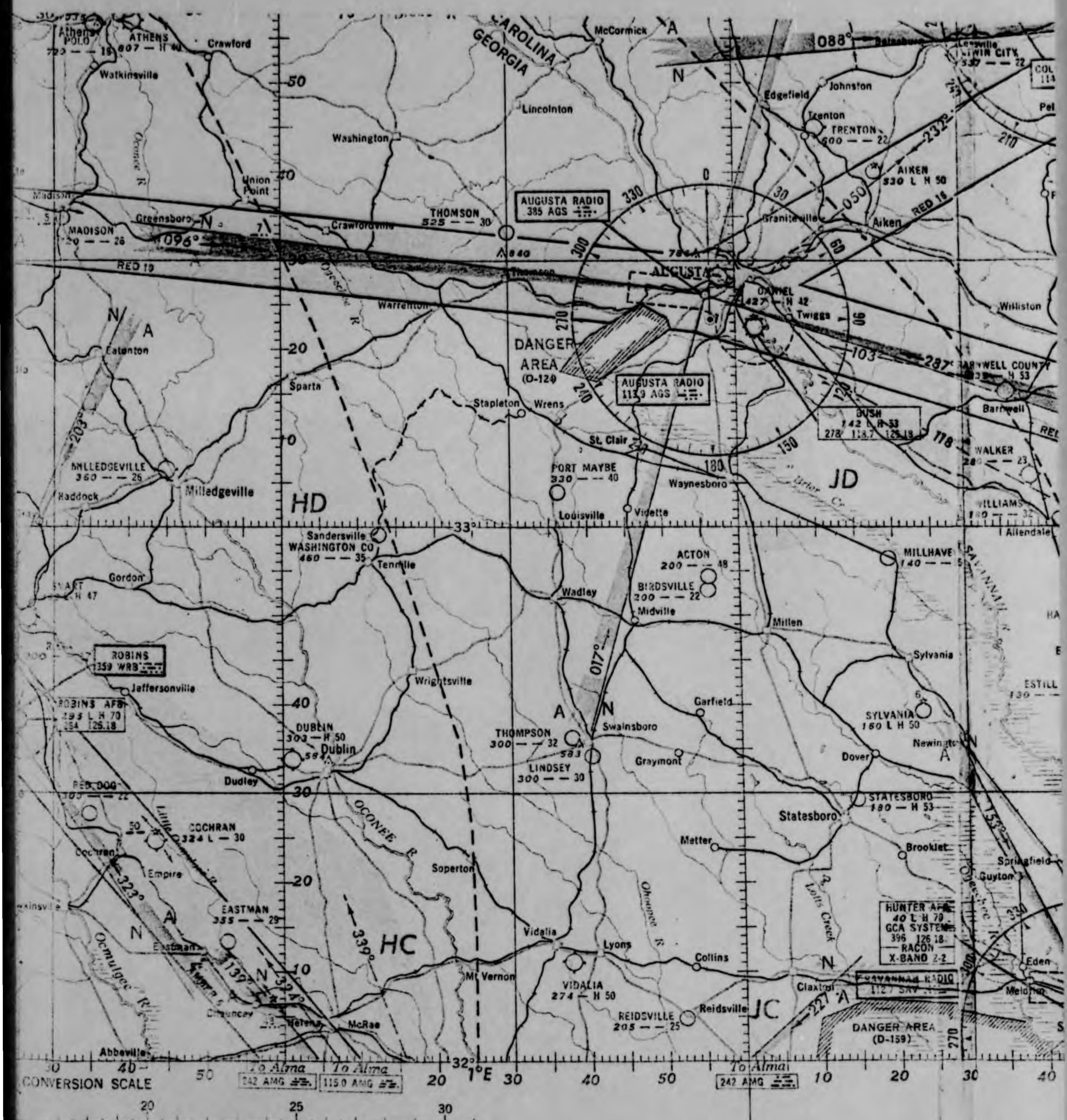


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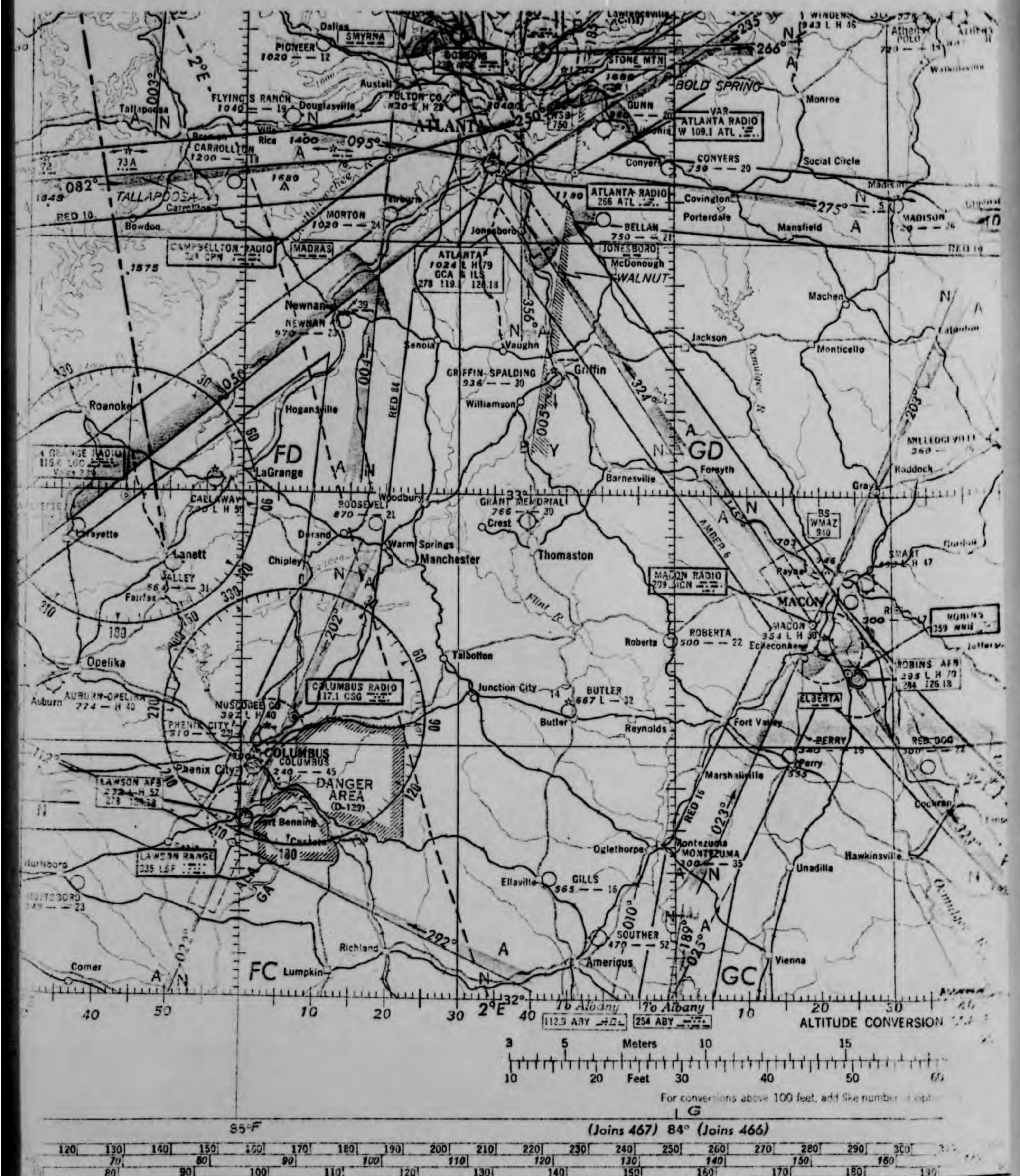
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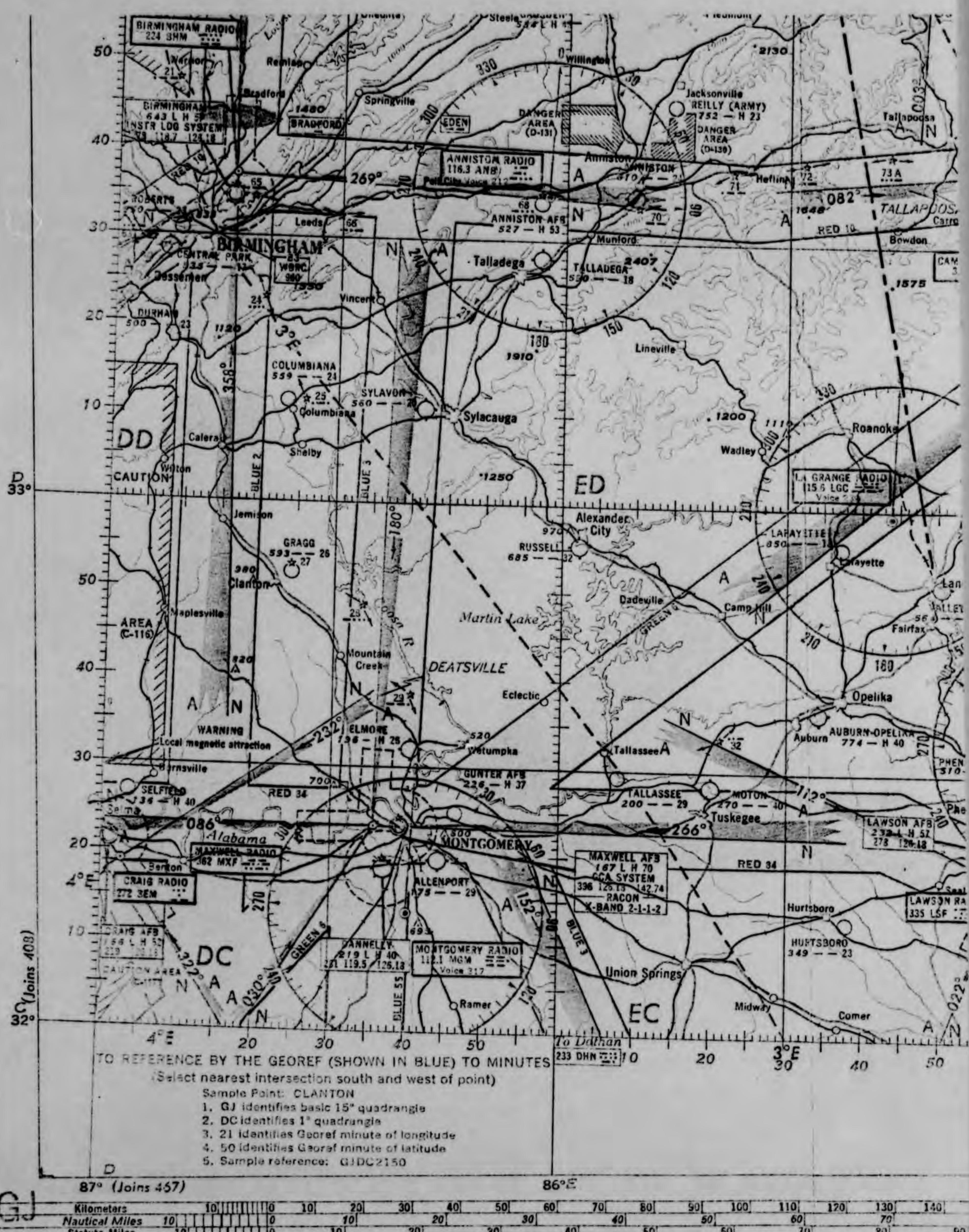
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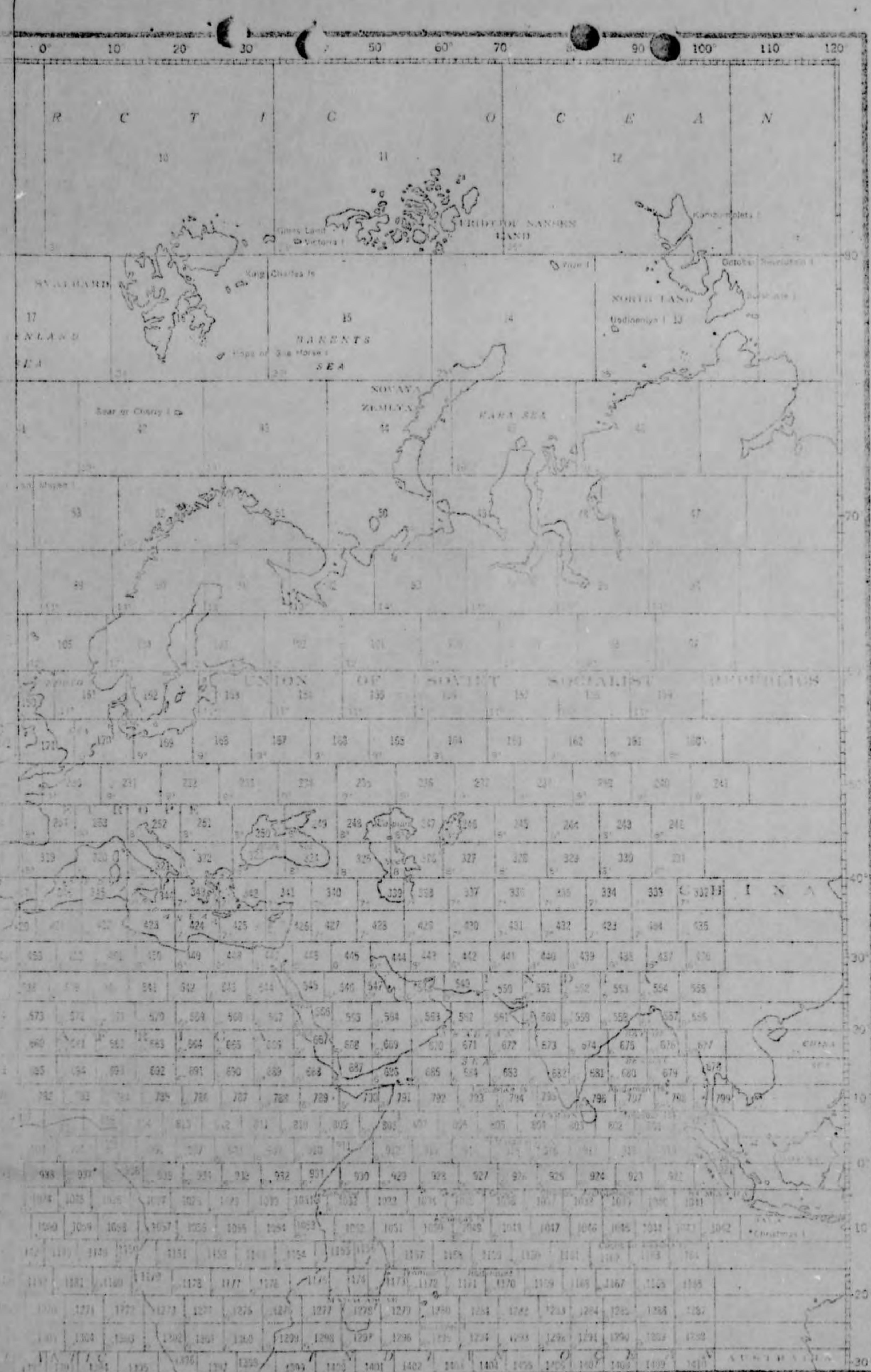


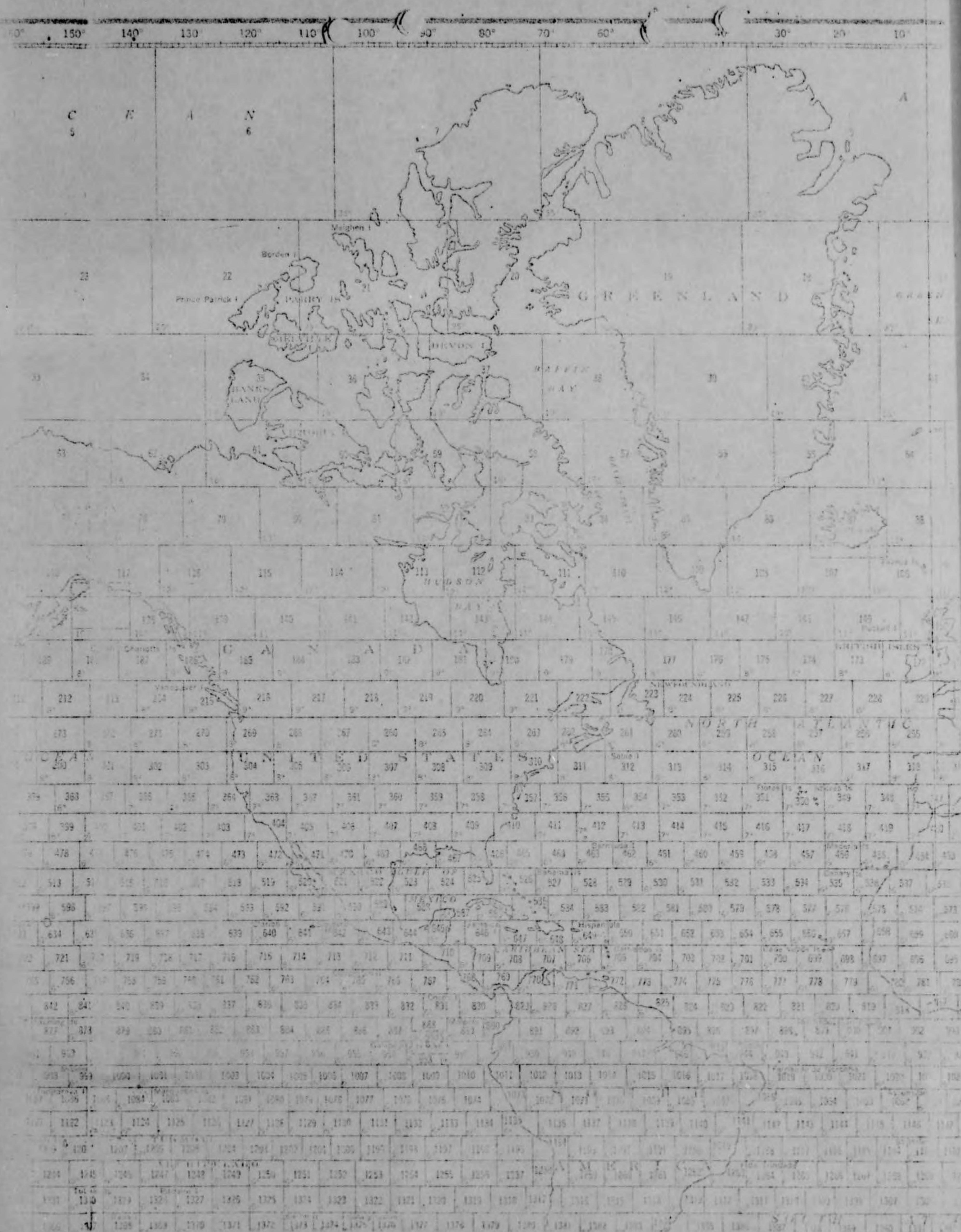
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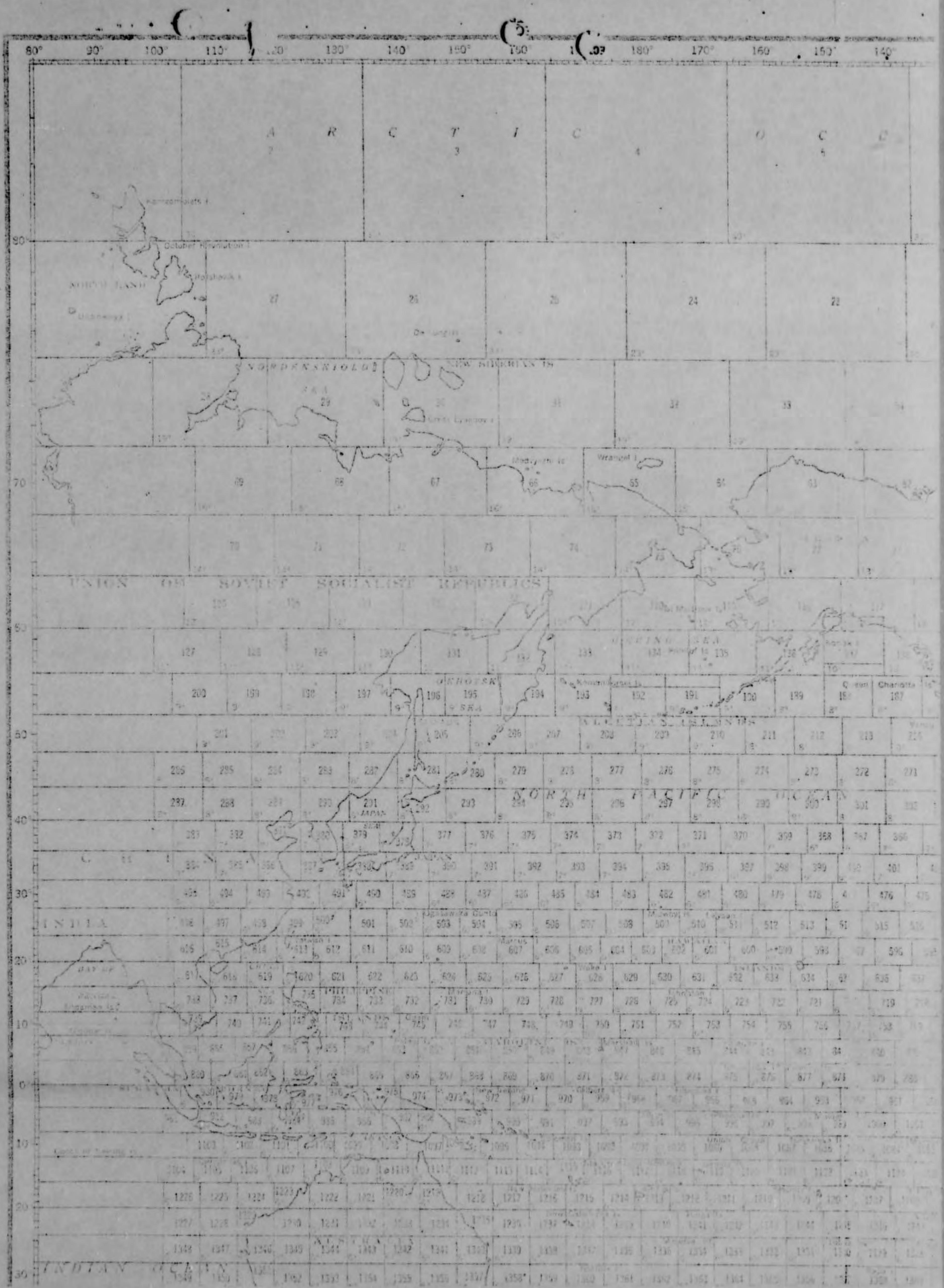
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## AERONAUTICAL SYMBOLS

### AERODROMES

#### LANDPLANE SEAPLANE

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	CIVIL	
	JOINT CIVIL AND MILITARY BASE	
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	CIVIL	
	JOINT CIVIL AND MILITARY	
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	LANDING STRIP (MILITARY)	

### AERODROME DATA

#### LANDPLANE

HARMON FIELD  
10 L H 45  
Airport of entry,  
GCA SYSTEM  
278 126.18

- 78 ELEVATION IN FEET
- L MINIMUM LIGHTING
- H HARD SURFACED RUNWAY
- 46 LENGTH OF LONGEST RUNWAY TO NEAREST HUNDRED FEET

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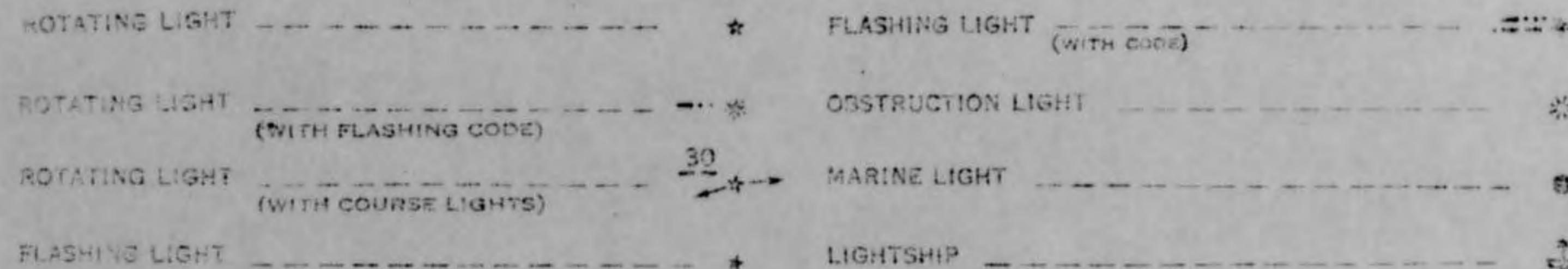
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- 00 ELEVATION IN FEET
- L MINIMUM LIGHTING
- S NORMAL SHIELTERED TAKE-OFF AREA
- 62 LENGTH OF LONGEST RUNWAY TO NEAREST HUNDRED FEET

GCA SYSTEM - GROUND CONTROL APPROACH SYSTEM, OTHER CONTROLLED APPROACH SYSTEMS BY APPROPRIATE SYMBOL  
278 126.18 2870 CONTROL TOWER TRANSMITTING FREQUENCIES

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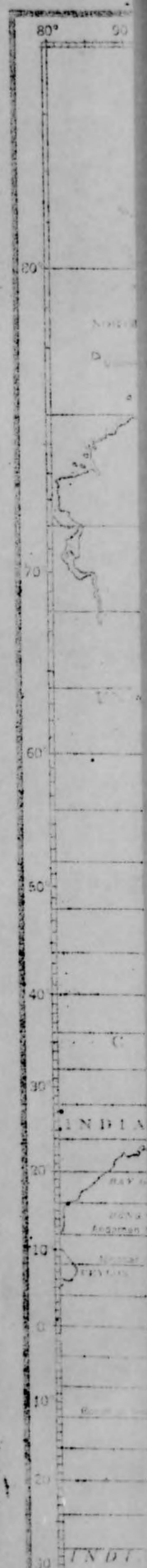
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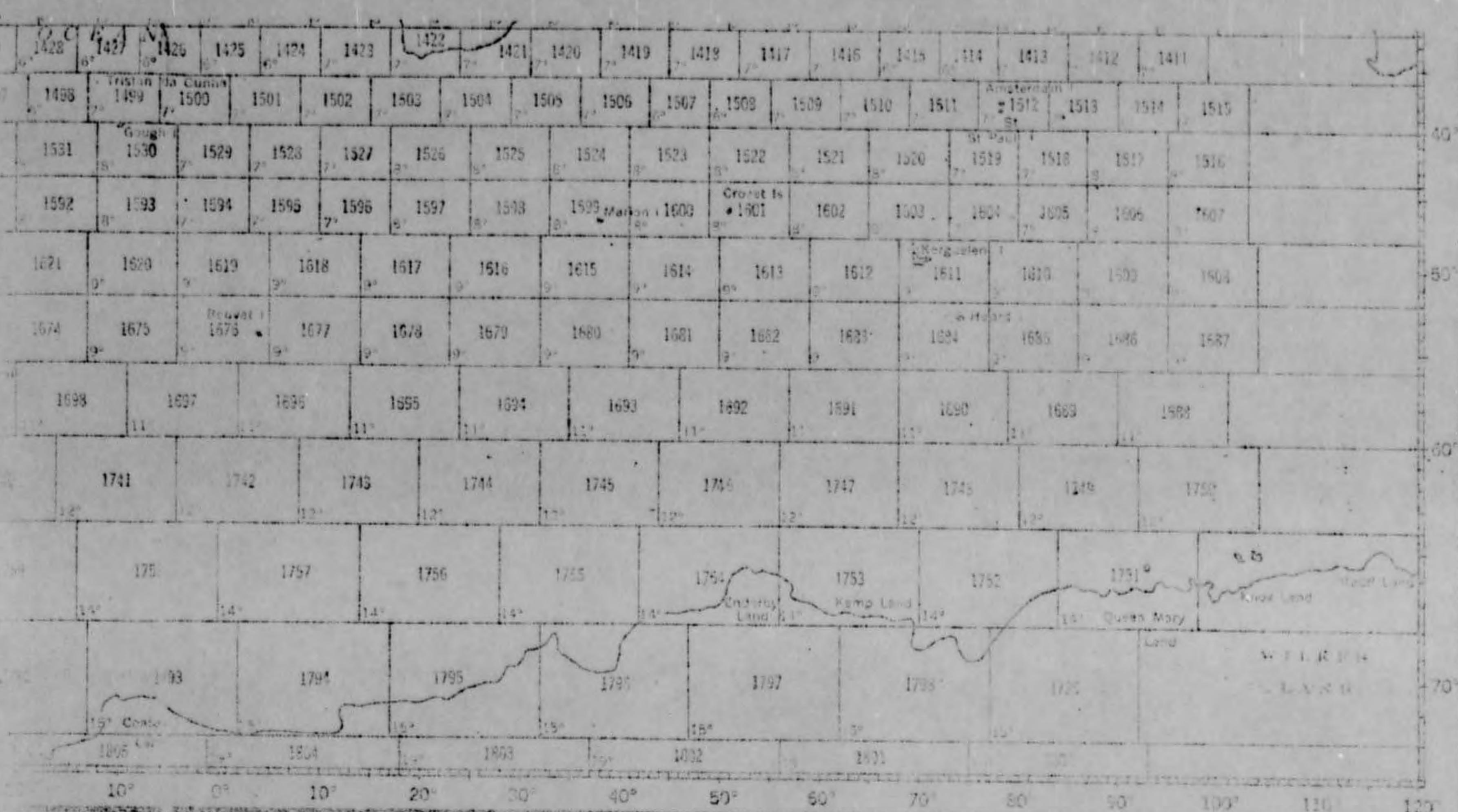
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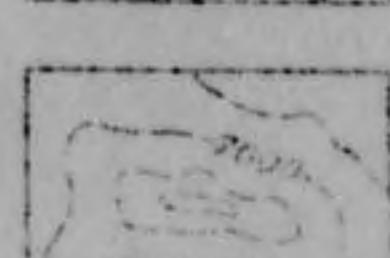


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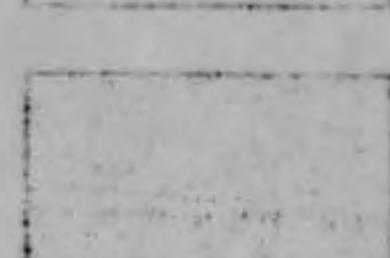


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SALT PANS  
(EVAPORATOR)



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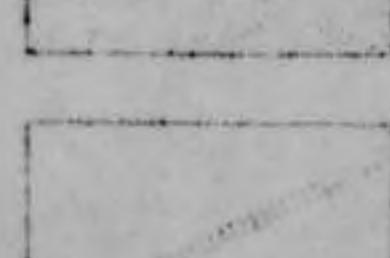


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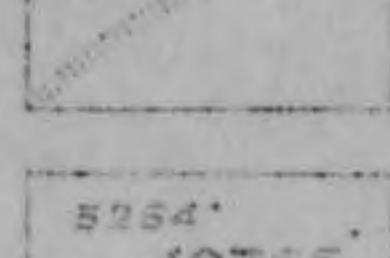


LEVEE OR ESKER

SWAMP



LAVA FLOW



SPOT ELEVATIONS (in feet)

SPRING  
WELL  
WATER HOLE  
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10765'  
\*19234'

HIGHEST ELEV ON CHART (in feet)

## FEATURES

— RAILROAD (SINGLE TRACK)

— RAILROAD (MULTIPLE TRACK)

— RAILROAD (continuous)

— HIGHWAY (one lane)

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— HIGHWAY (four lanes)

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— HIGHWAY (ten lanes)

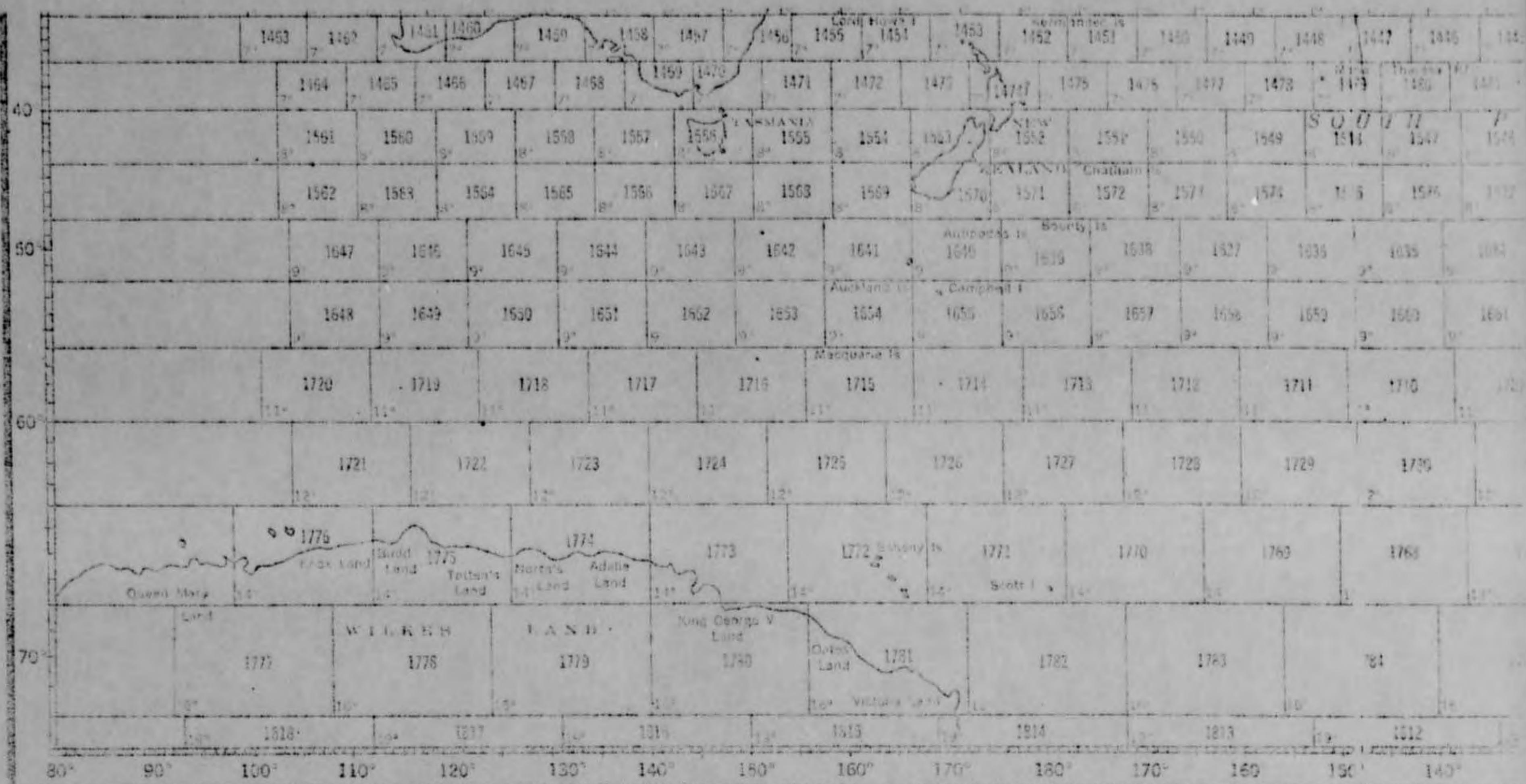
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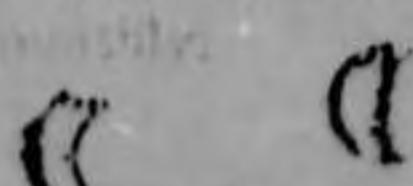
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Hurstville, South Carolina

15 December 1952

**I. Description of Incident**

At 0915 EST an RF-80 over this location visually sighted a circular silver object about the size of a half-dollar. Object was seen for a period of 10 to 15 seconds and apparently was oscillating, losing and gaining altitude alternately. The pilot was on a 270° heading at 15,000 ft. and saw the unknown at a relative bearing of 330° at approximately 30,000 ft. The weather was clear with CAVU conditions.

**II. Discussion of Incident**

Since this sighting occurred 10 minutes before a similar one at Greensboro, North Carolina, the possibility of the two pilots actually seeing the same object has been looked into. The following conclusions have been drawn: The objects could not have been a single weather balloon launched at Hurstville, South Carolina, because the prevailing winds for the general area were from 360° at 75 knots, or blowing directly against a free floating object and carrying it south of the original observation point, nor north. Secondly, the objects could not have been a single jet aircraft traveling from Hurstville north to Greensboro. The distance is 115 miles between sightings and the sightings were 10 minutes apart thereby necessitating a ground speed of 690 mph. With a general wind from the north blowing at 75 knots at 25,000 ft. it seems unlikely that a jet could hit this speed. Furthermore the description of the unknown as "round and silver" from experienced fighter pilots indicates that the objects probably were not jets. Although there was much local air traffic in both sightings, aircraft has been eliminated as a possibility for the above reason.

Both sightings occurred within an hour of a scheduled rawinsonde weather balloon release at Greensboro, North Carolina, and an unscheduled release around the Hurstville area. Taking the descriptions given of both objects, which are, incidentally, very characteristic of balloon observations received by ATIC, the conclusion reached is that the object seen at Hurstville was possibly a balloon. At Greensboro probably a balloon.

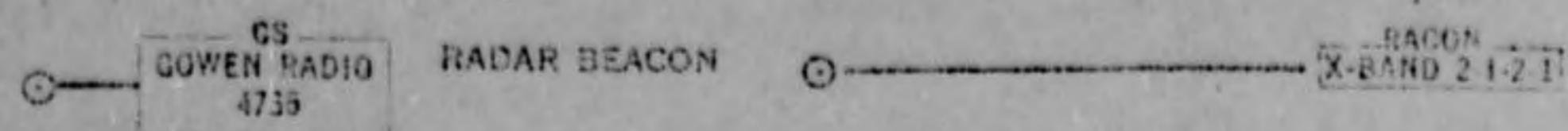
**III. Conclusion**

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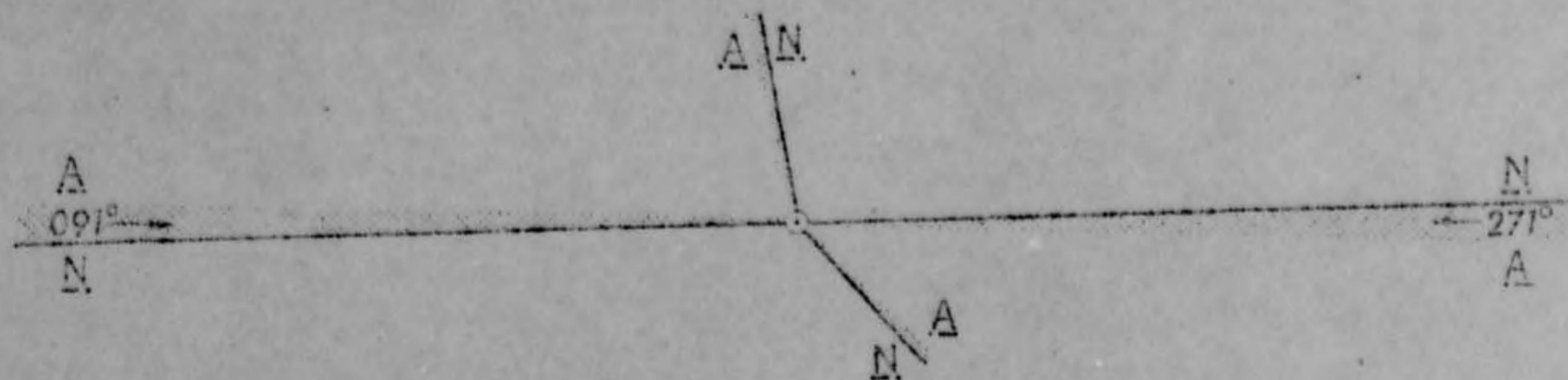
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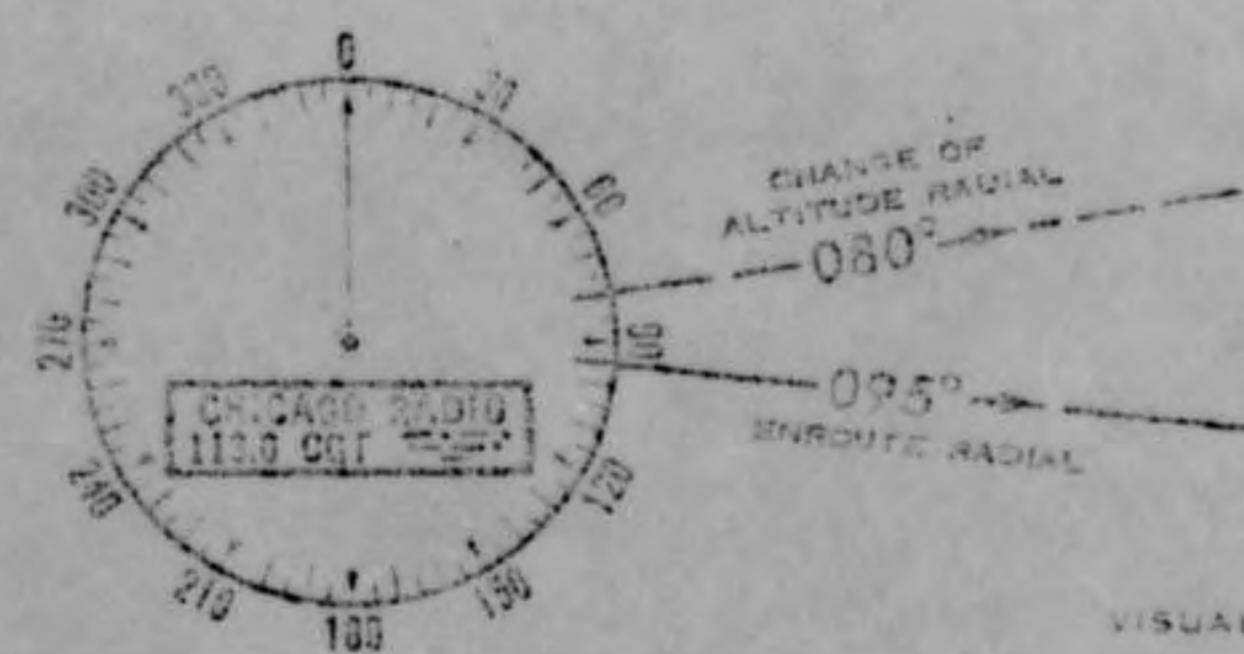


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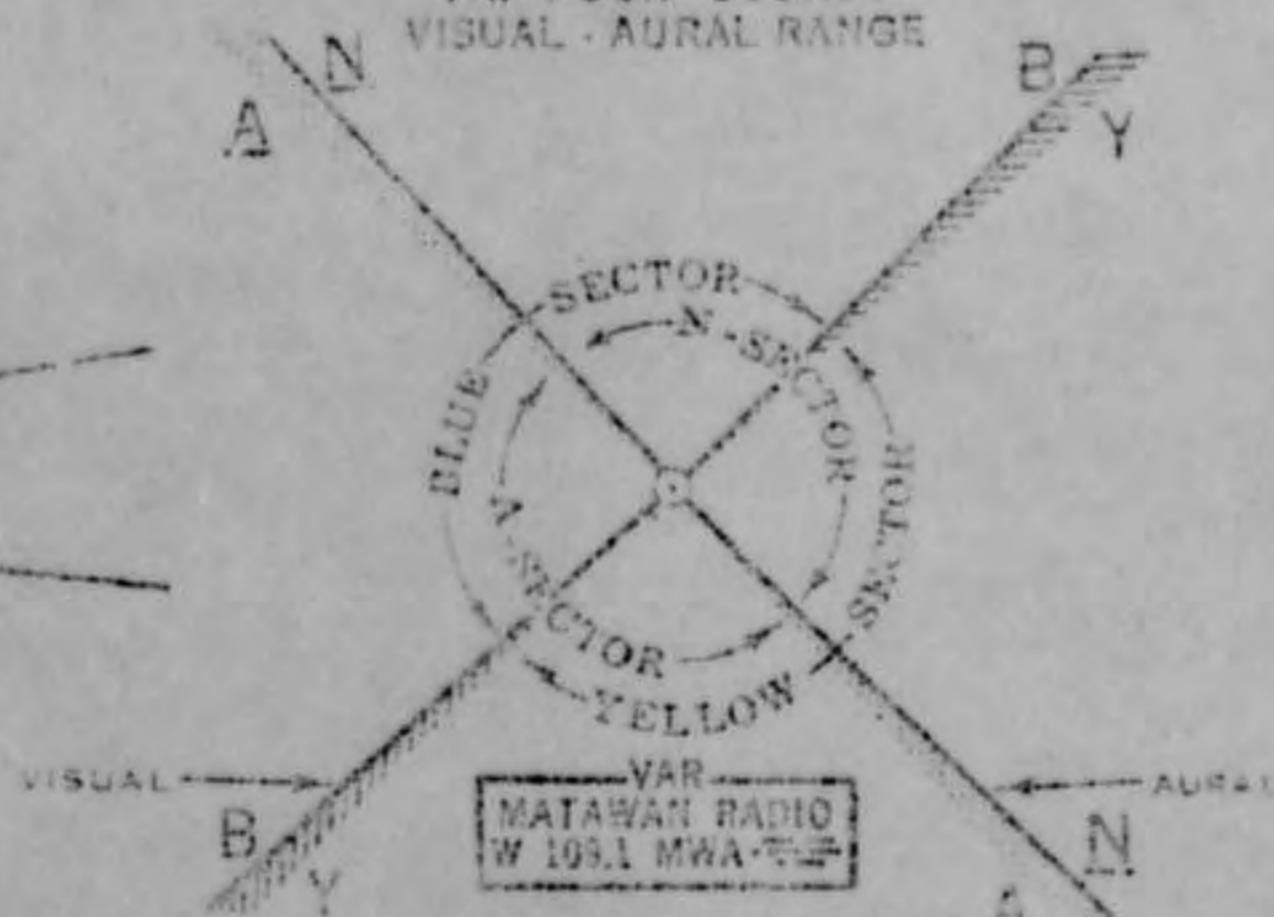
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### VHF OMNI-DIRECTIONAL RANGE



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Radius of circle is 15 nautical miles.

### VHF FOUR-COURSE VISUAL-AURAL RANGE



Letter preceding frequency in box indicates channel identification.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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PROMINENT TRANSMISSION LINE

ISOGONIC LINE OR ISOGONAL

— 24° E —

OBSTRUCTION (NUMERALS IN ITALIC INDICATE ELEVATION ABOVE SEA LEVEL OF TOP)

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CIVIL AIRWAY-LIMIT OF

ANBER 2

(TRAFFIC CONTROLLED) (TRAFFIC UNCONTROLLED)

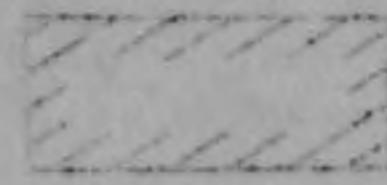
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JESDF/CG NINTH AF POPE AFB NC

/ R [REDACTED] RWOI 0503 PD ACTION ATTN CLN ATIAA-2C PD

FLYCBRPT FOL INFO SBMD ICW PAR 7C AFL 200-5 DTD 29 APR 52 PD

1. OBJ APPEARED TO BE SPHERICAL WITH TWO PROJECTIONS ON TOP PD SIZE

UNK CMA COLOR A BRIGHT SILVER CMA NO VAPOR TRAIL OR EXHAUST CMA PRPLN

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ZERO SIX ZERO ZERO WHERE OBSV LOST VIS CONTACT PD

2. ZERO NINE TWO FIVE EASTERN CMA ONE FIVE DEC FIVE TWO PD APRX TWO ZERO  
SECONDS PD

3. VIS FR TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO CMA SPEED APRX THREE ZERO ZERO MPH CMA  
ROMEO FOXTROT EIGHT ZERO PD

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4. OVER GREENSBORO CMA NORTH CAROLINA ON HEADING OF NORTH PD

5. LT USAF PILOT RELIABLE PDGE~~000~~ WEA CLEAR CMA NO RESTRICTION TO VIS PD

7. NONE

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10. SEVERAL SHAW BASED ACFT IN AREA PD

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1. ONE CIR SILVER OBJ APPEARED SIZE HALF DOLLAR FR DIS TEN MILES PD  
APPEARED TO BE OSCILLATING AND LOSING AND GAINING APRX THREE ZERO ZERO  
ZERO FEET AT RT FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET PER MINUTE PD
2. ZERO NINE ONE FIVE EASTERN CMA ONE FIVE DEC ONE NINE FIVE TWO PD  
APRX ONE ZERO TO ONE FIVE SECONDS PD  
*10.15*
3. VISUALLY FR ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO FEET CMA SPEED APRX THREE ZERO  
ZERO KPH IN ROMEIC FONTRCT EIGHT ZERO PD
4. OVER HARTSVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA ON HEADING TWO SEVEN ZERO DEGREES

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PD OBJ SIGHTED RELATIVE BEARING APRX THREE THREE ZERO DEGREES CMA DIS  
APRX ONE ZERO MILES CMA ALT THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET PD

5. PILOT CIR MAJ CMA USAF CMA RELIABLE PD
6. WEA CLEAR NO RESTRICTION TO VISIBILITY PD
7. NONE
8. NONE
9. NONE
10. CONSIDERABLE AIR TRAFFIC IN LOCAL AREA PD

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Hawtville sighted

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SUBJECT		
Report of Unidentified Flying Object		
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SE - Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina	363d Tactical Reconnaissance Group	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
17 December 1952	15 December 1952	B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
Captain John S. Sandstrom	Major R.W. Gray and 1/Lt. R. Williams	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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An unidentified flying object was sighted on 15 December 1952 in the North Carolina - South Carolina area by pilots from Shaw Air Force Base.

This report is significant due to the fact that the same, or similar objects were sighted by two qualified Tactical Reconnaissance pilots within ten minutes of each other.

4 Incls:

1. Statement by Major R.W. Gray
2. Statement by 1/Lt. R.H. Williams
3. Diagram of object as seen by 1/Lt. Williams
4. US WAC Chart showing location of sightings.

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ROGER K RHODAMER  
Major, USAF  
Operations Officer

Evaluation:

No apparent tie-up between object seen at Hawtville, S.C. and one seen at Greenville, N.C. 10 minutes later. It appears that in both cases the pilots sighted two separate weather balloons flights.

INCLs.

Director of Intelligence, Hq, USAF, Washington 25, DC  
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Major Gray:

On 15 December 1952 while flying straight and level at 15,000 ft., as number two man in a two ship formation (RF-80's), I observed an unidentified object at 11 o'clock high position. The time was approximately 0915 and we were heading west over Hartsville, S.C. at the time of sighting. I first noted the object by it's silver color, reflections from it, and its oscillating movements. I was flying close formation at the time, approximately 300 mph, off of the right wing of the lead aircraft and observed a reflection approximately 6" to 12" above the leader canopy. At first I thought that it was another aircraft doing "Lazy Eights" at 30,000 ft or higher; however, from past observations of aircraft doing this maneuver at high altitudes, I decided that it was rising and falling too fast to be another aircraft. I called it to the attention of the flight leader, but he did not observe it. About that time we went into a bank, and I lost sight of the object and did not observe it again.

Since it was some distance away, I could not determine too much about it. However, from my position it appeared about the size of a 50 cent piece and I felt that it was at least 10 miles away. As a rough estimation, it appeared to be loosing and gaining about 3,000 ft. at a rate of about 5,000 ft. per minute. It appeared circular in shape, but distance precluded an accurate description.

Shortly thereafter another two ship element reported an unidentified object. Recognizing their call sign as two pilots in my squadron, I requested that they try to get a good observation since I too had noted it.

1/Lt. Williams:

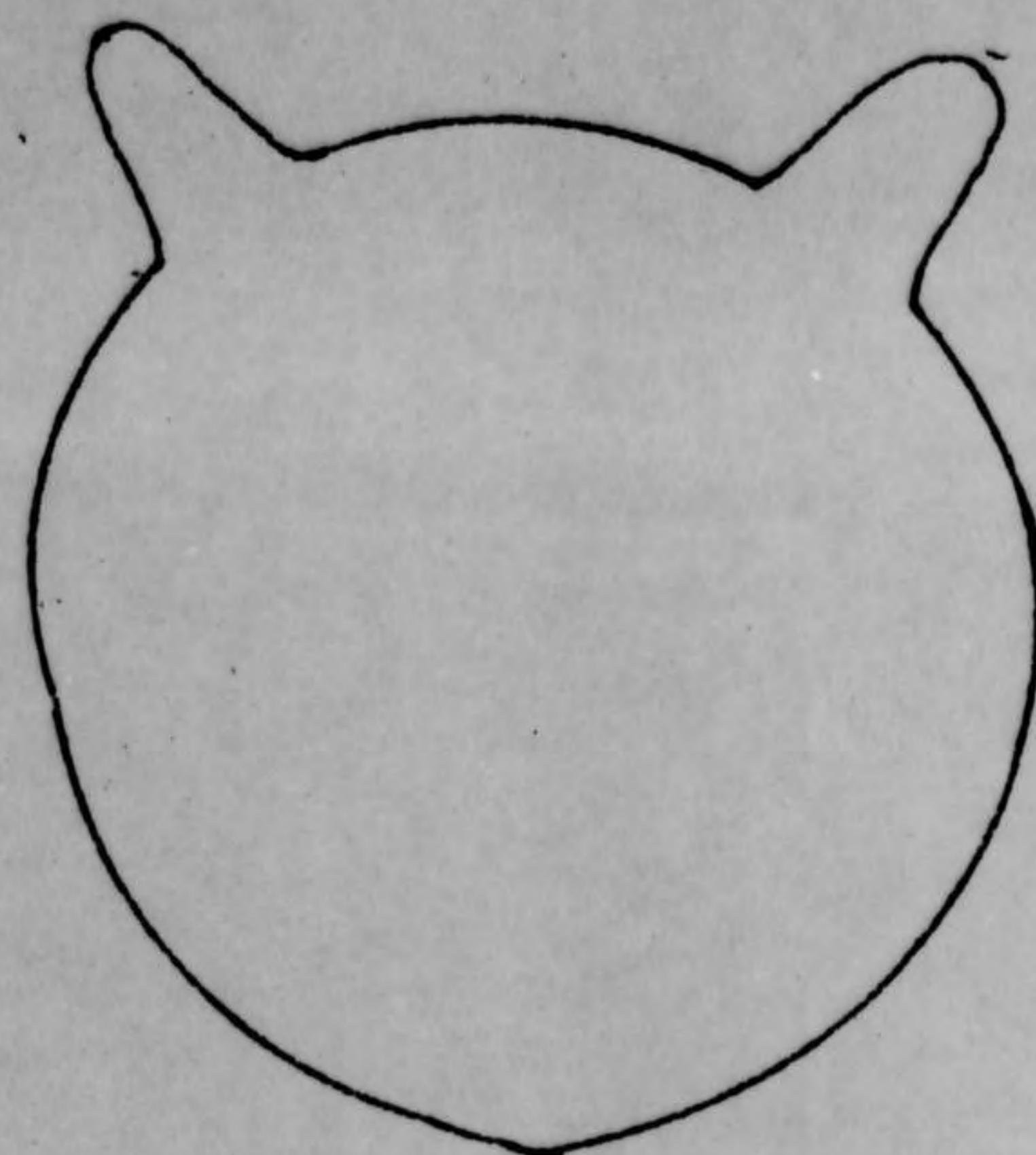
I was in a flight of two RF-80's flying north at approximately 300 mph at 25,000 ft. I spotted an object over Greensboro, North Carolina. It was first seen at 11 O'clock high (approximately 35,000 ft.) and it made an arc around to our 6 O'clock position. I called it to the leader's attention and he also spotted the object. Time was 0925. It was observed for approximately 45 seconds. Speed and size unknown. The object was bright silver in color and appeared to be spherical in shape with two projections on top.

I was undetermined whether the object was moving or hovering after it went to our 6 O'clock position. We did not try to intercept the object.

Winds aloft at this time were reported at 360° at 75 knots.

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Diagram of object as seen by Lt. Williams



STATEMENT CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

On 15 December 1952 while flying straight and level at 15,000 feet, as number two man in a two ship formation (2 RF-80's), I observed an unidentified object at 11 o'clock high position. The time was approximately 0915 and we were heading west over Hartsville, S. C. at the time of sighting. I first noted the object by it's silver color, reflections from it, and its oscillating movements. I was flying close formation at the time, approximately 300 MPH, the right wing of the lead aircraft and observed a reflection approximately 6" to 12" above the leader's canopy. At first I thought that it was another aircraft doing "Lazy Eights" at 30,000 feet or higher; however from past observations of aircraft doing this maneuver at high altitudes, I decided that it was rising and falling too fast to be another aircraft. I called it to the attention of the flight leader, but he did not observe it. About that time we went into a bank and I lost sight of the object and did not observe it again.

Shortly thereafter another two ship element reported an unidentified object. Recognizing their call sign as two pilots in my squadron, I requested that they try to get a good observation since I too had noted it.

Since it was some distance away, I could not determine too much about it. However, from my position it appeared about the size of a 50 cent piece and I felt that it was at least 10 miles away. As a rough estimation, it appeared to be loosing and gaining about 3,000 feet at a rate of about 5,000 feet per minute. It appeared circular in shape, but distance precluded an accurate discription.

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Major Ruffin W. Gray

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I was in a flight of two RF-80's flying north at approximately 300 MPH at 25,000'. I spotted an object over Greensboro, N. C. It was first seen at 11 o'clock high (approximately 35,000') and it made an arc around to our 6 o'clock position. I called it to the leader's attention and he also spotted the object. Time was 0925. It was observed for approximately 45 seconds. Speed and size unknown. The object was bright silver in color and appeared to be spherical in shape with two projections on top.

I was undetermined whether the object was moving or hovering after it went to 6 o'clock position. We did not try to intercept the object.

*Robert W. Williams*  
1/Lt. Robert H. Williams

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Greensboro, North Carolina

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15 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

An RF-80 in flight over Greensboro sighted a spherical object with a bright silver color at about 0925 EST on 15 December 1952. It moved from a 12 o'clock high position to 6 o'clock high when the pilot lost contact with the unknown. Pilot was on a north heading at 25,000 feet traveling at 300 mph.

II. Discussion of Incident

Two aircraft from Shaw AFB were in the area at the time of sighting as was a balloon released from the weather station at Greensboro. The pilot probably could have recognized the aircraft but a silver, round, weather balloon might not be so easily recognized due to its small size. It appears that the latter explains the cause for this sighting.

III. Conclusion

Probably a balloon.

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This eliminates the possibility that both objects sighted was the same balloon. The objects could not have been a single jet plane flying north because it covered 115 miles in 10 minutes or:

$$\frac{10 \text{ m}}{115} \text{ or } \frac{60 \text{ m}}{X} = 690$$
$$\frac{115}{690} = \frac{60}{X}$$
$$10X = 6900$$
$$X = 690$$

a speed of 690 m.p.h. This is too fast for a jet bushing strong headwinds from the south.

Conclusion: unknown

Analysis of Two Lightnings:

1) 0915 EST - Hawstville, S.C.

2) 0925 EST - Greensboro, N.C.

100 reaction miles

115 miles between Greensboro & Hawstville  $\frac{8 \text{ hrs}}{10 \text{ m.p.h.}}$  =  $\frac{7.5 \text{ hours}}{93 \text{ m.p.h.}}$

Winds 75 knots per hour from  $360^{\circ}$   $\frac{10 \text{ m.p.h.}}{93 \text{ m.p.h.}}$

$$Sx = 450 \quad 8 \frac{7.5}{22} \text{ m.p.h. balloons} \\ t = 93 \text{ m.p.h.} \quad \frac{20}{24} \text{ object was} \\ \text{traveled} \quad \text{sped up if} \\ \text{Object would have traveled} \quad \text{object was} \\ 219 \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{rammed} \\ 23 \frac{1}{3} \\ 12$$

Object would have traveled  
23 miles in 15 min.

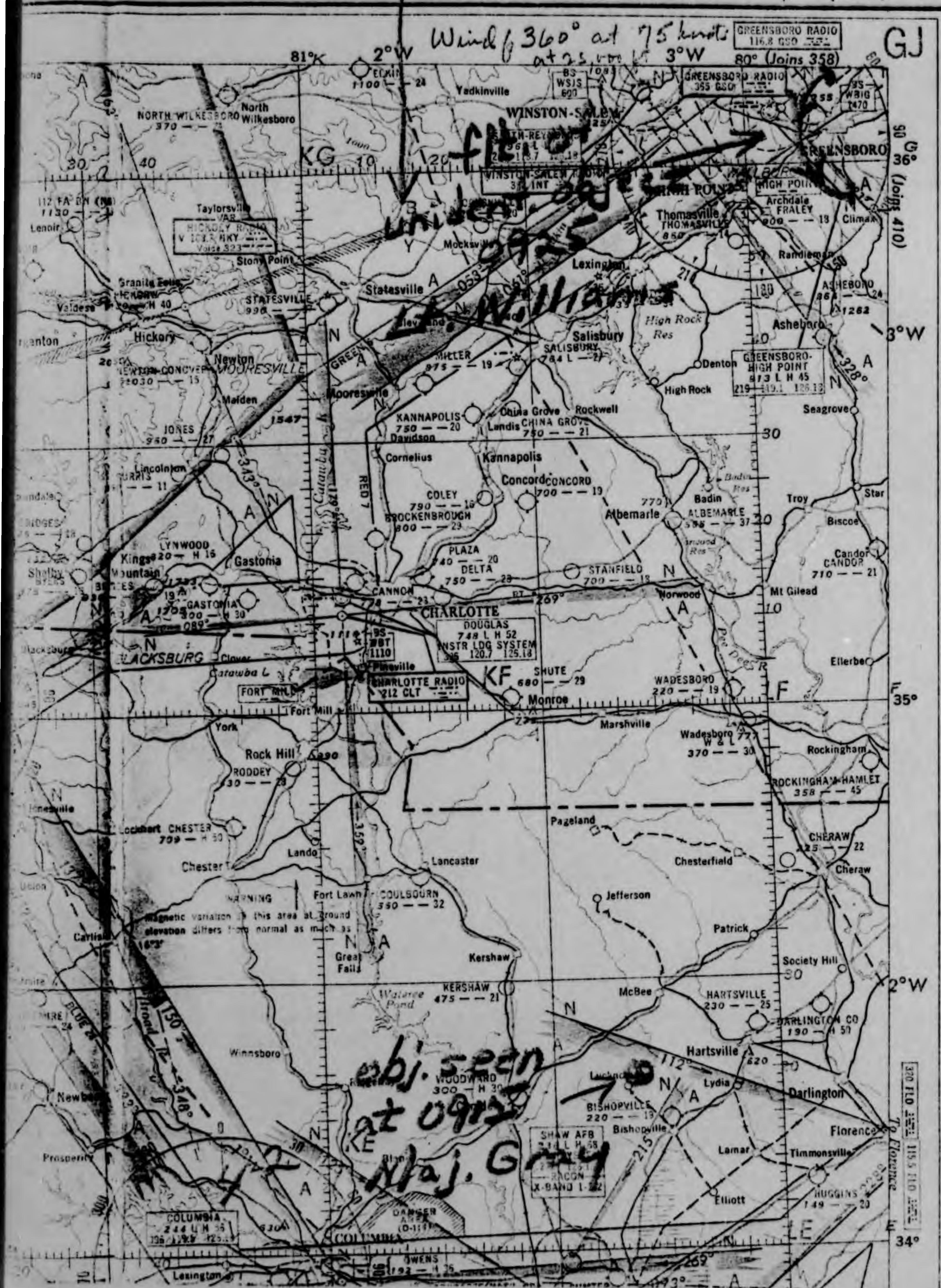
$$\text{Object would have traveled} \quad 23.0 \\ 21.5 \text{ miles in 7 min.} \quad + 11.5 \\ 2123 \quad \hline 34.5 \text{ in 10 minutes.} \\ 2 \frac{1}{2} \\ 3$$

Object sighted at Greensboro would have traveled 34.5 miles <sup>+ the distance</sup> in 10 minutes. The object seen at Hawstville is located 115 miles away from Greensboro.

Most important factor eliminating the possibility of both objects sighted being one in the same is object was seen first at Hawstville at 0915 and would have had to have gone against the  $360^{\circ}$  northerly wind to be seen at Greensboro.

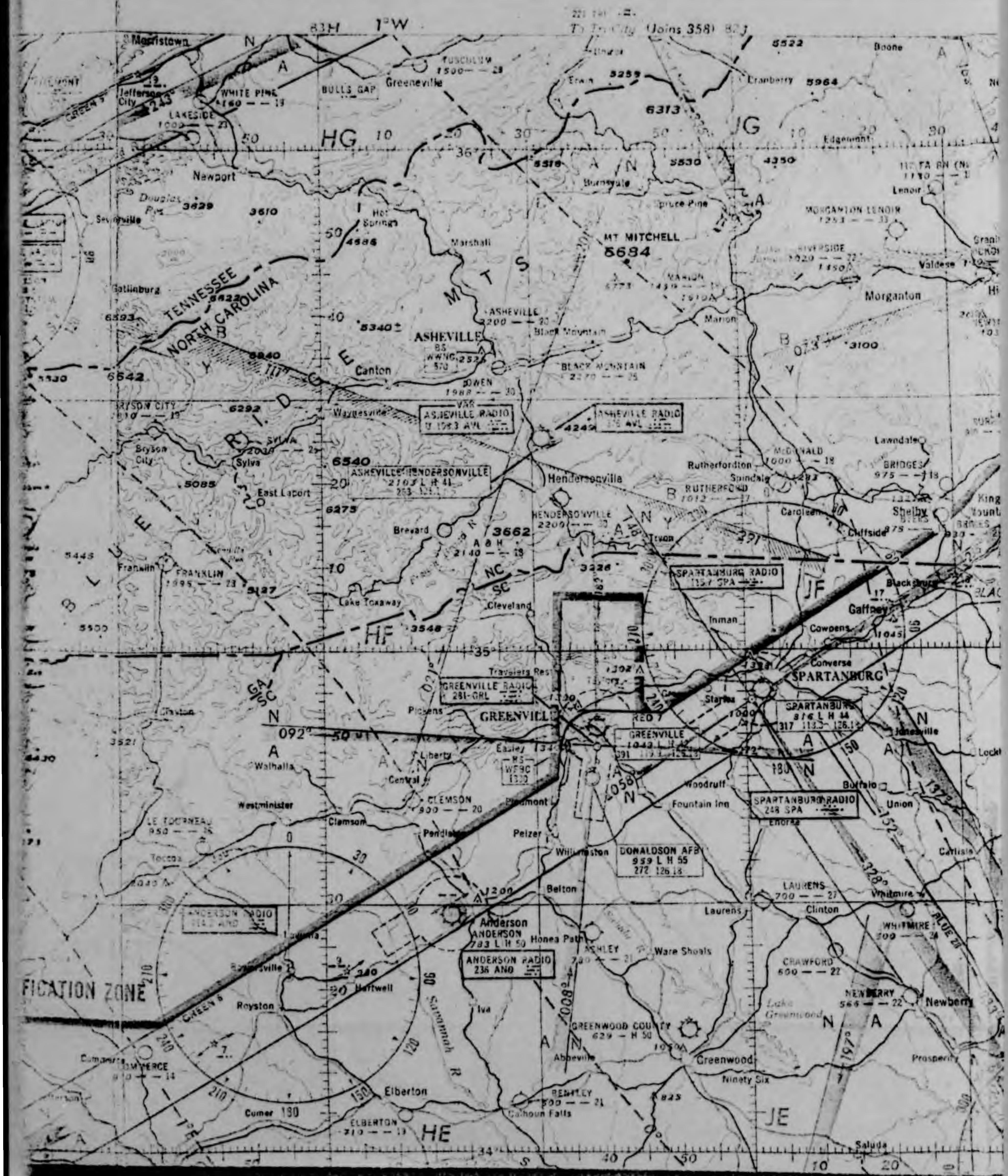
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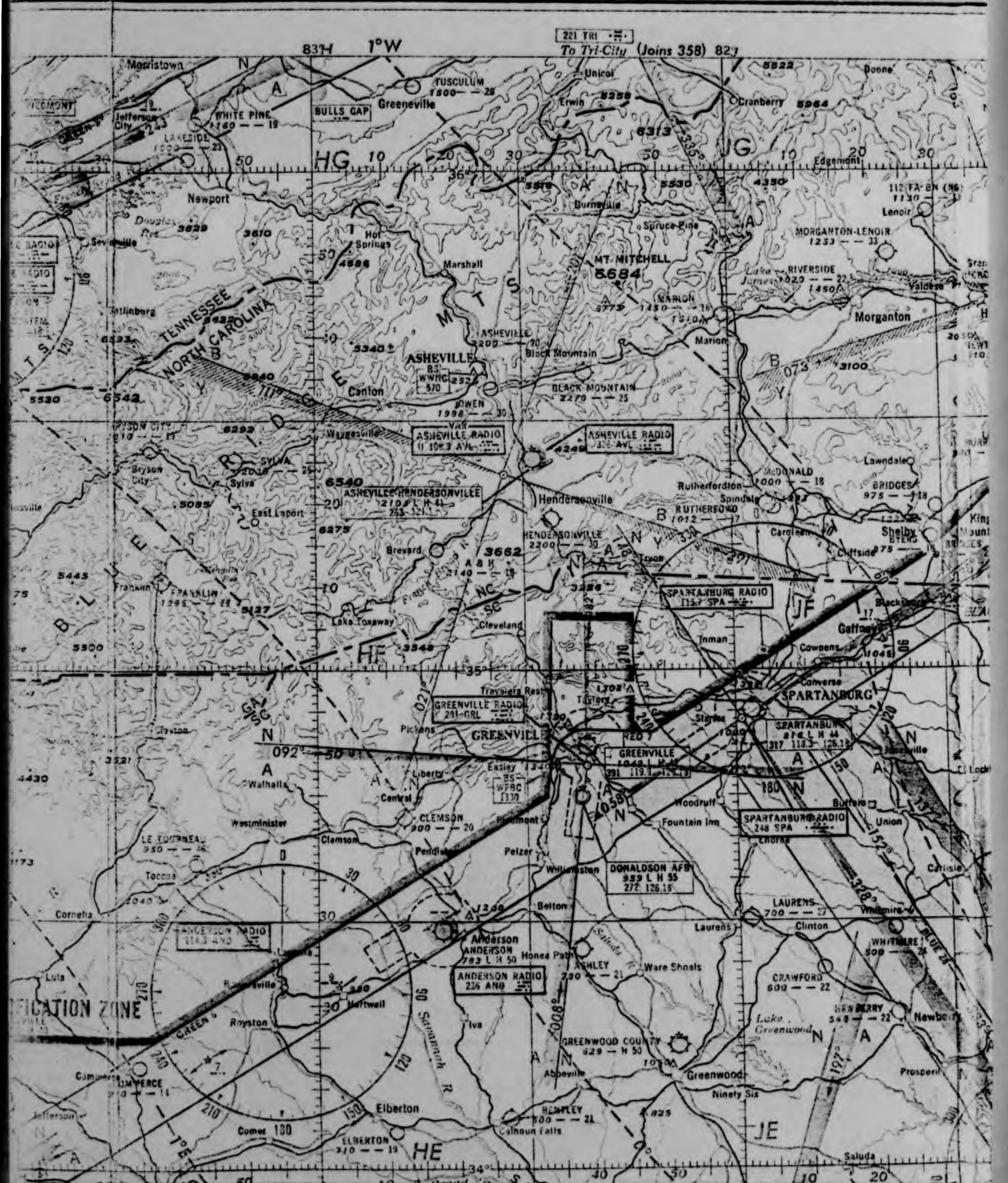
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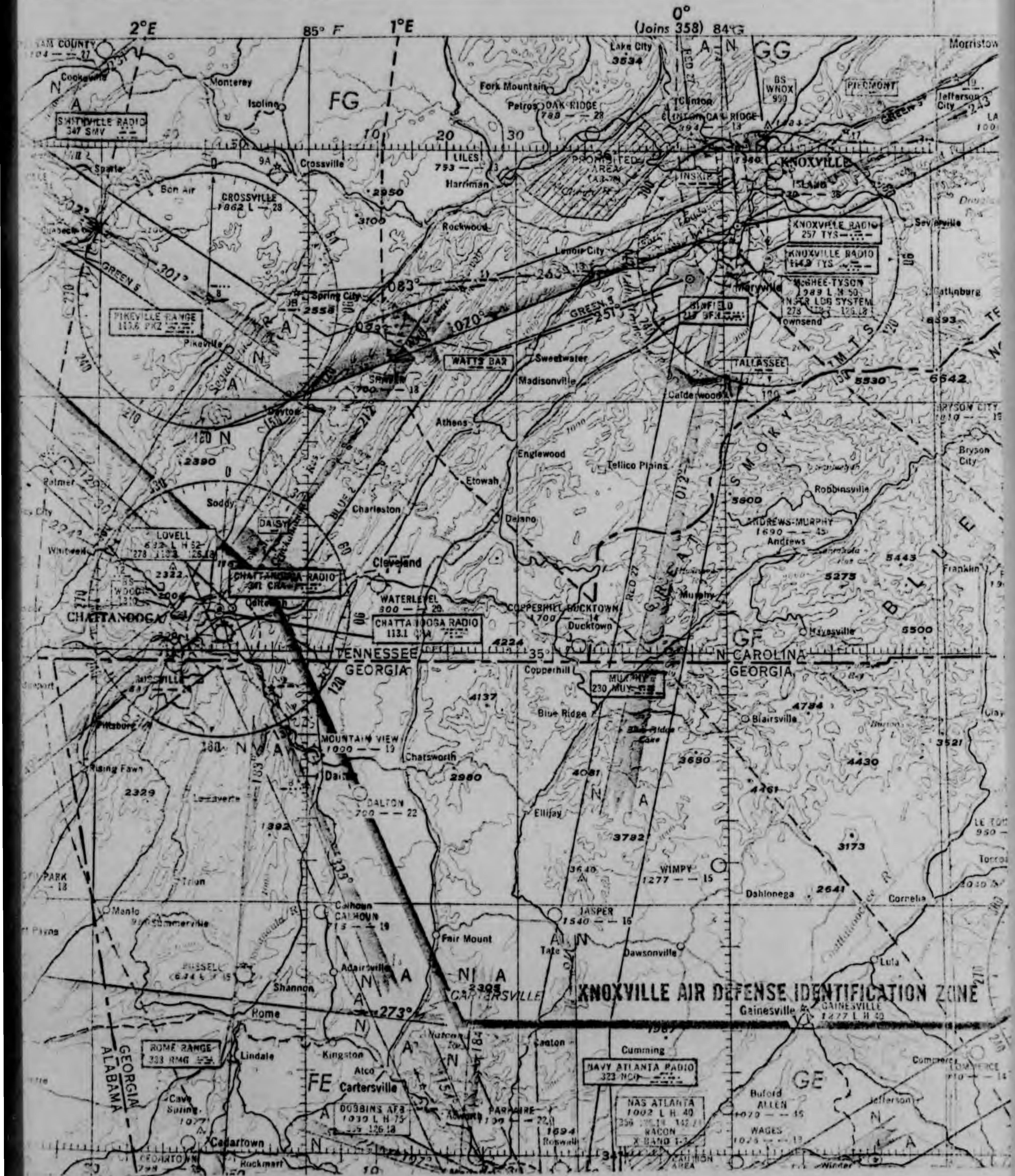
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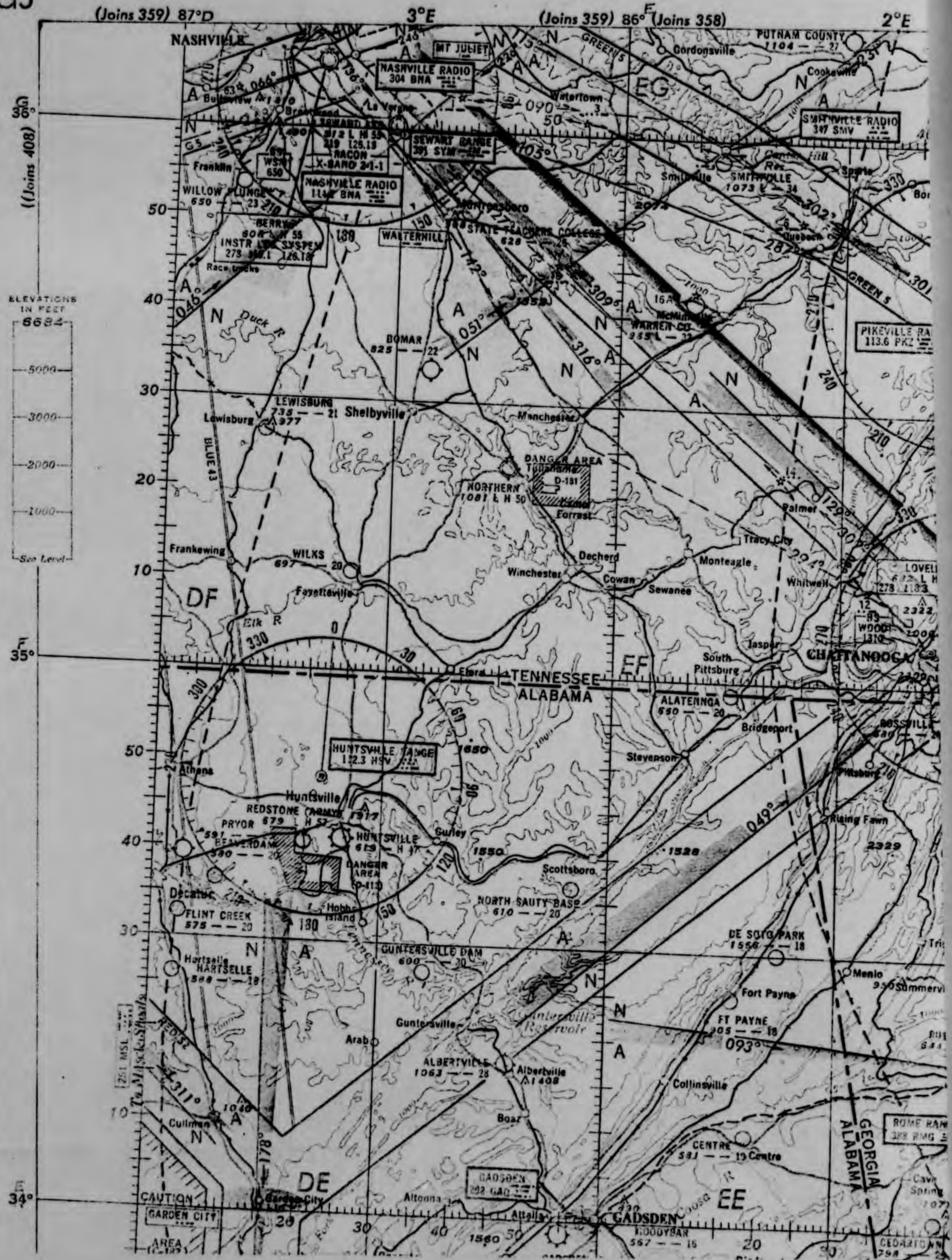
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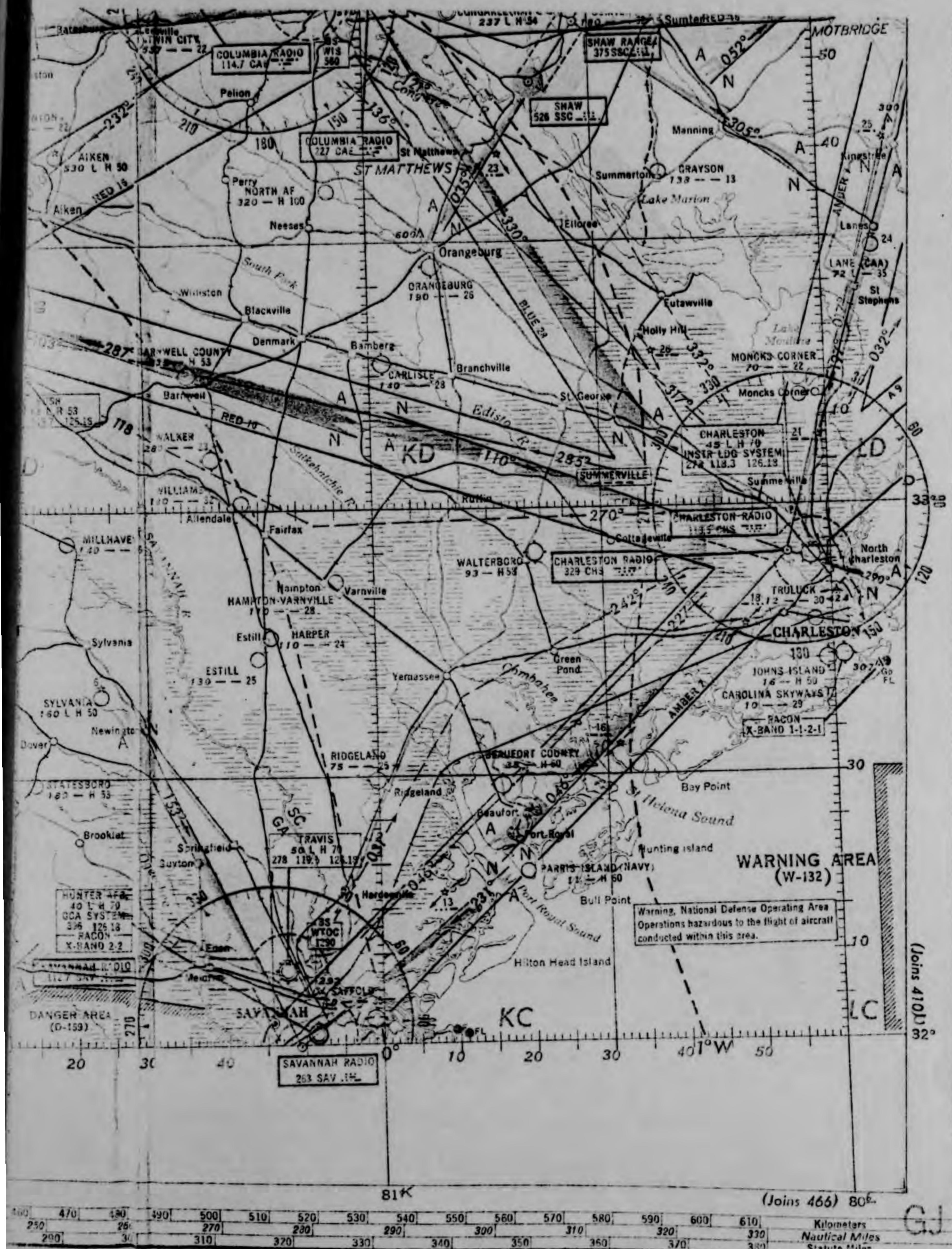
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