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INFO JEDEN/CG ADC AFB COLO SPGS COLO

26 554 PD ATTN ATIAA-2C PD SUBJ CLN FLYBRPT PD SINGLE DESC DASH LIKE

PBJCT SIGHTED CMA HIGHLY REFLECTIVE SILVER COLOR APPROX 50 FT DIA CMA

NO TRAIL OF EXHAUST OR NOISE CMA DISSAPPEARING IN DISTANCE PD SIGHTED

AT 1500 EST ON 28 SEP 53 AND OBSERVED FROM 2 TO 5 SECONDS PD VISUAL

SIGHTING BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ON GROUND WITH NO VISUAL AIDS PD OBSERVER

AT 44 DEGREES 38 MINUTES LAT CMA 83 DEGREES 20 MINUTES LONGITUDE AT

SIGHTING 2 MILE WEST OF HARRISVILLE MICH PD OBJECT APPEARED TO

DIRECTLY EAST CMA 30 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON PD UNKNOWN DISTANCE

CMA ESTIMATED AT FIVE MILES PD WITNESS APPARENTLY SINCERE PD WX CONITICN

EXCELLENT CMA MODERATE WINDS ALOFT PD NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PD NO RADAR

CONTACT PD 5 F-36 TYPE AIRCRAFT AIRBORN IN VICINITY AT THE TIME PD END

29/2250Z SEP JEDFJ

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1953 SEP 30

*28/1500 EST
HARRISVILLE
MICH
JES*

09:16

Action

*ATTN
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COUNTRY UNITED STATES		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYCRPT			
AREA REPORTED ON Traverse City ADIZ, Michigan		FROM (Agency) Wurtsmith Air Force Base	
DATE OF REPORT 29 September 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 September 1953	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt., George E. SHAW		SOURCE [REDACTED], Civilian	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

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.)

Object was sighted at 1500 hours on 28 September 1953 at GRID Coordinates GJGQ4438 (Harrisville, Michigan) Heading reported 180 degrees turning to 135 degrees then to 090 degrees then disappearing. Object was disc shaped and appeared approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. Witness judges diameter of object to be 50 feet, speed to be approximately 2½ miles per second.

Local Radar Station reported no contact.

Local flying in immediate area of one flight of F-86's firing gunnery and one flight of F-86's flying transition. Last aircraft landed at 1521 hours.

Significance - Unknown.

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Incl #1 - World Air Chart (264) Showing Flight Path.
Incl #2 - AF Form 112 Part 2

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Verbatim record of interview with Mr. [REDACTED],
Bay City, Michigan on 29 September 1953.

"I am a lumber operator see. Have my own mill and we build homes in Bay City. We have six boys up here in Alcona County. A friend of mine over in 2 1/2 miles West of Harrisville and 2 1/2 miles South. We don't operate until the farmers get through working so I go over there and help him with his bean crop. We were hauling in beans yesterday afternoon - I went over about 11 o'clock and helped him turn over some beans. Of course this hasn't got anything to do with it in a way and in a way it has too. So on the second load coming up he pulled south, I don't know if this is south here or not - and he made a big circle in the barnyard and the barn is east and west. Pulls past a big silo - it is quite a big farm and stops right in front of the barn to put the beans in there. Well he was up driving, you know when you get on a load of hay when you are not used to shoveling beans and hay you naturally lay down and rest. I was leaning, about 30 degrees, on the beans you know. I looked up and right in the sky there was a bright object and I says to this fellow, the farmers name is [REDACTED] there is one of those discs up there and he looked up real quick and says I don't see it. He says I don't see it [REDACTED]. But he-and I didn't see it either just then. He looked over that way and I was still looking over there. He says there it is but from the time he said I don't see it [REDACTED] it was about two seconds. I figured that thing was about five miles away or maybe more in two seconds. See I figured - got the speed and directional. When it come down this way I couldn't see it but I seen it when it banked like that because that throwed the disc right towards the sun. It was directly west, the sun see, a big circle. It just gets big real quick, see straightened out and when he seen it, it banked again and we seen it again, and it must have went that way so they made a north south southerly course and went east."

Question - You were facing to the East?

Answer - Yes.

Question - And when you saw the object it was directly in front of you, is that right?

Answer - It was way up probably above Harrisville - that is about 1 mile away. It was right West of Harrisville, about one mile. No that's wrong, I was at his place see, so it must have been two miles.

Question - You estimate it was right over Harrisville when you saw it?

Answer - Yes hard for me to say but it was to the East of me.

Question - How far up [REDACTED] the horizon was it when you first saw it?

Answer - You would know more about the height than I would. The jets come through there sometimes they are pretty high and sometimes you can't see them and sometimes you can but it was lower than the jets fly.

Question - In other words it was down pretty low on the horizon?

Answer - That is right.

Question - Did you notice anything about the disc itself care to venture the size of it?

Answer - I would say it was about 50 feet in diameter. I couldn't see what the sides looked like I would like to have seen that but it was so bright all you could see was like looking into a big round mirror. It disappeared so quick I couldn't see the sides.

Question - There was just one of them, is that right?

Answer - Yes.

Question - Did it have any color or would you say it was just silver or?

Answer - All I could see it just looked like bright aluminum paint on the bottom.

Question - Did it leave any trail or exhaust?

Answer - None at all.

Question - Now about sound, did you notice any sound?

Answer - No, no sound.

Question - The only maneuvers you saw it do was two different banks when it turned, is that right?

Answer - Right. I thought about it quite a bit last night, you know when you first

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see a thing like that you don't have time to think about it but when that thing is running level you can't see it only when it is in the sun, just like a moon.

Question - Well then it gave two definite turns, one heading to the south, is that right?

Answer - Yes, when it banked it went southeast.

Question - Originally when you saw it, it was heading south?

Answer - No I couldn't tell - but it must have been coming from the north for when it banked it banked southeasterly direction and banked again and we seen the bottom and went directly east. Like it was a left angle turn.

Question - Tow definite banks and each of these banks you sighted the object?

Answer - Over the furthest one - I couldn't judge the distance very well as it went on an angle but I would judge it was five miles or more. The time it took to get that far I jumped up to the back of the wagon and I seen that for about one second and it disappeared and he says "I don't see it Erny" and said "there it is" that was two seconds, that is how I arrived at the speed, of course I may be off a little bit too about the speed itself. I judge according to my watch how long it takes to say that and that would be ninety - 150 miles per minute and 60 minutes 9000 miles. This is a little bit off the subject - but if they can bank and turn like that wonder how fast they can go on the straight away.

Question - You didn't notice anything else about the appearance of the object except it was round and was built of a shiny material evidently?

Answer - I couldn't even see whether that bottom was flat or whether it came down like a funnel. It was so bright that it hurt my eyes - just like looking into the sun.

Question - Just exactly what time was this?

Answer - 3 PM. QThis was in the afternoon and the sun was over your shoulder?

Answer - Right back of me because the last load we brought in the sun seemed to go right down over the next barn in the west - says we got it on and the sun is going down - afraid it would rain you know.

Question - You say that you were two miles West of Harrisville and two miles South?

Answer - Yes. Almost directly West of Springport cemetery. I call it ~~the~~ road - so many ~~live~~ live on that road - the road doesn't go through that it where it comes out.

Question - You say there was one other man with ~~you~~ that noticed this thing, what is his name?

Answer - ~~Erny~~.

Question - Did you notice any cloud formations at the time - was the sky fairly clear?

Answer - The sky was nice and clear. I think it was even clearer than it is today.

Question - Did you notice that particular time there was any other military/aircraft you had previously noticed in the area?

Answer - No I thought it might be that target the boys throw - but there wasn't a thing like that. It is hard to see the target but you can see the plane that is towing it, but I understand they weren't up that day.

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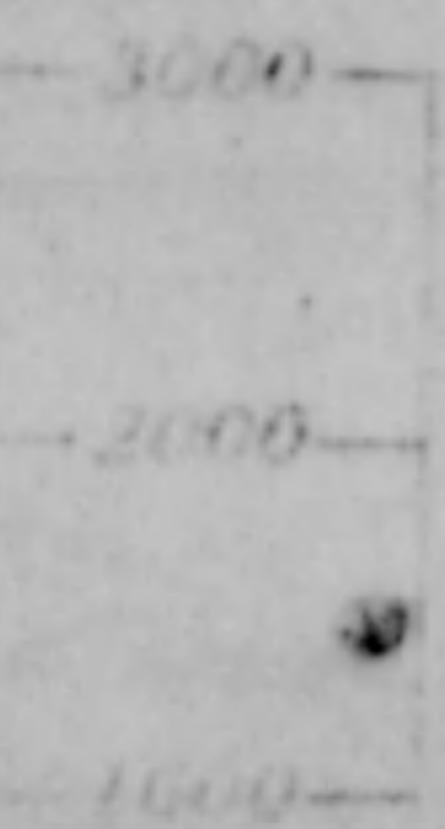
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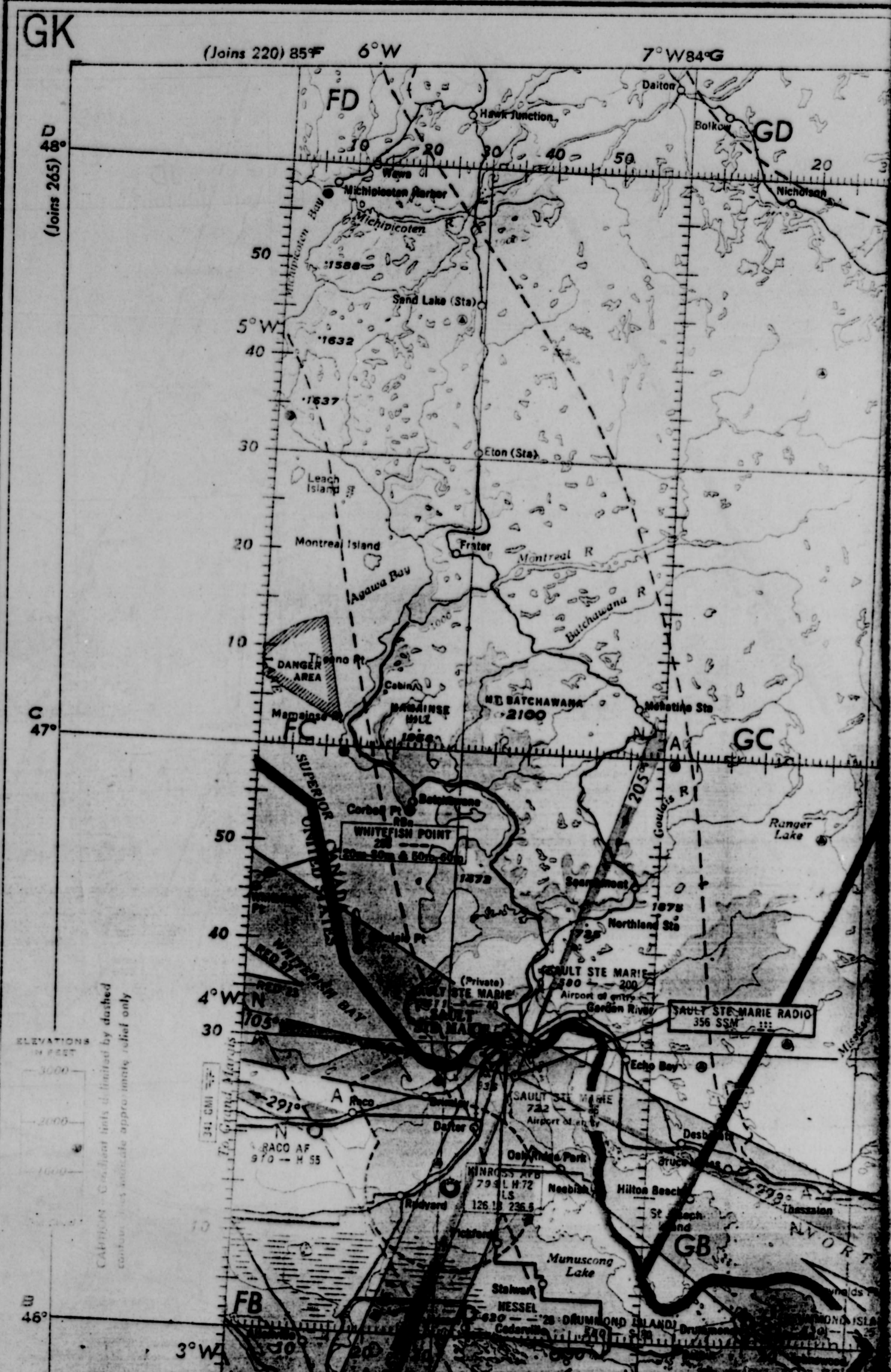
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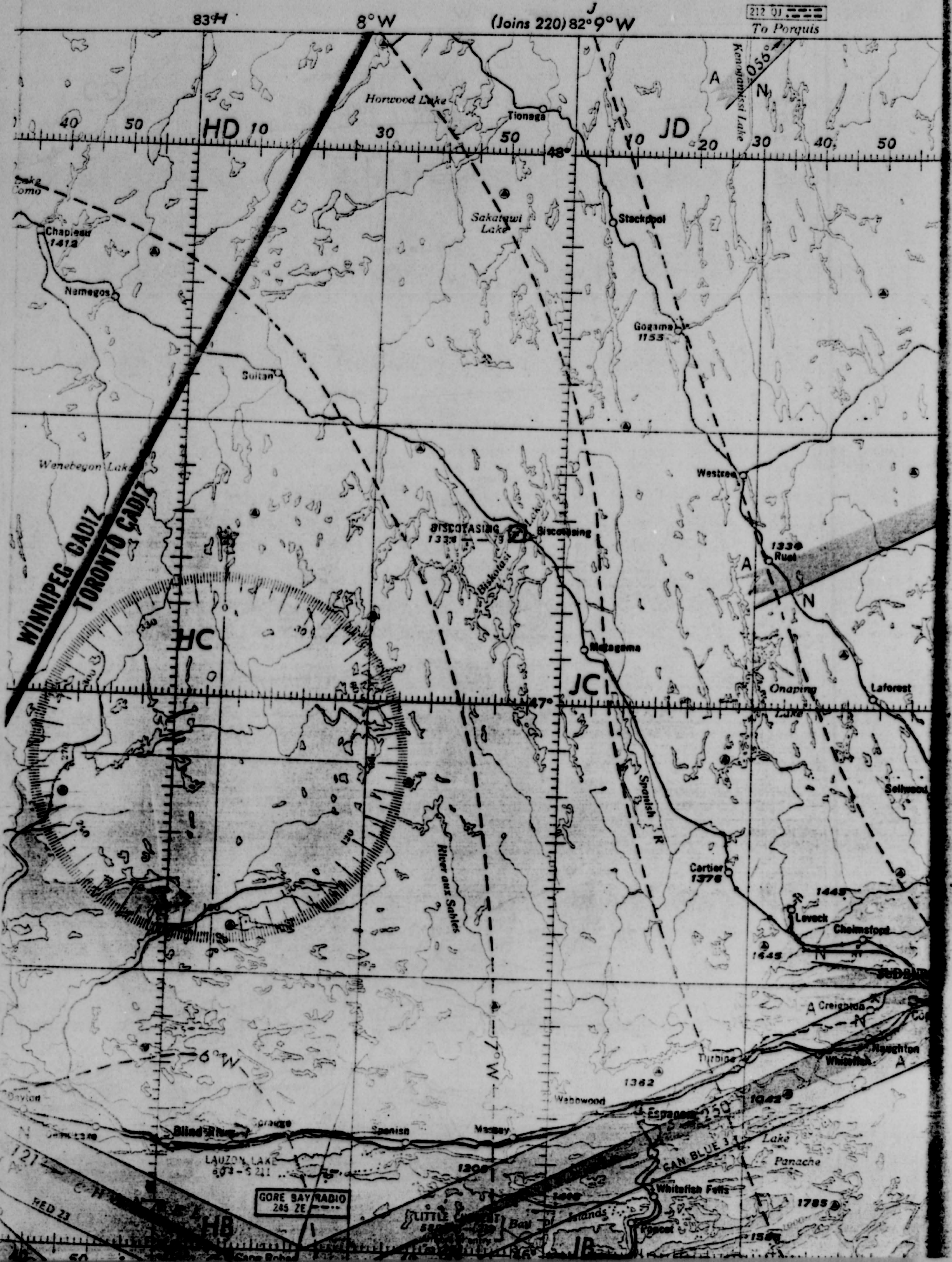


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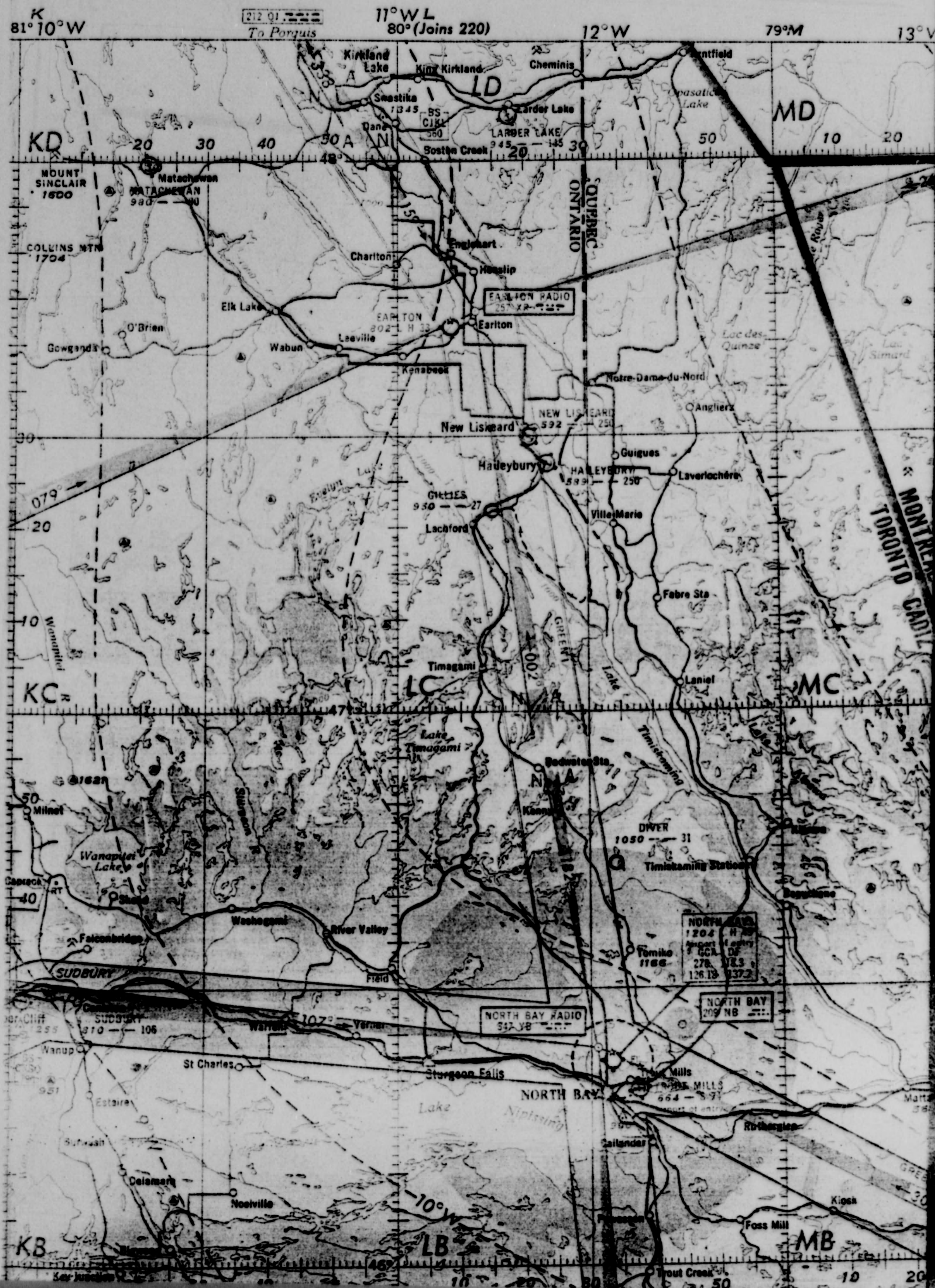
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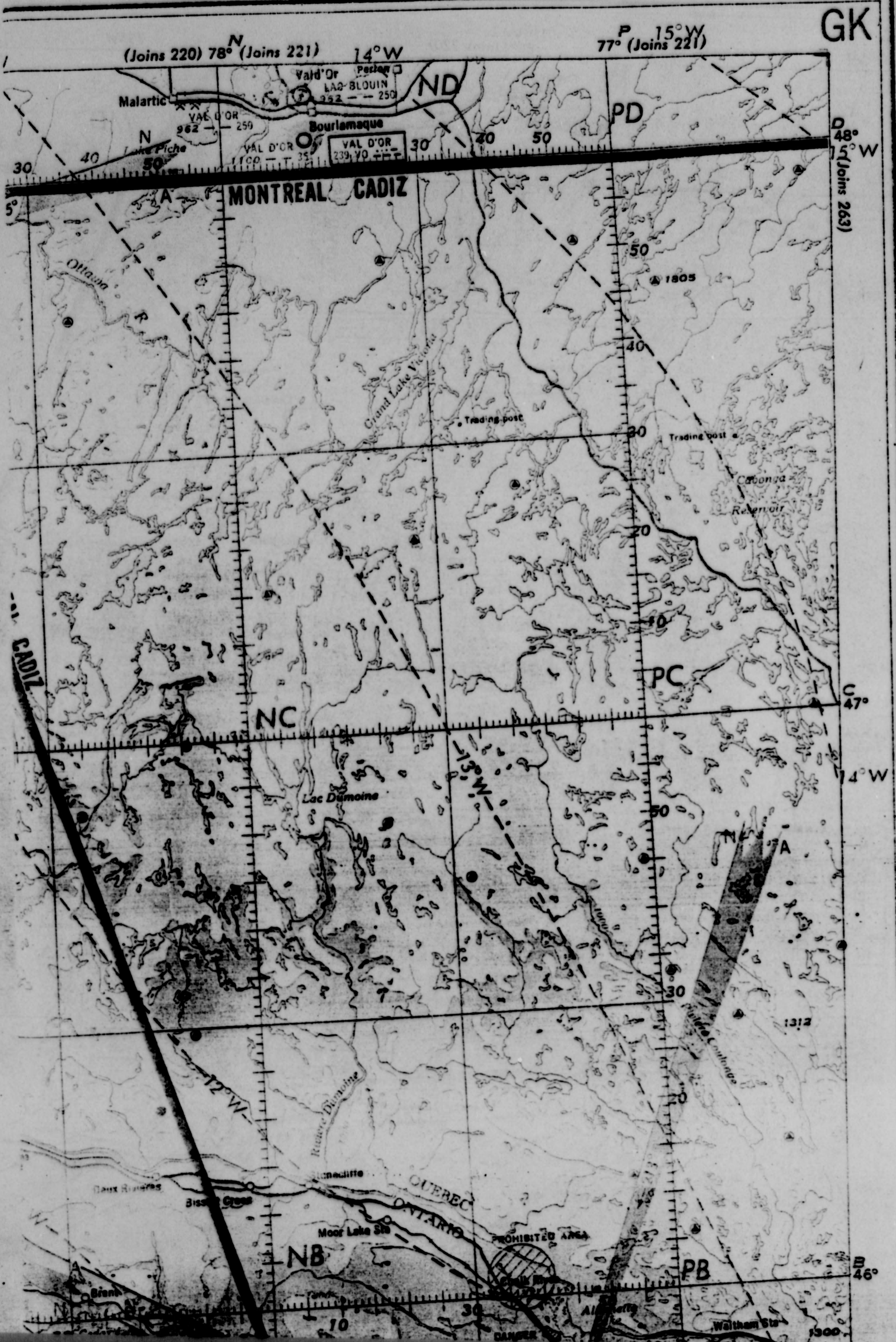


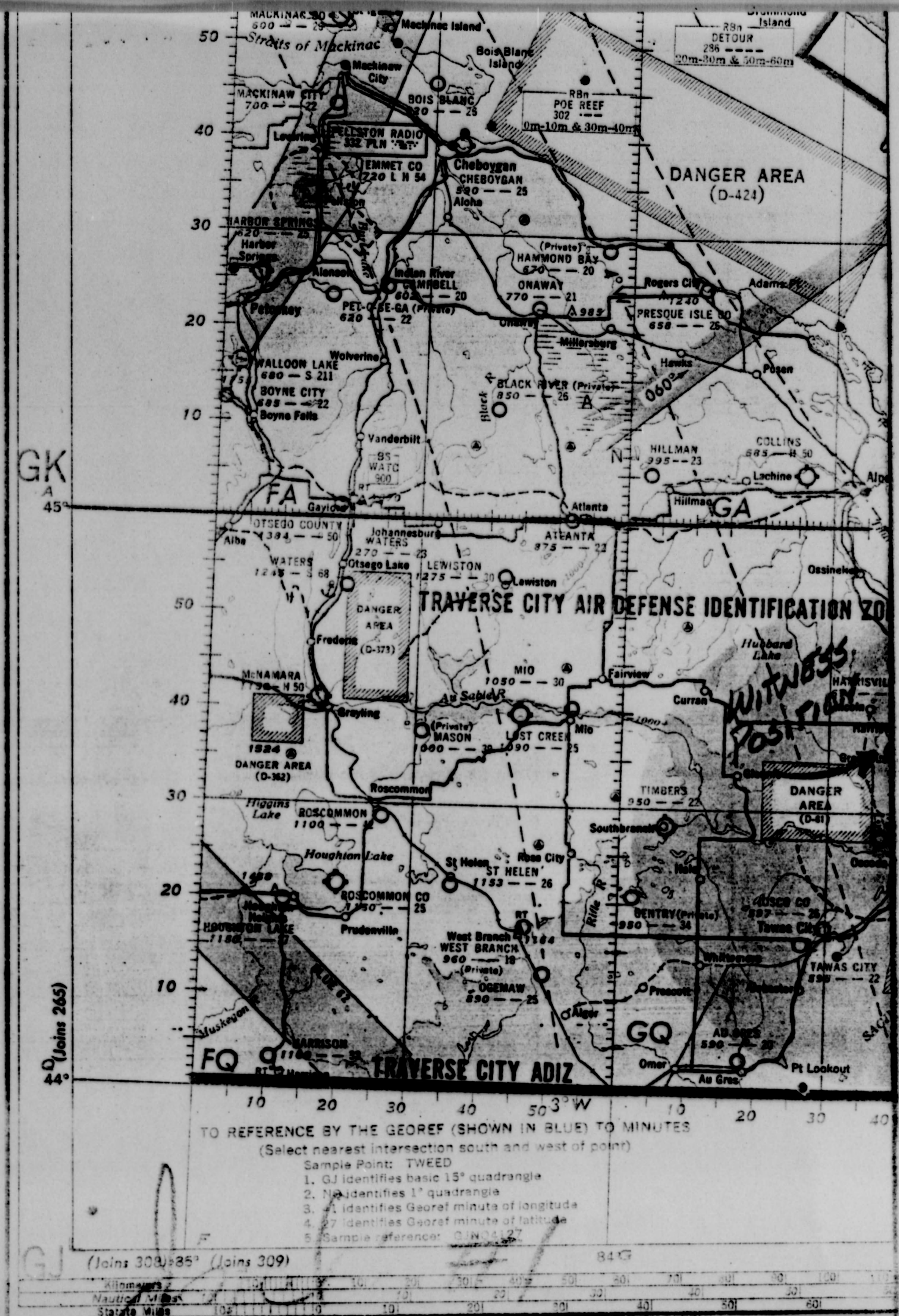


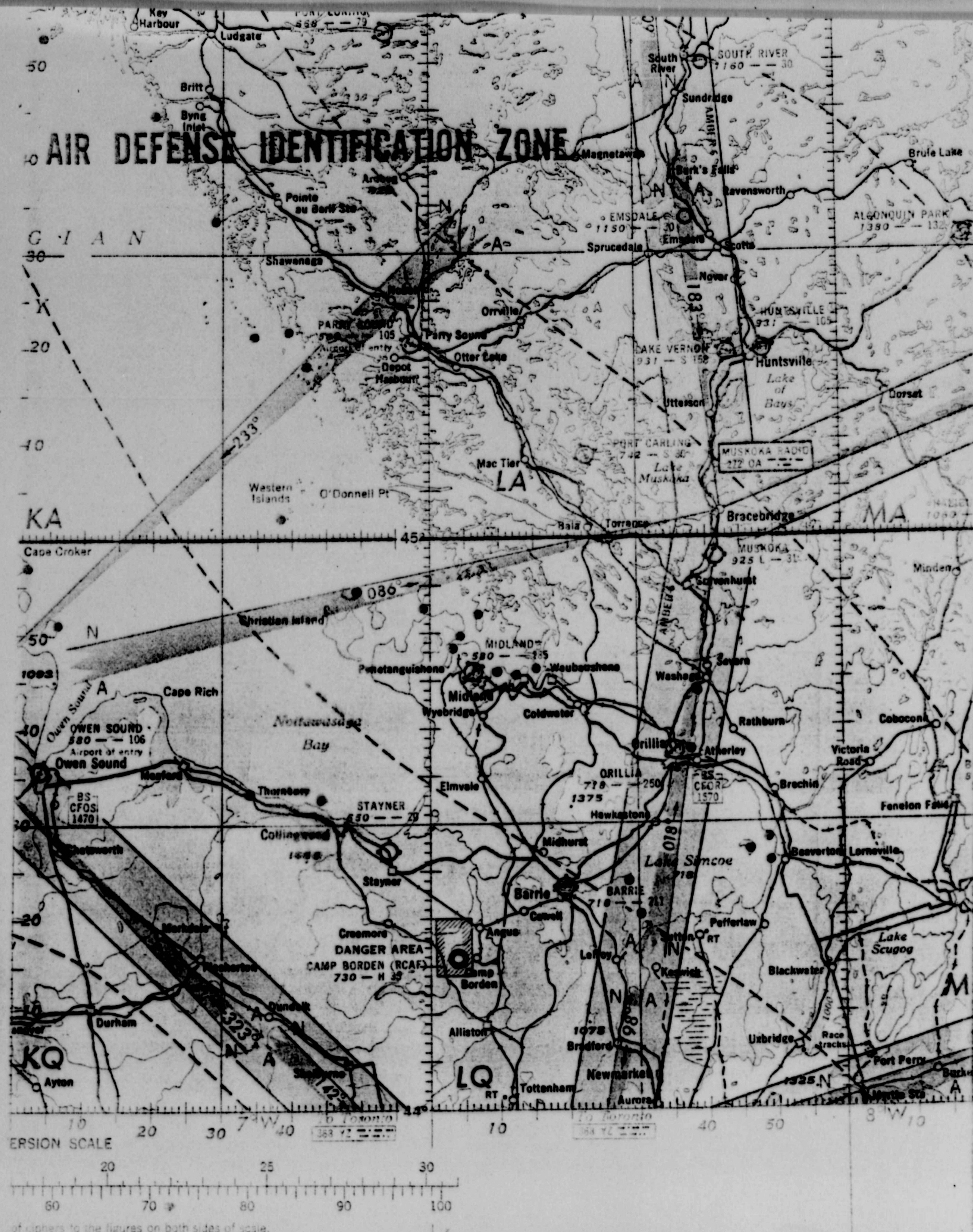
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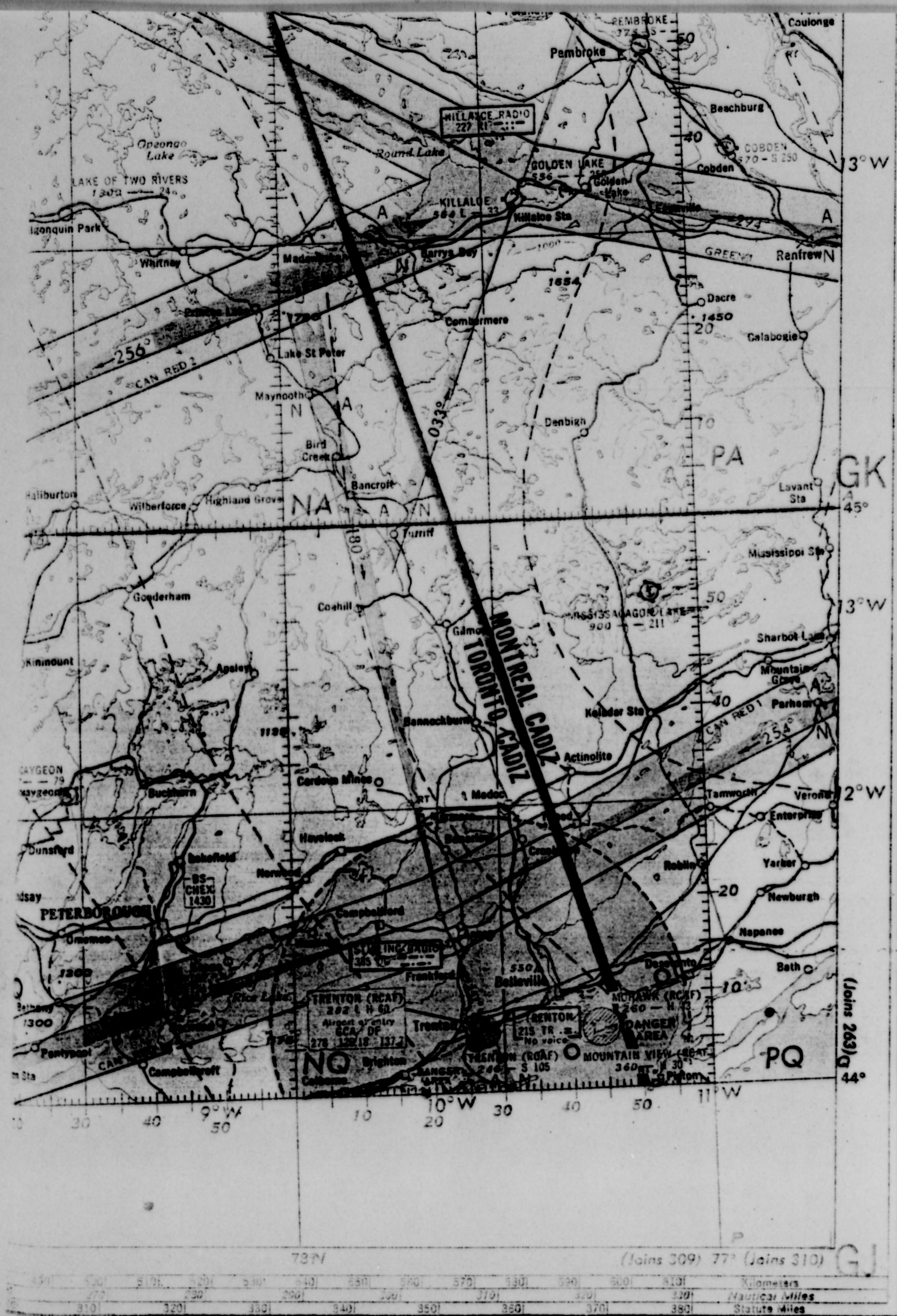


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Obstructions less than 500 feet above ground Δ

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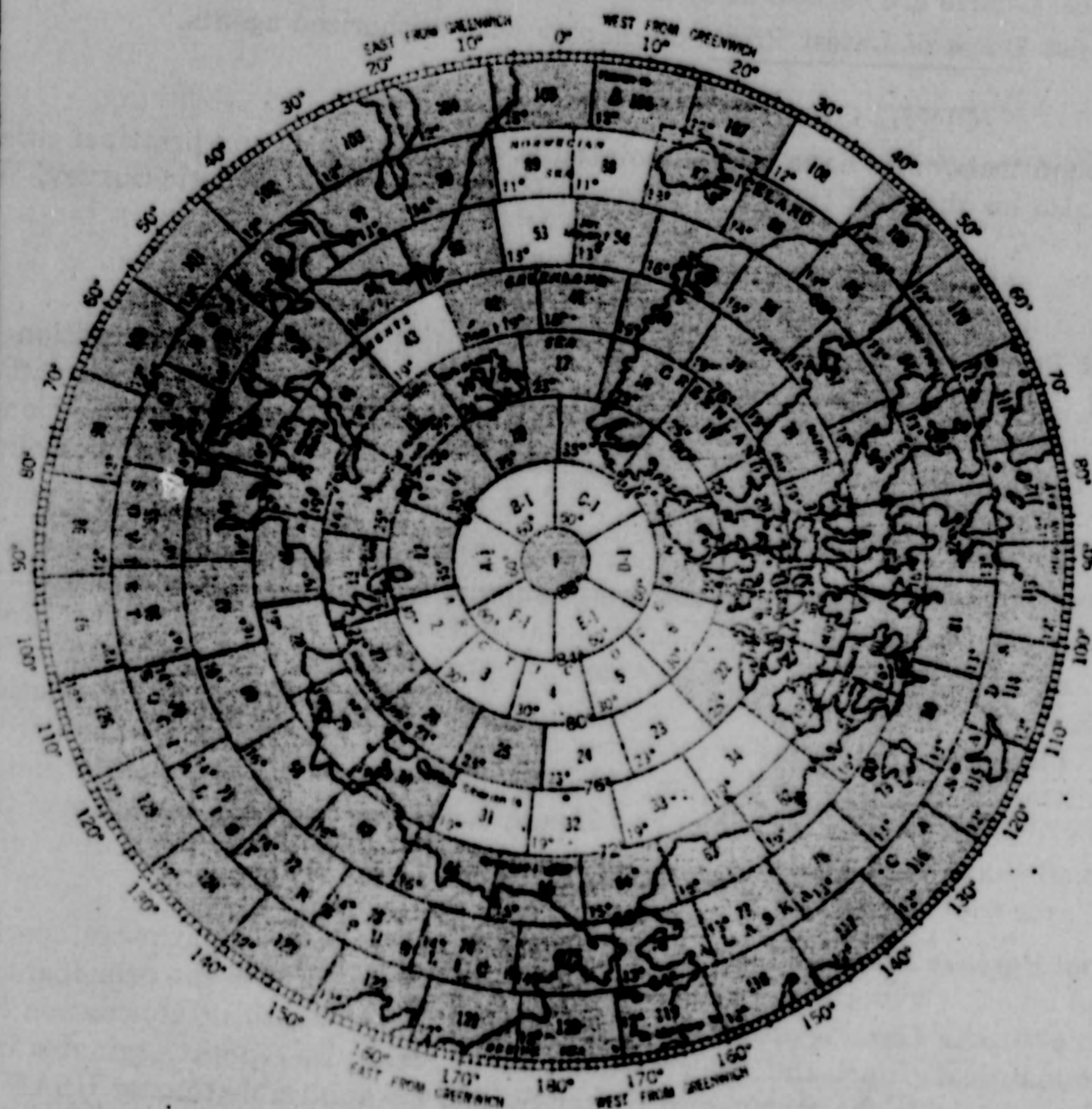
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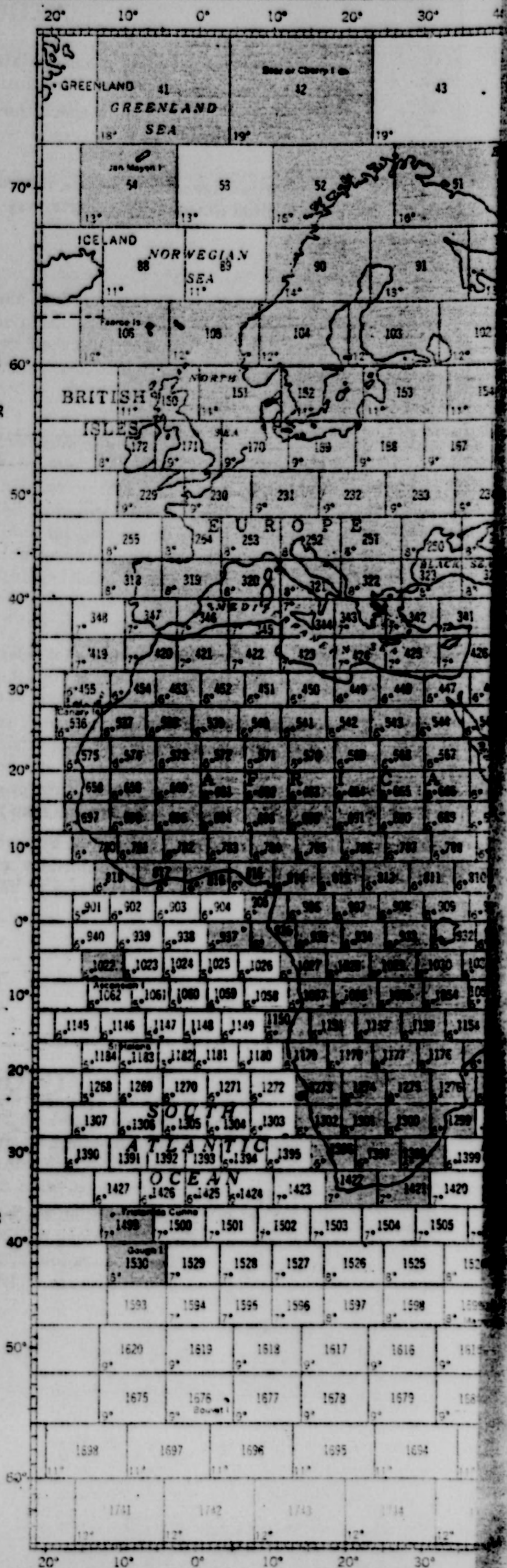
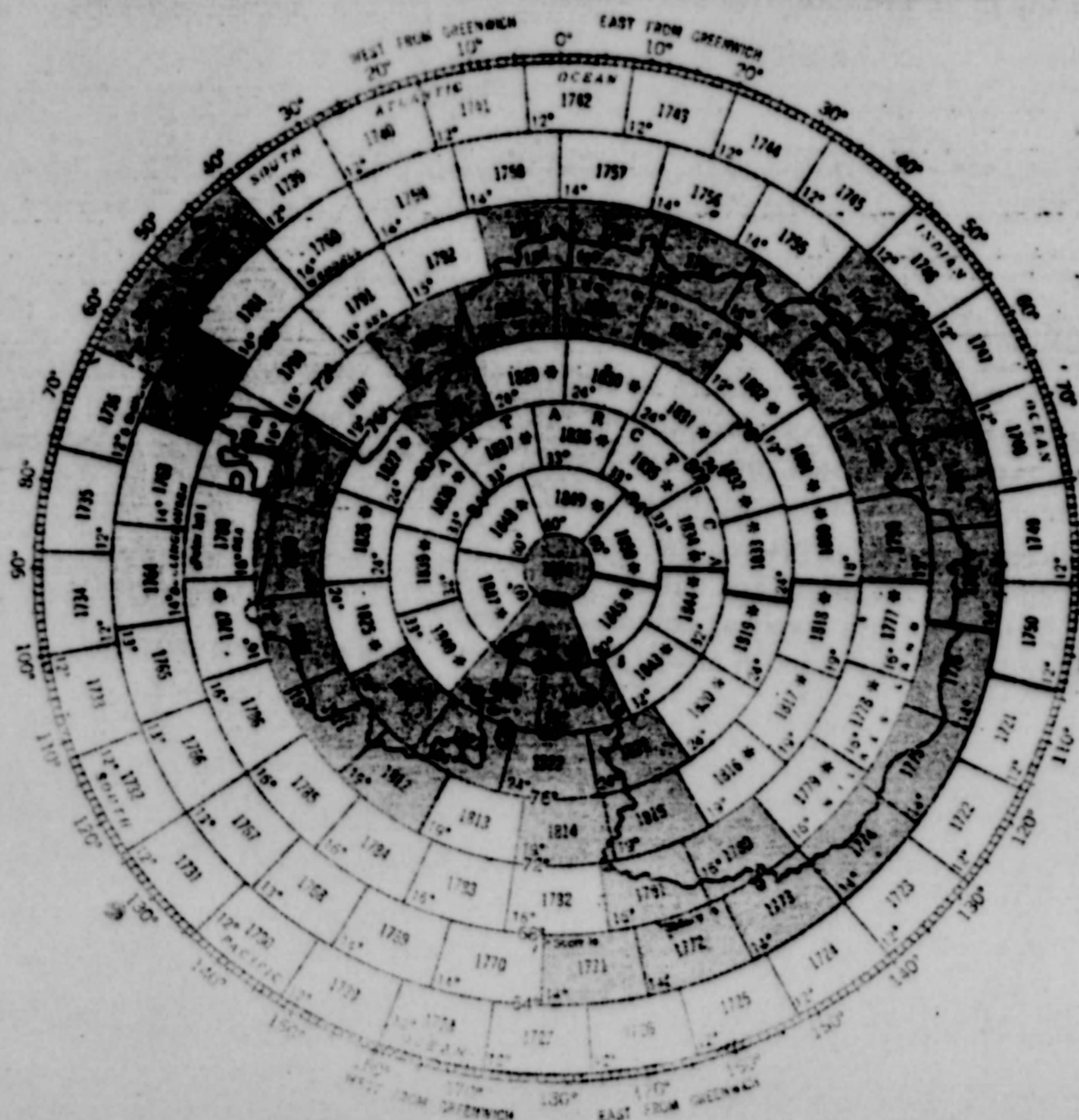
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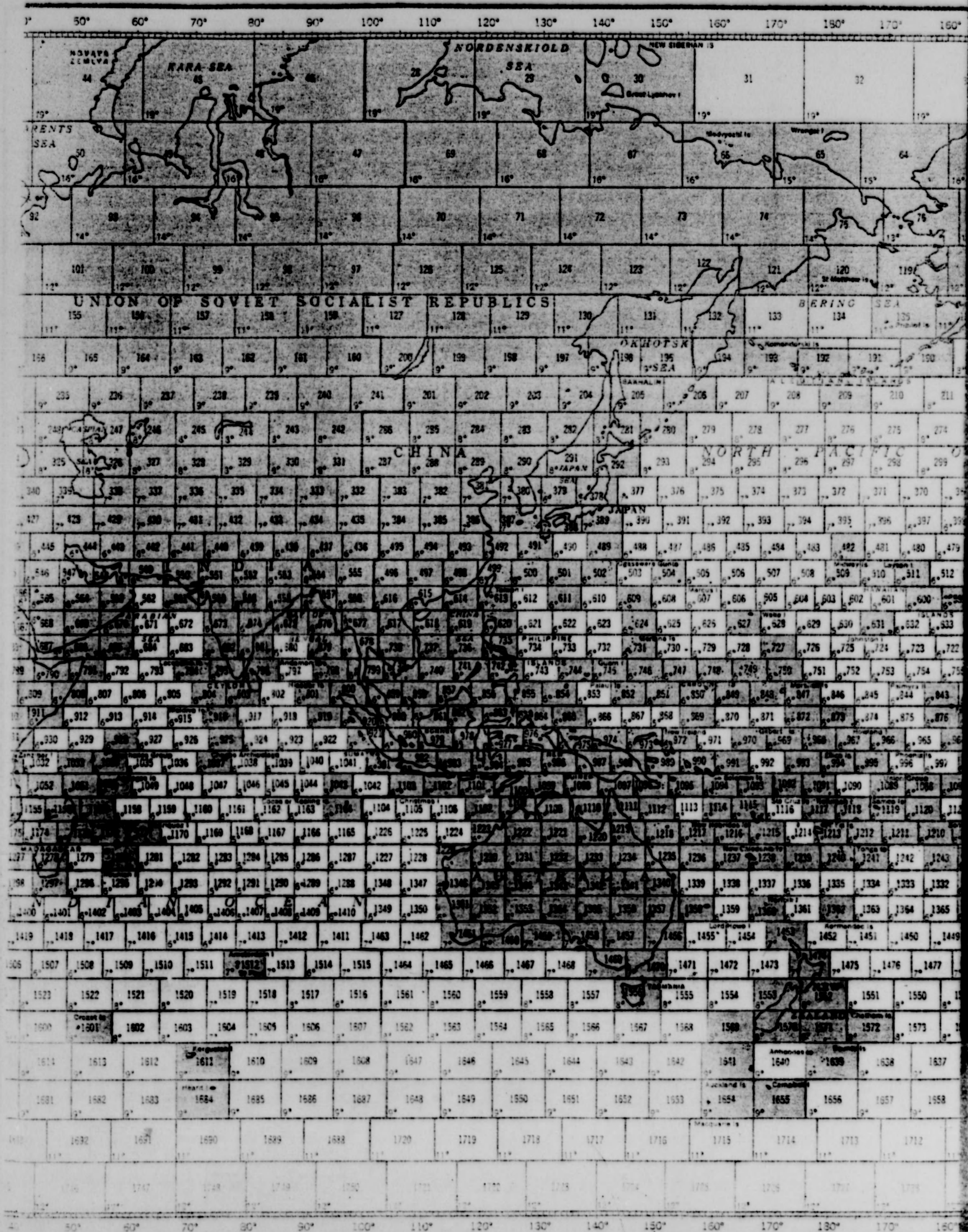
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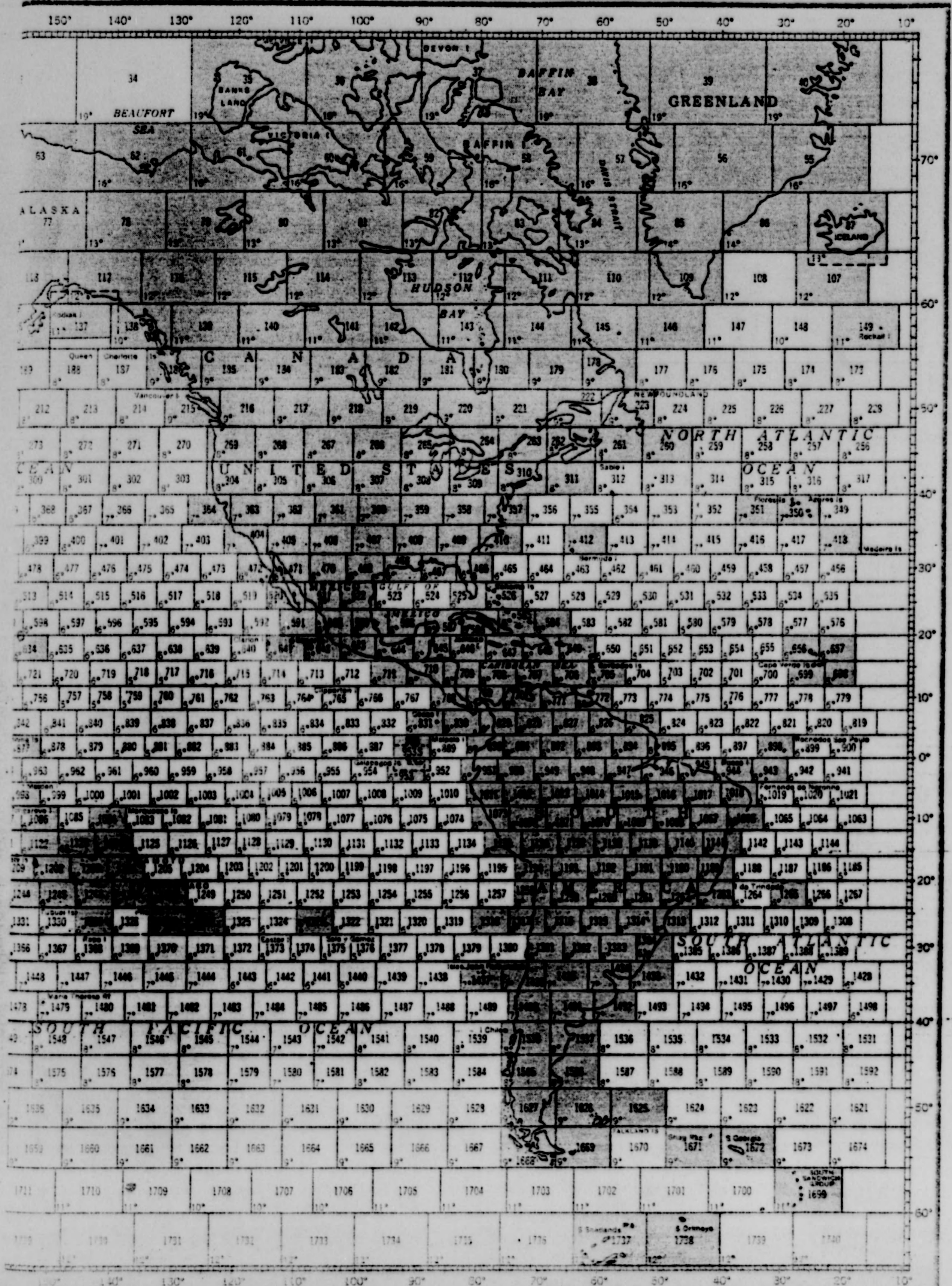


SOUTH POLAR AREA



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NO.	NAME	ACTIVITY	USING AGENCY	ALTITUDE	TIME
D-81	Oscoda	Bombing and Gunnery	Wurtsmith AFB, Mich.	Unltd.	Days
D-91	Upper Lake Huron	Aerial Gunnery	Wurtsmith AFB, Mich.	Unltd.	Days
D-362	Lake Margrethe	Small Arms Firing	Hdqs. 5th Army, Chicago, Ill.	To 2,000	Unltd.
D-373	Camp Grayling	Artillery Firing	Hdqs. 5th Army, Chicago, Ill.	To 20,000	Unltd.
D-424	Hammond Bay	Air-to-Air Gunnery	Kinross AFB, Mich.	Unltd.	Days

Altitude given in feet.

AR - Airspace Reservation (Prohibited)

C - Caution

D - Danger

W - Warning

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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.

AERONAUTICAL SYMBOLS

AERODROMES

Aerodromes with facilities

LAND



WATER



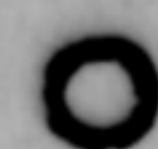
Civil

Joint Civil and Military

Military

Aerodromes with emergency or no facilities

LAND



WATER



Landing Area

Sheltered Anchorage

AERODROME DATA AND LANDING FACILITIES INFORMATION

LAND

WATER

BARGERSVILLE
908 L H 41
Airport of entry
GCA SYSTEM
273 125.18

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

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

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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.

273 125.18 2370 - 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.....FI★

Flashing Light (With code).....FI★

Lightship.....★

Marine Light.....Occ W R G●

F—Fixed

Qk FI—Quick Flashing

Occ—Occulting

Gp—Group

W—White

B—Blue

SEC—Sector

FI—Flashing

IQk FI—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

Obstruction, less than 500 feet above ground.....1219▲

Obstruction, 500 feet or higher above ground.....1937▲
(Numerals indicate elevation above sea level of top)

Group Obstruction.....▲

Prominent Transmission Line.....—

Mooring Mast.....—

Isogonic Line.....—4°E—
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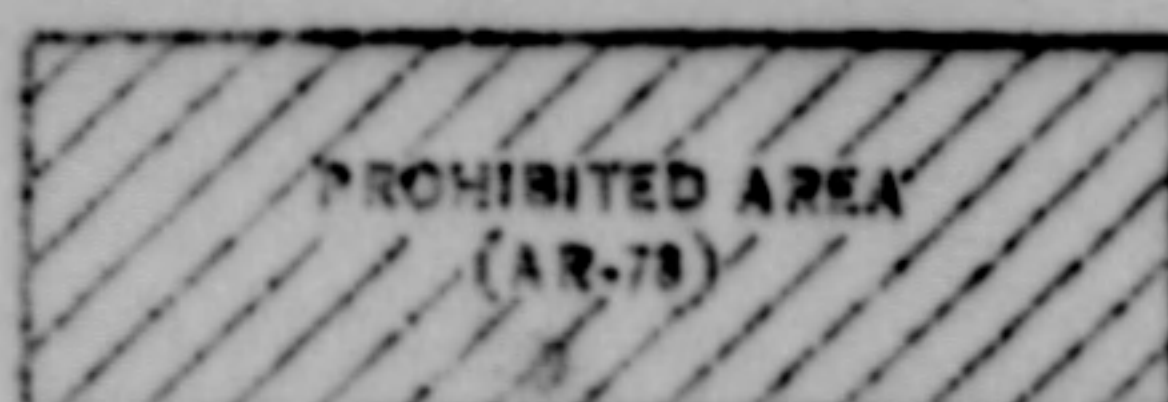
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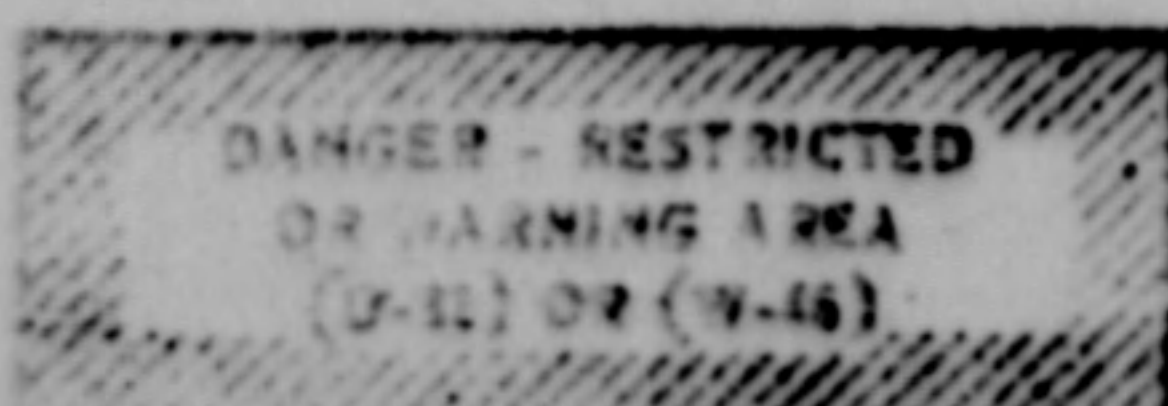
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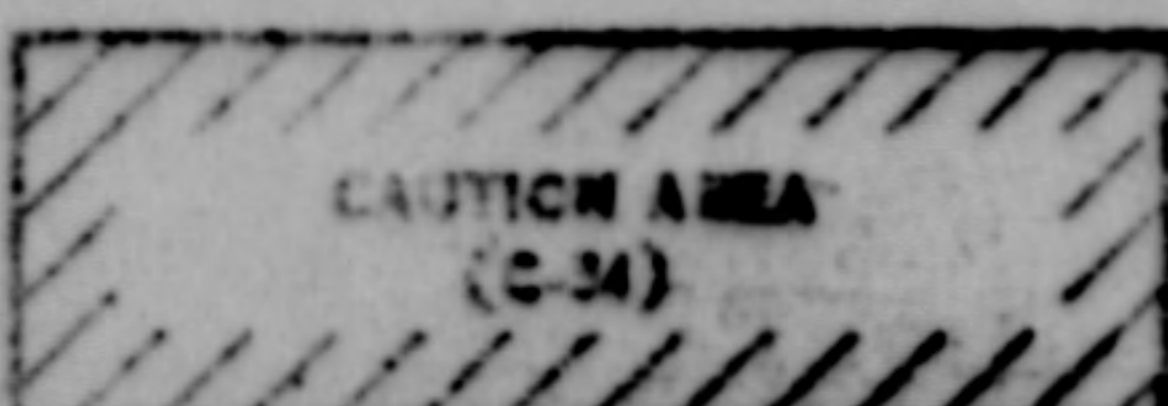
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Caution Area — Visible hazards to air navigation

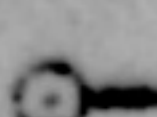
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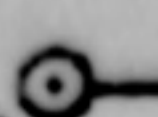
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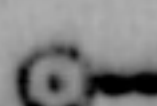
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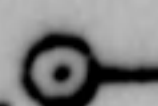
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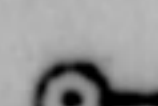
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257 BAL. 11.1

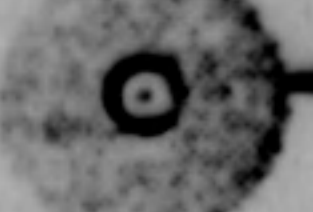
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4470

Radio Range (Without voice)  **ELGIN**
209 VPS 11.1
No voice

Radio Communication Station (Without voice)  **KAZAN**
5200 CKNX
No voice

Nondirectional Radiobeacon (With voice)  **DOUGLAS RADIO**
251 DOW 11.1

Radio Broadcasting Station  **BS**
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1010

Nondirectional Radiobeacon (Without voice)  **DIXIE**
388 DXE 11.1
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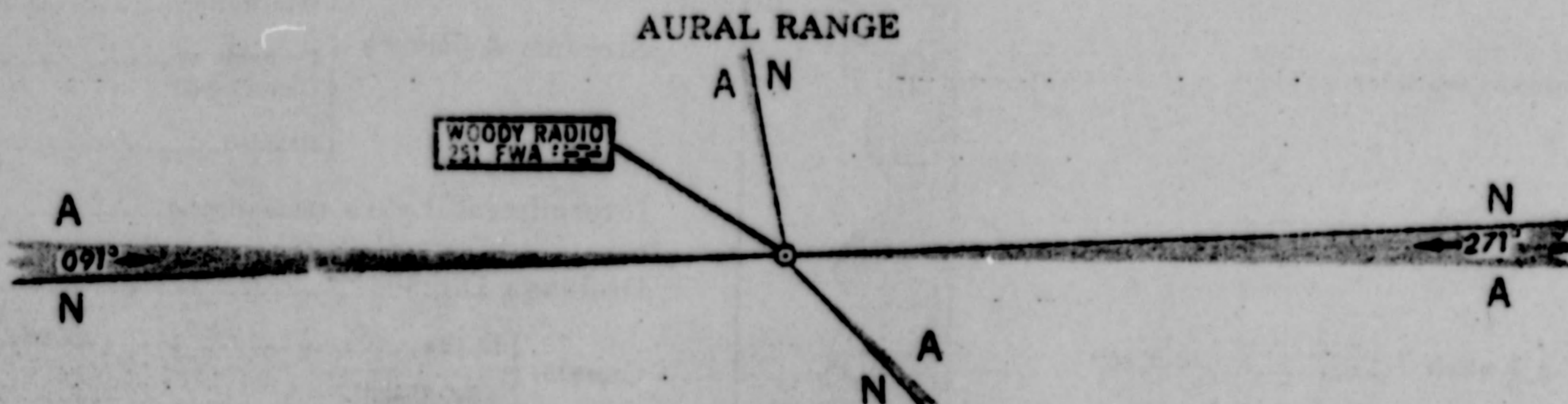
Radar Beacon (Racon)  **RACON**
3256 2-1-2

Marine Radiobeacon (Without voice)  **ASHTABULA**
314 11.1
0m-10m & 30m-40m

Radio Fan Marker Beacons 
100 watts **NOTT**
5 watt **BATES**
DIXIE

Radio Direction Finder (Without voice)  **McGRATH**
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Radio Direction Finder (With voice)  **KODIAK DF HOMER**
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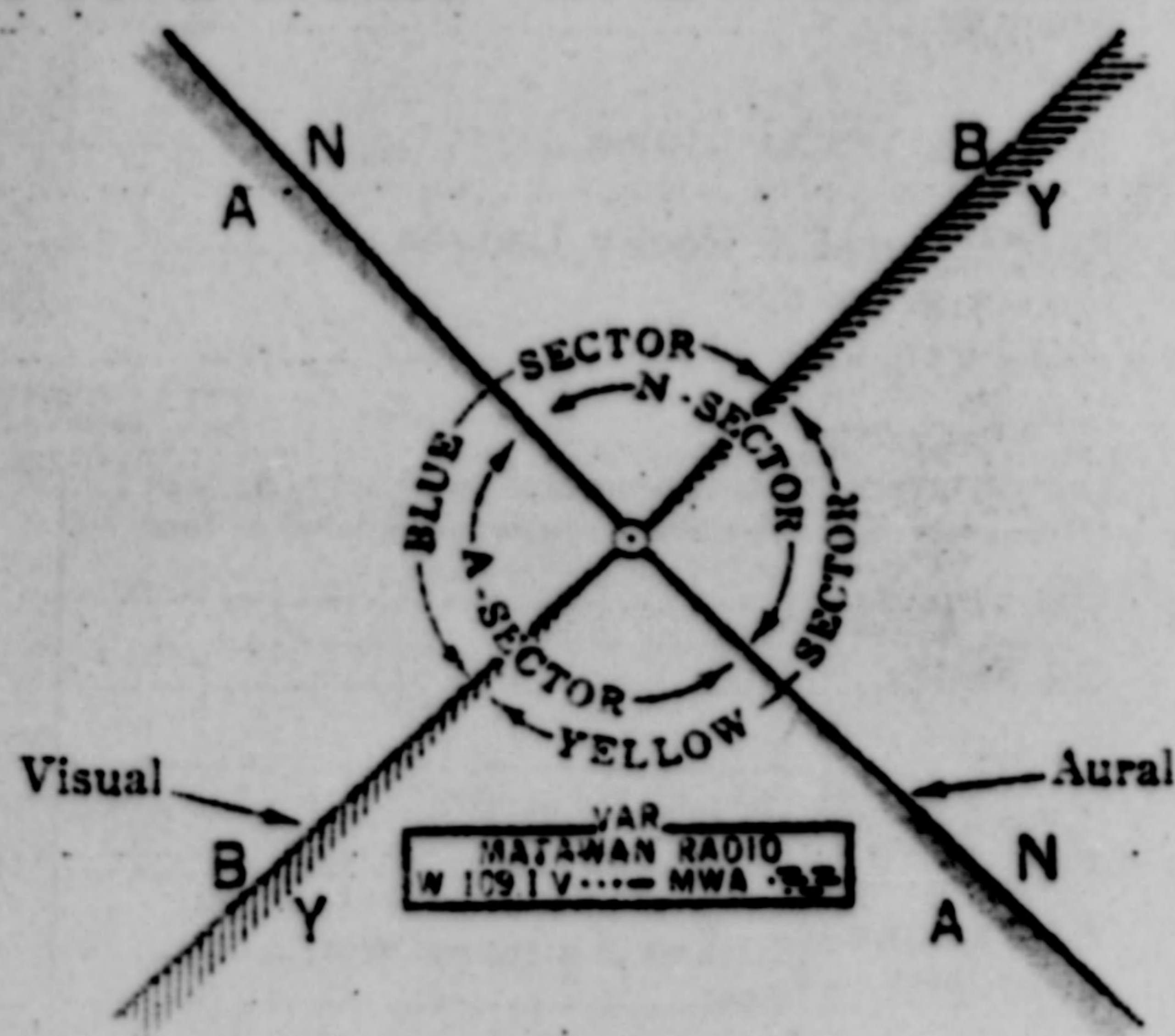
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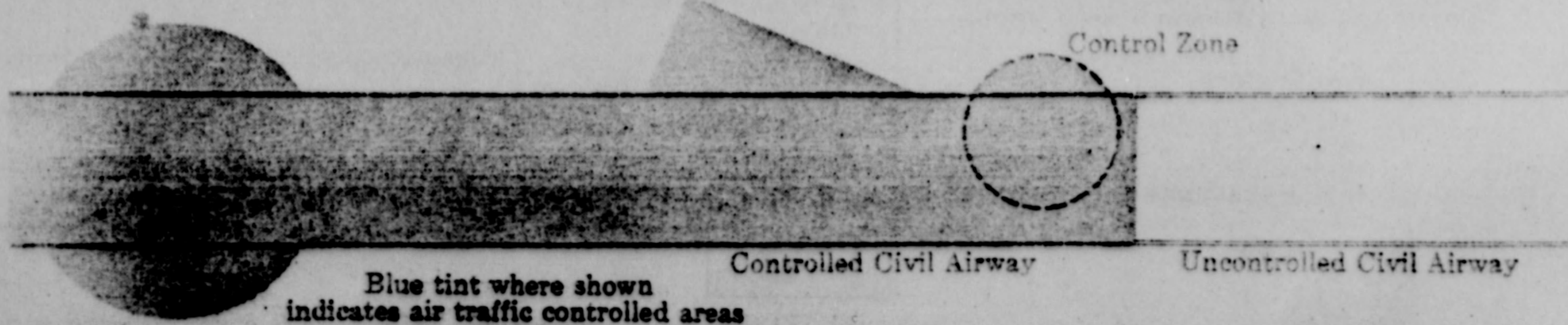
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VHF FOUR COURSE VISUAL-AURAL RANGE (VAR)



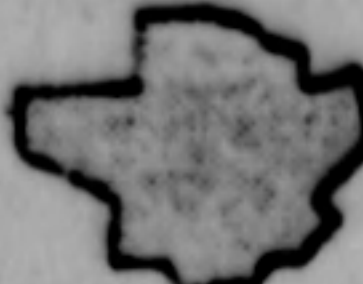
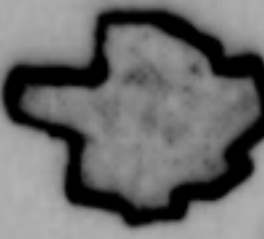
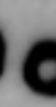
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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

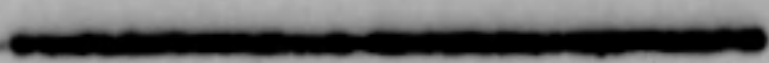


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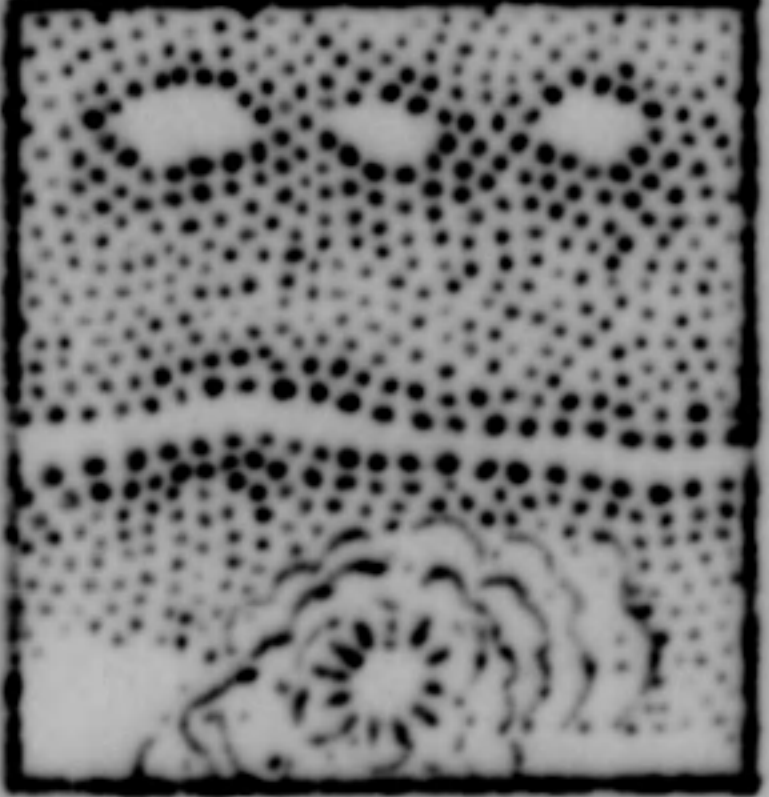
CITIES AND TOWNS

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

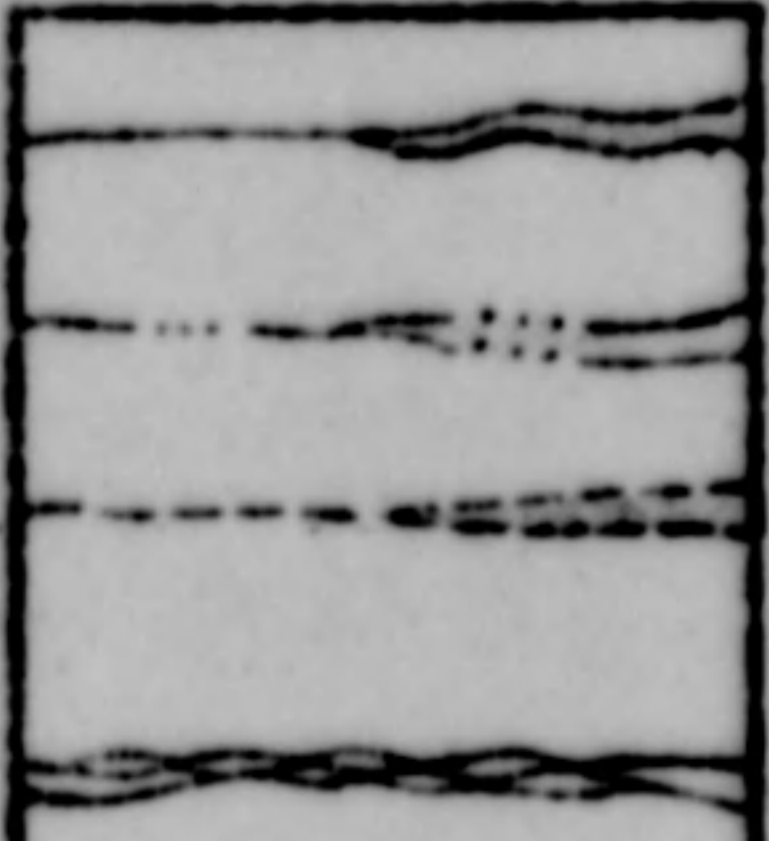
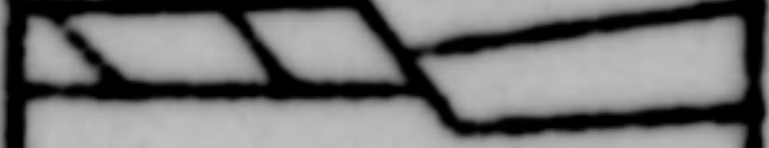
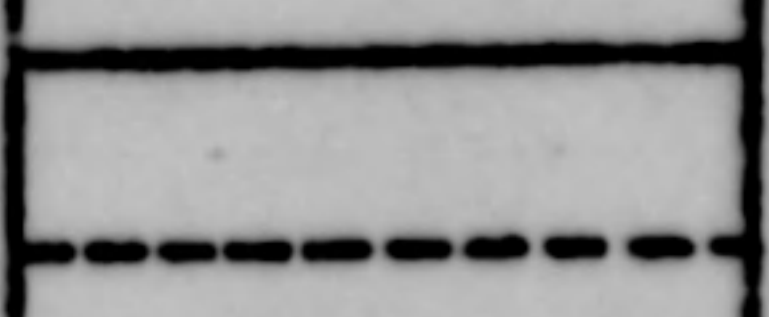
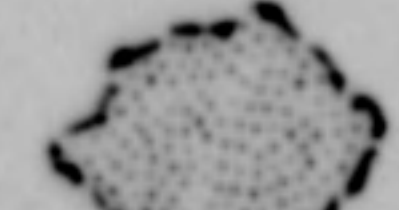
HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

Dual Lane and Super Highways	
Primary Roads	
Secondary Roads	
Trails	
U. S. Road Markers	
National, State or Provincial Road Markers	
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 875'	
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		
Race Tracks or Stadiums		
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	