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A. TITLE OF INVESTIGATION:

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Break-up Characteristics of Chena River Basin

B. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/GSFC ID: U 596

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C. PROBLEMS IMPEDING INVESTIGATION:

It appears at this time that we will not be able to  
analyze representative snowmelt data with the imagery  
provided for the fall season. However, we will continue  
to examine the ERTS imagery either on the test sites or  
the other areas in Alaska.

D. PROGRESS REPORT:

1. Accomplishments during reporting period:

We have continued to contact the cooperative agencies  
and are obtaining meteorological measurements with  
ground truth data.  
These agencies are:

- 1) University of Alaska  
Experimental Station T, Sd, Sq  
Goldstream T, Sd  
Ester Dome T
- 2) National Weather Service  
International Airport T, Sd, Sq
- 3) Soil Conservation Service  
Several Locations T, Sd, Sq
- 4) NASA  
Gilmore Creek T
- 5) U.S.A. - CRREL  
Fox T
- 6) U.S.A. - Ft. Wainwright T
- 7) Alaskan Inter-Agency Technical Committee  
Caribou-Poker Creek Watershed  
Several Station T, Sd, Sq

T - Temperature Sd - Snow Depth Sq - Snow Quality

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CHENA RIVER BASIN Bimonthly Progress  
Report R.F. Carlson (Alaska Univ.  
College.) 30 Nov. 1972 3 p CSCL 08H  
N73-14333  
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2. Plans for next reporting period:

Project personnel will continue to examine the ERTS data provided for the two test areas, both to see whether a melt pattern can be distinguished and to obtain background information for the spring investigation period.

E. SIGNIFICANT RESULTS:

See attached page.

F. PUBLICATIONS:

No publications during reporting period.

G. RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

H. CHANGES IN STANDING ORDER FORMS:

None.

I. ERTS IMAGE DESCRIPTORS FORMS:

We have examined the positive prints from the ERTS Image # 1103-20502-6. This scene is one of the few non-cloudy scenes available for the two test areas. However, because of the uniform non-melting snowcover on the ground on this date and the severe shadowing effects from the low sun angle, it appears that the imagery will not be very useful for the purposes of this investigation.

J. DATA REQUEST FORMS:

None.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT RESULTS:

A number of ERTS data scenes were received and analyzed on a preliminary basis. Most scenes were either greatly restricted by cloud cover or were outside either of the study sites. The one clear scene of both study sites indicates a significant amount of snow cover. Because the emphasis of the project is to look at possible fall periods of melting snow, there is no significant scientific practical or operational results to report during this reporting period.

