

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 February 1963		2. LOCATION Lajes, Azores		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/0640Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
9. COURSE Easterly		11. COMMENTS Description & motion conform to balloon sighting. Winds from west at speed consistent with this analysis. Possibility of launch from Horta Naval station 60 miles to West of other location. Case evaluated as a balloon sighting.			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pale white object without trail or sound observed by eight military personnel on duty. Object at 75 dgr elevation NW of airstrip in Easterly flight which was described as wavy. Sighting during night. WX partly cloudy at same elevation (45 dgr). Wind at 10,000 ft was 30 knots from 290 dgr.					

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ACTION: NIN-9

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3, DIA-25, DIA/CIIC-2 (45)

SMB C189

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TO RUWGAL/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO

RUCDSQ/AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND FOREIGN TECH DIVISION WRIGHT

PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON D C

RUEAHQ/SECAF WASHINGTON D C

INFO RUCDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL

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FOR AFCIN, SAFOI, AND INFO MXIN.

UFO. ONE SPHERICAL OBJECT SIZE GRAPEFRUIT SIGHTED VISUALLY AT LAJES
FIELD 38-46N, 27-06W, BY GROUND OBSERVER A2C PAUL K. WILKINSON, USAF,
ATTACHED TO 1605 AIR POLICE SQD. SIUFOWNG REQURTED AT 200640Z AND
VERIFIED BY EIGHT OTHER AIR POLICEMAN ON DUTY. OBJECT WAS PALE
WHITE IN COLOR, LEFT ON TRAIL OR EXHAUST AND EMITTED NO SBUND.
OBSERVER FIRST VIEWED OBJECT NW OF AIRSTRIP AT 075 ANGLE OF ELEVATION.
OBSERVER HELD OBJECT IN SIGHT FOR FIVE MINUTES PRIOR TO ITS
DISAPPERANCE BEHIND CLOUD COVER. DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT WAS EASTERLY,

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IN A WAVY PATTERN, AND ANGLE OF ELEVATION AT DISAPPERANCE 075.
OBSERVER INDICATED THERE WAS NO RAIN AT TIME OF NIGHT SIGHTING
AND THAT THE SKY WAS PARTLY CLOUDY. THERE WAS NO UNUSUAL
METEROROLOGICAL ACTIVITY. REPORT FROM LAJES AWS FOR 0600Z INDICATED
WIND DIRECTION 160 DEGREES MAGNETIC AND VELOCITY 3 KTS AT SURFACE,
230T AND 9 KTSS

T 6,000 FT AND 290T AND 30 KTS AT 10,000 FT. CEILING
WAS 2700 FT SCTD WITH CLOUD COVER LESS THAN POINT 5. VISIBILITY WAS
12 MI, TEMP 47F AND THERE WERE NO THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA. LAJES
TCC VERIFIED THAT NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT WERE IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING,
HOWEVER, REPORTING OFFICER, LCDR D. T. LASOWSKI, USFORAZ, BELIEVES
UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT TRANSITING AREA OF SIGHTING IS A DEFINITE
POSSIBILITY.

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NOTE: ADV CY DELIVERED TO NIN & DIA

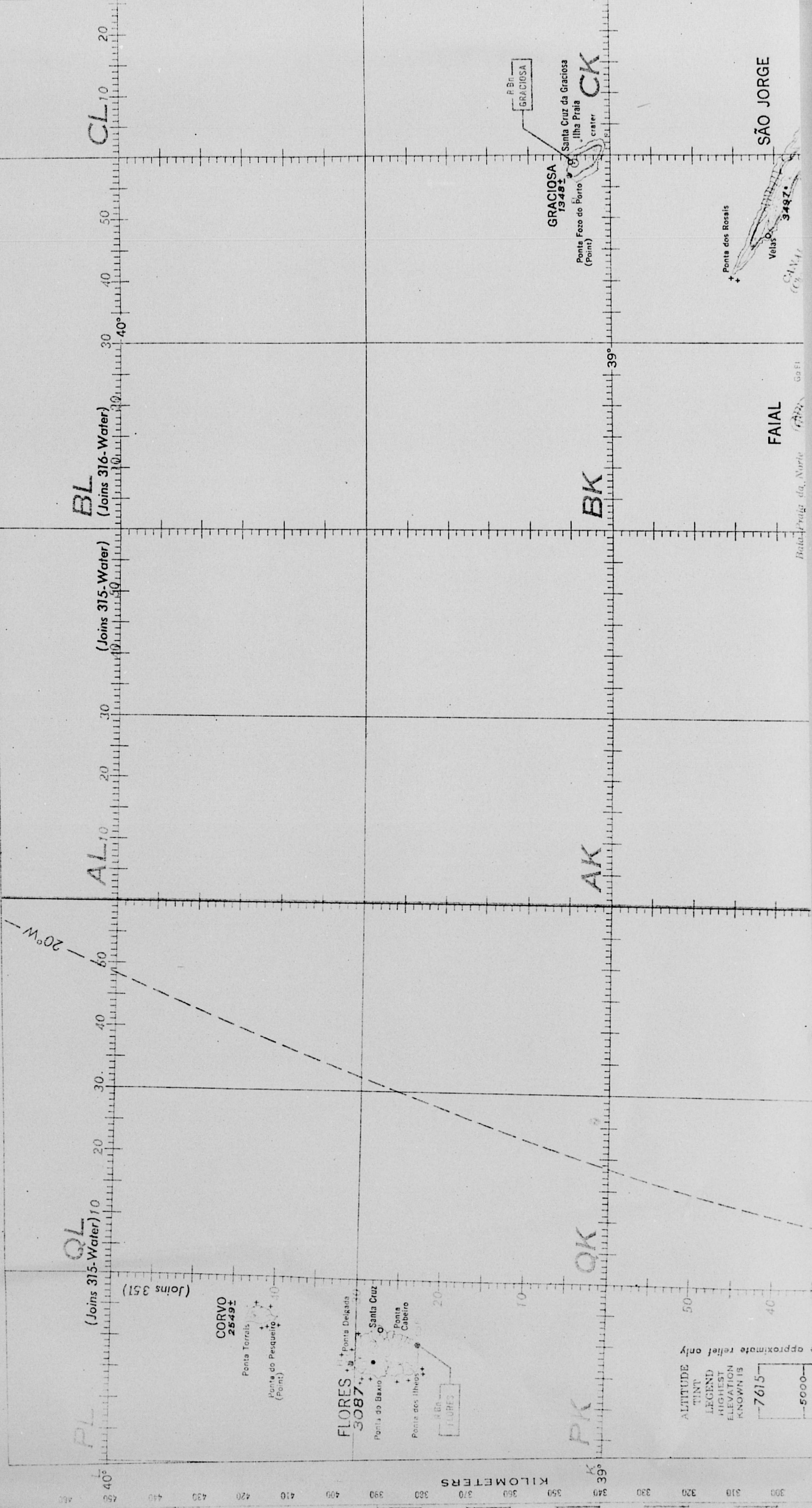
(350) SÃO MIGUEL ISLAND

Consult Notams, Radio Facility Charts and
ACIC Bulletins for the latest information
affecting this chart.



WORLD AERONAUTICAL CHART

N 3600-W 2400/400x700



ALTITUDE
TINT
LEGEND
HIGHEST
ELEVATION
KNOWN IS

7615
5000

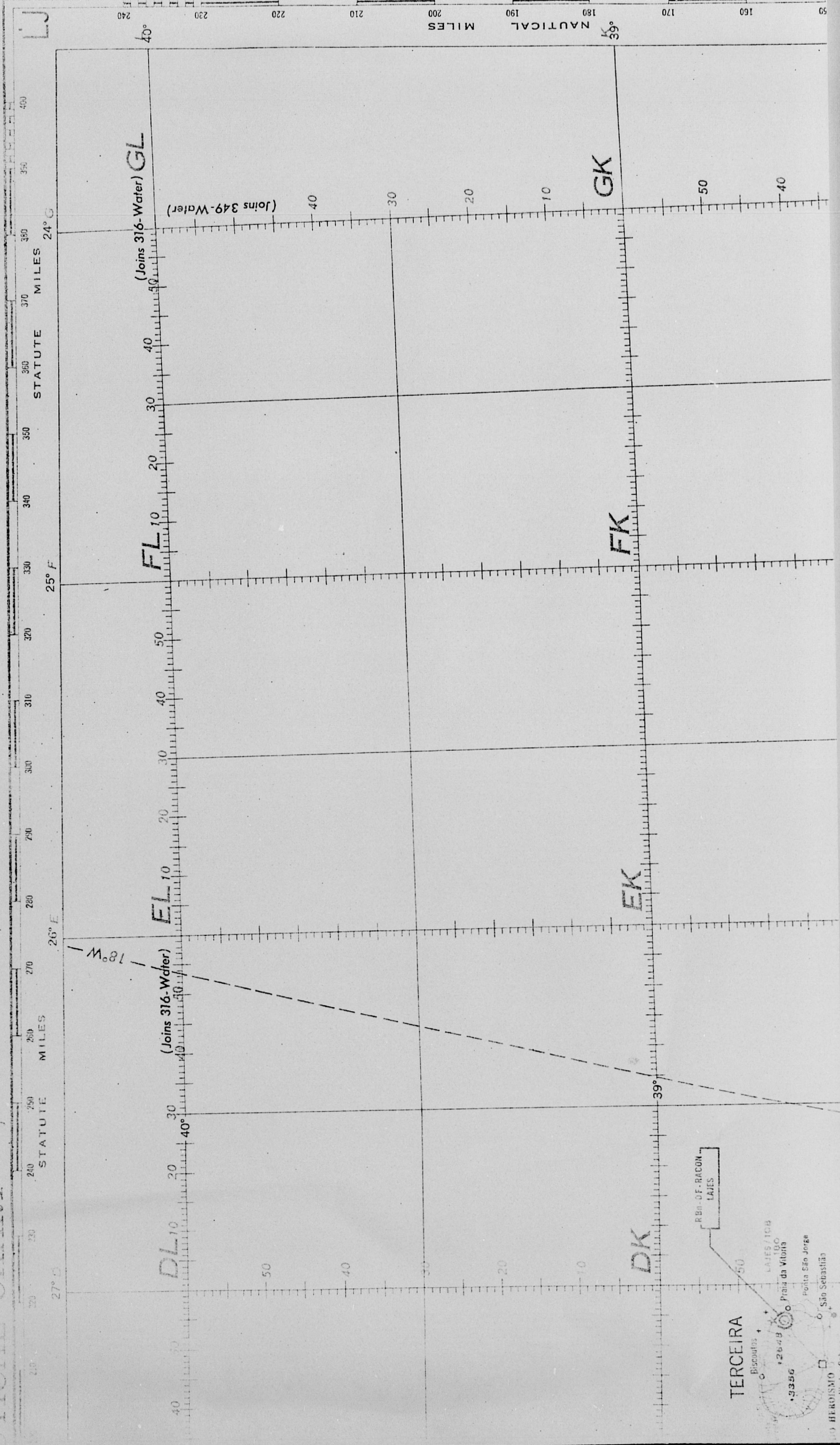
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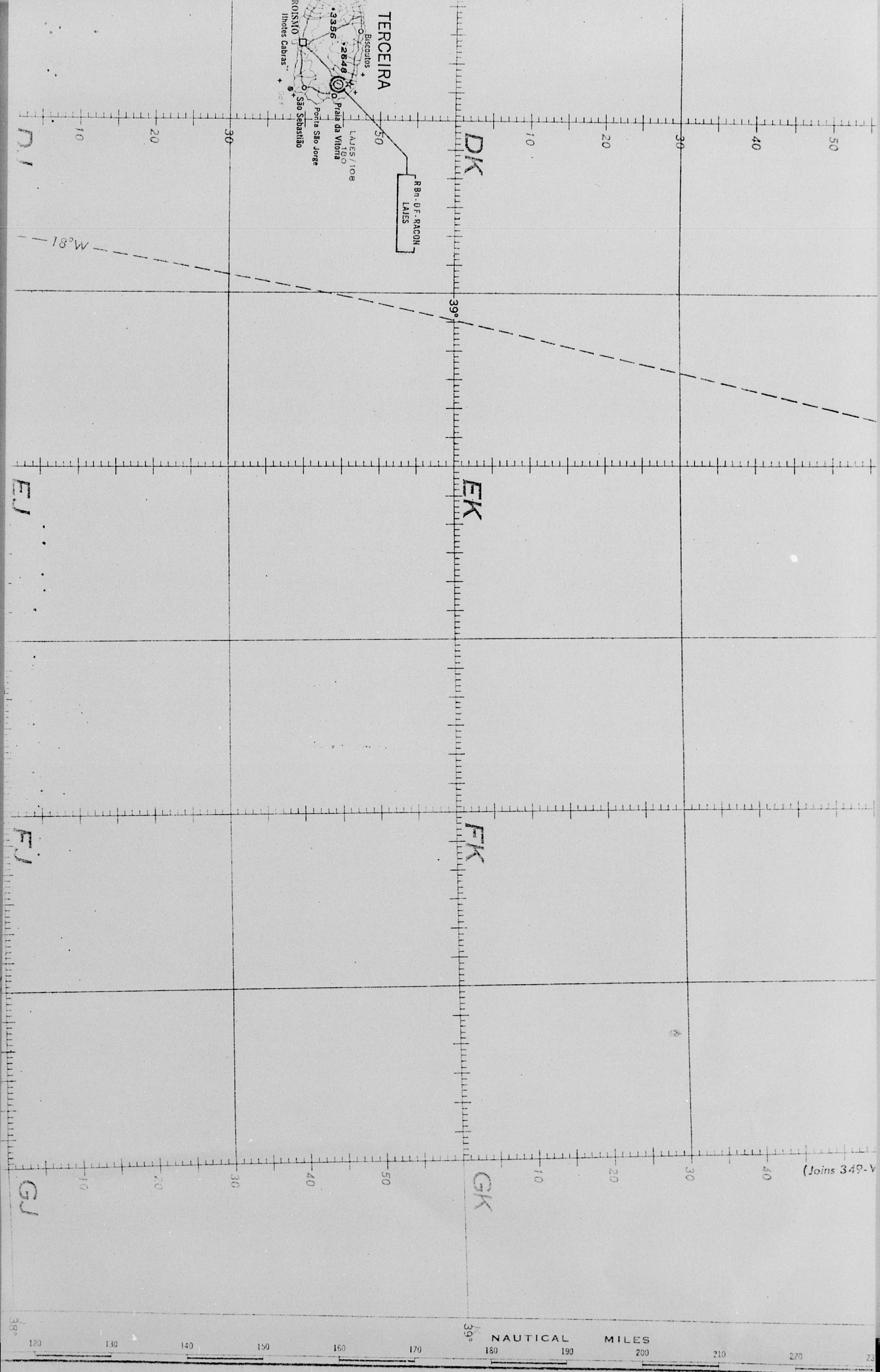
NAUTICAL CHART



Lambert Conformal Conic Projection
Standard Parallels 36°40' and 39°20' Scale 1:1,000,000

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DK

EK

FK

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DJ

EJ

FJ

GJ

TERCEIRA

R.Bn. DE RACON
LAJES

Biscuitos
LAJES/108
Praia da Vitória
Ponta São Jorge
São Sebastião
Ilhotes Cabras
ROISMO

3356
2648

18°W

(Joins 349-V)

NAUTICAL MILES

120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 210 220 230

230 240 250 260 270 280 290 300 310 320 330 340 350 360 370 380 390 400 410 420 430 440

KILOMETERS

39°

PK

QK

AK

BK

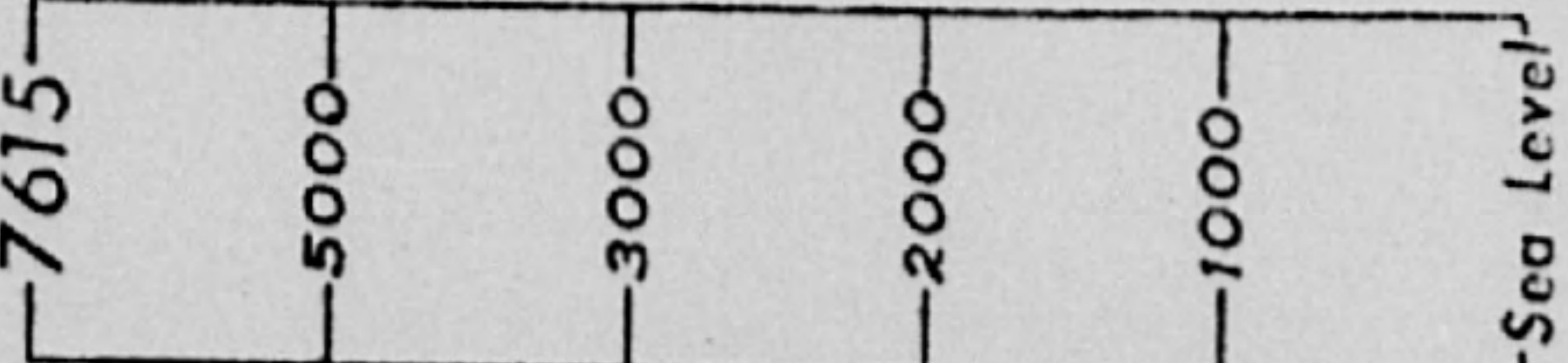
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AJ

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CAUTION-Dashed contour lines indicate approximate relief only

ALTITUDE
TINT
LEGEND
HIGHEST
ELEVATION
KNOWN IS



ELEVATIONS
ARE IN
FEET

(Joins)
CORVO
2549±
Ponta Torrais
Ponta do Pesqueiro
(Point)

FLORES
3087±
Ponta Delgada
Santa Cruz
Ponta do Baxio
Ponta Cabello
Ponta dos Ilheos
R Bn
FLORES

39°

PK

QK

AK

BK

FAIAL

SÃO JORGE

PICO

GRACIOSA
1348±

Santa Cruz da Graciosa
Ilha Praia
crater
Ponta Foz do Porto
(Point)

Ponta dos Rosais

Bata Praia da Norte
(Bay)
Ponta Negra
Go FI
Ponta Ribeirinha
Go FI
Horta
crater
Go FI
Ponta Castelo Branco
Horta/90
R Bn
Horta

Ponta Misterio

São Mateus
Vila das Lagens

Ilha do Topo
(Island)

3123

3497

7615

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