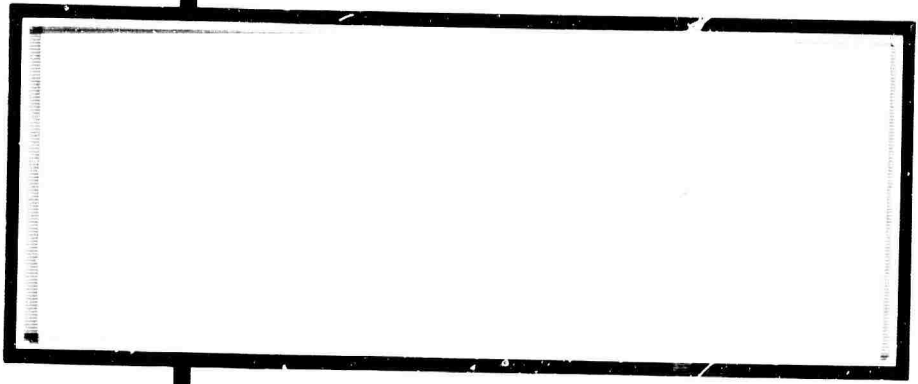


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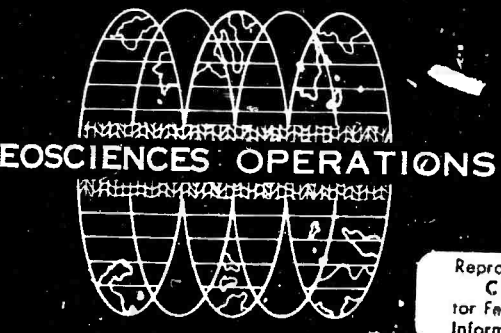
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## SECTION I

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Worldwide seismic noise levels and characteristics for 1963 are discussed in this report. Data for evaluation includes absolute power density spectra and contour maps of average worldwide microseismic activity.

Relative power density spectra were computed from 1963 data from Worldwide Standard Stations. Slopes of the least-mean-square line through the power density points were computed and a pattern of slope changes appeared at a frequency of 1.0 cps. A uniform worldwide pattern of slopes was observed between 1 cps and 2 cps. This suggests two separate sources generating microseisms above and below 1 cps, respectively, and that the spectra above 1 cps are independent of storms, fronts, etc.

The spectra for frequencies less than 1.0 cps show greater seasonal variations. These were concluded to be mostly meteorological in origin.

Monthly contour maps of average noise show that noise is seasonally variable and that it is attenuated at continental structures.

## SECTION II

### POWER DENSITY SPECTRA

#### A. PROCEDURE

Power density spectra were computed using short-period instruments from selected Worldwide Standard Stations. The data were obtained from the Coast and Geodetic Survey on 70 mm film clips. These were chosen over the 35 mm film clips because of the larger image size and better reproduction quality.

To assure that the same method of determining input data was used throughout the program, one person made all data reductions. The selected noise sample was projected approximately ten times the original gram size on a large wall-mounted grid.

The availability of film largely determined the samples chosen. Effort was concentrated on the first six months of 1963 when it became apparent that film for the latter months of the year would not be available.

The noise samples were objectively chosen to be representative of the recording period. An attempt was made to eliminate extremely high cultural noise if it was present only during part of the recording period.

As far as was practical, the horizontal instruments were sampled at the same time that the corresponding vertical sample was chosen. Any exceptions were caused by poor optics in the original gram, missing grams or reduced quality of reproduction.

Several samples were taken from the same station at different times of the same day to show the repeatability of the method. Refer to the following spectra in Appendix A:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Component</u>	<u>Date</u>
Nurmijarvi, Finland	NUR	N, E	15 January
Quetta, W. Pakistan	QUE	Z	24 January

Four samples were taken on different days in the same month to show variations at a station during the month. Refer to the following:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Component</u>	<u>Date</u>
Valentia, Ireland	VAL	Z	15 Jan., 18 Jan.
Kevo, Finland	KEV	Z	5 March, 13 March

<u>Station</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Component</u>	<u>Date</u>
Valentia, Ireland	VAL	Z	2 April, 3 April
Anpu, Taiwan	ANP	Z	14 April, 28 April

Twenty spectra were computed from one station to show seasonal variations. Valentia, Ireland (VAL) was chosen as the station because of film availability and the quality of recordings.

A total number of 151 absolute power density spectra were computed from data recorded during nine months in 1963.

## B. METHOD

The method used in the determination of absolute power density spectra was the technique developed by Texas Instruments for use with film data. The previously used polarity technique<sup>1</sup> was improved by the following:

- Film traces were differentiated before infinite clipping to pre-emphasize the high frequency energy, and
- Compensation was made for station response.

The flow diagram (Figure II-1) and the data example (Figure II-2) illustrate the individual operations involved in the method and their proper sequence.

The polarity technique applies only to time series having a Gaussian distribution of amplitudes. The sampling rate on the 1960 short-period data was four times per second or a sampling interval of 0.25 seconds. For the 1963 study, it was found that in most cases 300 seconds of noise gave good results with a sampling rate of eight times per second or a sampling interval of 0.125 seconds. Figure II-3 compares the sampling rate and results using data from (a) 1960 and (b) 1963.

### 1. Film Measurements

The noise samples were projected from film strips and a time sample of 300 seconds was traced. The tracings were sampled at intervals of 0.125 seconds, yielding 2400 digital samples each. A sample was recorded as +1 if the amplitude at that point was greater than that at the preceding sample point and -1 if less. This corresponds to differentiating the trace, then clipping at the +1 and -1 levels. The +1's were then punched

<sup>1</sup>Semiannual Technical Report No. III, Contract AF 19(604)-8517, 31 October 1962.

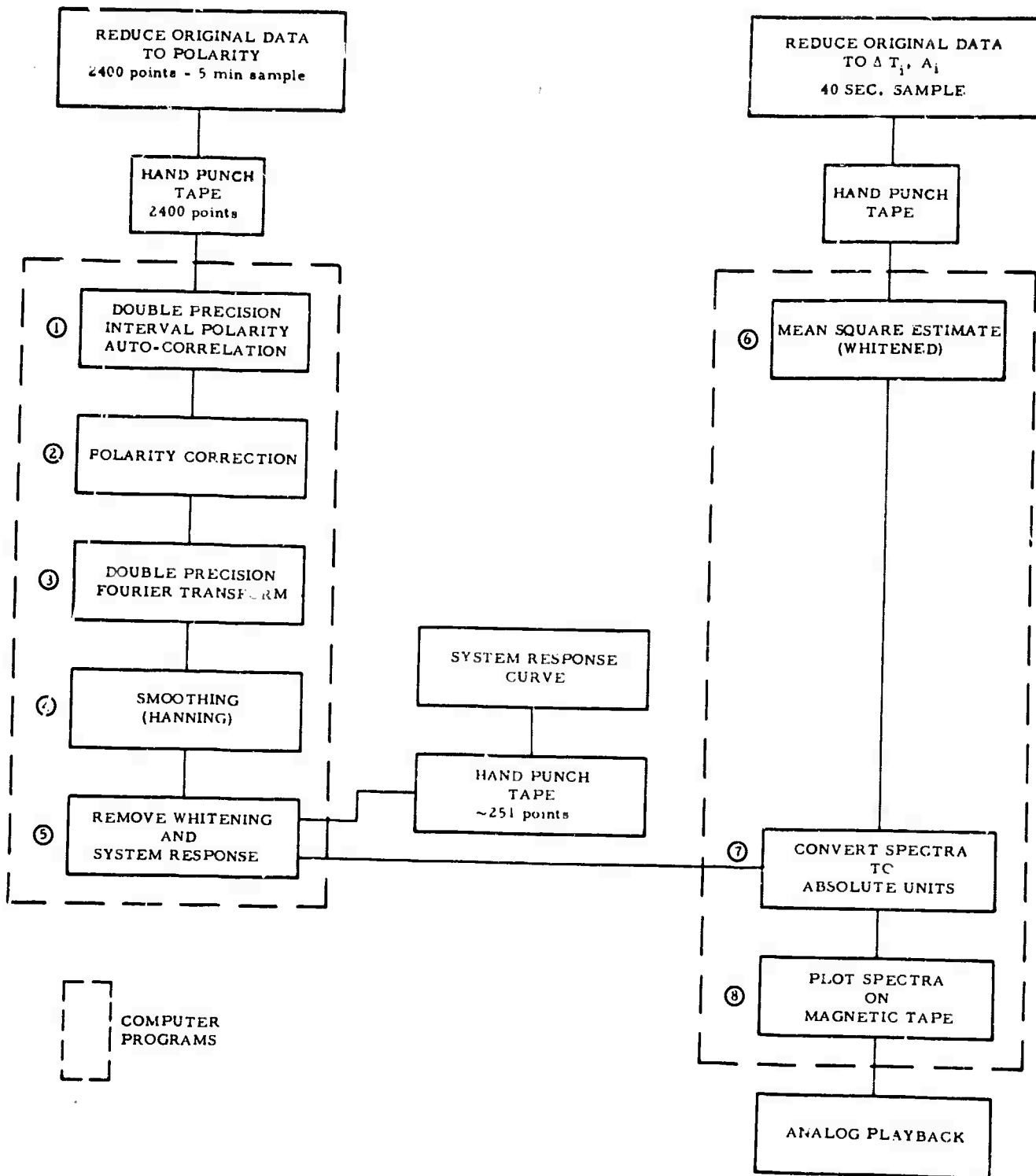


Figure II-1. Flow Diagram for Obtaining Absolute Power Density Spectra by Polarity Method

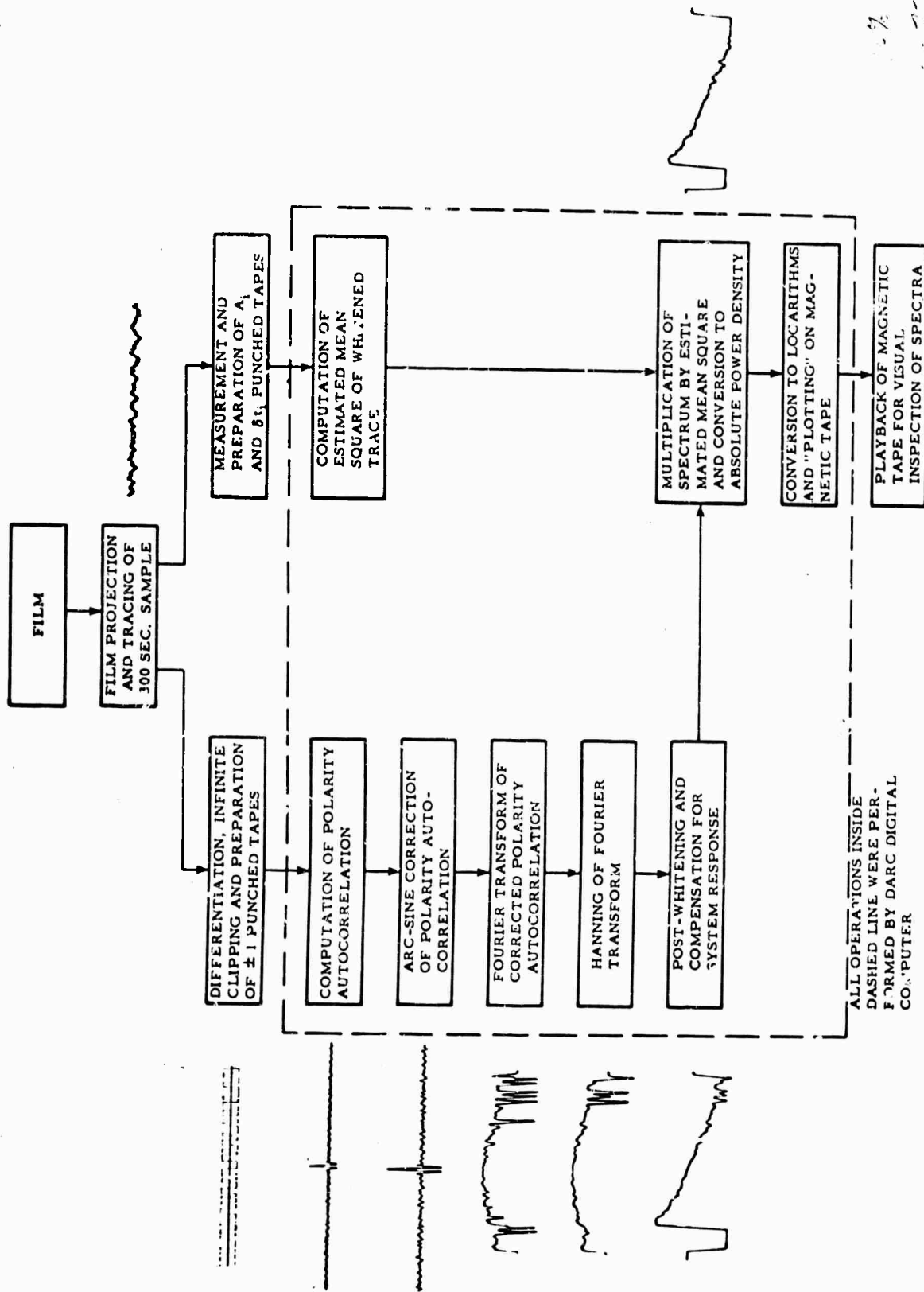


Figure II-2. Data Example for Obtaining Absolute Power Density Spectra by Polarity Method

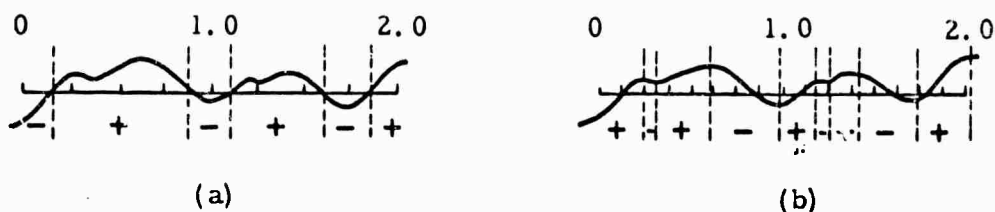


Figure II-3. Sampling Rate for Power Density Spectra Data (a) 1960;  
(b) 1963

on paper tape suitable for input to the DARC computer for computation of relative power density spectra.

Another set of measurements was made on a selected 40-second section of each tracing for the purpose of estimating the mean square of the differentiated trace. See paragraph 6 for a discussion of the mean-square estimate. These measurements consisted of measuring the amplitude of the trace (relative to any base line parallel to the axis of the film) at each relative maxima and minima, and measuring the time intervals between successive relative maxima and minima. For example, if the total number of maxima and minima in the 40-second sample was  $N$ , then  $N$  amplitude and  $N-1$  time-interval measurements were made. These measurements were also punched on paper tape suitable for computer input.

## 2. Pre-Whitening by Differentiation

Past experience with the noise recorded by the Worldwide Stations has shown that the power spectra (before allowance for system response) generally fall off rather rapidly with increasing frequency. Since the polarity technique gives highest fidelity when the spectra are roughly "white," the performance of any operation tending to whiten the noise before infinite clipping would improve the spectral estimates. One such operation is differentiation, which corresponds to a 6 db/octave multiplication of the power spectrum. With digitized data, differentiation may be approximated by subtracting the previous sample from a given sample. Symbolically, the operation is

$$\Delta t g'(t) = g(t) - g(t - \Delta t)$$

This operation is equivalent to convolution with a two-point (+1, -1) operator whose power response is  $2(1 - \cos 2\pi f\Delta t)$ .

### 3. Computation and Correction of Polarity Autocorrelations

The polarity autocorrelations were computed as

$$\bar{\phi}(k\Delta t) = \frac{1}{2400-k} \sum_{n=1}^{2400-k} h(n\Delta t) h(n\Delta t + k\Delta t) \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 250$$

where  $h(n\Delta t)$  is either +1 or -1, and  $\Delta t = 0.125$  second.

The autocorrelations were then "arc-sine corrected" to obtain estimates of the autocorrelations that would have been obtained if the data had been fully quantized. This correction is

$$\bar{\phi}'(k\Delta t) = \sin \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\bar{\phi}(k\Delta t)}{\bar{\phi}(0)} \right] \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 250.$$

The theory of polarity autocorrelations and the arc-sine correction has been fully presented in a previous report<sup>2</sup> and thus will not be repeated here.

### 4. Computation of Relative Power Density Spectra

The corrected polarity autocorrelations were Fourier transformed as follows:

$$\bar{\phi}(j\Delta f) = \sum_{k=-250}^{250} \bar{\phi}'(k\Delta t) \cos \left[ 2\pi(j\Delta f)(k\Delta t) \right] \Delta t$$

$j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 125$ , where  $\Delta f = \frac{1}{500\Delta t}$ .

These Fourier transforms were then Hanned by convolving with a three-point (1/4, 1/2, 1/4) operator to obtain the smoothed power density spectra. These spectra are relative spectra only, since the  $\bar{\phi}'(k\Delta t)$  are normalized autocorrelation functions.

### 5. Post-Whitening and Compensation for System Response

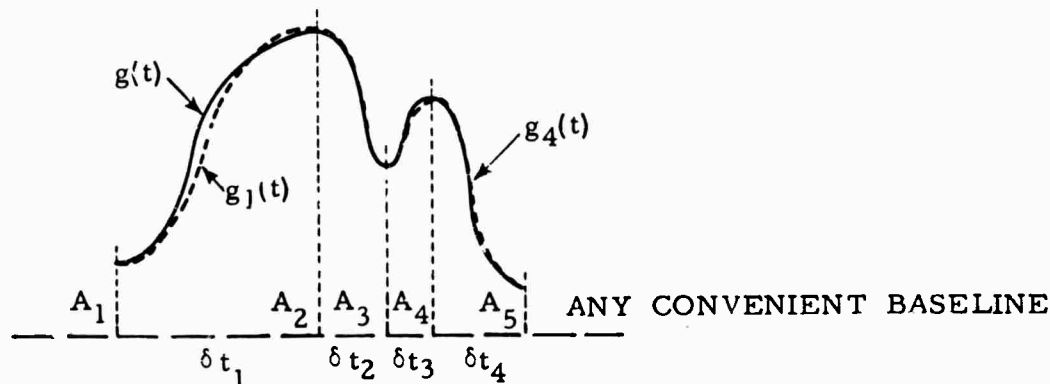
These two operations were performed simultaneously for reasons of computer efficiency and precision. Since the power response of the whitening operation is  $2(1 - \cos 2\pi f\Delta t)$ , post-whitening to remove this effect consists of dividing the spectrum by  $2(1 - \cos 2\pi f\Delta t)$ . Compensation for system response consists of dividing the spectra by  $H^2(f)$  where  $H(f)$  is the amplitude response of the system. Amplitude response was obtained

<sup>2</sup>Ibid

from U. S. Department of Commerce bulletin "Instrumentation of the World-Wide Seismograph System," Figure II-4. This system response includes all effects of the recording apparatus (seismometers, galvanometers, etc.) and relates absolute ground motion to film trace deflection.

### 6. Mean Square Estimation

To obtain absolute power density spectra from the relative power density spectra obtained with normalized autocorrelations, it is necessary to multiply each by the mean square of the corresponding time function. Using polarity data, we have no way of computing the mean square; however, we may obtain a good estimate of the mean square of each whitened trace. We approximate the unwhitened film trace between successive relative maxima and minima by half cycles of cosine functions of appropriate amplitudes and frequencies. This approximation is illustrated by the  $g_i(t)$  in the diagram below:



$$\text{Then } g_i(t) = \frac{A_i + A_{i+1}}{2} + \frac{A_i - A_{i+1}}{2} \cos\left(\pi \frac{t}{\delta t_i}\right) \text{ for the interval } \delta t_i.$$

Differentiating  $g_i(t)$  we obtain

$$g'_i(t) = \frac{A_{i+1} - A_i}{2} \frac{\pi}{\delta t_i} \sin\left(\pi \frac{t}{\delta t_i}\right) \text{ for the interval } \delta t_i.$$

Then the mean square of  $g'(t)$  may be estimated as

$$\text{E. M. S.} = \frac{1}{\sum_i \delta t_i} \sum_i \int_0^{\delta t_i} |g'_i(t)|^2 dt$$

$$\text{E. M. S.} = \frac{1}{\sum_i \delta t_i} \sum_i \frac{(A_{i+1} - A_i)^2 \pi^2}{4 \delta t_i^2} \int_0^{\delta t_i} \sin^2\left(\pi \frac{t}{\delta t_i}\right) dt$$

$$\text{E. M. S.} = \frac{1}{\sum_i \delta t_i} \sum_i \frac{\pi^2 (A_{i+1} - A_i)^2}{8 \delta t_i}$$

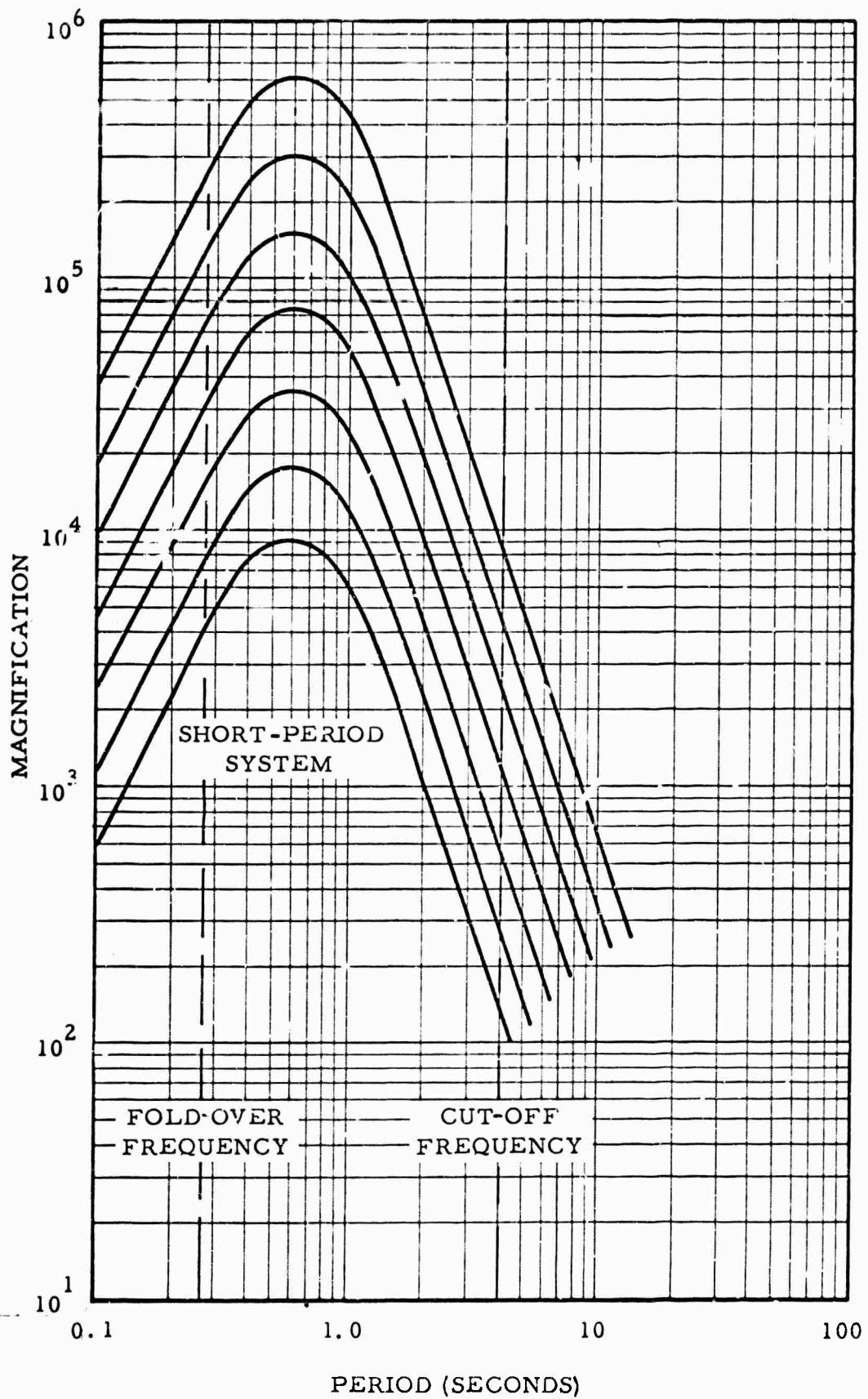


Figure II-4. Frequency Response of the USC&GS World-Wide Standard Short Period Seismograph System

The  $A_1$  and  $\delta t_1$  measurements were made directly from the film as described in paragraph 1. These measurements were input to DARC, and estimated mean squares for each whitened noise sample were computed using the formula just derived.

#### 7. Conversion of Relative Spectra to Absolute Spectra

Absolute power density spectra were obtained by multiplication of the relative power density spectra, previously corrected for whitening and system response, by their respective mean-square estimates, and by a constant. This constant contains such scaling factors as:

- Magnification factor involved in projecting film and measuring  $A_1$ 's
- Variations in gain from that gain at which the system response was calibrated, and
- Computer scale factors introduced in data processing.

#### 8. Presentation of Spectra

The logarithm of each point of each absolute power density spectrum was written on magnetic tape by the DARC computer in a special configuration. This configuration was such as to provide a plot of the logarithm of the power density function versus linear frequency by playback of the magnetic tape through a digital-to-analog converter and oscillograph.

## SECTION III

### EVALUATION OF POWER DENSITY SPECTRA

The power density spectra, computed on a worldwide basis and converted to absolute values, lends itself to a study of the noise of the world.

The spectra plots are located in Appendix A. In each case, the slope of the plots were determined by the least mean square method. It is interesting to note the change in slope on the plots in the range of 1.0 cps. This slope change is interpreted to suggest that two source mechanisms are causing the noise above and below 1.0 cps. The same change in slope was observed by Vinnik and Pruchkina (1964).

Several comparisons were made between the slopes obtained from the spectra plots. The first is the number of stations whose spectral slope (frequency 1.0 cps or greater) falls within each slope increment of 10 db/octave (Figure III-1). It was noted that 84.1 percent of the slopes' values fall within the range of 10-40 db/octave and that of these 48.8 percent fall within the range of 20-30 db/octave. This worldwide uniformity in noise between the periods of 0.5 sec to 1.0 sec suggests a constant universal noise.

Several theories have been advanced thus far as to the reason for the presence of microseisms throughout the world. Iyer (1962) suggests that the earth itself is filled with noise. Other causes from cultural noise to sea storms have been investigated. The problem lends itself for further study.

The power density spectra plots yield an increase in slope between 0.25 cps to 1.0 cps. This spectral range corresponds with the theory that microseisms in the 2-6 sec period range receive their energy from pressure fronts.

A comparison was made between the slopes of the spectra plots and the station distance from large bodies of water. Station geologic structures were also taken into consideration (refer to Figures III-2 and III-3). As can be seen from Figure III-2, the noise present in the 3 sec period range levels off at a distance of around 300 miles from the shore. The high frequency spectra (Figure III-3) drops off much more rapidly although it apparently levels off at about 300 miles also. There is no apparent relationship of these noise spectra with the geologic environment near the recording stations.

The results from the seasonal study at Valentia, Ireland show that the seasonal change in the spectra around 1.0 cps and above is less than that below 1.0 cps.

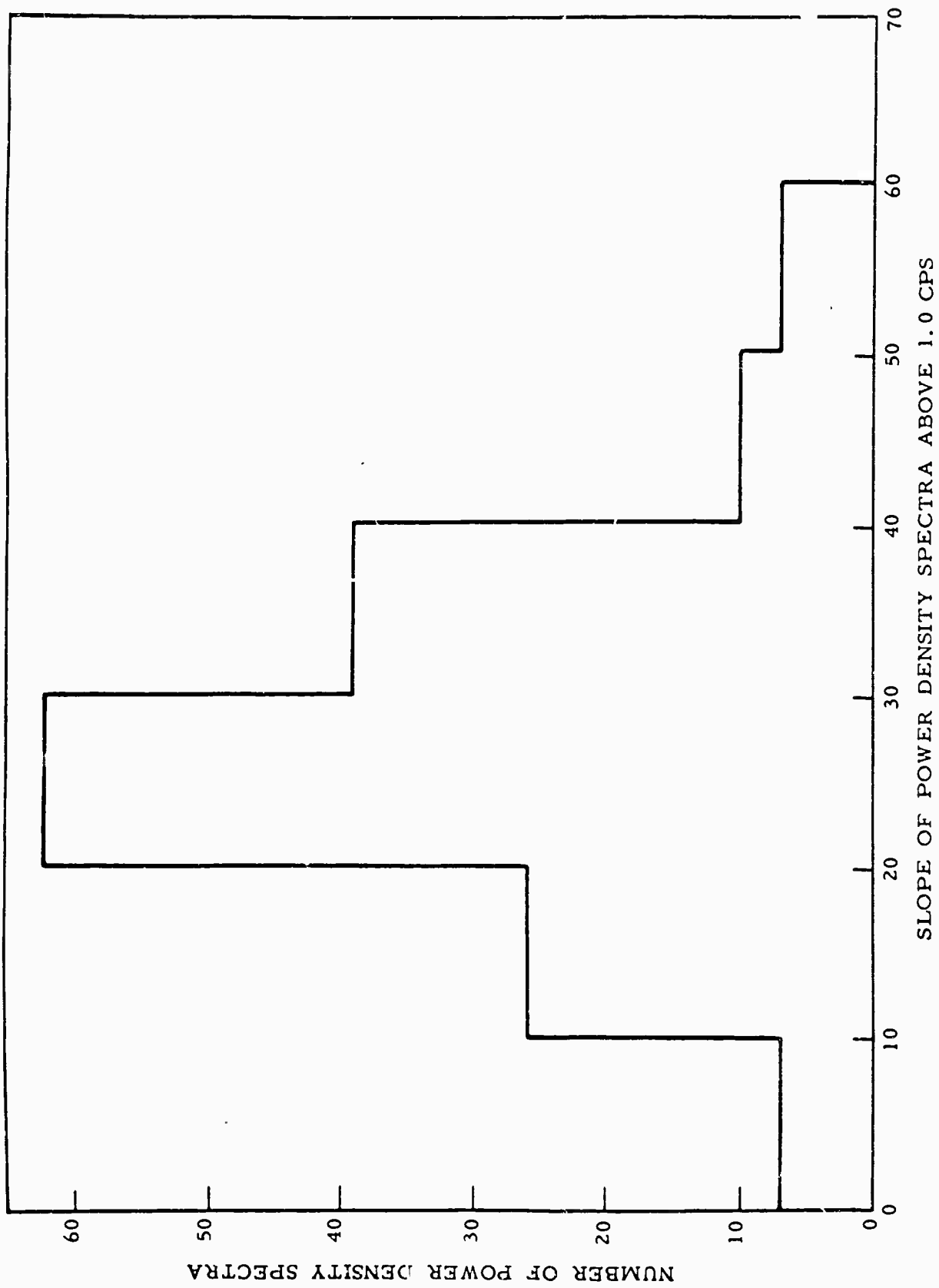
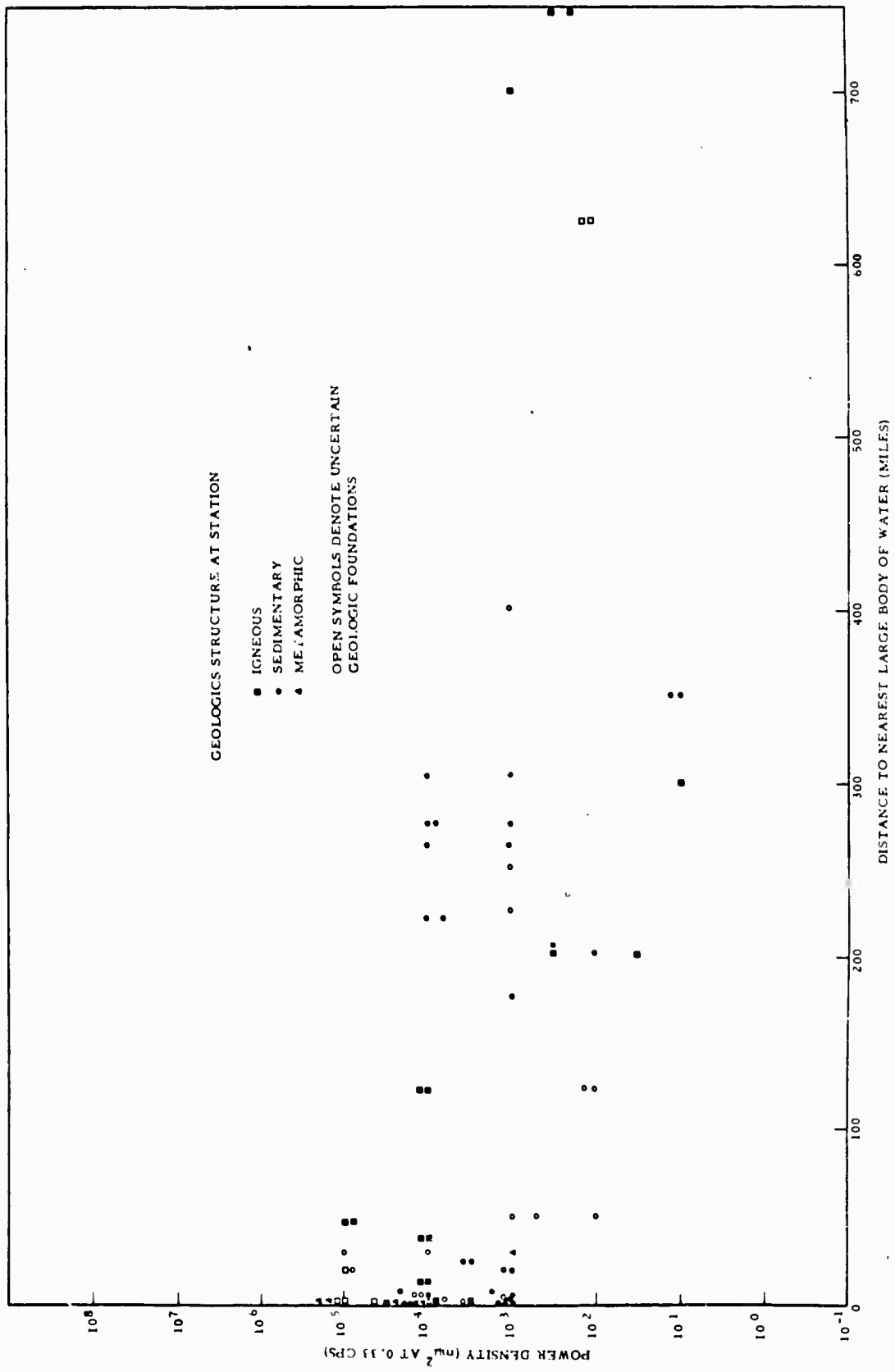


Figure III-1. Comparison of Spectra Slopes at Frequency of 1.0 CPS or Greater



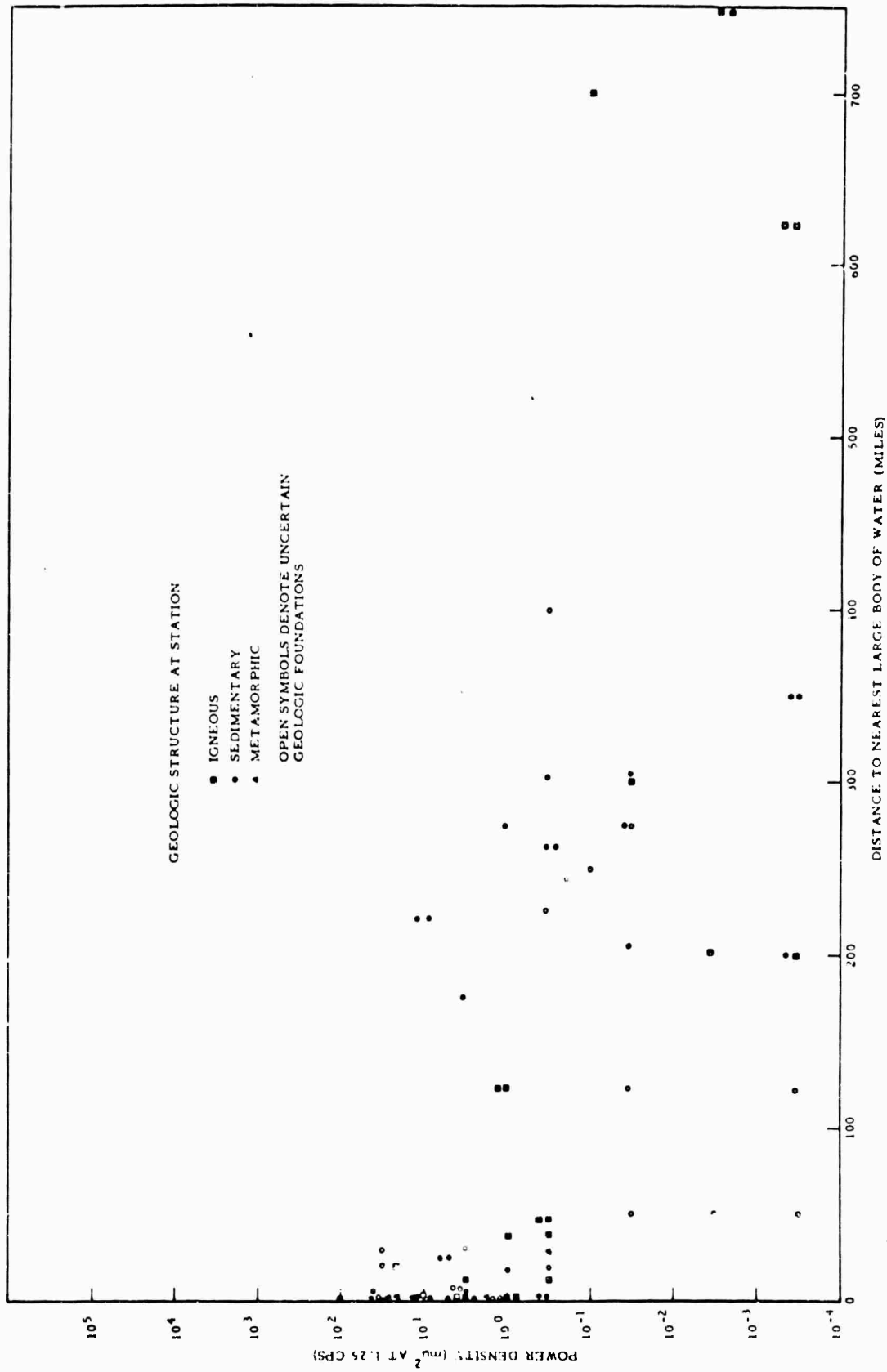


Figure III-3. Power Density (Frequency = 1.25 cps) vs Distance of Station From Large Body of Water

## SECTION IV

### VISUAL NOISE MEASUREMENTS

In addition to the noise power density spectra study, measurements and comparisons of average microseismic levels on a worldwide basis were made. Visual noise measurements were made at selected stations in order that noise levels could be compared. To improve station distribution, 35 mm records from the Canadian Network were obtained and used along with Worldwide Standard Station records.

Measurements of period and amplitude of the average maximum short-period and long-period noise on the respective instruments were made at each station. A comparison was made between one measurement each day, one measurement every other day, one measurement every third day and one measurement every fifth day at several stations. It was decided that ten measurements each month could be made and not significantly affect the average maximum measurements.

The measurements were taken at the same time at each station, within limits. Anomalous data, e.g., long-period noise on short-period instruments, were eliminated by limiting the measurements to noise in the 0.5 to 2.0 sec period range as the short-period instruments and the 3.0 to 8.0 sec period range on the long-period instruments.

The measurements were converted to ground motion using the approximate response curves (Figure IV-1 - USC&GS Standard Stations; Figure IV-2 - Canadian Network Stations) and averaged for each month.

Contour maps of the average maximum noise for each month were constructed. These maps are contained in Appendix B. Only nine months of the year were included as data for July, August and September were not available when data reduction was terminated.

To assure consistency in measuring techniques, the measurements were made by one person, and one analyst was responsible for data reduction and the preparing of the maps.

Several large areas of the world have sparse data available for this study. An attempt has been made to subjectively qualify the maps. Solid lines indicate adequate control points and dashed lines indicate a lack of control points.

As can be seen from the maps, the noise level increases during the winter months and, as was expected, the noise level was attenuated at continental structures.

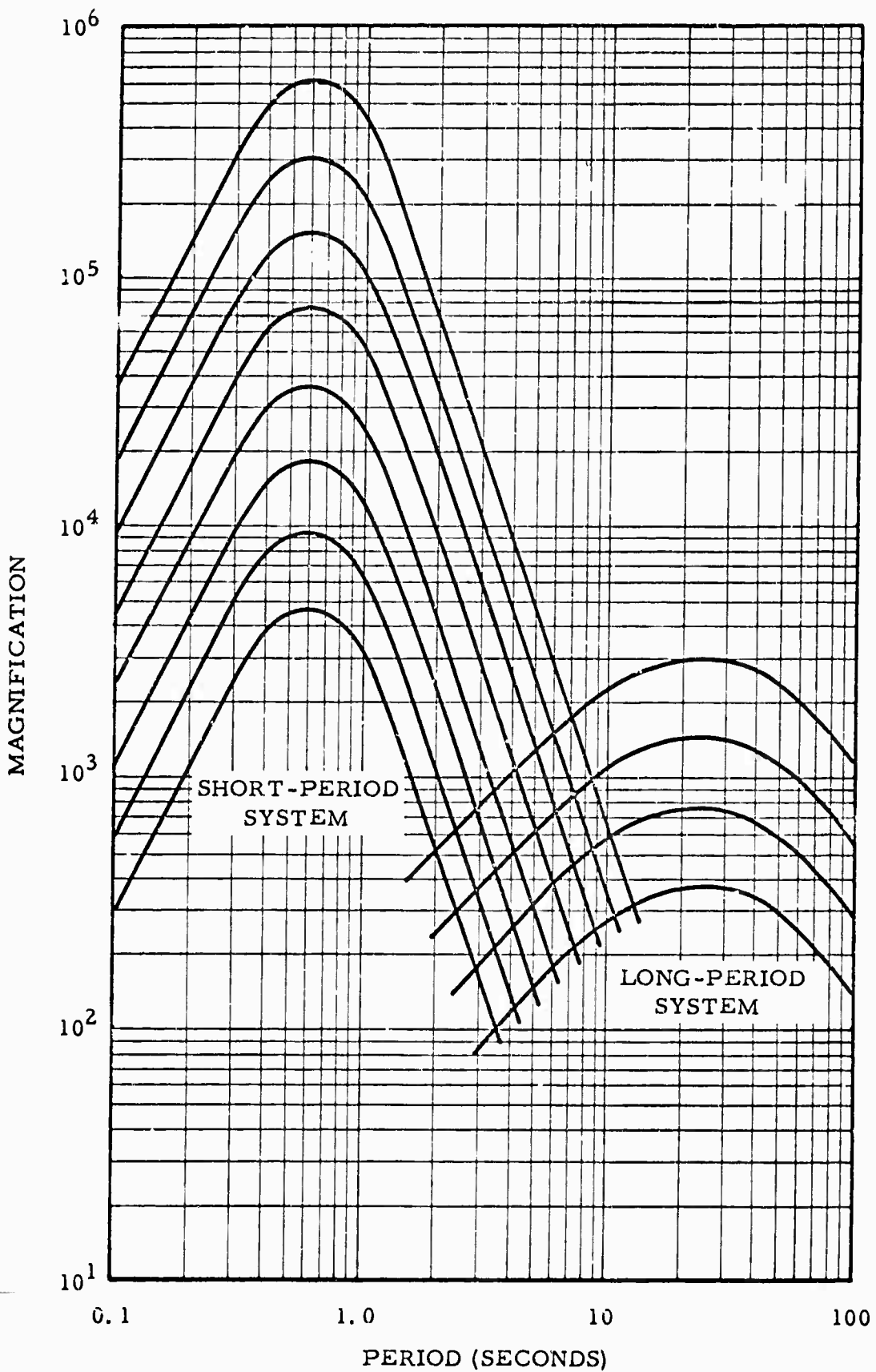


Figure IV-1. Frequency Response of the USC&GS World-Wide Standard Seismograph Systems

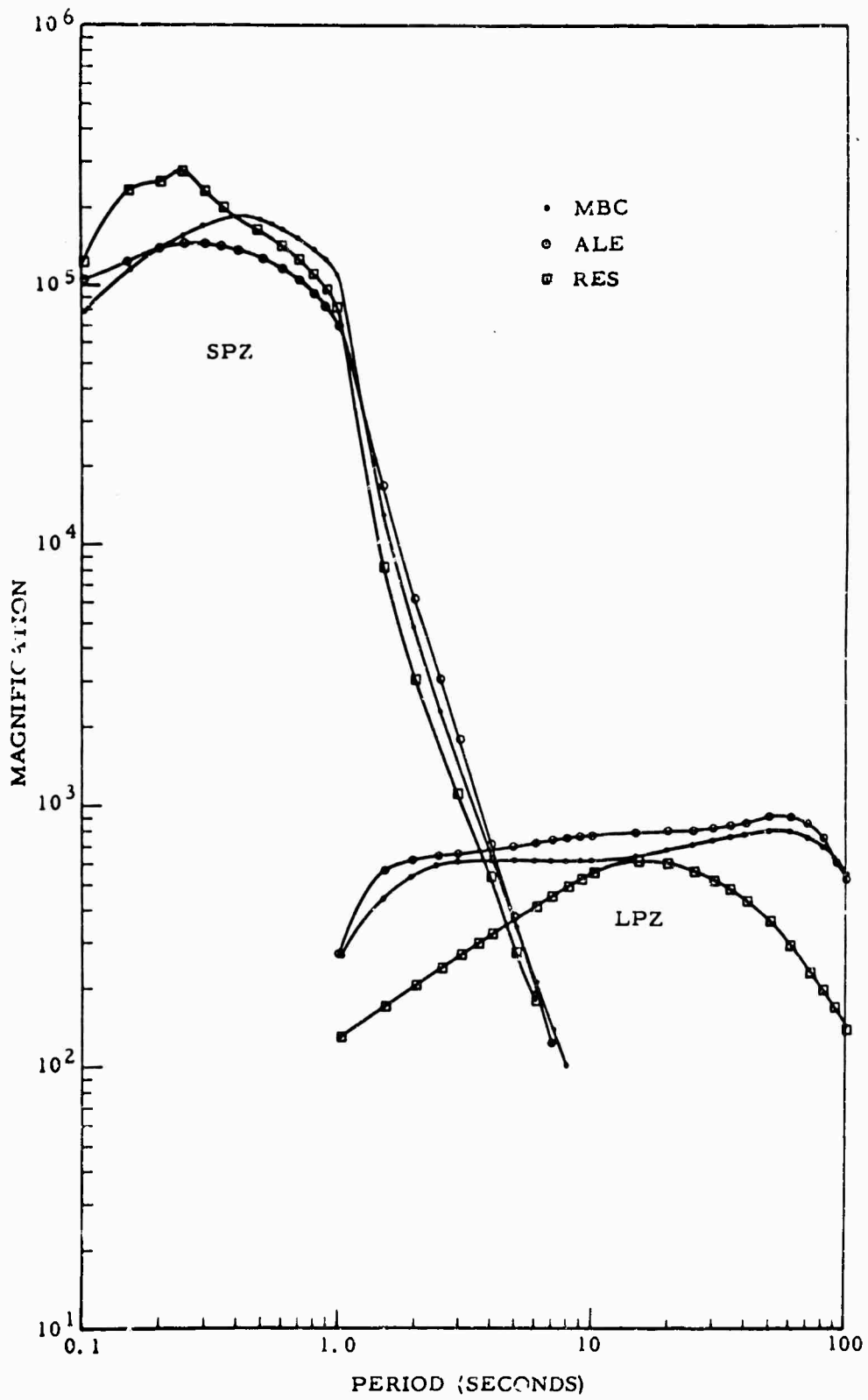


Figure IV-2. Frequency Response of the Canadian Network Seismograph Systems (Vertical Components)

Microseisms studies are needed in conjunction with seismicity studies to obtain a better understanding of the noise that can be expected at various stations around the world. This noise can be used to calculate the theoretical limits of perceptibility for each station.

Microseisms studies should also add to the knowledge of seasonal variations at the stations studied. This information could aid in determining what stations, if any, should change their gains to cope with these variations.

The 1963 microseisms study yielded the following results as to the gain and noise at the stations studied.

List of Stations with Cultural Noise Limiting the Gain

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	La Paz, Bolivia
Ann Arbor, Michigan	Lubbock, Texas
Athens, Greece	Malaga, Spain
Baguio, Philippines	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Bogota, Colombia	Quito, Ecuador
Helwan, Egypt	Rabaul, New Britain
Hong Kong	Stuttgart, West Germany

List of Stations with Noise in the 4-8 Second Range on SP Instruments

Albuquerque, New Mexico	Kongsberg, Norway
Blacksburg, Virginia	State College, Pennsylvania
Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia	South Pole, Antarctica
Chiengmai, Thailand	Tasmanian University, Tasmania
Golden, Colorado	Tucson, Arizona
Kipapa, Hawaii	

List of Stations Where Gains Could Be Raised

Chiengmai, Thailand (LP only)  
Hong Kong  
Nairobi, Kenya (only if better photographic technique employed)  
New Delhi, India

Any further work in this area should include more stations as they become available and, if no World Standard Stations are available for areas such as Eastern South America and Western Africa, reliably calibrated non-Standard station data should be used.

The overall quality of the film reproductions used in this study varied widely from excellent to, in a few cases, unuseable. The reasons

That some records were unuseable could, in some cases, be attributed to poor reproductions while others were due to poor original grams. In addition, many stations had excessive trace width which made accurate measurements of low noise levels difficult.

The most common problem of the World Standard Network records, as a whole, is excessive drift on the long-period horizontal instruments, possibly caused by inadequately insulated vaults.

## SECTION V

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Noise background studies are greatly improved if a technique of obtaining power density spectra is used.
2. Continued worldwide effort should include gathering of meteorological information to aid in the interpretation of spectra.
3. Any additional effort to investigate worldwide microseisms should have as a prime objective the association of spectra and observations with existing theories of microseisms origin.
4. Additional theoretical and practical work should be associated to explain constant microseismic background apparently not associated with storms, fronts, etc.

APPENDIX A

ABSOLUTE POWER DENSITY SPECTRA

## APPENDIX A

### ABSOLUTE POWER DENSITY SPECTRA

This appendix contains absolute power density spectra obtained from the 1963 data. The station abbreviations are listed with the location of each station in Table A-1. The spectra are presented in Figures A-1a through A-1f. The list of stations used and the dates of the records are presented in Tables A-2a through A-2f for the associated spectral illustrations.

TABLE A-1

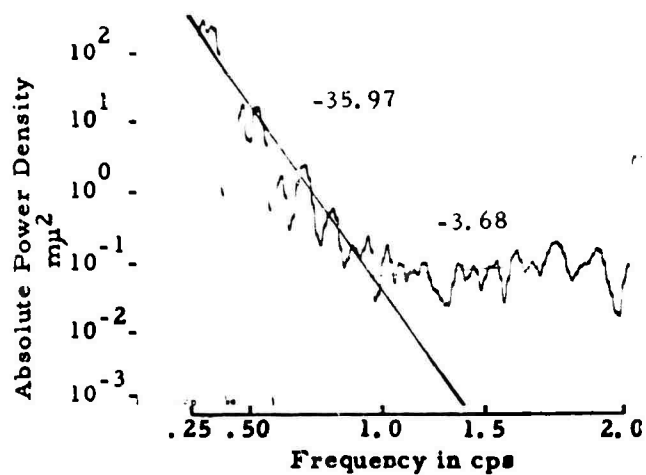
#### STATION ABBREVIATIONS

STATION	LOCATION	STATION	LOCATION
AAE	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	KIP	Kipapa, Hawaii
ADE	Adelaide, S. Australia	KON	Kongsberg, Norway
AFI	Afiamalau, W. Samoa	LON	Longmire, Washington
ALQ	Albuquerque, New Mexico	MAL	Malaga, Spain
ANP	Anpu, Taiwan	MAN	Manila, Philippines
ATU	Athens, Greece	MDS	Madison, Wisconsin
BAG	Baguio, Philippines	MUN	Mundaring, W. Australia
BKS	Berkeley, California	NAI	Nairobi, Kenya
BLA	Blacksburg, Virginia	NUR	Nurmijarvi, Finland
BUL	Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia	PLM	Palomar, California
CCG	Camp Century, Greenland	PMG	Port Moresby, New Guinea
CHG	Chiengmai, Thailand	PRE	Pretoria, S. Africa
CMC	Copper Mine, Canada	PTO	Porto, Portugal
COP	Copenhagen, Denmark	QUE	Quetta, W. Pakistan
COR	Corvallis, Oregon	SCP	State College, Pennsylvania
GDH	Godhavn, Greenland	SEO	Seoul, S. Korea
GOL	Golden, Colorado	SHL	Shillong, India
GSC	Goldstone, California	SPA	South Pole, Antarctica
GUA	Guam, Mariana Islands	TOL	Toledo, Spain
HUR	Honiara, Solomon Islands	VAL	Valentia, Ireland
IST	Istanbul, Turkey	WES	Weston, Massachusetts
KEV	Kevo, Finland	WIN	Windhoek, S. Africa

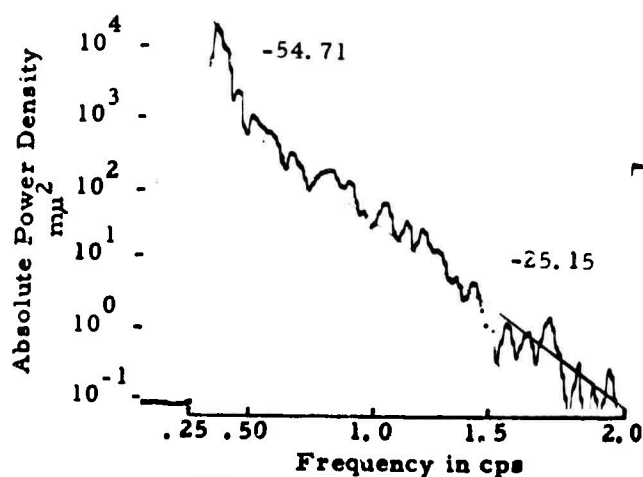
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## ABSOLUTE POWER DENSITY SPECTRA LOCATED IN FIGURE A-1a

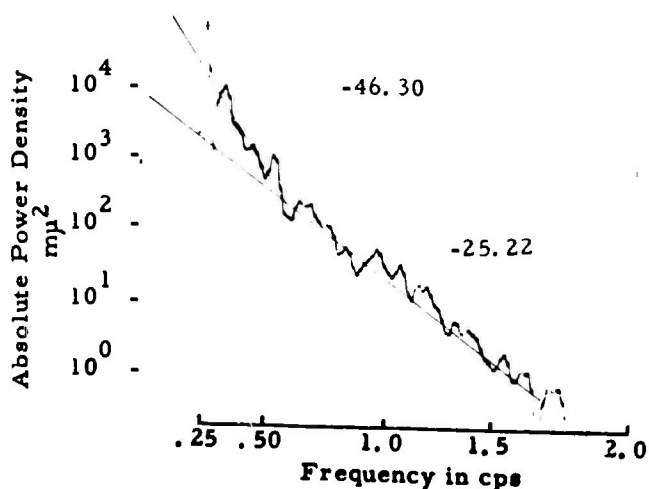
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ADE	15 January	SPZ	25
ADE	15 January	SPN	25
ADE	15 January	SPE	25
ADE	16 April	SPZ	25
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ALQ	19 April	SPE	400
ANP	14 April	SPZ	6.25
ANP	28 April	SPZ	6.25
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ANP	28 April	SPE	6.25
ATU	16 January	SPZ	12.5
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ATU	19 April	SPE	12.5
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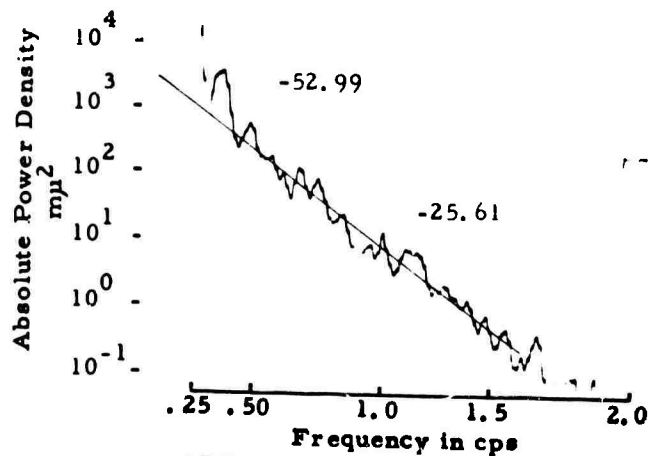
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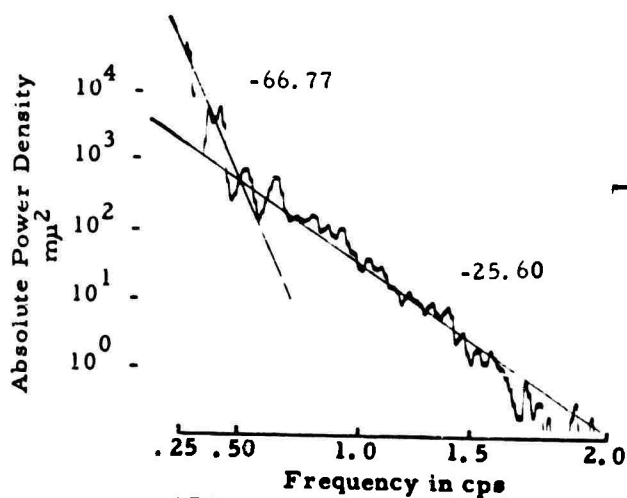
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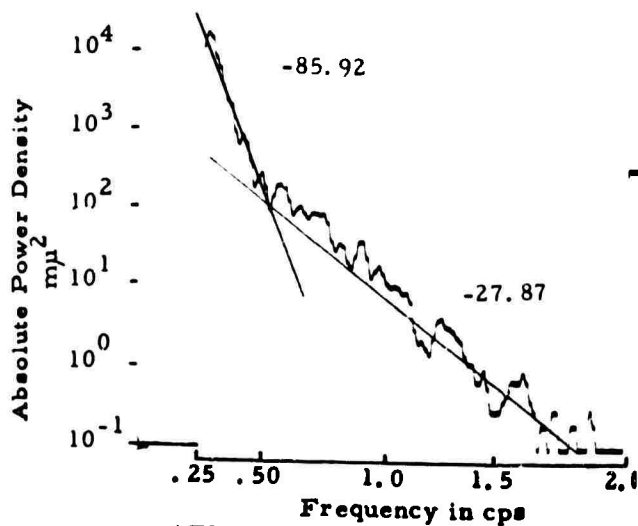
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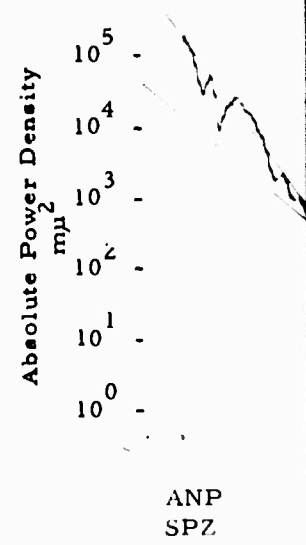
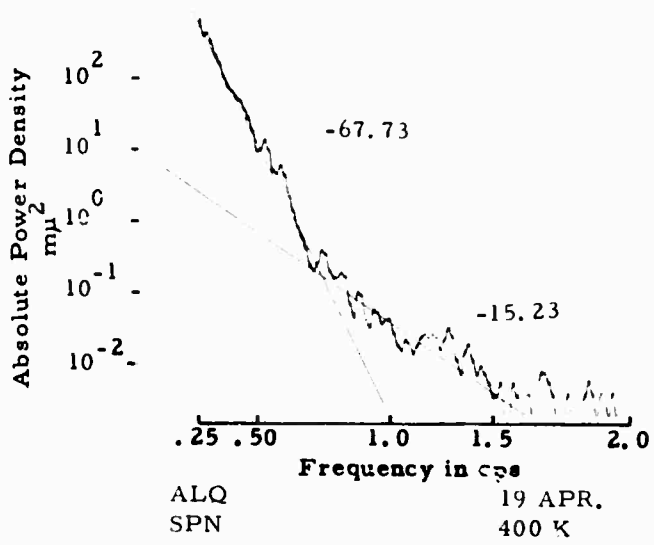
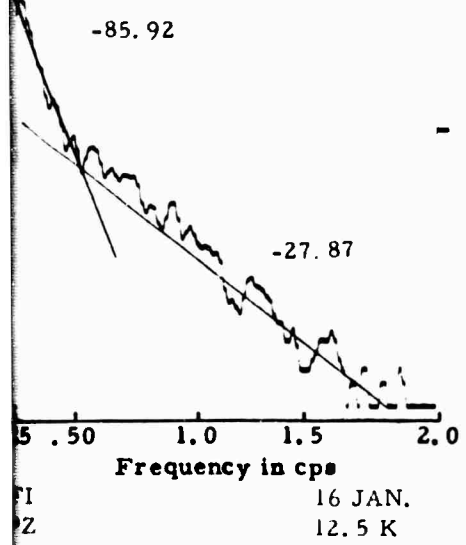
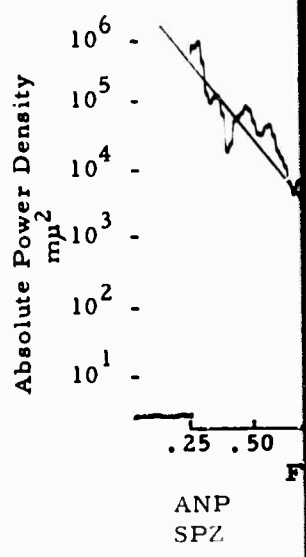
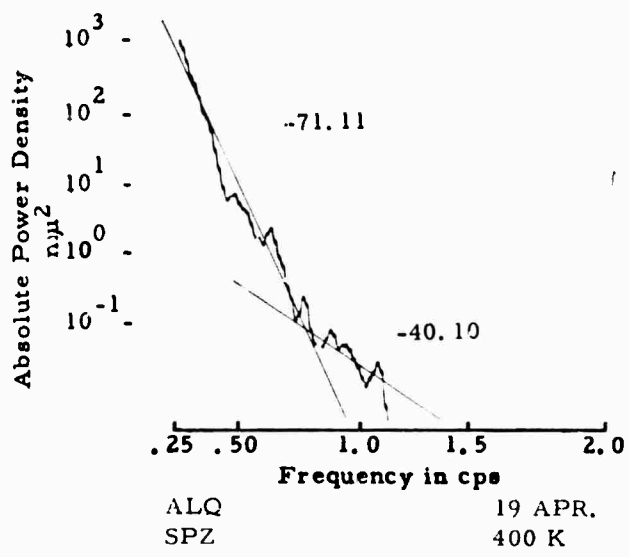
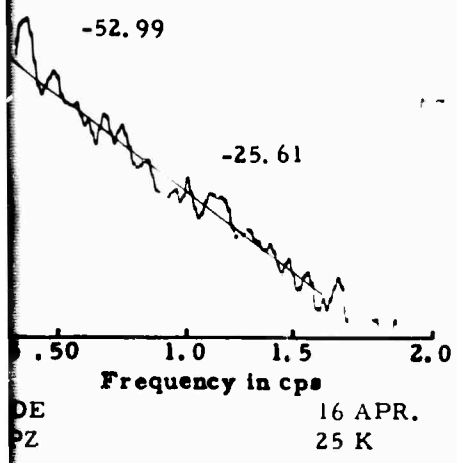
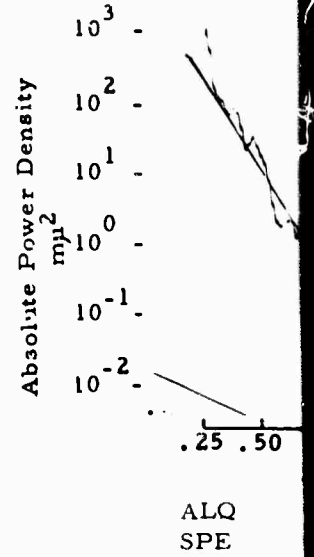
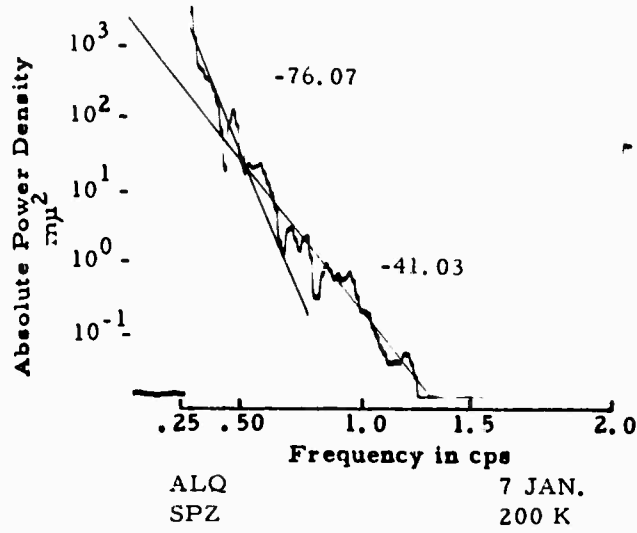
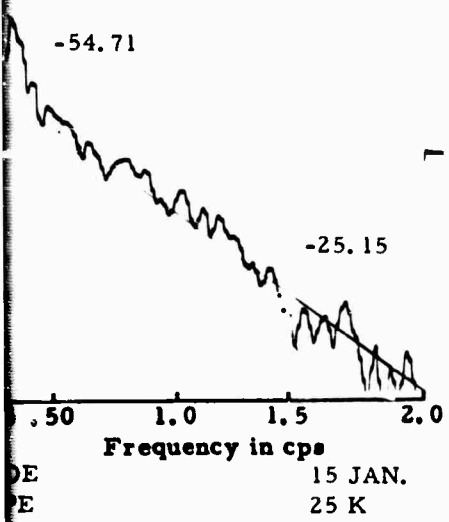
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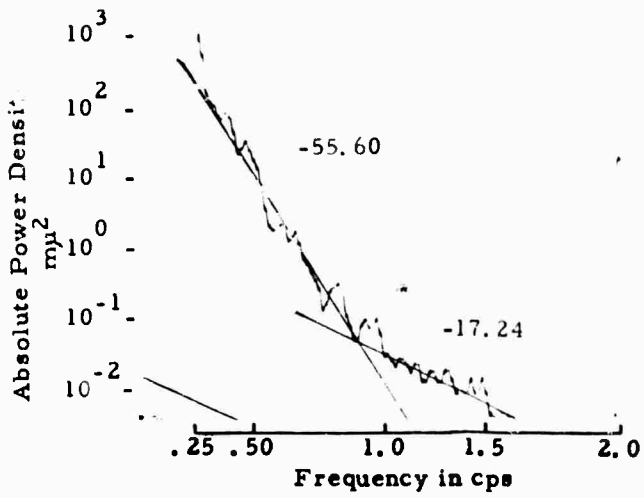
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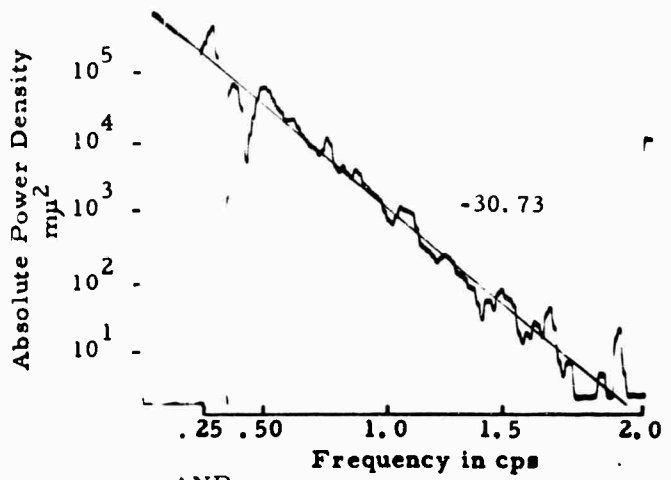
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16 JAN.  
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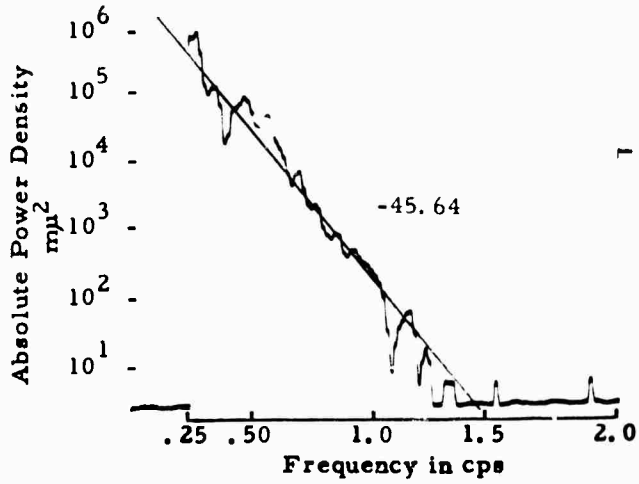
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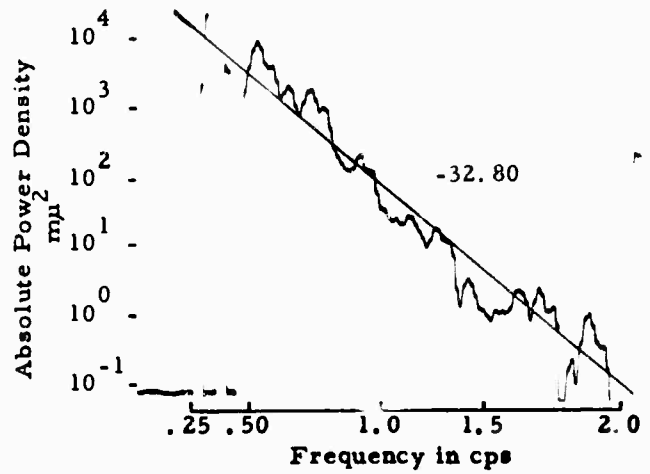
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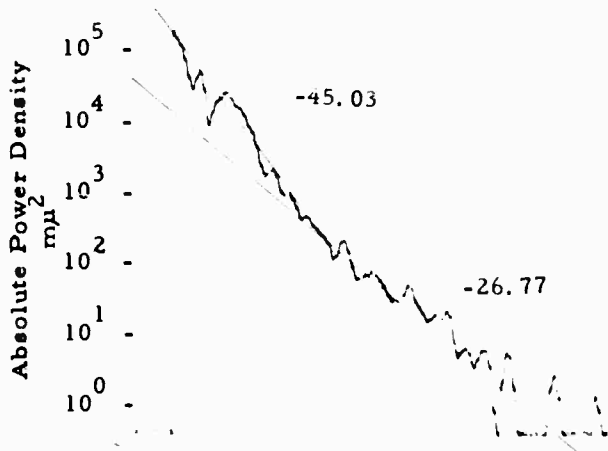
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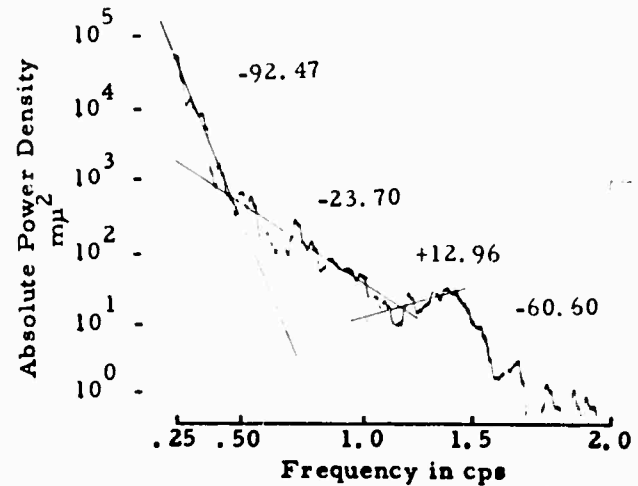
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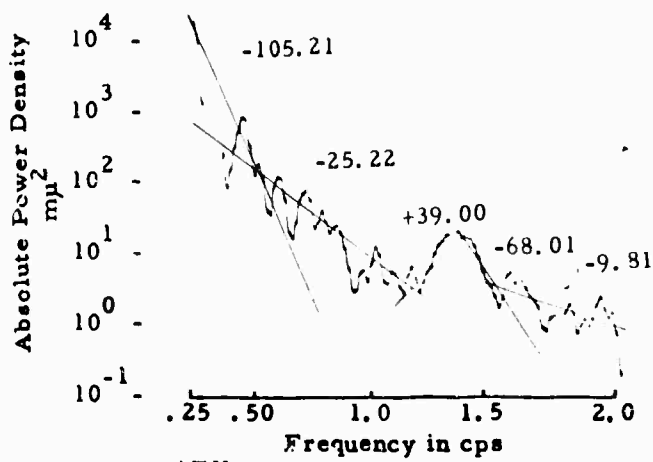
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Absolute Power Density  $\mu\mu^2$

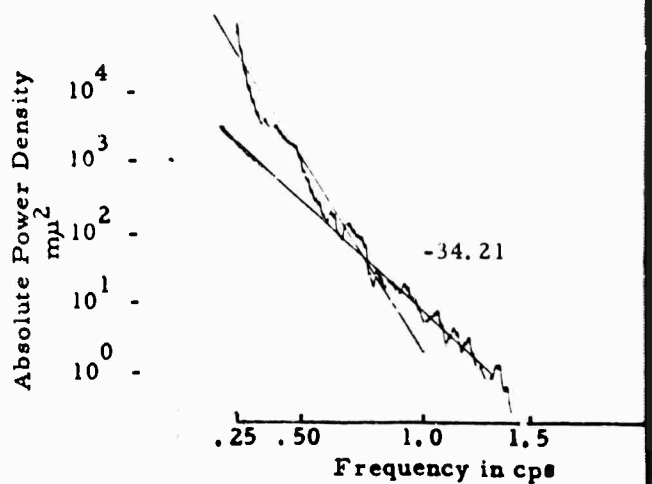
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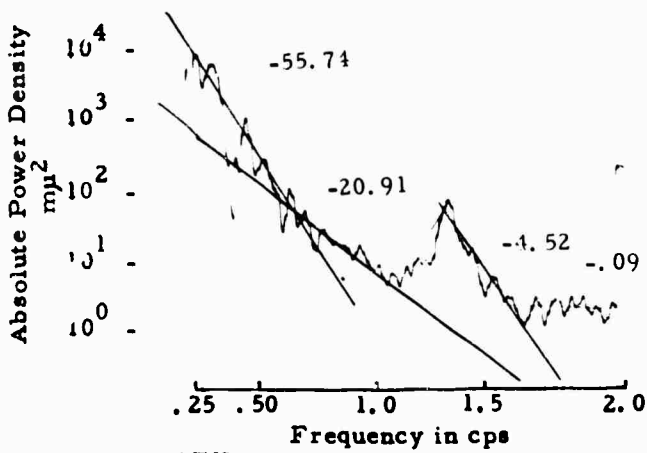
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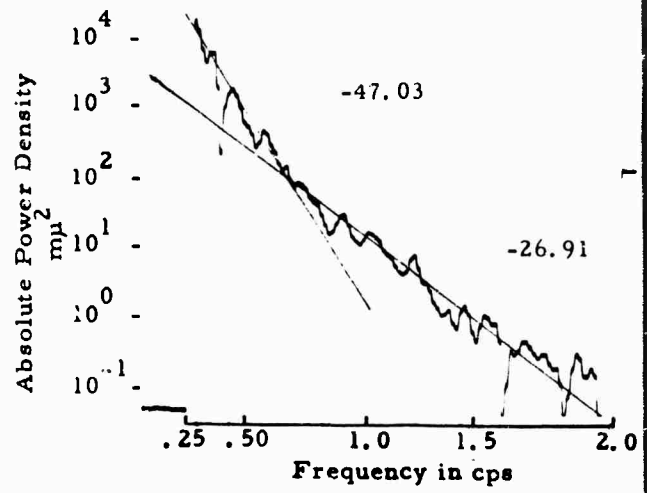
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PR.  
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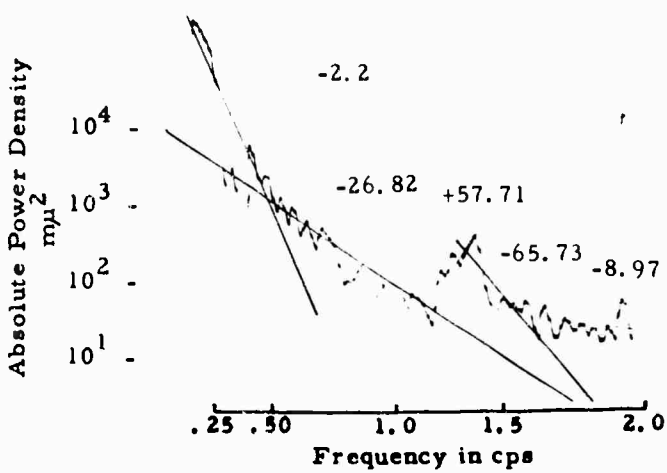
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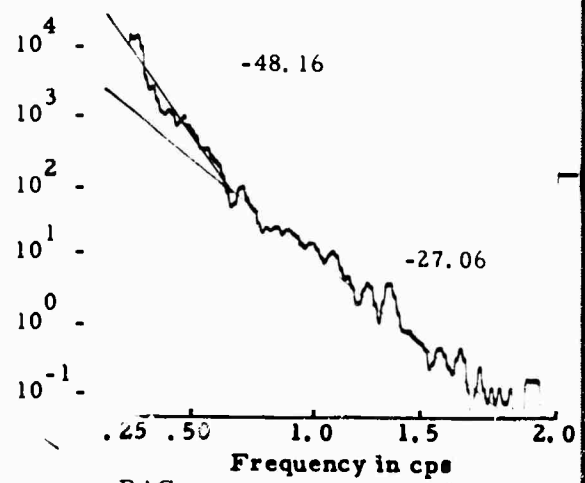
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AN.  
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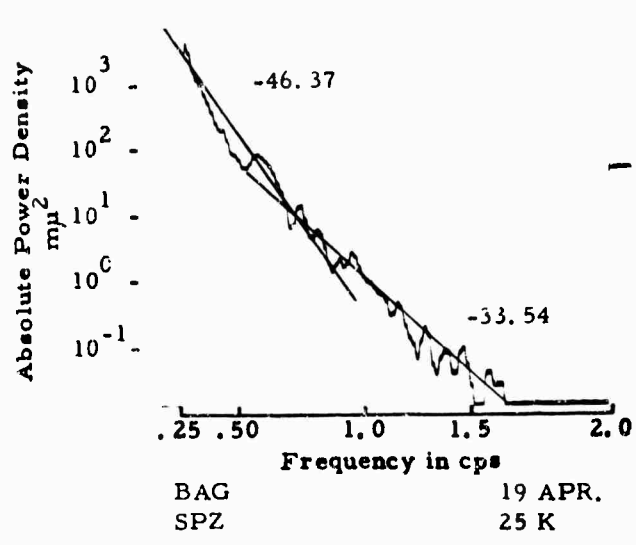
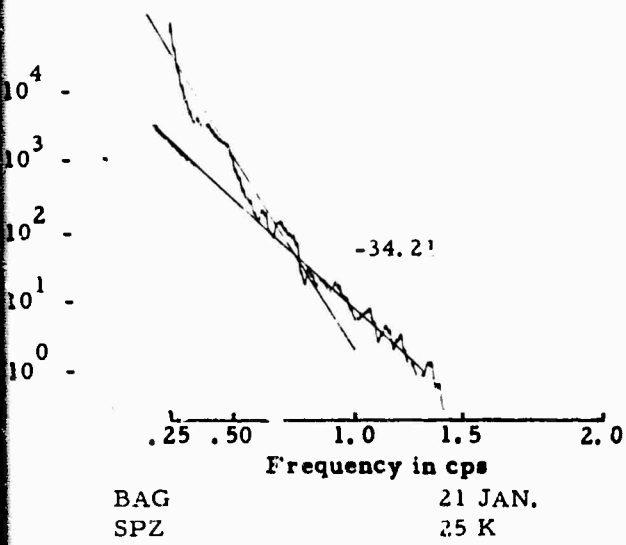


ATU  
SPE  
19 APR.  
12.5 K



BAG  
SPE  
21 JAN.  
25 K

D



Absolute Power Density  
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 10<sup>5</sup>  
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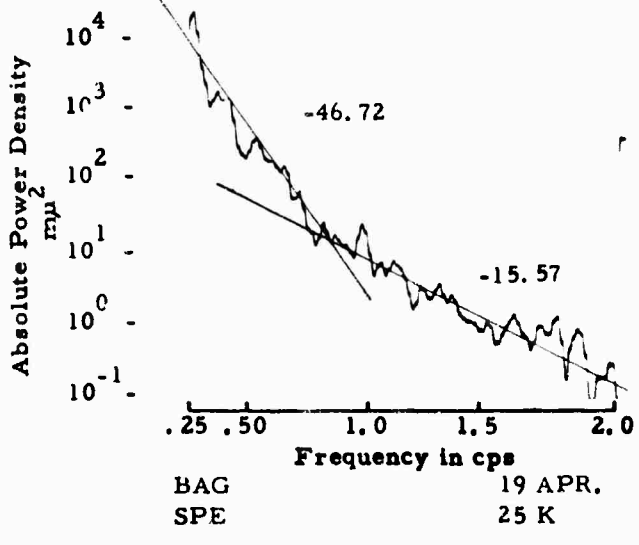
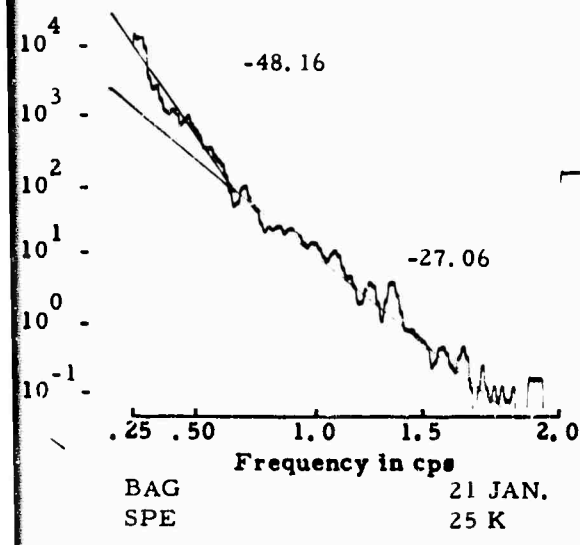
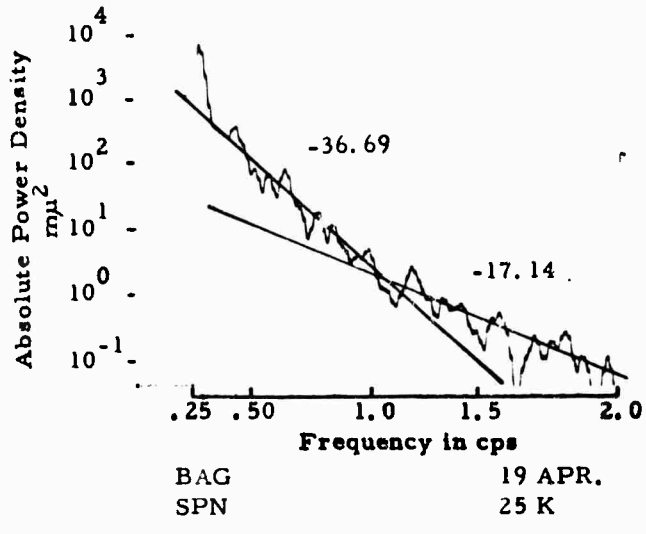
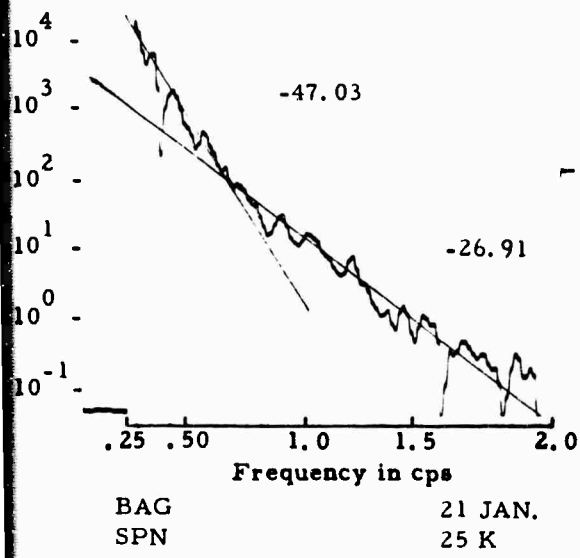


Figure A-1a. Absolute Power Density Spectra Obtained

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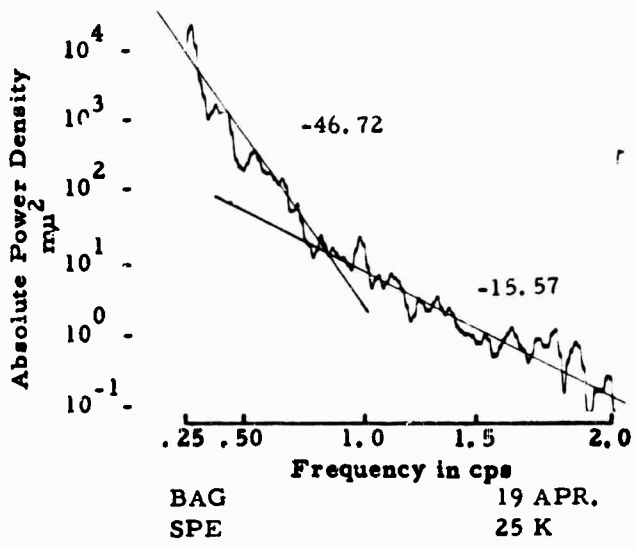
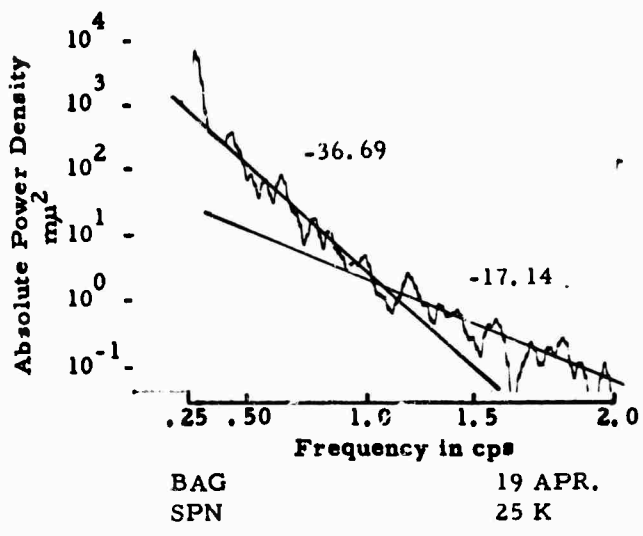
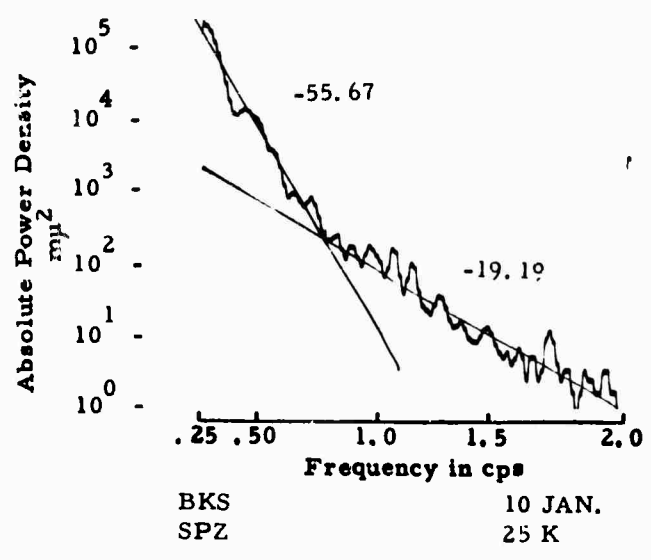
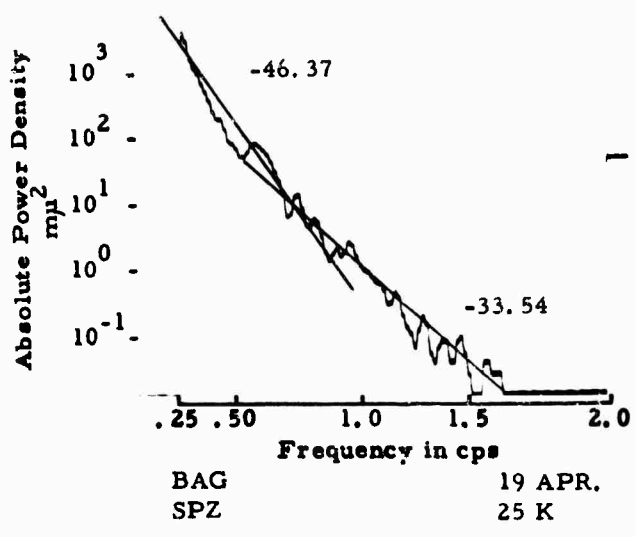
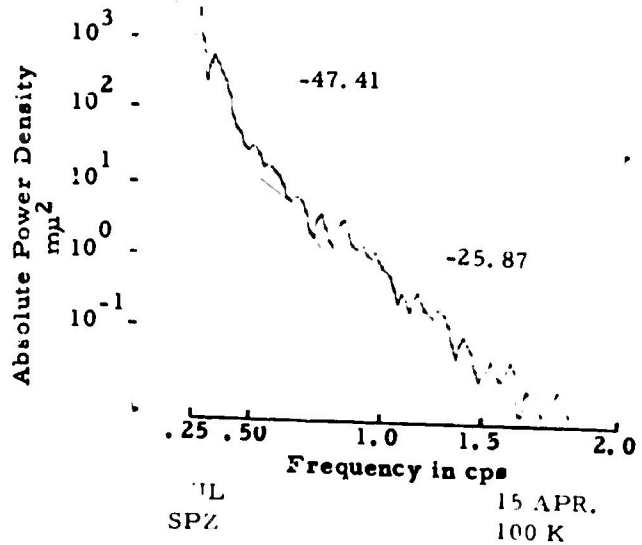
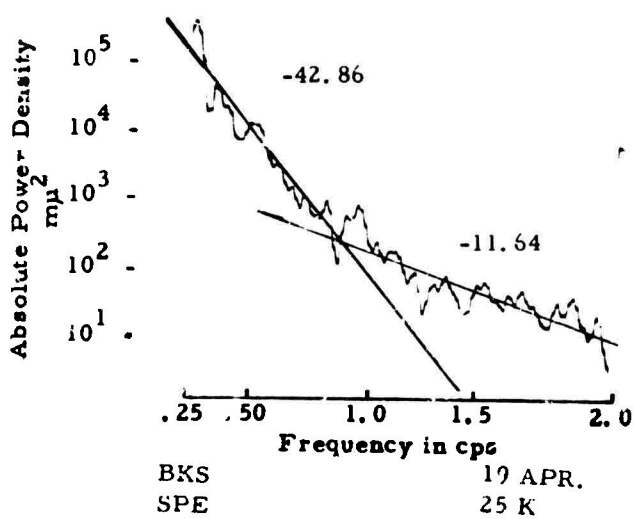
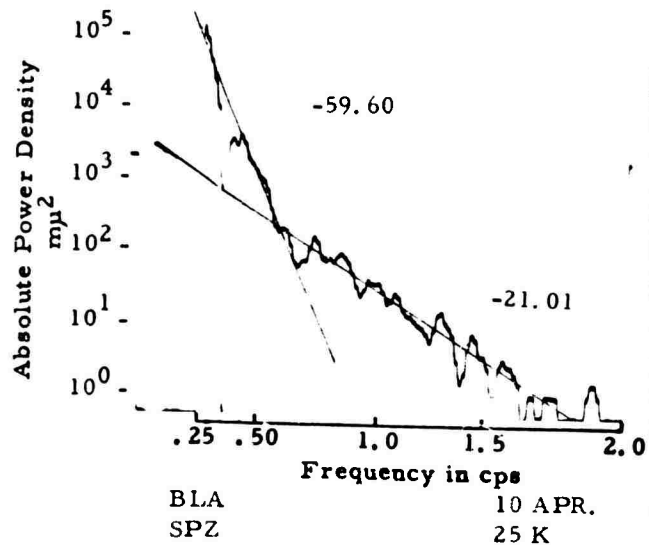
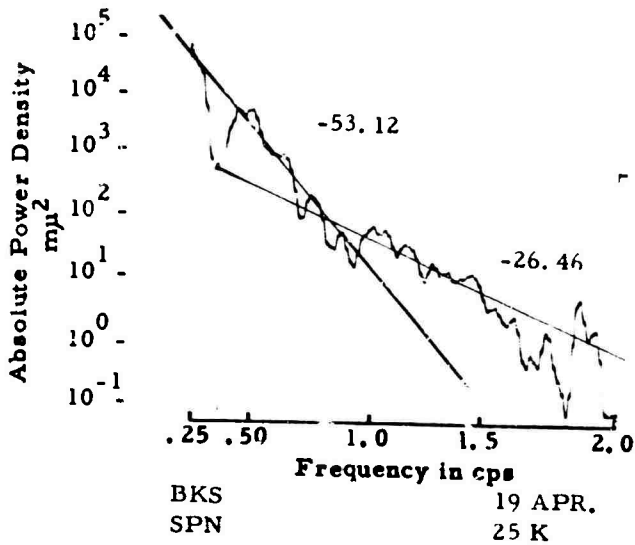
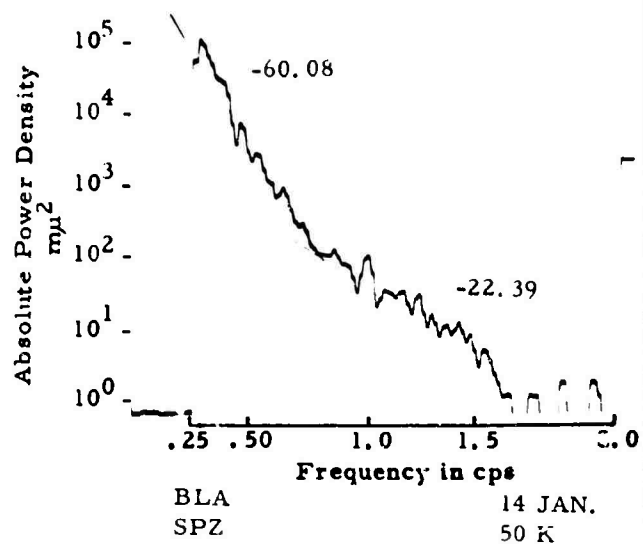
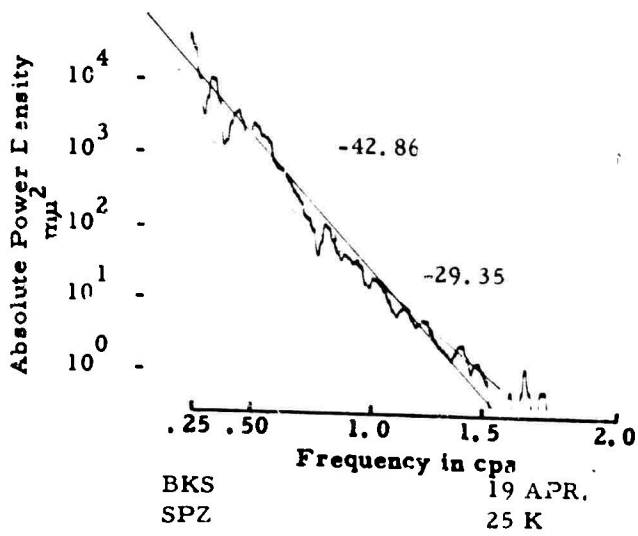


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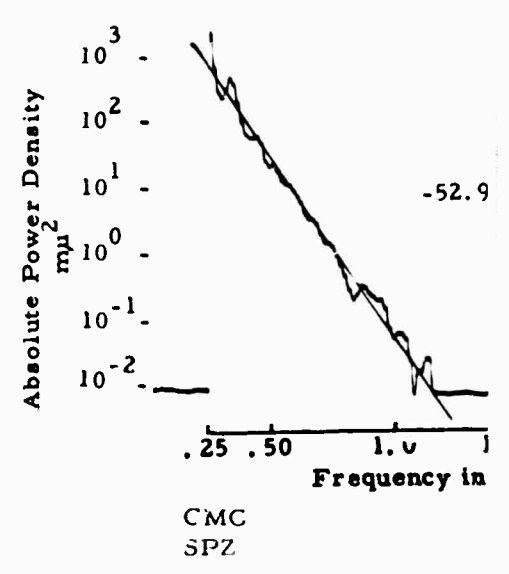
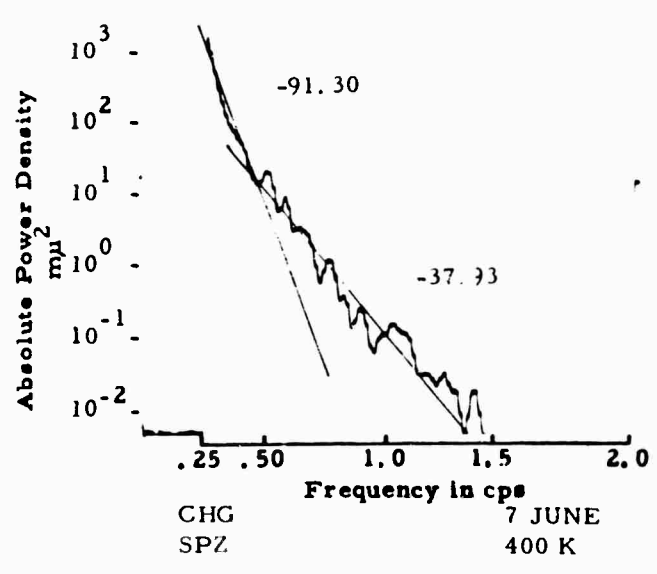
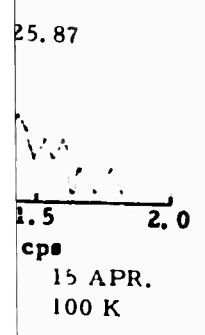
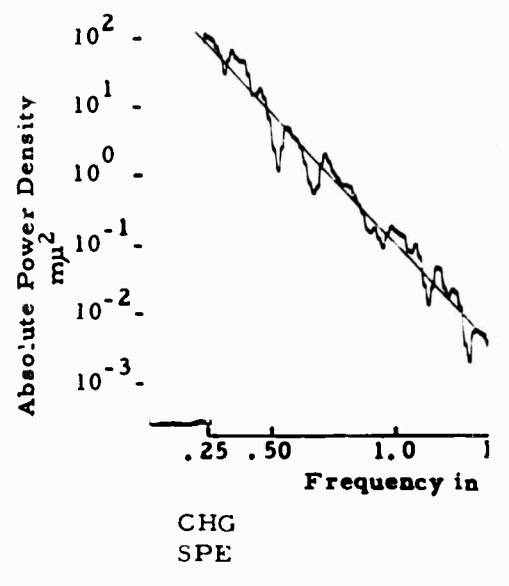
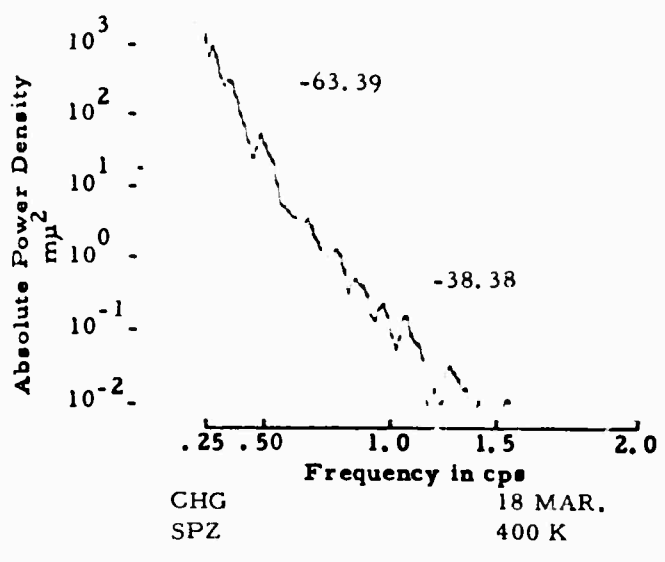
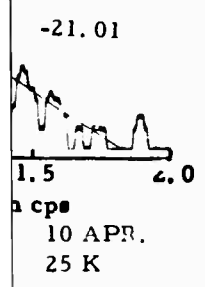
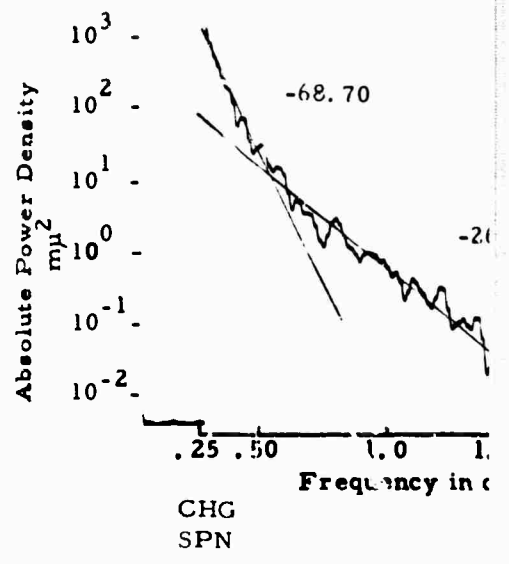
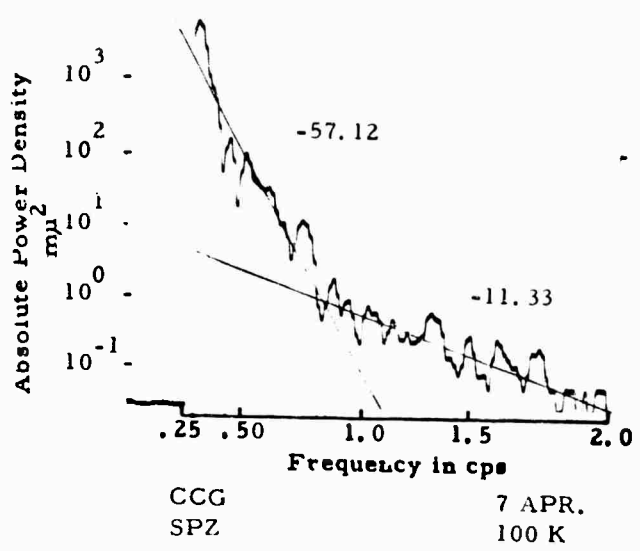
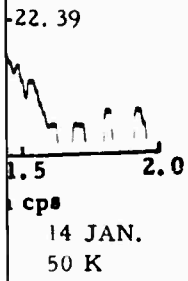
TABLE A-2b

## ABSOLUTE POWER DENSITY SPECTRA LOCATED IN FIGURE A-1b

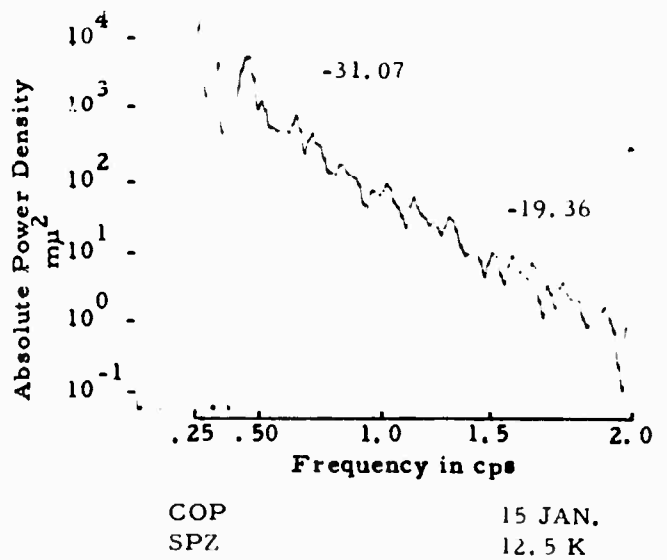
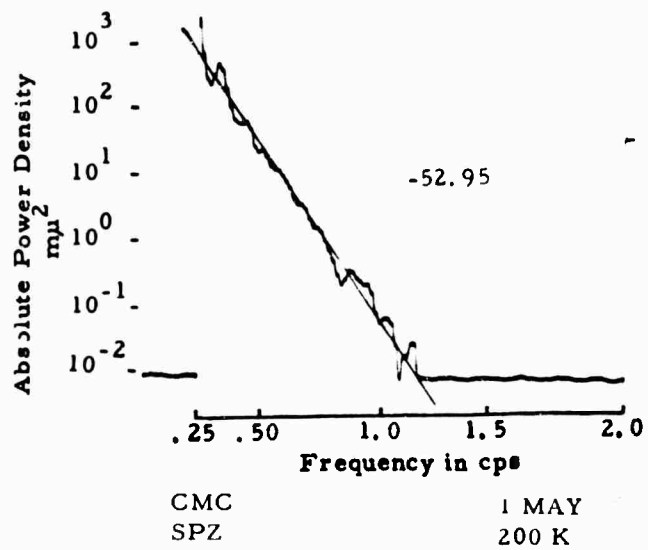
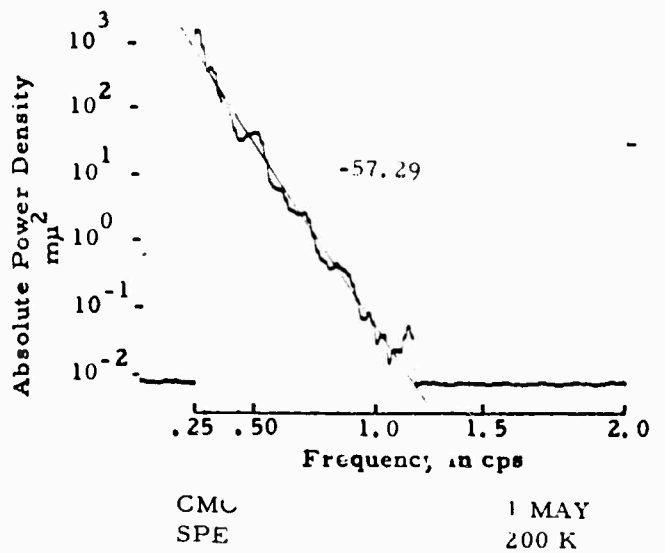
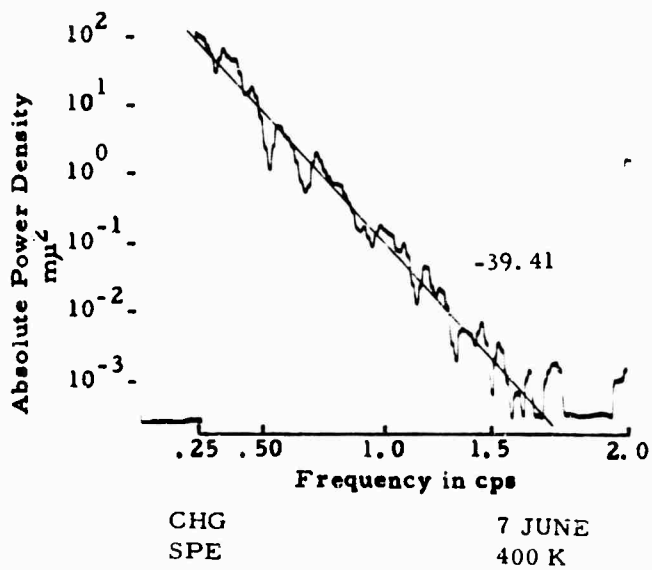
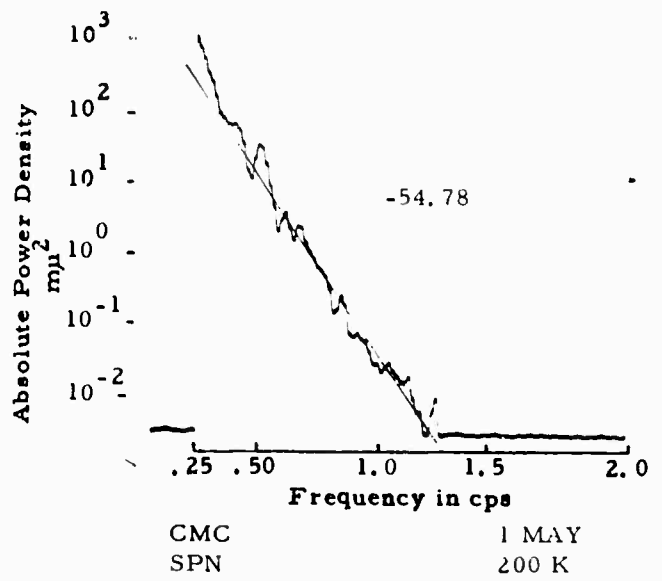
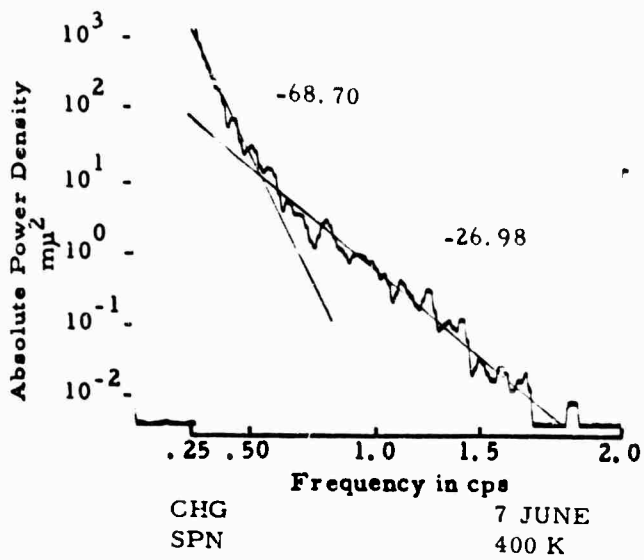
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BKS	19 April	SPN	25
BKS	19 April	SPE	25
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BLA	10 April	SPZ	25
BUL	15 April	SPZ	100
CCG	7 April	SPZ	100
CHG	18 March	SPZ	400
CHG	7 June	SPZ	400
CHG	7 June	SPN	400
CHG	7 June	SPE	400
CMC	1 May	SPZ	200
CMC	1 May	SPN	200
CMC	1 May	SPE	200
COP	15 January	SPZ	12.5
COP	19 April	SPZ	12.5
COR	5 January	SPZ	25
COR	1 April	SPZ	25
GDH	16 January	SPZ	12.5
GOL	16 January	SPZ	400
GOL	5 April	SPZ	400
GSC	3 April	SPZ	200
GUA	26 May	SPZ	6.25
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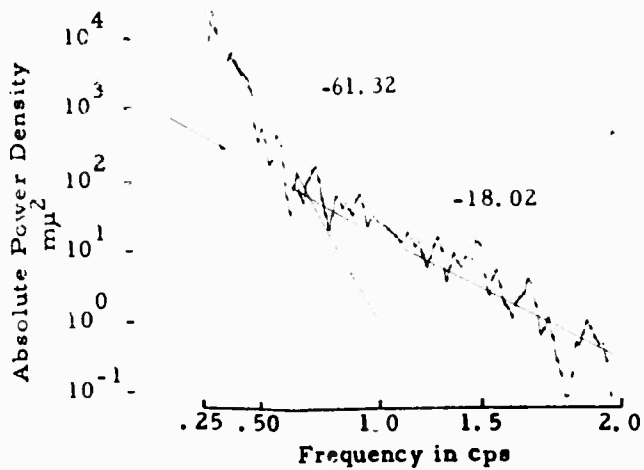
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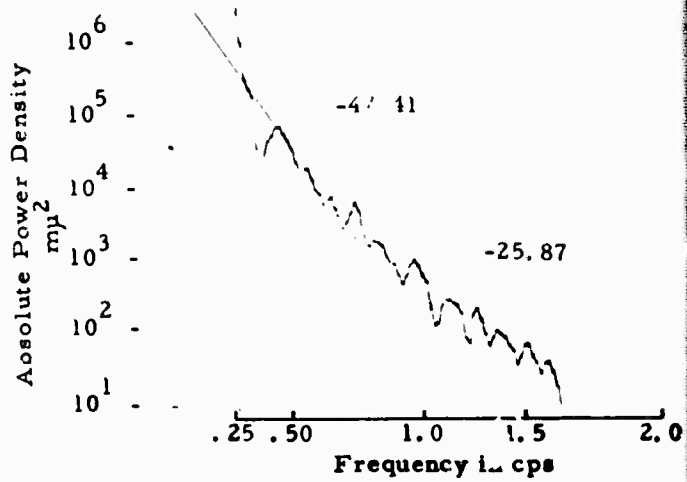
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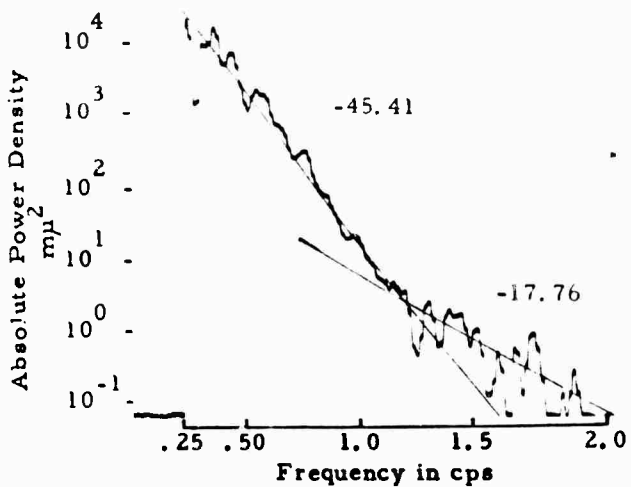
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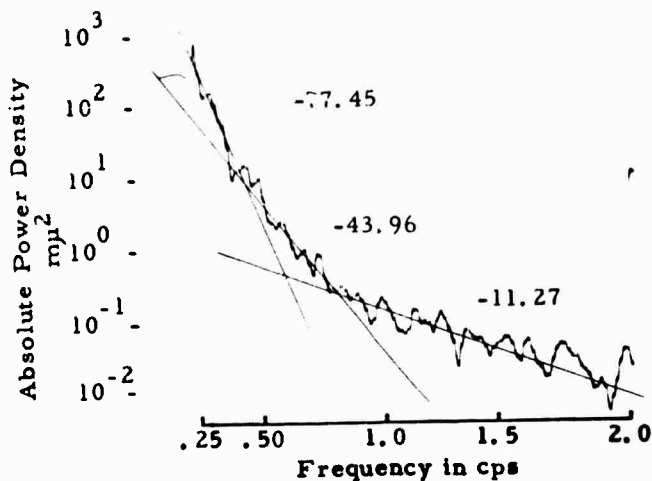
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SPZ  
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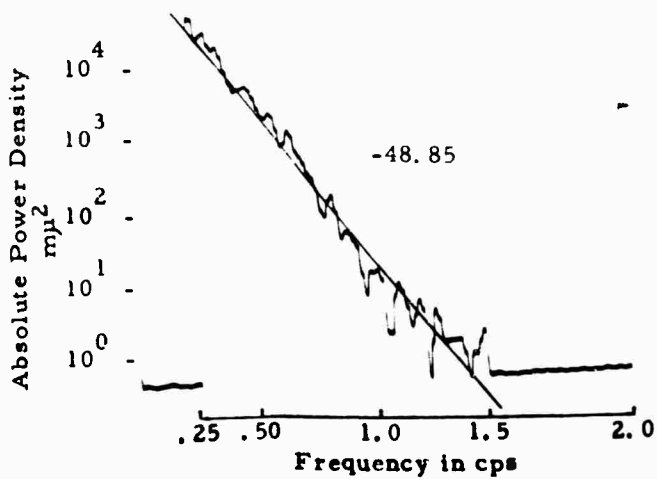
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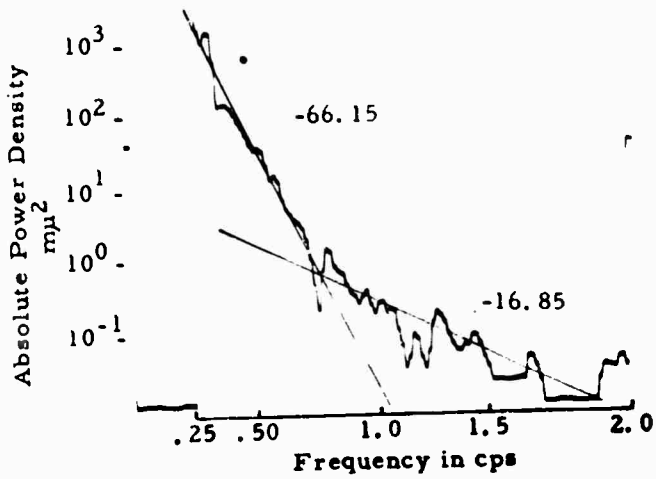
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GOL  
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400 K



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GOL  
SPZ  
5 APR.  
400 K

D

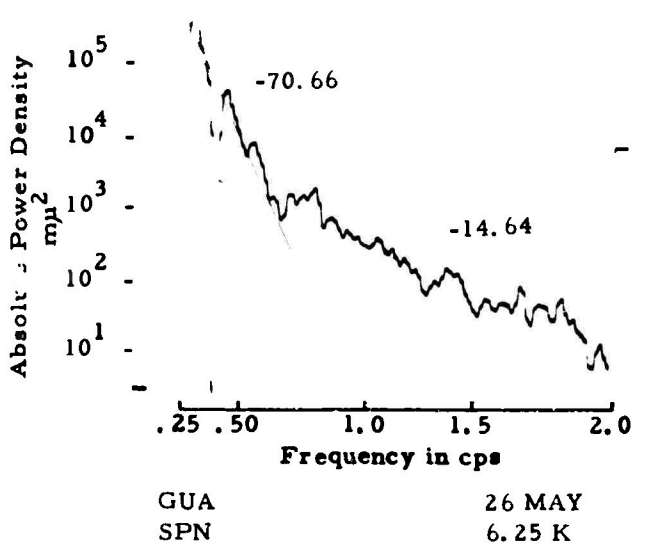
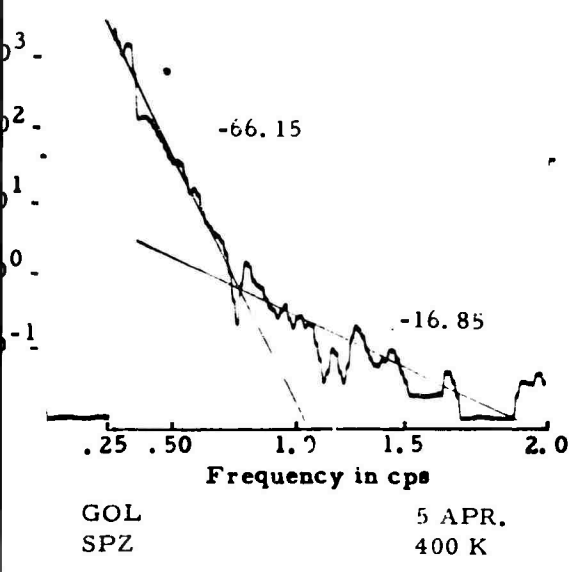
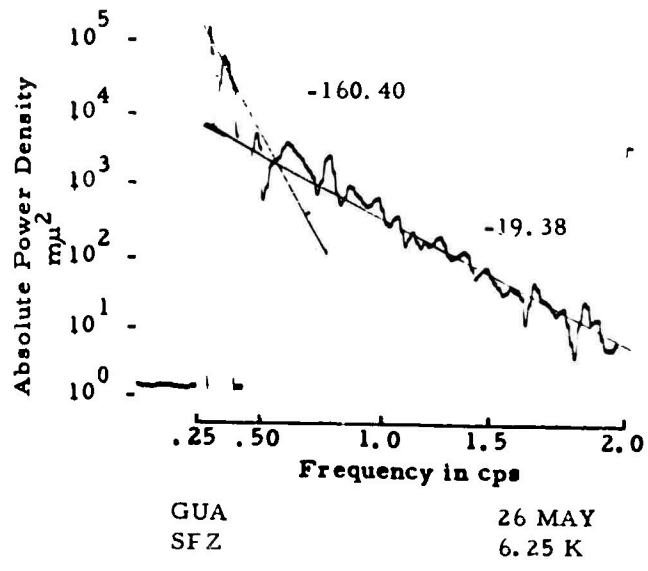
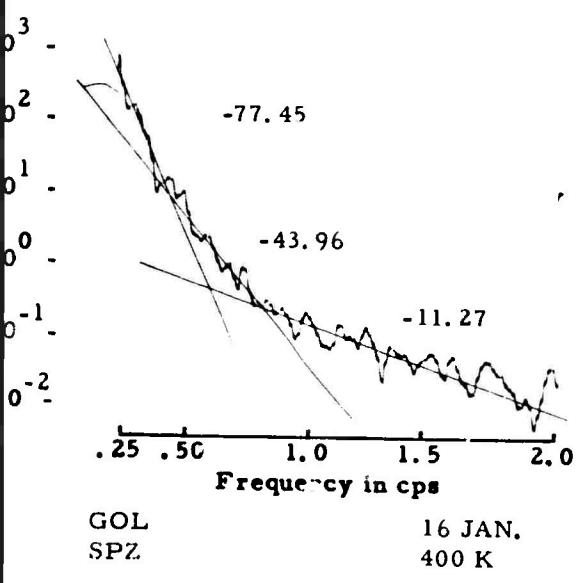
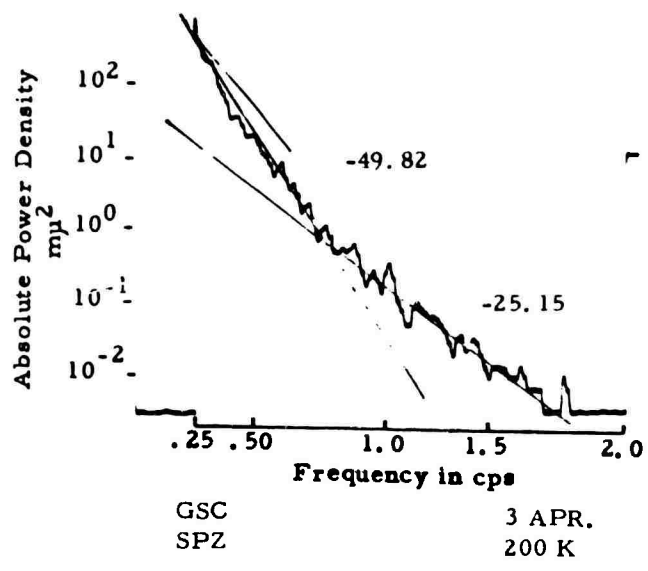
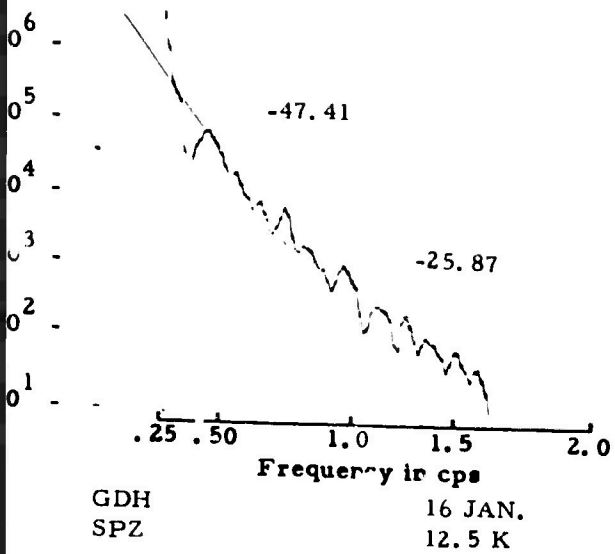
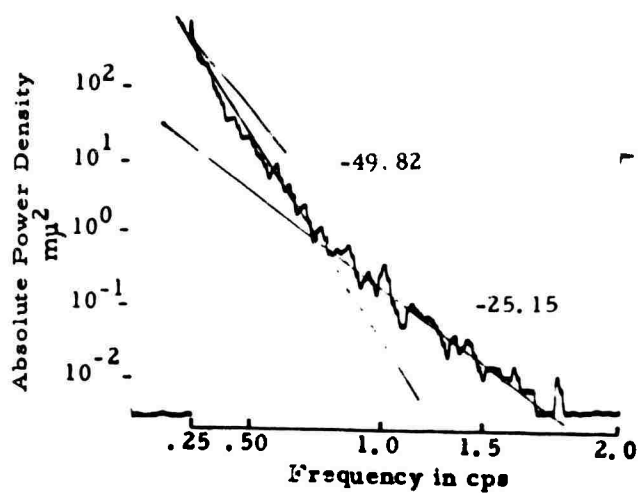
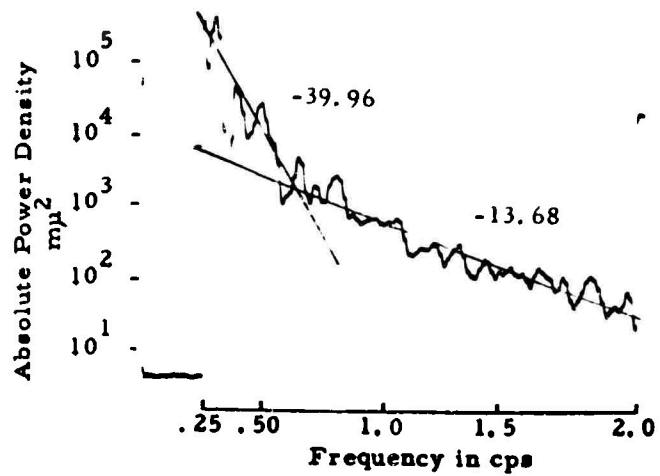


Figure A-1b. Absolute Power Density Spect

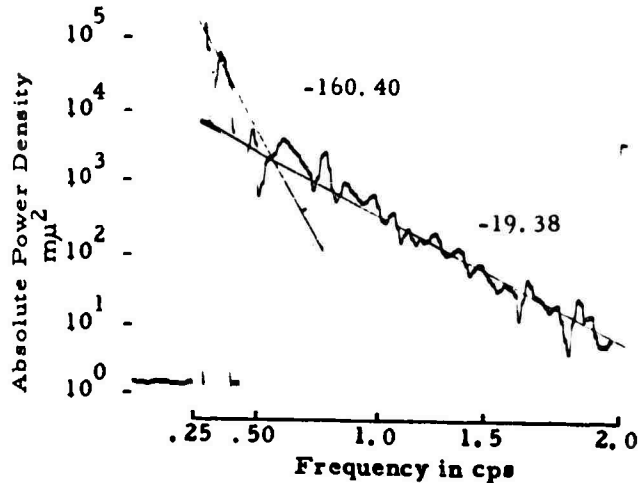
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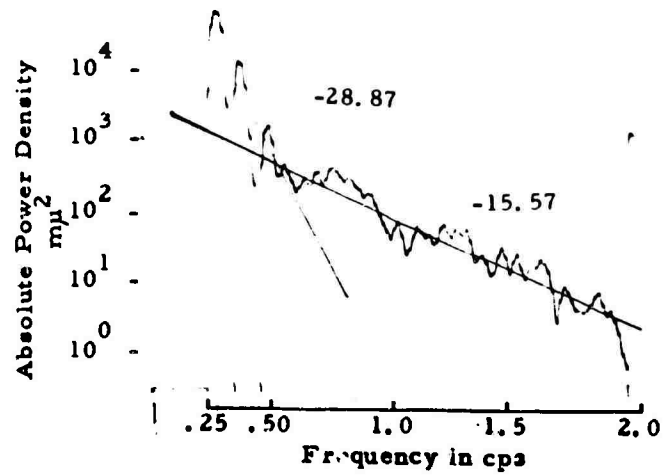
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SPZ  
3 APR.  
200 K



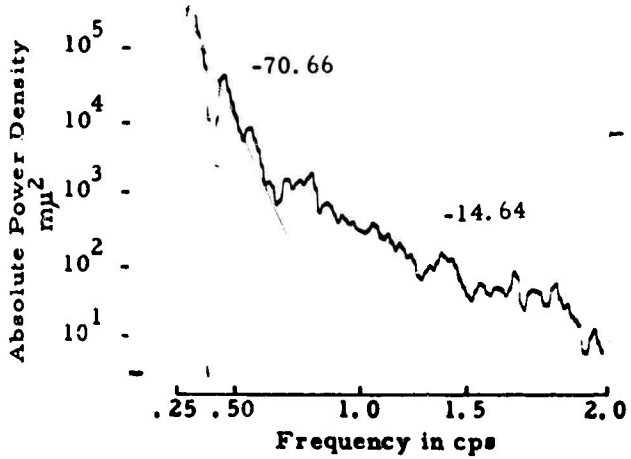
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SPE  
26 MAY  
6.25 K



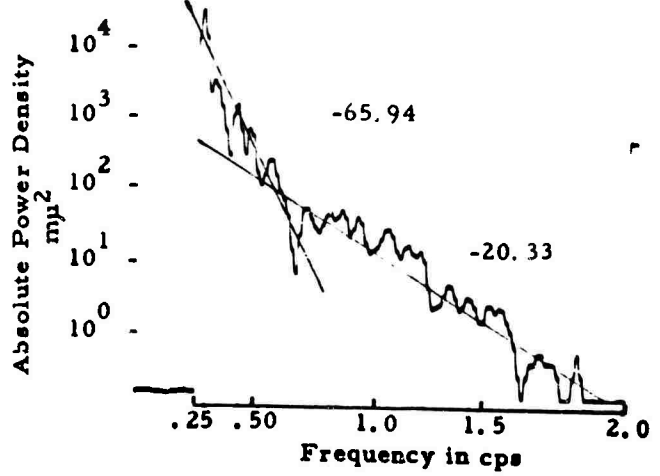
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6.25 K



HNR  
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16 JAN.  
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GUA  
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HNR  
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16 JAN.  
12.5 K

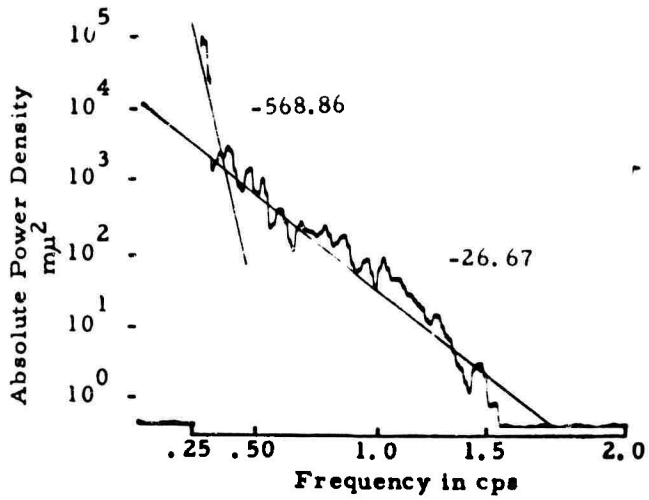
Figure A-1b. Absolute Power Density Spectra Obtained From 1963 Data

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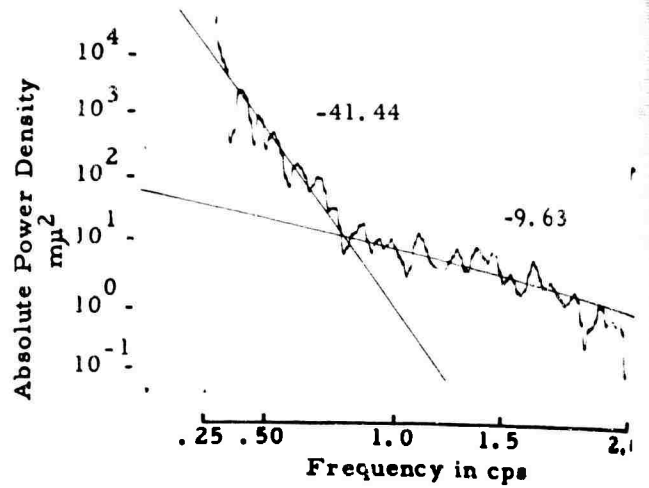
TABLE A-2c

## ABSOLUTE POWER DENSITY SPECTRA LOCATED IN FIGURE A-1c

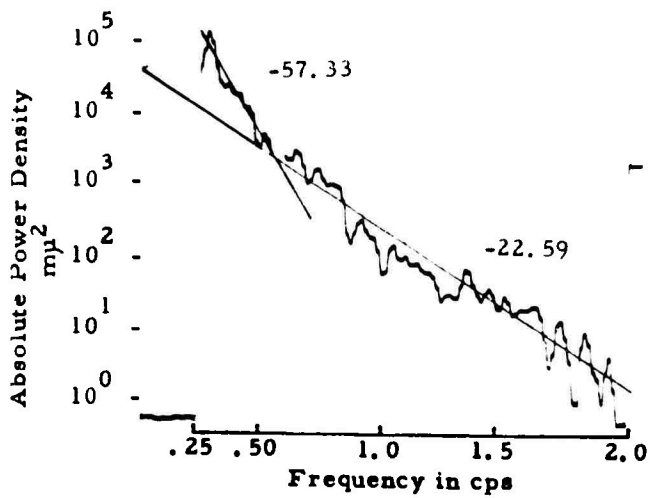
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IST	20 April	SPN	25
IST	20 April	SPE	25
KEV	12 January	SPZ	25
KEV	5 March	SPZ	25
KEV	13 March	SPZ	25
KIP	16 January	SPZ	12.5
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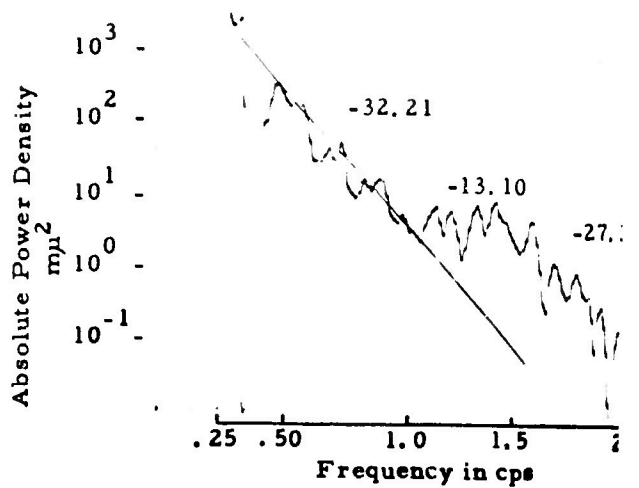
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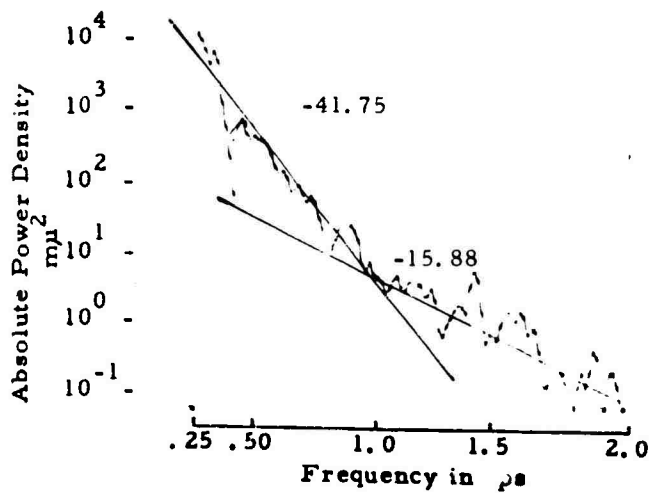
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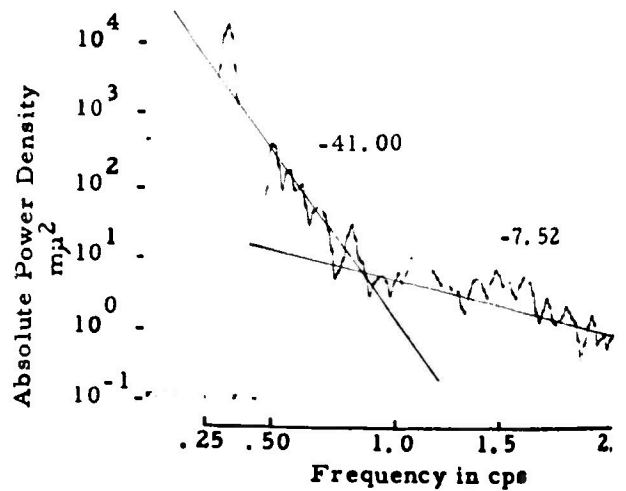
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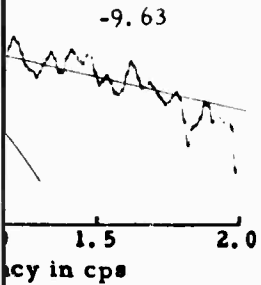


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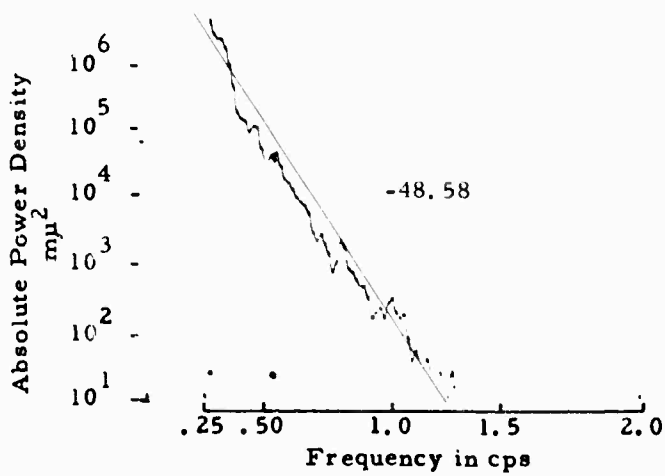


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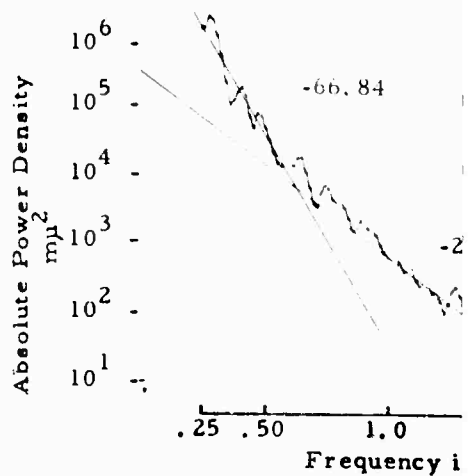
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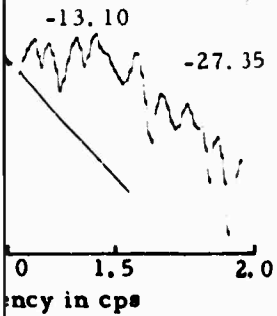
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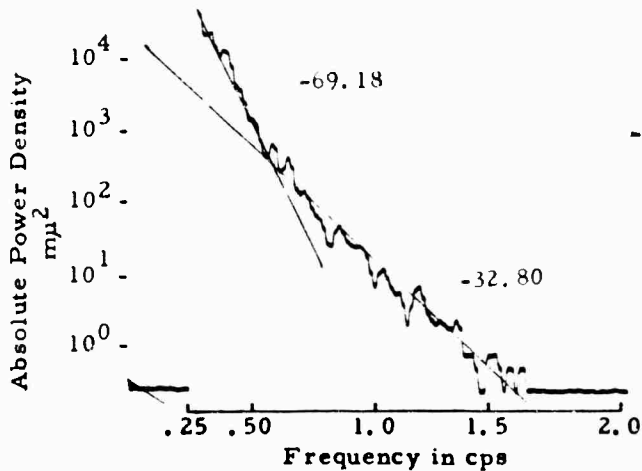
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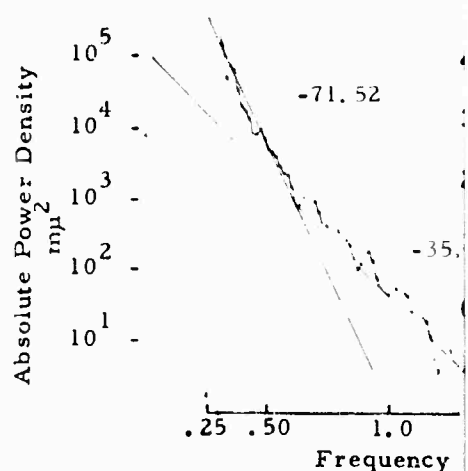
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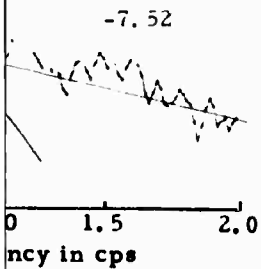
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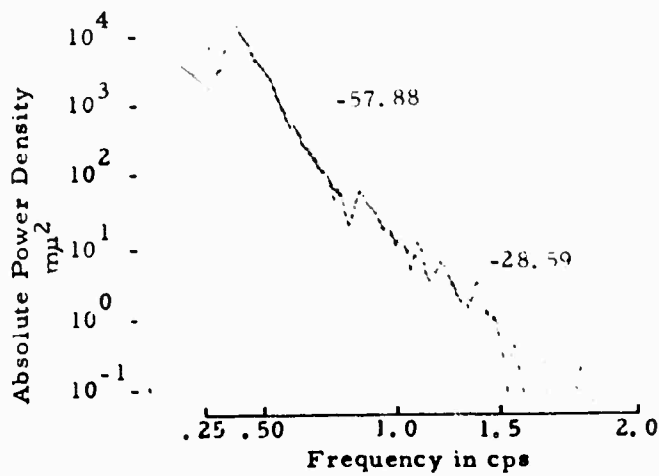
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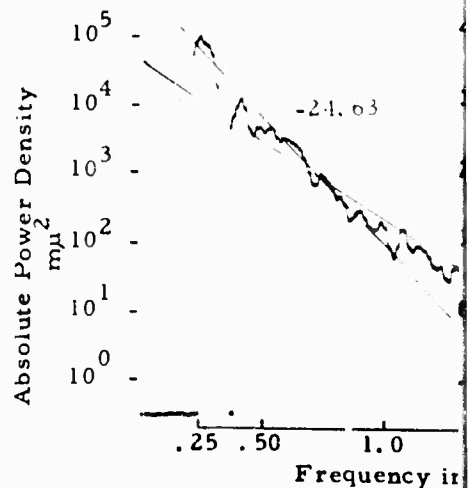
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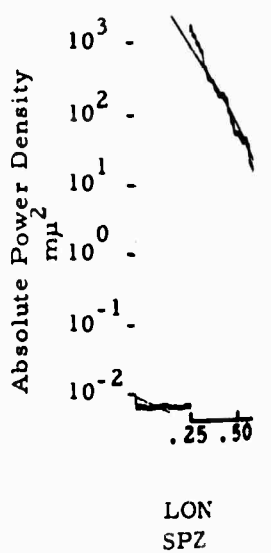
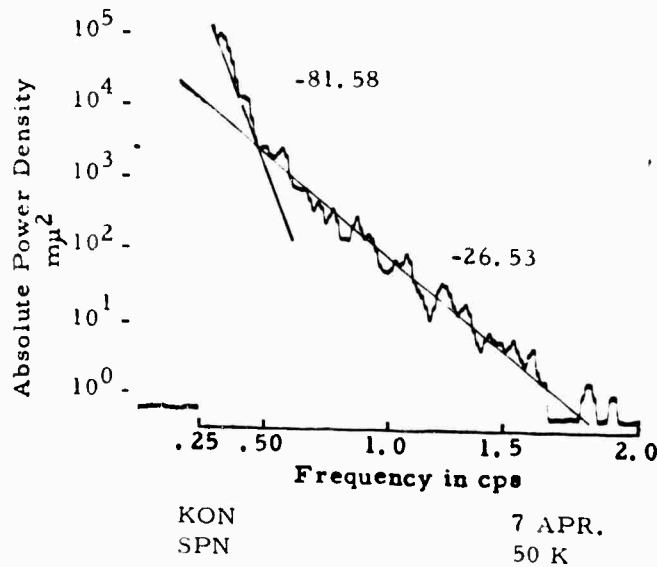
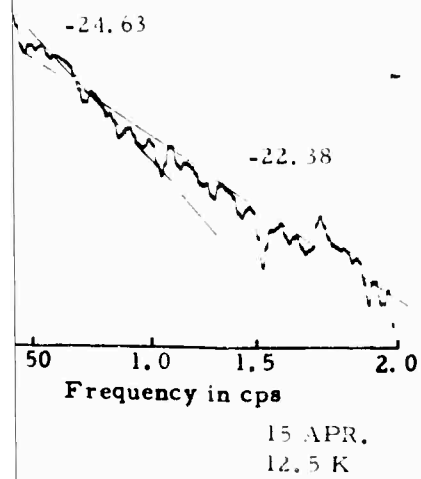
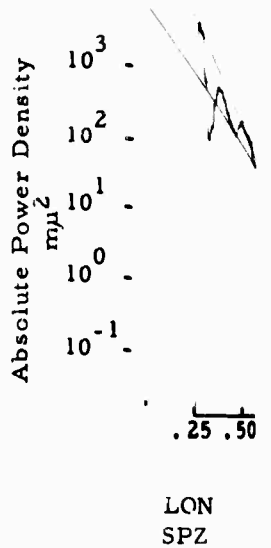
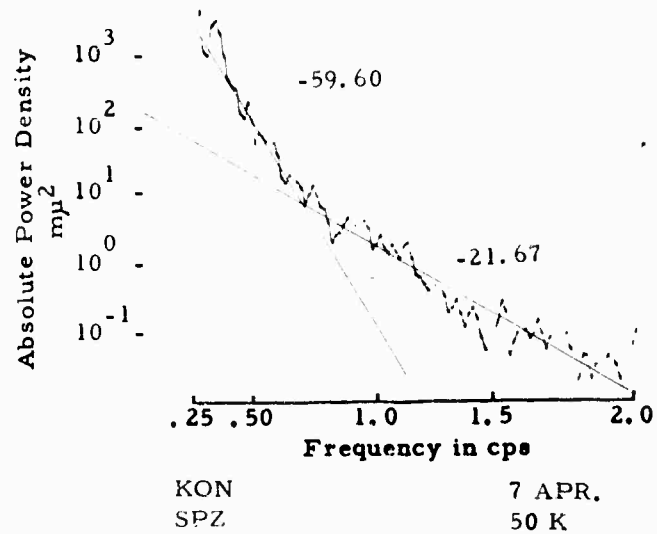
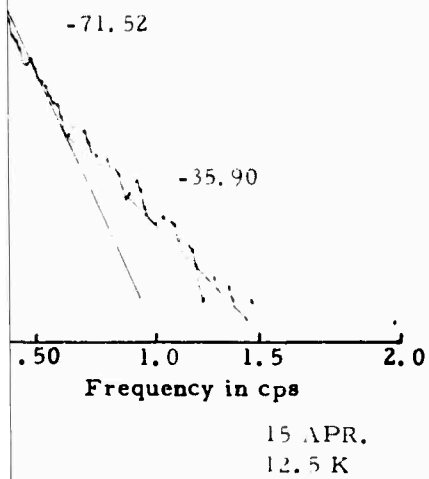
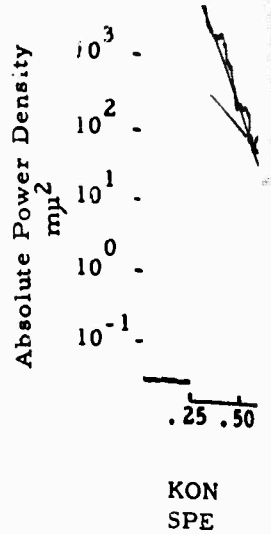
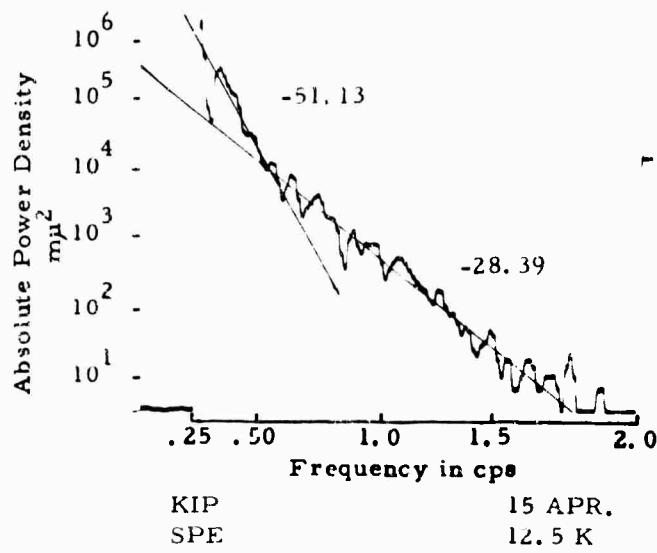
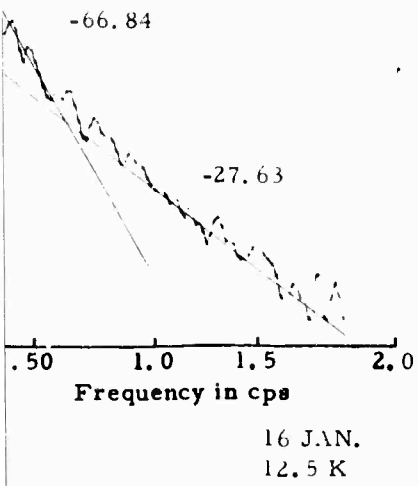


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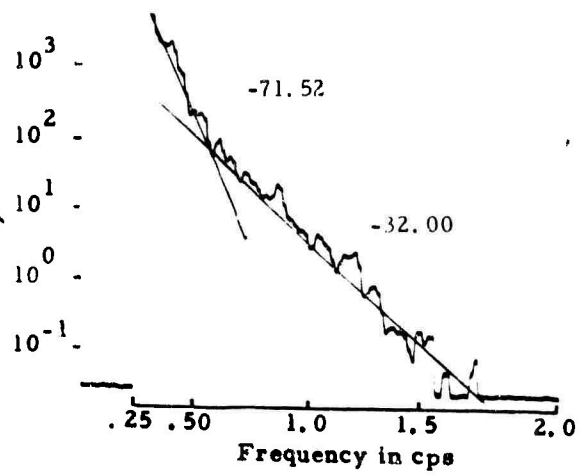


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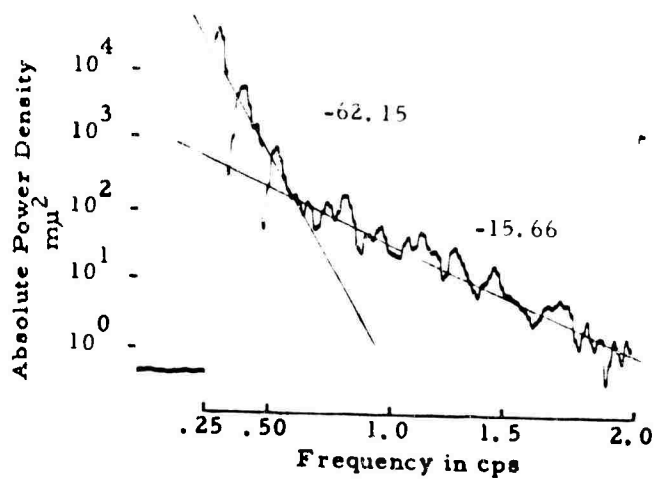
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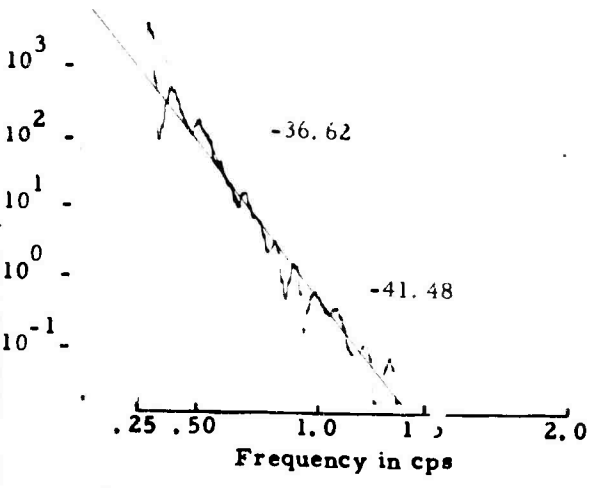
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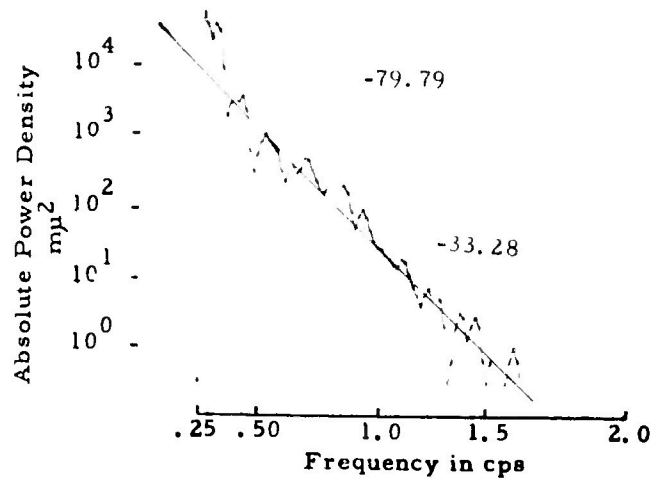
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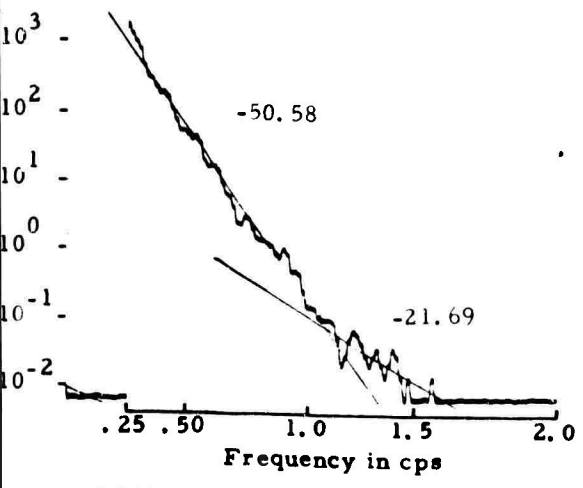
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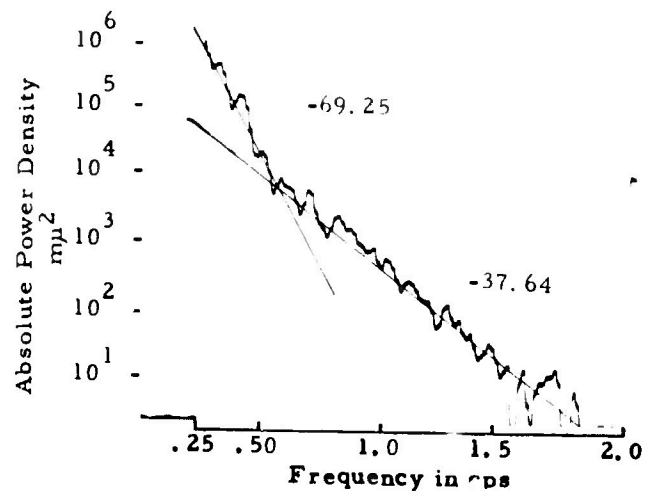
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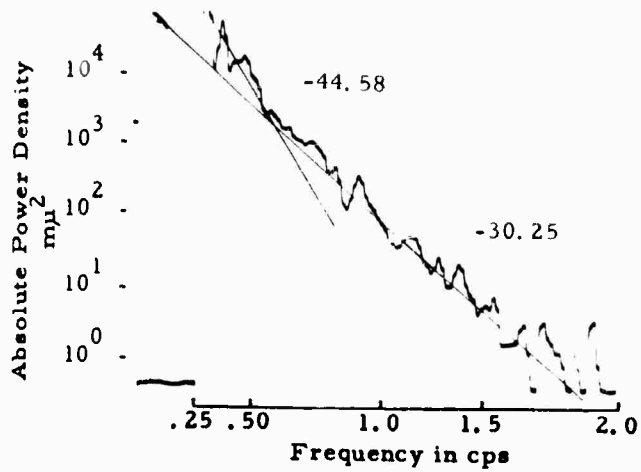


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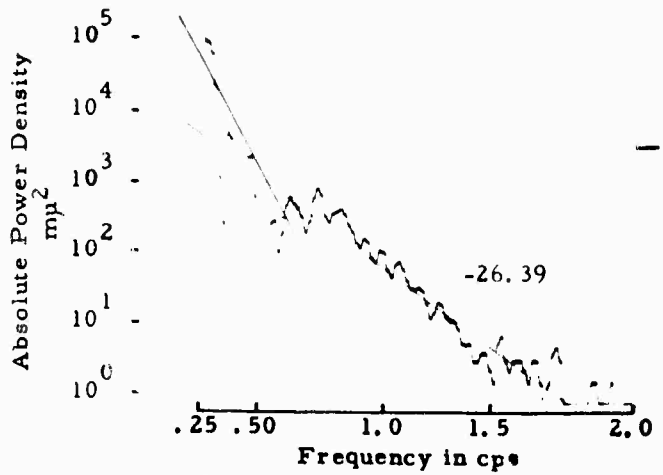


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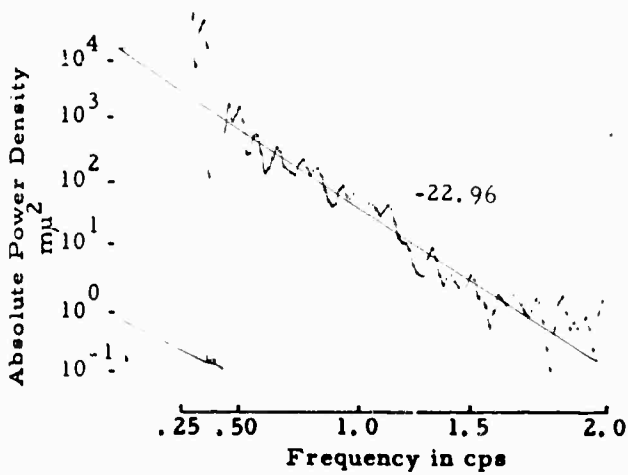
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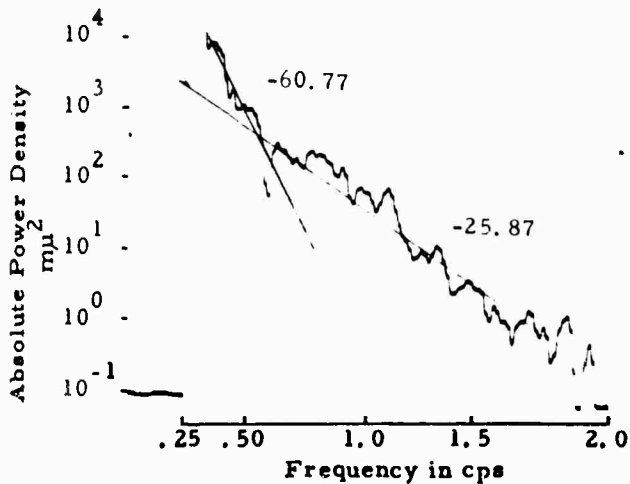
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MAN 20 APR.  
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MAN 20 APR.  
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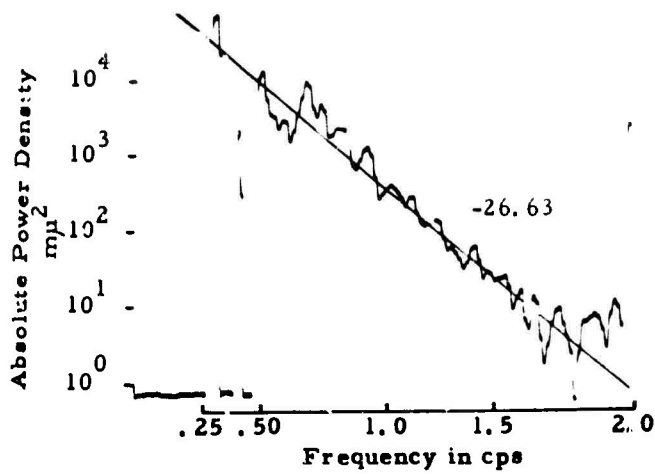
Figure A-1c. Absolute Power Density Spectra Obtained From 1963 Data

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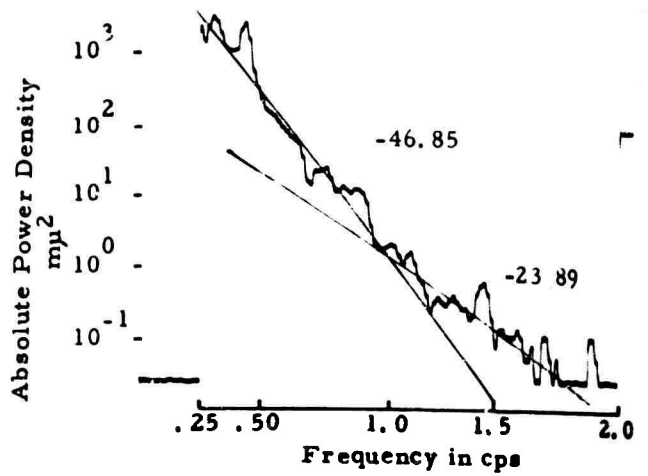
TABLE A-2d

## ABSOLUTE POWER DENSITY SPECTRA LOCATED IN FIGURE A-1d

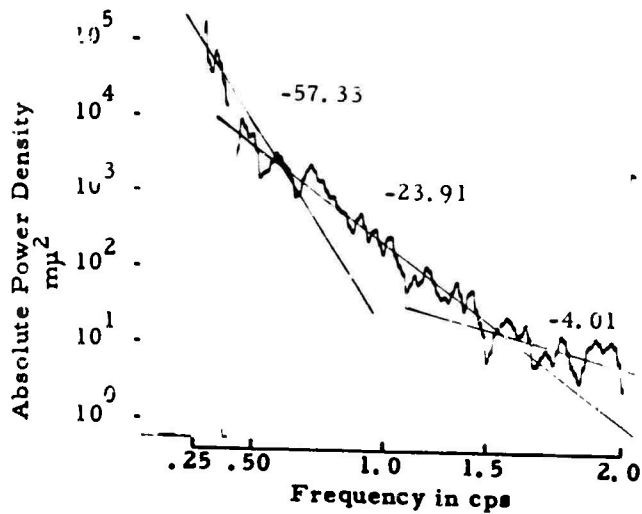
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MUN	18 January	SPZ	25
MUN	18 January	SPN	25
MUN	18 January	SPE	25
MUN	5 April	SPZ	25
NAI	30 June	SPZ	50
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NUR	15 January	SPZ	25
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NUR	19 April	SPE	25
FLM	4 January	SPZ	50
PMG	15 January	SPZ	50
PMG	19 April	SPZ	50
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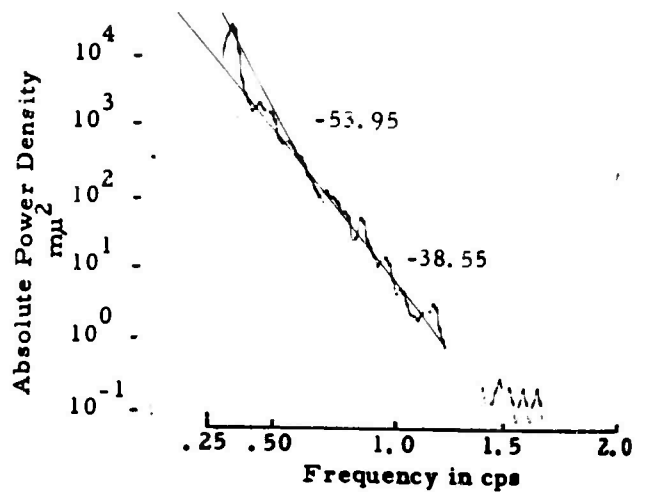
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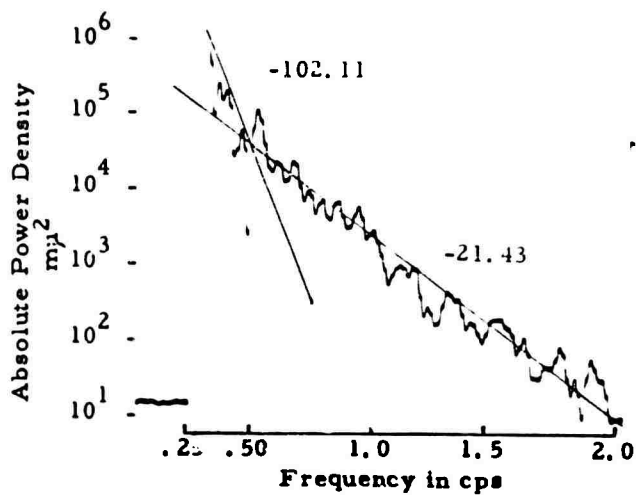
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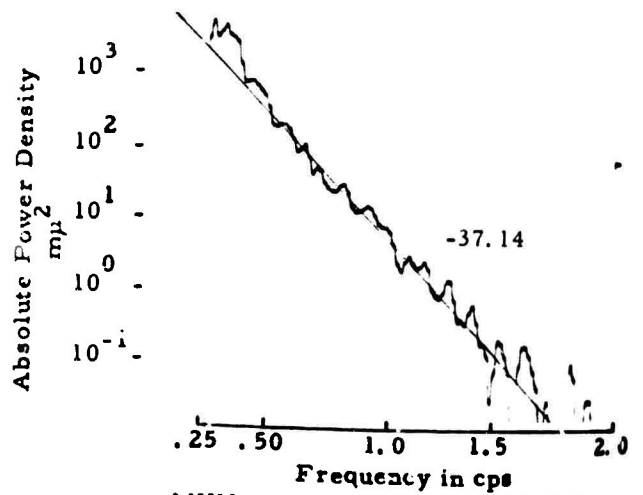
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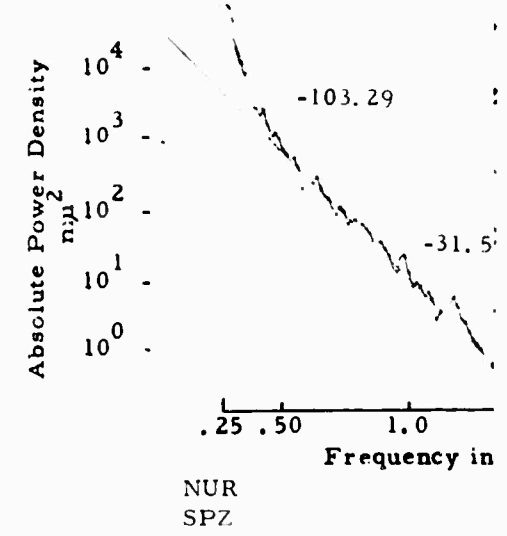
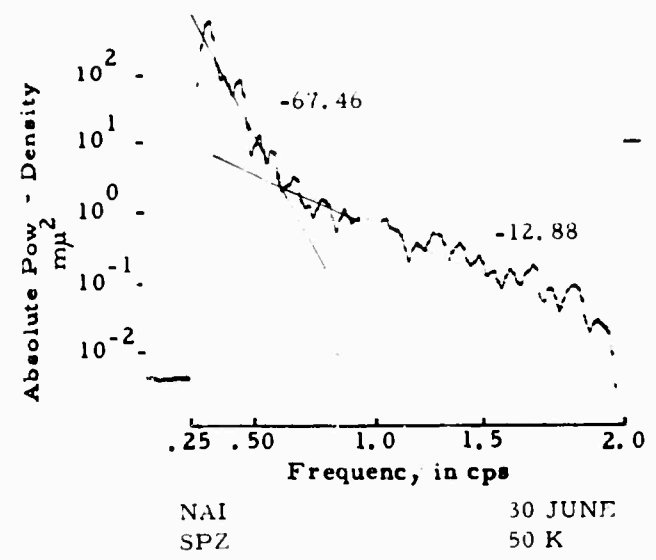
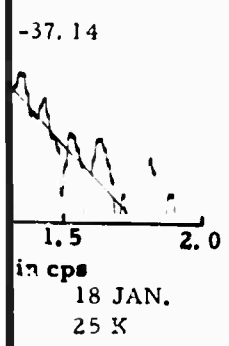
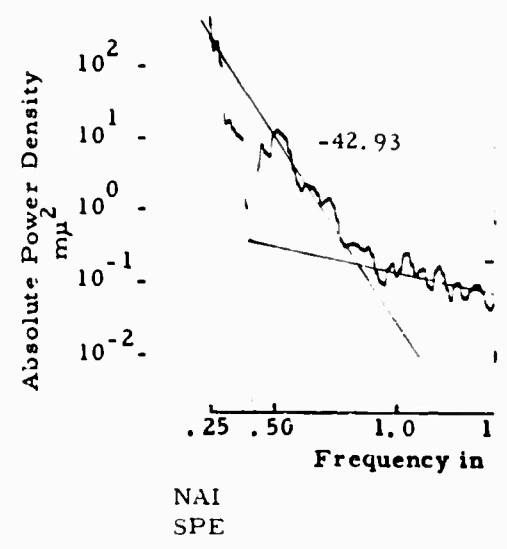
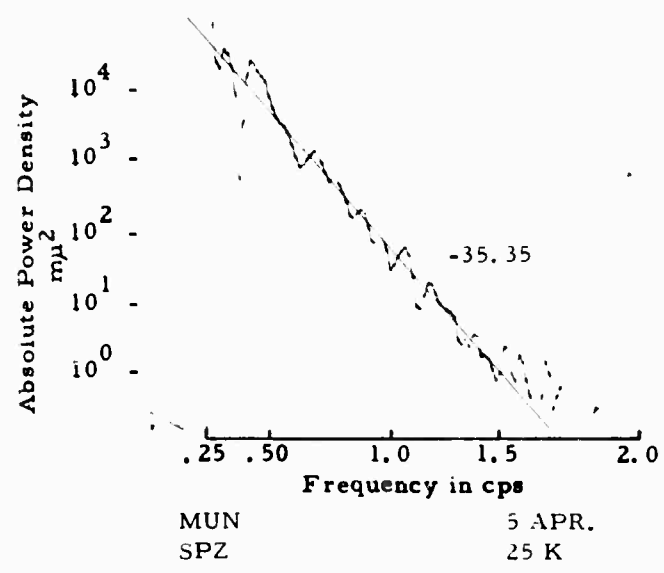
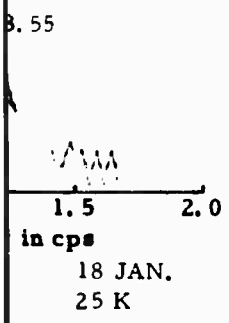
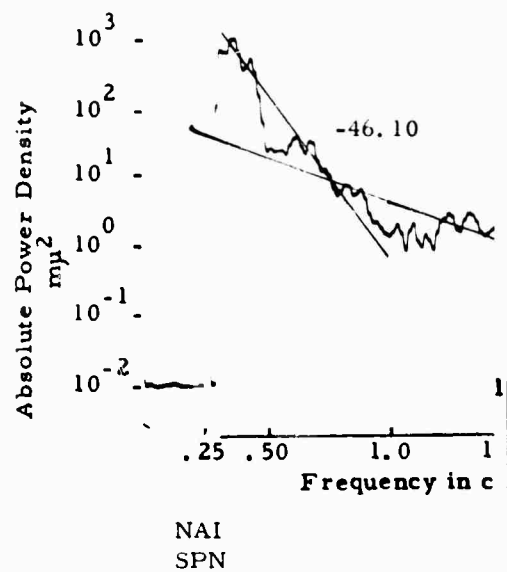
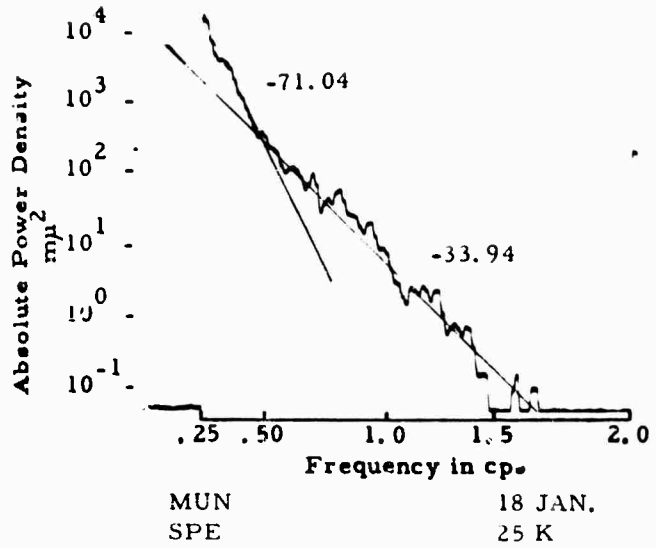
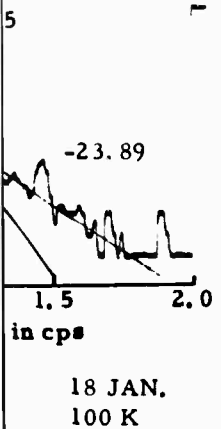


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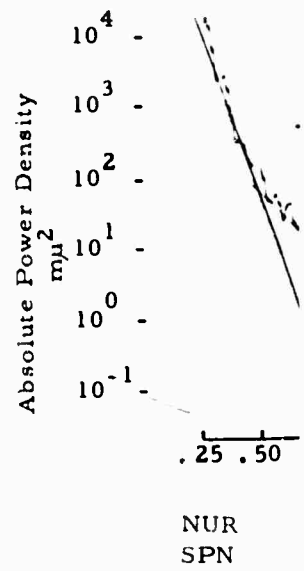
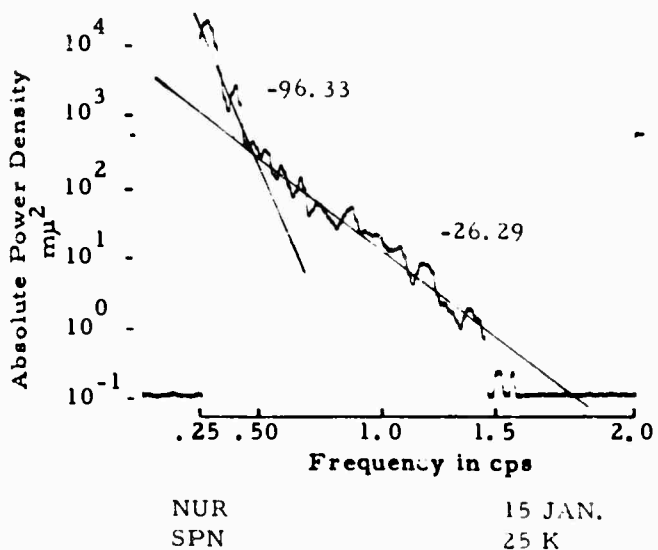
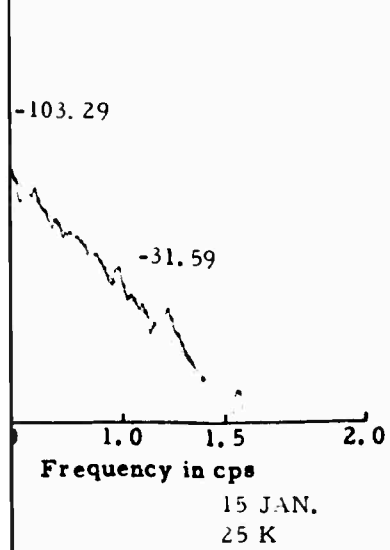
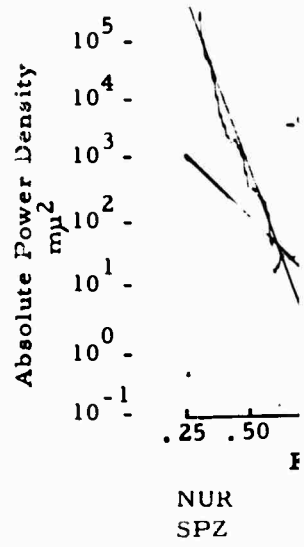
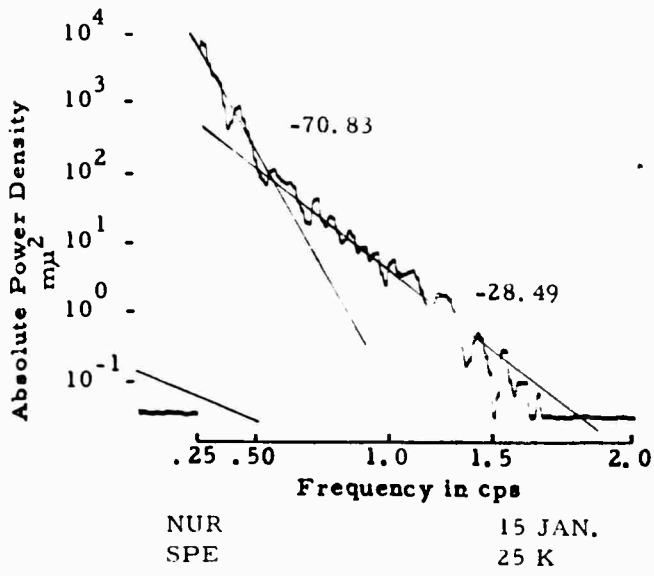
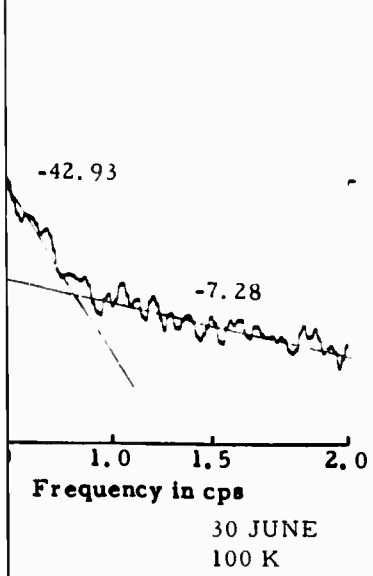
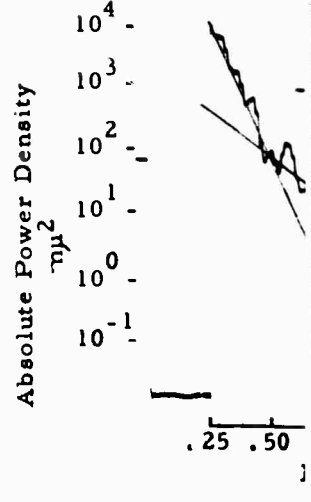
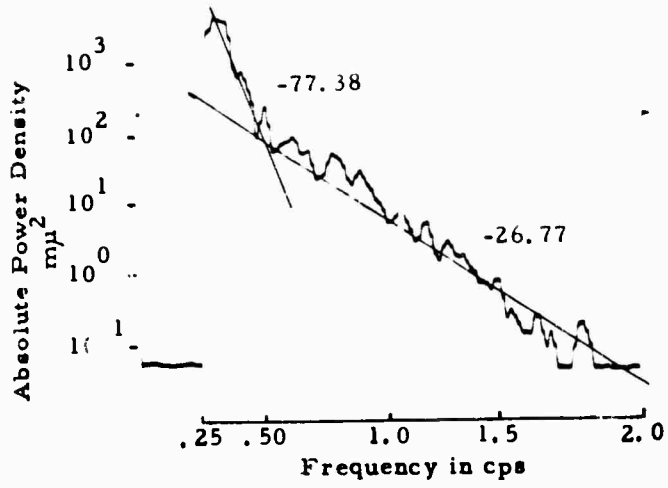
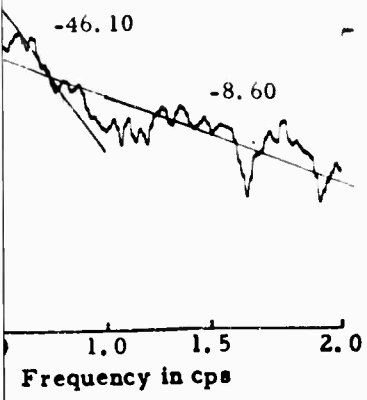


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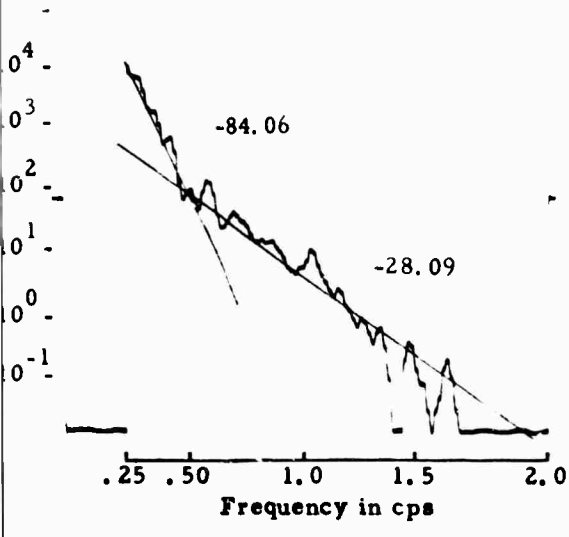
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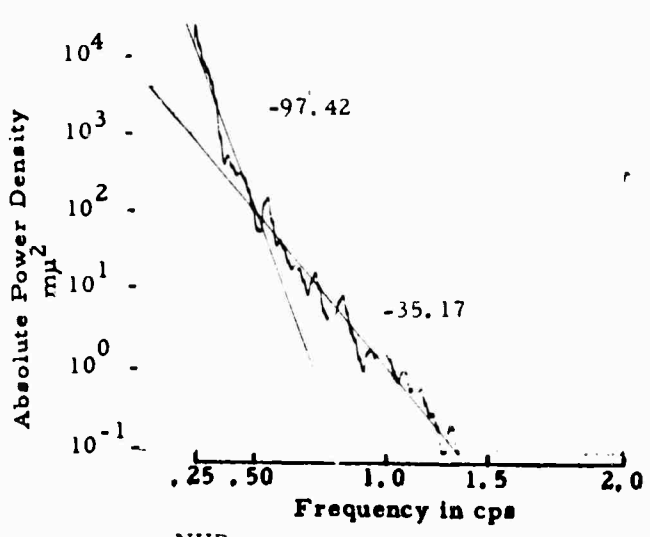
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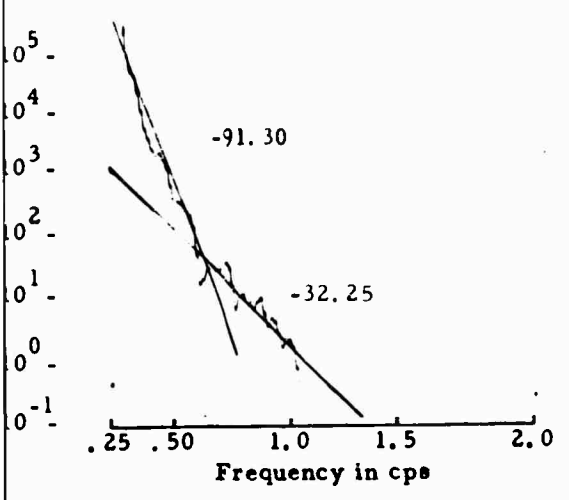
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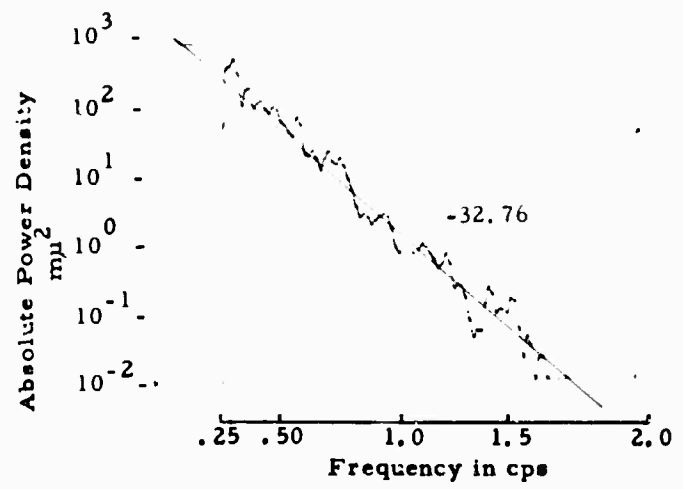
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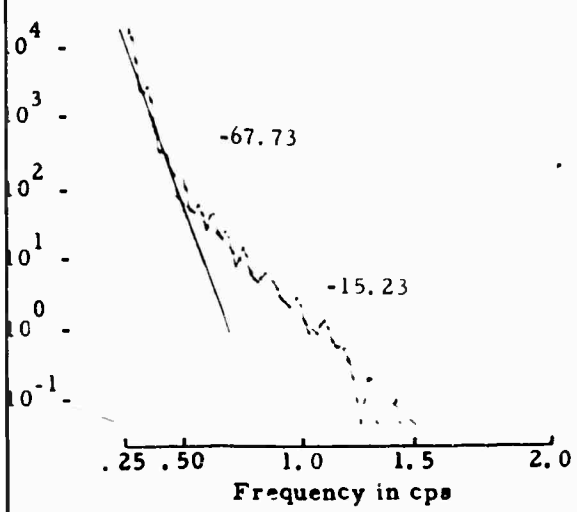
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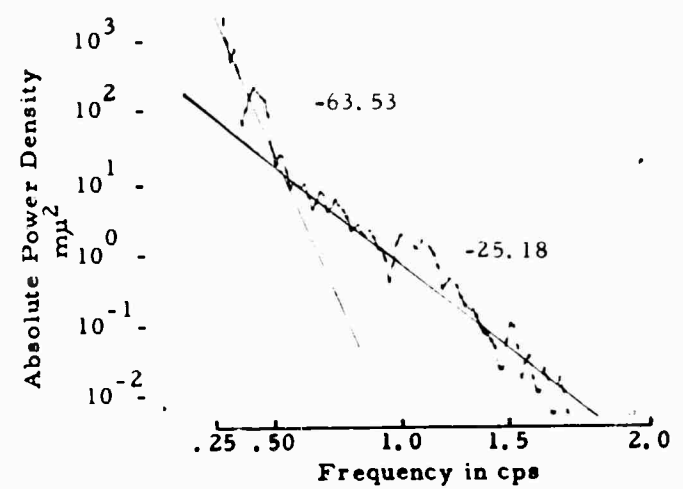
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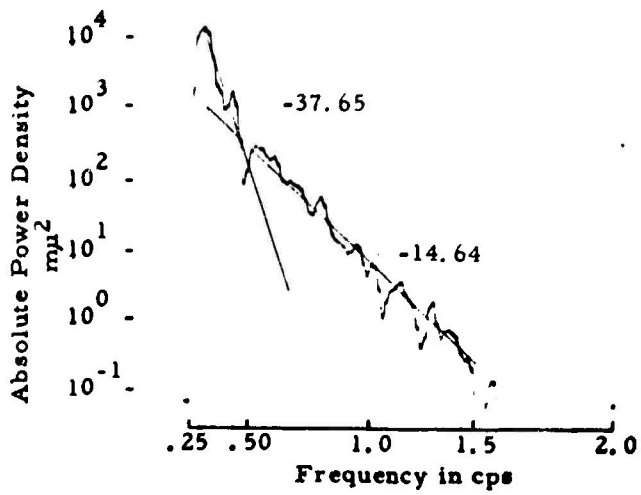


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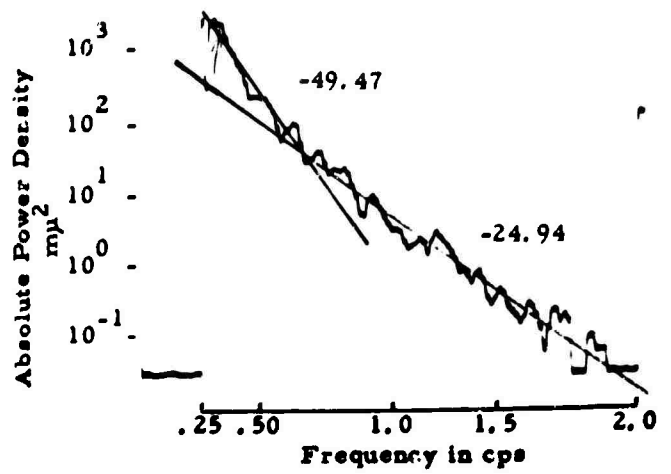


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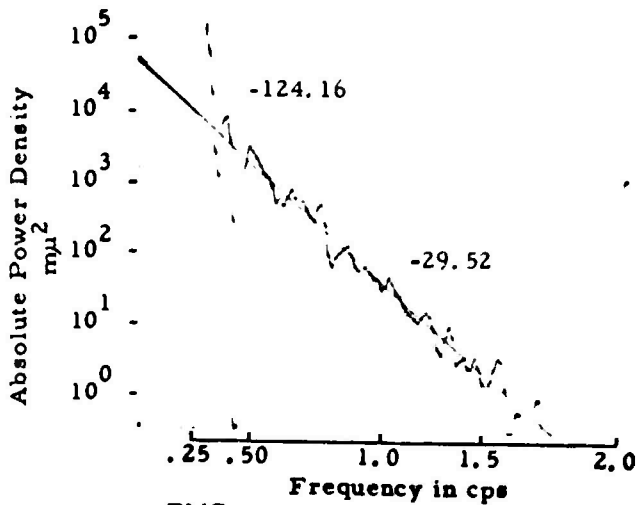
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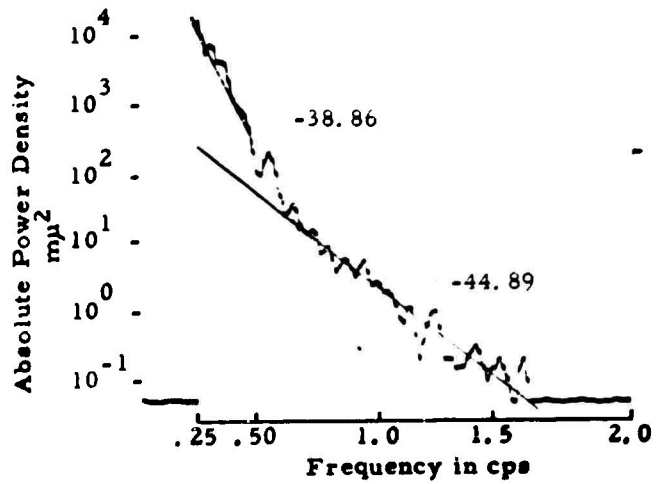
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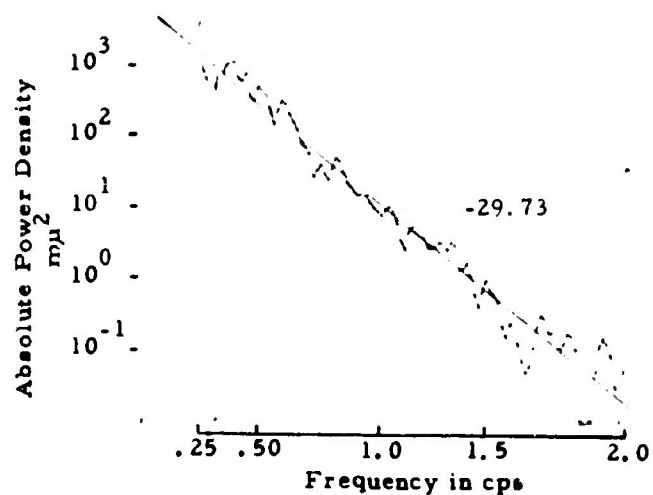
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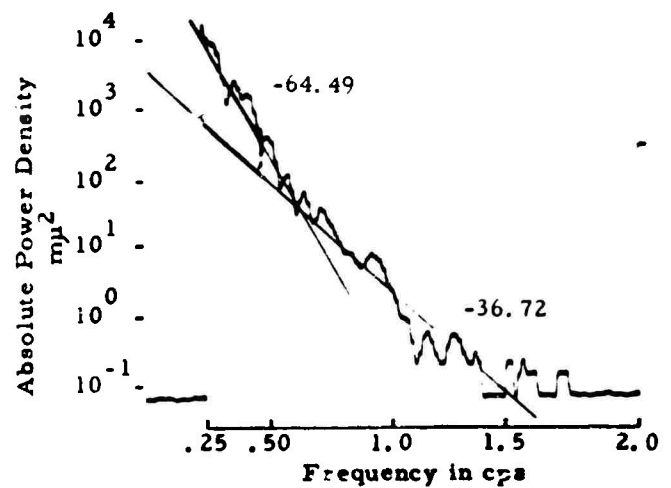
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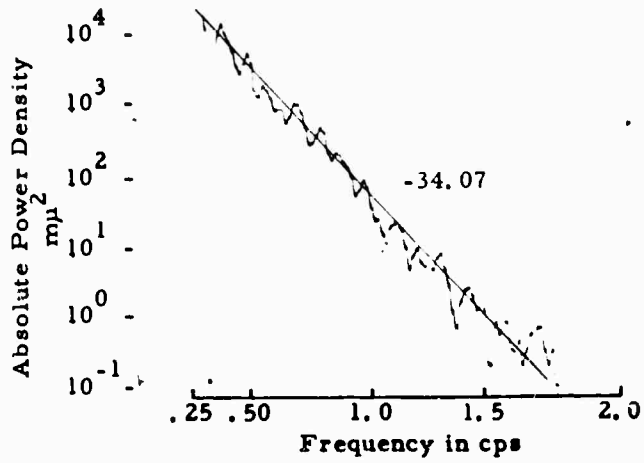
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Figure A-1d. Absolute Power Density Spectra Obtained From 1963 Data

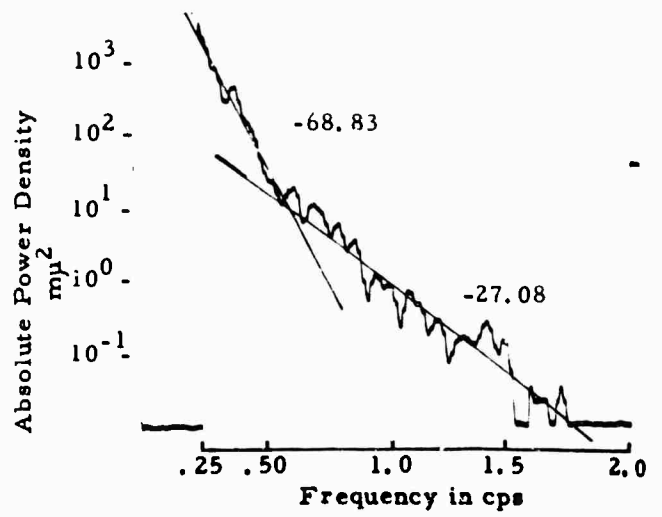
TABLE A-2e

ABSOLUTE POWER DENSITY SPECTRA LOCATED IN FIGURE A-1e

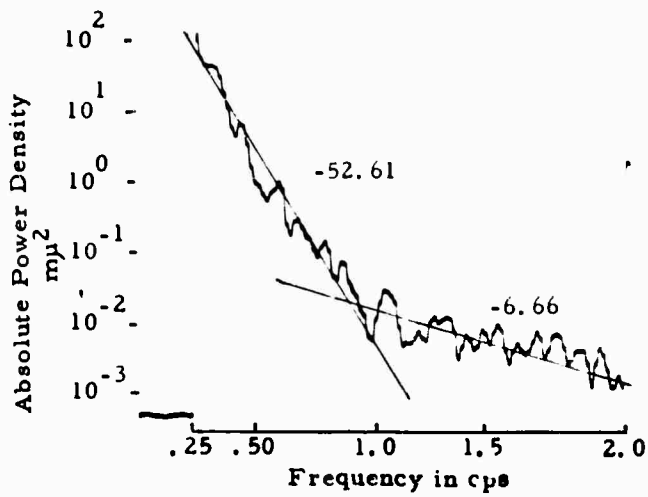
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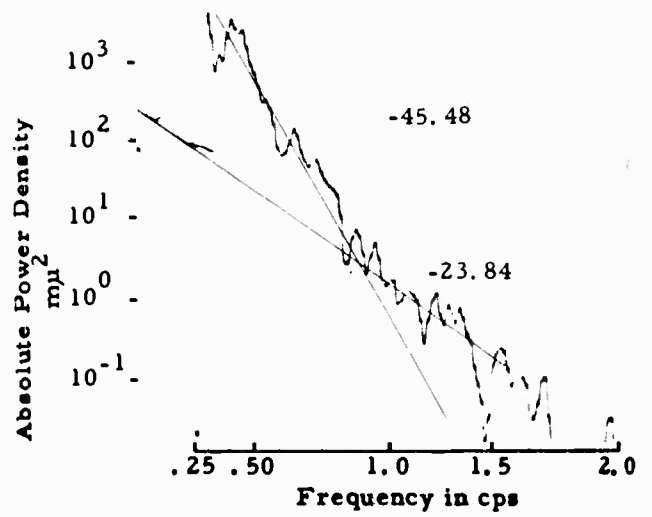
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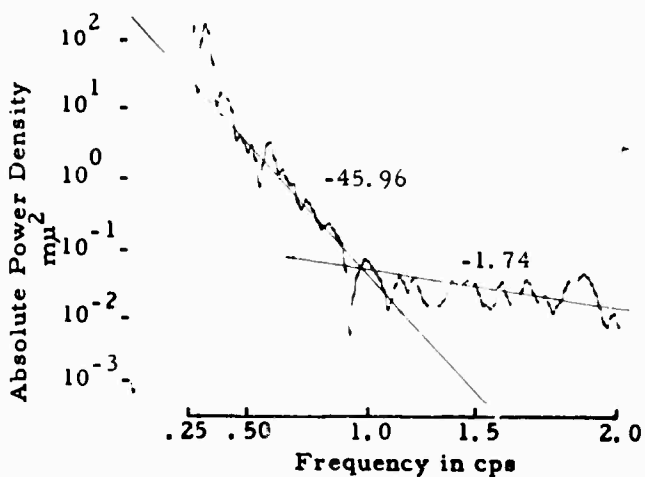
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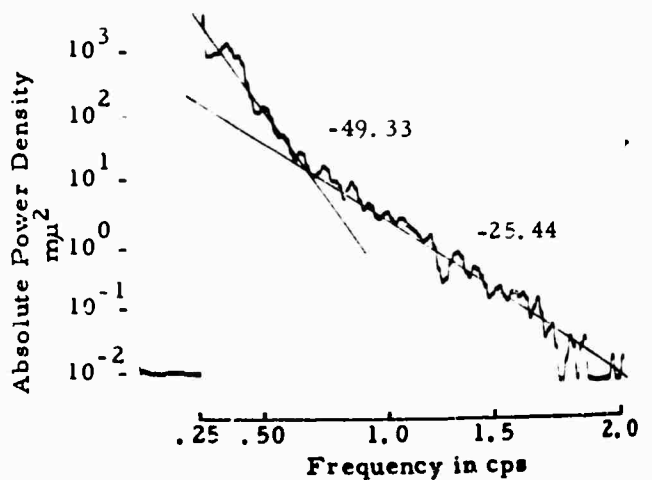
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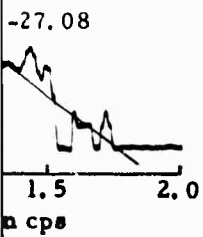


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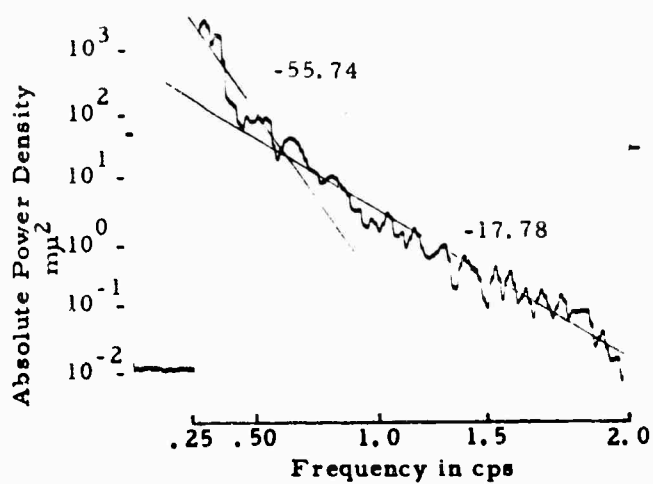


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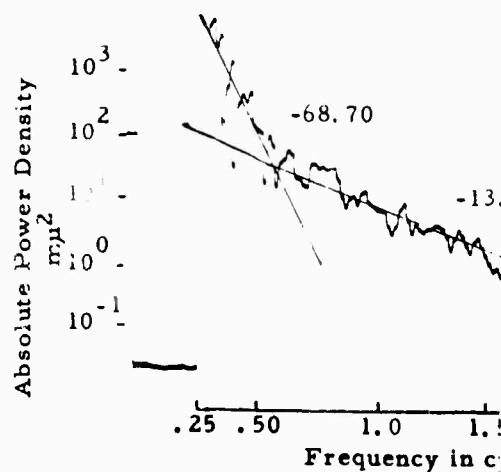
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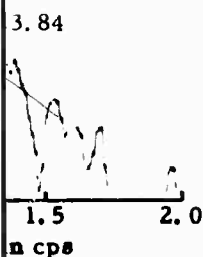
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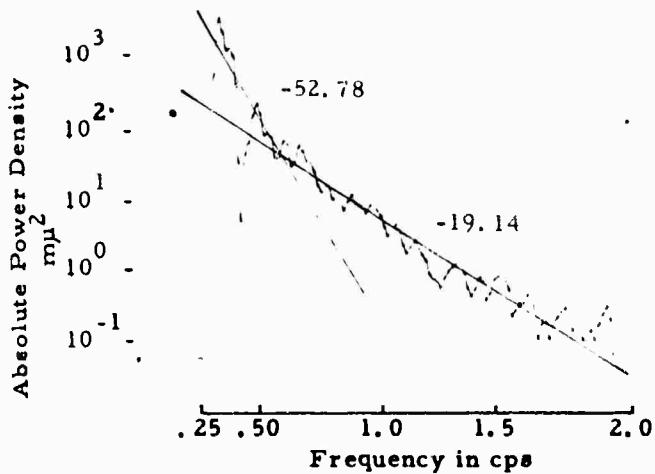
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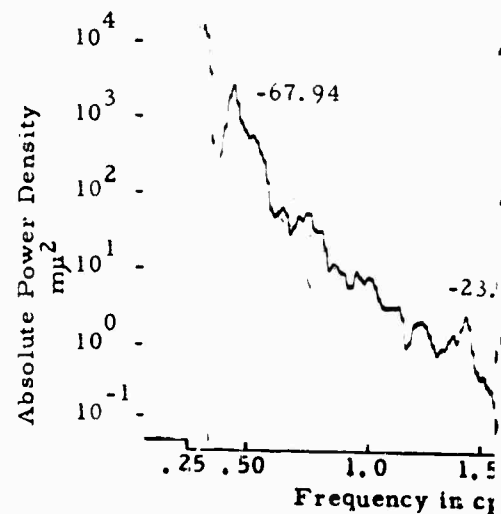
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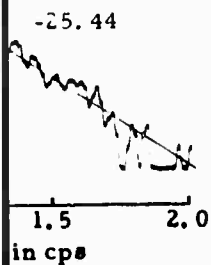
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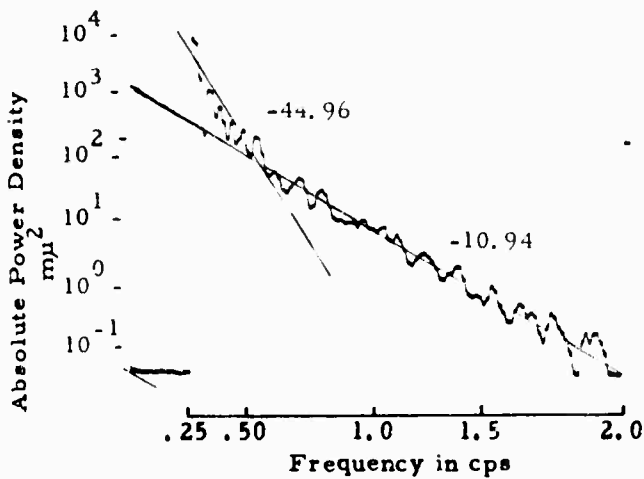
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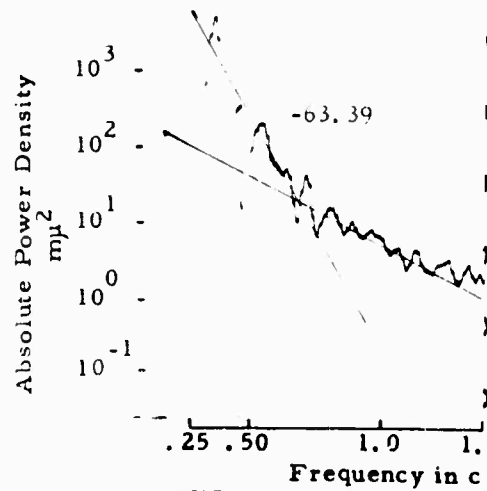
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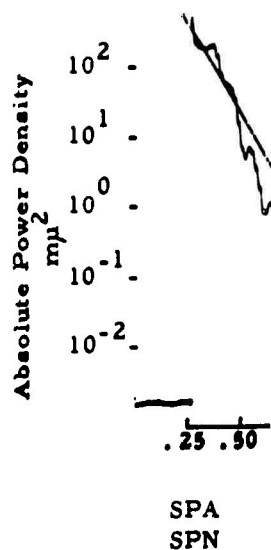
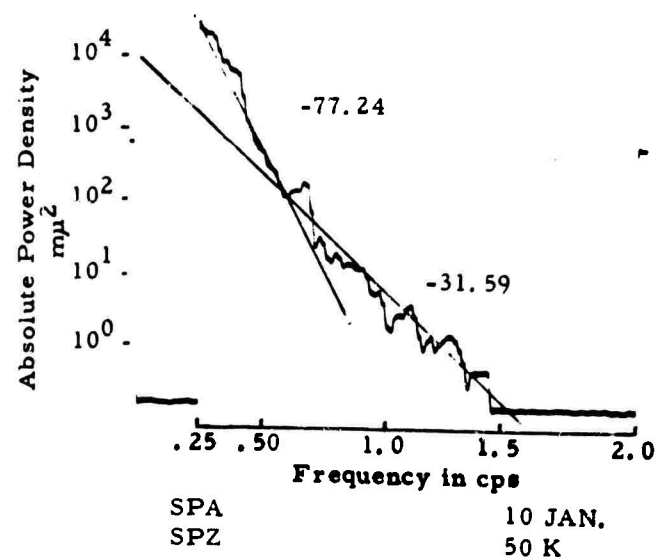
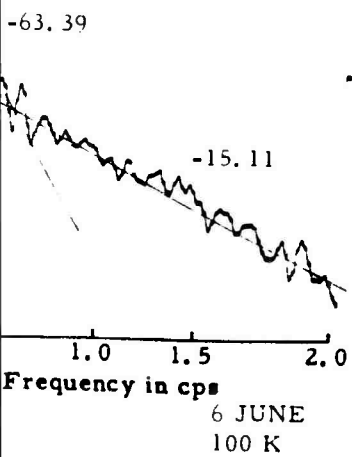
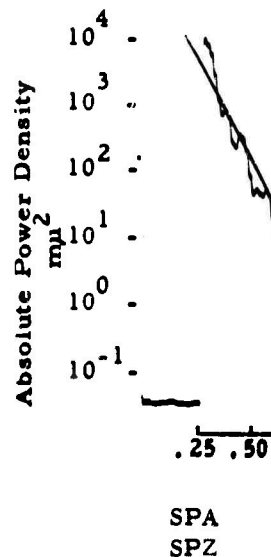
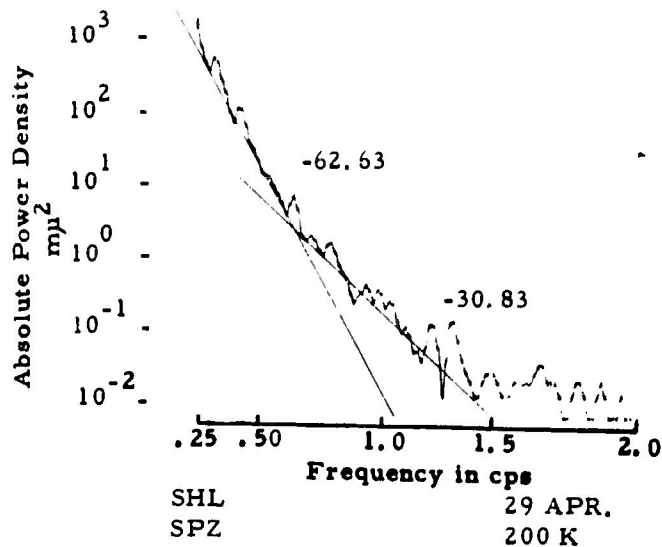
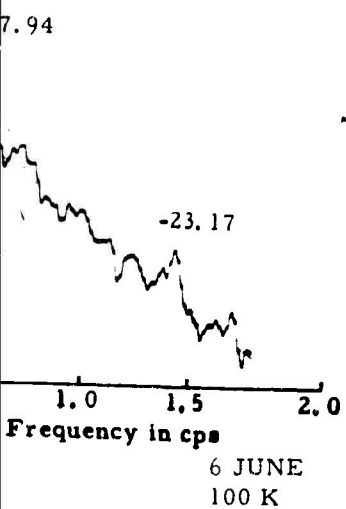
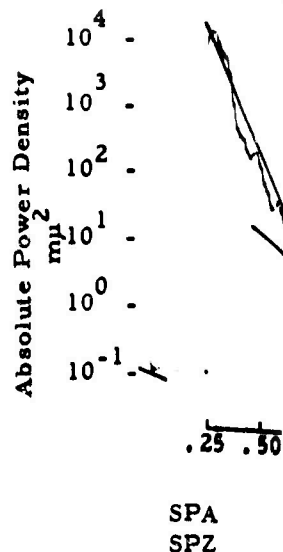
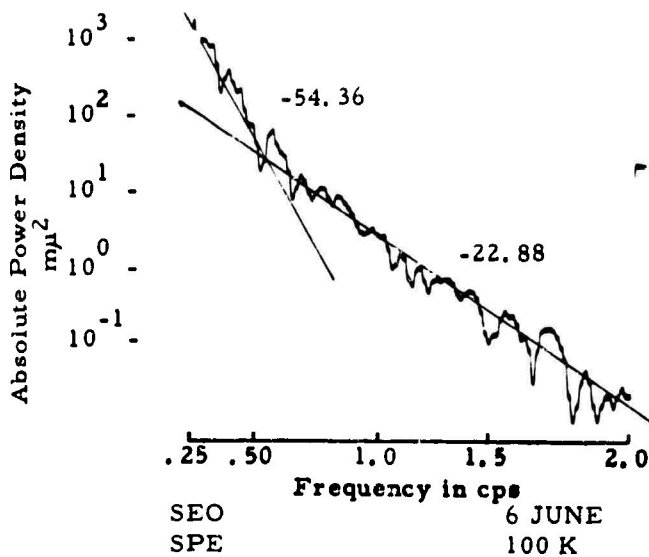
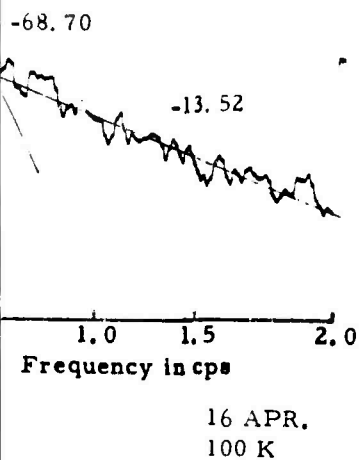


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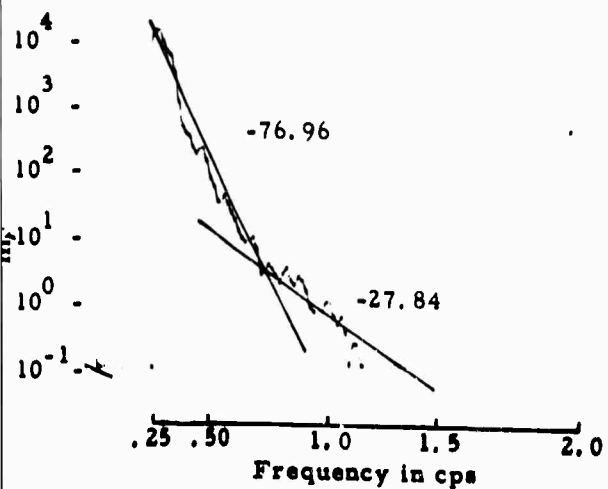


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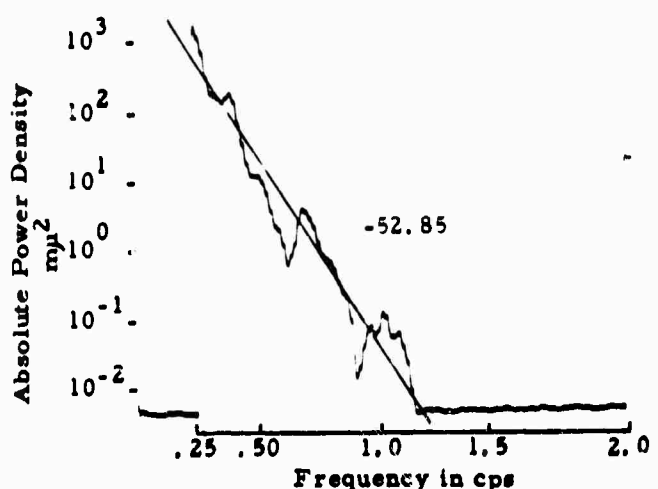
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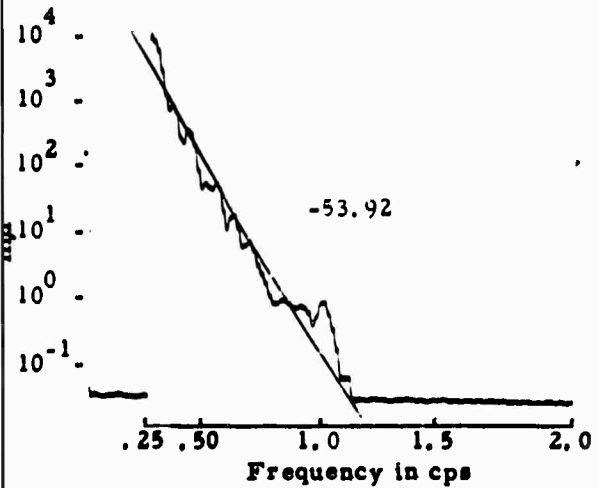
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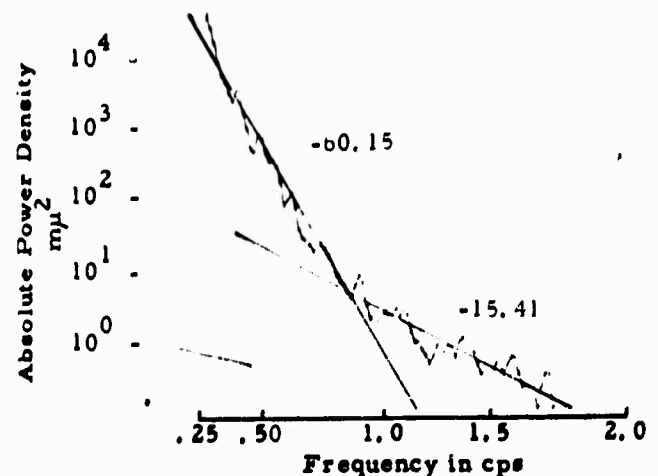
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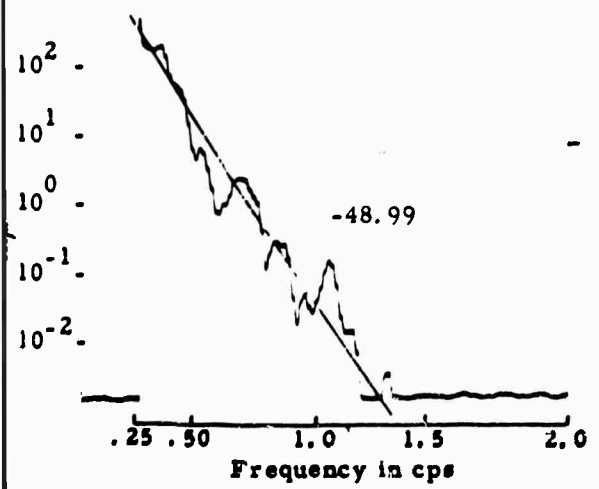
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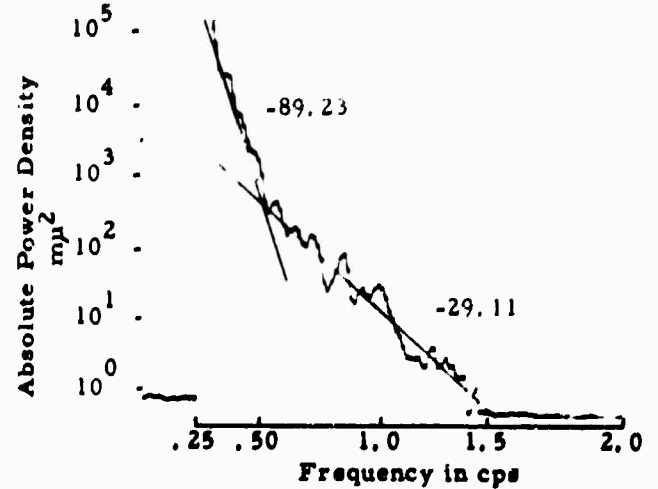
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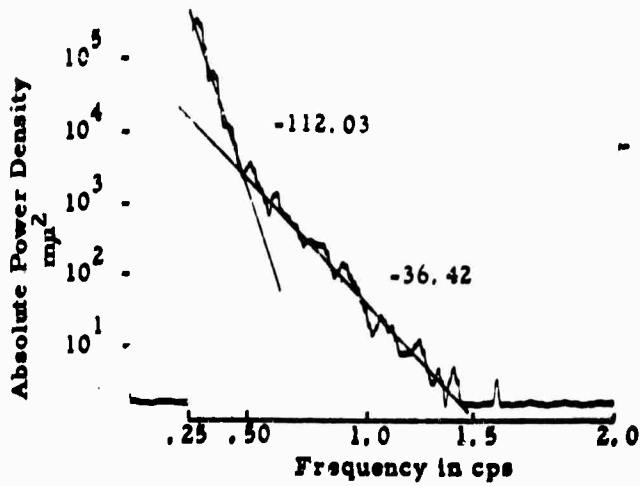


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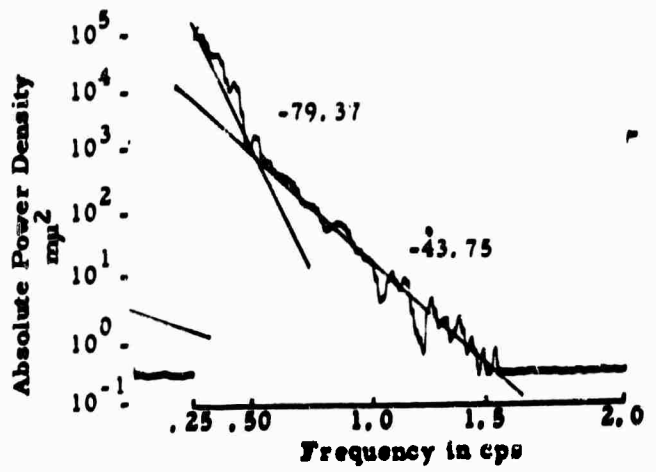


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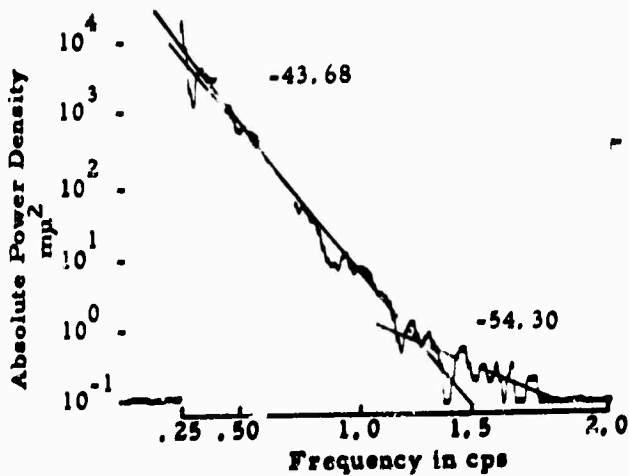
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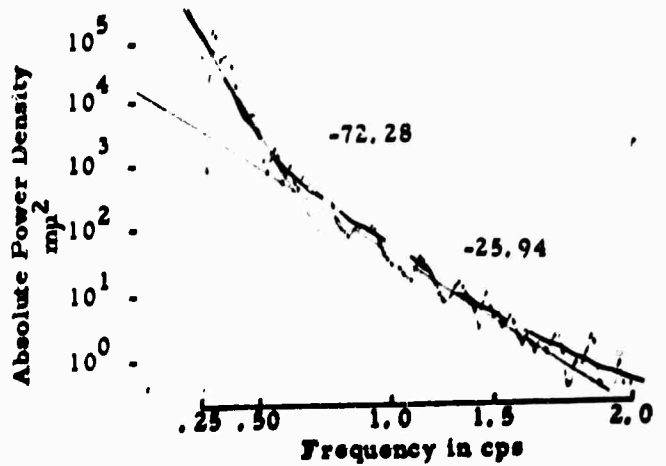
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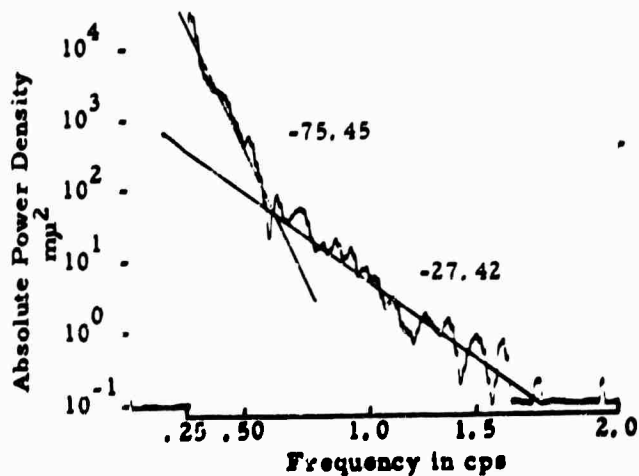
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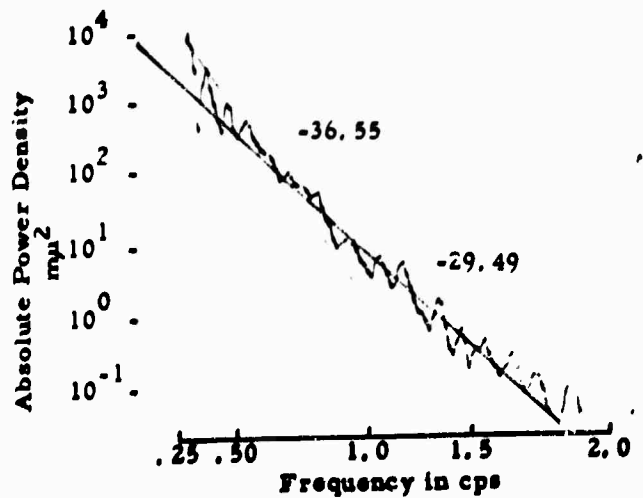
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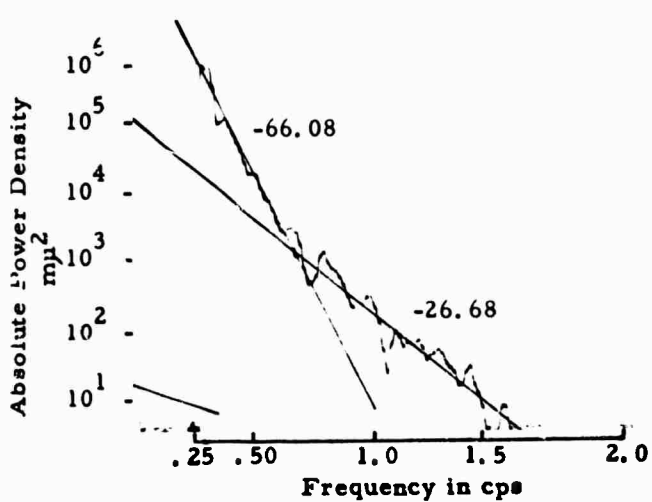
Figure A-1e. Absolute Power Density Spectra Obtained From 1963 Data

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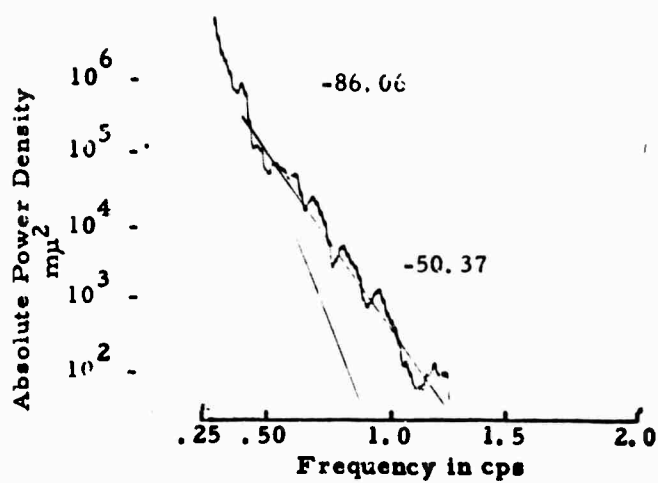
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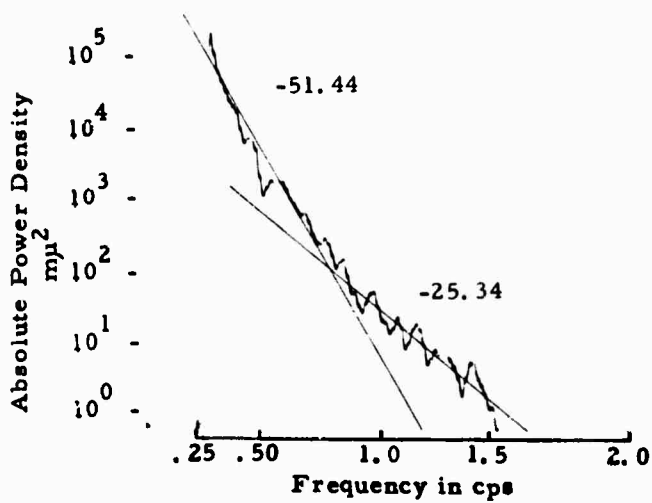
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VAL	7 February	SPZ	12.5
VAL	7 February	SPN	12.5
VAL	7 February	SPE	12.5
VAL	1 March	SPZ	12.5
VAL	1 March	SPN	12.5
VAL	1 March	SPE	12.5
VAL	2 April	SPZ	12.5
VAL	3 April	SPZ	12.5
VAL	3 April	SPN	12.5
VAL	3 April	SPE	12.5
VAL	19 May	JPZ	12.5
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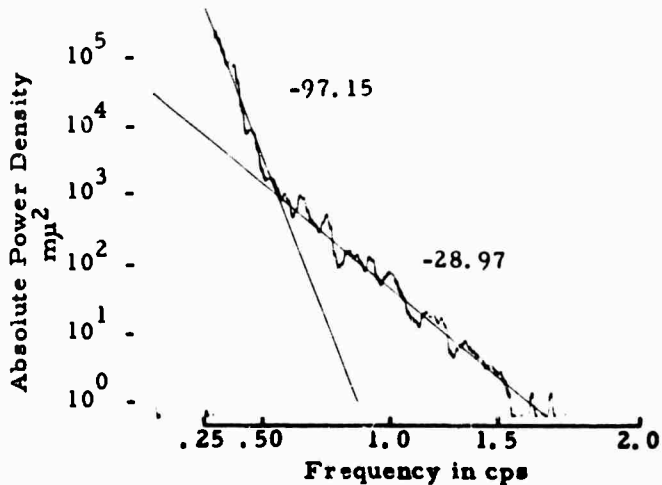
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SPZ 12.5 K



VAL 18 JAN.  
SPZ 12.5 K



VAL 15 JAN.  
SPN 12.5 K



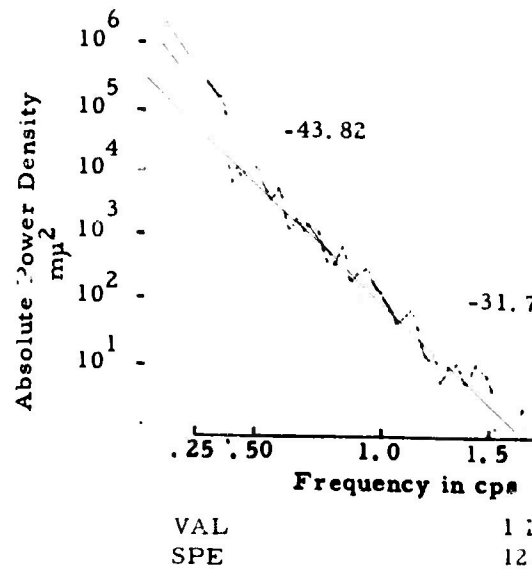
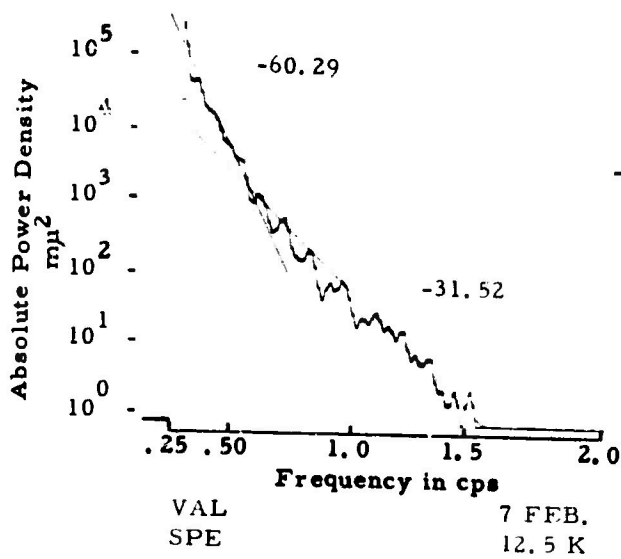
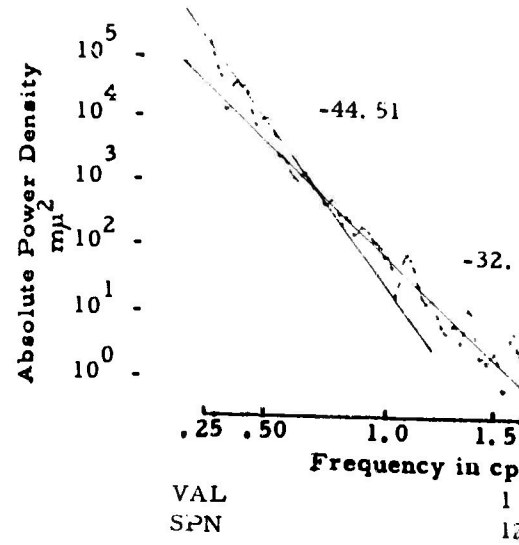
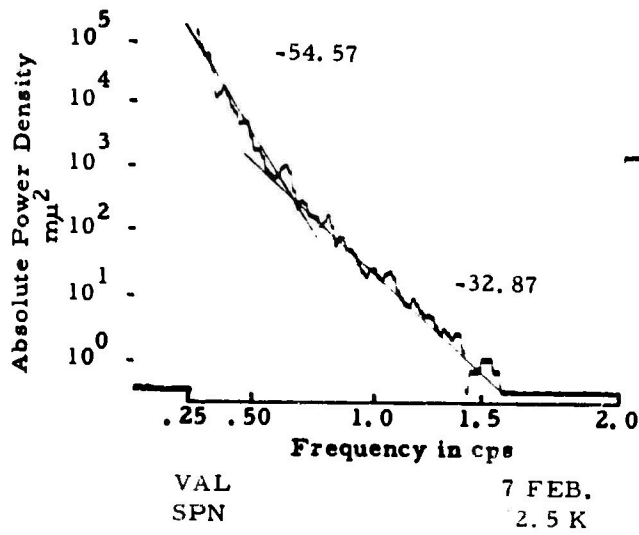
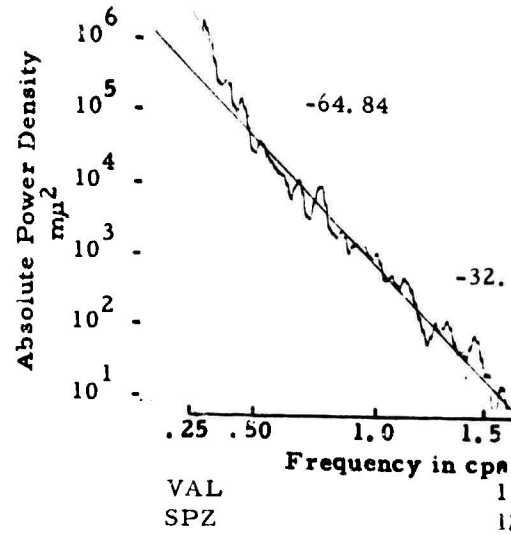
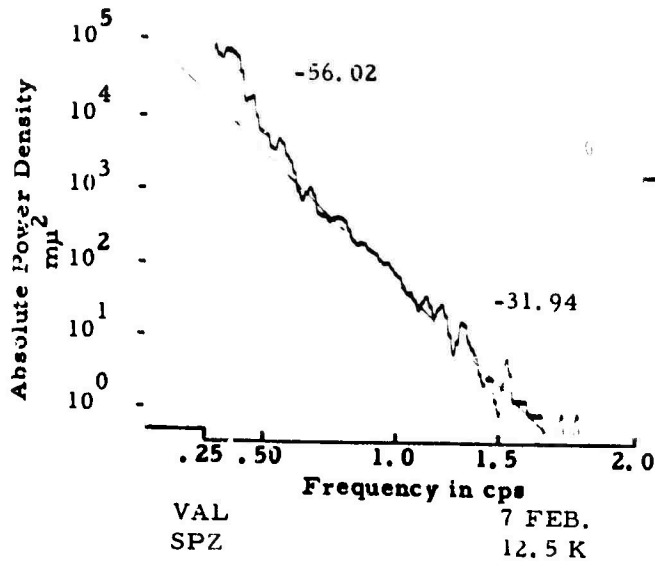
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SPE 12.5 K

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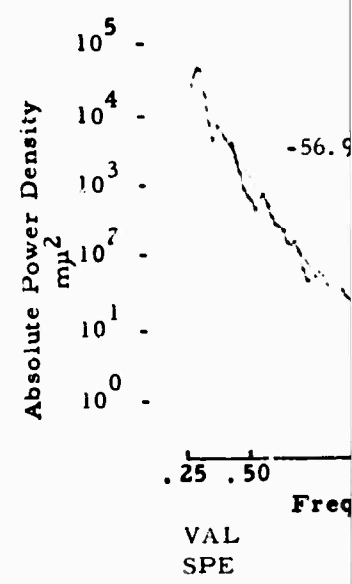
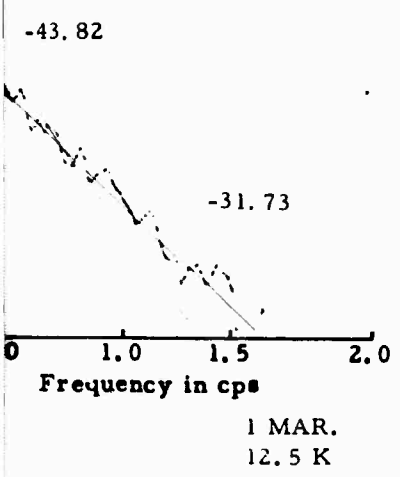
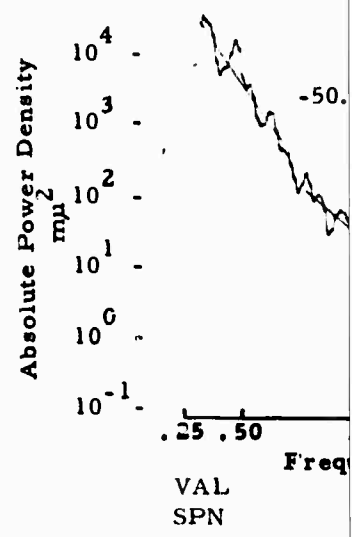
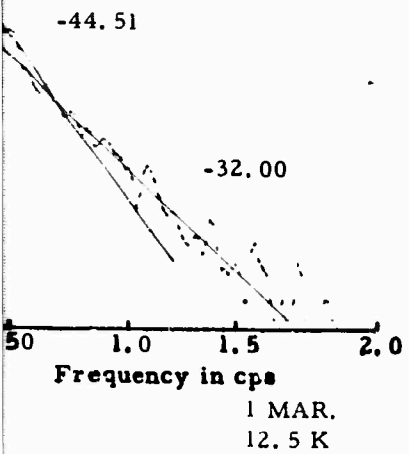
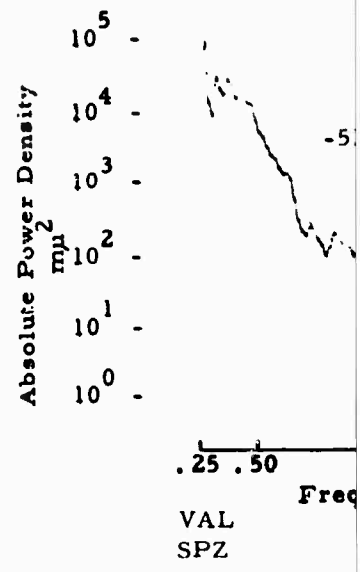
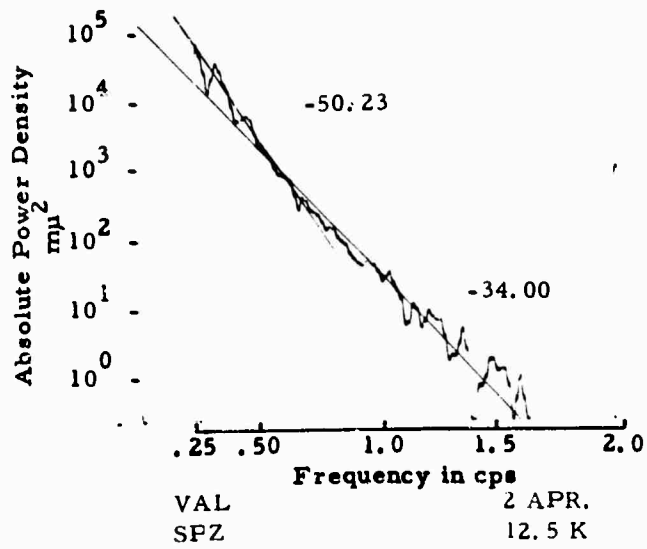
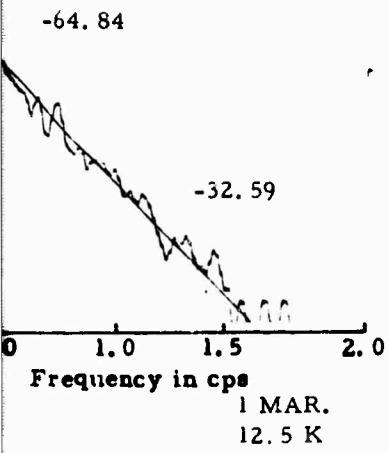
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18 JAN.  
12.5 K



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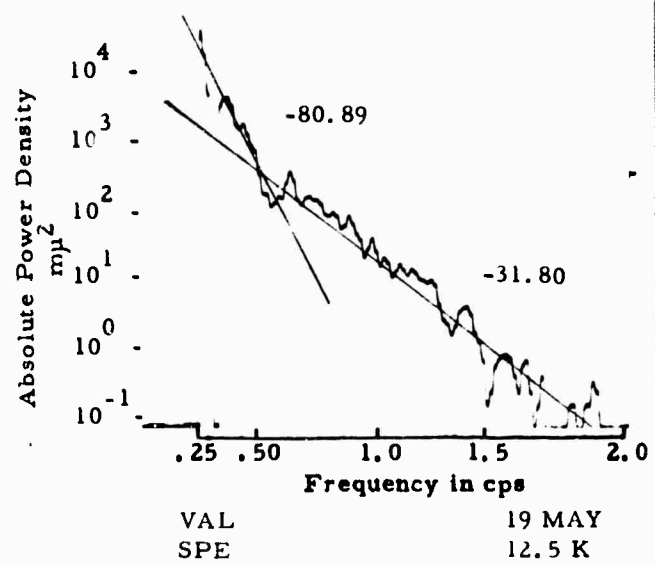
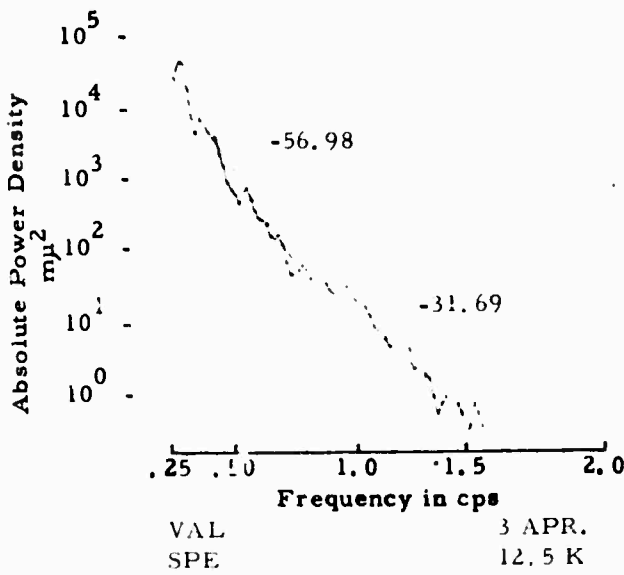
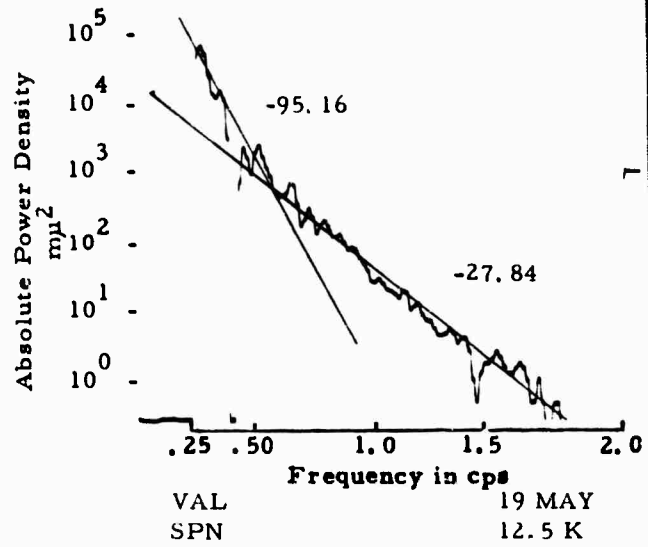
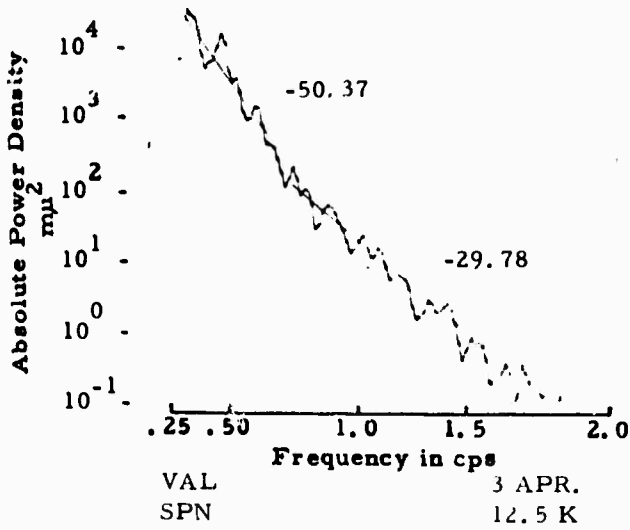
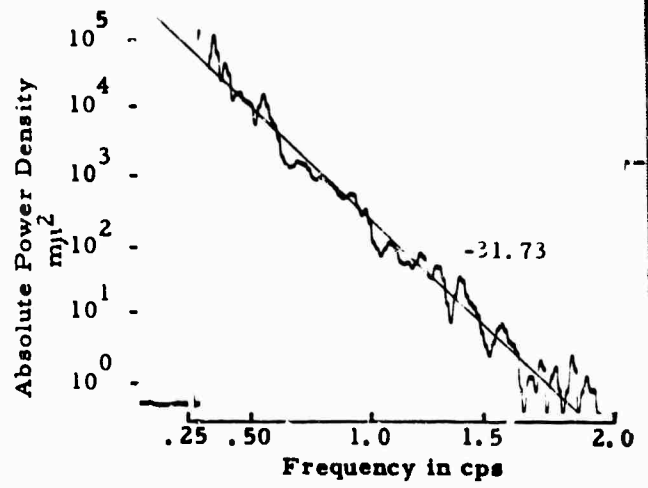
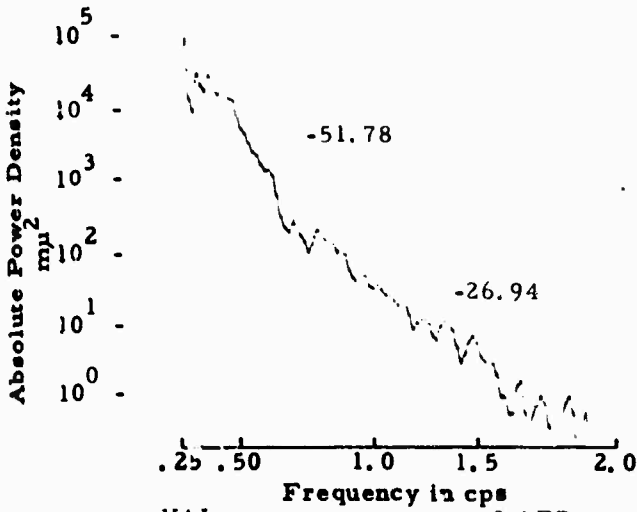
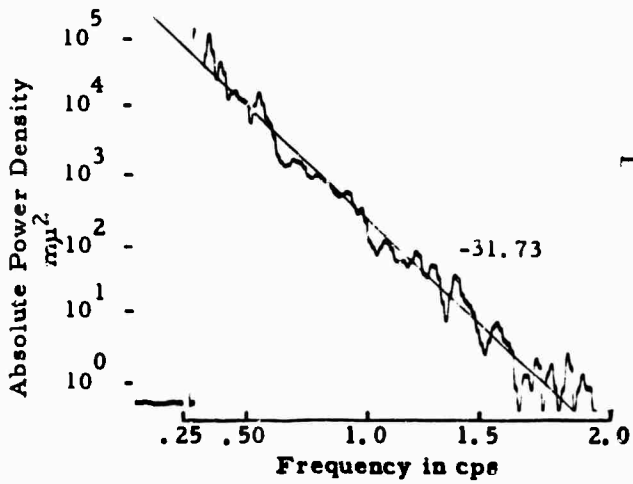
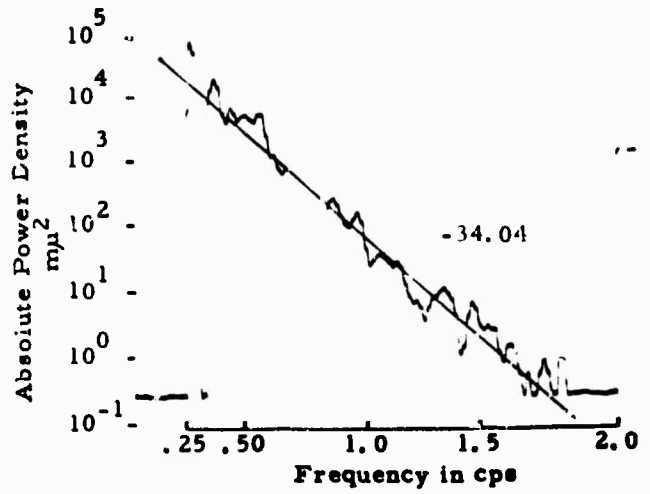


Figure A-lf. Absolute Pow

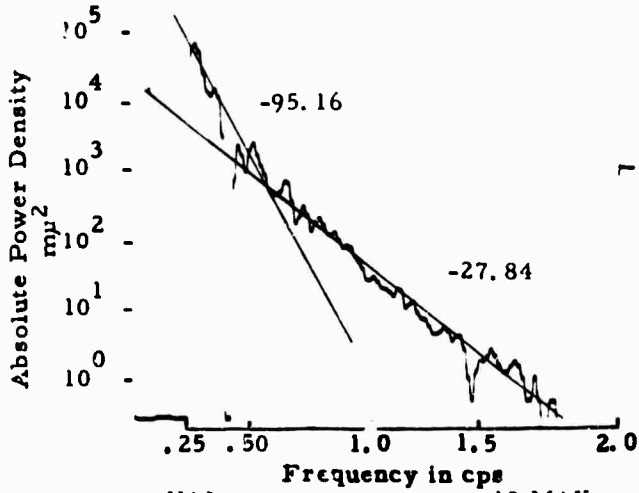
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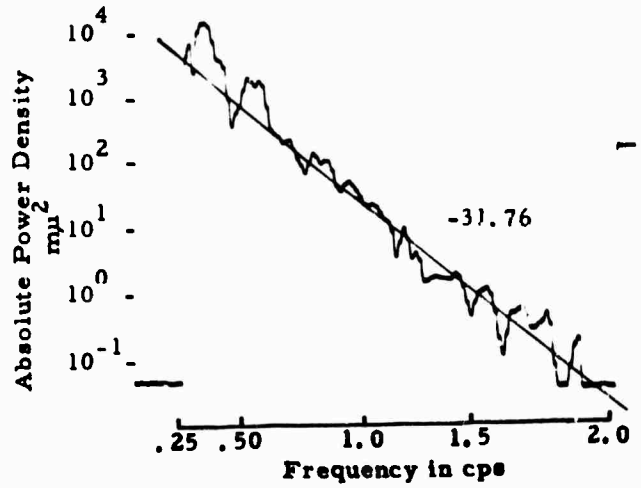
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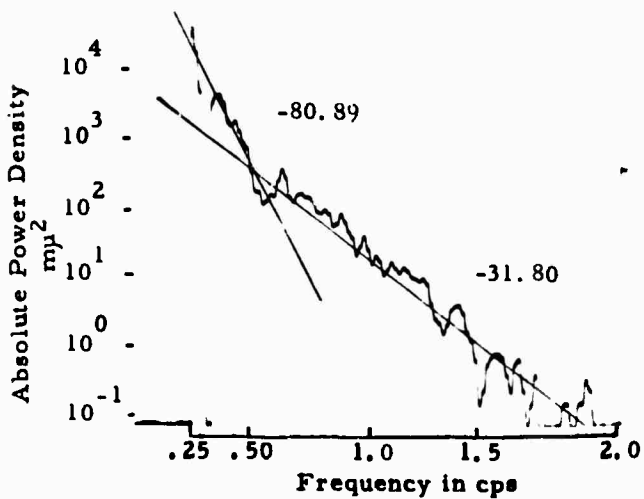
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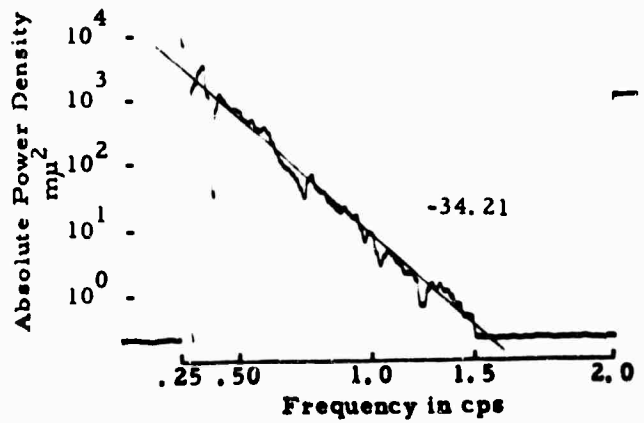
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Figure A-1f. Absolute Power Density Spectra Obtained From 1963 Data

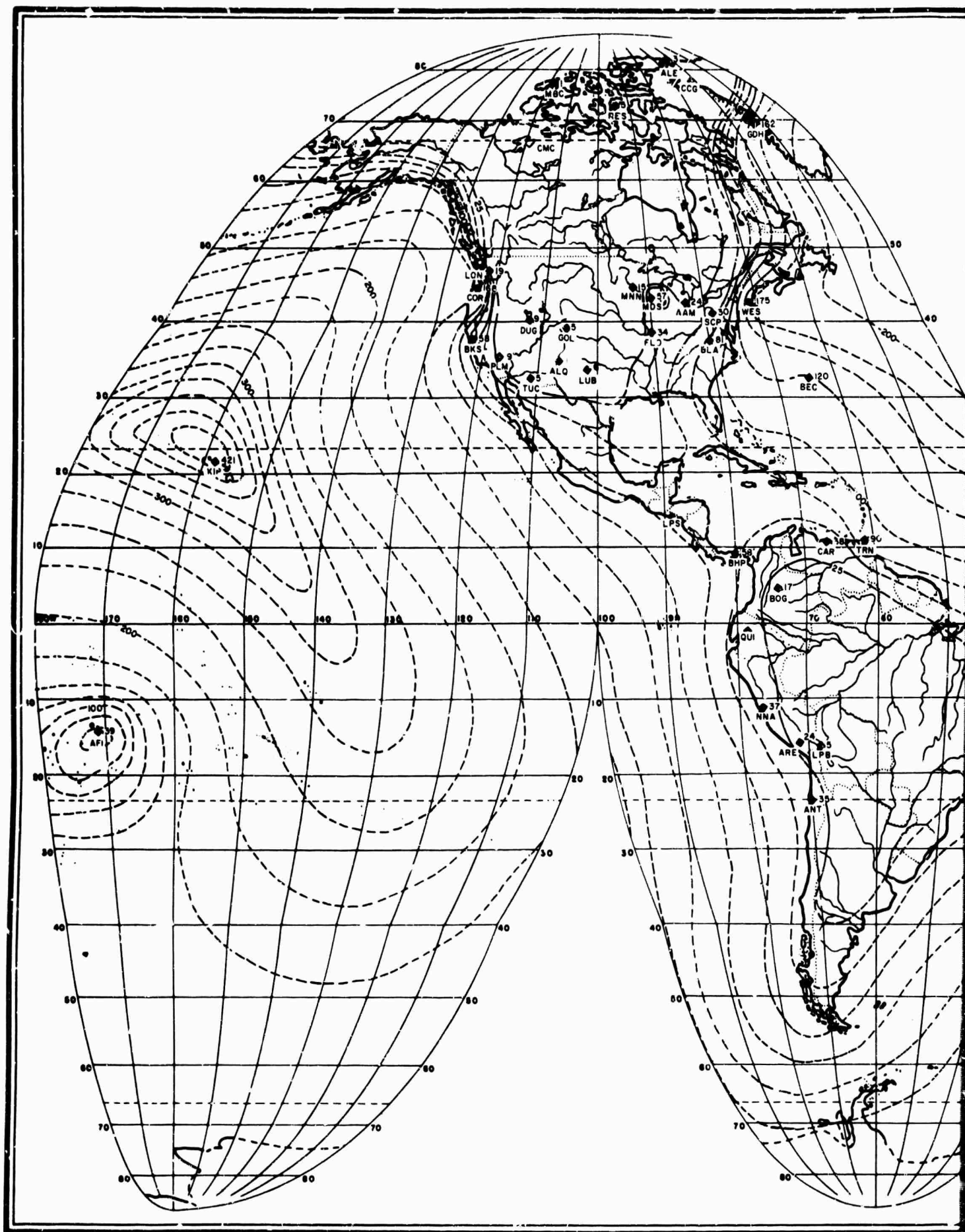
APPENDIX B

NOISE MAPS

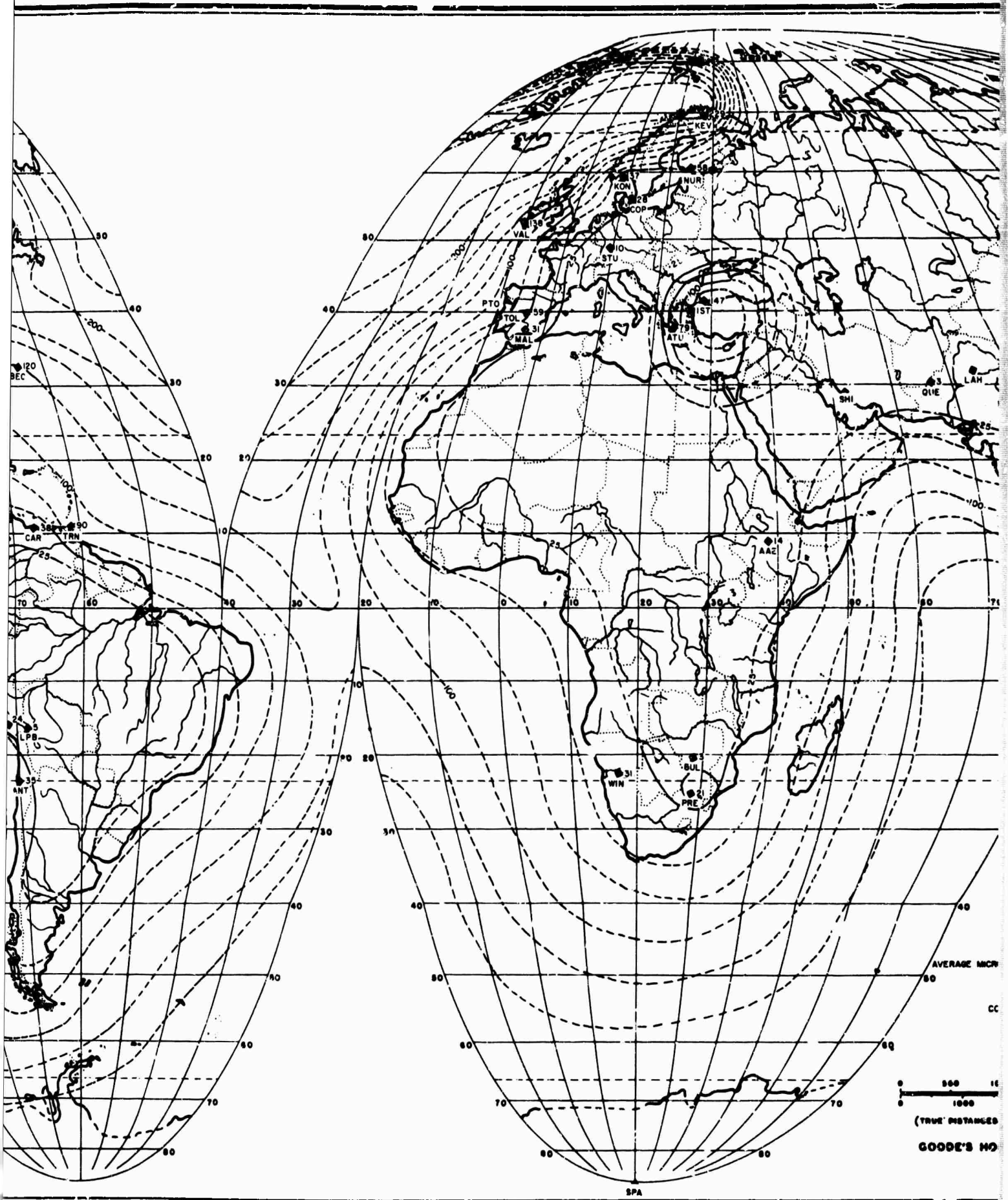
## APPENDIX B

### NOISE MAPS

This appendix contains the noise maps for nine months in 1963. The short period maps (0.5 - 2.0 sec) precede the long period maps (3.0 - 8.0 sec) for each month so that comparison may be more easily made. These maps comprise Figures B-1 through B-18.



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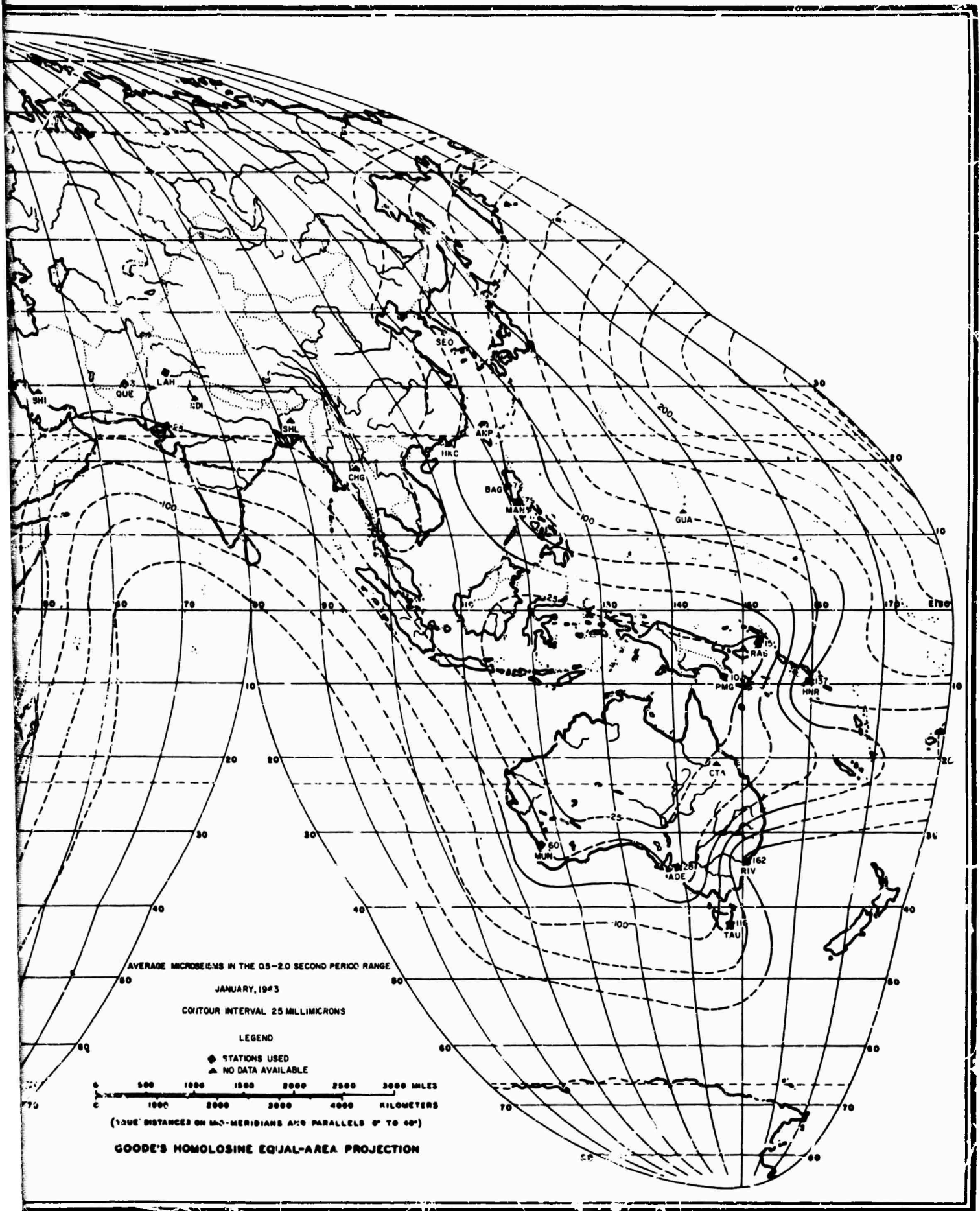
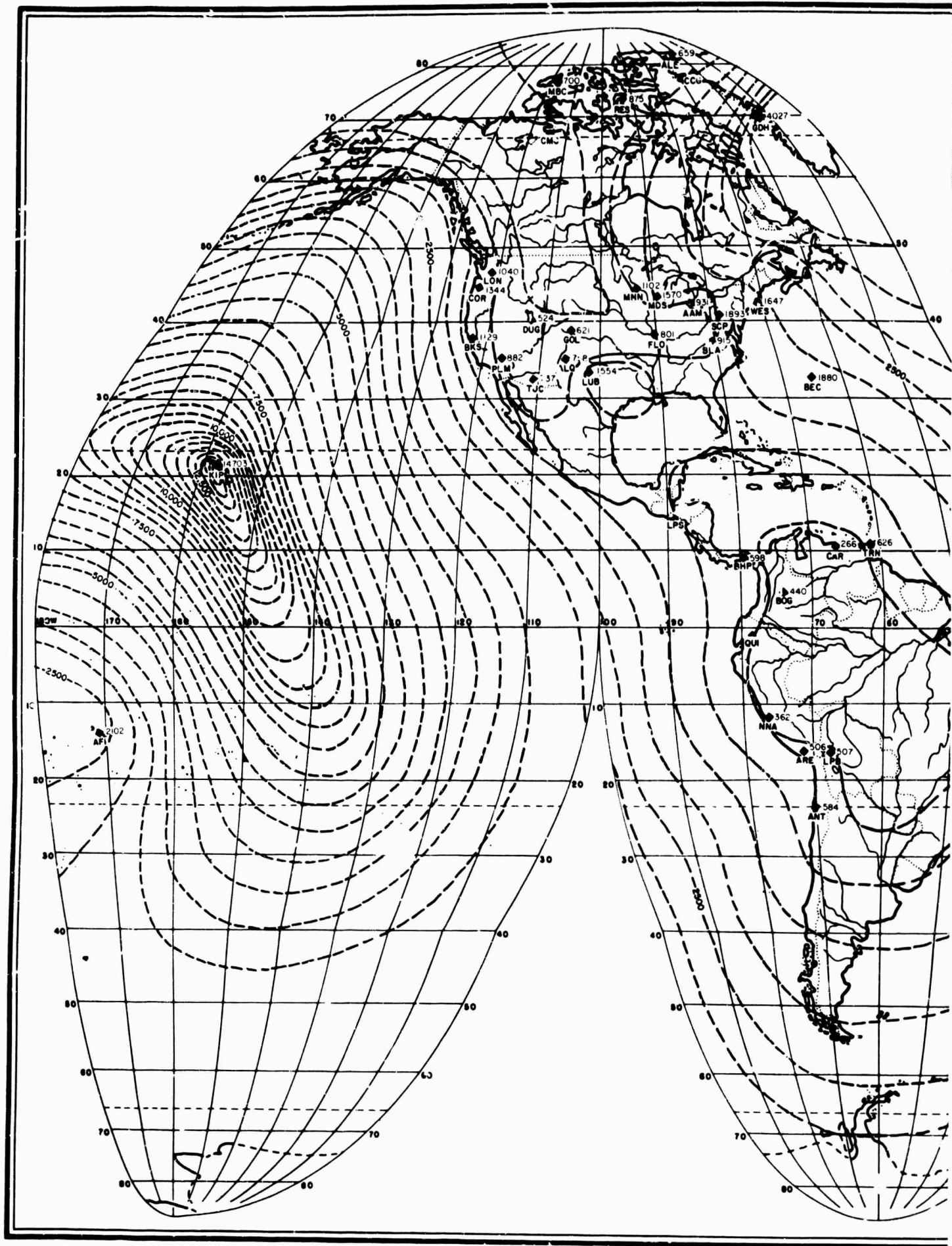
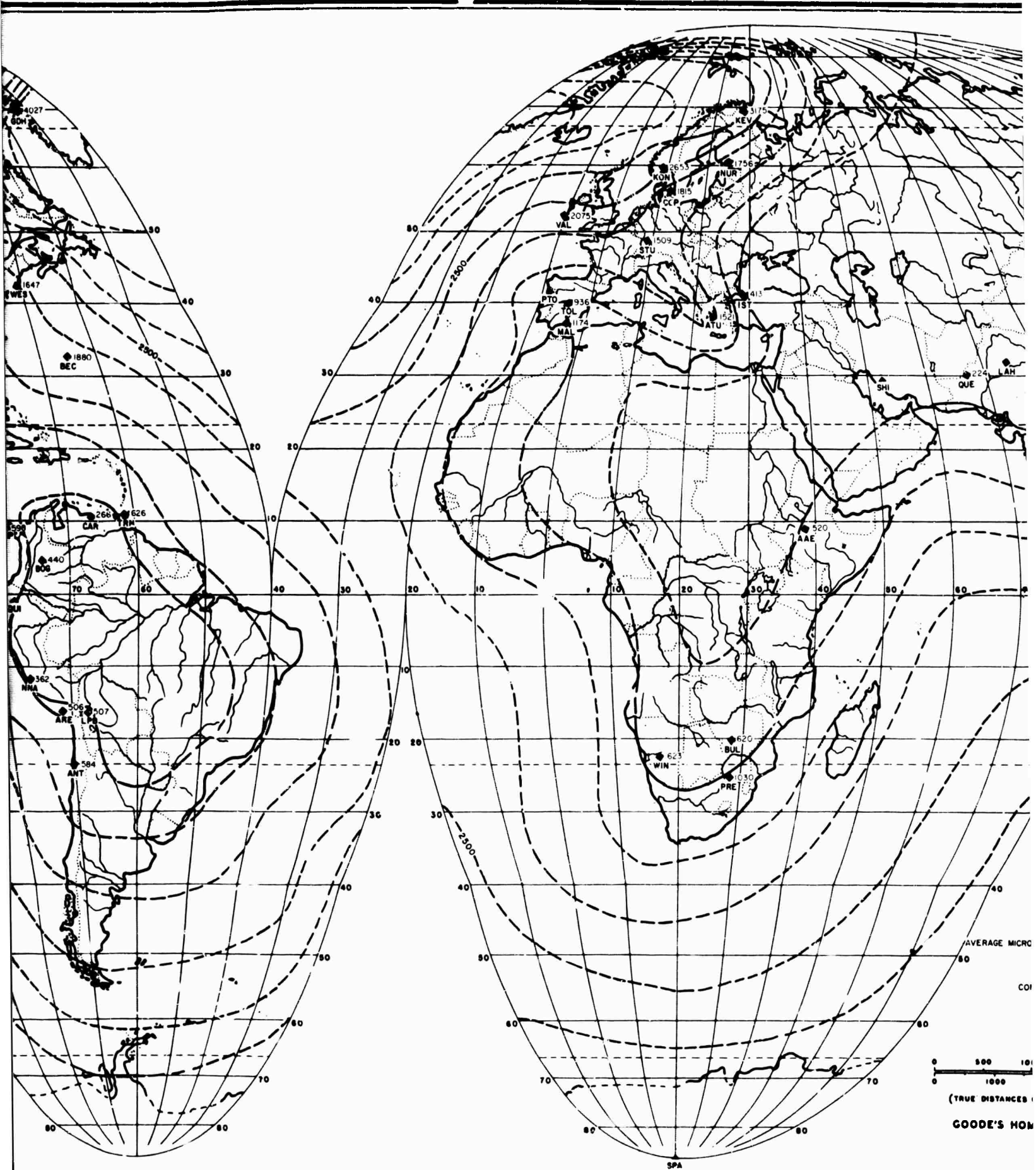


Figure B-1. World Map of 0.5-2.0 Second Microseismic Activity, January, 1963



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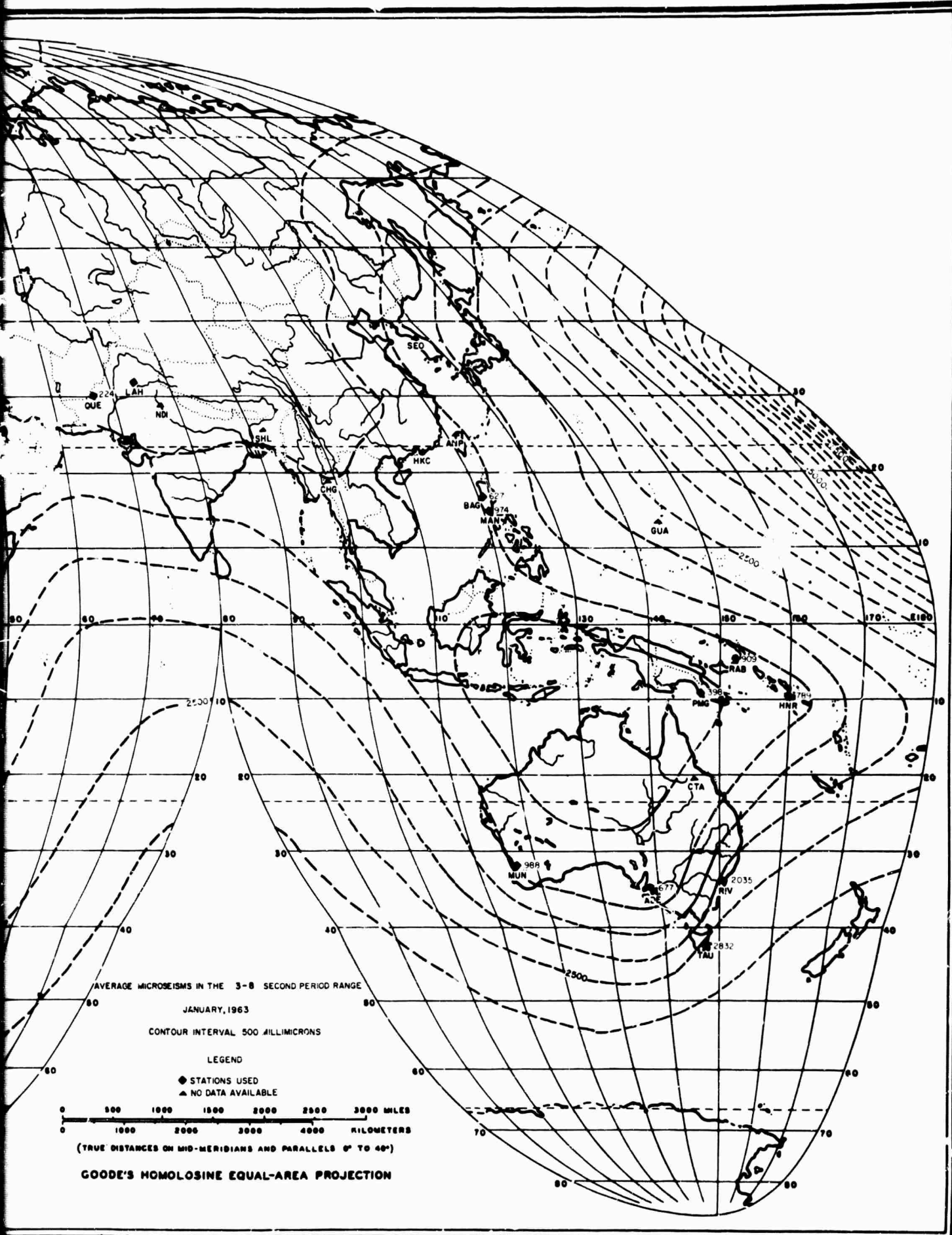
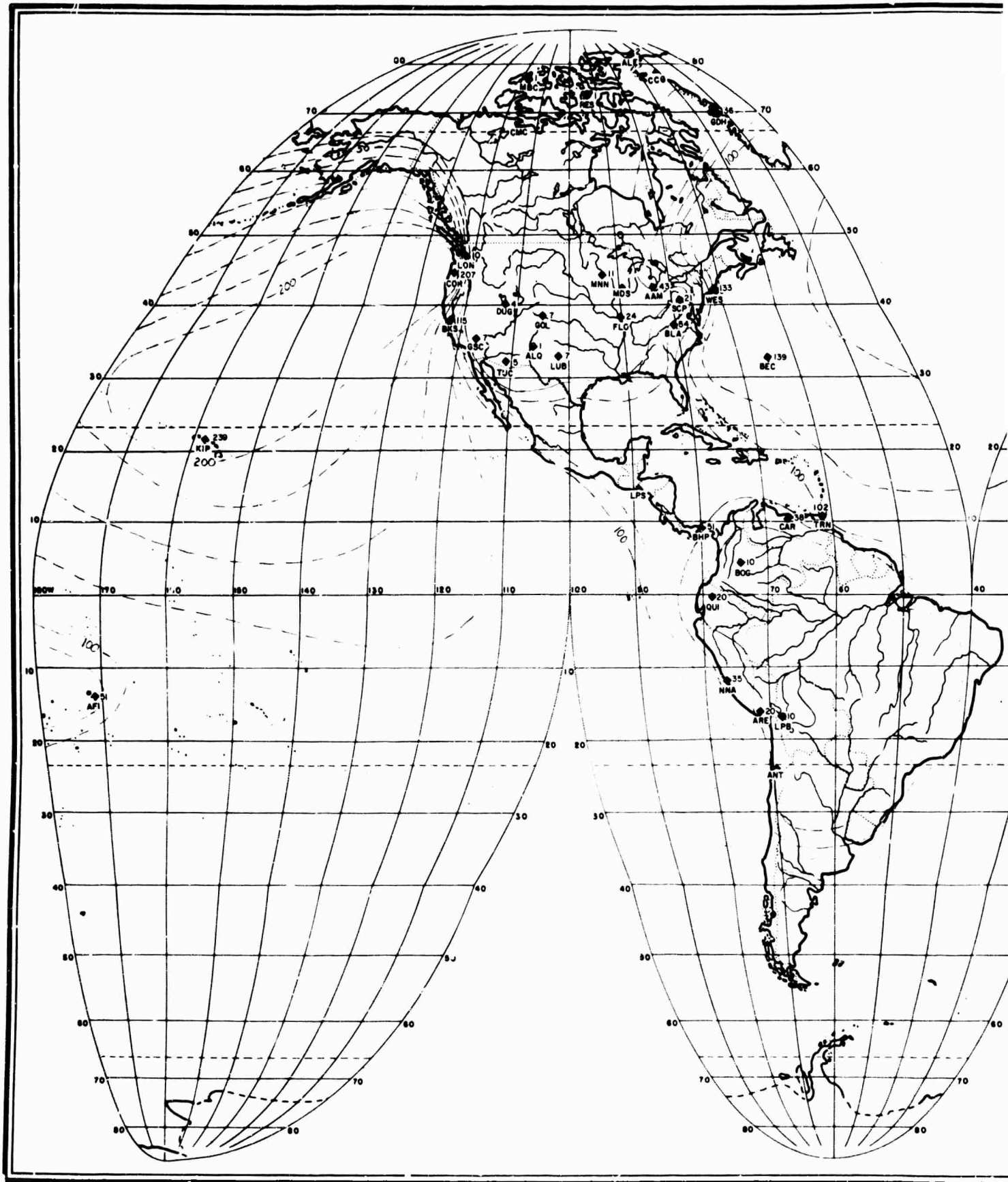


Figure B-2. World Map of 3.0-8.0 Second Microseismic Activity, January, 1963



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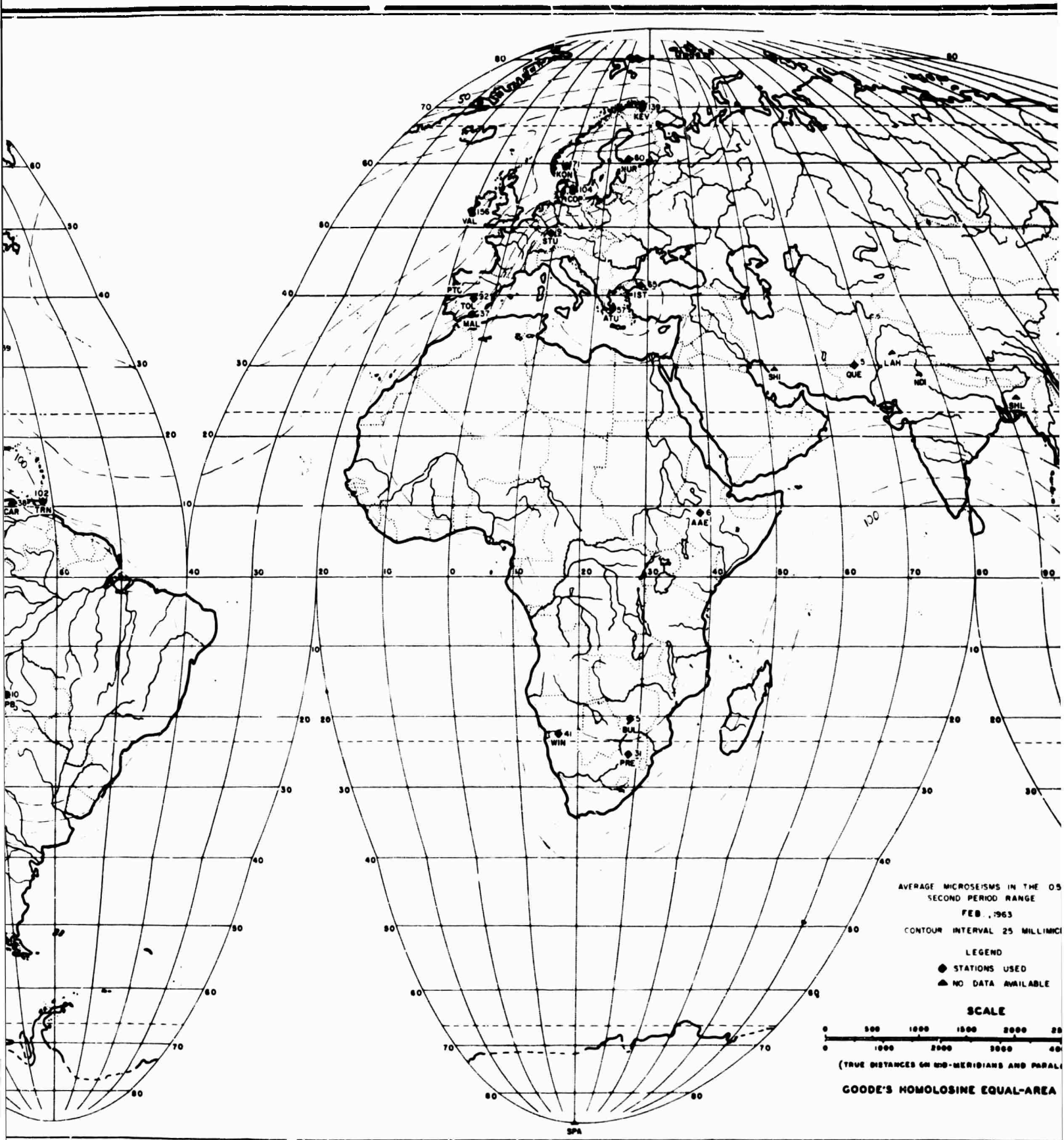


Figure B-3. World Map

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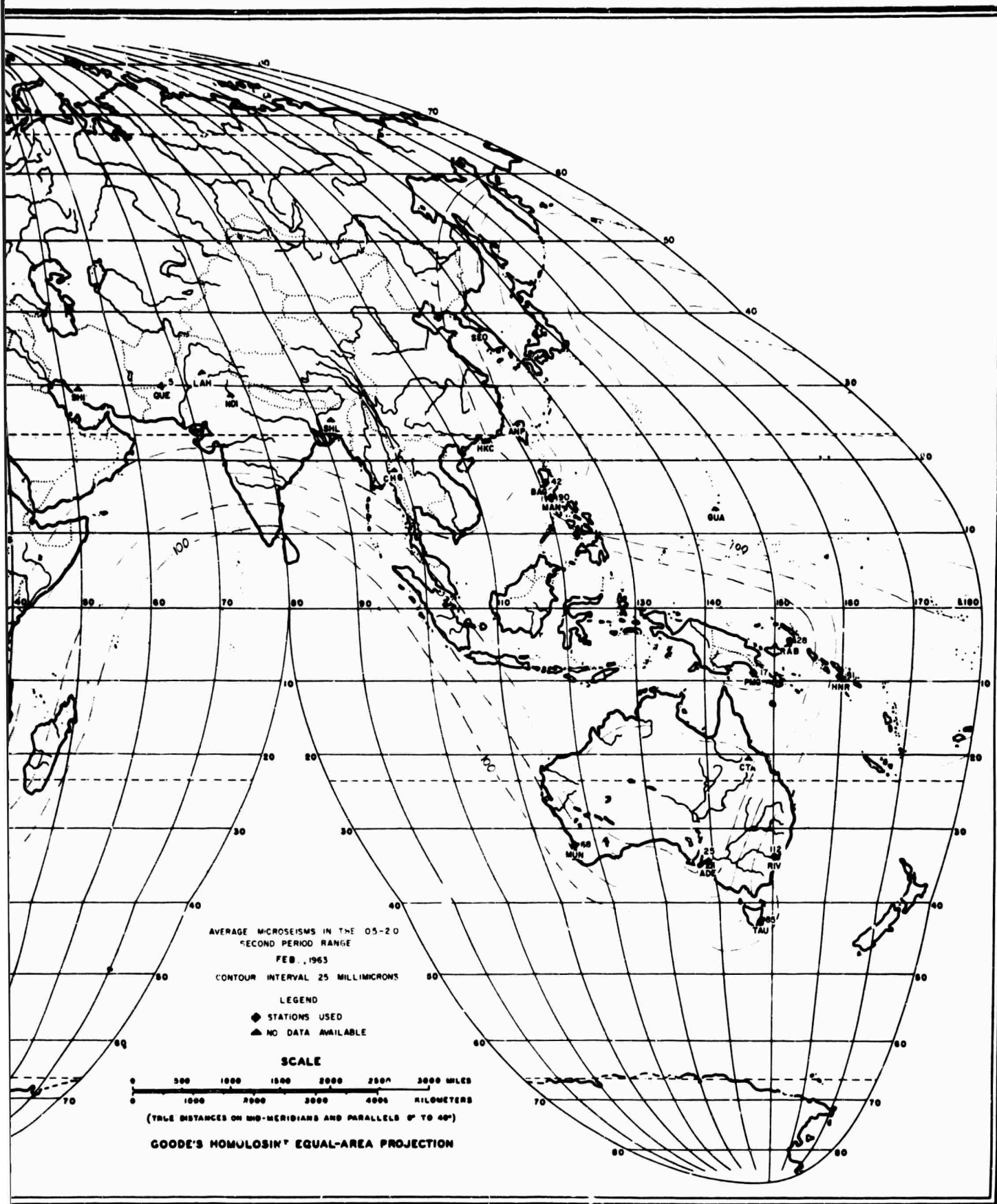


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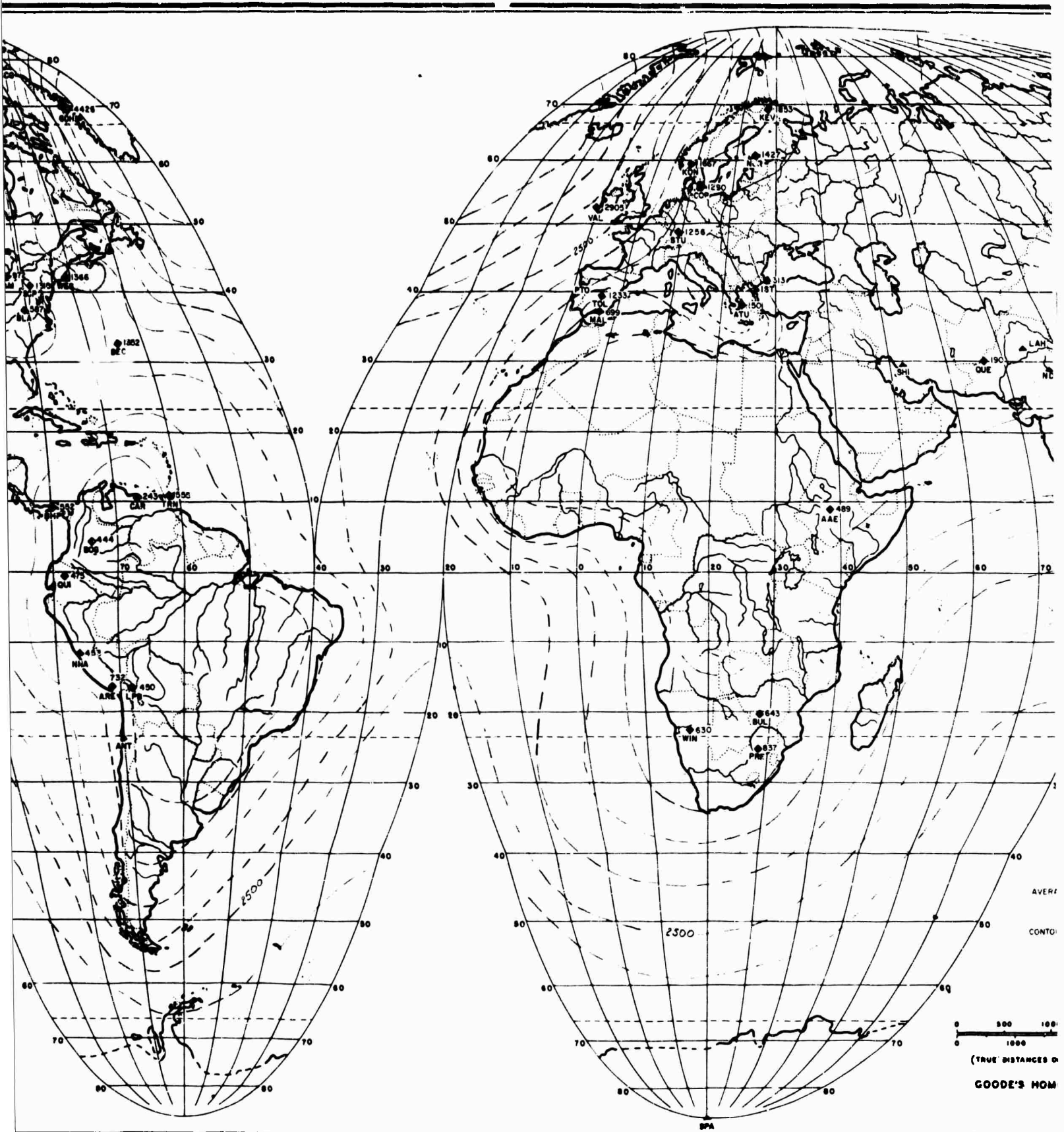


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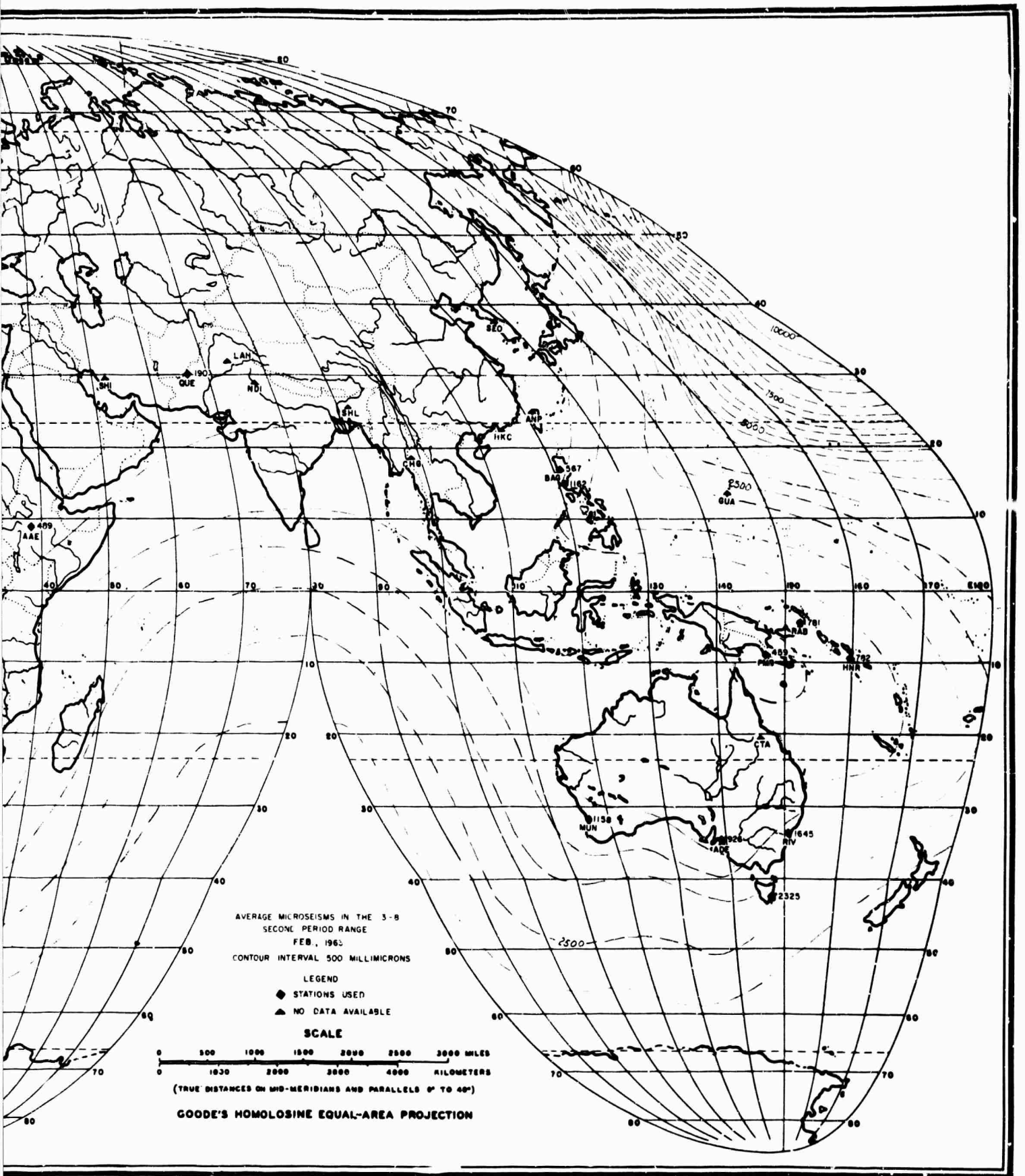


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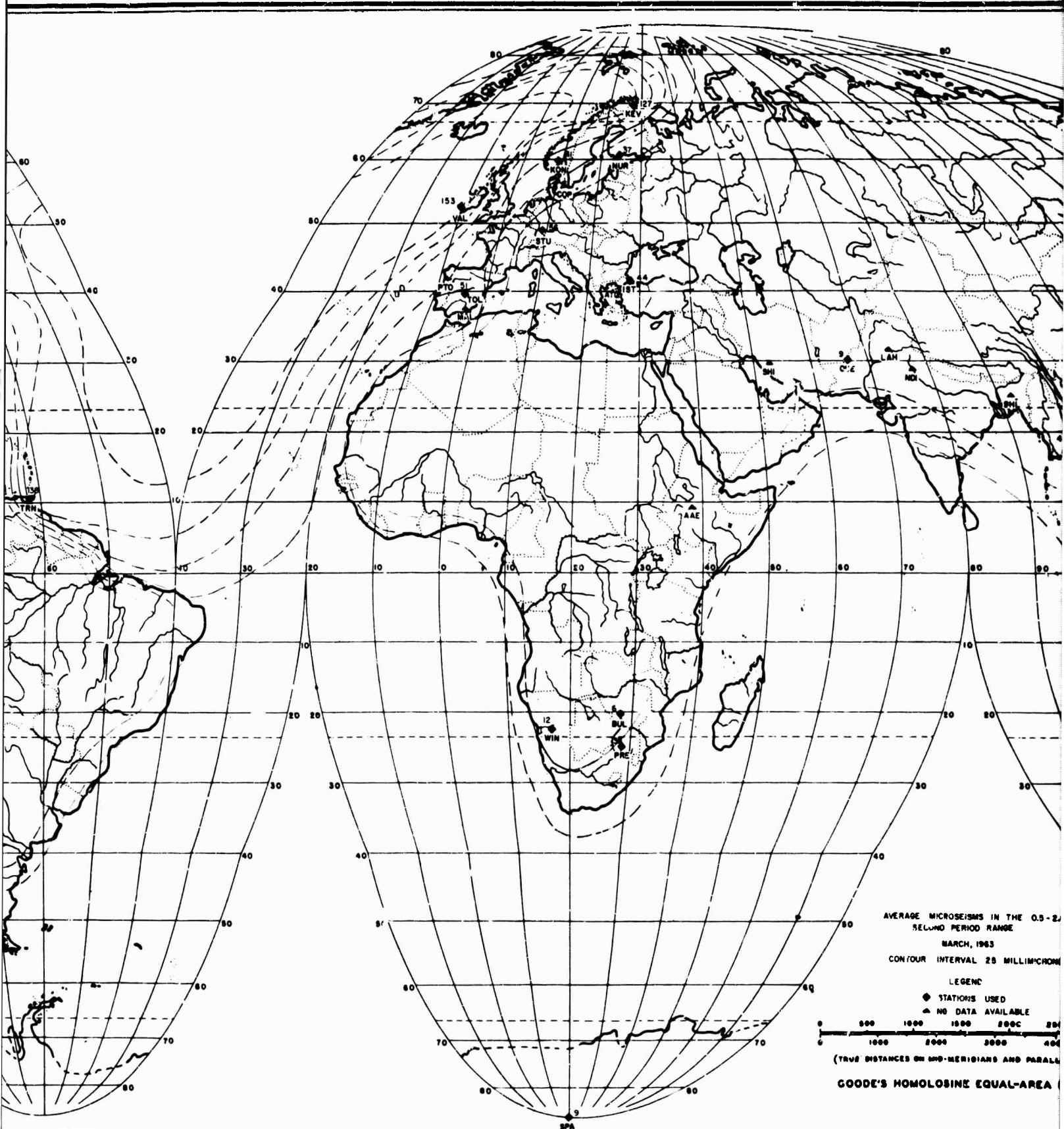


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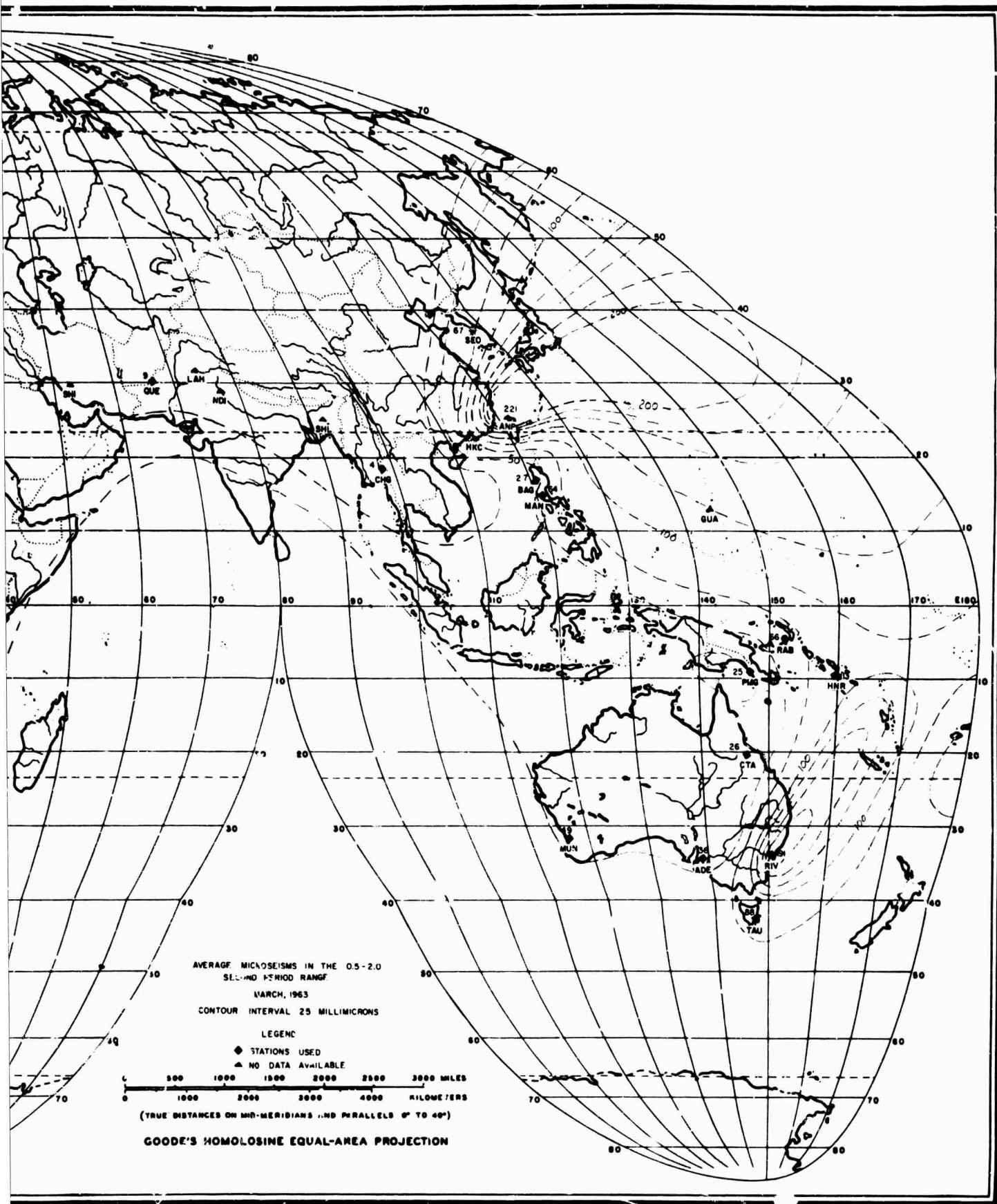
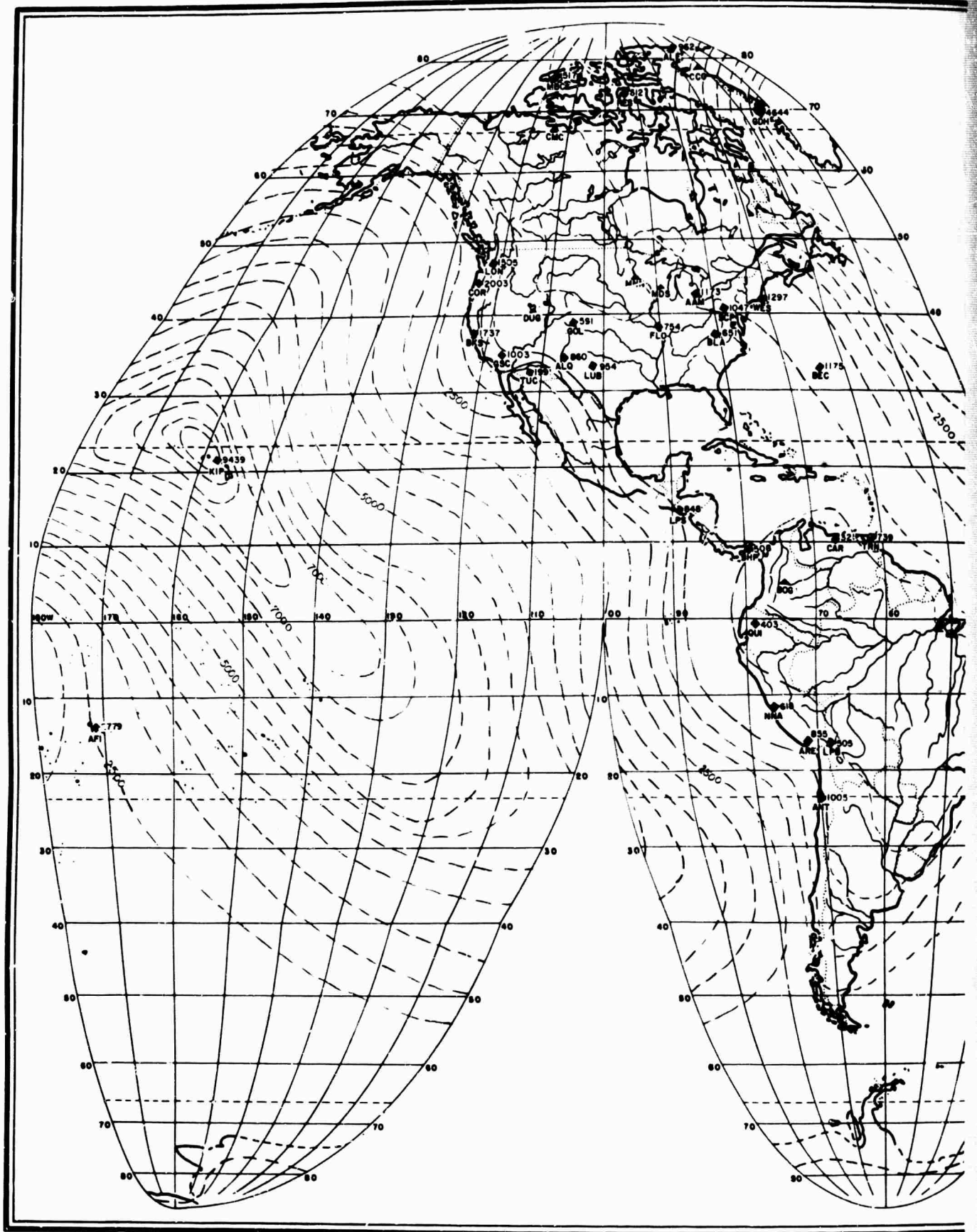


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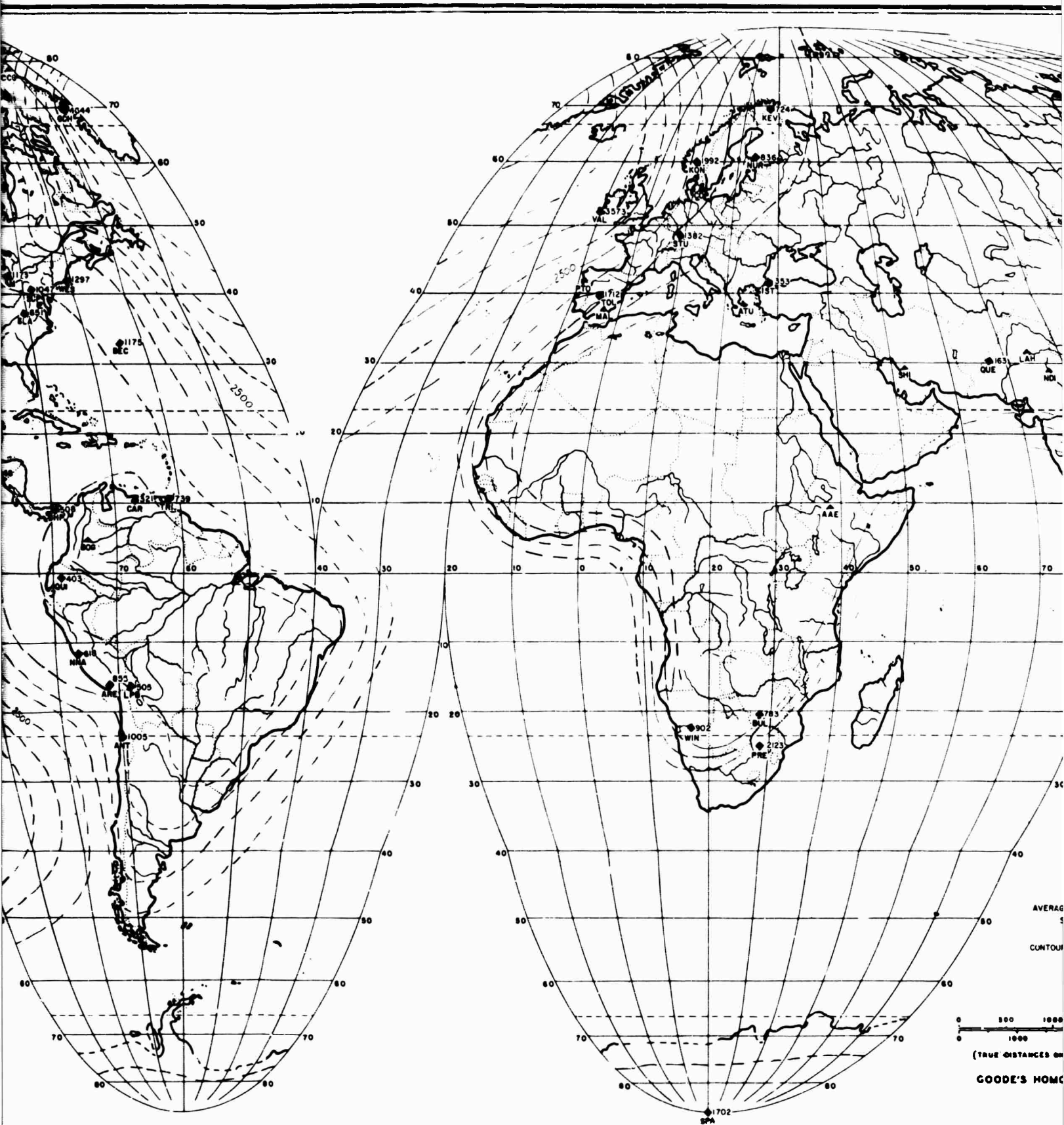


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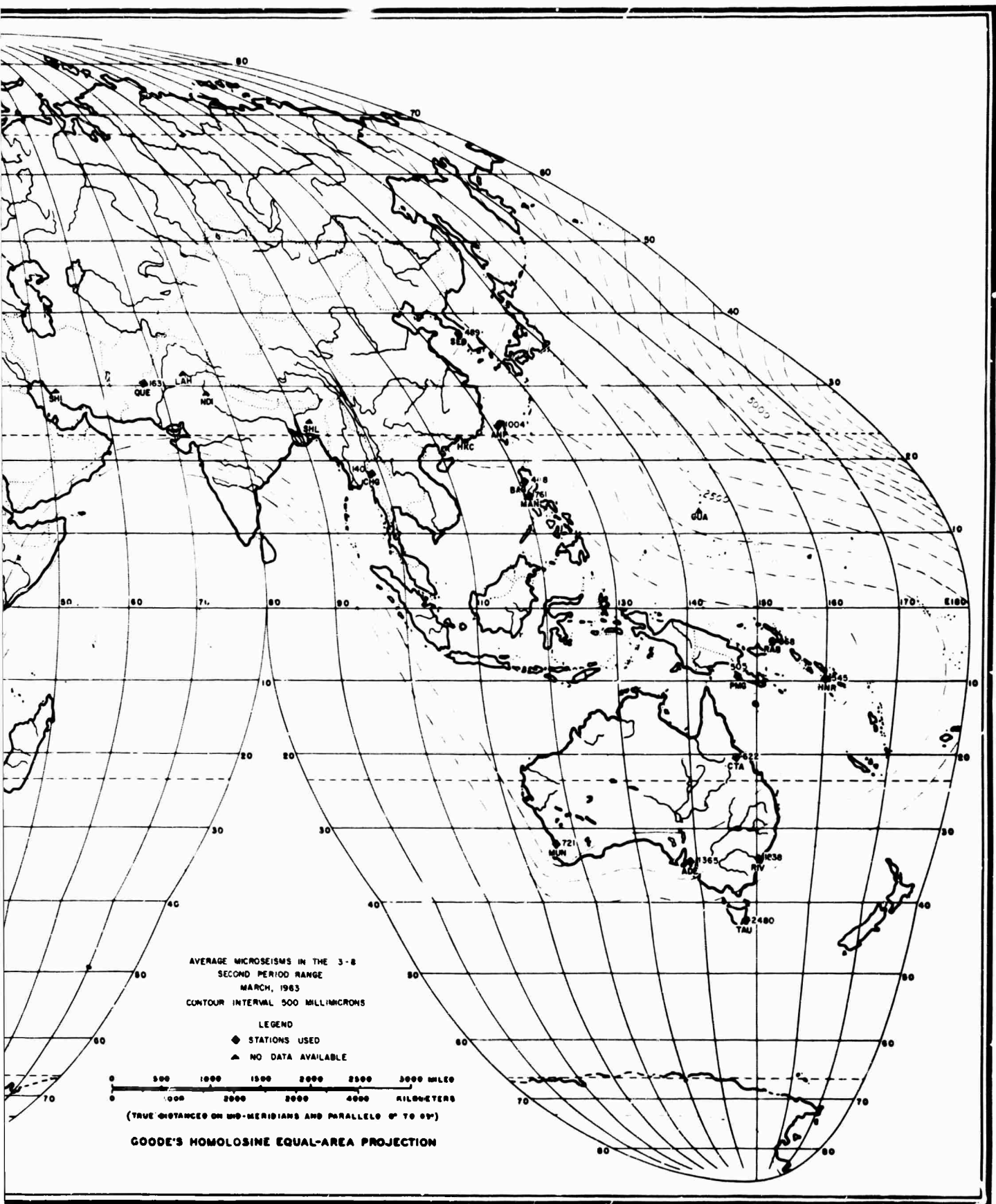
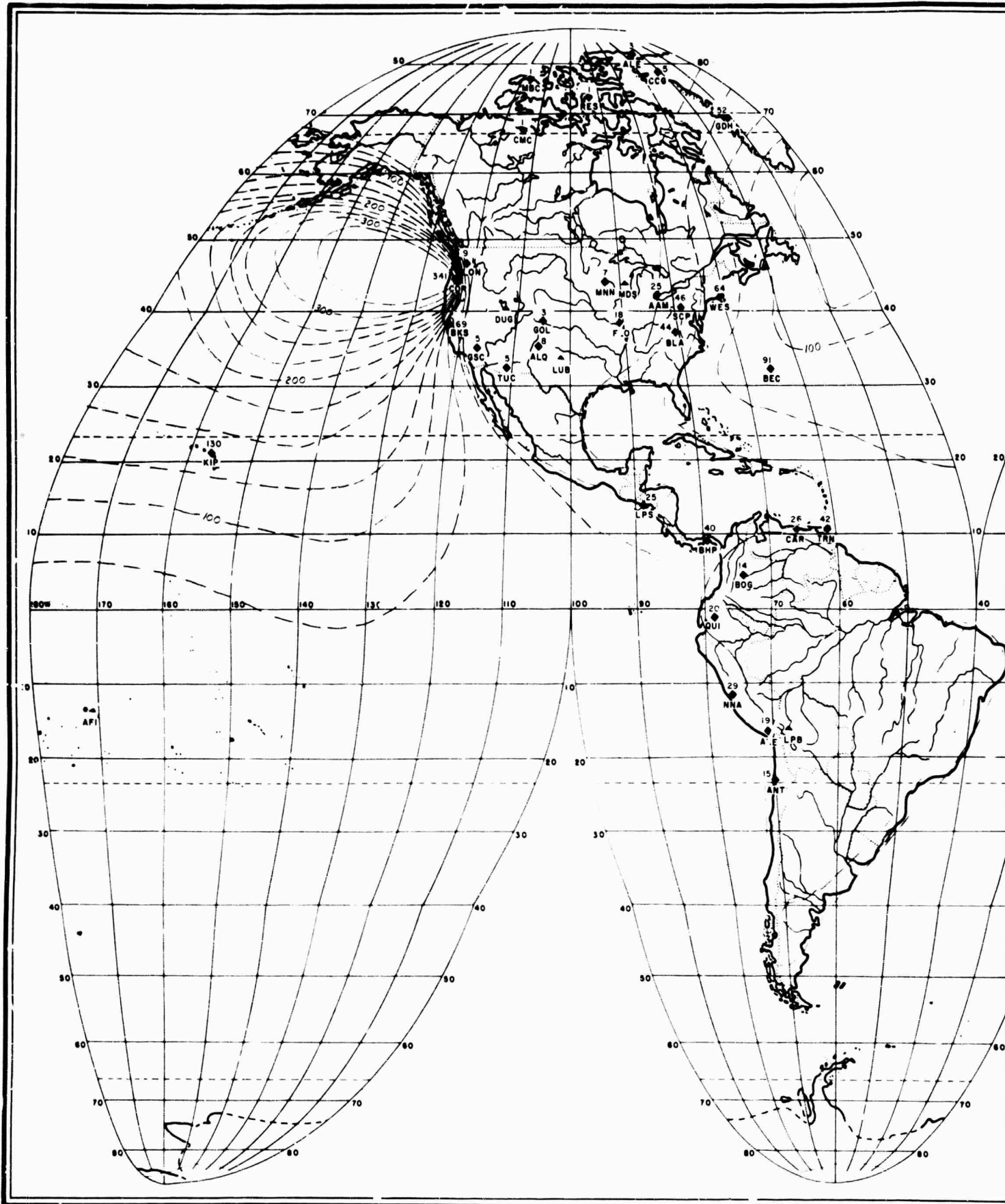


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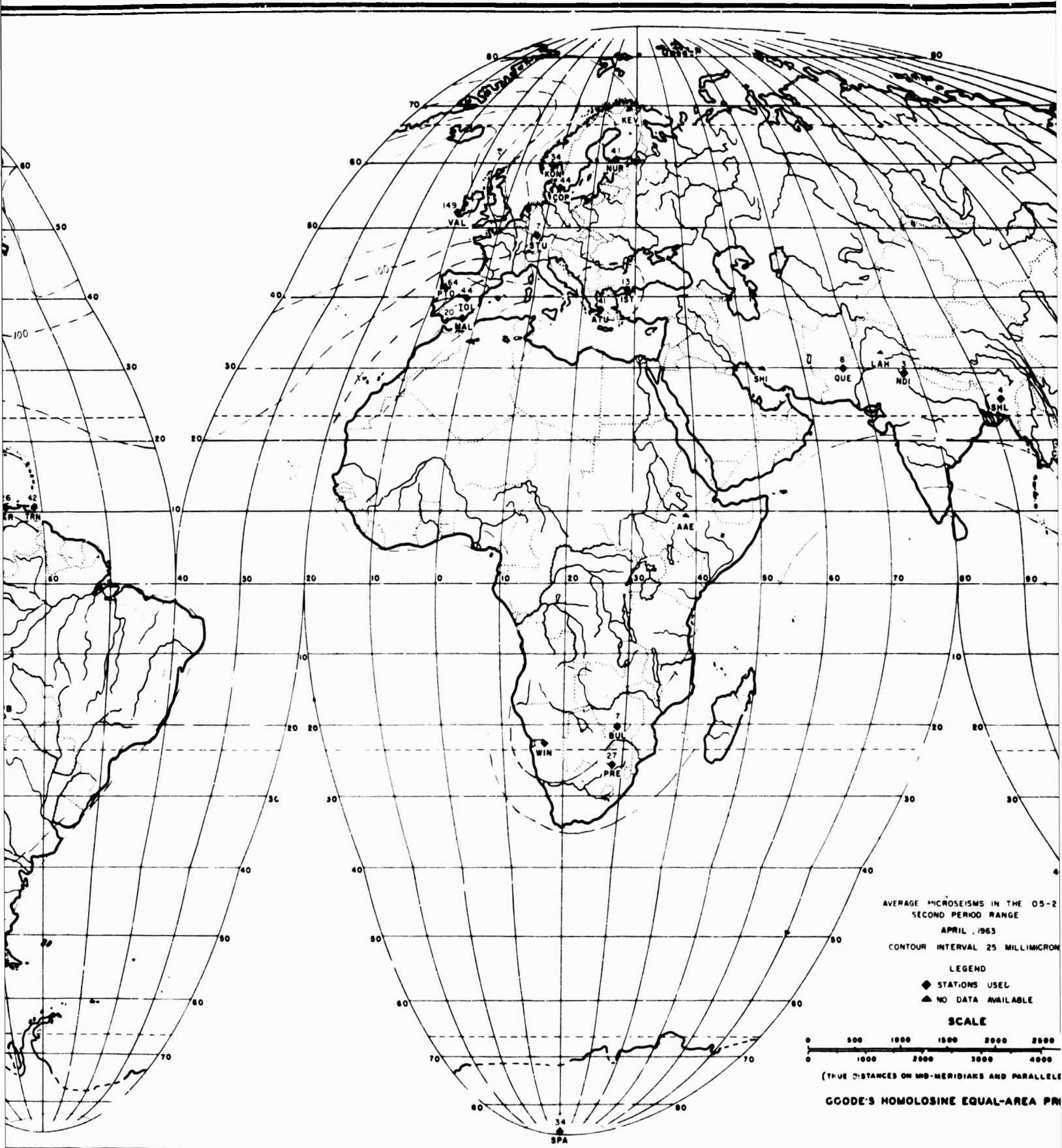


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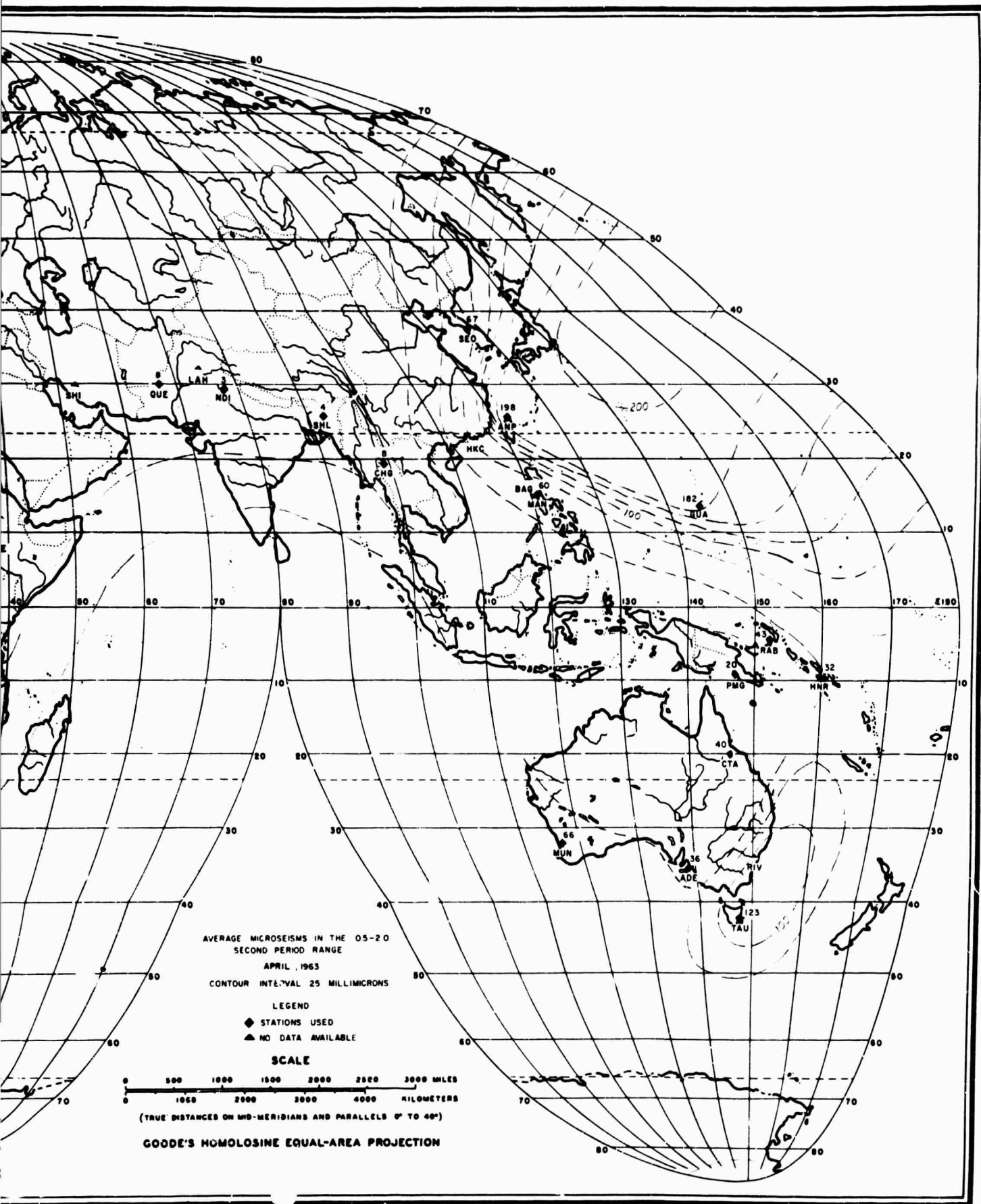
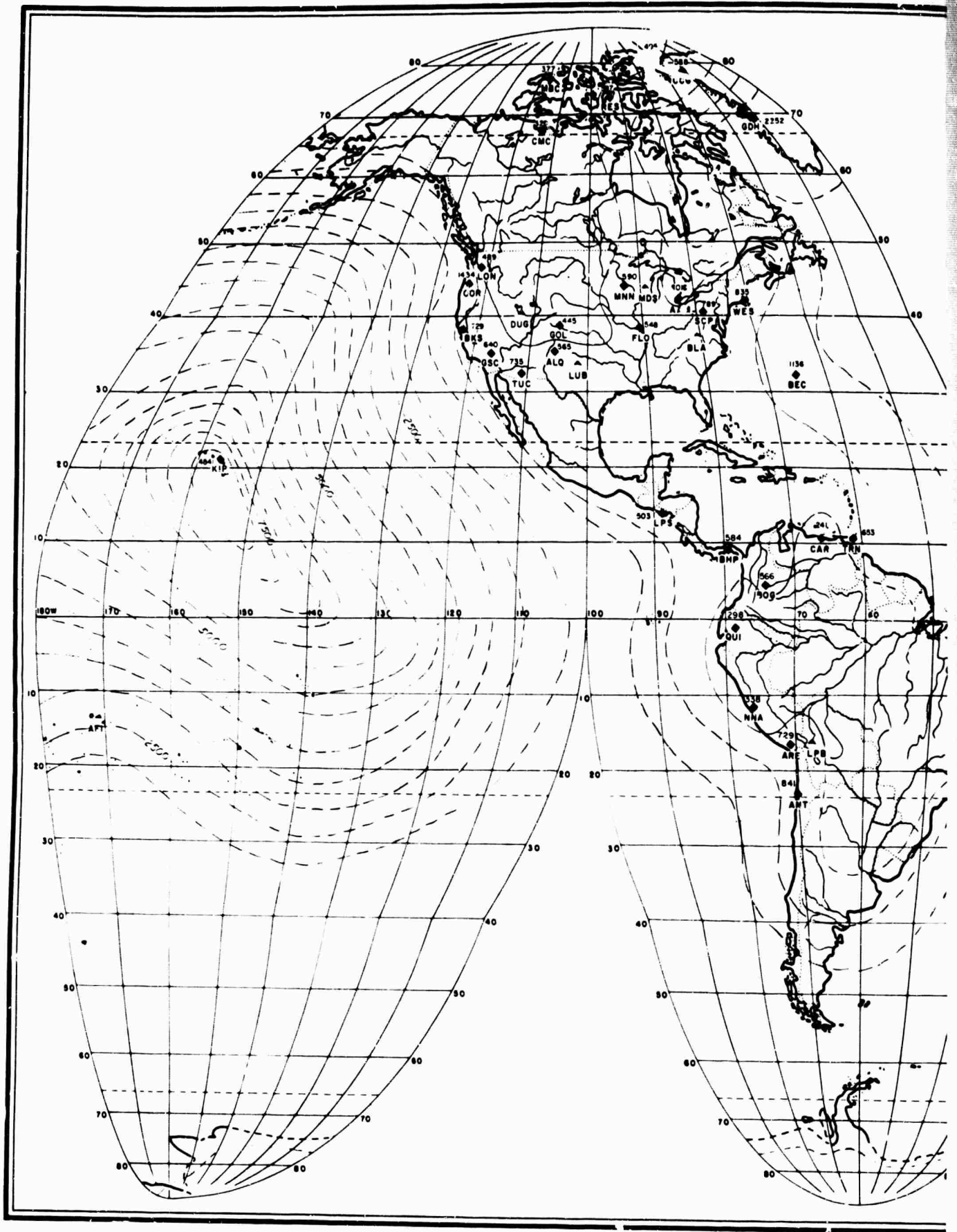


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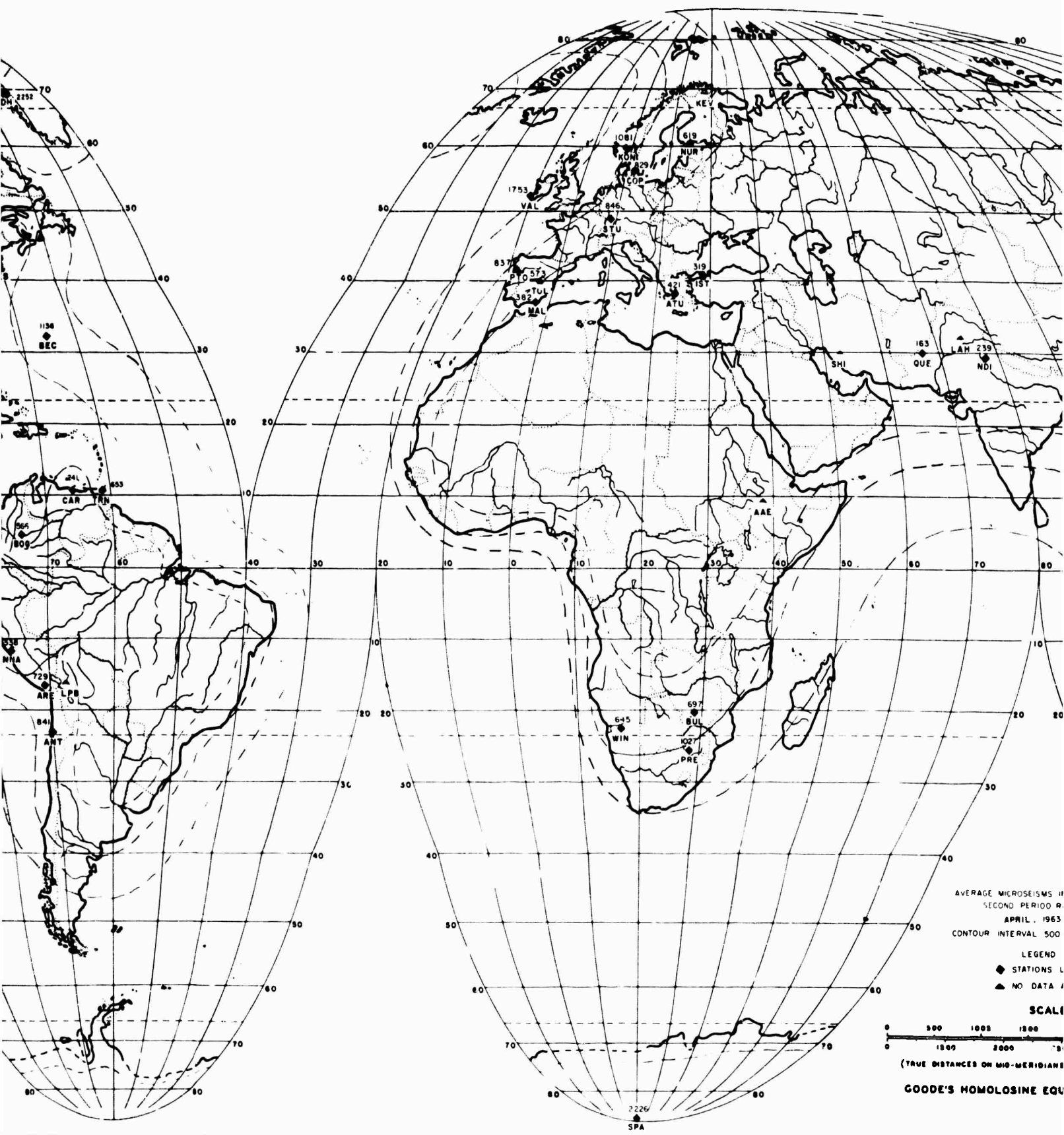


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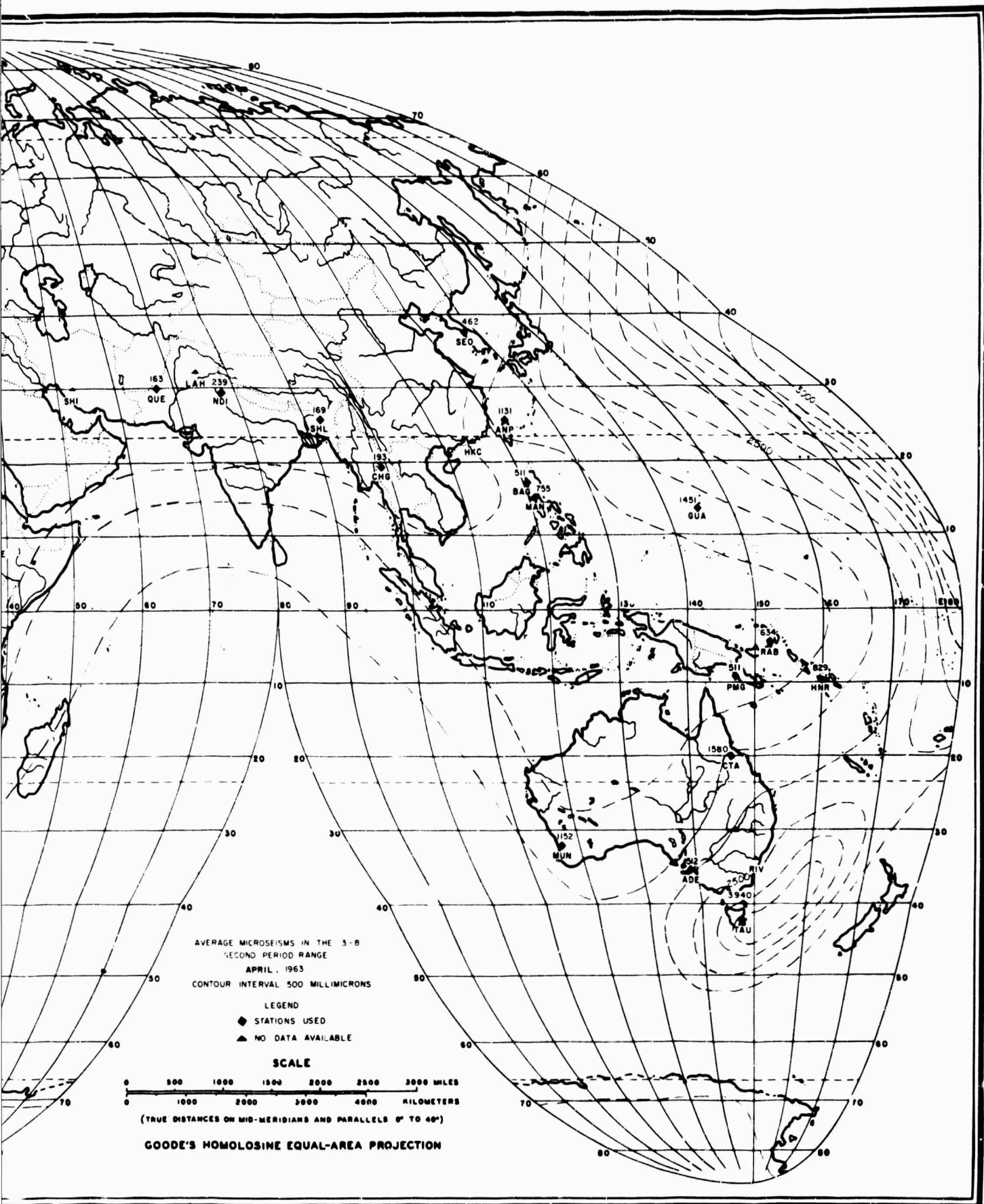
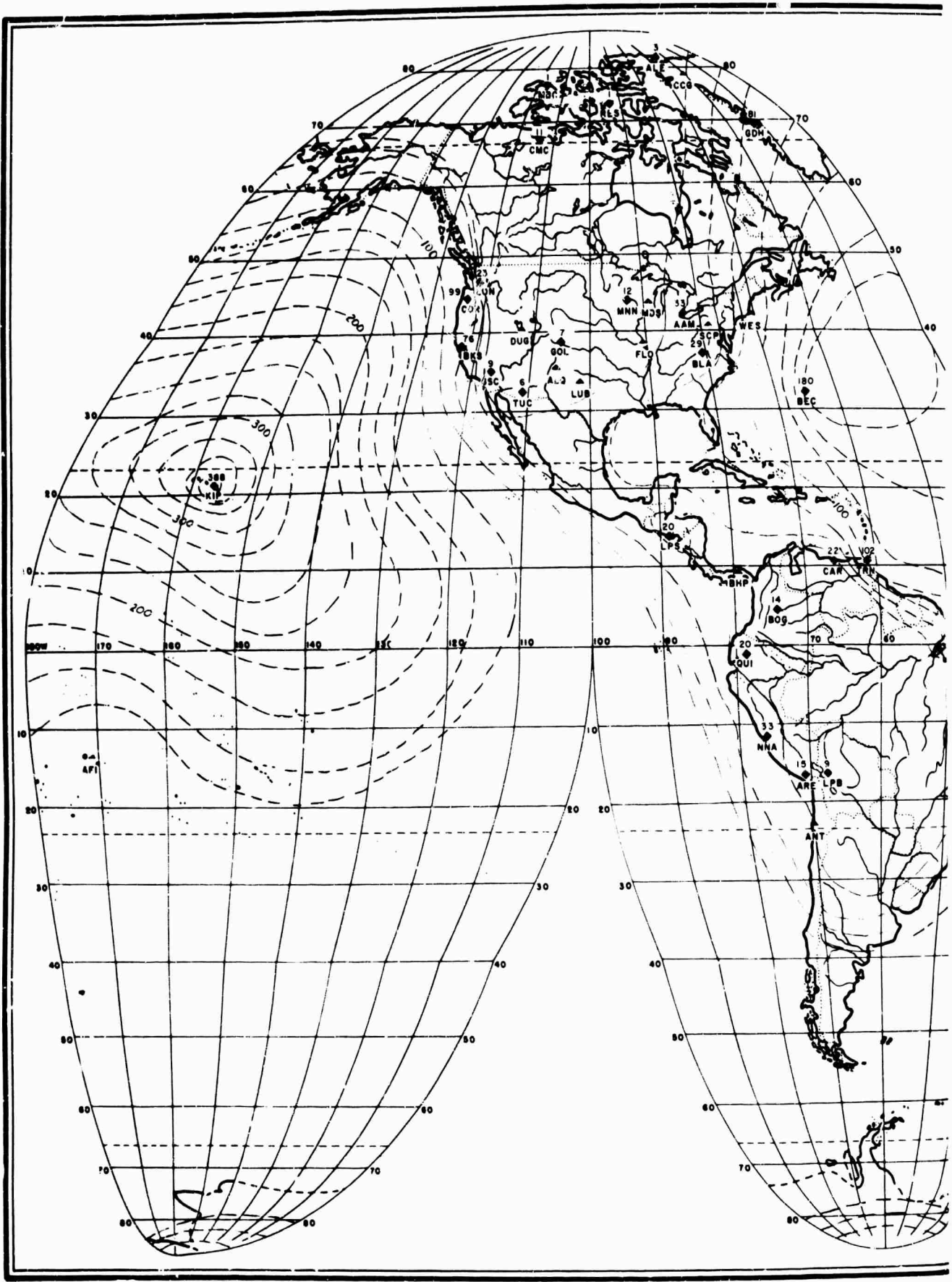


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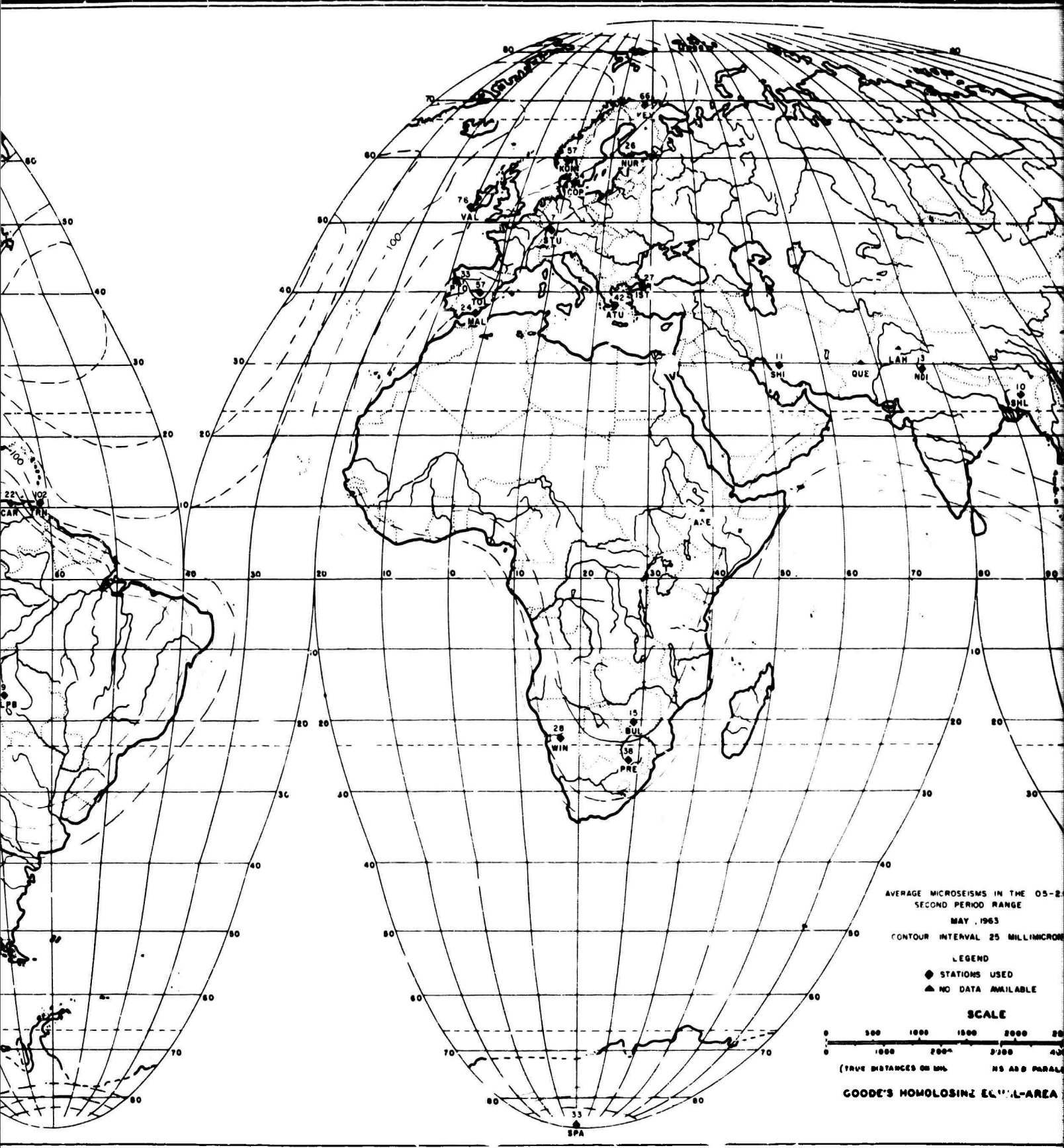


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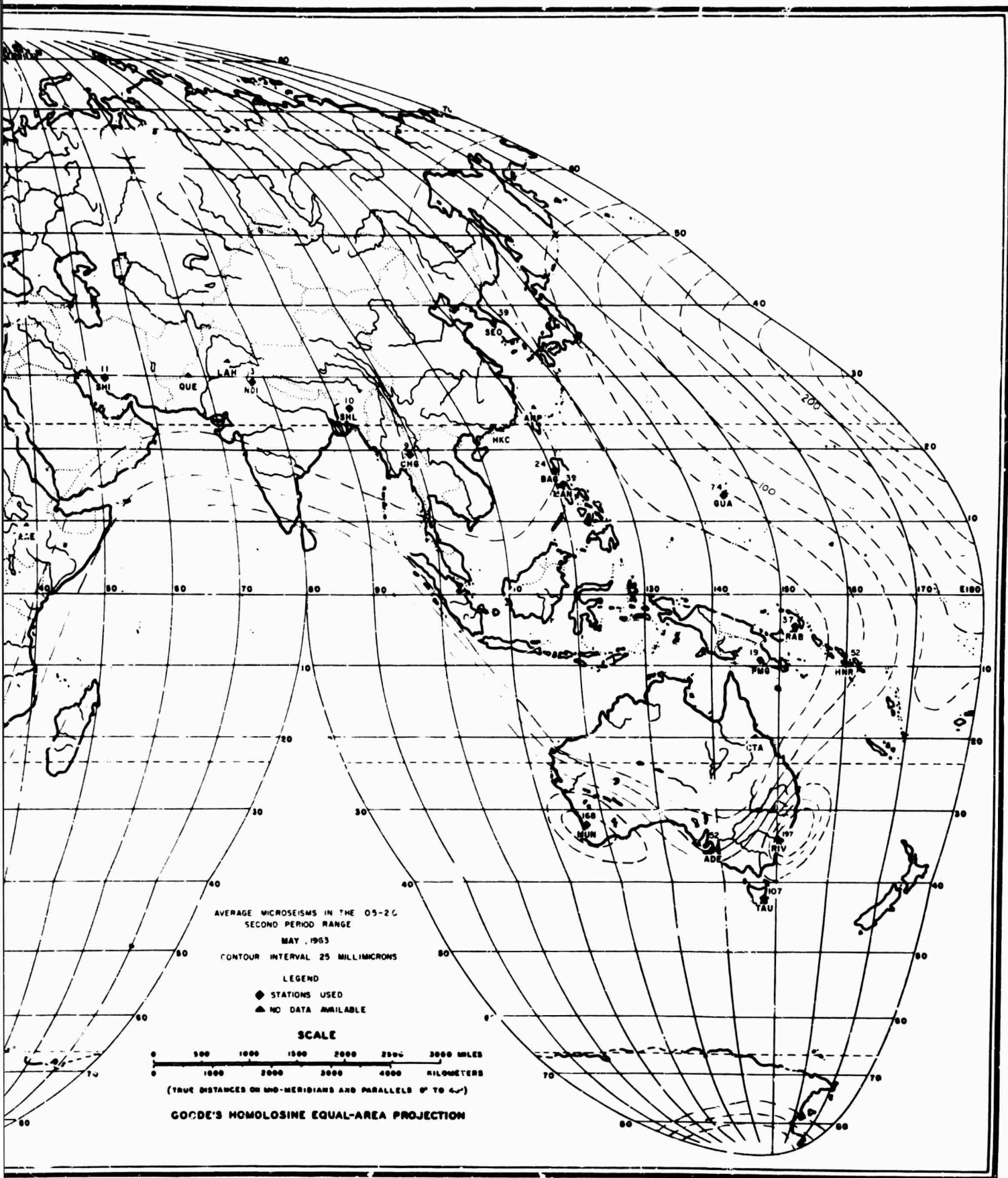


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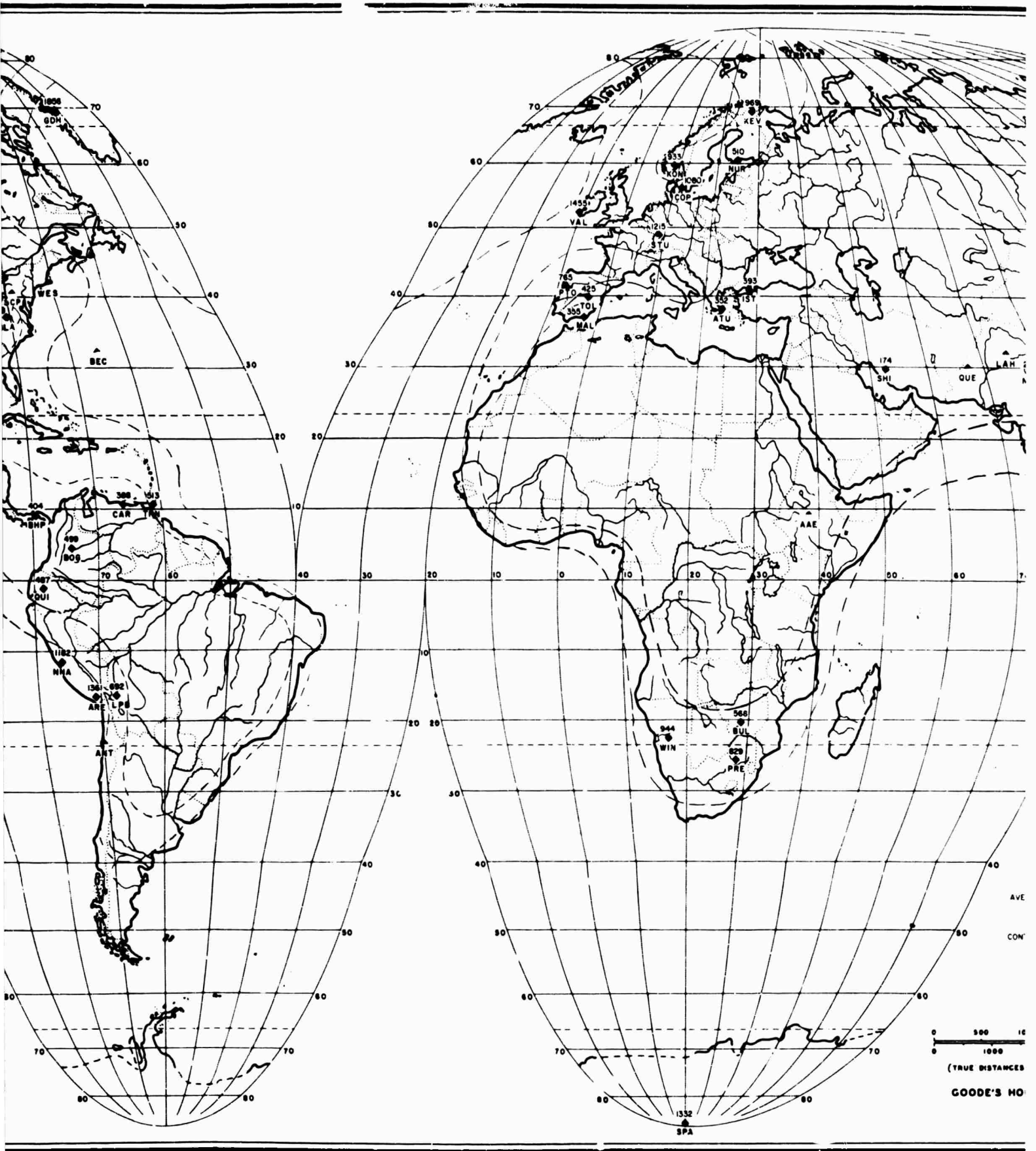


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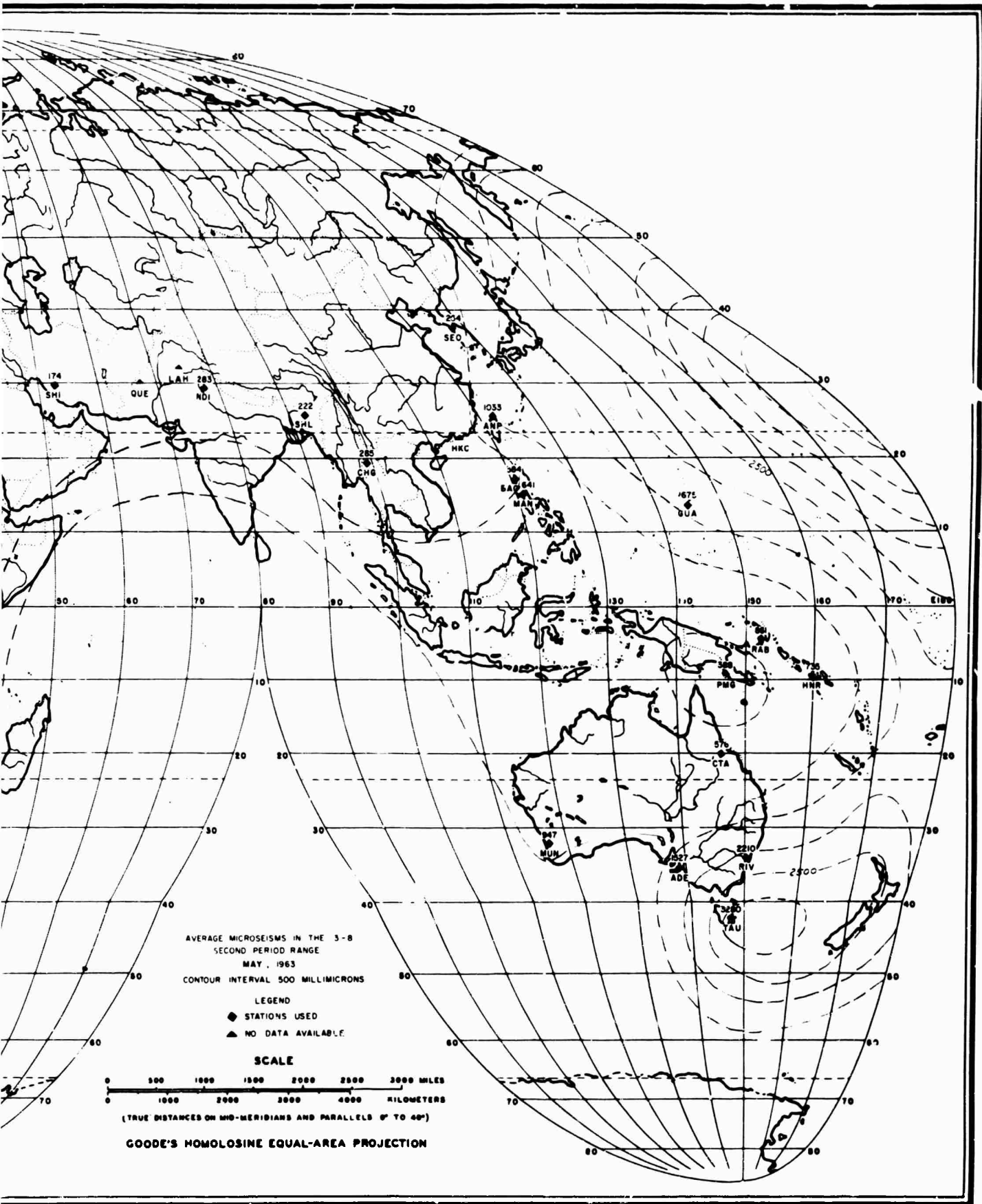
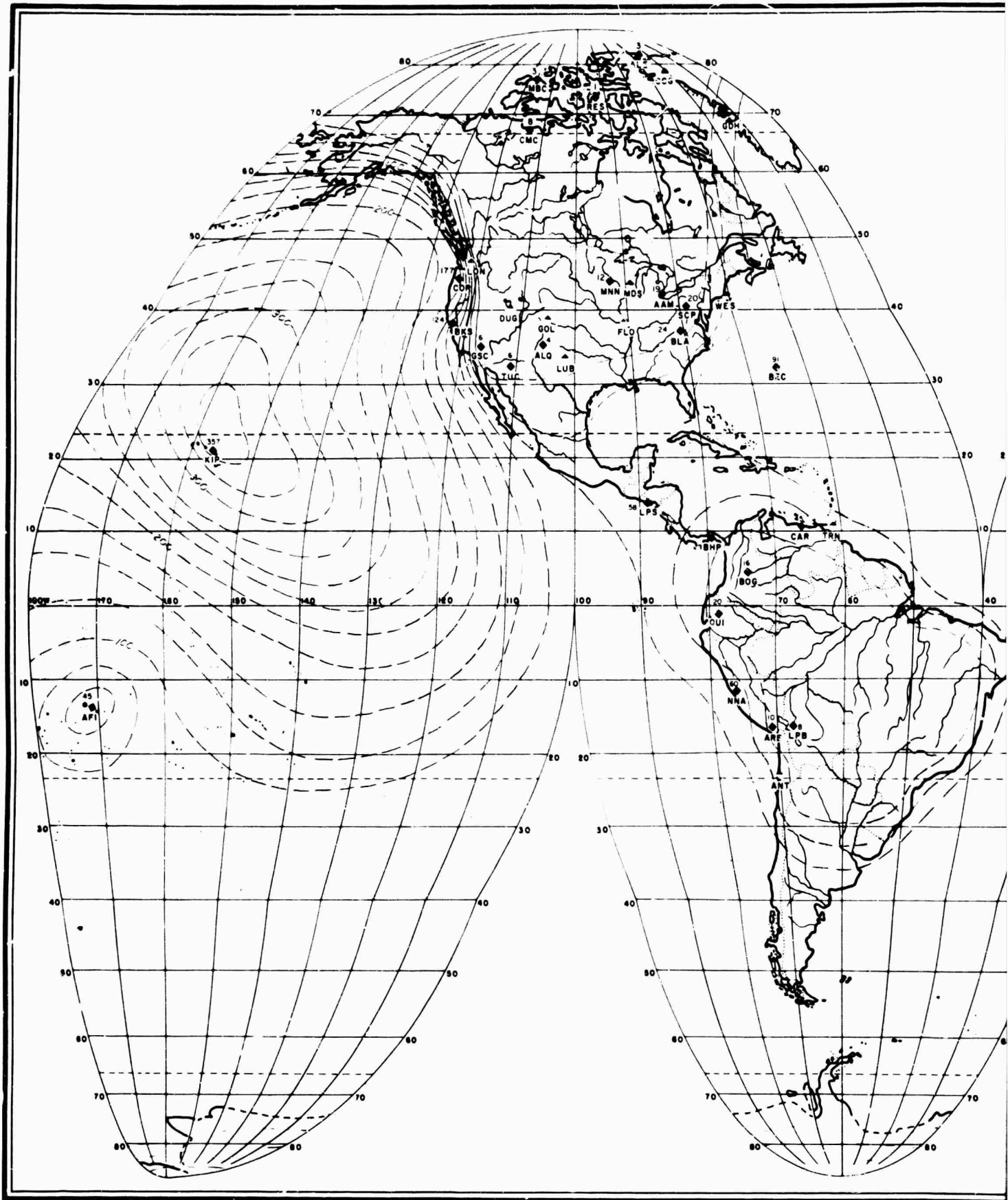


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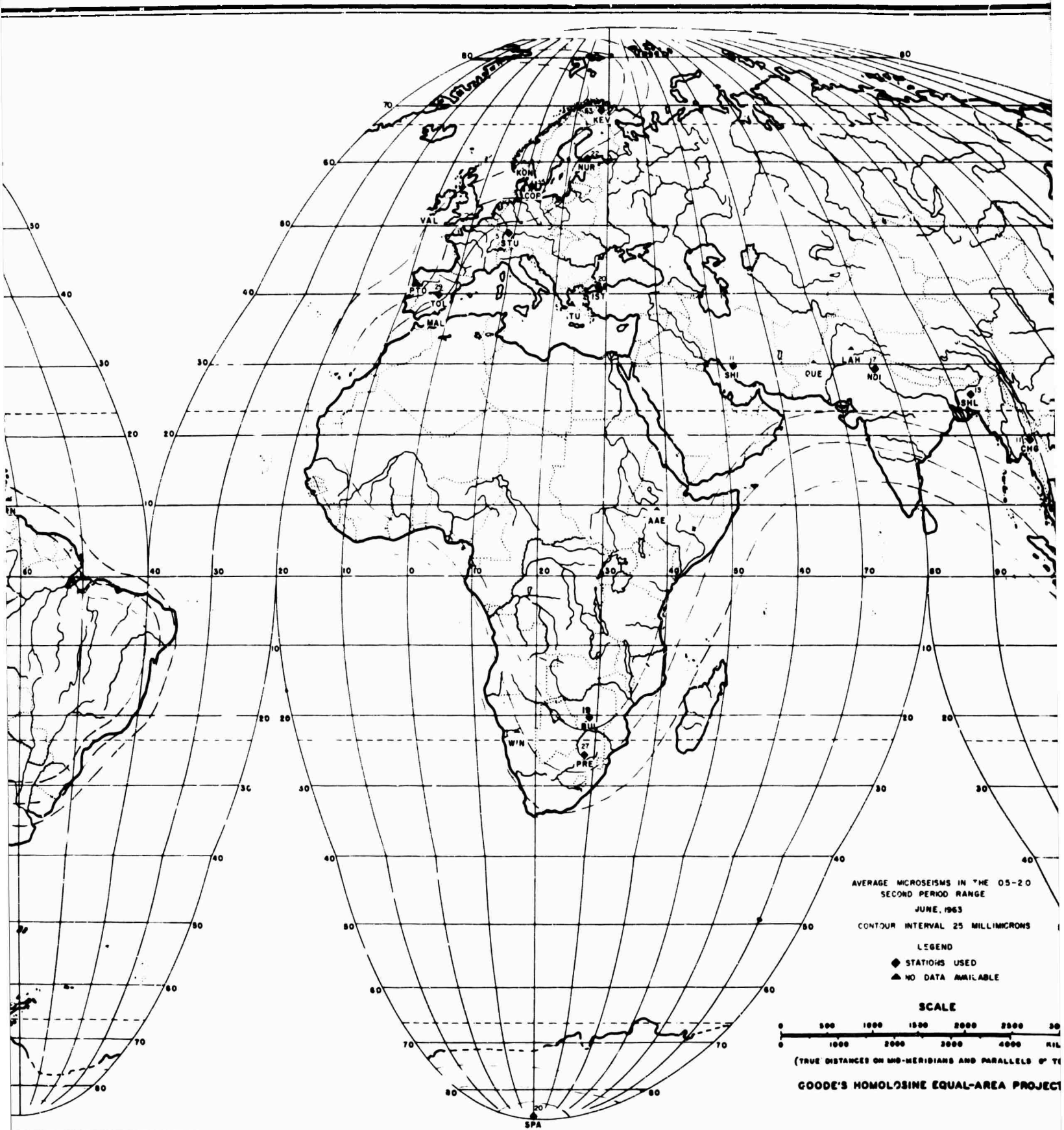


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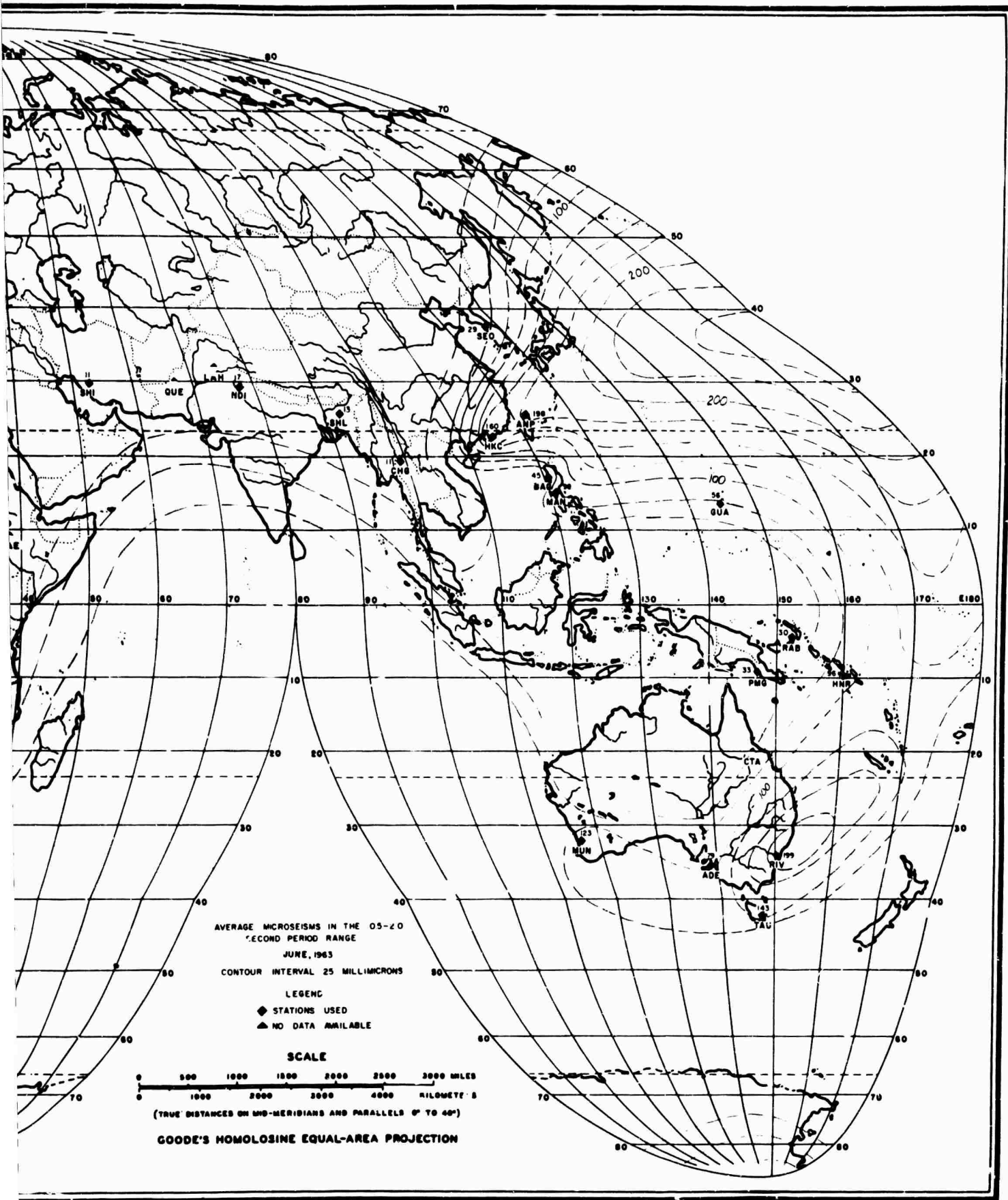
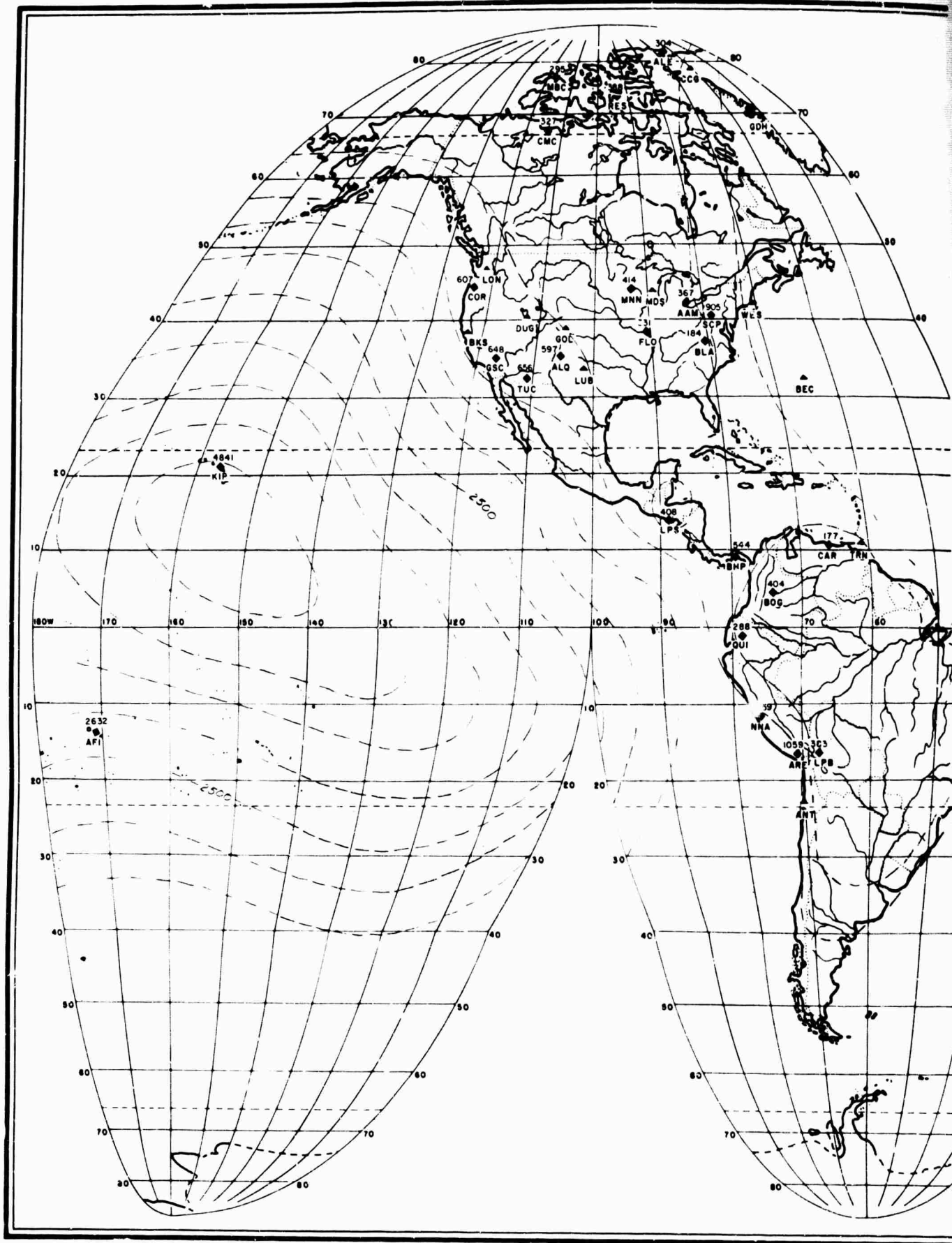


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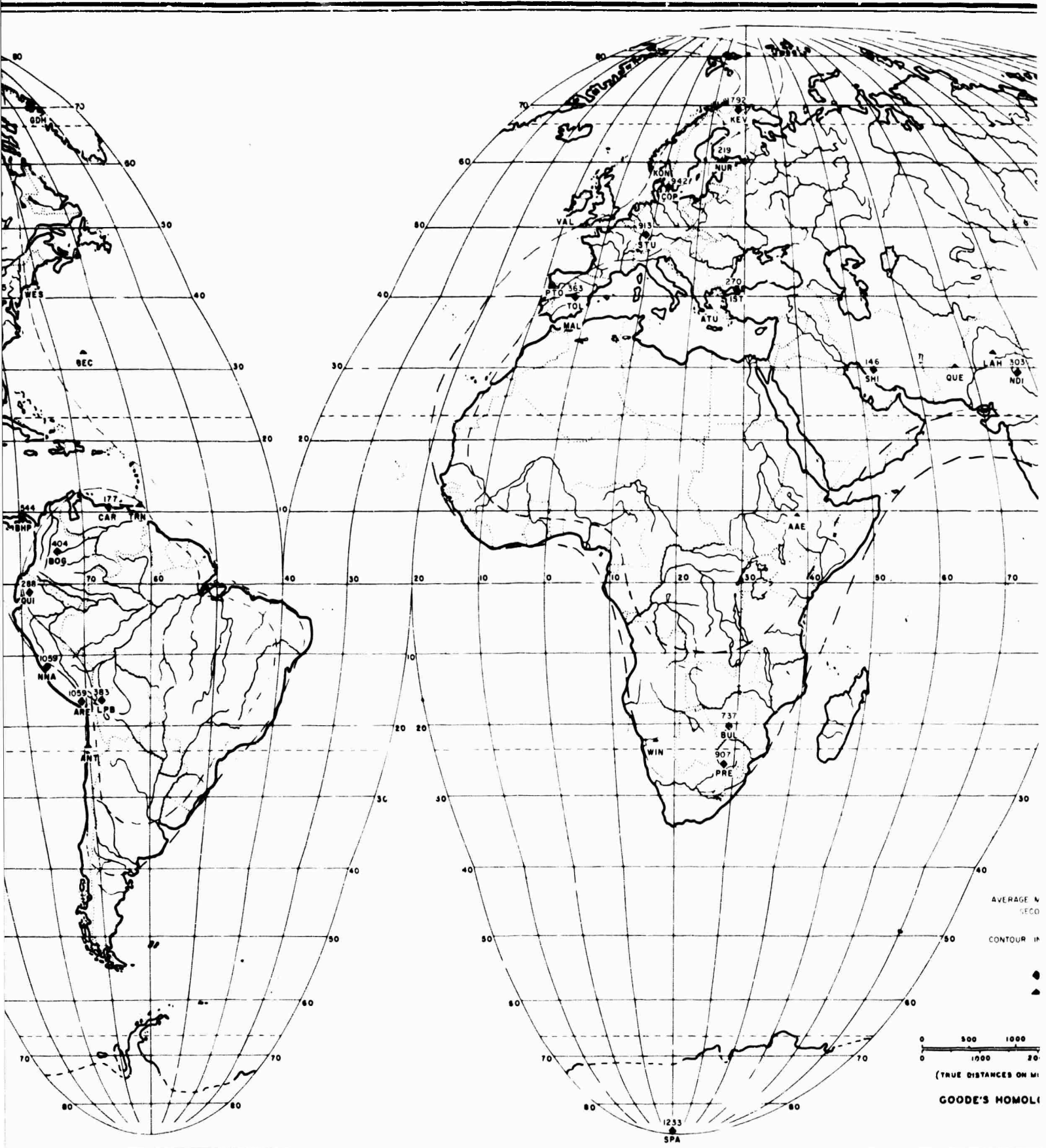


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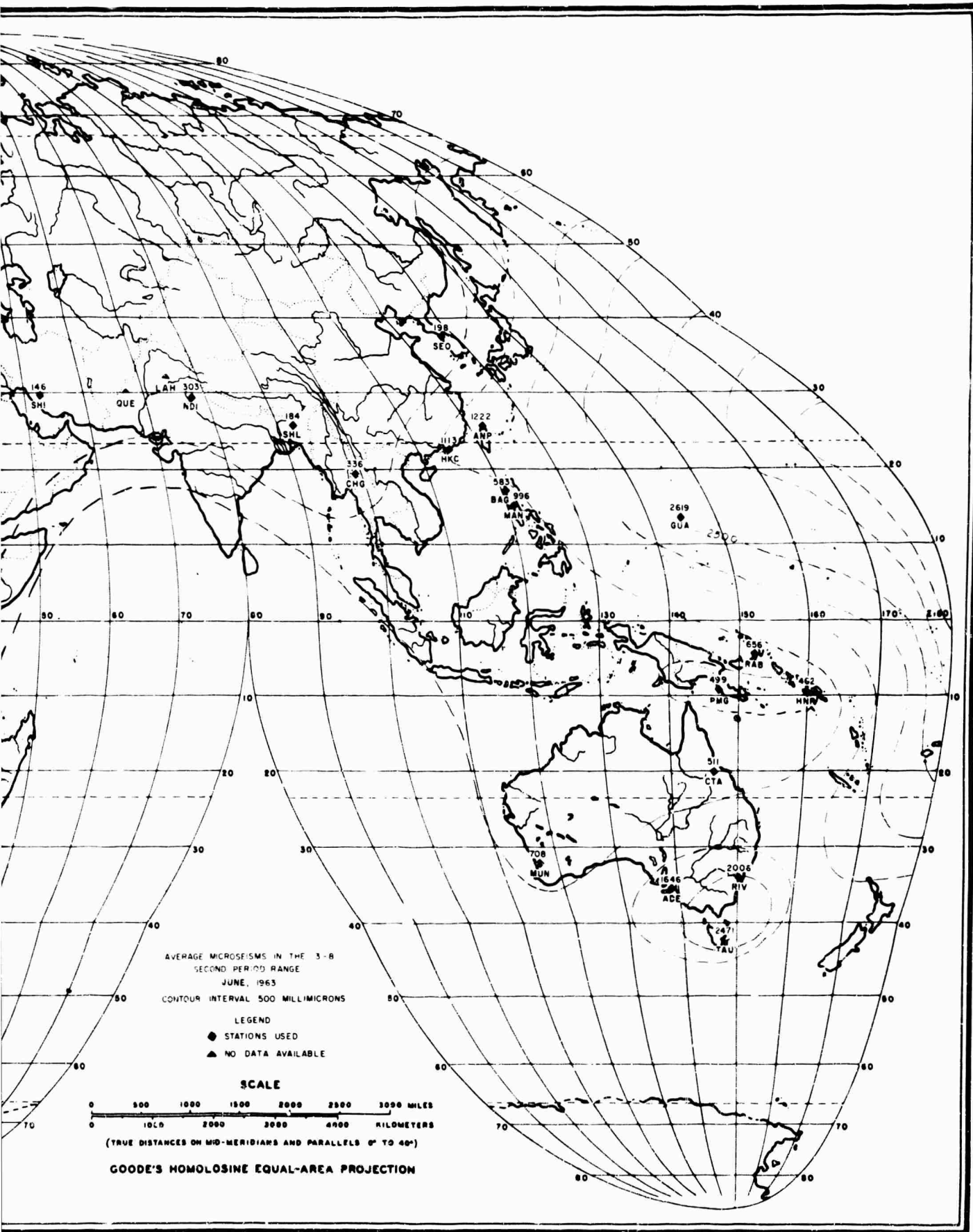
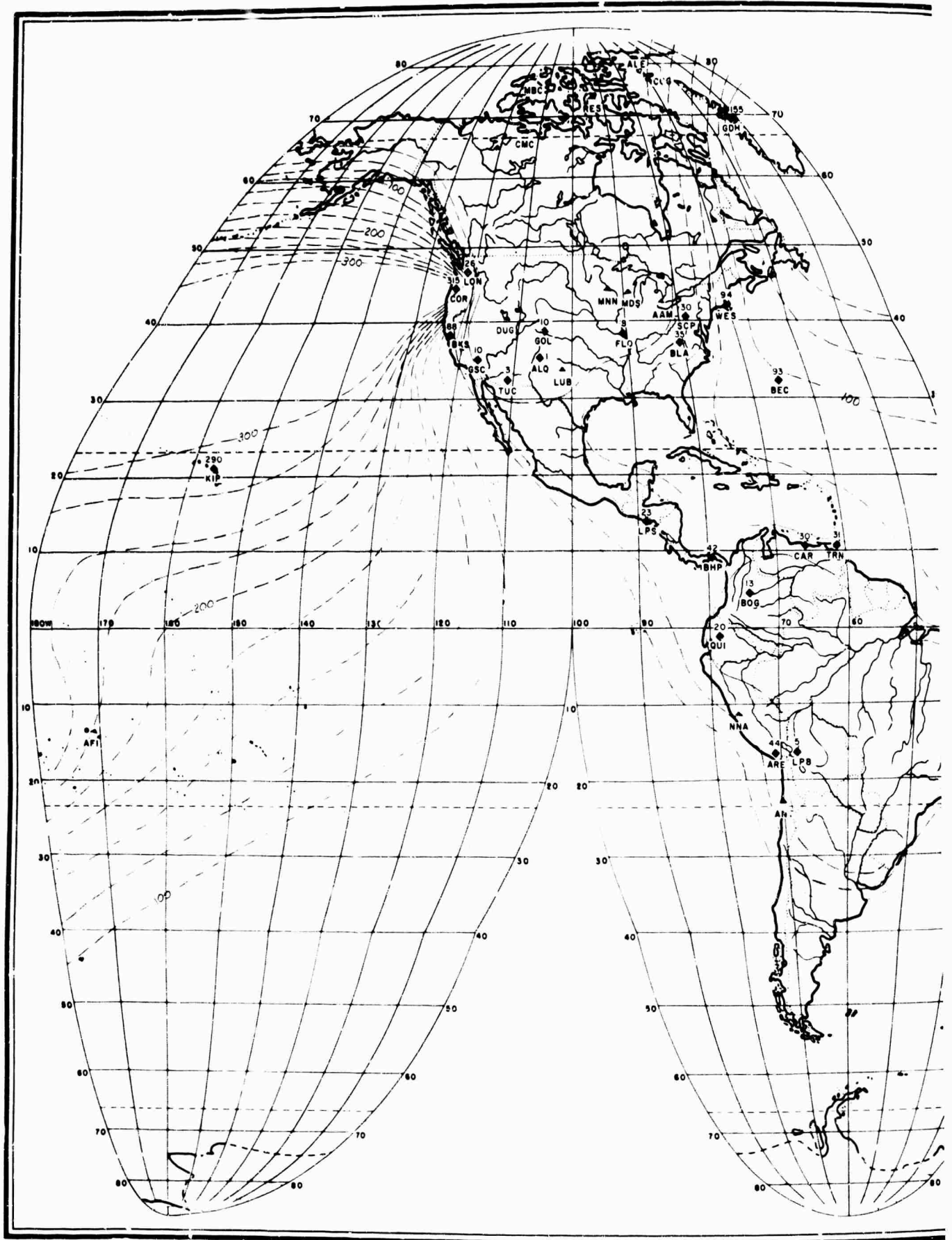


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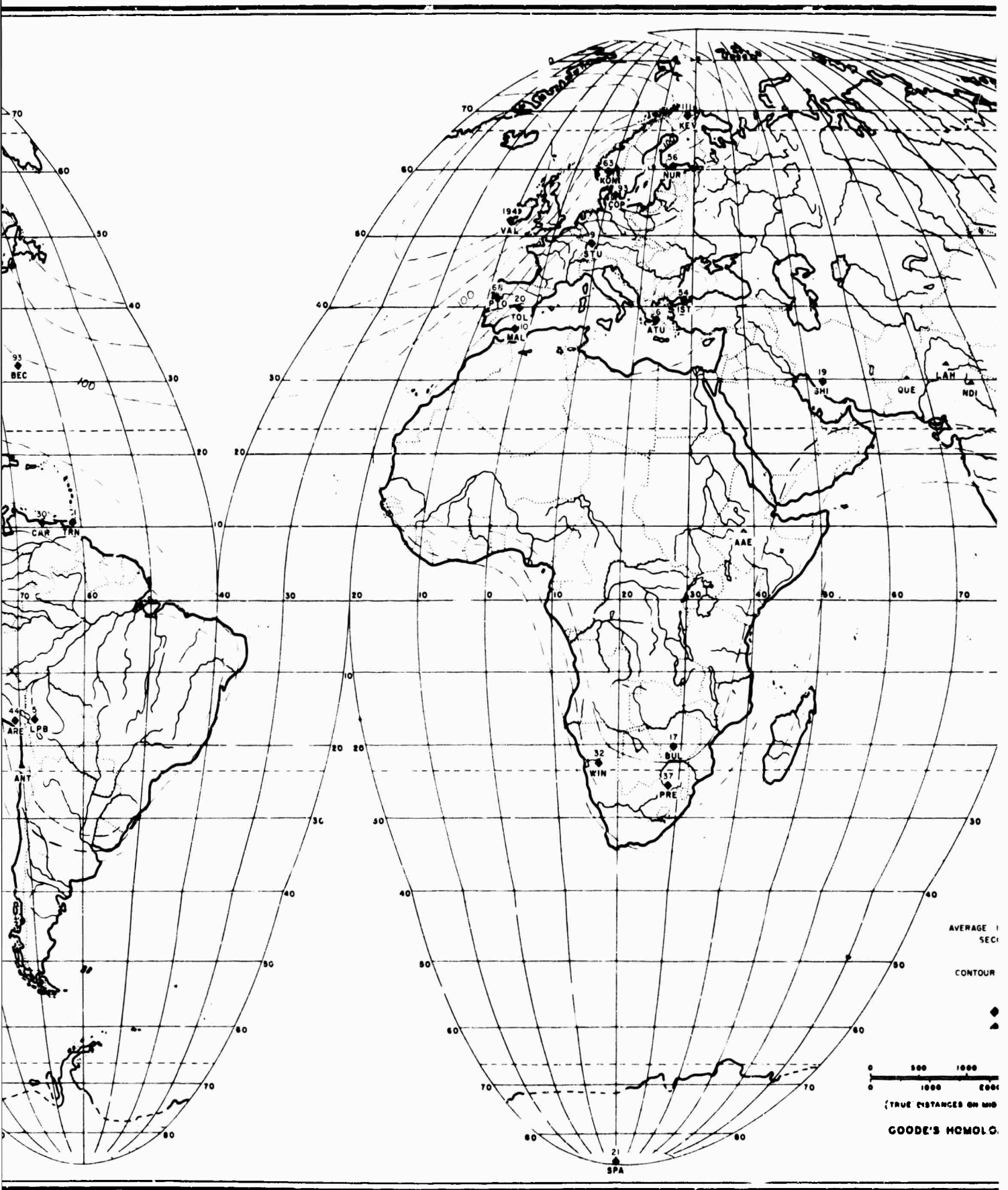


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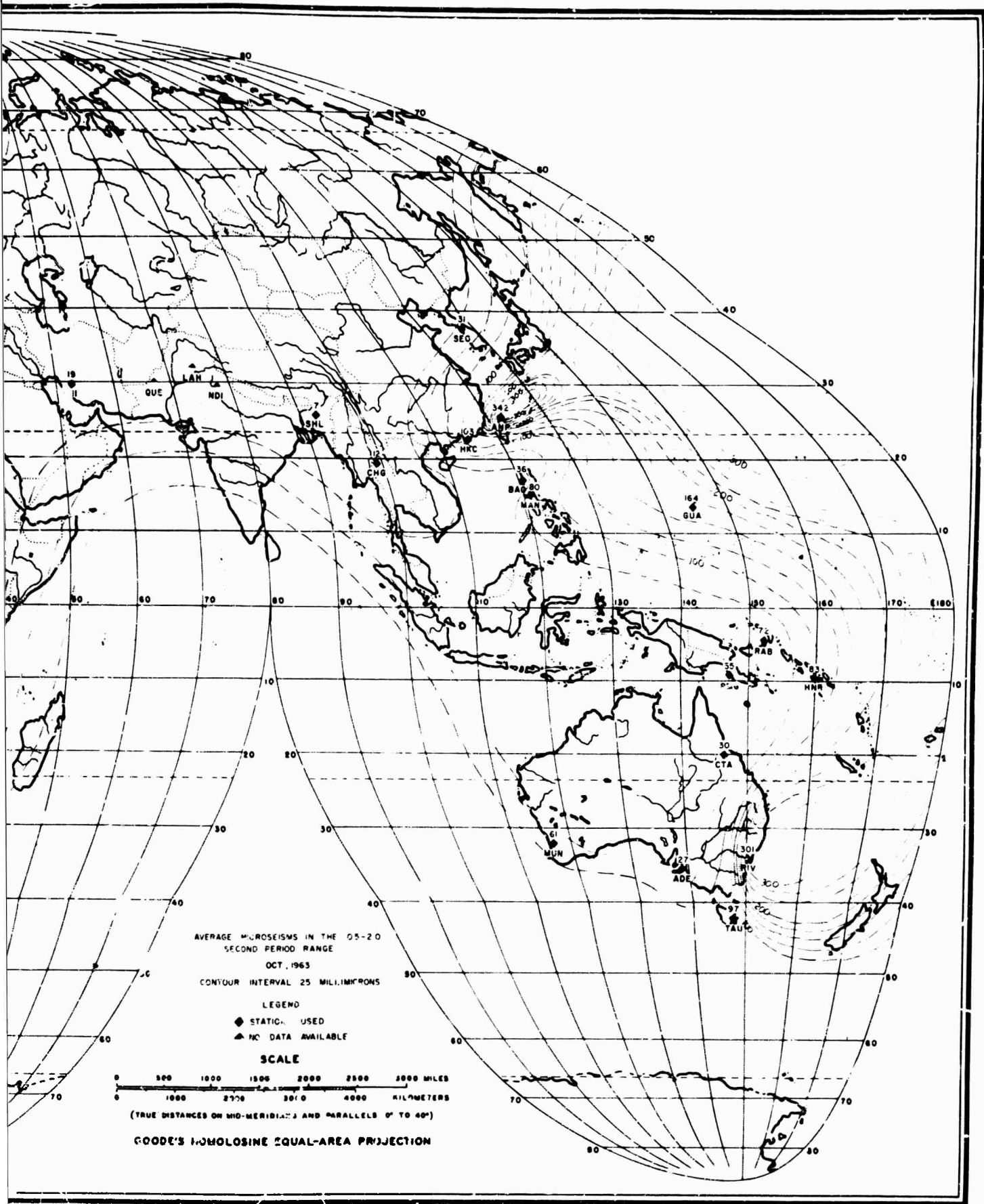
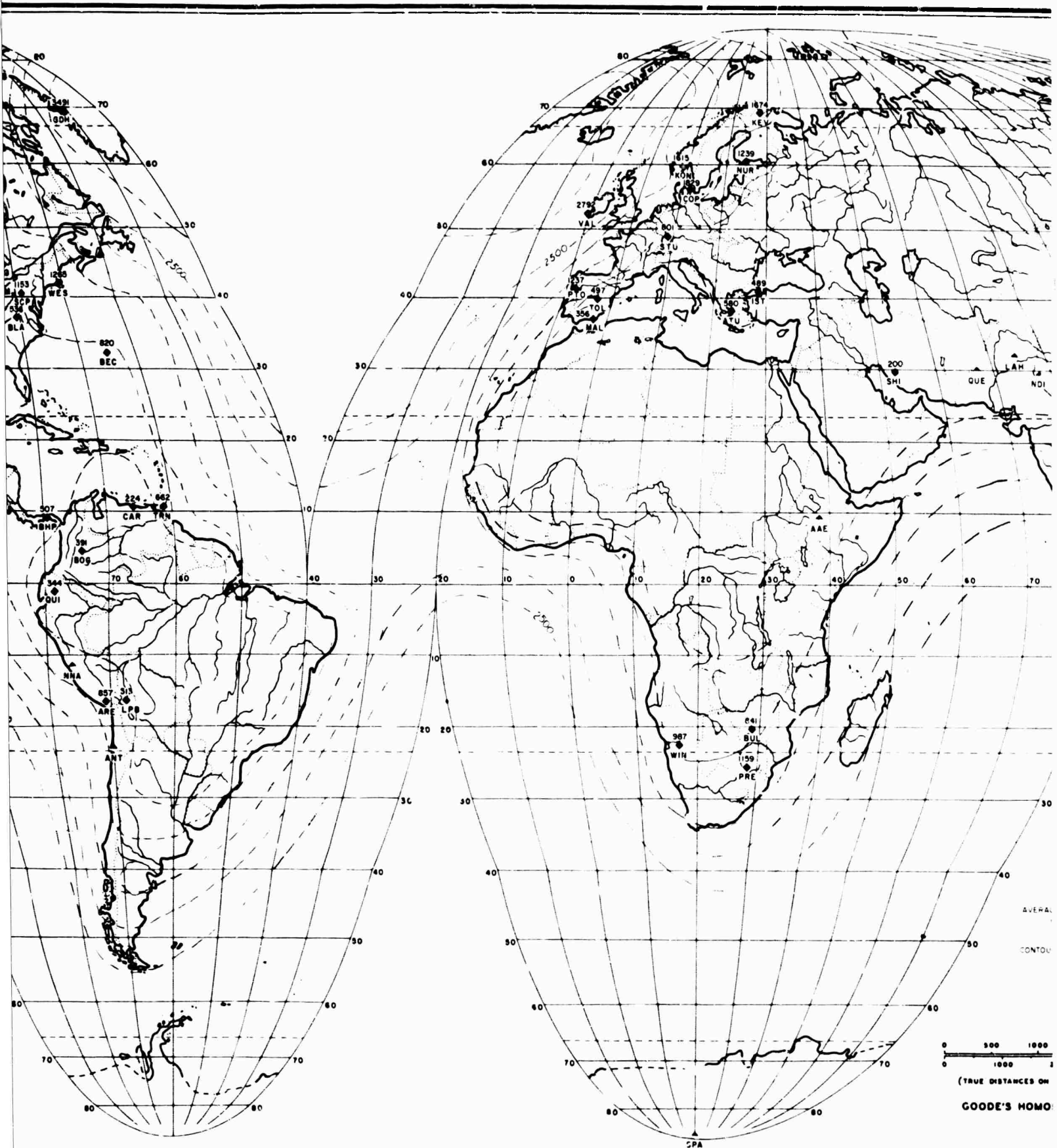


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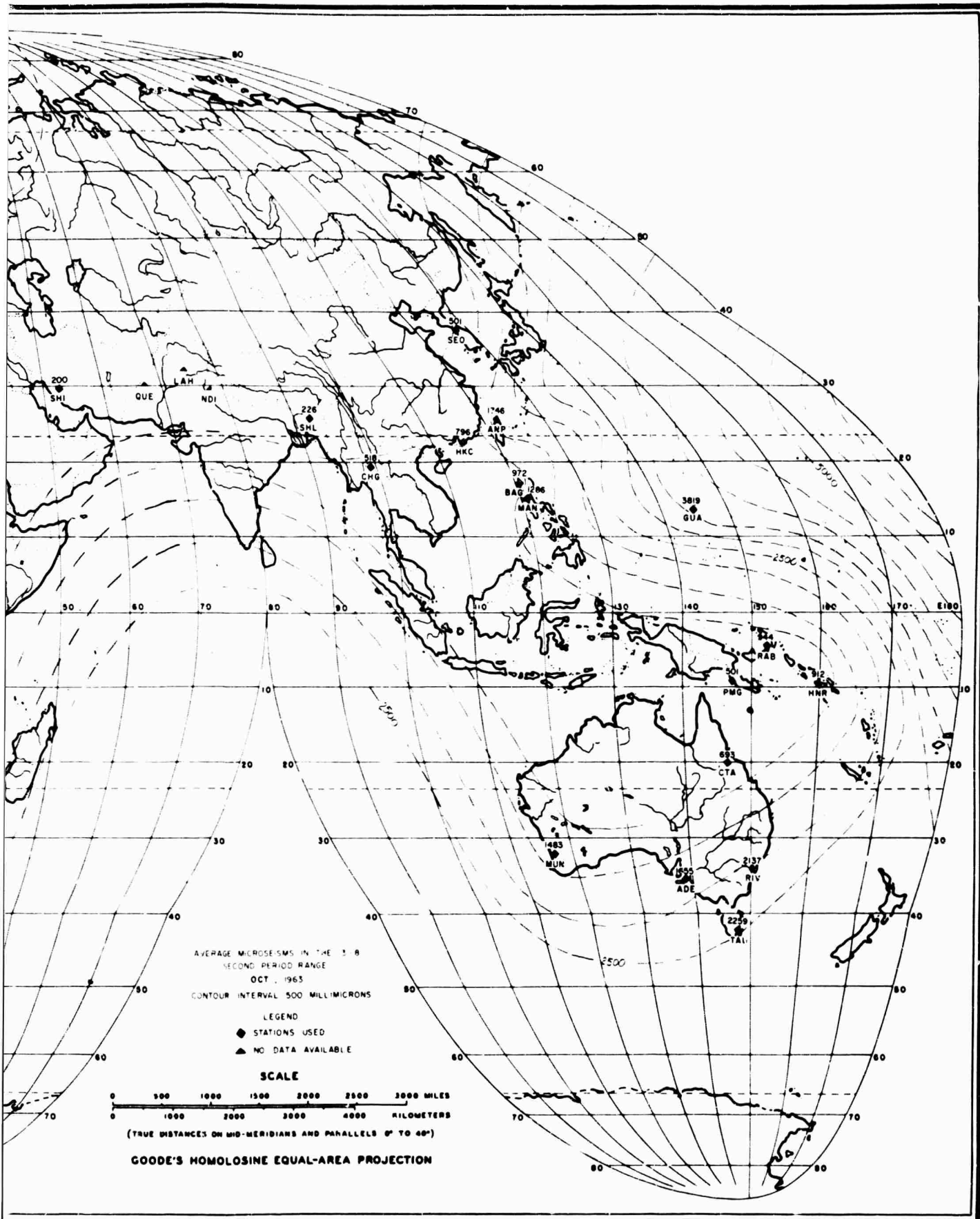


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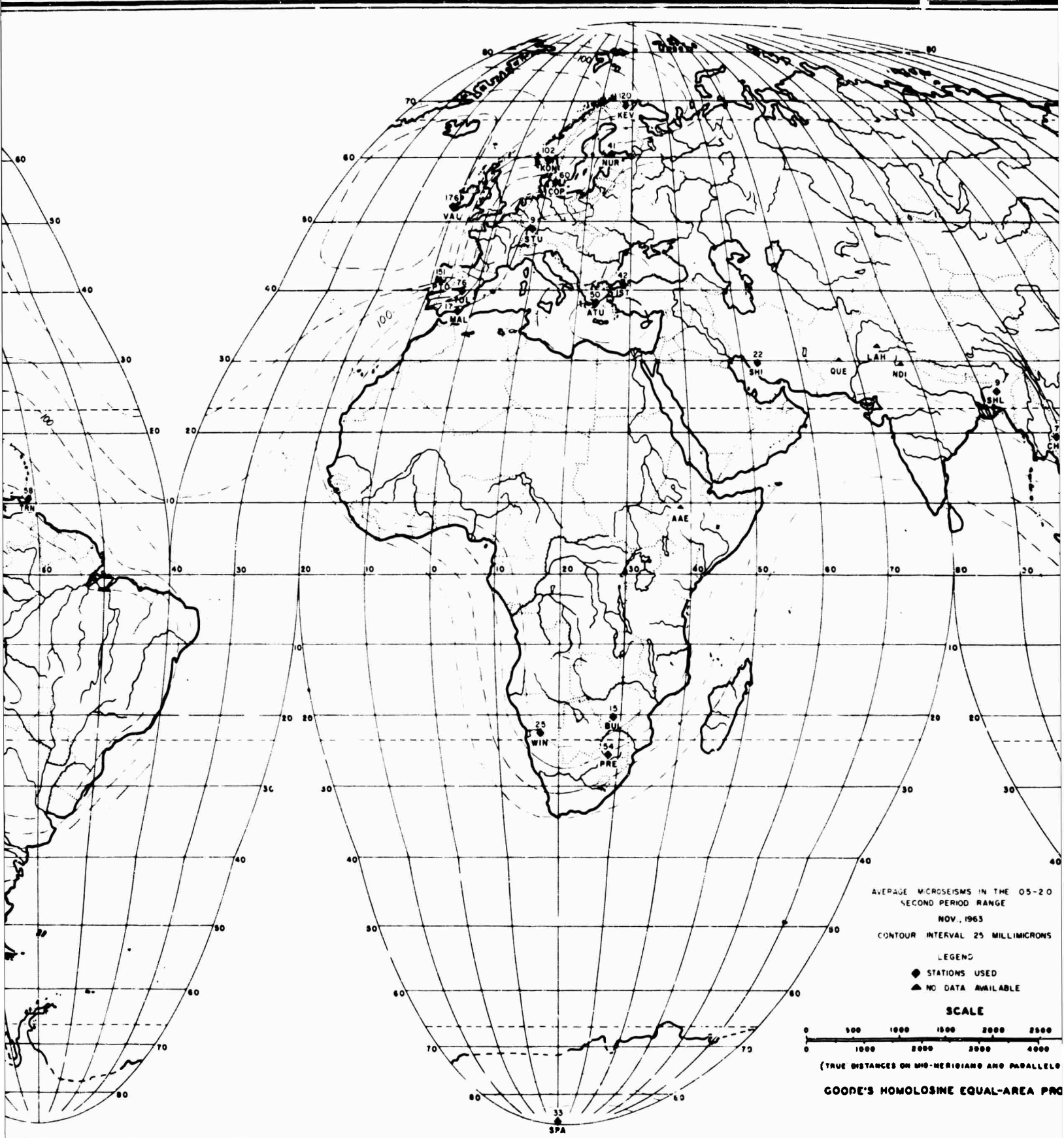


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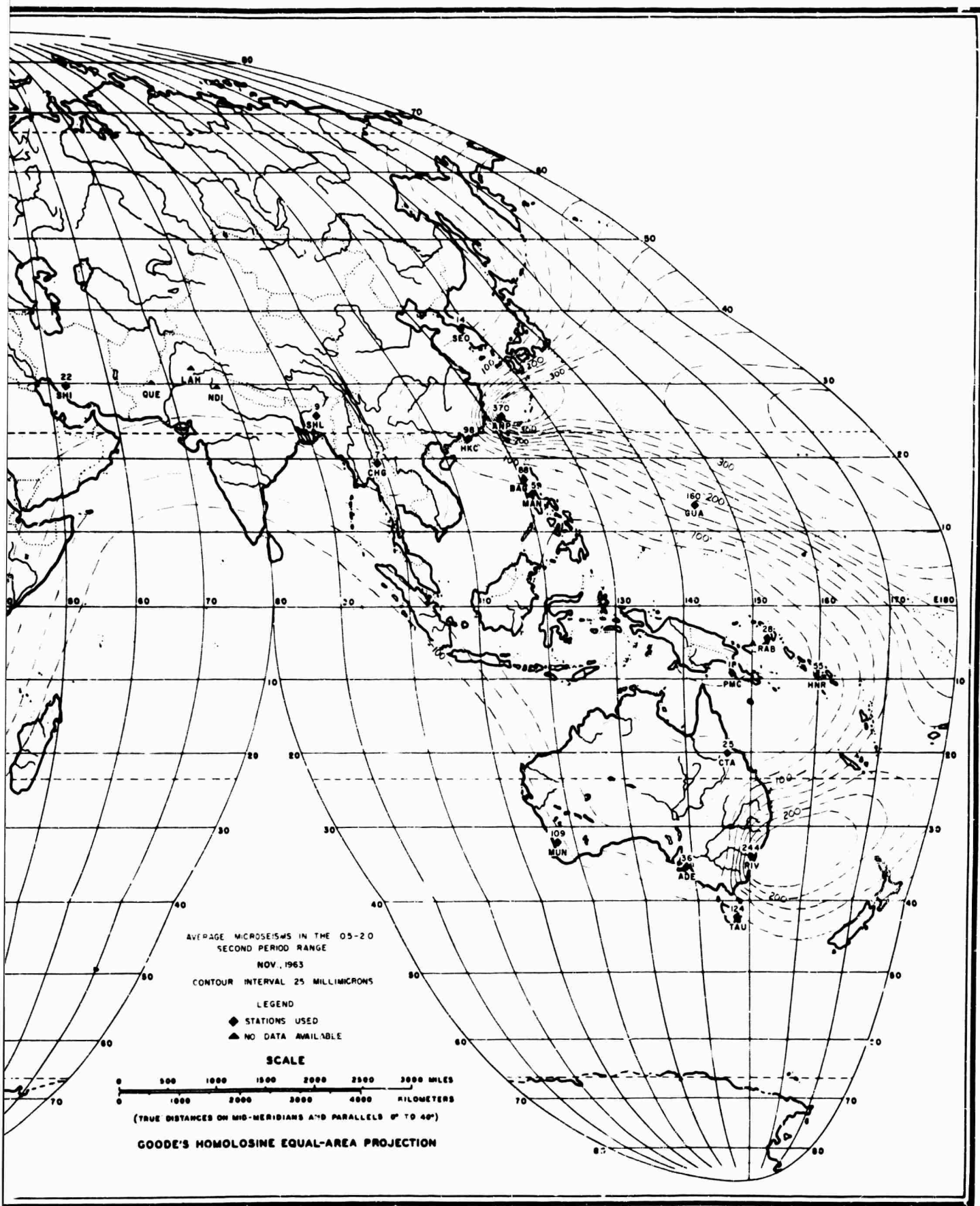
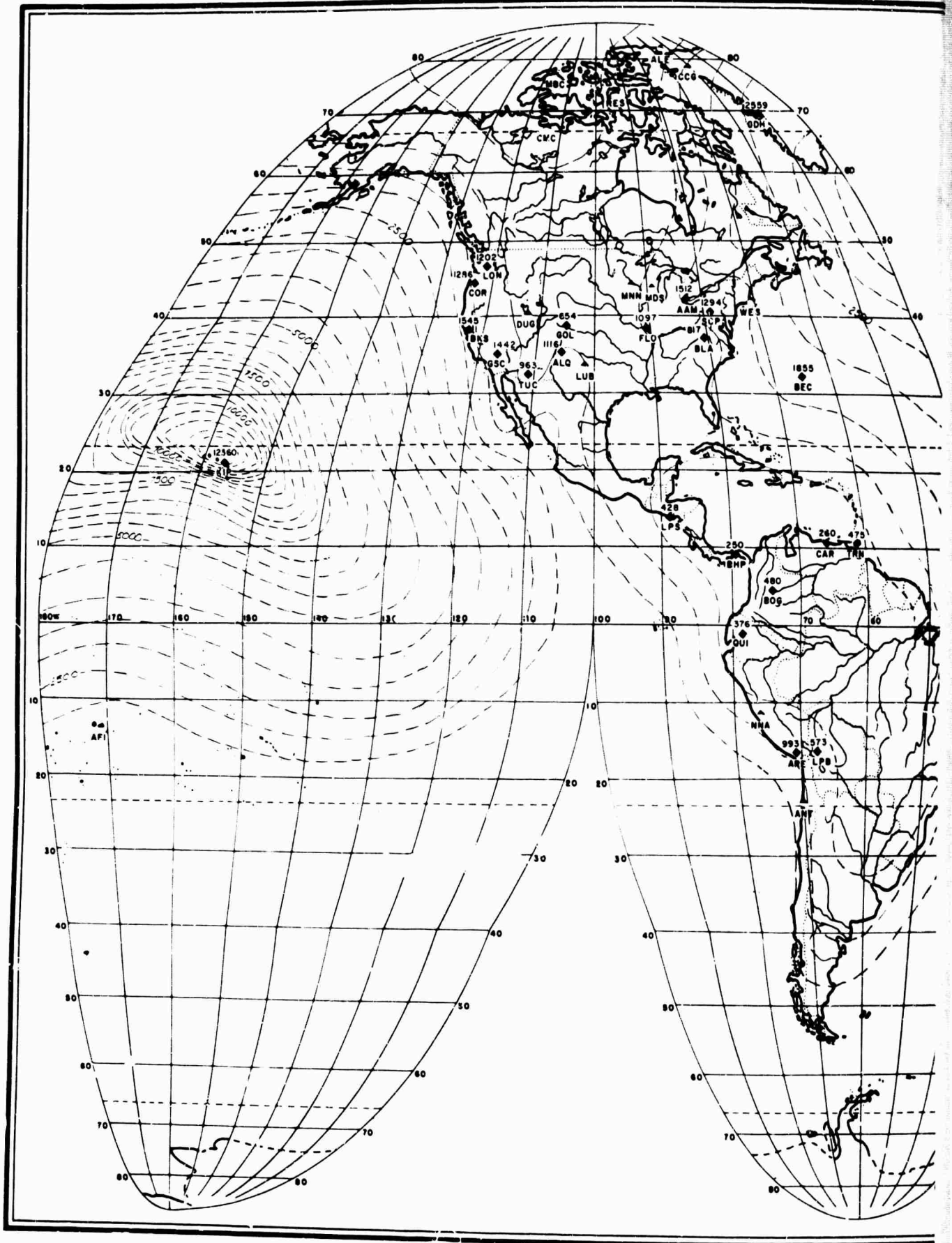


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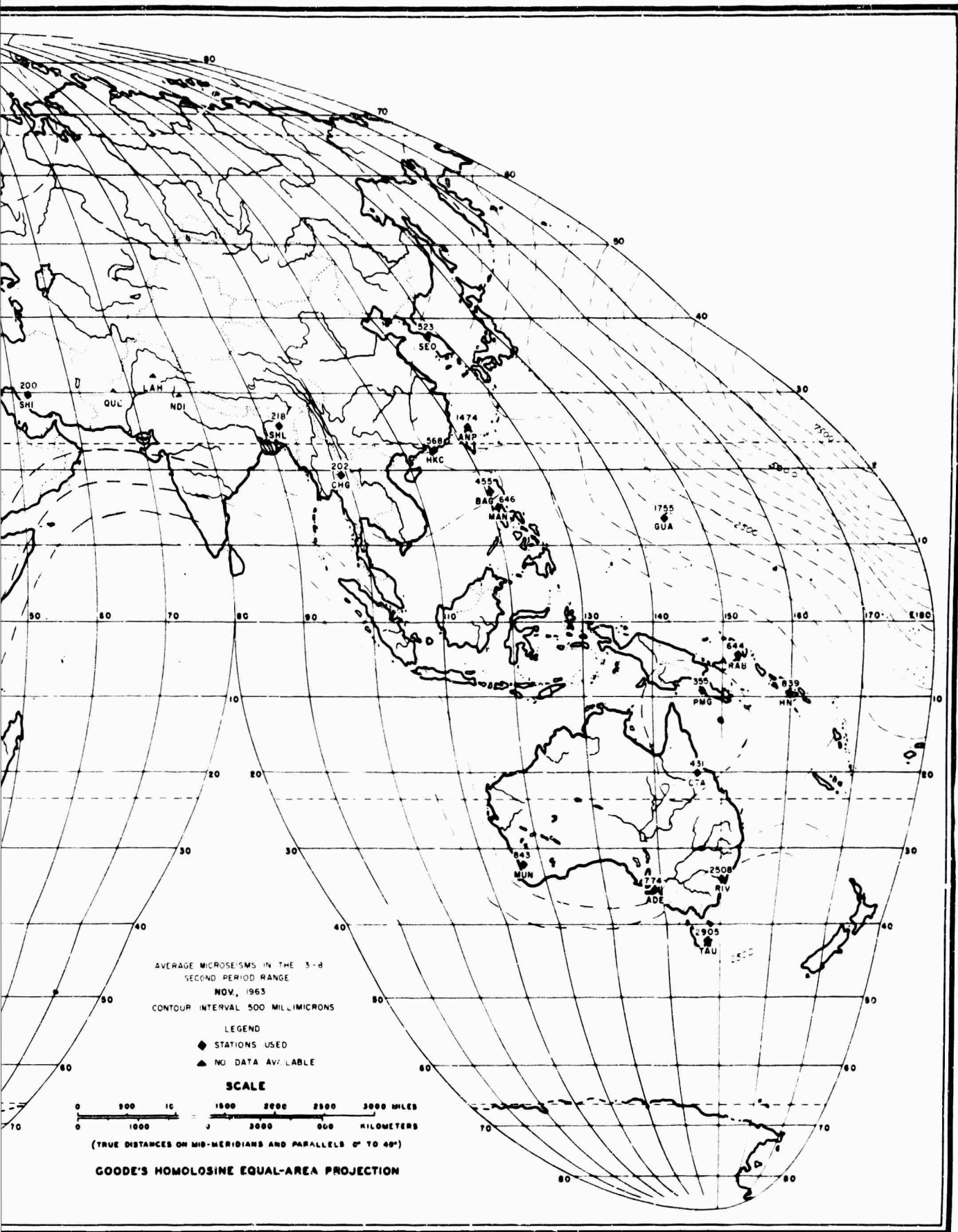
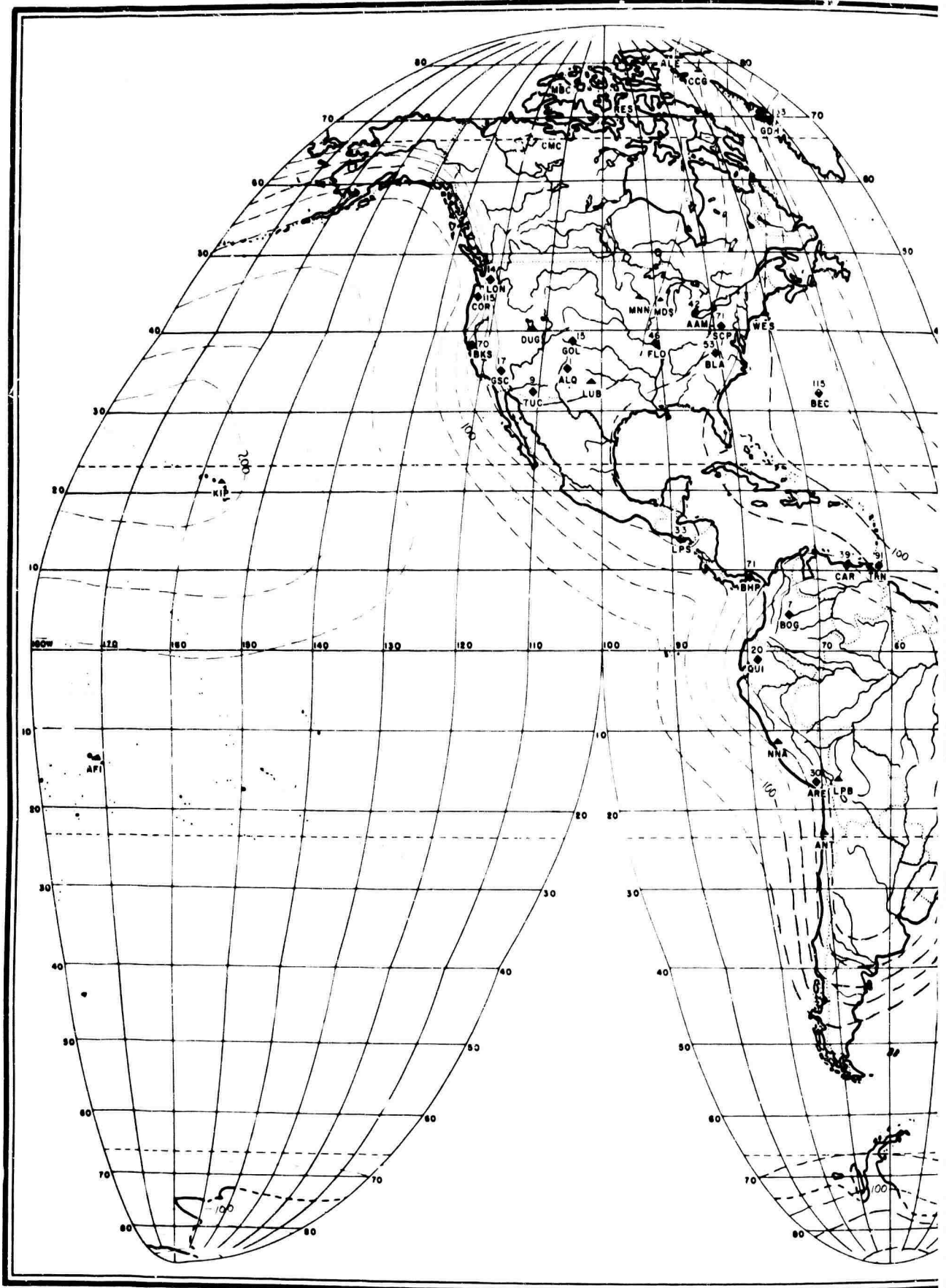
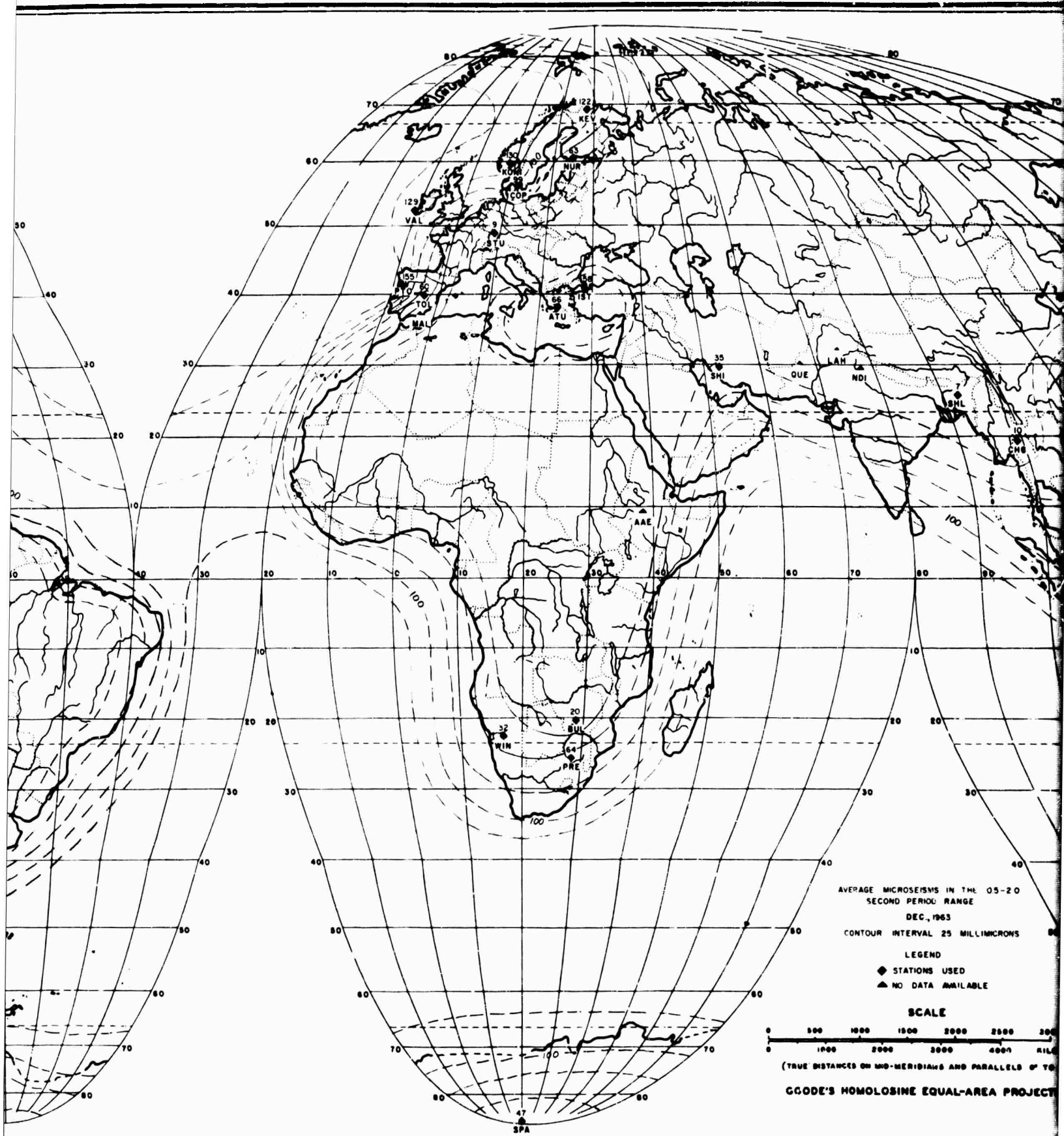


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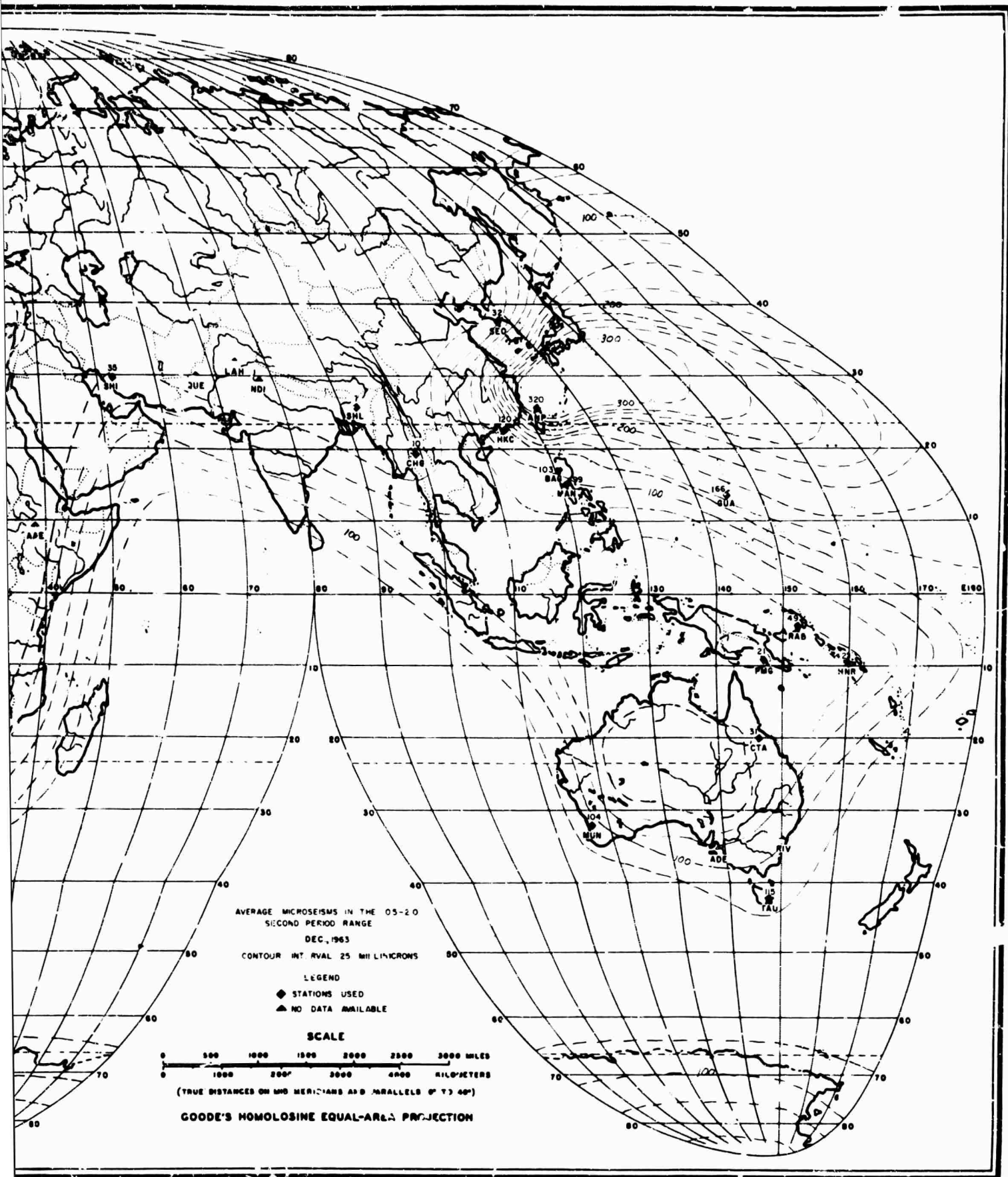


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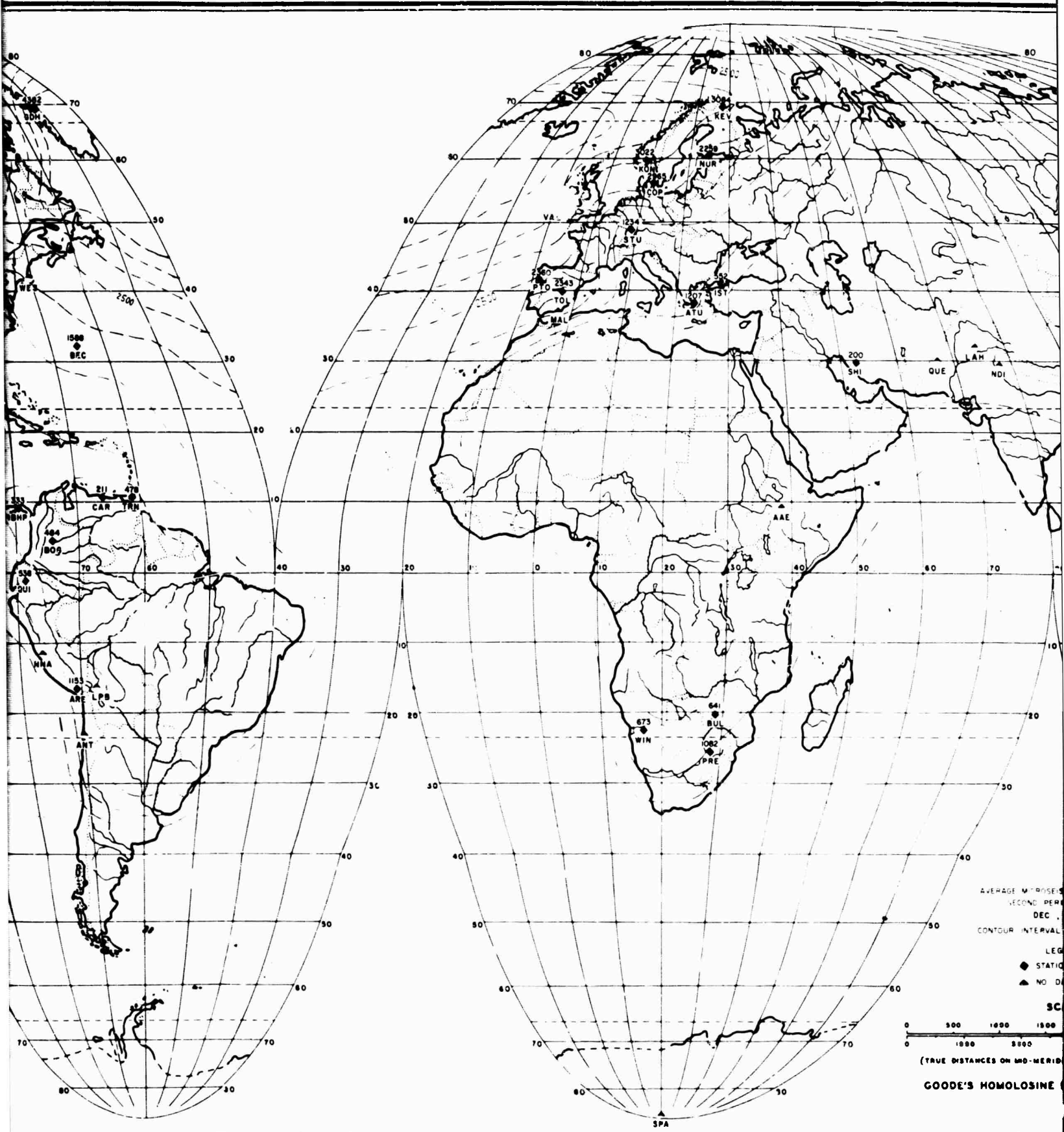


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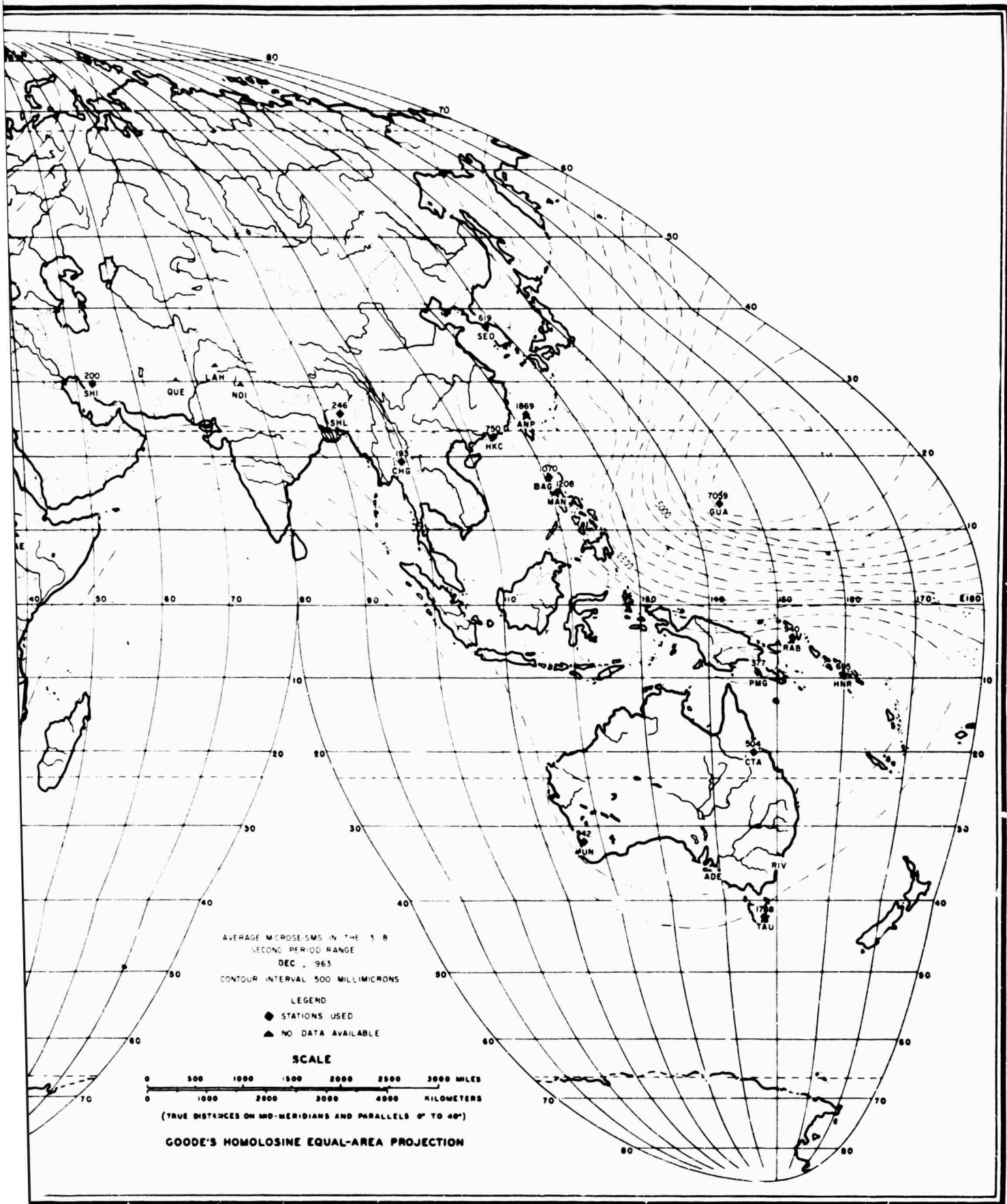


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