

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 May 53 11/1130Z	2. LOCATION Tehran, Iran
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Five	Observer says definitely a/c. Possibly of IL-28 overflight.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Minute	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Lt Col USAF reports an object (definitely an aircraft) over Tehran. Size comparable to a B-45, speed 500-600 mph, rolling from side to side as in a coordination exercise. Officers wife spotted five objects, 3 in trail formation. Called Lt Col who saw only one.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE 90 degrees	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
 FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

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SECURITY

CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT

(Uncl) Unidentified Object Report

TO ATIAA-2e *JLB*
ATTN: Lt Lerner

FROM ATIAE

DATE 12 June 53 COMMENT NO. 1

M. B. Hatch for
ATIAE-5/Lt Olsson/vs
65365/Bldg 263/P A-30

1. Inclosed is a report of an unidentified object sighted on 11 May 53 over Tehran, Iran. Project Blue Book has tentatively evaluated the object as possibly an aircraft on the strength of the observer's opinion.

2. Report is therefore forwarded to your office for your information and possible corroboration on our evaluation. There is a possibility of this being a Russian over flight.

1 Incl
File dtd 5/11/53
(Tehran, Iran)

for W. C. Johnston
H. C. JOHNSTON, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Electronics Branch
Technical Analysis Division
Air Technical Intelligence CenterTO: ATIAE-5
ATTN: Lt Olsson

FROM: ATIAA

DATE: 16 June 1953 COMMENT #2

ATIAA-2/Lt *Lerner*/tar
54264/B263/P B11

1. The object referred to in the inclosed message may very possibly be a Soviet over flight of Il-28 aircraft.

2. Il-28 aircraft are based in the area and their range capabilities are sufficient to permit them to fly over this area.

1 Incl
n/c

James W. Tisdale, Jr.
JAMES W. TISDALE, JR., Major, USAF
Acting Chief, Aircraft & Propulsion Branch
Technical Analysis Division
Air Technical Intelligence Center

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3. *Acte*
4. *C. filus*

ACTION

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER
AFC 515330101

Blue Book vol. Z [redacted]
Russian over flight? [redacted]
Should send to A/C + report. Grumble for 7

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COUNTRY IRAN		REPORT NO. IR-93-53	
SUBJECT FLYING OBJECT			
AREA REPORTED ON Iran		FROM (Agency) OAIRA, Tehran, Iran	
DATE OF REPORT 9 June 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 11 May 1953	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) W. R. KEYSER, Maj, USAF, Asst Air Attache		SOURCE B-2	
REFERENCES (Cite report number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, Our Msg AFC-31-53			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)			
1. An unidentified flying object was seen on 11 May 1953 by Lt Colonel Barton C. Casto, Jr., a USAF officer serving with the USMM to Iran. A group of five of the objects was first seen by the officer's wife; however, when he arrived at the spot only one was visible. 2. Information obtained from Lt Colonel Casto is submitted on Part II of this report.			
GEORGE R. BROOKING Colonel, USAF Air Attache			
2 INCL 1. Aeronautical Chart No.428 2. Signed Statements of Observers			
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE	OF	PAGES
OsirA, Tehran, Iran	IR-93-53	2	3	

1. Lt Colonel Davton G. Casto, Jr., AO-432619, USAFR, adviser to the IIAF, reported sighting an unidentified flying object over Tehran on 11 May 1953 at 1500 hours local time (1130Z). The officer's wife, Mrs. Casto, was sunbathing on the roof of their home and first spotted five of the objects; she called her husband to come see them, but when he arrived only one was visible.

2. The following information relative to the object is submitted, in accordance with AFL 200-5:

a. Shape of object not discernible, size comparable to B-45, aluminum in color, five seen by Mrs. Casto, one by Lt. Colonel Casto. Mrs. Casto reports three flying in trail formation, no trail or exhaust visible, speed estimated between 500-600 mph, no sound, straight flight but light reflected first from one side and then the other, similar to coordination exercises, object disappeared from sight in the distance.

b. Time of sighting 1500 local time (1130Z).

c. Observation made from the surface, visual only, no optical equipment used.

d. Observer was located at approximately 35°43'N, 51°27'E with object immediately overhead. Estimated altitude of object 20-25000 feet, object was flying on an easterly course.

e. Lt Colonel Casto was formerly operations officer for the 4710 Defense Wing; he has flown jet aircraft; he has been on flying saucer missions, but has never spotted any.

f. Fair weather prevailed on the day of the sighting, visibility was good, with a 1/10 cu sky. The clouds were estimated to be at an altitude of 13-15000 feet.

g. No meteorological activity or condition could offer an explanation.

h. No interception action taken.

i. No air traffic known to have been in the area at the time. *P when*

3. Inclosure 1, World Aeronautical Chart, Mt Karbush, 428 shows the approximate sighting place - NE end of city of Tehran, with an arrow drawn, showing the flight path; the arrow head is at the approximate place of disappearance.

4. Inclosure 2; signed statements of Lt. Colonel Casto and Mrs. Casto, are submitted.

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WILLIAM R. KEYSER
Major, USAF
Asst Air Attache

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Tehran, Iran
8 June 1953

Statement Regarding Observation of Flying Object.

On the 11th of May 1953 while stationed in Tehran, Iran, as Fighter Advisor to the Iranian Air Force I observed an unidentified object flying over the City of Tehran. At approximately 1500 hours I was reading on the second floor of our house, which is located in the northeastern part of Tehran. My wife was on the roof sunbathin. She called for me to come up on the roof to see if I could identify some flying objects which she had seen.

I went up on the roof and lay down on my back to watch the sky. The sun was very bright and there were a few scattered cirulus clouds at approximately 14,000 to 18,000 feet. The surface wind was about five knots. My wife informed me she had seen several objects and after about five minutes she pointed almost directly overhead and said "There see one". I was unable to observe the object at first, but very shortly I was able to pick up the flight path of a bright metallic object headed on a course of 90 degrees. Based on the height of the clouds, for the object was above them, I would estimate its height at 20,000 feet or higher. It made no sound and left no rocket, jet, or contrail.

From 13 years of active flying and observing aircraft, I would say the object was approximately 100^{feet} across. It reflected light from the right and left side alternately at a frequency of approximately 30 times a minute. Its flight path was a very straight line, but this reflection of light seemed to indicate an oscillation or rolling motion, with a fixed speed on its horizontal axis.

Based on the position of the object with relation to Tehran and Mount Damavand, which lies northeast of the City and is 18,371 feet high, I would say the object was traveling between 400 and 500 miles per hour. I observed the object for one minute.

I immediately went downstairs and obtained my binoculars and watched the sky for over an hour, but was unable to spot any further objects.

I have never observed a similar flying object during my career of flying. I reported the object to one of the air attaches assigned to Tehran that afternoon.

AF553123

Dayton C. Casto, Jr.
Dayton C. Casto, Jr.
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AO-432 19

Incl 2⁽¹⁾

411C / 31041BA

Tehran, Iran

8 June 1953

Statement Regarding Observation of Flying Objects

On the 11th of May 1953, while sunbathing on the roof of our house which is located two blocks north of the USAFOM on Shahrman Road in Tehran, I happened to glance up into the sky and saw a round, silver, metallic-looking object. It came from behind some clouds, traveled across the sky for approximately 40 seconds, then disappeared. I kept watching and in about a minute four or five more appeared. They traveled in a straight line, one after the other, stayed in sight about 30 or 40 seconds, and disappeared. The last one of this group acted differently from the others in that after the first 20 - 25 seconds it had an uneven, wavering movement, and seemed to be descending, before finally going out of sight. At this point, I called my husband, told him what I'd seen, and he came up to watch. We saw only one more after he came up.

I went to the roof at 2:45 p.m. I know the exact time as I always time my sunbathing, and I saw the first object soon afterwards. They all appeared to be of the same size and shape, and reflected light. I'm just an ordinary civilian and am no authority on aircraft, but have never seen an airplane or other object in the sky which looked and acted like the objects I saw on this day.

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S D C R F G A
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Date: 11 May 53

L.C.T.: 3:00 pm

Location: Tehran

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REMARKS:

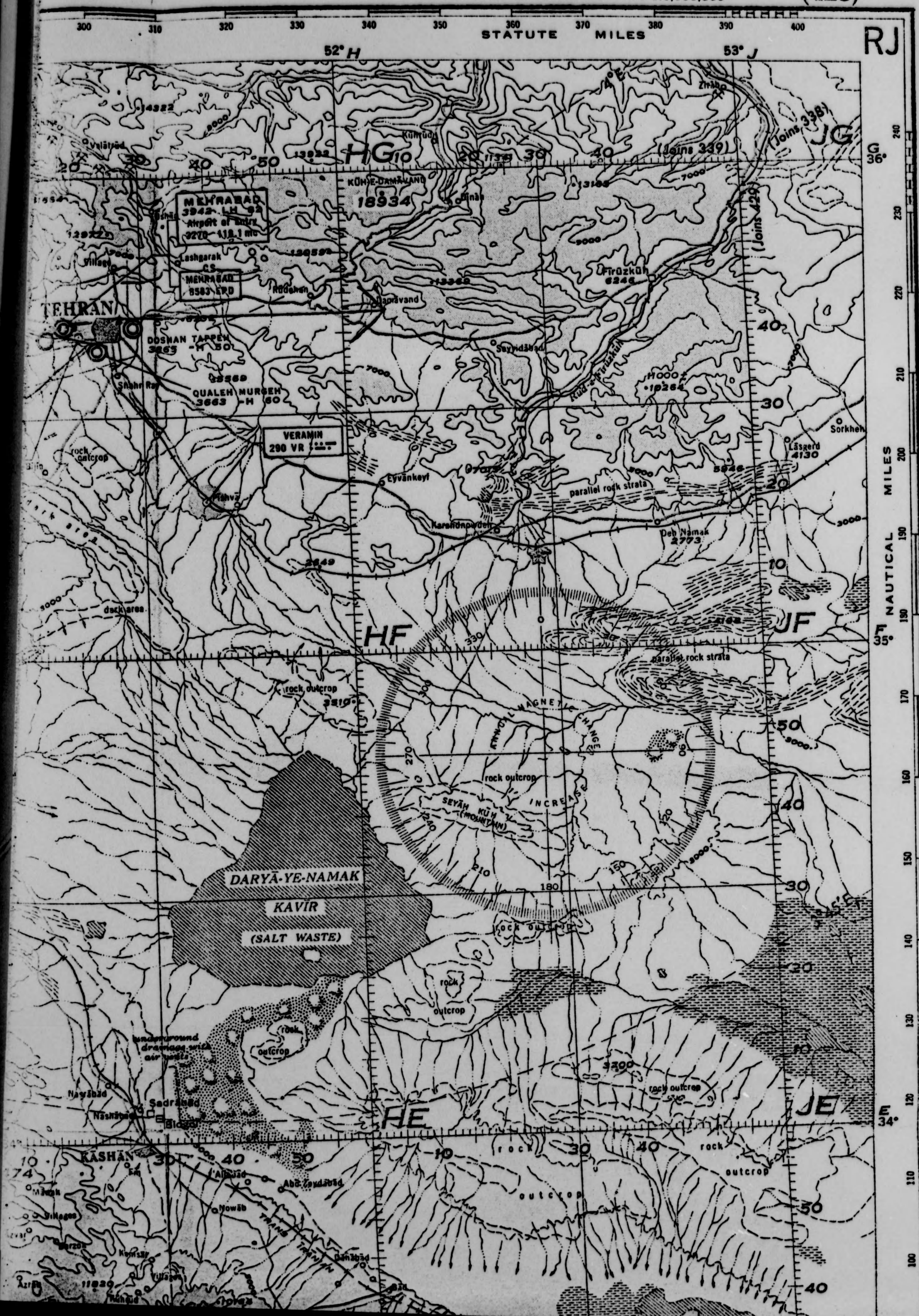
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RONAUTICAL CHART



190 200 210 220 230 240 250 260 270 280 290 300 310
STATUTE MILES



WARNING
Flying is Prohibited
over IRAN
except through Corridors

M 35
A 32
L 5
M 6

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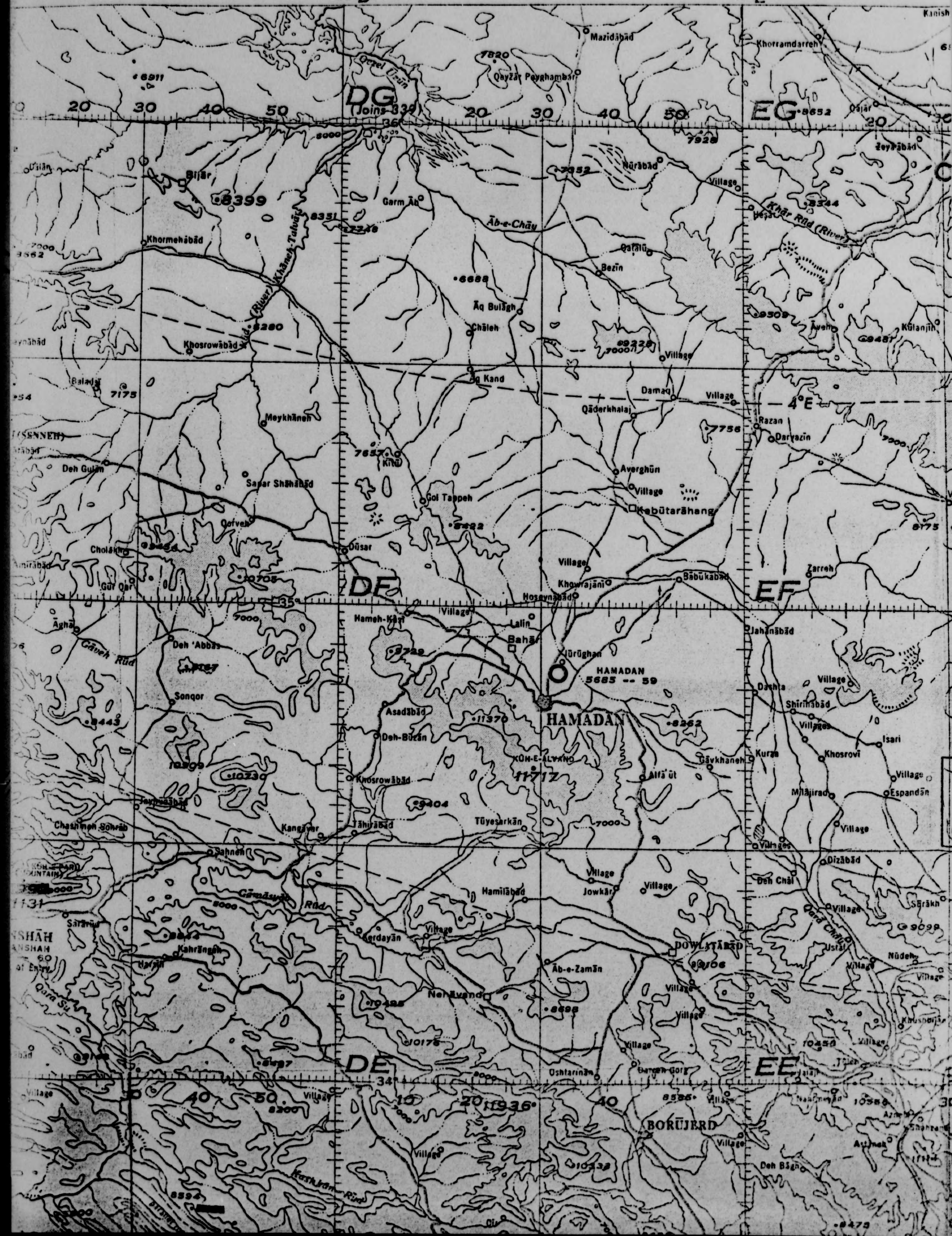


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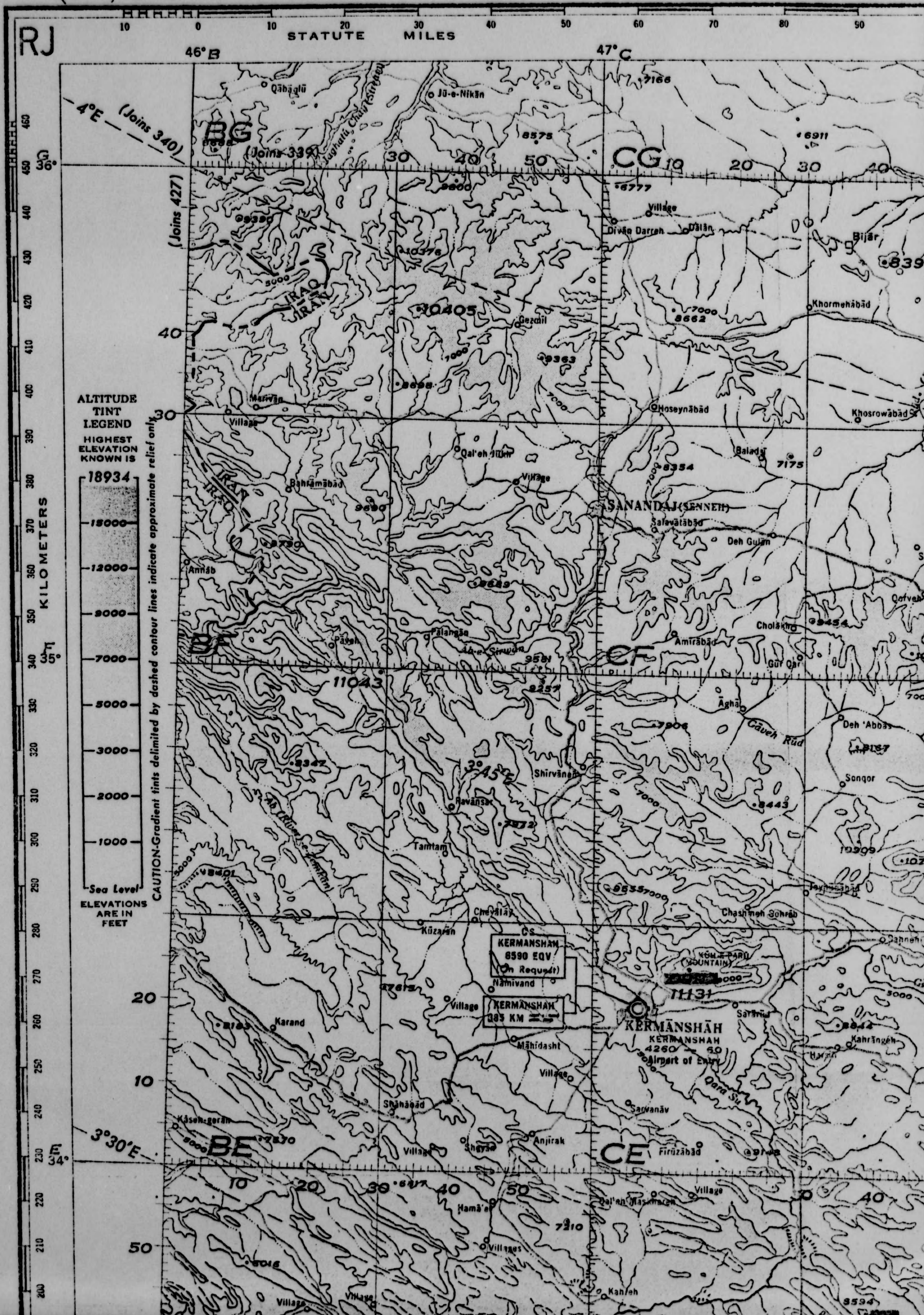
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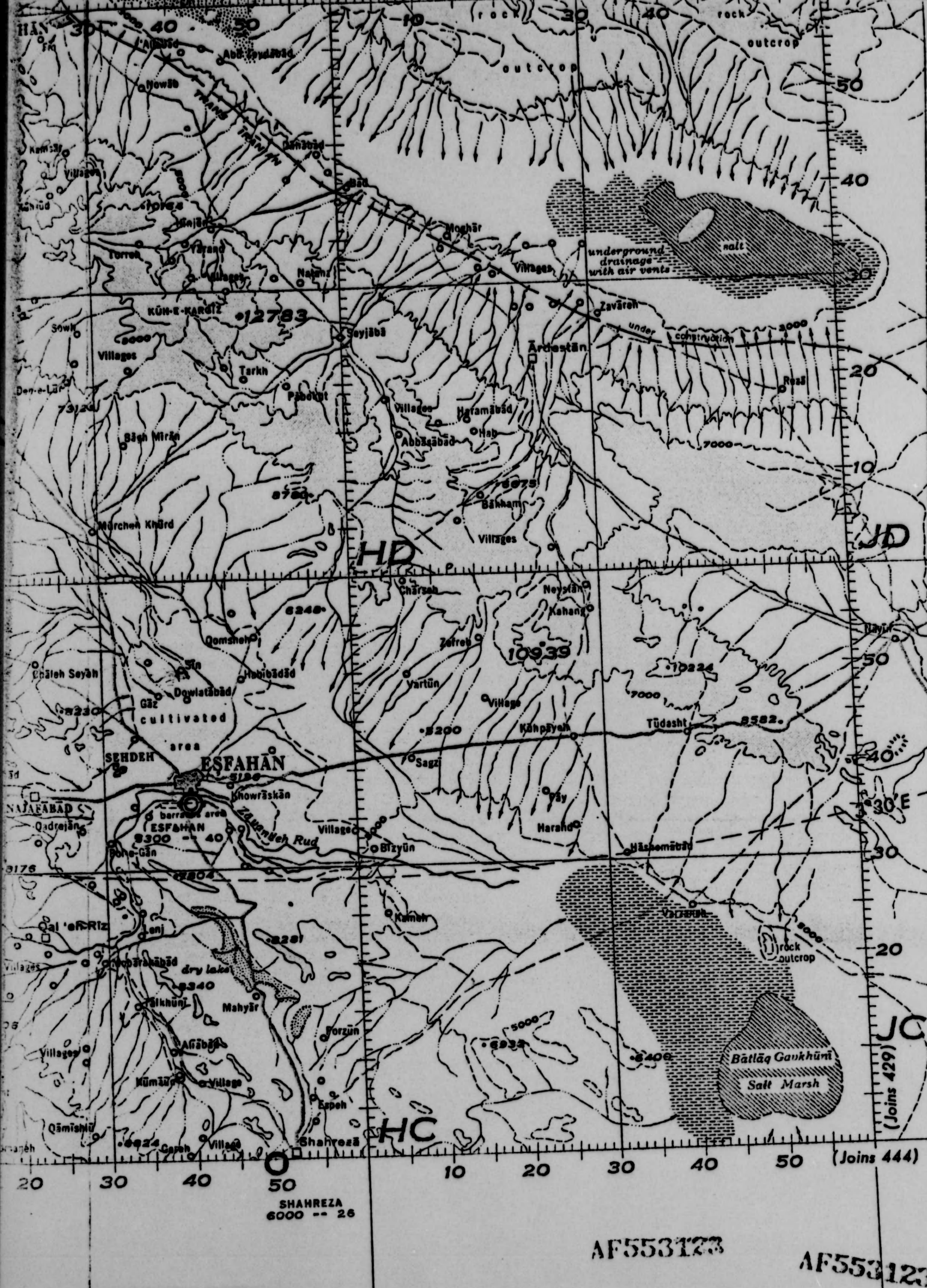
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49° E



N3200-E4600/400x700





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C 32°
52° H 53° J

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Utility Charts and
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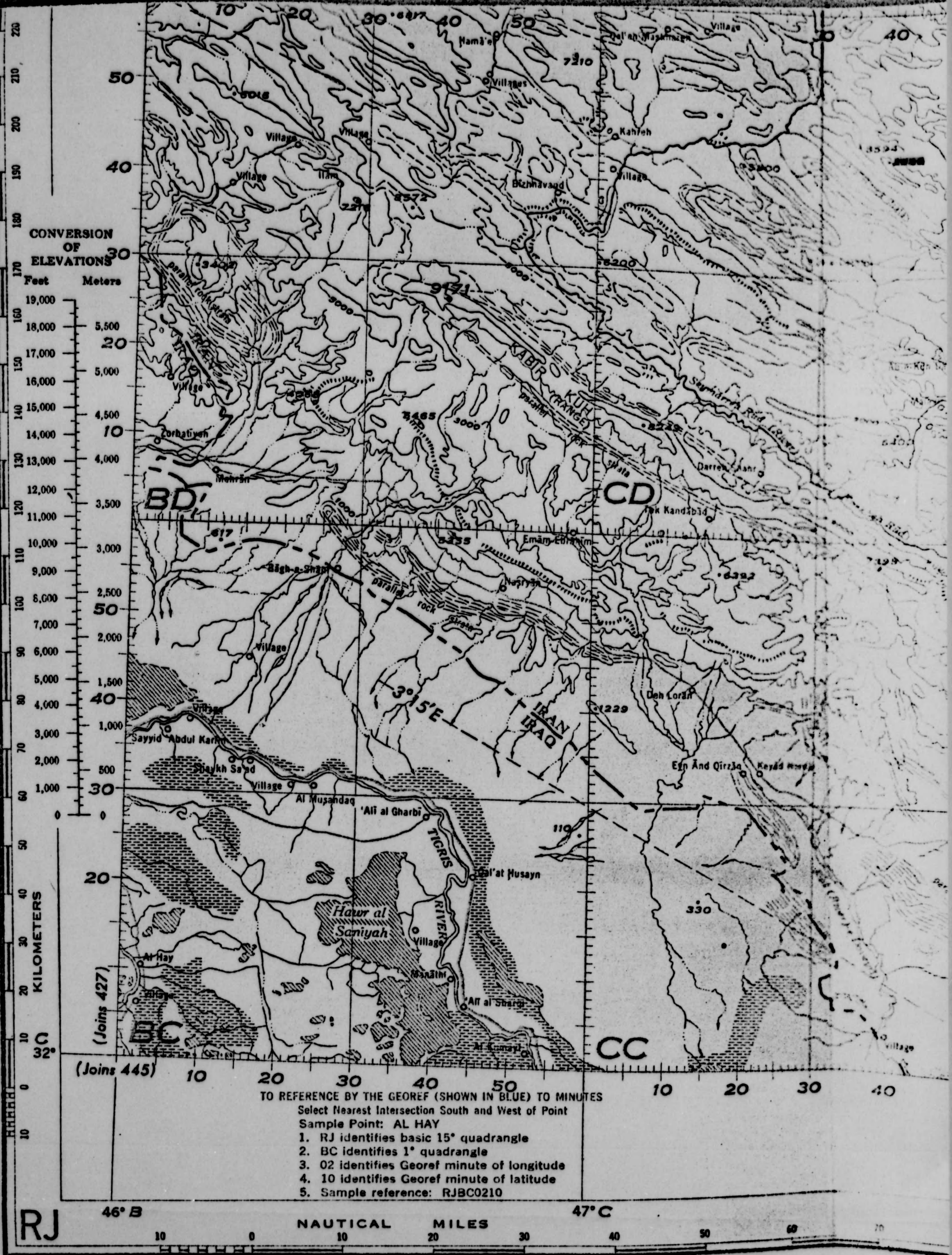
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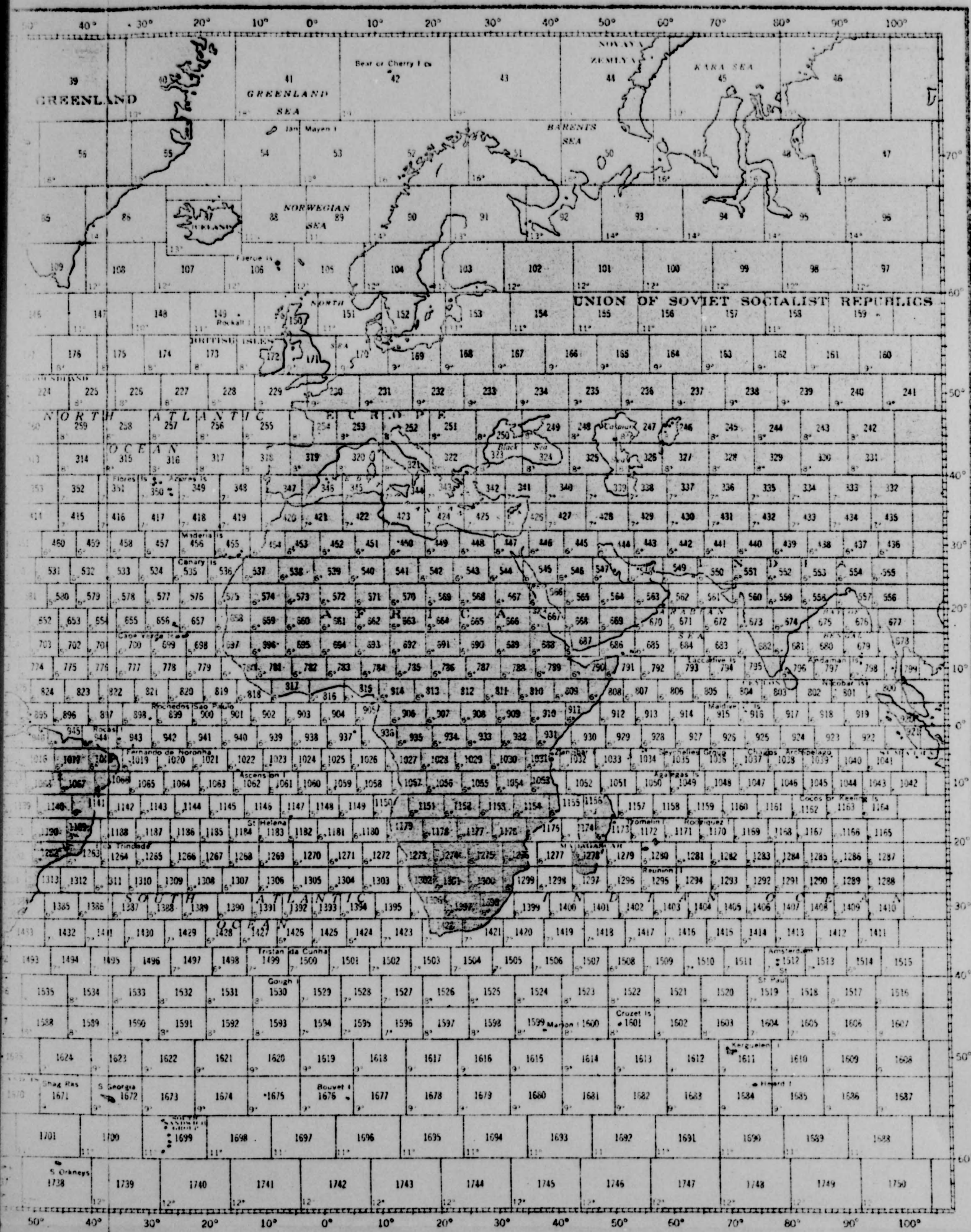


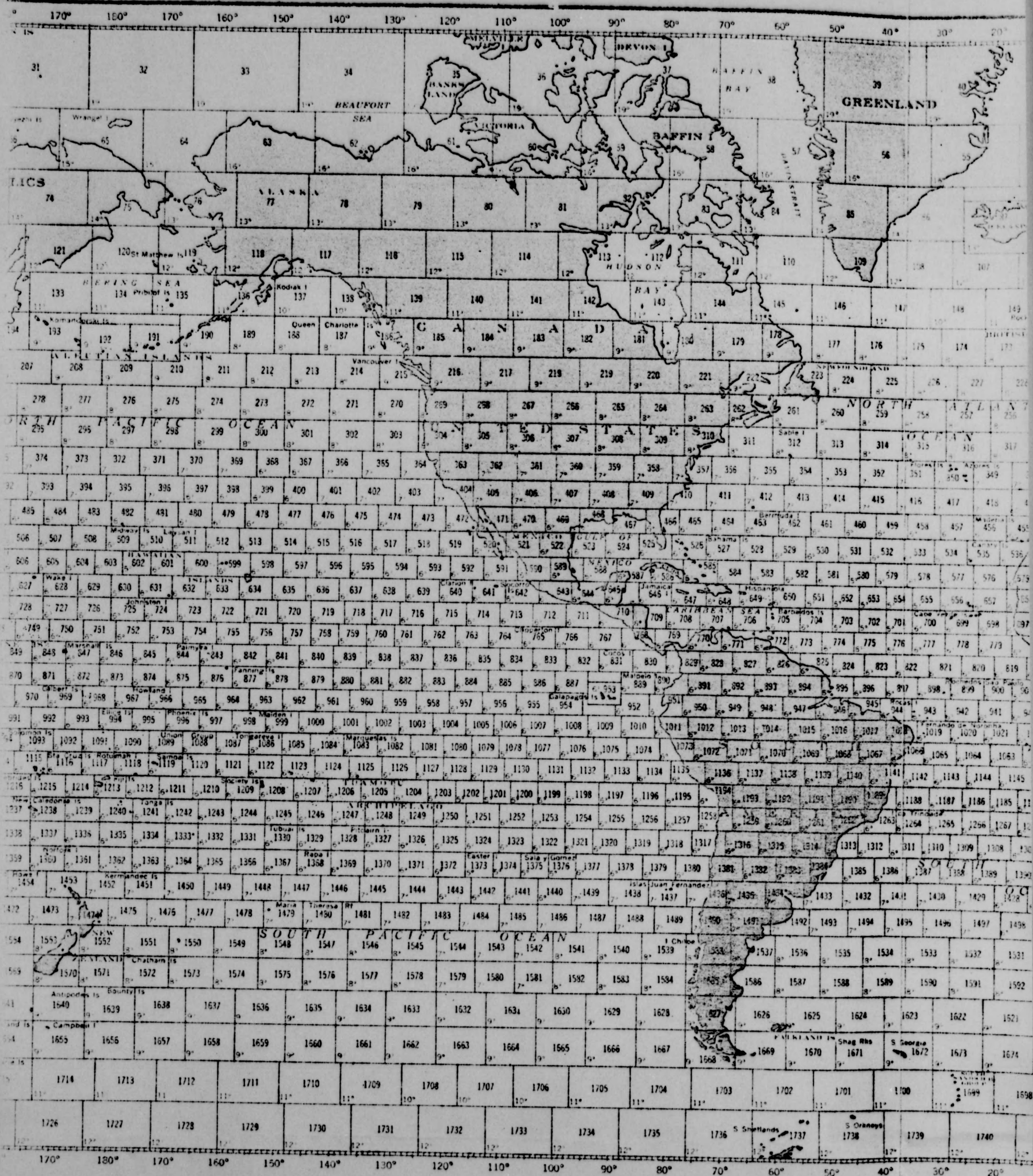
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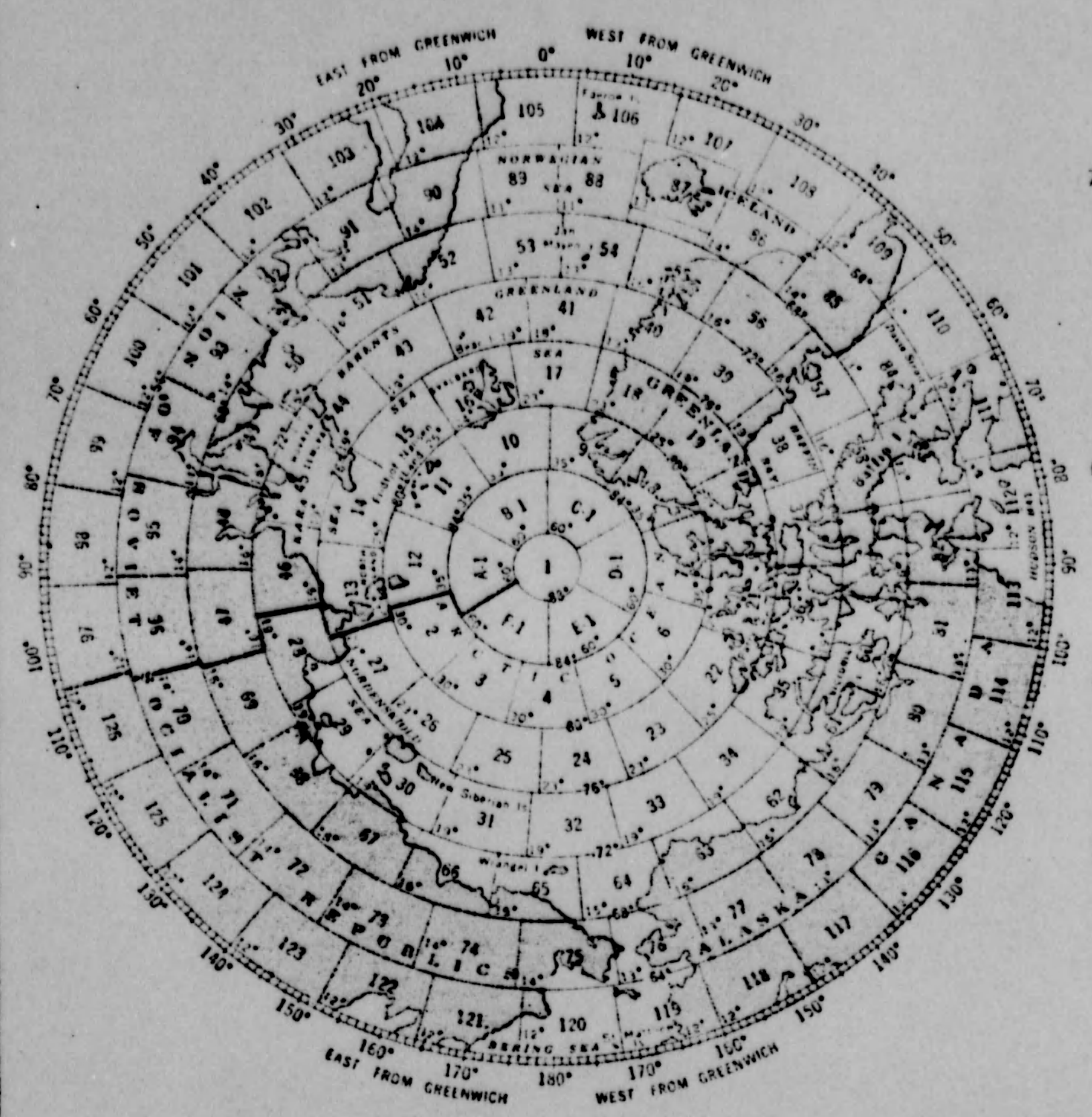




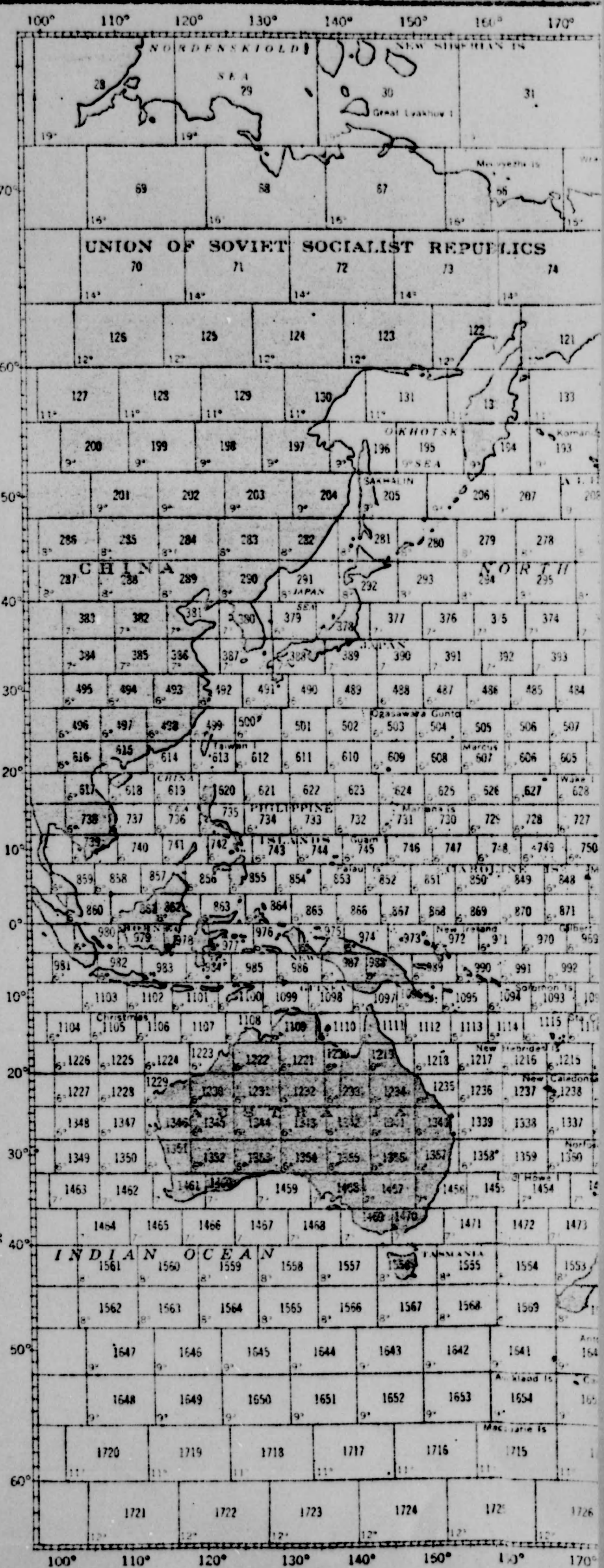
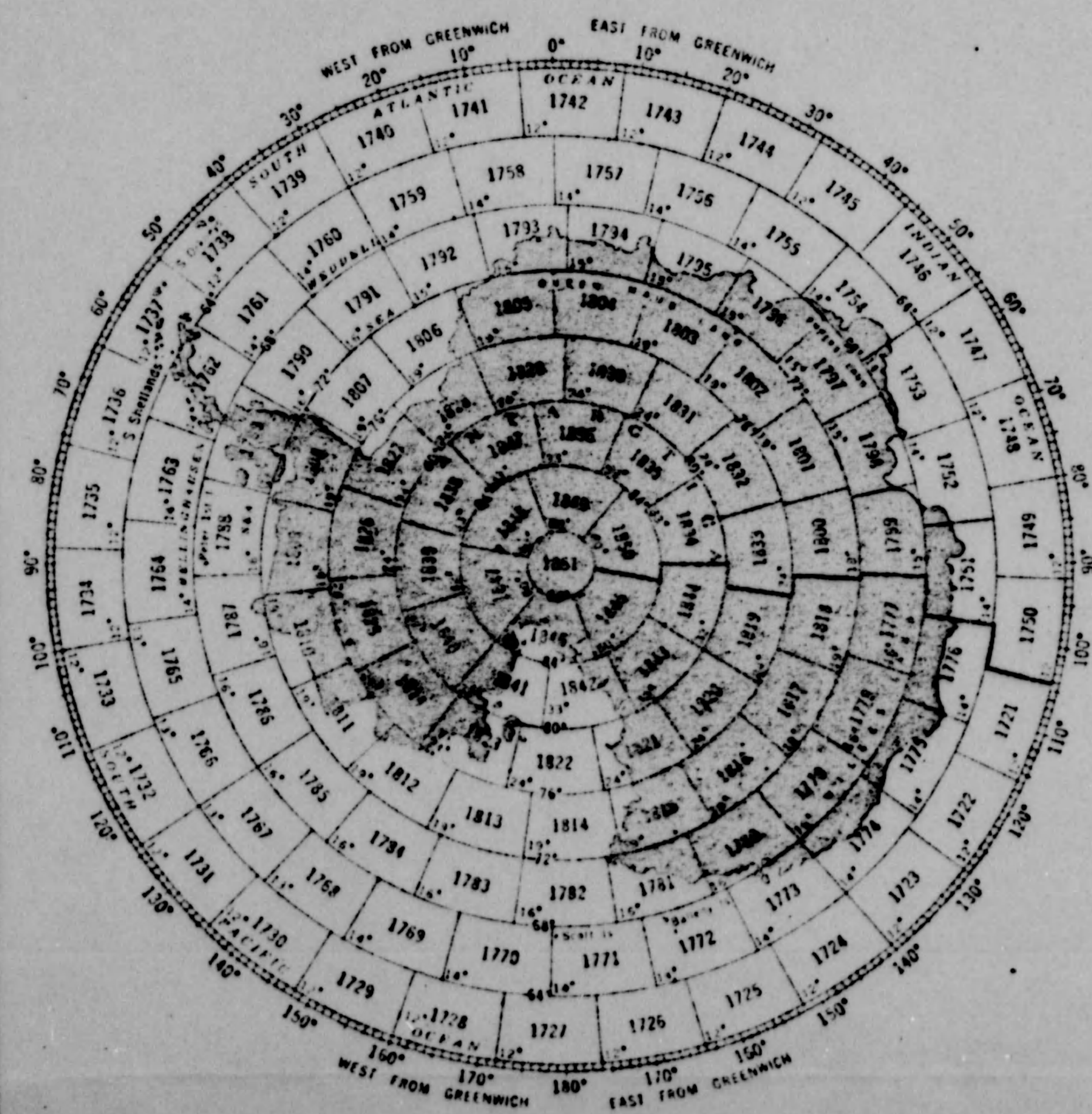
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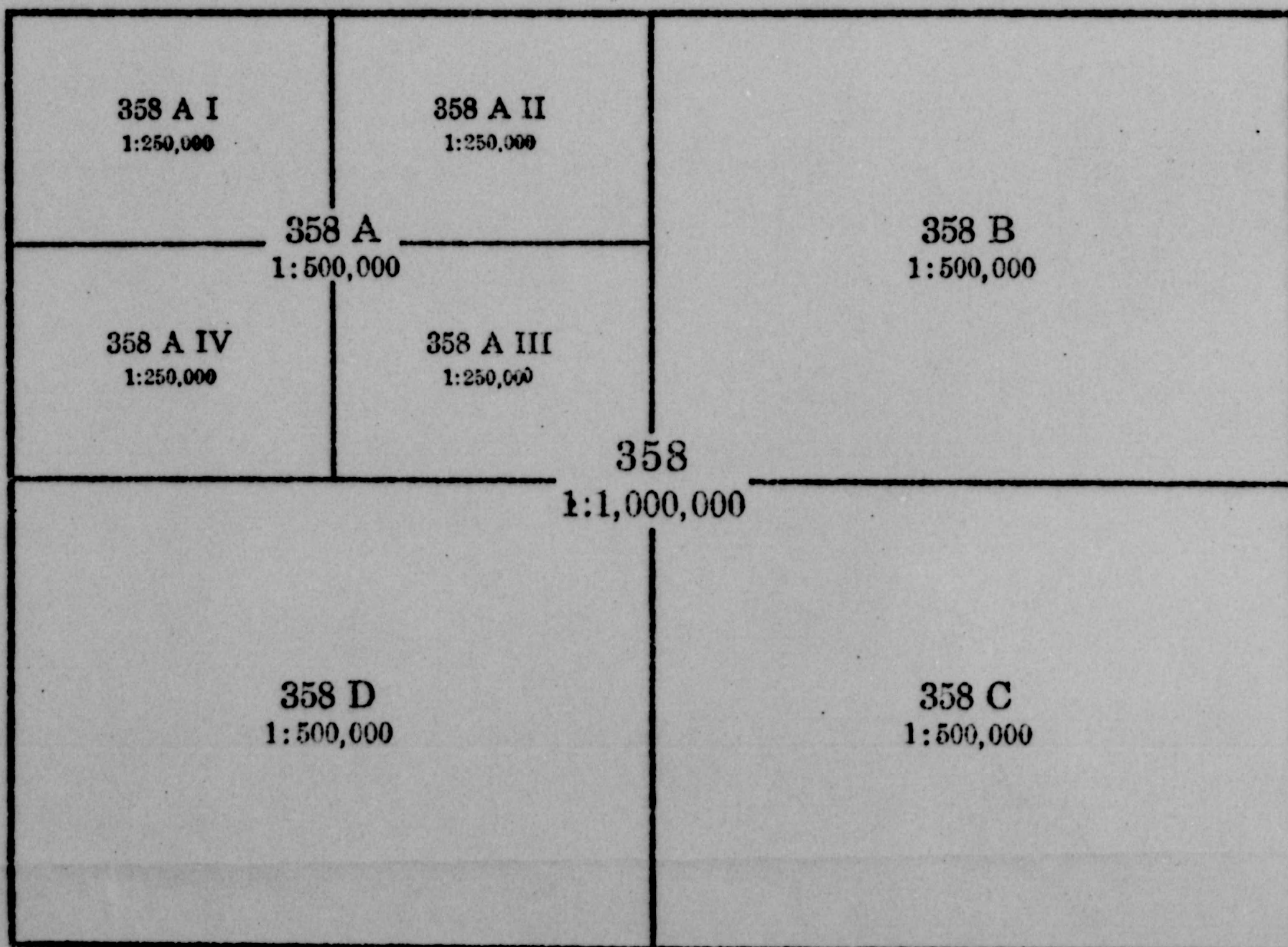
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AIRPORT
services, (cable) pas
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SEAPLANE



Rotating

Rotating

Rotating

Flashing

F—Fix

FI—Fla

Mooring

Dirigible

Promine

Ocean S

Lighted

Obstruct

Line of

AERONAUTICAL SYMBOLS

AERODROMES

AIRPORTS—COMPLETE FACILITIES Refueling services, complete repairs, shelter, and (where applicable) passenger or cargo services and/or seaplane ramp with hauling-out facilities.

SEAPLANE LANDPLANE



Military Base



Civil



Joint Civil and Military Base

AIRFIELDS—LIMITED FACILITIES Refueling services for normal traffic and limited repair facilities.

SEAPLANE LANDPLANE



Military



Civil



Joint Civil and Military

LANDING GROUNDS and ANCHORAGES



Emergency Landing Ground with Landing Strip — Very limited or no facilities or complete information not available



Emergency Landing Ground — Very limited or no facilities or complete information not available



Sheltered Anchorage — Very limited or no facilities

AIRFIELD DATA

300 Elevation in feet

L Minimum lighting; obstruction, boundary or runway lights, aeronautical light and lighted wind indicator

H Hard surface runway, normally all-weather

S Normally sheltered take-off area

60 Length of longest runway to nearest hundred feet



SKYVIEW
300 LH 60



TARANTO
3 LS 99

When specific information pertaining to airfield data is lacking, or unconfirmed, the respective character is replaced by a dash (-).

ASANSOL
300 -H 60

TARANTO
3 -- 99

AIR NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Numerals in italics indicate elevation above mean sea level.

Rotating or Oscillating Light.....110★

Rotating Light (With flashing code lights).....*

Rotating Light (With course lights and site number).....15★

Flashing Light.....★

Flashing Light (With code).....*

Obstruction Light.....*

Marine Light (Elevations of marine lights are above high water).....Occ WRG 92

Lightship.....

F—Fixed

Qk Fl—Quick Flashing

Occ—Occulting

Gp—Group

W—White

B—Blue

SEC—Sector

Fl—Flashing

Qk Fl—Interrupted Quick Flashing

Alt—Alternating

R—Red

G—Green

(U)—Unwatched

sec—Second

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Mooring Mast.....

Dirigible Base.....

Prominent Transmission Line.....

Ocean Station Vessel (Normal position).....

Lighted Obstruction.....

Obstruction (Numerals in italics indicate elevation above sea level of obstruction top. Vertical numerals within parentheses indicate heights above ground.)

Line of Equal Magnetic Variation.....4°E

Visual Ground Sign.....M

Town having Visual Ground Sign.....HOUSTON

High Explosives Area (Marked).....HIX

High Explosives Area (Unmarked).....

Group Obstruction.....

1108

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Radio Range
(With voice)

Radio Range
(Without voice)

Non-Direction
(With voice)

Non-Direction
(Without voice)

Marine Radio

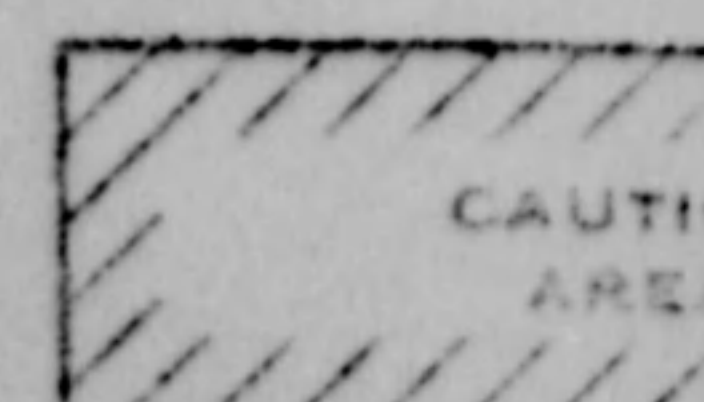
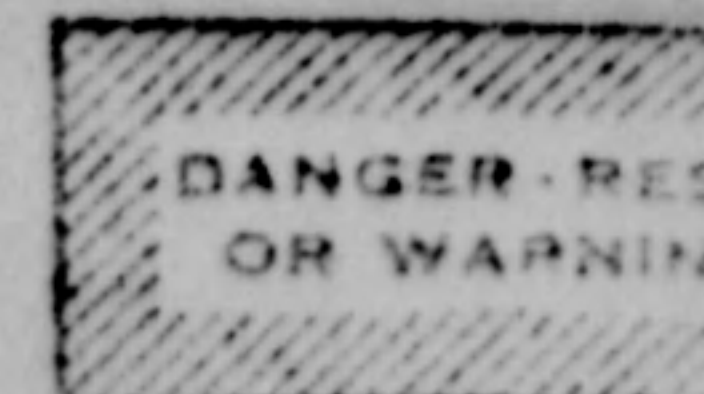
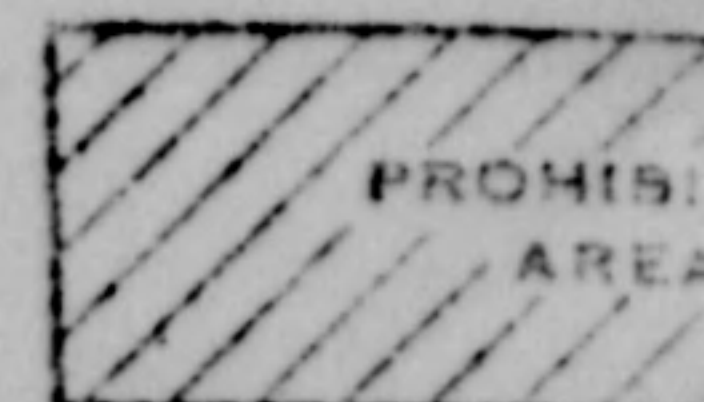
Radio Direction
(With voice)

Radio Direction
(Without voice)

AIRCRAFT

800

Nautical



AERONAUTICAL SYMBOLS

RADIO FACILITIES

All frequencies are kilocycles unless otherwise stated
Methods of indicating specific voice and CW calls are shown below

Radio Range (With voice)

Radio Communication Station (With voice)

Radio Range (Without voice)

Radio Communication Station (Without voice)

Non-Directional Radio Beacon (With voice)

Radio Broadcasting Station

Non-Directional Radio Beacon (Without voice)

Radar Beacon (Racon)

Marine Radio Beacon

Radio Fan Marker Beacons

Radio Direction Finder (With voice)

International Boundary (Closed to passage of aircraft except through air corridor)

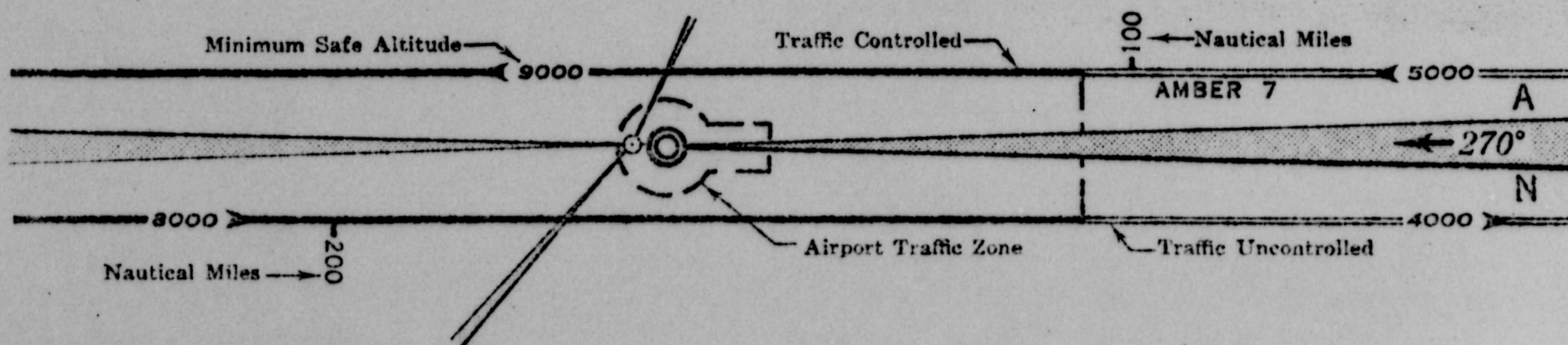
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AIRCRAFT LANDING FACILITY INFORMATION

RADIO FIXES

Reporting point.

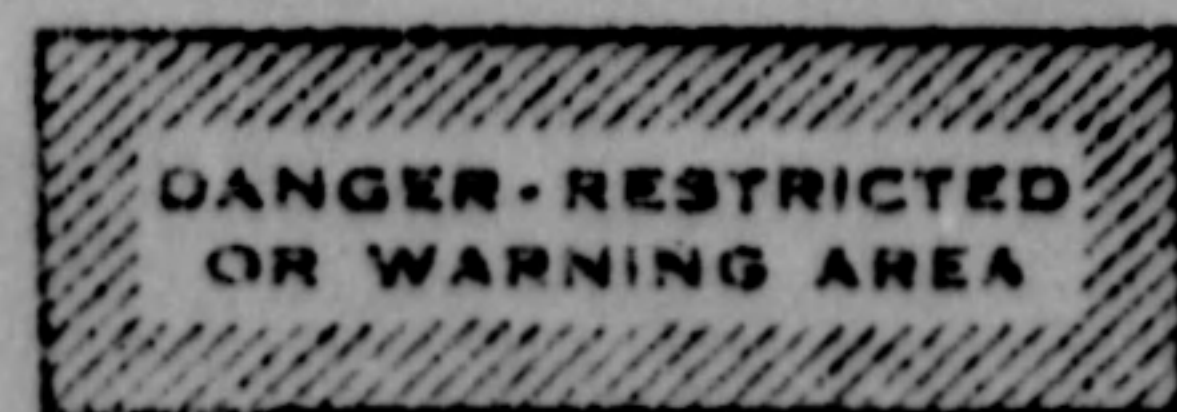
AIRWAYS & RADIO RANGE (AURAL)



AIRSPACE RESTRICTED AREAS



Prohibited Area — Flight of aircraft prohibited except by specific authority of using agency



Danger, Restricted or Warning Area — Invisible hazards to air navigation (Specific authority required prior to entry of Danger Area)



Caution Area — Visible hazards to Air Navigation (Avoid if practical)

Metropo
Large C
Cities
Small C
Large T
Towns &
Contour
Bluffs, C
Swamp
Mud &
(Exposed
Fathom
(1 fathom
Danger
(2 fathom
Charted
Shoals,
(Exposed
Springs
Wells &
Reefs,
(Awash
Power
Teleph
Dams
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Mines
Mount
Lookou
Forts
Pipelin
Race
Strand

TOPOGRAPHICAL SYMBOLS

CITIES and TOWNS

Metropolitan Areas.....	NEW YORK	
Large Cities.....	RICHMOND	
Cities.....	ARLINGTON	
Small Cities.....	SANGATE	
Large Towns.....	Corville	
Towns & Villages.....	Arcola	

HIGHWAYS and ROADS

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

RELIEF FEATURES

Contours	Reliable..... Depression..... Approximate.....		Sand { Dunes..... Areas..... Ridges.....	
Bluffs, Cliffs & Escarpments.....				

HYDROGRAPHIC FEATURES

Swamps & Marshes.....		Streams & Rivers	Perennial.....	
Mud & Tidal Flats..... (Exposed at low tide)		Intermittent.....		
Fathom Line (Dots uniformly spaced)..... (1 fathom, 6 ft. below mean low water level)		Probable or Unsurveyed.....		
Danger Line (Dots grouped in pairs)..... (2 fathoms, 12 ft. below mean low water level)		Braided.....		
Charted Rocks.....		Intermittent Lakes.....		
Shoals, Sand Bars, etc..... (Exposed at low tide)		Drainage Ditches.....		
Springs.....		Canals { In use..... Abandoned.....		
Wells & Water Holes.....		Flood Marked Areas.....		
Reefs, Coral & Rocky Ledges..... (Awash at low tide)		Sand Deposits in river bed.....		
		Dry Washes.....		
	Glaciers.....			

CULTURAL and MISCELLANEOUS

Power Transmission Lines		Boundaries { International	
Telephone & Telegraph Lines		State & Provincial	
Dams		*The same as International symbol on older style charts	
Elevations (In feet)		Railroads	
Highest in a General Area (Highest on chart is devoid of tint)	• 5287	Abandoned or Under Construction	
Spot	• 4291	Single Track	
Mines and Quarries		Double Track	
Mountain Passes		Sidings & Spurs	
Lookout Towers (Elevation is base of tower) (Height above ground in magenta)	⊙ 2495 75	Overpass	
Forts	⚔ Fort Lewis	Underpass	
Pipelines		Bridges	
Race Tracks		Railroad	
Stranded Wrecks		Highway	
		Tunnels	
		Railroad	
		Highway	