

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 June 53 21/1000Z	2. LOCATION Okinawa, Naha, Kadema
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION 1. AIRCRAFT - 2. UNIDENTIFIED 1. Kadema observer looking WSW, probably observed a/c. 2. Naha observers looking NW in that area. This object carried as UNIDENTIFIED (No astro body in this location) winds to East.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One spherical to star shaped object was observed overhead and moved in a NW direction. Size of object was estimated by different observers to be like the average star, ping-pong ball, and like a baseball. COMMENTS, Cont'd: Balloon released at 1600Z, that was 60 minutes before time of sighting, and balloon went to the East. Two F-80 a/c were 15 miles WSW of place of sighting doing acrobatics. Winds aloft to not coincide with movement of object. All observers are of the opinion that object was not an aircraft.
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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STAR-SHAPED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT MOVING DIRECTLY OVERHEAD IN A NORTH WEST DIRECTION



26° 21' N
127° 46' E
KADENA

RADIOSONDE BALLOON MOVED EAST AFTER BEING RELEASED

26° 13' N
127° 46' E
NAHA



2-F-80'S AT 15,000 FT.
15 OR 20 MILES FROM NAHA

DOWNGRADED AT 8 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
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21 July 1953

1st Lt. Robert Olsson
ATTC - Wright-Patterson AFB

Dear Lt.;

This is quite a batch coming back at you. I think the idea of being in readiness with a press release is a good idea. I should like to have Dr. ~~Robinson's~~ *Robertson's* comments on our Pinchbottle cases.

In two cases here we are taking the liberty of sending out Form As, with an accompanying note stating that the sighting has been referred to us as having possible astronomical significance, and would they oblige us by filling out the report. If you have any objection to this procedure please let us know.

As to seeing you in the near future, I hope so too. Did you know I am sailing for Europe on August 26th. I'll send you a postcard from Paris! The project here will lie fallow, I'm afraid, during September, but we will attack these problems with great strength in October. Now to get on to business.

There appears to be only two possible pinchbottles in this last batch: The 21 June Okinawa and the 22 June Goose AFB. On both of these I should like to request a complete report and follow-up.

→ The Okinawa one may yet prove to be a balloon, though the evidence is against it. Object going against wind and object disappearing into cloud with relative velocity of 45 kts. I think the best thing to do is to wait for further data. I am asking Jen to needle both you and me on these follow-ups because there is no point in having follow-ups unless they are followed up!

The Goose AFB also needs follow-up with special attention to the 9 questions on our Form "Eye".

Now as to the others: we pass by with a smirk the little monkey man.

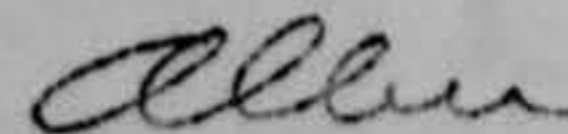
As to the Tinker Tower cases, how come such an epidemic of balloons? Can't they tell a balloon from a hole in the ground? Most interesting of the Tinker batch was July 3rd. Glad to see that a camera was used. What did the pictures look like? And on the July 6th case, I don't think much of the observer.

On the others, the notes we have made on the Form I just about cover the case.

We have some reference TWXs but we don't know to what they refer. They would probably be important only if they refer to our pinchbottle cases.

Please give our regards to Ed and indoctrinate him fully into the system we have developed. Any comments that either you or he have on this method of handling sightings would of course be appreciated.

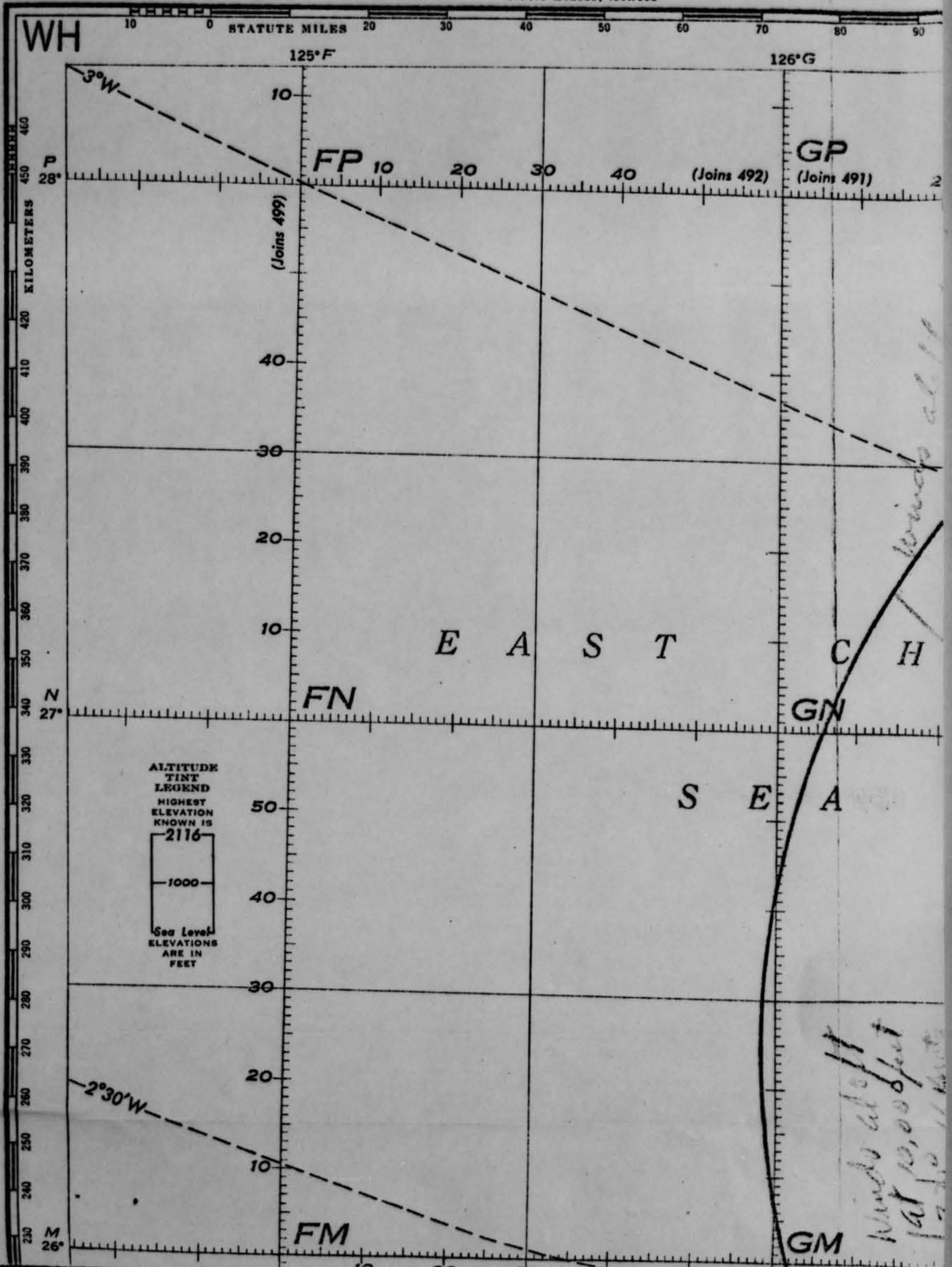
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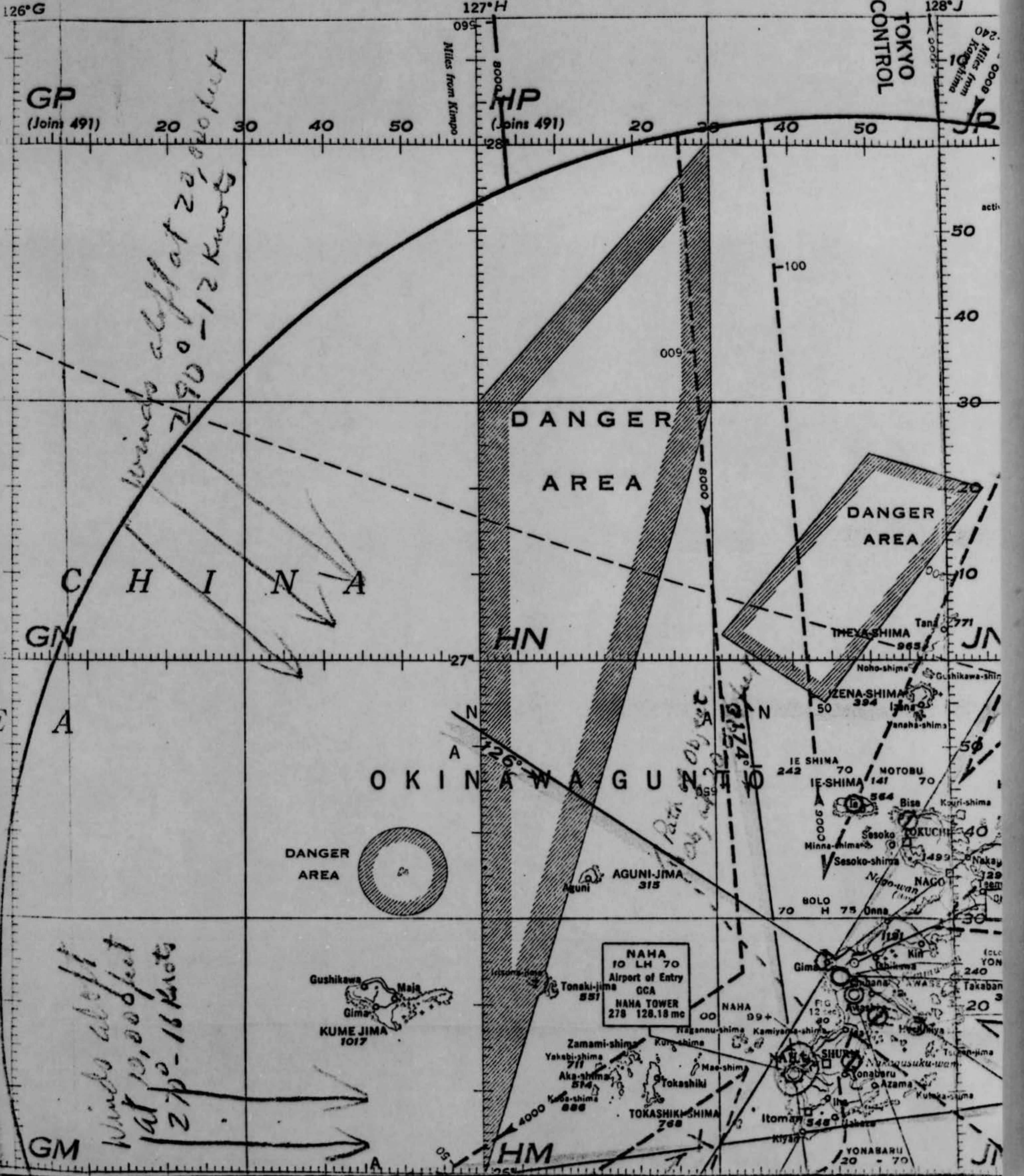
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270-12 knots*

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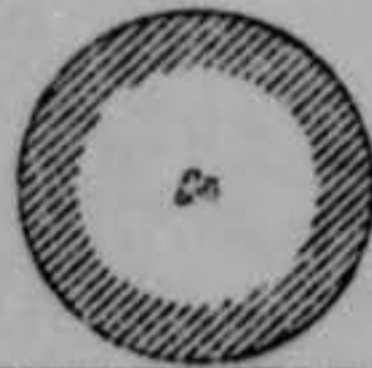
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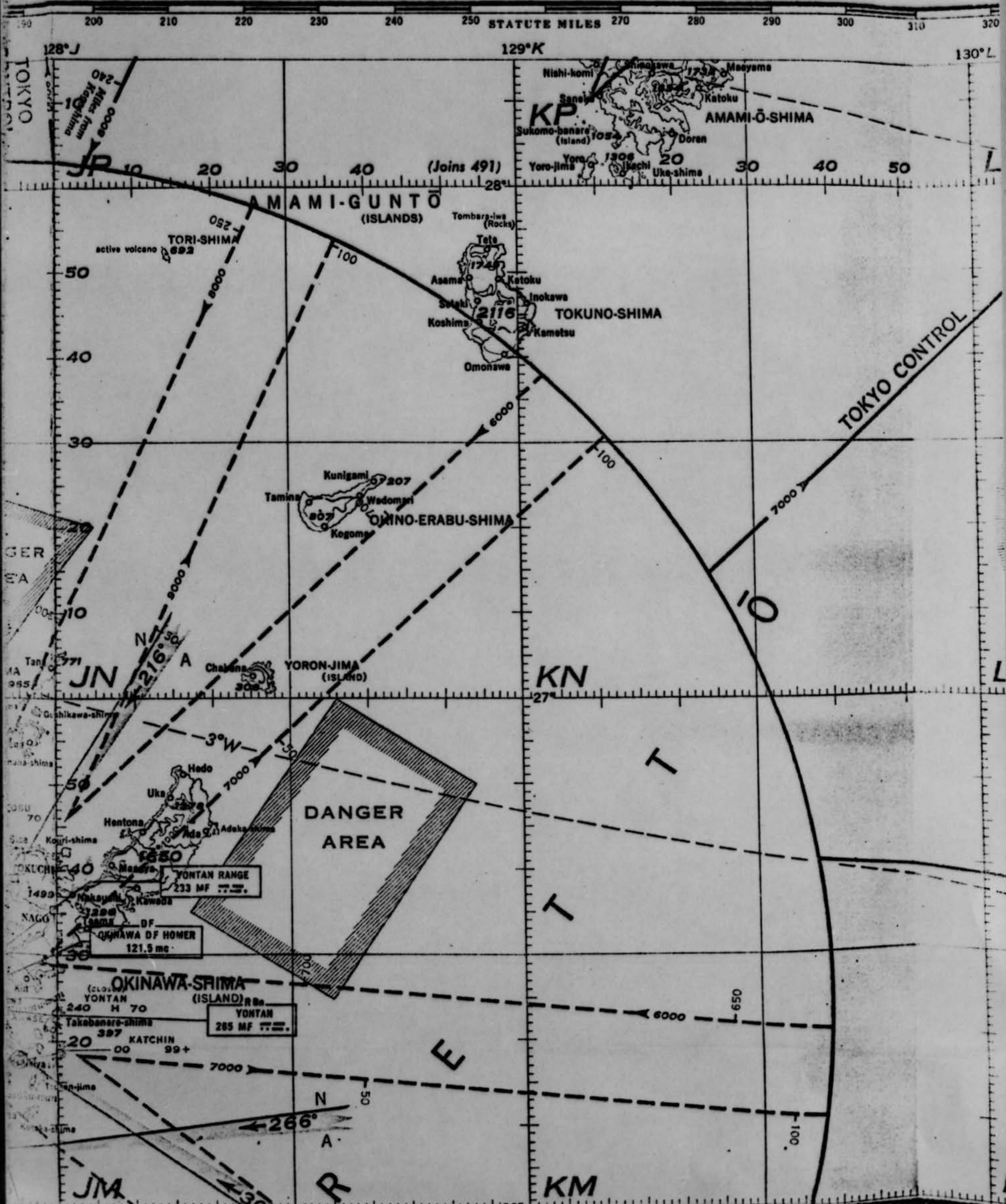
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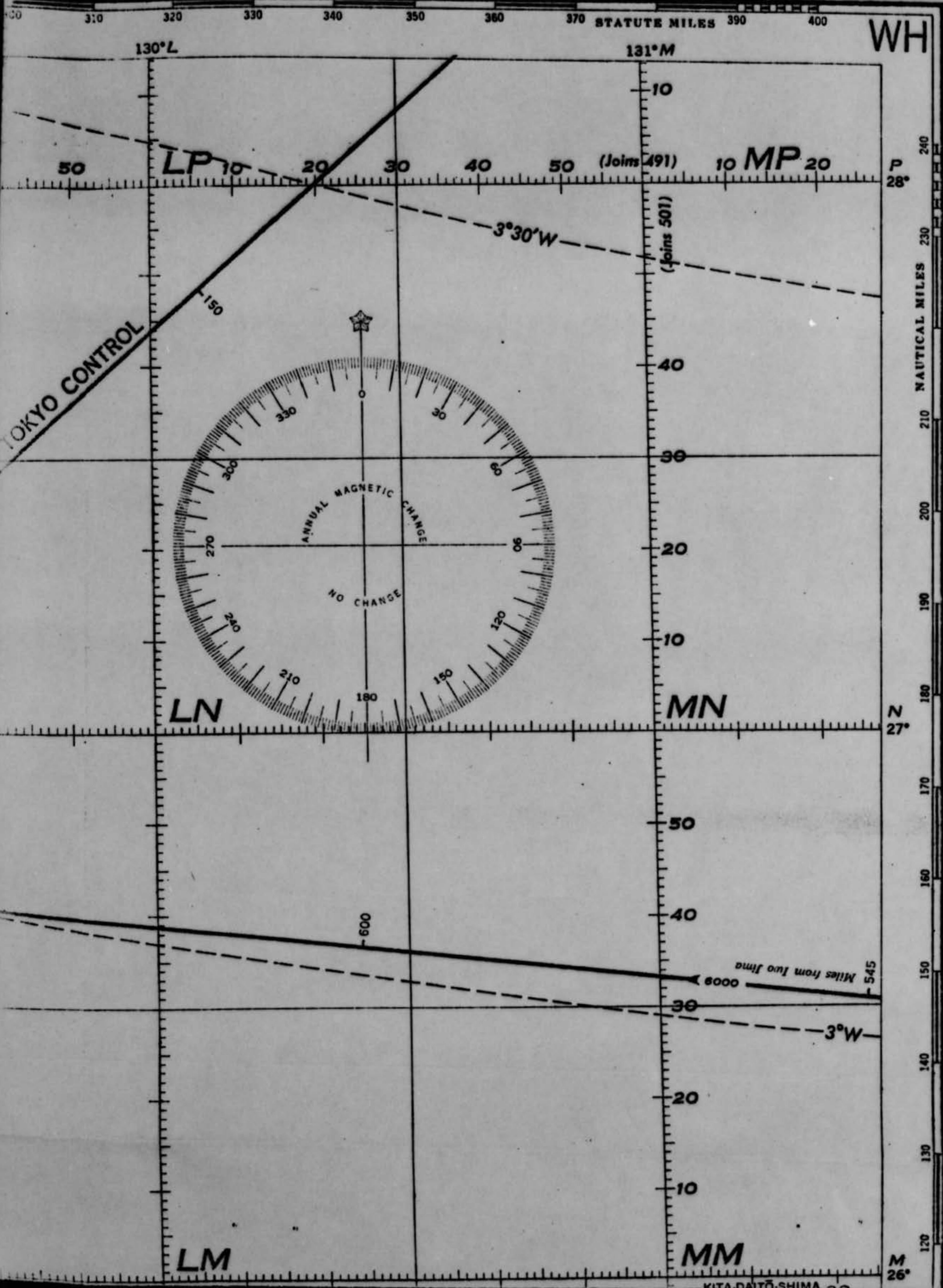
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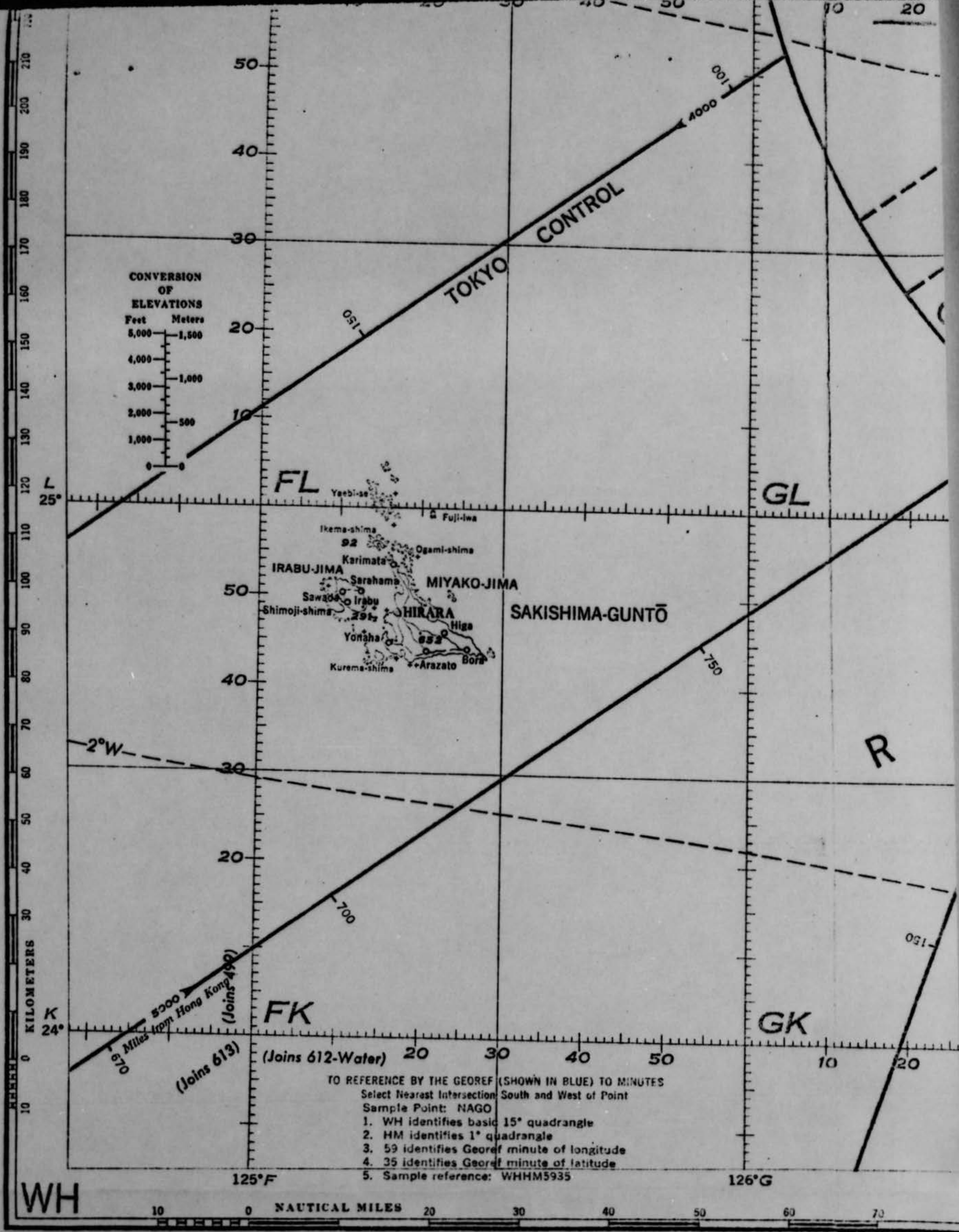
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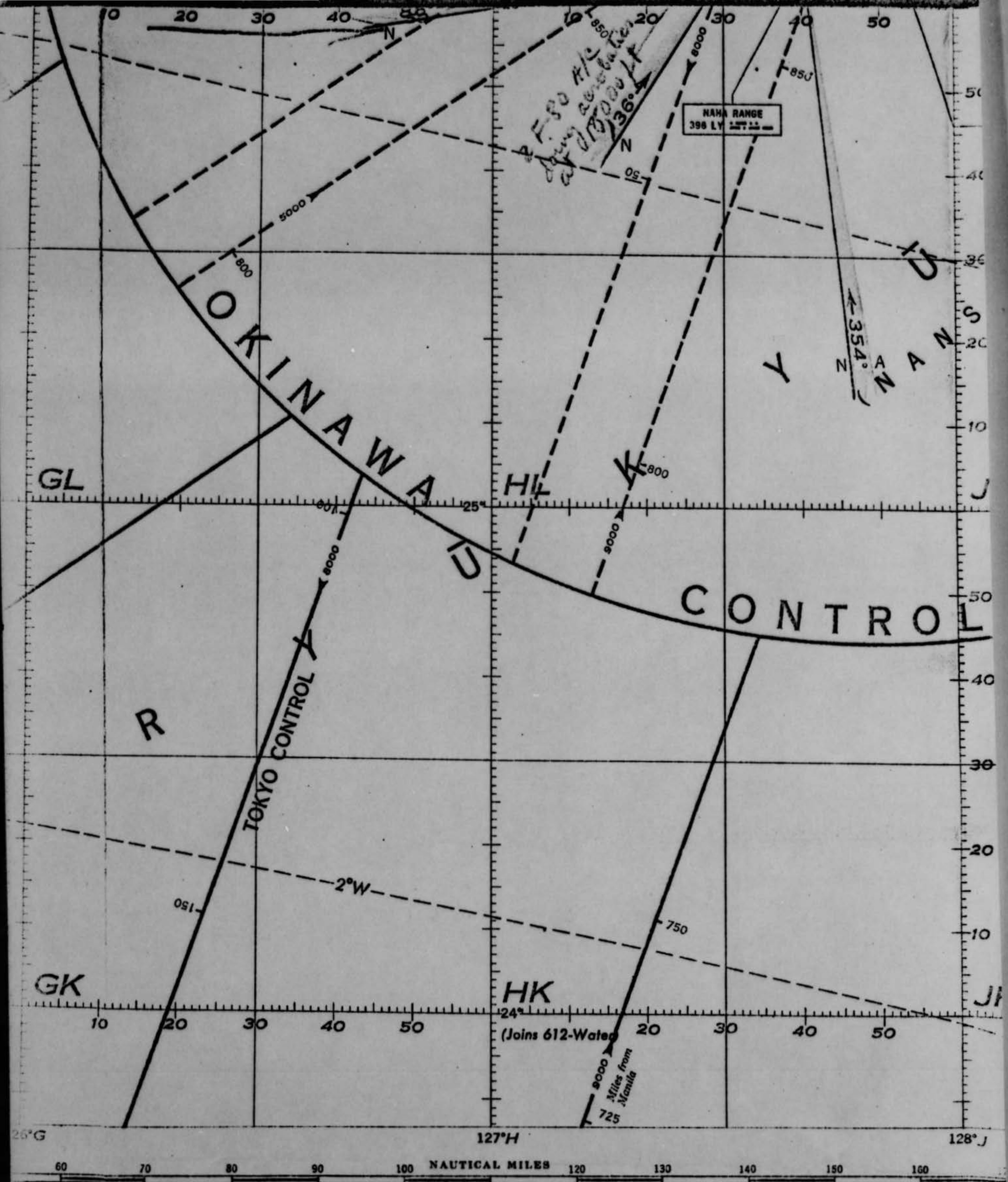




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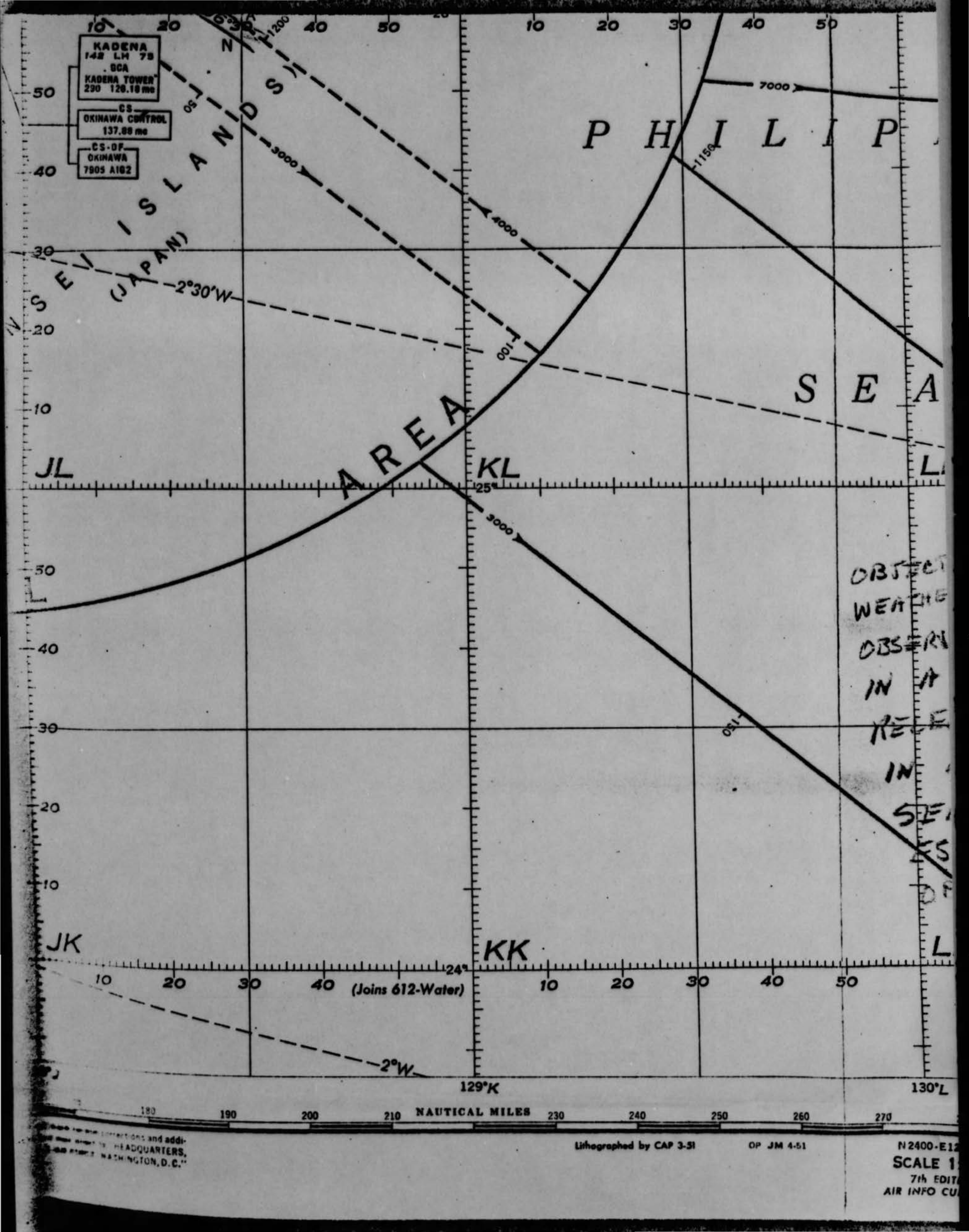
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DAITŌ-SHIMA
(ISLANDS)

ML
(JAPAN)

OBJECT SEEN BY EIGHT
WEATHER OBSERVERS, TOKYO
OBSERVER SAID OBJECT WENT
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RELEASED AT 1800 I. WENT
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EST. SPEED - 20-45 MPH. FIRST
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UNQUOTE PD 20TH AF BEING QUERIED FOR COMPLETE RPT

27/0045Z JUN JAPYC



1) Est. of H₂ + E₁ from
Naha & Kadima
Hawmany observations at same place
2) From which *Opport* *1000*
object seen *Y* *January*
3) May local helicopter activity

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AERODROMES

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

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

SEAPLANE LANDPLANE

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| | | Military Base |
| | | Civil |
| | | Joint Civil and Military Base |

SEAPLANE LANDPLANE

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| | | 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

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AIR NAVIGATION LIGHTS

Numerals in italics indicate elevation above mean sea level.

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| Rotating or Oscillating Light..... <i>110</i> ★ | Flashing Light (With code).....—★ |
| Rotating Light (With flashing code lights).....—★ | Obstruction Light.....—★ |
| Rotating Light (With course lights and site number)..... <i>15</i> ★ | Marine Light (Elevations of marine lights are above high water).....Occ WRG 92 |
| Flashing Light.....★ | Lightship.....—★ |

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

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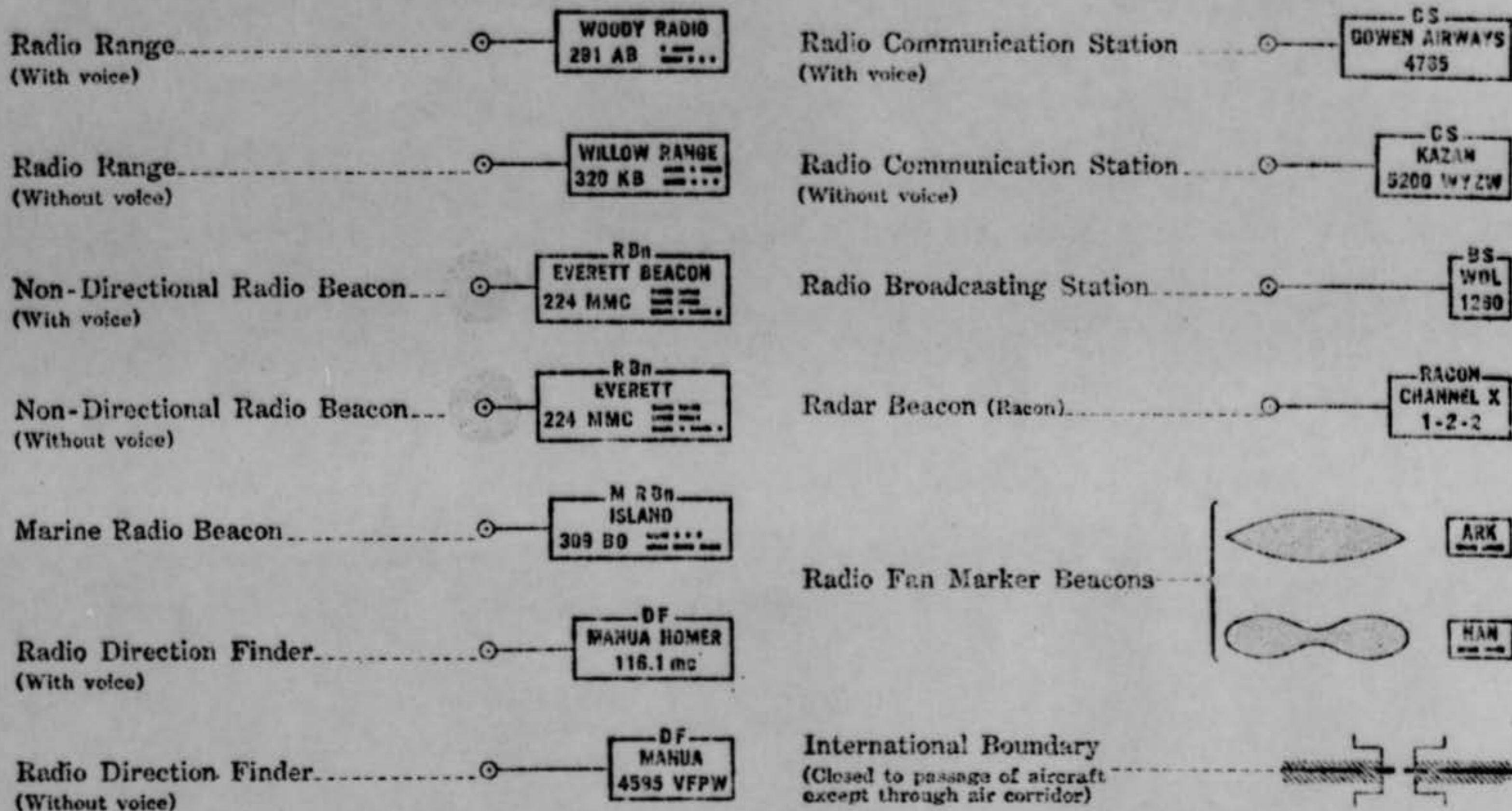
MISCELLANEOUS

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| Mooring Mast.....—┴ | Visual Ground Sign.....— M |
| Dirigible Base.....—∩ | Town having Visual Ground Sign.....—HOUSTON |
| Prominent Transmission Line.....—┴—┴ | High Explosives Area (Marked).....—III⊗ |
| Ocean Station Vessel (Normal position).....— | High Explosives Area (Unmarked).....—⊗ |
| Lighted Obstruction.....—★ | Group Obstruction.....—△ |
| Obstruction (Numerals in italics indicate elevation above sea level of obstruction top. Vertical numerals within parentheses indicate heights above ground.).....— <i>1108</i> (253)△ | |
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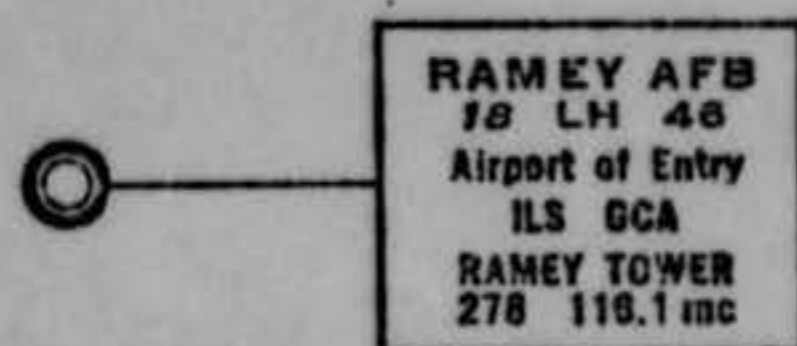
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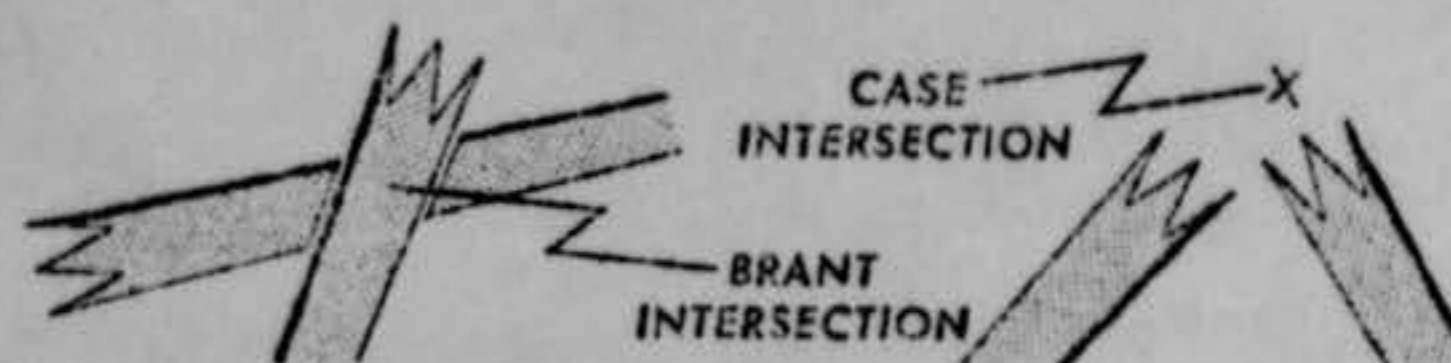


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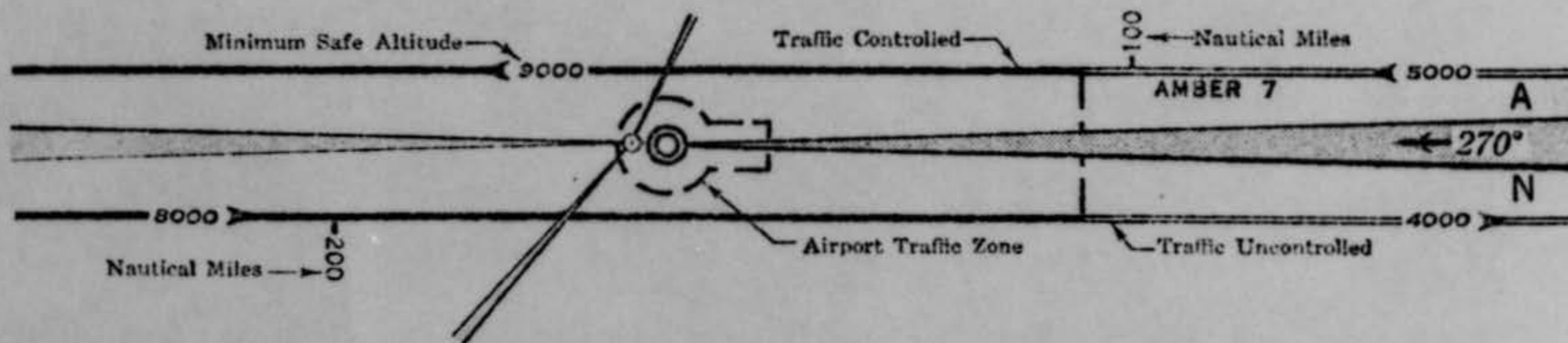


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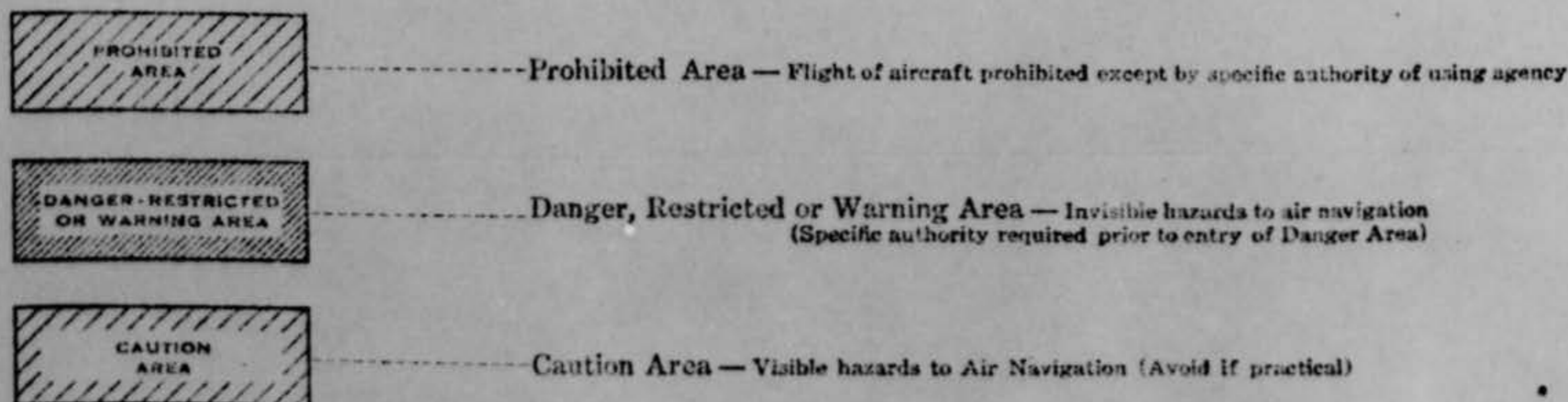
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AIRWAYS & RADIO RANGE (AURAL)



AIRSPACE RESTRICTED AREAS



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.....		Sand	Dunes.....	
	Depression.....			Areas.....	
	Approximate.....			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.....	
Wells & Water Holes.....		Abandoned.....		
Reefs, Coral & Rocky Ledges (Awaah at low tide).....		Flood Marked Areas.....		
		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	Abandoned or Under Construction.....	
Highest in a General Area (Highest on chart is devoid of tint).....	• 5287		Single Track.....	
Spot.....	• 4291		Double Track.....	
Mines and Quarries.....			Sidings & Spurs.....	
Mountain Passes.....		Overpass.....		Bridges
Lookout Towers (Elevation is base of tower) (Height above ground in magenta).....		Underpass.....		
Forts.....		Tunnels	Railroad.....	
Pipelines.....			Highway.....	
Race Tracks.....				
Stranded Wrecks.....				

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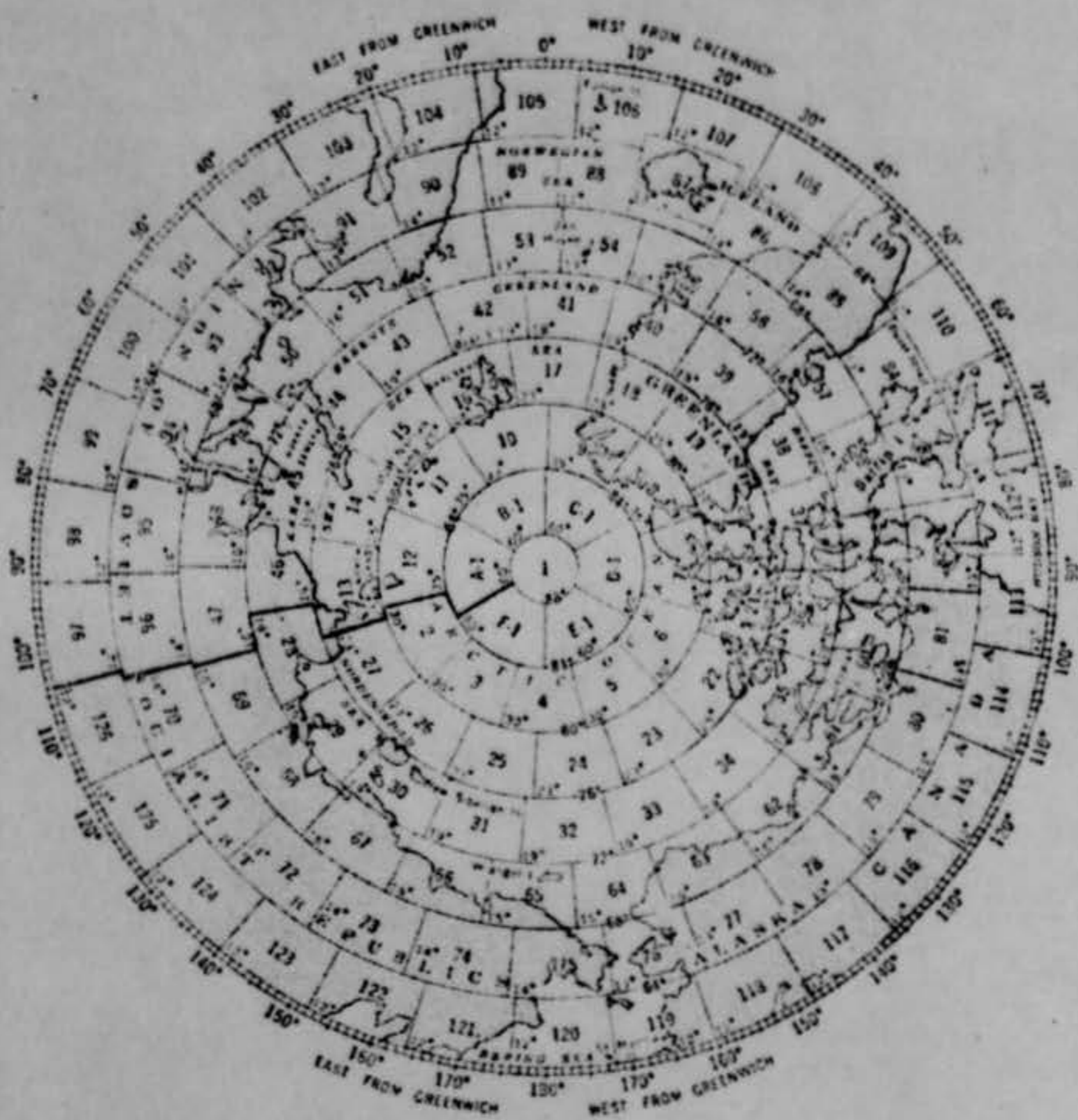
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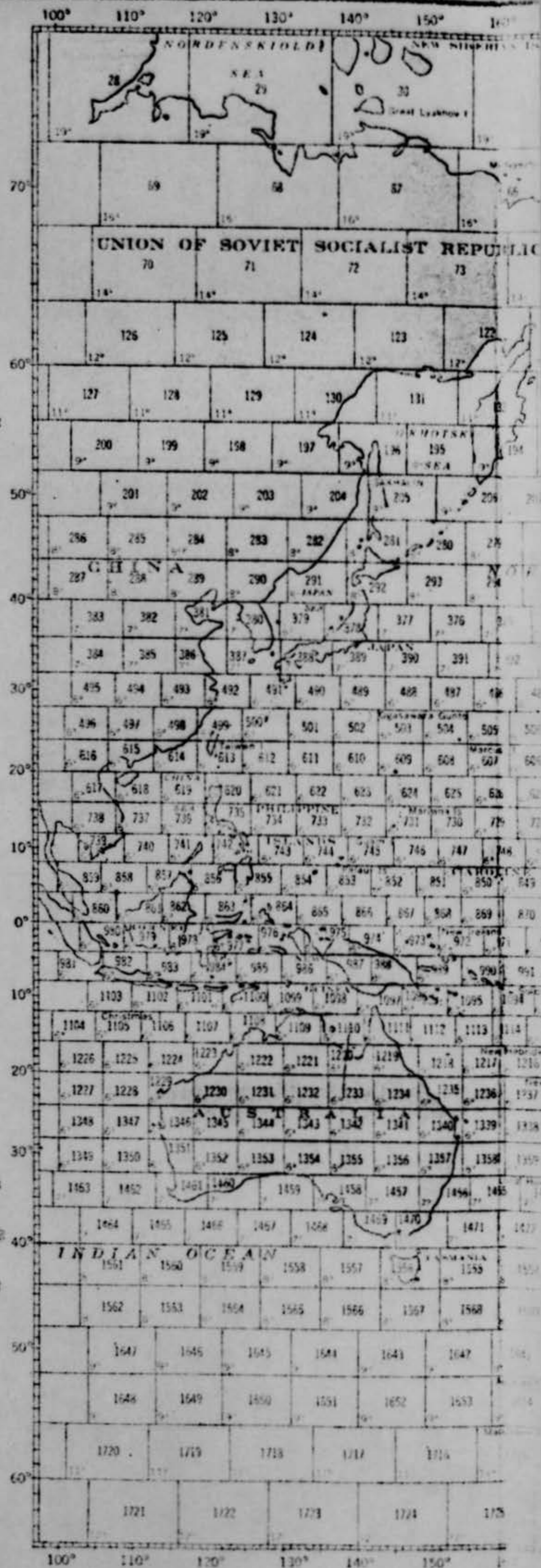
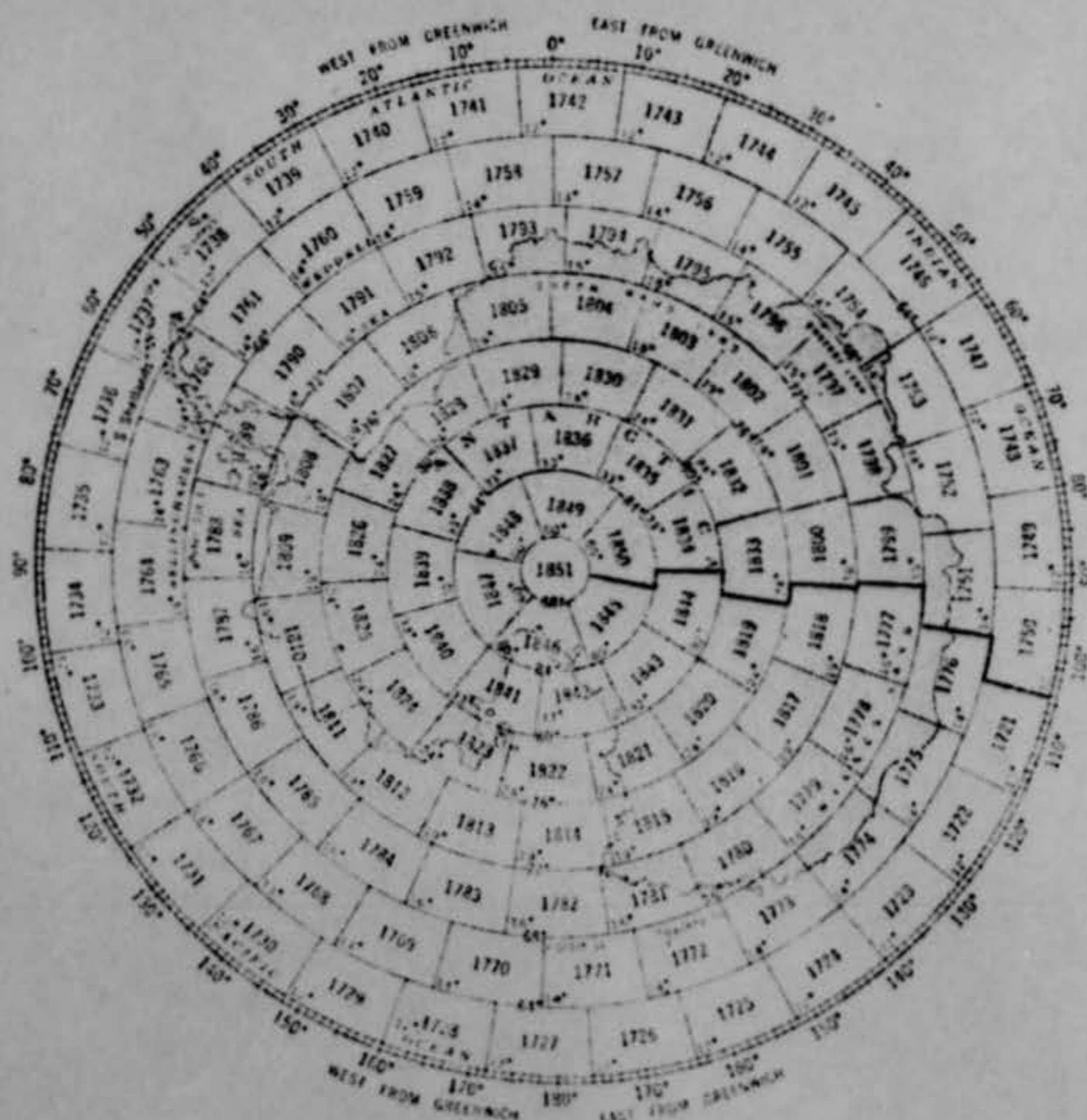
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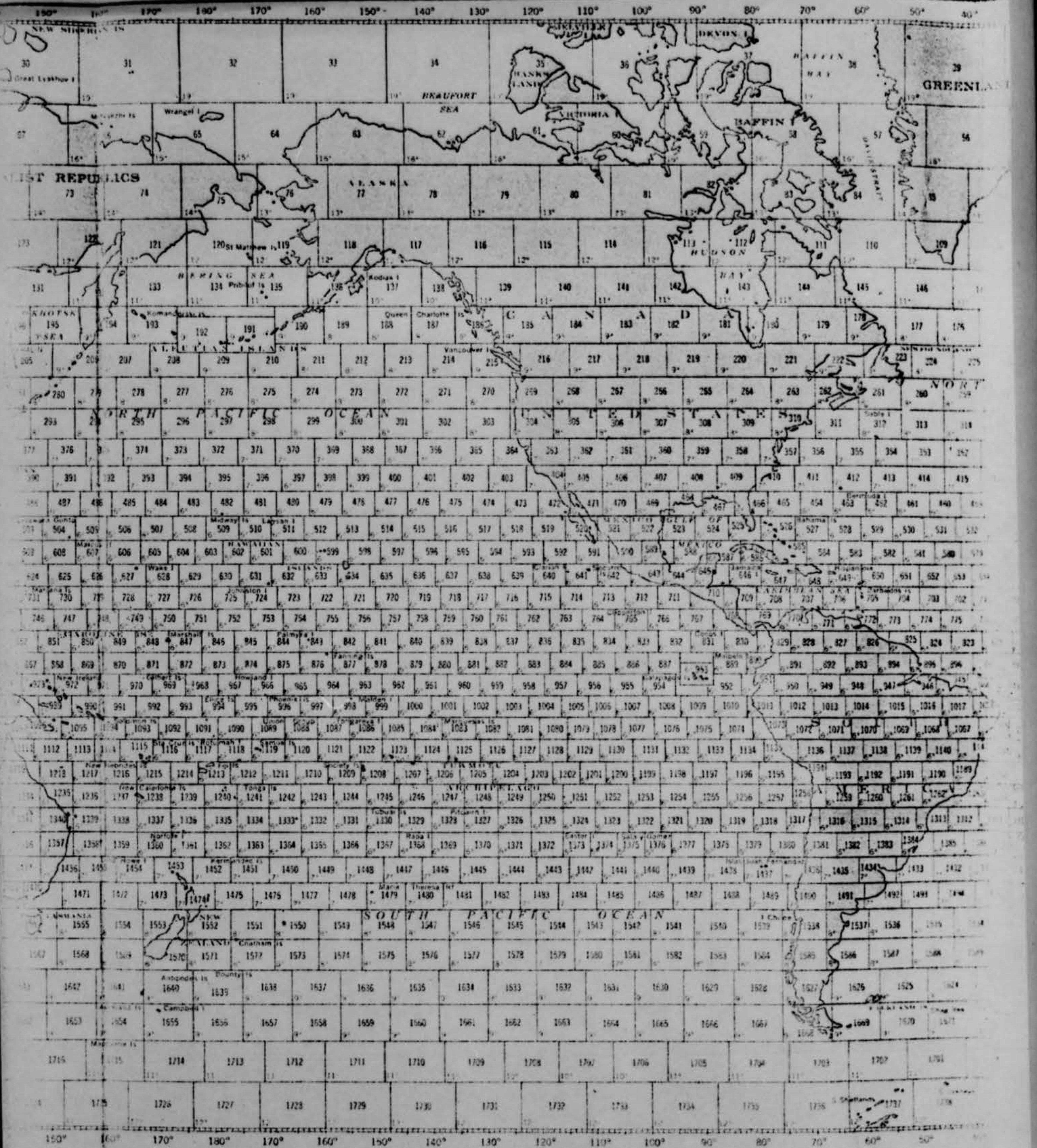
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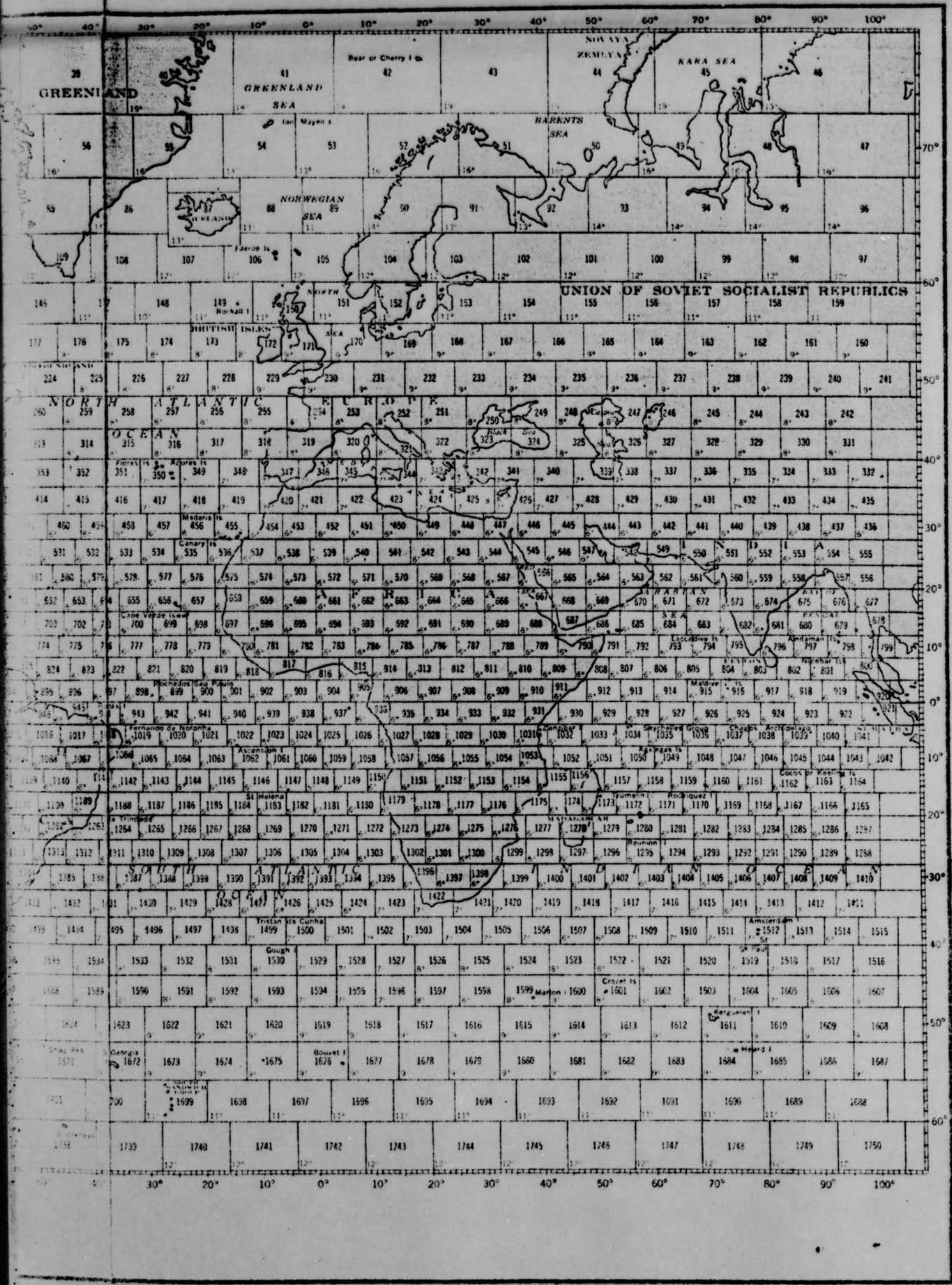


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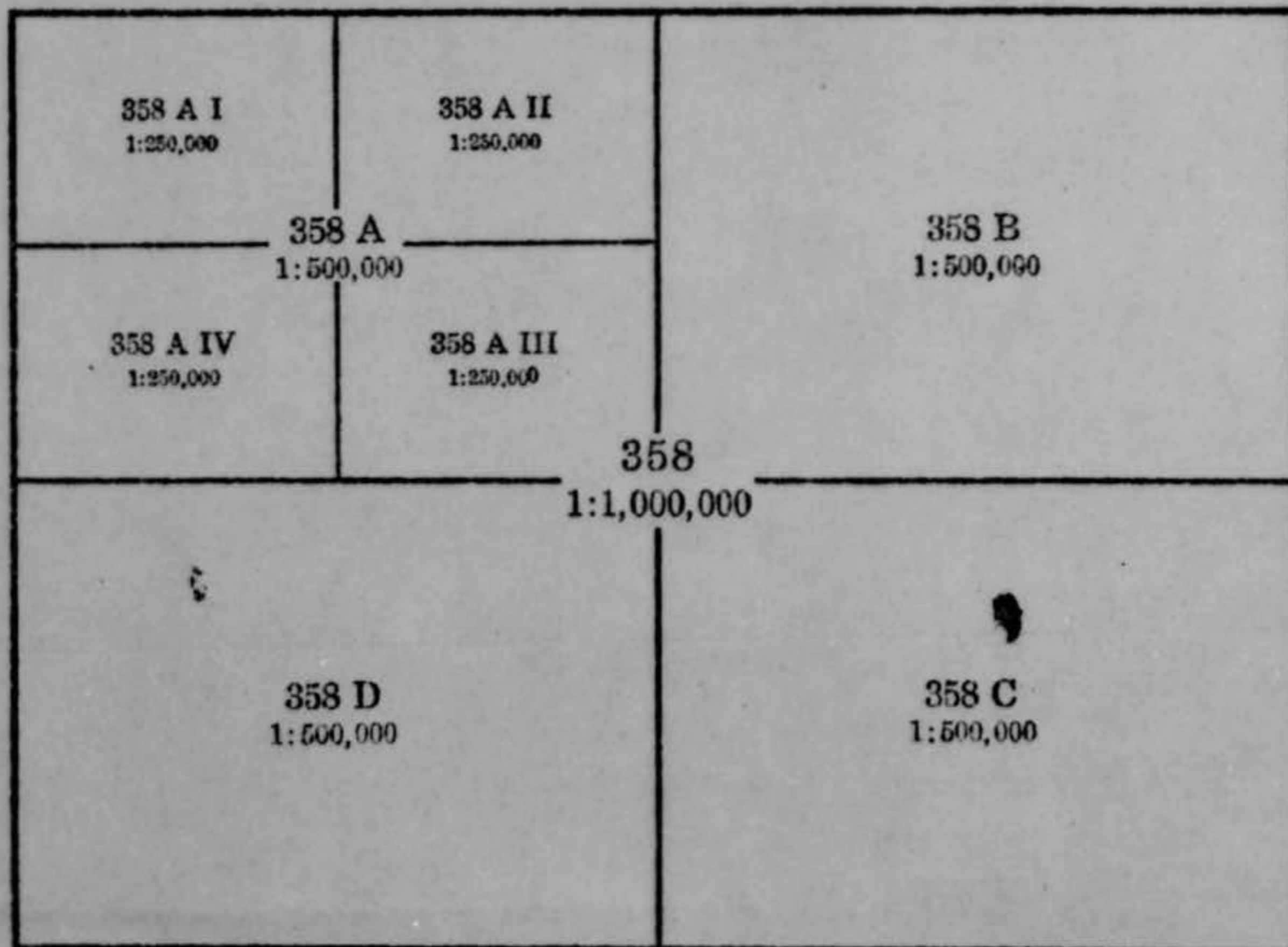
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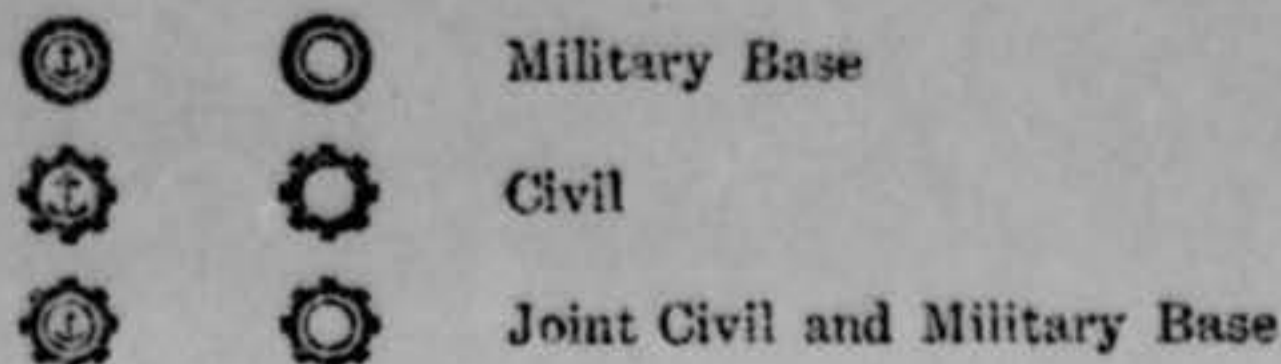
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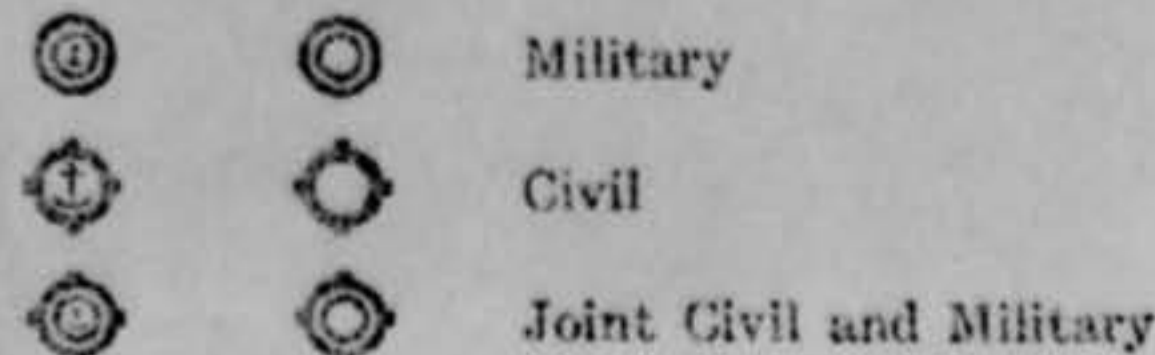
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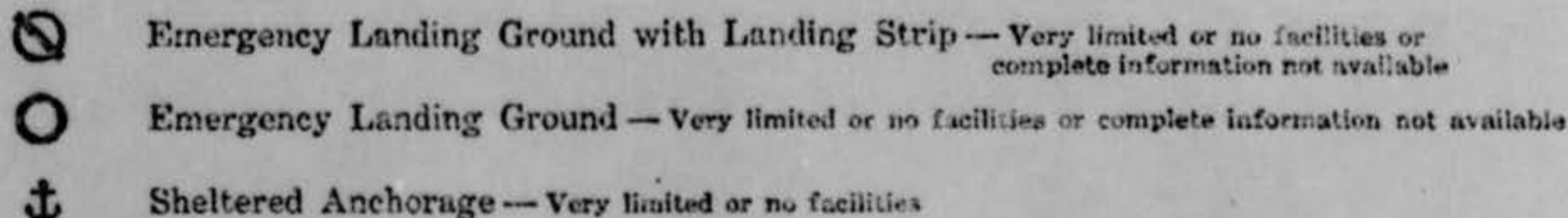
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Rotating Light (With course lights and site number).....	<i>15</i> ✱	Marine Light (Elevations of marine lights are above high water).....	Occ WRG 92
Flashing Light.....	★	Lightship.....	⚓

F—Fixed QF—Quick Flashing Occ—Occulting Gp—Group W—White B—Blue SEC—Sector
 Fl—Flashing IQF—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.

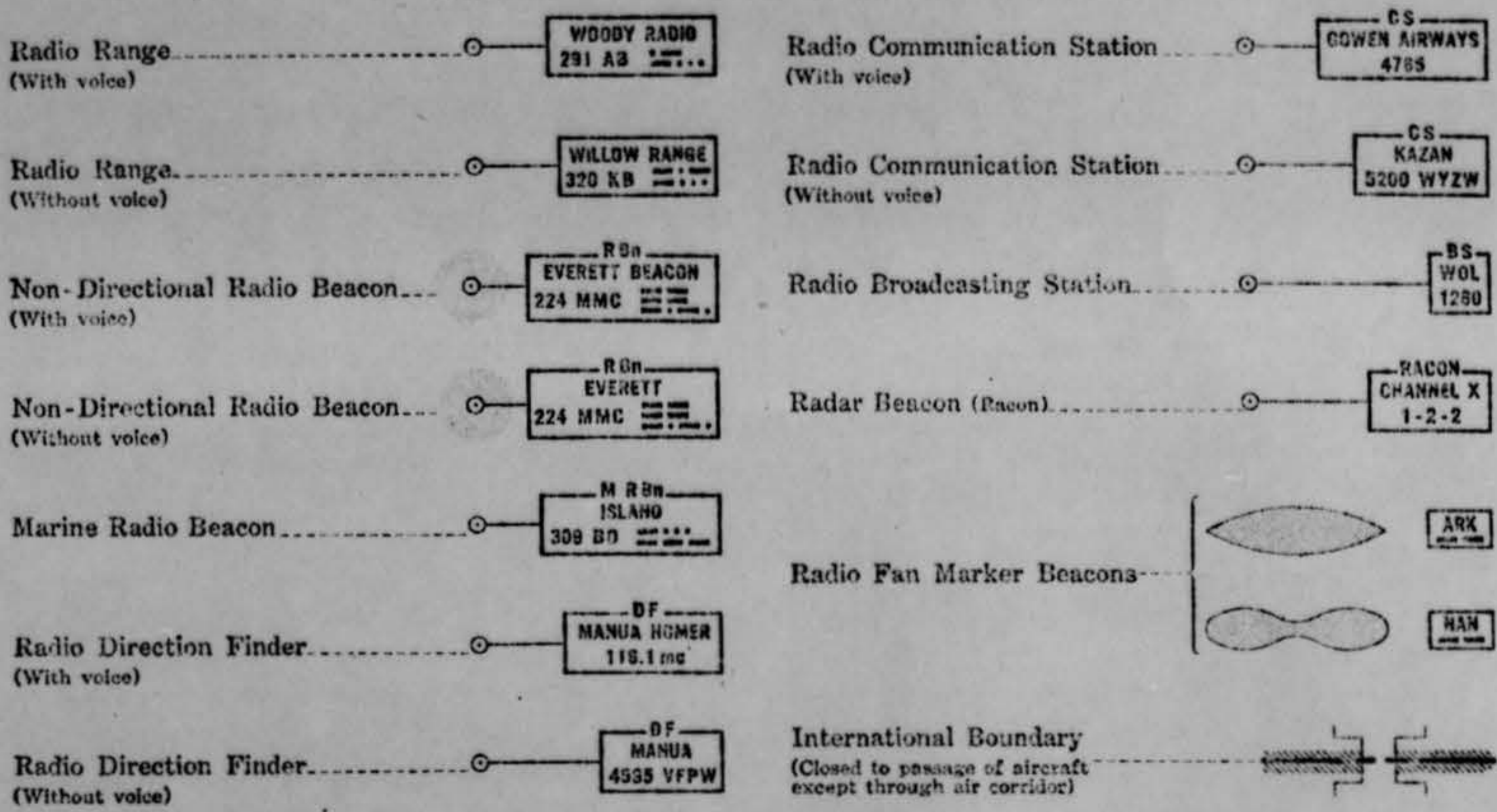
MISCELLANEOUS

Mooring Mast.....		Visual Ground Sign.....	
Dirigible Base.....		Town having Visual Ground Sign.....	HOUSTON
Prominent Transmission Line.....		High Explosives Area (Marked).....	H ^A EX
Ocean Station Vessel (Normal position).....		High Explosives Area (Unmarked).....	⊙
Lighted Obstruction.....		Group Obstruction.....	ΔΔ
Obstruction (Numerals in italics indicate elevation above sea level of obstruction top. Vertical numerals within parentheses indicate heights above ground.).....			<i>1108</i> Δ (259)
Line of Equal Magnetic Variation.....			4°E

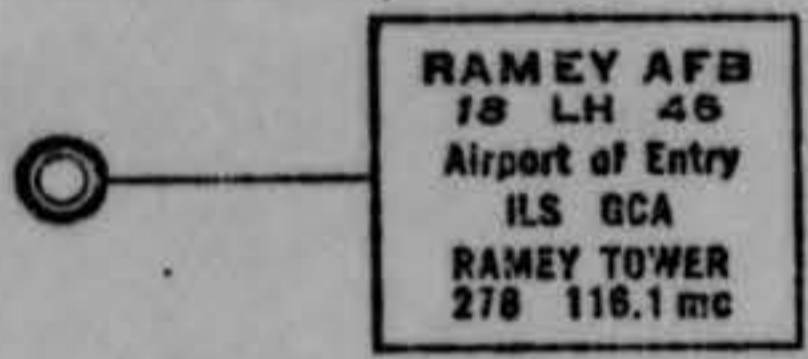
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RADIO FACILITIES

All frequencies are kilocycles unless otherwise stated
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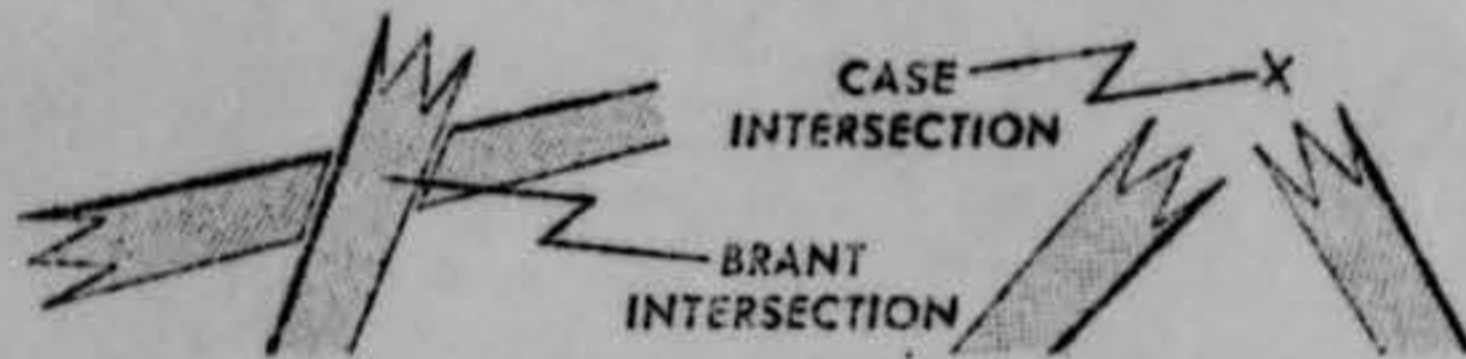


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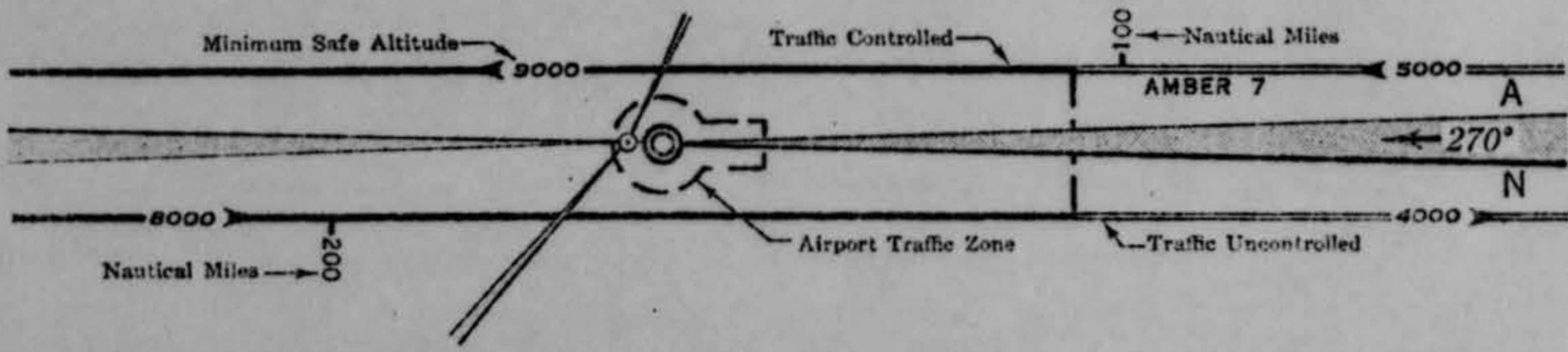


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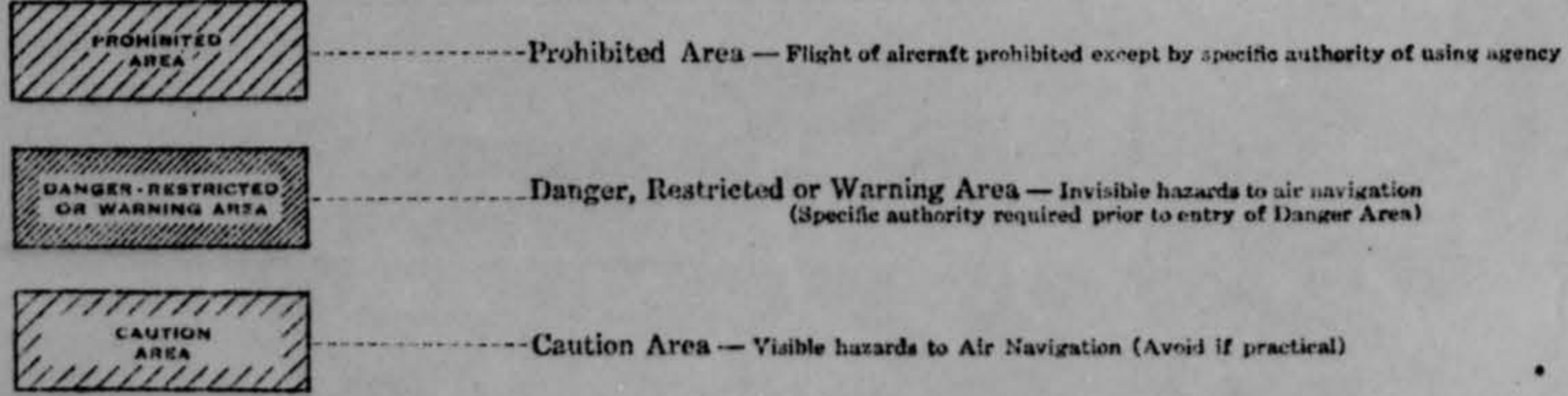
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AIRWAYS & RADIO RANGE (AURAL)



AIRSPACE RESTRICTED AREAS



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RELATION TO MOVEMENT OF CLOUD SMCLN NEGATIVE SOUND SMCLN NO MANEUVERS
SMCLN TRAVELLED IN STRIGHT LINE ESTIMATED TOWARD NORTHWEST BY 8

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OBSERVERS AND TOWARD WEST-SOUTHWEST BY 1 OBSERVER SMCLN DISAPPEARED
INTO CLOUDS AND TWILIGHT PD 2 PD TIME OF FIRST SIGHTING ABOUT
1900I CMA 21 JUNE SMCLN OBSERVED FOR 20 MIN PD BUT NOT REPORTED TO
THIS HQS UNTIL 23 JUNE PD DELAY IN OBTAINING OBSERVERS FOR
INTERROGATION PD 3 PD OBSERVED VISUALLY BY 3, SMCLN OBSERVED BY 6
VISUALLY AND THROUGH THEODOLITE SMCLN FROM RYUKYUS WEATHER SERVICE
STATION CMA RYUKYUS WEATHER COMMUNICATIONS STATION CMA NAHA
OKINAWA CMA AND KADENA WEATHER STATION CMA OKINAWA PD 4 PD OBSERVERS
AT NAHA LOCATED AT 26 DEGREES 13 MIN N 127 DEGREES 42 MIN E CMA
OBSERVERS AT KADENA LOCATED AT 26 DEGREES 21 MIN N 127 DEGREES 46
ZWN E PD OBJECT EST PD ABOUT 20000 FT PD ALT PD PASSED FROM OVERHEAD
TO NORTHWESTWARD PD 5 PD ALL OBSERVERS OKINAWAN OR JAPANESE WEATHER
FORECASTERS OR OBSERVERS WITH FROM 6 TO 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE SMCLN
ESTIMATED RELIABILITY GOOD PD ALL APPEARED SINCERE DURING
INTERROGATION PD 6 PD LOCAL WX .4 CU AT 1500 FT CMA .8 CS EST CMA
15000 FT - 20000 FT PD WINDS ALOFT CMA 10000 - 270 - 15K SMCLN
20000 FT - 290 DEGREES - 12K PD 7 PD OBSERVERS SAW PALE MOON
SMCLN NO STARS HAD APPEARED SMCLN NO OTHER OBJECTS APPEARED DURING
OBSERVATION PD ALL OBSERVERS FAMILIAR WITH JET AIRCRAFT AND RULED
SIGHTING OUT AS JET PD 26 FIGHTER SQ HAD 2 F-80 ON LOCAL ACROBATICS

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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.....	<u>ALASKA HIGHWAY</u>

RELIEF FEATURES

Contours	Reliable.....		Sand	Dunes.....	
	Depression.....			Arena.....	
	Approximate.....			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.....
Wells & Water Holes.....		Abandoned.....	
Reefs, Coral & Rocky Ledges (Awash at low tide)		Flood Marked Areas.....	
		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)	Highest in a General Area (Highest on chart is devoid of tint) • 5287	Railroads	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.....	Bridges
Forts.....		Underpass.....	
Pipelines.....			Highway.....
Race Tracks.....		Tunnels	Railroad.....
Stranded Wrecks.....			Highway.....

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JEDWP/COM ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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/ [REDACTED] D//AX99871 IN-REQ ATTN CLN DIR OF INT PD ATIC

PASS TO ATIAE-5 PD FOLG MSG SUBJ CLN FLYOBRPT RECD FR 20TH AF AND

FWDD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFL 200-5 PD QUOTE PD CITE CLN DX 12031.

INT PD 1 PD OBJECT CLN SPHERICAL TO STAR SHPAED SMCLN SIZE-DESCRIBE

AS SIZE OF AVERAGE STAR CMA AS SIZE OF PING PONG BALL CMA AND AS

SIZE OF BASEBALL WHEN SEEN THROUGH THEODOLITE PD COLOR-METALLIC OR

SILVERY SMCLN 1 OBJECT SMCLN NO TRAIL CMA NO EXHAUST CMA SPEED EST

CMA 20 MPH AND CMA BY OBSERVER USING THEODOLITE CMA AT 45 MPH IN

RELATION TO MOVEMENT OF CLOUD SMCLN NEGATIVE SOUND SMCLN NO MANEUVERS

SMCLN TRAVELLED IN STRIGHT LINE ESTIMATED TOWARD NORTHWEST BY 8

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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

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FROM: (Originator)

COMDR ATIC

TO:

COMDR FEAF TOKYO JAPAN

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-7-3-E

DATE-TIME GROUP

021930Z JULY 53

PRECEDENCE FOR:

ACTION

INFORMATION

ROUTINE

BOOK MESSAGE

ORIGINAL MESSAGE

MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

 YES NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

AX99871

IDENTIFICATION

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY
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Time 15 23 32

Checked By VC

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Reference basic FLYOBRPT AX99871 on unidentified object seen through theodolite Okinawa 211900I June 1953. Several questions arise in the analysis by ATIC on subject sighting. 1) Request estimate of azimuth and elevation readings from theodolite, including azimuth and elevation readings from both Naha and Kadena for possible triangulation. 2) Was theodolite at Naha or Kadena? 3) How many observers were at each place? 4) Your message states the object was viewed overhead, but from which point?

ATIC believes that local helicopter activity may account for the sighting. Request you investigate this possibility.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 R. Olsson DATE 2 July '53

ATIAE Lt Olsson DATE 2 July 53

for Lt Col Johnston

ATIAE Col McDuffee DATE 3 July 53

DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt R. M. Olsson/jos

SYMBOL

ATIAE-5

TELEPHONE

65365

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL NAME

ROBERT C. BROWN, Major, USAF
Adjutant

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C-1 ROUTINE
FM 20TH AF KADENA AB OKINAWA R I
TO CONDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO
COMDR FEAF TOKYO JAPAN ATTN: ATTIAA-2

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3. [Signature]
4. Tracking file

CITE DX12189INT.
REFURMSG 75959 DATED [REDACTED] AND PROJECT BLUEBOOK. RE QUESTIONS OF
FLY OB RPT AX99371: (1) NO TRIANGULATION POSSIBLE SINCE NO ANGLES
OF ELEVATION WERE TAKEN BY OBSERVERS USING THE ODOLITE. RE PARA 7:
IR-1-53. D/I HQS 20 AIRFORCE. DATED 27 JUNE CURR. (2) OBSERVATIONS
BY THEODOLITE MADE RYUKYUS WEATHER SERVICE STATION. NAHA. RE PARA 4;
IR-1-53 REFERRED TO ABOVE. (3) 6 OBSERVERS AT RYUKYUS WEATHER
SERVICE STATION. NAHA. THE OBSERVERS AT RYUKYUS WEATHER COMMUNICATION
STATION. NAHA AND 1 OBSERVER AT KADENA AIR FORCE BASE. OBJECT WAS
VIEWED OVERHEAD BY 8 OBSERVERS AT NAHA ONLY. 849 RE LOCAL HELICOPTER
ACTIVITYS; THIS OFFICE CONTACTED ALL UNITS POSSESSING HELICOPTERS;
NO HELICOPTERS AIRBORNE DURING PERIOD OF SIGHTING.

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COUNTRY: *Multi* Ryukyu Islands REPORT NO: B-1-53 (LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

AREA REPORTED ON: Ryukyu Island FROM (Agency): D/I, Hq. 20th Air Force, APO 239

DATE OF REPORT: 27 June 1953 DATE OF INFORMATION: 24 June 1953 EVALUATION: C-3

PREPARED BY (Officer): Capt. Lawrence E. Randall SOURCE: Ryukyu Weather Service, Naha, Okinawa; Base Weather Service, KAB, Okinawa

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, precede report, etc., as applicable): USAF BAIR 3A-15.1 AFL 200-5 dtd 29 Apr 52

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.)

One object, spherical to star shaped was sighted both visually and through a theodolite by 9 Okinawan and Japanese weather observers on Okinawa from approximately 1900I to 1920I 21 June 1953.

The object, estimates of size ranging from a small star to a baseball, had no propulsion or exhaust trail but seemed to be traveling in a NW direction at an estimated speed of from 20 to 45 miles an hour at about 20,000 feet.

Although the object was described as being a silvery or metallic color, all observers discounted the possibility of it being a jet aircraft.

APPROVED, EVALUATION BY PREPARING OFFICER:

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Major, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

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(1) Map of Sightings

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1. One object, spherical to star-shaped, described as the size of an average star by one observer and about the size of a ping pong ball by others or about the size of a baseball when seen through a theodolite. The object was sighted from about 1900I to 1920I hours, Sunday, 21 June 1953. The object was described as being silvery or metallic colored with no exhaust trail, moving at an estimated speed of 20 miles per hour by observers seeing the object with the naked eye. Observers using theodolite estimated the object's speed to be about 45 miles per hour. They judged this speed in relation to the movement of the clouds at this time.

2. The object produced no sound and it performed no maneuvers. The object seemed to travel straight line estimated to be in a Northwest direction by 3 observers at Naha and toward the West-Southwest by one observer at Kadena.

3. Although the first sighting of unidentified object was around 1900I hours, 21 June 1953, this Headquarters was not notified of sighting until 23 June 1953. Upon notification this Headquarters immediately interrogated the nine observers of the unidentified object.

4. Three observers sighted the object visually and six observed the object both visually and by theodolite. Those who observed it by theodolite were from the Ryukyus Weather Service Station, Naha, Okinawa (26° 13' N; 127° 42' E). An Okinawan observer employed at Kadena Weather Station, Kadena Air Force Base (26° 21' N; 127° 46' E) was notified by telephone by the Ryukyus Weather Station of the presence of the object. Upon notification the Okinawan at Kadena observed the object for about two minutes.

5. The observers estimated the height of the object to be about 20,000' and moving from directly overhead to the Northwest, being obscured by cirrostratus clouds that were in the area at this time. Seven observers saw a pale moon but no stars were observed during observation of the object. All observers claimed to be familiar with Jet aircraft and ruled out the possibility of the object as a Jet. The only jet aircraft airborne locally at this time were two F-80s of the 26th Fighter Squadron doing acrobatics at about 15,000 feet 10 to 15 miles West South West of Naha observers. During this period the log of Okinawa Air Traffic Control indicated no other aircraft above 5,000' in this area. During this period logs of EW radar sites in the local area indicated no sightings of unidentified aircraft tracks. A radiosonde balloon was sent aloft locally at approximately 1800I but winds aloft carried the balloon eastward.

6. All nine observers were either Japanese or Okinawan weather observers with from 6 to 30 years experience in weather observing. Their estimated reliability was good and all seemed sincere during interrogation. No U.S. military personnel reported seeing this unidentified object.

7. The weather at the time of the sighting was as follows:

Kadena Weather Observation for 1756I was 4/10 cumulus clouds at 1500 feet and 3/10 cirrostratus clouds at estimated 20,000 feet. Surface winds at 15 miles per hour from SSW. Winds aloft were as follows:

5,000 ft	240°	18 Knots
10,000 ft	270°	16 Knots
20,000 ft	290°	12 Knots
25,000 ft	320°	11 Knots
30,000 ft	300°	19 Knots

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Kadena RAOB for 1809I indicated isothermal layer 600' thick between 4900' - 5500' MSL and a normal lapse rate above. No photographs or other physical evidences are available. No angles of elevation were taken by observers using the theodolite.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

Validity of reported sighting appears doubtful because: (1) radar sites reported no track of unidentified object; (2) friendly pilots in general vicinity of sighting may have been mistaken for object while at high altitude and did not report any unusual sighting themselves; (3) radiosonde balloon aloft at this time, while moving eastward was subject to relatively light winds at high altitude; (4) no U S personnel reported seeing this object. However, sincerity during interrogation and experience (in observing weather phenomena, balloons, and aircraft) of so many skilled indigenous personnel requires that this sighting not be discounted.

Lawrence E. Randall
LAWRENCE E RANDALL
Capt, USAF

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

This is second reported sighting of unidentified object in this vicinity during 1953. (Reference FLYOBJRPT IR 1-53, Hq 6351st Air Base Wing dated 20 February 1953) Unidentified object cited in February report was tracked on radar scope as well as seen visually by U S jet aircraft crew.

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