

PROJECT 0073 RECORD

1. DATE & TIME GROUP 26 October 68 27/0030Z	2. LOCATION Boone, North Carolina
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Possible AIRCRAFT (Helicopter)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	No evidence that the object was not a helicopter.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS The observer sighted a self-luminous light that was white with an occasional bright red blinking flash. The object moved behind a movie screen then reappeared, moved S.W. slowly, then held its pos. for approx. 5 minutes, then shot to the south west.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground- Visual	
7. COURSE See case	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

I can only say I feel that I have stated all I know of the object & I believe that it was not a planet, satellite, or any other natural phenomenon.

Please let me know what you decide one way or the other.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDPT (UFO)

12 NOV 1968

SUBJECT:

UFO Observation, October 26, 1968

TO:

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Boone, North Carolina 28607

Reference your recent unidentified flying object sighting which you reported to the Air Force. The information which we have received is not sufficient for a scientific investigation. Request you complete the attached AF Form 117 and return it in the self-addressed envelope. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr., Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Office
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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AF Form 117 w/envelope



Appalachian State
Boone

October 27, 1968

Department of the Air Force

Project Bluebook

Flight-Professor H. T. B. B.

Intermittent

I am a college freshman. I am not a
acknowledged and I am about to report the
sighting of an aerial object.

At approximately 8:30 P.M. Saturday, Oct. 26
1968, I was watching a movie, at the Moore
Theater, Jacksonville, N.C., with my girlfriend
when I noticed, what I first thought to be a
star about 2 inches to the left of the screen. I
looked at the star approximately 5 minutes later and
noticed it move slowly ~~behind~~ behind the screen.
I call this to the attention of my girl friend & ~~told~~
told her behind it to be some kind of Moore aircraft.
After it disappeared behind the screen we didn't
pay much more attention until my girl friend
saw a light rise from behind and to the left of
the screen. It was red, I believe, and seemed
to change to white once in a while, but not in



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any regular pattern. It moved towards the
jet as slowly as a helicopter. Then seemed to
hover for a few seconds (I would judge 10 or 15 sec)
It then shot off in a southeasterly direction
leaving a trail as it crossed the sky. It took it about
1 minute to cover an arc of 100° ^{at} a magnitude of
45° angle. We followed it until we lost it in the
glare from the projector.

I'm sure this aerial object wasn't an
aircraft since I live near the Cherry Point Naval
Air Station and Camp Lejeune. I've ~~never~~ seen
an aircraft at night and I'm sure this wasn't
a helicopter or jet since before I paid any attention
to it I had seen a copter go by at low level. I
could hear no sound except that of speakers around
the con.

Sincerely,

[redacted] Trustee Res. Hall
Appalachian State University

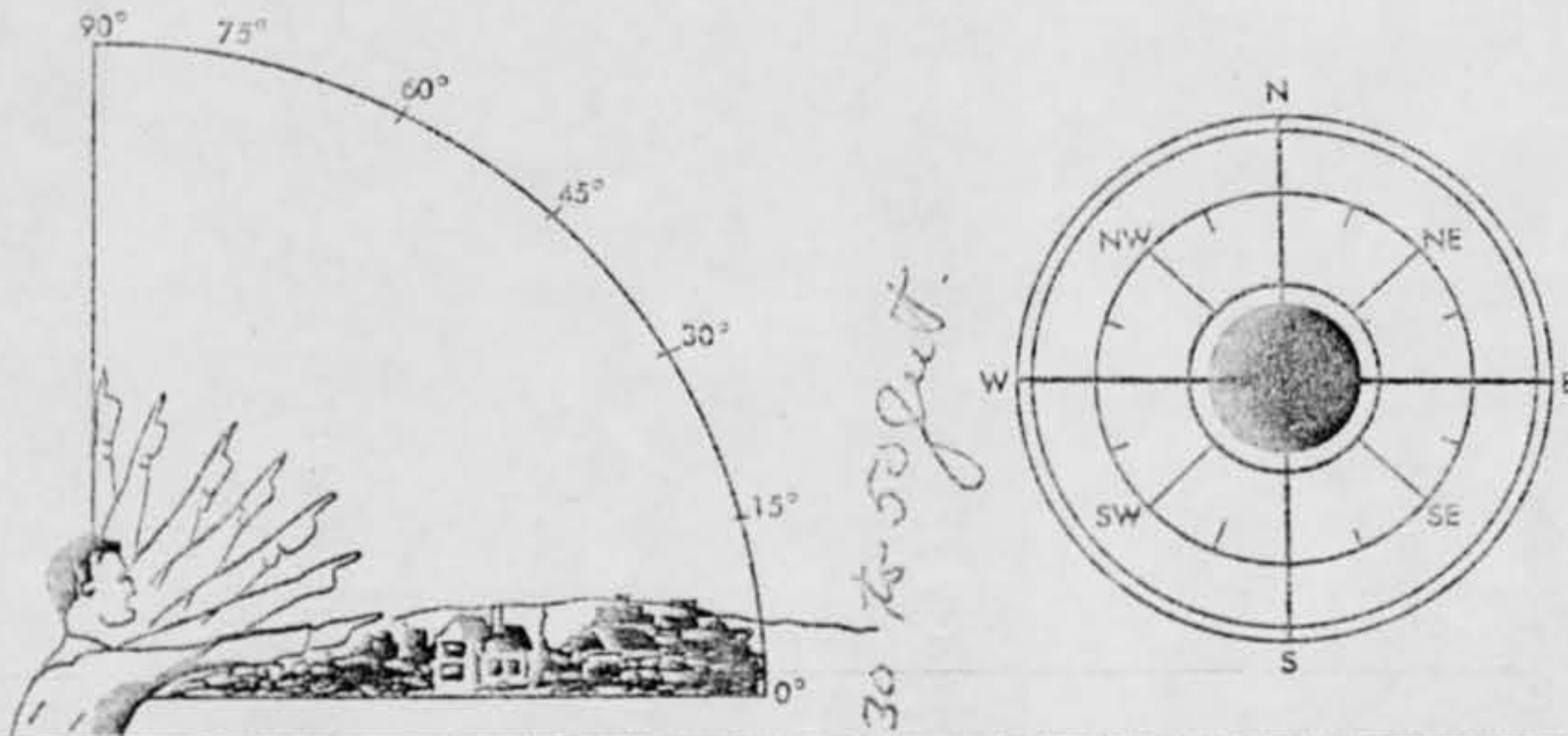
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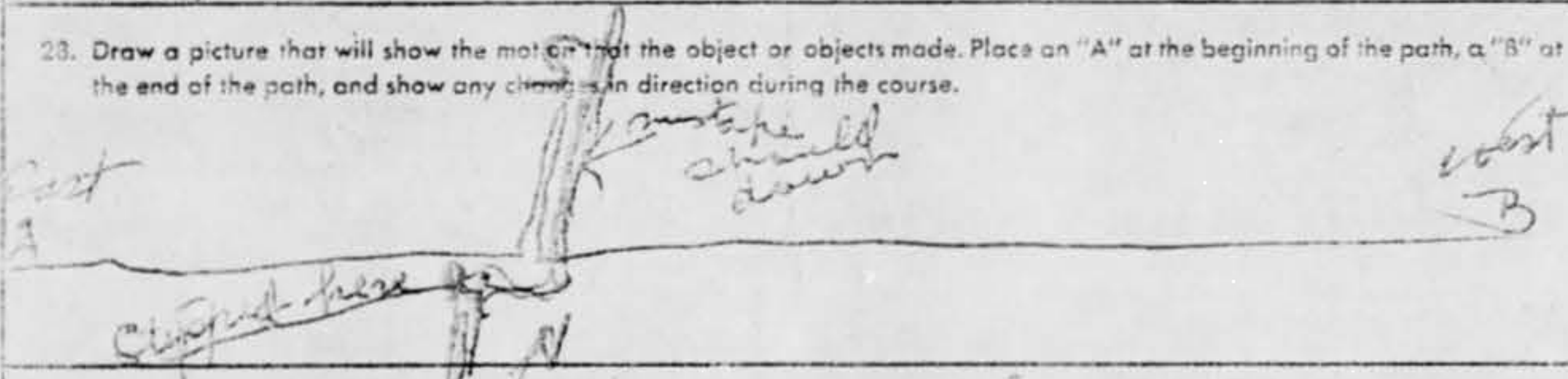
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27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you first saw it. Place a "B" on the compass when you last saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? one
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

township road
between lat -36 -37 Kenyon
County, Ontario, Canada.

30. Have you ever seen the

31. Was anyone else with

31.1 IF you answered

31.2 Please list their

Sam Slept
a night
myself

32. Please give the follow

NAME App

ADDRESS App

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Indicate any addition

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listen
reaction
in Wash
home a
seem to
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I might

33. When and to whom

W. P. P.

IFO form continued

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30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

None

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes No

31.1. If you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes No

31.2. Please list their names and addresses:

*My Sister (dead) [redacted]
a neighbor (living) [redacted] Does not want to tell
myself [redacted] about even.*

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME *[redacted]* *[redacted]* *[redacted]*
Last Name First Name Middle Name
ADDRESS *Apple Hill Ont. Canada* *[redacted]*
Street City Zone State
TELEPHONE NUMBER *[redacted]* AGE *67* SEX *M*

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

*Do not phone (Country line) for many
listeners. I expect to go on a
action on Oct 15 and will likely be
in Washington going on Commag home
one about Nov first. You do not
have much interest in it but
if you are sure one by 10 act. and
phone you if in Washington*

When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Private
Day Month Year

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not much interest in it any more
would like late sighting if it
not too much trouble to send me
I for one believe the Negro couple
on Vermont New Hampshire line
were telling the truth. I'm sure
you won't get much so soon after
an experience like that.

It's hard yet to express the
feeling it has left in the mind
What we do realize is it was
supernatural. And there are
more things in Outer Space will
never be explained but in my
day anyway.

I am Yours Sincerely
[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Address]

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34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

5th Oct 1968
Day Month Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

When it zipped south the top section bulged, north the lower section was making better time I guess than the bottom. The reverse coming back north.

Domination
Came back to exact spot it started south bowed to us they were elev. of about 50' down 10' or 15' up to elev. and continued west went west 50.6 acres turned out lights and continued on at 8 to 12 miles per h. it faded out of sight in the dark soon after. Could see it moving by stars etc.

It went west on the South side of a maple tree tree about 60 feet tree looked as if it was in a picture framed when in our direct sight.

I'm sure you would have a number of questions on it.

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U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object? _____ Day Month Year	2. Time of day: <u>11.30</u> <u>PM</u> Hours Minutes (Circle One): A.M. or <u>P.M.</u>
3. Time Zone: (Circle One): <u>a. Eastern</u> b. Central c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____ (Circle One): a. Daylight Saving b. <u>Standard Time</u>	
4. Where were you when you saw the object? <u>APPLE HILL</u> Nearest Postal Address <u>Alexandria</u> City or Town <u>Ontario</u> State or County	
5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) <u>3 to 5 minutes</u> Hours Minutes Seconds a. Certain b. Fairly certain c. Not very sure d. <u>Just a guess</u> 5.1 How was time in sight determined? _____ 5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ☒ No _____	
6. What was the condition of the sky? DAY a. Bright b. Cloudy NIGHT <u>a. Bright</u> b. Cloudy	
7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object? (Circle One): a. In front of you b. In back of you c. To your right d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember	

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SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-2253

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW AFR 80-17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?

DAY 26th MONTH October YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 8 MINUTES 30 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 8 MINUTES 50 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

4. TIME ZONE

☒ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☐ STANDARD☒ EASTERN☐ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☐ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.

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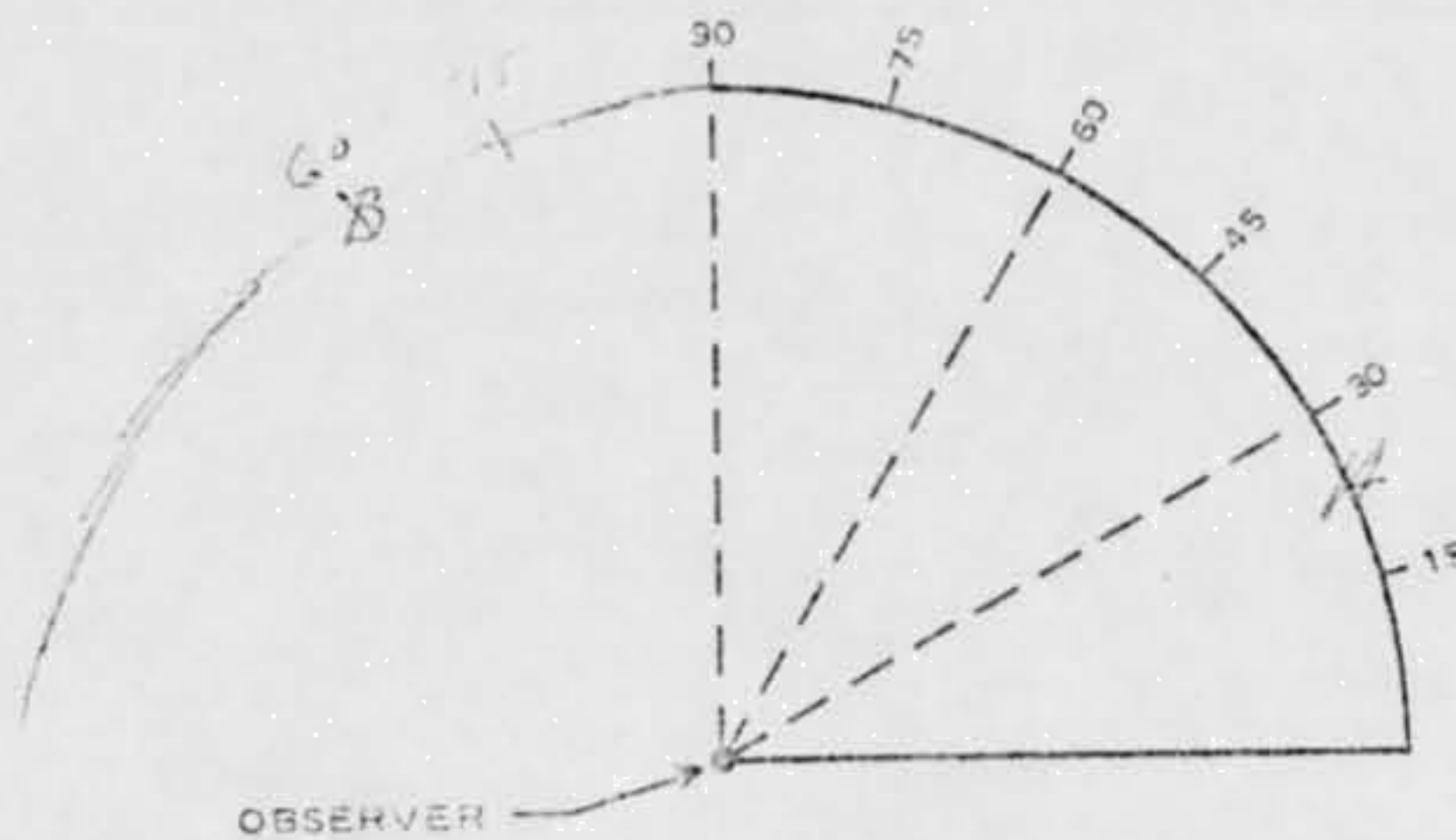
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Blvd*

6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.



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20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

Yes
56 120 H. Gips West 1000
faster than any jet
I saw after

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

If you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

Exactly 300 feet at
Closest approach.

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?

(Circle One)

a. Inside a building

b. In a car

c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type)

e. Aired

f. Other

horse and buggy

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other

24. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1. What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2. How fast were you moving? *Stopped* miles per hour.

24.3. Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

h. Other

none at all

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or object which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

slightly like a large balloon at
long range only

of light
Then continued in East

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? *by continuing on its way out of sight.*

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud? *no*
 (Circle One): ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: *A maple tree or trees no leaves*
It was November

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?
 (Circle One): ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: *us. My step mother a neighbor and my self*

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:
 a. Sound *yes. like a lawn mower*
 b. Color *late gray before lower half or 2 lit up*

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? *about 50 feet across perhaps a little more up and down*

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

11200'

Speed about 8 to 12 miles per hr. 1300 feet
 except for the dip south. lowered to us on way in

Oct. 9, 1968

Project Blue Book,
Gentlemen,

You may be interested in
this material. Can you name it?
I have never seen anything like it
before and cannot account for
its presence.

D.S.
Hold it in your
hand palm up.
Burn it.
Examination?

Sincerely,

Specimen, H. C. 28159

1610- [REDACTED] 9 Oct 68
[REDACTED]
16 OCT 1968
IDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/16 Oct 68

Identification of Physical Specimen

[REDACTED] Avenue
Spencer, North Carolina 28159

1. Reference your letter of October 9, 1968, in which you submitted an unidentified specimen. The sample that you sent to the Aerial Phenomena Branch has been identified as radar chaff. This material is dropped in military exercises to confuse radar operators as to the position of the plane.
2. We are returning your sample and also have included a copy of Project Blue Book which you may find interesting.

RECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

11 October 1968

Subject: UFO Observations

On the afternoon of 11 October 1968 2d Lt Carmon Marano accepted a collect telephone call from phone number 788-8986 (Winston-Salem?). The person was not speaking distinctly; several times Lt Marano asked the person's name. The person was so indistinct that the name sounded like either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. The person sounded like either a 12 year old boy or a woman with a squaaky voice. The person said they wanted to report the sighting of an unidentified flying object. The person said they wrote a letter a couple of days ago about sightings over Winsten-Salem. The sightings have been occurring for the past three months. We see them almost every clear night. The Air Force won't investigate them because they say they don't have them on radar, but I've seen them with binoculars so they are there. The person said that the objects are usually going east and are visible for about fifteen minutes. The person was quite concerned that the Air Force wouldn't do something about it. Lt Marano kept asking for the person's name and where he was calling from so that we could investigate his sighting. However, the person just mumbled and rattled on and did not give the desired information. The person kept saying, well, I have to go now, I have to go now. There was considerable noise in the background. The person was calling from a pay telephone. The noise was similar to that of what you would find in a school. The person said they saw it almost land in a field. He (or she) then said they had to go and hung up.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

14 October 1968

Subj: Alleged UFO Report, 12 or 13 October 1968

The FTD Command Post notified this office at approximately 0930 hours that an unidentified object had created an explosion, mushroom cloud and crater in the vicinity of Lakeland, Florida. The notification came from an AP press release #29 of the 13th. This office called MacDill AFB, Florida, Lt Kline ext 3732 and requested that he find out any available information on this. MacDill had not received any reports, however, he would call Bartow Air Field and call us back. Lt Kline called the Aerial Phenomena Office back at 1025. He said there was no problem with the unidentified object. The explosion had been caused by dynamite and the AP was way off base. Lt Kline said he had contacted the Bartow Police Department and the Lakeland Ledger and they said the report was erroneous and the report had originated from a dynamite explosion.

Lt Marano had also called Orland AFB. They are a Navy Base and do not have a UFO investigating officer. Suggested that he call McCoy AFB. Lt Marano called McCoy AFB, Florida, Major Murphy. They did not have any reports.

Lt Marano called SPADATS at 1000 hours, 14 October 1968 and spoke with Sgt Allen.

USSR Rocket Body, 13 Oct, 1359Z $\pm$ five minutes, South Pacific.

Nothing else listed for the 13th or 14th.

October 12th

Cox 222 Payload	3272	2219Z $\pm$ 12 mins
	3473	0931Z
	3472	2330Z $\pm$ 5 mins

19 Oct 68

NICAP MASSACHUSETTS INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE
(P.O. Box 19 - Wenham, Mass. 01984)
AC 617/468-4815

W Quincy, Ma
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U F O R E P O R T

DATE: 19 OCTOBER 1968

TEMPERATURE: 64°

PLACE: W. QUINCY, MASS

WIND DIRECTION: WSW

TIME: 1:30-2:30 AM EDT

WIND SPEED: 14 MPH

WITNESSES: 1

VISIBILITY: 12 MILES

OBJECTS: 1

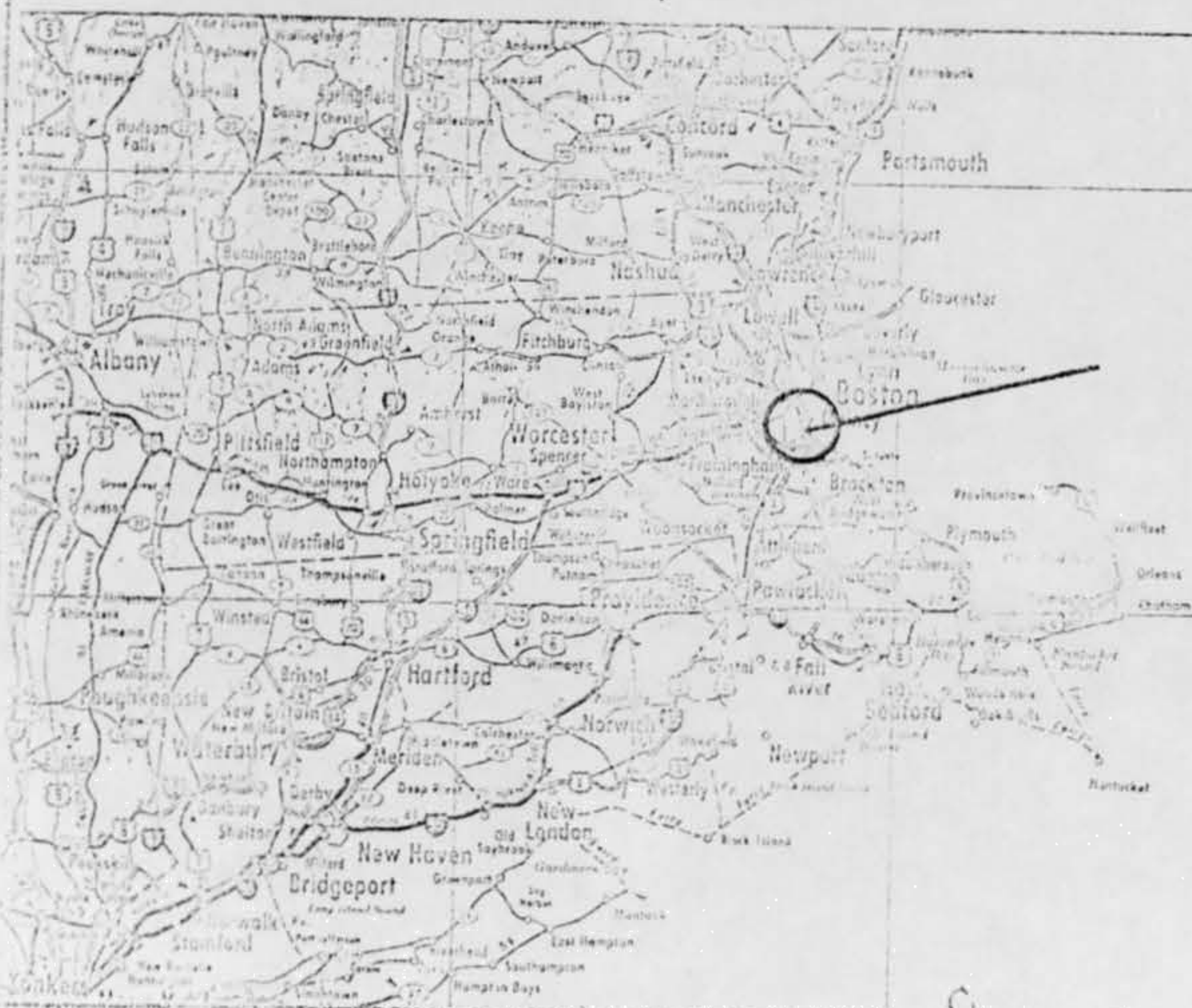
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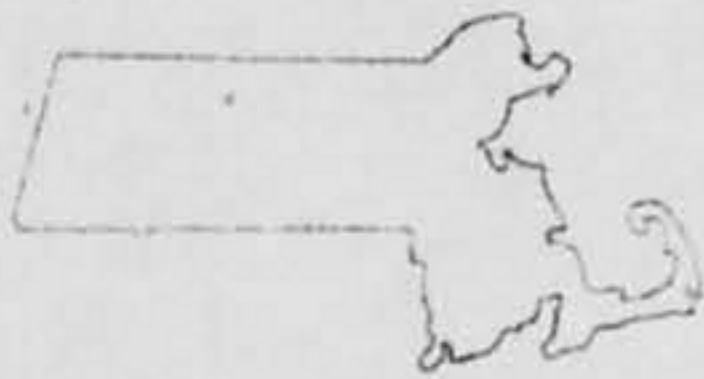
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CC: NICAP HEADQUARTERS
COLORADO UNIVERSITY
USAF FTD WPAFB

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- 1 = Sent one-page summary
2 = Sent detailed summary
3 = Sent with signed color photographs and detailed report
4 = Reference to the book "The Science of UFOs"



NICAP MASSACHUSETTS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

BOX 19 WENHAM MASS 01984
AC-617/468 4815

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT: 19 October 1968, W. Quincy, Mass/1:30-2:30 AM ET
DATE: 22 November 1968
FROM: Raymond E. Fowler, Chairman
TO: NICAP, Washington, D.C.

CC: J.E. McDonald
USAF FTD (TDETR)

BACKGROUND:

Several days after the sighting, I received a letter informing me about it from a friend of mine who is acquainted with the witness. I assigned Investigator Eric Thorsos to conduct an interview with the witness. The attached report represents the results of his investigation.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Although the sighted phenomena has some of the characteristics of a searchlight, the factors of weather condition; sighting time and duration, maneuvers and the associated blue and amber lights seem to rule this explanation out. The only bright astronomical object in that sector of the sky was Sirius but it was only a few degrees above the horizon and would not appear almost the angular size of a full moon. It would not appear to alternately change shape nor would it blink out upon the approach of a conventional aircraft.

The sighting does resemble those of glowing "cloud cigar" type reports. However, no egress or ingress of other objects was noted when the cigar would have been in a vertical mode unless the blue and amber lights were other objects and not connected to the larger object. I phoned the witness to re-question her on this point but her impression was that the object was round - "like a big button" - and that it was revolving so that its face and edge were alternately seen. She felt that the lights were "hanging from the object" or that they were connected to it rather than being separate objects. She described the object as glowing the brightest and whitest white she had ever seen - much brighter than a full moon.

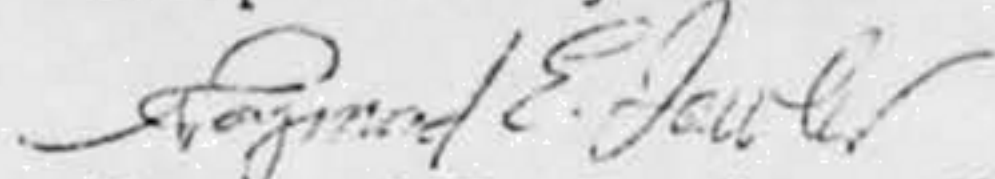
The witness felt that the aircraft (which she also heard) that approached the object came close to it before it seemingly reacted

so its presence by shutting itself off "like turning a light switch". She could not see the actual aircraft's configuration and thus was unable to tell whether it was a multi-engine or single engine craft. The aircraft kept on its course and did not deviate after the object vanished. I have classified the object's configuration as a "glowing clud-cigar" but this is pure conjecture and is based upon the sketch of the witness and comparison with similar reports.

My own impression of the witness, although based only on a telephone call, would agree with that of Eric Thorsos, our investigator - i.e. she seems to be telling the truth and is not attempting a hoax.

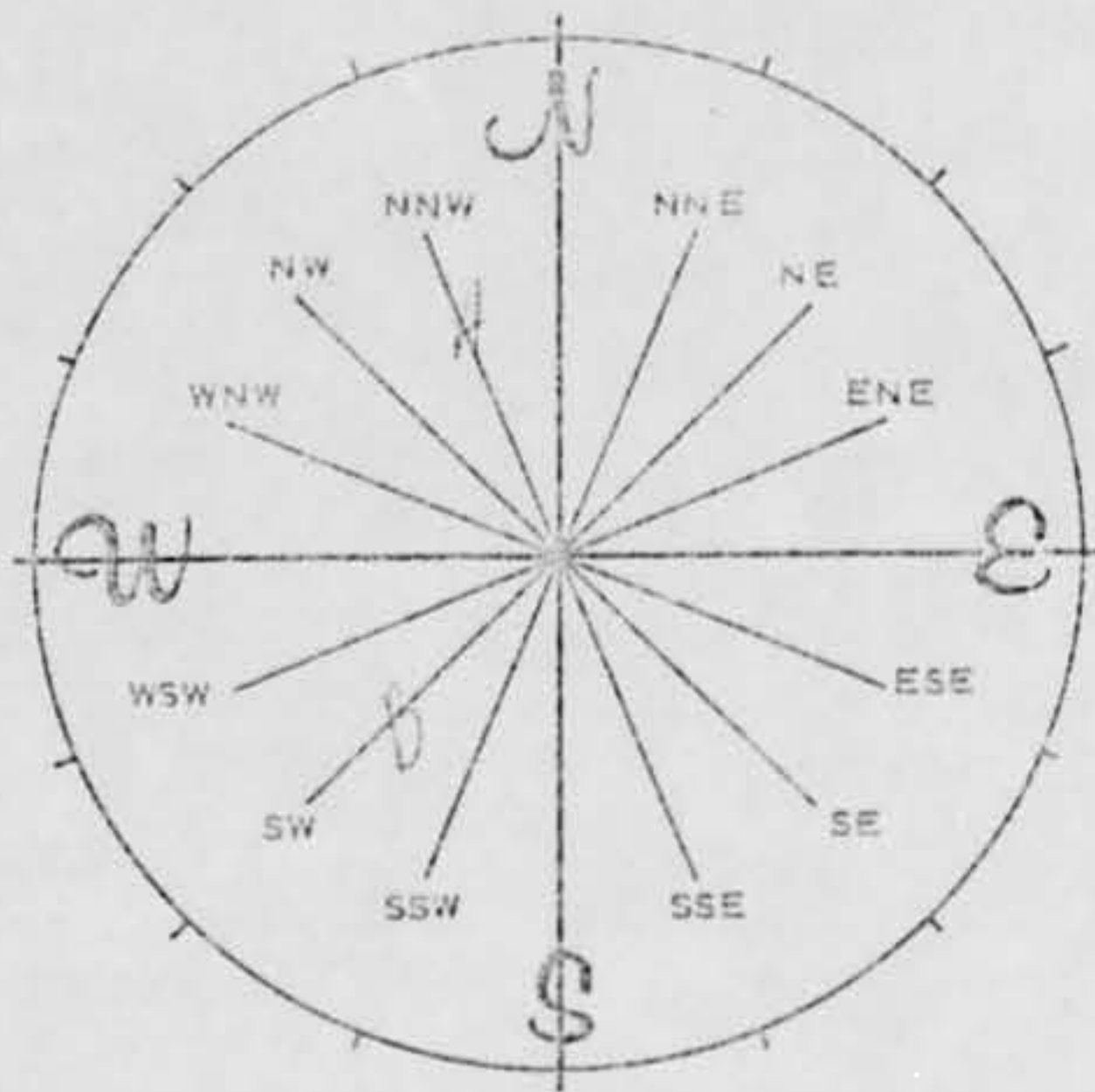
(Two other reports originated from this area the following week. One involved a large dark object which alternately displayed flashing red then green lights along its side. It was reported to have been joined by six smaller objects, each of which were surrounded by a blue halo-like effect. The other sighting was another early morning sighting of a glowing object. These cases came to light on a local radio show but the witnesses are not known, some were teenagers, etc. so no effort was made to investigate on the part of NICAP MASS SUBCOM. The newsclip service and police never produced reports of sightings on 19 October 1968 so Report #68-57 is a one-witness report by an untrained and elderly witness. By itself it is a statistic. The report is submitted on a routine basis and because of the possibility that the USAF received other reports, that the aircraft may have been officially investigating, etc. If such were the case, this report could be of value as supplementary evidence.)

Respectfully submitted,

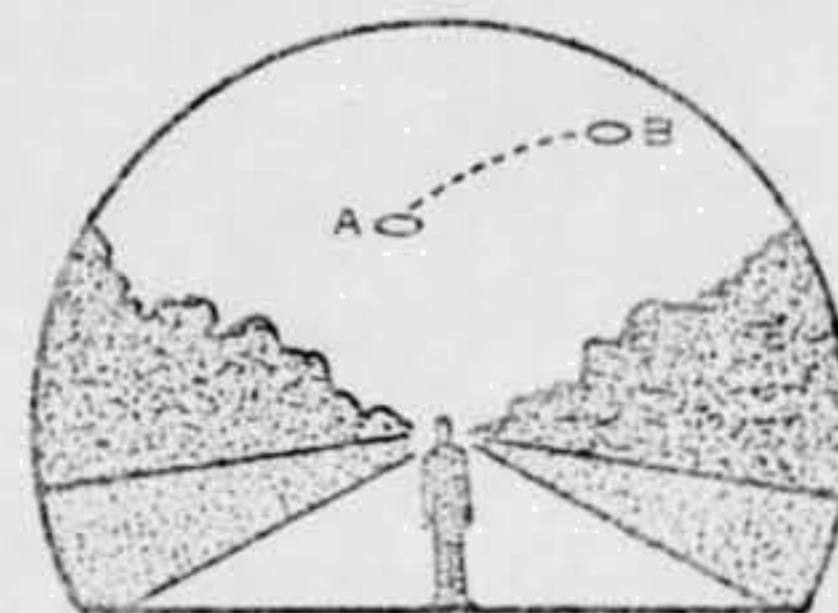
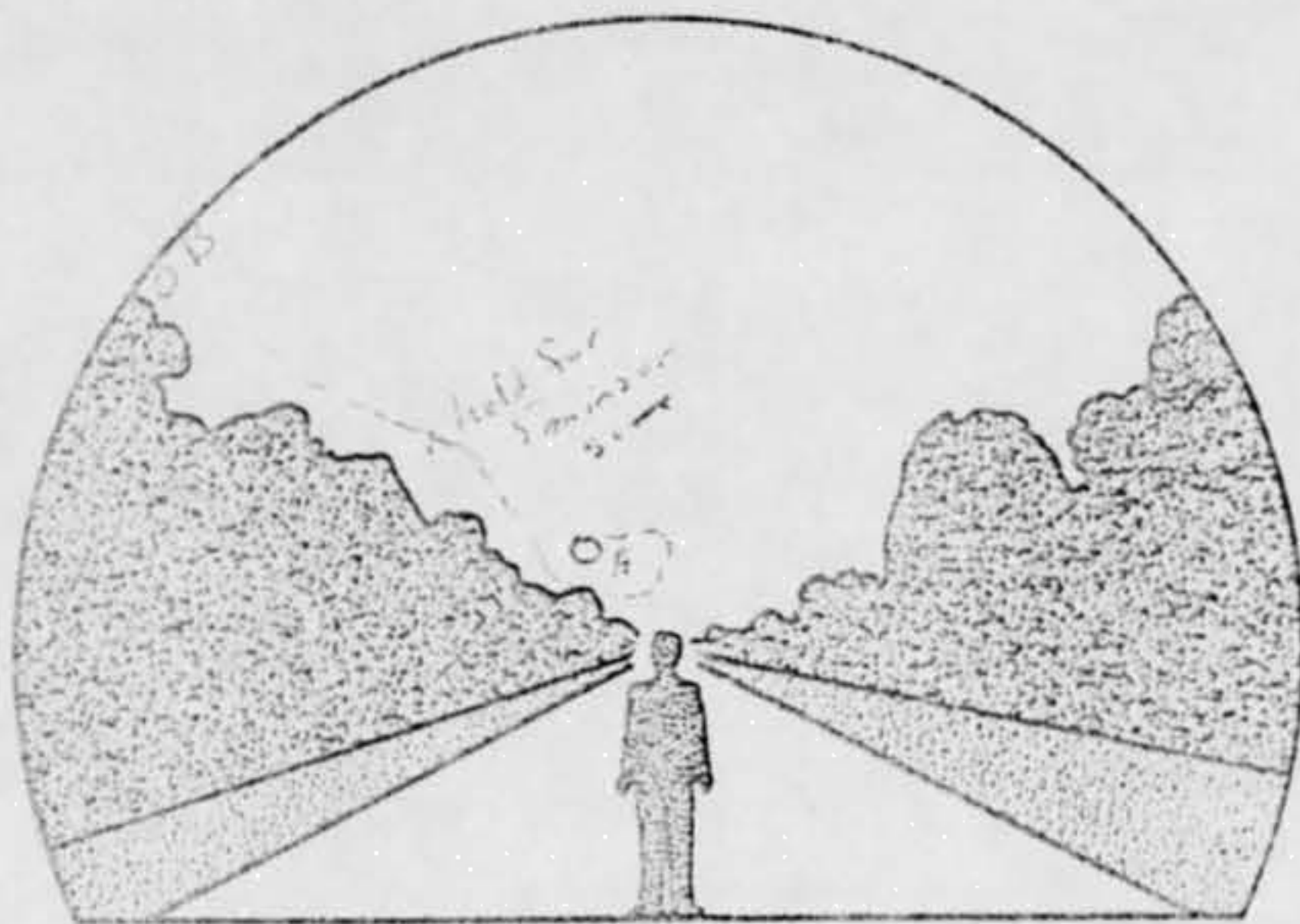


Raymond E. Fowler, Chairman

6. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN, AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.




Cambridge, Mass.
Nov. 20, 1968

Ray Fowler, Chairman
NICAP Mass Subcom.
Box 19
Wenham, Mass.

Dear Ray,

Please accept my apologies for the delay on this report. I am now past my general exams and ready to go on any future assignments.

It was at night when I visited with Mrs. McEachern. Consequently, I did not obtain much of a feeling for the layout of the surrounding area. Also, none of my maps show that region in detail. If you feel it important to have a detailed sketch of the area along the line-of-sight, I will obtain it right away.

I am at somewhat of a loss regarding what further checking could be done on a report such as this. If you have any ideas on this, or criticisms of what I have done, please let me know.

Sincerely,




NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
1324 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

NOv 2-1961

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name [REDACTED] Place of Employment ☒ (Here ☒ means
Address [REDACTED] Occupation ☒ "none". E.T.
Telephone [REDACTED] Education high school
Special Training ☒
Military Service ☒
2. Date of Observation Oct 19 - 68 Time 1.30 AM PM Time Zone E.T.
3. Locality of Observation at Home
4. How long did you see the object? 1 Hours Minutes Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. Didn't notice moon
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? yes
8. Were there more than one object? no If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. Slightly smaller than a moon
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? yes
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. much brighter
12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details)
 - a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes
 - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? no
 - c. Break up into parts or explode? no
 - d. Give off smoke? no
 - e. Leave any visible trail? no
 - f. Drop anything? no
 - g. Change brightness? no only when it went out permanently
 - h. Change shape? yes when rotating
 - i. Change color? no except one blue + one white light at end when turning
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible
14. Was there any wind? no If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screen, etc? What? and outside of house on screen
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? no What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
 - a. Fuzzy or blurred. ☒
 - b. Like a bright star.
 - c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object(s) —

- a. Self-luminous? ☒
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? *no*

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- a. Pinhead
- b. Pea
- c. Dime

- d. Nickel
- e. Half dollar
- f. Silver dollar

- g. Orange
- h. Grapefruit
- i. Larger

slightly smaller than the moon with naked eye.

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *couldn't sleep so got up for a smoke*

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *living room drinking a glass of milk*

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *light went out as if I had pressed a button*

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *none*

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? *no*

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. *no*

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. *no*

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. ☒

Please keep my name confidential. ☐

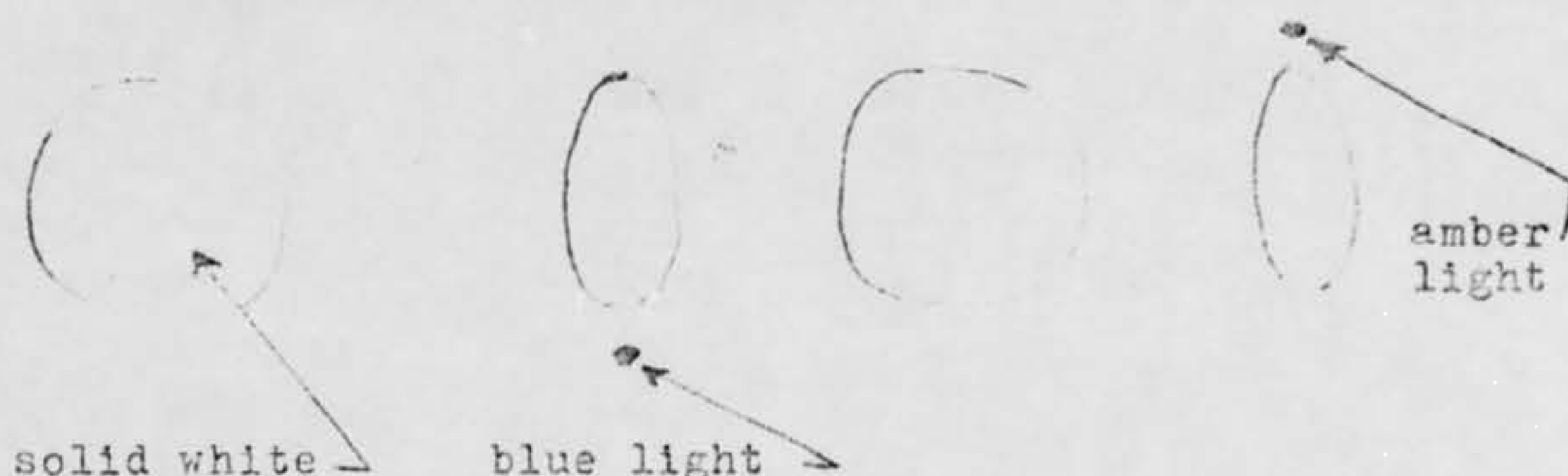
35. Date of filling out this report:

Signature:

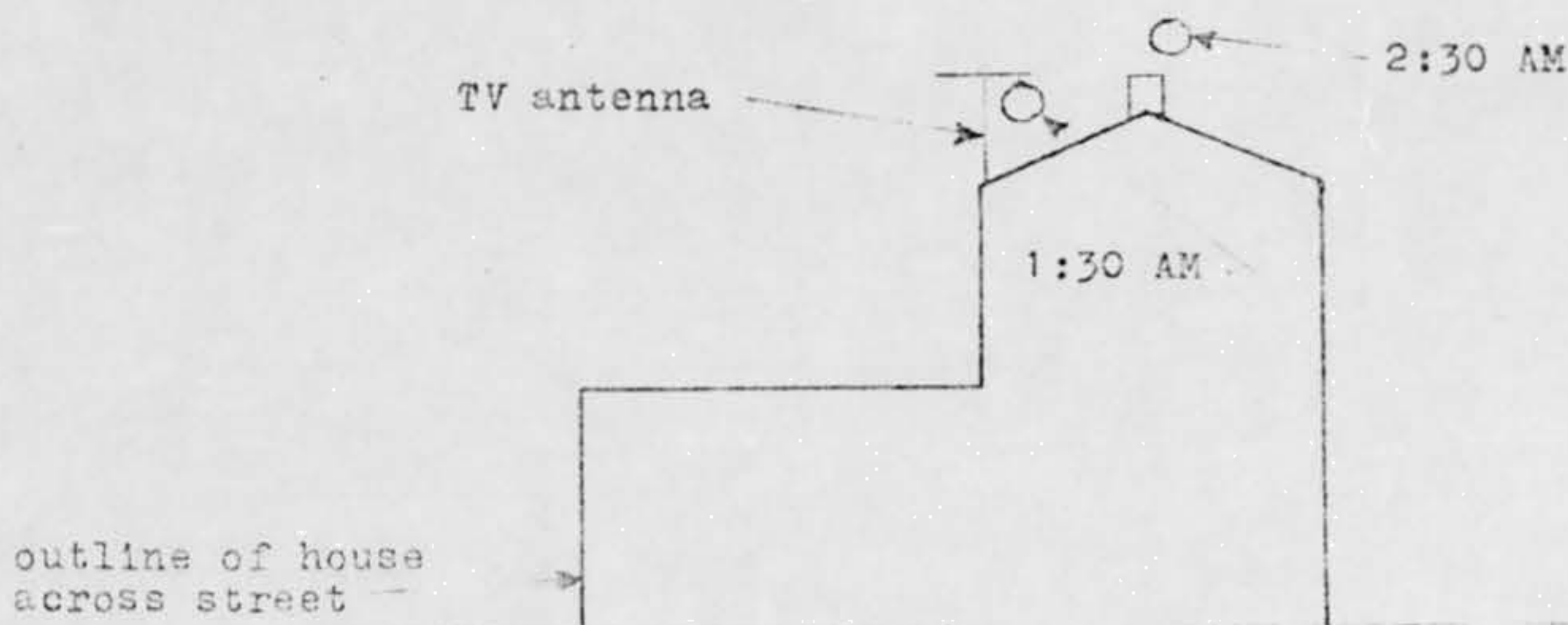
Supplement to Report

The witness, Mrs. Grace McEachern, was not inclined to write lengthy statements in detail. The following information was obtained in conversation and belongs with her written report. The numbers refer to the numbers on the main report.

5. The sky was clear, at least in vicinity of object.
7. The stars were visible, but the moon was not noticed.
9. The object first looked circular and solid white. Instead of being distinct, the outline of the object was somewhat diffuse; she used the analogy of a ball of cotton. It appeared brighter than the moon and a bit smaller in apparent (or angular) size. The appearance of the object went through the following phases:



She estimated the period at about five minutes and assumed that the object was rotating. It continued in this manner for the hour in view. During this time, the position of the object shifted slightly, as shown below:



11. She considered it much brighter than moon, but not as bright as the sun. It was not so bright one could not gaze at it, but getting closeto the limit.
15. She first observed the object from inside the house, looking through a window and storm window. Then she went out on the porch (the piazza) and watched it from there. From this position, one is looking through no glass.
23. At about 2:30 AM she noticed an airplane off to the southeast, the strange light being approximately east. Then, just as she was looking at it, the light went out "as if I had pressed a button." She stayed up until 3:00 AM trying to see it again, but saw no more.
26. She had no way to estimate distance to object.
27. The elevation was about 15° - 20° above horizon (my estimate).
29. The area is a residential section of West Quincy. Though she listed her address as Quincy, I am fairly certain that the area is actually West Quincy. She indicated the direction to the object as being east.
30. The nearest airport is about eight miles to the SSE. She knew of this and mentioned it.

Personal Comments

Mrs. [REDACTED] is 71 years old, appears to live alone, and gives the impression of an honest person. I became aware of no reason to doubt her word on this matter. Her previous feeling on the subject of UFO's was that she had heard of them and found the whole thing curious. She volunteered no ideas on the origin of UFO's in general or of the object she saw in particular.

Unfortunately, Mrs. [REDACTED] knew of no one else who saw the object. She did contemplate calling the police about it, but decided not to since she felt it would probably go away before they arrived leaving her somewhat embarrassed. Her only action in reporting sighting was to call (on the following Monday) in to a radio program that she often listens to.

Considering the possibility of a natural explanation, the moon does not appear to be a candidate. According to Information Please Almanac - 1968, p. 463, the new moon occurs at 5 PM EST on October 21. On October 19, then, the moon would be rising in the east about dawn and appearing like a small sliver.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] S

21 October 1968

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

22 October 1968

Subj: Meteor Observation, 21 October 1968

Mr Citron's office at The Smithsonian Institute called the Aerial Phenomena Branch on the afternoon of 22 October 1968. They would like to know if we have received any reports from Blak Mt New Hampshire for the night of 21 October 1968, 9:22 pm, EDT. Replied that as of this afternoon we havenot received any reports. However, if we do receive any reports from the area we will notify them.

NCLC

26 Oct 68

near Houston, Tex.
James

28 FEB 1969

TDPT (UFO)

UFO Sighting of 26 Oct 68

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Houston, Texas 77024

Reference the UFO sighting of 26 Oct 68 by Mr. [REDACTED]. Because of the age of the report, no investigative action is possible at this time; however, the report will be included in Air Force files for information purposes. Thank you for your interest and efforts in this matter.

RECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
BOULDER, COLORADO 80302

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTROPHYSICS

1006 JILA Bldg.

22 January 1969

Mr. [REDACTED]
Seventeen Legend Lane
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of January 16, 1969.

The report on the Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects conducted by a group at the University of Colorado for the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research was delivered to the National Academy of Sciences in Washington on November 15, 1968. The project office here is closed.

I suggest that you send the report of your sighting to:

Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
FTD(TDET/UFO)
Research and Aerial Phenomenon Div.
Wright Patterson AF Base, Ohio 45433

Sincerely,

E. U. Condon
E. U. Condon

EUC:kes

Houston, Texas
77024

Area: 713

Office:

Home:

Jan. 10, 1969

RE: UFO sightings

Gentlemen:

The attached is self explanatory and is for your files. Mr. James is a reputable and reliable Houston real estate appraiser.

Sincerely,

BOOKS

COUNTDOWN
Little, Brown and Company
Boston, Massachusetts
1960

FLIGHTS OF THE ASTRONAUTS
Little, Brown and Company
Boston, Massachusetts
1963

AMERICAN SPACE EXPLORATION,
The First Decade
Little, Brown and Company
Boston, Massachusetts
1957

SOVIET SPACE EXPLORATION,
The First Decade
Washington Square Press
New York, New York
1958

MAN'S CONQUEST OF SPACE
National Geographic Society
1968

8. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
☒ OUTDOORS	☒ IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY		
☐ IN BUILDING	☐ IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY		
☒ IN CAR ☒ AS DRIVER ☐ AS PASSENGER	☐ IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE		
☐ IN BOAT	☐ NEAR AIRFIELD		
☐ IN AIRPLANE ☐ AS PILOT ☐ AS PASSENGER	☐ FLYING OVER CITY		
☐ OTHER	☐ FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY		
	☐ OTHER		
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING? <i>sitting</i>		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING? <i>sitting still</i>	
☐ NORTH	☐ EAST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON? <i>I was stopped the whole time</i> ☒ YES ☐ NO	
☐ SOUTH	☐ WEST		
☐ NORTHEAST	☐ SOUTHEAST		
☒ NORTHWEST	☐ SOUTHWEST		
EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6. <i>None</i>			
DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN. <i>2 door Merc. convertible hardtop. The terrain was flat with tree approx 70 yds away.</i>			
HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE? <i>little</i>			
DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON. <i>passed by 5 mins later on a course west to east I was a Bell Huey copter. The copter passed close I could hear the rotor noise</i>			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME	<i>20 min</i>	☒ CERTAIN OF TIME	☐ NOT VERY SURE
		☐ FAIRLY CERTAIN	☐ JUST A GUESS
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED? <i>My times watch</i>			
WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES. <i>Due to behavior of object, moved behind movie screen then reappear moved southwest slowly the half position for approx 5 min the shot of to southwest</i>			

Feb 4:
please send to
U.F.O. people at
U. 7 Club, Bldg. 101.

MEREDITH H. JAMES, JR.
REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS
1515 WEST ALABAMA, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005
AREA CODE 713 - PHONE 525-4101

November 8, 1968

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear [REDACTED],

The attached clipping reminded me that I was going to write you about the "U.F.O." I saw a couple of weeks ago. The thing I saw was in the same general vicinity as what these boys saw--near your new abode. Maybe you ought to set up a file on "Space Gremlins".

My "sighting" was on Saturday night, Oct. 26th, the day the Russians sent up their most recent rendezvous vehicles. It was travelling from south to north, the same general direction of the Soviet satellites, but it was low and almost parallel to the horizon instead of almost over-head like those we saw on the beach at Galveston. It was also moving much, much faster than the satellites we saw at Galveston, and took a sudden "nose dive" just before it disappeared from view. It could have been an odd-ball glimpse of sunlight reflecting off a Russian satellite, but it was five hours after sunset (here) and the height above the horizon was such that, if it were a satellite, it would have to have been about 2,000 miles west of Houston at a height of over 500 miles, which doesn't seem likely.

I was out on Westheimer near Fondren Road when I saw what I thought was a "shooting star", at first. It was just a streak of light that flashed in the sky and then disappeared. But it re-appeared on the same course and remained in sight for what I estimated to be 3 to 5 seconds. Then took a sudden nose-dive and disappeared. It covered a total of about 30 degrees of azimuth in those 3-5 seconds, which is an unusually high speed. (A satellite directly over-head at a height of 100 miles would take about 10 seconds to cover the same angular distance; and from a distance of 2,000 miles, an orbiting satellite would take about 200 seconds to cover those 30 deg. of azimuth!)

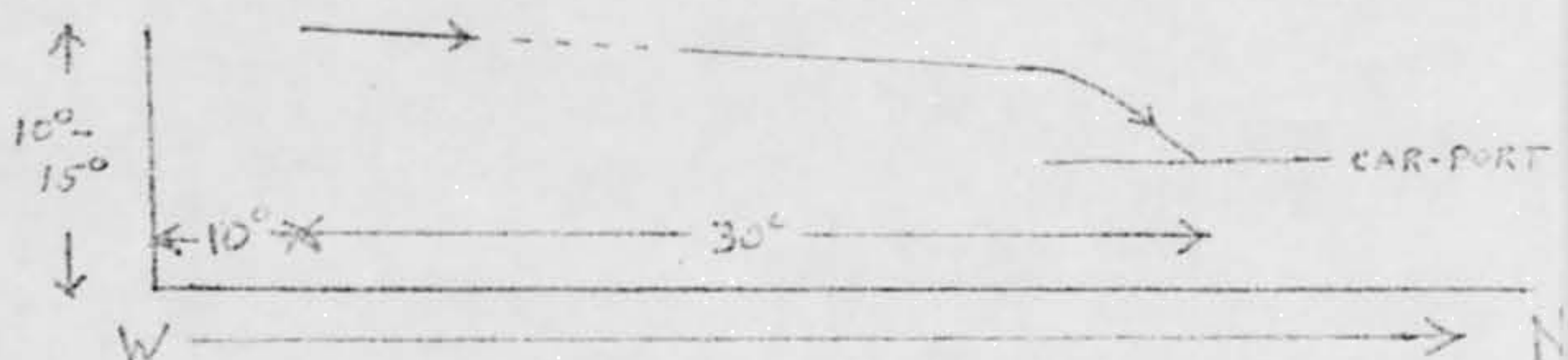
At any rate, it was so unusual that I made notes of what I had seen as soon as I got home that night. The following is a verbatim copy of the notes I made that night:

"UFO" sighting - Sat. nite, 10/26/68 - 11:22 PM C.D.S.T.
West of Houston - seen from vicinity of Westheimer & Fondren.
Appeared as a dim spot of light travelling at a high speed from South to North about 10 deg. to 15 deg. above horizon. Slight slant towards earth (say, 5 deg.). First appeared 10 deg. to 20 deg. N. of W. Disappeared briefly; re-appeared on same path. Covered about 30 deg. of azimuth in 3-5 secs. Suddenly dived towards earth and was lost to view behind carport. Definitely not an airplane or orbiting space object. Could have been a meteorite or falling space debris, but not

B. Shelton
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as bright and sharp as a "shooting star". Slightly larger than a star seen by the naked eye, but not as bright as a bright star or planet. Dimmer--more like a flash-light reflecting off a fog bank. No "tail", but so fast it was almost just a streak. As fast as a "shooting star", but a long, low horizontal path with a sudden "nose-dive" on the end. In general vicinity of Andrau Airpark. Two planes in air at time. Fell towards Katy Highway and Addicks.

Path followed:



Did not follow a parabolic (?) trajectory (like a falling object). Did not wobble or waver like an orbiting object. Followed a smooth path. Speed 6° - 10° /sec."

The speed, height above the horizon, and trajectory seem to rule out a jet plane or a satellite. A jet plane travelling 600 mph. would have to have been only $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile away at a height of about ~~600~~ feet and would have crashed within a couple of seconds at the speed and direction the "object" was headed. An orbiting satellite at a distance of 700 miles and a height of 120 miles would give the right height above the horizon and ~~approximate angular~~ speed, but a satellite at that height and distance would have been well within the earth's shadow by that time of night!

The sharp change in the trajectory seems to rule out a meteor or falling space debris. No plane crashes, meteors, or falling space debris were reported in the newspapers. There was no noise or roar or sound connected with the "sighting".

~~There~~ The only thing left is a spot of light reflecting off a cloud or fog-bank. But it was a clear night and there was no fog! So-----you figure it out. Maybe there are "things" up there.

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By a curious coincidence I had breakfast with [redacted] and [redacted] the next morning and [redacted] showed me your new National Geographic book, which he had marked at the passage about watching the satellites at the picnic down at Galveston--before I told him about what I had seen the night before.

Then tonight, driving home through League City, I caught a glimpse of two more "shooting stars". These were moving towards me and went over the car (disappeared at the top of the windshield). Just a quick flash and they were gone. But it was cloudy and raining. Could have been a tiny snow-flake caught for an instant in the headlights before it swept up and over the car, but still I'm beginning to wonder.

Seriously, [redacted] if you know anyone who collects information on "UFO"sightings", and would be interested in this type of information, you might forward this letter to them. I did see something that seemed highly unusual to me and tried to be as accurate as possible in my estimates of speed, height, etc. I don't know what it was, but it was something.

I'd like to take you and Toby to dinner some night when you are free. I'll get in touch with you soon.

Yours,
[redacted]
[redacted]

P.S. Thanks for [redacted] "Ordeal of Change". I've become a real [redacted] fan. See you soon.



BURIED BY WRECKAGE, INFANT SAVED
Marlin R. Blalock Holds Son, Mark, 3 Months Old

Houston Post 11/7/68

200-Foot UFO, Angel Hair Reported by Youth

By TOMMY WEST

Post Reporter

It was about 200 feet in diameter. It was shaped like a disk and had a little dome on top. And as it hovered motionlessly over West Houston Wednesday afternoon, angel hair — of all things — floated in the air.

At least that's what a 15-year-old Spring Branch boy and several of his friends said. And at least one person is taking them seriously.

THAT PERSON is Gene Senter, president of the Houston Science Discussion Club on UFOs.

Senter, summoned to the scene by one of the families, investigated the sighting and had the sighters fill out the standard UFO forms furnished by his club.

Then Senter retrieved a tiny twig which had a few strands of the white substance clinging to it. He put the twig and what the boy identified as fly-

ing angel hair in a plastic bag, iced it down, and took it home to his freezer.

SENDER PLANS to get someone to analyze the substance.

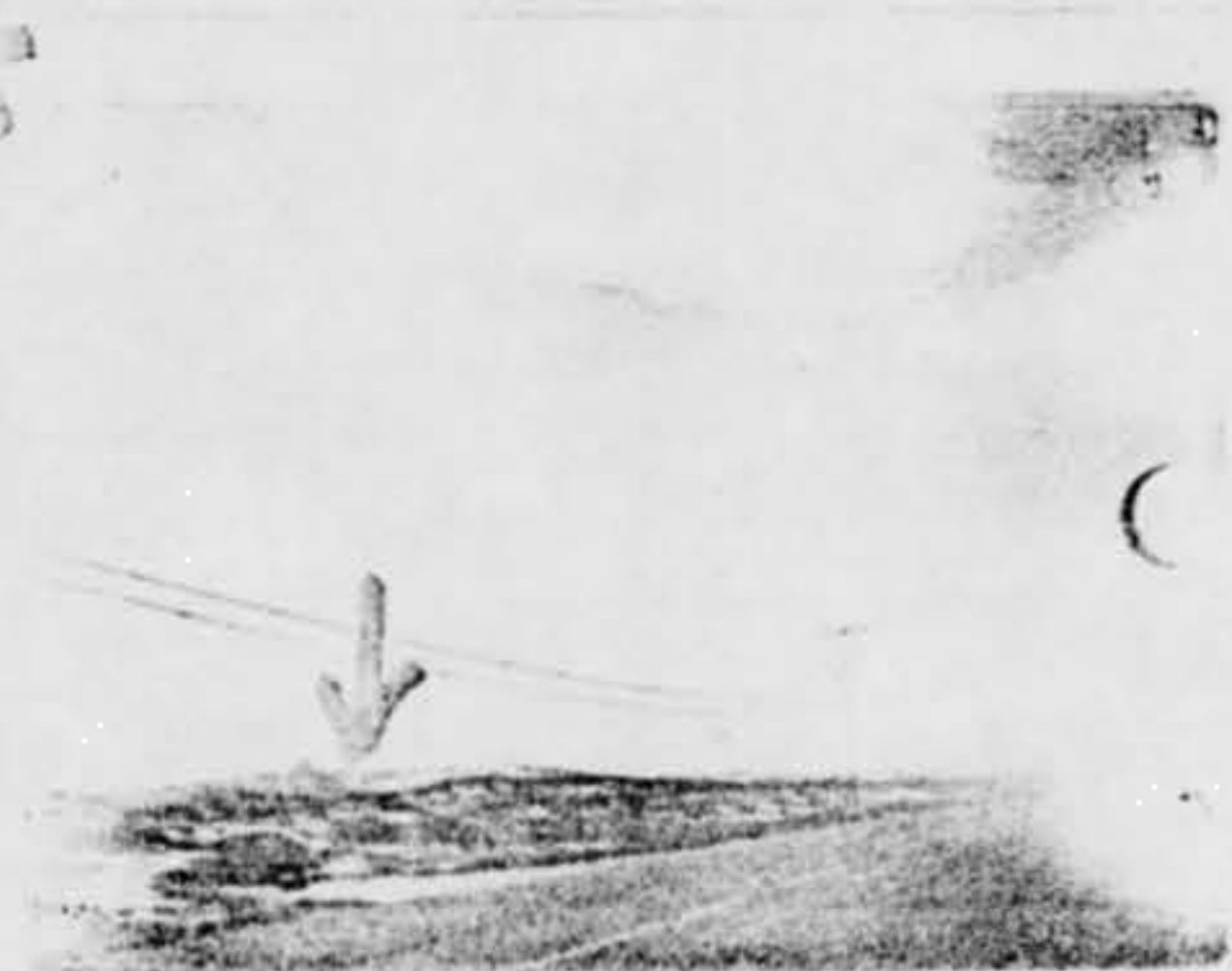
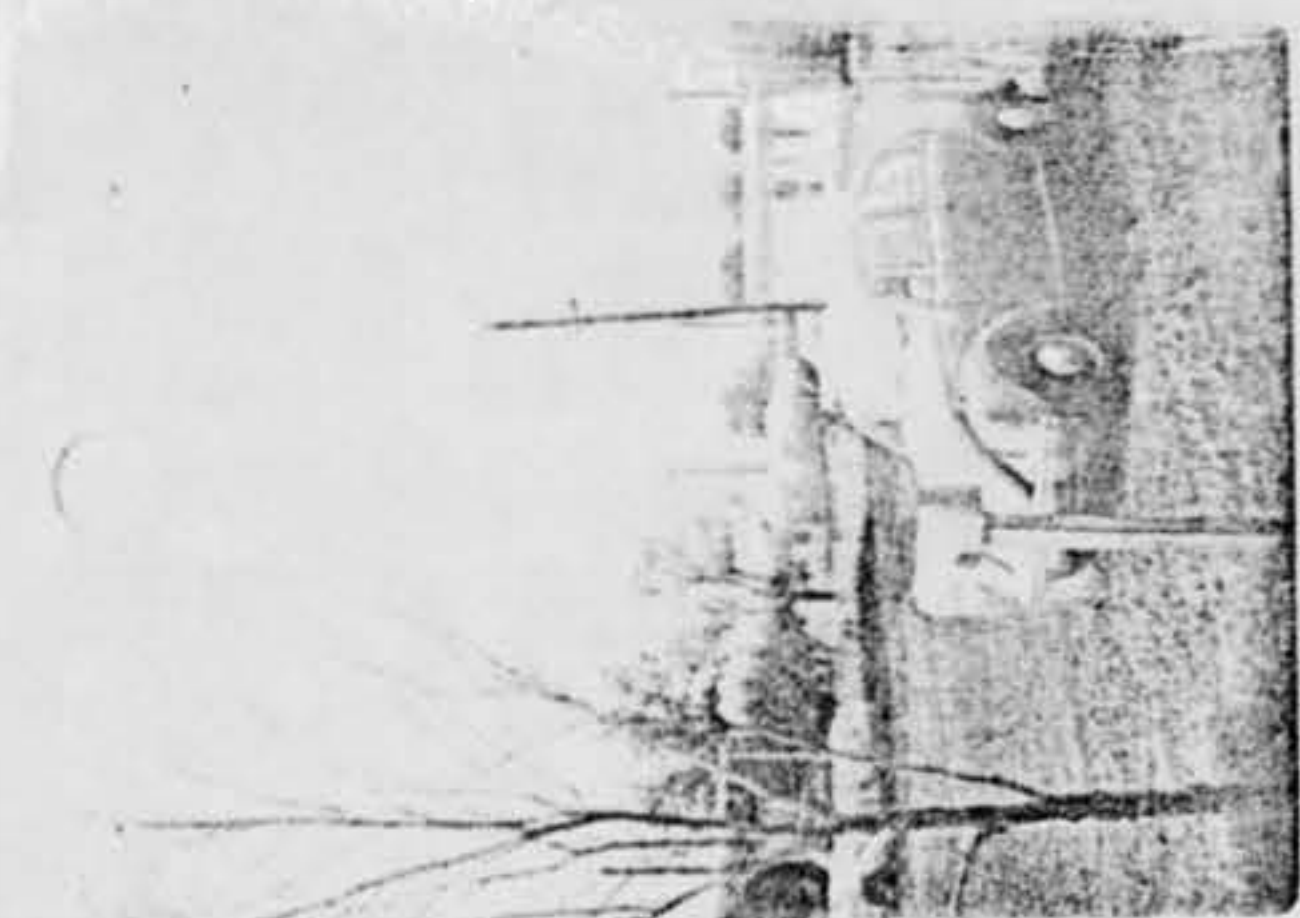
He said one of the boys told him the object was bigger than a bomber.

One of the boys told The Houston Post he saw the object about 4:15 P.M. He said it was about 2,500 feet high and hovering. He said it had no wings and no lights, but did have small black dots that may have been windows. He said a couple of jets came along and chased the object so high it disappeared.

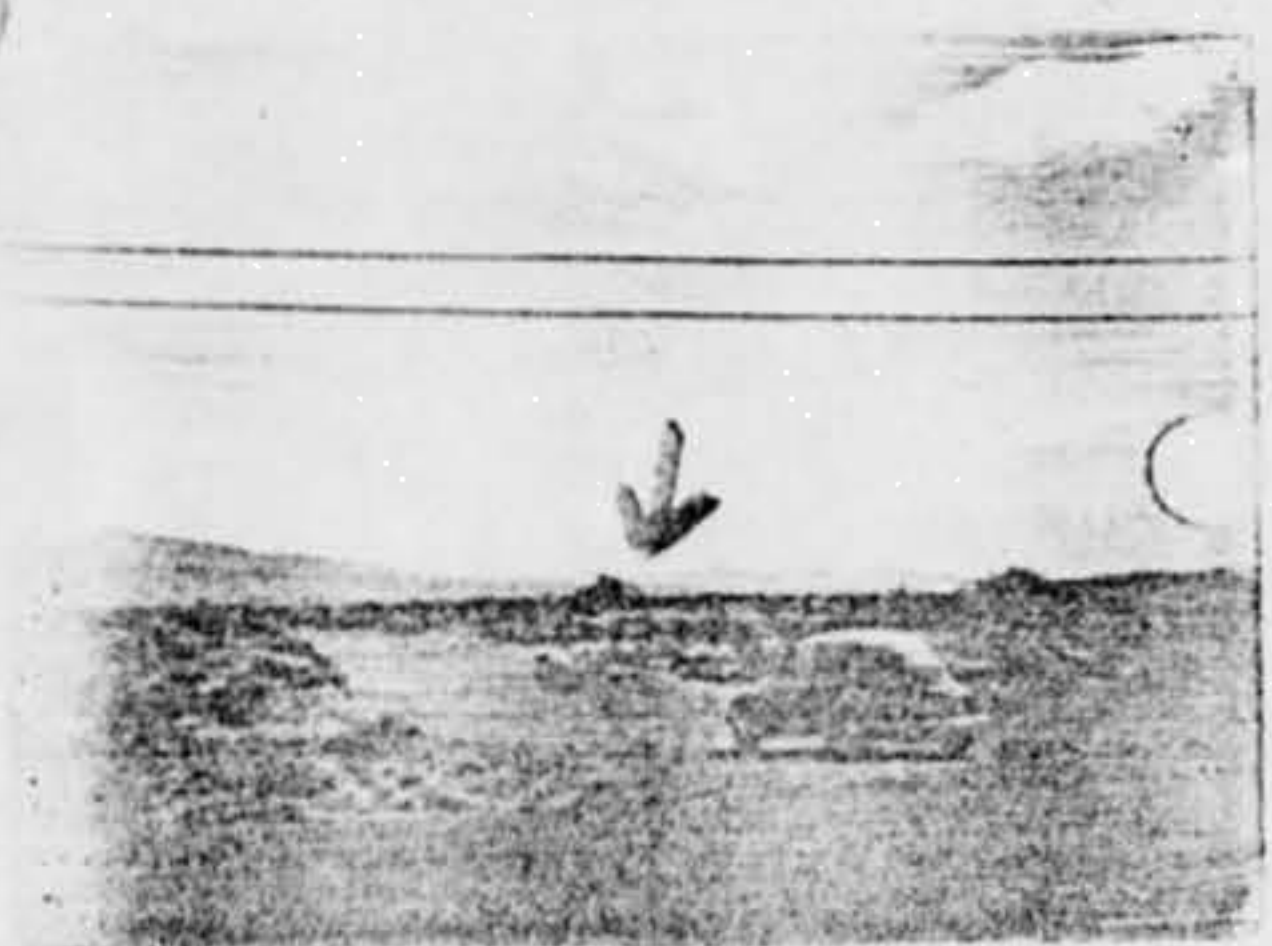
The boy did not want his name published. He is a sophomore at Spring Branch High School.

TWO WOMEN called The Post Wednesday afternoon and said they had seen a bright white light moving sideways and up and down in the area of W. P. Hobby Airport Saturday night, Monday night and again Wednesday night.

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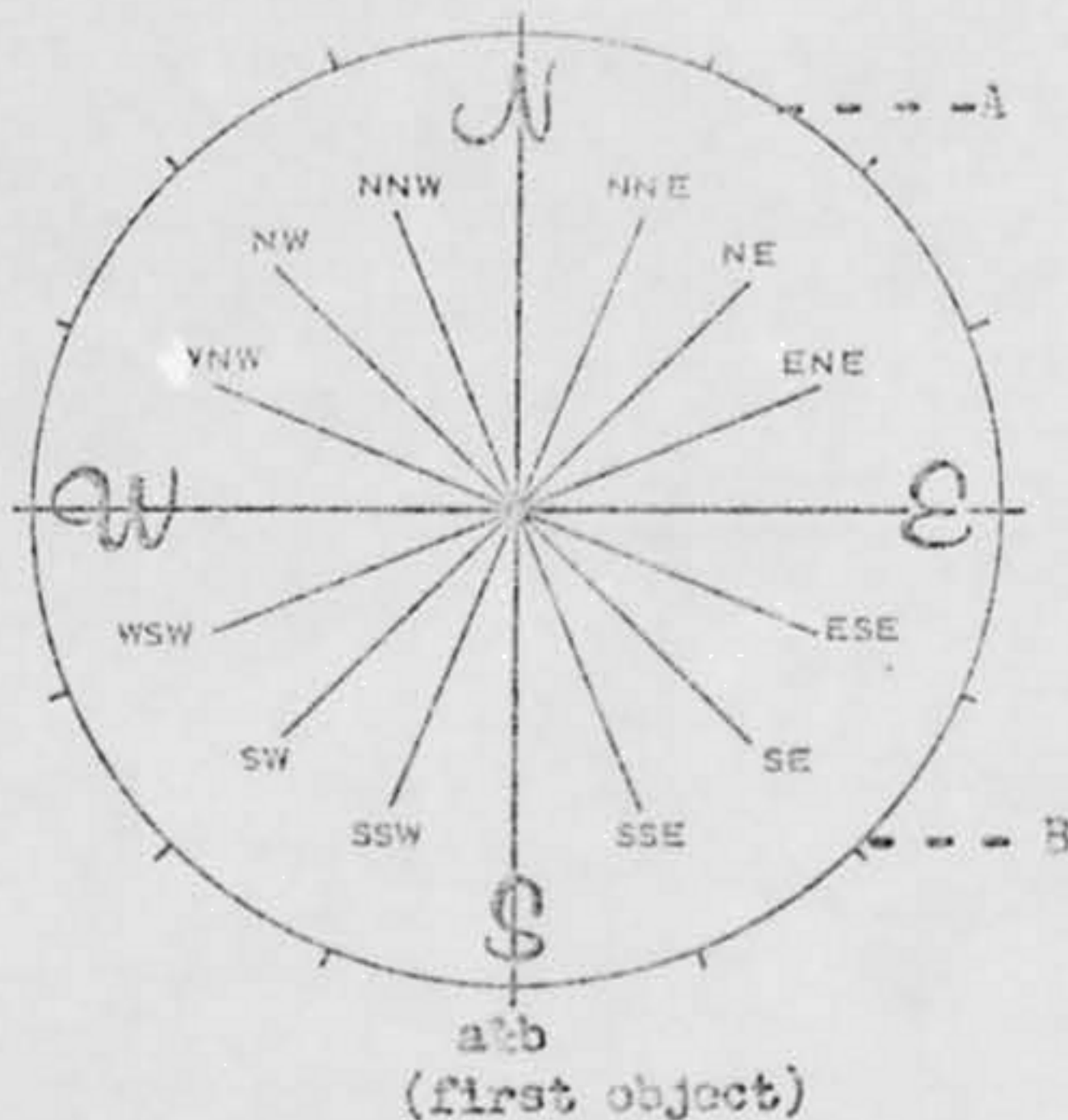
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		DATE		COORDINATION	
2				FILE	
				INFORMATION	
3				NOTE AND RETURN	
				PER CONVERSATION	
4				SEE ME	
				SIGNATURE	
REMARKS The attached report was submitted to the IO, Nellis AFB. I'm passing it on to FTD for your information.					
FROM		DATE			
<i>DM</i> DAVID L. MILLER, Capt, USAF TFWC(CDI) TFWC UFO Officer		4 Dec 1968			
		PHONE			
		643-4593			

*Second Hand is
Observer's
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THIS REPORT INCLUDES
5 PHOTOS $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$

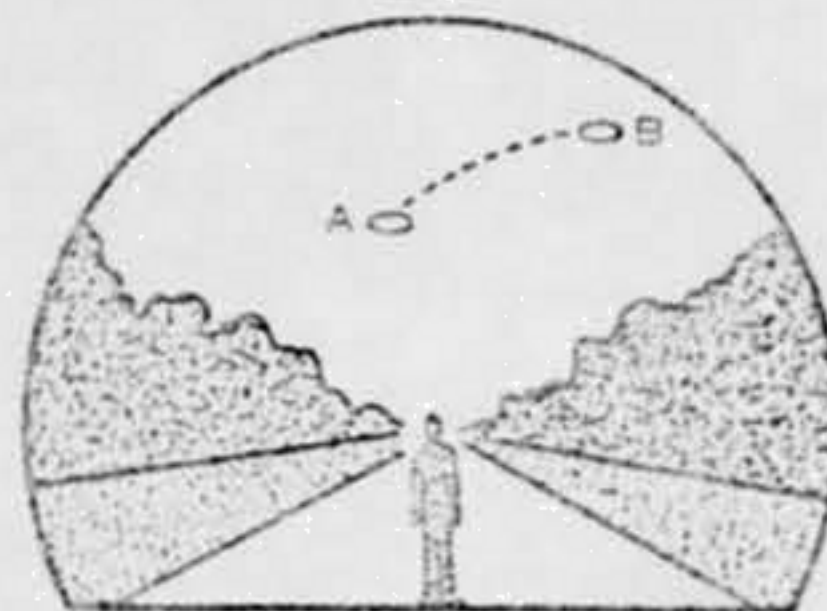
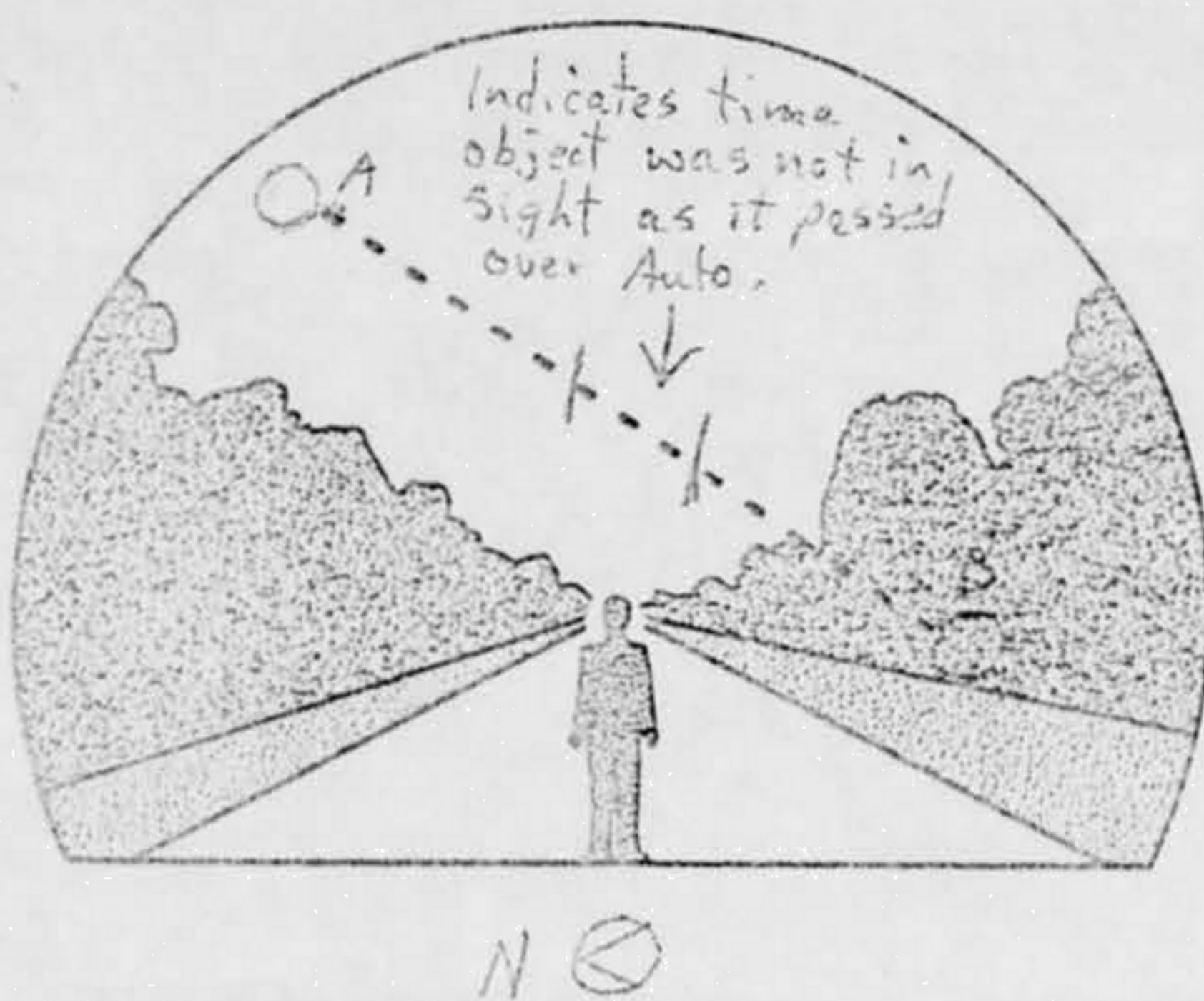
6. NOW IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE COMPASS ROSE. PLACE AN "A" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE COMPASS TO INDICATE THE DIRECTION TO THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN.

Observer was moving in his auto and slowing down to get a better look. "B" indicates position of second object after it became stationary.



7. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN FIRST SEEN. AND A "B" AT THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON WHEN LAST SEEN. CONNECT THE "A" AND "B" WITH A LINE TO APPROXIMATE THE MOVEMENT OF THE PHENOMENON BETWEEN "A" AND "B". THAT IS, SCHEMATICALLY SHOW WHETHER THE MOVEMENT APPEARED TO BE STRAIGHT, CURVED OR ZIG-ZAG. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.

This sketch shows second object only. First object was stationary.
Third object is shown elsewhere in this report.



SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENA QUESTIONNAIRE

BUDGET BUREAU APPROVAL
NUMBER 21-0258

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HAS BEEN PREPARED SO THAT YOU CAN GIVE THE U.S. AIR FORCE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING THE UNIDENTIFIED PHENOMENON THAT YOU HAVE OBSERVED. PLEASE TRY TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE WILL BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF YOUR STATEMENTS OR CONCLUSIONS WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION. RETURN TO AIR FORCE BASE INVESTIGATOR FOR FORWARDING TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO 45433, IAW AFR 80-17. (IF ADDITIONAL SHEETS ARE NEEDED FOR NARRATIVE OR SKETCHES ATTACH SECURELY TO THIS FORM OR ANNOTATE WITH YOUR NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

1. WHEN DID YOU SEE THE PHENOMENON?

DAY 28 MONTH October YEAR 1968

2. WHAT TIME DID YOU FIRST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 11 MINUTES 20 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

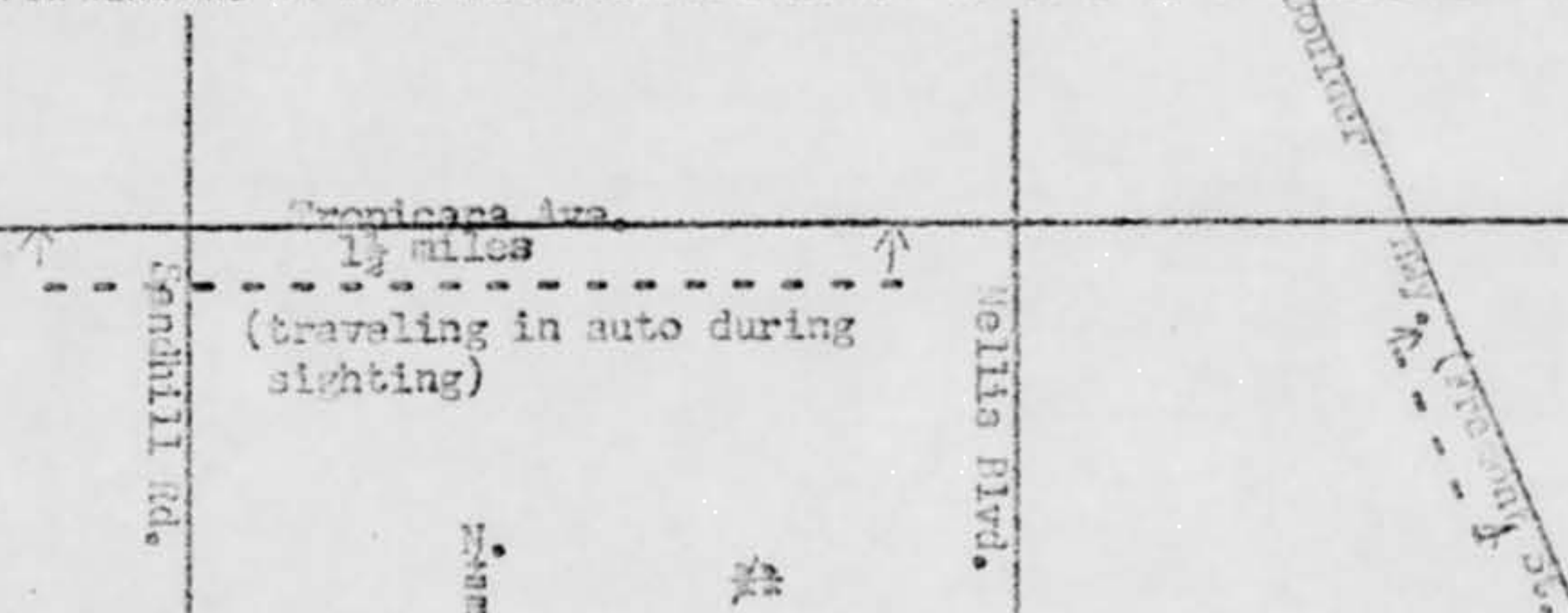
3. WHAT TIME DID YOU LAST SIGHT THE PHENOMENON?

HOUR 11 MINUTES 45 ☐ A.M. ☒ P.M.

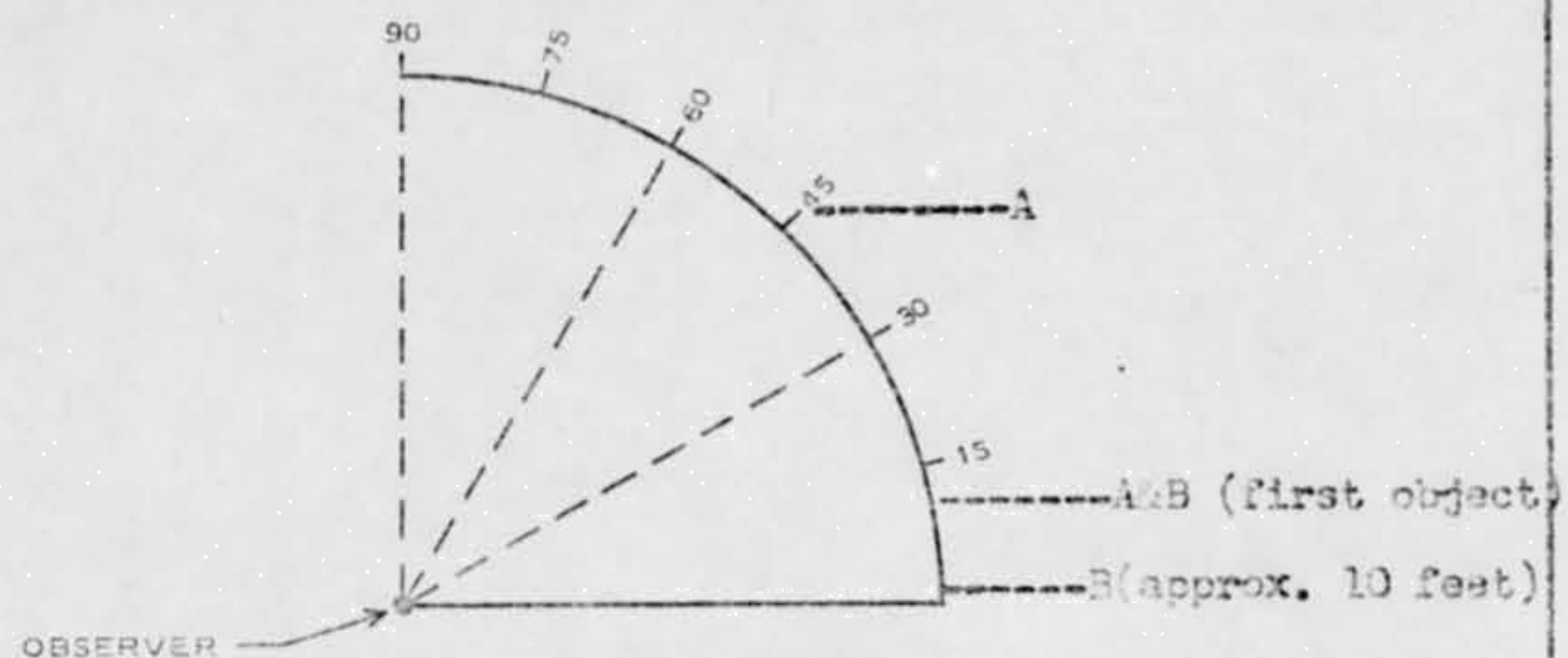
4. TIME ZONE

☐ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS☒ STANDARD☐ EASTERN☐ CENTRAL☐ MOUNTAIN☒ PACIFIC☐ OTHER

5. WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? IF IN CITY, GIVE THE NEAREST STREET ADDRESS AND INDICATE ON A HAND DRAWN MAP WHERE YOU WERE STANDING WITH REFERENCE TO THE ADDRESS. IF IN THE COUNTRY, IDENTIFY THE HIGHWAY YOU WERE ON OR NEAR AND TRY TO FIX A DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM SOME RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARK.



6. IMAGINE YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH, PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE PHENOMENON WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON, OR SKYLINE, WHEN FIRST SEEN. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH ABOVE THE HORIZON THE PHENOMENON WAS WHEN LAST SEEN.

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10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?

11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)			
A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
☐ DAY		☐ CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	☐ FOG OR MIST
☐ TWILIGHT		☐ CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herbie-bone)	☐ HEAVY RAIN
☒ NIGHT			☐ LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
☒ CLEAR		☐ NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	☐ HAIL
☐ PARTLY CLOUDY		☐ CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	☐ SNOW OR SLEET
☐ COMPLETELY OVERCAST			☐ UNKNOWN
		☐ HAZE OR SMOG	☒ NONE OF THE ABOVE

C. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS		(2) MOON	
☐ NONE		☐ BRIGHT MOONLIGHT	☐ NO MOONLIGHT
☐ A FEW		☐ MOON WITH HALO	☐ UNKNOWN
☒ MANY		☐ MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS	
☐ UNKNOWN		☒ PARTIAL (New or quarter)	

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

☐ IN FRONT OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR RIGHT	☐ OVERHEAD (Near noon)
☐ IN BACK OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR LEFT	☐ UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

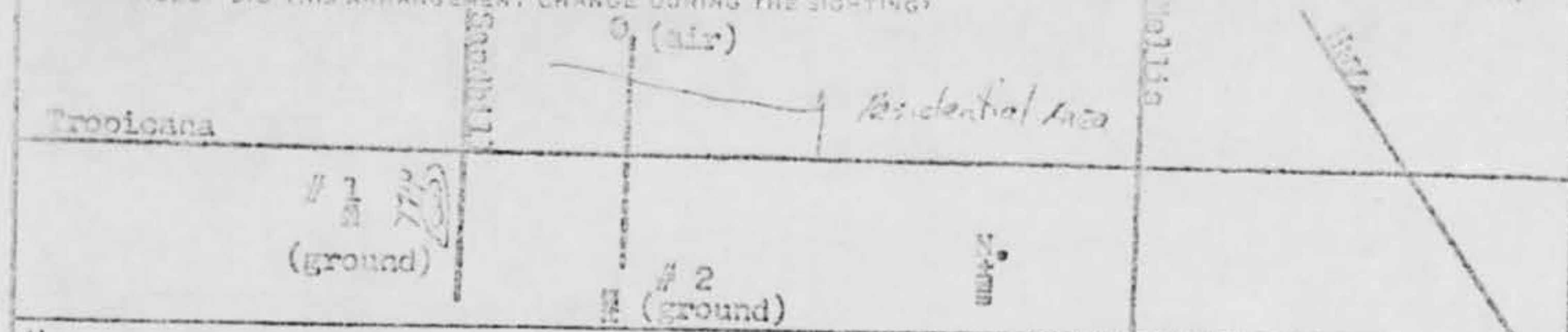
The beam produced by movie projector. approx 5-10 ft to the left

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

It seems to be a self-luminous light seem to be white with an occasional bright red blinking flash, which showed no pattern. It seemed solid from where I saw it. The edges were sharp as to out line.  or oval like that drawn is the way it looked when seen. The stars seen were fuzzy with no definite shape

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? (Check appropriate blocks.)			
OUTDOORS		IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY	
IN BUILDING		IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY	
☒ IN CAR	☒ AS DRIVER	☐ AS PASSENGER	☒ IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE near residential
IN BOAT		☒ NEAR AIRFIELD three miles from McCarran	
IN AIRPLANE		☐ AS PILOT	☐ AS PASSENGER
OTHER		FLYING OVER CITY	
		FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY	
		OTHER	
A. IF YOU WERE IN A VEHICLE, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:			
WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING?		HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?	
NORTH	☒ EAST	45 m.p.h. - slowed to 25 m.p.h.	
SOUTH	WEST	DID YOU STOP ANYTIME WHILE OBSERVING THE PHENOMENON?	
NORTHEAST	SOUTHEAST	☐ YES ☒ NO	
NORTHWEST	SOUTHWEST		
EXPLAIN WHETHER SUCH MOVEMENT AFFECTS YOUR SKETCHES IN ITEMS 5 AND 6.			
No! Movement compensated for.			
DESCRIBE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WERE IN AND TYPE OF ROAD, TERRAIN OR BODY OF WATER YOU TRAVERSED DURING THE SIGHTING. STATE WHETHER WINDOWS OR CONVERTIBLE TOP WERE UP OR DOWN.			
1953 Ford 2 dr. sedan, windows down - asphalt road - desert area.			
HOW MUCH OTHER TRAFFIC WAS THERE?			
None.			
DID YOU NOTICE ANY AIRPLANES? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE WHEN THEY WERE IN SIGHT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING THE PHENOMENON AND WHERE THEY WERE IN THE SKY RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF THE PHENOMENON.			
9. HOW LONG WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT?			
LENGTH OF TIME	CERTAIN OF TIME	NOT VERY SURE	
5 minutes	☒ FAIRLY CERTAIN	JUST A GUESS	
HOW WAS TIME DETERMINED?			
Distance between 1st sighting and highway.			
WAS THE PHENOMENON IN SIGHT CONTINUOUSLY? ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "NO," INDICATE WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO YOUR MOVEMENT OR THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PHENOMENON, AND DESCRIBE SUCH MOVEMENT OR BEHAVIOR. INDICATE DISAPPEARANCES ON PREVIOUS SKETCHES.			
Second object was out of sight for about 3 seconds as it passed over the auto. The second object was again out of sight from just before Nellis Blvd. was crossed until several seconds after turning South on the Boulder Hwy. where the witness caught another short glimpse of the object as he looked Westward across the desert. A third object was seen in the sky approximately W.N.W. from the witness's home by the witness and his wife about 11:45 p.m. A description of the third object appears elsewhere in this report.			

10. IF THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE PHENOMENON, HOW MANY WERE THERE? DRAW A PICTURE TO SHOW HOW THEY WERE ARRANGED. DID THIS ARRANGEMENT CHANGE DURING THE SIGHTING?



11. CONDITIONS (Check appropriate blocks.)

A. SKY		B. WEATHER	
☐ DAY		☐ CUMULUS CLOUDS (Low fluffy)	☐ FOG OR MIST
☐ TWILIGHT		☐ CIRRUS CLOUDS (High fleecy or Herring-bone)	☐ HEAVY RAIN
☒ NIGHT		☐ NIMBUS CLOUDS (Rain)	☐ LIGHT RAIN OR DRIZZLE
☒ CLEAR		☐ CUMULONIMBUS CLOUDS (Thunderstorms)	☐ HAIL
☐ PARTLY CLOUDY		☐ HAZE OR SMOG	☐ SNOW OR SLEET
☐ COMPLETELY OVERCAST			☐ UNKNOWN
			☒ NONE OF THE ABOVE

12. IF THE SIGHTING WAS AT TWILIGHT OR NIGHT, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE STARS AND MOON?

(1) STARS	(2) MOON in it's 1st quarter.
☐ NONE	☐ BRIGHT MOONLIGHT
☐ A FEW	☐ MOON WITH HALO
☐ MANY	☒ UNKNOWN However, night wasn't dark.
☒ UNKNOWN	☐ MOON HIDDEN BY CLOUDS
	☐ PARTIAL (New or quarter)

D. IF SIGHTING WAS IN DAYLIGHT, WAS THE SUN VISIBLE? ☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," WHERE WAS THE SUN AS YOU FACED THE PHENOMENON?

☐ IN FRONT OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR RIGHT	☐ OVERHEAD (Near noon)
☐ IN BACK OF YOU	☐ TO YOUR LEFT	☐ UNKNOWN

E. SPECIFY THE MAJOR SOURCE OF ILLUMINATION PRESENT DURING THE SIGHTING, SUCH AS THE SUN, HEADLIGHTS OR STREET LAMP, ETC. FOR TERRESTRIAL ILLUMINATION, SPECIFY DISTANCE TO LIGHT SOURCE.

None, except for possible moonlight and light from objects.

12. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHENOMENON, INDICATING WHETHER IT APPEARED DARK OR LIGHT, WHETHER IT REFLECTED LIGHT OR WAS SELF-LUMINOUS AND WHAT COLORS YOU NOTICED. DESCRIBE YOUR IMPRESSION OF WHETHER IT WAS SOLID OR TRANSPARENT, WHETHER EDGES WERE SHARP OR FUZZY. DESCRIBE THE SHAPE OR INDICATE IF IT APPEARED AS A POINT OF LIGHT. INDICATE COMPARISONS WITH OTHER OBSERVED OBJECTS, LIKE STARS, A LIGHT OR OTHER OBJECT IN YOUR FIELD OF VIEW.

Second Object: Appeared as a large round, bright, white light until it came to a stop and hovered over the desert (10 or 15 ft.) at which time the large white light went off and many alternately red, white, and blue lights (about the size of auto spotlights) began a sequential square pattern around an undefinable dark shape.

First Object: Appeared as the sequential lights described above.

Third Object: Appeared as a round, bright, white light and changing to an oval bright red light, then back to a round, bright, white light.

13. DID THE PHENOMENON		YES	NO	UNKNOWN
MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	Second Object	X		
STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?	All three objects	X		
SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?			X	
BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?			X	
CHANGE COLOR?	Third Object	X		
GIVE OFF SMOKE?			X	
CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?			X	
CHANGE SHAPE?	Third Object	X		
FLASH OR FLICKER?	sequential lights on 1st & 2nd Objects	X		
DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?	Third Object	X		
SPIN LIKE A TOP?				X
MAKE A NOISE?			X	
FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?			X	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

The first object (sequential light pattern) looked strange, however, witness did not pay too much attention to it. When he saw the second object (bright light) in the sky moving rapidly towards him, he felt that something was strange. He estimates that the second object was about three miles away when he first saw it and the fact that it took less than thirty seconds for it to travel from there to stop abruptly 300 or 400 yards away over the desert convinced him that he was not watching a common object. When the white light went out and the sequential pattern of smaller lights began as in the first object, he had no further doubts. The third sighting by him and his wife upheld his convictions even more.

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

The first object was lost out of sight behind a sandhill as the witness drove east past Sandhill Rd. The second object was lost to sight as he drove on, as described in question 9. The third object disappeared by vanishing as if the light had been turned off.

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?

☐ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

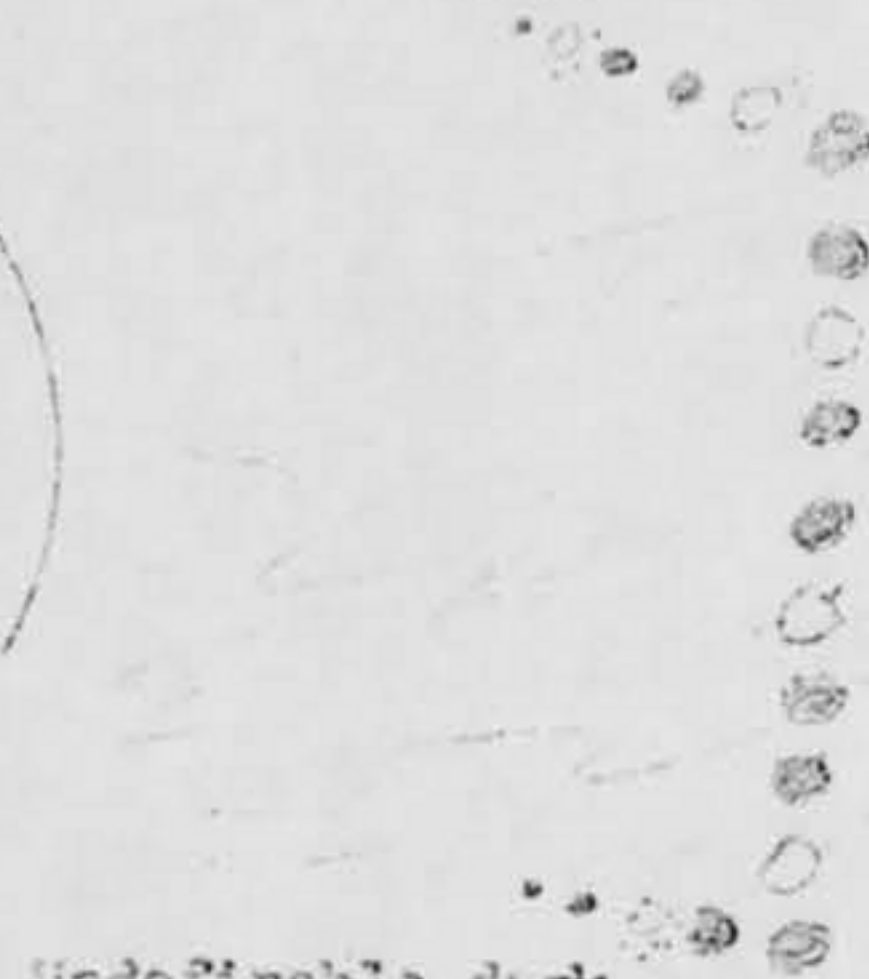
15. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE PHENOMENON. INCLUDE AND LABEL ANY DETAILS THAT MIGHT HAVE APPEARED AS WINGS OR PROTRUSIONS, AND INDICATE EXHAUST OR VAPOR TRAILS. INDICATE BY AN ARROW THE DIRECTION THE PHENOMENON WAS MOVING.

Fig. 1 shows second object as it first appeared. Fig. 2 Shows first object as it appeared and the second object as it appeared after the large light went out.

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Red, white, and blue
lights blinking in
rapid sequential pattern
from top to bottom.

Undefinable dark
shape

15. WHAT WAS THE ANGULAR SIZE? HOLD A MATCH AT ARM'S LENGTH IN FRONT OF A KNOWN OBJECT, SUCH AS A STREET LAMP OR THE MOON. NOTE HOW MUCH OF THE OBJECT IS COVERED BY THE HEAD OF THE MATCH. NOW IF YOU HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THIS EXPERIMENT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, ESTIMATE WHAT FRACTION OF THE PHENOMENON WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED BY THE MATCH HEAD.

$\frac{1}{2}$ of second object in it's bright light form as it hovered stationary 300 to 400 yards South of Tropicana Ave.

22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☐ YES ☒ NO IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION.			
23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? ☒ YES ☐ NO. <u>Wife at home observed third object only after he arrived home alone.</u>			
A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES			
* Witness wishes to remain anonymous in regards to publicity and the Air Force in particular. If you need further information it is advisable to contact Mr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Tuesday thru Thursday or [REDACTED] after midnight Friday thru Tuesday. Or write to [REDACTED], Las Vegas, Nevada.			
24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF			
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME			
* See above			
ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code)			
TELEPHONE (Area code and number)	AGE	☒ MALE	☐ FEMALE
None	25 (approx.)		
INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.			
The witness is employed as a mechanic. He has observed many aircraft in their take-off and landing patterns. This investigator was impressed by his sincerity and fear of ridicule. He consented to talk to me only after a mutual friend convinced him of my own sincerity and seriousness regarding the matter. I was able to put him more at ease after explaining the purpose of the investigation and the type of people interested in these reports. I also showed him a few (generally accepted as authentic) photographs and assured him that he was not the only person to see these phenomenon.			
25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?			
NAME [REDACTED]	DAY 6	MONTH November	YEAR 1968
26. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.			
	DAY 6	MONTH November	YEAR 1968

17. DID YOU OBSERVE THE PHENOMENON THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? INCLUDE INFORMATION ON MODEL, TYPE, FILTER, LENS, PRESCRIPTION OR OTHER APPLICABLE DATA.

EYEGASSES	CAMERA VIEWER
SUNGLASSES	BINOCULARS
WINDSHIELD <i>second object in air only</i>	TELESCOPE
SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE	THEODOLITE
WINDOWPANE	OTHER

A. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

B. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO

18. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE SPEED OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF SPEED *faster than jet*

19. WHAT WAS YOUR IMPRESSION OF THE DISTANCE OF THE PHENOMENON? GIVE ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE *400 yards*

20. IN ORDER THAT WE MAY OBTAIN AS CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH, WHEN PLACED IN THE SKY, SIMILAR TO WHERE YOU NOTED THE PHENOMENON, WOULD BEAR SOME RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT YOU SAW. DESCRIBE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COMMON OBJECT AND WHAT YOU SAW.

Second Object: A bright spotlight twice the size of a military tactical fighter jet.

21. DID YOU NOTICE ANY ODOR, NOISE, OR HEAT EMANATING FROM THE PHENOMENON OR ANY EFFECT ON YOURSELF, ANIMALS OR MACHINERY IN THE VICINITY? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

When the first object was sighted, the witness thinks he noticed a little bit of static on his car radio. However, he did not notice any static when the second object was sighted.

A. DID THE PHENOMENON DISTURB THE GROUND OR LEAVE ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. ☐ YES ☒ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

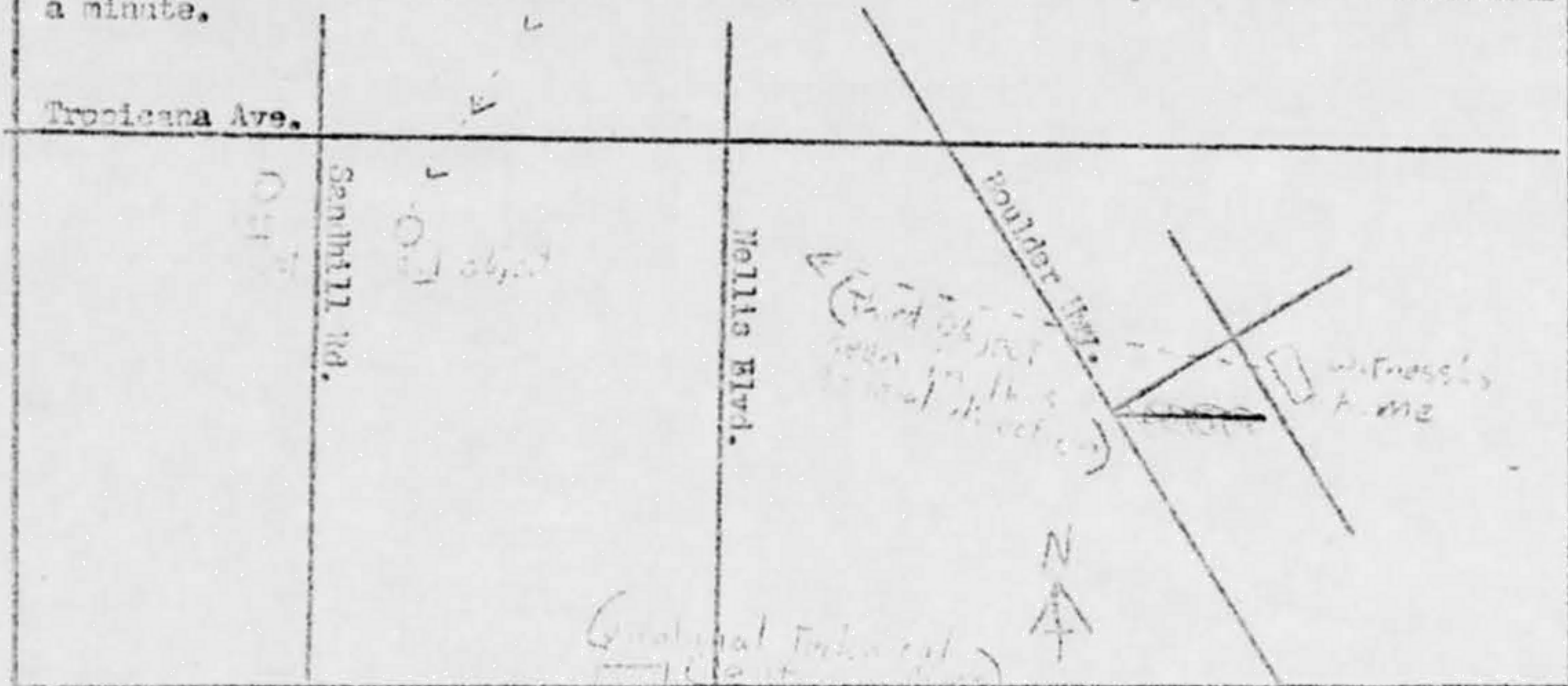
The area has been searched by this investigator, but not thoroughly. No ground evidence has yet been discovered. However, investigator noticed three dead animals in the vicinity; a coyote, a cat, and an unidentified animal. The coyote's and cat's facial expressions were grotesquely distorted, their mouths being open with blackened tongues protruding. Their flesh and fur seemed intact except for being dried out by the desert sun. The third animal was smashed beyond recognition. They were discovered Nov. 7, 1968. They appeared to have been there for at least

a week or more.

27. INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS PERTINENT BUT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATELY COVERED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. ALTERNATIVELY PROVIDE A NARRATIVE EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTING.

This sighting was brought to my attention by a friend of mine who knows the witness and has an interest in aerial phenomena as I do. The witness mentioned it to my friend, knowing that he was an openminded person, however, when he mentioned it to others, he met with ridicule (including his wife, until she saw the third object). I was able to meet with him and get his report through the mediation of my friend (see question 24).

The witness was on his way home from work when he saw the first object about 200 yards South of Tropicana Ave. just West of Sandhill Rd. At this time he did not pay too much attention to what he saw. After he had just passed East of Sandhill Rd. he saw the second object through his (driver's) window which was open. The object was about three miles away at a 45 degree angle to the horizon in the approximate direction of NNE or NE. He was curious as he watched the object grow larger and in a period of time no longer than 30 seconds the object traveled in a straight line over Tropicana Ave. and stopped abruptly, without slowing down, and hovered about 10 or 15 feet over the desert 300 or 400 yards SE of the witness. As stated elsewhere in this report, the bright light went out and the sequential lights began their pattern after the object was stationary. The witness had been traveling East on Tropicana Ave. at about 45 mph when he saw the first object and slowed to 25 mph when he sighted the second object. He never stopped but kept the object in view until just before he crossed Nellis Blvd. where a residential section blocked his vision. After making a right turn onto the Boulder Hwy. he glanced back towards the area where he had last seen the object and could still see the flickering lights. After the witness arrived home, he and his wife, standing in front of their house, observed the third object in the sky approximately to the West or WNW. The third object appeared as a bright red oval and described two semi-arcs almost straight up where it stopped abruptly and changed to a round bright white light; it then dropped straight down to about the same spot where it was first seen where it again abruptly stopped and changed back to a bright red oval; it described two more semi-arcs almost straight up and vanished as if the light had been extinguished. This took place in less than half a minute.



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The strip map on the preceding page shows the objects as they were in relation to each other. The sketch on this page shows the maneuvers of the third object as viewed from the ~~witnesses~~ witness's home.

The accompanying polaroid photographs show the general areas of the sightings and are numbered and labeled and their meanings are as follows:

1. Shows area of sky in which third object was seen from in front of witnesses house.
2. Shows general area of first and second sighting as seen from the Boulder Hwy. Red arrow points to North end of mesa where the Vocational Technical Center is located and which appears in photo # 3. Black arrow points to approximate location of the second object as it hovered over the ground.
3. In this and the following photographs, the Volkswagen can be used as a reference point; it is facing approximately SSE. The red arrow points to the Vocational Technical Center as is shown in photo # 2. Notice the mesa it rests upon.
4. Shows the approximate area the second object hovered over. View is looking South from Tropicana Ave. East of Sandhill Rd. Red arrow points to approximate location of second object.
5. The view is Southwestward. The road is Tropicana Ave. heading West. The three small telephone poles in the background mark Sandhill Rd. going South. The red arrow points to the sandhill, beyond which the first object was sighted and which blocked the view of the first object after ^{it was} on this side of it. The second object was first sighted just this side of Sandhill Rd.

Although I have not devoted as much time to investigating this report as I would like to, I will submit this report now before it gets too cold.

Please address any correspondence to the investigator:

~~REDACTED~~
~~REDACTED~~
 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89110

REPORT COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED: ~~REDACTED~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 4600TH AIR BASE WING (ADC)
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO 80912



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: WGOOT-B

3 December 1968

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 30 Oct 1968

TO: FTD (TDETR)
Wright-Patterson AFB

1. As requested by Lt Colonel Quintanilla in telephone conversation 21 Nov 1968, the attached sighting is submitted.

2. The following information, in addition to the statement of the observer, is to further clarify data requested in AFR 80-17(C1) questionnaire:

Para 6A. Object was North of observer. Object last seen as it disappeared from view over the top of observer's car. Observer remained in the car.

7. Object moved in a straight line directly toward observer.

9. 2-3 minutes continuous before object moved toward observer. Time determined by looking at wrist watch.

11A. Day - just after sun went down behind mountains.

11B. Clear.

11C. Moon was South of observer - 45° above horizon.

14. Just observed in field of vision.

17A. No

17B. No

18. Unable to estimate.

21A. No

22. No

23. No

3. During an interview with the observer, he gave the following information about his professional background:

- a. USAF Retired - serial number AF39765674
- b. 3 years - U. S. Army Intelligence
- c. 2 years - U. S. Army CID
- d. 15 years - USAF - Linguist, primarily in USAFE
- e. 6 years - British Intelligence Agent prior to U. S. military service
- f. Speaks 7 languages

4. Reliability of this report is extremely questionable. Mr. [REDACTED] was apprehended by U. S. Marshals on 20 November 1968 and is being held for arraignment on a charge of attempting to destroy a Continental Airlines aircraft on which he was a passenger. The FBI is currently investigating.

FOR THE COMMANDER


EDWARD L. STRICKER, Major, USAF
Asst Base Operations Officer

1 Atch
Report of Sighting, Lawrence
[REDACTED]

13.	DID THE PHENOMENON	YES	NO	UNKNOWN
	MOVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE?	✓		
	STAND STILL AT ANYTIME?	✓		
	SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUN AWAY?	✓	✓	
	BREAK UP IN PARTS AND EXPLODE?		✓	
	CHANGE COLOR?		✓	
	GIVE OFF SMOKE?		✓	
	CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	✓		
	CHANGE SHAPE?		✓	
	FLASH OR FLICKER?	✓		
	DISAPPEAR AND REAPPEAR?	✓		
	SPIN LIKE A TOP?		✓	
	MAKE A NOISE?		✓	
	FLUTTER OR WOBBLE?		✓	

14. WHAT DREW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PHENOMENON?

My girlfriend noticed it move & directed my attention to it

A. HOW DID IT FINALLY DISAPPEAR?

It shot off to the southwest at a great speed ✓?

B. DID THE PHENOMENON MOVE BEHIND OR IN FRONT OF SOMETHING, LIKE A CLOUD, TREE, OR BUILDING AT ANY TIME?
☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DESCRIBE.

It moved behind a movie screen then reappear.

Lake George, Colorado, 80827
October 30, 1968

To Whom it may concern:

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object

DATE: October 29, 1968. TIME: 1632 hours

LOCATION: [REDACTED] Tarryall District, 12 miles NW of Lake George,
Park County, 100 feet from NE edge of [REDACTED] Ranch.

WITNESS: [REDACTED]

OCCUPATION: P/Sgt., Air Force, Retired.

STATEMENT:

On Tuesday afternoon, October 29, I was nearing my home on return trip from Denver, driving on County Road #31, about five miles north of its juncture with Hgn #24, over which it rounds Badger Mt., crosses Badger Flats, descends to Marksbury Gulch, and on to Tarryall and Hgn #285. My ranch is situated west to east along the Marksbury Gulch in this valley. I was at the time at the highest point on this section of the road. Ahead of me were two minor descents, both on curves, where the road drops to the gulch level and where I turn left to reach my home. I first saw the object as I rounded the curve on the first of these two hills. It was less than a half mile straight ahead, and it was in a seemingly stationary position over and very close to a power line pole which is situated just a little beyond my turn-off lane.

This power line crosses the county road 100-200 feet beyond my lane and runs the length of the gulch parallel to my ranch. It is not the REA facility which services the area, but a huge trans-state industrial complex which was completed in my area about a year ago. It is my impression that it is not yet in operation, but this is only a surmise on my part. The particular pole is the first one after crossing the county road and stands

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about equal distance from both roads.

Inasmuch as I could see the pole clearly from my first sighting position, the object which was about three times as wide as the pole's length was very obvious. I had a few seconds of driving wherein I had an excellent view of it from an elevated position where I seemed to be on a near level with it, if not somewhat higher. I lost the view for a few seconds as I rounded the curve to the second descent.

At the top of the second hill I was afforded an even better view of the thing inasmuch as there was nothing between me and it but the low-lying terrain of the gulch. I immediately began braking and brought my car to a halt about $1/3$ way down hill. I was by this time $1/4$ mile from the object, a fact I have ascertained by measuring.

I checked the time, and it was exactly 4:32 p.m. I sat watching the object for exactly two minutes with my motor idling and held by foot brake. During this time I could discern no motion in or around it. Either it or I had changed positions enough that it now presented a slightly altered appearance which will be described in a later paragraph.

During this observation the object appeared oblivious to my presence. I had long ago decided that if the opportunity ever presented itself to me to encounter one of these highly-publicized things, in the interest of science, I would make some attempt to signal it and, if possible, establish contact. I, therefore, turned on my lights regretting that they would not make much show in daylight.

I cannot say if this is what roused it, but it did then begin to move out, and it headed straight to me as if making a pass. Its speed was not great, and I had a few seconds to observe it in a head-on position. (Again its appearance seemed altered.) To put it mildly, I was less than comfortable. Nevertheless, probably because there was nothing better to do, I remained

seated and watched it until I was required to crouch down to see it through my windshield. It passed out of view directly above my car at little more than tree top level.

Just as I lost sight of it through the windshield, I became conscious that my motor had quit. It was not a normal choke-out. The ignition key was on, but there were no generator or oil lights showing. (On my car these register on a stall.) The radio had been on, but it now went dead. I could no longer see the object and had no way of knowing if it were not hovering right over me. The most important things to me at the moment seemed to be to get my car running and get out of there. Not until later did I realize that I might have coasted a couple hundred feet. Instead, I pulled on the emergency brake and kept coaxing the ignition. Quite suddenly everything popped back on again. I then got out and took a look around, but the object had by then disappeared—no particular feat in that hilly and wooded area. It was 4:50 when I entered my house.

The sun sets early behind Mt. Badger in this area, and this had already occurred, though it could hardly be called twilight. There was still ample daylight to have an undistorted view of all landmarks. Daylight continued long enough for me to relate the experience to my wife and for both of us to return to the scene to check distances without the benefit of carlights.

OBSERVATIONAL DATA

1. At first observation it looked like an inverted bowl with a definite outline of a smaller dome on top. The Farryall Mountains formed a natural background for it, and it registered lower than the mountain tops. By use of the points of reference at hand, I estimated its overall length (or diameter) at 60-70 feet, or about three times the height of the pole. Its height, including dome, was roughly one half of this. It looked so near the pole that I was unable to detect a gap of space

between. (It should be remembered that I was seeing it from a higher elevation.) It was a dirty gray color and distinctive by its mass, solidity and continuity of line. Its outline was sharp against its background. Its dome made up about 1/3 of its height and was likewise sharp. Both it and main body gave the appearance of roundness, but, if not, the dome was pointing east and west. There were no other protuberances visible, nor no signs of openings nor markings.

2. At second point of viewing it was still in stationary position, but it looked higher above the pole--about as high again as the pole height, perhaps nearly 50 feet above ground. At this position I could see more of its under-belly and less of its dome. It was almost flat on bottom, but did reveal a minor bulge here. I still took it to be round and somewhat a hemisphere. Its size was still consistent with my earlier observation. Of what I could see of the dome, it no longer appeared to be round and seemed to have shifted. It appeared more elongated and angular on its farther side. It now pointed north with a rounded end toward me which was south. It looked to be 6-8 feet in width, and I could not judge its length or height while seeing it from this position. The whole object now looked quite metallic and was more of a natural aluminum color with the bottom showing a shade or two lighter than the rest of the object. There were still no visible protuberances or outlets. I particularly looked for USAF insignas or markings of some kind, but none was noted. There were no lights either within or without, and no evidence of propulsion. Its bulk and seeming solidity indicated great weight, yet it hung motionless in air without any visible means of support.

3. When it moved toward me, its appearance again altered to a more elongated shape. This may have been because there appeared to be a protrusion to the front which was triangular (somewhat like the prow of a ship) and which was a different color and texture than the rest of the body. I cannot say

if this protruding part was a solid or some force field, but it looked tangible, though not metallic. The nearest description I can offer is that it resembled somewhat stained glass. Its color was not constant, but was most nearly amber of a reddish shade. I caught one quick glimpse of some kind of beam or whitish light, but cannot say from where it originated. The rest of the ship was still gray and appeared darker than when it was not moving. Unexplainably, I cannot describe the under-belly; I do not seem to have seen it. This may be due to the fact that it was so strange and eerie that my mind was unable to collate it to common forms. It was completely silent, a fact I have no doubt of inasmuch as my car, now stopped, gave off no noise, and I ascertained that no wind was blowing, nor was there any other traffic on the road at this time. I think I experienced some physical reaction of a tingling vibration nature while it was near me, but it was not pronounced.

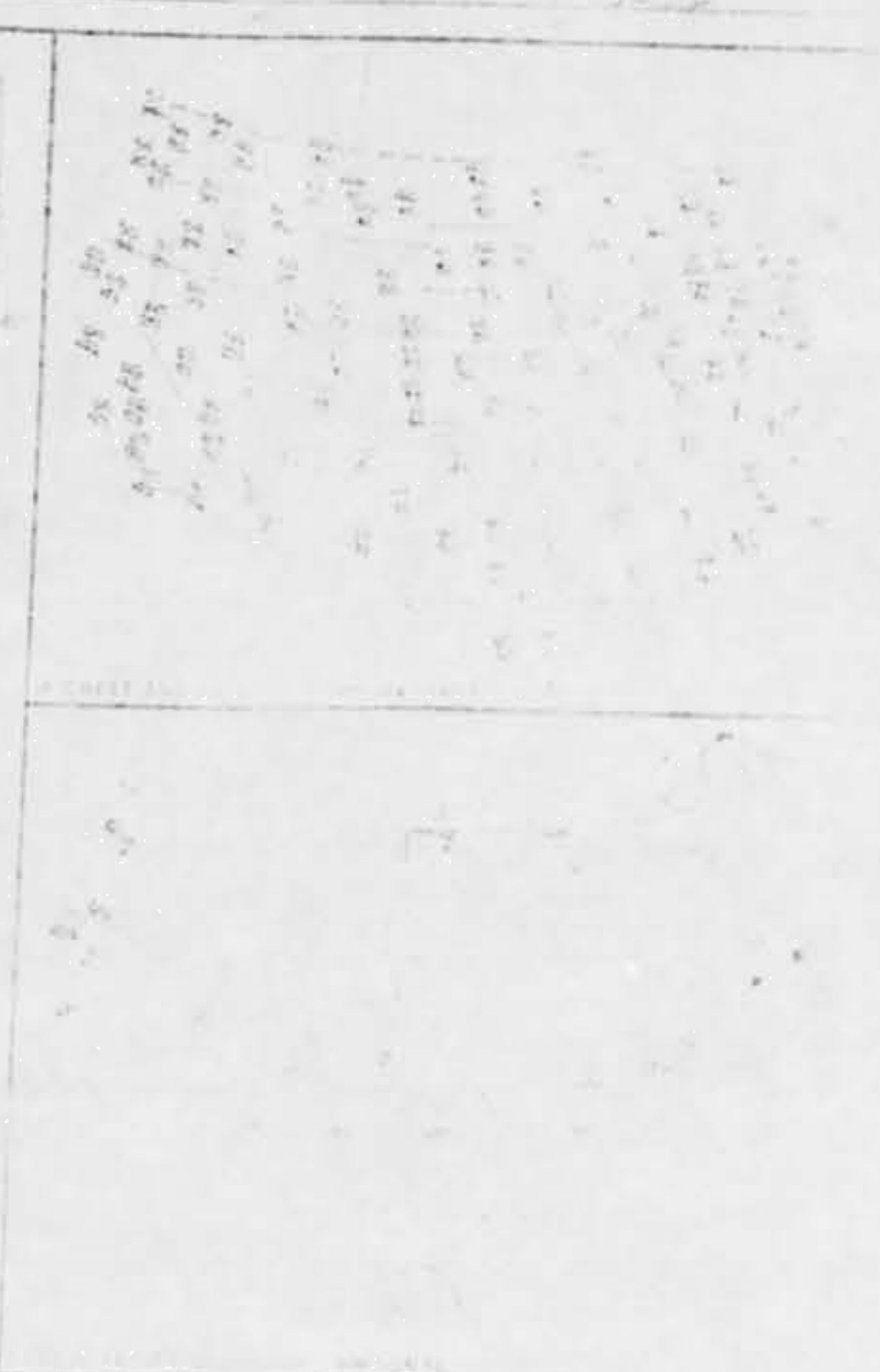
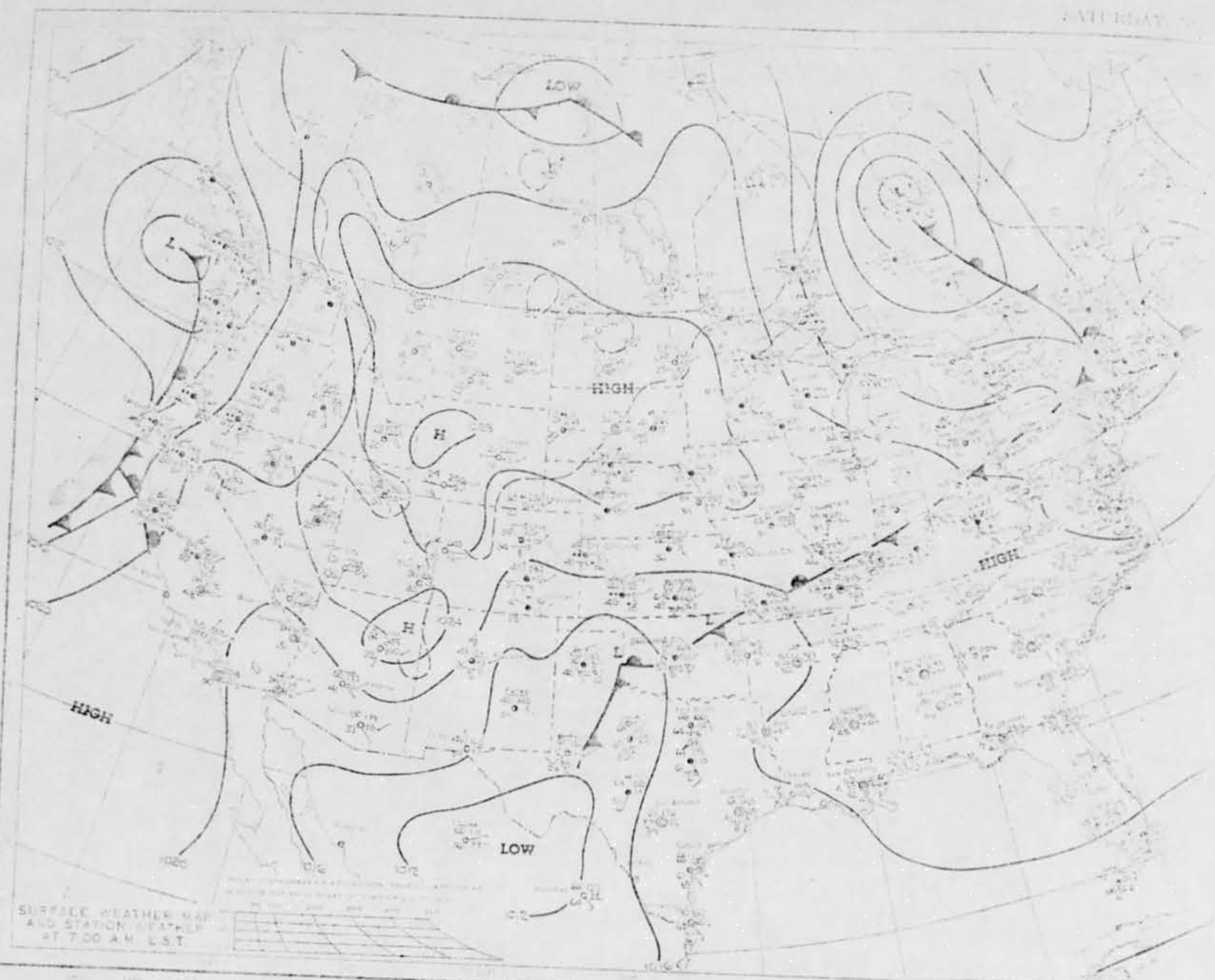
CONCLUSIONS

I cannot say what this thing was, but I think I am prepared to state some of the things it was not: It was no conventional flying craft with which I am familiar, and I worked with planes until leaving the Air Force only five months ago. It was not a balloon. It was not an astronomical body. It was not an optical illusion caused by lights and shadows since there were neither at this time of day. It was not a cloud, nor ball lightning. While I cannot prove it, I am certain it was not a mirage or hallucination.

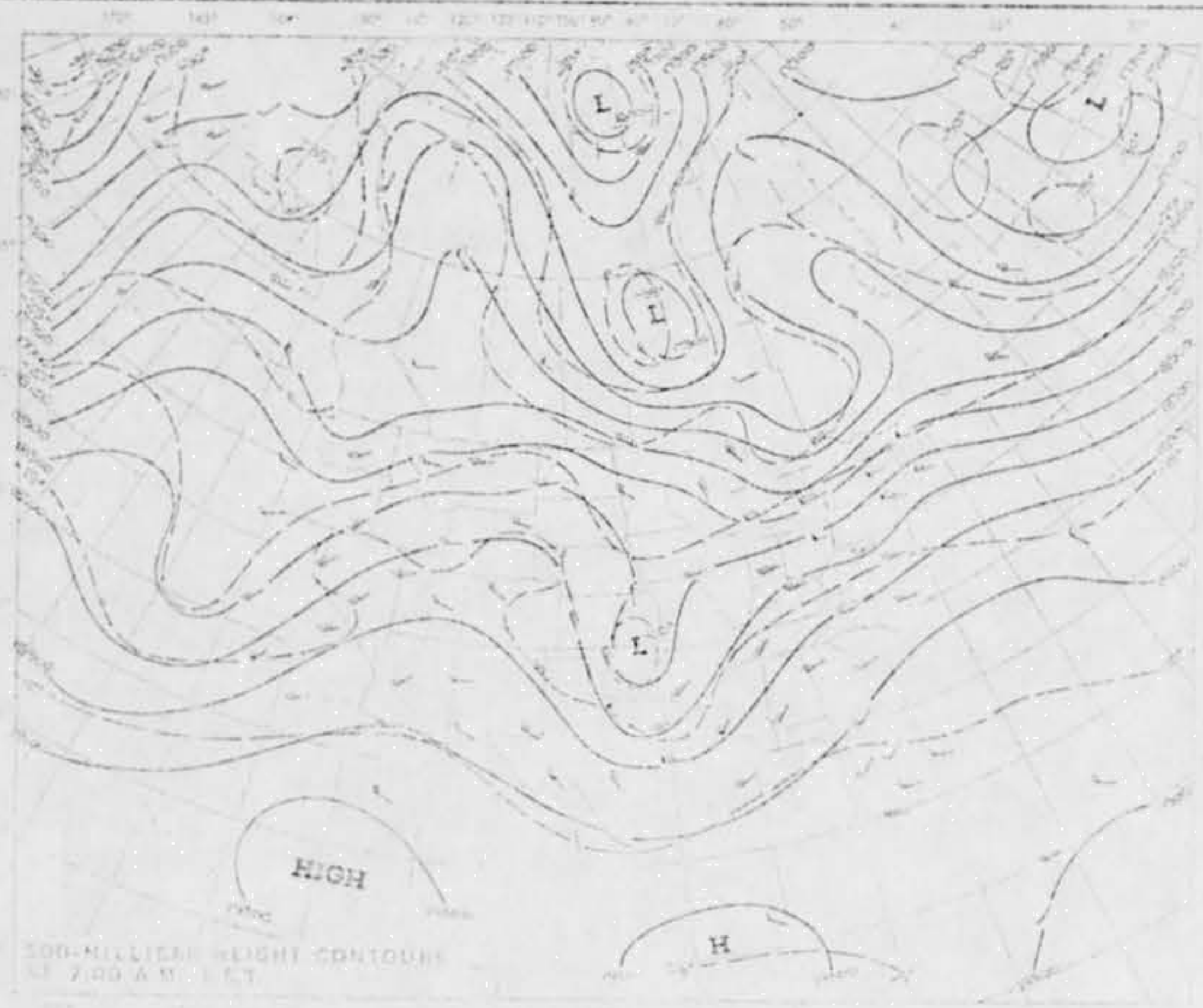
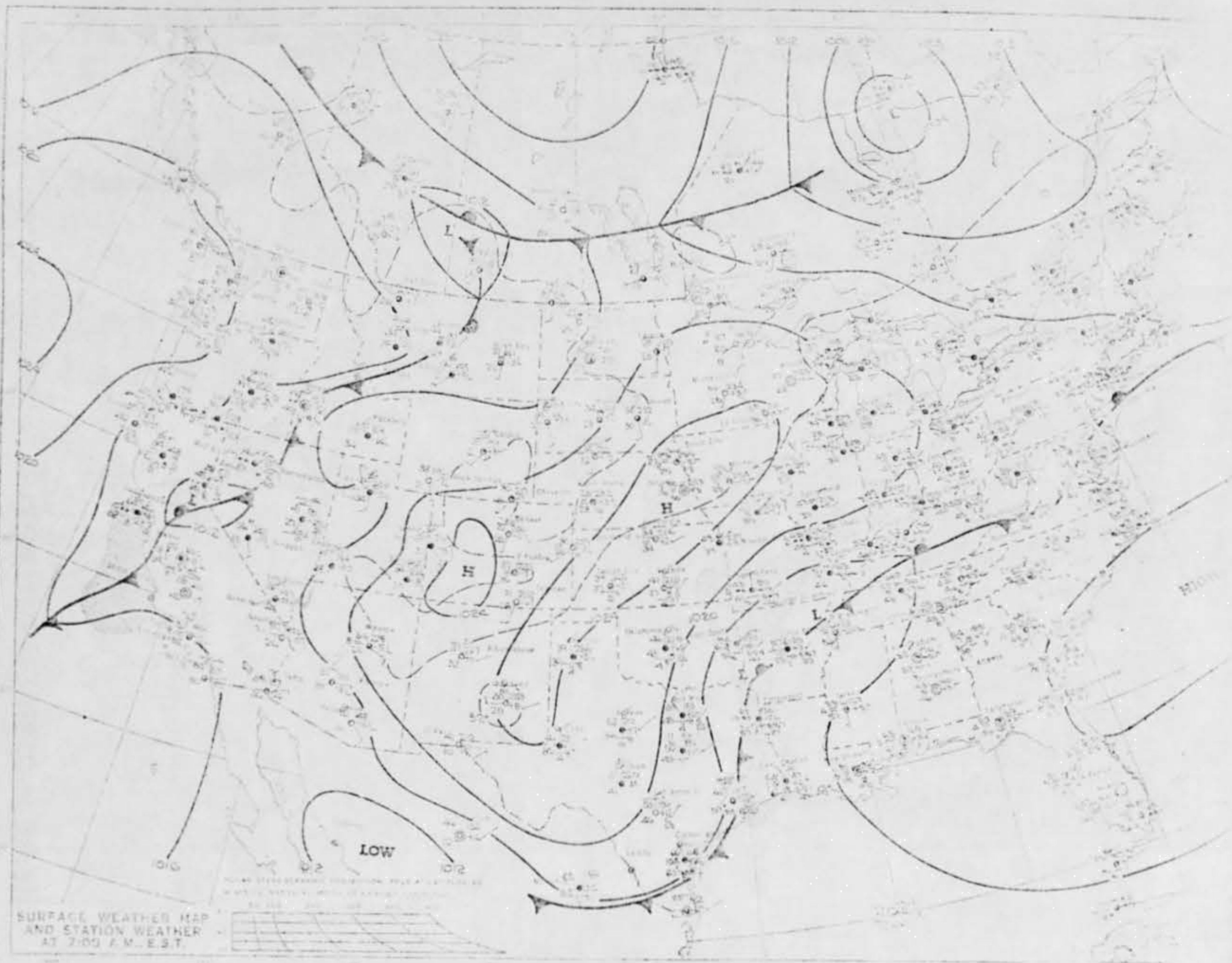
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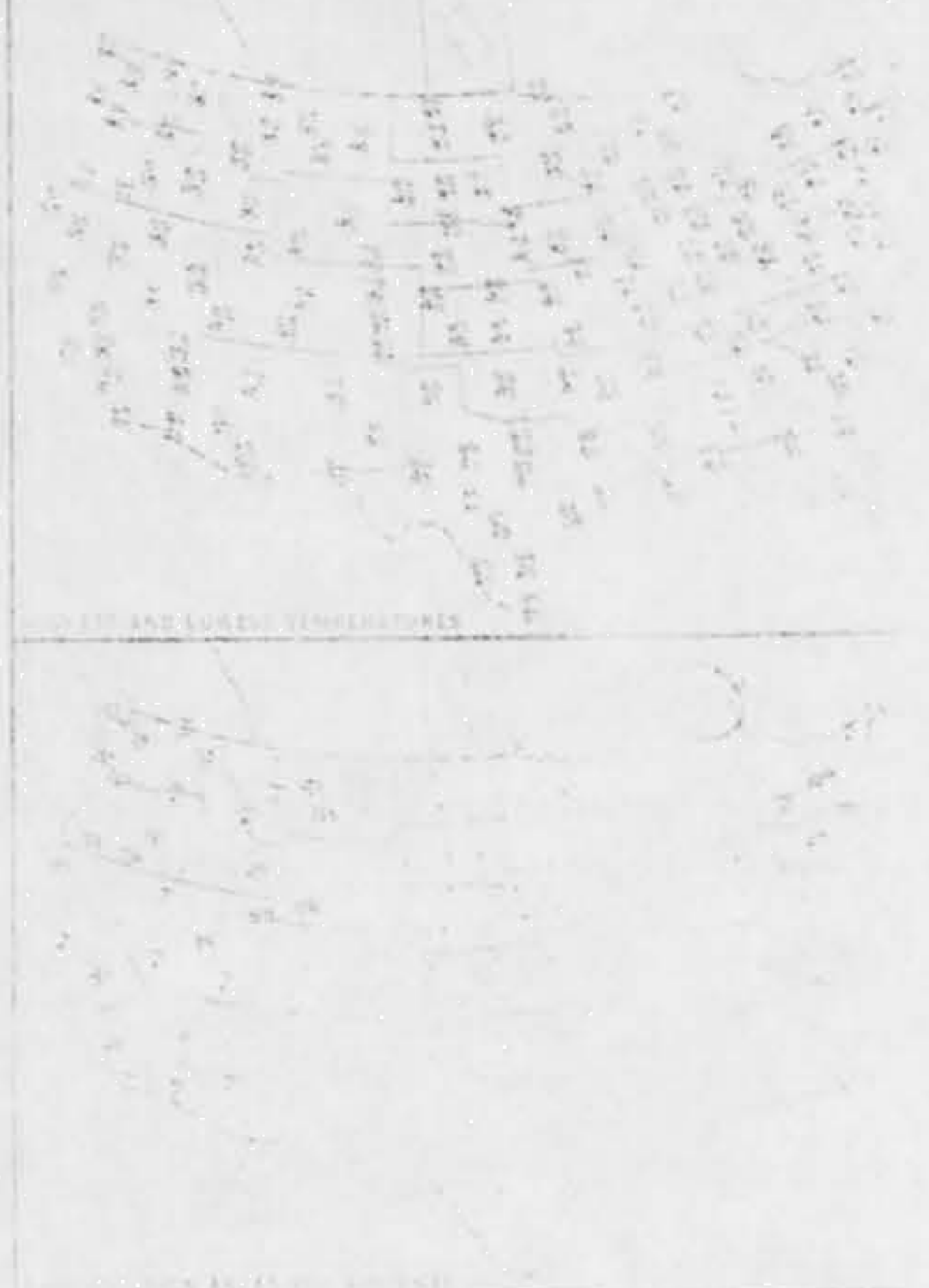
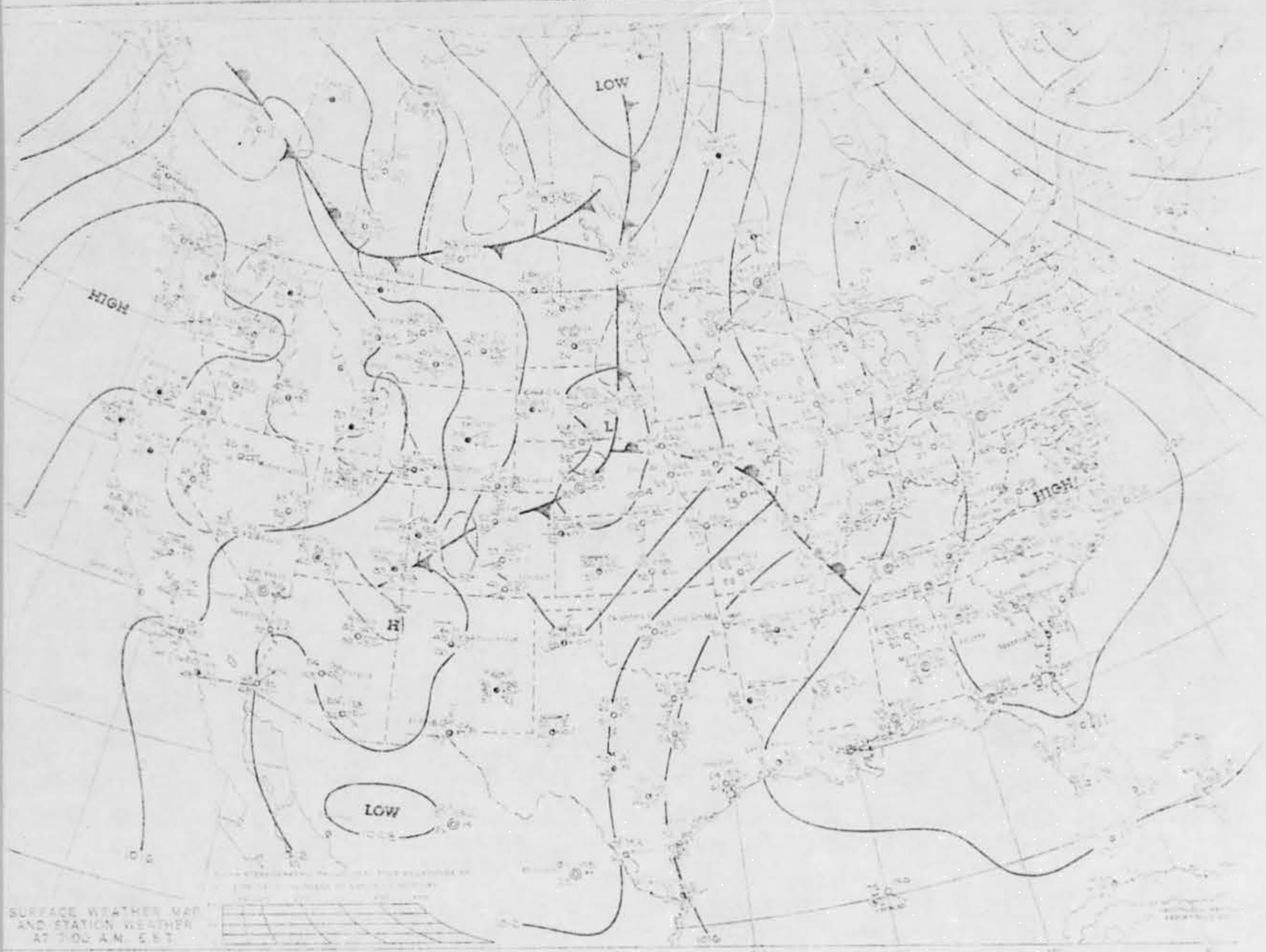
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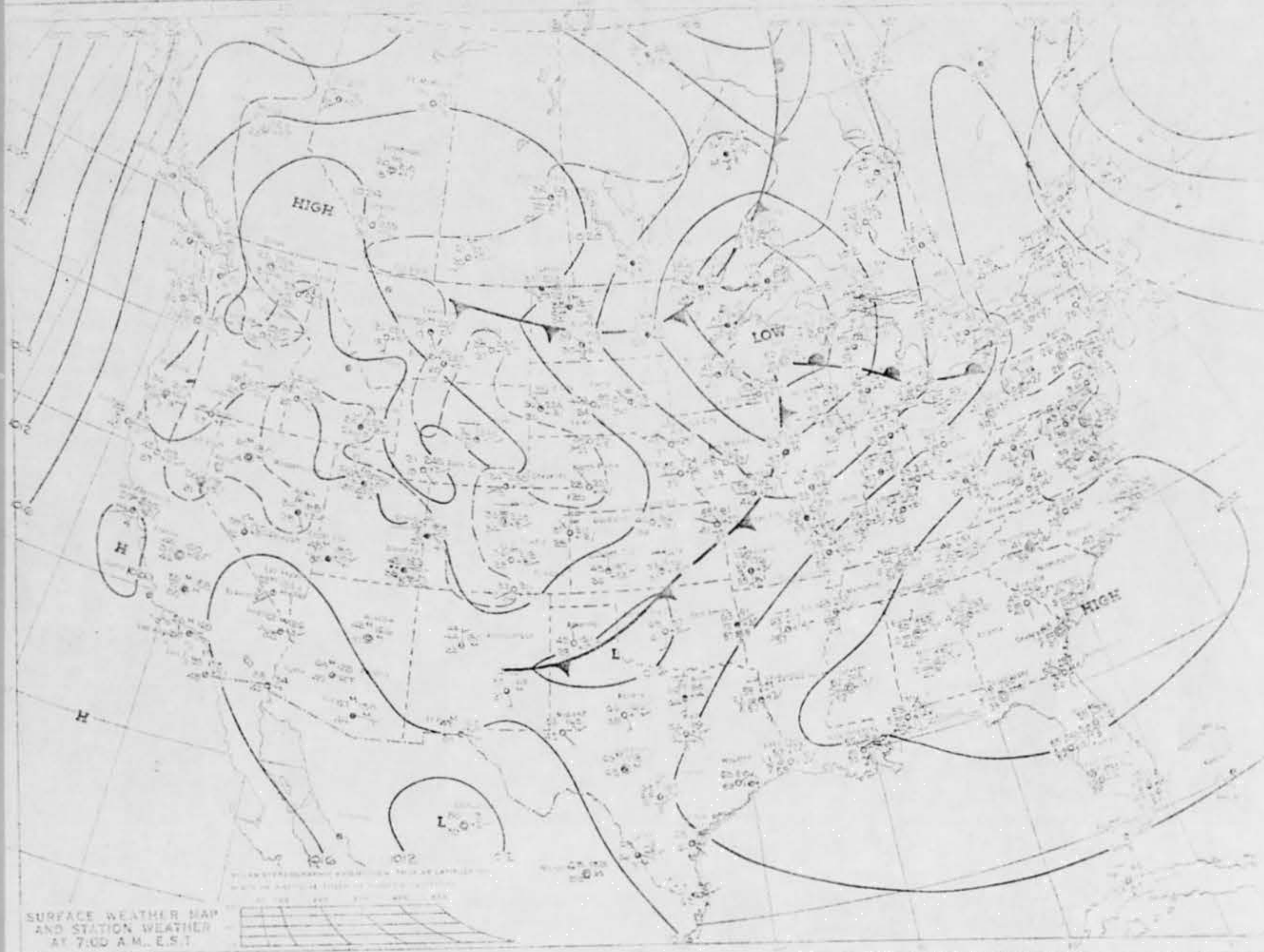


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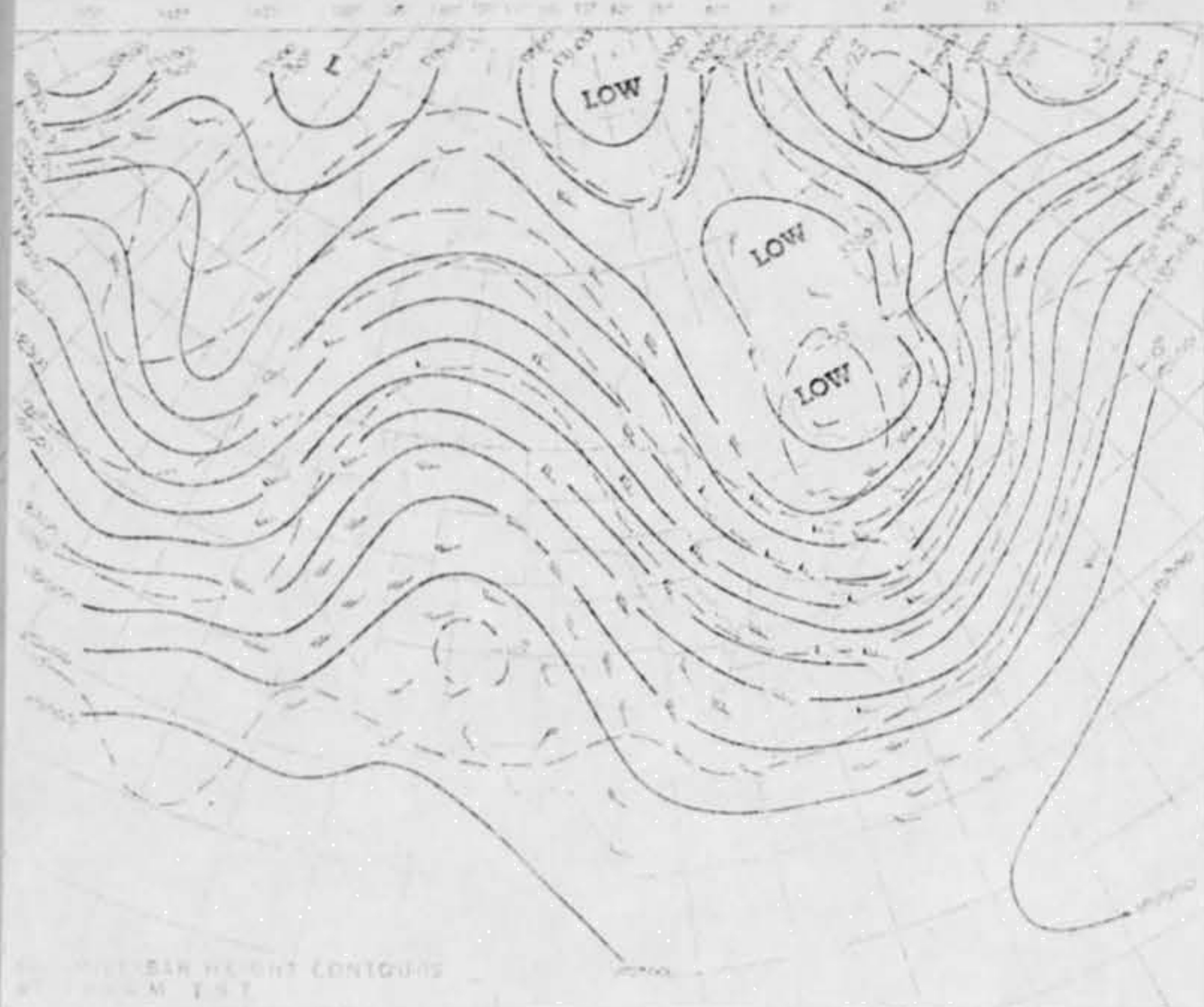
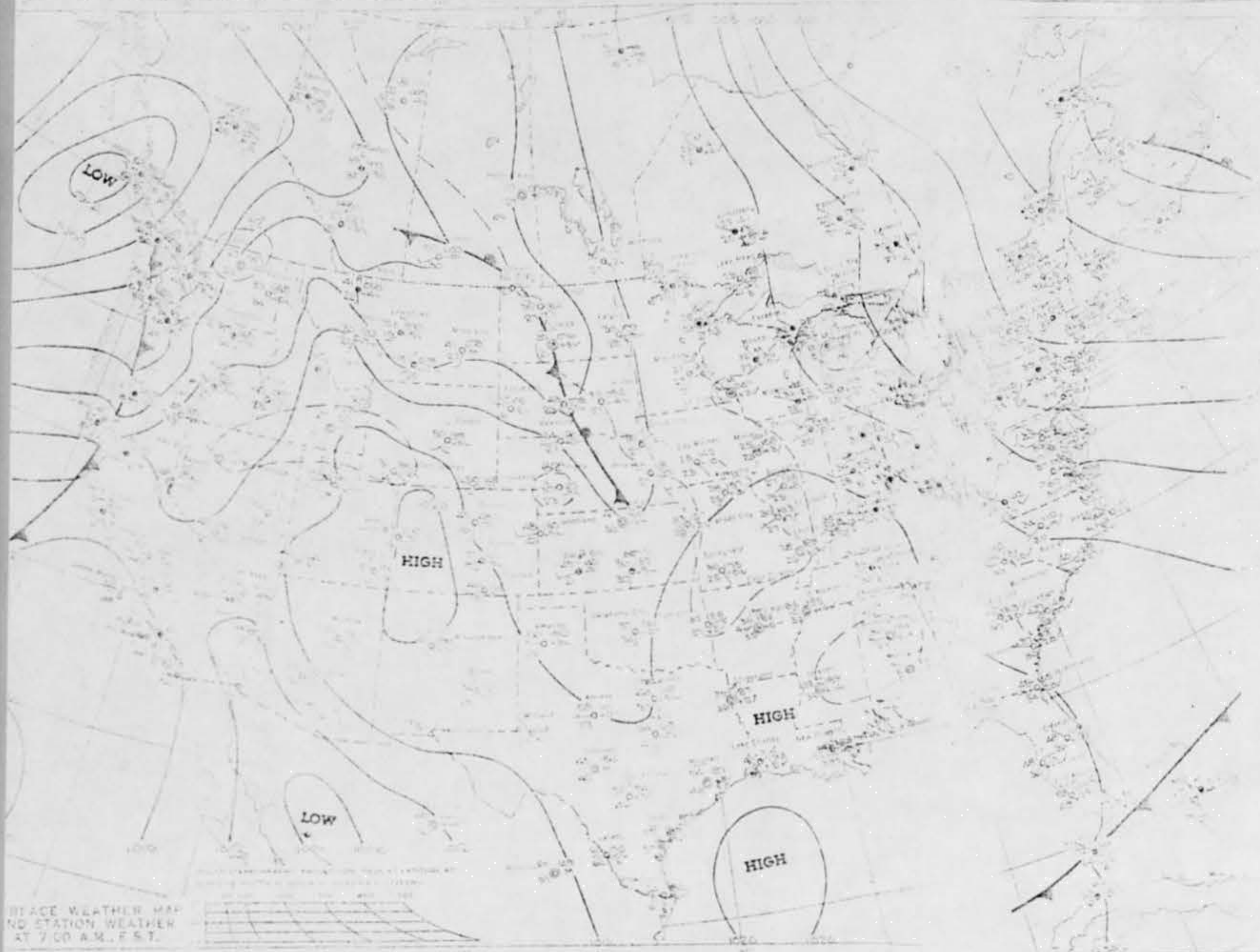




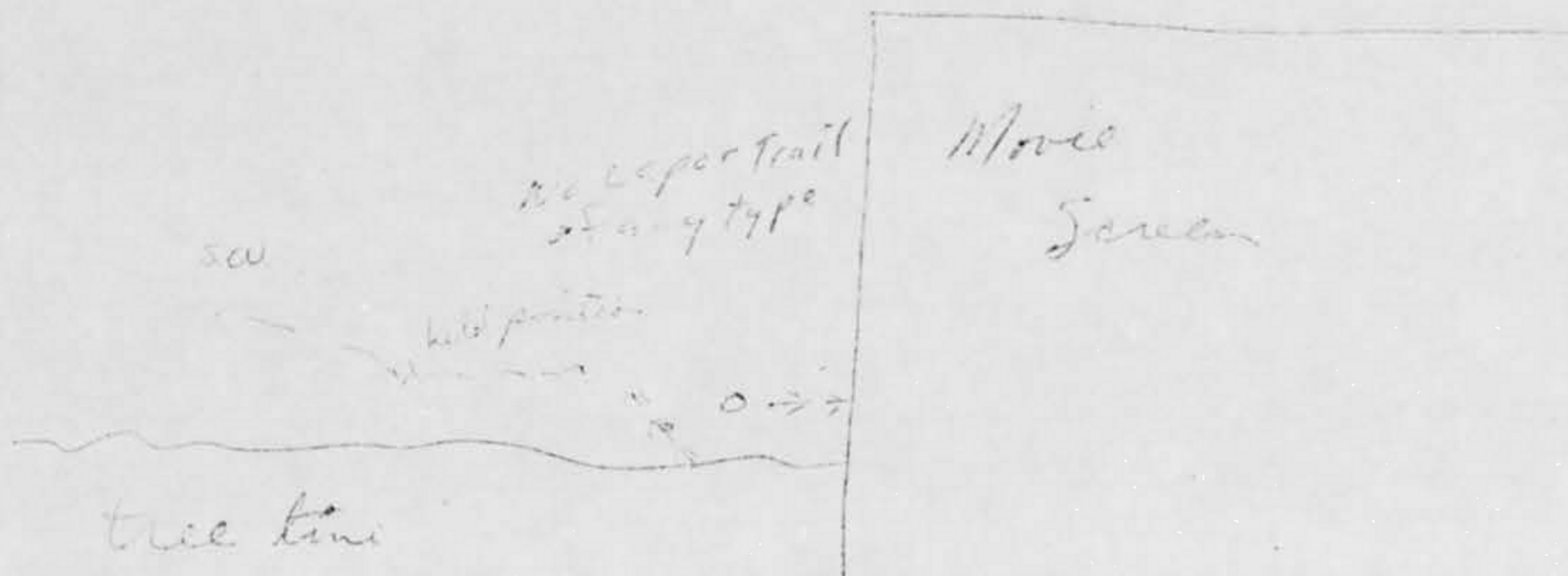
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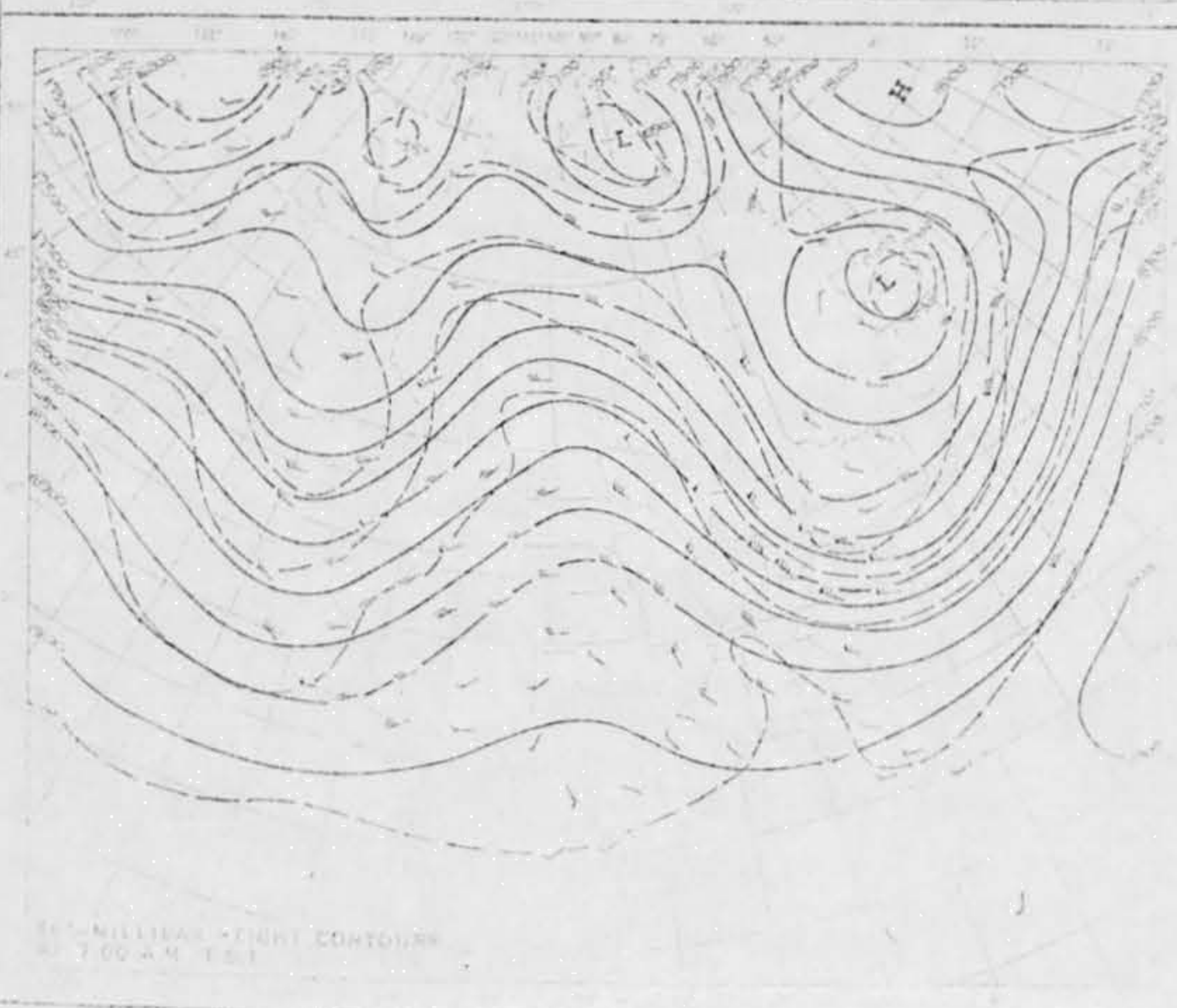
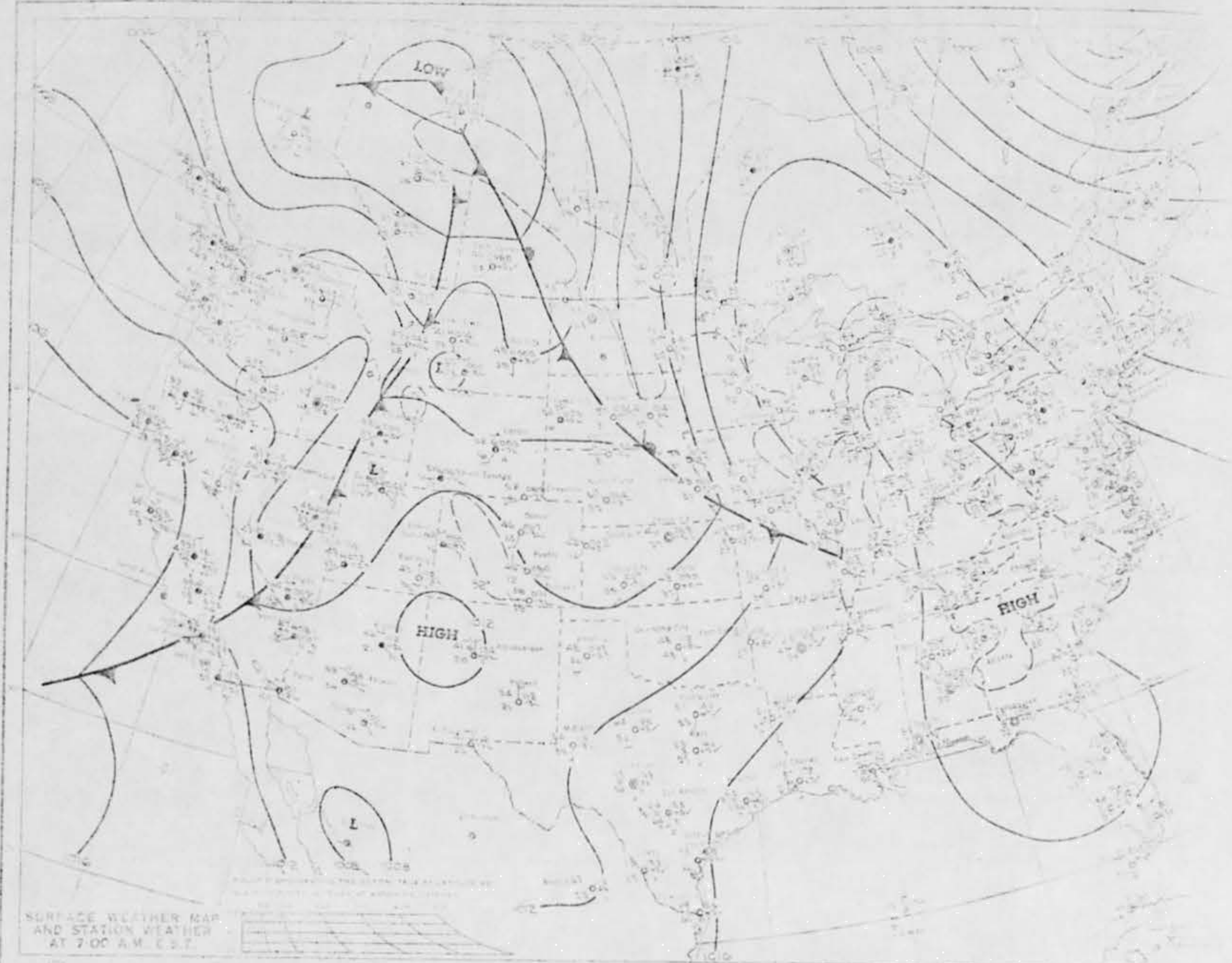
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The total object was covered by the match.
 Would have been

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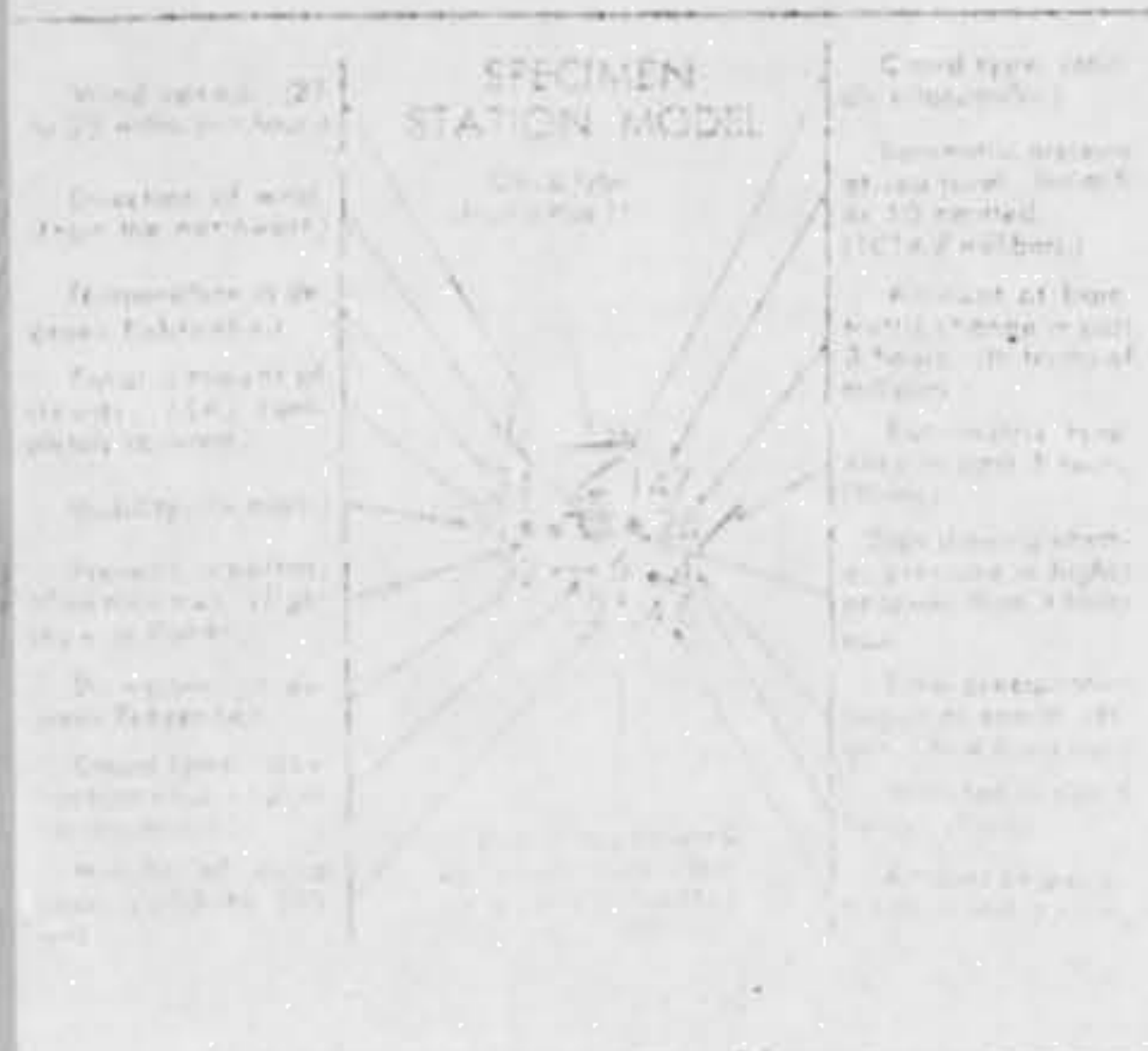
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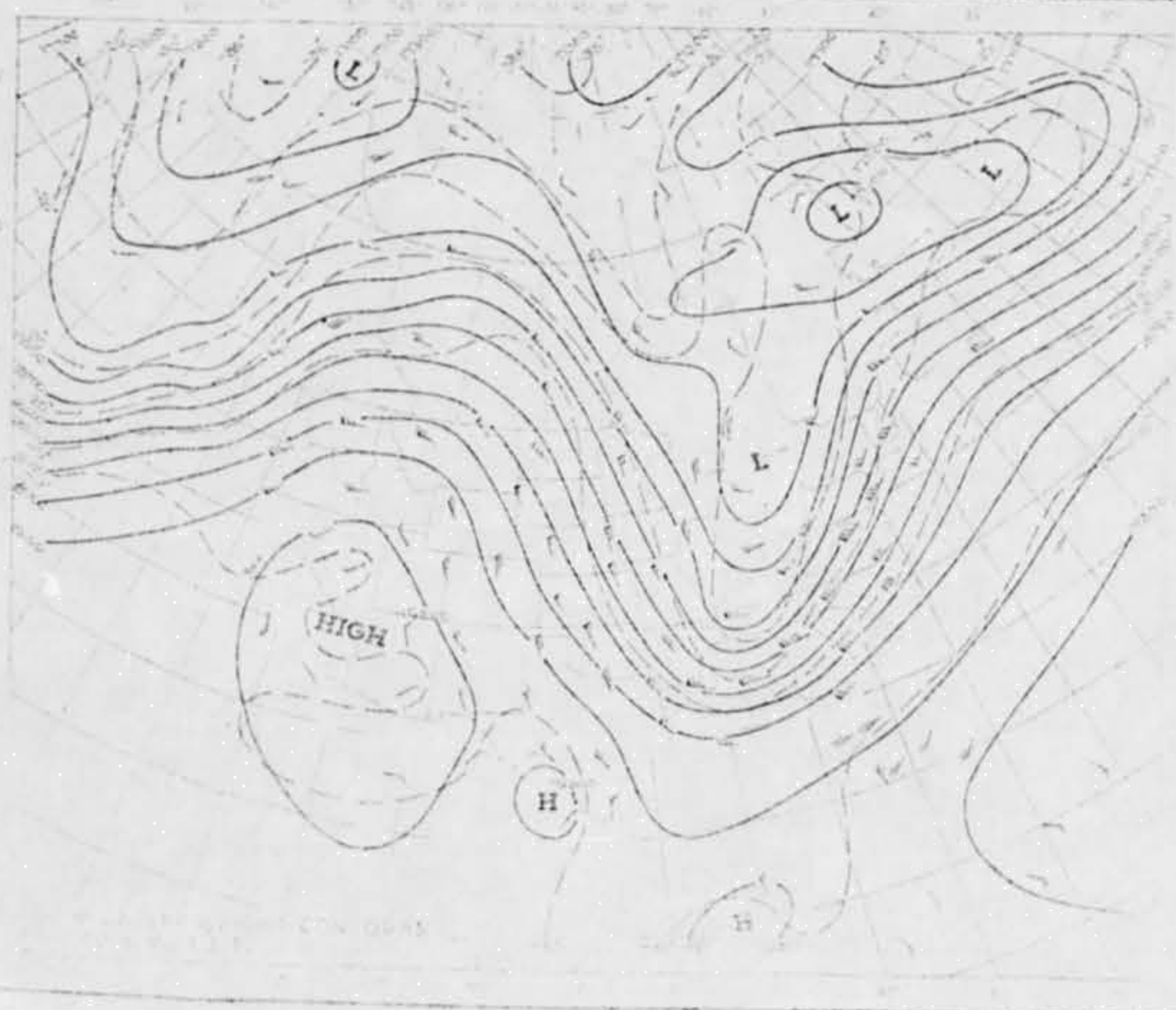
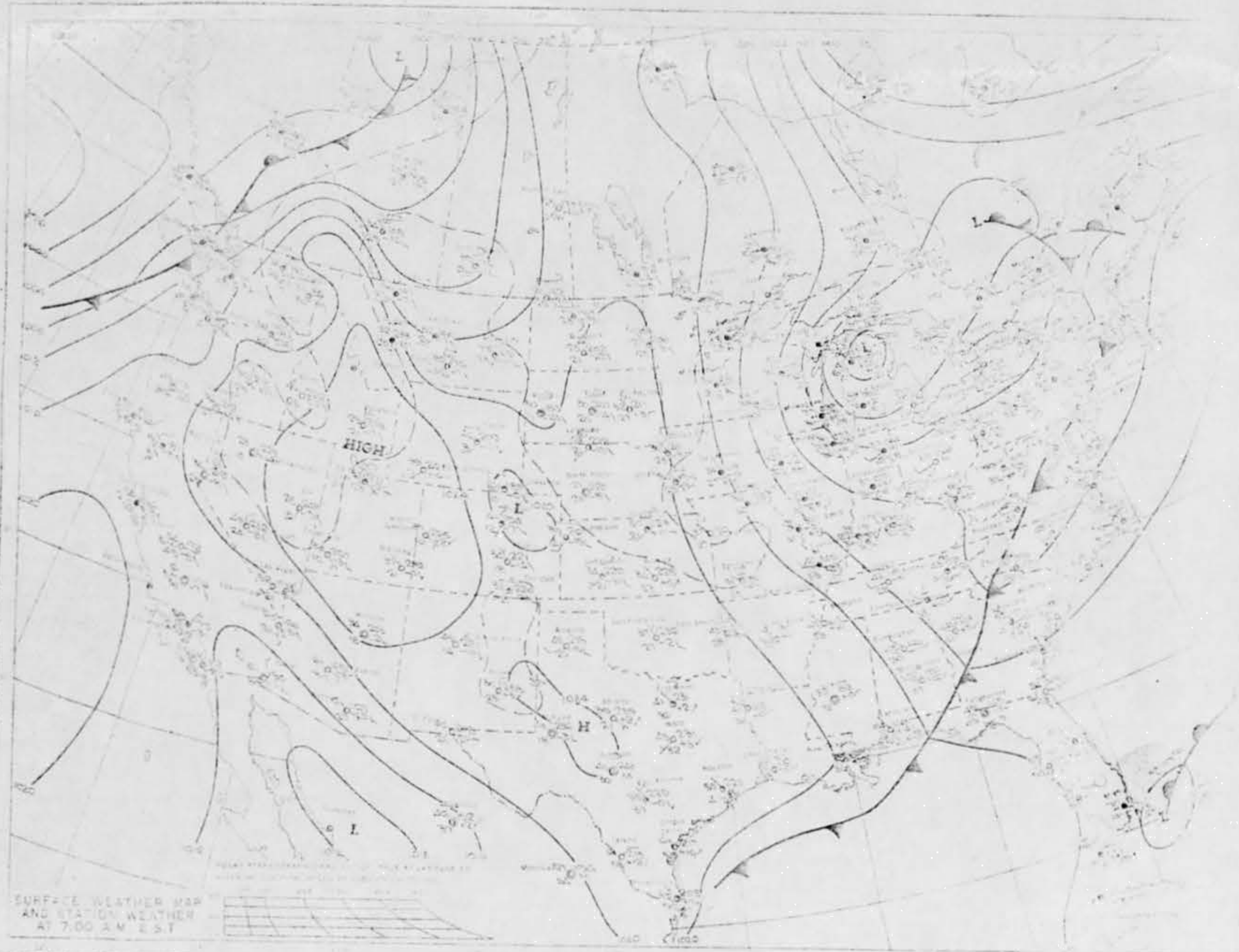


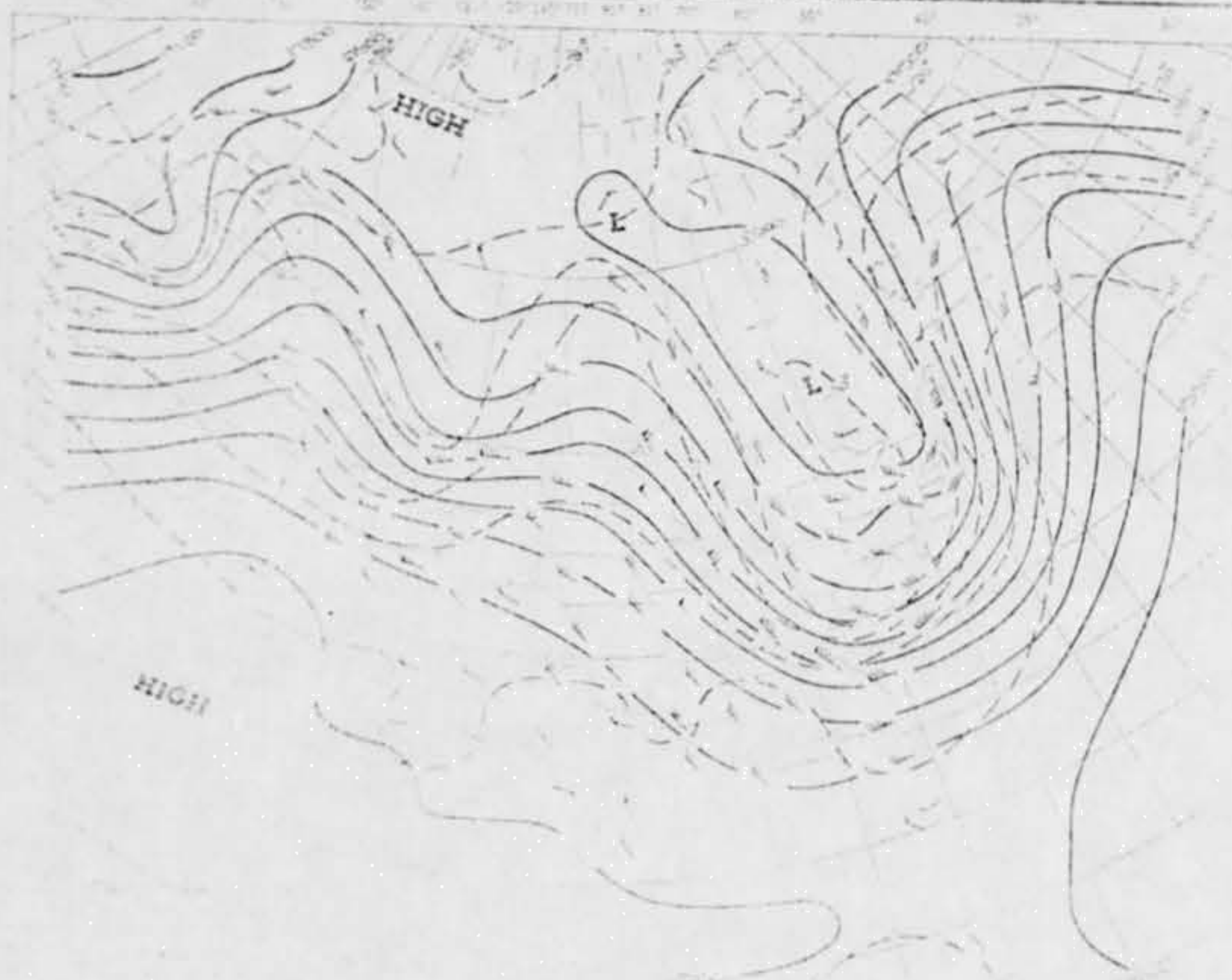
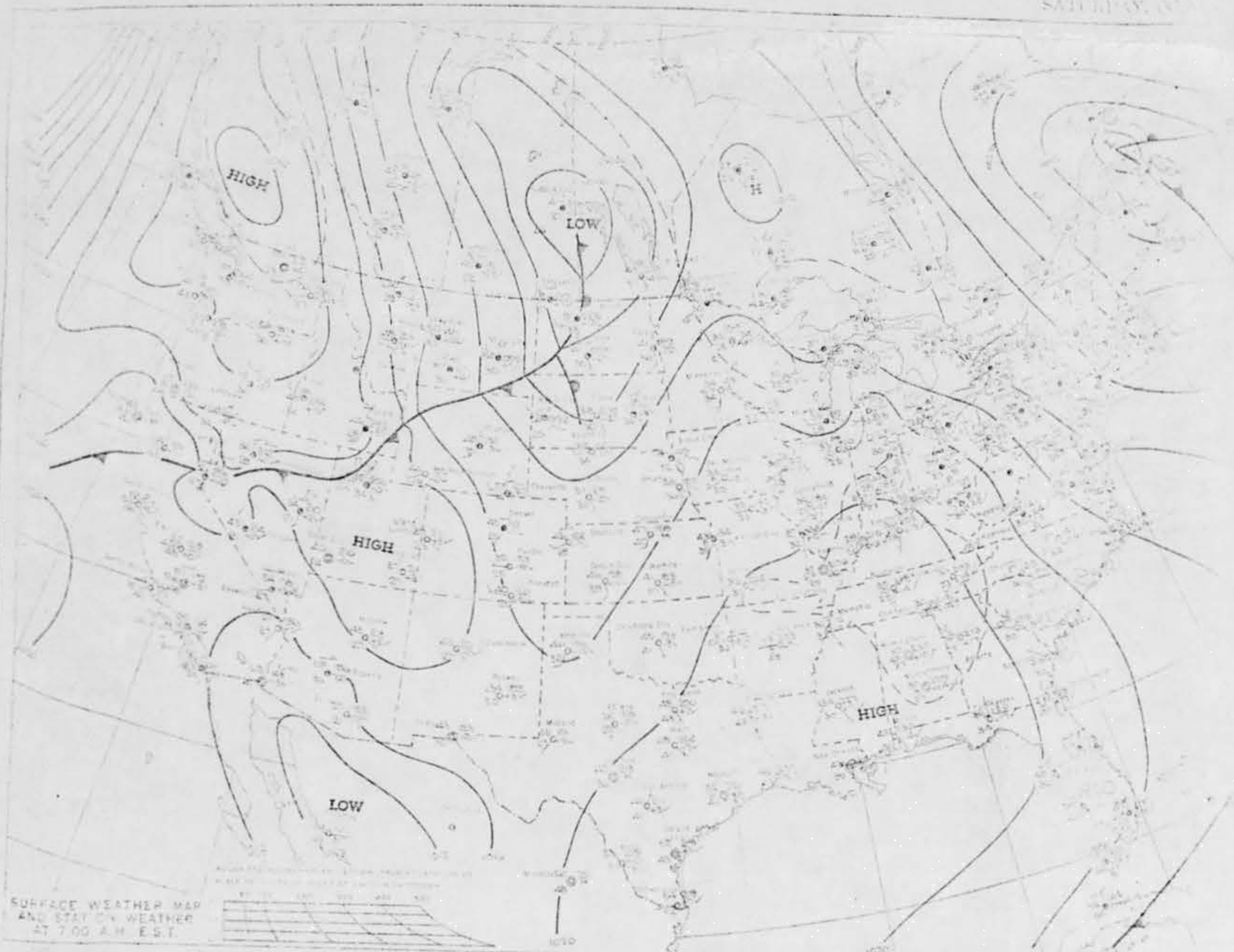
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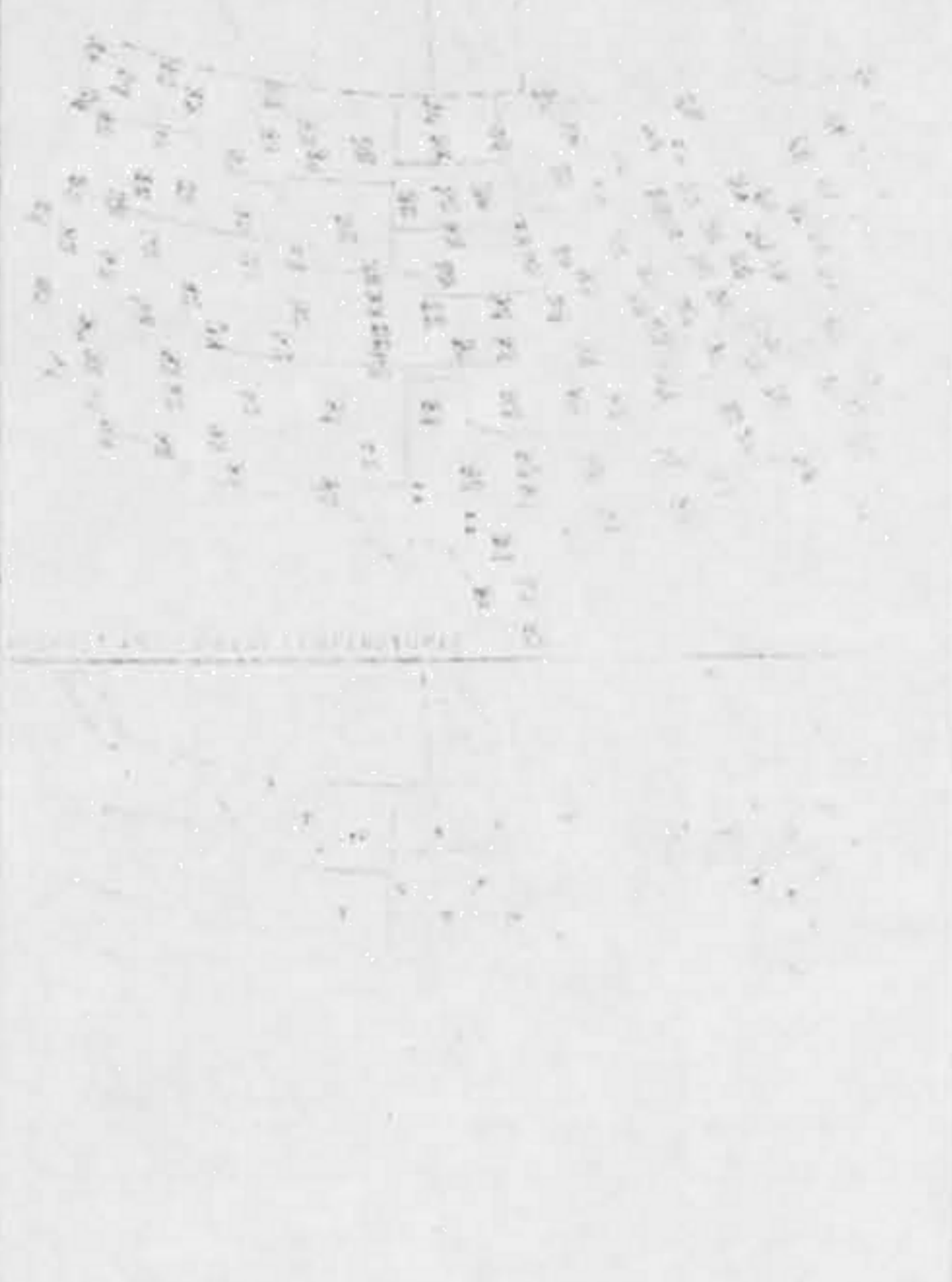
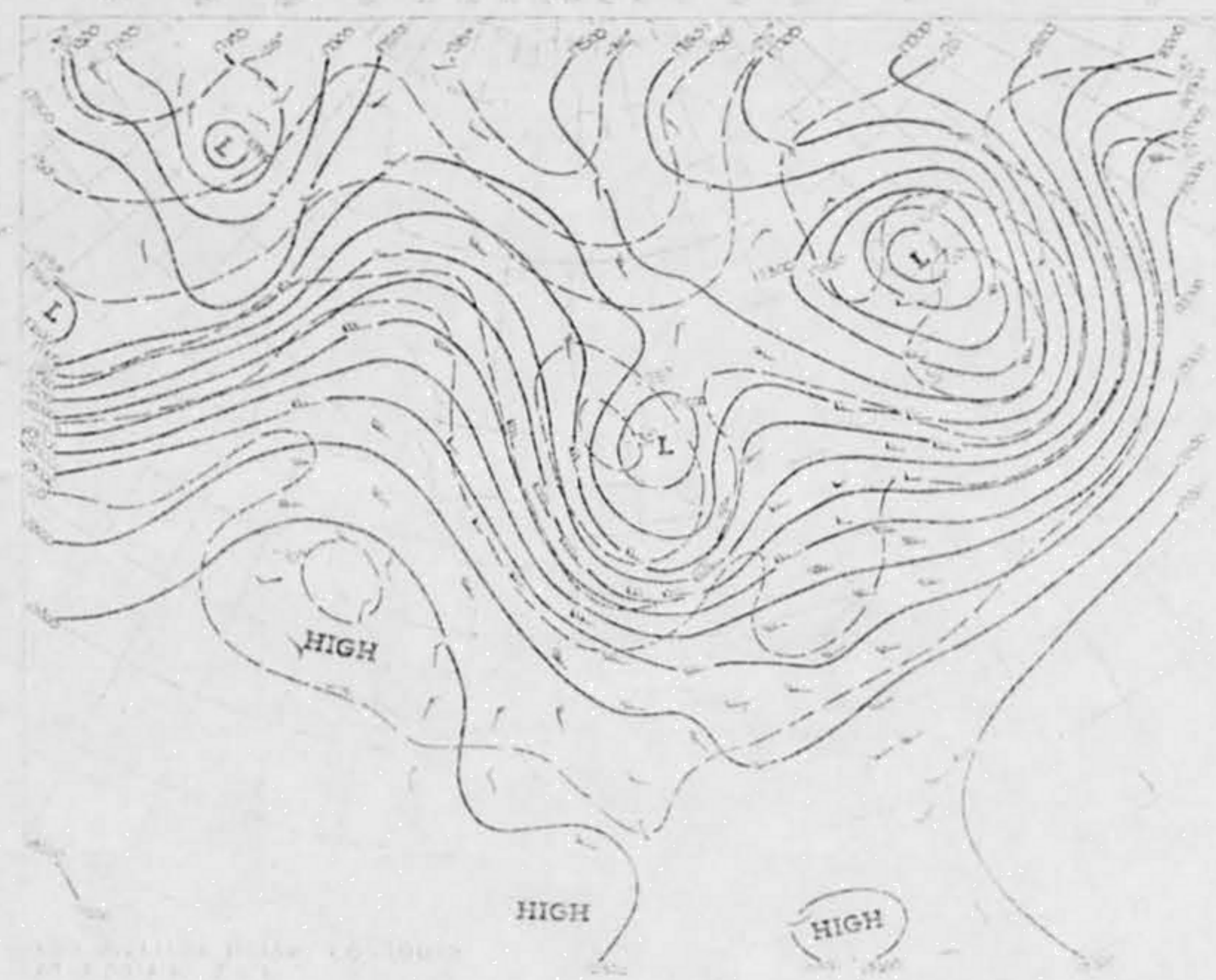
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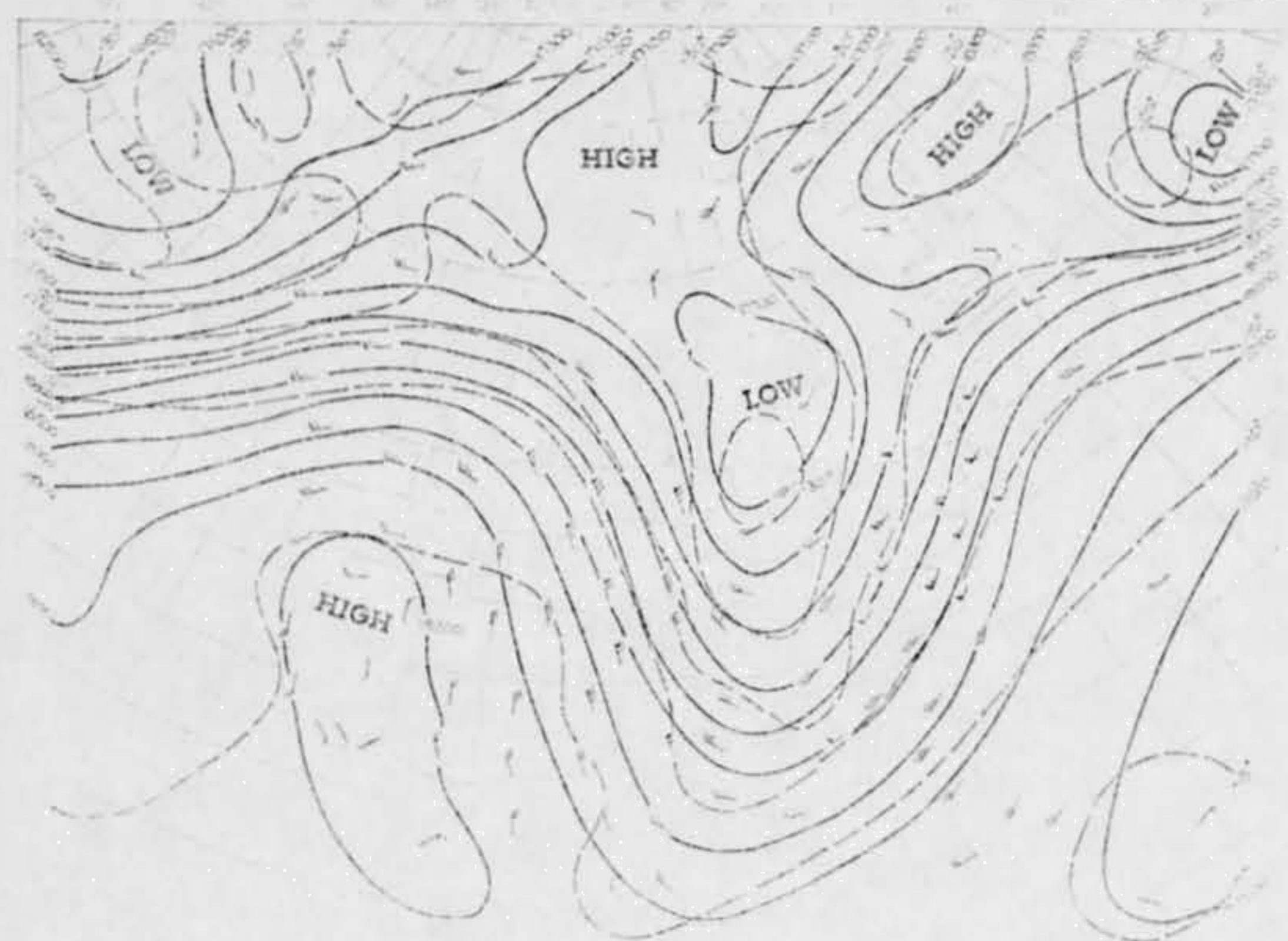
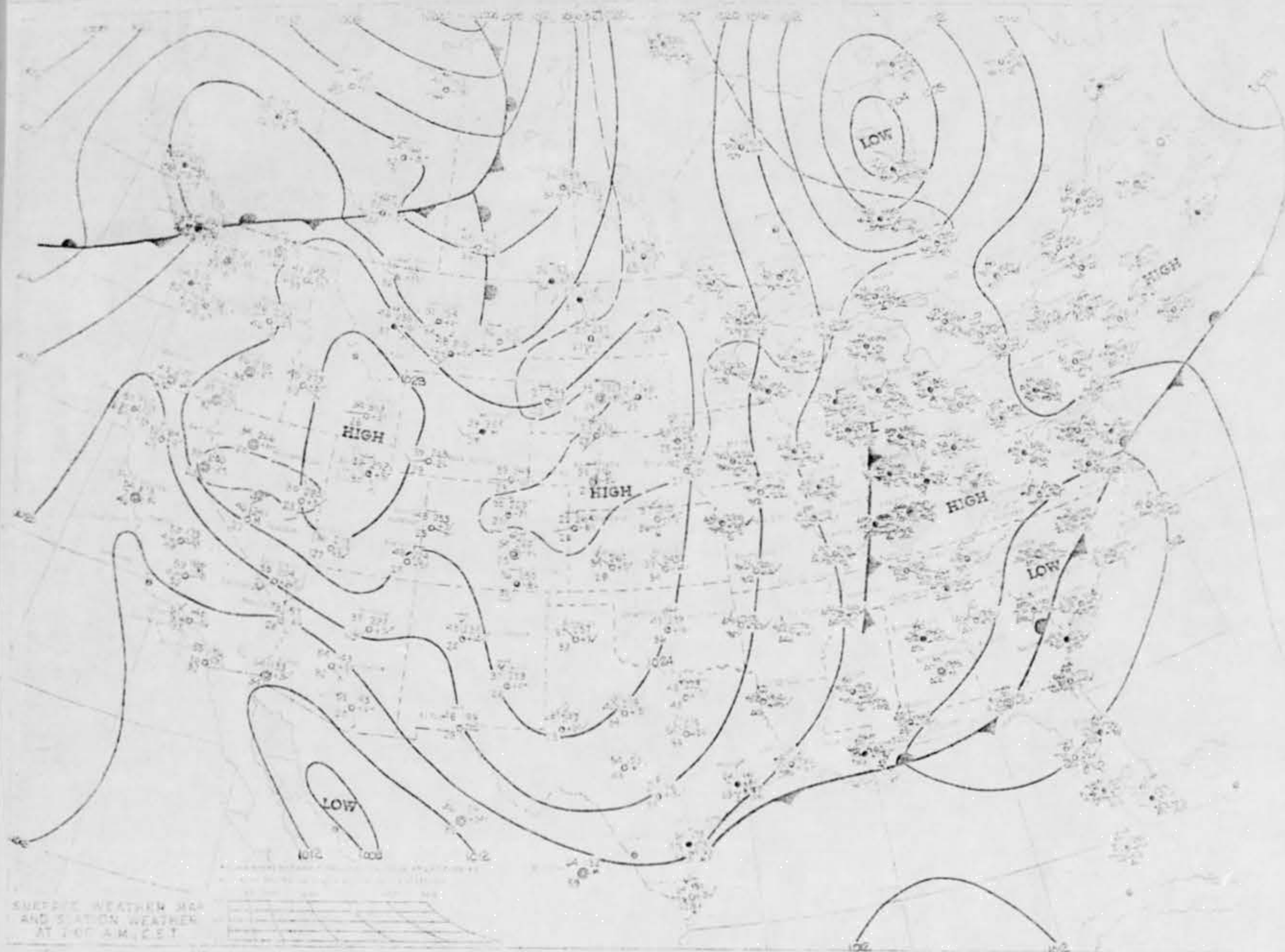


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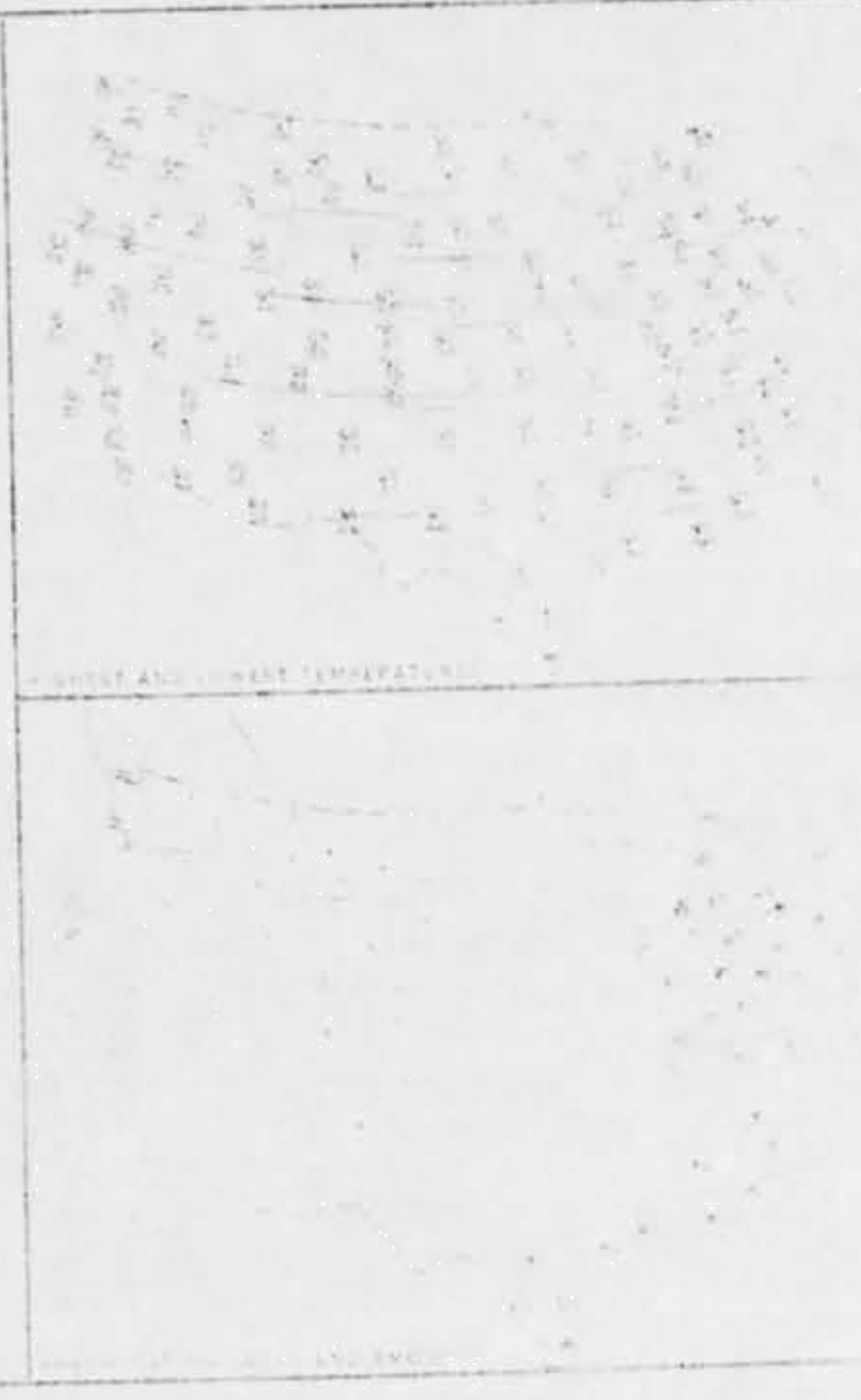
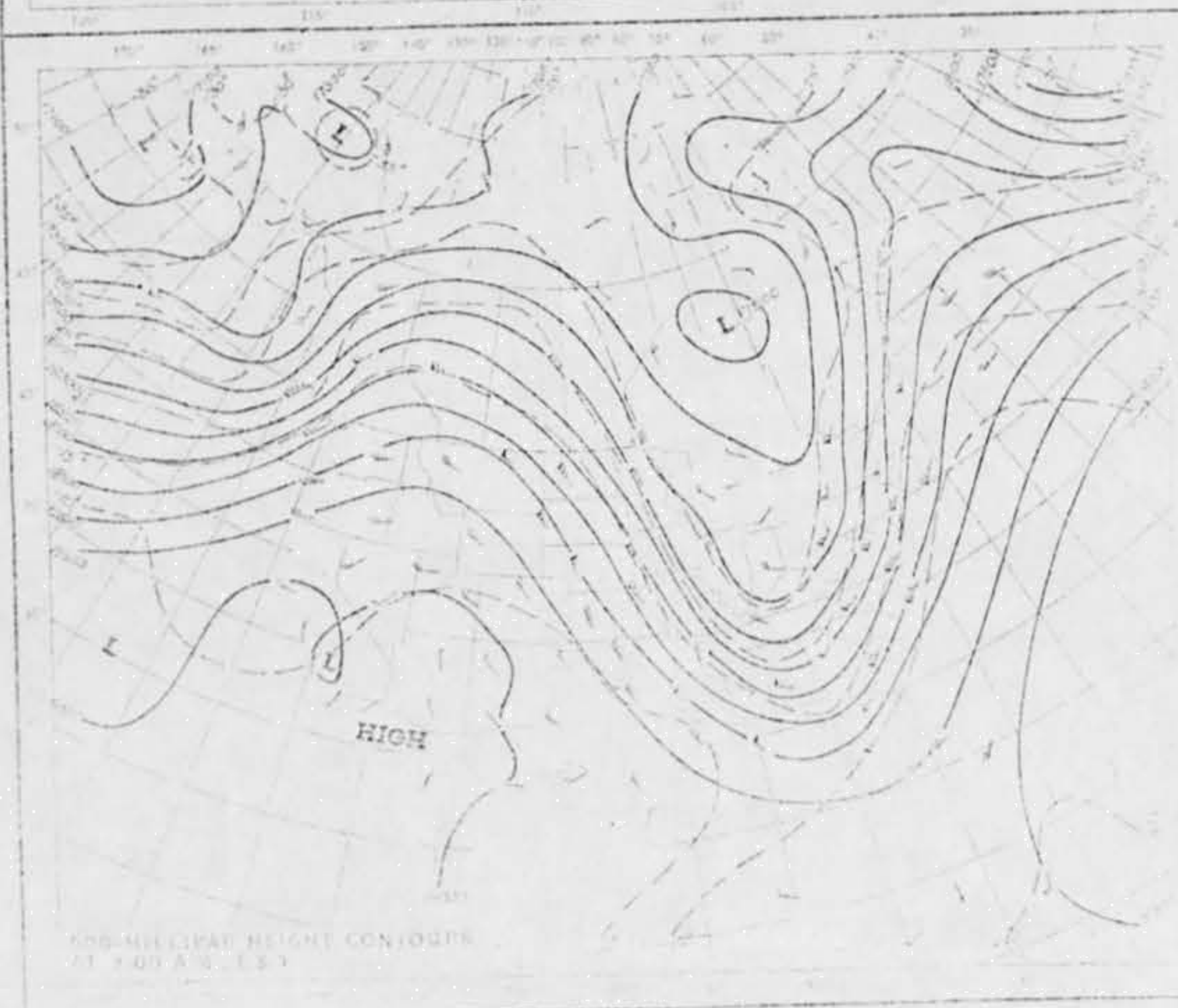
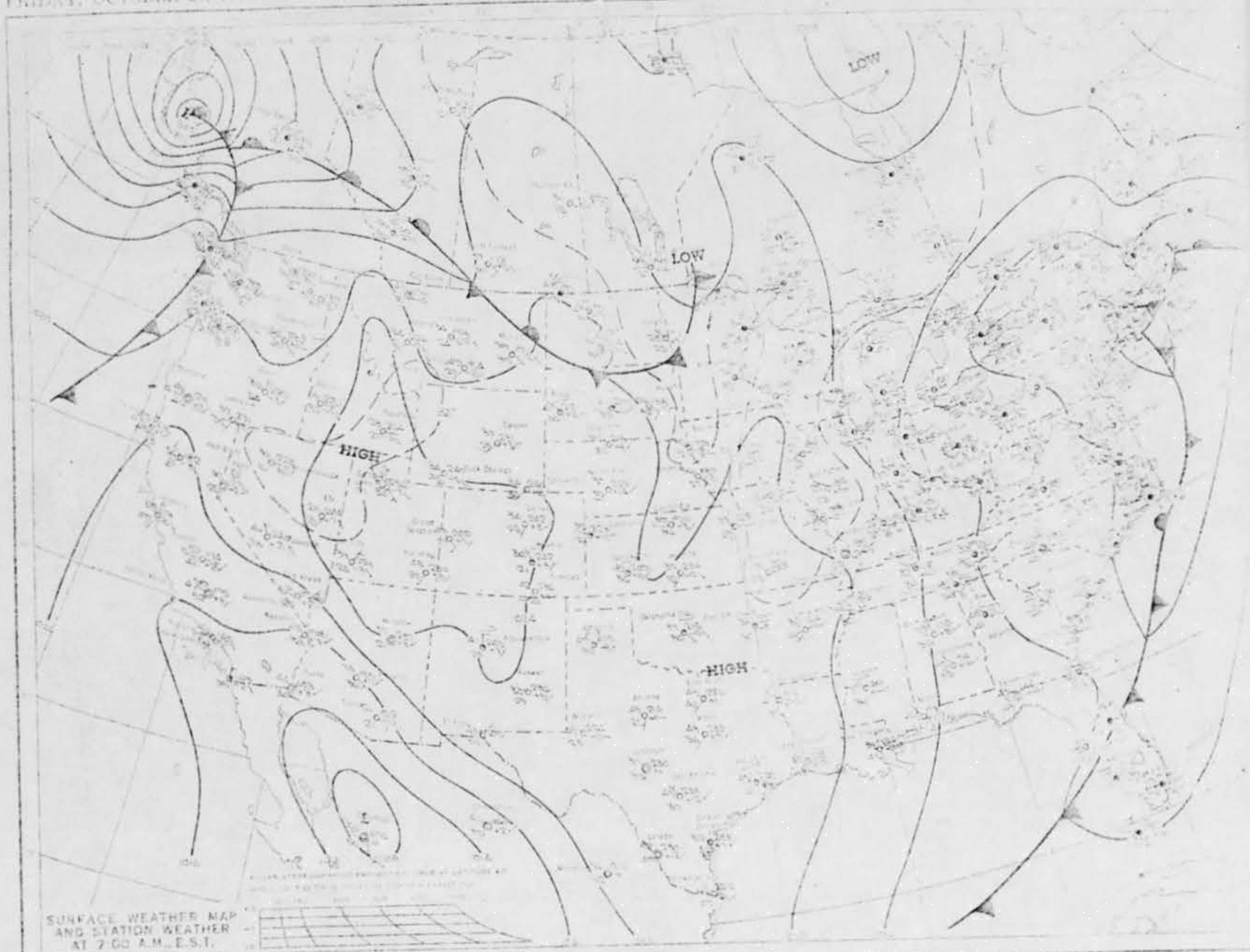
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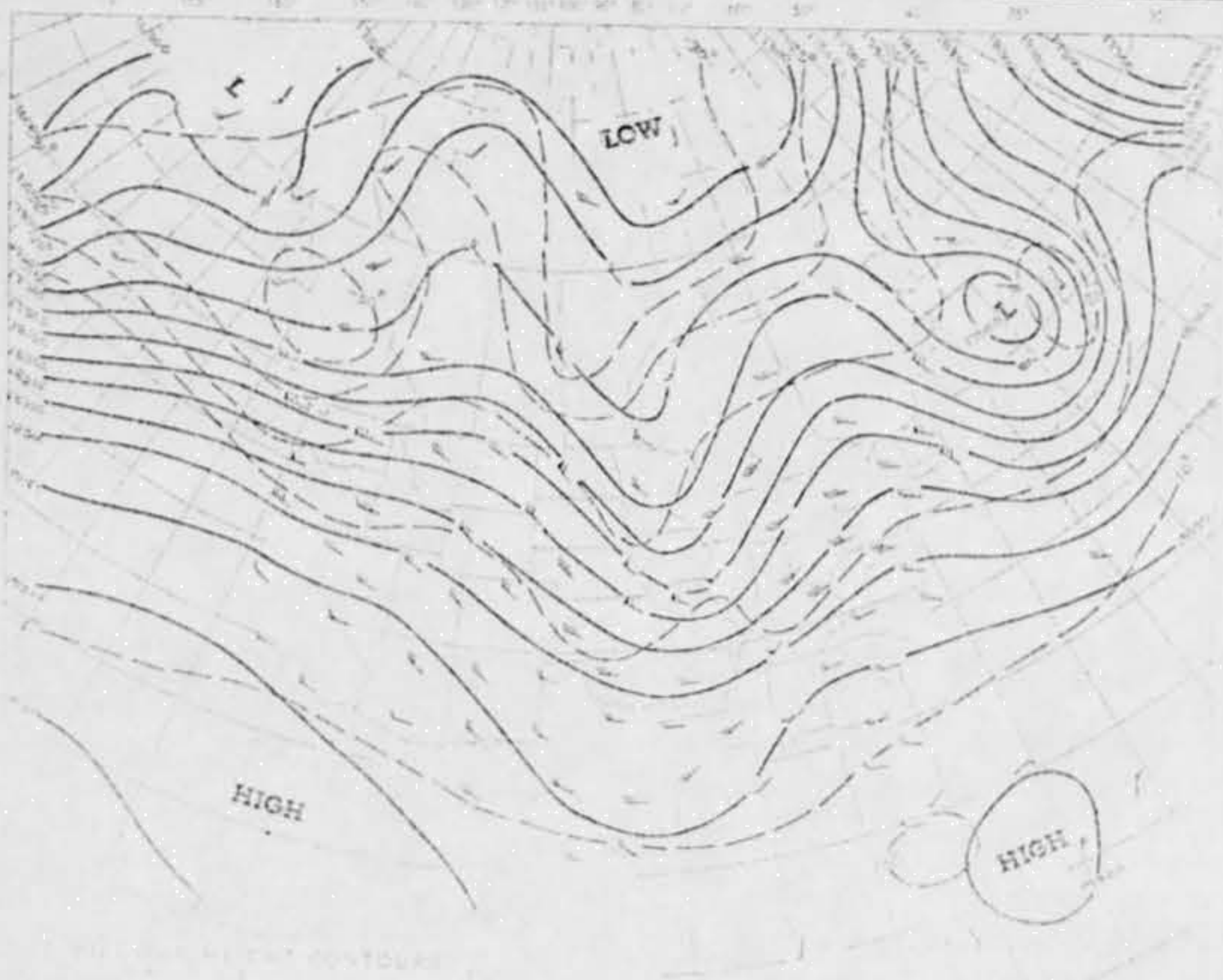
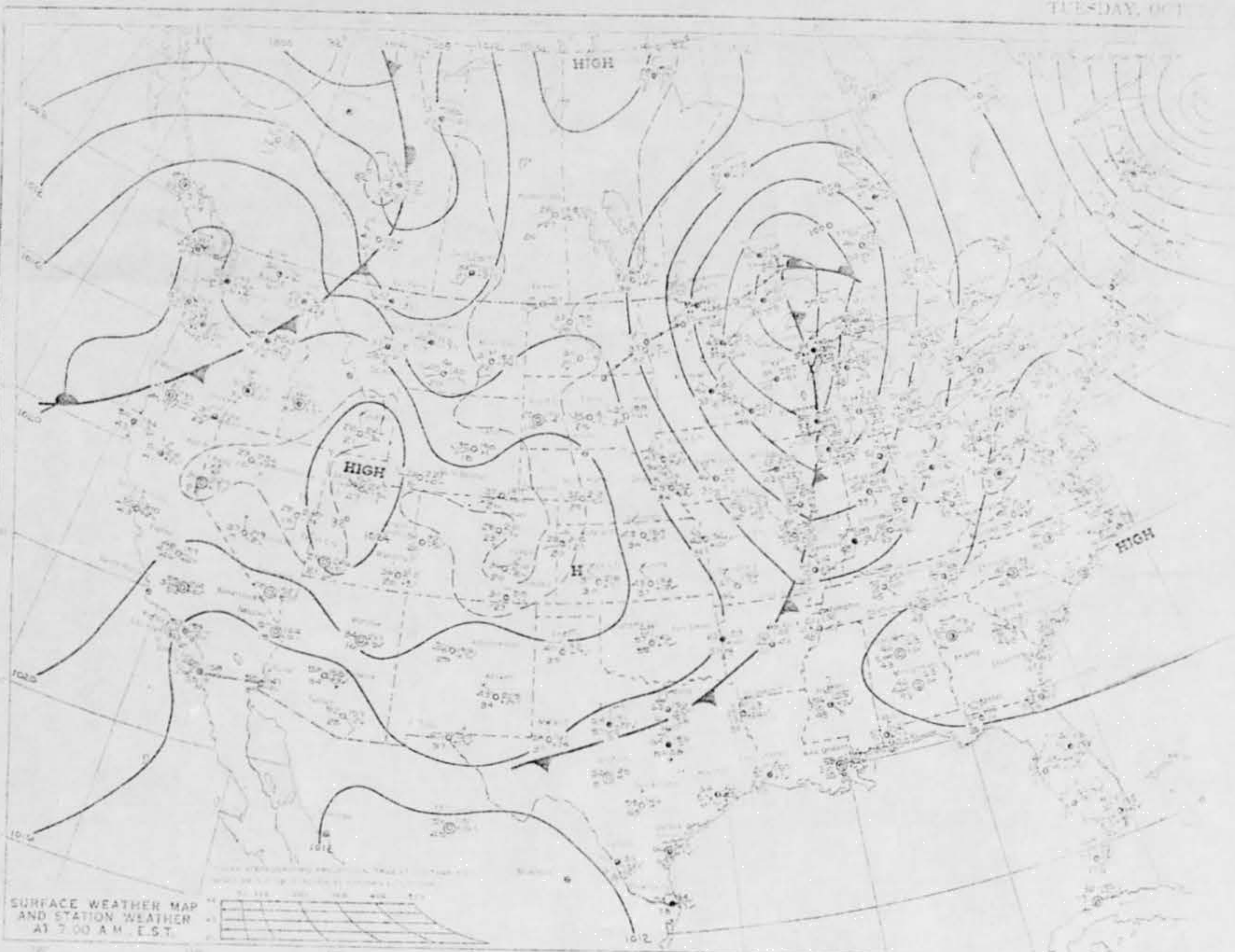
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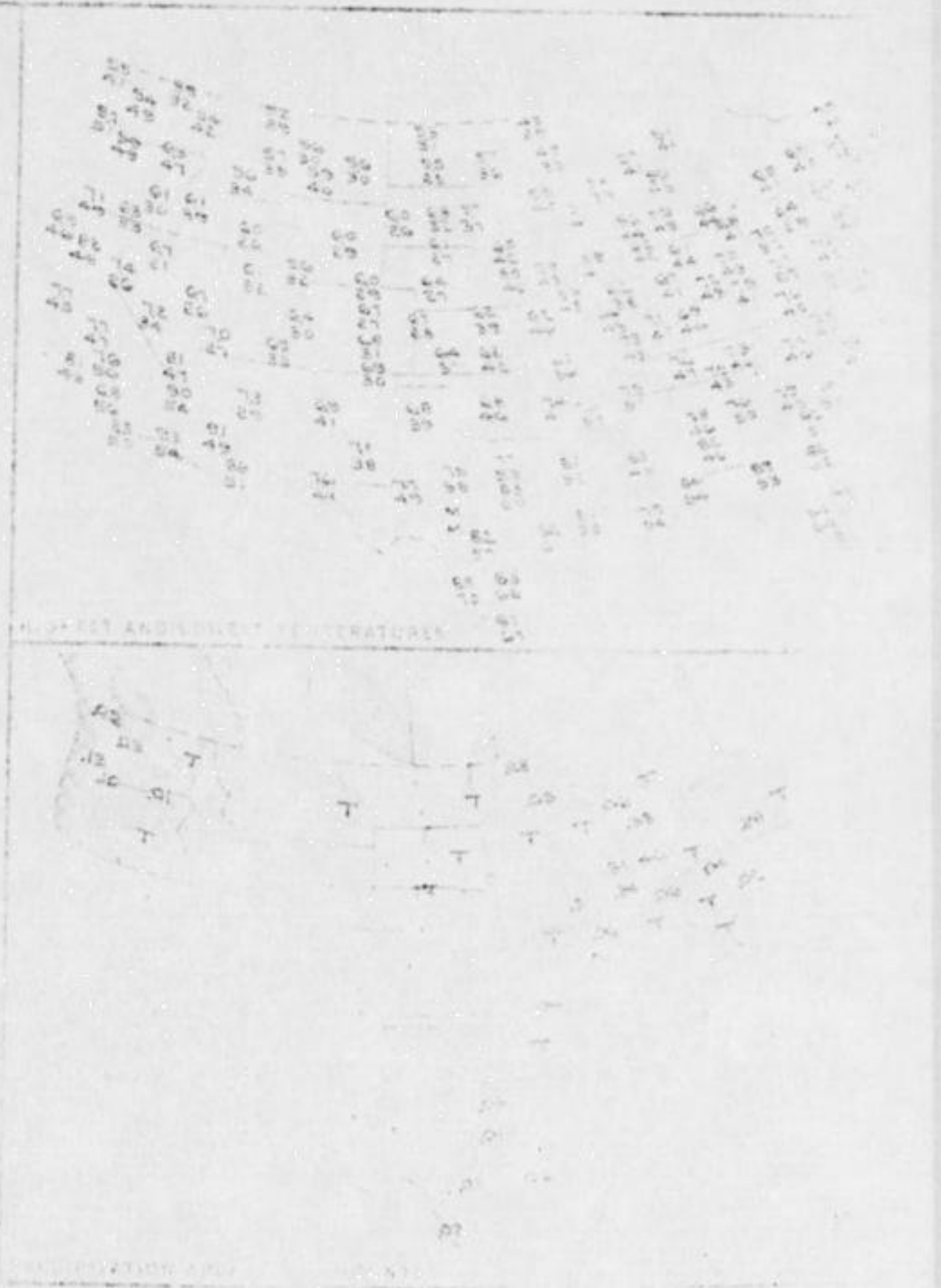
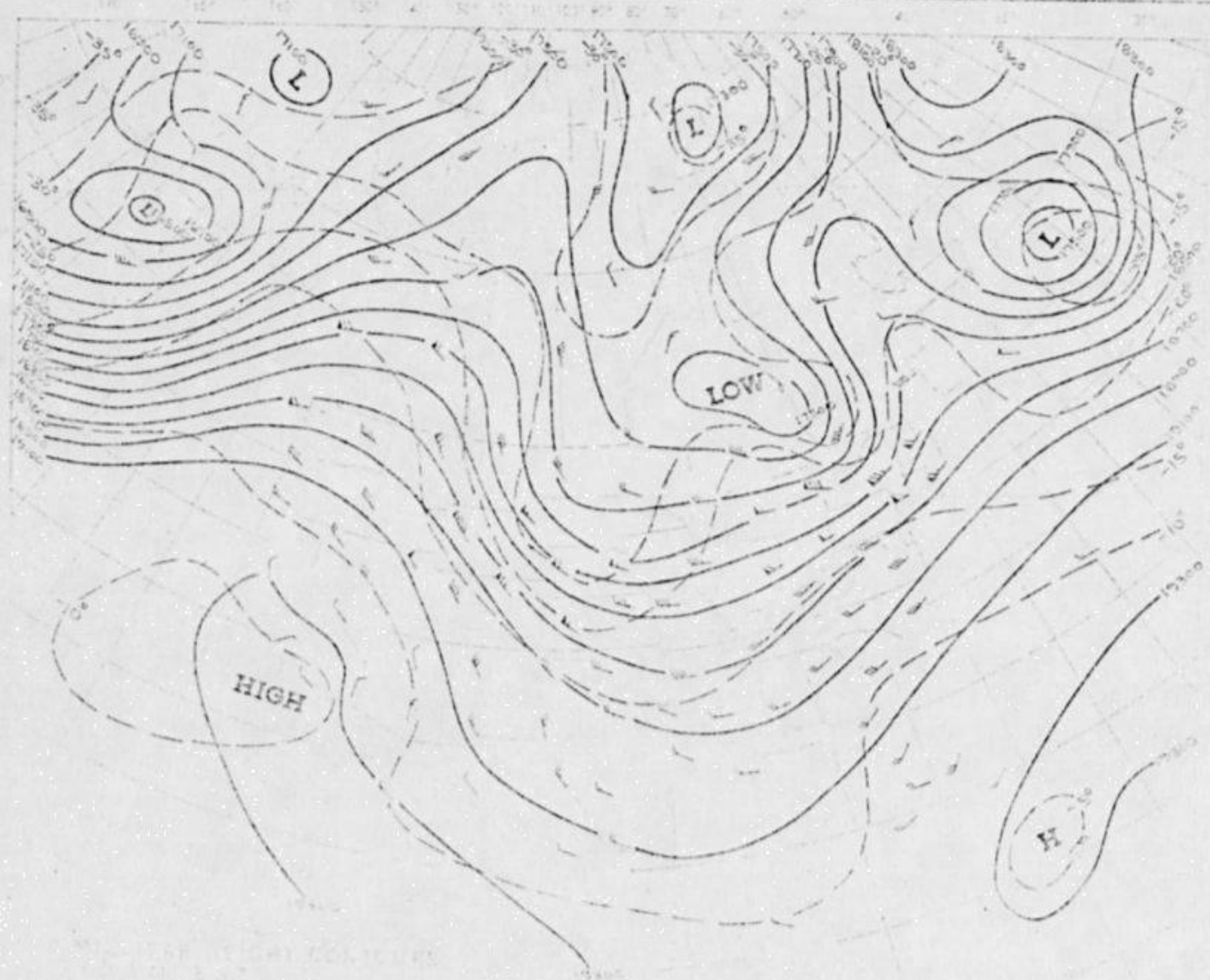
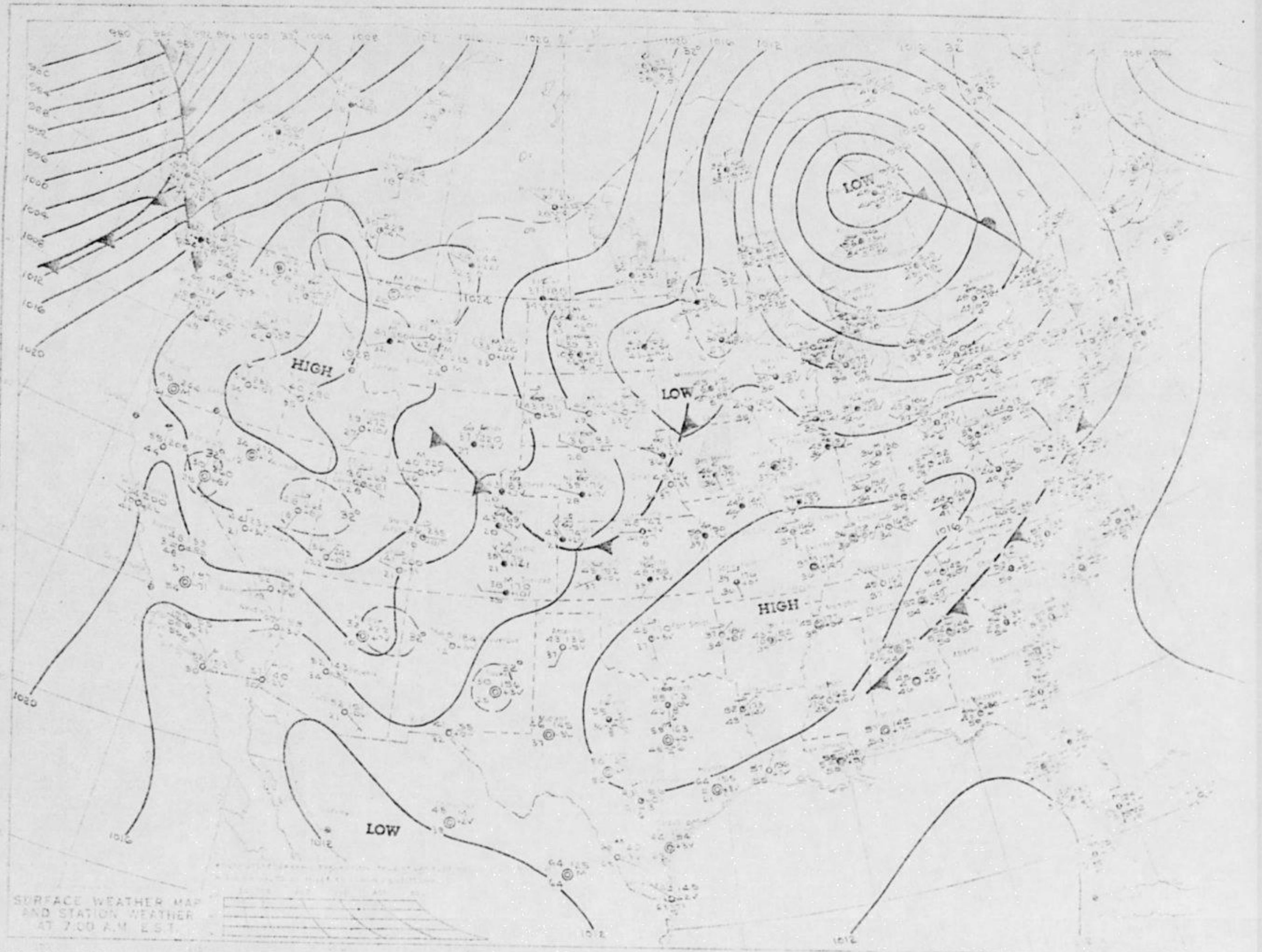
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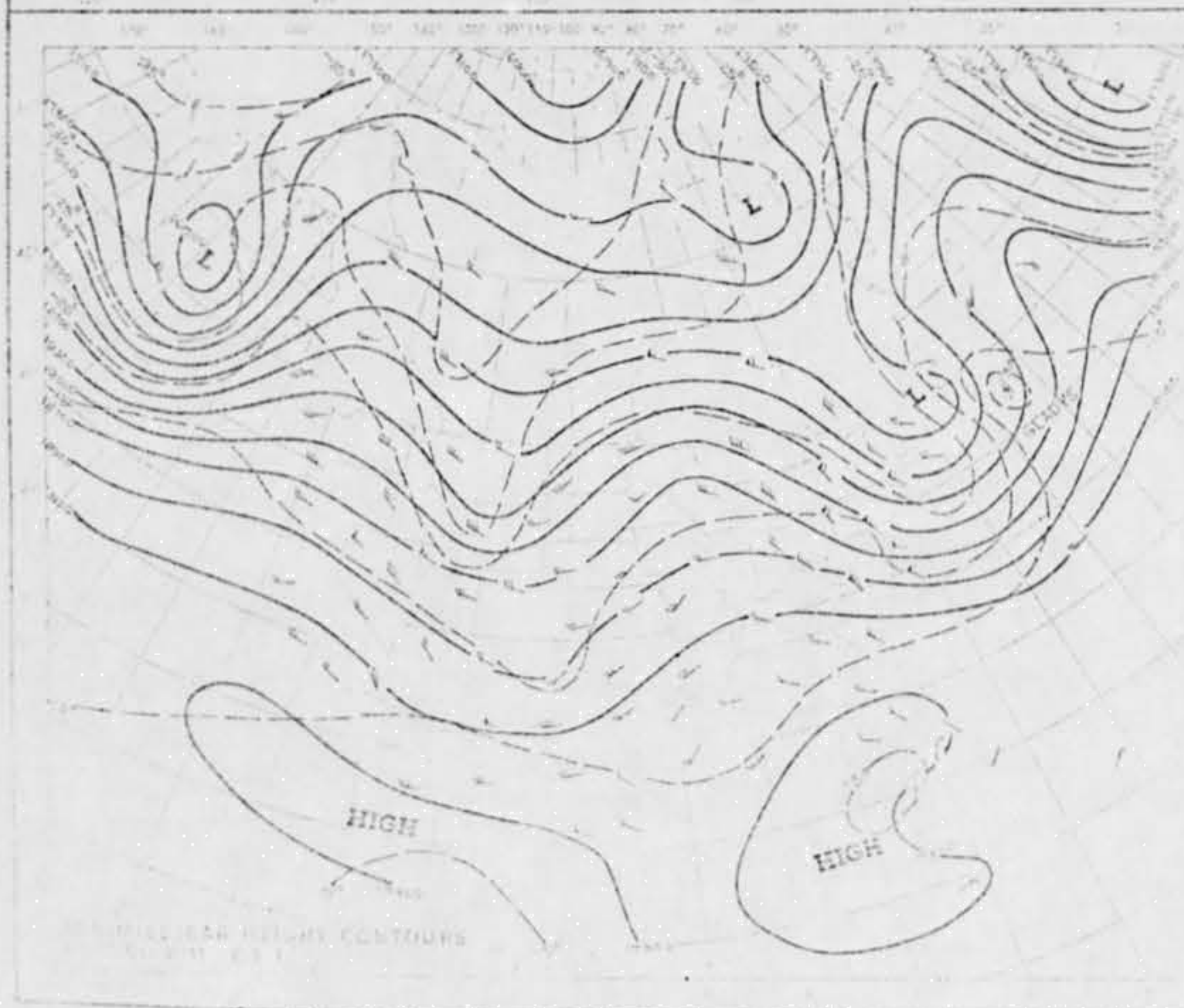
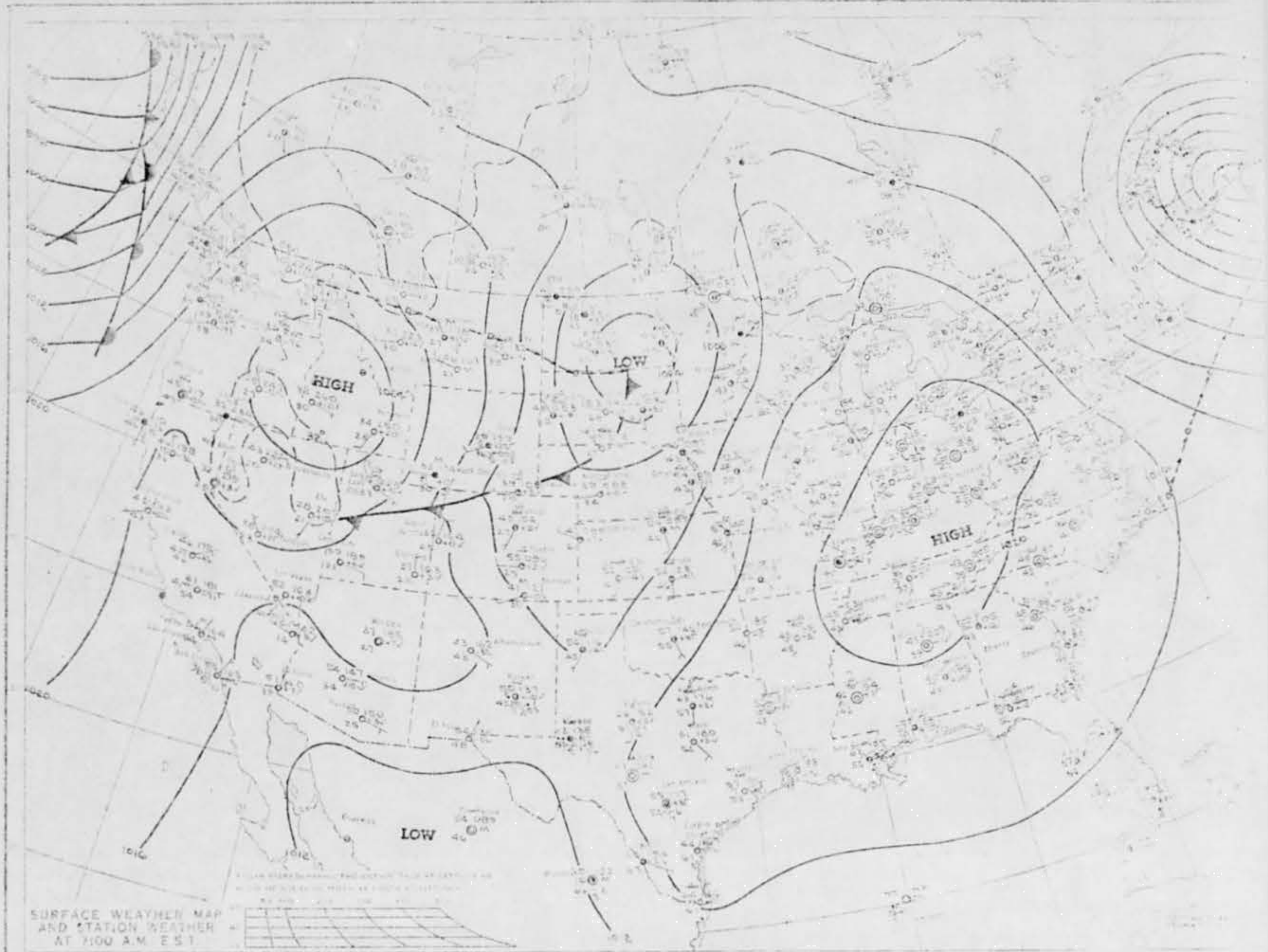
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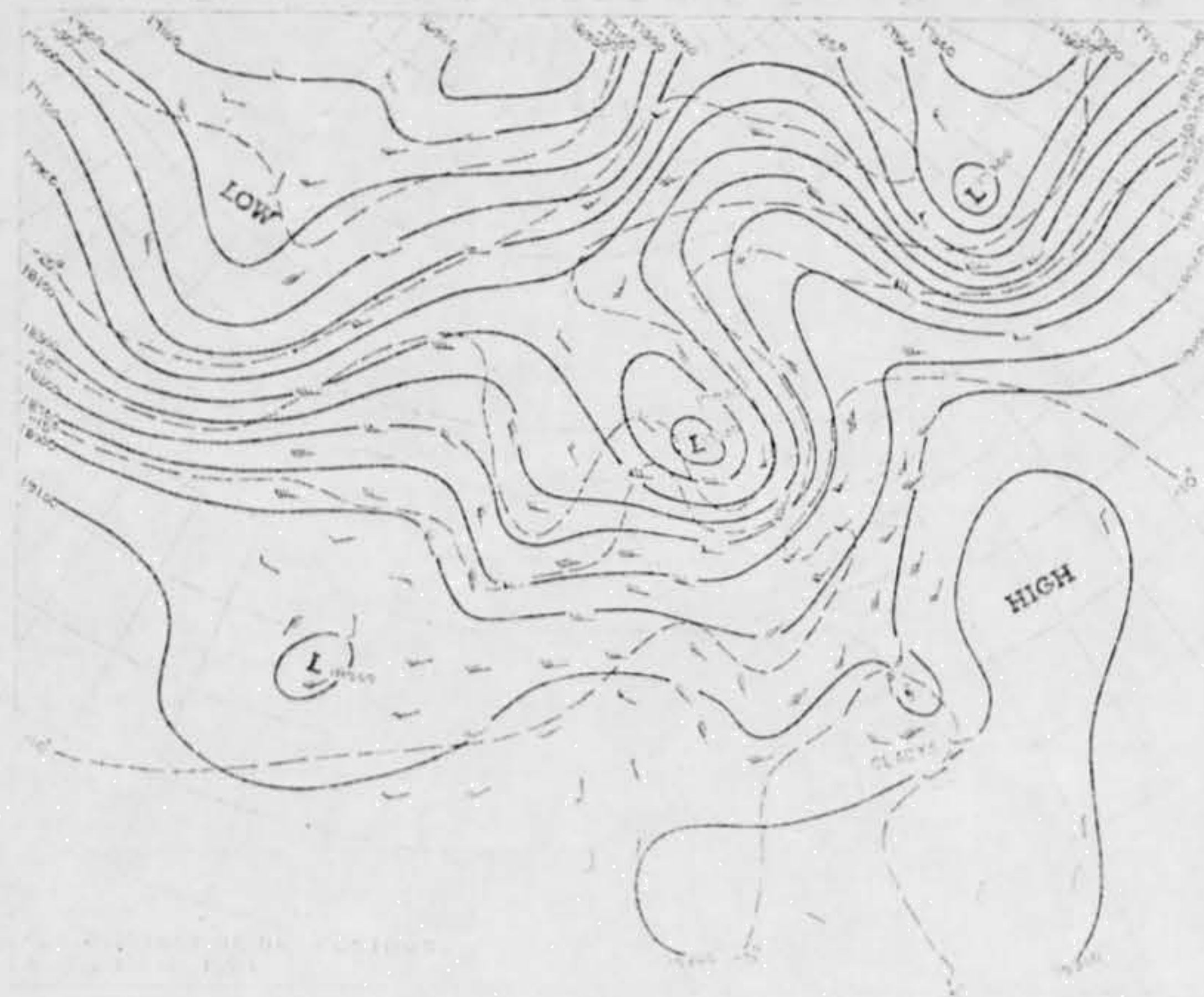
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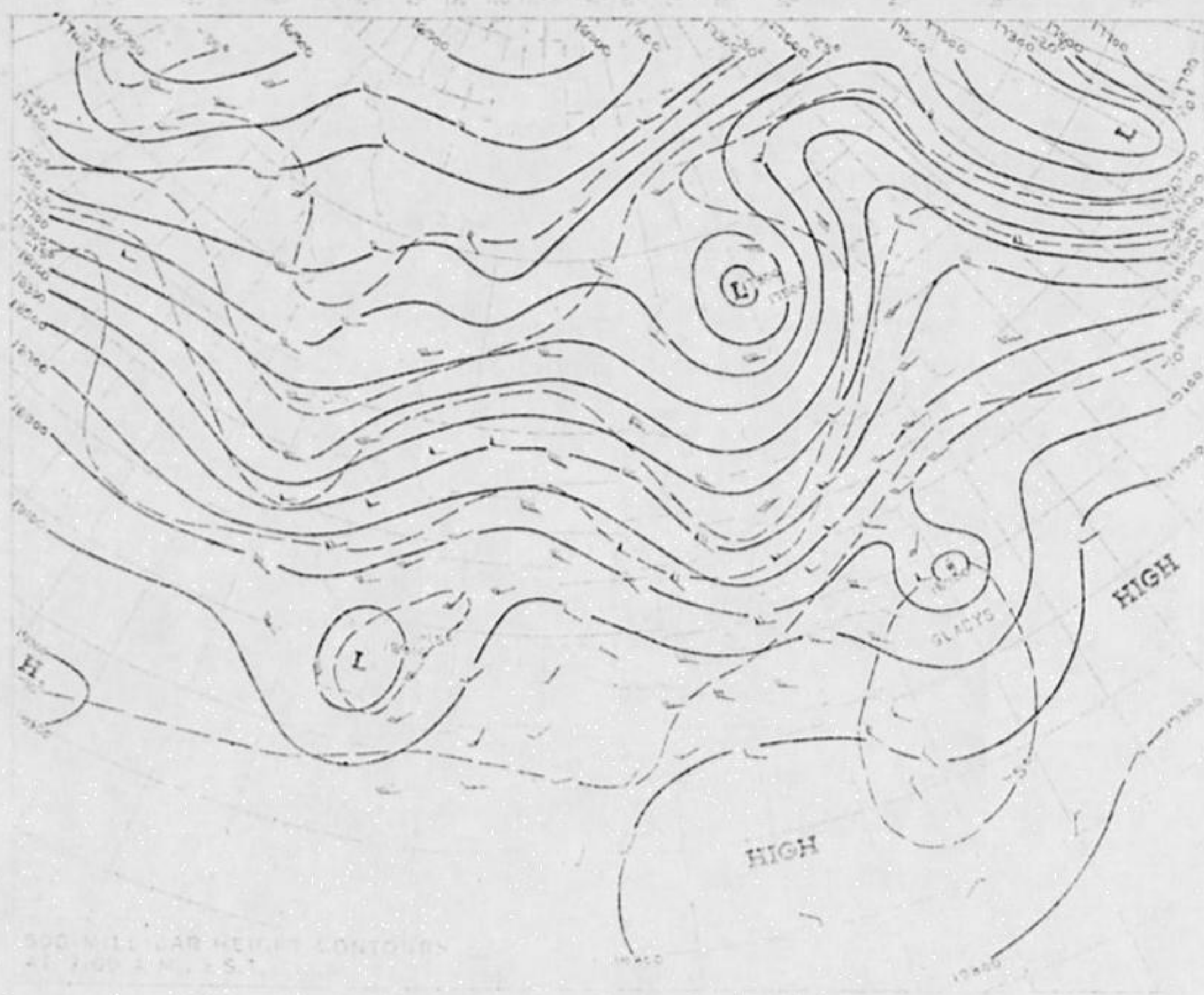
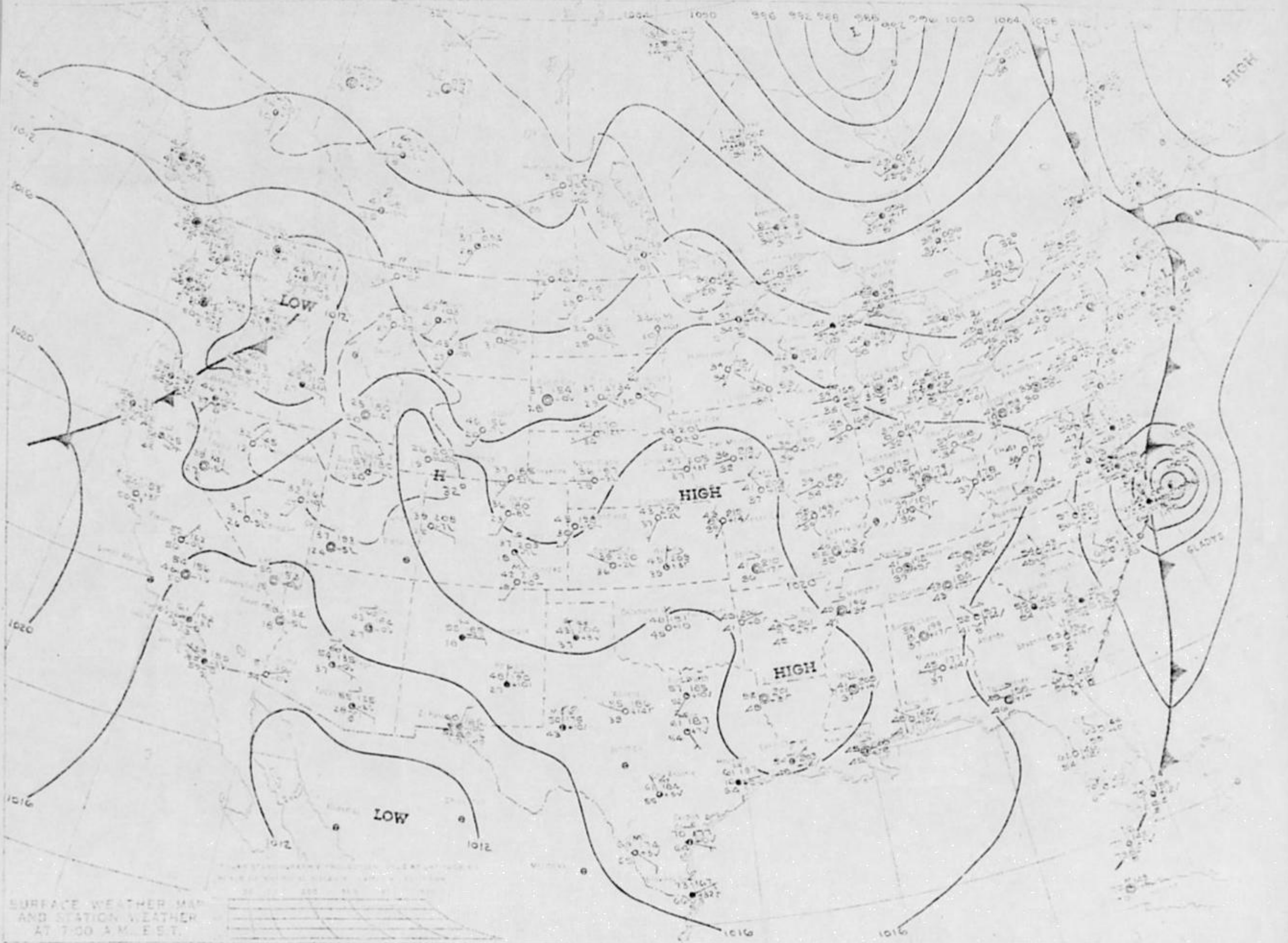
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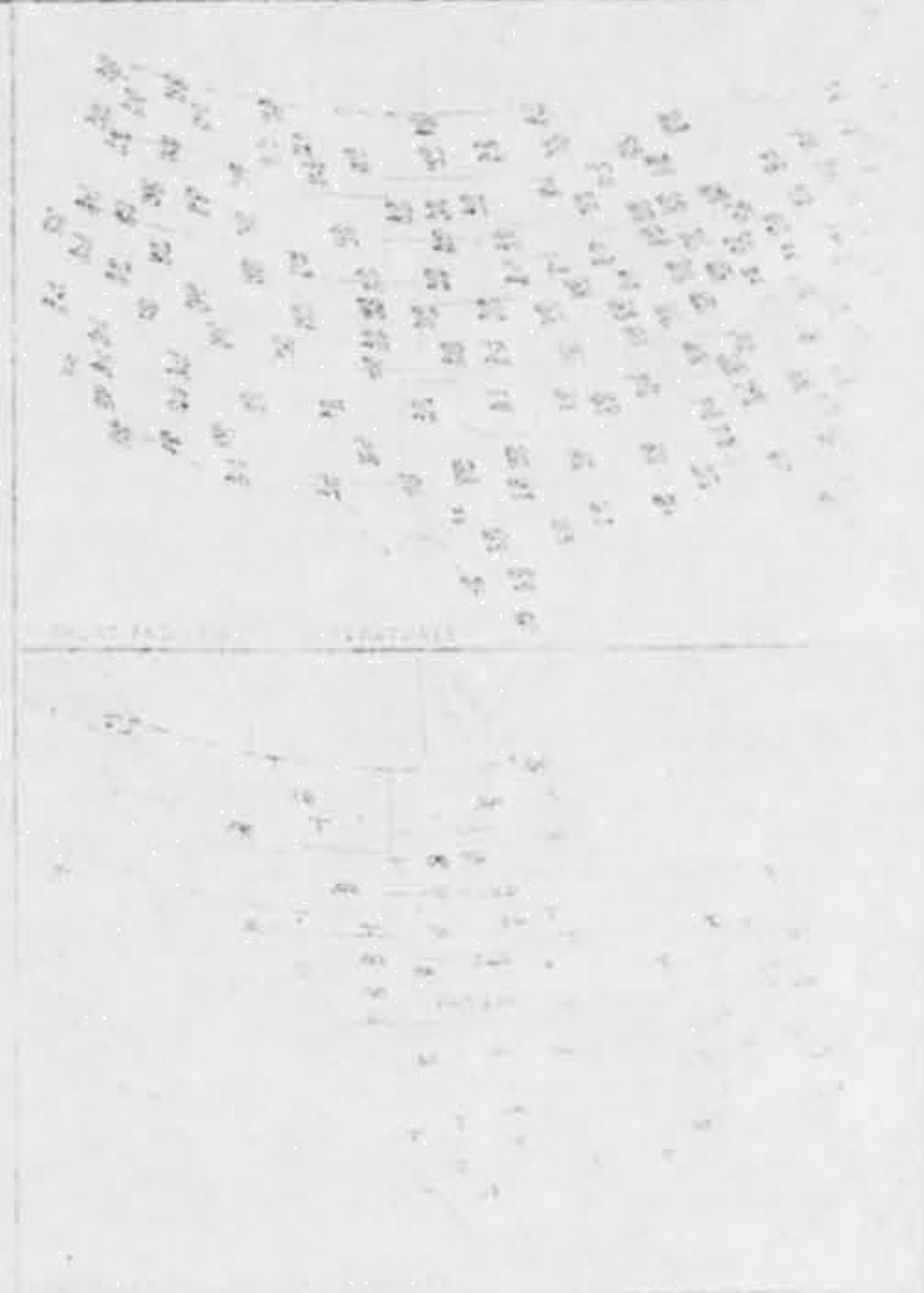
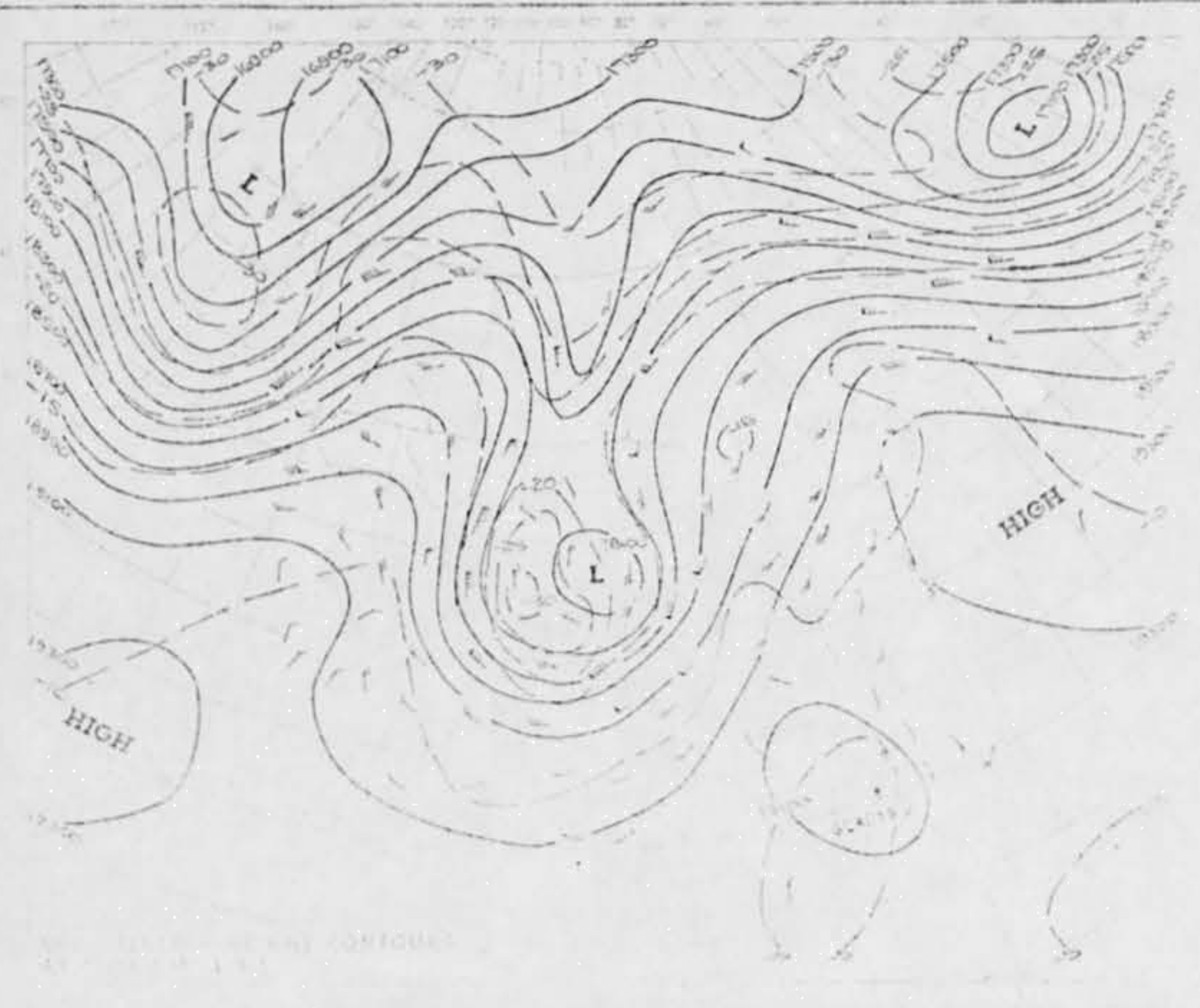
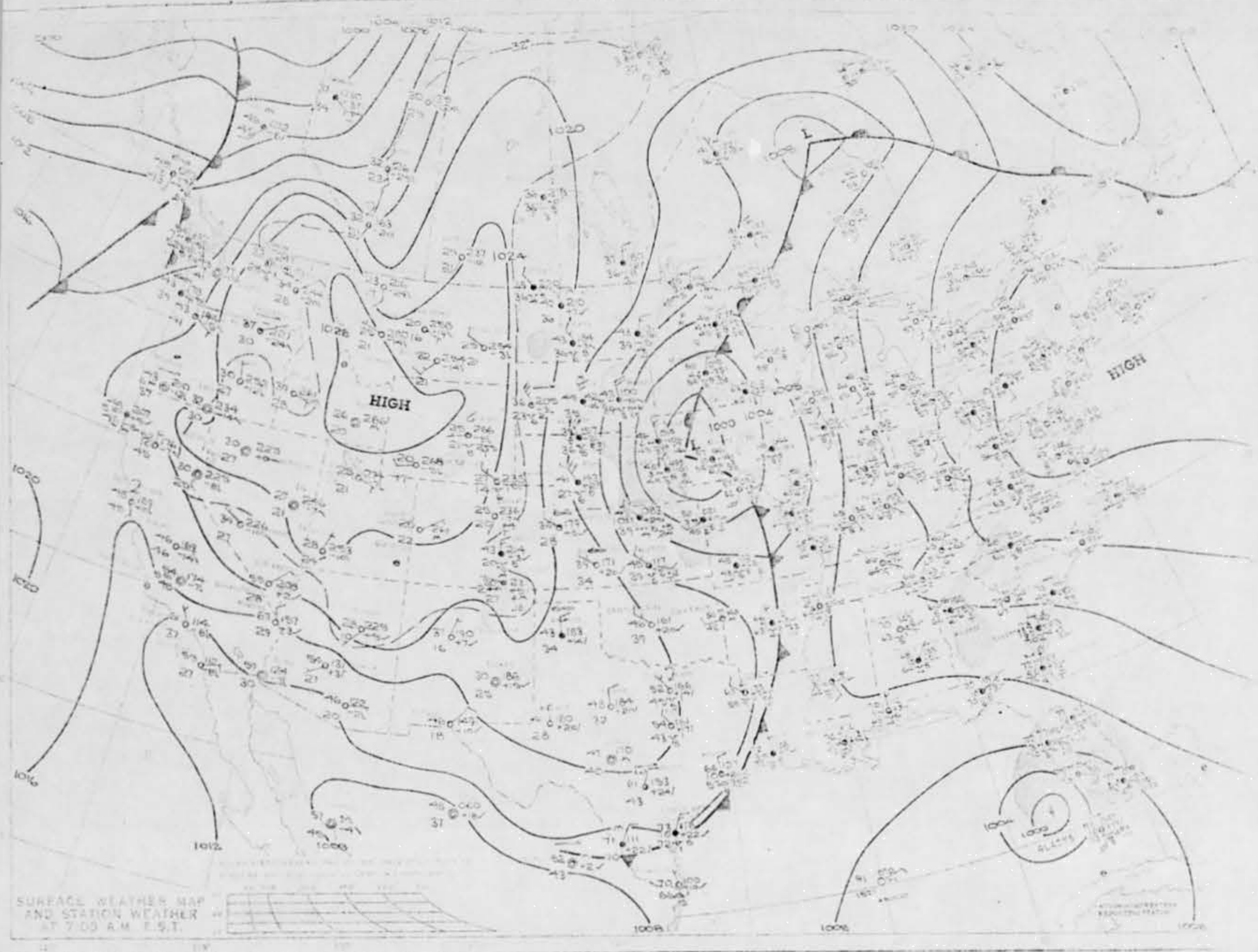


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☐ SUNGLASSES	BINOCULARS
☒ WINDSHIELD <i>very flat glass</i>	TELESCOPE
☒ SIDE WINDOW OF VEHICLE <i>by safety glass</i>	THEODOLITE
☐ WINDOWPANE	OTHER
18. DO YOU ORDINARILY WEAR GLASSES? ☒ YES ☐ NO	8. DO YOU USE READING GLASSES? ☐ YES ☒ NO
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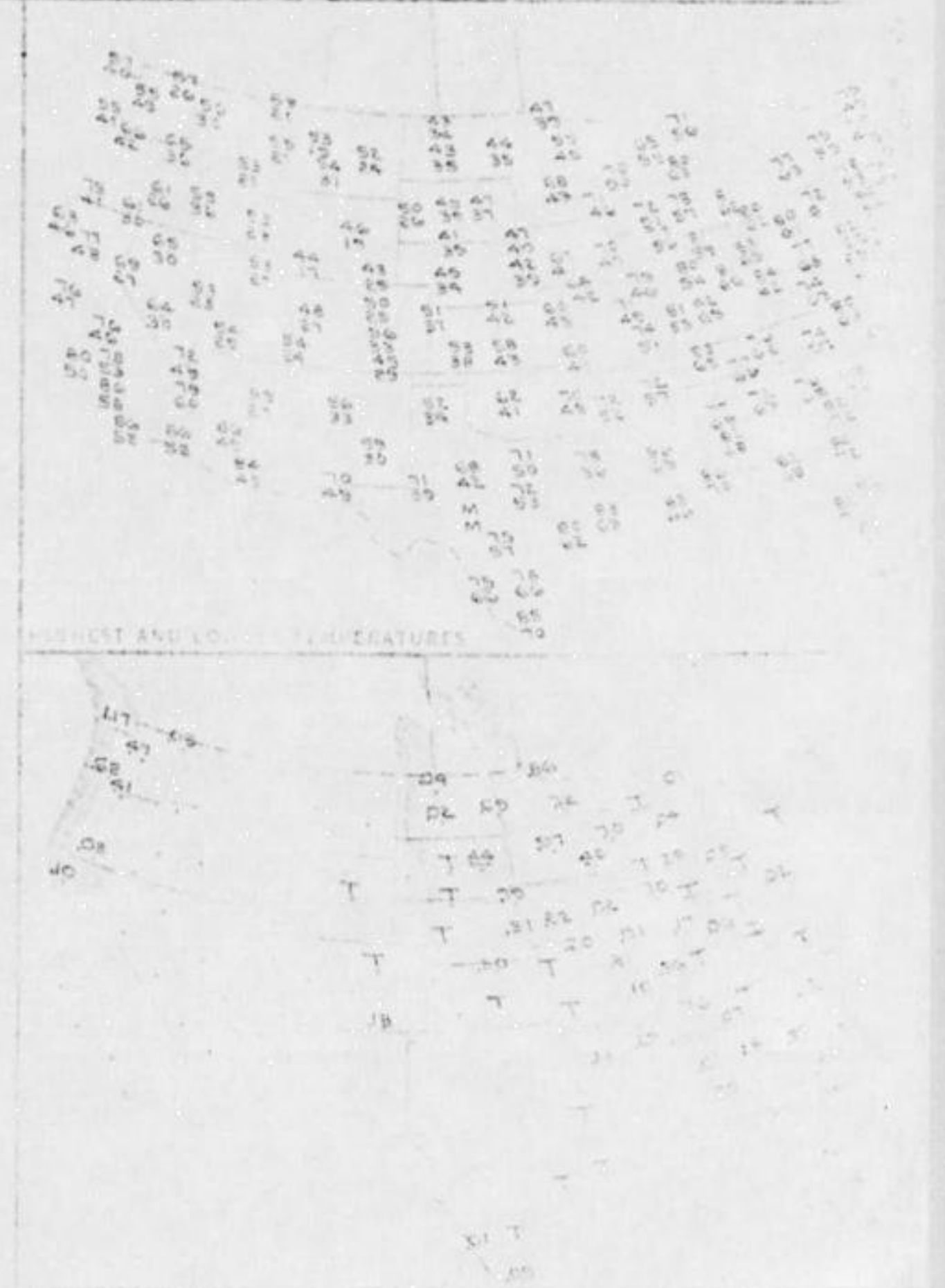
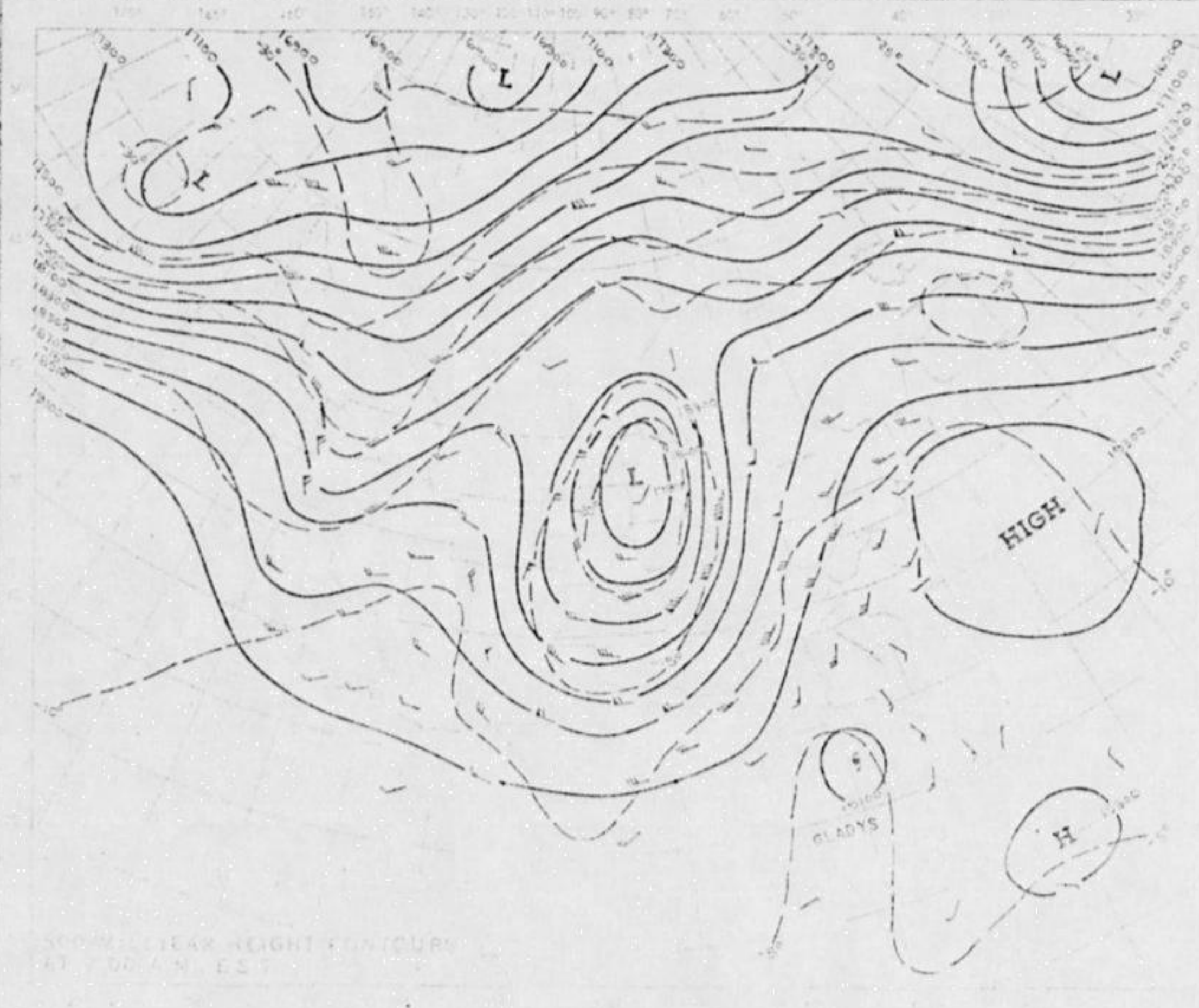
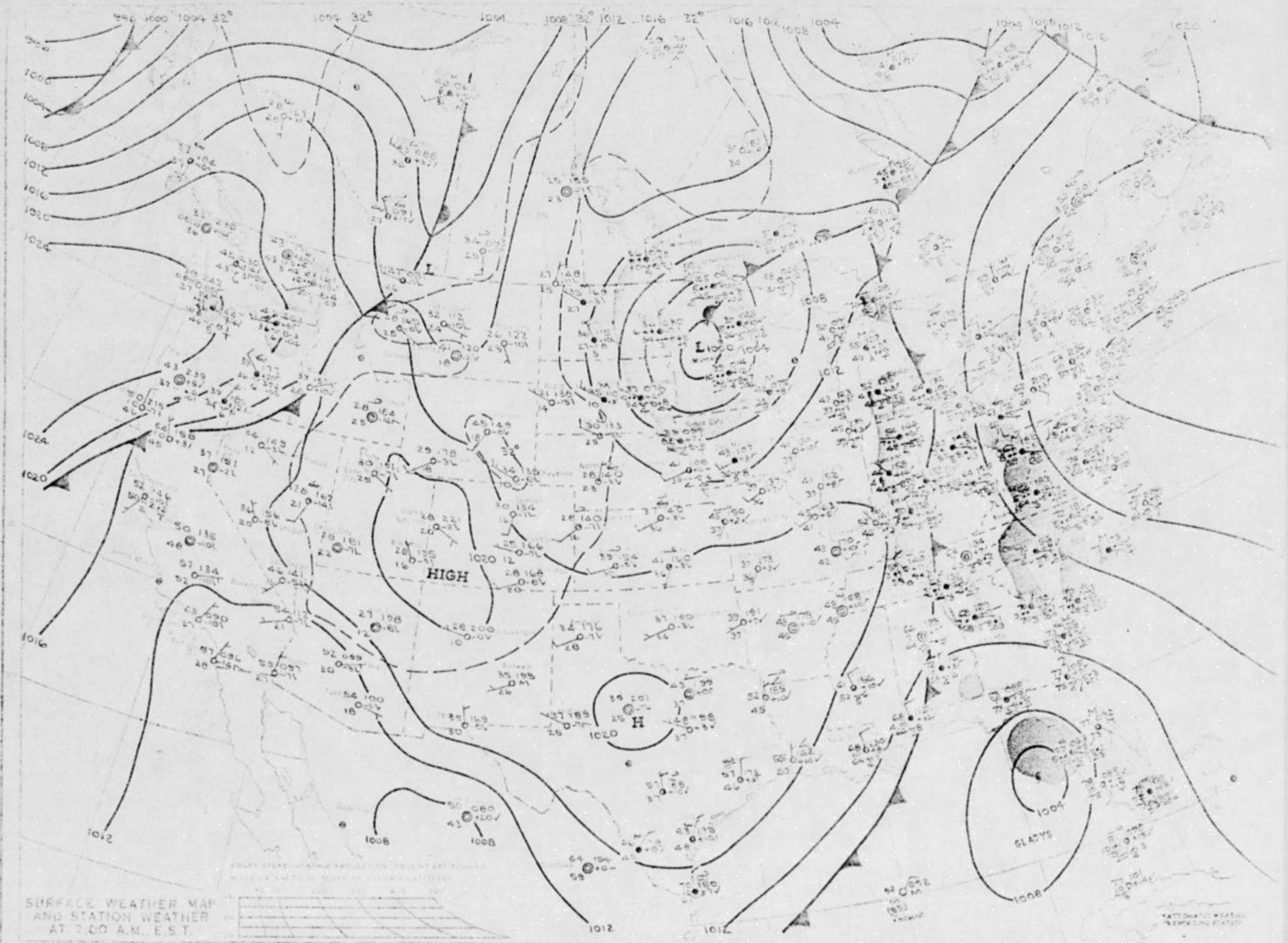


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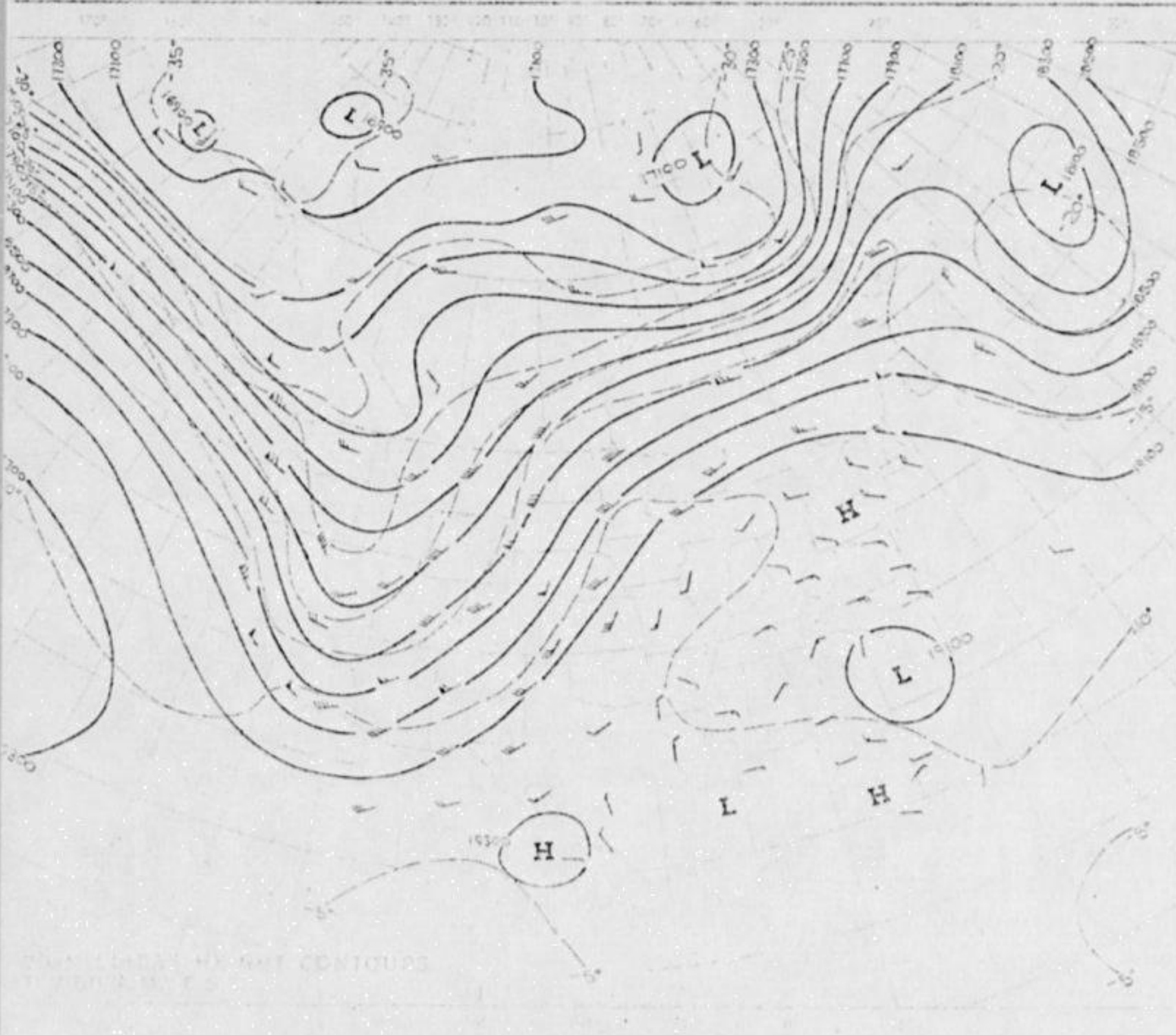
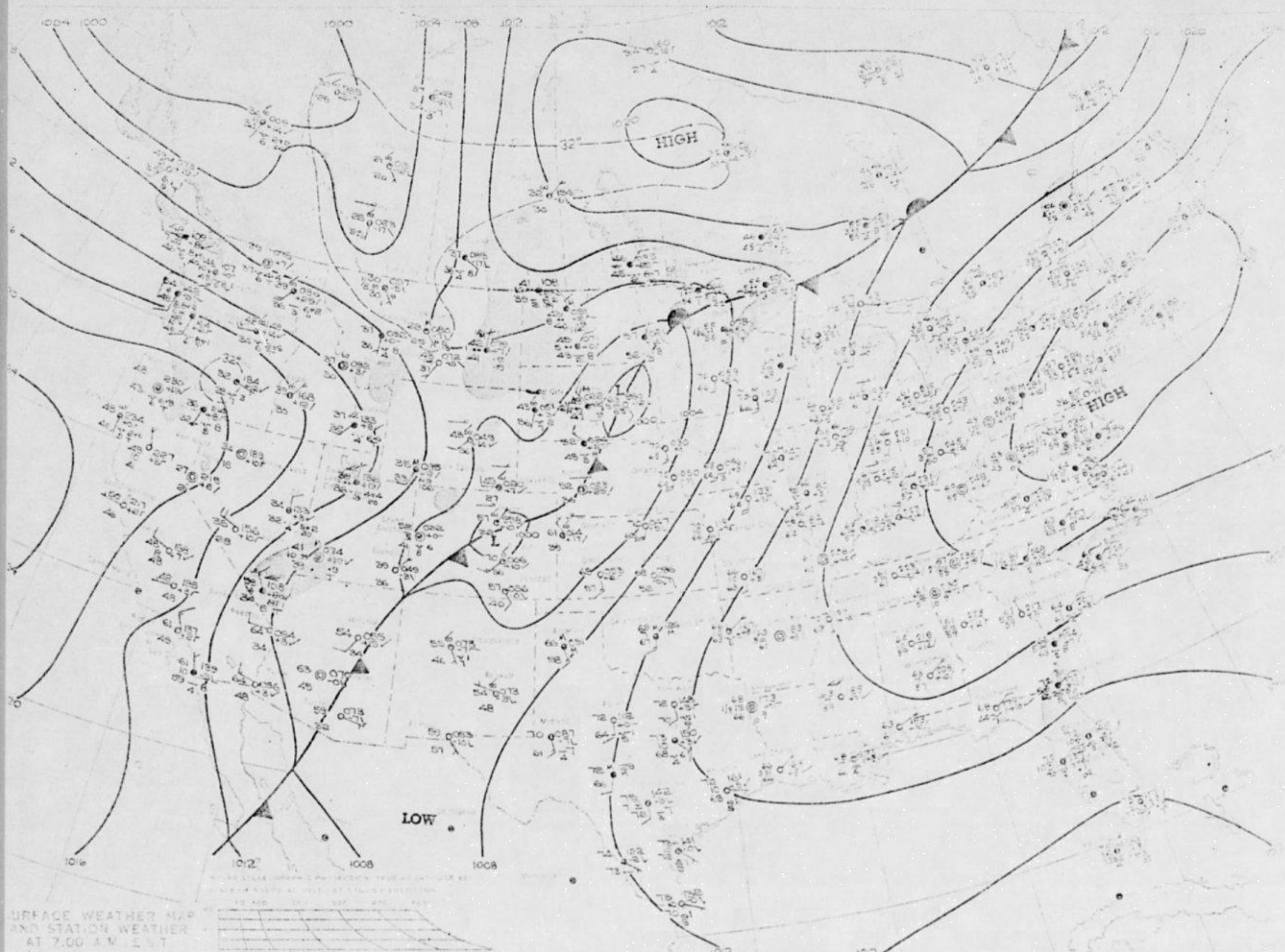




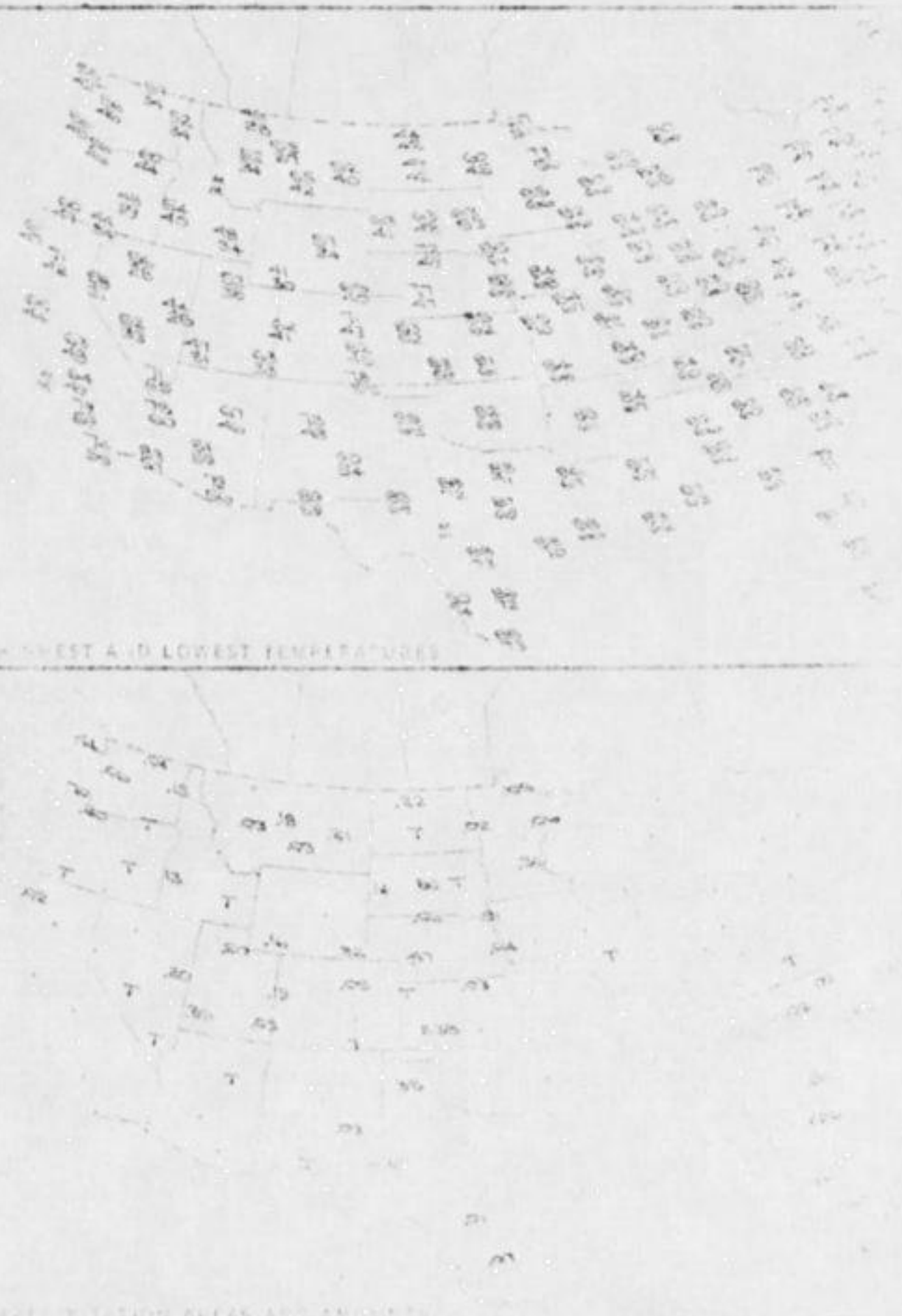
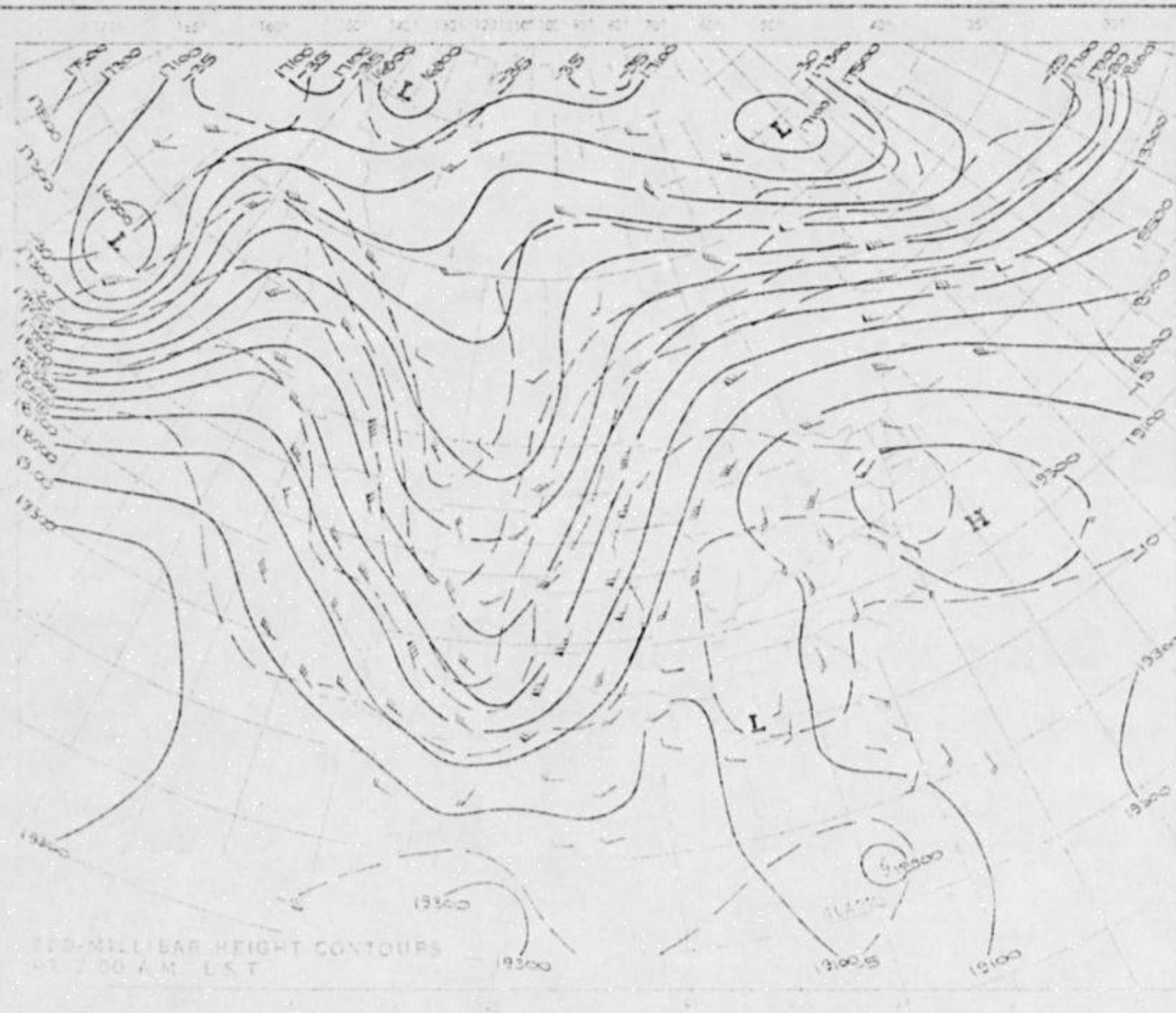
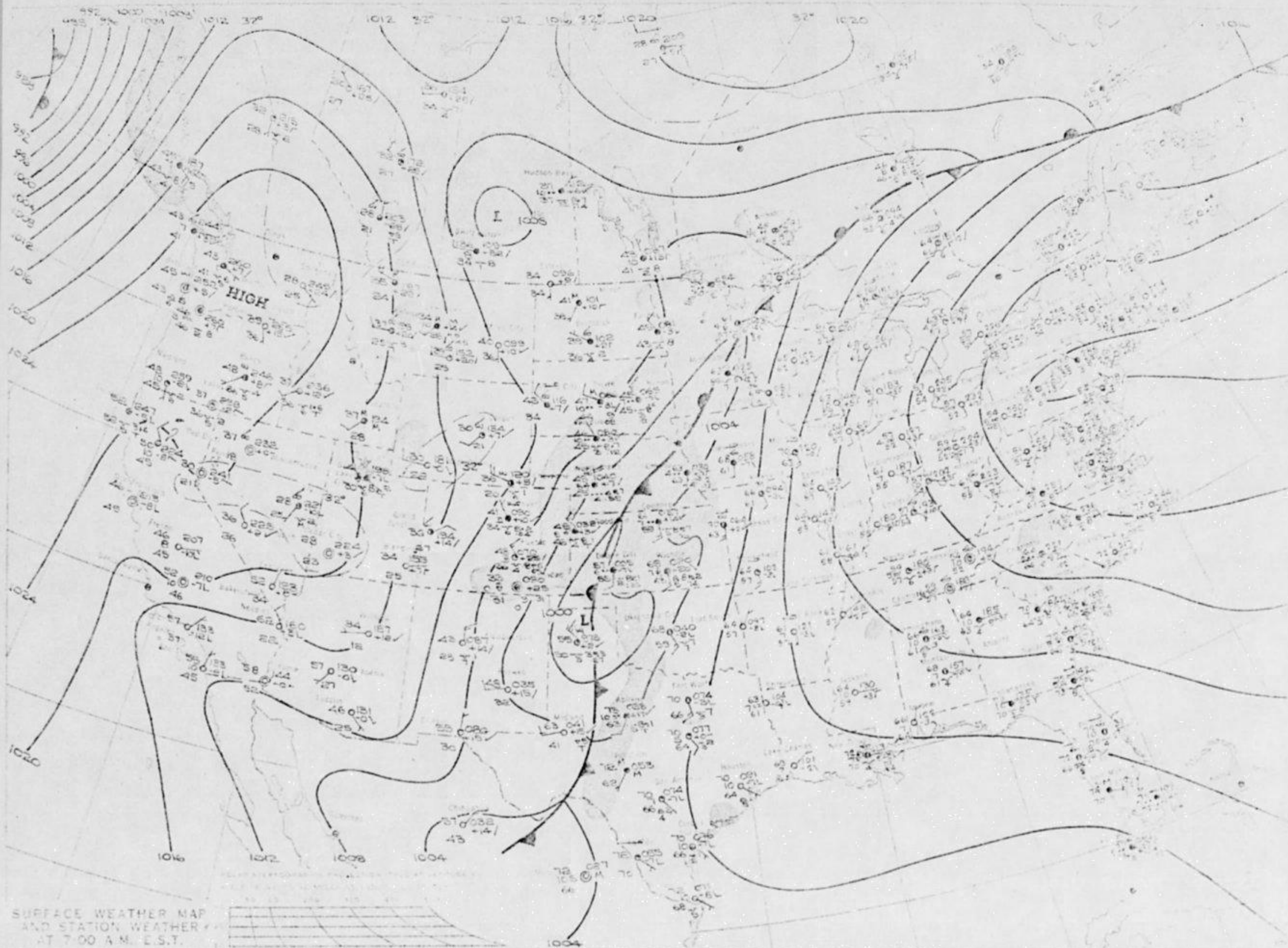
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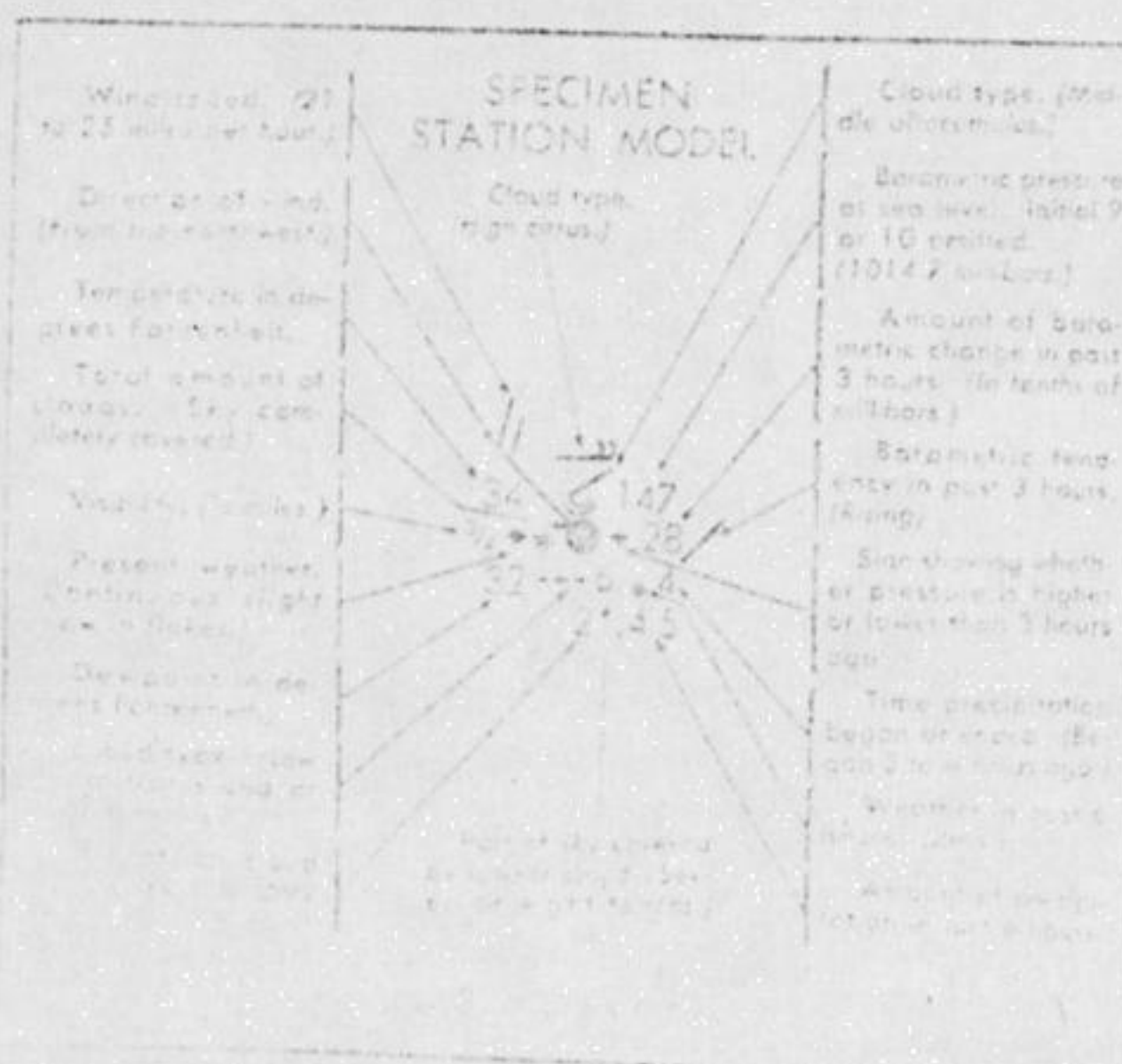
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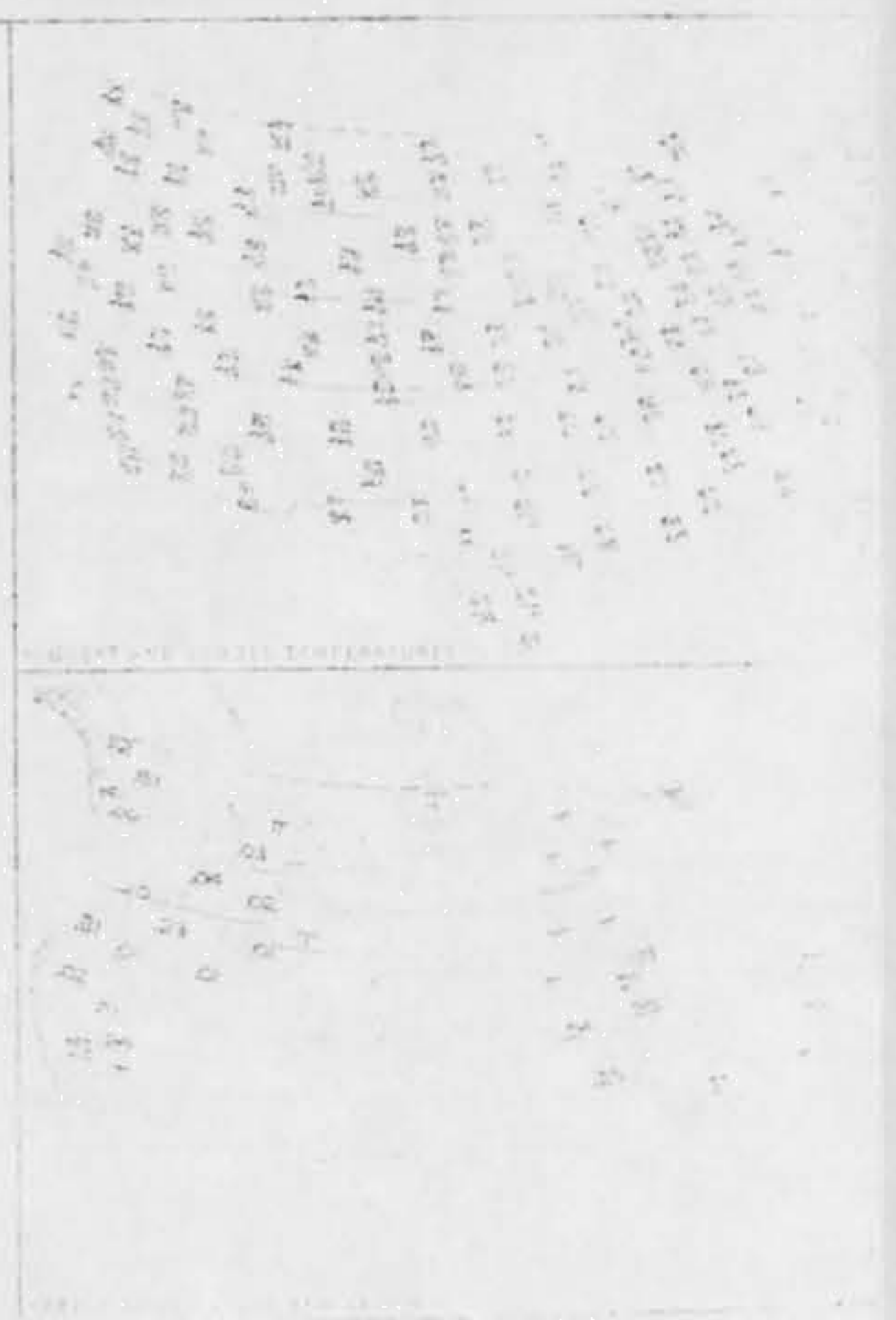
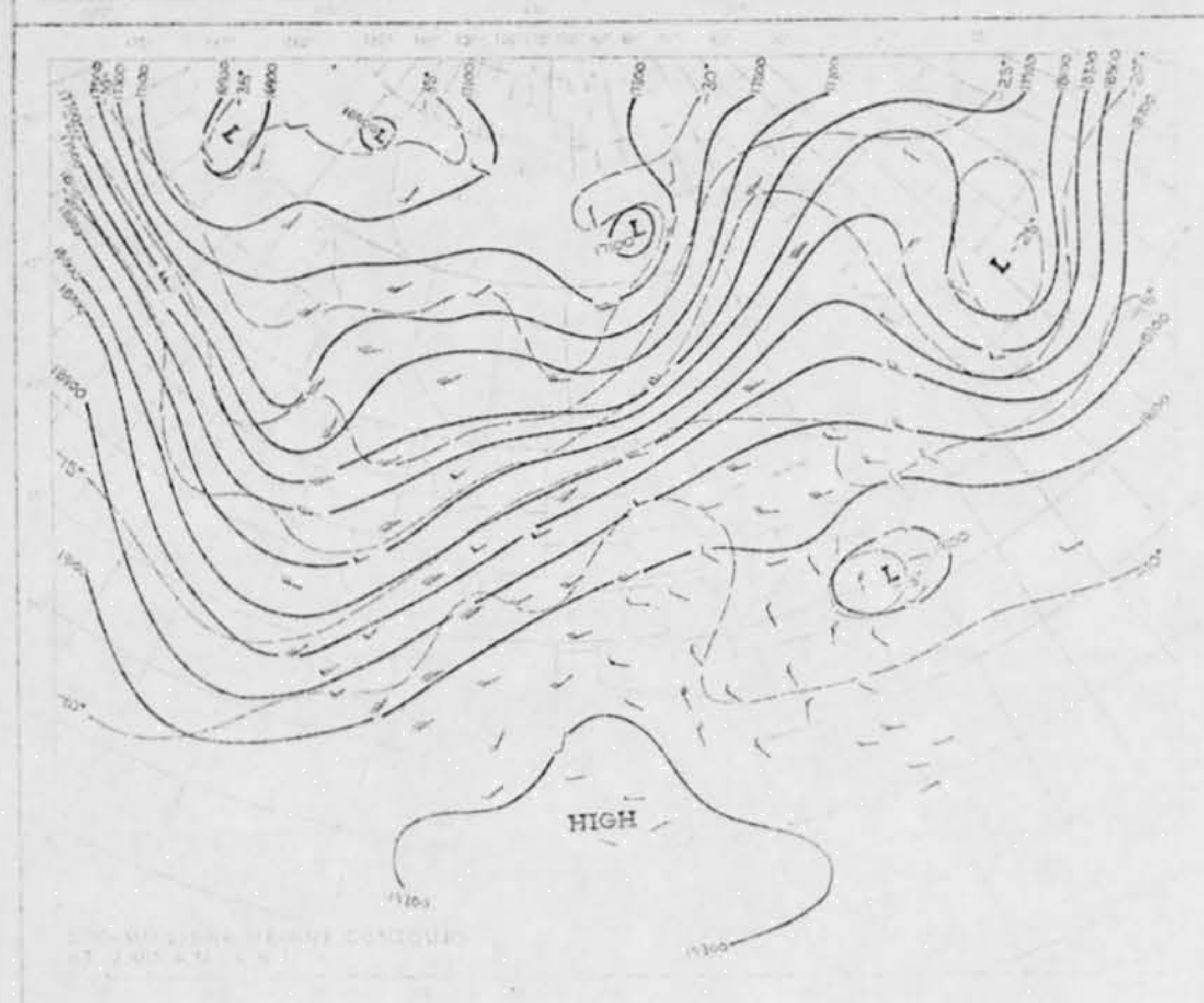
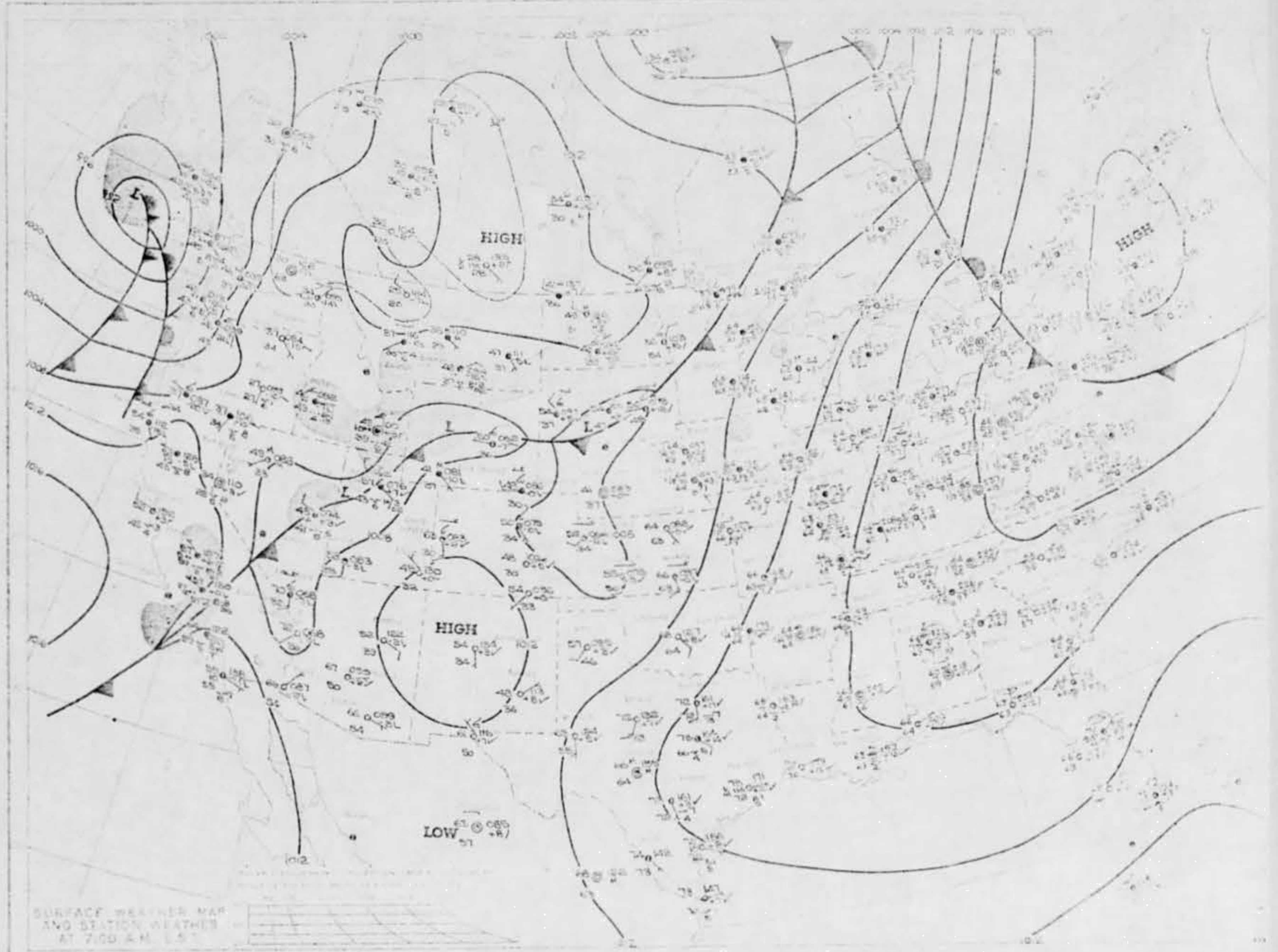
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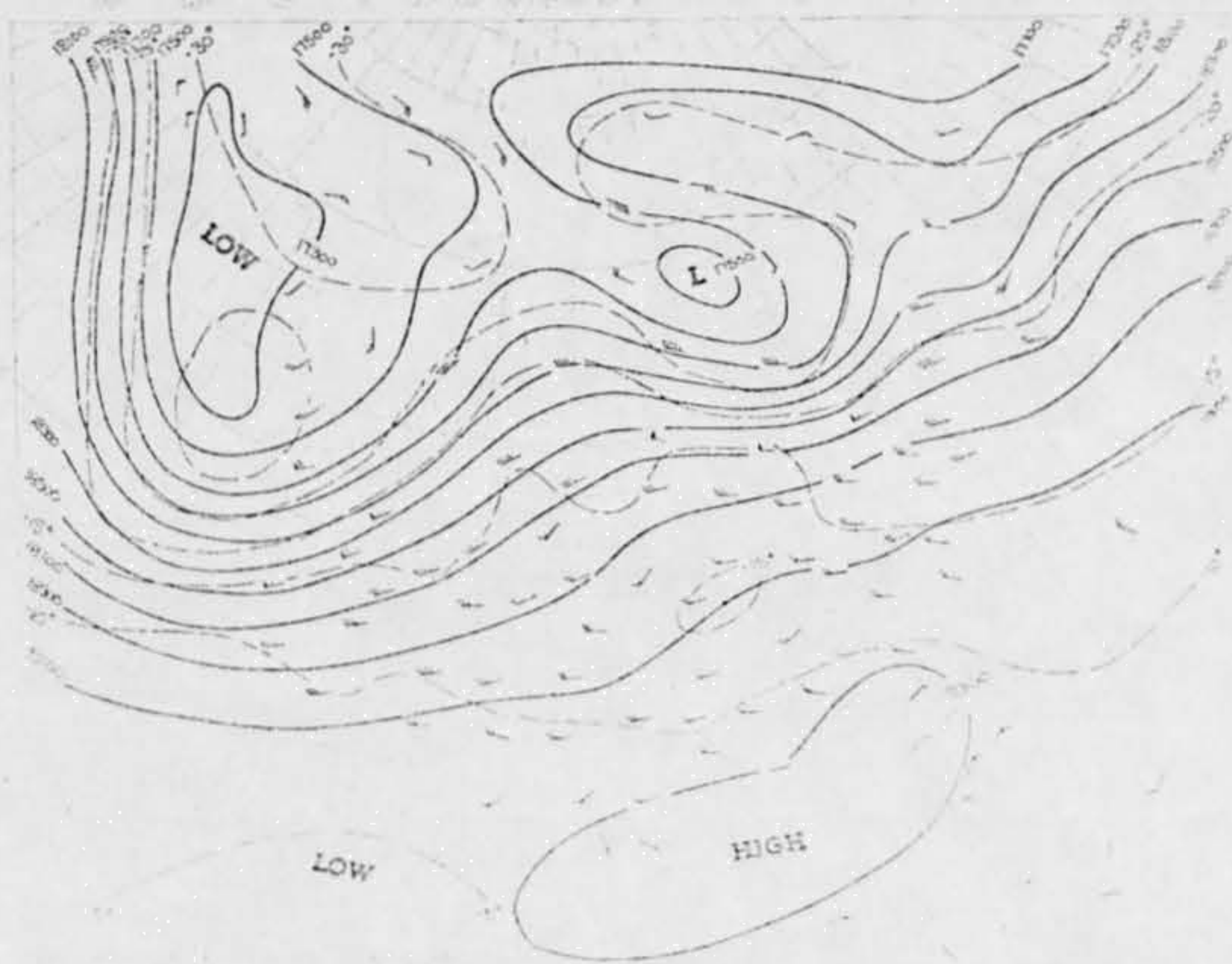
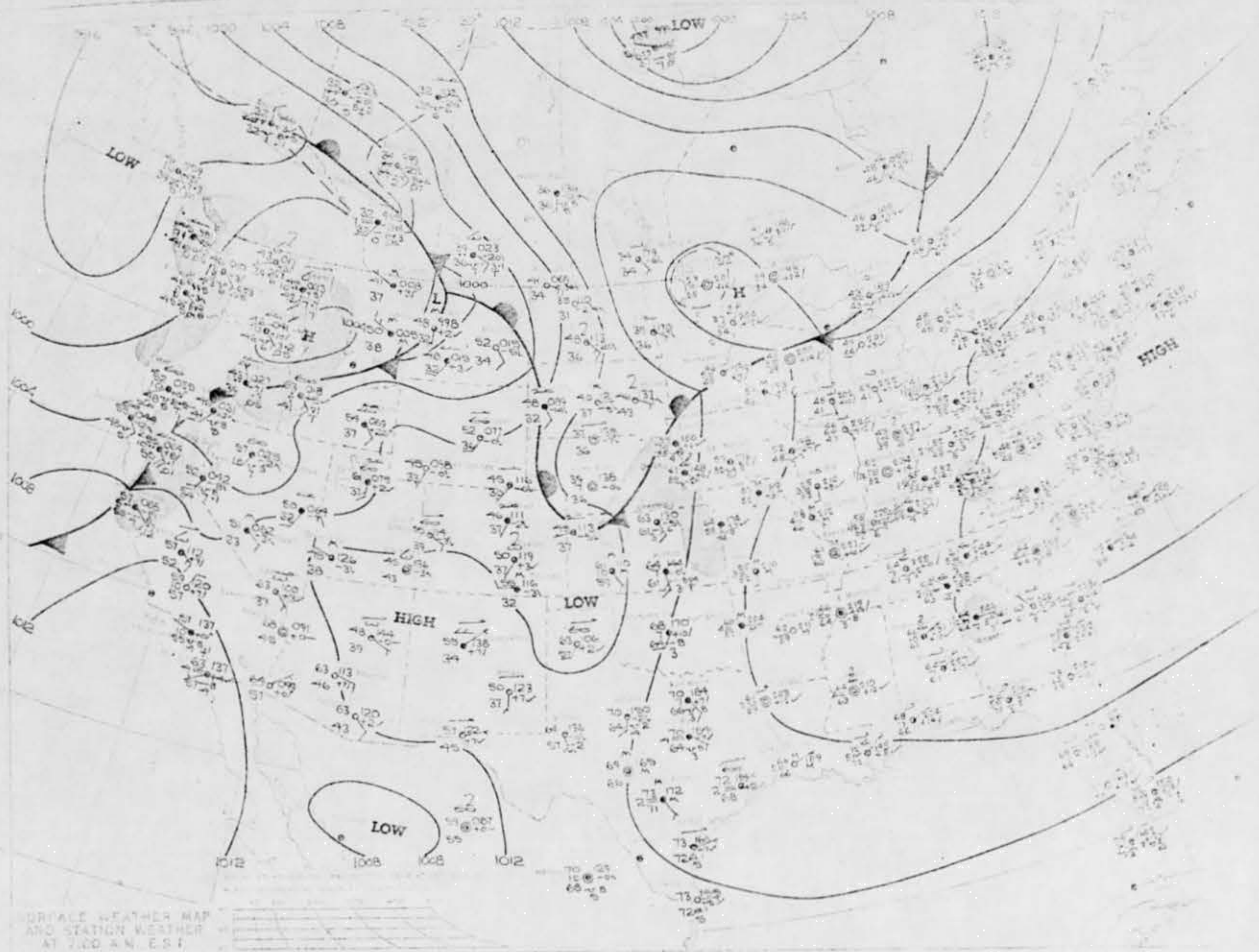
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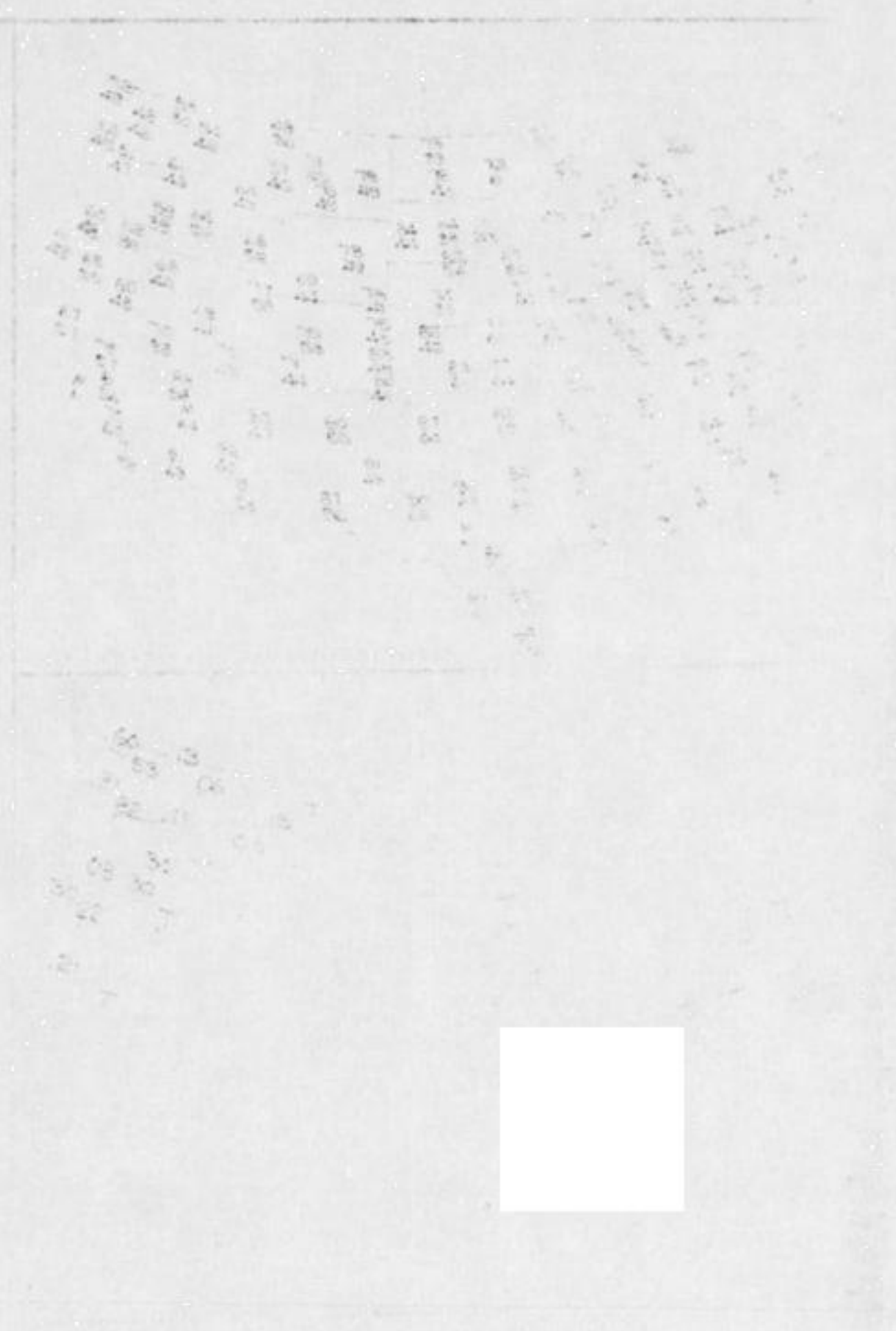
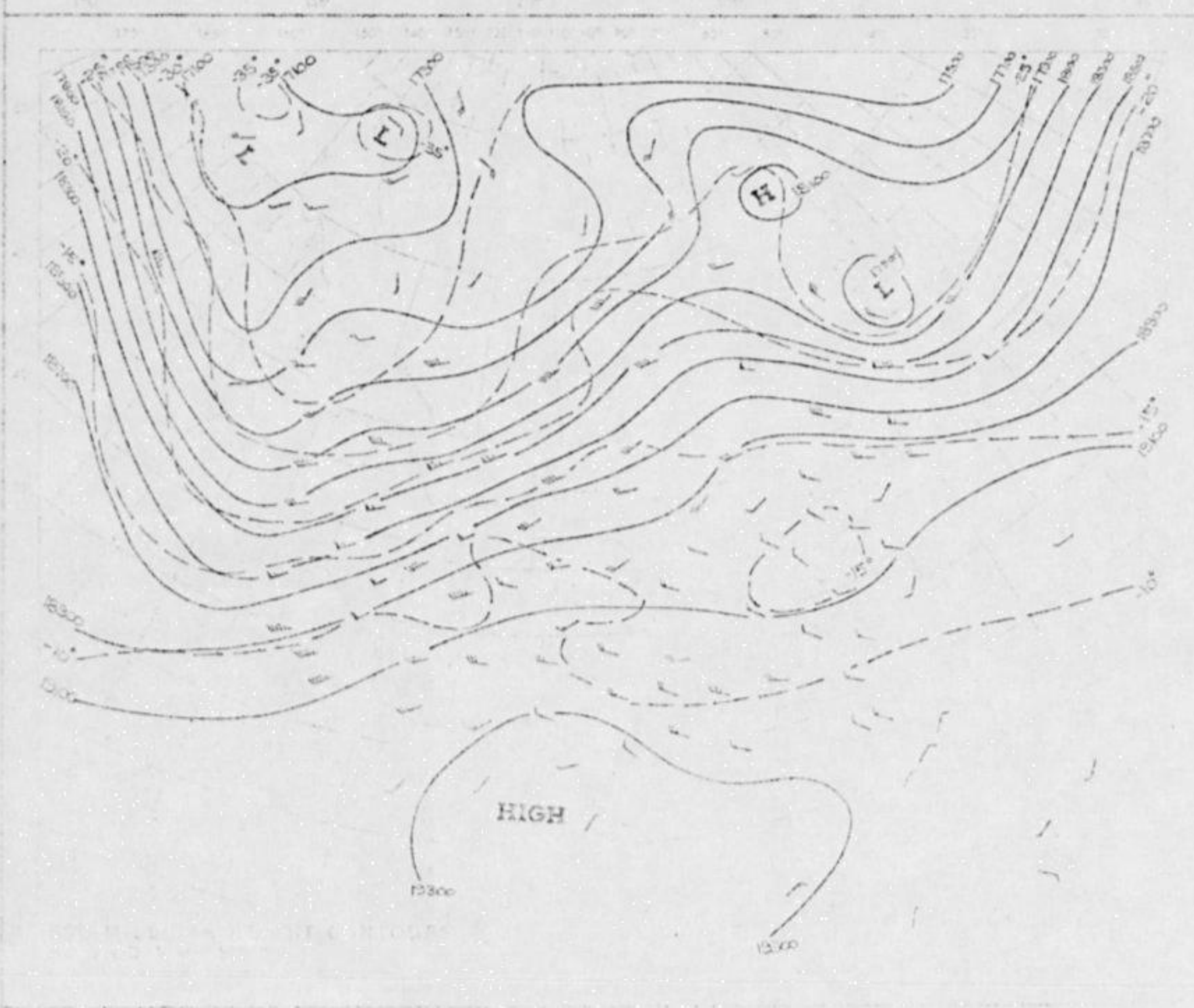
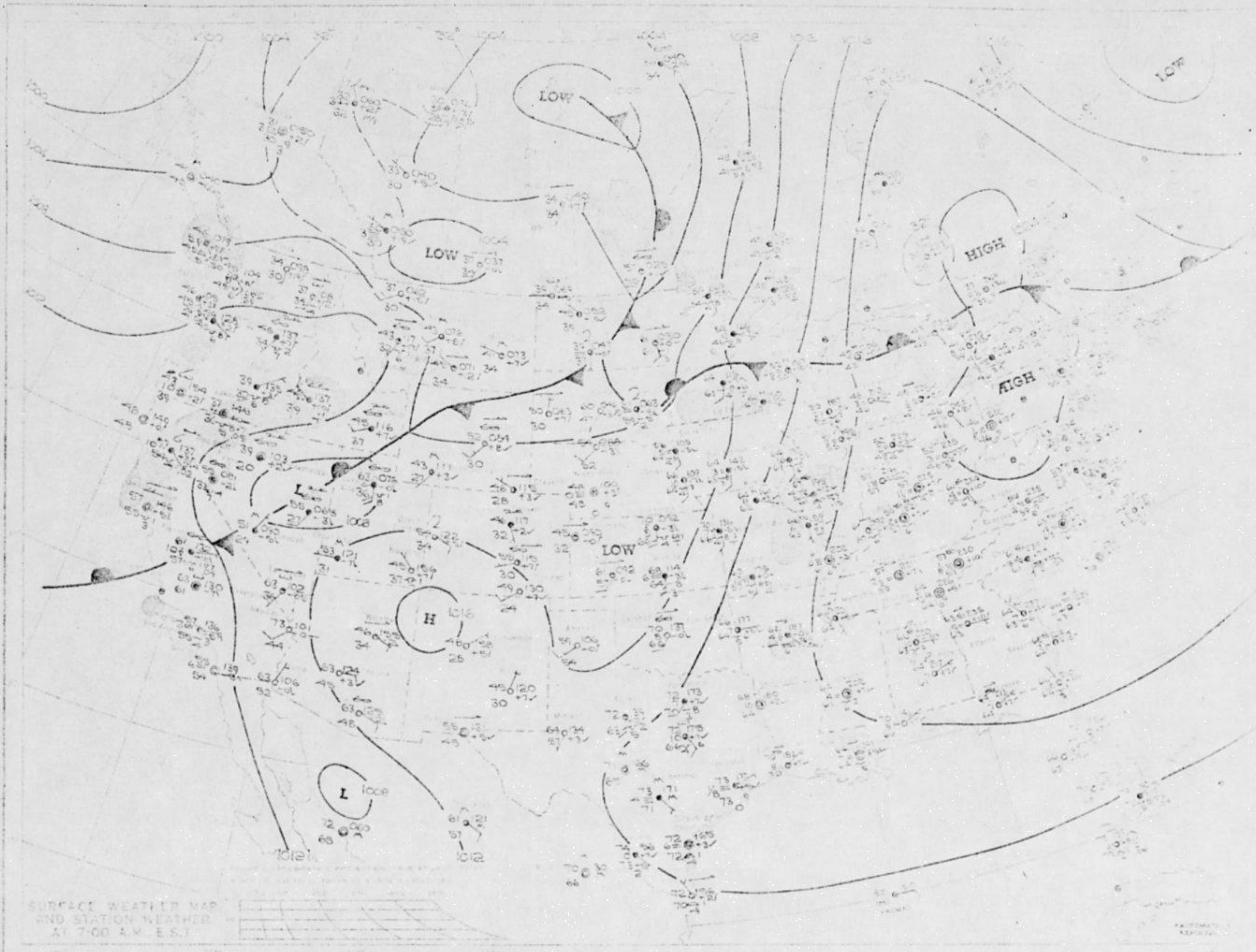
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1968





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1968



22. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS OR A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BEFORE? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," GIVE DATE AND LOCATION. *The summer of '67 in early August. My back yard at which time objects were seen reaching left & right*

23. WAS ANYONE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE PHENOMENON? ☒ YES ☐ NO. IF "YES," DID THEY SEE IT TOO? *The above sighting is a & b for Oct 26/night*

A. LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

a. Mr. [REDACTED] Rt. 1 Cape Carter Swansboro, N.C.
 a. Mr. [REDACTED] Rt. 1 Cape Carter " "
 b. Miss [REDACTED] Swansboro, N.C.
 [REDACTED]

24. GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME
 [REDACTED]

ADDRESS (Street, City, State and Zip Code)
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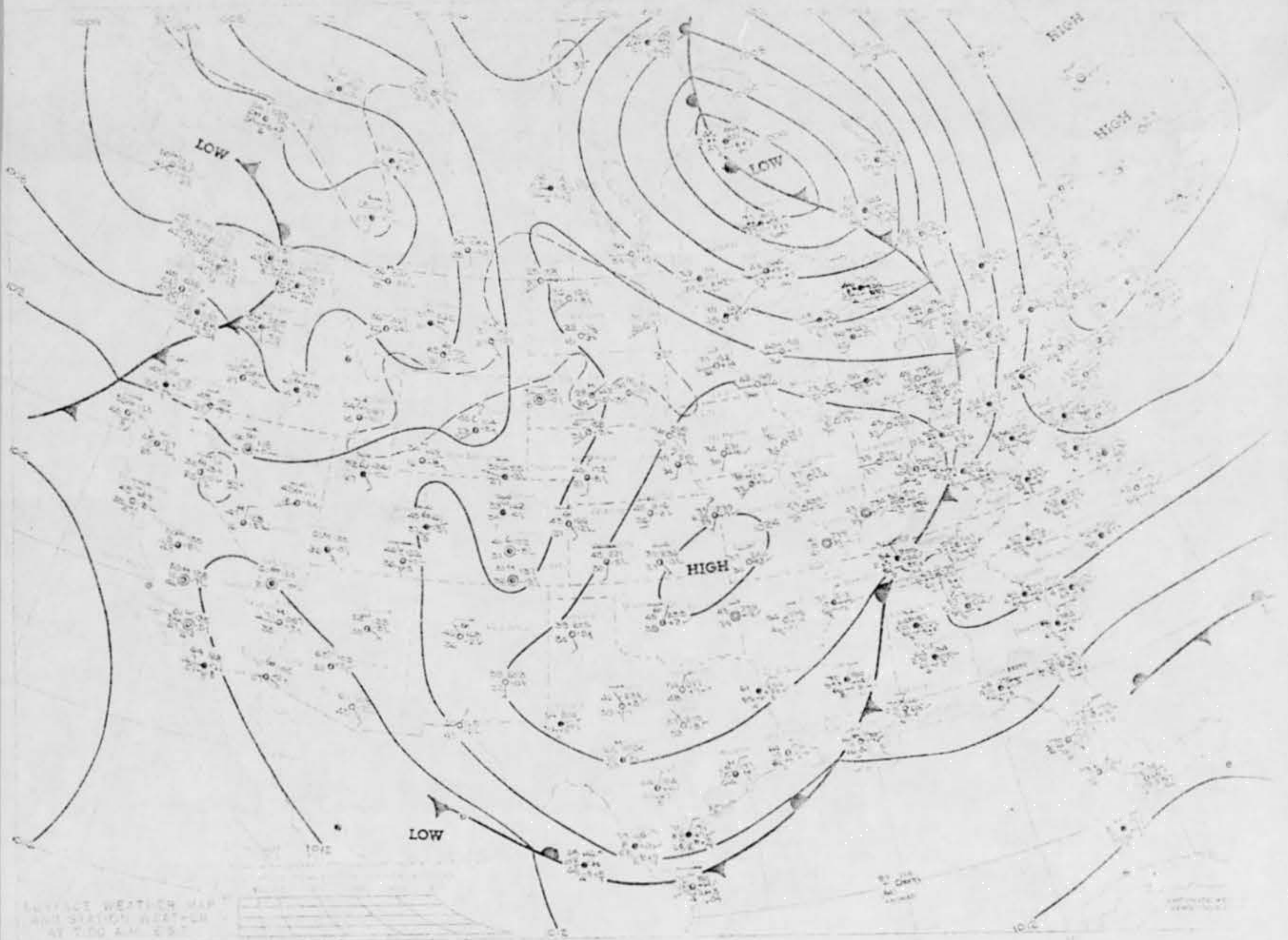
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INDICATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING OCCUPATION AND ANY EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT.
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25. WHEN AND TO WHOM DID YOU REPORT THAT YOU HAD SIGHTED THIS PHENOMENON?
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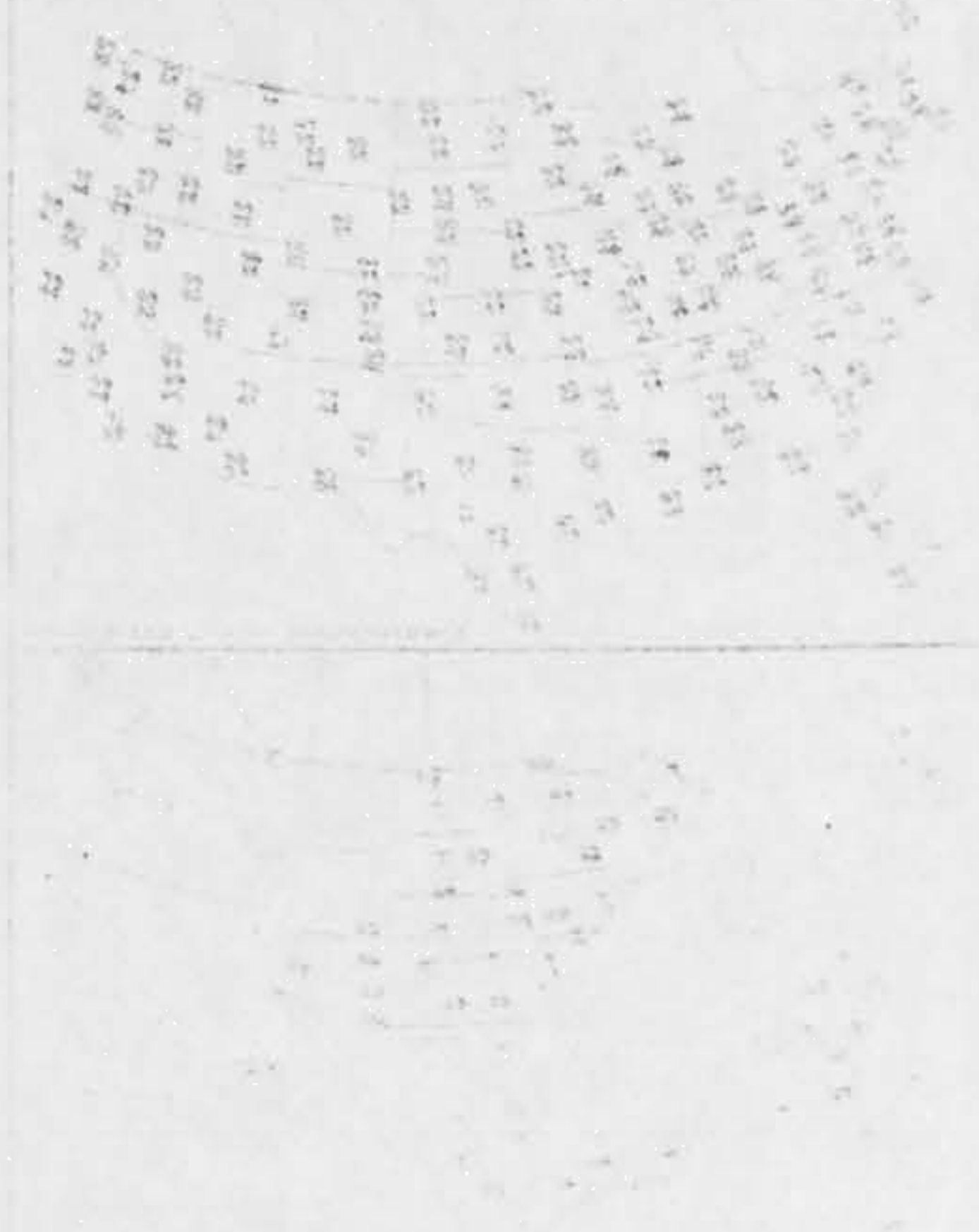
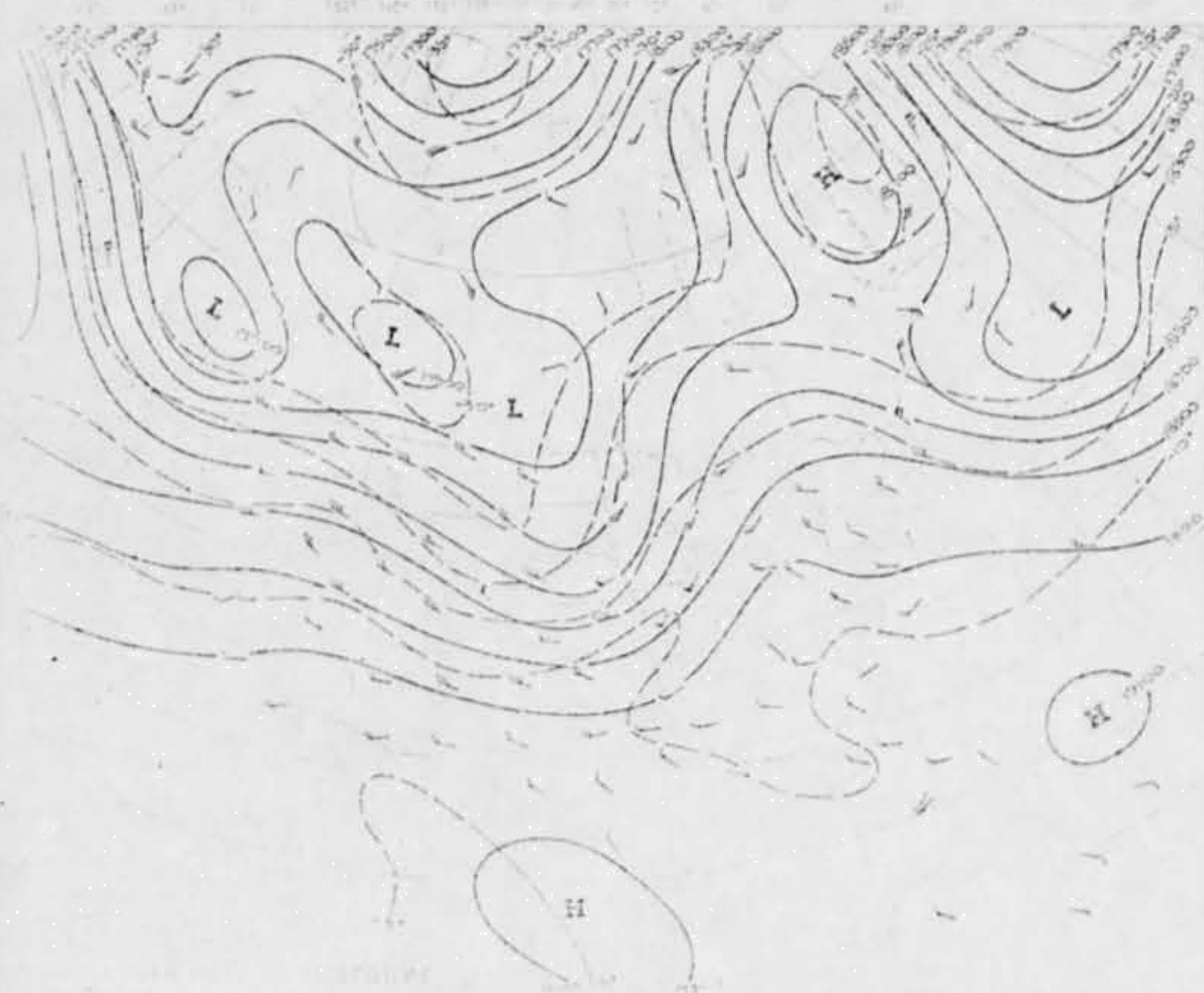
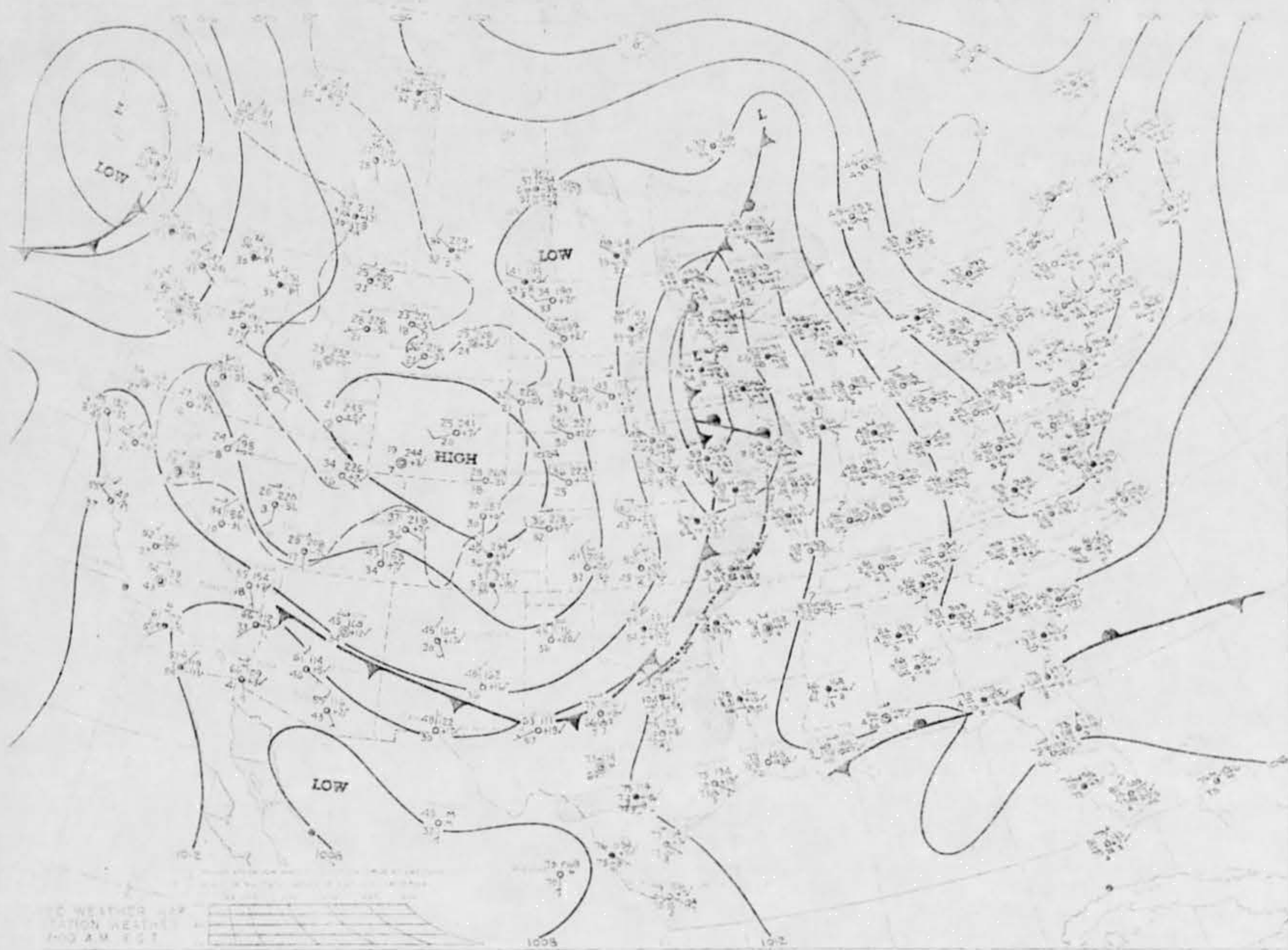
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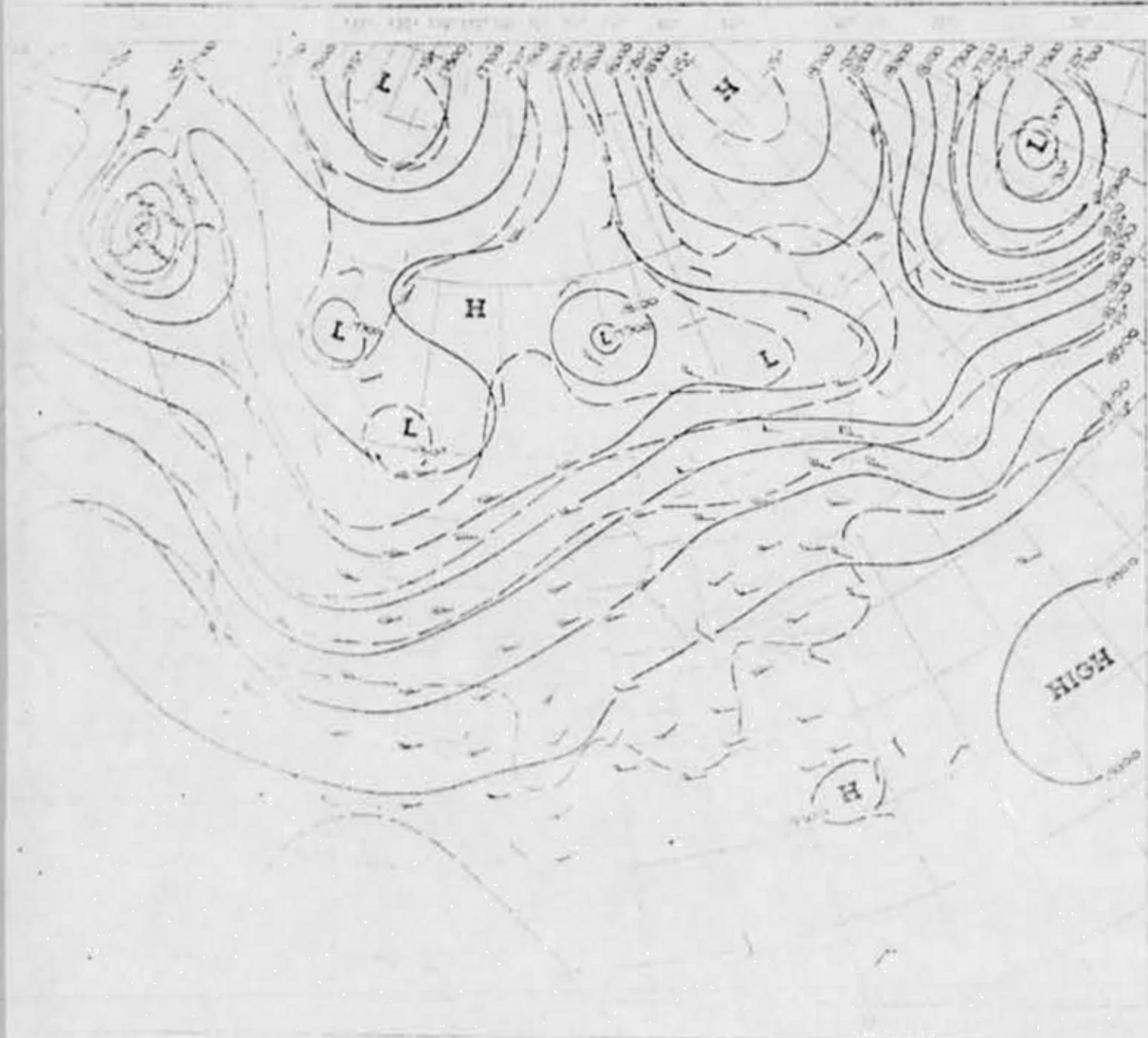
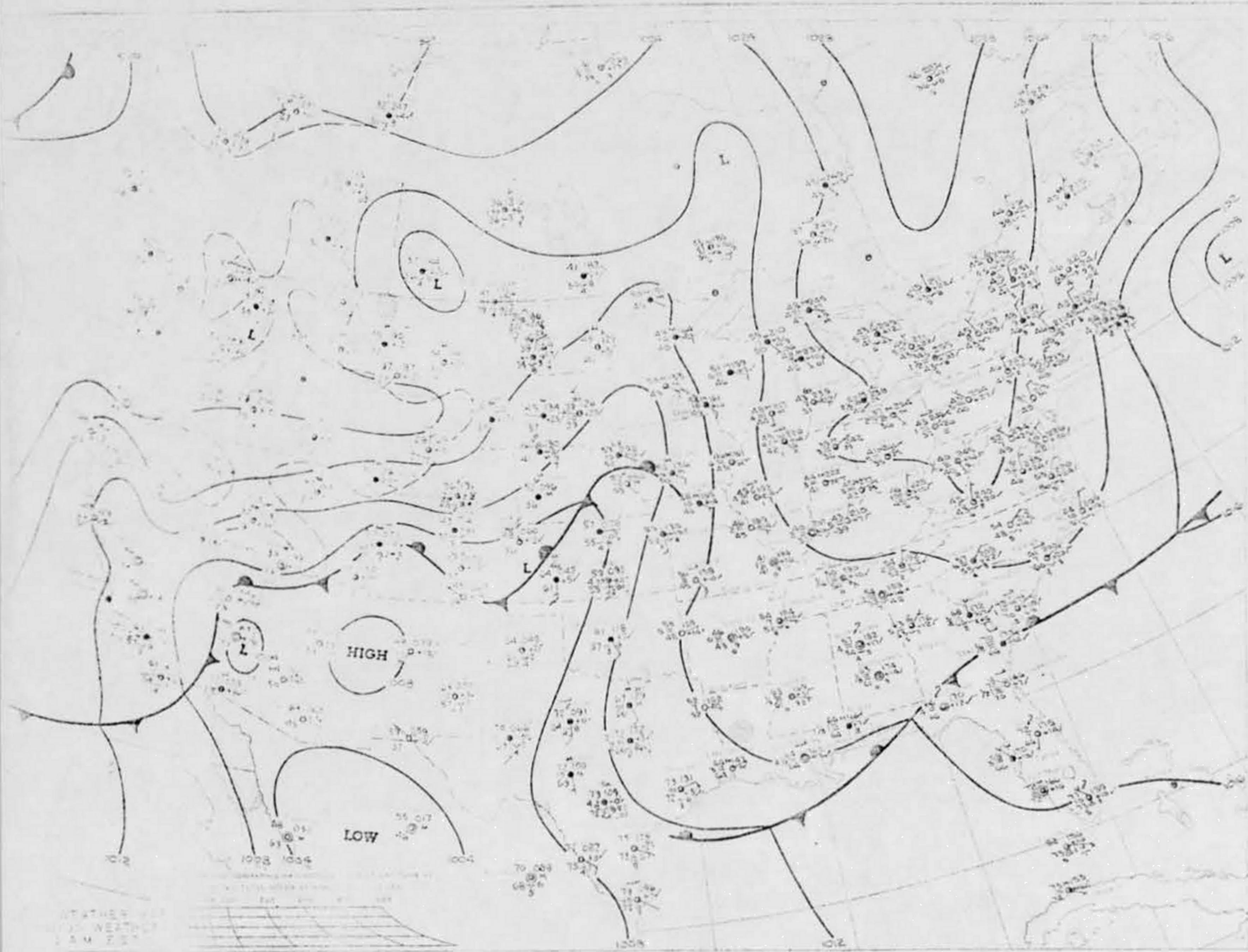


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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1968



WINDSPEED AND WIND-DRIFT TEMPERATURES



DAILY WEATHER MAPS

WEEKLY SERIES OCT. 7-13, 1968



The charts in this publication are a continuation of the principal charts of the Weather Bureau publication, Daily Weather Map. They include the Surface Weather Map, the 500 Millibar Chart, the Highest and Lowest Temperatures Chart, and the Daily Precipitation Chart. All of the charts for one day are arranged on a single page of this publication. They are copied from operational weather maps prepared by the National Meteorological Center, Weather Bureau. The symbols used on the Surface Weather Map and the 500-Millibar Chart are the same as those used previously in Daily Weather Map. An explanatory sheet is available, and single copies may be obtained without charge by writing to: Environmental Science Services Administration, Publications Section, AD-143, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Bulk copies may also be ordered, at a cost of \$2.30 per 50 copies. Checks should be made payable to the Superintendent of Documents.

The Surface Weather Map presents station data and the analysis for 7:00 a.m./e.s.t. The tracks of well-defined low pressure areas are indicated by chains of arrows; the locations of these centers at times 6, 12, and 18 hours preceding map time are indicated by small black squares enclosing white crosses. Areas of precipitation are indicated by shading. The weather reports that are printed here are only a fraction of those that are included in the operational weather maps and on which the analyses are based. Occasional apparent discrepancies between the printed station data and the analyses result from those station reports that cannot be included in the published maps because of lack of space.

The 500-Millibar Chart presents the height contours and isotherms of the 500-millibar surface at 7:00 a.m./e.s.t. The height contours are shown as continuous lines, and are labeled in feet above sea level. The isotherms are

shown as dashed lines and are labeled in degrees Celsius. The arrows show the wind direction and speed at the 500-millibar level.

The Highest and Lowest Temperatures Chart presents the maximum and minimum values for the 24-hour period ending at 2 a.m./e.s.t. The names of the reporting points are obtained from the Surface Weather Map. The maximum temperature is plotted above the station location; the minimum temperature is plotted below this point.

The Precipitation Chart and Amount Chart indicates the amount of precipitation that has fallen during the 24 hours ending at 7:00 a.m./e.s.t. in inches, the depth of an average for the period. Incomplete reports are indicated by "T" indicating trace of precipitation. Dashed lines show the 0.1-inch and 0.5-inch isohets on the ground surface at 7:00 a.m./e.s.t. of the day of issue.

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