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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
Observation of unusual phenomina in the skies over South West Texas

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Brackettville, Texas	24-9 Weather Detachment

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
7 July 1953	23 June 1953	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
~~M/Sgt. Charles E. Reed~~ Capt. Jack E Turner	M/sgt Charles E Reed

REFERENCES (*Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable*)

SUMMARY: (*Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.*)

I am a Weather Forecaster, in the USAF, stationed at an Air Force Base in Southwest Texas. Having been interested in flying and associated with aircraft since 1938, and also flying and owning my own Trainer, I think I understand the principles of flight and aircraft operation. I have normal 20/20 vision and think I have the mental ability to distinguish one object from another.

Being a Weather Forecaster for the Air Force, I am well acquainted with Jet Airdraft and Jet Operations, speed and altitude at which they operate. I am not superstitious, and do believe in the material things that I can see and feel. With this in mind, you may believe what I saw is REAL.

On the afternoon of the 22nd of June, my wife and I drove to San Antonio and returned the same day. We left San Antonio about 2200C on the 22nd of June and drove due west. About 0130 On the 23'd of June, while cruising along the highway at an moderate speed, I suddenly noticed a light to the right of the highway. The light was very high, I would estimate 50,000 ft and approximately 10 miles to my right. It was quite small and as it approached the earth it became very large. As it approached I could see the outlines of the object. It was Oval shaped and moving very fast. It's color was cream. Abruptly it was tilted, and began to descend at an angle of approximately 70°. It turned a brilliant red, and began to stream some sort of substance from its outer surface as though it were aflame. It was at this point that I decided I was seeing the largest meteor of my lifetime. At a very low altitude maybe 3000ft, the object ceased it's headlong plunge, and level flight was resumed. Then it stopped completely and was suspended in space. (The elapsed time from when I first saw the light and when the object was motionless, was aproximately 6 seconds). When the object stopped in mid-air, the burning substance ceased to flow off from the main body, and it regained the original cream color. The object then began a falling-leaf, or a dishing motion and faded away to the west in level flight, (could be attributed to the heat waves over the desert at night) The acceleration was tremedous and unbelievable. I WASN'T DREAMING.

In my humble opinion, this object had the motivation uncommon to present day aircraft and possibly unknown to our Scientific World. This object was coated with some substance that was meant to burn off during rapid descent, and to absorb the terrific heating it would encounter going through dense air. What I saw in the early hours of the morning on June 23'd was a FLYING SAUCER.

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By W.C. Lewis NARS, Date 2/19/79
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24-9 Weather Detachment
Laughlin AFB Texas

7 July 1953

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This report was submitted to my higher hqs. on the 7th of July, and they returned the report stating that I should submit report on form 112 and in accordance with USAF LTR 20055. This is the reason the report didn't go out over the wire and the reason that the report is late in reaching your Hqs.

The mental alertness and integrity of M/sgt Reed is above reproach, and I believe everything that is written in this report

Jack E Turner
Capt USAF
DETCO 24-9 Wx. Det

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ELEVATIONS IN FEET

WORLD AERONAUTICAL CHART

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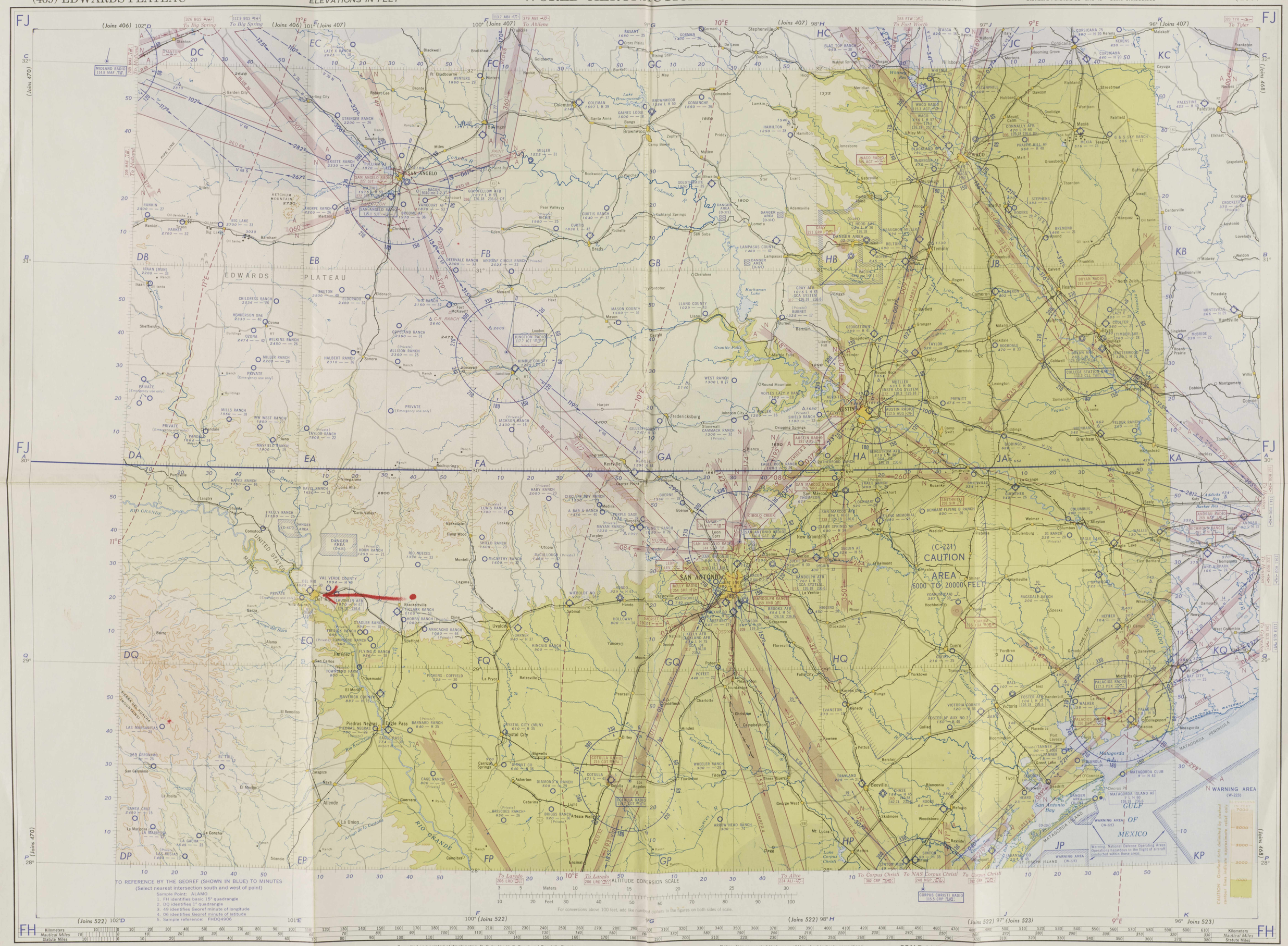
Lambert Conformal Conic Projection
Standard Parallels 33° and 45° Scale 1:1,000,000



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JANUARY 1945 Revised FEBRUARY 1953 BASE NO 481
BLUE TINT INDICATES AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLED AREAS
Victor airway designations are shown along the radials of the omni range stations. Limits of these airways which are not indicated on this chart are 5 miles on either side of the radials.

Note: It is requested that users of this chart indicate corrections and additions which come to their attention and comply with mailing instructions on reverse side.

SCALE 1:1,000,000
CAUTION
The reliability of relief information on this chart, covering the Mexican area, is questionable and all elevations should be used with caution.
GEOREF 8-52

17TH EDITION Consult appropriate NOTAMS and Radio Facility Charts for changes in aeronautical information on this chart after February 20,1953
Next scheduled edition, September 1953

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U. S. DANGER AREAS ON WORLD AERONAUTICAL CHART 469

NO.	NAME	ACTIVITY	USING AGENCY	ALTITUDE	TIME
D-219	Fort Hood	High Angle Firing	Fort Hood, Tex.	To 45,000	Unltd.
C-221	Randolph AFB	Instrument Training	Randolph AFB, Tex.	6,000-20,000	Unltd.
W-223	Matagorda Island	Aerial Gunnery	8th Air Force, Caswell AFB, Tex.	To 50,000	Days
D-224	Matagorda Island No. 1	Bombing, Strafing, Aerial Gunnery and Drone Aircraft	8th Air Force, Caswell AFB, Tex.	To 50,000	Days
W-225	Matagorda Island No. 1	Bombing, Strafing, Aerial Gunnery and Drone Aircraft	8th Air Force, Caswell AFB, Tex.	To 50,000	Days
D-226	Matagorda Island No. 2	Bombing, Gunnery and Rocket Firing	8th Air Force, Caswell AFB, Tex.	To 50,000	Unltd.
W-228	Corpus Christi	Gunnery, Strafing, Bombing, Rocket Firing	NAS Corpus Christi, Tex.	Unltd.	Days
D-343	Gray AFB		Gray AFB, Tex.	Unltd.	Unltd.
D-374	Connally AFB (PB 1)	Bombing	Connally AFB, Tex.	To 12,000	Days
D-375	Connally AFB (PB 2)	Bombing	Connally AFB, Tex.	To 12,000	Days
D-376	Connally AFB (PB 3)	Bombing	Connally AFB, Tex.	To 12,000	Days
D-423	Del Rio	Air-to-Ground Gunnery	Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Tex.	To 30,000 MSL	Days
D-427	Laughlin AFB	Air-to-Ground Gunnery	Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Tex.	To 30,000 MSL	Days

Altitude given in feet. AR - Airspace Reservation (Prohibited) C - Caution D - Danger W - Warning 2-20-53

No person shall operate an aircraft within an Airspace Reservation or Danger Area unless permission for such operation has been issued by appropriate authority.

Aircraft are not restricted from flying through Caution Areas; however, extreme caution should be exercised by pilots flying through such areas.

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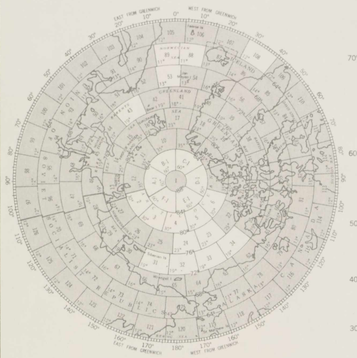

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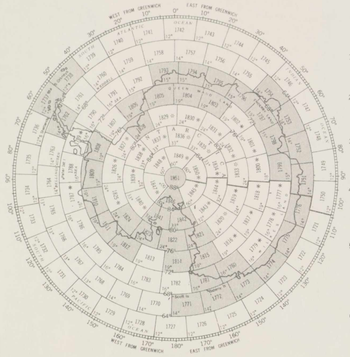
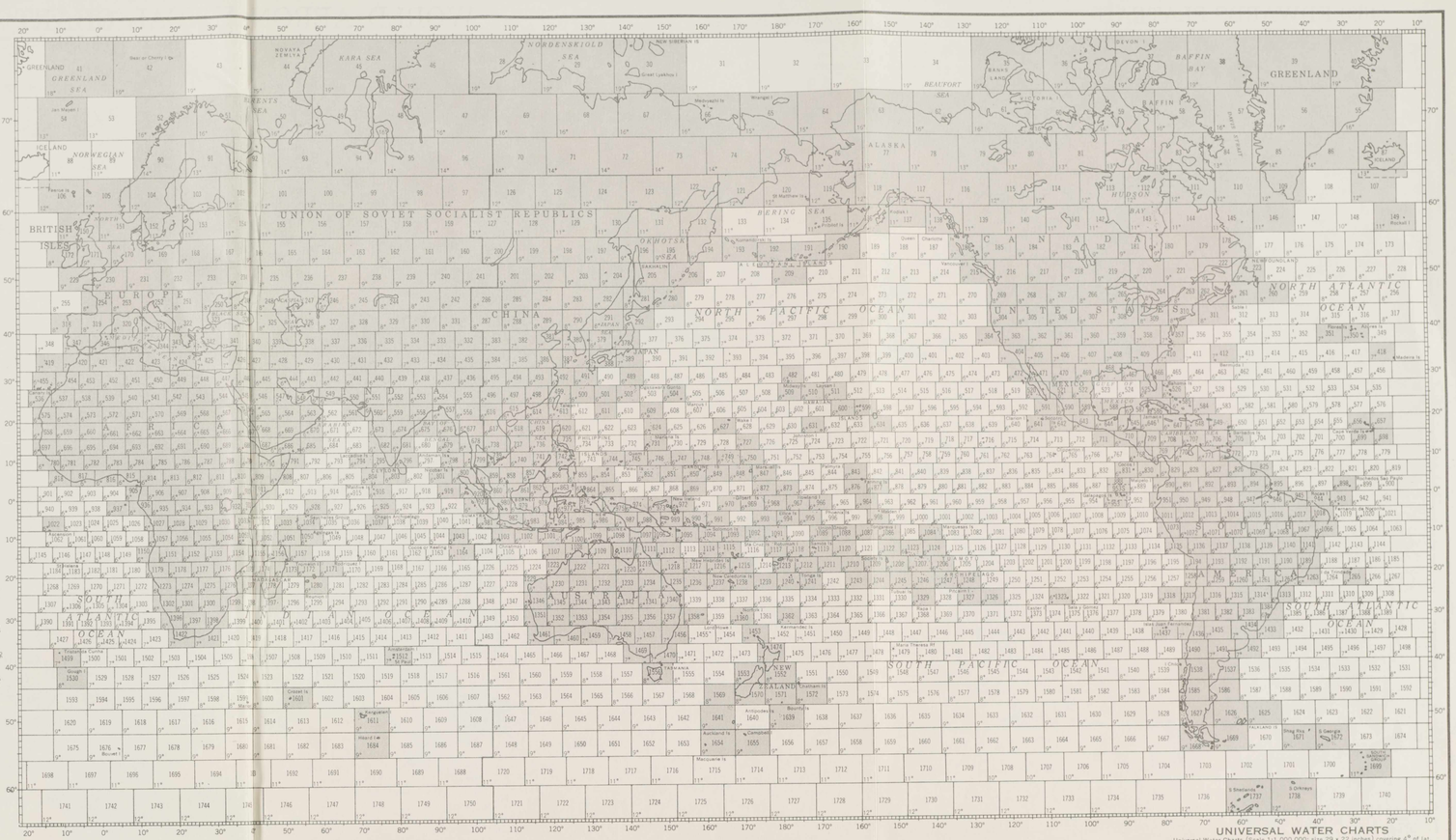




*Indicates that there is not sufficient information available to compile charts in this area at a scale of 1:1,000,000. Requisitions for these charts will be filled with the appropriate Universal Water Chart.

WORLD AERONAUTICAL CHART INDEX

Scale of Series 1:1,000,000

Charts published

Charts not published

UNIVERSAL WATER CHARTS

Universal Water Charts (Scale 1:1,000,000; size 29 x 22 inches) covering 4° of lat. have been published for use in place of the World Aeronautical Charts in water areas. The user must insert the appropriate long. values for the particular area desired. Water tint is printed within the normal geographical limits and the chart is designed for use in both north and south latitudes.

NOTE: Requisition these charts by name and latitude interval.

Example: WAC-225 would be **WATER-45/52**

AERONAUTICAL SYMBOLS

AERODROMES

Aerodromes with facilities — LAND, WATER: Civil; Joint Civil and Military; Military

Aerodromes with emergency or no facilities — LAND, WATER: Landing Area; Sheltered Anchorage

AERODROME DATA AND LANDING FACILITIES INFORMATION

BARGERSVILLE 908 L H 41 — Airport of entry GCA SYSTEM 278 126.18

LAND: 908 Elevation in feet; L Minimum lighting; H Hard surfaced runway; 41 Length of longest runway in hundreds of feet

WATER: 00 Elevation in feet; L Minimum lighting; S Normal sheltered take-off area; 62 Length of longest runway in hundreds of feet

NAS ANACOSTIA 00 L S 62 2870

The facility code character is replaced by a dash if specific information is not available or if the facility itself is not available.

GCA SYSTEM - Ground Control Approach System. Other controlled approach systems by appropriate abbreviation.

278 126.18 2870 - Control tower transmitting frequencies

AIR NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Rotating Light
Rotating Light (With flashing code lights)
Rotating Light (With course lights and site number) — 12
Flashing Light — Fl
Flashing Light (With code) — Fl
Lightship
Marine Light — Occ W R G

F—Fixed; Fl—Flashing; Qk Fl—Quick Flashing; I Qk Fl—Interrupted Quick Flashing; Occ—Occulting; Alt—Alternating; Gp—Group; R—Red; W—White; G—Green; B—Blue; (U)—Unwatched; SEC—Sector; sec—Second

Marine lights are white unless colors are indicated; alternating lights are red and white unless otherwise indicated

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction — 1108 (Numerals in italics indicate elevation above sea level of obstruction top.)
Group Obstruction
Prominent Transmission Line
Mooring Mast
Isogonic Line — 4°E — Values for 1950
Reporting Point (Compulsory)
Reporting Point (Non-compulsory)
Ocean Station Vessel (Normal position)
International Boundary (Closed to passage of aircraft except through air corridor)

Restricted areas are numbered, and are indicated on the charts as follows:

PROHIBITED AREA (AR-70) — Prohibited Area — Flight of aircraft prohibited except by specific authority of using agency

DANGER - RESTRICTED OR WARNING AREA (D-32) OR (W-46) — Danger, Restricted or Warning Area — Invisible hazards to air navigation

CAUTION AREA (C-54) — Caution Area — Visible hazards to air navigation

AERONAUTICAL SYMBOLS

RADIO FACILITIES

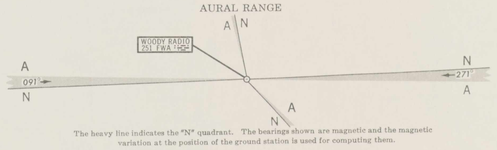
All radio facility data are printed in blue with the exception of certain LF/MF facilities such as tower frequencies, radio ranges and associated airways, which are printed in magenta.

Methods of indicating specific voice and CW calls are shown below

Use of the word "Radio" within the box indicates voice facilities.

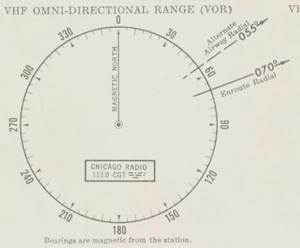
Radio Range (With voice) — BALTIMORE RADIO 257 BAL
Radio Range (Without voice) — EGLIN RANGE 309 VFS
Nondirectional Radiobeacon (With voice) — DOUGLAS RADIO 251 DGW
Nondirectional Radiobeacon (Without voice) — DIXIE 388 DXE
Marine Radiobeacon — RBn ASHTABULA 314 0m-10m & 30m-40m
Radio Direction Finder (Without voice) — DF McGRATH 2312 4230
Radio Direction Finder (With voice) — DF KODIAK OF HOMER 121.5
Radio Communication Station (With voice) — CS GOWEN RADIO 4470
Radio Communication Station (Without voice) — CS KAZAN 5200 CANX
Radio Broadcasting Station — BS CFRB 1010
Radar Beacon (Racon) — RACON 5256 Z-1-2
Radio Fan Marker Beacons — 100 watts: NOTT; 5 watts: BATES, DIXIE

AURAL RANGE



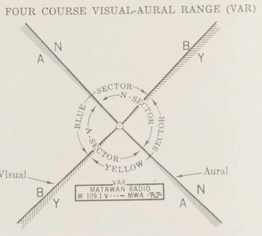
The heavy line indicates the "N" quadrant. The bearings shown are magnetic and the magnetic variation at the position of the ground station is used for computing them.

VHF OMNI-DIRECTIONAL RANGE (VOR)



Bearings are magnetic from the station. Radius of circle is 15 nautical miles.

VHF FOUR COURSE VISUAL-AURAL RANGE (VAR)



Letter preceding frequency in box indicates channel indentification.

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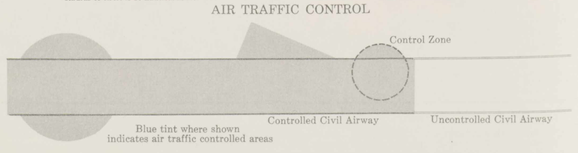

TOPOGRAPHICAL SYMBOLS

CITIES AND TOWNS

Metropolitan Areas — NEW YORK
Large Cities — RICHMOND
Cities — ARLINGTON
Small Cities — Freehold
Large Towns — Corville
Towns & Villages — Arcola

HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

Dual Lane and Super Highways
Primary Roads
Secondary Roads
Trails
U. S. Road Markers — 101
National, State or Provincial Road Markers — 37
Road Names — ALASKA HIGHWAY

RELIEF FEATURES

Contours: Reliable; Approximate; Depression
Levees or Eskers
Hachures
Bluffs, Cliffs & Escarpments
Sand: Dunes; Areas; Ridges
Lava Flow

HYDROGRAPHIC FEATURES

Swamps & Marshes
Tidal Flats (Exposed at low tide)
Danger Line
Rocks Awash
Shoals (Exposed at low tide)
Springs
Wells & Water Holes
Reefs, Coral & Rocky Ledges (Awash at low tide)
Streams & Rivers: Perennial; Intermittent; Probable or Unsurveyed; Braided
Intermittent Lakes (blue stipple)
Drainage Ditches
Canals: In use; Abandoned
Dry Lake Beds (brown stipple)
Sand Deposits in river bed
Dry Washes (brown stipple)
Glaciers and Ice Caps

CULTURAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Landmarks (with appropriate note) (Numerals indicate elevation above sea level of top) — Factory; Stack 975
Oil Tanks
Oil Fields
Dams
Elevations (In feet): Highest on chart; (Highest on chart is devoid of tint); Highest in a general area; Spot — 1115; 1085; 950
Mines and Quarries
Mountain Passes
Lookout Stations (Elevation is base of tower) — 75(Site) 1025 (Elev)
Coast Guard Stations — CG 79
Pipe Lines — PIPE LINE
Race Tracks or Stadiums — RT
Stranded Wrecks
Boundaries: International; State & Provincial
Railroads: Abandoned or Under Construction; Single Track; Multiple Track; Sidings & Spurs; Overpass; Underpass
Bridges: Railroad; Highway
Tunnels: Railroad; Highway

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