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## ABSTRACT

This report treats of the results of Phase I of a three-phase post-launch evaluation of Ariel II satellite engineering performance. Phase I is the portion of the evaluation devoted to the reduction of telemetered data and the preparation of plots, of satellite performance in engineering units and of experiment performance in frequency units. Three major areas of interest are covered in graphical form, i.e., dynamical performance in terms of spin rate decline, power system performance, and thermal performance. Experiment performance is also displayed in the graphs, both for its own sake and because it provides the basis for assessing dynamical performance.

The graphs truly represent the tangible result of the Phase I effort which had no analytic findings as a goal. Thus, conclusions, in the normal sense, cannot be stated; however, it has been concluded that in spite of data deficiencies, the graphs provide a suitable base for Phase II and Phase III work to follow. Data deficiencies are fundamentally two. One is the incompleteness of records of telemetered data. Many passes of Ariel II over the ground stations were not recorded, and, in addition, on many orbits few ground stations were in the field of view of the communications system. The other deficiency is the absence of direct measuring sensors on the satellite to provide information about solar aspect and satellite orientation.

The next two phases begin at this point. These will be (1) Phase II which is the explicit definition of spacecraft performance with interpretation of the graphs, and (2) Phase III which is the analysis of why the performance assumed the pattern revealed by Phases I and II.

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## Introduction

This report describes the effort expended and the results achieved under Phase I of the subject contract which is constituted under three phases. Reference to Appendix I "Proposal for Ariel II International Satellite Post Launch Evaluation" will serve to explain the relationship of the three phases to the total undertaking. The proposal is a useful reference inasmuch as it was recognized by the contract as the governing work statement for the programs. Briefly stated, the scope of Phase I consists largely of data reduction, that is, the conversion of the quantized frequency data into engineering units, and the plotting of the parameters versus time. Preliminary analysis of the type and quantity of data and of the anticipated scale of the variation was also required, under the scope of Phase I, to establish both the frequency of points chosen for data reduction and the format of presentation. Results of the preliminary analysis were summarized in a letter to the Technical Director. Enclosure I of that letter was adopted, with concurrence of the Technical Director, as a suitable procedure for data reduction and presentation. Enclosure I is included in this report as Appendix II. As stated in the referenced letter, the scope of Phase I implicit in the adopted plan exceeded that outlined in the proposal; consequently, downward adjustments in the scope of Phases II and III have been anticipated as a means of compensating.

The great bulk of the information conveyed by this report is contained in the section called "Reduced Data". The graphs found there fit the three categories cited in the letter of Appendix II. These categories are (1) single orbit graphs (2) 200-day graphs and (3) special purpose graphs. Single-orbit and 200-day graphs are plotted for the fourteen parameters listed in Table I in the letter and, in addition, percent sunlight and spin rate are plotted for



the longer period. The plotting of solar aspect angle as a function of time is properly a result of Phase II since the rendering of this graph involves interpretation of the data. Special purpose graphs are in 3 subdivisions: (1) thermal stabilization graphs of thermistor data, (2) thermal gradient graphs constructed from various combinations of thermistor data, and (3) typical experiment responses.

At the initial commencement of Phase I effort, the state of data availability was unknown. It soon became evident that data would have to be requested from the United Kingdom. This new requirement to process data in the United Kingdom has resulted in a program stretch-out by a factor of approximately six in time. Consequently the completion of Phase I and the Phase I report has been extended by approximately 5 months beyond the original schedule.

#### Description of Data

The data reduced under the subject contract had four sources which were:

(1) printouts of telemetry data from the Goddard Space Flight Center having the format described as "Encoder Format" in the "Handbook for UK-2/S-52 International Satellite";

(2) printouts of telemetry data requested by the Goddard Space Flight Center from the United Kingdom, involving only channel 8 (Satellite performance parameters) of the encoder format;

(3) calibration and conversion curves provided by the Goddard Space Flight Center and in a few cases by Westinghouse;

(4) Refined and Predicted World Maps of the UK-2/S-52 orbital path which were useful for providing time, percent sunlight, orbital elements, and orbital reference points.

Item (1) of the data existed prior to the initiation of the contract and was the source of information for parameters such as spin rate, typical experiment responses and the like. It was also the basis for developing thermal stabilization curves for the first 10 orbits. Item (1) did not provide good continuity of information for any orbit but, rather, was characterized by gaps.

Contrariwise, item (2) was the source which yielded continuous orbit information. It had become obvious early in the program that incomplete real-time coverage for any given orbit would render impossible the plotting of a continuous record of any of the performance parameters. Consequently the use of "composite" orbits was introduced, wherein data from a few (usually 3 to 4) contiguous orbits are used to provide a reasonably continuous cluster of performance data. The United Kingdom people at Radio and Space Research Station were requested to select continuous orbits approximately on a weekly interval basis. The actual orbits chosen were selected to achieve groupings affording the most complete data around the orbit.

Examples of the data in the four categories are displayed in the section on Data Processing.

#### Data Presentation Plan

The basic rate of performance and experiment response data from the satellite to the ground stations was high. In the so-called high speed mode, which was a real time transmission of experimental and performance data from the satellite to the ground station, the data format was repeated every 4.654 seconds. Thus, it was neither feasible nor desirable to plot all data points.

A data plan was formulated based on the anticipated analytical requirements and upon the expected rate-of-change of parameters. Normally, points have been taken from the data at the rate of one every five minutes. This frequency

of data sampling was thought sufficient for all parameters except currents, which have a modulation due to satellite spin. Since the spin modulated variation normally is faster than five minutes, the maximum and minimum values for the four-minute interval surrounding each five minute point were plotted. To show the variation, complete data for one five-minute interval are plotted for each composite orbit. As might be expected, overlapping of the data of the constituent orbits in a composite orbit presented some difficulty. Occasionally, the corresponding points in successive constituent orbits would differ. If this difference exceeded one telemetry bit, which is the ultimate resolution of the data variations, each point was plotted and identified as to the source orbit.

Typical experiment responses were requested to be plotted by Goddard Space Flight Center. In the case of the ozone spectrometer data, the graphs plotted to show spin and sun angle variations also provide a sufficient basis for showing the assumed degradation of the ozone spectrometer mirrors. In addition, selective plots have been made of spectrometer and broadband ozone data showing typical responses at sunrise, at sunset, and in a period of full sunlight. For galactic noise, data are plotted at apogee, at perigee and at an intermediate altitude. Also, one entire orbit of 100 minutes of low speed galactic noise data has been plotted. These are data which were recorded on the satellite tape recorder and played back to the ground station at a higher rate (48:1). By this means continuous orbit coverage is obtained on the recorded GN data. The term "low-speed" is derived from the fact that initial recording of the data took place at a slower speed (1/48) than the final playback.

Micrometeorite data were also plotted. These data serve as auxiliary inputs for spin rate and to some limited extent, sun angle, by virtue of the

fact that the height of the calibration pulse varies with sun angle. All data are plotted on translucent sheets to permit easy combinations of graphs by means of light table. Equal time scales on the abscissa of all graphs were maintained for this reason also.

Combinations are anticipated to be made during Phase II to reveal the interdependence of parameters. The 200-day graphs and the weekly composite-orbit graphs afford means for observing both short and long term variations.

#### Data Processing

The basic key to data reduction was the Encoder Format, Figure 2-2 of the Handbook for UK-2/S-52 International Satellite, reproduced here as Figure 1. Both the GSFC printouts and the UK printouts were based upon this format.

At the outset, telemetry data taken at Blossom Point and other stations and both refined and predicted world map data were supplied by GSFC. An inventory of these data was compiled and is included in Table I. A record was also made from the GSFC printouts to show when ozone data were available and when broadband ozone and galactic noise data were available. Times were correlated between the world maps and the GSFC printouts to establish on what pass numbers specific kinds of data were available.

Examples of telemetry data printouts received from GSFC are provided by Figure 2 which illustrates High Speed Mode I operation, and Figure 3 which portrays Low Speed Mode I and Mode II operation. Each three-digit data group is converted to frequency (kc) by dividing by 10 and adding 4. Thus a data group of 054 in the printout from GSFC would be equivalent to an actual frequency of 9.4 kc. Both experimental and performance parameter data are provided by the tabular printouts from GSFC.

ENCODER FORMAT

		CHANNEL															
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
FRAME	0	0 5.1 0 0 198.1								PP OZ TEMP 1 0 MON CELL							
	1	SYNC	M	G	M	M	M	G	M	PP OZ TEMP 2 1 OZ CELL	M	G	M	M	M	G	M
	2	0 6.3 0 1 158.7	M	N	M	M	M	N	M	PP OZ TEMP 3 2 SPECT A	M	N	M	M	M	N	M
	3	SYNC								PP OZ EHT 3 MON							
	4	0 7.5 1 0 133.3	I	H	I	D	I	H	I	PP 4 +15 VDC	I	H	I	D	I	H	I
	5	SYNC	R	S	R	R	R	S	R	PP TAPE REC 5 TEMP	R	S	R	R	R	S	R
	6	0 8.7 1 1 114.9	O		O	O	O		O	PP DUMPED 6 CURRENT	O		O	O	O		O
	7	SYNC	D		D	D	D		D	PP UNREG 7 BUS VOLTS	D		D	D	D		D
	8	1 9.9 0 0 101.0								PP GN REEL OR 8 REG +12 VDC							
	9	SYNC	A		A	B	A		A	PP SOLAR 9 CURRENT	A		A	A	A		A
	10	1 11.1 0 1 90.1	OR		OR		OR		OR	PP BATT 10 CURRENT	OR		OR		OR		OR
	11	SYNC	B		B		B		B	PP BATT A 11 TEMP	B		B		B		B
	12	1 12.3 1 0 81.3								PP PADDLE 4 12 TEMP							
	13	SYNC								PP UPPER SHELF 13 TEMP							
	14	1 13.5 1 1 74.1								PP LOWER SHELF 14 TEMP							
	15	SYNC	A		B		A		B	PP GN SW 15 MON	A		B		A		B

HIGH SPEED MODE ONE

SYNC	OZONE SPECTRUM
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HIGH SPEED MODE TWO

LOW SPEED MODE ONE

SYNC	GALACTIC NOISE	SYNC
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LOW SPEED MODE TWO

SYNC	O1	O2	O1	O2	O1	O2	O1	O2	O1	O2	O1	O2	O1	O2	O1
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SYNC = 4.5 KC  
222.2 NS

O1 = OZ PHOTOCELL

LS B<sub>1</sub> = 15.4 KC  
B<sub>2</sub> = 64.9 NS

O2 = MON PHOTOCELL

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Figure 1

Inventory of  
S-52 Telemetry Data  
from Blossom Point

U.K. Ch. 8 Data in Parentheses Pass No.	Buffer No.	Start Date/Time	Cover Date
1. (1, stations SOL, SNP)	001	88/0808	3/30/64
2. (2, sta. SNP, MOJ, LIM, SOL)	002	88/1139	3/30/64
3. 7, 8 (6, sta. SMT)		88/1324	3/28-29/64
4. 7, 8 (7, sta. WNK)		87/1918	
5. 9 (10, sta. MOJ, MOJ, WNK, BPO)		89/0655	4/9/64
6. 12	003	88/1517	3/30/64
7.	007	93/0808	4/14/64
8. 9, 12, 13, 23	010	88/0814	
9.	011	87/2109	4/16/64
10.	011	88/0754	4/16/64
11. 224	011	03/1124	4/16/64
12.	013	05/0513	4/20/64
13. 21, 22	017	18/2203	
14. 44 (100, sta. JOB, SOL, SMT, QUI, MOJ)	018	19/1020	5/4/64
15. (191, sta. FTH, OOM, WNK, NFL)	019	22/0543	
16. 421, 431, 432, 455 (243, sta. OOM, JOB, NFL, MOJ)		16/0805	4/28/64
17. 653, 661, 667, 681	H.S.	33/1554	5/28/64
667, 681	L.S.		
18. 528, 533, 542, 572, 586, 600		24/1939	
19.	021	29/2114	
20. 628, 642, 656	22	31/2021	
21. 653, 654, 658	24	33/1519	5/20/64
22. 667	26	34/1455	
23. 670, 684	23	34/1910	5/18/64
24. 758, 768, 770, 772	H.S.	40/2352	5/21/64
768, 770	L.S.		
25. 782, 783, 810	H.S.	42/1558	5/27/64
782, 810	L.S.		
26.		54/1355	6/11/64
27.		54/1434	6/3/64
28. 979, 1007, 1008	H.S.	56/1206	6/10/64
979	L.S.		
29. 1011, 1040, 1049	H.S.	58/1820	
1011, 1049	L.S.		
30. 1109, 1137, 1147	H.S.	65/1528	6/19/64
1109, 1137	L.S.		
31. 1179, 1207, 1218, 1235	H.S.	70/1325	6/23/64
1179, 1207	L.S.		
32. 1249, 1274		75/1124	
33. 1291, 1316	32	70/1011	
34. 1344, 1358, 1372, 1390, 1400,	H.S.	82/0310	7/7/64
1418, 1428			
1344, 1358, 1372, 1390, 1428	L.S.		
35. 1445, 1446, 1456, 1460	H.S.	89/0532	7/10/64
1445, 1446	L.S.		

Table I

	Pass No.	Buffer No.	Start Date/Time	Cover Date
36.	1474, 1488, 1502, 1513 1474, 1513	H.S. L.S.	91/0626	7/13/64
37.	1516, 1541, 1544, 1568, 1572		94/0510	
38.	1586, 1611, 1624, 1638, 1642, 1653, 1657, 1667, 1681, 1694, 1695, 1699, 1709, 1713, 1723, 1727 1586, 1653, 1664, 1681, 1695, 1699, 1709, 1723, 1727	H.S.  L.S.	99/0304	7/28/64
39.	1783, 1793, 1797, 1806, 1811, 1822, 1825		40 12/2246	8/3/64
40.	1737, 1755	H.S.&L.S.	09/1700	7/31/64
41.	1853, 1866, 1880, 1881, 1892, 1895, 1905, 1907, 1916, 1919, 1923 1866, 1880, 1881, 1916, 1892, 1895, 1923	H.S.  L.S.	17/2038	8/11/64
42.	1935, 1936, 1948, 1952, 1966, 1977 1935, 1952, 1966	H.S.  L.S.	43 23/1418	8/14/64
43.	2036, 2046, 2050, 2060, 2061, 2074, 2075	H.S.	45 30/1632	8/21/64
44.	2088, 2093, 2103, 2107, 2117, 2121		46 34/0734	8/25/64
45.	2131, 2135, 2148, 2149, 2162, 2163		47 37/0806	8/28/64
46.	2177, 2186, 2188, 2202, 2206, 2215, 2217, 2219, 2233 2177, 2188, 2202, 2206, 2229	H.S.  L.S.	48 40/1315	9/4/64
47.	2245, 2247, 2251, 2261, 2271	H.S.	49 45/0608	9/4/64
48.	2277, 2285, 2289, 2314, 2317, 2329, 2332 2272, 2317, 2329	H.S.  L.S.	50 47/0511	9/20/64
49.	2342, 2344, 2356, 2360, 2370, 2371 2342, 2370, 2371	H.S.  L.S.	51 52/0253	9/11/64
50.	2384, 2385, 2398, 2399, 2412 2384, 2385, 2398, 2399, 2412	H.S. L.S.	52 55/0129	9/15/64
51.	2426, 2430, 2444, 2455, 2458, 2469, 2472, 2473 2426, 2430, 2444, 2455, 2458, 2469, 2472, 2473	H.S.  L.S.	53 58/0007	9/21/64
52.	2483, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2511, 2514, 2515, 2525 2483, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2511, 2514, 2515, 2525	H.S.  L.S.	54 62/0002	9/22/64
53.	4 files 2 files	H.S. L.S.	55 65/0540	9/25/64
54.			56 67/2113	9/28/64

Table I (Continued)

	Pass No.	Buffer No.	Start Date/Time	Cover Date
55.	2653, 2656, 2669, 2639, 2642, 2643	H.S. 57	73/2008	10/2/64
	2653, 2656, 2639, 2642, 2643	L.S.		
56.	2670, 2671, 2685, 2695, 2709, 2712, 2713, 2726, 2727	H.S. 58	75/0057	10/7/64
	2670, 2685, 2712, 2713	L.S.		
57.	3	H.S. 59	79/1719	10/12/64
58.	2783, 2798, 2822	60	82/2250	10/13/64
59.	2825, 2839, 2854, 2855, 2864, 2865, 2868	H.S. 61	85/2125	10/16/64
60.	2892, 2893, 2896, 2911	H.S. 62	90/1340	10/20/64
61.	2920, 2923, 2934, 2937, 2947, 2951, 2965, 2967	H.S. 63	92/1427	10/23/64
62.		64	96/1229	10/29/64
63.	3018, 3032, 3060	H.S. 65	99/1057	11/2/64
64.	3074, 3078, 3088, 3092, 3103	H.S. 66	03/0857	11/3/64
65.		67	05/1159	
66.		68	11/1342	11/13/64

Table I (Continued)



Inventory of World Maps  
-1964-

<u>Refined Maps</u>		<u>Predicted Maps</u>	
Month/Date/Time		Month/Date/Time	
Start	End	Start	End
03/27/1733	04/01/2359	03/27/1733	04/06/2359
04/01/1733	04/05/1733	04/01/0000	04/08/0000
04/05/0005	04/10/1127	04/07/0000	04/13/0000
04/10/0340	04/14/1040	04/12/1800	04/20/2359
04/14/0208	04/21/0944	04/20/0000	04/27/2359
04/21/0247	04/28/0704	04/28/0000	05/04/2359
04/28/0104	05/05/0742		
05/05/0017	05/12/0457	05/14/0000	05/21/2359
05/12/0041	05/20/2333	05/21/0000	05/28/2359
		05/26/0000	06/04/2359
05/26/1500	05/31/2359	06/02/0000	06/09/2359
05/31/1218	06/06/1127	06/09/0000	06/15/2359
06/06/0100	06/12/0000	06/15/0000	06/22/2359
06/11/1800	06/19/1300	06/22/0000	06/29/2359
06/19/0607	06/27/0000	06/29/0000	07/06/2359
		06/26/1900	07/04/2300
		06/25/0000	06/29/2359
		(corrections)	
		07/06/0000	07/14/0300
		07/13/0000	07/21/0300
		07/28/0000	08/04/2200
		08/04/0000	08/11/2200
		08/11/0000	08/18/2200
		08/18/0000	08/25/2200
		08/25/0000	09/01/2200
		09/01/0000	09/08/2200
		09/08/0000	09/15/2200
		09/15/0000	09/22/2200

<u>Pre-Launch Prediction</u>	
Month/Date/Time	
Start	End
03/21/1607	03/24/1607

Table I (Continued)

EXAMPLE OF PRINTOUT OF HIGH SPEED MODE I TELEMETRY DATA FROM GSFC

5264087A 3001

DAY	h	m	s	CHANNEL NO. 1	CHANNEL NO. 15	CHANNEL NO. 0													
*87	1857	13.911	106	085	106	106	105	086	106	086	105	105	086	106	059	†			
*87	1857	14.202	105	086	105	106	105	088	106	086	106	105	086	106	087	106	005	†	
*87	1857	14.493	106	087	105	106	106	031	105	088	106	106	086	106	086	106	071	†	
*87	1857	14.784	105	088	105	106	105	055	106	090	106	106	090	106	090	106	005	†	
*87	1857	15.074	105	090	106	106	106	059	105	090	105	106	105	091	105	082	†		
*87	1857	15.365	105	092	106	106	105	088	106	070	105	106	105	097	105	005	†		
*87	1857	15.656	105	101	105	105	105	070	105	106	105	106	106	106	105	093	†		
*87	1857	15.947	105	106	105	105	104	106	101	095	107	106	096	106	103	106	005	†	
*87	1857	16.238	106	106	106	106	106	101	107	095	107	104	107	106	107	105	011	†	
*87	1857	16.529	107	105	107	105	107	105	106	018	106	105	106	106	105	105	093	005	†
*87	1857	16.820	051	101	037	105	058	081	105	065	---	076	---	106	---	081	---	022	†
*87	1857	17.110	---	101	---	105	---	104	---	053	---	097	---	106	---	104	---	005	†
*87	1857	17.401	110	104	108	104	104	105	106	088	109	105	110	106	---	105	---	035	†
*87	1857	17.692	110	104	108	104	104	105	022	109	104	---	106	---	104	---	005	†	
*87	1857	17.983	---	104	---	090	---	103	---	067	---	103	---	106	---	103	---	046	†
*87	1857	18.274	110	091	110	090	110	110	044	110	101	110	106	110	101	110	005	†	
*87	1857	18.564	110	099	110	099	110	039	110	097	110	106	109	095	109	059	†		
*87	1857	18.856	119	095	109	106	109	094	109	082	108	108	106	109	090	109	005	†	
*87	1857	19.147	108	087	108	106	108	085	108	036	107	082	108	106	108	079	108	071	†
*87	1857	19.438	107	068	107	106	107	055	107	072	107	106	107	106	107	072	107	005	†
*87	1857	19.728	106	072	106	106	107	074	106	059	106	075	106	106	106	075	106	082	†
*87	1857	20.019	106	075	106	106	106	078	106	070	106	079	106	105	106	082	106	005	†
*87	1857	20.310	106	085	105	106	106	087	106	070	106	089	106	105	105	091	105	094	†
*87	1857	20.601	106	093	105	106	105	093	105	071	105	079	105	105	105	---	105	005	†
*87	1857	20.892	105	095	105	106	105	096	105	090	105	094	105	105	105	095	105	010	†
*87	1857	21.182	105	095	105	106	105	095	105	018	105	095	105	105	105	095	105	005	†
*87	1857	21.473	105	096	105	107	106	095	105	065	105	095	105	105	105	095	105	022	†
*87	1857	21.764	105	094	105	106	105	094	105	053	105	094	105	105	105	095	104	005	†
*87	1857	22.055	105	094	105	106	105	094	105	087	105	094	105	105	105	088	105	035	†
*87	1857	22.346	105	094	105	107	105	095	104	022	104	094	105	105	105	093	105	005	†
*87	1857	22.637	105	094	105	106	105	095	105	067	105	094	105	105	105	093	105	046	†
*87	1857	22.928	105	093	105	107	105	094	105	049	105	093	105	105	105	093	105	005	†
*87	1857	23.219	105	093	105	107	105	093	105	039	105	093	105	105	105	091	106	059	†
*87	1857	23.509	106	093	105	106	106	093	105	082	105	093	105	105	105	093	105	005	†
*87	1857	23.800	105	093	105	106	105	093	105	045	105	085	106	106	106	092	105	071	†
*87	1857	24.091	106	093	106	106	105	092	106	055	106	091	106	106	105	092	106	005	†
*87	1857	24.382	106	092	106	106	105	093	106	059	106	092	106	106	106	093	106	082	†
*87	1857	24.673	106	091	106	106	106	093	105	071	105	092	105	105	106	093	106	005	†

FRAME 1

CHANNEL NO. 15  
CHANNEL NO. 0  
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CHANNEL NO. 1  
005 = SYNC PULSE

Figure 2



The telemetry data received from the United Kingdom, however, provides only satellite performance parameter information. The data comes in the form of three-digit groups which may be converted to actual frequency by dividing the data group by 10 and subtracting 5. Thus a data group of 144 from the UK is equivalent to a frequency of 9.4 kc. An example of the telemetry print-out received from the United Kingdom is shown by Figure 4 with the accompanying descriptive sheet of Figure 5.

The two types of world maps generated by the computing facilities at GSFC provide satellite orbital information. An example of the inputs to the orbit prediction program is shown in Figure 6. The Predicted World Map includes the following information:

- a. the Satellite Map which provides three-dimensional geographic position data for each minute of time as shown by Figure 7.
- b. satellite orbital data relative to individual stations at roughly one-second intervals as illustrated by Figure 8.

The latter information is useful in determining when telemetry data can be expected from a particular station. The Refined World Map furnishes the following information:

- a. interim definitive orbital elements at intervals of approximately one week-- illustrated by Figure 9.
- b. a three-dimensional geographic position at one minute intervals similar to that provided by the Predicted World Map.
- c. a weekly satellite map of special points and some orbital data as indicated by Figure 10.

The mechanics of data processing were greatly facilitated by using masks of stiff paper to read the printouts. Rectangular apertures were cut in

### EXAMPLE OF PRINTOUT OF TELEMETRY DATA FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM (CHANNEL 8 ONLY)

LABEL

Telemetry Recording			D. S. I. R. R. R. S.	
Sat.	UK2	Stn.	WNK	Telemetry
Pass	106	Date	4.4.64	Data
Print - Out				
Start	040142	Stop	041726	8
Expt.	H.K.	Encr.	H1	—

PARAMETER  
NO. 0

PRINTOUT	02002182	172	
	02002473	201	
	02002764	181	
	02003055	199	
	02003346	179	
	02003937	157	
	02003927	170	
	02004219	178	
	02004510*	099	
	02004800	150	
	02005091	136	
	02005382	121	
	02005673	111	
	02005964	166	
	02006255	204	
	02006546	147	
	02006837	172	
	02007127	202	
	02007419	101	
	02007709	105	
	02008000	179	
	02008291	197	
	02008582	170	
	02008872	171	
	02009163*	099	
	02009454	120	

m  
s  
ms

TIME

DATA

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Figure 4

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

RADIO RESEARCH STATION

Ariel II Housekeeping Data

As from 26th June 1964 the Radio Research Station will send at regular intervals to Goddard Space Flight Center, satellite performance parameter data reduced from the most recent Winkfield tapes.

This information will be presented in long printed strips, one for each pass digitised. The following notes will be of assistance in interpreting these records.

1. The date, time of the day in hours, pass (revolution) number and recording station are entered in the rubber stamped title block on each record.
2. Sync and data tone bursts are detected in the R.R.S. equipment between one and two milliseconds before the end of the burst. The time at which each frame sync burst is detected is printed out in minutes, seconds and milliseconds in the 7 figure group which appears on the left of each line of the print out.
3. The occasional asterisk in column 8 indicates that the time on this line is that of the first sync burst in the 16 frame sequence, i.e. octal number 000.
4. Channel 8 performance parameter data are printed out in columns 9 to 11. The group of figures immediately on the right of an asterisk is therefore parameter No. 0 - ozone temperature No. 1.
5. To convert these 3 figure groups to the corresponding tone burst frequency in kc/s, subtract 50 and divide by 10. e.g. 179 becomes 12.9 kc/s.
6. 888 in columns 9 to 11 means that this burst of tone could not be digitised.
7. A cross (+) appearing in place of any digit indicates that a parity error occurred.

7th July, 1964  
DNM/ESB

Figure 5

EXAMPLE OF INPUTS TO ORBIT PREDICTION PROGRAM FOR PREDICTED WORLD MAP AND REFINED WORLD MAP

1964 S-52	
IG.NO.	REF.DATE LAMBDA PMS TAU OMS SATELLITE
64151	64 03 27 12 17 44.12 006 21 35500 -52
EPOCH	64 04 21 02 47 00000
A	E I P OMEGA THETA
11282708 01	73442617-01 30162798 00 20720569 01 39409470 01 19599321 01
DRAG EFFECTS	T(P,Q) N(2,Q) N(3,Q)
640421 024700	74624724-07 00000000 00
EARTH CONSTANTS	MU ROTATION RADIUS FLATNESS
10000000 01	58835124-01 10000000 01 33670033-02
MANEUVERS	
K2	K3 K4 K5
54109490-03	22849999-05 75620000-06 23192999-05
J	H K L
1.237900-02	00200000 00 00000000 00 00000000 00

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Figure 6

EXAMPLE OF PREDICTED SATELLITE MAP  
 -PROVIDED BY PREDICTED WORLD MAP

PREDICTED SATELLITE MAP 2  
 WMAP2 S-52 640705  
 PASS NO. 01530 OF SATELLITE 64151 . DATE 640713 2  
 041700 154.11 00.00 009201 2  
 DATE 640713 2

TIME HRMISE	LONG. DEG.	LAT. DEG.	C.O.F. KM.	TIME HRMISE	LONG. DEG.	LAT. DEG.	OID H. KM.
041800	155.99	02.69	008885	045600	053.25	20.39	004354
041900	157.92	05.45	008562*	045700	050.76	17.90	004598
042000	159.84	09.22	008237*	045800	048.37	14.30	004857
042100	161.80	11.00	007910*	045900	046.07	11.78	005129
042200	163.98	13.78	007584*	050000	043.86	02.84	005414
042300	166.14	16.58	007260*	050100	041.70	05.88	005710
042400	168.48	19.37	006937*	050200	039.59	02.90	006015
042500	170.76	22.14	006619*	050300	037.51	00.05	006329
042600	173.25	24.90	006307*	050400	035.45	02.99	006650
042700	175.90	27.53	006001*	050500	033.40	05.90	006976
042800	178.71	30.31	005702*	050600	031.35	08.76	007306
042900	178.26	32.95	005413*	050700	029.29	11.59	007639
043000	175.03	35.51	005134*	050800	027.20	14.36	007972
043100	171.53	37.98	004857*	050900	025.07	17.10	008307
043200	167.75	40.34	004613*	051000	022.90	19.77	008639
043300	163.67	42.57	004375*	051100	020.67	22.39	008969
043400	159.23	44.64	004148*	051200	018.37	24.95	009294
043500	154.44	46.50	003940*	051300	015.98	27.43	009613
043600	149.24	48.14	003749*	051400	013.50	29.85	009927
043700	143.77	49.52	003575*	051500	010.91	32.18	010239
043800	137.91	50.69	003422*	051600	008.20	34.42	010550
043900	131.81	51.35	003288*	051700	005.35	35.59	010817*
044000	125.52	51.75	003175*	051800	002.37	36.64	011094*
044100	119.15	51.78	003083*	051900	000.78	40.59	011359*
044200	112.31	51.43	003013*	052000	00.11	42.42	011613*
044300	106.60	50.72	002966*	052100	007.52	44.12	011853*
044400	100.62	49.67	002941*	052200	011.31	45.67	012079*
044500	094.95	48.29	002936*	052300	015.20	47.03	012290*
044600	089.61	46.63	002959	052400	019.27	48.33	012486*
044700	084.54	44.71	003002	052500	023.53	49.40	012667*
044800	080.03	42.50	003068	052600	027.94	50.23	012832*
044900	075.73	40.25	003157	052700	032.49	50.97	012980*
045000	071.81	37.77	003267	052800	037.14	51.45	013111*
045100	068.10	35.15	003393	052900	041.88	51.72	013224*
045200	064.77	32.45	003552	053000	046.61	51.79	013321*
045300	061.61	29.44	003724	053100	051.33	51.64	013399*
045400	058.60	26.77	003917	053200	056.00	51.25	013450*
045500	055.88	23.85	004127	053300	060.54	50.73	013501*



EXAMPLE OF SATELLITE ORBITAL DATA RELATIVE TO A PARTICULAR STATION  
 -PROVIDED BY PREDICTED WORLD MAP

640720	215600	001996	005005-002270	03372	0304	22942	4313*	016	
640720	215650	002259	005140-002512	04036	0000	23382	1655*	016	
BPOINT 640720 201									
Y M D	H M S	R	KM RR	W/S	FR	CPS	AZ	EL L H A DEC	
640720	233442	002469	-005183	CC2532	31308	0000	12016	3235*	
640720	233500	002367	-005146	CC2470	31519	0073	12144	3431*	
640720	233600	002057	-004125	CC2182	32343	0113	12745	4146*	
640720	233700	001795	-003138	CC1740	34830	0536	13829	4953*	
640720	233800	001607	-002501	CC1071	34831	0701	15842	5684*	
640720	233843	001534	-001116	CC0461	35953	0747	17998	5904*	
640720	233900	001521	-000126	CC0193	00456	074+	18950	5869*	
640720	233912	001519	-000102	CC0001	00851	0733	19608	5797*	
640720	234000	001558	001119-000734	02210	0624	21744	5213*	016	
640720	234100	001709	003139-001514	03725	0389	23329	4163*	016	
640720	234200	001948	004161-002069	04928	0099	24266	3145*	016	
640720	234229	002043	004169-002205	05264	0000	24461	2339*	016	
END BPOINT									
CCLEGE									
640713	000000	101							02
640720	235900	201							02
COLLEGE 640713 101									
Y M D	H M S	R	KM RR	W/S	FR	CPS	AZ	EL L H A DEC	
640713	043431	002305	-004130	CC2145	19878	0000	02050	-2370*	
640713	043400	001947	-003152	CC1428	19338	0261	00355	-2248*	
640713	043616	001899	-002166	CC1254	17955	0296	35999	-2317*	
640713	043700	001803	-001186	CC0719	17009	0358	34936	-2116*	
640713	043752	001762	000101-000000	15717	0357	33505	-1955*	026	
640713	043800	001763	000158-000117	15533	0351	33362	-1926*	026	
640713	043900	001834	002170-000039	14083	0231	31370	-1701*	026	
640713	044000	002005	003158-001614	12817	0231	30555	-1492*	026	
640713	044008	002034	003175-001669	12567	0000	30398	-1469*	026	
COLLEGE 640713 101									
Y M D	H M S	R	KM RR	W/S	FR	CPS	AZ	EL L H A DEC	
640713	061811	002162	-005263	CC2396	22582	0000	04866	-1721*	
640713	061500	001922	-004569	CC2072	21809	0100	04033	-1770*	
640713	062000	001684	-003239	CC1469	20565	0396	02711	-1862*	
640713	062100	001544	-001356	CC0616	19002	0519	01060	-1954*	
640713	062138	001518	-000183	CC0337	17958	0524	35993	-1385*	
640713	062137	001518	-000302	CC0001	17935	0527	35931	-1986*	
640713	062200	001528	000840-000383	17269	0502	35225	-1990*	026	
640713	062200	001641	002855-001295	15647	0342	33499	-1955*	026	
640713	062400	001860	004337-001967	14330	0101	32022	-1893*	026	
640713	062423	001965	004763-002160	13912	0000	31629	-1873*	026	

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Figure 8

EXAMPLE OF INTERIM DEFINITIVE ORBITAL ELEMENTS  
 -REFINED WORLD MAP-

INTERIM DEFINITIVE ELEMENTS

ORBITAL ELEMENTS FOR 64151, -52			
FROM GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER			
F CH	64 Y 04 M 21 D	AT 02 HOURS 47.00 MIN. UT	
SEMI-MAJOR AXIS	007196.55	KILOMETERS	( 004471.72 MILES)
ECCENTRICITY	0.07344		
INCLINATION	051.659	DEGREES	
MEAN ANOMALY	119.064	DEGREES	
ARGUMENT OF PERIGEE	225.800	DEGREES,	03.0501 DEG. PER DAY
R.A. OF ASCEND.NODE	112.296	DEGREES,	-04.0951 DEG. PER DAY
ANOMALISTIC PERIOD	0101.25857	MINUTES,	-0.00194 MIN. PER DAY
HEIGHT OF PERIGEE	000289.63	KILOMETERS	( 000179.97 MILES)
HEIGHT OF APOGEE	001346.69	KILOMETERS	( 000836.80 MILES)
VELOCITY AT PERIGEE	028839	KM. PER HR.	( 017920 MI. PER HR.)
VELOCITY AT APOGEE	024893	KM. PER HR.	( 015468 MI. PER HR.)
GEOC.LAT.OF PERIGEE	-34.215	DEGREES	

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Figure 9

EXAMPLE OF SPECIAL POINTS AND SOME ORBITAL DATA  
 -REFINED WORLD MAP-

SATELLITE MAP OF SPECIAL POINTS AND SUMMARY OF SOME ORBITAL DATA						
SPECIAL POINTS	YRMOCA	HR	MI	SS-SS	PASS	LONG.DEG LAT.DEG 1000H.KM
ASCENDING NODE	640422	14	14	19.34	000369	041.9895 00.0000 01132464
NORTH POINT	640422	14	43	03.24	000369	124.7244 51.8028 01214032
DESCENDING NODE	640422	15	08	30.60	000369	151.7307 00.0000 00460298
SOUTH POINT	640422	15	30	36.83	000369	067.4228 -51.8188 00412873
SUNLIGHT ENTRANCE	640422	14	54	41.23	000269	174.0737 37.8536 00889899
SUNLIGHT EXIT	640422	14	57	59.20	000369	176.2416 30.1448 00781118
SUNLIGHT ENTRANCE						
SUNLIGHT EXIT						
SUMMARY DATA						
SATELLITE IN SUN	PERCENT					
	096.8					

Figure 10

the masks at location corresponding to the parameter being read. The apertures were arranged in a vertical column for reading performance parameters which appear in the vertical column in the encoder format, the number of apertures corresponding to the frequency of occurrence of a particular parameter in channel 8. The mask enabled rapid scanning to determine the maximum and minimum values of current at 5-minute intervals. The apertures were arranged in a horizontal row for experiment responses and corresponded in number to the occurrences of the particular parameter in a frame.

Inasmuch as no conversion charts were available to convert frequency entries to engineering units for the experiment responses, experiment data points were plotted directly as frequencies on the graphs. This method of plotting was consistent with the intent of the program in that experiment performance was not to be studied -- only recorded. In the case of performance data parameters, the frequency values were read from the printouts and transferred to an accounting sheet, illustrated in Figure 11, where the 14 performance parameters were placed opposite time designations. The raw data groups from the telemetry printouts were converted to frequency (kc) units as previously indicated. In the column adjacent to the frequency data on the accounting sheet, the corresponding engineering unit values for each performance parameter were subsequently entered. These latter values were derived from the 14 conversion charts supplied by GSFC and are illustrated by Figures 12 through 26. Auxiliary conversion tables were constructed from the graphs to facilitate data conversion and reduce the likelihood of graph reading errors.

#### Considerations of Data Utility

During the initial phases of the work on data reduction, the analytical phase requirements were considered to direct the effort toward achievement of

EXAMPLE OF INTERMEDIATE ACCOUNTING SHEET USED IN PLOTTING PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS

8/9/64 DAY 222 PASS 1926  
 ORBIT START TIME: 222 d / 22h / 50m / 00s

TIME	PP00	01	02	05	11	12	13	14		
* 23/00/30	009	-7.2 059	-30.5 024	-7.5 067	15.0 059	24.6 075	-25.8	079	-2.2 069	13.4
* 05	009	-7.2 053	-30.5 024	-7.5 067	15.0 059	24.6 071	-18.6	079	-2.2 068	15.0
* 10										
* 15										
* 20										
* 25	009	-7.2 055	-24.3 025	-6.9 065	19.1 060	23.4 059	5.1	073	-0.8 066	18.2
* 30	009	-7.2 056	-21.5 025	-6.9 064	19.9 060	23.4 056	11.9	078	-0.8 065	19.9
* 35	009	-7.2 057	-19.2 027	-5.6 064	19.9 060	23.4 054	16.0	078	-0.8 064	21.5
* 40	009	-7.2 058	-16.0 028	-5.0 064	19.9 059	24.6 053	18.0	078	-0.8 064	21.5
* 45										
* 50										
* 55										
00/00/30	009	-7.2 059	-14.0 031	-3.0 062	21.3 058	25.8 056	11.9	076	2.5 065	19.9
5	009	-7.2 058	-16.0 031	-3.0 062	21.3 058	25.8 064	-6.0	076	2.5 067	16.7
10	009	-7.2 057	-19.2 030	-3.8 063	20.7 057	26.8 070	-17.0	076	2.5 069	13.4
15	009	-7.2 055	-24.3 029	-4.2 064	19.9 058	25.8 077	-29.2	076	2.5 071	10.1
20	009	-7.2 053	-30.5 029	-4.2 065	19.1 058	25.8 082	-38.3	077	4.5 072	8.6
25	099	-7.2 053	-30.5 027	-5.6 066	16.8 058	25.8 085	-44.1	078	-0.8 072	8.6
30	099	-7.2 053	-30.5 026	-6.2 067	15.0 058	25.8 087	-48.0	078	-0.8 074	5.0
* 35										

\*= IN SUNLIGHT  
 BLANK SPACE= NO DATA AVAILABLE

n/m/s  
 FREQ. (KC)  
 ENGINEERING UNIT VALUE

Figure 11

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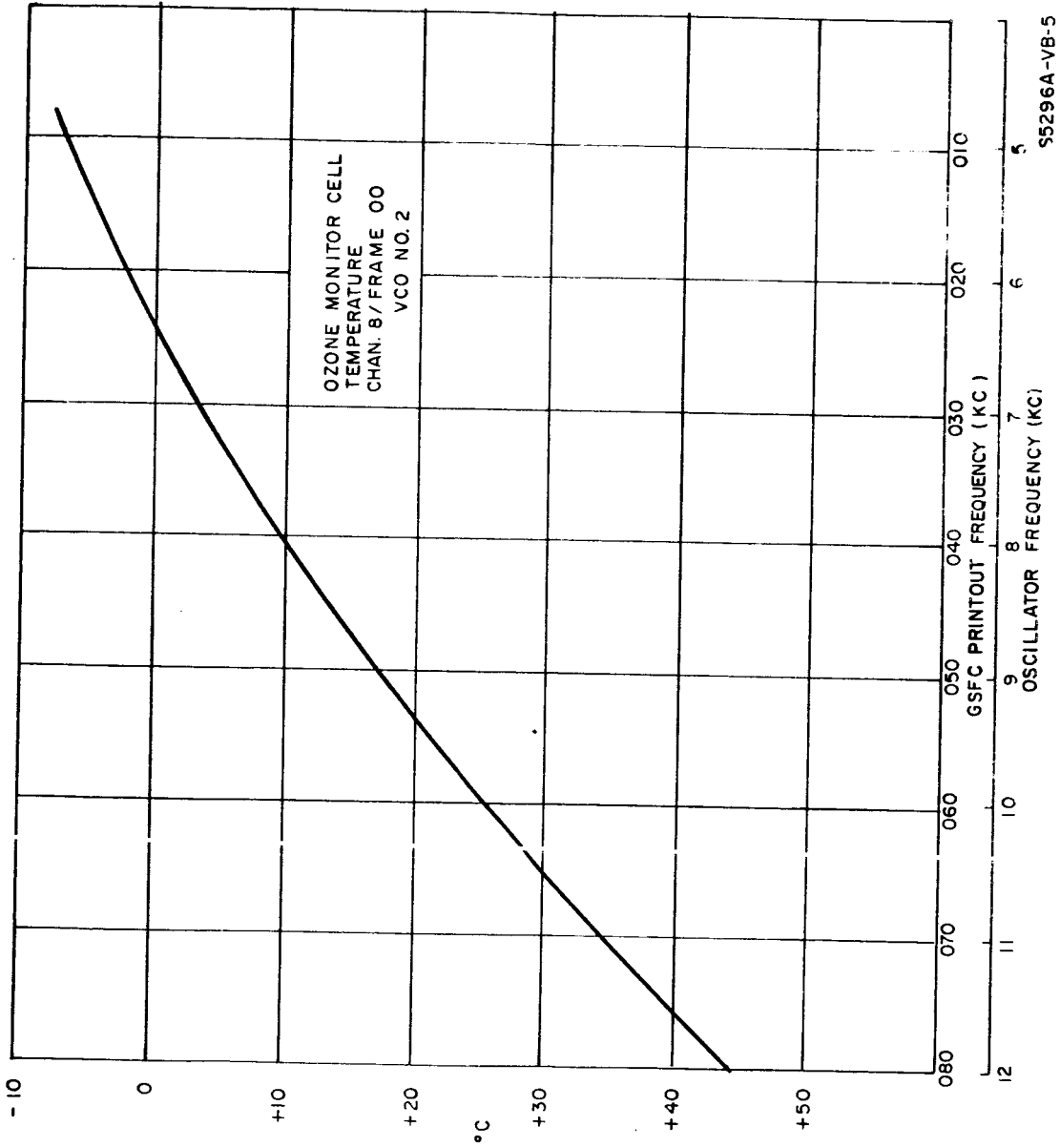


Figure 12

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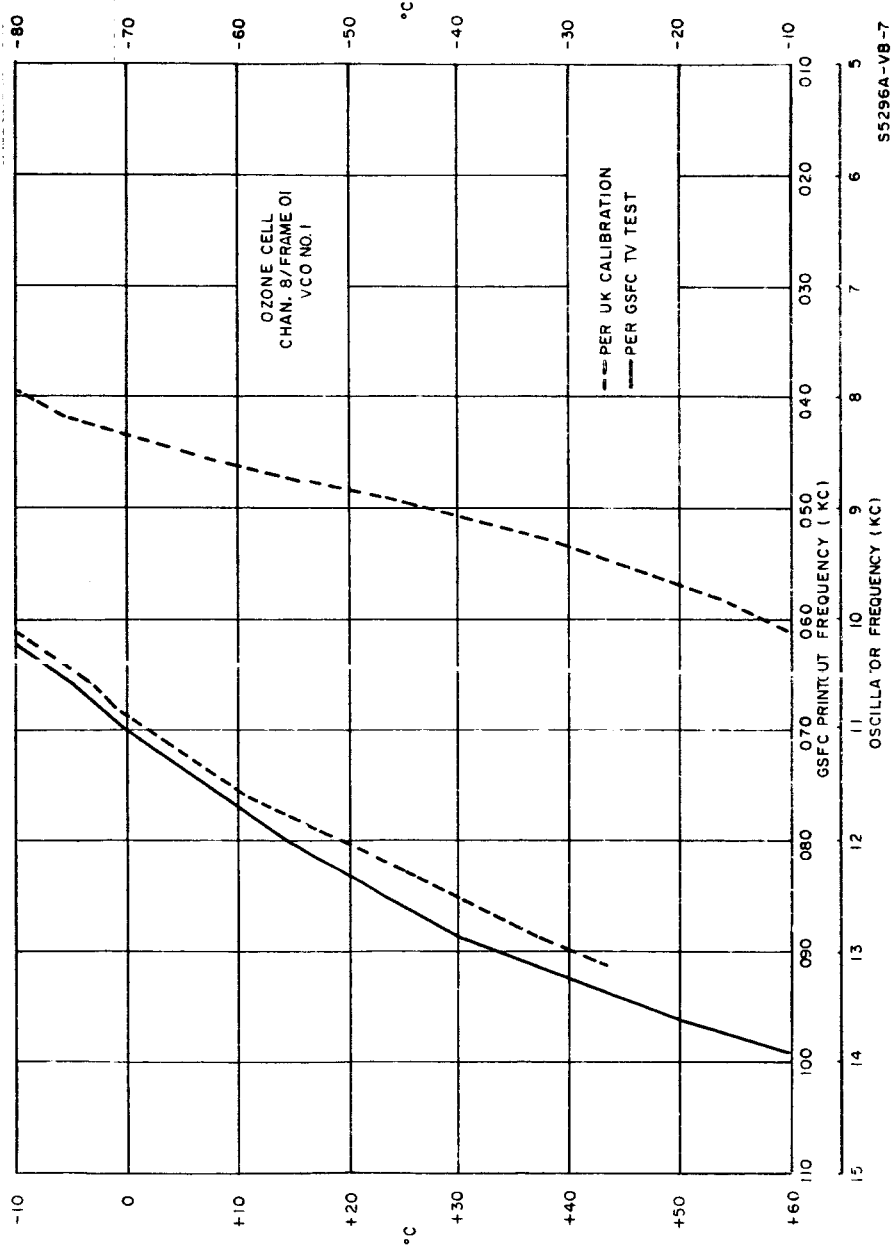
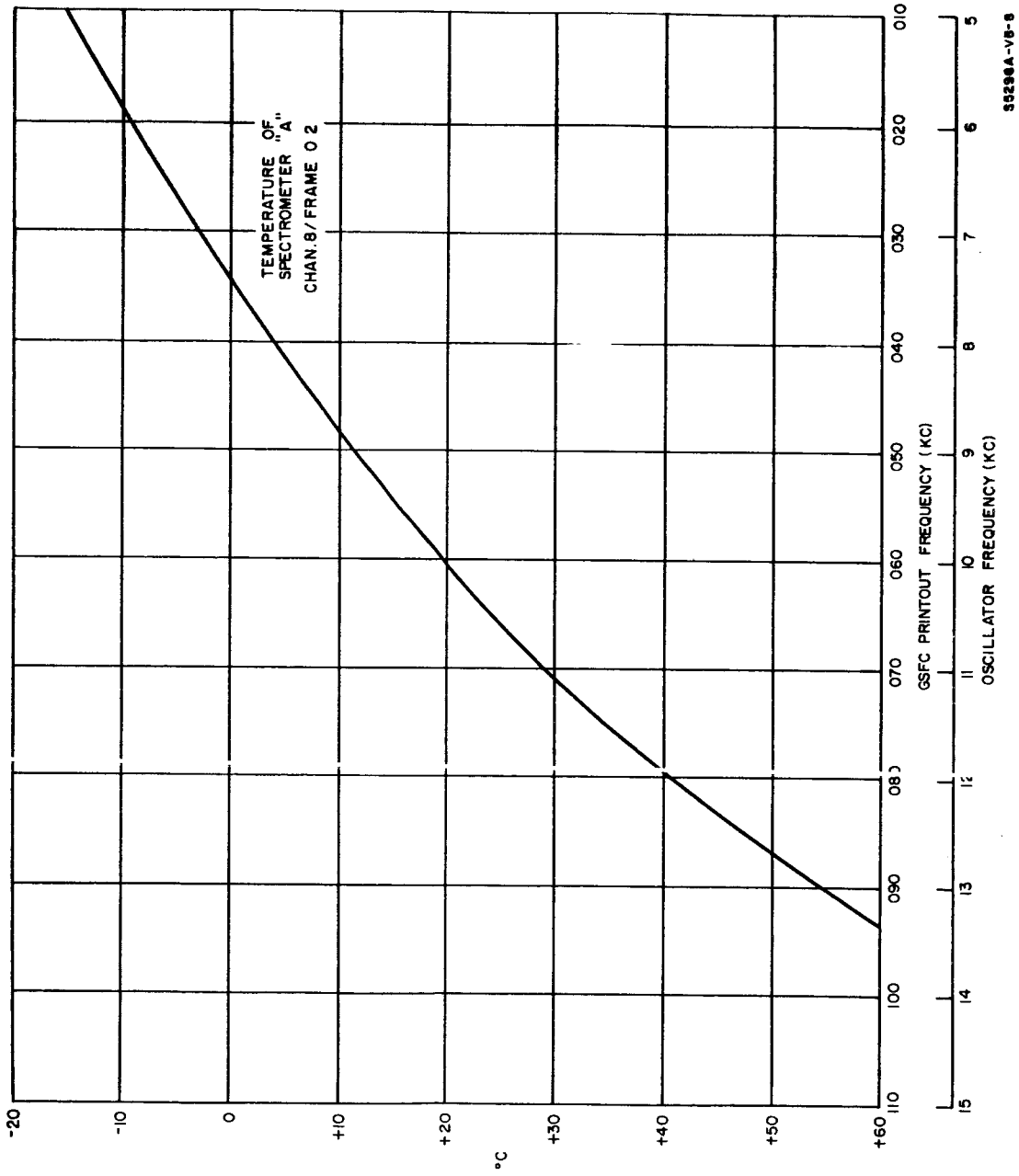


Figure 13

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Figure 14



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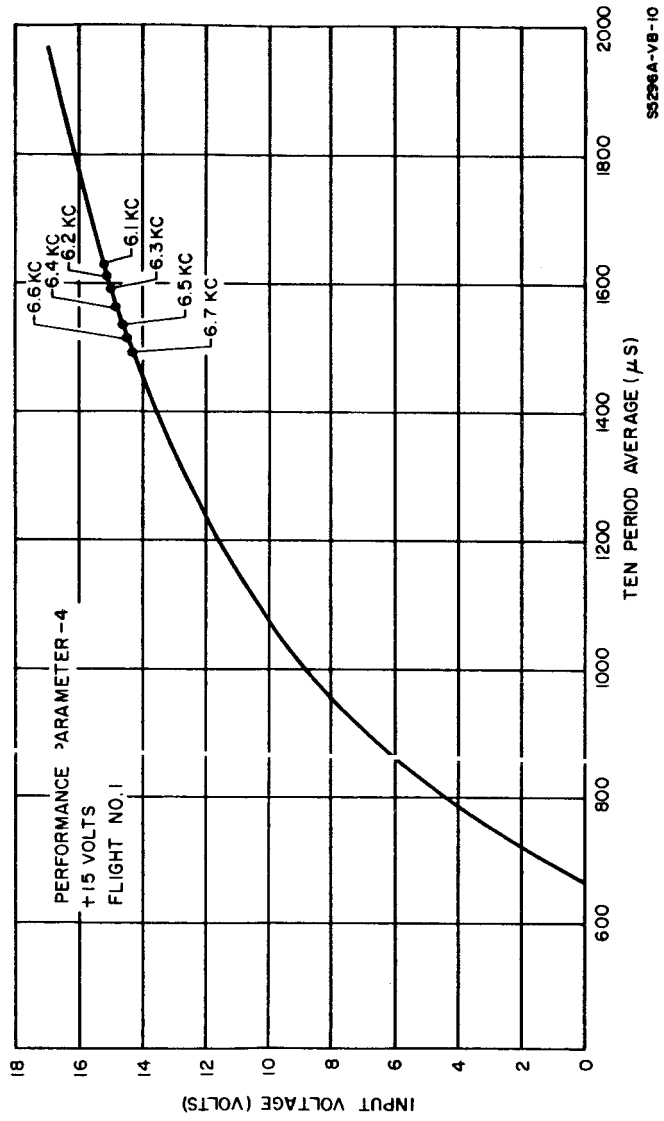


Figure 15

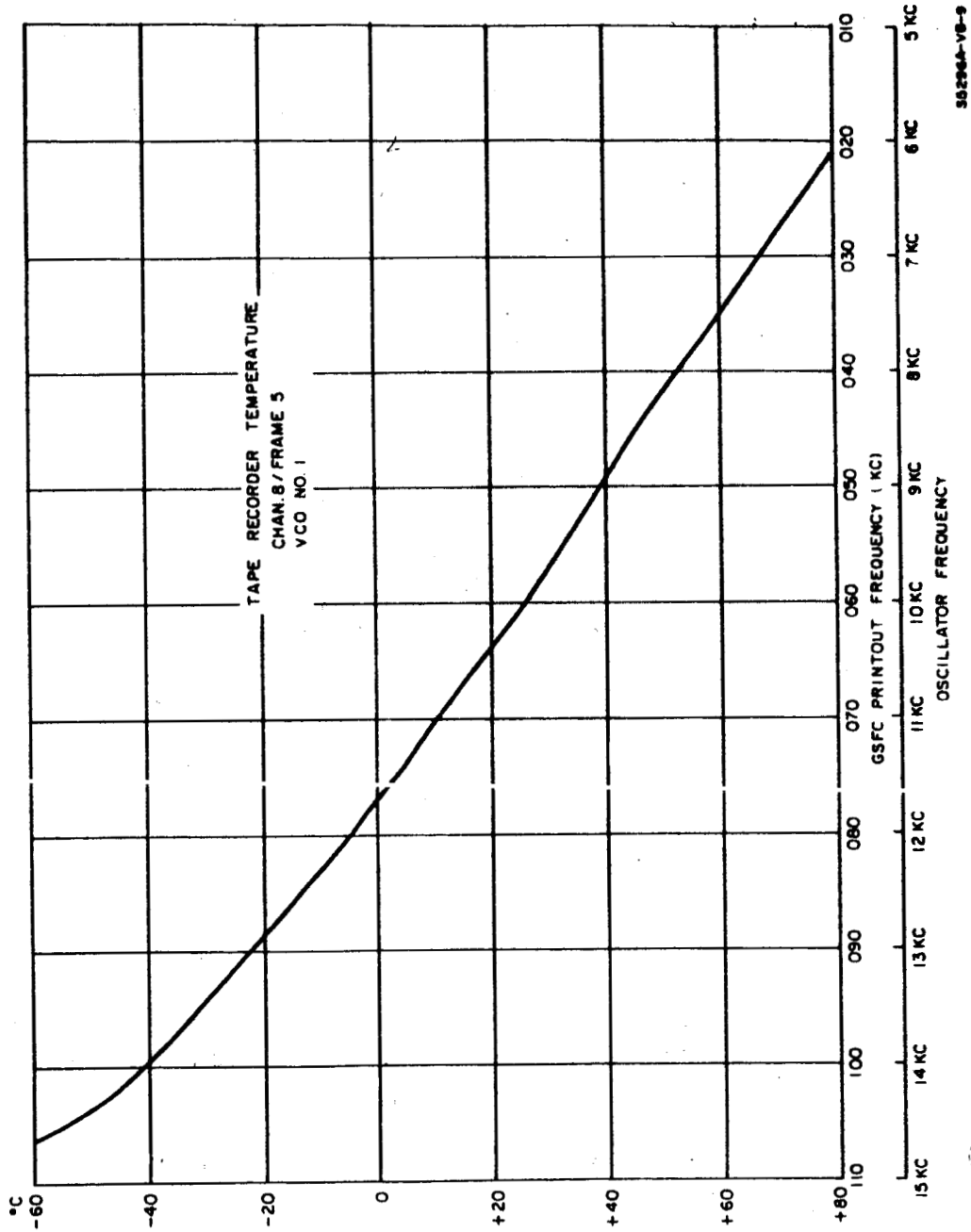
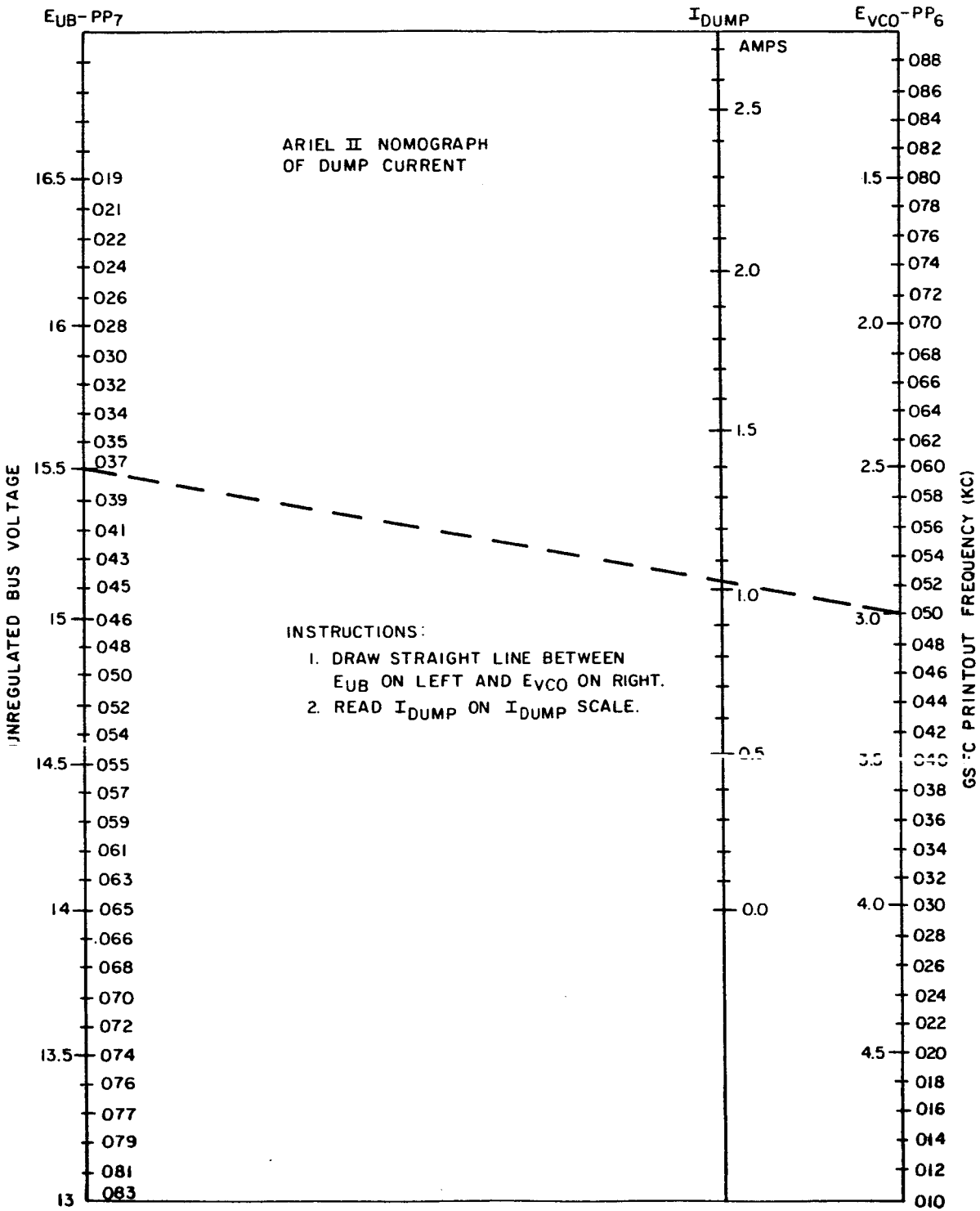
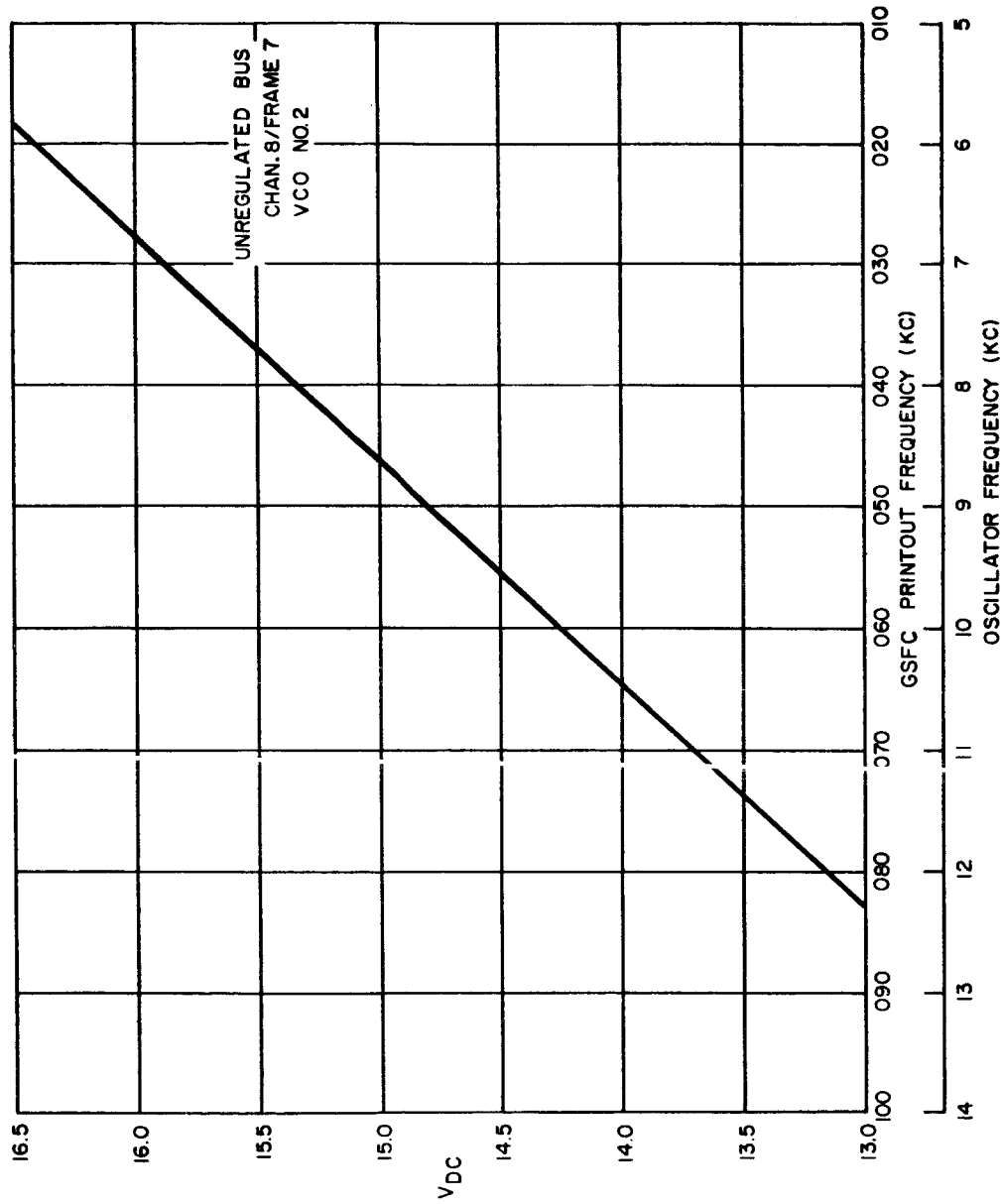


Figure 16



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Figure 17

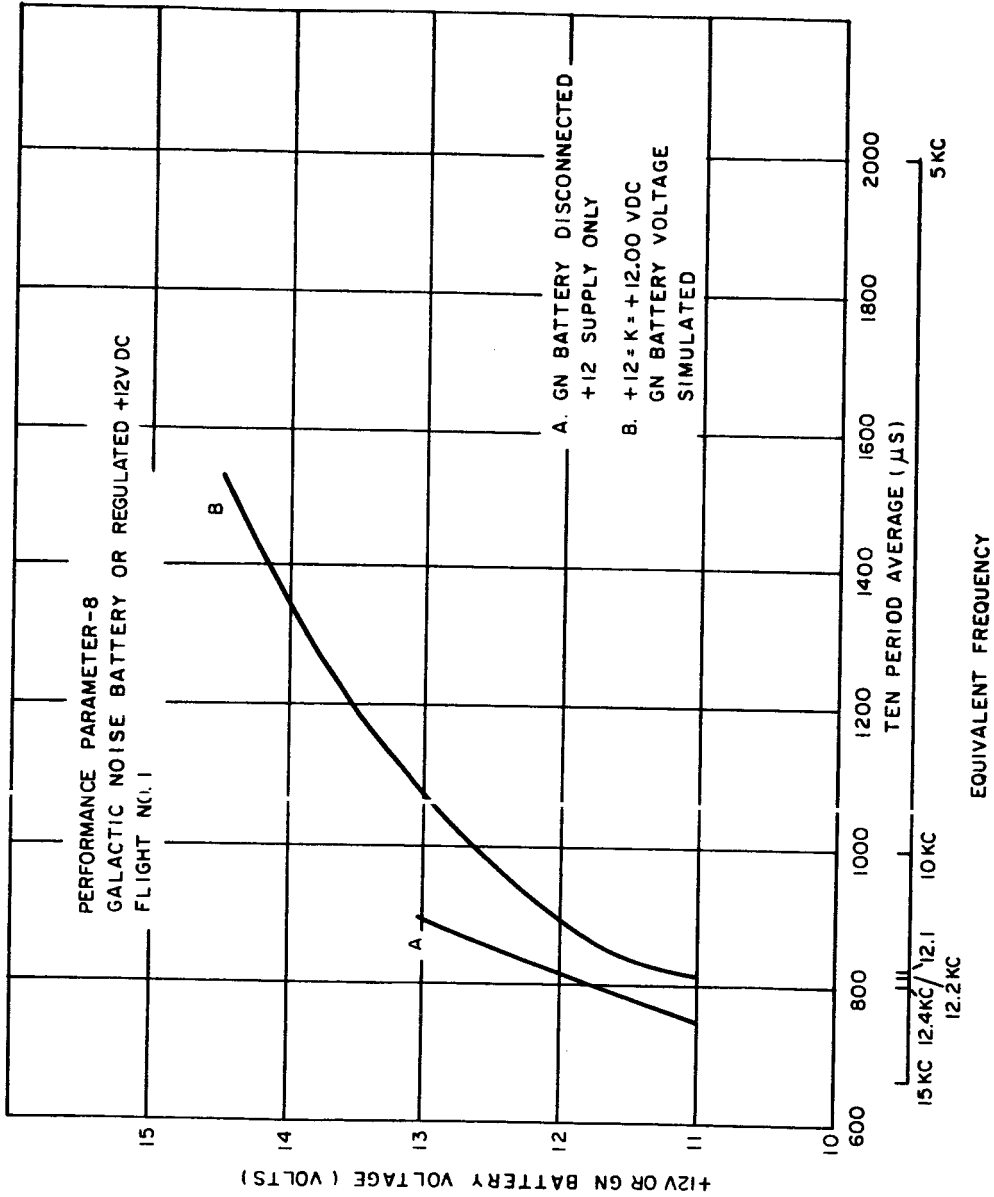


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Figure 18

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OF ILLUSTRATION

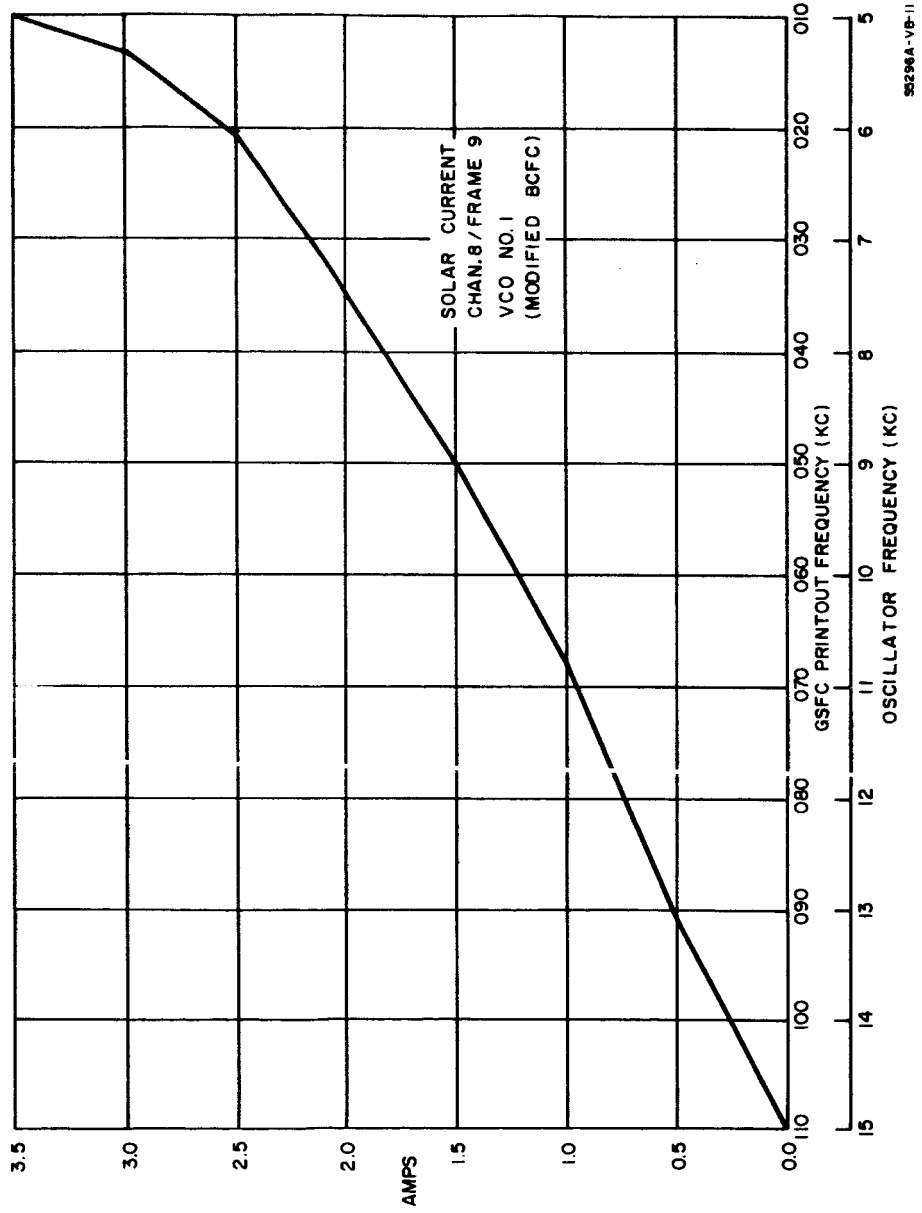
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Figure 19



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Figure 20

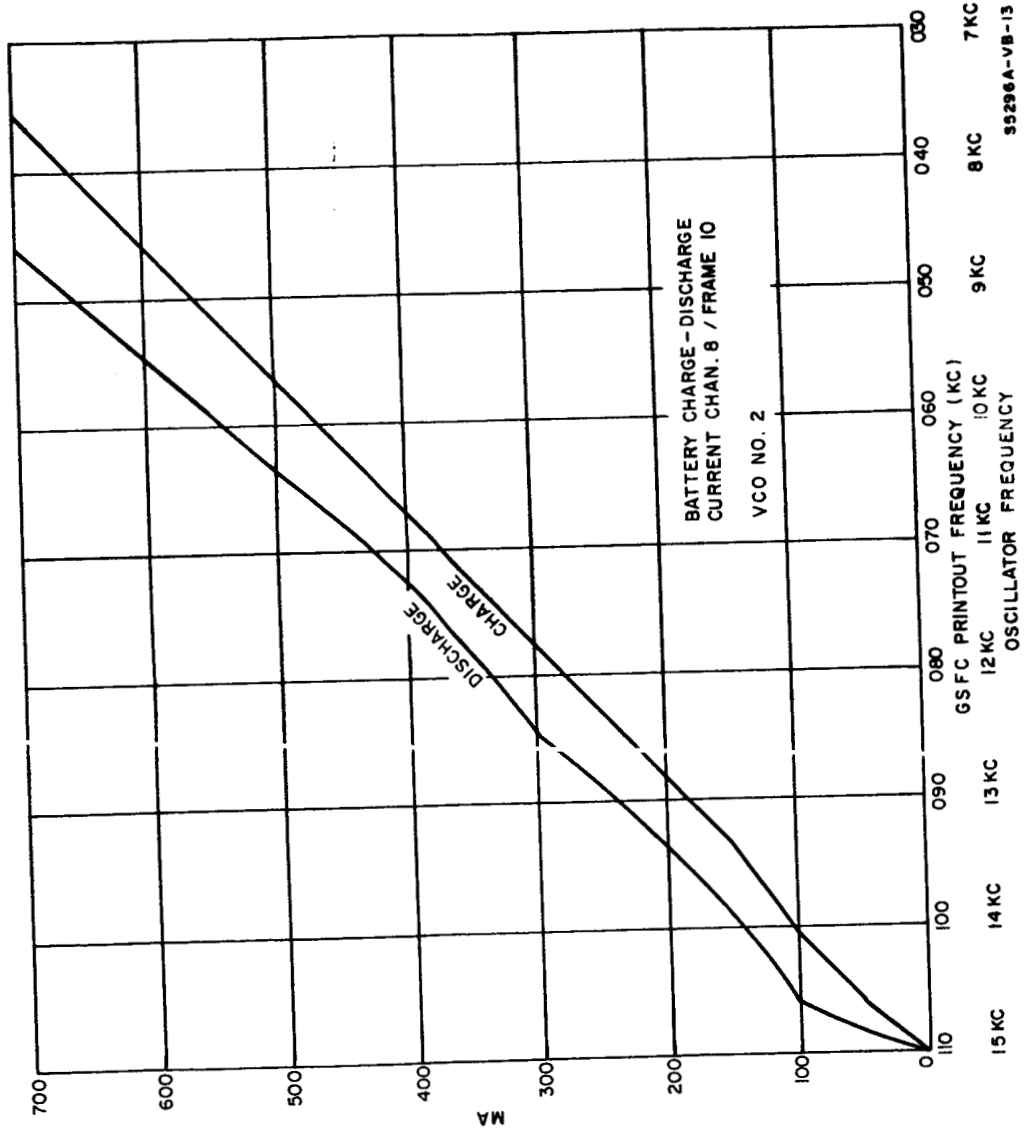


Figure 21

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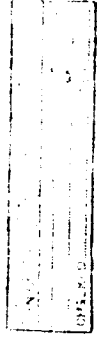
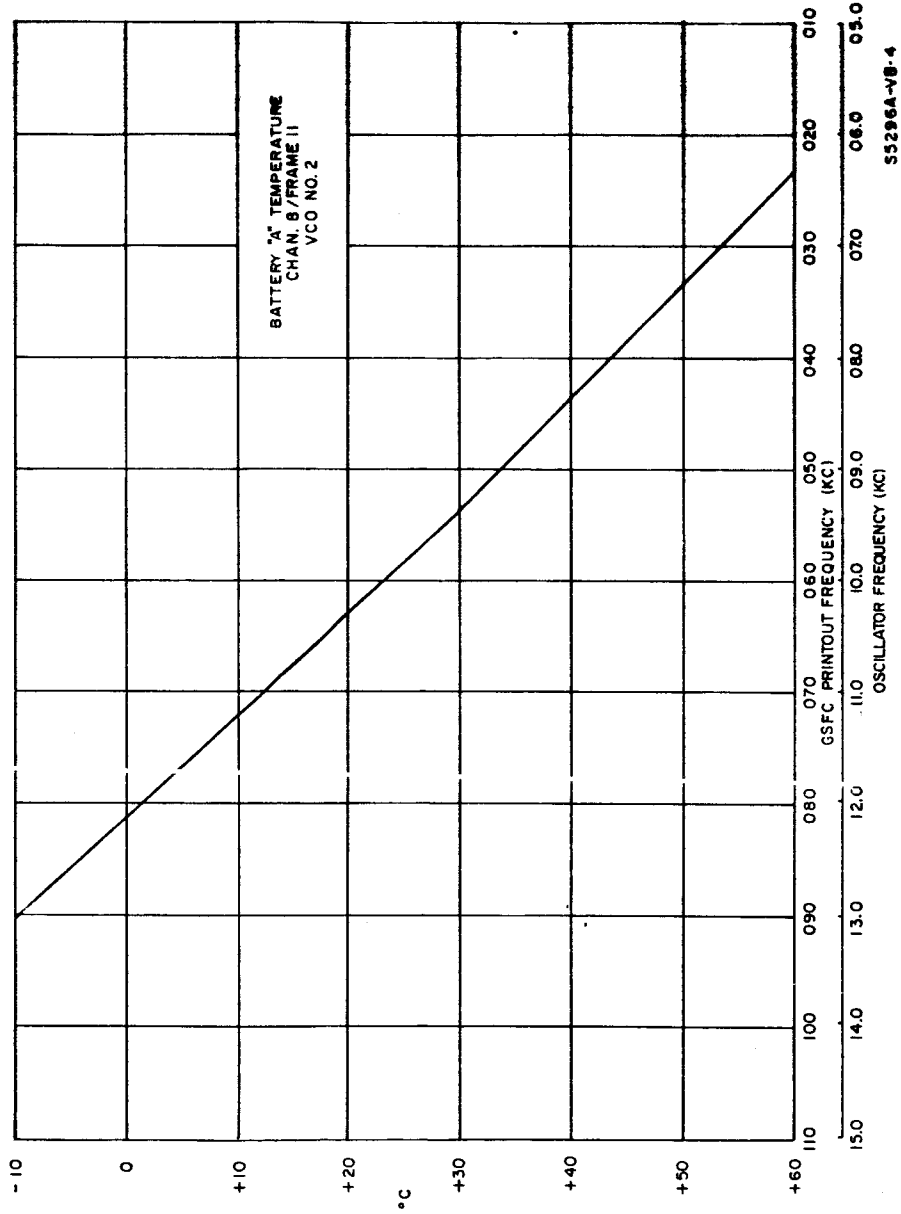


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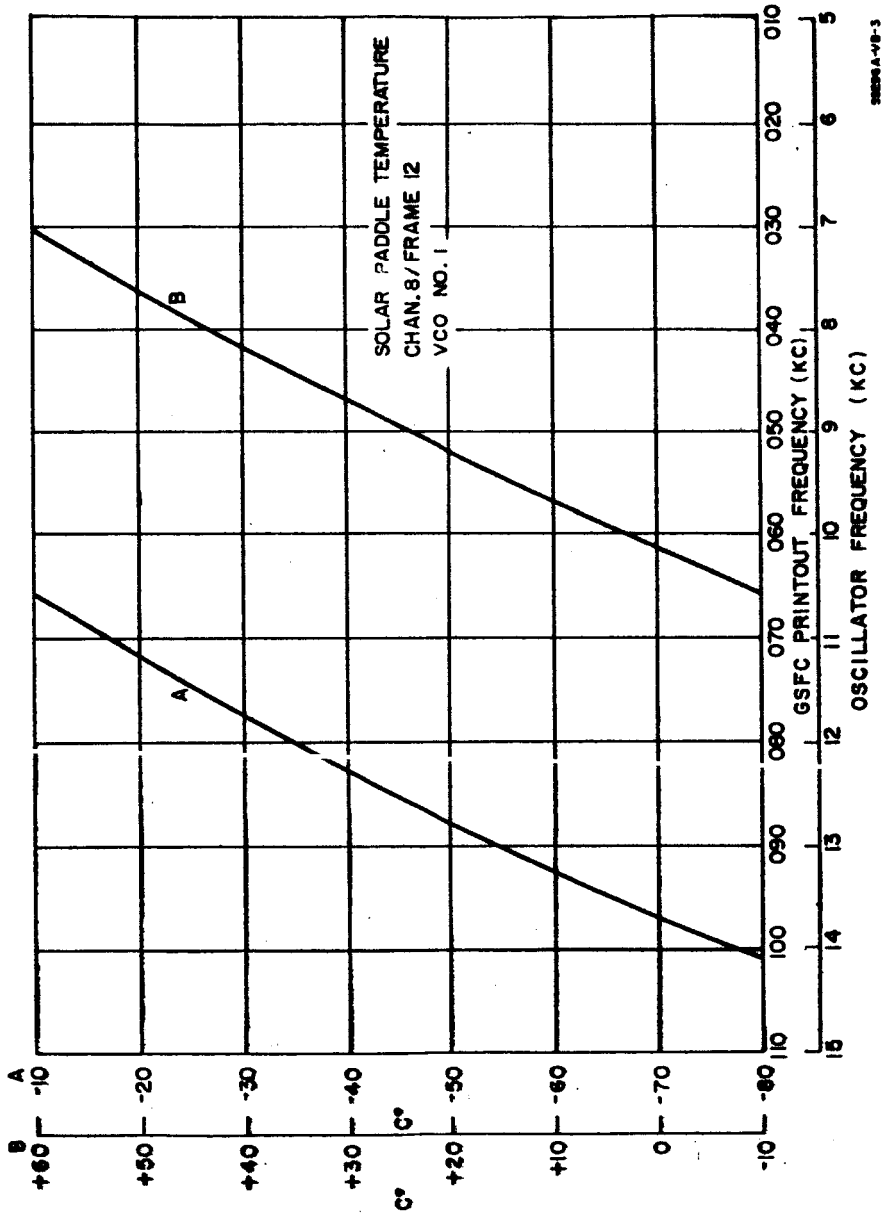
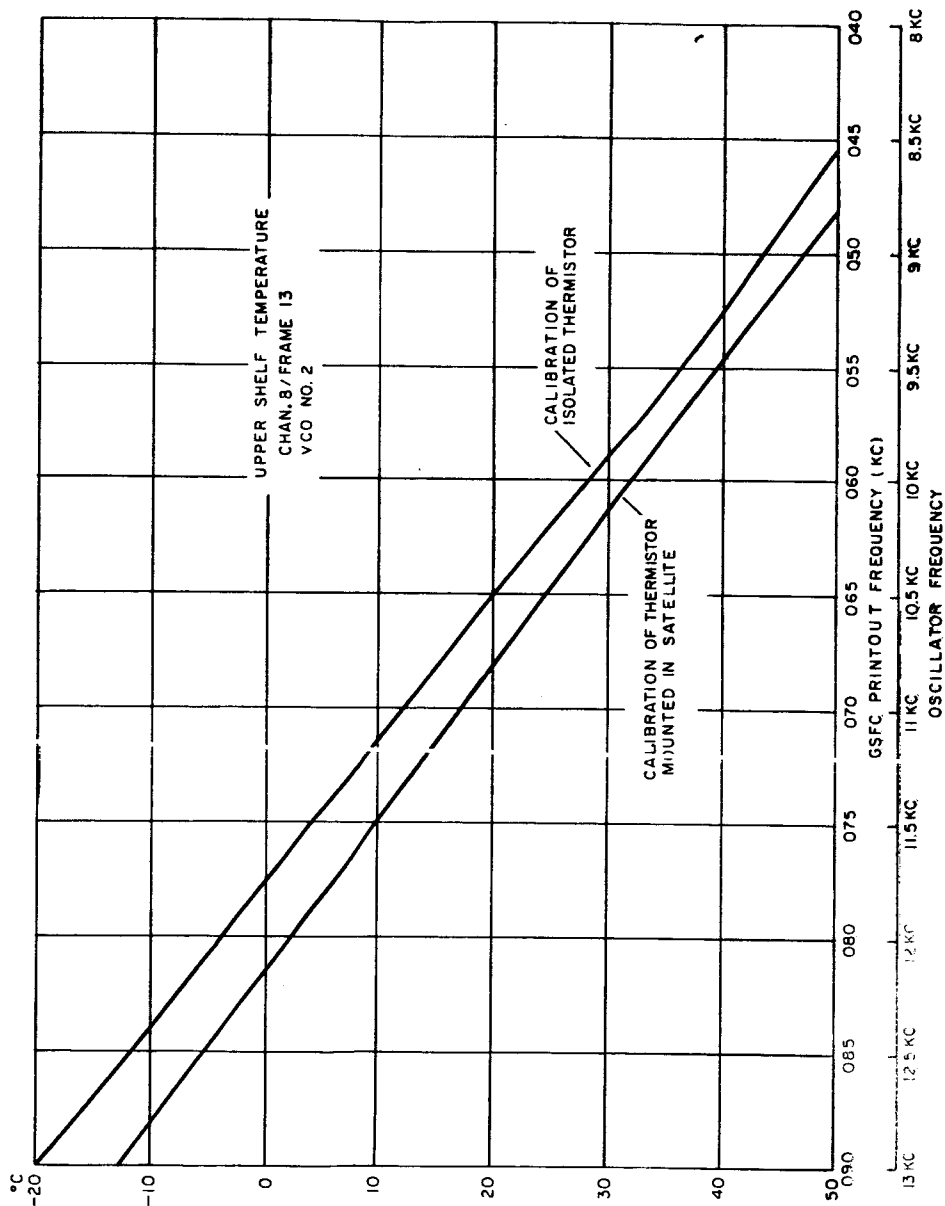


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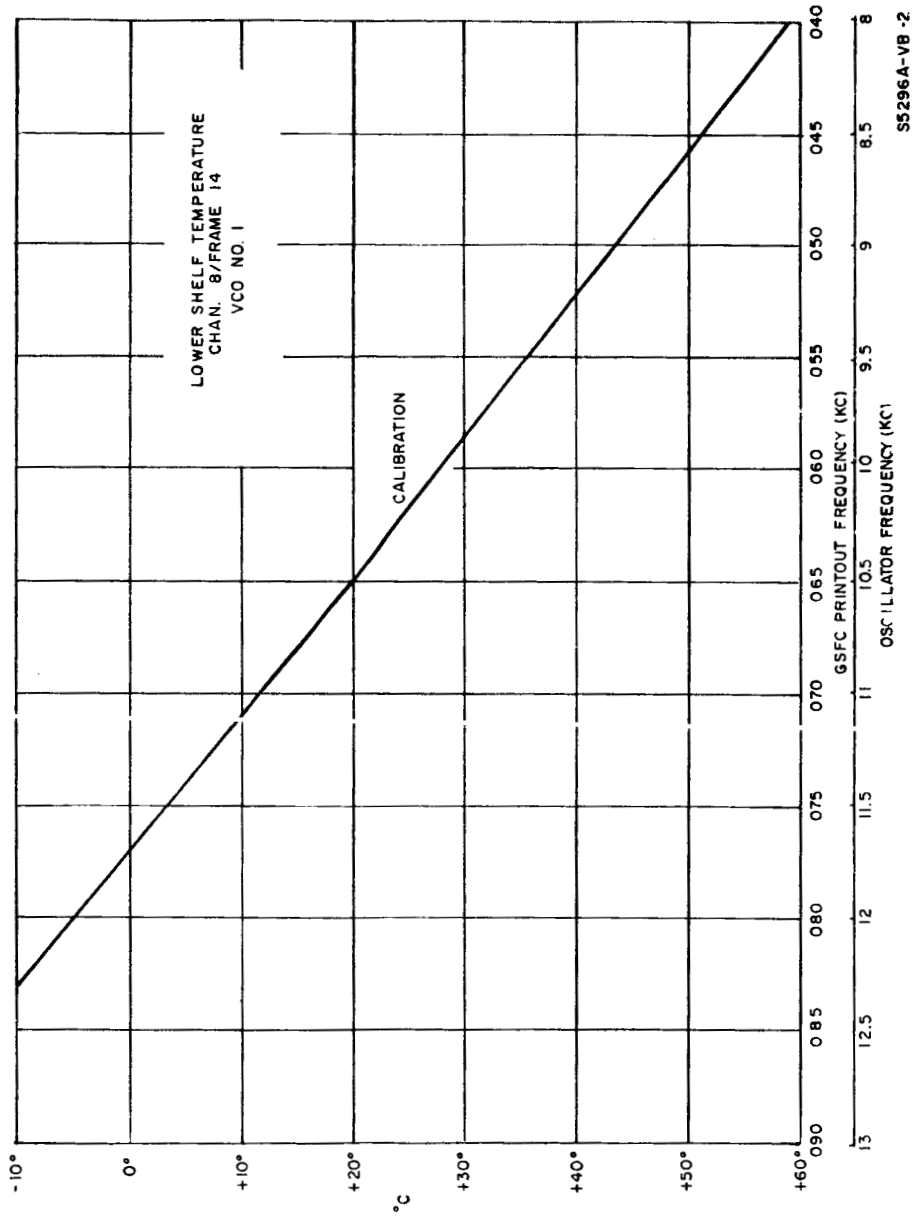


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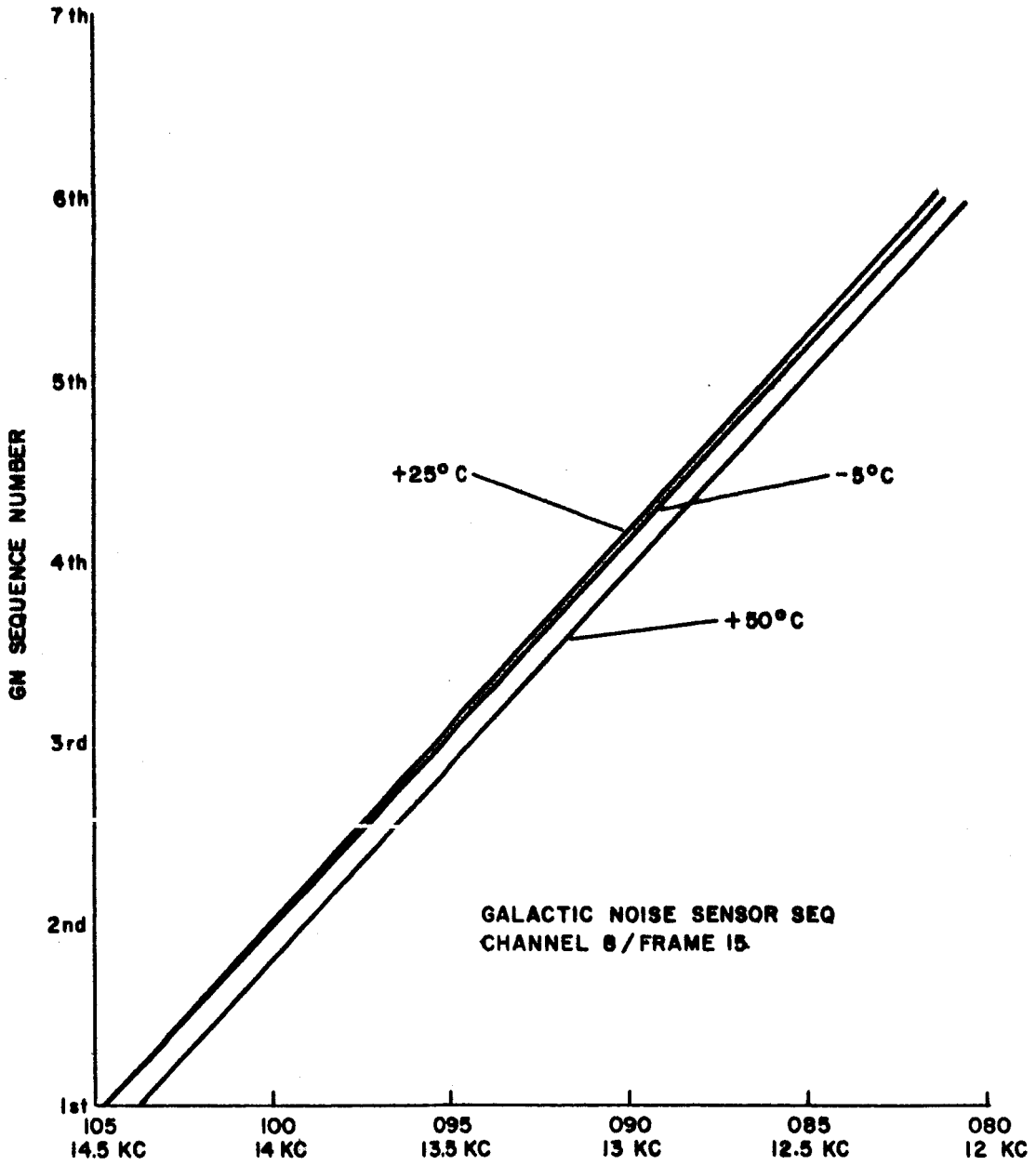
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the most useful results. It is instructive to review here some of these considerations.

First in importance are the factors bearing on primary objectives 1(a) and 1(b) as described in the proposal, included here as Appendix I. These objectives are: 1(a) the unexpectedly rapid decrease in satellite spin rate, and 1(b) the satellite spin axis/sun line angle variation. It was concluded that the following data would be required from the reduction effort.

- a. The curve of actual vehicle spin rate versus days from launch (0 to 200 days).
- b. Time plots of raw ozone spectrometer data for one spin revolution as availability permits:
  1. on nominal weekly basis
  2. at selected days corresponding to maximum, minimum, and 90 degree points.
- c. Time plots of raw DROD and IROD data for one spin revolution at selected times corresponding to discrete aspect angles.
- d. A time plot of raw solar cell current,  $I_s$ , for one spin revolution at the point where the solar aspect angle approaches 180 degrees.

Spin rate information was derived mainly from the ozone spectrometer data wherein the cyclic pattern of the experiment response produced by satellite rotation could be correlated to time. By this means spin rate could be deduced. An auxiliary means of determining spin rate was provided by the IROD and DROD micrometeorite experiments. Observable pulses in the data were identified as the result of the scanning action produced on the IROD and DROD detectors by satellite spin.

Pulses were produced as the sunline swept past the holes in the aluminum foil strips and momentarily illuminated the detector. Sunlight passing through calibrating slits gave rise to other observable pulses.

The establishment of satellite sunline angle variations was regarded as an output of Phase II but it was felt that time plots of the raw ozone spectrometer data, of the raw IROD and DROD micrometeorite data, and of the solar cell current would provide the key to an assessment; therefore, for efficiency these data were processed in Phase I. Those plots of these data which were specifically requested by the Technical Director are included herein, but not all plots serving the sun angle determination are included.

Secondly, the Ariel II power system was studied from the standpoint of desirable data for analysis under Phases II and III. In the case of the power system, the parameters possess an interdependence which is beneficial in the assessment of anomalous behavior. Since space environmental changes are a periodic function of orbit position over the short term, the composite orbit plots were useful and satisfactory. To gauge the effects of environmental changes over the longer period, the 200-day composite graph was regarded as satisfactory. The latter graphs were expected to show aging degradation in solar cells. The power parameters plotted in Phase I are tabulated below:

- (1) voltage on +15 regulated
- (2) dumped current
- (3) the unregulated bus voltage
- (4) voltage on +12 regulated
- (5) solar current
- (6) battery current
- (7) battery A temperature

- (8) paddle #4 temperature
- (9) lower shelf temperature

The +15 and +12 regulated DC voltages have been plotted to determine if they performed within design specifications in the space environment. It is anticipated that these plots will be of utility in explaining the performance anomaly in the 12-volt supply. In conjunction with the latter problem, the temperature and unregulated bus voltage plots will have value.

The solar current, battery current and dumped current are algebraically related in the sense that solar current in excess of that needed to power the load and charge the battery is dissipated or dumped. The plots displaying these data will be the foundation of a graphical analysis in later phases of the effort.

Lastly, considerations are presented which relate to thermal behavior, a secondary interest as presented in 2(a) of the proposal in Appendix I.

It has been felt that the adopted scheme of weekly composite orbit graphs plus the 200-day graphs will permit comparison of actual thermal performance with predicted performance as developed by GSFC. Plots of thermal data covering the first ten orbits were made to indicate the thermal stabilization characteristic of the satellite. Unfortunately the data is not nearly as complete during these orbits as would be desired for the purpose; however, no improvement could be effected by any alternate method of processing the data.

#### Program for Phase II

Phase II is aimed at the definition of spacecraft performance, and this will be done under the three topics previously discussed, namely, dynamical performance in terms of spin rate and surline angle; power system performance; and thermal performance.

Insofar as dynamical performance is concerned, Phase II effort will be devoted to defining the actual spacecraft performance and then comparing it with the pre-launch predictions of performance for the following parameters:

- a. variation in satellite spin rate
- b. variations in spin axis/sunline angle

The principal effort during this phase of the program will be to develop a plot of solar aspect angle versus days from launch. The ozone spectrometer will furnish the principal evidence for this angle since it is basically more sensitive to solar aspect than are the other sensors.

It had been assumed, prior to launch, that the angular momentum vector,  $\vec{h}$ , of Ariel II would be established at orbital injection and would remain substantially invariant thereafter. Thus, it had been presumed that the satellite spin axis would be initially aligned with the velocity vector at injection, and the British team assumed that this spin axis orientation would be approximately maintained in space. Also, it had been presumed that when all yo-yo weights, booms, and antennas had been deployed, that the established vehicle spin rate would not vary significantly over one year. For the case where the spin axis is presumed fixed, the angle between the direction of the assumed spin axis and the direction of the sunline--obtainable from The American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac, 1964 -- can be readily calculated as a function of time from launch. However, preliminary examination of spin rate plots and ozone data indicate that the assumption of a fixed spin axis orientation is invalid for Ariel II. For this reason it is felt that a necessary investigation in Phase II will deal with this orientation problem.

The time plot of solar aspect angle, when obtained by various measurements and calculations, will be compared with the comparable plot of solar aspect



angle for the assumed fixed spin axis orientation. In addition, the time plot of actual vehicle spin rate obtained from the data, will be compared with predicted performance.

Phase II of the program as it pertains to power system performance is nearly accomplished when the Phase I plots are complete inasmuch as little analysis is required to infer performance from available data as is the case with dynamical performance. It may develop, however, that a graphical analysis of power system operation in terms of solar current, battery current and dumped current is instructive in providing a clearer insight into system operation.

Phase II in the thermal performance area will consist of reviewing combinations of graphs of:

- (1) both ozone temperatures
- (2) spectrometer and upper shelf temperatures
- (3) lower shelf and battery temperatures
- (4) spectrometer A and lower shelf temperatures

The purpose here is to afford some indication of thermal gradients in the satellite so that the total picture of Ariel II thermal performance will be evident.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations

The available data is inadequate for complete analysis of the Ariel II performance on two major counts. First, the data on the first 10 orbits has too many gaps to provide a good basis for establishing the character of thermal stabilization. Secondly, indirect methods must be employed to infer spin axis to sunline angle. The first case is the result of not recording available satellite transmission at every station pass on the first 10 orbits. Of course, the post launch evaluation and its specific goals were not anticipated

or provided for in what was primarily the acquisition of experimental data. On the second count, it is seen that the lack of direct data is the result of not placing solar aspect sensors on the S-52, but here again, such instrumentation had no function in the fundamental experimental purpose of the spacecraft.

In spite of the data deficiencies it appears that useful hypotheses may be advanced and to some extent proved as a result of analytical study of Phase I plots. Phases II and III will proceed immediately and will be reported.

APPENDIX I

Proposal

for

ARIEL II INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE

Post Launch Evaluation

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Proposal for Conducting the ARIEL II International  
Satellite Post Launch Evaluation

I. INTRODUCTION

This proposal describes the data reduction, data analysis, and theoretical review of the ARIEL II telemetered flight results. In accordance with the statement of work which has been prepared for this program by GSFC the objectives have been considered in two categories. They are:

1. Primary Objectives

- a. The unexpectedly rapid decrease in satellite spin rate.
- b. The satellite spin axis/sun line angle variation.
- c. Power system performance analysis.

2. Secondary Objectives

- a. Satellite thermal behavior.
- b. Analysis of other subsystem performance as derived from telemetered data.

Westinghouse, as the original prime contractor to Goddard Space Flight Center on this satellite program, is well qualified to perform this work. Key personnel assigned will be drawn from former contributors to the design and integration effort conducted on the prototype and flight satellites of the Westinghouse ARIEL II program.

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The basic data source for this investigation will be orbital data print-outs supplied by the Goddard Space Flight Center Program Office. These print-outs contain universal time information and location of the tracking station as well as telemetry frequencies. The Program Office will also supply required

ephemeral information, and will make available such data as has already been reduced.

The program objectives will be pursued in a three phase division of effort as described in the following paragraphs.

#### Phase I

Using GSFC digitized data printouts, convert the performance parameter words to engineering units and plot as appropriate for the particular parameter being observed (graphs, charts, curves, etc.) as directed by the ARIEL II Project Manager.

#### Phase II

The second phase will be the definition of actual spacecraft performance. Using information derived from Phase I, prepare a report showing by use of curves, charts or tables the actual spacecraft performance as compared to prelaunch predictions.

#### Phase III

Phase III will consist of an effort to develop theoretical bases for defining the departure of actual spacecraft performance from prelaunch predictions. An engineering report will be prepared on the information developed during Phase III and including information previously developed in Phase I, II.

#### Phase I

During Phase I efforts the data coordinates will be plotted for short intervals taken at an interval-to-interval spacing dictated by the indicated rate of change of the variable in question. For example, in the case of the IROD data it is suggested that one-minute intervals will be plotted with an average interval spacing of one week. These preliminary choices have been made in consideration of the anticipated utility of the data, which is the indication

of spin rate. If the rate of change of spin rate for a given weekly interval seems high, or if particular orbital altitudes appear to be of major interest, additional points will be picked up. Conversely, if the rate of change is shallow, weekly points may be skipped. The attention given the problem of how much data to plot is vital to an economical performance of the program. The intervals plotted will be as widespread as possible and the data plotted per interval will be minimized.

Data checkpoints will be taken from the delayed read-out micrometeorite experiment for additional verification of the IROD data conclusions.

Ozone spectrometer data will be plotted in similar fashion to that from the micrometeorite experiments. Somewhat longer intervals may be chosen for this data inasmuch as modulation caused by coning will be sought for in addition to that caused by satellite spin. It is also hoped that under certain conditions the aspect angle of the sun line versus the satellite spin axis can be deduced from this data.

It is understood that broadband ozone scanner has some aspect sensitivity so that modulation of its output can be related to coning; therefore, it is anticipated that this data would be plotted to a schedule similar to that of the micrometeorite experiments.

The galactic noise data is not expected to be useful in connection with this evaluation program and will not be plotted.

Ground receiver AGC may prove to be of value, if it is available, from the standpoint of telemetry antenna aspect angle change. This may prove to be redundant information, however, and definite conclusions as to the advisability of using it will be deferred until actual data reduction commences.

**Thermistor** data will be plotted on a schedule to be developed on the basis of the observed rates of change. The thermal pattern for an orbit will be established and then redetermined after an interval of a number of orbits. Similar considerations apply to power system data, which will be useful for the secondary objective (b), and also for the primary objectives (a), (b), and perhaps even (c).

### Phase II

Phase II as applied to the dynamical satellite behavior primary objectives (a) and (b) will involve surveying the reduced data from Phase I and checking for correlation between it and GSFC conclusions previously drawn about spacecraft behavior. Attempts will be made to support conclusions about spacecraft performance by means of more than one data input wherever possible but exhaustive correlation will not be carried out. Phase II will be more clear-cut in relation to the remaining objectives and will amount to a task of concise data presentation. It should be noted, however, that for performance of Phase II in the area of secondary objective (a) a review of the ARIEL II thermal analysis done by GSFC will be required before comparison can be drawn between predicted and actual performance.

### Phase III

Phase III as applied to primary objectives (a) and (b) will consist of checking hypotheses which have been advanced by GSFC. For example preliminary consideration of the despin question has led to the hypothesis that the ARIEL II can be likened to an axial flow fan on which a velocity component along the spin axis will manifest itself in a torque about the spin axis. To check such a hypothesis requires correlation of the actual performance with that predicted by a computation based on the hypothesis. Comparisons are necessary in terms

of magnitudes, frequencies, and phase angles of the functions where applicable. Only the most likely hypotheses will be examined.

The ARIEL II power system analysis will include comparing the actual system operating characteristics to the theoretically predicted performance. The areas which it is proposed to be specifically investigated are:

1. Anomalous behavior of the solar paddle current, the regulated +12 volt bus and the regulated +15 volt bus.
2. Battery voltage as a function of battery current and battery temperature.
3. Solar paddle current-time profile correlated with the sun line axis and spin rate.
4. Regulated bus voltages as a function of environmental conditions (temperature, load, time).

The purpose of investigating the anomalous behavior of the power system is to determine whether or not a fault did occur, and if so, what the most probable failure was.

The investigation of the battery characteristics will attempt to relate the predicted battery voltage as a function of time with the actual performance. The investigation will include determining whether or not the redundant battery charge was used, an estimate of the maximum battery discharge level, and the battery charge efficiency. These data would be compared to the calculated battery operation.

Information on the available solar cell power profile will be used to check the assumed solar cell efficiency and aspect ratio. In addition the solar cell degradation with time will be determined. Data regarding actual solar cell degradation will be quite useful in predicting future solar paddle requirements.



The purpose of determining the variation in regulated bus voltage is to compare actual regulation with that expected from the acceptance test data. An attempt will be made to explain unexpected variations in regulated bus voltage in order to improve regulator precision in future applications.

### III. SCHEDULE

The proposed schedule of effort is shown in Figure III-1, in months from go-ahead. Changes in this schedule, and in specific direction of investigation taken, may be desirable from time to time. Such changes, as long as they are within the scope of the total effort and cost, may be directed at any time by the Goddard Space Flight Center Program Manager. Westinghouse will further be pleased to negotiate changes in the scope of work at the pleasure of the Program Office.

### IV. REPORTS

Monthly reports describing the status of progress on the program will be prepared in accordance with Specification TD-S-100, August, 1962, Type I with the exception that point (c) of paragraph 3.1 is regarded as not applicable. This is a reference to the achievement of reliability.

A monthly financial report prepared in the format of NASA form 7-16 will be prepared and submitted at the same time as each monthly Type I, TD-S-100 report.

In addition to the monthly reports, Phase reports will be submitted upon the completion of each phase. The Phase III report will be prepared as a final report and will contain a summary of the entire program. As directed by the Work Statement rough drafts of the phase reports will be submitted to the ARIEL II Project Office for approval prior to printing.

## V. PERSONNEL

The key personnel designated for the ARIEL II post launch evaluation are listed below. The special area in which each will work is given along with a statement of their applicable qualifications.

### Ralph I. Hauser, Fellow Engineer, Mechanical Design and Development Engineering Section

Mr. Hauser will coordinate the program and also will participate in the dynamical analyses. His experience includes 10 years of gyro design and application. He also participated in the ARIEL II work at Westinghouse in the area of design inertia control.

### Frank C. Rushing, Advisory Engineer, Equipment Engineering Project

Mr. Rushing will contribute to the dynamical analysis. His 36-year career as an engineer includes experience in dynamics of machinery. He holds 13 patents relating to vibration and balancing machinery and has been studying attitude control of satellites for the past year.

### Arthur Simmons, Engineer, Analysis and Control Section

Mr. Simmons has participated in design study contracts on satellite inertial control mechanisms and on antimissiles satellite studies. He will work in the area of ARIEL II Dynamical behavior.

### Henry B. Airth, Jr., Senior Engineer, Magnetic Devices Section

Mr. Airth had design responsibility in the regulated power supplies for the ARIEL II power system and will analyze power system performance.

### W. Keith Stahlman, Engineer, Data Acquisition Section

Mr. Stahlman has performed mathematical analysis of data gathered from electronic systems. He has participated in the interpretation of water velocity and inertial instrument data to describe dynamical behavior of submarines. His contribution will be in the area of data reduction and correlation.

APPENDIX II

DATA PRESENTATION PLAN

## DATA PRESENTATION PLAN

The final product of the Phase I effort will be three sets of graphs to be used in the Phase II and Phase III studies. Copies of the graphs will be submitted to the Ariel II program coordinator in the Phase I final report. The three sets of graphs are:

a. Single Orbit Graphs. Each graph will contain one parameter only and will be plotted over an interval from an arbitrary 0 to 100 minutes. Table I lists the parameters for which graphs will be made. Figures 1 through 14 are sample graphs of actual data. Each graph will be plotted on tracing paper, with like time scales, so that several may be overlaid on a light table for analytical purposes. These graphs will be constructed with data principally from orbits 1, 2, 6, 7, 10 and the weekly orbits (b from paragraph 1). The performance parameters will be read at 5 minute intervals, except for the currents modulated by the satellite spin. In these cases, maximum and minimum values will be read every 5 minutes from approximately 30 second intervals about the 5 minute point. Also, on these graphs, several cycles of the signal will be plotted to illustrate the modulation of the signal.

b. 200-Day Graphs. The principal inputs of these graphs will be average values read from the graphs from paragraph (a) above. Where necessary, points may be filled in using Blossom Point data. These graphs will be used to show large scale trends. For this reason, the time scale will be no finer than a day. Graphs will be made for the same parameters as above (Table I). Ordinates will agree for like parameters. Figure 15 is a sample plot of assumed data.

c. Special Purpose Graphs. A number of special purpose graphs will be made:

(1) A graph of the first ten orbits illustrating the thermal stabilization of the satellite. It will include the eight temperatures monitored, aspect angle, and periods of sunlight and darkness.

(2) Graphs showing combinations of **thermistor data**. The following combinations will be studied:

- (a) both ozone temperatures
- (b) spectrometer A and upper deck temperatures
- (c) lower deck and battery temperatures
- (d) spectrometer A and lower deck temperatures

Graphs will be plotted for the day of maximum sunlight, the day of minimum sunlight, the hottest day, and the coldest day.

(3) Graphs necessary to show typical experiment responses to changing conditions. These will include:

(a) Ozone Plots. Ozone spectrometer graphs showing a sunset and a sunrise from the first week of flight. Additional ozone spectrometer graphs over the 200-day graphs showing a sunset, a sunrise, and a full sunlight period.

(b) Micrometeorite Plots. Micrometeorite graphs over the 200-day period.

(c) Galactic Noise Plots. Galactic noise graphs over the 200-day period from times when the satellite was at apogee and perigee and at interesting points shown with respect to apogee and perigee. One galactic noise graph from an entire 100 minute orbit.

TABLE I

## PARAMETERS FOR SINGLE ORBIT AND 190-DAY GRAPHS

P.P. No.	Parameter	Uses	Remarks
		<u>1</u> - Spin rate <u>2</u> - Spin axis/Sun <u>3</u> - Power supply <u>4</u> - Thermal Behavior	
0	OZ Temp. 1, Mon. Cell	<u>4</u>	
1	OZ Temp. 2, OZ Cell	<u>4</u>	
2	OZ Temp. 3, Spect. A	<u>4</u>	
4	+15 v	<u>3</u>	
5	Tape Rec. Temp.	<u>4</u>	
6	Dumped Current	<u>3</u>	
7	Unreg. Bus	<u>3</u>	
8	12 v	<u>3</u>	
9	Solar Current	<u>3</u>	
10	Batt. Current	<u>3</u>	
11	Batt. A Temp.	<u>3, 4</u>	
12	Paddle 4 Temp.	<u>3, 4</u>	
13	Upper Shelf Temp.	<u>4</u>	
14	Lower Shelf Temp.	<u>3, 4</u>	
	% Sunlight/Time in and out of sunlight	<u>3, 4</u>	Obtained from world maps. Straight lines for single orbit graphs.
	Spin rate	<u>1, 2, 3, 4</u>	} Obtained from ozone and/or micrometeorite experiments.
	Sun Angle	<u>2, 3, 4</u>	