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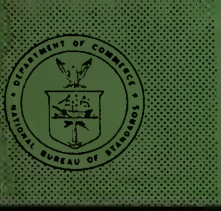
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Observations of the normal phase variations of the 18 kc/s signals radiated from the Canal Zone and received in Frankfurt, Germany are given in the form of monthly averages and standard deviations at 5 minute intervals. The relation between mean diurnal phase variations and the diurnal variation in path illumination is shown. The mean diurnal height change is 21 km which is reduced to 20 km during summer and winter and increased to 22 km during the equinoxes. Short term normal phase differences are also briefly discussed.

The Normal Phase Variations
of the
18 Kc/s Signals from NBA
Observed at Frankfurt, Germany

1. Introduction

There is considerable current interest in the phase stability of VLF signals received over long paths. This interest stems from the use of such signals for the dissemination of standards of frequency, for use in long range navigation aids, and in possible systems for the detection of high altitude nuclear explosions. In the latter case, nuclear explosions produce abnormal phase changes because of changes in the electron density distribution of the lower ionosphere. In order to decide which phase changes are abnormal, it is necessary to know what normal changes are to be expected. Thus, in this note the normal behavior of the phase of the signals received at Frankfurt, Germany at 18 Kc/s from the VLF transmitter NBA in the Canal Zone will be briefly summarized with little, or no attempt at interpretation. This note will be followed by others which discuss the normal behaviour on other paths. It is expected that these will then be followed by papers in which specific aspects of the results from all paths will be considered.

As used in this and subsequent reports, the normal behavior will refer to the average of all useable observations, usually grouped in intervals of a month. Occasions when known solar flares have occurred are excluded. Some results of a separate study of solar flares have been given by Chilton et al (1963).

The data reduced in this way are then used to compute the monthly mean of the phase at 5 minute intervals. The standard deviation of the phase at each time is also computed and recorded. Individual observations which depart from the mean for the particular time by more than one standard deviation were then rejected and the mean of the remaining observations at that time was re-calculated.

Tables 1 - 12 give the results of these calculations for the 12 months of 1962. The tables are arranged so that the values for each half hour occupy one line, at intervals of five minutes. The line for each hour is labelled with the Universal Time of the first entry. The entries in the table are then, reading across the line from left to

right, the arithmetic mean of all values (AVER) at that time for the month, the standard deviation of these values (SDV), and the number of values (NO) which were used. The next two entries are QAV which is the mean after the values departing by more than one standard deviation are removed and the number of values (NO) which were used in obtaining this average. The corresponding figures for each five minute period in the half hour then follow and are denoted by the figures + 5 min. + 25 min above each group of columns. The thirty minute values then occur at the left of the next line in the table.

Plots of the mean and standard deviation for each month from August 1961 to December 1962 for the NBA-Frankfurt path are given in figures. 1 - 3. The quiet means as defined above are shown by dotted lines where they depart from the mean of all observations.

The quiet averages defined above were obtained in an attempt to determine whether the larger deviations from the mean of all values were symmetrically distributed. It will be seen, from tables 1 - 12, that the values labelled "AVER" and "QAV" are essentially equal and thus the larger deviations do appear to be symmetrically distributed. The tables also show that in obtaining QAV about 32% of the original values are rejected. This indicates that the data tend to be normally distributed.

2. Analysis of Data

The phase of the signal relative to a local, stable, reference oscillator is obtained in the form of strip chart records from a servo-type phase measuring system [May and Diede, 1963]. In general, the frequency of the reference oscillator at the receiver differs slightly from the transmitted frequency. Furthermore, it is usually found that this frequency difference is not constant but that over periods of a few days, it is a linear function of time [Crombie et al., 1958]. This then leads to a parabolic variation of phase, with time, which must be removed in order to find the dirunal phase variation.

The chart records are scaled at intervals of 10 minutes (more frequently when the phase is changing rapidly) using semi-automatic means which produce the resultant phase values on Hollerith punched cards. These phase data are transferred to magnetic tape during further processing which removes cyclic ambiguities due to oscillator differences to produce a continuous digital record of the phase.

Another computer process is then used to remove the effects of frequency offset. This is usually done by making a least squares fit of a parabola to the phase values for three consecutive days at hours when the path is fully sunlit. The resulting parabola is then subtracted from all phase values of the center day. This process is repeated for each day, resulting in a continuous calculation of the diurnal phase variation. In the case where a discontinuity is encountered in the data, a straight line rather than a parabola is fitted for two consecutive days. The parabolic variation remains in that case, but in one day with stable oscillators its effects are minor, and its contribution to an average over many days is negligible.

3. The Diurnal Variation of Phase

The monthly mean diurnal phase variations are shown in figures 1 to 3. The left hand scale for each month is the diurnal phase scale. The scale on the right hand margin is the standard deviation of phase scale. Also shown on the diurnal phase curves are the times of sunrise and sunset at a height of 80 km. In calculating these times, it has been assumed that the screening effect of the atmosphere increases the radius of the earth by 30 km.

The curves illustrate the typical trapezoidal shape [Pierce, 1957, Crombie et al., 1958] of the diurnal phase variation. The phase advances when sunrise occurs at the eastern end of the path and continues to advance until the whole path is sunlit. The relative phase then remains approximately constant until sunset occurs on the eastern end of the path. The phase delay then increases until the whole path becomes dark. The duration of the times when the phase is constant varies seasonally with the times for which the path is fully dark and fully illuminated.

3.1 Seasonal Variation in Diurnal Phase Change

The mean diurnal phase change for each month is plotted in figure 4 and suggests that there is a semi-annual cyclic variation in the magnitude of the diurnal phase variation. The standard deviation of the mean for the points shown in figure 4 varies between 4° and 16° , with a mean of 9° . Thus, the differences between months are undoubtedly significant. Fourier analysis yields the annual and semi-annual components which are also shown in figure 4. It seems that the diurnal phase change is a maximum during the

equinoxes and least during summer and winter. On the other hand, the annual variation is too small to be significant. The mean diurnal variation in phase is 460° . This varies seasonally by $\pm 25^\circ$. Using the approximate calculation of Wait (1959) relating the diurnal phase change to the diurnal change in the effective height of the ionosphere, it is found that the equivalent diurnal height change is 21 km, which is reduced to 20 km during summer and winter and increased to 22 km during the equinoxes.

3.2 Variation of Phase with Amount of Illuminated Path

It was noted earlier that, overall, the phase variations tend to be proportional to the amount of daylight on the path. In this section, the dependence of the sunset and sunrise variations on the length of illuminated path will be discussed in more detail. To facilitate this, figures 5, 6, and 7 have been prepared. In these, the mean phase variations at sunrise and sunset for the months of September and December 1961 and for March, June, Sept, Dec, 1962, are superimposed on curves which give the percentage of the path in darkness at ground level and at a height of 80 km. The atmospheric screening height is again taken to be 30 km. Thus, the two curves represent solar zenith angles of 0° and 97° . The phase and illumination curves have been fitted by changing the diurnal phase variation scale so that it fits the illumination scale. Thus 100% on the illumination scale also represents 100% of the diurnal variation.

3.3 Sunrise

During March, the sunrise phase change commences at about the time of sunrise at 80 km. After 40% of the path has become illuminated, the phase change begins to follow the ground sunrise line and continues to do so until the path becomes completely sunlit. Similar behavior is shown during June. During September for 1961 (shown in fig. 6) and for 1962 (shown in fig. 7), on the other hand, the phase curve follows the 80 km sunrise curve very closely. This is also true in December for both years except for the first two hours when the phase tends to lead even the 80 km illumination.

The most striking features of the sunrise variation, however, are the periodic phase oscillations which occur. These are particularly pronounced in June. These oscillations have been discussed elsewhere [Crombie, 1963] in some detail. They are believed to be due to interference between two modes excited by the transmitter in the nighttime portion of the path.

3.4 Sunset

During March, the phase lag begins to increase immediately when the sun sets at ground level at the eastern end of the path. The phase initially follows the ground sunset curve and then lags behind both it and the 80 km sunset line. The phase does not reach its limiting value until about 3 hours after the path becomes fully dark. In June, the same behavior occurs. In September and December, the lag of the phase change behind the illumination curves is much smaller, until about 90% of the path becomes dark. There is then a sharp break in the phase curve and it lags much more behind the illumination, and finally reaches the nighttime level about 2 hours after the path becomes completely dark.

The initial lag of the phase variation behind the illumination variation is probably due to slow disappearance of the electrons after the ionosphere at the height in question becomes dark. The later portion of the phase variation suggests, however, that if this is the cause, the recombination coefficient changes markedly, either at the greater heights or at the transmitter end of the path, which is at the lower latitude in this case. It is interesting to note from figures 1, 2, 3, also, that during the winter when the path is dark for the longest time that the phase variation eventually becomes constant, indicating that the nighttime height of reflection becomes constant. Thus, the nighttime reflection height varies in a manner which suggests that the nighttime ionization is not simply due to the decay of the daytime ionization. During June, when the duration of darkness on the path is a minimum, it seems that the true nighttime height is barely reached. This may possibly be the cause of the semi-annual variation shown in figure 4.

In any case, it is clear that the diurnal height (h) does not follow a law of the type

$$h = h_0 + H \log \sec \chi ,$$

where h and H are constants, which has been found to hold at vertical incidence [Straker, 1955].

4. Phase Stability

One way of evaluating the significance of a particular phase deviation is to compare it with phase records of adjacent days. The significance of the particular variation can then be assessed in terms

of the ratio of its magnitude to the standard deviation of the mean phase curve which would be expected at the time in question. Since the day-to-day variations are approximately normally distributed, then a disturbance as large as the standard deviation could be expected 68% of the time and could hardly be regarded as significant on this basis alone. On the other hand, a departure from the mean amounting to three standard deviations could be expected 1% of the time and would be very significant.

In view of this, figures 1, 2, and 3 contain the day-to-day standard deviations determined for each month. During daytime hours, the standard deviations of phase range from about 5° during the summer months to about 20° during the winter. The corresponding standard deviations of height range from 0.2 km to 0.8 km. When the path is dark, the standard deviation of phase varies from about 10° (0.4 km) in the summer to 60° (2.5 km) in the winter. It is interesting to note that the increase of standard deviation from day to night is, in most cases, approximately proportional to the increase in length of the dark portion of the path.

The day to day standard deviations of phase are rather large, and for some purposes it may be more useful to have some indication of the average change in phase which can be expected in a time (T) during an individual day. One method of finding this quantity is to find the root mean square difference of all values (when the path is wholly sunlit or dark) separated by the time (T). It can be shown that the value of the RMS difference [RMSD_(T)] is given by

$$\text{RMSD}_{(T)} = \sqrt{2} \sigma_T$$

where σ_T is the standard deviation of uncorrelated phase values sep-

arated by a time T. Again, for normally distributed data, a particular phase difference will be significant if it is sufficiently larger than the corresponding standard deviation. Values of RMSD_(T) and

thus σ_T can be obtained from Tables 1 - 12 by calculating the quantity

$$\text{RMSD}_{(T)} = \sqrt{\left[\frac{n}{m} \sum_{i=0}^m (a_i - a_{i+T})^2 \right]}$$

where the a_i are the mean phase values entered in the tables, T is the time for which the RMS difference is required, n is the average

number of values used to obtain the mean phase, and m is the number of values of a , which are used. Some representative values of $\text{RMSD}_{(T)}$ for T between 10 and 90 minutes are shown in table 13

for the path under discussion. Several interesting features are shown in the table. It is clear that the RMS phase difference increases as the time interval T increases from 10 to 90 minutes, and that a nearly constant value is reached near 90 minutes. Secondly (during the summer), the daytime RMS differences are smaller than when the path is dark, by a factor of 3 to 4, but during the winter there is little difference between them. It is interesting to note also that the January nighttime differences are approximately equal to the July daytime differences.

Although not shown in table 13, the reduction of the phase differences with decreased T continues until T is equal to 5 minutes, at least. Values for T less than 5 minutes have not been examined closely because of the large amount of data involved. However, a visual examination of the original records shows much larger, very short duration phase perturbations which are presumably due to atmospheric effects. The time resolution on the charts is not adequate to permit accurate determination of the value of T at which the RMS difference is a minimum.

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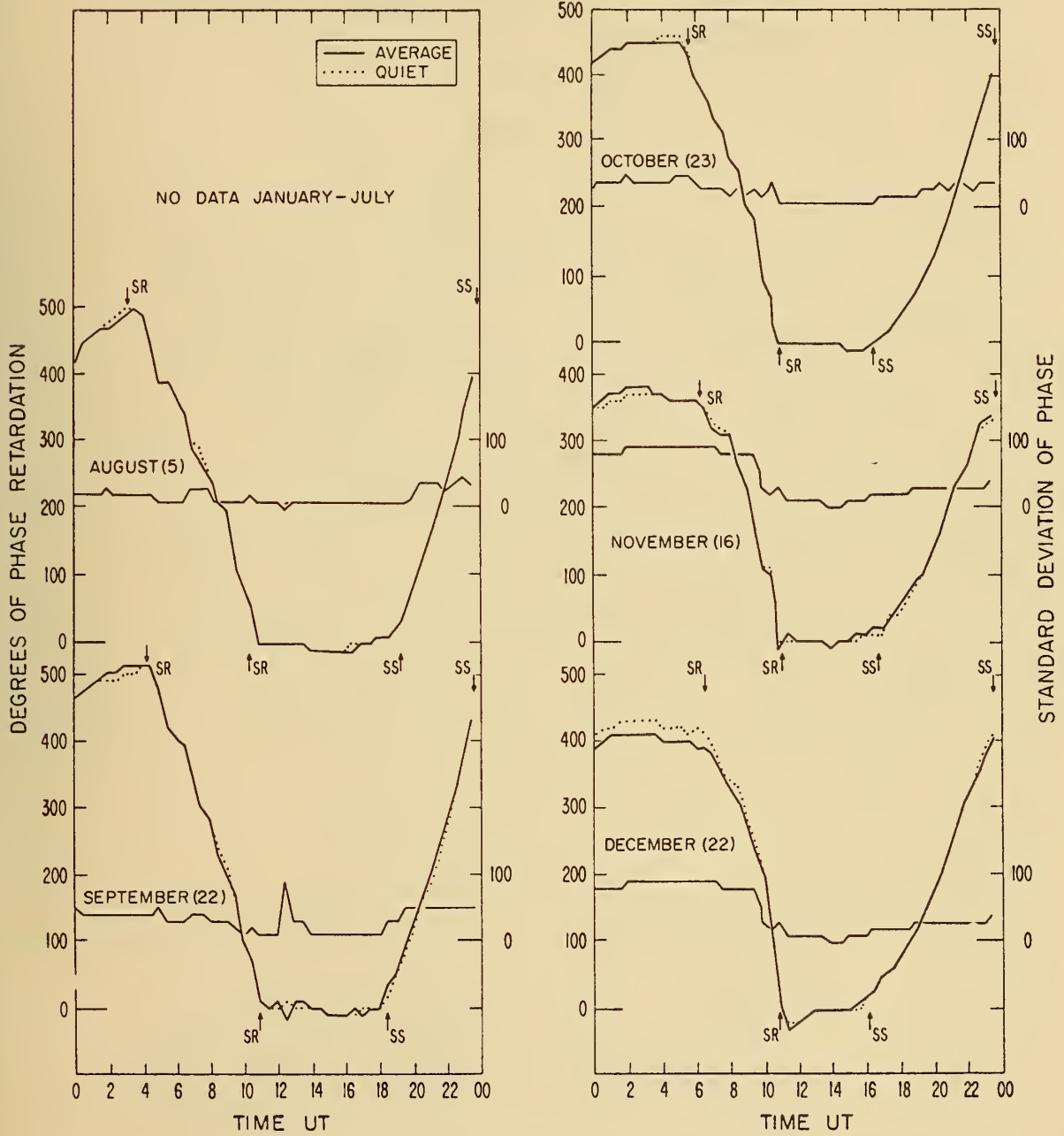


Figure 1

NBA (18 kc/s, BALBOA, PANAMA) TO FRANKFURT, GERMANY
 AVERAGE PHASE FOR JANUARY - MARCH AND OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1962

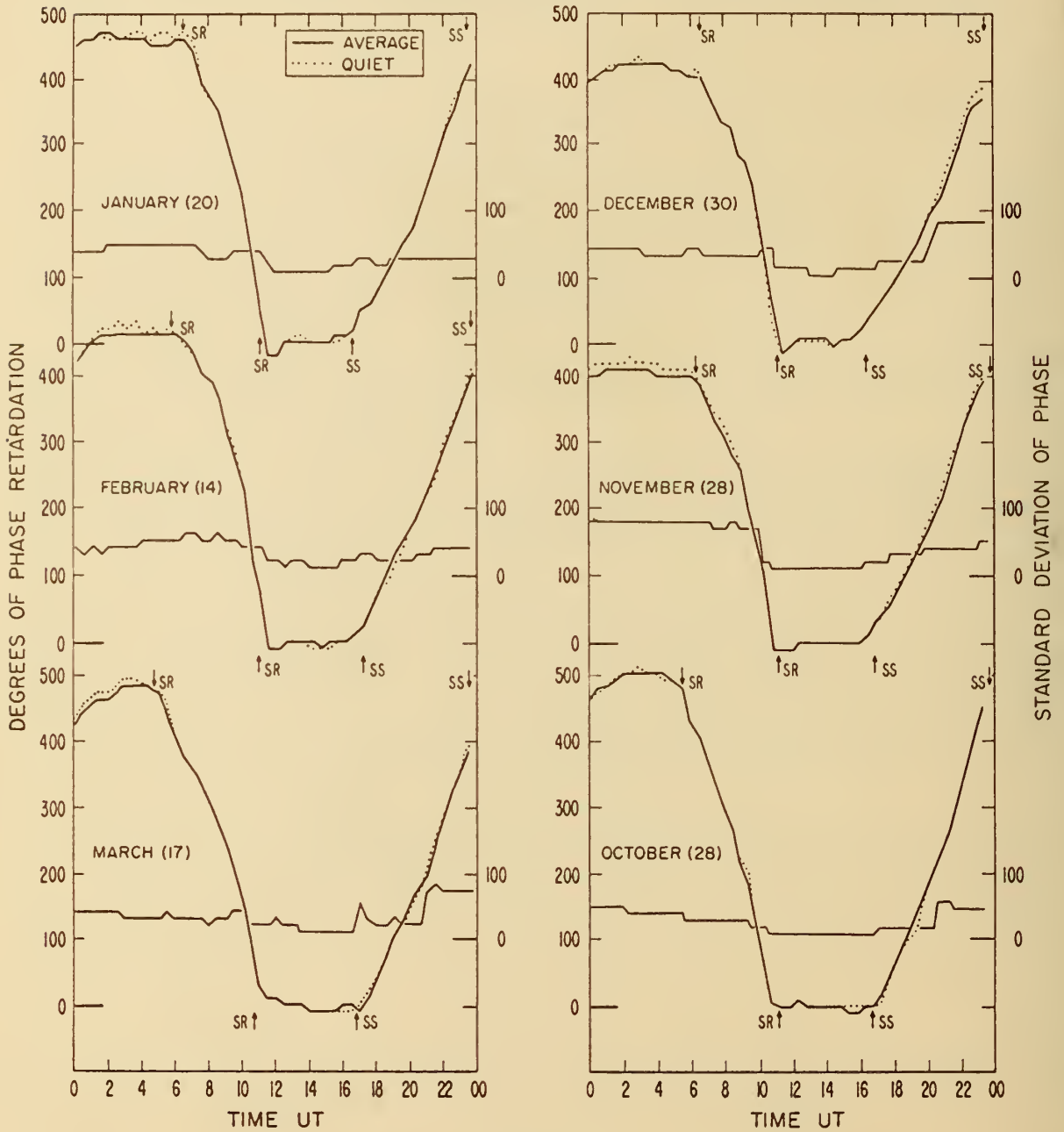


Figure 2

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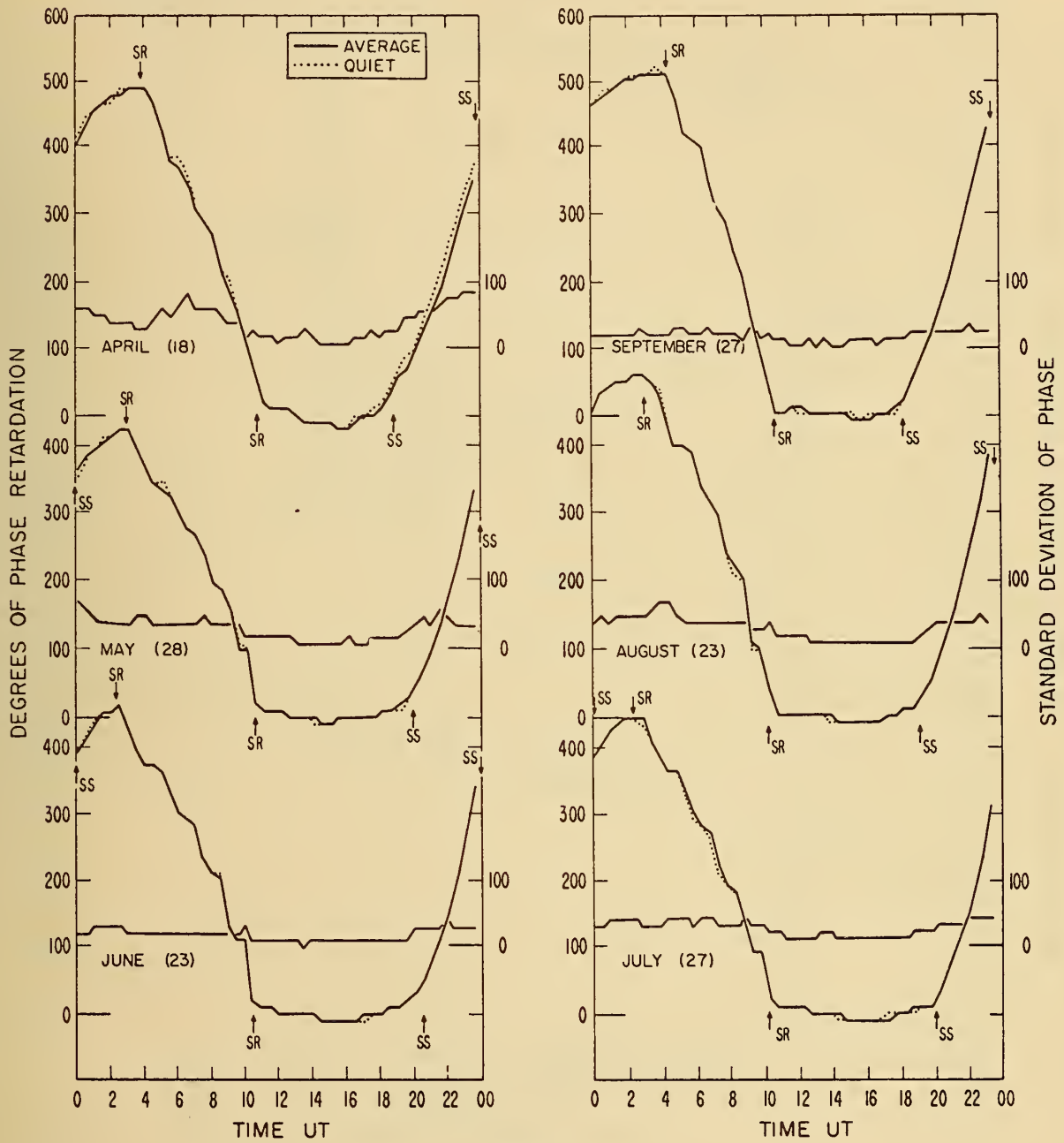


Figure 3

MEAN DIURNAL VARIATION FOR EACH MONTH NBA-FRANKFURT

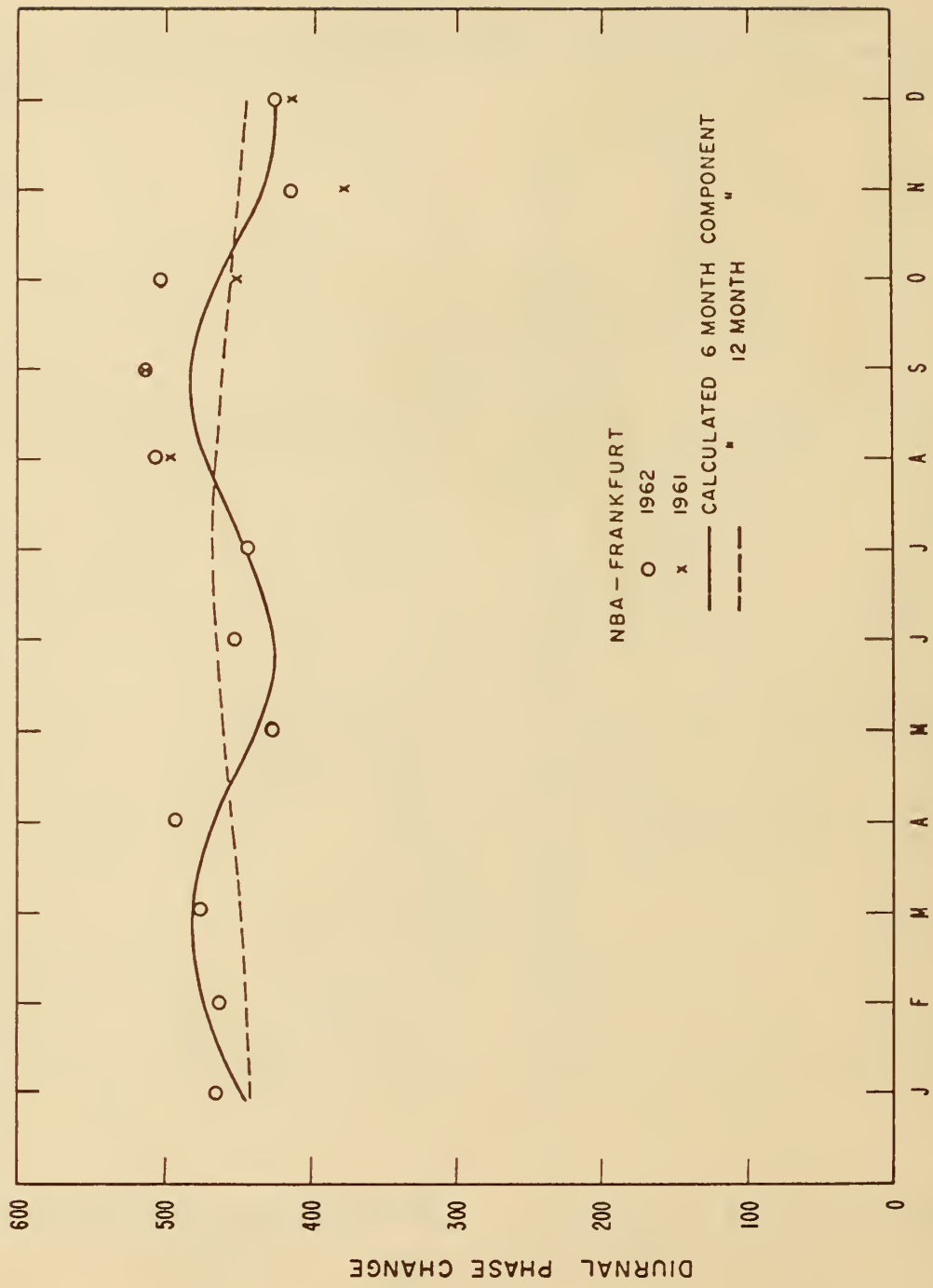


Figure 4

DIURNAL VARIATION AND PERCENTAGE OF DARKNESS ON NBA - FRANKFURT PATH

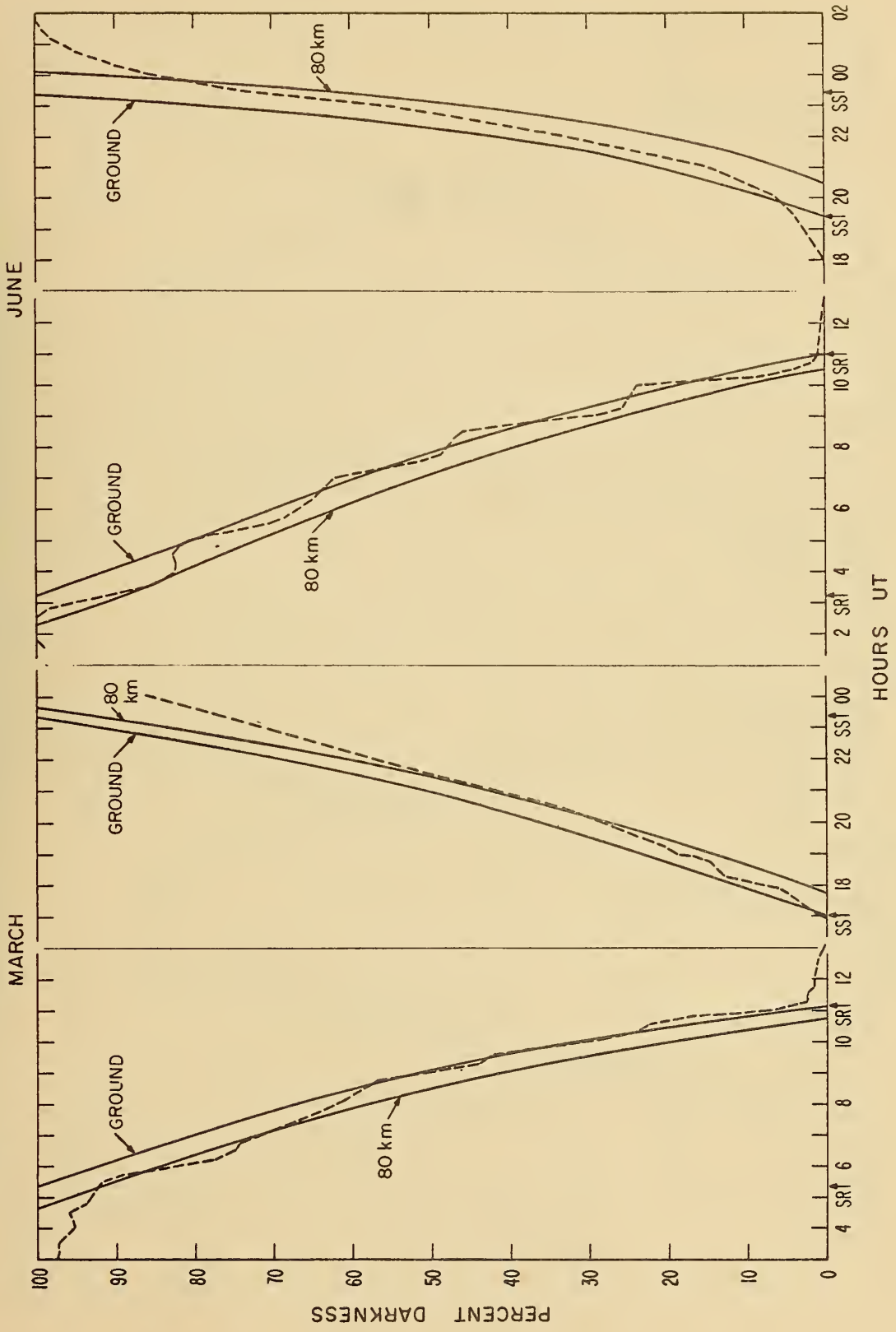


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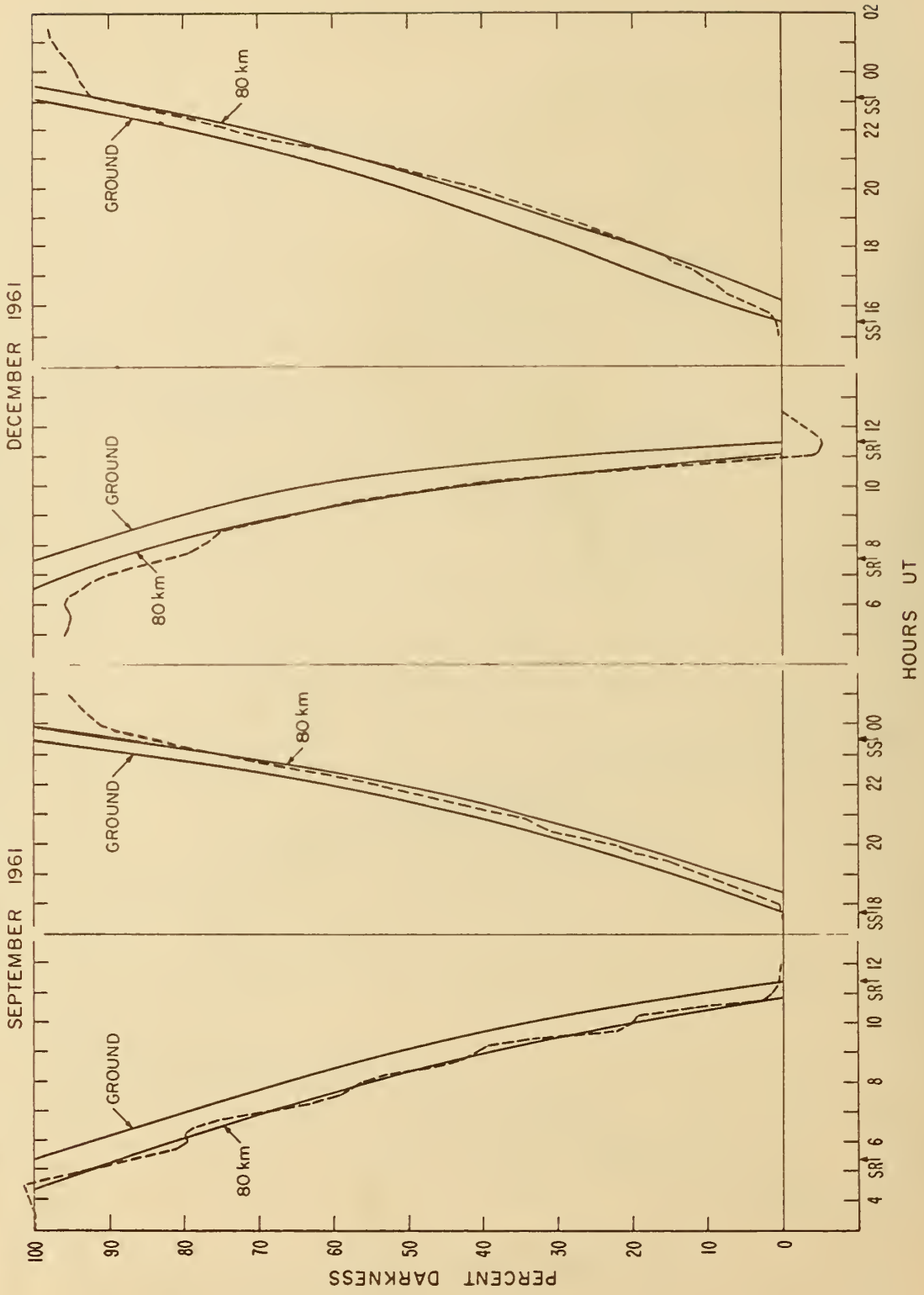


Figure 6

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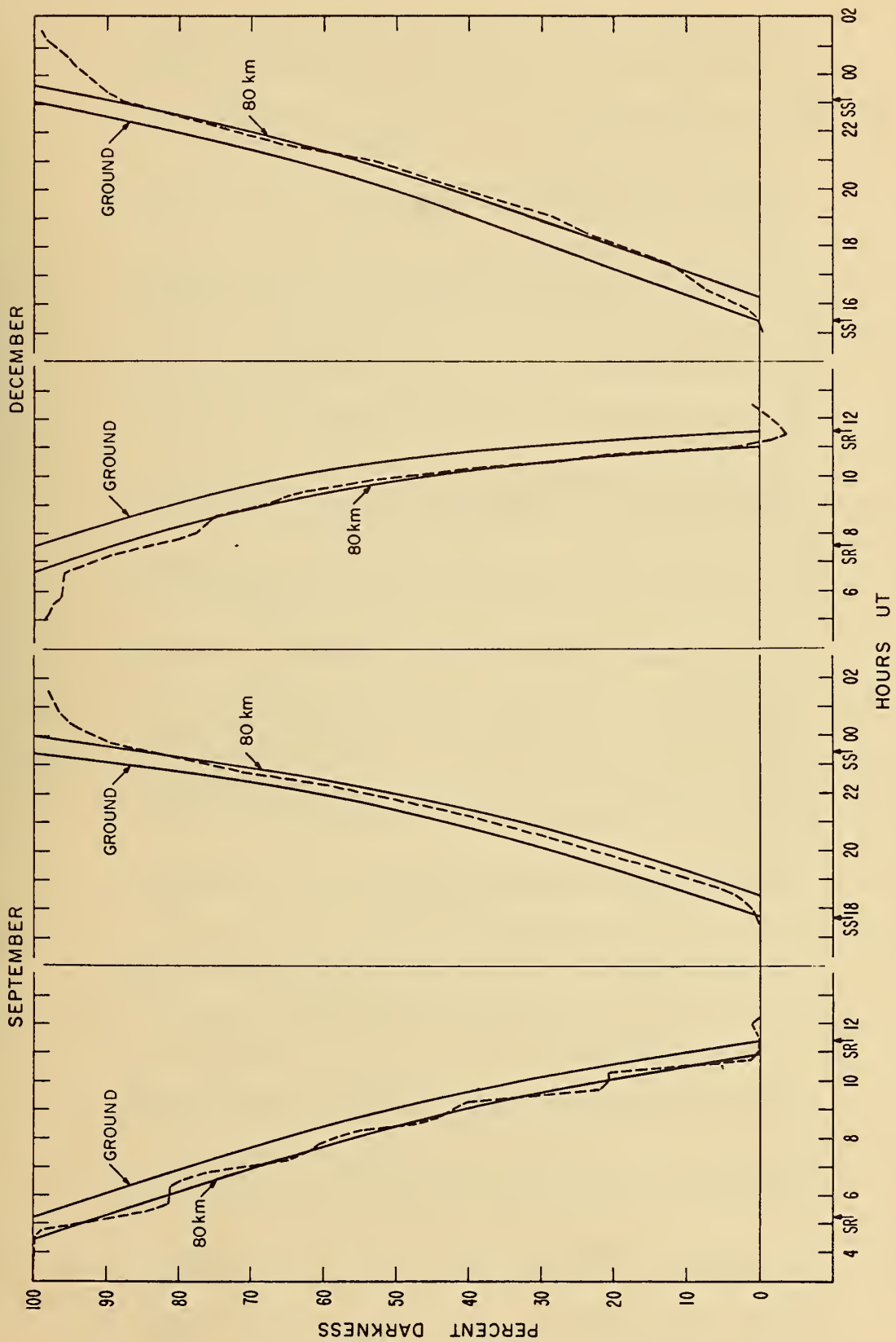


Figure 7

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 1 1962

UT	AVER	SOV	NO	QAV	NO	5	MIN	10	MIN	15	MIN	20	MIN	25	MIN
00	946	39	21	950	13	951	956	13	953	957	13	956	957	13	956
01	965	41	21	963	13	967	968	13	967	968	13	964	964	13	964
02	966	44	20	968	12	967	966	12	967	966	12	966	966	12	966
03	957	43	20	965	15	963	965	15	965	963	15	967	967	15	967
04	952	43	20	961	15	958	960	15	958	962	15	966	966	15	966
05	953	5	21	966	13	950	971	13	953	968	13	965	965	13	965
06	955	5	21	966	15	953	965	15	954	968	15	969	969	15	969
07	944	5	21	967	15	955	966	15	954	967	15	969	969	15	969
08	865	3	21	970	15	956	977	15	954	969	15	968	968	15	968
09	817	3	21	959	15	888	949	15	861	931	15	908	908	15	908
10	774	3	21	853	16	864	878	16	838	892	16	860	860	16	860
11	674	3	21	806	18	806	806	18	790	796	18	831	831	18	831
12	488	1	20	706	18	706	713	18	766	796	18	831	831	18	831
13	509	7	21	502	17	487	487	17	500	498	17	504	504	17	504
14	503	7	18	502	16	504	506	16	502	499	16	504	504	16	504
15	491	8	18	501	15	499	503	15	502	500	15	504	504	15	504
16	502	9	18	501	17	506	508	17	508	500	17	504	504	17	504
17	523	2	18	519	16	522	525	16	536	534	16	539	539	16	539
18	577	2	18	546	16	567	572	16	568	565	16	568	568	16	568
19	669	2	19	599	17	580	581	17	616	613	17	639	639	17	639
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21	773	3	20	742	18	722	725	18	758	728	18	768	768	18	768
22	822	3	21	780	17	794	799	17	800	799	17	804	804	17	804
23	820	3	21	857	14	831	833	14	868	836	14	871	871	14	871
24	820	3	21	864	13	827	827	13	800	804	13	805	805	13	805
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30	820	3	21	927	11	927	927	11	933	933	11	933	933	11	933

Table 1

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 2 1962

UT	AVER	SDV	NO	QAV	NO	MIN	4	5	MIN	9	931.	15	MIN	9	934.	20	MIN	930.	8	936.	25	MIN	937.	
00	929.	33.	14	937.	9	928.	35.	14	920.	8	945.	35.	14	923.	9	934.	35.	14	930.	8	936.	34.	14	937.
01	933.	35.	14	944.	8	956.	35.	14	966.	8	956.	35.	14	953.	8	957.	35.	14	956.	8	958.	34.	14	968.
02	959.	34.	14	970.	8	962.	36.	14	976.	8	962.	36.	14	972.	8	966.	37.	14	975.	8	968.	35.	14	972.
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18	955.	50.	14	955.	10	955.	50.	14	955.	10	955.	50.	14	955.	10	955.	50.	14	955.	10	955.	50.	14	955.
19	956.	50.	14	956.	10	956.	50.	14	956.	10	956.	50.	14	956.	10	956.	50.	14	956.	10	956.	50.	14	956.
20	952.	50.	14	952.	10	952.	50.	14	952.	10	952.	50.	14	952.	10	952.	50.	14	952.	10	952.	50.	14	952.
21	970.	50.	14	970.	10	970.	50.	14	970.	10	970.	50.	14	970.	10	970.	50.	14	970.	10	970.	50.	14	970.
22	803.	33.	14	803.	9	803.	33.	14	803.	9	803.	33.	14	803.	9	803.	33.	14	803.	9	803.	33.	14	803.
23	869.	35.	14	869.	9	869.	35.	14	869.	9	869.	35.	14	869.	9	869.	35.	14	869.	9	869.	35.	14	869.

Table 2

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 3 1962

UT	AVER	SDV	NO	QAV	NO	↓	↑	5	10	15	20	MIN	MAX	↑	↓	MIN	MAX	
00	915	41	15	929	13	42	14	925	41	14	939	13	948	13	41	14	948	13
01	938	40	15	956	12	38	14	944	37	14	958	11	968	11	37	14	968	11
02	962	39	14	972	11	36	14	963	35	14	973	10	977	10	35	14	977	10
03	971	39	15	978	10	38	13	977	38	13	985	9	986	9	38	13	986	9
04	980	39	13	989	11	39	12	978	39	12	986	10	987	10	39	12	987	10
05	975	28	15	973	9	29	15	975	29	15	979	11	977	11	29	15	977	11
06	967	29	13	979	11	28	15	976	29	13	968	10	968	10	28	15	968	10
07	948	43	15	951	9	43	15	937	43	15	948	9	948	9	43	15	948	9
08	879	26	15	907	11	31	15	870	30	15	898	10	899	10	31	15	899	10
09	858	27	15	875	11	26	15	870	26	15	872	11	874	11	26	15	874	11
10	837	29	15	833	10	28	15	828	28	15	826	12	822	12	28	15	822	12
11	813	29	15	830	11	28	15	802	27	15	805	11	804	11	27	15	804	11
12	788	25	15	799	10	29	14	776	33	15	792	10	785	10	33	15	785	10
13	754	30	15	741	10	28	15	725	32	15	726	11	723	11	32	15	723	11
14	656	39	14	706	12	43	15	702	30	15	706	11	690	11	43	15	690	11
15	611	20	15	640	12	32	15	622	36	15	621	13	617	13	36	15	617	13
16	533	22	15	529	12	27	15	516	36	15	509	11	505	11	27	15	505	11
17	510	25	17	507	13	15	17	509	14	17	509	12	508	12	15	17	508	12
18	501	22	17	507	12	23	17	504	24	17	507	11	507	11	23	17	507	11
19	492	17	14	493	12	19	14	495	16	14	493	12	493	12	19	14	493	12
20	489	7	14	486	11	7	14	487	8	14	486	11	487	11	7	14	487	11
21	490	12	15	489	10	12	15	488	12	15	486	10	487	10	12	15	487	10
22	495	13	14	491	9	12	14	491	12	14	490	11	491	11	12	14	491	11
23	500	14	14	496	13	14	14	496	14	14	497	13	491	13	14	14	491	13
24	513	28	14	519	11	45	14	523	40	14	509	13	511	13	45	14	511	13
25	542	21	13	556	8	20	13	555	19	13	563	8	565	8	20	13	565	8
26	599	29	15	592	12	27	15	604	28	15	600	12	604	12	27	15	604	12
27	645	15	15	657	11	19	15	655	18	15	655	11	658	11	19	15	658	11
28	689	15	15	677	14	15	15	685	18	15	687	14	689	14	15	15	689	14
29	737	69	16	751	14	73	16	744	72	16	725	14	727	14	73	16	725	14
30	808	67	16	829	15	68	16	825	67	16	826	15	826	15	68	16	826	15
31	879	67	16	891	14	67	16	893	69	16	890	14	890	14	67	16	890	14

Table 3

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 4 1962

UT	AVER	SDV	NO	NO	QAV	NO	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
00	914.	63.	18	929.	14	925.	62.	18	933.	14	937.	14	933.	60.	18	941.	14	936.	58.	18	943.	14	933.	60.	18
01	936.	57.	18	946.	14	946.	48.	18	951.	13	956.	13	951.	45.	18	968.	14	953.	52.	18	966.	14	953.	45.	18
02	971.	45.	18	970.	12	973.	42.	18	971.	12	974.	12	971.	40.	18	973.	14	975.	39.	18	975.	14	975.	40.	18
03	982.	37.	18	976.	15	984.	35.	18	980.	15	989.	15	988.	33.	18	987.	15	981.	37.	18	989.	15	981.	33.	18
04	991.	34.	18	990.	15	991.	33.	18	993.	15	993.	15	993.	31.	18	993.	15	991.	33.	18	993.	15	991.	31.	18
05	969.	51.	18	965.	15	984.	31.	18	983.	15	986.	15	983.	29.	18	993.	15	987.	31.	18	993.	15	987.	29.	18
06	860.	65.	19	869.	17	877.	52.	18	887.	16	892.	16	887.	46.	18	897.	16	888.	49.	18	894.	16	887.	46.	18
07	808.	76.	19	812.	15	839.	50.	18	869.	15	882.	15	869.	45.	18	879.	16	874.	47.	18	877.	16	869.	45.	18
08	786.	67.	19	771.	15	782.	58.	19	799.	16	803.	16	799.	41.	18	831.	15	804.	41.	18	804.	15	799.	41.	18
09	694.	41.	19	720.	15	766.	42.	19	761.	16	775.	16	761.	39.	18	799.	15	782.	41.	18	777.	15	761.	39.	18
10	606.	31.	19	637.	13	619.	21.	19	613.	13	649.	13	613.	21.	19	673.	12	614.	21.	19	649.	12	613.	21.	19
11	520.	18.	20	516.	17	538.	18.	20	503.	18	510.	18	503.	15.	19	571.	18	522.	18.	20	527.	18	503.	15.	19
12	514.	15.	20	510.	18	516.	15.	20	501.	18	510.	18	501.	14.	19	534.	17	513.	15.	20	520.	17	501.	14.	19
13	507.	14.	20	509.	18	509.	15.	20	500.	18	508.	18	500.	13.	19	511.	17	508.	13.	19	502.	17	501.	13.	19
14	489.	27.	17	493.	15	494.	15.	17	493.	15	495.	15	493.	11.	17	491.	17	491.	11.	17	496.	15	493.	11.	17
15	490.	11.	16	491.	13	490.	11.	16	491.	13	491.	13	491.	10.	16	490.	13	490.	10.	16	490.	13	490.	10.	16
16	484.	9.	16	486.	12	483.	8.	16	484.	12	483.	12	484.	8.	16	484.	12	484.	8.	16	484.	12	484.	8.	16
17	493.	11.	16	499.	13	497.	15.	16	488.	12	491.	12	488.	11.	16	492.	13	491.	11.	16	492.	13	491.	11.	16
18	503.	19.	16	506.	16	506.	20.	16	502.	16	501.	16	502.	11.	16	501.	16	502.	11.	16	501.	16	502.	11.	16
19	531.	24.	16	520.	14	521.	25.	16	524.	14	524.	14	524.	11.	16	514.	15	512.	11.	16	509.	13	502.	11.	16
20	557.	27.	16	538.	14	537.	30.	16	547.	14	545.	14	547.	11.	16	531.	15	528.	11.	16	531.	15	528.	11.	16
21	596.	52.	17	590.	13	580.	46.	17	577.	14	575.	14	577.	11.	16	550.	14	551.	11.	16	550.	14	551.	11.	16
22	659.	77.	18	641.	17	638.	64.	18	625.	17	636.	17	625.	11.	18	636.	17	625.	11.	18	636.	17	625.	11.	18
23	710.	80.	18	715.	16	746.	77.	18	721.	16	752.	16	721.	11.	18	715.	16	722.	11.	18	715.	16	722.	11.	18
24	710.	80.	18	715.	16	746.	77.	18	721.	16	752.	16	721.	11.	18	715.	16	722.	11.	18	715.	16	722.	11.	18
25	884.	92.	18	891.	16	868.	93.	18	871.	16	872.	16	871.	11.	18	861.	16	872.	11.	18	861.	16	872.	11.	18

Table 4

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH			2 3 FOR MONTH 5 1962			MIN			MIN			MIN			MIN			MIN			MIN		
UT	AVER	SDV	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	
00	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	
01	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	894	
02	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	923	
03	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	
04	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	869	
05	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	841	
06	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	877	
07	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	776	
08	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	704	
09	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	663	
10	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	
11	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	521	
12	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	
13	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	503	
14	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	495	
15	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	491	
16	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	496	
17	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	499	
18	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	508	
19	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	512	
20	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	534	
21	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	584	
22	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	
23	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	785	

Table 5

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 6 1962

UT	AVR	SDV	NO	ON PATH	QAV	NO	+5	MIN	+10	MIN	+15	MIN	+20	MIN	+25	MIN
00	817	24	21	891	15	01	20	924	28	903	22	908	22	918	23	913
01	931	24	23	913	16	01	20	944	28	923	22	929	22	944	23	935
02	945	30	23	947	15	01	30	955	30	949	22	954	22	955	22	942
03	956	29	23	954	17	01	26	952	26	948	22	952	22	954	22	947
04	932	27	23	924	16	01	20	875	20	908	22	877	22	875	22	887
05	874	19	23	873	17	01	20	871	20	872	22	871	22	873	22	877
06	897	18	23	873	17	01	20	851	20	873	22	851	22	867	22	890
07	799	20	23	795	17	01	20	795	20	795	22	795	22	795	22	799
08	779	22	23	788	15	01	22	783	22	785	22	783	22	782	22	779
09	752	18	24	728	16	01	16	721	16	719	24	720	24	719	24	703
10	704	17	24	714	16	01	16	711	16	712	24	716	24	712	24	698
11	612	24	24	614	16	01	21	614	21	613	24	616	24	612	24	608
12	516	31	24	518	16	01	39	515	39	510	24	515	24	513	24	508
13	505	18	24	514	16	01	19	511	19	506	24	510	24	507	24	505
14	504	17	24	506	18	01	10	506	10	503	24	506	24	505	24	505
15	499	4	19	502	19	01	14	501	14	498	20	501	20	502	20	500
16	494	6	20	497	13	01	5	499	5	495	19	498	19	498	19	494
17	493	6	20	492	11	01	6	493	6	492	20	492	20	491	20	491
18	498	5	21	494	11	01	6	494	6	494	20	494	20	495	20	495
19	507	8	21	497	11	01	6	495	6	496	21	496	21	498	21	495
20	525	11	21	508	11	01	11	500	11	506	20	505	20	506	20	507
21	572	29	23	571	18	01	28	555	28	555	21	555	21	555	21	555
22	646	29	23	647	18	01	30	625	30	622	24	625	24	622	24	622
23	759	22	23	753	17	01	23	750	23	759	23	752	23	747	23	748

Table 6

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH		2 3 FOR MONTH 7 1962	
UI	SDV	MIN	MAX
00	879	884	899
01	917	920	923
02	938	931	940
03	942	939	949
04	981	942	979
05	865	933	972
06	831	901	972
07	776	871	942
08	688	807	899
09	632	775	866
10	588	716	819
11	507	630	709
12	507	685	761
13	502	630	713
14	497	594	676
15	493	527	620
16	494	507	593
17	494	509	576
18	498	506	550
19	505	506	520
20	509	501	529
21	527	502	520
22	525	501	520
23	629	501	520
814	37	35	33
815	44	43	43
816	40	40	40
817	31	30	30
818	28	29	29
819	31	30	30
820	34	34	34
821	33	33	33
822	33	33	33
823	33	33	33
824	33	33	33
825	33	33	33
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998	33	33	33
999	33	33	33
1000	33	33	33

Table 7

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 8 1962

UT	SDV	AVER	NO	QAV	NO	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
00	44	952	957	976	16	952	976	16	952	976	16	952	976	16	952	976	16
01	45	977	990	987	15	977	990	15	977	990	15	977	990	15	977	990	15
02	48	997	1005	1008	19	997	1005	19	997	1005	19	997	1005	19	997	1005	19
03	51	1003	1007	1008	19	1003	1007	19	1003	1007	19	1003	1007	19	1003	1007	19
04	58	1004	1007	1008	19	1004	1007	19	1004	1007	19	1004	1007	19	1004	1007	19
05	68	993	977	985	20	993	977	20	993	977	20	993	977	20	993	977	20
06	47	900	898	895	20	900	898	20	900	898	20	900	898	20	900	898	20
07	43	895	880	885	16	895	880	16	895	880	16	895	880	16	895	880	16
08	36	846	813	815	15	846	813	15	846	813	15	846	813	15	846	813	15
09	38	801	796	804	14	801	796	14	801	796	14	801	796	14	801	796	14
10	41	716	714	710	15	716	714	15	716	714	15	716	714	15	716	714	15
11	29	609	606	603	16	609	606	16	609	606	16	609	606	16	609	606	16
12	19	536	522	530	18	536	522	18	536	522	18	536	522	18	536	522	18
13	16	504	503	501	19	504	503	19	504	503	19	504	503	19	504	503	19
14	19	500	500	500	18	500	500	18	500	500	18	500	500	18	500	500	18
15	10	496	499	495	16	496	499	16	496	499	16	496	499	16	496	499	16
16	6	491	490	490	10	491	490	10	491	490	10	491	490	10	491	490	10
17	8	491	491	493	10	491	491	10	491	491	10	491	491	10	491	491	10
18	10	494	495	498	10	494	495	10	494	495	10	494	495	10	494	495	10
19	12	498	499	498	11	498	499	11	498	499	11	498	499	11	498	499	11
20	13	506	510	508	11	506	510	11	506	510	11	506	510	11	506	510	11
21	30	513	552	546	15	513	552	15	513	552	15	513	552	15	513	552	15
22	36	519	585	585	10	519	585	10	519	585	10	519	585	10	519	585	10
23	41	648	671	665	14	648	671	14	648	671	14	648	671	14	648	671	14
	45	758	768	756	16	758	768	16	758	768	16	758	768	16	758	768	16
	45	824	835	819	13	824	835	13	824	835	13	824	835	13	824	835	13
	42	891	901	887	11	891	901	11	891	901	11	891	901	11	891	901	11

Table 8

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 9 1962

UT	AVR.	SDV	NO	QAV	NO	5	10	MIN	19	944	967	+5	MIN	944	967	+20	MIN	944	967	972	+25
00	955	22	27	977	19	23	23	964	19	994	967	27	20	994	967	23	20	994	967	972	27
01	983	22	28	997	19	22	23	981	20	997	980	22	20	997	980	21	18	997	980	990	22
02	997	21	28	999	24	24	24	1004	23	1000	1006	25	28	1000	1006	23	28	1005	1012	1007	23
03	1007	25	28	1013	21	24	24	1015	21	1009	1014	24	28	1015	1014	23	28	1013	1014	1014	24
04	1015	22	28	1018	21	23	23	1022	21	1014	1019	24	28	1018	1019	22	28	1015	1015	1012	22
05	1069	34	28	1066	16	23	25	1099	22	1094	1087	30	34	1099	1087	22	34	1096	1098	1012	28
06	911	16	27	917	18	16	15	944	18	915	912	35	27	944	912	16	27	944	912	929	27
07	905	16	27	908	18	16	15	906	18	908	906	18	27	906	906	16	27	909	903	911	27
08	814	31	27	850	15	31	25	888	16	880	872	32	27	888	872	18	27	889	864	903	27
09	743	18	27	792	17	18	21	806	18	806	803	27	27	806	803	17	27	807	819	852	27
10	651	26	27	713	19	24	27	784	19	772	769	19	27	784	769	19	27	784	752	716	27
11	300	15	27	755	20	14	27	708	19	698	687	20	27	708	687	10	27	709	672	604	27
12	306	5	27	636	18	11	27	621	19	610	598	18	27	621	598	10	27	624	584	592	27
13	505	4	27	499	16	10	27	497	18	507	505	4	27	497	505	4	27	499	502	492	27
14	504	5	24	505	18	4	27	501	18	505	505	5	24	501	505	4	27	502	503	503	27
15	499	4	24	509	18	4	24	506	18	506	503	4	24	506	503	4	24	503	503	502	27
16	494	9	22	495	20	10	23	496	19	499	499	3	23	496	499	3	23	495	498	499	23
17	495	5	23	496	15	6	23	497	15	495	495	5	23	497	495	6	23	495	495	493	23
18	505	6	23	507	15	6	23	502	17	501	504	6	23	502	504	6	23	502	504	500	23
19	520	13	23	519	16	17	23	508	17	505	503	10	23	508	503	10	23	505	504	504	23
20	614	17	23	586	15	19	23	553	16	535	570	20	23	553	570	20	23	555	575	608	23
21	684	19	23	613	16	19	25	627	16	631	639	21	23	627	639	19	23	600	642	728	23
22	722	23	28	777	20	23	28	748	21	749	756	23	28	748	756	23	28	747	764	813	28
23	880	26	28	832	20	26	28	784	20	856	806	26	28	784	806	24	28	805	873	952	28
				893	23	21	28	898	21	944	948	23	28	898	948	21	28	932	912		

Table 9

MONTHLY AVERAGE ON PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 10 1962

UT	AVER	SDV	NO	QAV	NO	963.	964.	965.	966.	+10 MIN	+15 MIN	+20 MIN	+25 MIN	MH
00	961.	45.	28	963.	21	966.	46.	28	968.	46.	28	46.	28	973.
01	983.	49.	28	977.	22	979.	47.	28	980.	48.	28	49.	28	982.
02	998.	52.	28	985.	21	987.	50.	28	988.	50.	28	51.	28	991.
03	1004.	42.	27	1005.	17	1005.	41.	27	1005.	41.	27	44.	27	1005.
04	1001.	43.	26	1001.	18	1003.	44.	26	1003.	44.	26	44.	26	1005.
05	993.	40.	26	998.	18	999.	43.	26	999.	43.	26	44.	26	998.
06	933.	31.	26	990.	17	990.	40.	26	995.	40.	26	40.	26	998.
07	884.	28.	26	926.	16	964.	39.	26	957.	38.	26	33.	26	941.
08	874.	31.	27	908.	19	919.	39.	26	913.	29.	25	33.	26	941.
09	694.	26.	27	876.	18	878.	30.	27	866.	27.	26	22.	27	888.
10	551.	24.	27	803.	17	829.	27.	26	821.	27.	26	23.	27	845.
11	498.	17.	27	772.	15	799.	23.	26	792.	22.	26	22.	27	809.
12	504.	8.	28	665.	16	710.	19.	26	707.	20.	27	18.	28	780.
13	505.	8.	28	503.	15	608.	16.	26	602.	16.	27	11.	28	685.
14	502.	9.	26	493.	15	506.	15.	26	507.	15.	27	10.	28	598.
15	497.	7.	26	499.	16	496.	17.	26	497.	17.	27	14.	28	501.
16	495.	8.	25	504.	17	502.	17.	26	509.	17.	27	18.	28	506.
17	502.	10.	25	502.	18	504.	19.	26	505.	18.	28	18.	28	507.
18	548.	19.	24	508.	20	498.	18.	26	501.	19.	28	20.	28	507.
19	596.	18.	23	498.	19	497.	18.	26	497.	18.	28	19.	28	512.
20	669.	22.	23	496.	18	495.	18.	26	495.	18.	28	19.	28	523.
21	725.	22.	26	497.	18	497.	19.	26	498.	19.	28	20.	28	547.
22	809.	53.	25	501.	21	527.	18.	24	532.	19.	28	23.	28	592.
23	901.	50.	25	553.	25	586.	21.	23	565.	20.	28	24.	28	618.
	941.	49.	25	918.	25	949.	22.	23	927.	21.	28	24.	28	663.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	693.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	727.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	764.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	809.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	850.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	892.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	936.
				957.	25	949.	22.	23	947.	21.	28	24.	28	946.

Table 10

MONTHLY AVERAGE CN PATH 2 3 FOR MONTH 12 1962

UT	AVER	SDV	NO	QAV	NO	+5	+10	+15	+20	+25	MIN
00	889	36	30	895	22	37	30	30	898	21	897
01	899	37	30	905	22	37	30	30	904	22	908
02	909	38	30	910	22	39	30	30	914	22	912
03	918	39	30	917	22	39	30	30	919	22	917
04	920	38	30	922	22	38	30	30	924	22	921
05	919	38	30	923	22	38	30	30	926	22	921
06	919	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
07	917	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
08	915	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
09	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
10	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
11	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
12	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
13	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
14	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
15	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
16	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
17	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
18	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
19	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
20	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
21	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
22	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921
23	913	37	30	923	22	37	30	30	926	22	921

Table 12

Table 13
 RMS Phase differences (in degrees) between observations
 Separated by time T

Month	Time	T (minutes)									
		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	
1962 Jan.	Night	8°	13°	16°	19°	21°	22°	23°	24°	25°	
	Day	6°	10°	17°	19°	23° *	22° *	22° *	22° *	21° *	
July	Night	21°	38°	50°	64°	74° +	83° +	91° +	97° +	103° +	
	Day	7°	11°	12°	14°	16°	19°	22°	24°	25°	

* unreliable because of short duration of daylight.

+ unreliable because of short duration of darkness.

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