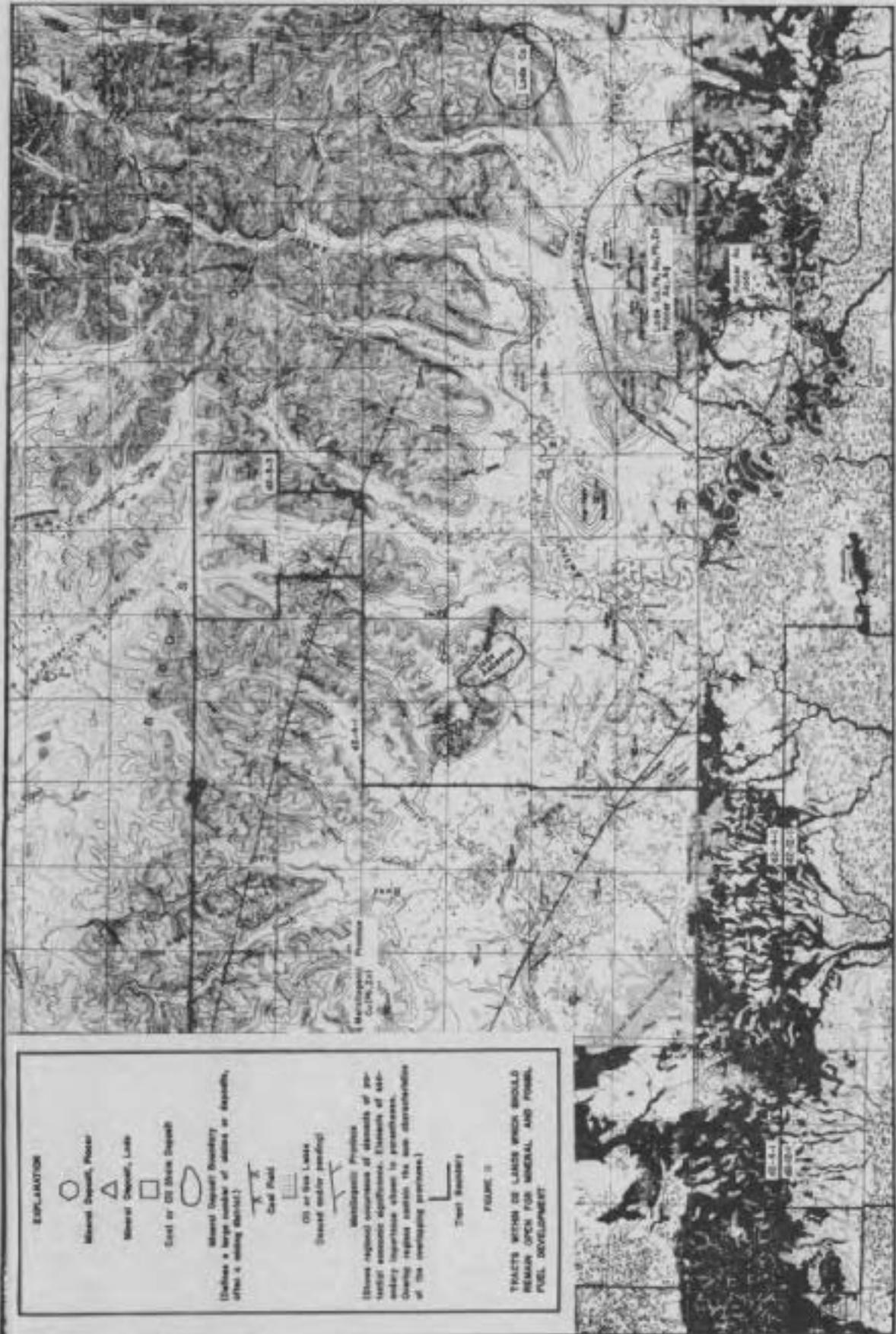
POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$114,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$68,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$9,000,000 - \$11,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$21,000,000 - \$27,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$36,000,000 - \$45,000,000



EXPLANATION

- Mineral Deposit, Water
- △ Mineral Deposit, Lead
- Coal or Oil Shale Deposit
- Mineral Deposit Boundary (Indicates a large number of mines or deposits often a mining district)
- Coal Field
- Oil or Gas Lease (Shaded and/or perforated)
- Intelligence Profiles (Shows regional occurrence of elements of potential economic significance. Elements of secondary importance shown in parentheses. Dashed regions indicate the area distribution of the underlying province)
- Tract Boundary

FIGURE 11

TRACTS WITHIN DE LINES WHICH SHOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR MINERAL AND FUEL DEVELOPMENT



TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-4-1

(Figure 12)

TRACT LOCATION: Ambler River, Baird Mountains, Selawick, and Shungnak quadrangles; 330 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSABILITY: Light plane, winter trails, 260 air miles to proposed Yukon River bridge which is 133 road miles north of Fairbanks; two proposed highways will pass through the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue, 60 air miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Partially unmapped; partially covered by beach and terrace deposits; central area is comprised of metamorphic rocks against marine and nonmarine.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu (Pb, Zn)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au, Ag, oil, gas.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, Pb, Cu, coal, oil, gas.

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The eastern portion of the tract is underlain by metamorphic rocks in the same copper, lead, and zinc belt which contains the massive sulfide deposits of the Kennecott Copper Corporation deposits at Bornite. A mineralized belt of marble and pelitic schist that forms the southern margin of the Brooks Range trends westward through the tract.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$1,153,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$2,882,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$ 1,730,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$231,000,000 - \$288,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$538,000,000 - \$672,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$922,000,000 - \$1,153,000,000



SYMBOLIZATION

- Major Roads, Water
- △ Mixed Forest, Low
- Low or No Forest Density
- Mixed Forest Density
- Shows a large number of acres or groups, often a rising district
- Road

CR in the Area
(shown as the profile)

- Mountain Profile
- Shows regional boundaries of elements of ecological systems, vegetation, presence of secondary importance shown in parentheses. Shaded regions within the main characteristics of the surrounding provinces.
- Town Boundary

FIGURE 12

TRACTS WITHIN DE LARIS WHICH SHOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR MEDICAL AND FUEL FUEL DEVELOPMENT

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-9-1 (Figure 13)

TRACT LOCATION: Circle and Charley River quadrangles,
120 air miles northeast of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Road skirts the tract on the west boundary; a proposed
highway will parallel the southern boundary.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Fairbanks,
140 road miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Predominately marine and non marine sediments in eastern one-
half; extrusive volcanics in western one-half; partially covered
by beach and terrace deposits.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Fe #2. Sn, W, Au, Pb, An (Cu, Sb, Ag)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au, Fe, Ag, Barite, oil, gas,
coal, oil shale.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, coal, oil, gas.

MINERAL POTENTIAL: This tract lies in one of the great gold belts of the
world. The belt can be traced from the Klondike in Yukon
Territory northwest to Woodchopper Creek, 150 miles inside
Alaska. The gold occurs in a conglomerate in an analagous
manner to those of the Witwatersrand district in the Transval
region of South Africa. The gold potential for this area has
not been fully assessed. The southern portion of the tract is
highly favorable for the occurrence of gold, tin, tungsten, and
molybdenum. Areas of Pre-cambrian rocks containing iron ore
may be of future economic significance. The presence of
bituminous coal, oil, and gas should be noted.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$672,000,000

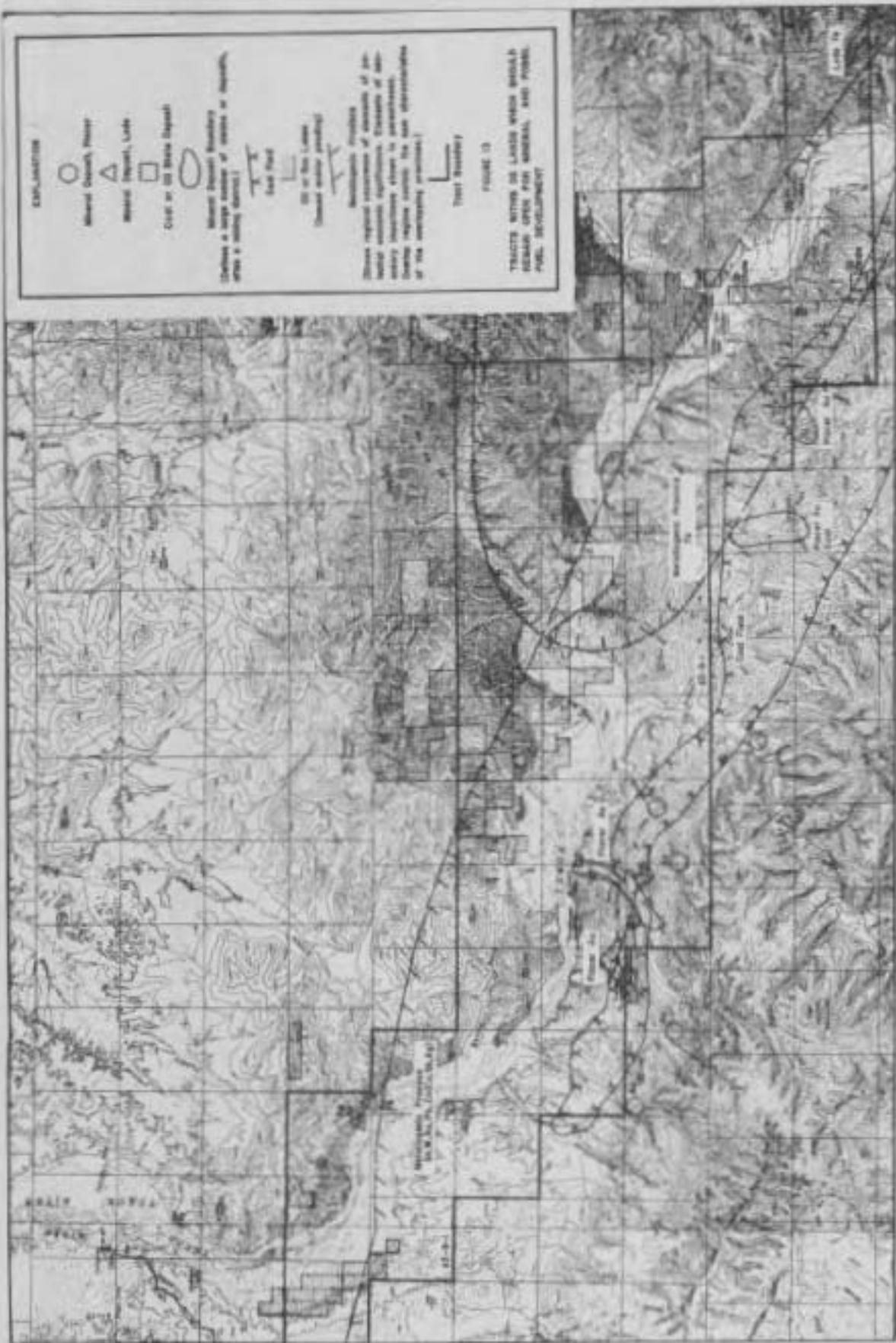
POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$1,681,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$1,009,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$134,000,000 - \$168,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$314,000,000 - \$392,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$538,000,000 - \$672,000,000



EXPLANATION

- Shaded District, Heavy
- △ Shaded District, Light
- C-100 or C-100 Block (Special)

Shaded District Boundary
 (Shows a large number of acres or reports, often a military district)

- or △ of the same size
 (Indicates water parcels)
- Road
- Railroad
- Stream
- Contour

Shaded District Boundary
 (Shows a large number of acres or reports, often a military district)

EXPLANATION

- Shaded District, Heavy
- △ Shaded District, Light
- C-100 or C-100 Block (Special)

Shaded District Boundary
 (Shows a large number of acres or reports, often a military district)

- or △ of the same size
 (Indicates water parcels)
- Road
- Railroad
- Stream
- Contour

Shaded District Boundary
 (Shows a large number of acres or reports, often a military district)

EXPLANATION

- Shaded District, Heavy
- △ Shaded District, Light
- C-100 or C-100 Block (Special)

Shaded District Boundary
 (Shows a large number of acres or reports, often a military district)

FIGURE 13

TRACTS WITH IN LINES WHICH SHOULD BE OPEN FOR GENERAL AND PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-5-1 (Figure 14)

TRACT LOCATION: Iqitpak River and Kilik River quadrangles;

330 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trails; 140 air miles southwest of Prudhoe Bay; a proposed highway will pass along the northern boundary.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue,

230 air miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Nearly entirely underlain by marine and non marine sediments.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Oil, gas, coal.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Oil, gas.

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The geology of this tract makes it unfavorable for

the occurrence of metallic mineral deposits. The Lower

Cretaceous rocks contain significant coal and gas resources.

The north-central part of the tract includes a gas seep on

the Apuk anticline which probably flows from the same rocks

that contain bitumen in wells on the next anticline to the

north outside the tract. The marine sandstone reservoir rocks

in the Umiat oil field just to the northeast of the tract

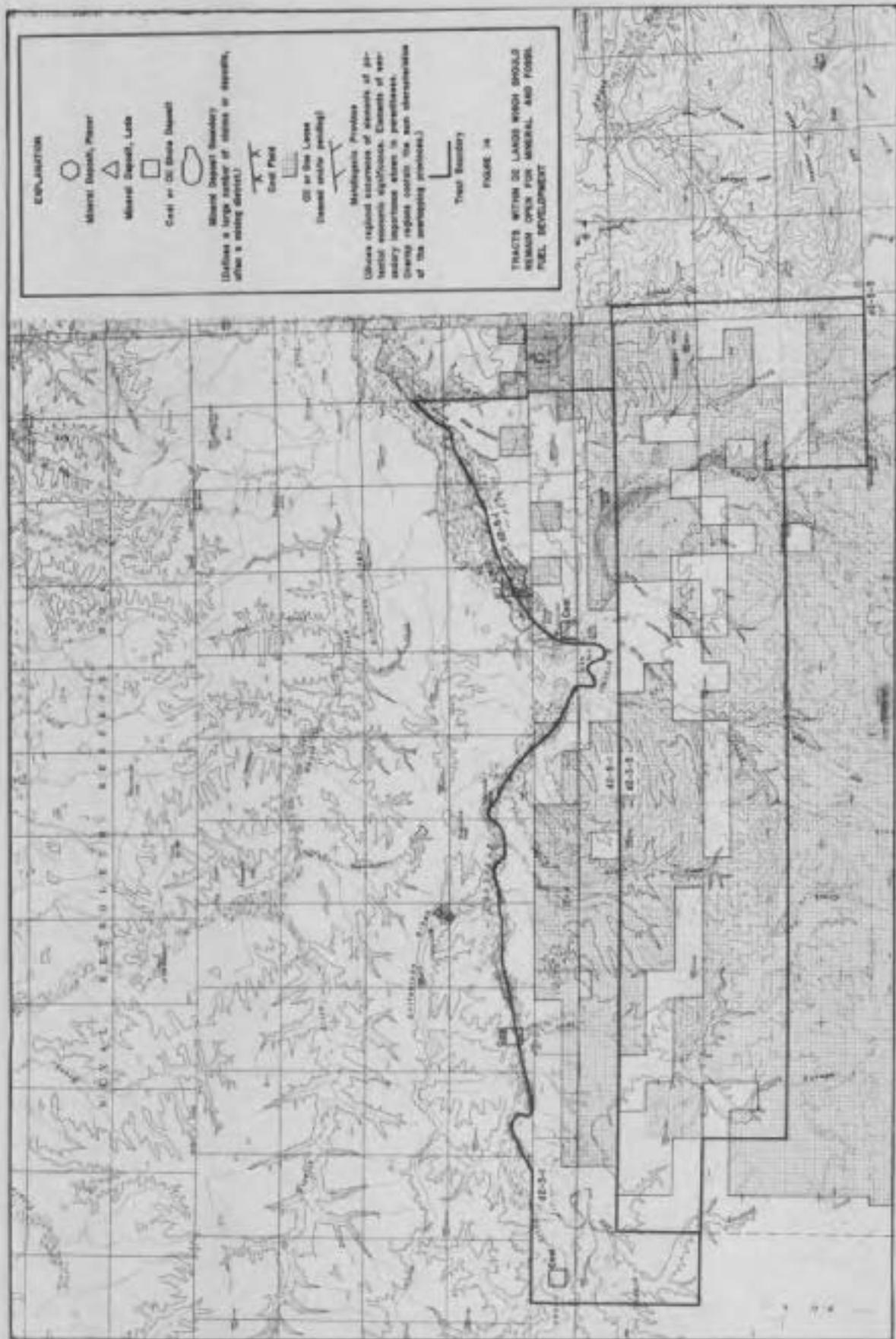
probably extend over anticlines in the area.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$308,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):

\$770,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$462,000,000



EXPLANATION

Mineral Deposit, Placer
 Mineral Deposit, Lode

Coal or Oil Shale Deposit
 Mineral Deposit Boundary
 (Indicates a large number of claims or deposits within a mining district)

Coal Field
 Oil or Gas Lease
 (Indicates water pooling)

Mineral Rights Reserved
 (Shows regional statements of mineral interests, including statements of various interests, including mineral interests, and other rights, which are not shown on this map.)

Tract Boundary

FIGURE 14

TRACTS WITHIN DE LANDS WHICH SHOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR MINERAL AND FUEL DEVELOPMENT

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-5-2 (Figure 15)

TRACT LOCATION: Survey Pass quadrangle;
270 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trails, 180 air miles to proposed
Yukon River bridge which is 133 miles north of Fairbanks;
a proposed highway will pass 40 air miles to the south.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue,
195 miles to the east.

GEOLOGY: Largely unmapped; probably underlain by metamorphic and
igneous rocks.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Au (Sb, W)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au, Ag

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, Sb, Cu, Ag

MINERAL POTENTIAL: Two large granite plutons intrude schist, marble, and
partly metamorphosed clastic and carbonate sediments. Minerali-
zation is evident in a zone 5 to 10 miles wide around the
northwestern and western contacts of the western pluton. This
area is highly favorable for massive sulfide type copper-zinc
deposits.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$162,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$405,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$243,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$32,000,000 - \$40,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$76,000,000 - \$94,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$130,000,000 - \$162,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-5-3 (Figure 15)

TRACT LOCATION: Survey Pass quadrangle;
230 miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trails, 145 air miles to proposed
Yukon River bridge which is 133 road miles north of Fairbanks;
a proposed highway will pass within 20 miles to the south.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue,
215 air miles to the east.

GEOLOGY: Predominately metamorphic rocks, schists.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu (Pb, Zn)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Cu, Au

MINERAL POTENTIAL: Large copper prospects occur just south and west
of the tract in the 10-mile-wide belt of pelitic schist that
forms the southern part of the Brooks Range. Seven miles west
of the tract are five large groups of recent claims along a strike
length of 20 miles, the most active being Arctic Camp, where
Bear Creek Mining Co. has developed a large tonnage of ore.
Copper occurs for 45 miles along strike. The rocks that include
this mineralized zone strike into the tract and cross it. Except
for a little placer gold reported in the Alatna valley, no
mineralization is known in the schist belt within the tract.
However, the probability of mineralization is high.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$92,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$231,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$139,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$18,000,000 - \$23,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$43,000,000 - \$54,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$74,000,000 - \$92,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-5-4 (Figure 15)

TRACT LOCATION: Survey Pass and Wiseman quadrangles;
230 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trails, 140 air miles to proposed
Yukon River bridge which is 133 road miles north of Fairbanks;
a proposed highway will pass 25 miles to the east.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Fairbanks,
230 air miles to the southeast.

GEOLOGY: Marine limestone and dolomite.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Cu (Pb, Zn)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: None noted or staked.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The tract is located in a mineralized belt which is highly favorable for the occurrences of copper-zinc deposits of the massive sulfide type. Large copper prospects occur just south and west of the tract in the 10-mile-wide belt of pelitic schist that forms the southern part of the Brooks Range. Seven miles west of the tract are five large groups of recent claims along a strike length of 20 miles, the most active being Arctic Camp, where Bear Creek Mining Co. has developed a large tonnage of ore. Copper occurs for 45 miles along strike. The rocks that include this mineralized zone strike into the tract and cross it. Except for a little placer gold reported in the Alatna valley, no mineralization is known in the schist belt within the tract. However, the probability of mineralization is high.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$88,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$219,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$131,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$18,000,000 - \$22,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$41,000,000 - \$51,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$70,000,000 - \$88,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-18-1 (Figure 16)

TRACT LOCATION: Mt. McKinley quadrangle;
110 air miles south of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: 214 road miles to tract from Fairbanks; a proposed
highway will pass through the center of the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Fairbanks,
110 air miles to the north.

GEOLOGY: Predominately Pre-Cambrian metamorphic rocks with some
igneous rocks; partially covered by beach and terrace deposits.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Sb, Au, Ag (Pb, Zn, Hg) #2. Cu, Mo, Au, Ag, Sb (Pb, Zn, Hg)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au, Pb, Ag, Zn, Cu, Sb, W (Mn)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, Ag, W, Sb, Pb

MINERAL POTENTIAL: This tract has been an important past producer of
placer gold. The area is highly favorable for the occurrence
of high temperature vein and replacement deposits of gold, silver,
copper, lead, and zinc. High grade antimony ores have been mined
in and near the tract, and the potential exists for significant
additional reserves.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$196,000,000

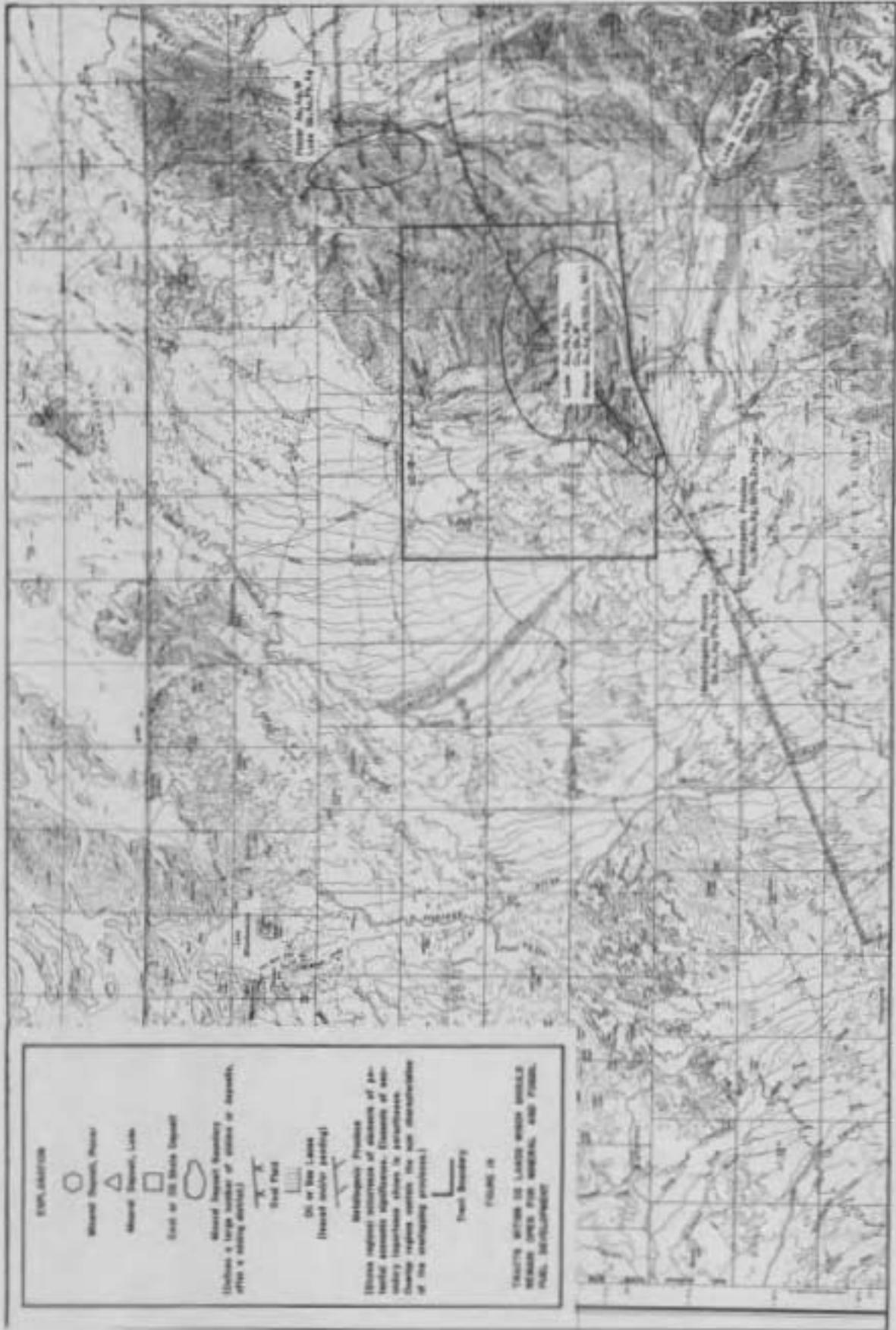
POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$490,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$294,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$39,000,000 - \$49,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$92,000,000 - \$114,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$157,000,000 - \$196,000,000



EXPLANATION

 Mineral Springs, Ponds
 Mineral Springs, Lake
 Head of Old Stone Dam
 Mineral Springs Boundary (Indicates a large number of mines or deposits after a mining activity)
 Road (Two)
 Old or New Levee (Indicates water ponding)
 Metropolitan Province (Shows regions of occurrence of general economic significance. Extent of secondary importance shown in parentheses. Changing regions within the same metropolitan of the metropolitan province.)
 Town Boundary

FIGURE 18

TRACTS WITHIN 10 LARGES WHICH WOULD BE OPEN FOR MINERAL AND FUEL DEVELOPMENT

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-8-1 (Figure 17)

TRACT LOCATION: Bettles, Beaver, Chandalar, and Wiseman quadrangles;
130 air miles north of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trails, 40 air miles north of
proposed Yukon River bridge which is 133 road miles north of
Fairbanks; a proposed highway will pass along the north and
west borders.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Fairbanks,
130 air miles to the south.

GEOLOGY: The interior portion is unmapped; the northern border is under-
lain by granitic intrusives and metamorphic rocks; the south-
western corner by metamorphic rocks.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
#1. Au, (Sb, W) #2. Sn, W, Au, Pb, Zn (Cu, Sb, Ag)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Au, Mo, Zn, Pb

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, Coal

MINERAL POTENTIAL: This tract, lying on the south flank of the Brooks
Range, has been an important producer of placer gold. Geochemical
anomalies in an area of rhyolites associated with intrusive
complexes, and known mineral occurrences adjacent to the tract
to the southwest give this tract a high potential for massive
sulfide copper-zinc deposits.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$954,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$2,385,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$1,431,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$191,000,000 - \$238,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$445,000,000 - \$556,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$763,000,000 - \$954,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-12-1 (Figure 18)

TRACT LOCATION: Selawick and Shungnak quadrangles;
310 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trails, 240 air miles to proposed
Yukoa River bridge which is 133 miles north of Fairbanks;
two proposed highways will pass through the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue,
60 air miles to the northwest.

GEOLOGY: Largely unmapped, covered by beach and terrace deposits.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
Au, Pb, Ag, U, Th, Re (Mo, Cu)

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Zn, Pb.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Au, oil, gas.

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The eastern one-third and western panhandle of this
tract are geologically favorable for the occurrence of
metallic mineral deposits. Part of this tract covers the
Hogatza trend, a plutonic-volcanic complex which offers
favorable prospects for metallic minerals.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$1,070,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$2,675,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$1,605,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$214,000,000 - \$268,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$499,000,000 - \$624,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$856,000,000 - \$1,070,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: B.2-5-5 (Figure 19)

TRACT LOCATION: Chandler Lake and Killik River quadrangles;
310 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trail, 145 air miles south of
Prudhoe Bay; a proposed highway will pass within 10 air
miles to the north.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue,
230 air miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Almost entirely underlain by marine and non marine sediments.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT:
None.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Oil, gas.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Oil, gas.

MINERAL POTENTIAL: The Lower Cretaceous rocks in the northeastern part
of this tract contain inferred reserves of one billion tons
of bituminous and subbituminous coal at depths of less than
1,000 feet with an additional billion tons at depths of 1,000
to 3,000 feet. The potential for oil and gas is quite favorable.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$303,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE NATIONAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect):
\$758,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$455,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$61,000,000 - \$76,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$141,000,000 - \$177,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING:
\$242,000,000 - \$303,000,000

TRACT DESIGNATION: D.2-5-7 (Figure 19)

TRACT LOCATION: Kiliik River quadrangle; 290 air miles northwest of Fairbanks.

ACCESSIBILITY: Light plane, winter trail, 190 air miles northwest of Prudhoe Bay; a proposed highway will pass 40 miles north of the tract.

PROXIMITY TO LABOR, SUPPLIES: Closest town of 1,000+ is Kotzebue, 210 air miles to the southwest.

GEOLOGY: Underlain by marine and non marine sediments.

MINERALS LIKELY WITHIN METALLOGENIC PROVINCE(S) WHICH CONTAINS THE TRACT: None

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN TRACT BOUNDARY: Oil, Gas.

MINERALS PRESENT WITHIN ONE TOWNSHIP: Oil, Gas.

MINERAL POTENTIAL: Up to nine feet of phosphate beds occur two miles east of this tract with estimated reserves of 25 to 500 million tons. The phosphate member extends westward across the tract, but has not been mapped separately from the rocks, so the tract shows definite phosphate potential. The northern portions of this tract are quite favorable for the occurrence of oil and Gas.

POTENTIAL MINERAL VALUE: \$198,000,000

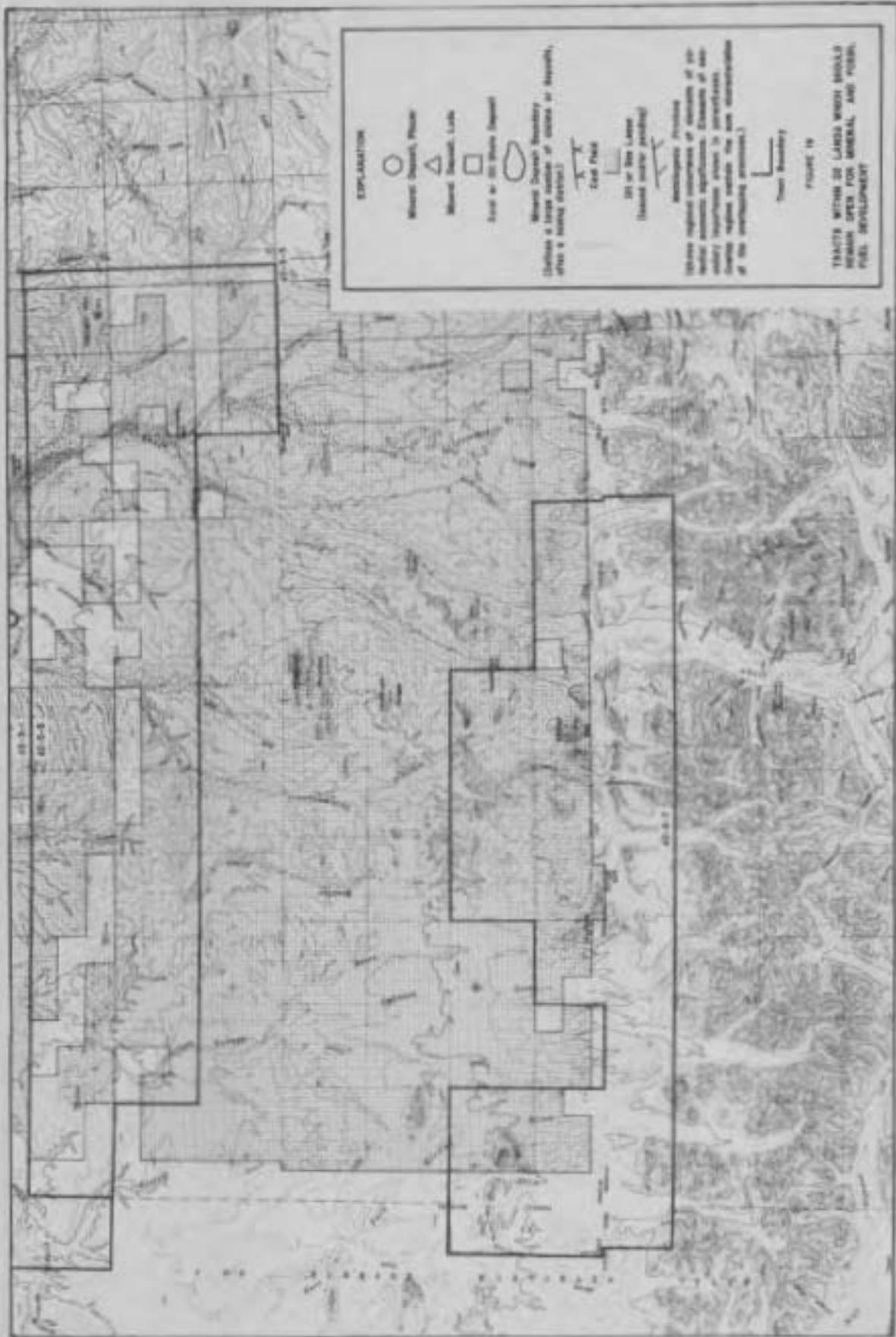
POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIES (Multiplier effect): \$495,000,000

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO ALASKA: \$297,000,000

POTENTIAL MINING WAGES IN ALASKA: \$40,000,000 - \$50,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES IN ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$92,000,000 - \$116,000,000

POTENTIAL OTHER WAGES OUTSIDE ALASKA DUE TO MINING: \$158,000,000 - \$198,000,000



EXPLANATION

Mineral Deposit, Phase

Mineral Deposit, Link

Land to be Mined

Mineral Deposit Boundary
(Outline a large number of mines or deposits, after a mining district.)

Coal Field

Oil or Gas Lease
(Outline major pools.)

Mineralization Potential
(Where adjacent tracts of minerals of similar economic significance. Examples of secondary tracts are in parentheses in the legend within the same mineralization of the underlying tracts.)

Town Boundary

FIGURE 10
TRACTS WITHIN 30 LANDS SHOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR MINERAL AND FUEL DEVELOPMENT

POTENTIAL IMPACT FROM MINERAL
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The cumulative potential impact from the development of the 21 tracts is as follows:

Potential mineral value: \$12,402,000,000

Potential benefits to Federal and State economies

(Multiplier effect): \$31,003,000,000

Potential benefits to Alaska: \$18,003,000,000

Potential mining wages in Alaska: \$2,419,000,000 - \$3,022,000,000

Potential other wages in Alaska due to mining:

\$5,644,000,000 - \$7,053,000,000

Potential other wages outside Alaska due to Mining:

\$9,673,000,000 - \$12,094,000,000

These values while seemingly large are really quite modest. The development of one copper porphyry having 400 million tons of 0.4 percent copper such as is known to exist at Orange Hill just north of tract D.2-37-2 would alone generate \$1.6 billion in mineral values. Discovery and development of copper deposits similar to those near Bornite just to the east of tracts D.2-4-1 and D.2-3-3 may mean over \$2 billion in mineral values. The benefits to the State and Nation is sizable, all of course would be potentially lost if the lands are not reserved for development.

CONCLUSIONS

The Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey on May 4, 1973, jointly recommended that 31 tracts of land currently having D.2 status be kept open for mining. Twenty-one of these tracts have since been studied to determine their mineral potential. These tracts generally are within known metallogenic provinces and have a very high potential for the occurrence of metals, and in some cases, fossil fuels. Geological exploration has been cursory at best when compared to the exploration activity in British Columbia. The lands should be kept open to mining so their potential can be realized.

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