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Dear Mr. Heim:

Here is the map I said I would send you. It is a generalized copy of my field map, which I showed you when I was in Folldal this past August. I haven't put very much information on this copy, but it should give an idea of the territory I worked in. The area on this map is in the northwest corner of the Dovrefjell 1:100,000 rectangle and in the southwest corner of the Oppdal 1:100,000 rectangle.

For simplicity I've put only four of my units on the enclosed (They, and most of my other units as well, were first mapped and named by William Scott, the American who just finished working between my area and Lesja.) From top to bottom, they are Blahø Group, interbedded plagioclase-biotite-quartz-hornblende schist and hornblende-plagioclase-quartz-garnet gneiss, generally recognized in outcrop by a brownish-gray color, a pitted appearance, and abundant garnets, but often grading downwards into gray, foliated biotite and two-mica schists and gneisses without garnet. Cambro-Silurian or Cambro-Ordovician. Bukonho Formation of the Gjevilvath Group, light-colored, well-foliated quartz-muscovite-feldspar-hematite schist and quartzite. Mineral proportions may vary, but thickness less than about 20 meters, almost complete absence of dark minerals, and blue-gray hematite are usually characteristic of the unit. Age: probably Eccambrian. Gasbu Formation of the Gjevilvath Group, a heterogeneous collection of biotite gneisses, generally plagioclase-quartzbiotite-epidote, with some layers of amphibolite, some layers

biotite-epidote, with some layers of amphibolite, some layers of augen gneiss. Epidote is more common in the darker layers. Often the upper Gg is massive, non-banded gneiss, with the lower Gg often finely foliated and strongly banded with respect to biotite content. Age: probably Eccambrian.

H: Hatten Formation of the Gjevilvath Group, almost identical to Gb but finer grained. Age: uncertain, but probably Eccambrian. The Hatten is of uncertain age relationship to the Gb and the Gg.

The above stratigraphy is abstracted from Scott's thesis for the most part, but I've verified that it holds in my area as well. These rocks are well exposed in a complete section in two places:

on the trail from Leipullskardet down to Amotsdalshytta, and on the trail from the northeast end of Langvassdalen down between Drugshøeggi and Larseggi into Amotsdalen. The Leirpullskardet section does not include Hatten rocks; the B-H contact is somewhere to the south, perhaps on the far wall of Stroplsjødalen.

The map pattern is generally as I have shown it on the map. A solid line is a definitely observed contact; a dashed line (---) is a covered contact that is well-located by exposures of the rocks on both sides of it; a dotted line (...) is an inferred contact which is roughly located. The red line is the Bukonho itself, and the black pencil line is the contact between Bland and Hatten rocks, a contact which Scott has shown to be a thrust contact, at least in this region. are several more units west of the Bukonho as I have drawn it on the map, but their contacts are less certain and I have left them out for simplicity's sake. In pencil, I have included some dip-and-strike symbols. The general structure of the area as so far mapped is that of a synform formed about a gently-plunging southwest axis; to the northeast in the area mapped, for example in the folds in the Gb between Leirpullskardet and Sætertangen, the axes plunge more steeply to the southwest, and I have been told that atop Amotshytten 1. they are nearly vertical. The stratigraphy in this major synform is overturned. The northern several kilometers of the Gb, in the Urvatn area, Oto involved in a series of repeated isoclinal folds which I have not yet mapped in detail; the contacts which I do have are on the map. A plot of about 100 foliations from the entine area mapped show a regional axis plunging gently to the southwest.

I will probably not work in the Hatten rocks south of the contact shown on the map (that is, south of Langvassdalen). I may want to work several kilometers to the east (for example, north of Reinheim) and to the northeast (up Amotsdalen). I will definitely be working to the north, northwest, and west as far as time allows. I am bounded on the southwest by Scott's area, which comes north to about 62 20' and east to the ends of the contacts shown on my map at the southwest end of Drugshø.

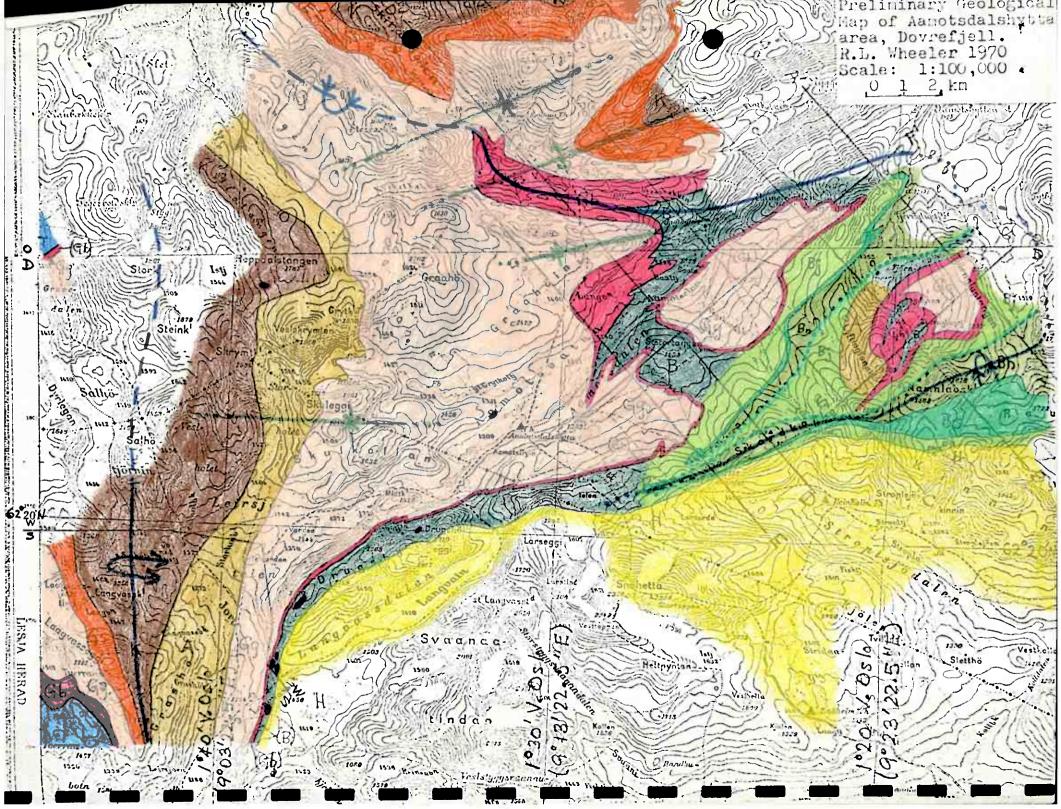
Thus I should not be in any danger of colliding with any other workers in the area. As I recall, you and your co-workers have worked to the south and southeast of this area. Please let me know if this does intrude on anyone.

This information and the map are sketchy and incomplete, but they give some idea of where I have worked and where I plan to work. I wish you a pleasant winter; I'm not sure whether I prefer your cold or the rain we have all winter long here!

Sincerely,

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Russell L. Wheeler

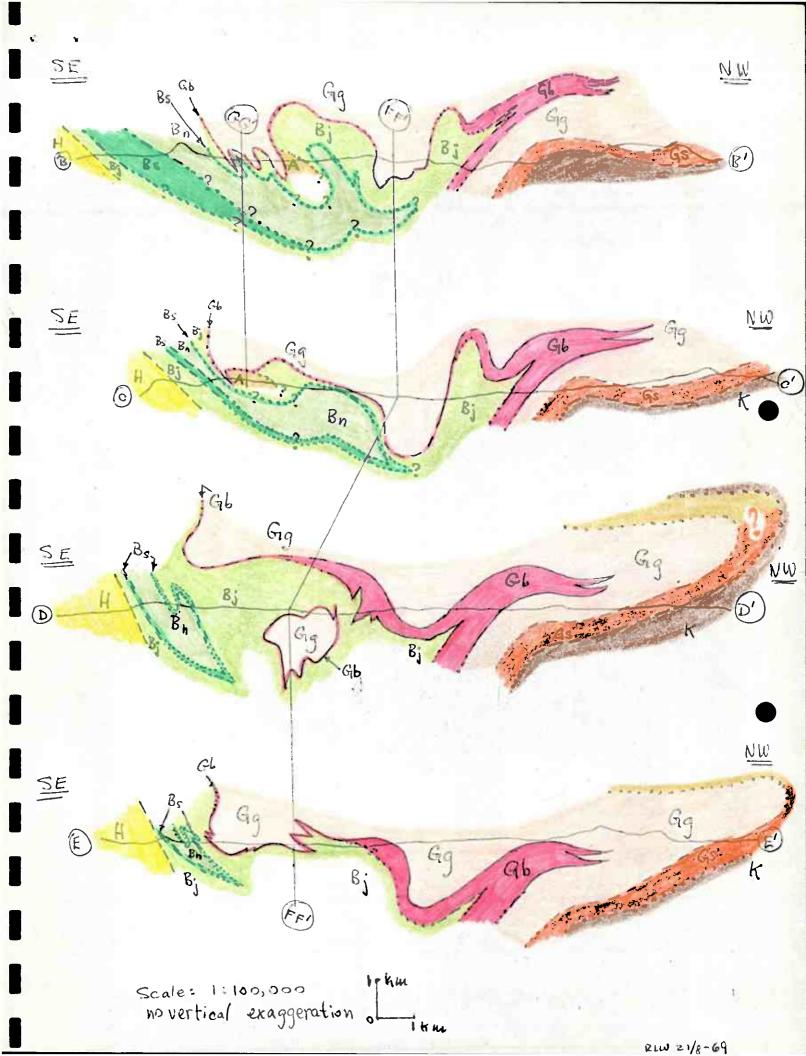


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turisthyttes, private hyttes O/D boundary between 1:100,000 Oppdal quadrangle 42A (to north) and 1:100,000 Dovrefjell quadrangle 37C (to south) W/S boundary between map area of W.H. Scott (1967) (to south and west) and this project (to north and east) Stratigraphy: (formation names are from Scott (1967)) Blahø Group (undifferentiated) Tveraatind (Cambro-Silurian?) Group (undifferentiated ultra-mafic body within Blahø (Cambro-Nyseter Formation Silurian?) Bn (bi-gar schists) Sjongseter Formation Bs (amphibolites) Jori Formation Bij (bi-gar schists, bi schists) Gjevilvatn Group (Eocambrian?) Bukonhø Formation Unless specified, of Gb (f'spar>qtz>musc>hem flaggy unknown age relationship schists and quartzitic gneisses) to Gb. Gg. and Gs: Gasbu Formation mafic body within Gg (heterogeneous bi and bi+musc massive augen gneiss schists and gneisses, some unit(s), variable ... matrix. In west, amphibolites) Sorhella Formation presumed correlative (f'spar>qtz>musc>hem flaggy with Gs schists and quartzitic gneisses) Hatten Formation (f'spar>qtz>musc> hem flag y schists and quartzitic gneisses) Kvitseter Group (undifferentiated) (pre-Caledonian?) (light bi gneisses, dark bi+epidote schists and gneisses, amphibolites) mafic body within Kvitseter

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The work to which the N.G.U. generously contributed support during the summer of 1969 was the third and final field season spent on the detailed mapping and structural analysis of an area of approximately 350 km² of medium-grade metamorphic terrain in the Stroplsjødalen-Aamotsdalen-Skiraadalen-Gruvedalen tract of Dovrefjell. The area roughly centers on 62°20'N, 9°15'E Greenwich. It lies within the infrastructural "Basal Gneiss Region", ten to fifteen kilometers west of the border with the suprastructural Trondheim Basin.

In agreement with Scott (1967) and other previous workers in the region, the rocks are preliminarily assigned to eight Formations in three Groups. The Groups are probably of pre-Caledonian, Eocambrian, and Cambro-Ordovician ages. The rocks are metased-imentary and probable metavolcanic gneisses and schists, distinguished in the field by presence and absence of biotite, muscovite, amphibole, hematite, garnet, and epidote(?). Augen gneisses are ubiquitous.

Minor structural evidence indicates one isoclinal folding (F1), followed by one sub-isoclinal folding (F2) and one less ductile phase of folding (F3). F3 produced chevron folds (F3C) and discon (concentric, disharmonic) folds (F3D). F1, F2, F3C, and F3D fold types have been recognized, distinguished, and classified using the method of style elements as developed by Hansen (1962, 1970(?)).

Major structures support this interpretation and consist chiefly of a major recumbent Fl syncline refolded by a series of F2 synforms and F2 antiforms. Two major interference structures were produced by refolding of F2 structures by F3. Almost without exception, all major and minor fold axes and mineral lineations associated with all three foldings plunge shallowly southwest.

After further work on petrography, petrology, structural analysis, and regional structural interpretation and correlation, this doctoral dissertation will probably be completed in the late spring of 1971, at which time a copy of the completed thesis and accompanying maps will be sent to the N.G.U.

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