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The CRPL Ionospheric Predictions are issued monthly as an aid in determining the best sky-wave frequencies over any transmission path, at any time of day, for average conditions for the month. Issued three months in advance, each issue provides tables

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The Central Radio Propagation Laboratory

The Central Radio Propagation Laboratory is the central agency of the Federal Government for obtaining and disseminating information on the propagation of electromagnetic waves, on the electromagnetic propeerties of man's environment, on the nature of electromagnetic noise and interference, and on methods for the more efficient use of the electromagnetic spectrum for telecommunication purposes. In carrying out these responsibilities, the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory:

1. Acts as the primary agency of the Federal Government for the conduct of *basic and applied research* in these fields; 2. Acts as the central repository for data, reports, and information in these fields;

3. Furnishes advisory and consultative services in these fields to industry and to other government and non-government organizations;

4. Performs scientific liaison with other countries to advance knowledge in these fields, including that liaison required by international responsibilities and agreements;

5. Prepares and issues predictions of electromagnetic wave propagation conditions, and warnings of disturbances in those conditions.

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of numerical coefficients that define the functions describing the predicted worldwide distribution of foF2 and M(3000)F2 and maps for each even hour of universal time of MUF(Zero)F2 and MUF(4000)F2.

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NOTICE

TRIAL PERIOD FOR POLAR MAPS EXTENDED

The trial period for the polar prediction maps has been extended six months in order to permit more time to evaluate their utility. Some favorable comments have been received, but the response has been insufficient to justify the expense and effort required to publish them. Therefore, please send your comments as soon as possible if you wish these to continue.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATION OF NBS MONOGRAPH 80

IONOSPHERIC RADIO PROPAGATION

By Kenneth Davies of the Central Radio Propagation Laboratory, Boulder, Colorado.

This new textbook provides an authoritative and comprehensive digest of current information on the ionosphere. Emphasis is placed on the physics of the ionosphere and theoretical developments required for an understanding of ionospheric radio propagation.

Orders, accompanied by \$2.75 remittance, should be sent to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402.

INTRODUCTION

Tables 1 and 2, presenting predicted coefficients defining the numerical map functions for the worldwide variation of foF2 and M(3000)F2, provide the basic prediction or F2-layer propagation. With additional auxiliary information, these coefficients may be used as input data for electronic computer programs solving specific high-frequency propagation problems. The graphical maps, which are derived from the basic predictions, are provided for those unable to make use of an electronic computer. Instructions for use of these maps, figures 1 through 24, may be found in National Bureau of Standards Handbook 90, "Handbook for CRPL Iono-spheric Predictions Based on Numerical Methods of Mapping," which also includes required additional data, nomographs and graphical aids, and may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Govern-ment Printing Office, Washington D.C., 20402, price 40 cents. The predicted sunspot number used for this month is shown in table A, which also lists previous observed and predicted Zurich smoothed relative sunspot numbers. Figure A shows the recent trend of solar activity, with both predicted and observed Zurich smoothed relative sunspot numbers.

The basic numerical mapping equations, their interpretation, and methods of using numerical maps are described in papers by W. B. Jones and R. M Gallet, "The Representation of Diurnal and Geographic Variations of Ionospheric Data by Numerical Mapping," vol. 66D, No. 4, July-Aug. 1962, pages 419-438, and "Methods for Applying Numerical Maps of Ionospheric Characteristics," vol. 66D, No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 1962, pages 649-662, both in the Journal of Research of the National Bureau of Standards, Section D. Radio Propagation. The predicted numerical map coefficients of tables 1 and 2 may be purchased in the form of a tested set of punched cards. Write to the Prediction Services Section, Central Radio Propagation Laboratory, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado, 80301, to arrange for purchase of the punched cards, and for information and advice on the application of computer methods and numerical prediction maps to specific propagation problems.

Members of the U.S. Army, Navy, or Air Force desiring Handbook 90 and the monthly issues of Ionospheric Predictions should send requests to the proper service address; for Navy: The Director, Naval Communications, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C., 20350; for Air Force: Directorate of Command Control and Communications, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, D.C., 20330. ATTN: AFOCCAA. Army personnel should requisition these through normal publication channels, and should refer to Handbook 90 as TM 11-499 and to the monthly ionospheric predictions as TB 11-499-(), with the serial number of the desired monthly predictions booklet inserted in the parenthesis. (For example, for Ionospheric Predictions for November 1965, the Army number would be TB 11-499-(32).)

Information on the physics of the ionosphere and the theory of radio wave propagation, including such problems as absorption, field intensity, etc., may be found in National Bureau of Standards Monograph 80, "Ionospheric Radio Propagation," by Kenneth Davies, which may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402, price \$2.75. Additional information on radio noise may be found in C.C.I.R. Report Number 322, "Revision of Atmospheric Noise Data," International Telecommunications Union, Geneva, 1964.

Reports to this Laboratory of experience with these predictions would be appreciated. Correspondence should be addressed to the Prediction Services Section, Central Radio Propagation Laboratory, National Bureau of Standards, Boulder, Colorado, 80301.

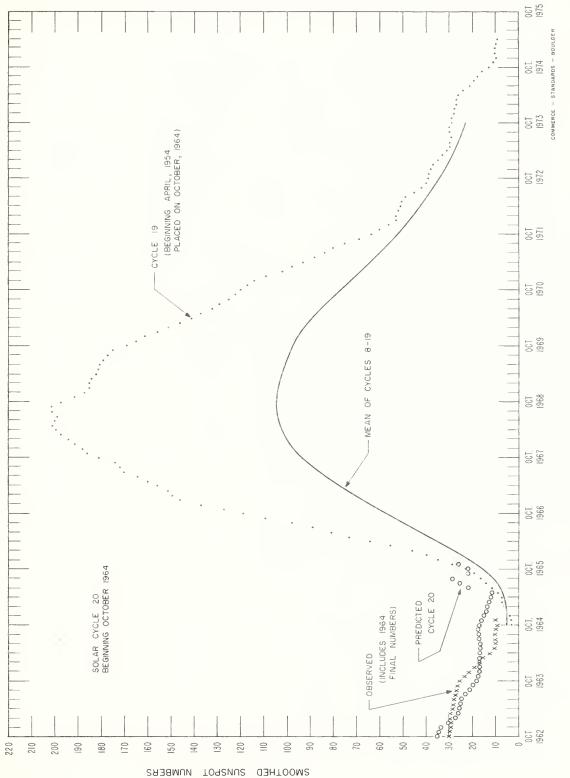
Table A

Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1954	6	6	4	3	4	4	5	7	8	8	10	12
	(14)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(10)	(10)	(11)
1955	14	16	20	23	29	35	40	46	55	64	73	81
	(12)	(14)	(14)	(13)	(16)	(18)	(22)	(27)	(30)	(31)	(35)	(42)
1956	89	98	109	119	127	137	146	150	151	156	160	164
	(48)	(53)	(60)	(68)	(77)	(89)	(95)	(105)	(119)	(135)	(147)	(150)
1957	170	172	174	181	186	188	191	194	197	200	201	200
	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)
1958	199	201	201	197	191	187	185	185	184	182	181	180
	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)
1959	179	177	174	169	165	161	156	151	146	141	137	132
	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)	(146)	(143)	(141)	(142)	(141)	(139)	(137)	(137)
1960	129	125	122	120	117	1 1 4	109	102	98	93	88	84
	(136)	(135)	(133)	(130)	(125)	(120)	(118)	(115)	(110)	(108)	(105)	(100)
1961	80	75	69	64	60	56	53	52	52	51	50	49
	(100)	(90)	(90)	(90)	(85)	(85)	(80)	(75)	(70)	(70)	(65)	(60)
1962	45	42	40	39	39	38	37	35	33	31	30	30
	(60)	(50)	(48)	(45)	(42)	(37)	(34)	(31)	(29)	(28)	(27)	(34)
1963	29	30	30	29	29	28	28	27	27	26	24	21
	(31)	(28)	(26)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(23)	(21)	(20)	(18)	(18)	(17)
1964	20 (17)	18 (17)	15 (17)	13 (17)	11 (17)	10 (17)	10 (17)	10 (17)	10 (17.5)	10 (17.3)	10 (17.0))(17.0
1965	(15.0)	(16.0)	(16.0)	(16.0))(15.0)	(17.0)	(21.0))(28.9	9) (22.())(22.())(26.0))*
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Observed and Predicted Zurich Smoothed Relative Sunspot Numbers

Note: Final numbers are listed through June 1964, the succeeding values being based on provisional data. The predicted numbers are in parentheses.

* Number used for predictions in this issue.





NOVEMBER 1965

PREDICTED COEFFICIENTS D_{sk} DEFINING THE FUNCTION $\Gamma(\lambda, \theta, t)$ FOR MONTHLY MEDIAN f_o F2 (Mc/s)

I - Main latitudinal variation. Mixed latitudinal and longitudinal variation: Π - First order in longitude, Π - Second order in longitude Notation: For each entry the number given by the first eight digits and sign is multiplied by the power of ten defined by the last three digits and sign.

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TABLE 1

TIME VARIATION

TABLE 2

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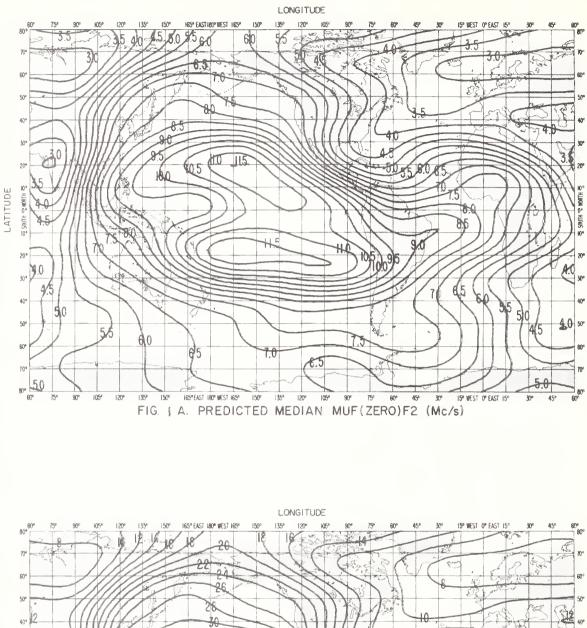
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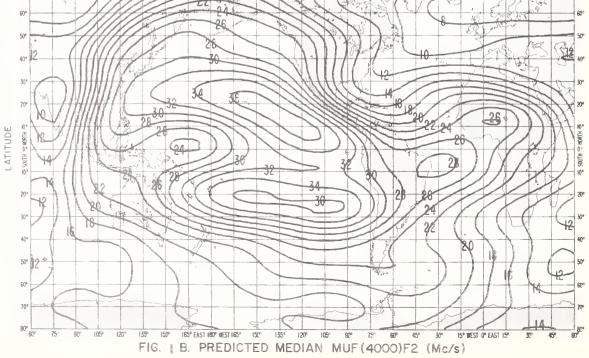
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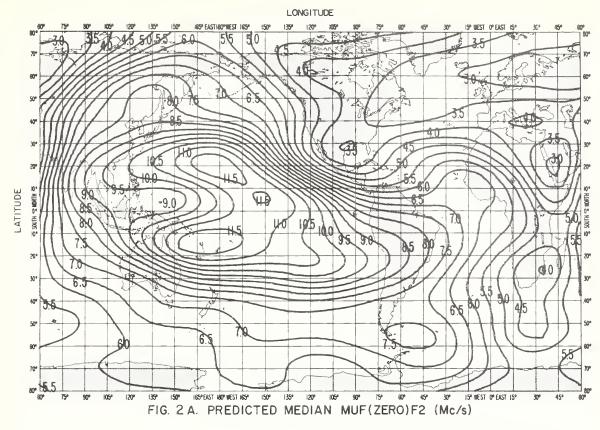
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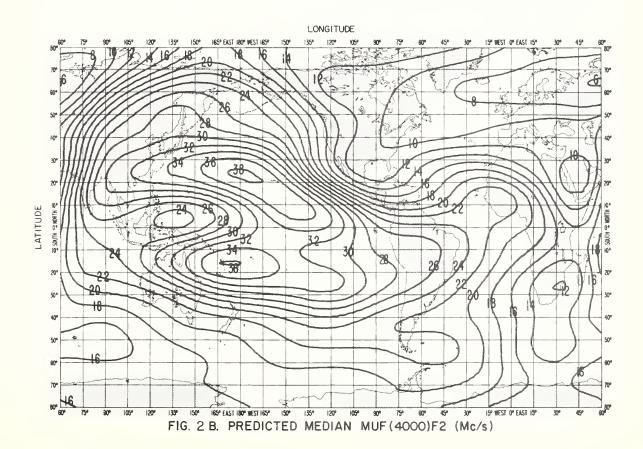
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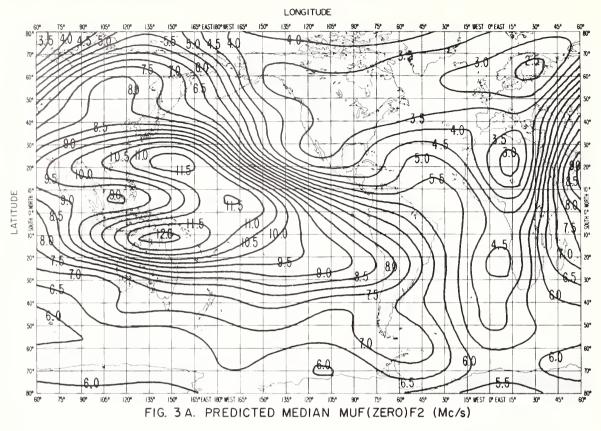
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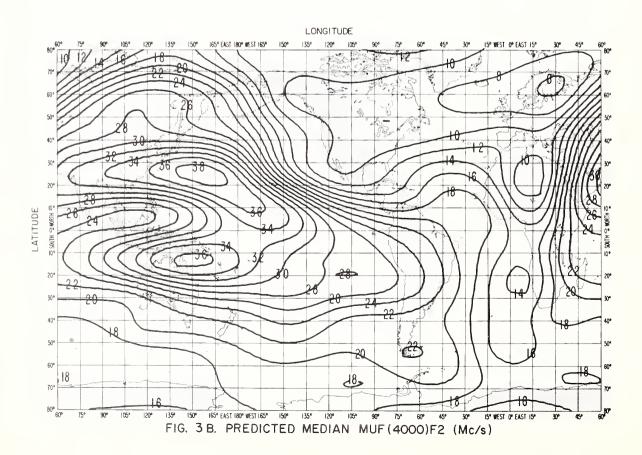


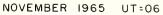


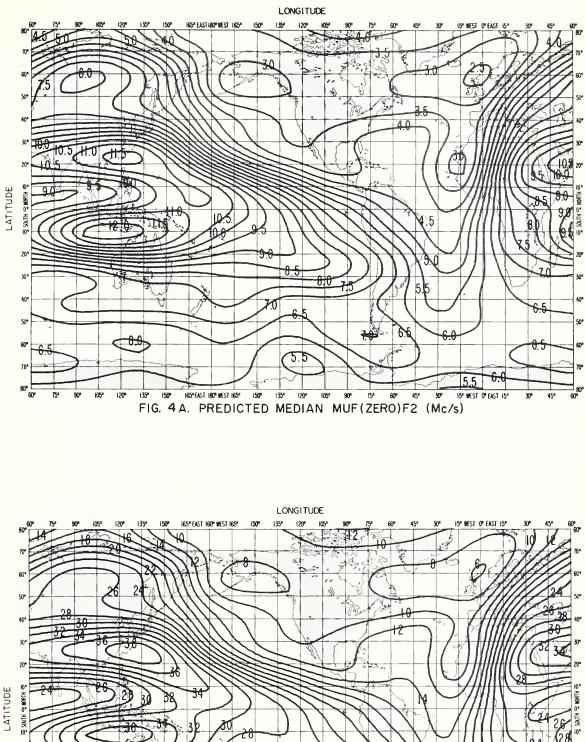


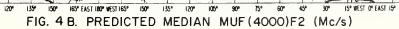












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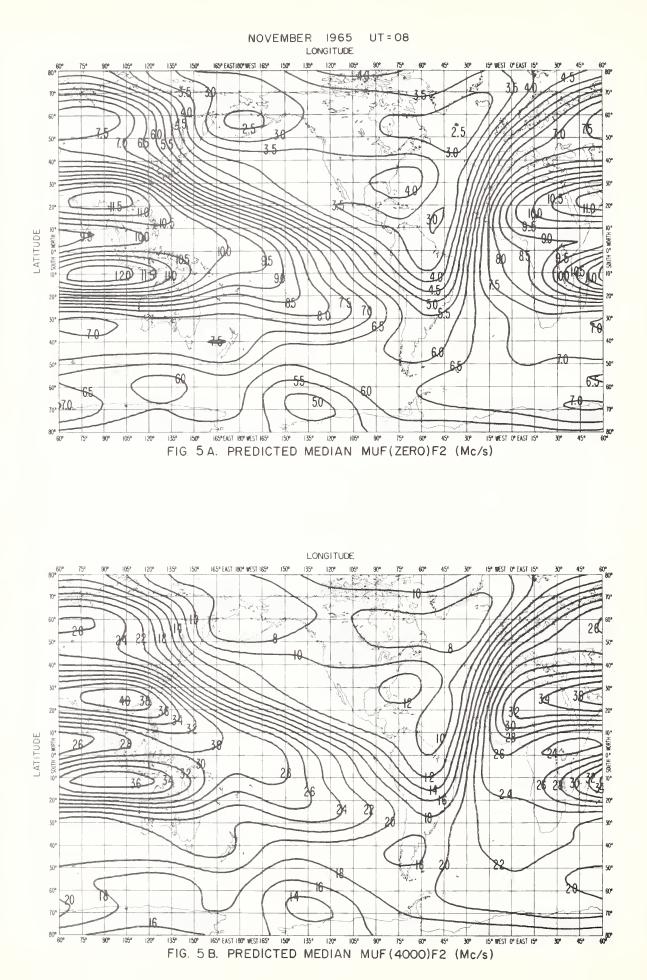
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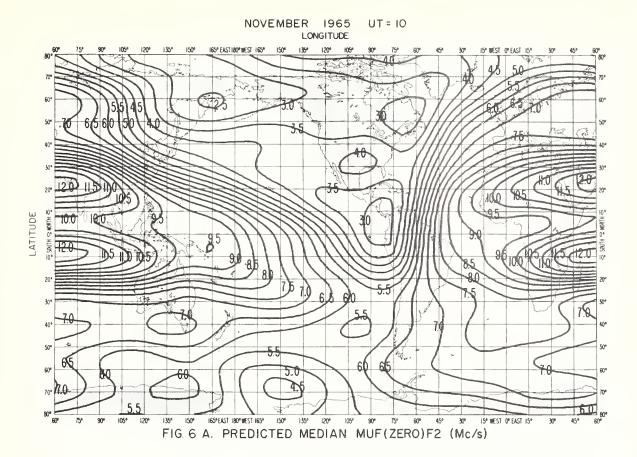
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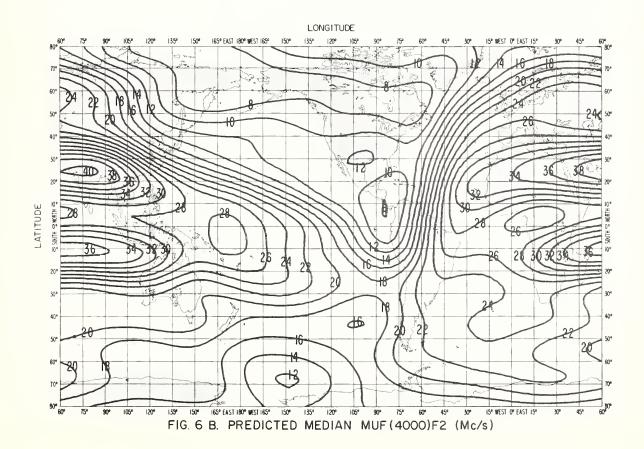
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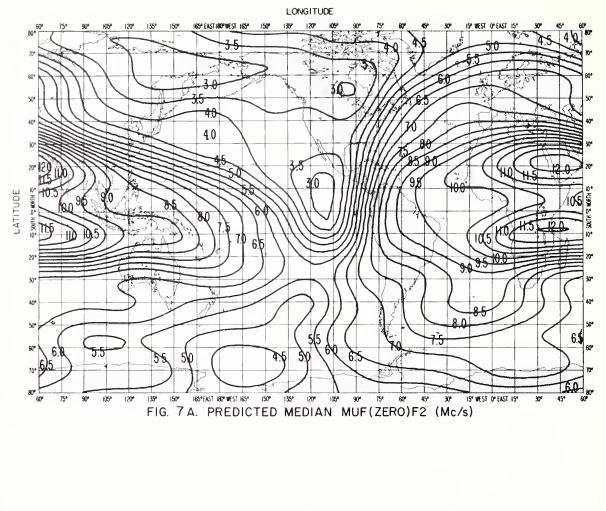
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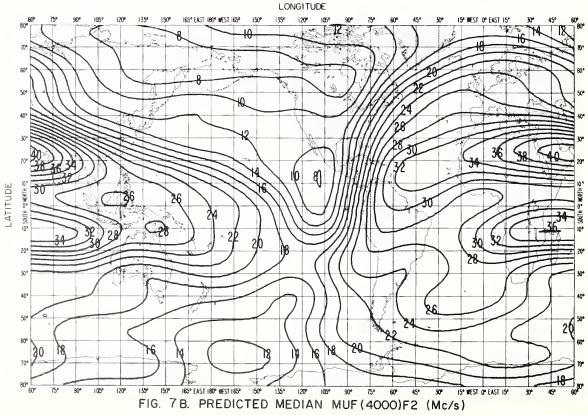
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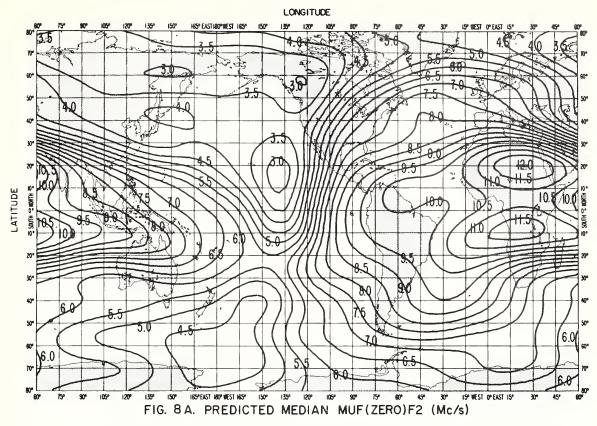


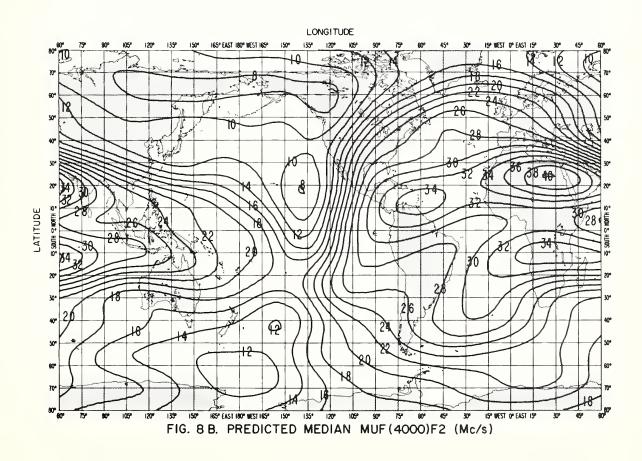


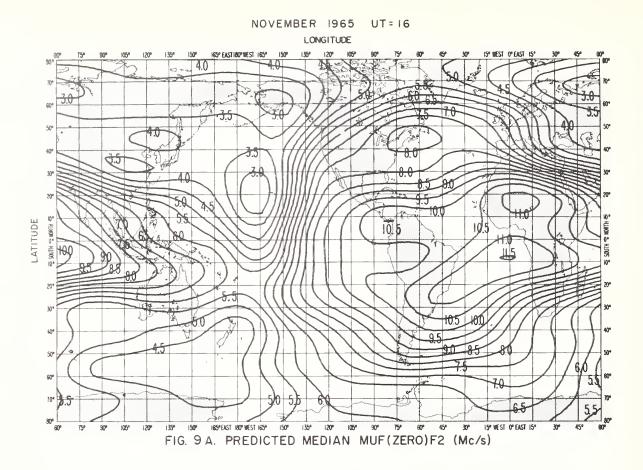


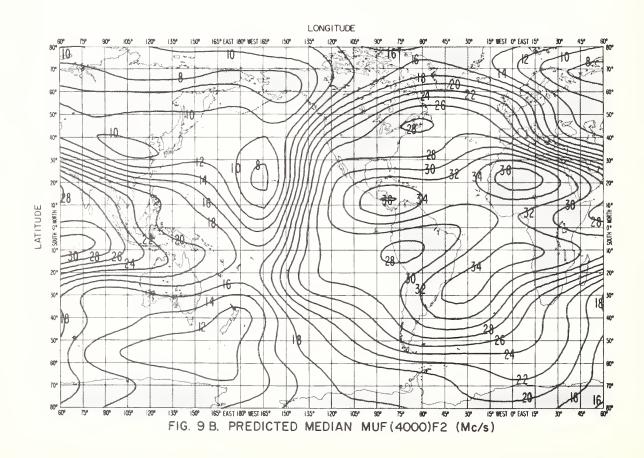


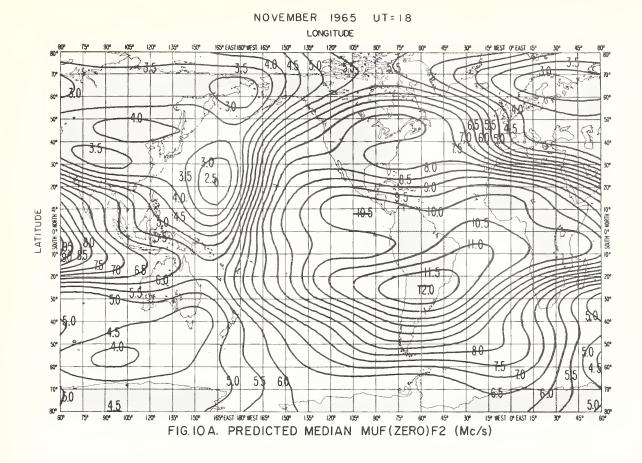


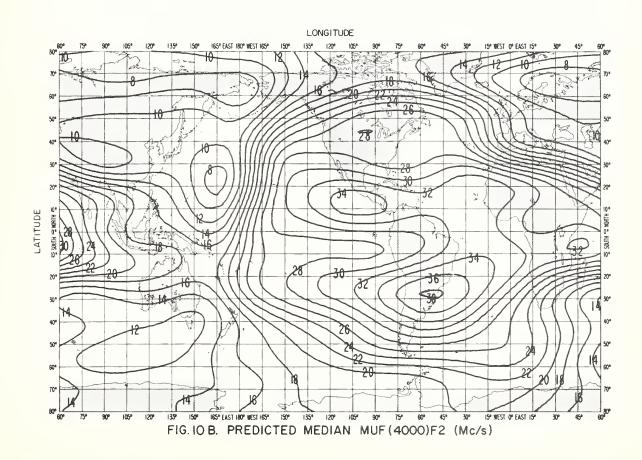


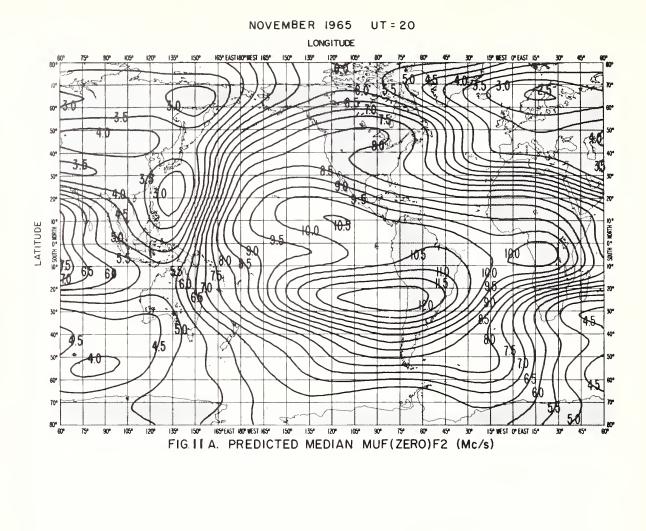


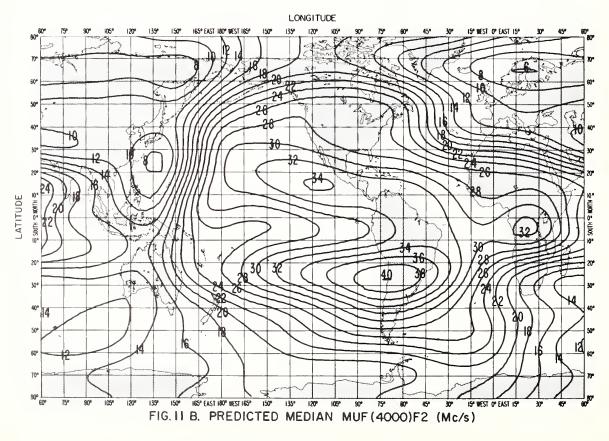




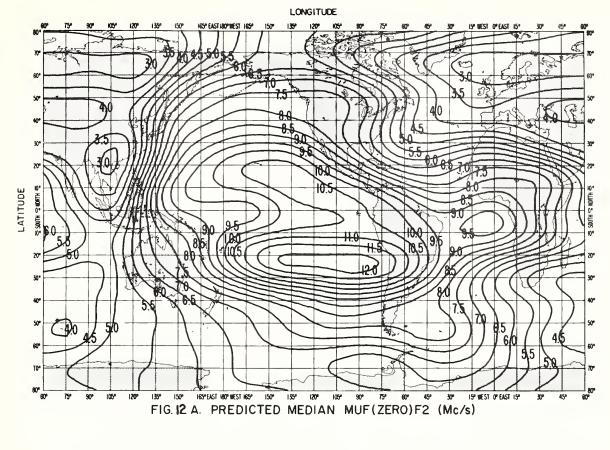


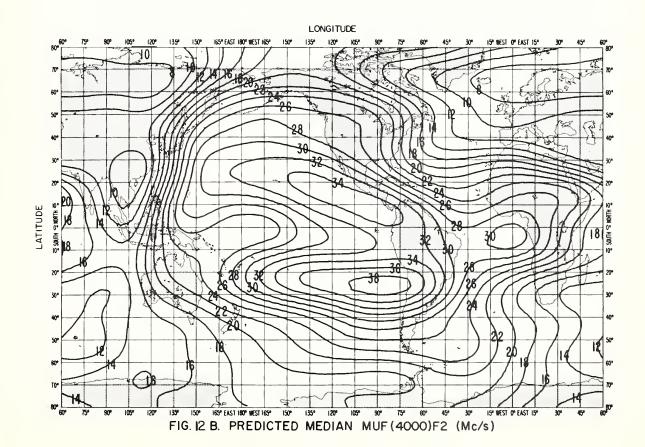


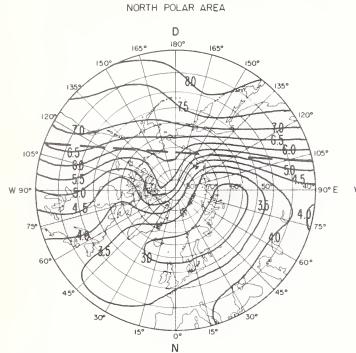


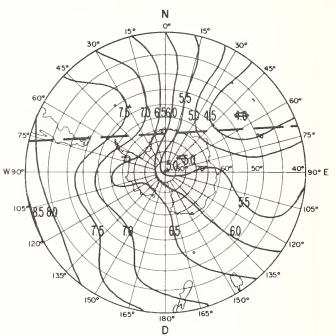












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FIG. 13A. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (ZERO) F2 (Mc/s)

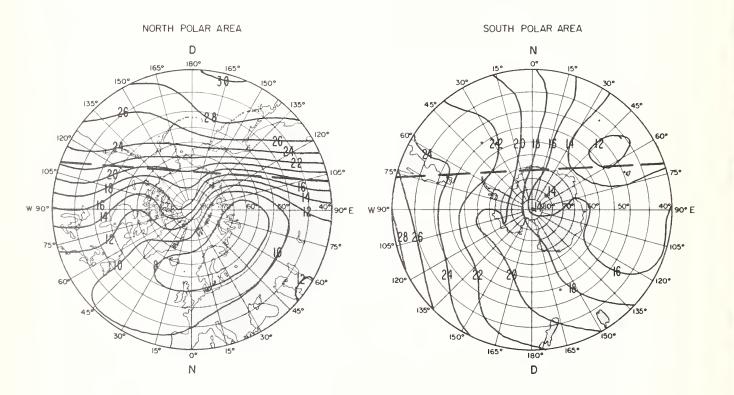


FIG. 13B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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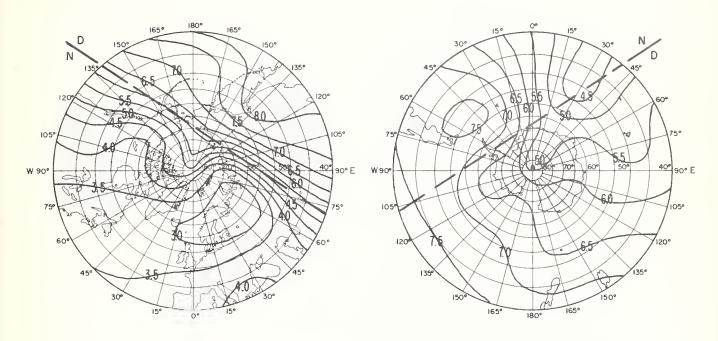


FIG. 14 A. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (ZERO) F2 (Mc/s)

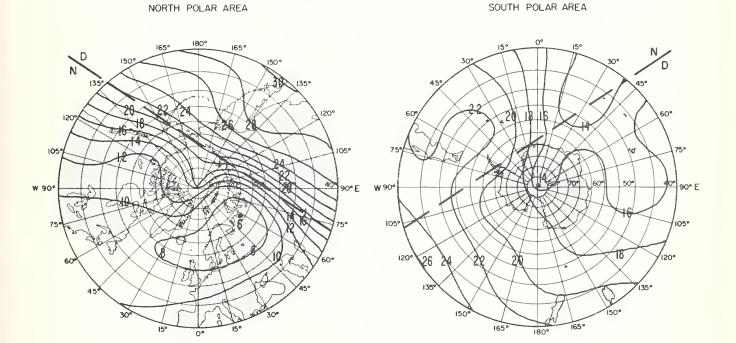


FIG. 14 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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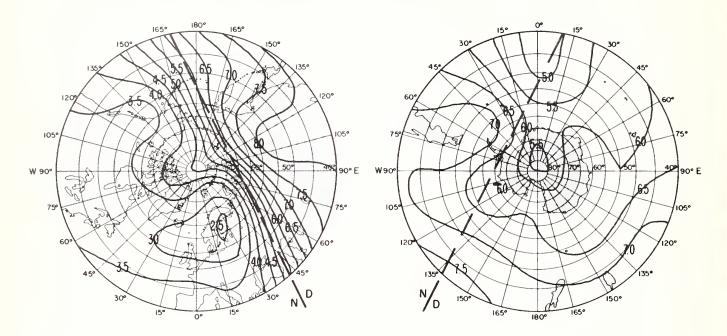


FIG. 15 A. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (ZERO) F2 (MC/S)

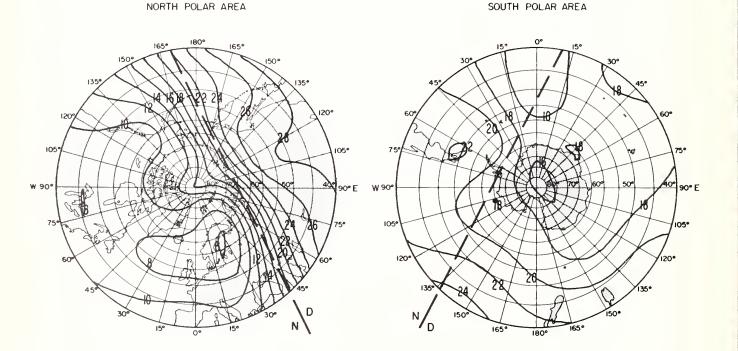
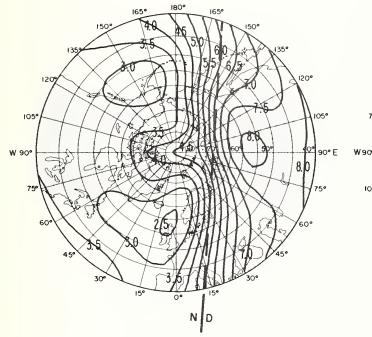
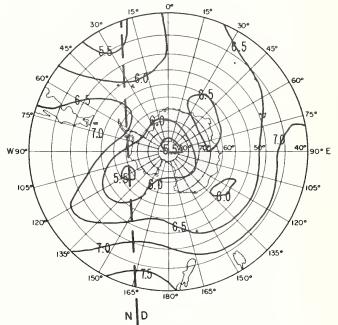


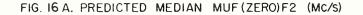
FIG. 15 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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NORTH POLAR AREA







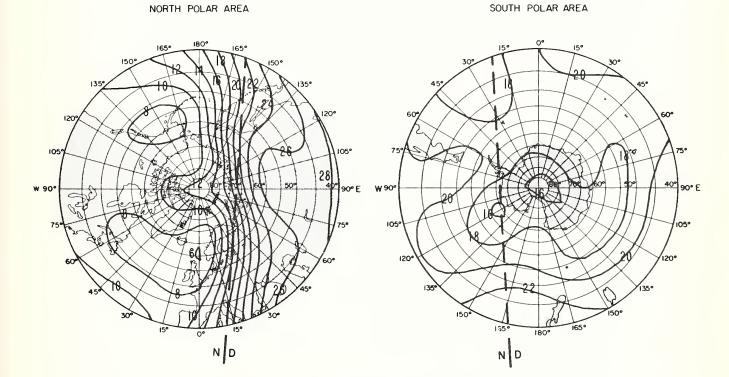
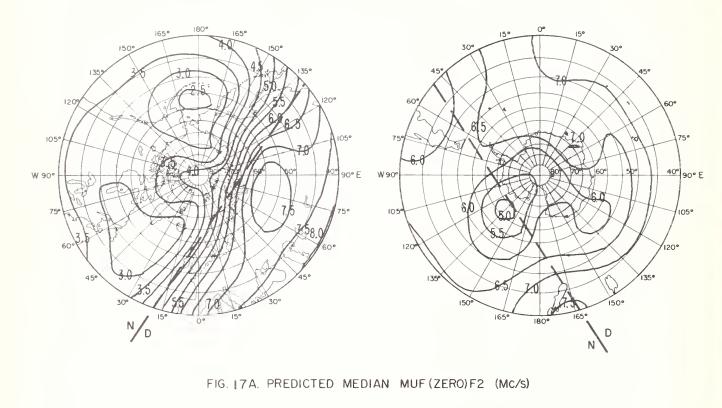


FIG. 16 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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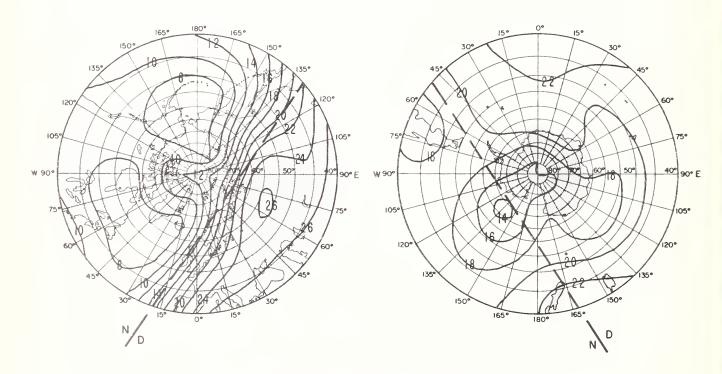


FIG. 17 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (MC/s)

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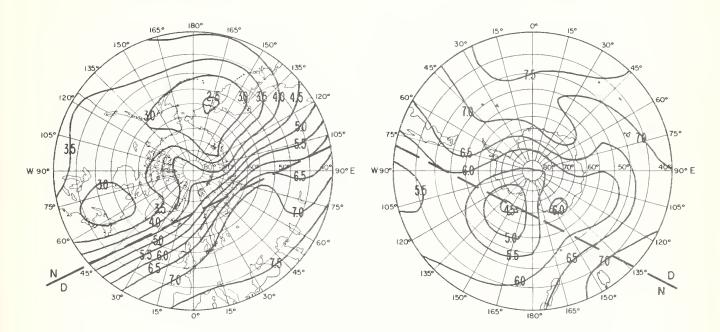


FIG. 18A. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF(ZERO)F2 (MC/S)

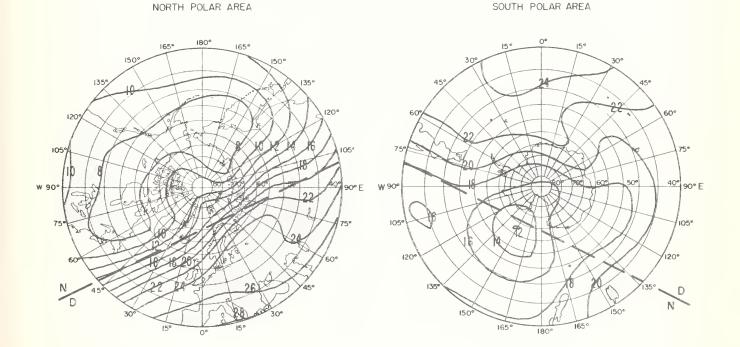
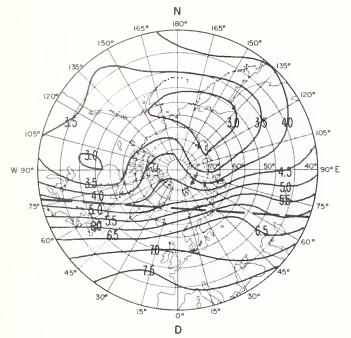
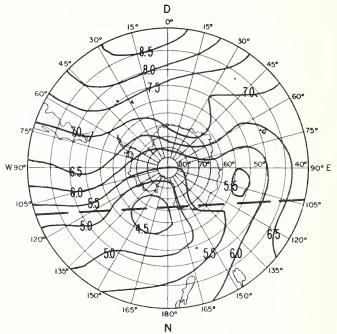


FIG. 18 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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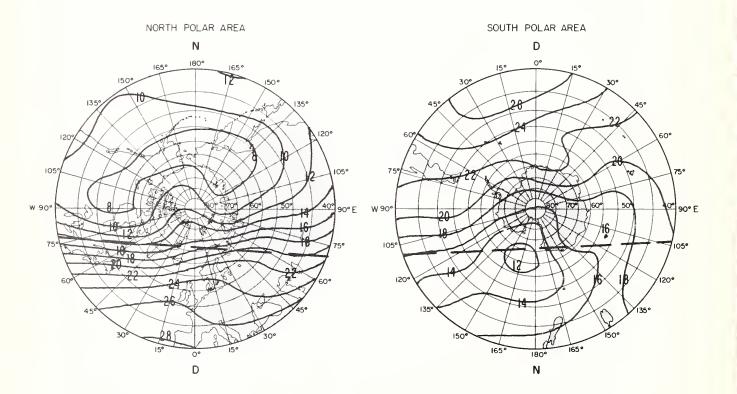


FIG. 19 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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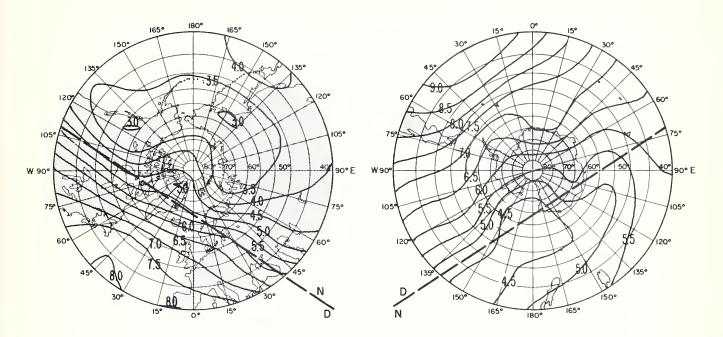


FIG.20A. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF(ZERO)F2 (MC/S)



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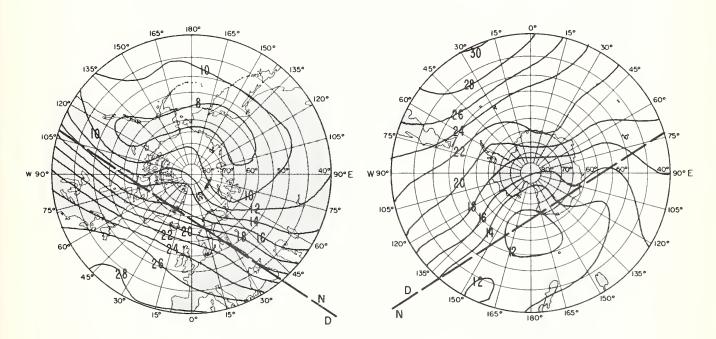


FIG. 20 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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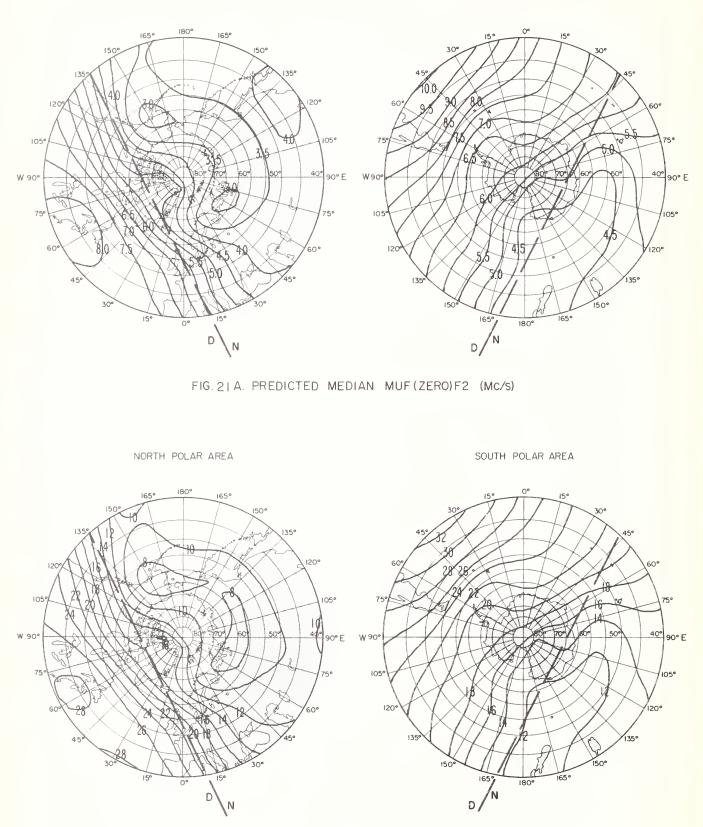


FIG. 21 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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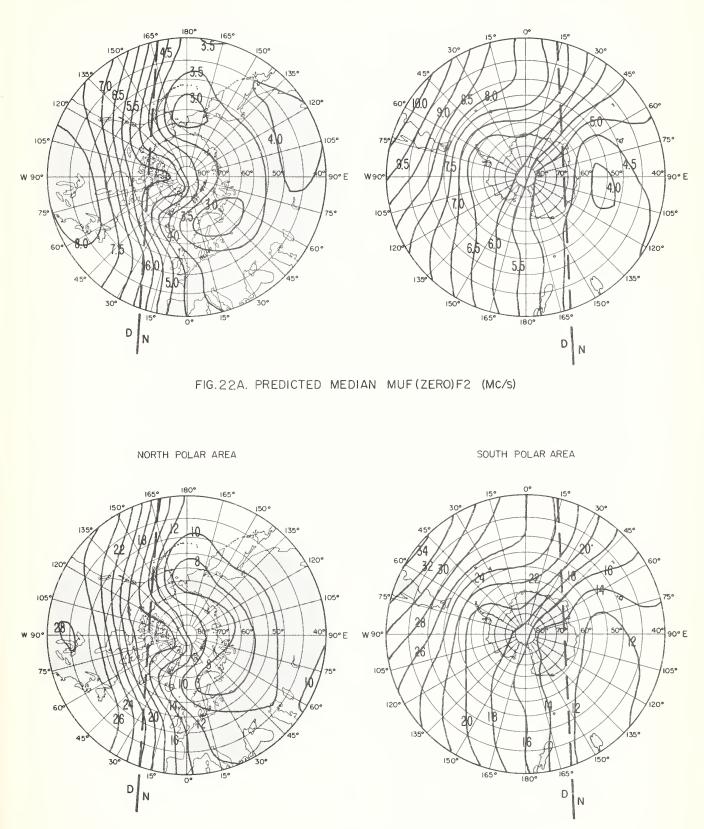


FIG. 22B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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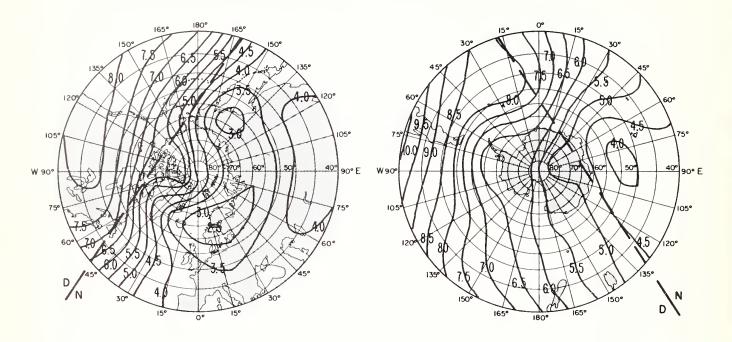


FIG. 23A. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (ZERO) F2 (MC/S)

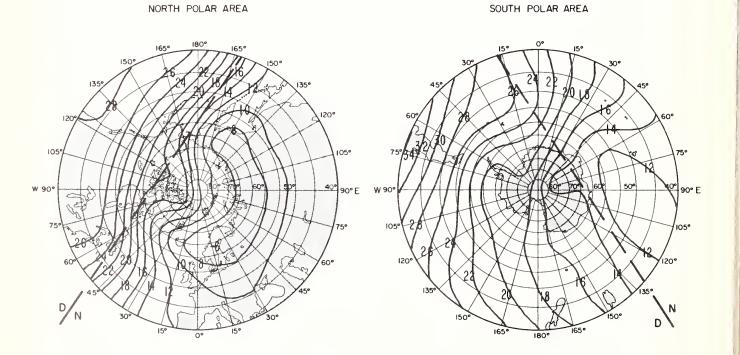


FIG. 23 B. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF (4000) F2 (Mc/s)

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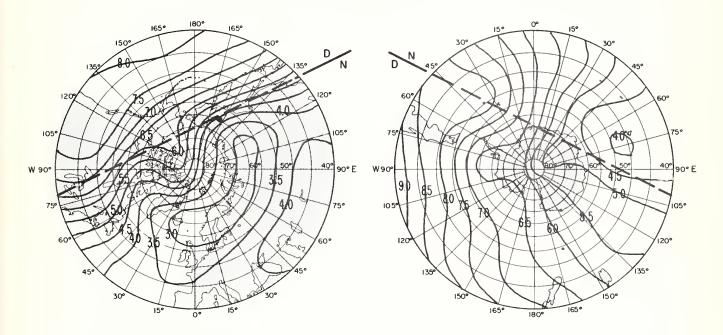
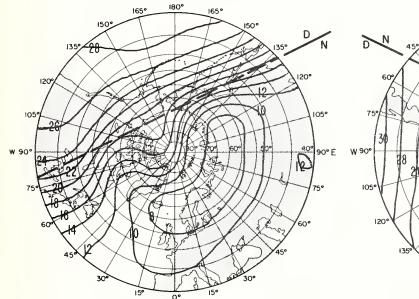
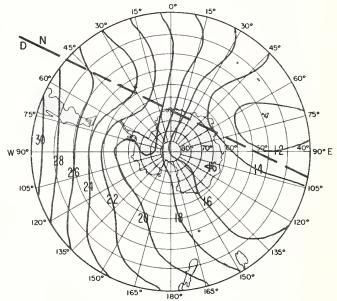


FIG.24A. PREDICTED MEDIAN MUF(ZERO)F2 (Mc/s)



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