Len Ramp, David White and I visited the property on October 17, 1986. We talked with Al Starkey and Vern Shephard. Starkey is mine manager. Shephard is a part of North Idaho Engineering and Development who was doing some exploration work on the dolomite deposit. Exploration plans included surveying, trenching, surface sampling, and compilation of a detailed topographic map from low altitude air photos. Drilling may be done later if warranted.

Shephard told me the property is owned by Northwest Basic Industries (NBI). He is working for Ed Young who is a major (controlling?) stockholder of NBI. Young has tentative plans to operate the dolomite mine under an agreement with NBI.

Starkey gave us a copy of a report entitled Micro-gravity survey of the Bristol silica and limestone deposit, Jackson County, Oregon by a group of professors and students from the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics, September, 1983. The report mostly theoretical geophysics - no geology - but concludes with the inference that the dolomite deposit extends "for several thousand feet horizontally and one thousand feet or more vertically." and calculated dolomite reserves are 10.5 million tons proven and 21.0 million tons probable. Length and width of dolomite exposures suggests a considerably smaller tonnage available.

Len and I revisited the property on October 31, 1986. The exploration crew had completed their work and were gone. I plan to map the geology of the deposit and hope that I can use a copy of the detailed topographic map that supposedly is being prepared.

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