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VALUE \$: 2,550

CLAIM NAME & NO.: Placer Lease PL8473

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WORK DONE FOR: Jack P. Thompson, Mercur Industries Inc.

DATE TO GOOD STANDING:

REMARKS: 115 P - McQuesten River  
A reconnaissance seismic reflection survey consisting of nine test shots was conducted over the claim. The author interpreted the results as showing bedrock occurring at a depth of between 19 and 42 ft..

# SEISMIC TESTING REPORT

McQuesten River

2 Miles Placer Lease PL8673

NTS 115-P-11

Prepared for

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This report was prepared by the  
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and is recommended as allowable  
representation work in the amount  
of \$ 2,550.00.

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Yukon Territory.

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# ASSESSMENT REPORT

July 28, 1991

Seismic Survey

McQuesten River PL8673

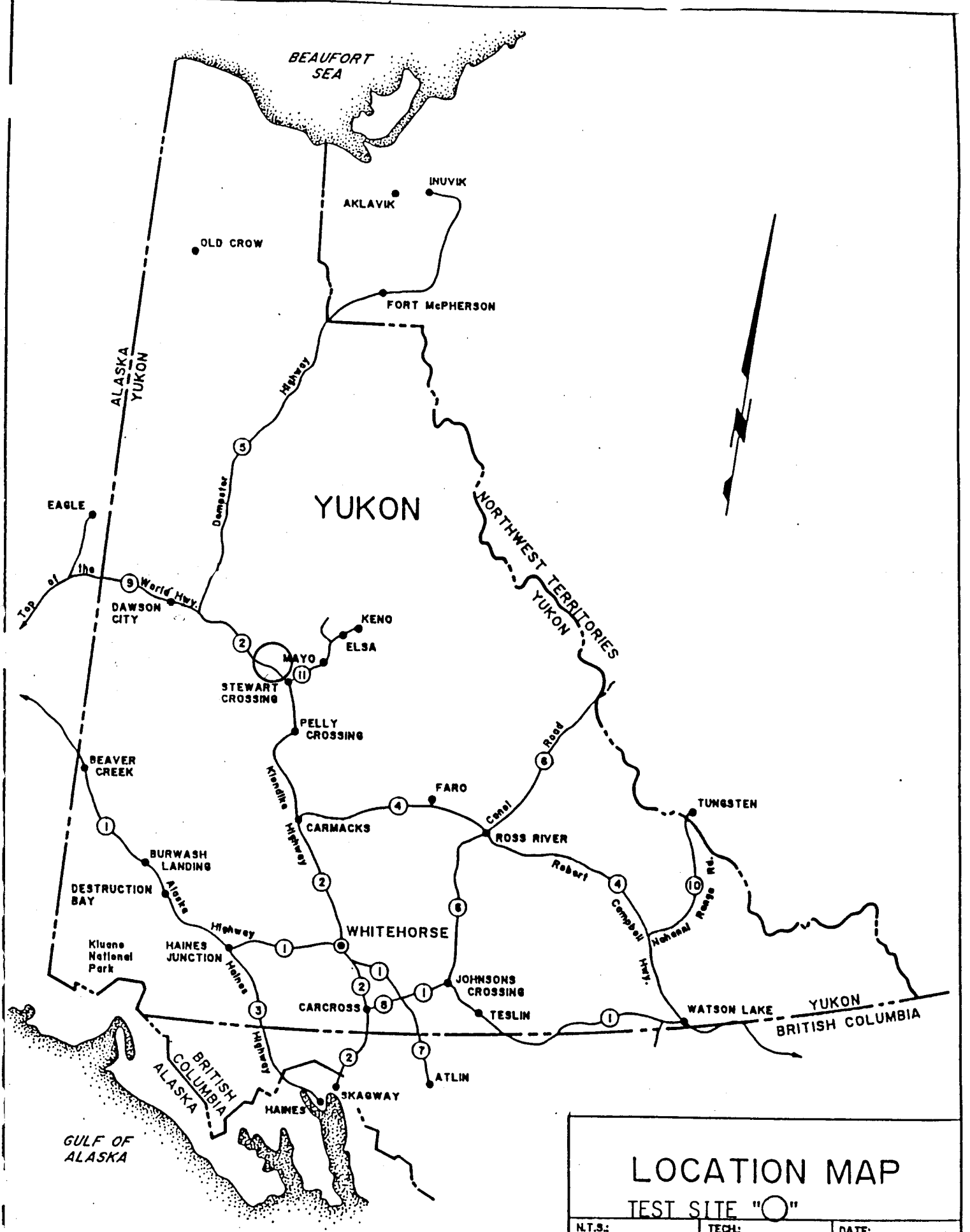
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

On July 28, 1991 a seismic survey was conducted on McQuesten River PL8673 for the owner Jack Thompson by fieldsman Scott Cone.

Scott Cone, using a compass and hip chain, located nine (9) sites on McQuesten River. Test locations were marked with flagging and labelled. (See Fig. C)

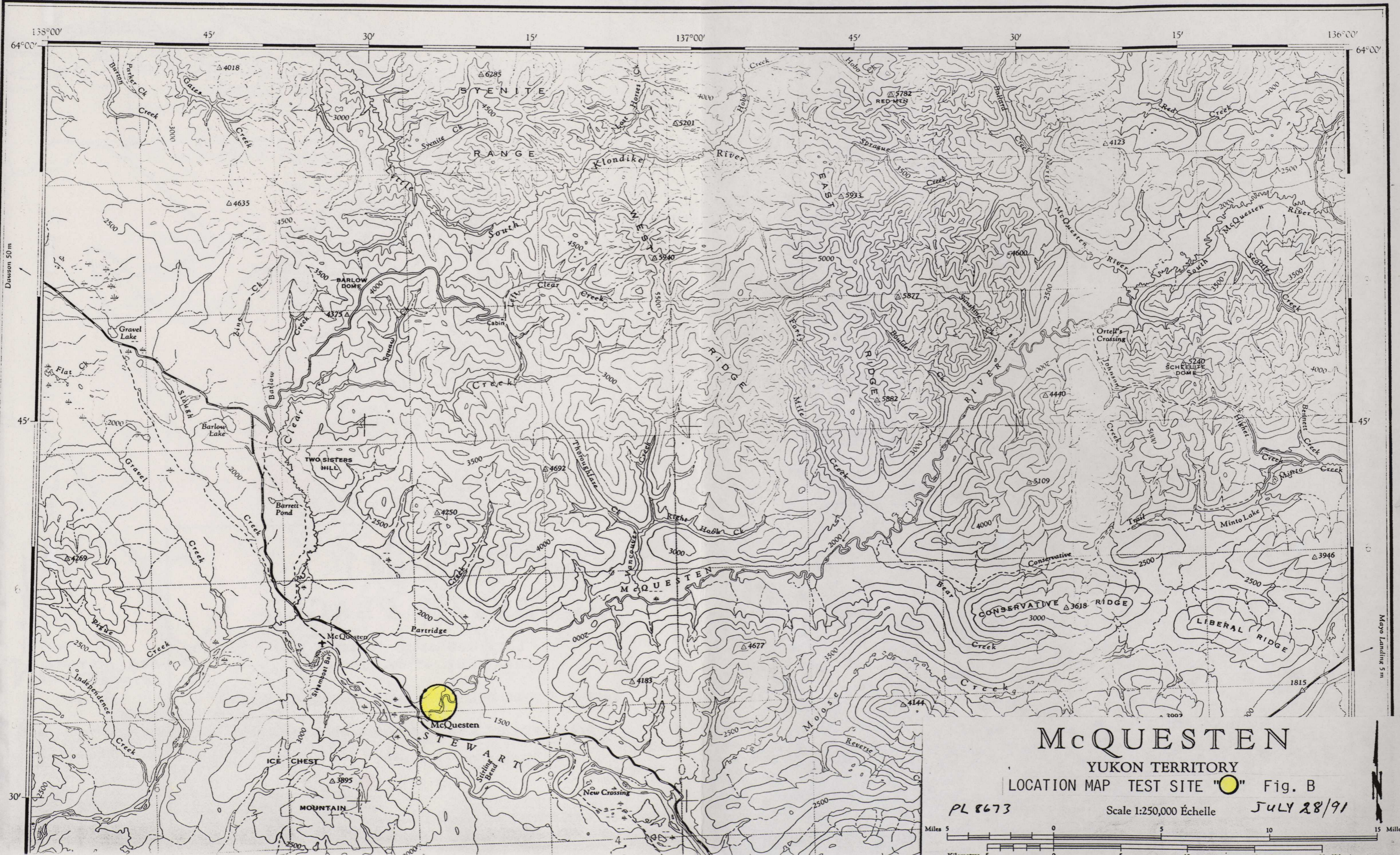
The seismic consultant, Ted Sandor, processed field recordings and interpreted the data received.



# LOCATION MAP

## TEST SITE "O"

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SCALE: 1"=12.5mi.	DRAFTING: HANDSIGN	FIGURE: <i>A</i>



# McQUESTEN

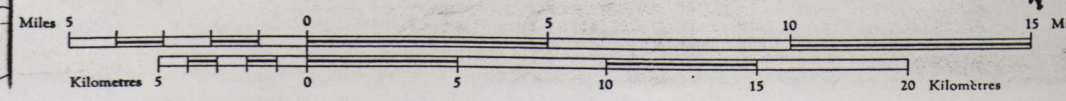
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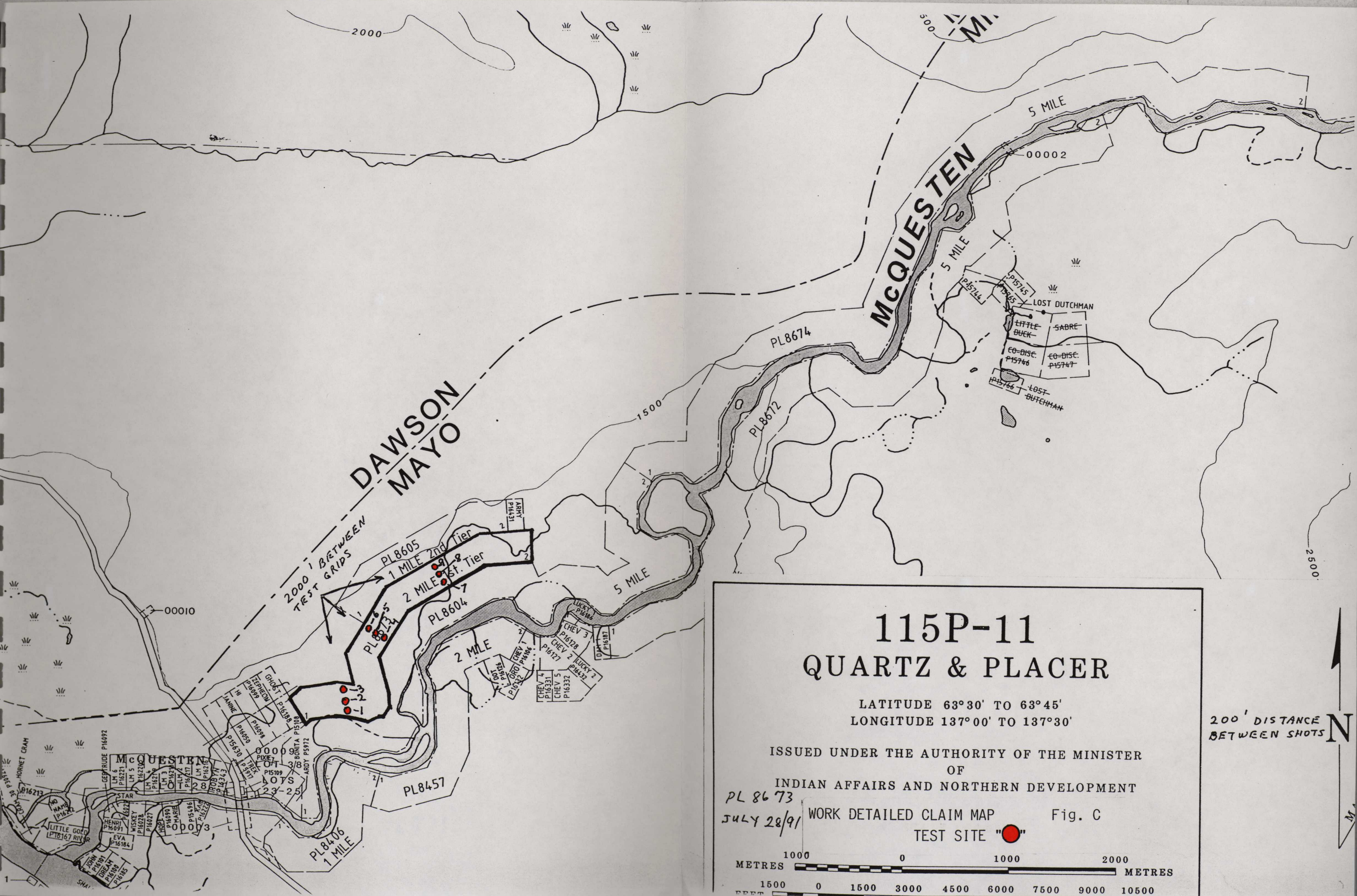
LOCATION MAP TEST SITE "O" Fig. B

PL 8673

Scale 1:250,000 Échelle

JULY 28/91



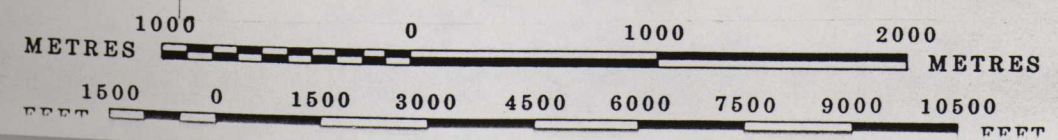


# 115P-11 QUARTZ & PLACER

LATITUDE 63°30' TO 63°45'  
LONGITUDE 137°00' TO 137°30'

ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER  
OF  
INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

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JULY 28/91 WORK DETAILED CLAIM MAP Fig. C  
TEST SITE "●"



200' DISTANCE BETWEEN SHOTS

## 2. SURVEY

### 2.1 Location and Access

The 2 Mile Placer lease PL8673 is located one mile east of the mouth which drains into the Stewart River.

Access to the test site was by pickup on the Klondike Highway (2) as far as the mouth of the McQuesten River and then by foot the rest of the way. (See Fig.B)

### 2.2 Claim Information

<u>Name</u>	<u>Placer Lease Number</u>	<u>Owner</u>
McQuesten River	PL8673	Mercid Industries Inc. c/o Jack Thompson Box 138 1612 Centennial Cres. Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3ZE

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### **3. PERSONNEL**

Scott Cone surveyed, marked, measured, expedited and carried out the field work.

Ted Sandor supervised the quality, directed the data processing and prepared the report.

#### 4. GEOLOGY

These bench gravels are made up of unconsolidated glacial and alluvial deposits. There are no visible outcroppings at any of the test locations. The roots of the vegetation do not reach deep; therefore, permafrost could be encountered. The valley is very wide making prospecting a little more challenging.

## 5. INSTRUMENTATION

Directional Electret Microphone  
800 OHMS 30 - 18,000 Hz Response

Panasonic Magnetic Tape Recorder Model #RQ-L335  
Frequency Range: 180 - 7,000 Hz  
Tape Speed: 4.8 cm/s (1-7/8 I.P.S.)  
Track System: 2-track monaural, recording and playback  
16 ga. shotgun, 1-1/8 oz. shot, #7-1/2 shot

### Software:

Sound Filler St. Visual Sample Editor  
Requires TOS in ROM

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Akai Professional S700 Digital Sampler  
12-Bit Sampling

Sampling Frequency: 4KHZ - 40 KHZ  
Sampling Time: 8 Sec. - 08 Sec.

Frequency Response: 25 Hz - 16 KHz

Atari 520 St. Computer

Processor: MC6800, 32 Bit Internal,  
16-Bit External Architecture  
8 MHz clock frequency.

Memory: 524,288 Bytes of RAM; 196,608 Bytes of ROM

Keyboard: 94-key Intelligent keyboard, using 6301 Microprocessor

Storage Medium: 3-1/2 inch, Microfloppy disk;  
Single-Side, Double Density;  
135 Tracks per inch

Data Transfer

Speed: 250 Kilobits per second

Atari Sc. 1224 RGB Colour Monitor

Seikosha SP-1600 Dot Matrix Printer

Printing Method: Impact Dot Matrix Bidirectional Logic  
Seeking Printing

Print Head: 9 Pins

## 6. THEORY

This report is intended as a guide to the application of seismic refraction and reflection techniques to shallow, subsurface exploration of engineering sites. Many civil engineers and geologists have some acquaintance with this basic geophysical tool, but few apply it frequently. The primary purpose of the report is to provide the reader with a working knowledge of the method, with a convenient reference, and further, with a basis to judge the applicability of the method and the results to this particular exploration problem.

Solid state electronics have improved the portability of engineering-type refraction and reflection instruments, but they operate fundamentally in the same way they did 50 years ago. The basic field practices and methods of interpreting the data have not changed with time, although specialized interpretational techniques have been proposed and developed for some difficult cases.

The conduct of refraction and reflection surveys and the interpretation of the data are well-established and reasonably straight forward, although they are not invariant. The user can change the field layout of his equipment and apply judgement and imagination in his handling of the raw data. In common with other indirect methods of subsurface exploration, there are no rigid inflexible approaches to making sense of the data, nor are there any handbooks that infallibly direct the engineer, geologist or geophysicist to the correct answer. The general case will require thought and care: ambiguities and uncertainties are not uncommon. Some foreknowledge of the site conditions and an understanding of what is geologically plausible will always assist in resolving the raw data into meaningful information.

Figure 1 shows a refraction survey. This method could be quite costly and require complicated data processing should multiple layers of soil and gravels be encountered.

## 6. THEORY CONTINUED

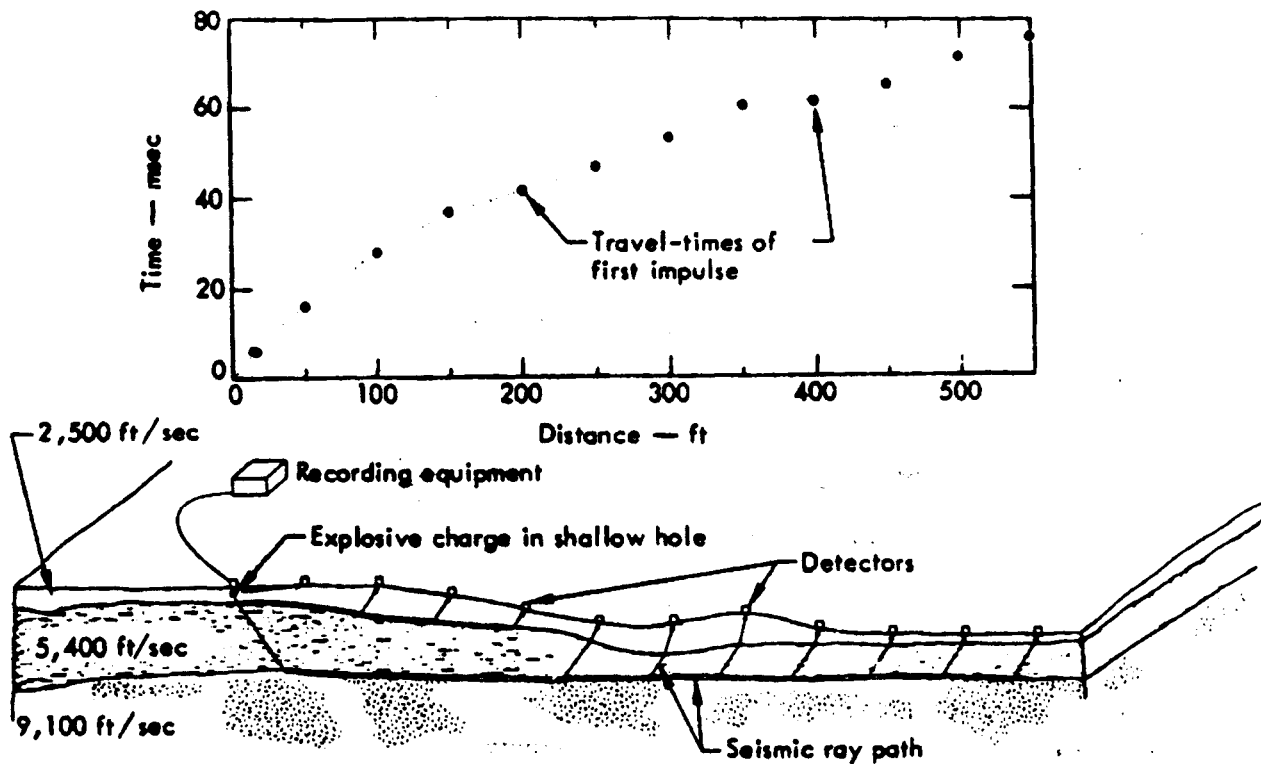
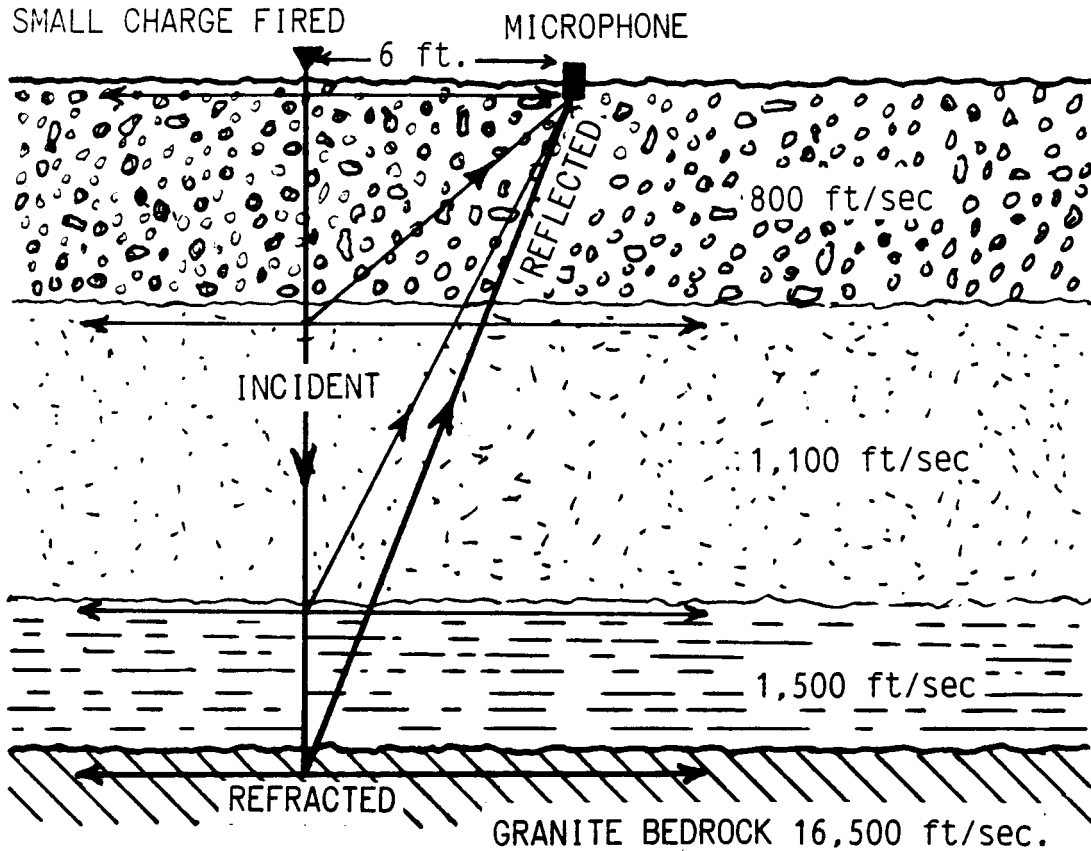


Figure 1. Schematic of seismic refraction survey

Figure 2 represents a refraction survey.

There is a definite relation between reflected and refracted energy which could be observed in Figure 2B. Using this principle and Tables A1 and A2 calculation is simplified, for the sound in a reflected survey only has to go down, turn around at point of geophone or microphone without going along the higher velocity layers and then back up. Seismic waves will bounce off of most surface with a lot of amplitude but not necessarily with a wide range of frequencies. The reflected seismic waves returning to the geophone with the strongest amplitude and frequencies should come from the layer with the highest velocity change which, in most cases, should be bedrock (solid rock) or from a gravel layer directly beneath an organic surface cover.

## 6. THEORY CONTINUED



**Figure 2. Schematic of Seismic Reflection Survey**

The thicker line representing the reflected seismic wave from the bedrock to the microphone should be the wave with the highest amplitudes and the widest range of frequencies in Figure 2. The six foot distance from microphone to charge is to prevent damage to the delicate recording equipment. The error of this footage can usually be made up by averaging the total of the velocities a little higher to simplify interpretation. In this case "1,200 ft/sec." will be close enough.

## 6. THEORY CONTINUED

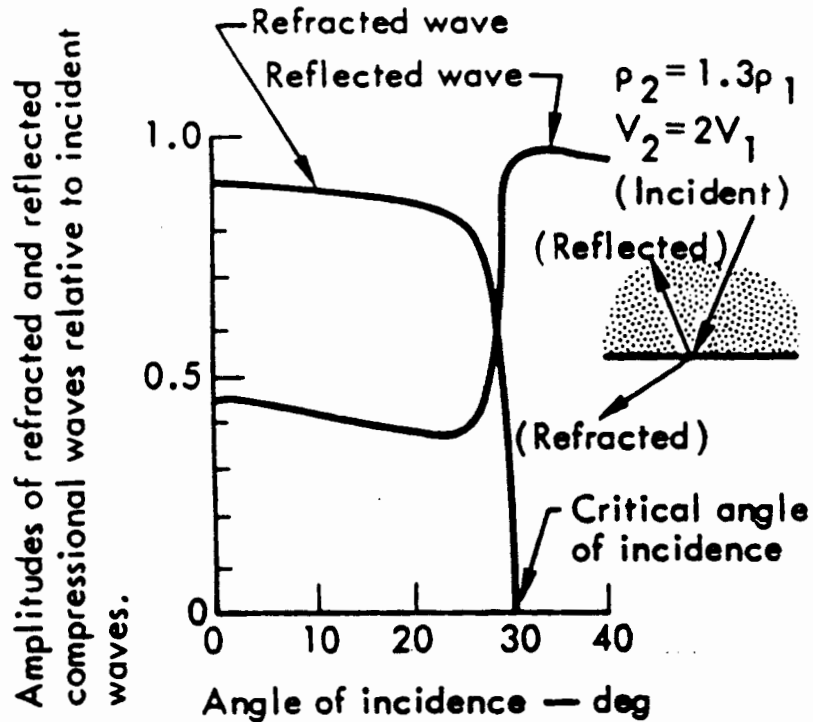


Fig. 2b. Amplitudes of reflected and refracted compressional waves relative to incident waves as a function of angle of incidence.

It may seem anomalous in Figure 2b that the sum of the amplitudes of the reflected and refracted pulses is greater than that of the incident wave (i.e., greater than 1.0). However, the energy of a pulse is proportional to the square of its amplitude, and the sum of the energies of the reflected and refracted waves is equal to the energy of the incident wave.

Table A1. Speed of propagation of seismic waves in subsurface materials.

MATERIALS	FEET PER SECOND	MATERIALS	FEET PER SECOND
<b>TOP SOILS:</b>		<b>GRANITE:</b>	
LIGHT AND DRY	600 TO 900	SIERRA NEVADA RANGE, CALIFORNIA (IN ROAD CUT)	
MOIST, LOAMY OR SILTY	1,000 TO 1,300	FRIABLE AND HIGHLY DECOMPOSED	1,540
CLAYEY	1,300 TO 2,000	BADLY FRACTURED AND PARTLY DECOMPOSED	2,200
RED CLAY IN COLORADO (A)	1,630	SOFTENED AND PARTLY DECOMPOSED BUT SLIGHTLY SEAMED	10,500
SEMI-CONSOLIDATED SANDY CLAY (B)	1,250 TO 2,150	SOLID AND MONOLITHIC 70 FEET DEEP	18,500
WET LOAM (B)	2,500	NEW HAMPSHIRE (C) (COMPARISON OF VELOCITIES WITH DRILLING LOGS)	
CLAY, DENSE AND WET - DEPENDING ON DEPTH	3,000 TO 5,900	BADLY BROKEN AND WEATHERED: FREQUENTLY ONLY CHIPS AND FRAGMENTS RECOVERED. SEGMENTS OF CORE LONGER, BUT WEATHERING HAD PENETRATED ABOUT 1/4 INCH ON EACH SIDE OF THE JOINT PLANES ON WHICH A FILM OF RESIDUAL CLAY HAD FORMED	3,000 TO 8,000
RUBBLE, OR GRAVEL (B)	1,970 TO 2,600	JOINT PLANES SHOW BUT LITTLE SIGN OF WEATHERING, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE OPEN	10,000 TO 13,000
CEMENTED SAND (B)	2,800 TO 3,200	ENTIRELY UNWEATHERED AND UNSEAMED	16,000 TO 20,000
SAND CLAY (B)	3,200 TO 3,800	GRANODIORITE (B)	15,000
CEMENTED SAND CLAY (B)	3,800 TO 4,200	BASALT-CANAL ZONE-WEATHERED AND FRACTURED	9,000 TO 14,000
WATER SATURATED SAND (B)	4,600	LIMESTONE, DOLOMITE, METAMORPHIC ROCKS, MASSIVE ROCKS (B)	16,400 TO 20,200
SAND (B)	4,600 TO 8,400	DIABASE, IN BED OF BROAD RIVER, SOUTH CAROLINA	19,700
CLAY, CLAYEY SANDSTONE (B)	5,900	GREENSTONE, TIGHT SEAMED-CALIFORNIA (A)	16,100
GLACIAL TILL UPPER SUSQUEHANNA (C)	5,600 TO 7,400	GREENSTONE, SLIGHTLY SEAMED-CALIFORNIA	13,300
GLACIAL MORaine DEPOSIT, DRY-CALIFORNIA (A)	2,500 TO 5,000		
GLACIAL MORaine DEPOSIT, SATURATED-CALIFORNIA	5,000 TO 7,000		
CEMENTED LAVA AGGLOMERATE, CALIFORNIA (A)	5,000 TO 6,000		
LOOSE ROCK-TALUS	1,250 TO 2,500		
WEATHERED AND FRACTURED ROCK	1,500 TO 10,000		
<b>SHALES:</b>			
OLENTANGY RIVER, OHIO	9,000 TO 11,000		
UPPER SUSQUEHANNA (C)	10,200 TO 12,800		
PANAMA CANAL ZONE	7,000 TO 8,000		
MANCOS, COLORADO (A)	2,600 TO 2,900		
ROMNEY SHALE-SHENNANDOAH RIVER - WEATHERED	4,000 TO 6,500		
ROMNEY SHALE-SHENNANDOAH RIVER - GOOD	12,000		
JOHN MARSHALL DAM SITE	2,900 TO 4,250		
PHYLITE-YORK, PA. (D)	10,000 TO 11,000		
SANDSTONE (B)	7,200 TO 7,900		
DEVONIAN-UPPER SUSQUEHANNA (C)	14,000		
CANAL ZONE, PACIFIC END	7,000 TO 9,000		
COLORADO, DENSE, HARD, AND CONTINUOUS WITH FEW SEAMS (A)	7,250		
COLORADO, CONTAINING WEATHERED SEAMS AND SOFT AREAS. (A)	4,725		
SMOKY HILL RIVER KANSAS	6,000 TO 7,500		
SANDSTONE CONGLOMERATE (B)	8,000		
<b>CHALK:</b>			
FORT RANDALL DAMSITE - ABOVE WATER TABLE	6,300 TO 7,000		
FORT RANDALL DAMSITE - BELOW WATER TABLE	8,000		
		<b>NOTE:</b>	
		(A) Reported by G. H. Williams, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads	
		(B) From Report of Imperial Geophysical Experimental Survey in Australia	
		(C) Reported by A. E. Wood, Corps of Engineers	
		(D) Reported by L. T. Abele, Corps of Engineers	

Table A2. Approximate range of velocities of longitudinal waves for representative materials found in the earth's crust.<sup>a</sup>

*A. Classification According to Material*

<i>Material</i>	<i>Velocity*</i>	
	<i>Ft./Sec.</i>	<i>M./Sec.</i>
Weathered surface material .....	1,000— 2,000	305— 610
Gravel, rubble, or sand (dry) .....	1,500— 3,000	468— 915
Sand (wet) .....	2,000— 6,000	610— 1,830
Clay .....	3,000— 9,000	915— 2,750
Water (depending on temperature and salt content) .....	4,700— 5,500	1,430— 1,680
Sea water .....	4,800— 5,000	1,460— 1,530
Sandstone .....	6,000—13,000	1,830— 3,970
Shale .....	9,000—14,000	2,750— 4,270
Chalk .....	6,000—13,000	1,830— 3,970
Limestone .....	7,000—20,000	2,140— 6,100
Salt .....	14,000—17,000	4,270— 5,190
Granite .....	15,000—19,000	4,580— 5,800
Metamorphic rocks .....	10,000—23,000	3,050— 7,020
Ice .....	12,050	

*B. Classification According to Geologic Age*

<i>Age</i>	<i>Type of Rock</i>	<i>Velocity</i>	
		<i>Ft./Sec.</i>	<i>M./Sec.</i>
Quaternary	Sediments (various degrees of consolidation) .....	1,000— 7,500	305— 2,290
Tertiary	Consolidated Sediments ..	5,000—14,000	1,530— 4,270
Mesozoic	Consolidated Sediments ..	6,000—19,500	1,830— 5,950
Paleozoic	Consolidated Sediments ..	6,500—19,500	1,980— 5,950
Archeozoic	Various .....	12,500—23,000	3,810— 7,020

*C. Classification According to Depth †*

	0—2000 ft. (0—600 M.)	2000—3000 ft. (600—900 M.)	3000—4000 ft. (900—1200 M.)
	<i>Ft./Sec.</i>	<i>Ft./Sec.</i>	<i>Ft./Sec.</i>
Devonian .....	13,300	13,400	13,500
Pennsylvanian .....	9,500	11,200	11,700
Permian .....	8,500	10,000	.....
Cretaceous .....	7,400	9,300	10,700
Eocene .....	7,100	9,000	10,100
Pleistocene-to-Oligocene	6,500	7,200	8,100

\* The higher values in a given range are usually obtained at depth.

† Data from B. B. Weatherby and L. Y. Faust, *Bull. Amer. Assoc. Petrol. Geologists*, 10 (1926) 1.

<sup>a</sup> Reprinted from pg. 660 of Jakosky<sup>2</sup>.

## 7. METHOD

After the grid pattern is established on a given claim by the owner or party in charge, we mark each test with flagging. We clean loose debris to allow firm soil contact with the microphone. We then cover the microphone to lessen the surface noise. A small charge is fired (usually a 16 gauge shotgun) to generate a seismic wave six feet from the microphone. The wave going into the ground and the reflected signal coming out is recorded on a magnetic tape recorder. We also do a field test on a nearby area with similar conditions where bedrock depth is known by drilling or excavation to determine the velocity of the gravels.

## **8. DATA PROCESSING AND PRESENTATION**

The recording is sent back to base camp and is transferred into the Akai S700 Digital Sampler by means of a coaxial cable with 6.3 mm phone plug jack. The Akai is coupled with the Atari 520 St. computer with Midi Interface. Other peripherals are connected with various other interface connections.

The seismic recording is now analyzed in various formats and then the best choice is printed out on a Seikosha SP-1600 Dot Matrix Printer. A report on the testing and the interpretation of the data is made out to finalize the survey, along with copies of the original Fourier Transform for 3-D wave form analysis.

## 9. INTERPRETATION

In tests conducted in the past on Hunker Creek and the Klondike River, we determined that those frozen gravels had a velocity of 1,500 ft/sec. (1.5 ft./ms). Based on this calculation the following formula is used:

Reflected milliseconds x 1.5 divided by 2 = feet to bedrock or the layer to be of interest.

### TEST 1

Fifty-six milliseconds indicates bedrock at 42 feet.

### TEST 2

Thirty-five milliseconds indicates bedrock at 26 feet.

### TEST 3

Twenty-seven milliseconds indicates bedrock at 20 feet.

### TEST 4

Twenty-seven milliseconds indicates bedrock at 20 feet.

### TEST 5

Twenty-seven milliseconds indicates bedrock at 20 feet.

### TEST 6

Twenty-five milliseconds indicates bedrock at 19 feet.

### TEST 7

Forty-five milliseconds indicates bedrock at 34 feet.

### TEST 8

Thirty-one milliseconds indicates bedrock at 23 feet.

### TEST 9

Twenty-nine milliseconds indicates bedrock at 22 feet.

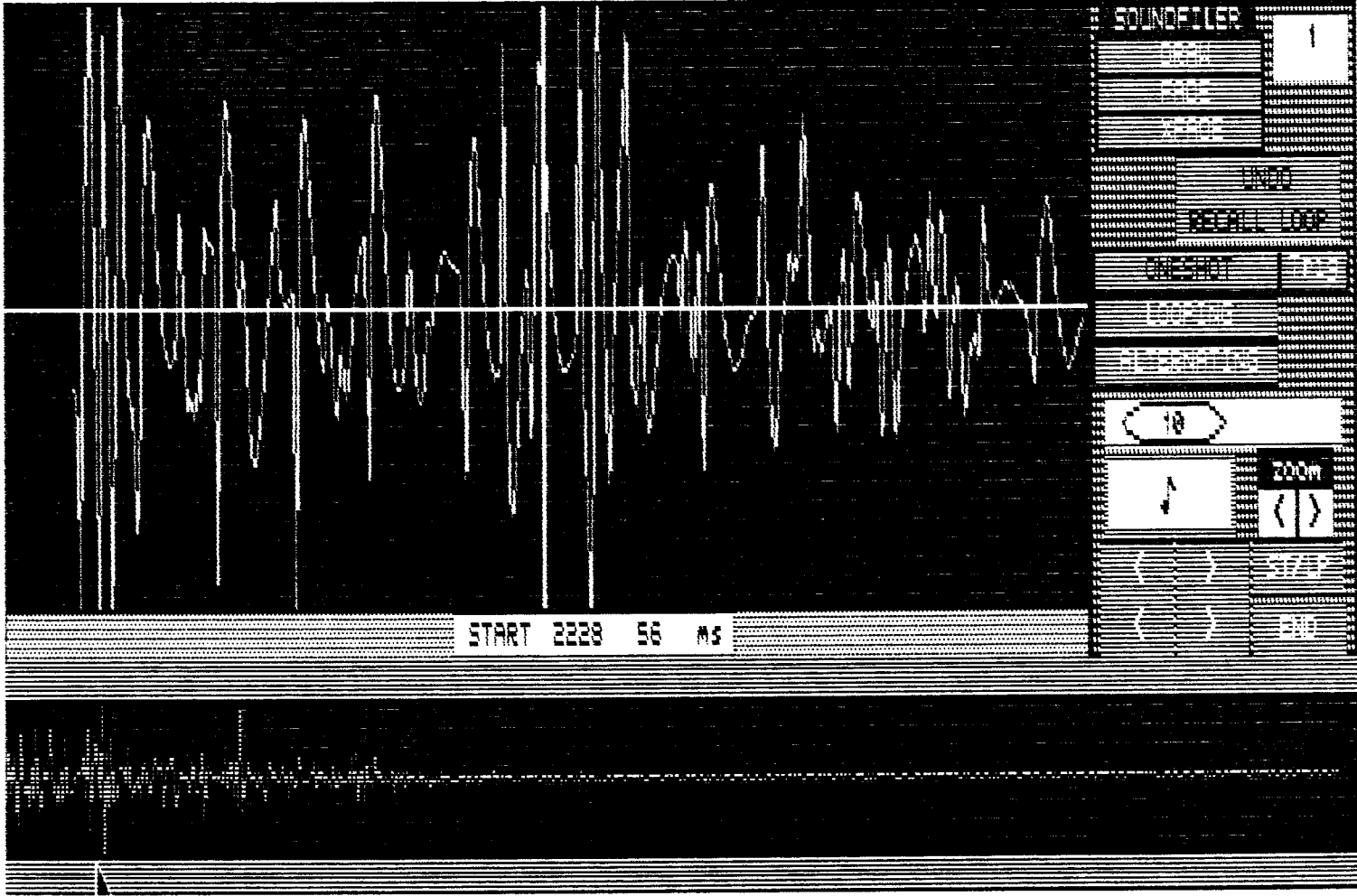
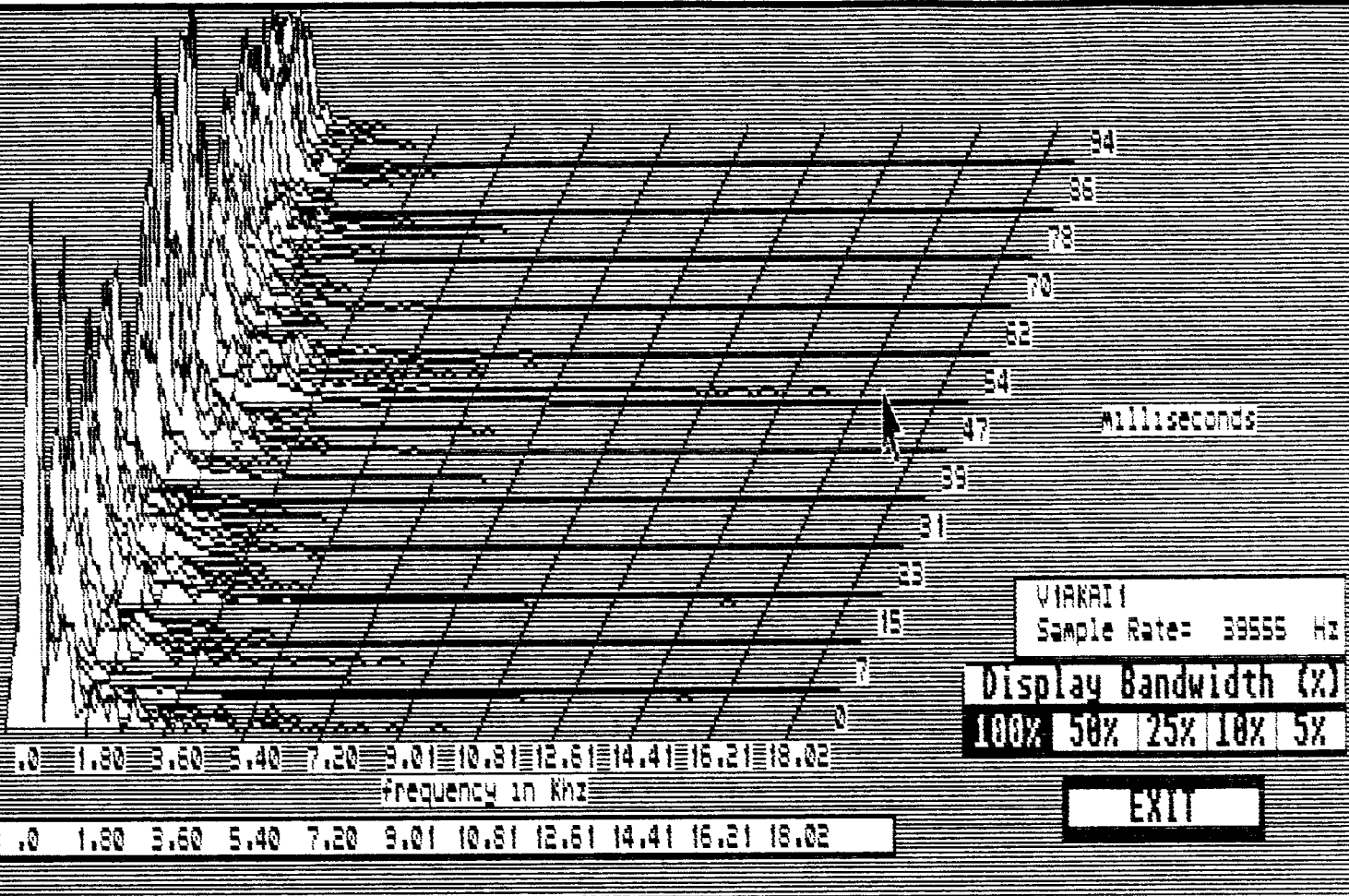
## 10. CONCLUSION

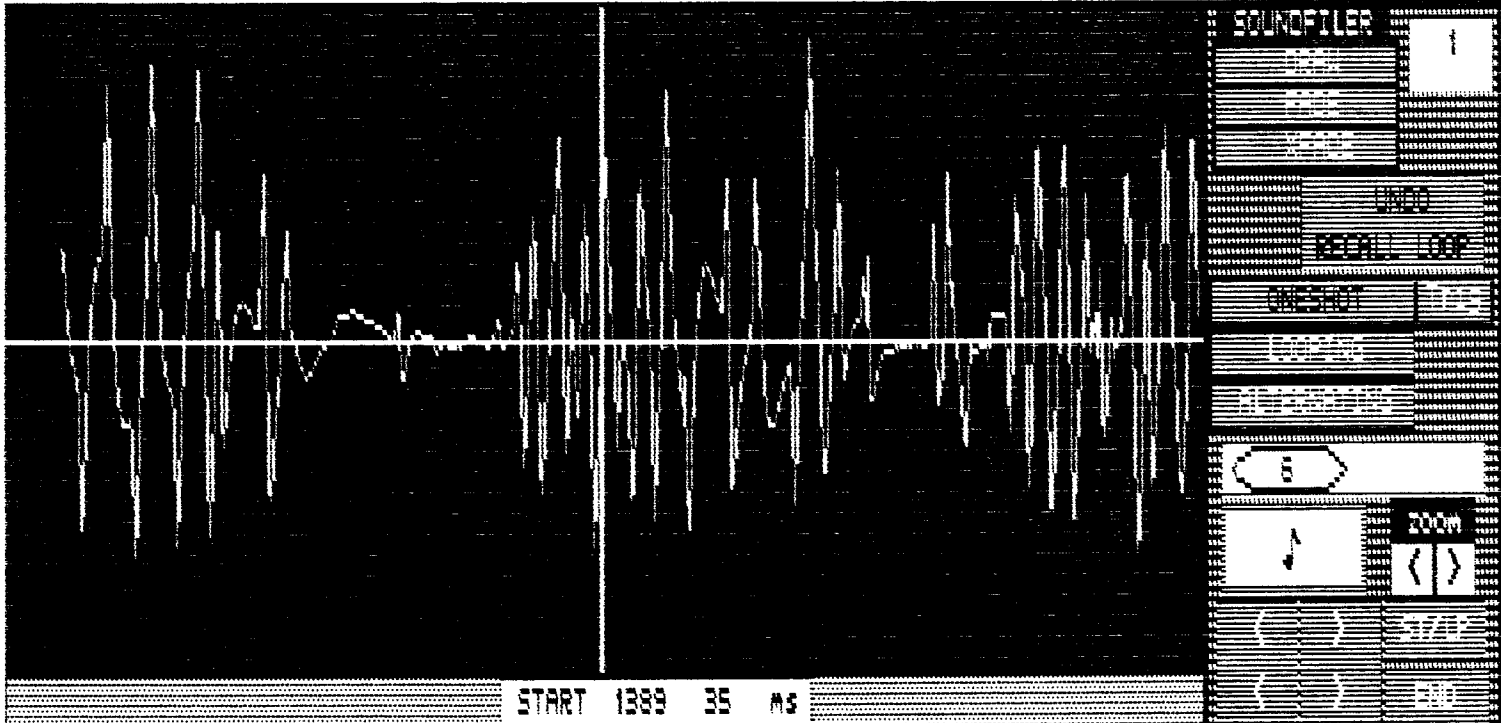
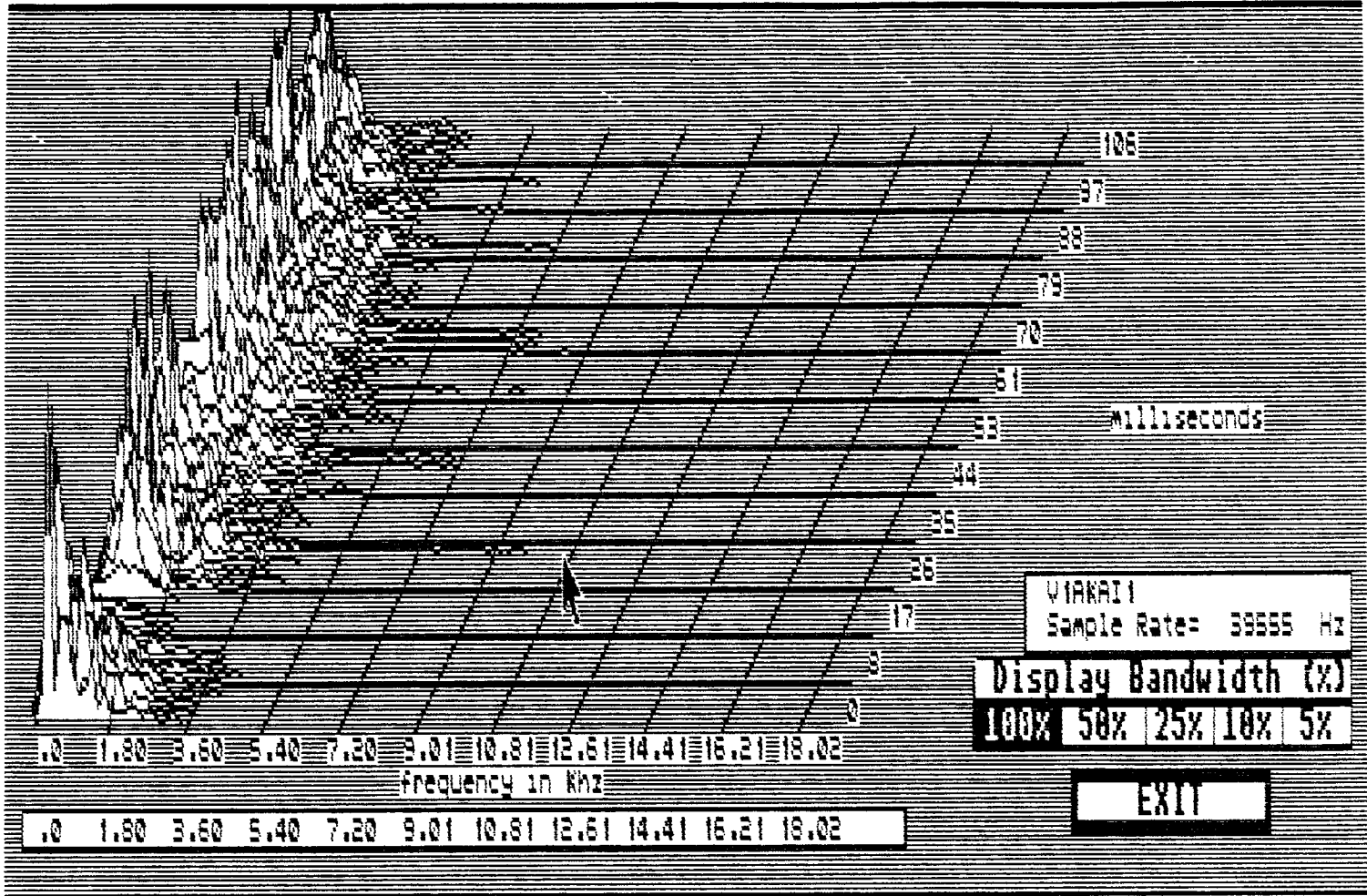
The many varying soil conditions in different geographical locations could alter the final results. For this reason, an actual excavation of one of the test sites is strongly recommended. The test site with the most shallow reading will provide the most economical results, however, the most accurate results would be achieved from one of the deeper test sites.

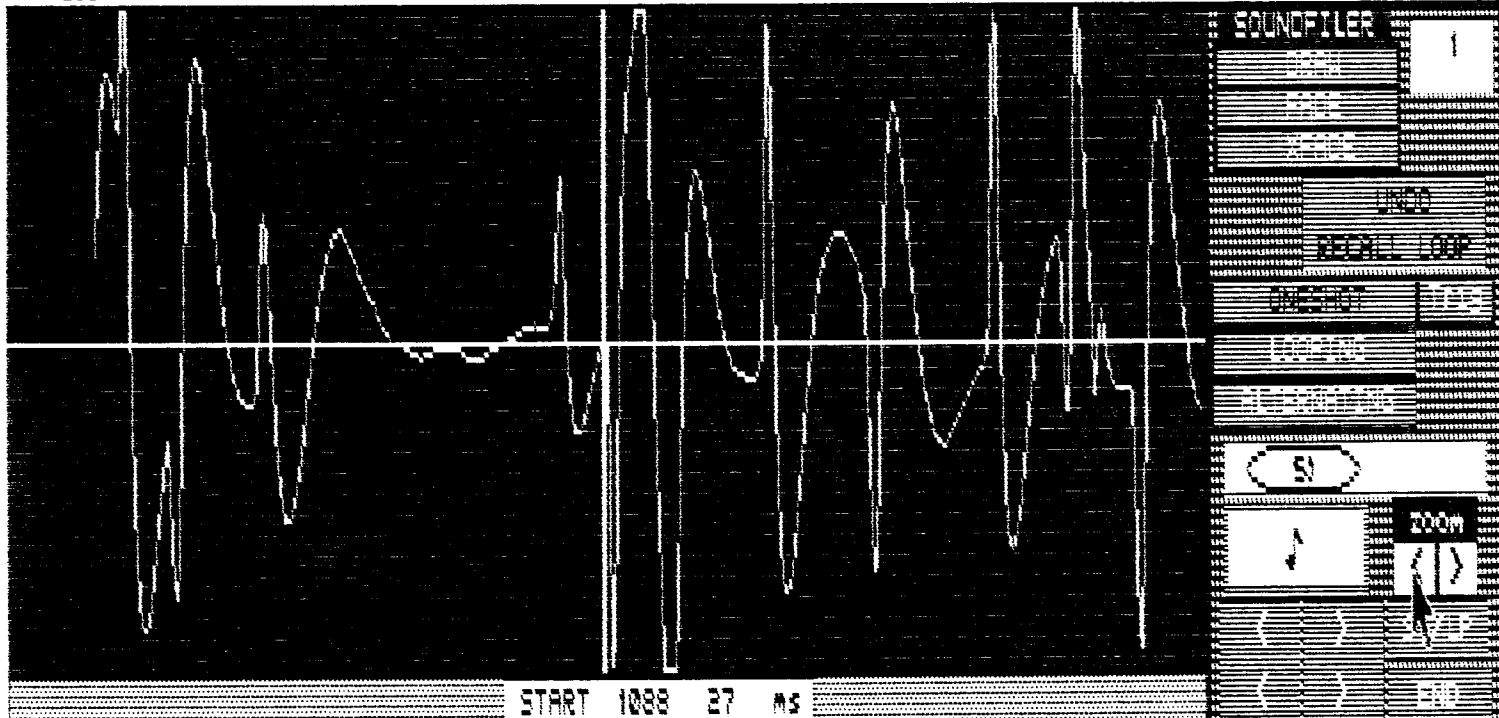
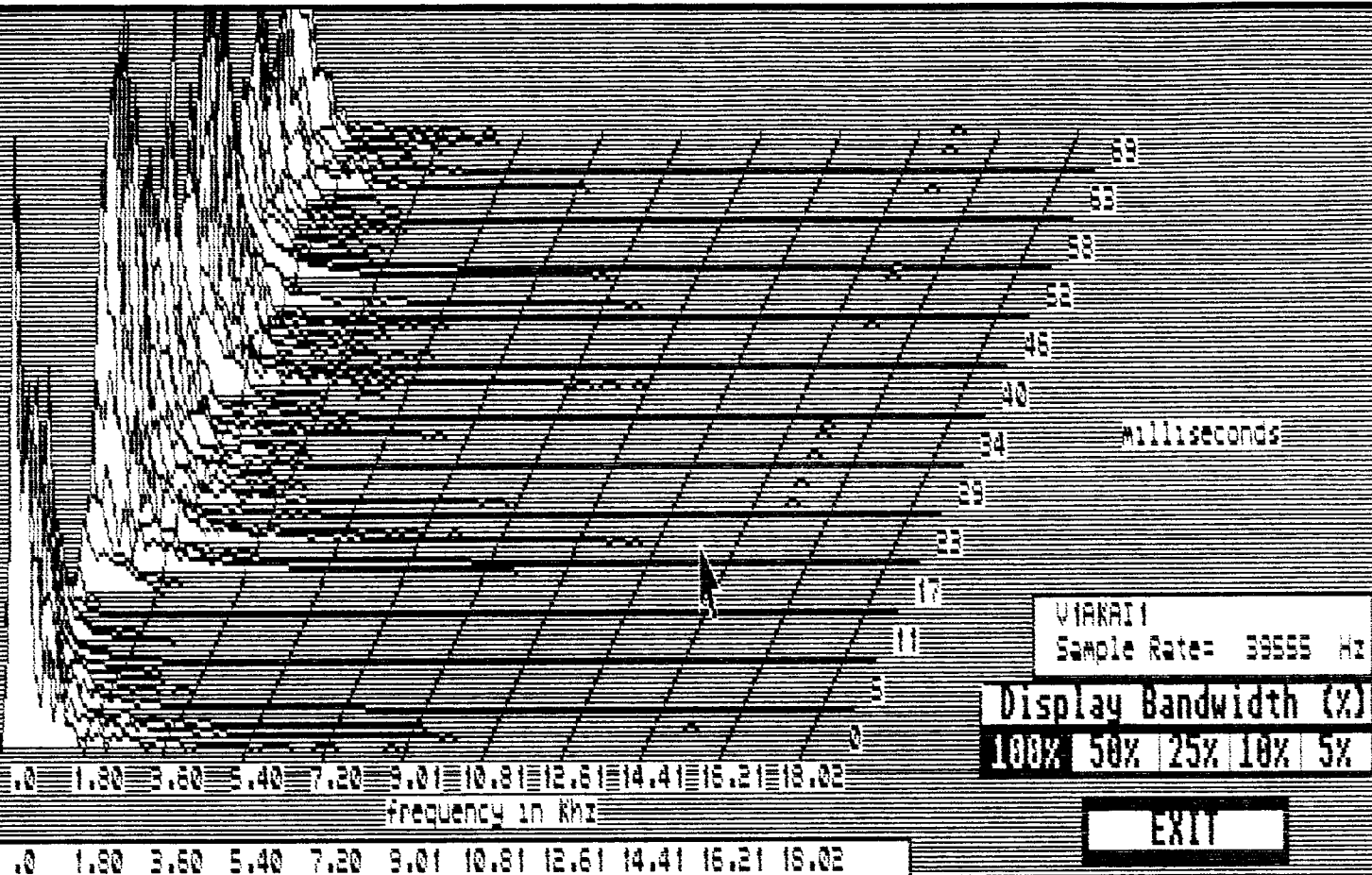
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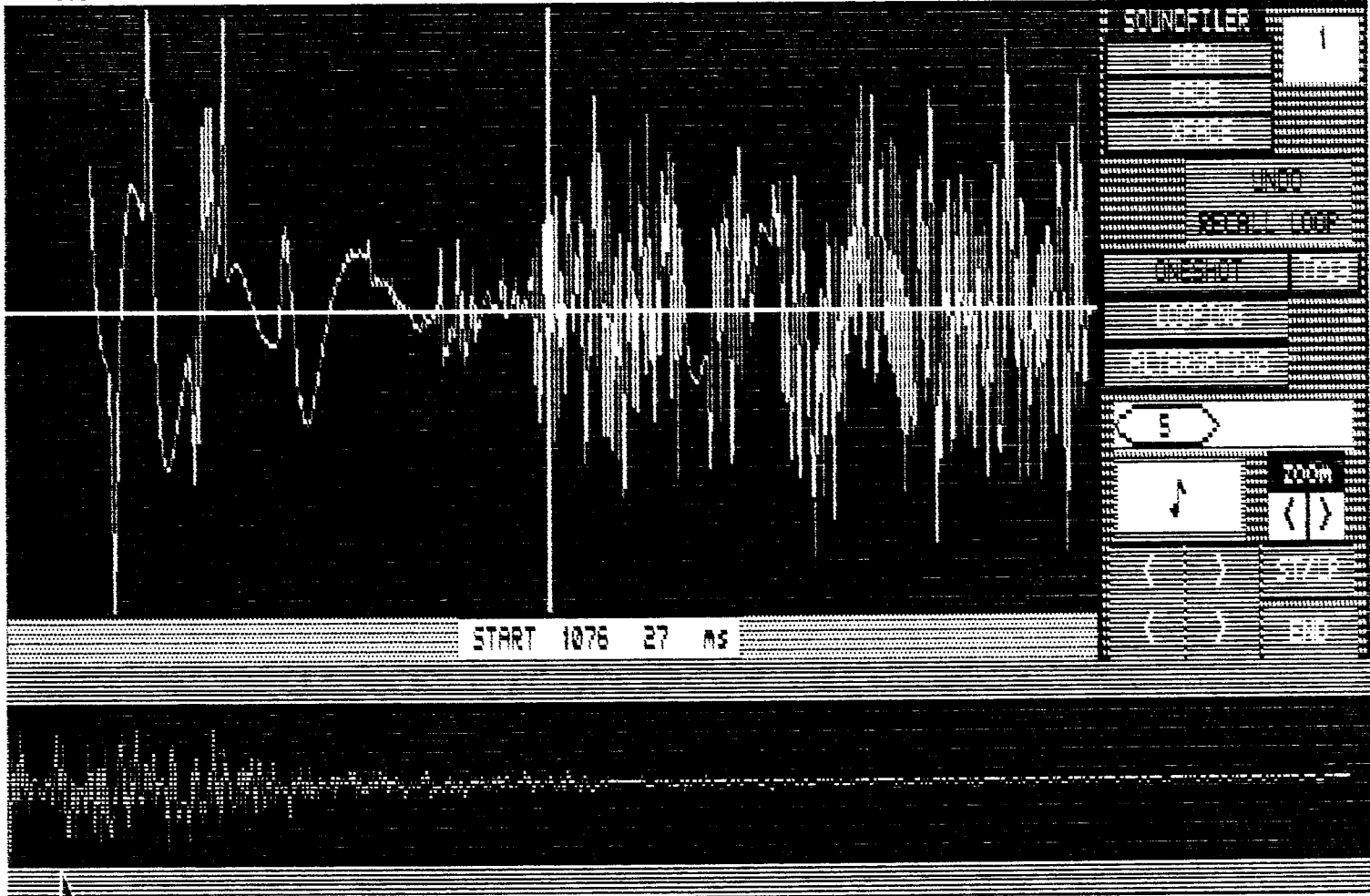
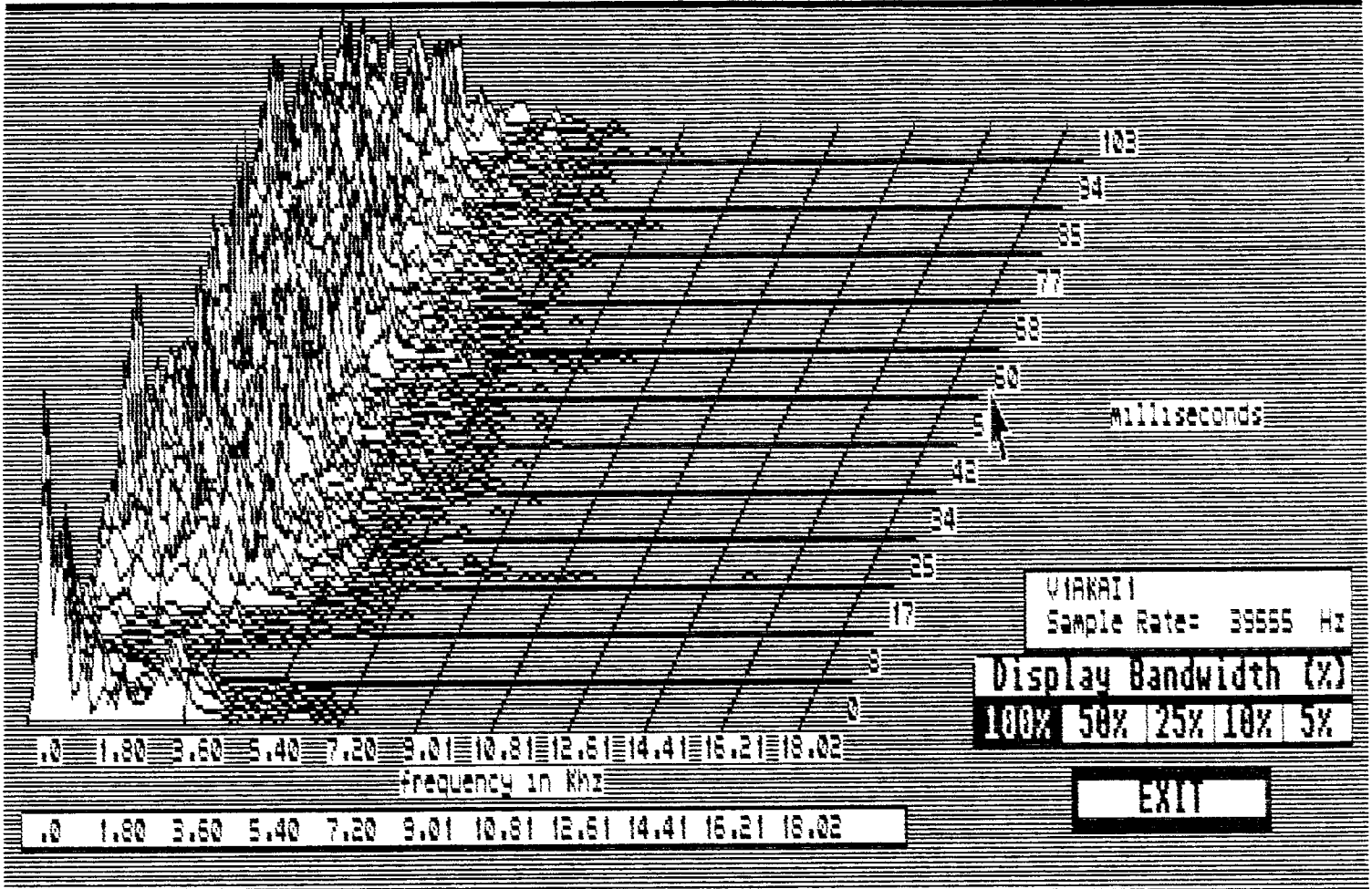
This type of reflected seismic testing is ideal in shallow placer ground. Without drilling or excavating near the test sites to establish velocity, the contour of the subsurface profile could still be charted in a cross test of a given valley. It is possible to locate old stream beds this way, giving a target area for a drill.

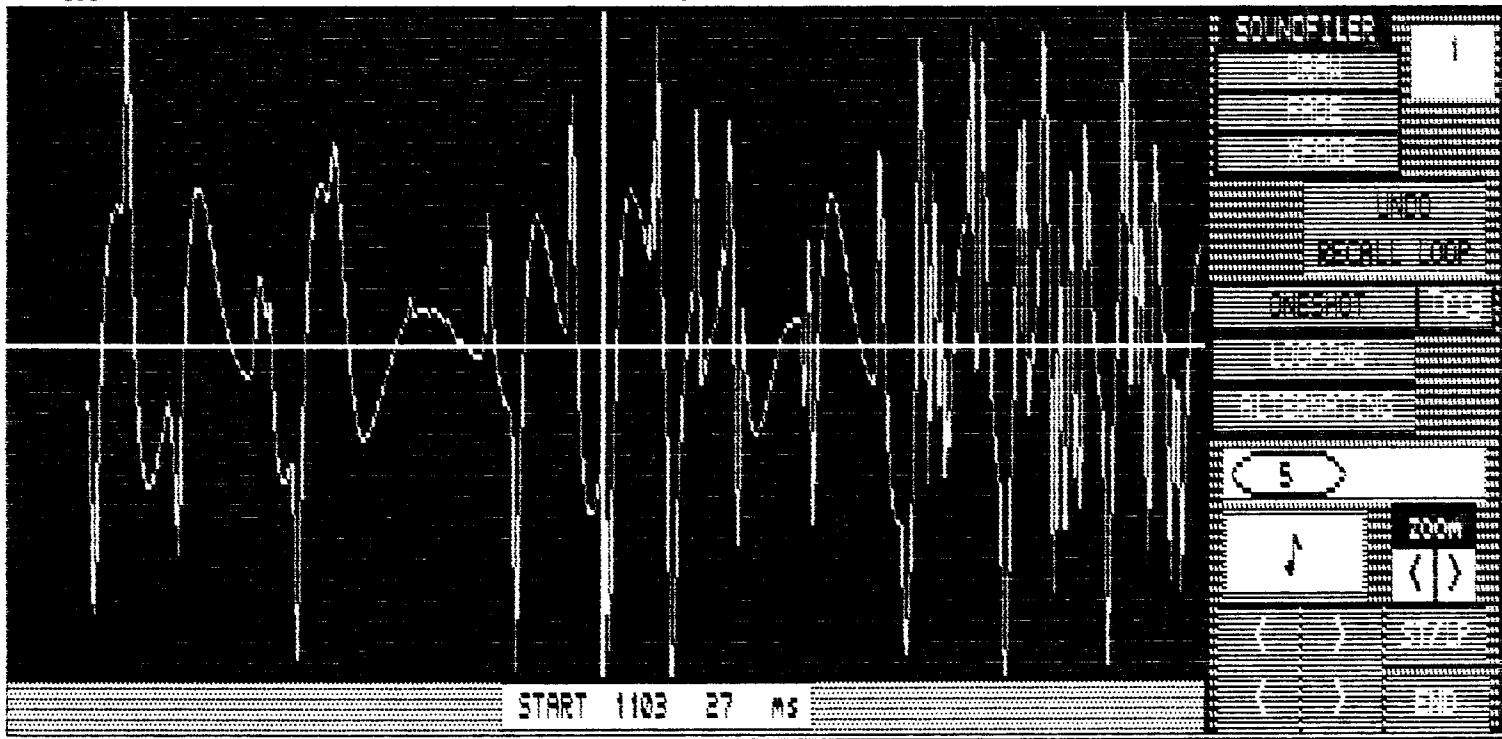
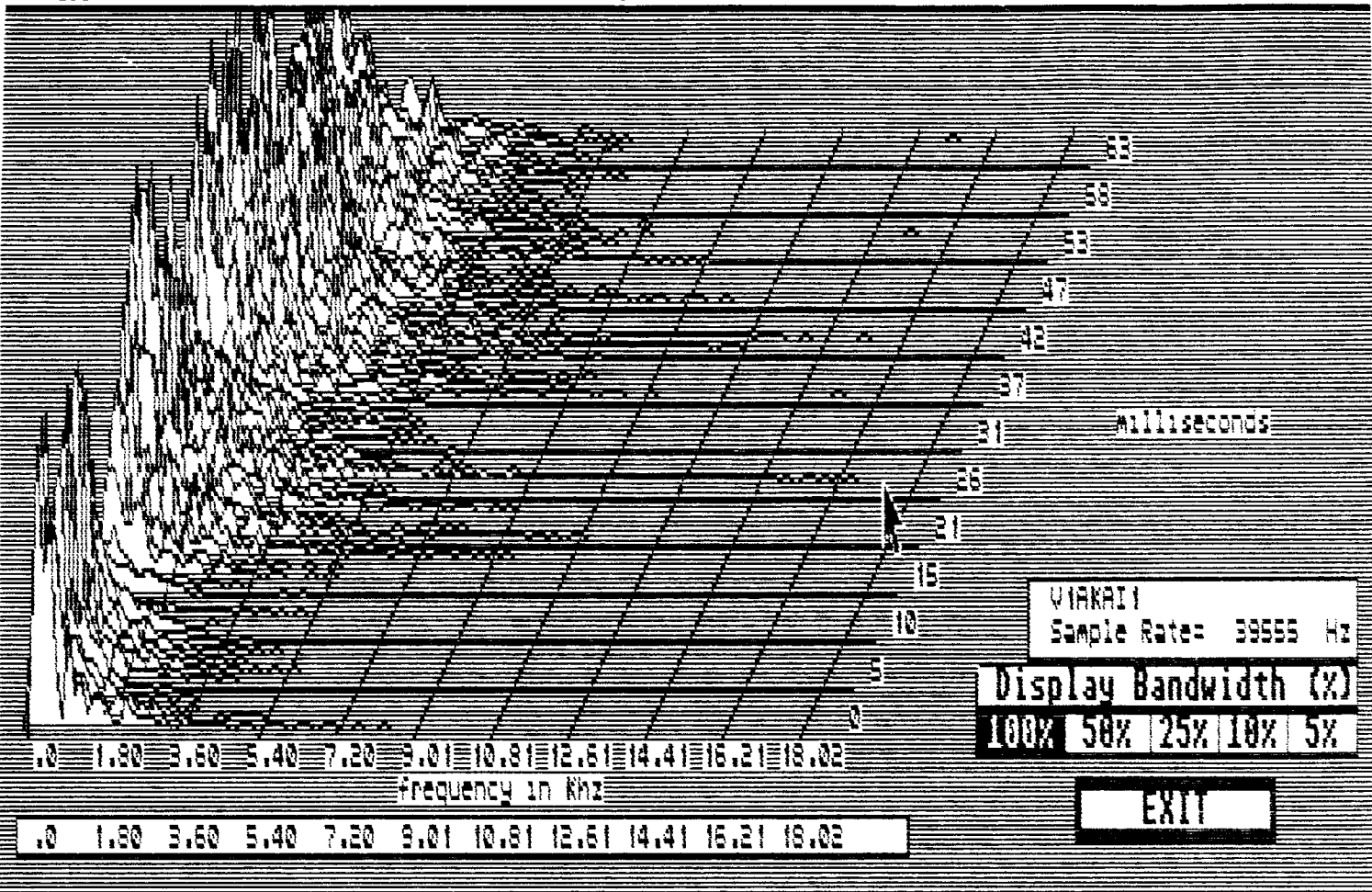
A re-analysis of the seismic data after a drill log can make these tests surprisingly accurate. A tighter grid pattern in the future may be of great value in a drilling or mining strategy program.

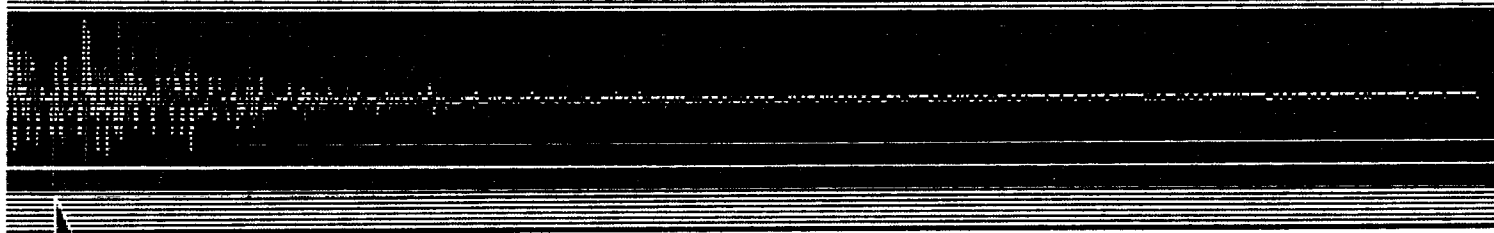
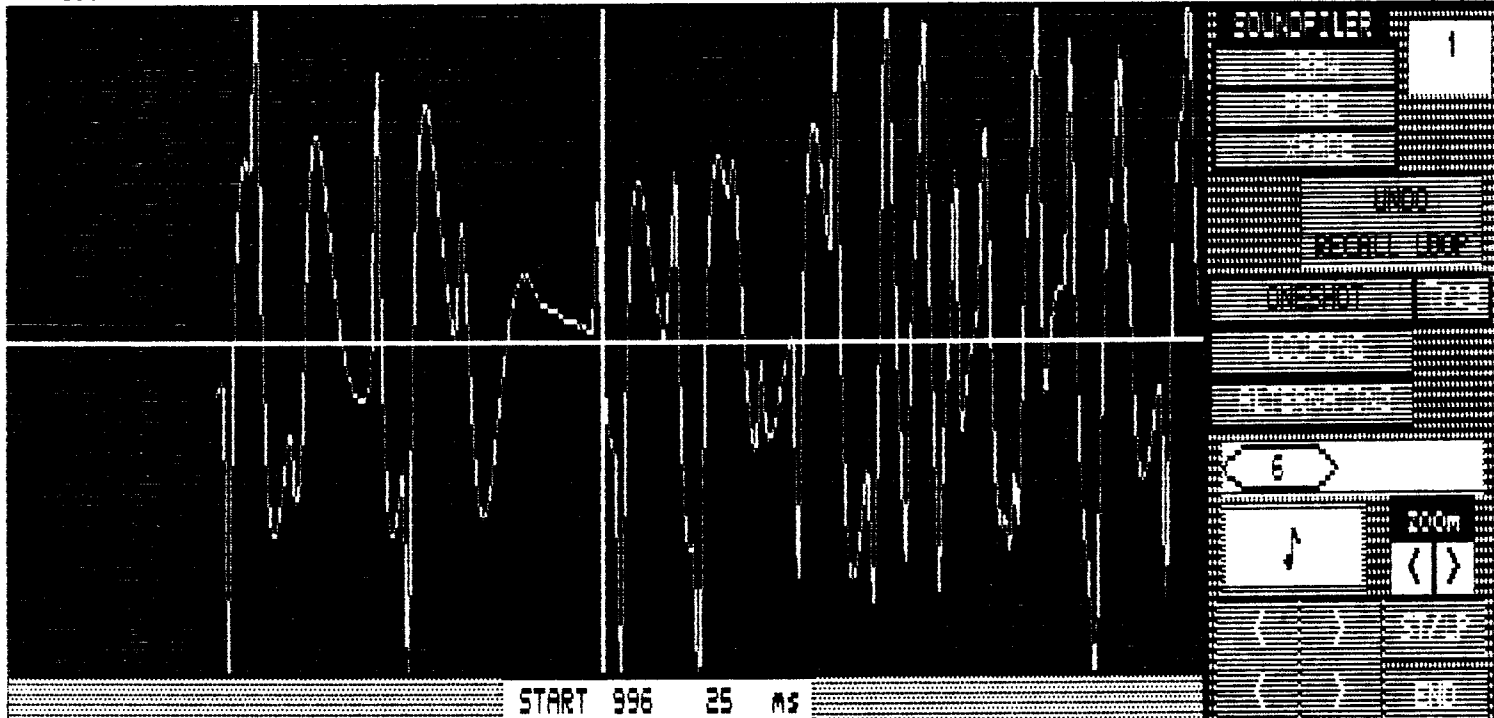
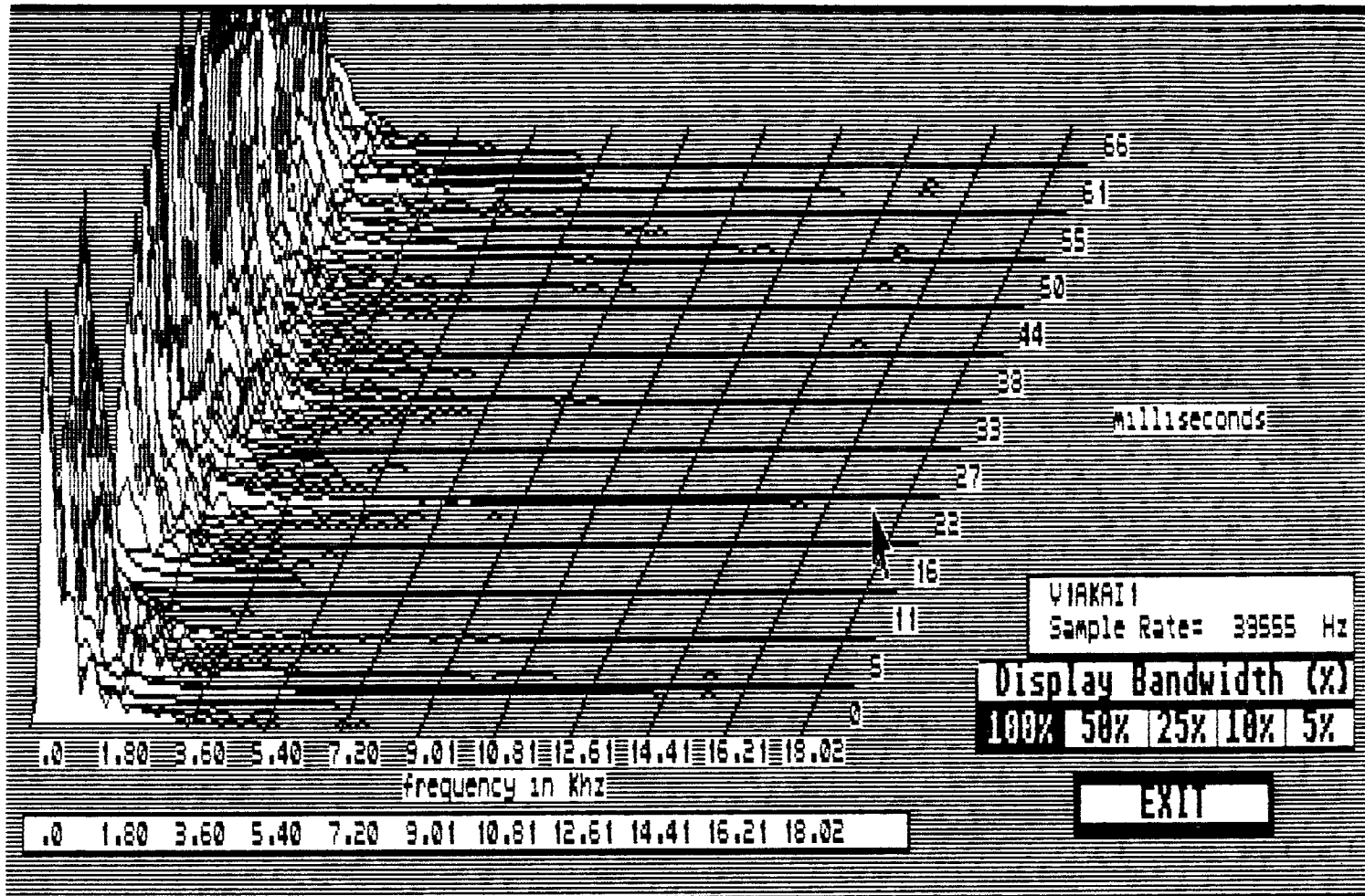




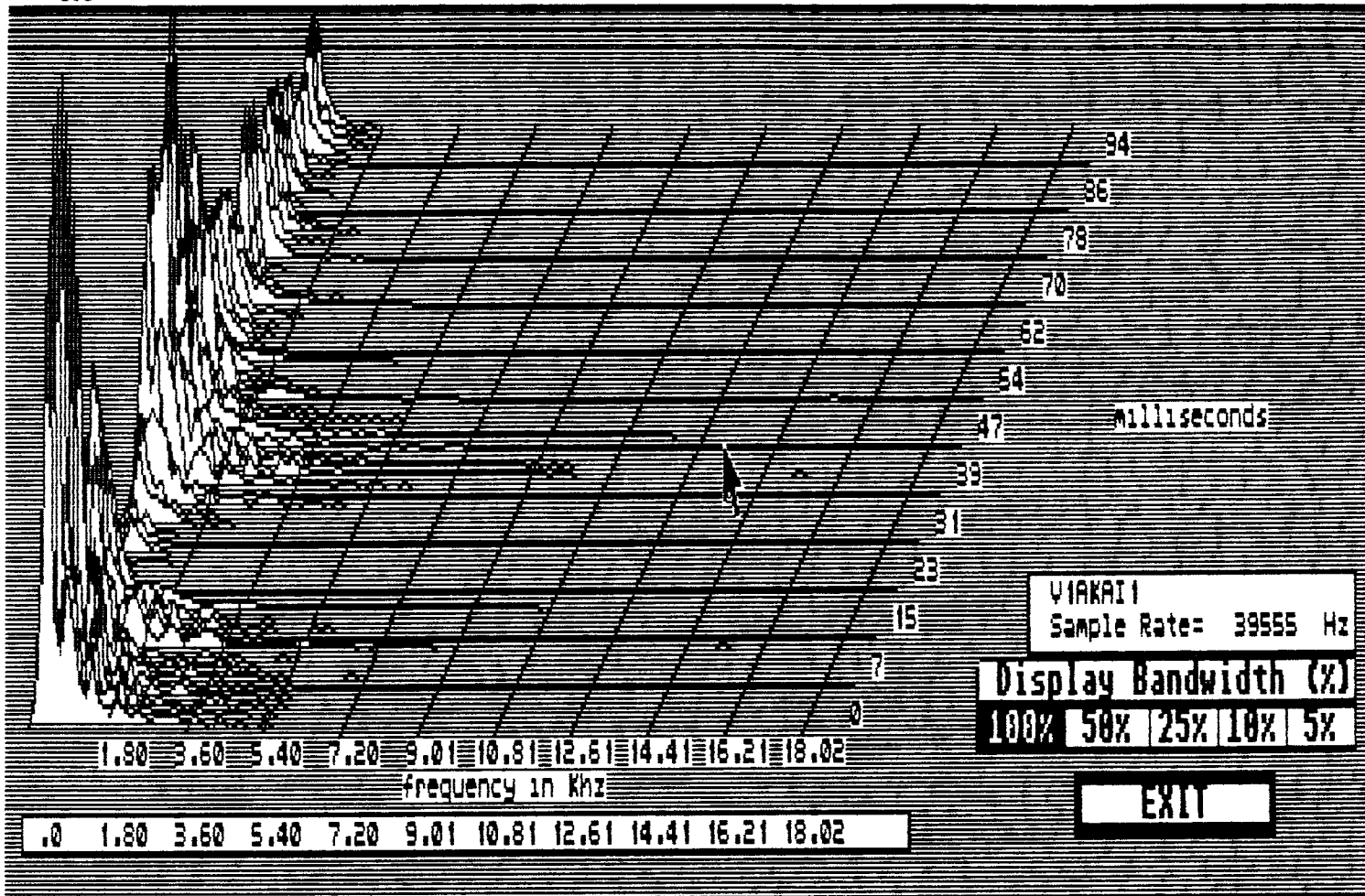




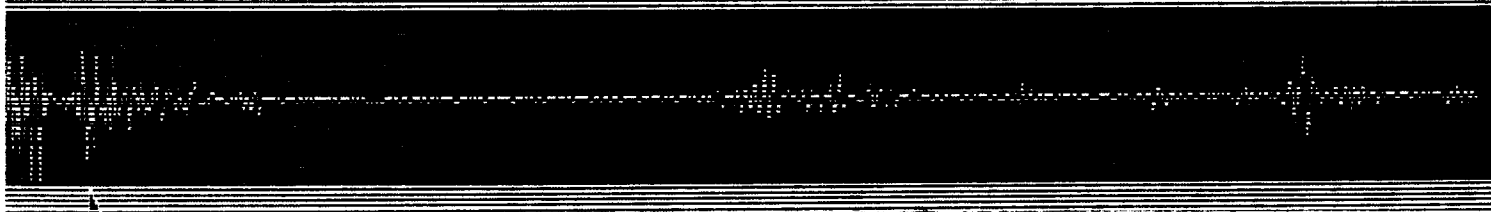
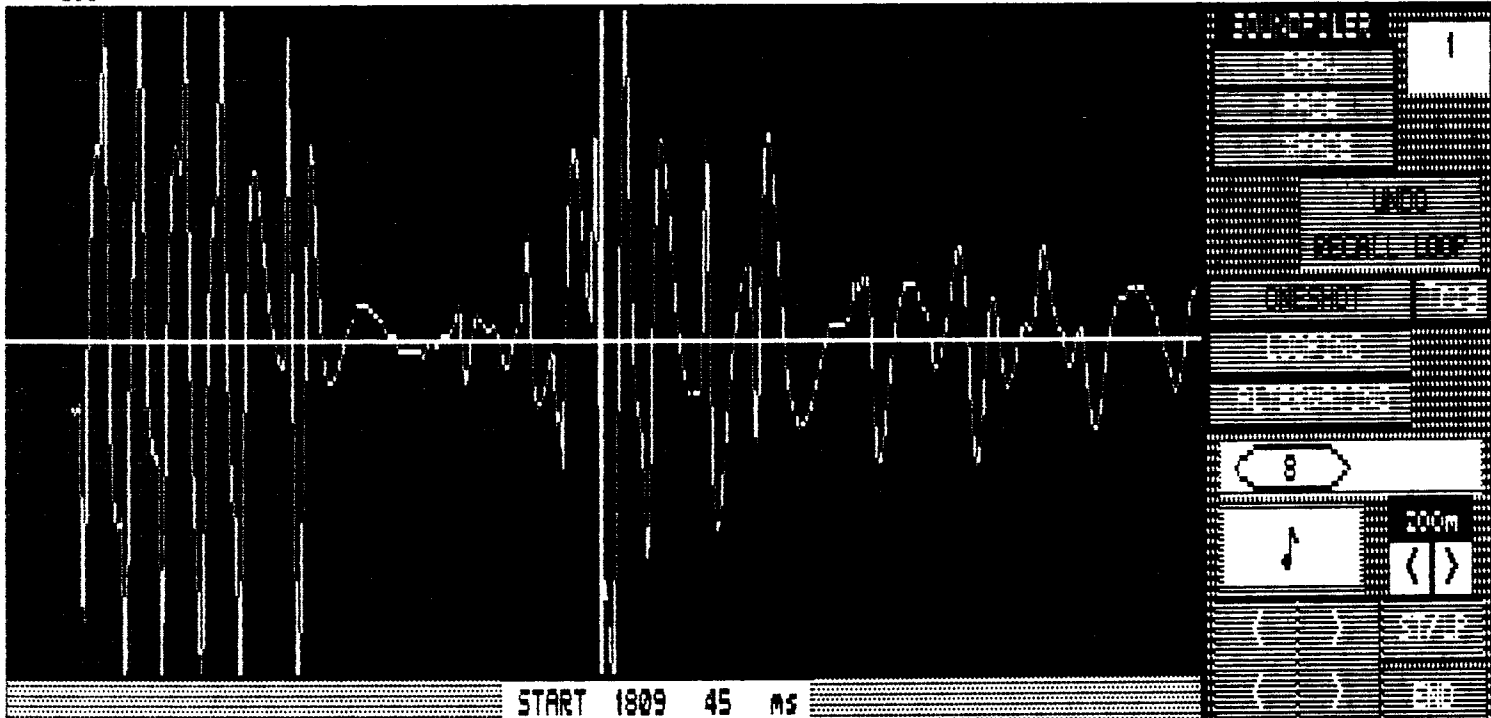




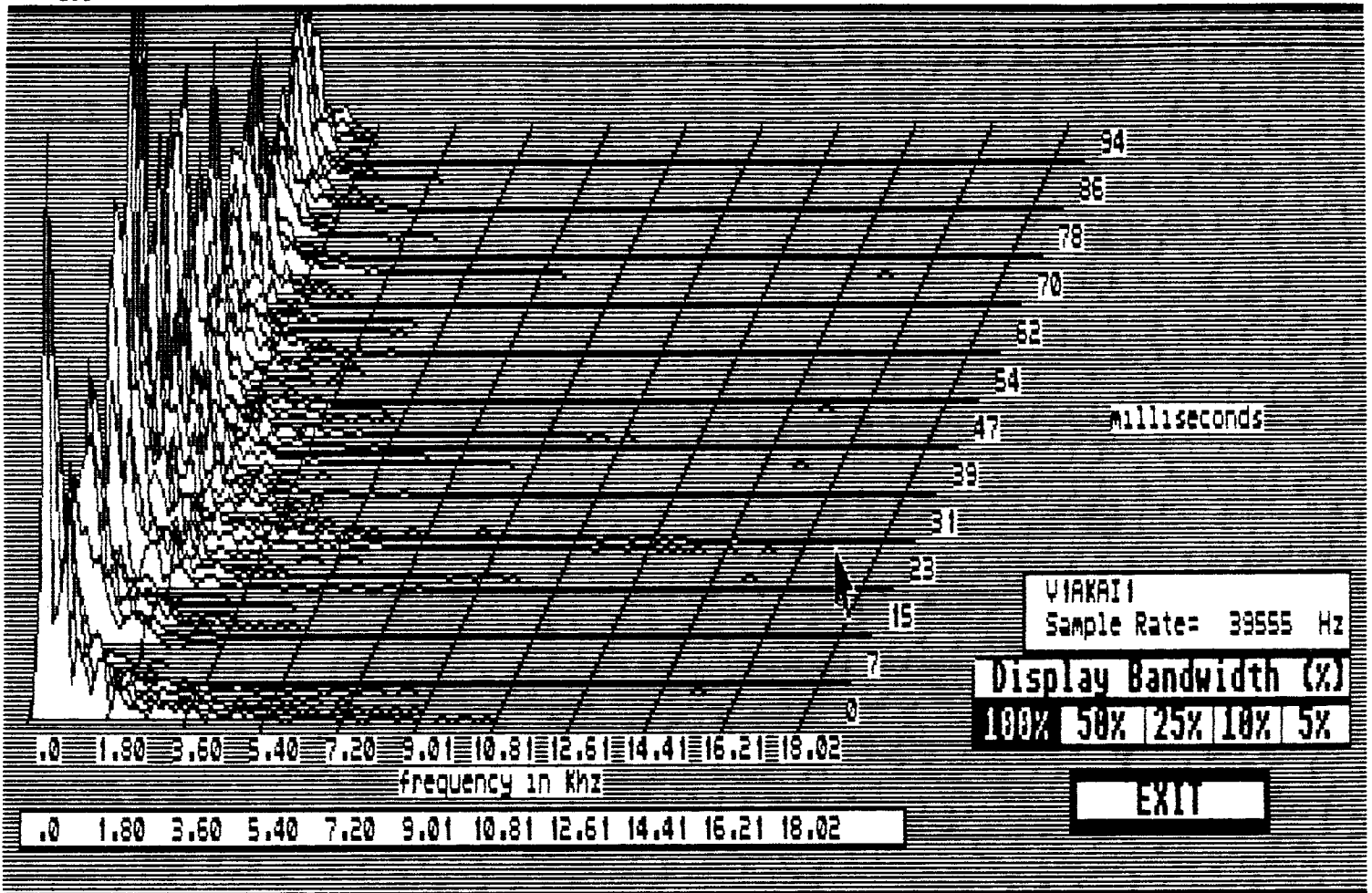
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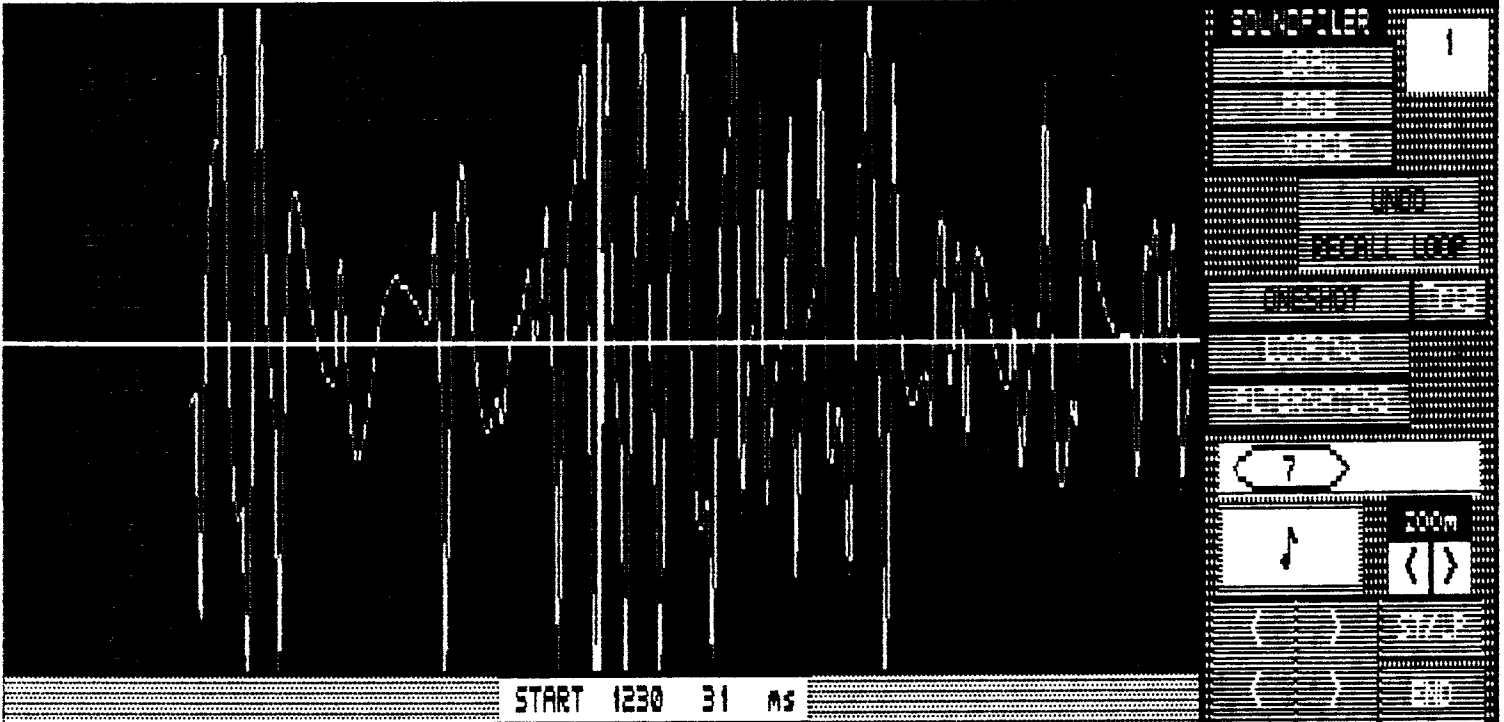
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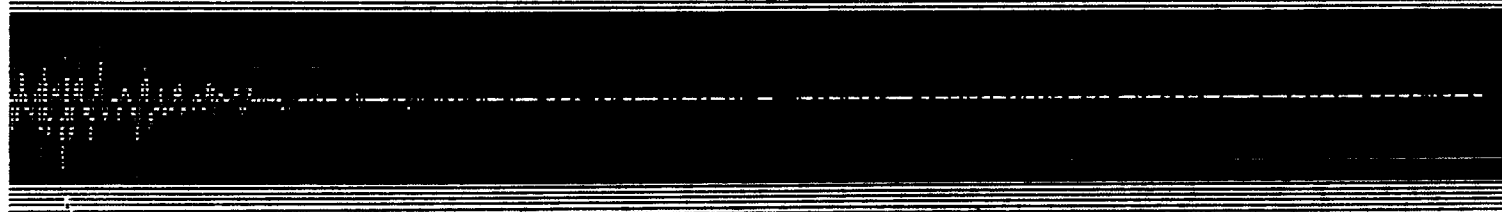
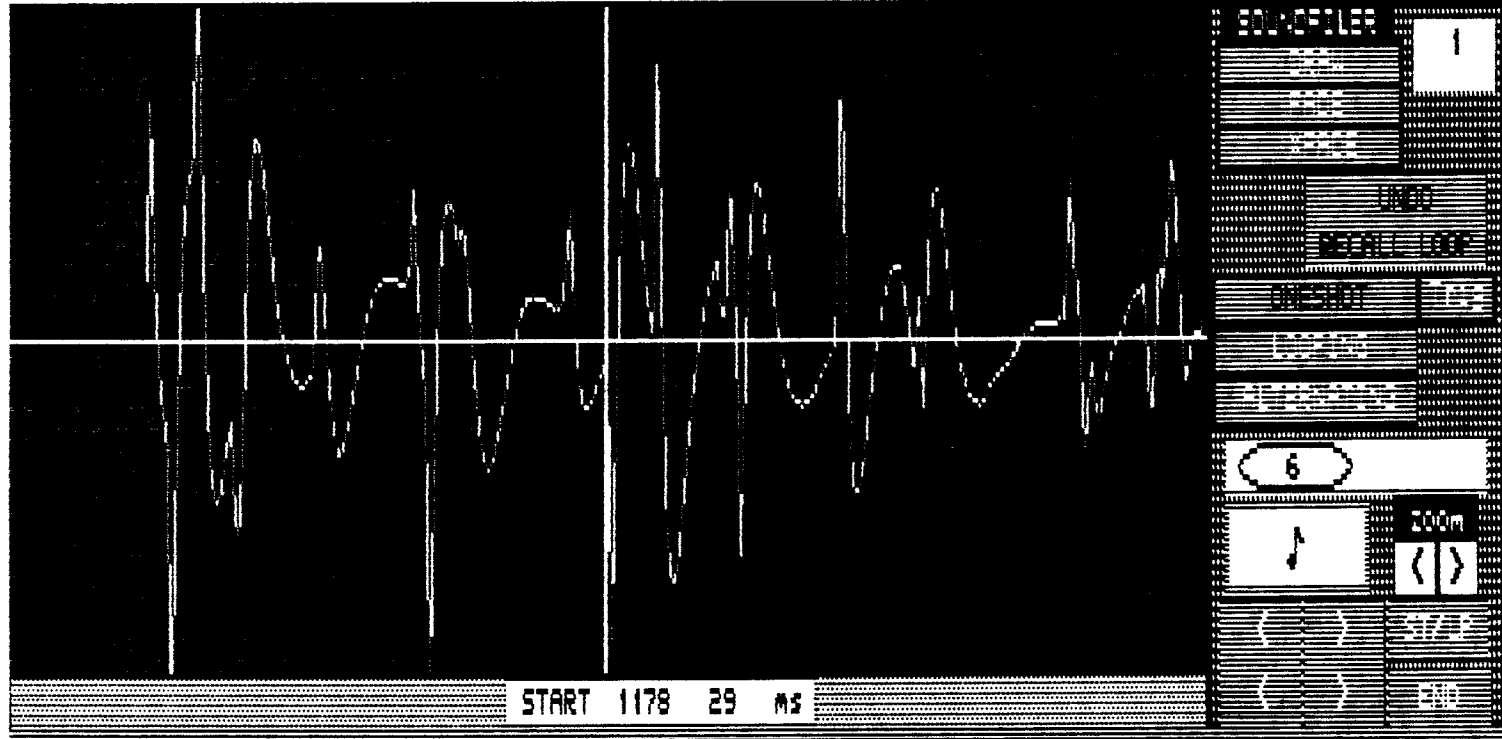
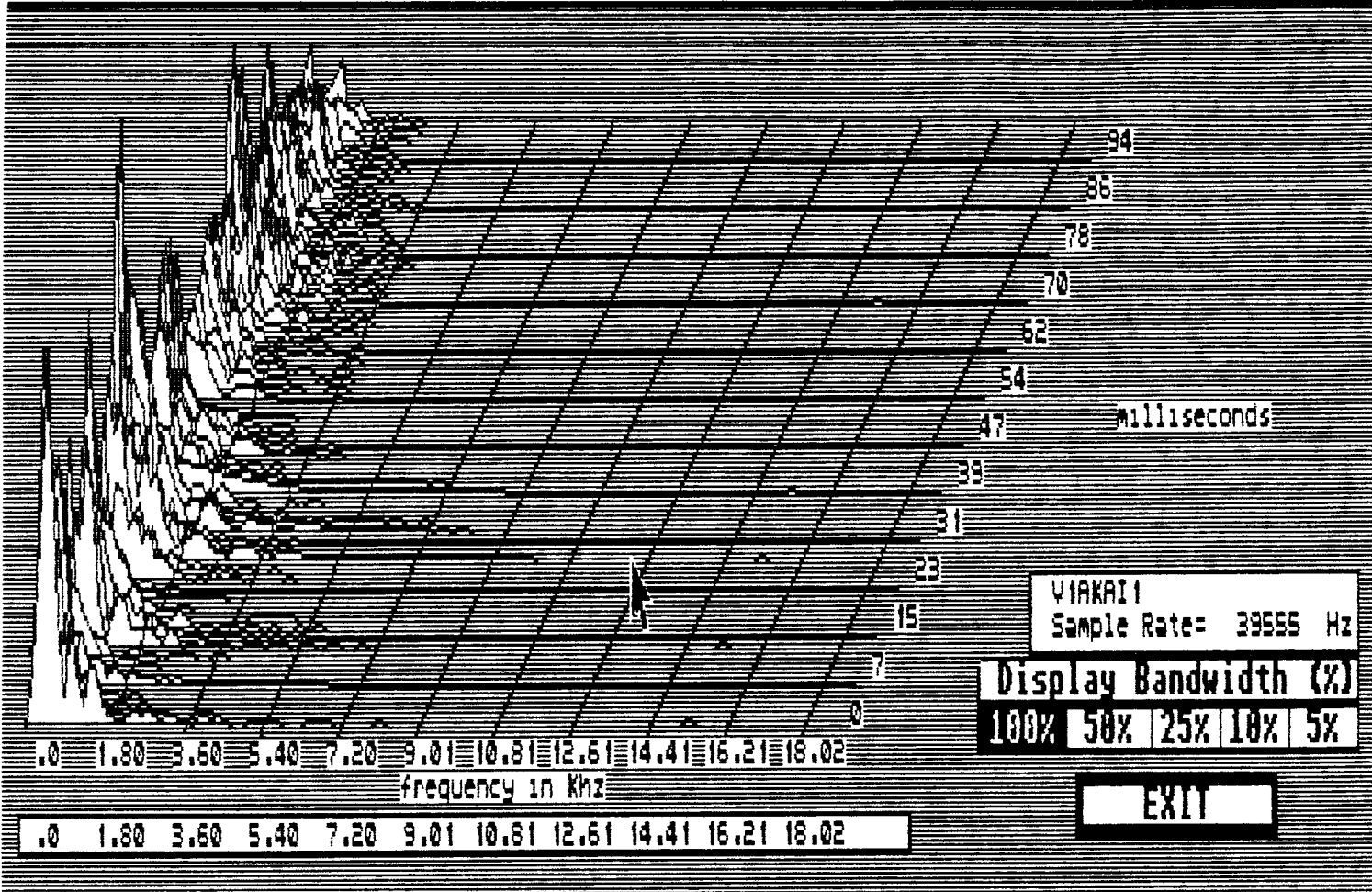


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## 12. STATEMENT OF ASSESSMENT COSTS

For seismic survey conducted on McQuesten River Placer Lease PL8673.

### Seismic Test

\$250 per test x 9 shots = \$2,250

Includes:

Seismic consultant  
Assistant for field and expediting  
Computer and printer time  
Computer and program time  
Computer down-loading (off-loading/data dumping)  
Seismic interpretation  
Equipment - ATV, axe, hip chain with thread,  
flagging tape, marker etc.  
Transportation  
Food and camping supplies  
Accommodations (hotel, tent or camper)  
Test shots where applicable (for calibration)

### Report Preparation

Report writing, drafting,  
map and figure preparation,  
photocopying and binding = \$ 300

Total Cost = \$2,550

## CERTIFICATION

I, Ted Sandor, of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory certify that:

1. I hold a Gas and Arc Welding diploma from Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Edmonton, Alberta, and have been practising continuously since mid seventies in ArdcO Industries on oil field and seismic related equipment.
2. I am a journeyman welder, licensed to practise in Alberta. The geophysical technology came from extensive field work in the oil patch, and the very need to satisfy my own mining strategy since 1978.
3. The geophysical field work was conducted with assistance that may change from test to test. The report preparation and interpretation is done by me personally to keep up the highest quality of this report.
4. I have based conclusions and recommendations contained in this report on my knowledge of geophysics, my previous experience and the results of the field work conducted on the property.
5. Directly or indirectly I hold no interest in this property other than professional fees, nor do I expect any interest in the property or any other of the owner's holdings.
6. The accuracy of the final results depends more on the calibration of the recording device and the computers than on the qualification of the operator.

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory  
July, 28, 1991

  
Ted Sandor, Seismic Consultant

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