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BOXCAR
EVENT SUMMARY

DATE: 26 April 1968
TIME OF ORIGIN: 15:00:00.0Z
YIELD:
MAGNITUDE: UNIFIED: 6.42 ± 0.45
EVERNDEN: 6.14 ± 0.40
LOCATION: Nevada Test Site (NTS), Area U20i
GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES:
Latitude: 37° 17' 44.0" N
Longitude: 116° 27' 21.0" W
SHOT ENVIRONMENT: GEOLOGIC MEDIUM: Rhyolite
SURFACE ELEVATION: 6770 ft.
SHOT DEPTH: 3800 ft.
NUMBER OF STATIONS REPORTING: 23

COMPUTED EPICENTER:

METHOD 1 (LOCATE)

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES:
Latitude: 37° 16' 33.6" N
Longitude: 116° 32' 24.0" W
TIME OF ORIGIN: 15:00:00.6Z
DEPTH CONSTRAINED TO: 0 Km
EPICENTER SHIFT: 5.1 Km S63°W

METHOD 2 (HYPO I)

GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES:
Latitude: 37° 16' 51.6" N
Longitude: 116° 31' 26.4" W
TIME OF ORIGIN: 15:00:01.1Z
DEPTH CONSTRAINED TO: 0 Km
EPICENTER SHIFT: 7.7 Km S78°W

INTRODUCTION

Under Project Vela-Uniform, and the Long Range Seismic Measurement (LRSM) Program, several seismographic observatories were established to record seismological data generated by natural seismic activity and U.S. underground nuclear tests. The LRSM teams are mobile and occupy locations selected to provide optimum coverage for events of special interest; the observatories, permanent installations, are listed below:

Wichita Mountains Seismological Observatory (WMSO)
Lawton, Oklahoma

Uinta Basin Seismological Observatory (UBSO)
Vernal, Utah

Tonto Forest Seismological Observatory (TFSO)
Payson, Arizona

Large Aperture Seismic Array (LASA)
Billings, Montana

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of data resulting from the BOXCAR event as recorded by the LRSM teams and the VELA observatories.

STATIONS REPORTING

A total of 23 network stations from 190 to 4400 kilometers recorded at the time of the BOXCAR event. A list of these stations, together with pertinent recording site information, is listed in Table 1. These recording sites and the NTS shot site are shown in Figure 1.

CODE	STATION	DISTANCE (KM)	GEOGRAPHIC LATITUDE	GEOGRAPHIC LONGITUDE	ELEV. (KM)	COMPUTED AZIMUTH		INSTALLED AZIMUTH		SP INST.	LP
						EPI. STA.	STA. EPI.				
MN-NV	Mina, Nevada	195	38°26'10" N	118°08'53" W	1.52	311°	130°	308°	38°	L	**
BP-CL	Bishop, California	198	37°21'36" N	118°41'25" W	2.32	273°	91°	274°	4°	PS	**
AT-NV	Austin, Nevada	249	39°28'53" N	117°04'26" W	1.98	348°	167°	343°	73°	PS	**
EY-NV	Ely, Nevada	256	39°24'36" N	115°18'46" W	2.01	23°	203°	18°	108°	PS	**
KM-CL	Kramer, California	277	34°52'52" N	117°15'24" W	0.85	195°	15°	200°	290°	PS	**
BF-CL	Bakersfield, California	282	35°38'53" N	118°51'27" W	0.57	230°	49°	234°	324°	PS	**
WW-UT	Wah Wah Mountains, Utah	286	38°30'50" N	113°35'20" W	1.83	61°	243°	58°	148°	PS	**
KG-AZ	Kingman, Arizona	293	35°38'30" N	113°54'28" W	1.07	128°	310°	130°	220°	PS	**
ND-CL	Needles, California	310	34°35'57" N	115°33'05" W	0.37	164°	745°	169°	259°	PS	**
KN-UT	Kanab, Utah	324	37°01'27" N	112°49'39" W	1.74	94°	276°	95°	185°	L	**
CP-CL	Campo, California	507	32°43'44" N	116°22'16" W	1.19	179°	359°	182°	272°	PS	**
*TF50-Z60	Tonto Forest Observatory, Arizona	576	34°17'12" N	111°16'03" W	1.49	124°	307°	90°	0°	JM	**
*UBSO-Z10	Uinta Basin Observatory, Utah	686	40°19'18" N	109°34'07" W	1.60	59°	243°	90°	0°	JM	**
LC-NM	Las Cruces, New Mexico	1051	32°24'08" N	106°35'58" W	1.59	118°	304°	133°	223°	S	**
CC-WA	Cascade Tunnel, Washington	1224	47°46'09" N	121°05'01" W	1.04	343°	160°	311°	41°	PS	
*LAO	Subarray A0-10, Montana	1343	46°41'19" N	106°13'20" W	0.90	36°	223°	0°	90°	HS	**
*WMSO-Z6	Wichita Mountain Observatory, Oklahoma	1634	34°43'05" N	98°35'21" W	0.51	95°	285°	90°	0°	JM	**
*PG-BC	Prince George, British Columbia, Canada	1915	53°59'50" N	122°31'23" W	0.1	348°	163°	110°	200°	L	**
RK-ON	Rad Laka, Ontario, Canada	2350	50°50'20" N	93°40'20" W	0.37	43°	239°	58°	148°	S	**
WH2YK	Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada	2913	60°41'41" N	134°58'02" W	0.85	339°	145°	325°	55°	L	**
HN-NE	Houlton, Maine	4086	46°09'43" N	67°59'09" W	0.21	60°	274°	93°	183°	S	**
*SV3QB	Schaffarville, Northwest Territories, Canada	4199	54°48'39" N	66°45'00" W	0.58	46°	263°	139°	229°	S	**
NP-NT	Mould Bay, Northwest Territories, Canada	4345	76°15'08" N	119°22'18" W	0.06	359°	176°	356°	86°	JMZ S	**

* Seismometers Not Oriented Toward N.T.S.

L Large Benloff

S Small Benloff

JM Johnson-Matheson

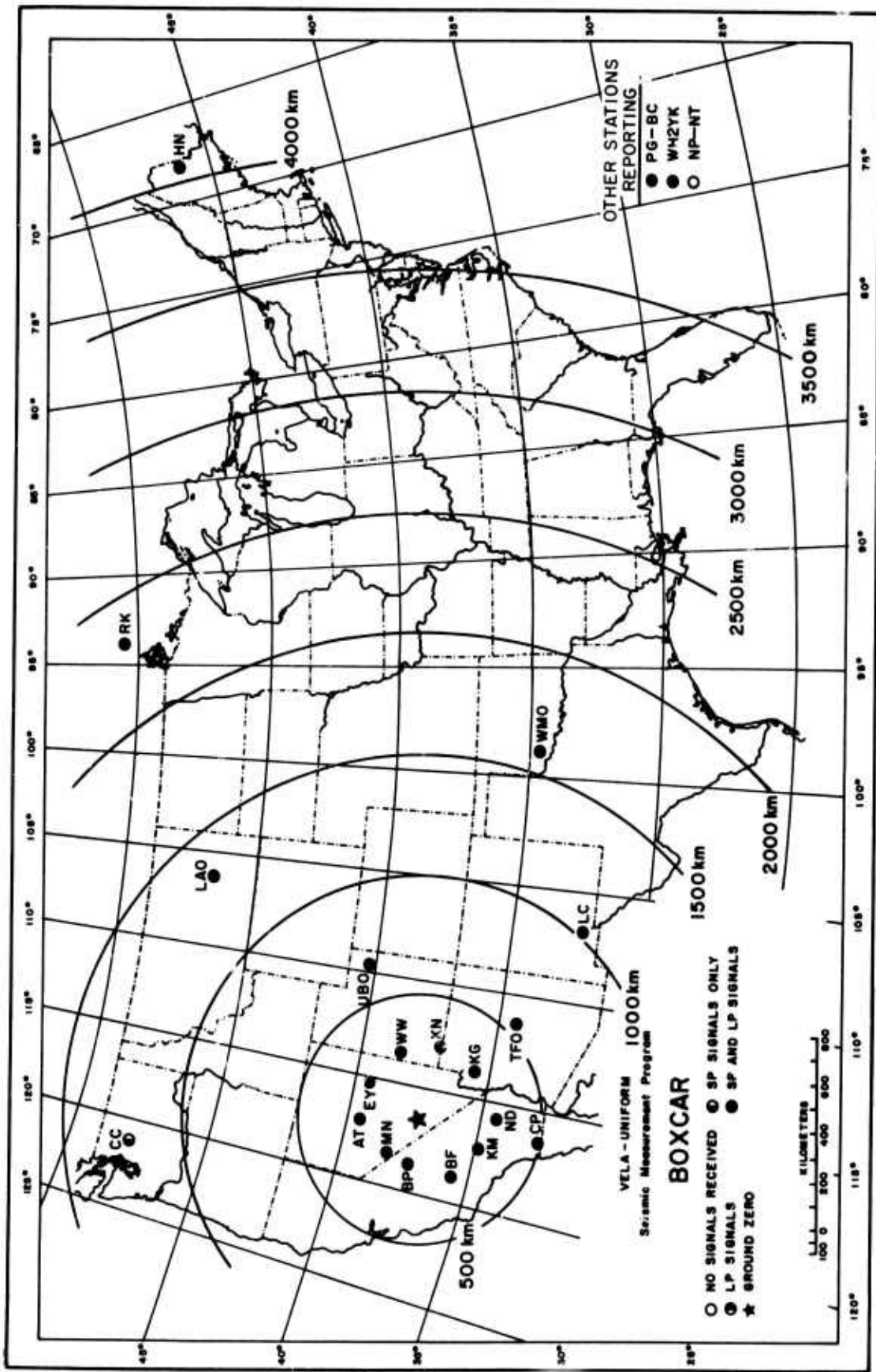
HS Hall Sears

PS Geotech Portable System

** Long Period Instrument at Site

RECORDING SITE INFORMATION - BOXCAR

TABLE 1



SHOT AND RECORDING STATION LOCATIONS-BOXCAR

Figure 1

INSTURMENTATION AND PROCEDURE

The instrumentation at LRSM locations consists of three-component short-period and long-period seismographs. In general, data are recorded on 35 millimeter film and one-inch 14-channel magnetic tape, although recently, more portable instrumentation has been incorporated which records only on magnetic tape. All stations are equipped to record WWV continuously. Calibration at operational settings is accomplished once each day and prior to each shot. Information for analysis of LRSM data is available to qualified users and is contained in Technical Report 65-43, "Interpretations and Usage of Seismic Data, LRSM Program" (AD 488-352). General information on LRSM van and portable system equipment and operation is given in Technical Reports 66-27, "The LRSM Mobile Seismological Laboratory" (AD 480-343), and 65-74, "A Portable Seismograph" (AD 488-144). These reports may be obtained from the Defense Documentation Center.

Standard distance factors, (B), are given in the Appendix; Magnitudes determined using these factors are shown in Figure 2. Adjusted magnitudes for less than 16° are computed using a method described by Evernden*, and averaged with the standard results for distances greater than 16° . (Figure 3).

Hypocenter location programs are used to determine the shot location. Values of latitude, longitude, and time or origin are determined statistically by several methods utilizing least-squares techniques. The computational methods use P-wave arrivals with shot depth constrained to zero.

*Evernden, J.F., Magnitude Determination at Regional and Near Regional Distances in the United States, AFTAC/VELA Seismological Center Technical Report VU-65-4A, (1965), pp. 6, 13.

DATA

Table 2 summarizes time and amplitude data for principle phases from the BOXCAR event as observed at the LRSM and VELA stations. Included are Pn and P arrival times, maximum amplitudes (A/T) of the Pn and P motions, and times and amplitudes for other phases observed on the records for the short-period instruments. Long-period Love and Rayleigh wave motion are also tabulated. In addition, the individual station Rayleigh wave areas (mm^2) as measured on the LPZ are included. Although reduced to 1K magnification, these areas have not been normalized for magnitude.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The unified magnitudes determined from the LRSM and VELA observatories are shown in Figure 2. The average magnitude is 6.42 ± 0.45 (one standard deviation). The adjusted unified magnitude (Figure 3) is 6.14 ± 0.40 (one standard deviation).

REPRESENTATIVE SEISMOGRAMS

Illustrative seismograms showing signals recording at KG-AZ (293 km), CP-CL (507 km), PG-BC (1915 km), and SV3QB (4199 km) are included in the report jacket.

BOXCAR
28 April 1968
18:00:00.0 Z

CODE	STATION	DIST ANCE (KM)	INST.	MAGNI- TITUDE (L)	PHASE	TRAVEL TIME				PERIOD T (SEC)	MAXIMUM AMPLITUDE A:T (0-7)	MAGNITUDE (m)		AREA (mm ²) LPZ
						OBSERVED		COMPUTED (J-B)				M _S	M ₀	
						(MIN)	(SEC)	(MIN)	(SEC)					
MB-NV	Mine, Nevada	188	SPZ	0.13	Pn		31.6		32.08	0.6	23,652	0.53	0.18 _{7,8}	62,000.00
			SPZ	0.09*	Pg		33.1			0.6	201,366			
			SPT	0.11	Lg					1.1	303,886			
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ	0.036	L0					(0.6)	(318,287)			
SP-CL	Shosh, California	168	SPZ	**	Pn		32.0		32.85	0.8				
			SPZ	**	Pg		33.8			0.88				
			SPT	**	Lg					(0.78)				
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ		L0					---	---			
AT-NV	Austin, Nevada	248	SPZ	0.18	Pn		38.0		38.03	0.5	34,222	0.85	6.78 _{7,8}	7,000.25
			SPZ	0.068*	Pg		57.0			0.4	123,200			
			SPT	0.18*	Lg					0.8	83,211			
			LPT	0.33	LQ					13.0	15,043			
			LPZ	0.35	L0					15.0	22,768			
EV-NV	Ely, Nevada	288	SPZ	0.16*	Pn	(28.5)			38.88	(0.48)	(12,880)	(6.56)(6.28) _{7,8}		
			SPZ	0.18*	Pg		45.0			0.7	100,287			
			SPT	0.16*	Lg					0.8	34,167			
			LPT	0.87	LQ					11.0	11,393			
			LPZ	0.08	L0					(18.0)	(83,859)			
RN-CL	Ramer, California	277	SPZ											
			SPT	0.31	Lg					0.8	3,472			
			LPT	1.78	LQ					7.0	20,848			
			LPZ		L0					---	---			
BF-CL	Bakersfield, California	282	SPZ	2.18*	Pi		42.9		43.23	0.8	2,708	6.90	5.81 _{7,9}	5,678.00
			SPZ	2.18*	Pg	(48.2)				(0.7)	(8,823)			
			SPT	3.88*	Lg					(1.0)	(2,984)			
			LPT	0.50	LQ					18.0	3,851			
			LPZ	0.20	L0					18.0	8,889			
MB-UT	Meh Meh Mountains, Utah	286	SP	**										
			LPT	0.21	LQ					13.0	8,880			
			LPZ	0.078	L0					(18.0)	(13,288)			
KB-AZ	Kingman, Arizona	283	SPZ	0.88	Pn	(44.2)			55.68	0.38	16,438	0.74	8.84 _{7,9}	7,250.00
			SPZ	0.68	e	(45.1)				0.4	11,850			
			SPZ	6.12*	Pg	(48.7)				0.7	103,708			
			SPT	0.14	Lg					1.0	38,288			
			LPT	0.89	LQ					12.0	8,239			
			LPZ	0.08	L0					16.0	18,888			
HO-CL	Hoodles, California	310	SPZ	5.78	Pn	(58.8)			48.76	0.78	2,872	8.00	8.75 _{7,9}	10,333.33
			SPZ	0.43*	Pg	61.3				0.76	38,883			
			SPT	0.30*	Lg					1.0	71,887			
			LPT	0.13	LQ					12.0	28,886			
			LPZ	0.12	L0					13.0	67,517			
KN-UT	Kanab, Utah	325	SPZ	0.43	Pn		57.8		48.85	0.8	11,119	0.71	6.58 _{7,9}	3,073.88
			SPZ	0.53	e		49.3			(0.5)	(7,577)			
			SPZ	0.18*	Pg		54.8			0.6	113,833			
			SPT	0.432	Lg					(1.0)	(58,028)			
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ	0.0959	L0					10.0	31,882			
CP-CL	Campo, California	807	SPZ	1.6	Pn	1	11.3	1	11.83	0.5	883	0.35	8.03 _{7,8}	840.00
			SPZ	1.6	e	1	11.9			0.48	8,108			
			SPZ	1.6	Pg	1	26.5			1.1	14,783			
			SPT	2.0	Lg					1.0	7,500			
			LPT	0.48	LQ					12.0	13,732			
			LPZ	0.20*	L0					10.0	31,914			
			SPZ-80	5.5	Pn	1	20.3	1	20.73	0.38	564			
SPZ-80	5.8	e	1	20.8			0.8	806						
SPZ-80	5.7	e	1	27.1			(0.6)	(1,840)						
SPZ-80	0.6	Pg	1	38.1			0.9	7,099						
SPN	0.92	Lg					1.3	9,585						
SPE	1.0	Lg					1.3	8,820						
LPH	0.84	LQ					(14.0)	(3,522)						
LPE	0.82	LQ					14.0	2,849						
LPT	0.07	L0					15.0	18,888						

ARRIVAL TIMES AND AMPLITUDES - BOXCAR
TABLE 2

CODE	STATION	DISTANCE (KM)	INST.	MAGNIFICATION (x) FILM & 10	PHASE	TRACE TIME				PERIOD (SEC)	MAXIMUM AMPLITUDE A/T (0-P)	AMPLITUDE (m)		AREA (mm ²) LPZ
						OBSERVED		COMPUTED (2-3)				S	M ₀	
						(min)	(sec)	(min)	(sec)					
US80	Utah State Observatory, Utah	500	SP2-10	0.0	Pa	1	36.1	1	34.70	1.0	4,550	7.20	8.07 _{0.5}	4,800.00
			SP2-10	0.60	Pb	1	55.0			0.7	10,964			
			SP0	0.50	Lg					1.2	11,183			
			SP6	0.60	Lg					1.2	8,730			
			LP0	0.2E	LQ					17.0	3,302			
			LP6	0.2	LQ					17.0	2,040			
			LPZ	0.2	LQ					18.0	3,700			
LC-NH	Las Cruces, New Mexico	1051	SPZ	7.40	Pa	2	(20.0)	2	20.00	0.5	24.2	5.63	5.23 _{7.0}	691.37
			SPZ	7.40	e	2	21.9			0.0	180			
			SPZ	7.40	e	2	32.2			1.0	434			
			SPZ	7.40	Pg	2	57.7			1.2	5,074			
			SPT	7.96	Lg					1.7	4,743			
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPE	1.70	LQ					17.0	531			
CC-WA	Cascadia Tunnel, Washington	1224	SPZ	17.6	Pa	2	42.6	2	41.04	0.7	(1,067)	(7.23)	(6.64) _{0.5}	
			SPZ	17.6	(Pg)	3	24.4			1.0	557			
LA0	Tasarray AB-10, Quebec	1243	SPZ		Pa	2	53.0	2	50.31	---	---			
			LP0		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ		LQ					---	---			
MS0	Julesburg Mountain Seismological Observatory, Oklahoma	1824	SPZ-6	0.9	P	3	31.2	3	31.00	1.4	1,254	0.45	5.25 _{0.5}	
			SPZ-0	0.6	e	3	57.4			1.4	582			
			SPZ-0	0.9	Pg	4	37.1			1.3	2,054			
			LP0	12.0	S	0	30			14.0	185			
			SP0	7.0	Lg					1.4	4,381			
			LP0		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ		LQ					---	---			
PB-BC	Prince George, British Columbia, Canada	1816	SPZ	14.5	P	4	03.0	4	03.76	1.4	3,571	4.50		2953.05
			SPZ	14.5	PP	4	20.0			1.2	1,221			
			SP6	14.0	Lg					2.2	850			
			SPT	12.5	Lg					2.2	749			
			LP0	1.03*	LQ					12.5	2,300			
			LPT	5.03*	LQ					12.5	1,011			
			LPZ	1.40	LQ					10.5	4,450			
NS-OB	St. John's, Ontario, Canada	2350	SPZ	14.3	P	4	40.0	4	40.56	1.3	2,354	0.40		1,075.00
			SPZ	14.3	e	4	49.1			1.25	3,381			
			LP7	21.4	S	0	40			16.0	101			
			SPT	19.0	Lg					2.0	1,639			
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ	2.0	LQ					10.0	234			
MS2B	Millsboro, Ontario, Canada	2513	SPZ	10.5	P	6	37.0	5	37.02	1.1	231	5.70		5,266.23
			SPZ	10.5	e	6	43.0			0.9	140			
			SPZ	10.5	e	6	55.7			1.0	102			
			LP7	12.7	(S)	10	30			16.0	87.1			
			SPT	17.1	Lg					(2.3)	(270)			
			LPT		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ	1.17	LQ					14.0	4,324			
MS-BC	Huskon, Ontario	4080	SPZ	13.0	P	7	06.3	7	10.70	1.2	822	4.44		3,794.45
			SPZ	13.0	e	7	10.5			0.0	146			
			SPT	14.5	Lg					3.0	835			
			LP7		LQ					---	---			
			LPZ	1.0	LQ					15.0	511			
			LPZ		LQ					---	---			
SV300	Schafferville, Quebec, Canada	4160	SPZ	24.4	P	7	15.4	7	16.22	1.1	401	0.10		7,577.63
			SPZ	24.4	e	7	10.7			0.6	267			
			SPZ	24.4	PP	8	40.2			1.3	219			
			LP4	16.7	S	13	10			(22.0)	(10.3)			
			LP7	20.4	S	13	10			(22.0)	(34.4)			
			SP0	24.4	Lg					2.2	451			
			SPT	23.2	Lg					2.0	351			
			LP6	1.15*	LQ					14.0	660			
			LPT	1.20*	LQ					14.0	713			
			LPZ	3.20	LQ					15.0	1,945			

S/T No/Yes
 () Doubtful Values or Phases
 --- Maximum Amplitudes Clipped
 On Film and Tape
 * Measurements Made from Playbacks
 on Calibration
 ** Recorded on Film; Tape Not Available

TABLE 2 (Cont.)

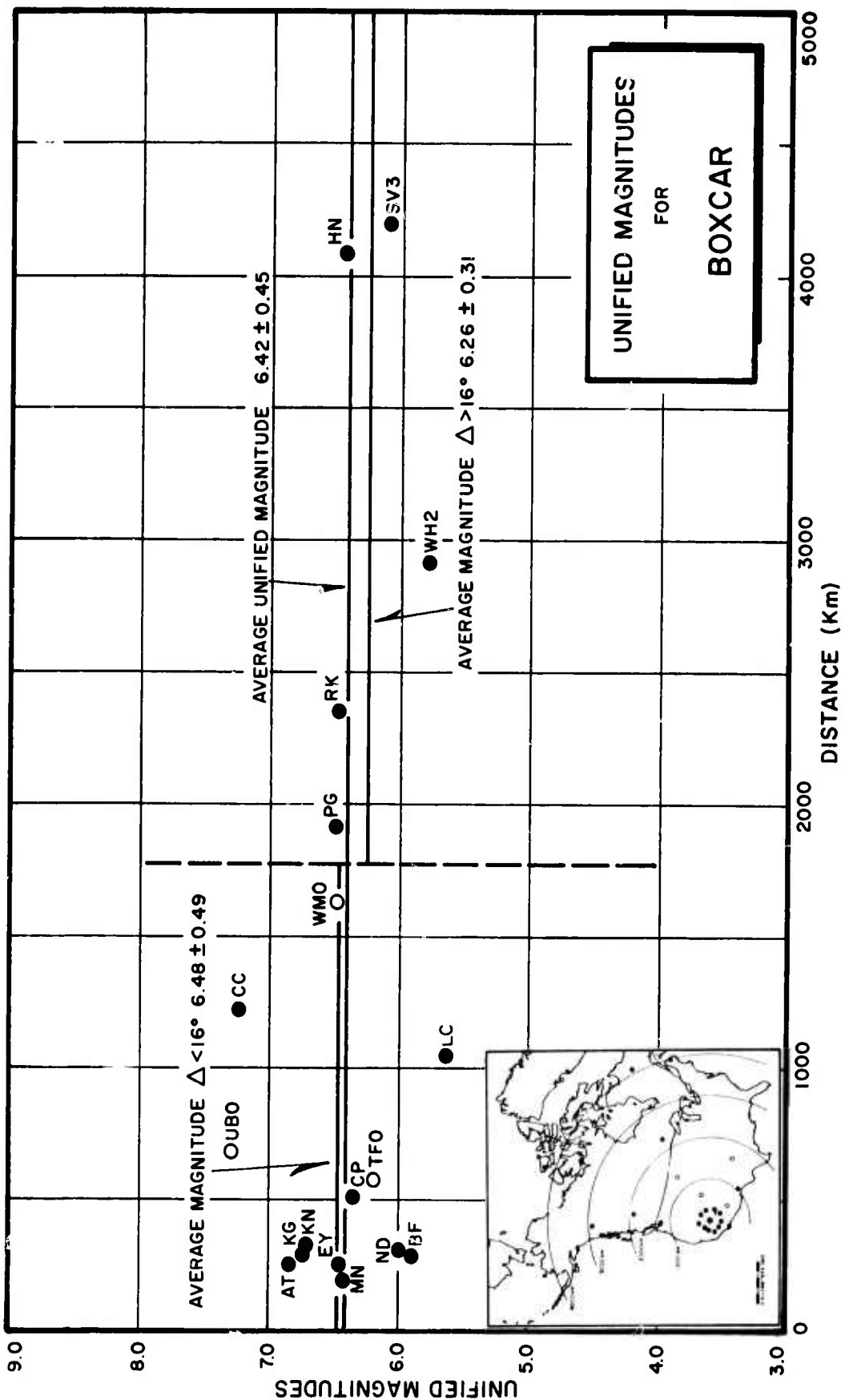


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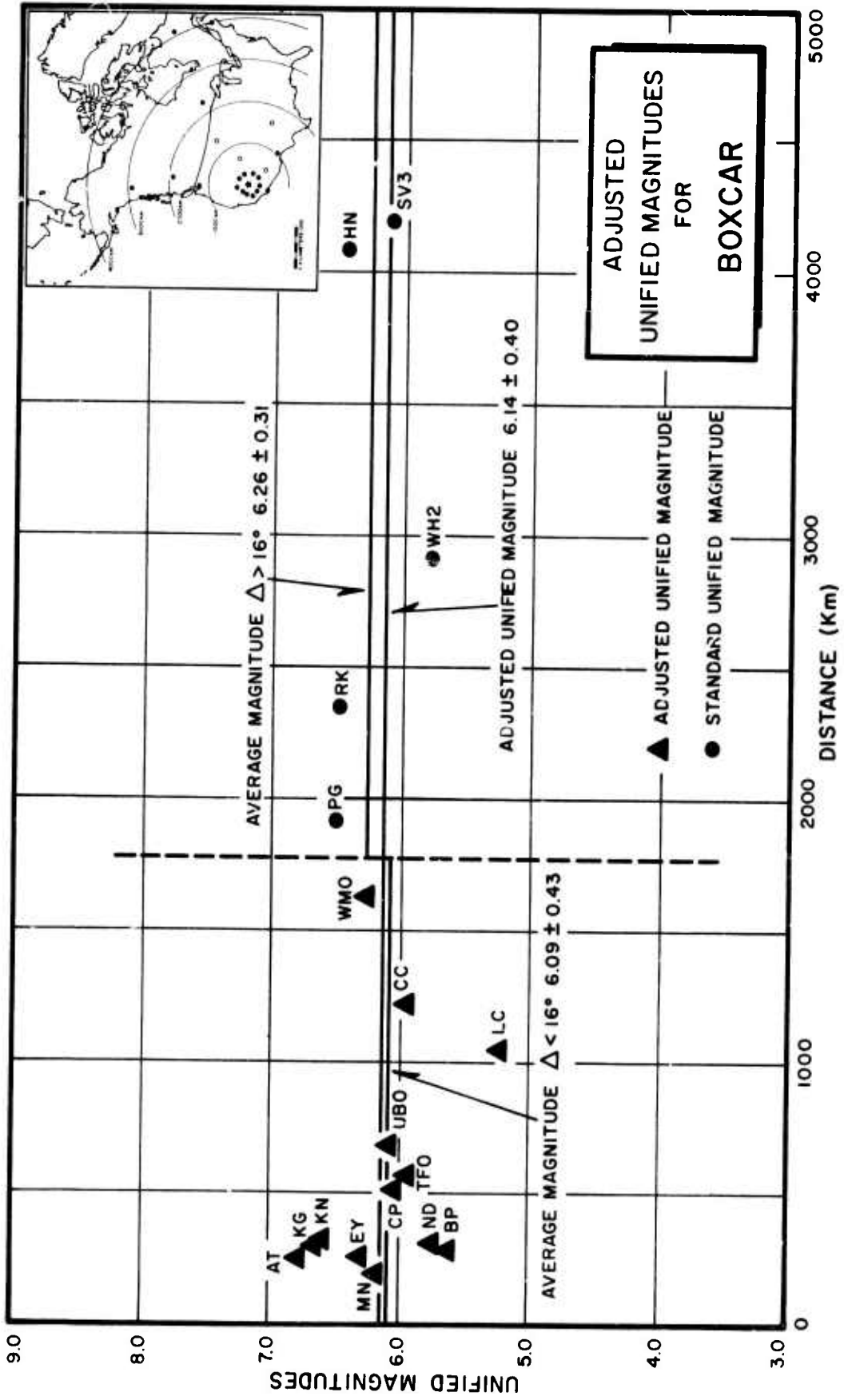


Figure 3

UNIFIED MAGNITUDES FROM P_n or P WAVES

Unified Magnitude: $m = \log_{10} (A/T), + B$
 $A =$ zero to peak ground motion in millimicrons
 $= \frac{(\text{mm}) (1000)}{K}$
 $T =$ signal period in seconds
 $B =$ distance factor (see Table below)
 $\text{mm} =$ record amplitude in millimeters,
 zero to peak
 $K =$ magnification in thousands,
 at signal frequency

Table of Distance Factors (B) for Zero Depth

<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Dist</u> <u>(deg)</u>	<u>B</u>
0°	-	27°	3.5	54°	3.8	80°	3.7
1	-	28	3.6			81	3.8
2	2.2	29	3.6	55	3.8	82	3.9
3	2.7			56	3.8	83	4.0
4	3.1	30	3.6	57	3.8	84	4.0
		31	3.7	58	3.8		
5	3.4	32	3.7	59	3.8	85	4.0
6	3.6	33	3.7			86	3.9
7	3.8	34	3.7	60	3.8	87	4.0
8	4.0			61	3.9	88	4.1
9	4.2	35	3.7	62	4.0	89	4.0
		36	3.6	63	3.9		
10	4.3	37	3.5	64	4.0	90	4.0
11	4.2	38	3.5			91	4.1
12	4.1	39	3.4	65	4.0	92	4.1
13	4.0			66	4.0	93	4.2
14	3.6	40	3.4	67	4.0	94	4.1
		41	3.5	68	4.0		
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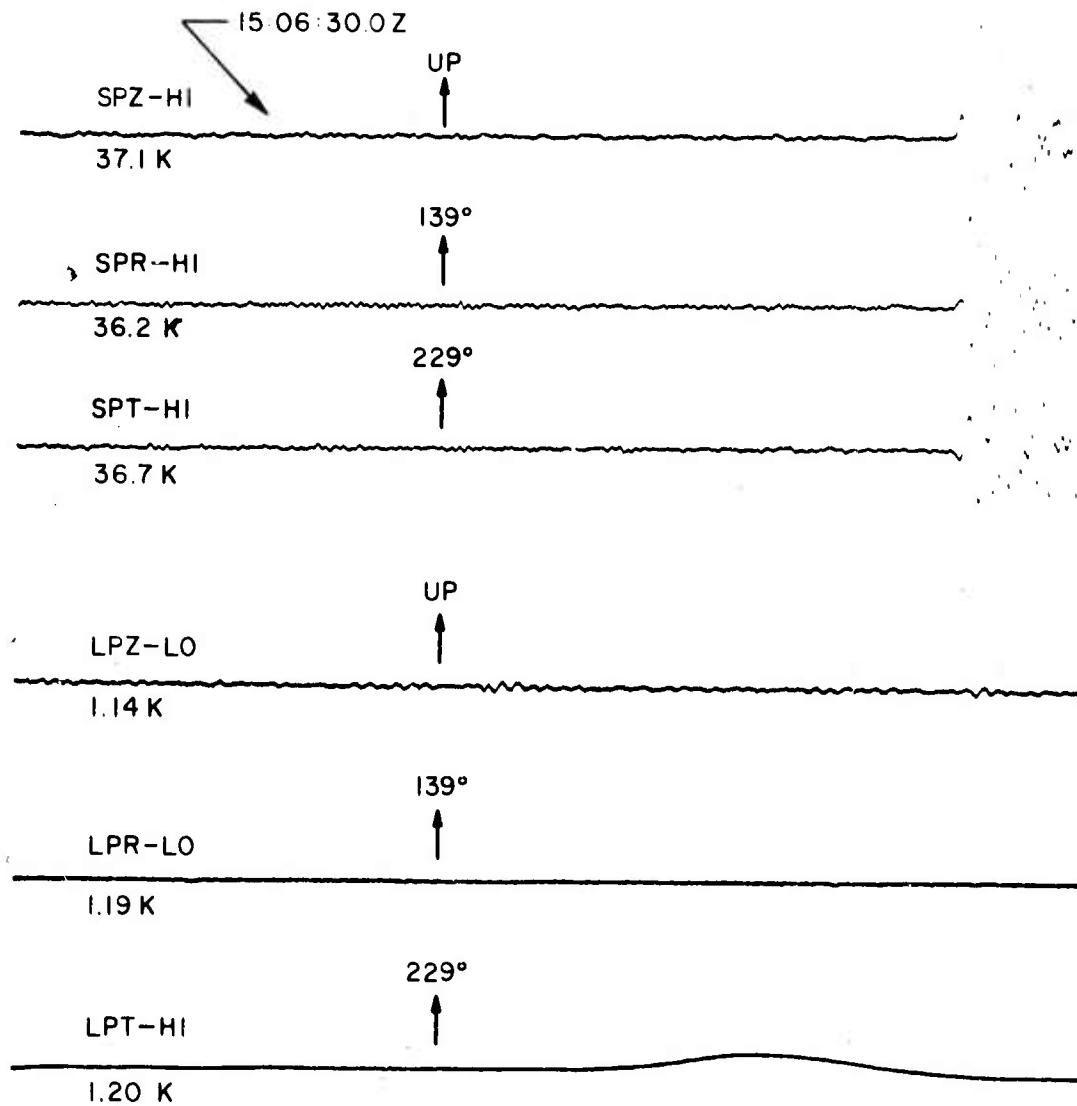
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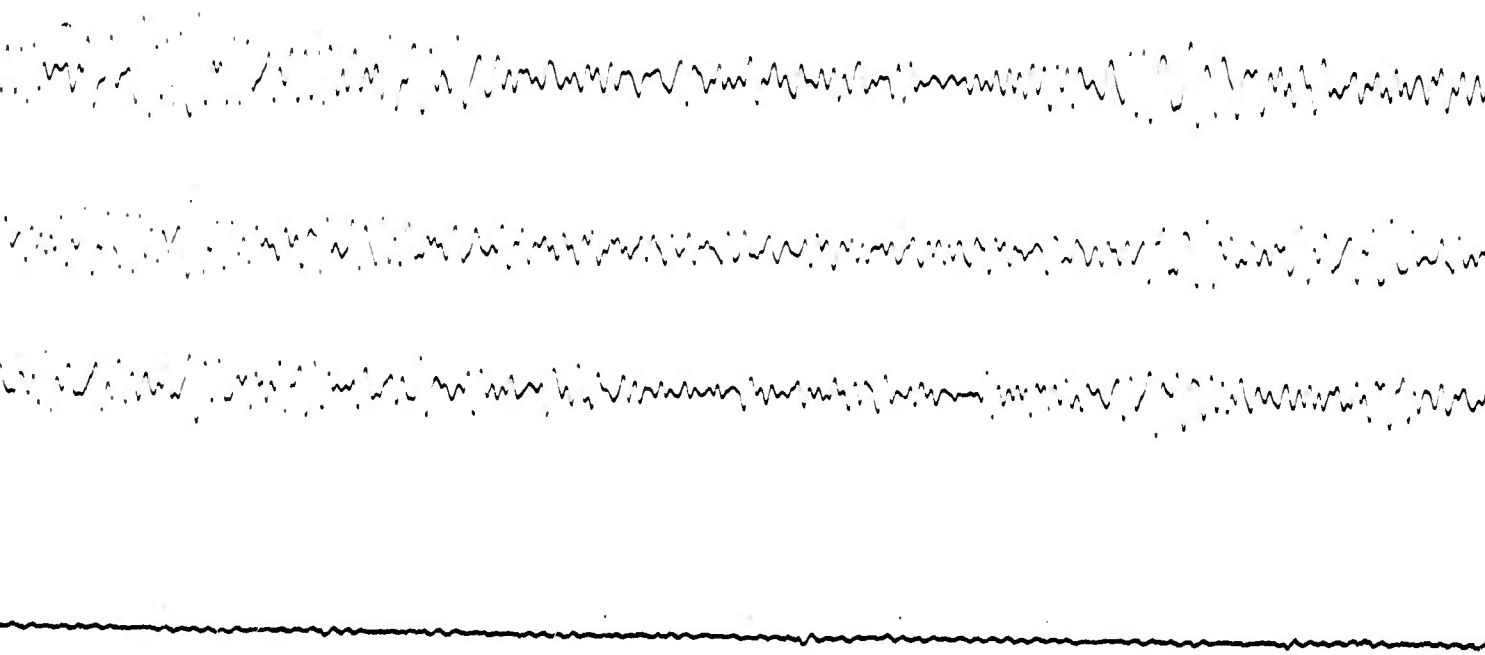
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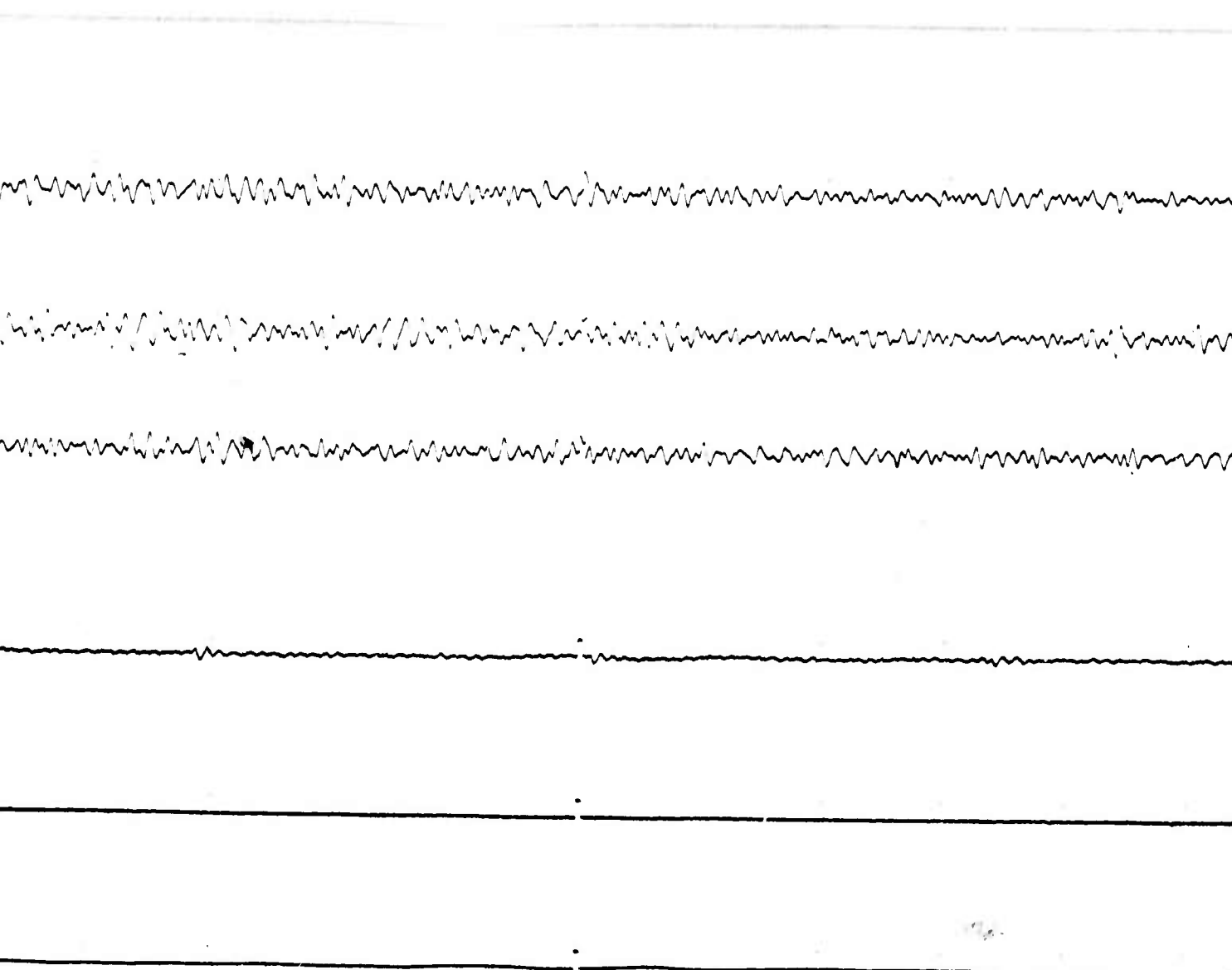
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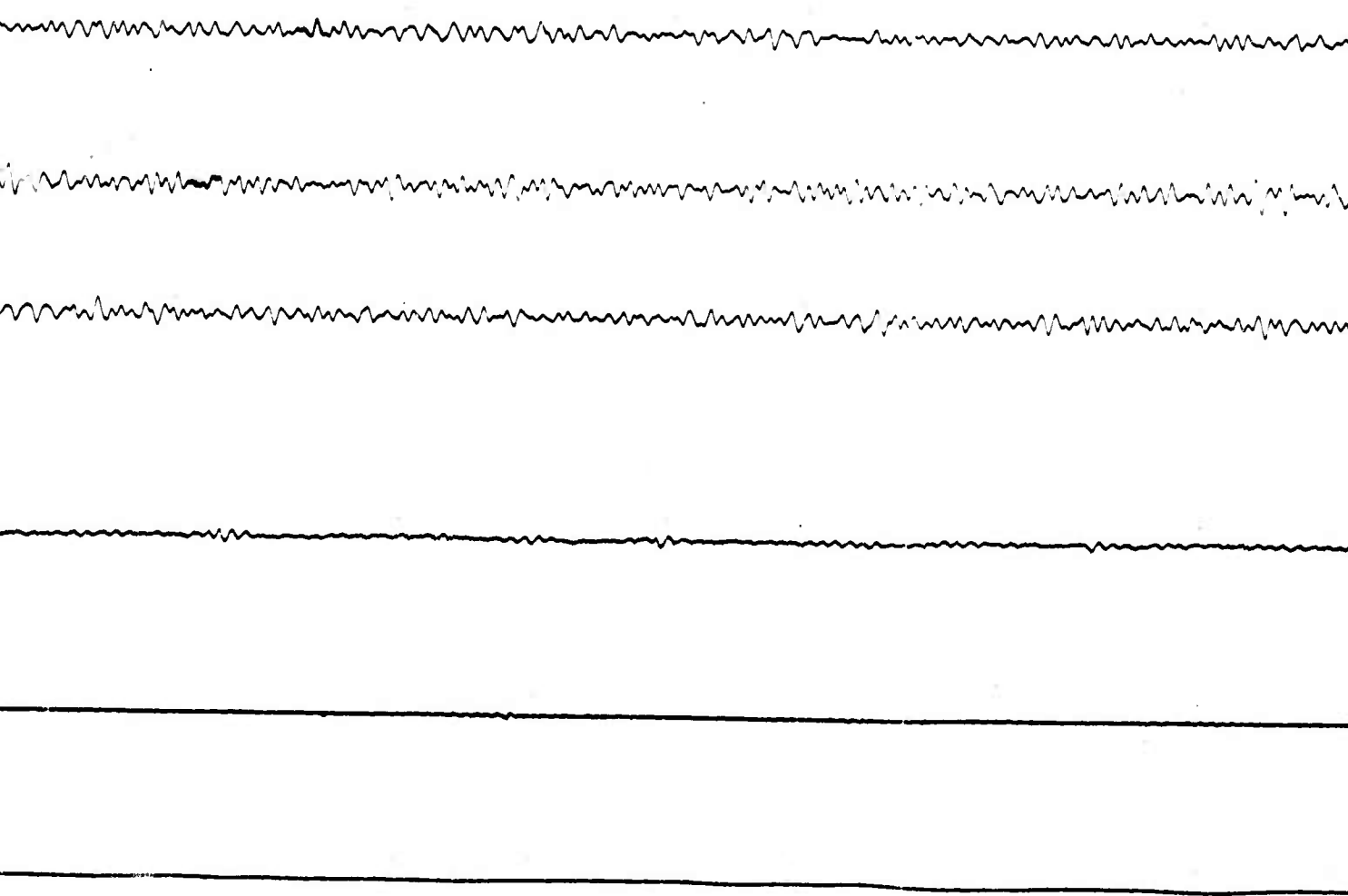




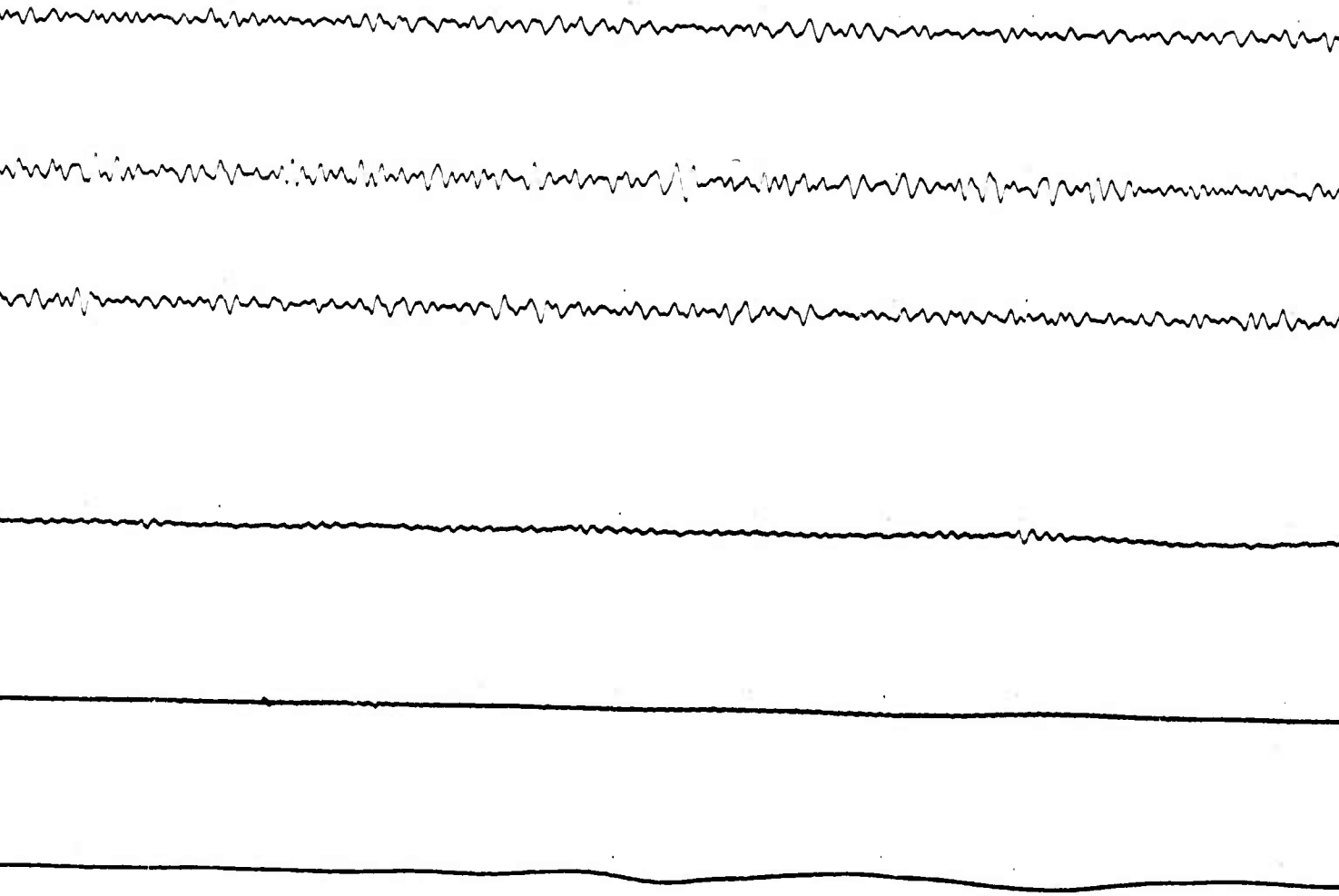
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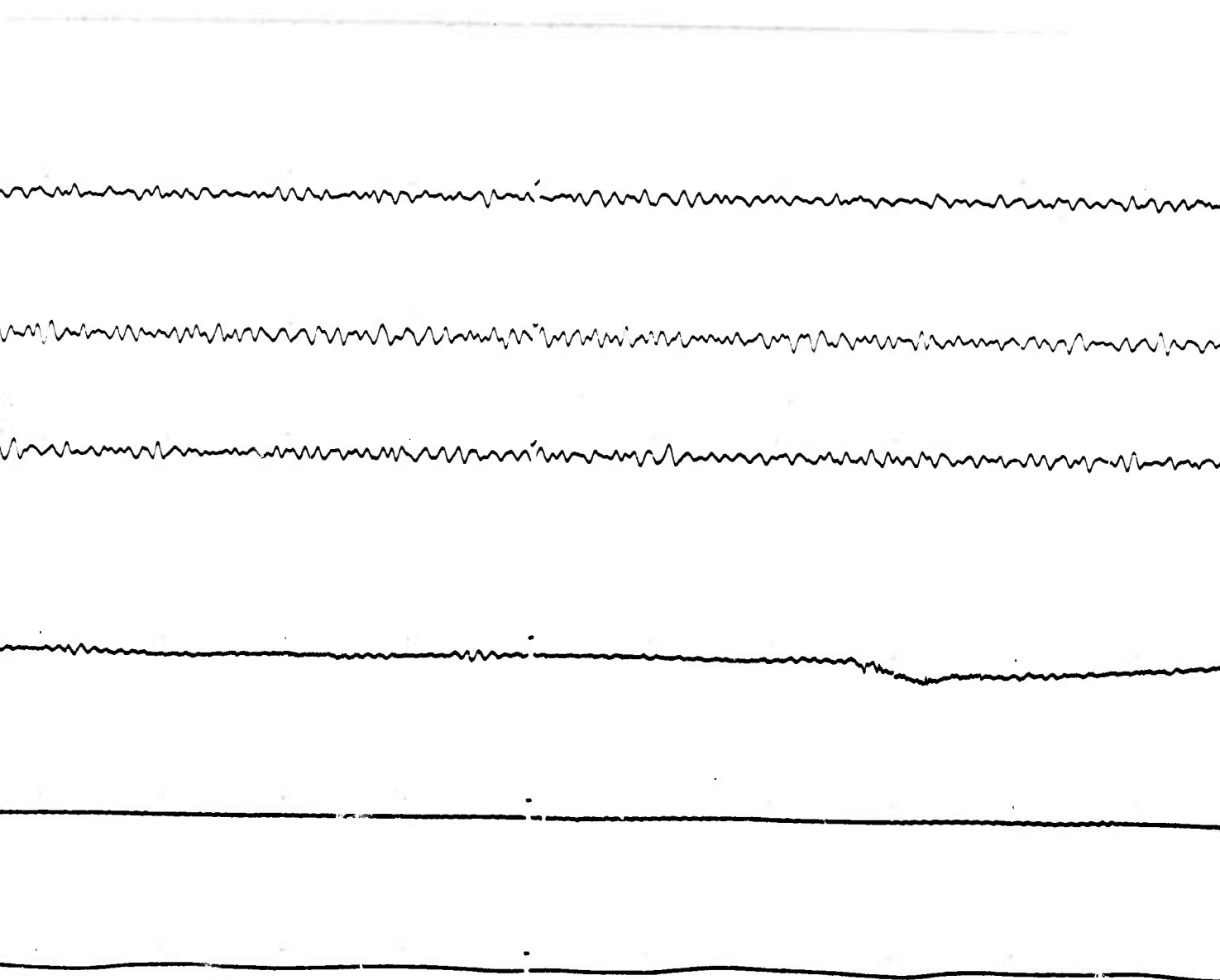
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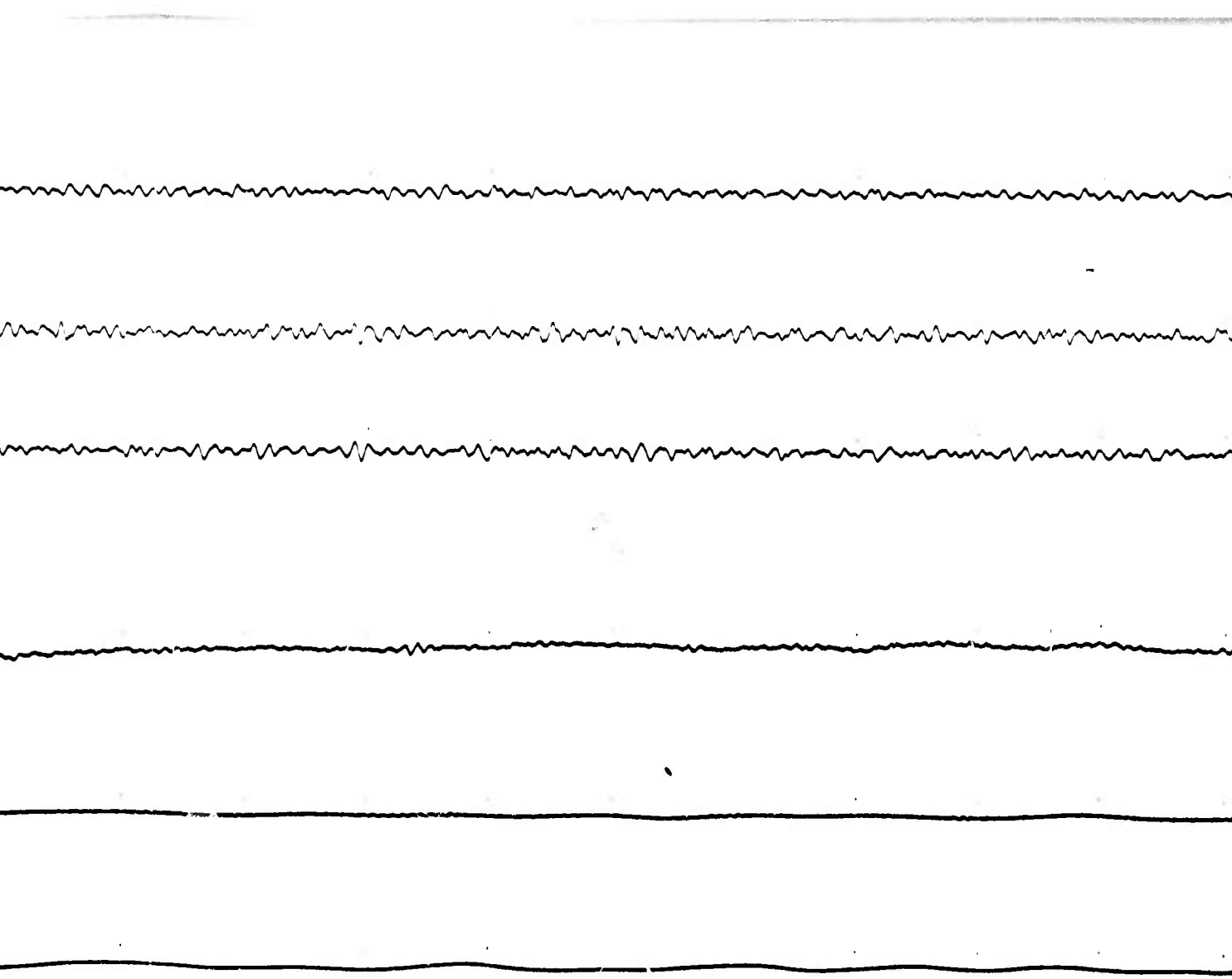
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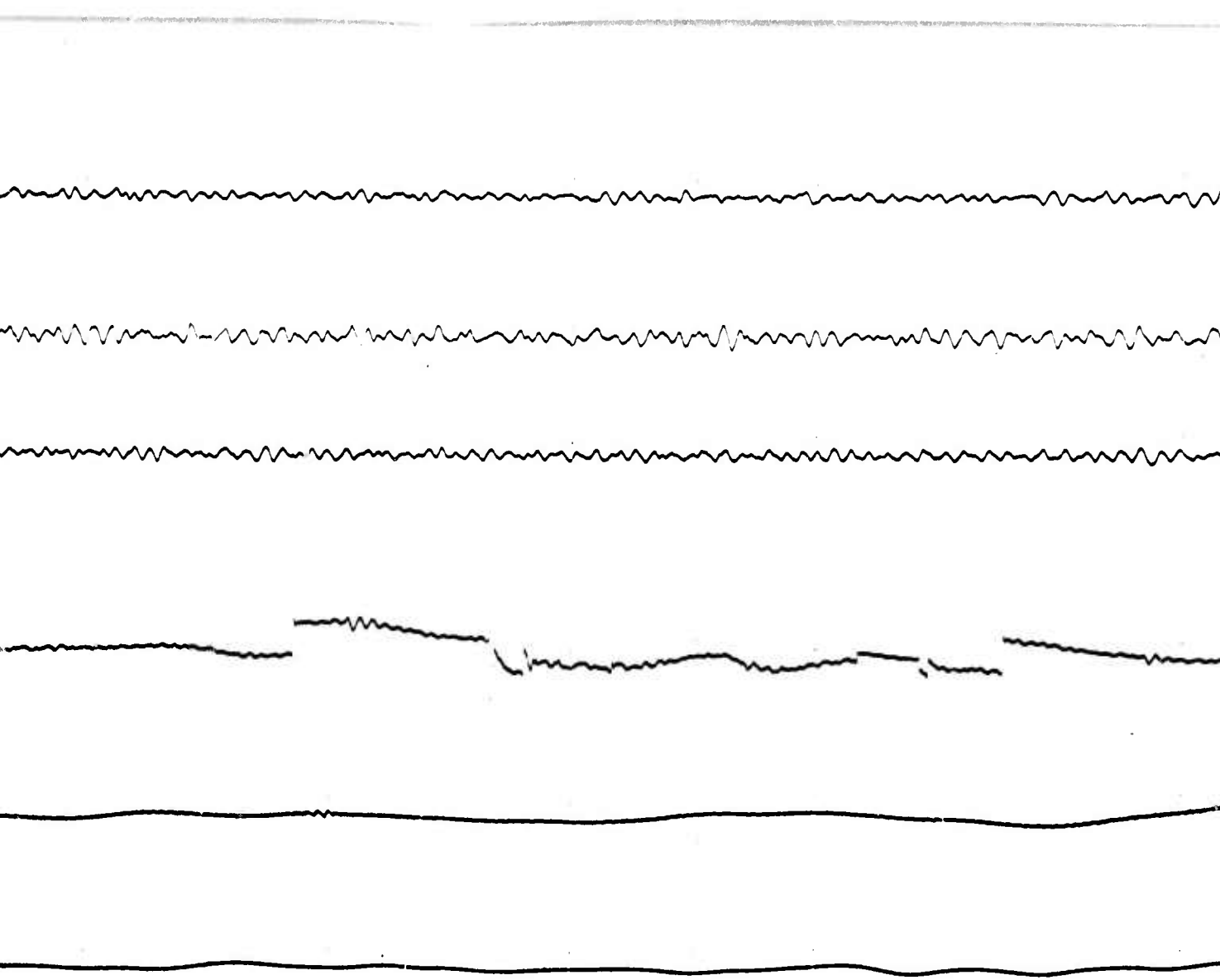
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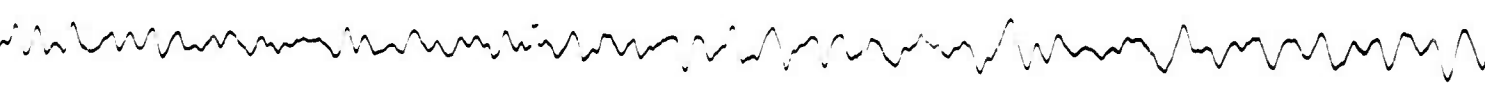
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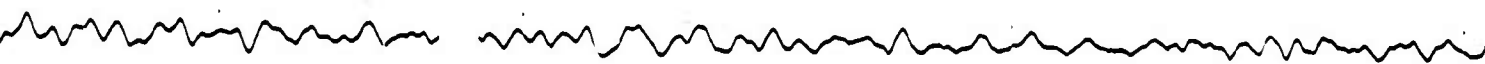
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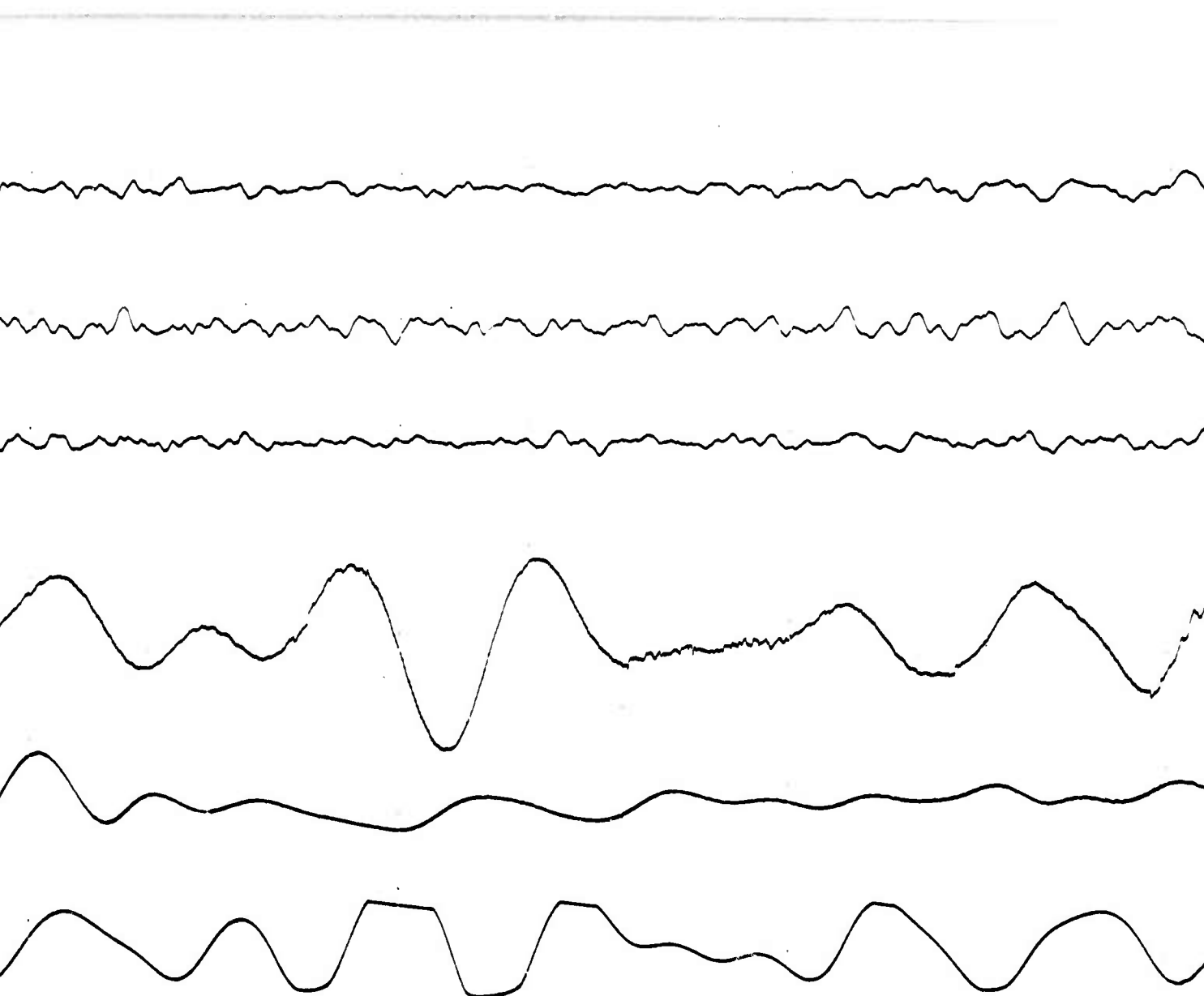
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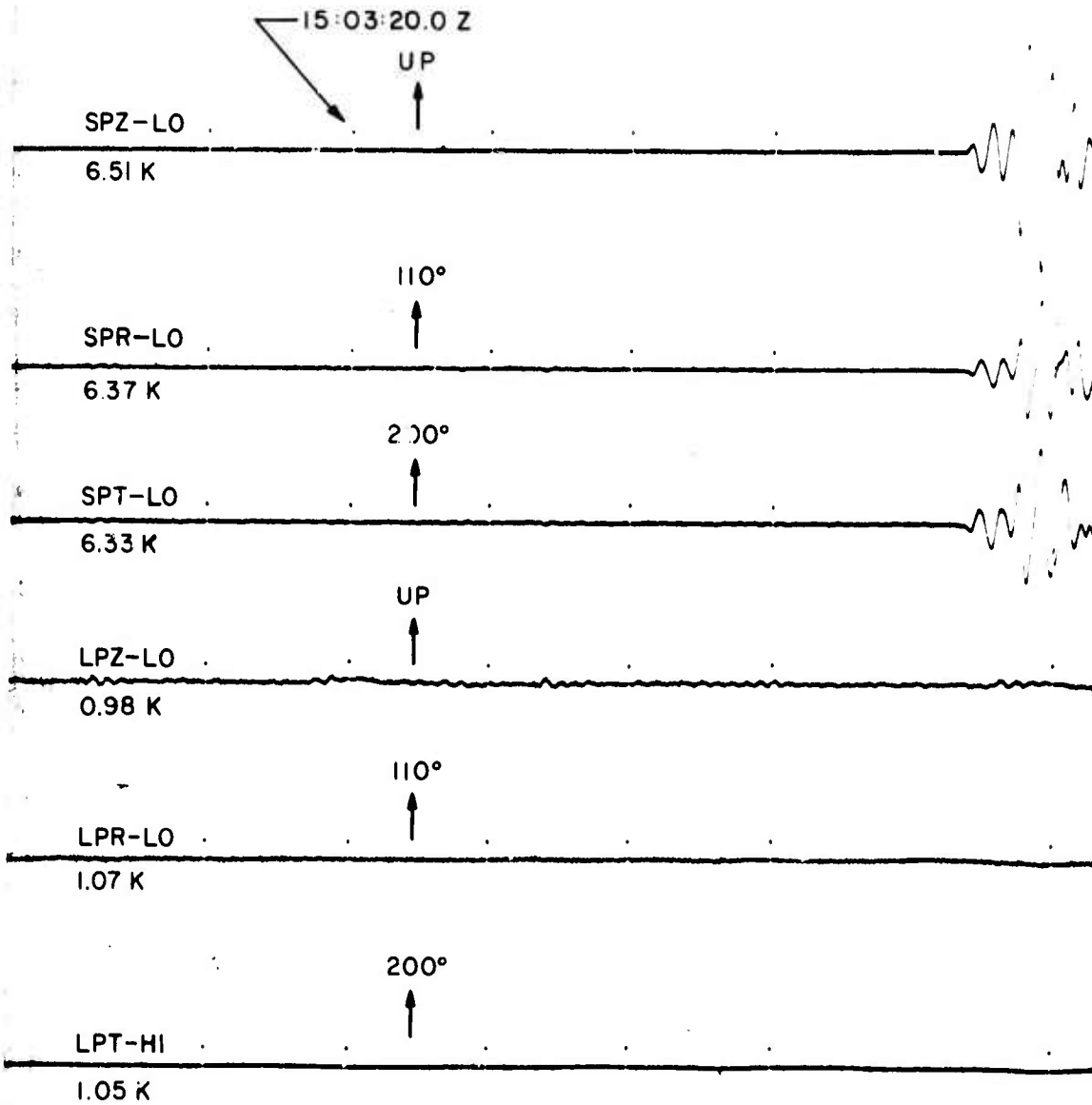
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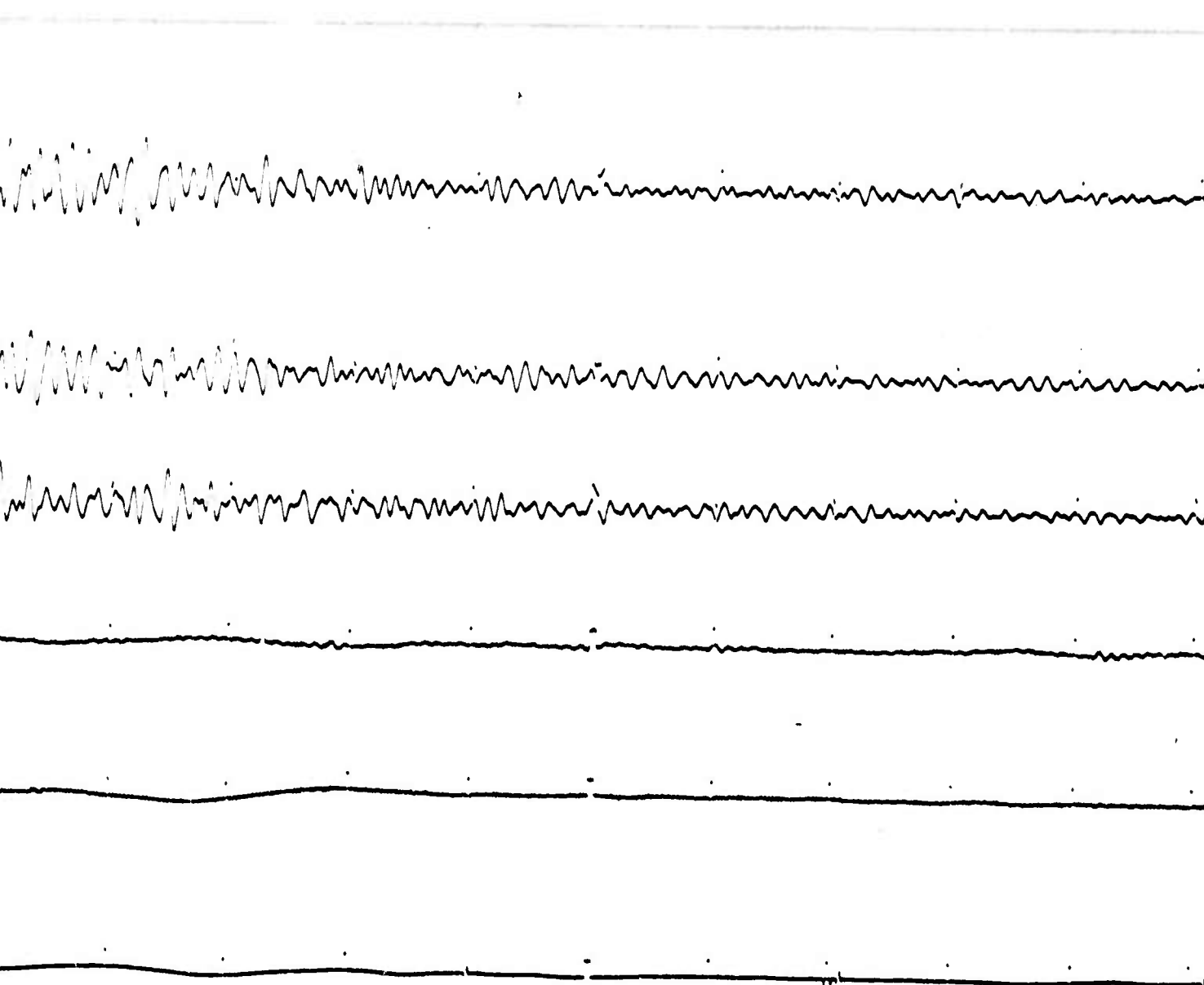
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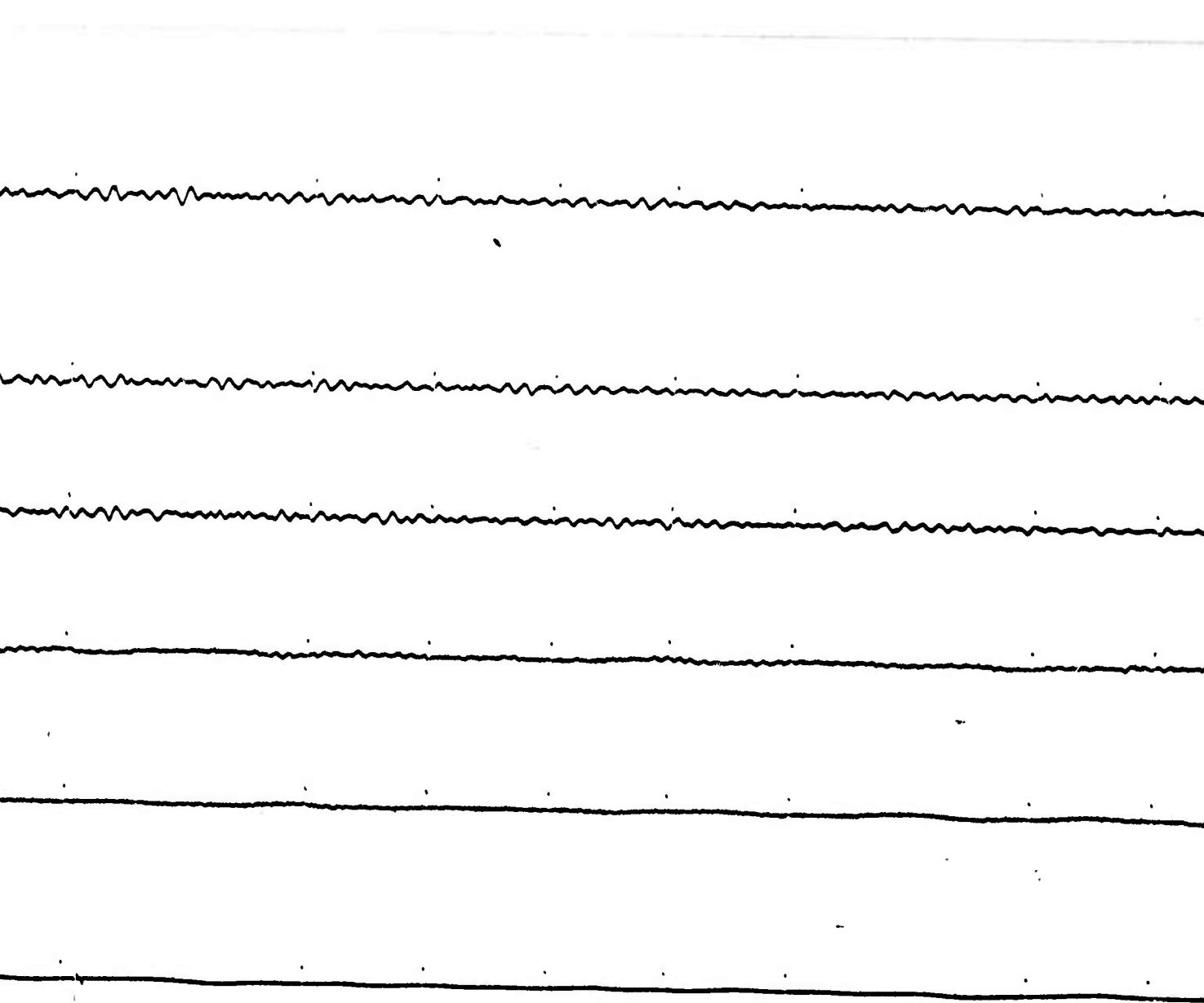
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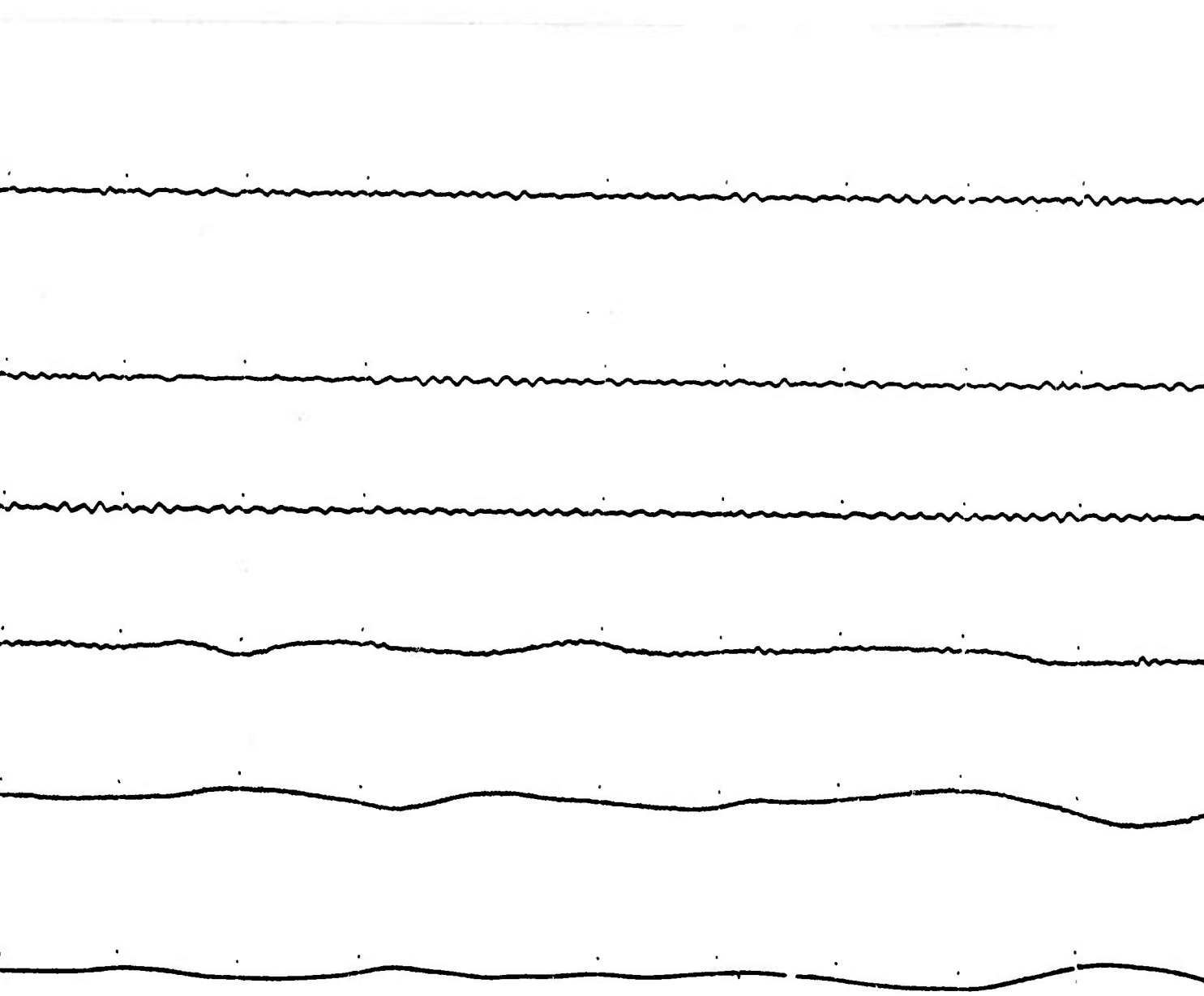




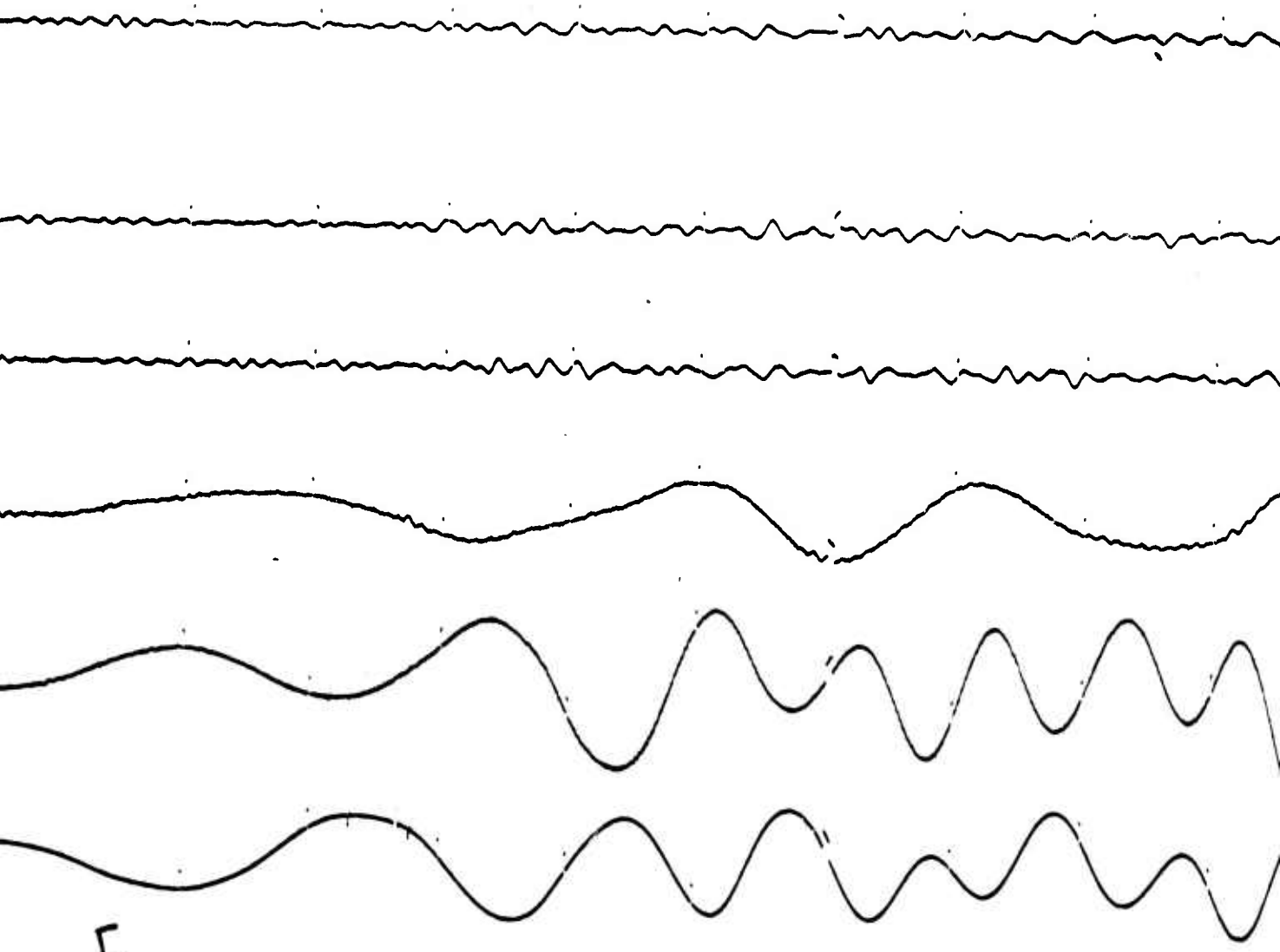
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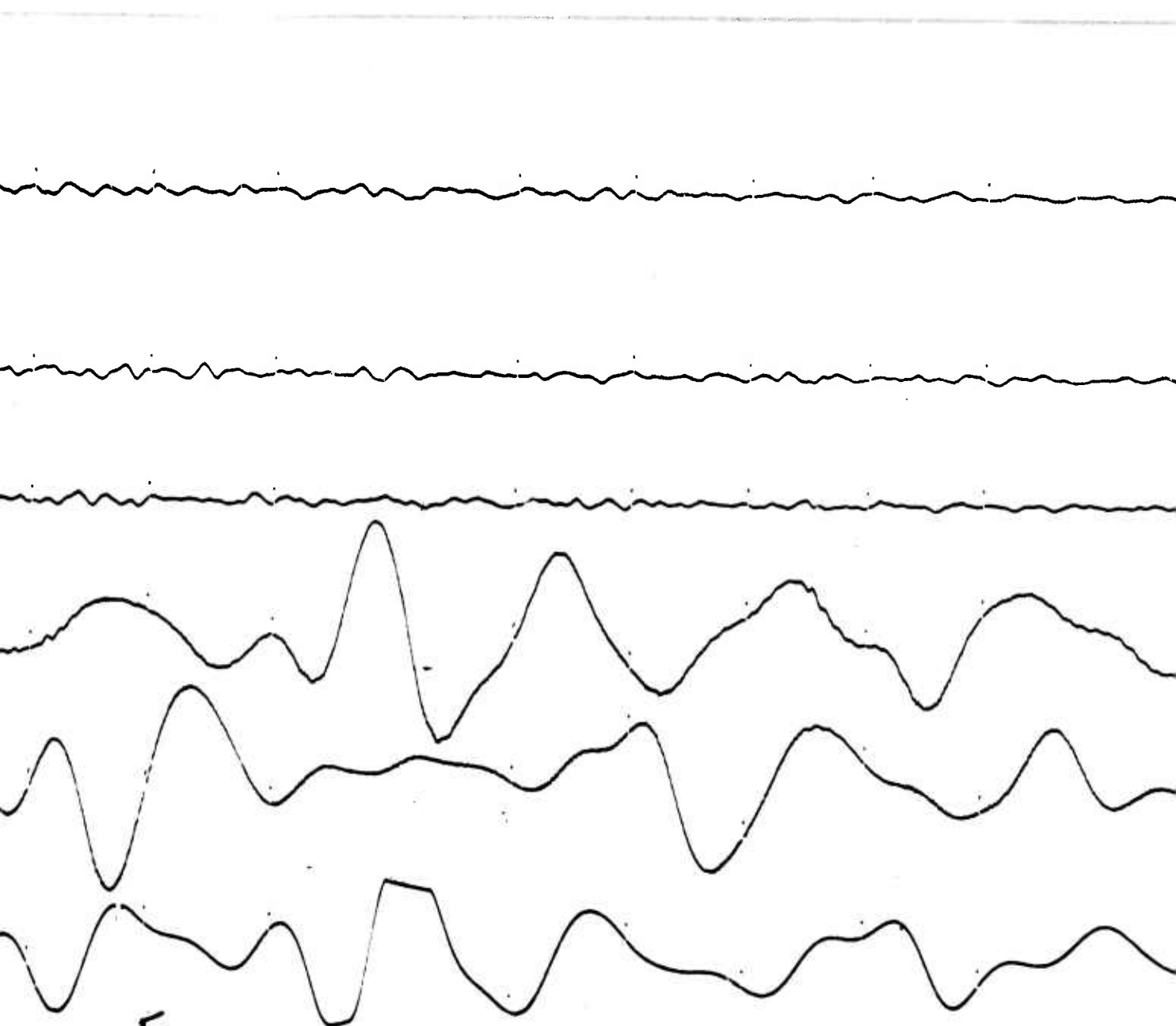
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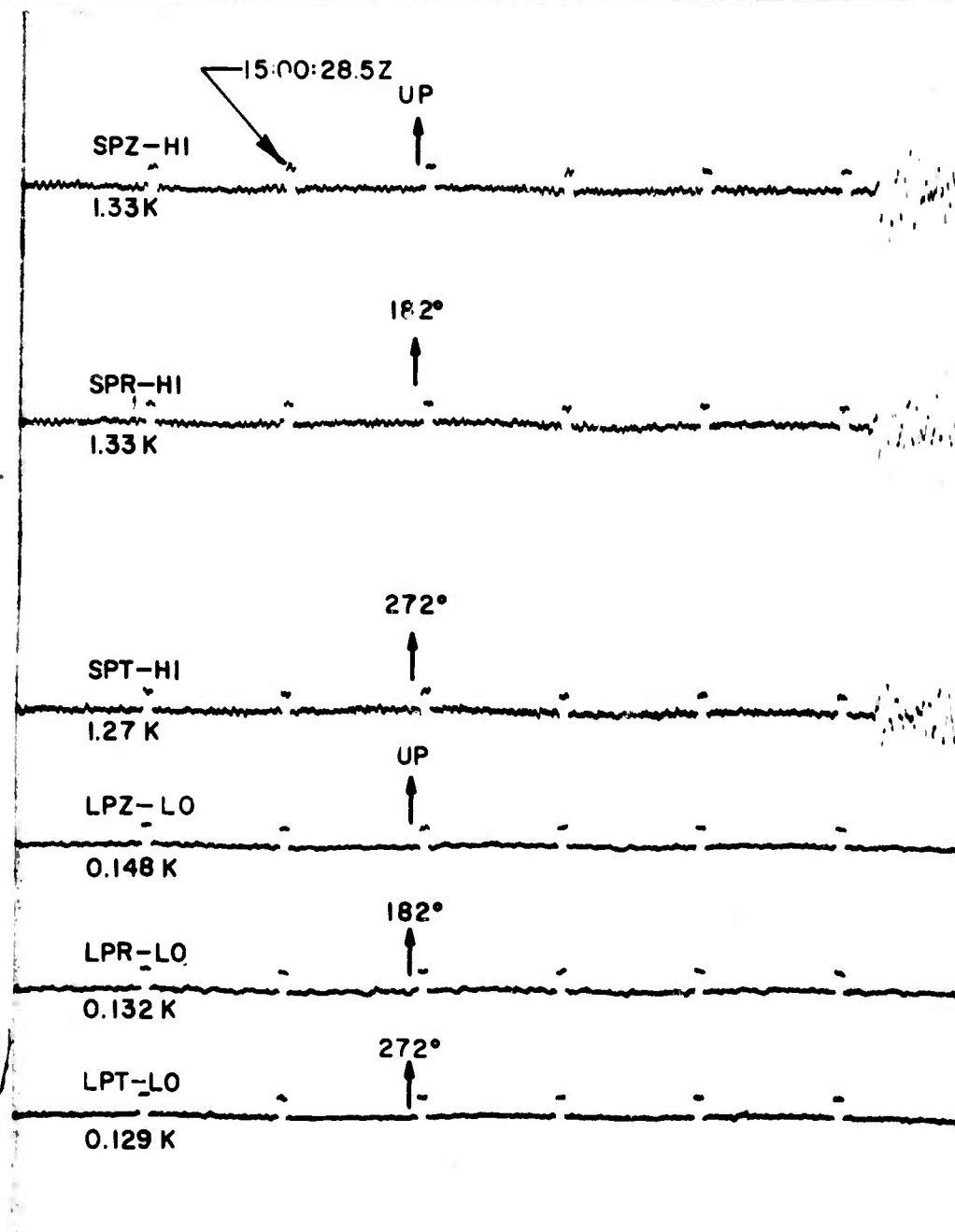
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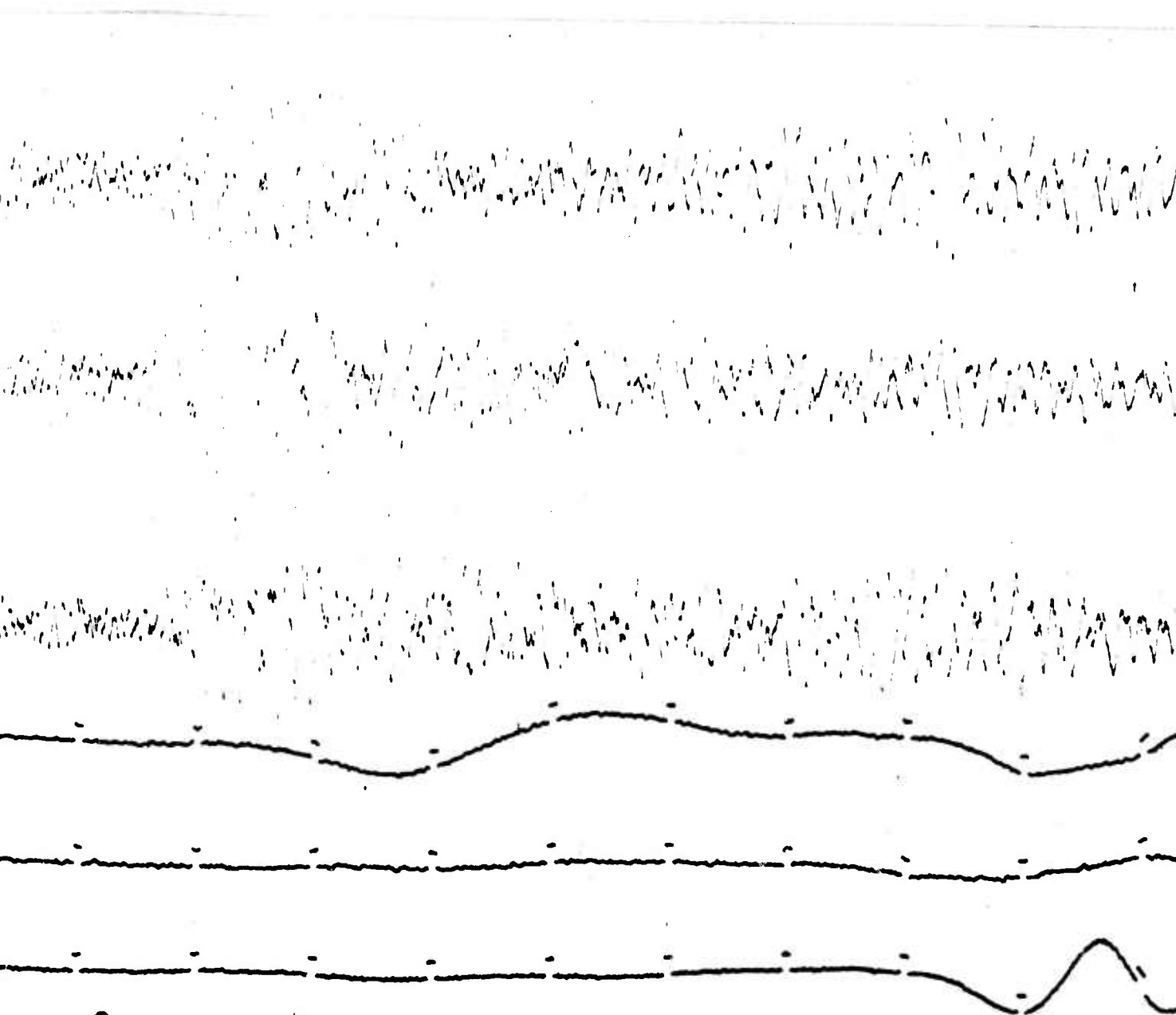
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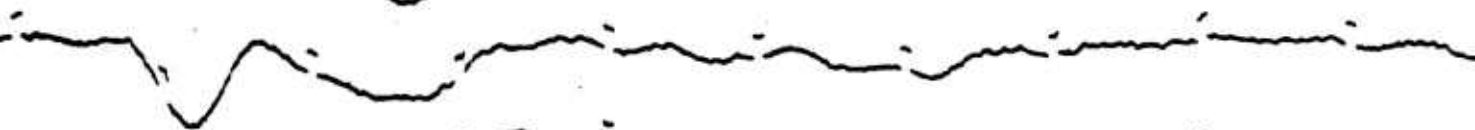
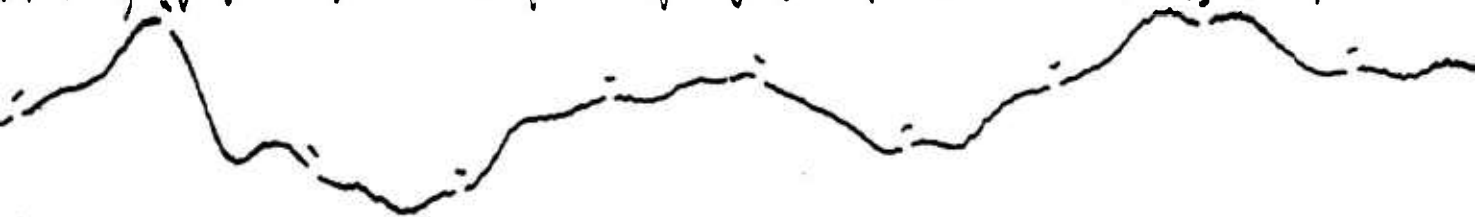
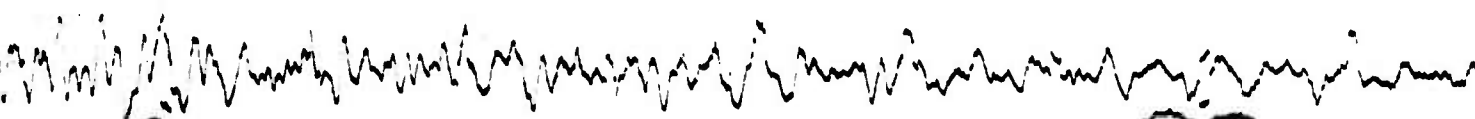
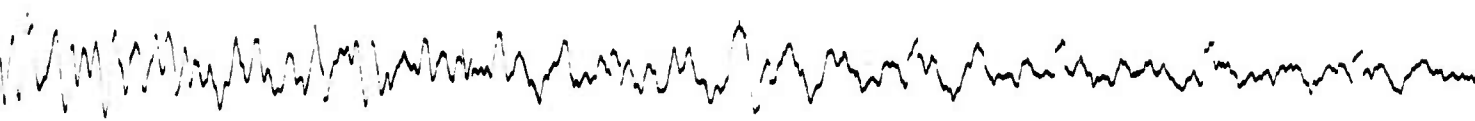
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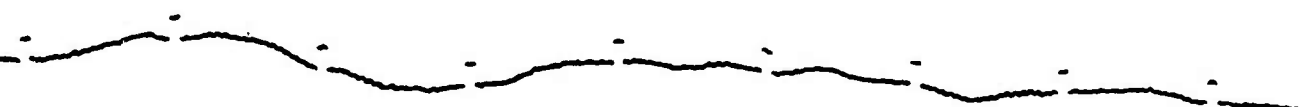
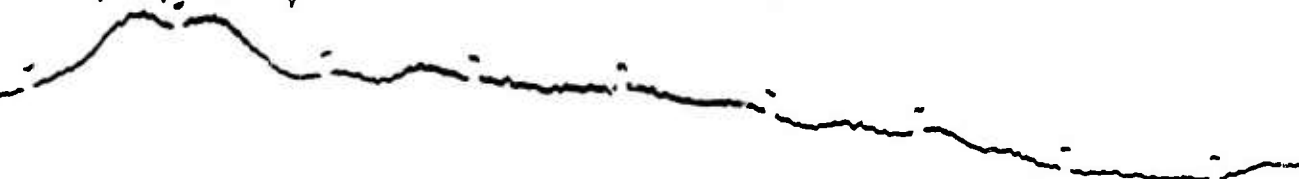
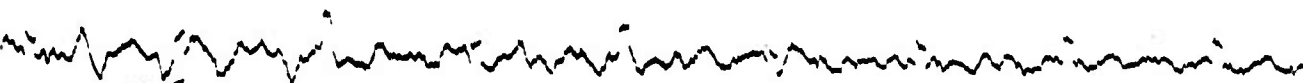




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