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Mr. A.C.A. Howe,
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Dear Mr. Howe:

After many delays I finally have some information on the samples that Mr. Edwards sent. I have had grain mounts made for the heavy mineral fractions from three of the five samples. In all three samples the heavy mineral fractions are composed mainly of oxides - magnetite, another oxide in about equal amounts, and possibly other oxides in smaller amounts. I haven't made any serious attempt to identify the oxides. No sulphides were found in sample #3 and only minor pyrite was found in sample #1. Sample #2 contains three sulphides in subequal amounts. They are pyrite, millerite, and a mineral that belongs to the linnaeite series. Since the cell dimensions and optical properties are similar for minerals in this series, I have not been able to make a definite determination. It could be polydymite (Ni_3S_4), violarite (Ni_2FeS_4), siegenite ($Co_1Ni_3S_4$), carrollite (Co_2CuS_4), linnaeite (Co_3S_4), or possibly some solid solution combination of these minerals. When Roger Eckstrand has more probe work done, I will have it analyzed for these elements. The locality data that I have is as follows:

- #1 - #3 Main X cut - Midnight property
- #2 - Pat claims - D.D.H. core
- #3 - Pat claims - surface sample

I realize that this information is rather sketchy but I hope that it will be of some value to you.

Yours truly,

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