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Dear Rod:

Many thanks for the data — as you suggested it was a bit of a shock to find out about the native arsenic. Unfortunately, I can't supply any more specimens as I have only one small piece — however I can give you data on its occurrence.

The mineral was found in two small isolated clots (max. dimensions  $\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{1}{4}''$  with longest dimension in plane of vein) in a braided up to  $\frac{1}{2}''$  quartz-carbonate-sericite vein in a 5" broken zone (making  $H_2O$ ) that trends 340/70W.

In the attempt to pick the spears out, the concentrically banded native As broke cleanly away from the c.g. gtz - carb in the vein.

As first seen, the mineral was yellow brown in colour, and had a sub-metallic lustre (now this was obviously due to tarnishing) — the concentric layering showed up very well in the wet vein.

The broken zone and the associated  $\frac{1}{2}$ " vein is in the aplite phase of the granodiorite sheet at 4470'. The structure is certainly post some  $MOS_2$  (although  $MOS_2$  is weak in this particular area) but the trend of this break is such to suggest that it post all  $MOS_2$  (there is a set of steep westerly breaks with c.g. qtz-carb that cut all  $MOS_2$  wherever observed).

Note that the concentric layers suggest that the clot grew from the vein walls.

Aplitic is sericitized in the area.

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I hope this info. is sufficient. If still of interest next summer, we can locate the vein and do a little digging to get more specimens - (if indeed we are lucky enough to find more)

Good luck at the U., and best wishes to you and the family in 1967.

Sincerely

Don.