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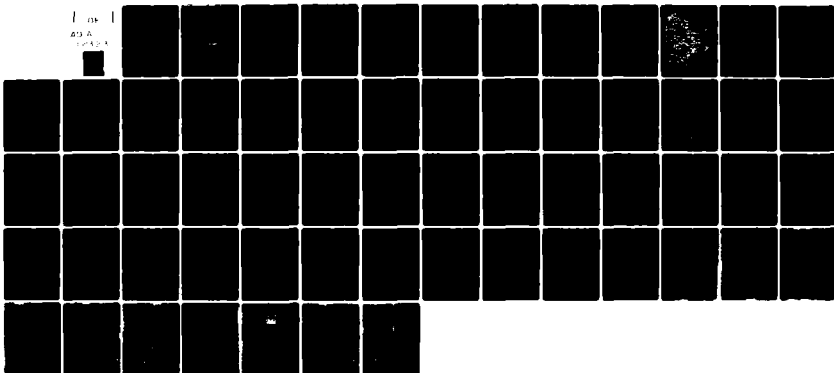
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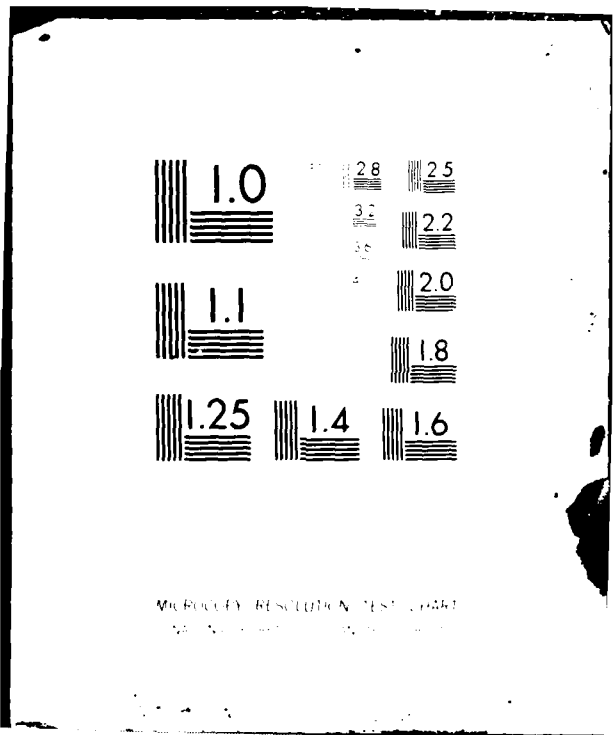
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## FOREWORD

Methodology and Characterization studies during Fiscal Years 1977 and 1978 (FY 77 and 78) included gravity surveys in 10 valleys, five in Arizona, two in Nevada, two in New Mexico, and one in California. The gravity data were obtained for the purpose of estimating the gross structure and shape of the basins and the thickness of the valley fill. There was also the possibility of detecting shallow rock in areas between boring locations. Generalized interpretations from these surveys were included in Ertec Western's (formerly Fugro National, Inc.) Characterization reports (FN-TR-26a through e).

During the FY 77 surveys, measurements were made to form an approximate 1-mile grid over the study areas, and contour maps showing interpreted depth to bedrock were made. In FY 79, the decision was made to concentrate on verifying and refining suitable area boundaries. This decision resulted in a reduction in the gravity program. Instead of obtaining gravity data on a grid, the reduced program consisted of obtaining gravity measurements along profiles across the valleys where Verification studies were also performed.

The Defense Mapping Agency (DMA), St. Louis, was requested to provide gravity data from their library to supplement the gravity profiles. For Big Smoky, Hot Creek, and Big Sand Springs valleys, a sufficient density of library data was available to permit construction of interpreted contour maps instead of just two-dimensional cross sections.

In late summer of FY 79, supplementary funds became available to begin data reduction. At that time, inner zone terrain corrections were begun on the library data and the profiles from Big Smoky Valley, Nevada, and Butler and La Posa valleys, Arizona. The profile data from Whirlwind, Hamlin, Snake East, White River, Garden, and Coal valleys, Nevada, became available from the field in early October 1979.

A continuation of gravity interpretations was incorporated into the FY 80 and 81 programs, and the results are being summarized in a series of valley reports. Reports covering Nevada-Utah gravity studies are being numbered "E-TR-33-" followed by the abbreviation for the subject valley. In addition, more detailed reports of the results of FY 77 surveys in Dry Lake and Ralston valleys, Nevada, were prepared. Verification studies were continued in FY 80, and gravity studies were included in the program. DMA continued to obtain the field measurements, and there was a return to the grid pattern. The interpretation of the grid data allows the production of contour maps which are valuable in the deep basin structural analysis needed for computer modeling in the water resources program. The gravity

interpretations will also be useful in Nuclear Hardness and Survivability (NH&S) evaluations.

The basic decisions governing the gravity program are made by BMO following consultation with TRW, Inc., Ertec Western, and the DMA. Conduct of the gravity studies is a joint effort between DMA and Ertec Western. The field work, including planning, logistics, surveying, and meter operation is done by the Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic/Topographic Center (DMAHTC), headquartered in Cheyenne, Wyoming. DMAHTC reduces the data to Simple Bouguer anomaly (see Section A1.4, Appendix A1.0). The Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center (DMAAC), St. Louis, Missouri, calculates outer zone terrain corrections.

Ertec Western provides DMA with schedules showing the valleys with the highest priorities. Ertec Western also recommended locations for the profiles in the FY 79 studies with the provision that they should follow existing roads or trails. Any required inner zone terrain corrections are calculated by Ertec Western prior to making geologic interpretations.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 OBJECTIVE

Gravity measurements were made in Cave Valley for the purpose of estimating the overall shape of the structural basin, the thickness of alluvial fill, and the location of concealed faults. The estimates will be useful in modeling the dynamic response of ground motion in the basin and in evaluating groundwater resources.

### 1.2 LOCATION

Cave Valley is located in east-central Nevada (Figure 1). It is approximately half way between Caliente and Ely, Ely being about 55 miles (88 km) north of Cave Valley. It is bounded on the east by the Schell Creek Range, on the west by the Egan Range, and opens to the south into White River Valley (Figure 2). Cave Valley is separated from Steptoe Valley to the north by convergence of the Egan and Schell Creek ranges.

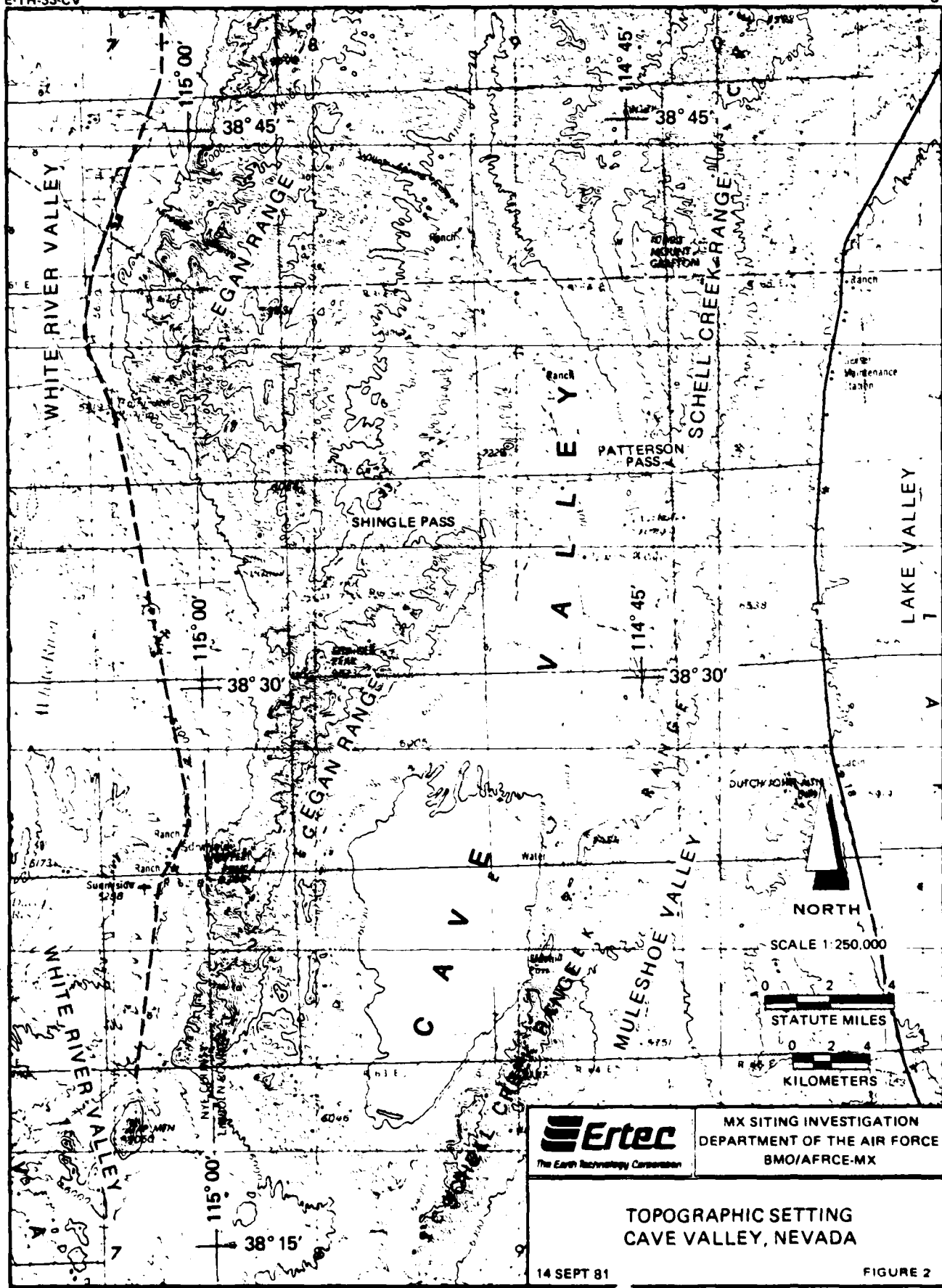
The area covered by this report lies between 38°15' and 38°45' North latitudes and 114°40' and 115°00' West longitudes.

### 1.3 SCOPE OF WORK

Five primary work elements were completed during this study. They are:

1. Computation and merging of terrain corrections;
2. Synthesis of regional and valley-specific geologic data;
3. Evaluation of the regional field and residual separation;
4. Inverse modeling to estimate depth to bedrock; and
5. Interpretation of structural relationships.





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FIGURE 2

The gravitational field within Cave Valley was defined by measurements from 374 stations. The principle facts for these stations are listed in Appendix A2.0, and their distribution is shown in Drawing 1.0. The Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center (DMAAC) supplied 143 gravity stations from its library, and 231 new gravity measurements were made by the Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic Topographic Center/Geodetic Survey Squadron (DMAHTC/GSS).

Cave Valley and Muleshoe Valley were studied together, with the results presented in separate reports. The rectangular region containing both valleys is the area between North latitudes  $38^{\circ}05'$  and  $38^{\circ}45'$  and West longitudes  $114^{\circ}35'$  and  $115^{\circ}00'$ . There are 522 gravity stations in the region. All were used to establish a common regional gravity trend for the two valleys.

Following residual separation, the geologic modeling of the two valleys was done independently.

## 2.0 GRAVITY DATA REDUCTION

DMAHTC/GSS obtained the basic observations for the new stations and reduced them to Simple Bouguer Anomalies (SBA) as described in Appendix A1.0. Up to three levels of terrain corrections were applied to the new stations to convert the SBA to the Complete Bouguer Anomaly (CBA). Only the first two levels of terrain corrections described below were applied to the library stations.

First, the DMAAC, St. Louis, Missouri, used its library of digitized terrain data and a computer program to calculate corrections out to 104 miles (167 km) from each station. When the program could not calculate the terrain effects near a station, Ertec Western used a ring template to estimate the effect of terrain within approximately 3000 feet (914 m) of the station. The third level of terrain corrections was applied to those stations where 10 feet (3 m) or more of relief was observed within 130 feet (40 m). In these cases, the elevation differences were measured in the field at a distance of 130 feet (40 m) along six directions from the stations. These data were used by Ertec Western to calculate the effect of the very near relief.

### 3.0 GEOLOGIC SUMMARY

Cave Valley is a north-northeasterly trending valley in the eastern portion of the Great Basin section of the Basin and Range physiographic province (Fenneman, 1931). It is bounded on the east by the Schell Creek Range and on the west by the Egan Range. On its southern boundary, Cave Valley is separated from White River Valley by rounded hills having low relief. On its northern boundary, it is separated from Steptoe Valley by a narrow gap between the Schell Creek and Egan ranges.

The Schell Creek Range is composed of faulted and deformed rocks which are uplifted relative to the surrounding area. In the southern part of the range surface exposures are Paleozoic in age. These rocks include as much as 15,000 feet (4572 m) of shale, sandstone, limestone, and dolomite that range in age from Upper Cambrian to Permian. Based on stratigraphic relationships in the northern part of the range, as much as 6000 feet (1829 m) of Lower Cambrian sediments and an unknown thickness of Precambrian sediments underlie the upper Paleozoic section. These older units are composed primarily of shale, sandstone, and quartzite. In the extreme southern part of the range, early Tertiary plutonic rocks have intruded the Paleozoic rocks.

In the central part of the Schell Creek Range, an unknown thickness of middle Tertiary volcanic rocks, andesite, and welded tuff covers most of the Paleozoic section except on the western flank of the range (Ekren and others, 1977; and Tschanz and

Pampeyan, 1970). Further north, the individual blocks making up the range have been uplifted to expose lower Cambrian rocks.

Like the Schell Creek Range, the Egan Range is composed of faulted and deformed blocks of rock. The surface rocks are generally Paleozoic carbonate, shale, and sandstone with the oldest rocks exposed anywhere in the range being upper Cambrian in age. There are about 26,000 feet (7925 m) of Paleozoic rock younger than lower Cambrian in the mountain range. About 80 percent of this is carbonate with the remaining being shale and sandstone (Kellogg, 1964). Volcanic rocks, mainly tuff, and sediments of middle Tertiary age cover the Paleozoic units in only a few areas (Kellogg, 1964).

The series of low hills that separate Cave Valley from White River Valley are composed largely of early to middle Tertiary volcanic rocks, but there are occasional outcrops of Paleozoic rock. Within Cave Valley itself, the surface is principally Quaternary age sediments although several blocks of Cambrian age rocks are exposed in the northern part of the valley. The sediments are principally nonindurated to partially indurated gravel, sand, silt, and conglomerate (Synder, 1964; and Mifflin and Wheat, 1979).

The present topographic relief of Cave Valley and the surrounding area is largely the result of late Cenozoic block faulting (Stewart, 1980). However, the effect of earlier tectonics, principally the Mesozoic overthrusting and early Cenozoic Laramide orogeny, is manifest in the absence of Mesozoic age

sediments and in the deformation of the Paleozoic and older sedimentary rocks.

#### 4.0 INTERPRETATION

The basis of interpretation in this report is the Complete Bouguer Anomaly (CBA). Complete Bouguer anomaly contours and the gravity station locations are shown in Drawing 1.

The interpretation of irregularly spaced data is both difficult and inefficient. In order to simplify the interpretation, the CBA data were reduced to a set of values on the nodes of a regularly spaced grid. The value at each node was computed using a minimum curvature gridding program (Briggs, 1974; and Swain, 1976). Minimum curvature gridding is an iterative process, the purpose of which is to find the smoothest surface that fits the irregularly spaced data. This smooth surface is then used to interpolate between the existing data points. A 0.62-mile (1-km) grid spacing, which is slightly more dense than the average data spacing, was used throughout this analysis.

#### 4.1 REGIONAL RESIDUAL SEPARATION

A fundamental difficulty in gravity interpretation is that the gravity expression of short wavelength, shallow, structural features of interest is overlapped and obscured by long wavelength features occurring at all depths. The purpose of a regional-residual separation is to remove the effect of the longer wavelength structures so that the features of interest may be correctly interpreted.

In order to estimate the form and magnitude of the long wavelength contribution (regional), the CBA was continued upward using a Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) and a frequency domain filter (Gunn, 1975). The data were continued upward to a height at which there could be seen no correlation between the upward continued CBA and the surface structure. This was at an altitude of 60,000 feet (18,288 m). The regional was then subtracted from the CBA and the resulting residual anomaly was further adjusted by a constant -8.0 mgal to make the zero residual contour approximately fit outcrops of Paleozoic carbonate rocks.

#### 4.2 DENSITY SELECTION

The correct interpretation of the residual anomaly requires that one select density values that are truly representative of the subsurface rock. In this analysis, unfortunately, only very generalized density information was available. Three borings were drilled approximately 100 feet (30 m) into the alluvium of Muleshoe Valley during Verification studies (Ertec, 1981b). The average density measured at the bottom of these borings was slightly less than 2.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. To account for compaction with depth (Woollard, 1962), a density of 2.3 g/cm<sup>3</sup> was assigned to the alluvium.

Basement rocks underlying the alluvium are assumed to be similar to rocks outcropping in the nearby mountains. These consist of Tertiary volcanic and plutonic rocks and Paleozoic carbonate and siliceous sedimentary rocks. Published values for the density

of the Paleozoic rocks typically range from 2.6 to 2.9 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Carbonate rocks in the Paleozoic section are the most dense with some in Nevada and Utah having values near 2.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The siliceous clastic sediments generally have densities in the range 2.6 to 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. Densities representative of the Tertiary volcanic rocks range from 2.0 to 2.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for tuffaceous material, depending on the degree of welding, compaction, and alteration; 2.3 to 2.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for the andesite and rhyolite flows; and 2.6 to 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for the plutonic rocks.

#### 4.3 MODELING AND SOURCES OF ERROR

Modeling was accomplished using three computer programs. Two of these programs compute the gravitational effect of two- and three-dimensional bodies (Talwani and others, 1959; and Plouff, 1975). The third program calculates an inverse three-dimensional solution (Cordell, 1970). The two forward modeling programs were used to augment the inverse modeling program because the inverse program is capable of handling only a single density contrast; whereas, there are several density contrasts that contribute to the form of the residual anomaly.

A contour map showing the thickness of alluvial fill, based on the results of the inversion program, is shown in Drawing 2. The density contrast between alluvium and bedrock used in this analysis was 0.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. There is very little independent information with which to compare this interpretation. One well, 7N-63E-14ab, was drilled into limestone at a depth of 370 feet (113 m) (Ertec, 1981c). Its location is noted in Drawing 2.

There are three principal sources of error in this analysis. First, because there is no detailed study of the actual densities of rocks in the area, we have had to rely on estimates. Second, the inverse modeling program, upon which most of the thickness of alluvium interpretation is based, is capable of handling only a single density contrast; whereas, there are probably several density contrasts which contribute to the residual anomaly. Third, the distribution of gravity data is not uniform, leaving large areas in which all of the interpretation is based on interpreted or extrapolated trends of the data.

#### 4.4 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

For purposes of discussion, Cave Valley is divided into a southern part and a northern part. The division between these two areas is a line between Shingle Pass in the Egan Range and Patterson Pass in the Schell Creek Range (Figure 2). The reason for the division was two-fold. First, the gravity data in the southern area are relatively uniformly distributed, while the northern area has several large gaps in the data. Second, both the CBA (Drawing 1) and the residual anomaly contours in the southern area tend to follow the shape of the mountain ranges and valley, while this simple pattern disappears completely in the northern area.

The interpreted structure of the southern part of Cave Valley is shown in the thickness of alluvium contour map (Drawing 2). This interpretation is based on geological information from published reports, analysis of aerial photographs (Ertec, 1981a),

and geological field reconnaissance as well as gravity data. For example, wherever sufficient gravity data existed, the placement of faults could be guided by the maximum horizontal gravity gradients (zero second vertical derivative). However, in areas lacking detailed gravity data, faults were based entirely on geologic data. Major faults shown in Drawing 2 may actually be systems of smaller faults. This is particularly true near the ends of major faults which typically dissipate through systems of smaller faults into a nearly continuous deformation.

Drawing 2 shows that the southern part of Cave Valley has a relatively simple structure. It is basically an alluvial-filled graben that retains a nearly constant width from north to south. It is slightly deeper in the extreme southern part where as much as 7000 feet (2134 m) of alluvium may overly the bedrock. The gravity data and geology both indicate that the graben is tilted down slightly to the east. The depth contours in Drawing 2 rise much more slowly on the west side of the valley than they do on the east side of the valley.

The interpretation of the Bouguer anomaly in northern Cave Valley is somewhat complicated. The fact that the gravity contours no longer follow the mountain ranges is a reflection of structure in the basement rocks and also of very shallow alluvium through most of this part of the valley. Outcrops of Cambrian age basement through the alluvium in places further substantiates that the alluvium is thin. Furthermore, the appearance of lower Cambrian sedimentary rocks at the surface in the Schell

Creek Range shows that the block making up the mountain range, and perhaps part of the block beneath the alluvium as well, does not contain the younger Paleozoic carbonate rocks found elsewhere in the region (Shilling and Garside, 1968). The loss of this high-density section of rocks causes the east-west trend of the gravity contours in northern Cave Valley.

Drawing 2 shows three inferred faults in northern Cave Valley. The inferred fault on the west side of the valley was placed on the basis of the juxtaposition of Cambrian and Permian sediments. The inferred fault on the east side of the valley was placed on the basis of aerial photos and field mapping (Howard, 1978). The only indication of either of these faults on the gravity contour map is the small gravity low enclosed by the -215 mgal contour on the east side of the valley (Drawing 1). The bend of the CBA contours in the central part of the valley correlate well with Kellogg's (1964) placement of the Shingle Pass fault.

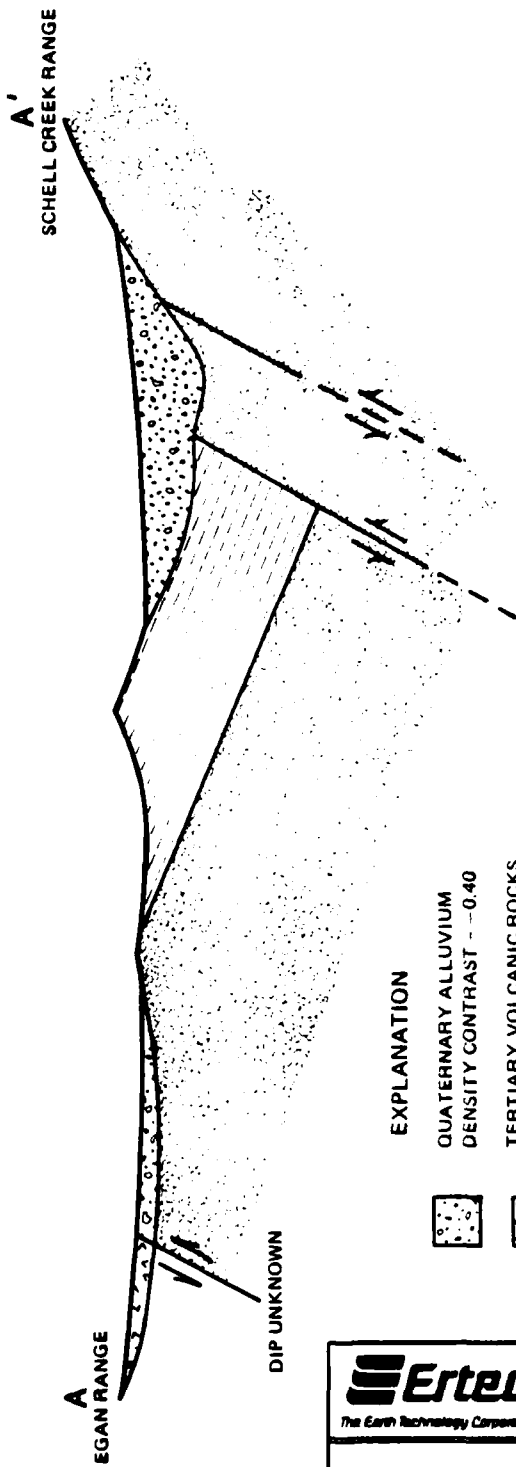
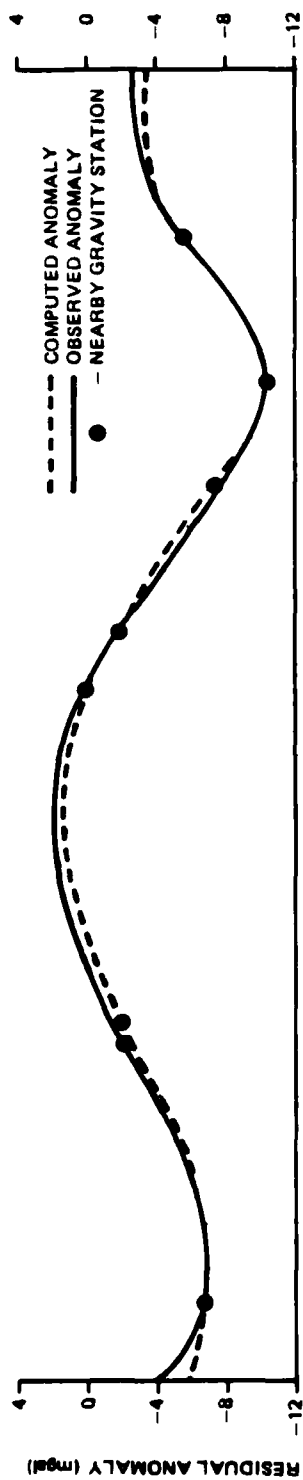
On the west side of the valley, the absence of any expression of faulting in the gravity data is probably caused by a lack of data. The lack of clear expression of faulting on the east side of the valley is caused more than anything else by a lack of density contrast across the fault which is another indication that Paleozoic carbonates are absent beneath much of the alluvium.

The small gravity low on the east side of northern Cave Valley was integrated to estimate the mass deficiency that causes it





(Grant and West, 1965). The integration resulted in a mass deficiency of  $2.27 \times 10^9$  tons ( $2.5 \times 10^{12}$  kg). If one assumes that this deficiency is caused by alluvium having a density contrast of  $0.4 \text{ g/cm}^3$  with the Cambrian bedrock, one may conclude that the average depth of alluvium on the east side of the valley near the mountain front is about 1017 feet (310 m).

Figure 3 shows a gravity profile and interpreted cross section that crosses the northern part of the valley along section A-A' (Drawing 1). The calculations were made from a three-dimensional model of the subsurface. Figure 4 shows a more schematic cross-section across southern Cave Valley (profile B-B' in Drawing 1).

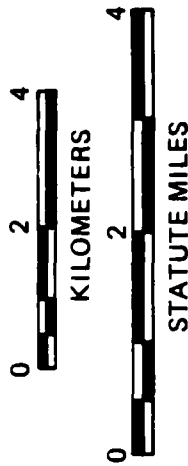
Because most of the gravity data in northern Cave Valley lie in its southern part, we have not attempted any interpretations of the extreme northern part of the valley. However, the gravity data that are available near the boundary between Cave Valley and Steptoe Valley indicate that there is probably more alluvial fill in the extreme northern part of Cave Valley than in the southern part of northern Cave Valley.



**EXPLANATION**

- 
 QUATERNARY ALLUVIUM  
 DENSITY CONTRAST - -0.40
- 
 TERTIARY VOLCANIC ROCKS  
 UNDIFFERENTIATED  
 DENSITY CONTRAST - -0.30
- 
 UPPER CAMBRIAN AND  
 ORDOVICIAN THROUGH  
 MISSISSIPPIAN SEDIMENTS--  
 LARGELY CARBONATE  
 DENSITY CONTRAST + +0.20
- 
 CAMBRIAN AND PRECAMBRIAN  
 CLASTIC SEDIMENTS AND  
 METASEDIMENTS  
 DENSITY CONTRAST - 0.00

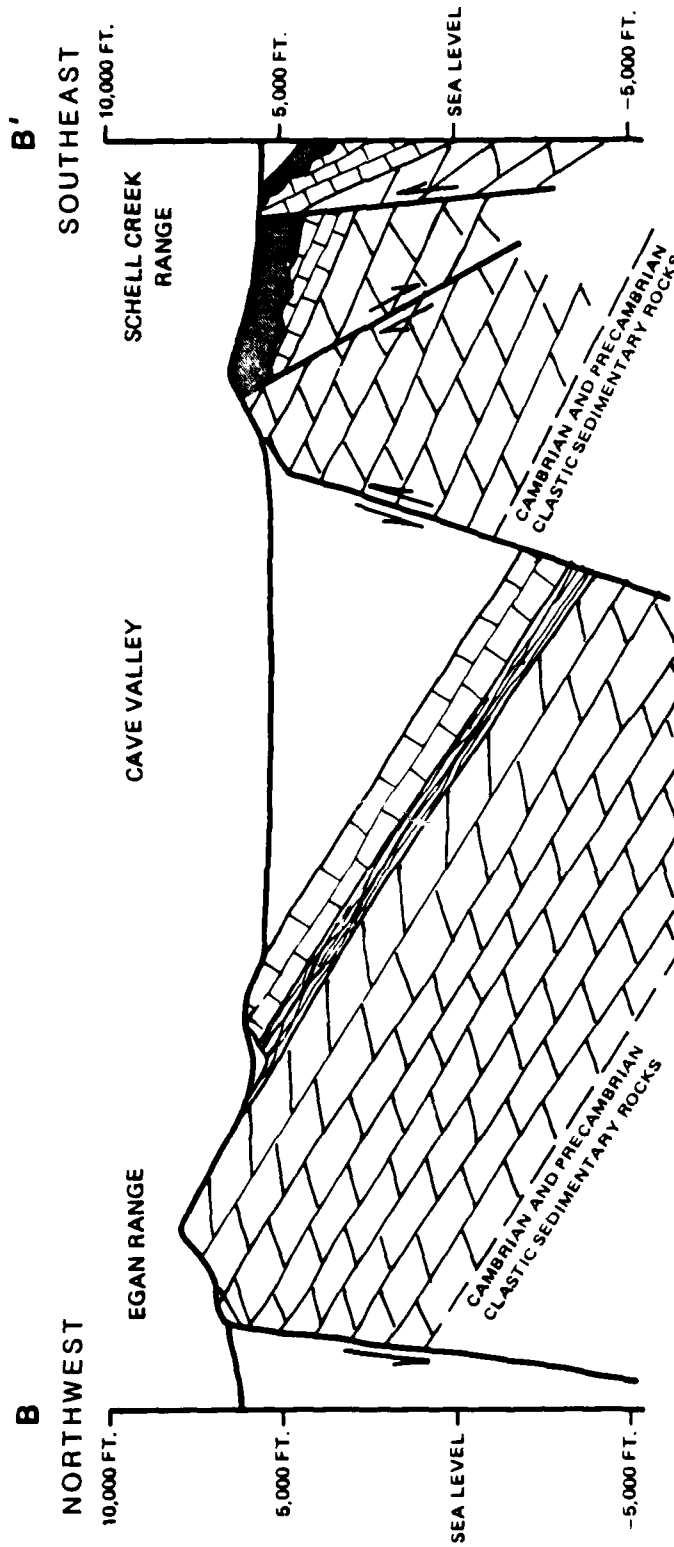
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



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FIGURE 3



(VERTICAL EXAGGERATION IS ABOUT 2.5 TIMES)

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-  QUATERNARY AND LATE TERTIARY (?) ALLUVIUM
-  TERTIARY VOLCANIC ROCKS
-  UPPER PALEOZOIC SHALES
-  LOWER PALEOZOIC CARBONATES (PREDOMINANTLY DOLOMITE)
-  UPPER PALEOZOIC CARBONATES (PREDOMINANTLY LIMESTONE AND QUARTZITE)



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FIGURE 4

## 5.0 CONCLUSIONS

Gravity data indicate that Cave Valley may be divided into two structurally distinct regions. That part of Cave Valley lying south of a line connecting Shingle Pass in the Egan Range with Patterson Pass in the Schell Creek Range displays a structure that is common among Basin and Range province valleys. This southern part of Cave Valley is an elongated north to north-northeast trending graben that is filled with approximately 7000 feet (2134 m) of alluvium. There is some indication in both the gravity and geology that the block constituting the graben is tilted slightly to the east.

In contrast, the northern part of Cave Valley is a rather complex structure of faulted blocks of bedrock that are relatively shallow. There is an average of 1000 feet (310 m) of alluvium on the eastern side of northern Cave Valley and about 650 feet (200 m) of alluvium on the western side of northern Cave Valley. Bouguer anomaly values in extreme northern Cave Valley indicate that the alluvium may be somewhat thicker in this area. However, the Bouguer anomaly in this area could also reflect Paleozoic carbonate rocks in the nearby mountains. The section of Paleozoic carbonate rocks is missing in the Schell Creek Range on the east side of northern Cave Valley. The carbonates probably are missing also beneath the alluvium throughout parts of northern Cave Valley.

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APPENDIX A1.0  
GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF  
GRAVITY REDUCTION

A1.0 GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF GRAVITY REDUCTION

A1.1 GENERAL

A gravity survey involves measurement of differences in the gravitational field between various points on the earth's surface. The gravitational field values being measured are the same as those influencing all objects on the surface of the earth. They are generally associated with the force which causes a 1 gm mass to be accelerated at  $980 \text{ cm/sec}^2$ . This force is normally referred to as a 1-g force.

Even though in many applications the gravitational field at the earth's surface is assumed to be constant, small but distinguishable differences in gravity occur from point to point. In a gravity survey, the variations are measured in terms of milligals. A milligal is equal to  $0.001 \text{ cm/sec}^2$  or  $0.00000102 \text{ g}$ . The differences in gravity are caused by geometrical effects, such as differences in elevation and latitude, and by lateral variations in density within the earth. The lateral density variations are a result of changes in geologic conditions. For measurements at the surface of the earth, the largest factor influencing the pull of gravity is the density of all materials between the center of the earth and the point of measurement.

To detect changes produced by differing geological conditions, it is necessary to detect differences in the gravitational field as small as a few milligals. To recognize changes due to

geological conditions, the measurements are "corrected" to account for changes due to differences in elevation and latitude.

Given this background, the basic concept of the gravitational exploration method, the anomaly, can be introduced. If, instead of being an oblate spheroid characterized by complex density variations, the earth were made up of concentric, homogeneous shells, the gravitational field would be the same at all points on the surface of the earth. The complexities in the earth's shape and material distribution are the reason that the pull of gravity is not the same from place to place. A difference in gravity between two points which is not caused by the effects of known geometrical differences, such as in elevation, latitude, and surrounding terrain, is referred to as an "anomaly."

An anomaly reflects lateral differences in material densities. The gravitational attraction is smaller at a place underlain by relatively low density material than it is at a place underlain by a relatively high density material. The term "negative gravity anomaly" describes a situation in which the pull of gravity within a prescribed area is small compared to the area surrounding it. Low-density alluvial deposits in basins such as those in the Nevada-Utah region produce negative gravity anomalies in relation to the gravity values in the surrounding mountains which are formed by more dense rocks.

The objective of gravity exploration is to deduce the variations in geologic conditions that produce the gravity anomalies identified during a gravity survey.

### A1.2 INSTRUMENTS

The sensing element of a LaCoste and Romberg gravimeter is a mass suspended by a zero-length spring. Deflections of the mass from a null position are proportional to changes in gravitational attraction. These instruments are sealed and compensated for atmospheric pressure changes. They are maintained at a constant temperature by an internal heater element and thermostat. The absolute value of gravity is not measured directly by a gravimeter. It measures relative values of gravity between one point and another. Gravitational differences as small as 0.01 milligal can be measured.

### A1.3 FIELD PROCEDURES

The gravimeter readings were calibrated in terms of absolute gravity by taking readings twice daily at nearby USGS gravity base stations. Gravimeter readings fluctuate because of small time-related deviations due to the effect of earth tides and instrument drift. Field readings were corrected to account for these deviations. The magnitude of the tidal correction was calculated using an equation suggested by Goguel (1954):

$$C = P + N \cos \phi (\cos \phi + \sin \phi) + S \cos \phi (\cos \phi - \sin \phi)$$

where C is the tidal correction factor, P, N, and S are time-related variables, and  $\phi$  is the latitude of the observation point. Tables giving the values of P, N, and S are published annually by the European Association of Exploration Geophysicists.

The meter drift correction was based on readings taken at a designated base station at the start and end of each day. Any difference between these two readings after they were corrected for tidal effects was considered to have been the result of instrumental drift. It was assumed that this drift occurred at a uniform rate between the two readings. Corrections for drift were typically only a few hundredths of a milligal. Readings corrected for tidal effects and instrumental drift represented the observed gravity at each station.

#### A1.4 DATA REDUCTION

Several corrections or reductions are made to the observed gravity to isolate the portion of the gravitational pull which is due to the crustal and near-surface materials. The gravity remaining after these reductions is called the "Bouguer Anomaly." Bouguer Anomaly values are the basis for geologic interpretation. To obtain the Bouguer Anomaly, the observed gravity is adjusted to the value it would have had if it had been measured at the geoid, a theoretically defined surface which approximates the surface of mean sea level. The difference between the "adjusted" observed gravity and the gravity at the geoid calculated for a theoretically homogeneous earth is the Bouguer Anomaly.

Four separate reductions, to account for four geometrical effects, are made to the observed gravity at each station to arrive at its Bouguer Anomaly value.

a. Free-Air Effect: Gravitational attraction varies inversely as the square of the distance from the center of the earth. Thus, corrections must be applied for elevation. Observed gravity levels are corrected for elevation using the normal vertical gradient of:

$$FA = -0.09406 \text{ mg/ft } (-0.3086 \text{ milligals/meter})$$

where FA is the free-air effect (the rate of change of gravity with distance from the center of the earth). The free-air correction is positive in sign since the correction is opposite the effect.

b. Bouguer Effect: Like the free-air effect, the Bouguer effect is a function of the elevation of the station, but it considers the influence of a slab of earth materials between the observation point on the surface of the earth and the corresponding point on the geoid (sea level). Normal practice, which is to assume that the density of the slab is 2.67 grams per cubic centimeter, was followed in these studies. The Bouguer correction ( $B_C$ ), which is opposite in sign to the free-air correction, was defined according to the following formula.

$$B_C = 0.01276 (2.67) h_f \text{ (milligals per foot)}$$

$$B_C = 0.04185 (2.67) h_m \text{ (milligals per meter)}$$

where  $h_f$  is the height above sea level in feet and  $h_m$  is the height in meters.

c. Latitude Effect: Points at different latitudes will have different values of gravity for two reasons. The earth (and the geoid) is spheroidal, or flattened at the poles. Since

points at higher latitudes are closer to the center of the earth than points near the equator, gravity at the higher latitudes is larger. As the earth spins, the centrifugal acceleration causes a slight decrease in the measured value of gravity. At the higher latitudes where the earth's circles of latitude are smaller, the centrifugal acceleration diminishes. The gravity formula for the Geodetic Reference System, 1967, gives the theoretical value of gravity at the geoid as a function of latitude. It is:

$$g = 978.0381 (1 + 0.0053204 \sin^2 \phi - 0.0000058 \sin^2 2\phi) \text{ gals}$$

where  $g$  is the theoretical acceleration of gravity and  $\phi$  is the latitude in degrees. The positive term accounts for the spheroidal shape of the earth. The negative term adjusts for the centrifugal acceleration.

The previous two corrections (free air and Bouguer) adjust the observed gravity to the value it would have at the geoid (sea level). The theoretical value at the geoid for the latitude of the station is subtracted from the adjusted observed gravity and the remainder is called the Simple Bouguer Anomaly (SBA). Most of this represents the effect of material beneath the station, but part of it may be due to irregularities in terrain (upper part of the Bouguer slab) around the station.

d. Terrain Effect: Topographic relief around the station has a negative effect on the gravitational force at the station. A nearby hill has upward gravitational pull and a nearby valley contributes less downward attraction than a nearby material

would have. Therefore, the corrections are always positive. Corrections are made to the SBA when the terrain effects are 0.1 milligal or larger. Terrain corrected Bouguer values are called the Complete Bouguer Anomaly (CBA). When the CBA is obtained, the reduction of gravity at individual measurement points (stations) is complete.

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APPENDIX A2.0  
METHODS OF INTERPRETATION

## A2.0 METHODS OF INTERPRETATION

### A2.1 REGIONAL - RESIDUAL SEPARATION

To interpret the gravity data, the portion of the CBA that might be caused by the light-weight, basin-fill material must be separated from that caused by the heavier bedrock material which forms the surrounding mountains and presumably the basin floor. The first step is to estimate a regional field. This is an estimation of the values the CBA would have if the light-weight sediments (the anomaly) were not there. Since the valley-fill sediments are absent at the stations read in the mountains, one approach is to use the CBA values at bedrock stations as the basis for constructing a second order polynomial surface to represent a regional field over the valley.

Where there are insufficient bedrock stations to define a satisfactory regional trend, another approach is to estimate the regional by the process of upward continuation of the CBA field. A principal result of potential field theory is that a field quantity satisfying Laplace's equation in a three-dimensional volume of space is specified completely by the value it has on the surface bounding that volume (Grant and West, 1965). Since the gravitational field satisfies Laplace's equation, its value anywhere above the surface of the earth can be found using only the value of gravity on the surface of the earth, regardless of the mass distribution that produces the value of gravity in the first place. On this basis, the Bouguer anomaly is readily continued to level surfaces above the ground.

An important property of upward continuation is that the resultant field (which can be represented by a contour map), changes more with respect to shallow sources than it does with respect to deeper sources. The anomalous parts of the field ascribed to shallow density distribution tend to vanish as the continuation is carried upward; whereas the field produced by deeper sources changes only slightly, so that upward continuation produces regional-type fields.

The difference between the CBA and the regional field is called the residual field or residual anomaly. The residual field is the interpreter's estimation of the gravitational effect of the geologic anomaly.

#### A2.2 INTERPRETATION OF THE RESIDUAL ANOMALY

If the regional is well chosen, the magnitude of the residual anomaly is a function of the thickness of the anomalous (fill) material and the density contrast. The density contrast is the difference in density between the alluvial and bedrock material. If this contrast were known exactly, an accurate calculation of the thickness could be made. Generally, the densities are not well known and vary within the study area. Therefore, it is necessary to use densities typical of materials similar to those in the study area.

If the selected average density contrast is smaller than the actual density contrast, the computed depth to bedrock will be greater than the actual depth and vice-versa. The computed depth is inversely proportional to the density contrast. A ten

percent error in density contrast produces a ten percent error in computed depth.

Once the density contrast between the alluvium and bedrock is established, there are several methods available for determining the form of the alluvium-bedrock interface. One way is to use an iterative computer program which will yield some simple model of the interface approximately explaining the residual gravity anomaly (Cordell, 1970). An alternative approach is to assume the form of the interface a priori and, calculate what effect this would have on the residual gravity anomaly. By continually adjusting the model, one may obtain a reasonable estimate of the interface. There are computer programs that will calculate the gravitational effect of two-dimensional (Talwani et al, 1959) and three-dimensional (Plouff, 1975) bodies.

APPENDIX A3.0  
CAVE VALLEY, UTAH  
GRAVITY DATA

## CAVE VALLEY GRAVITY DATA

STATION IDENT.	LAT. DEG MIN	LONG. DEG MIN	ELEV. +CODE	TER-COR. IN/OUT	NORTH UTM	EAST UTM	OBSV GRAV	THEO GRAV	FAA	CBA +1000
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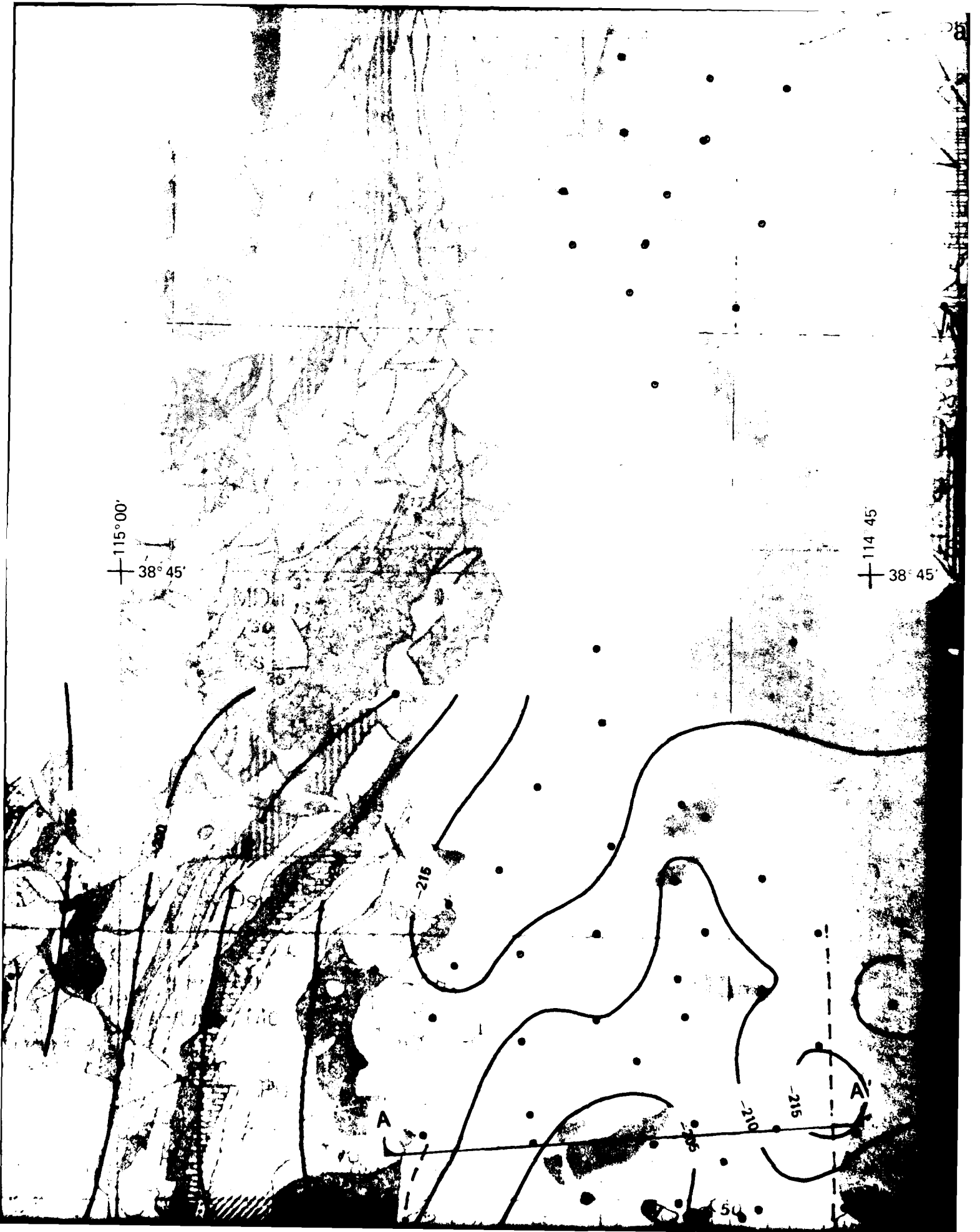
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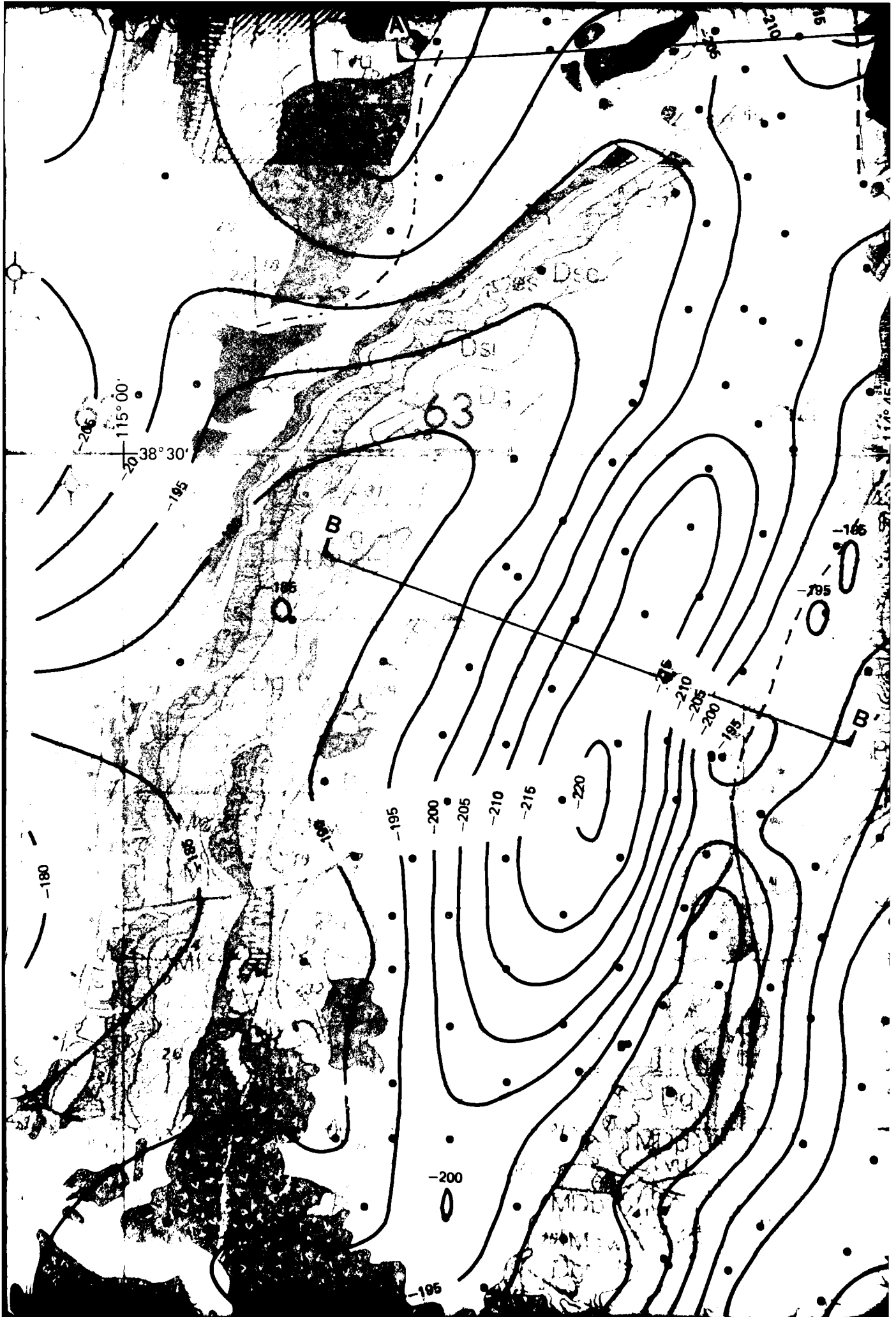
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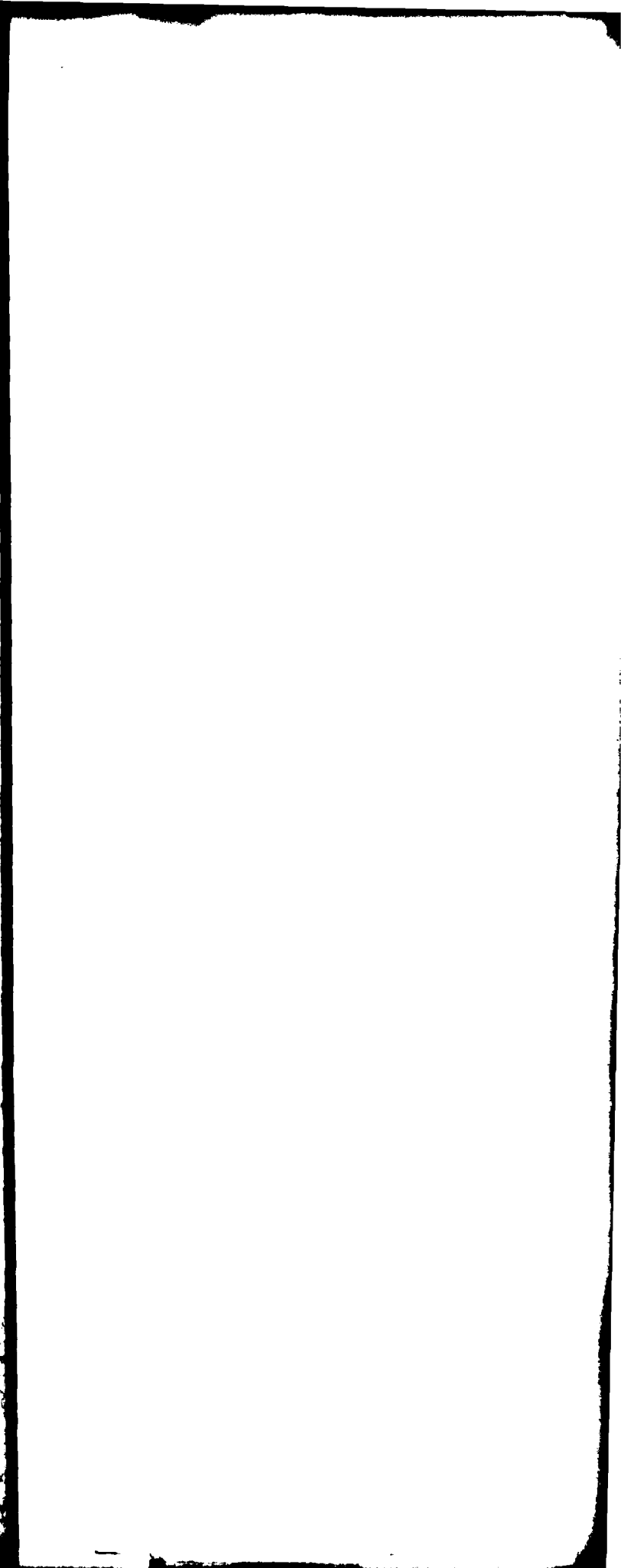
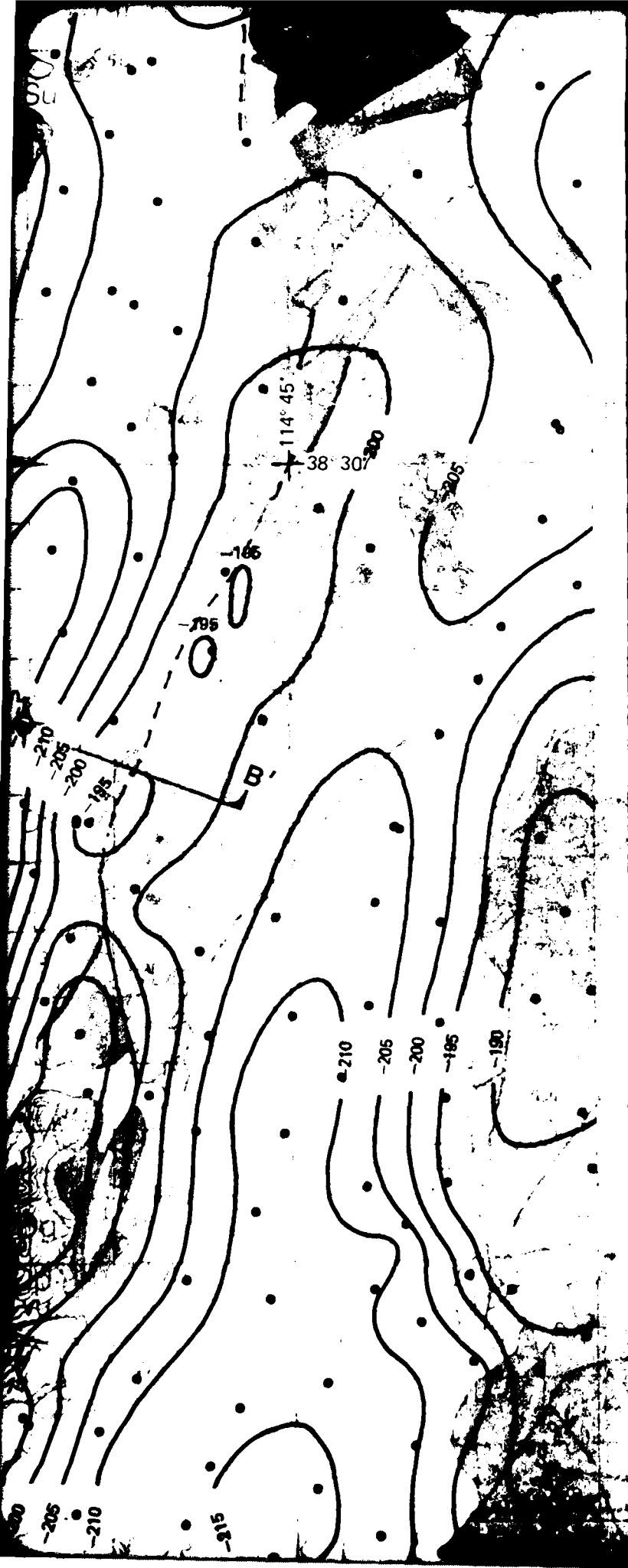
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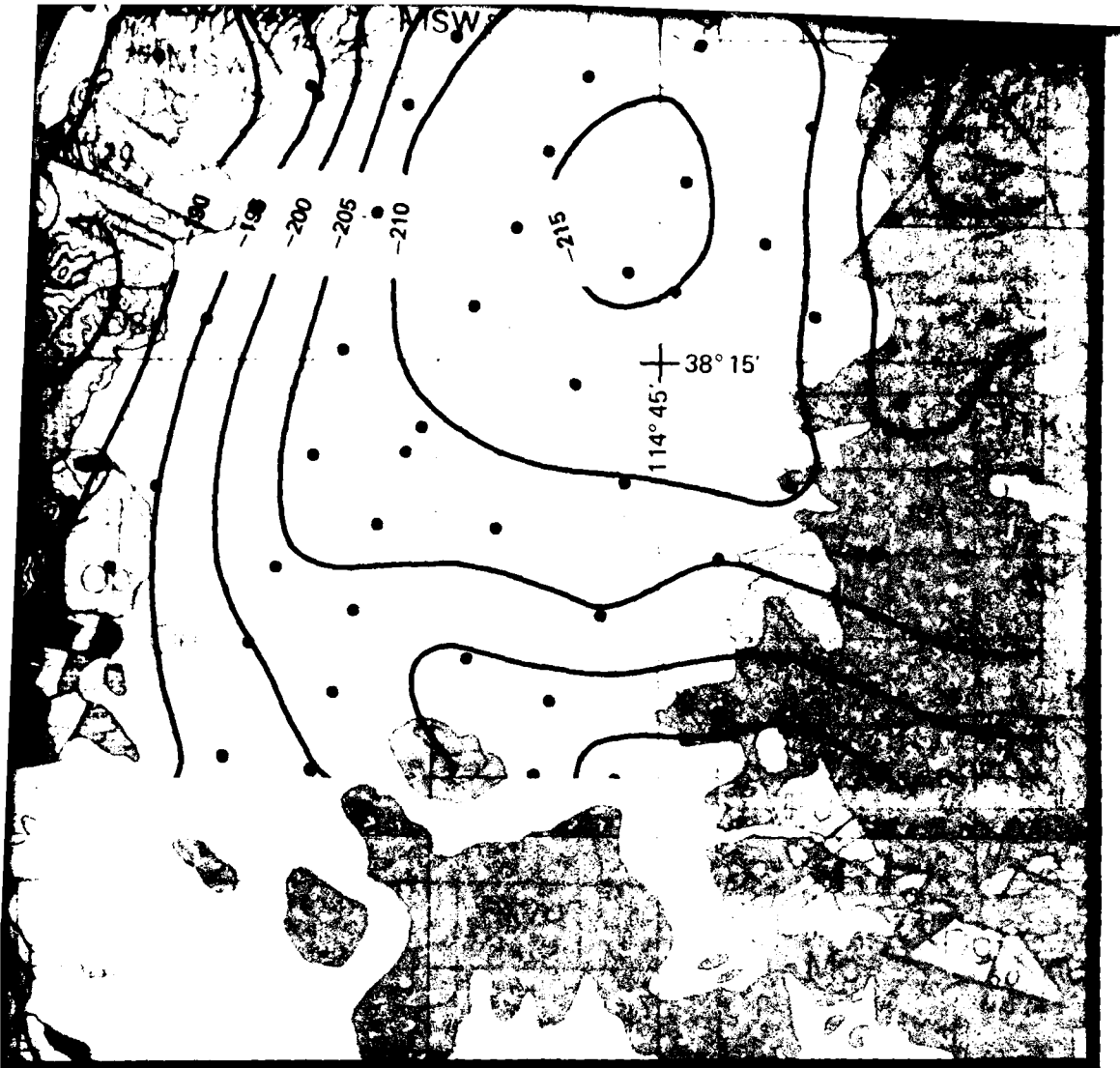












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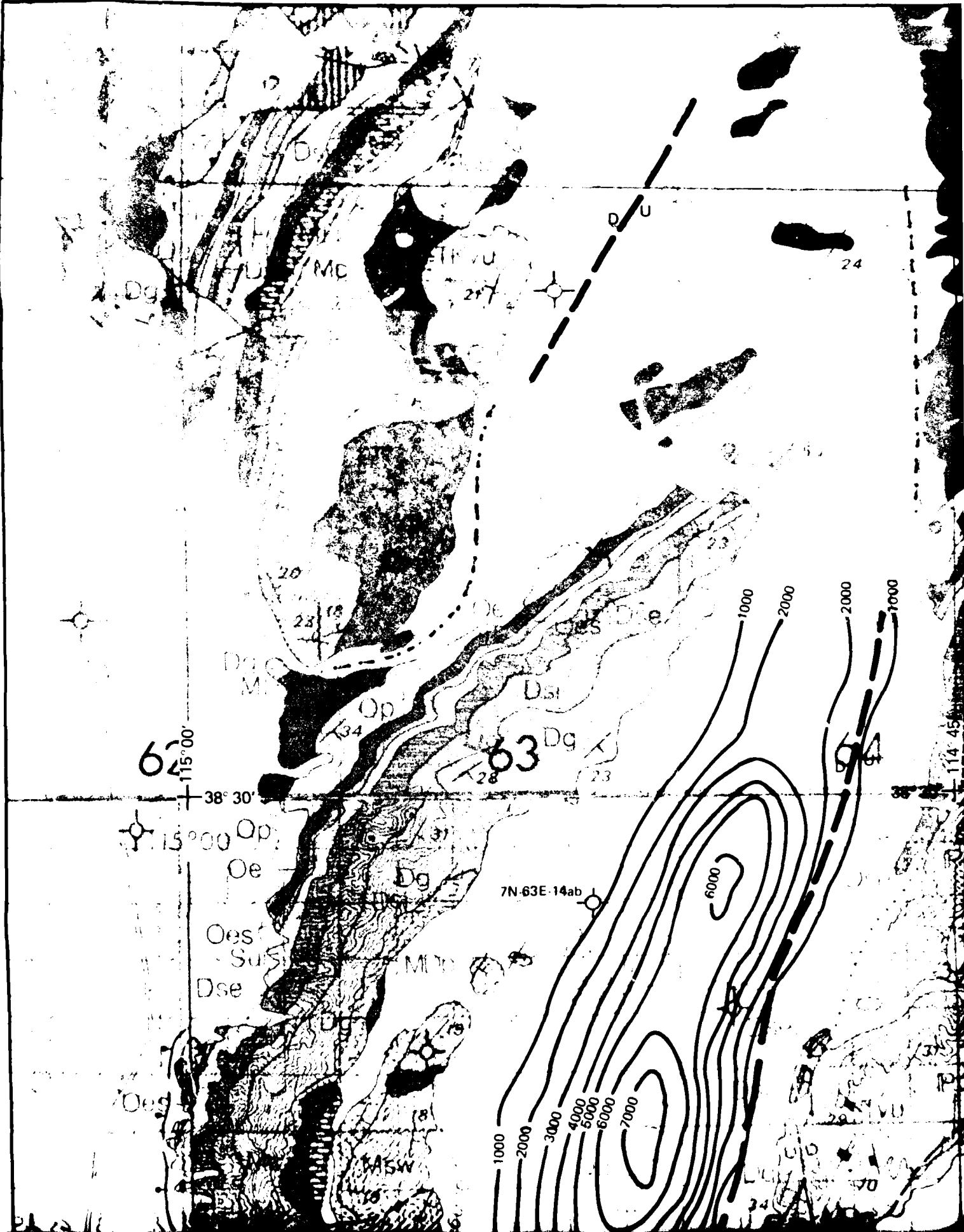


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### EXPLANATION



FAULTS INFERRED FROM GRAVITY DATA



FAULTS SHOWN ON GEOLOGIC BASE MAP



ALLUVIAL MATERIAL



ROCK (ALL PATTERNS)

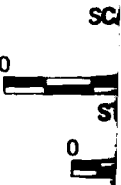
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DEPTH CALCULATIONS BASED ON  
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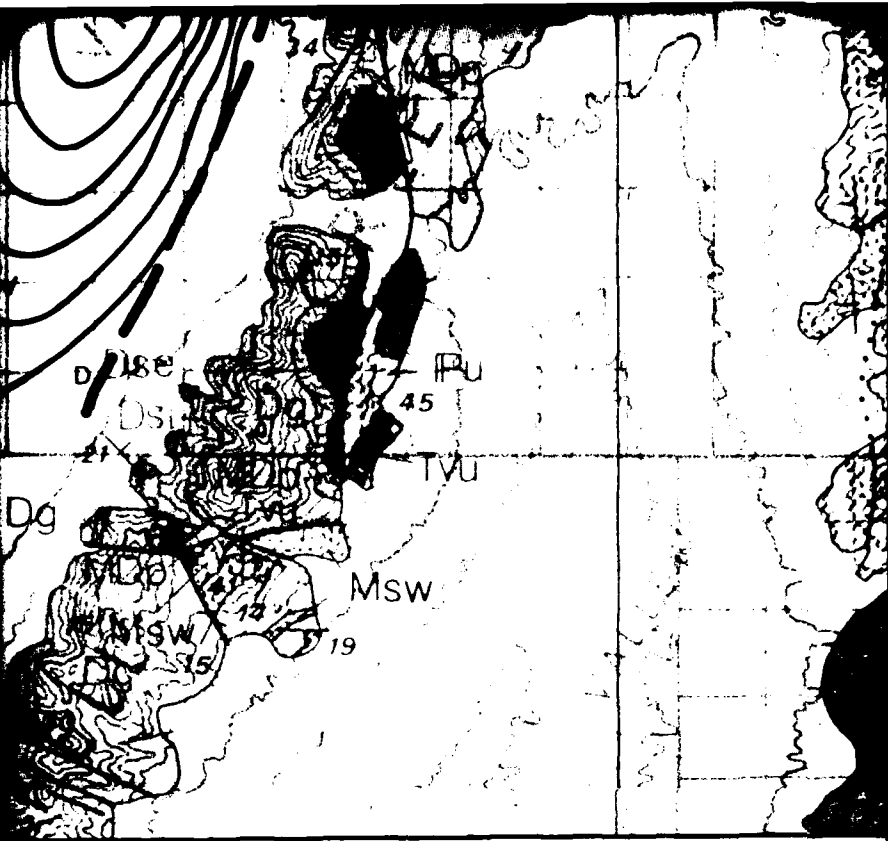
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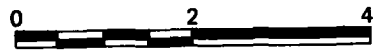
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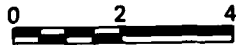


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