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ABSTRACT

This synoptic study for the period 22 September to 3 October 1974 involves a case analysis of an unforeseen major precipitation episode. This was associated with the merging of an inactive upper tropospheric perturbation that moved east-northeastward out of the subtropics and an inactive extratropical low moving southeastward. Prior to the amalgamation of the two systems, only specks of high clouds were associated with each. Almost immediately with the merging of the two systems, rapid downward penetration of the upper-level extratropical system to middle levels took place, as evidenced on VHRR satellite imagery by the development of rather organized middle cloudiness. Within 24 hours, a distinct vortex comprising all cloud levels was evident on satellite photographs, and a well-developed low center became established in the upper troposphere near the 300-mb level. Twenty-four hours later, a major surface storm was in existence. The major impact of this storm was an abrupt end to the California dry season.

I. UPPER TROPOSPHERIC TROUGH

Each year, during the latter portion of the warm season, a significant rain episode usually occurs in California. These episodes are frequently accompanied by organized thunderstorm activity. With increased coverage and accuracy of airline upper-wind reports (AIREPS) and satellite data, it appears that these "surprise" storms are related to impulses originating in the persistent subtropical mid-Pacific 300- to 200-mb trough that has been investigated in-depth by Sadler [4].

Sadler prepared, with the help of numerous AIREPS, upper-wind climatology maps for the central and eastern Pacific [5]. His mean September flow pattern is given in Figure 1. Note the positions of the subtropical trough and ridge and subequatorial ridge. This subtropical trough can be present from May until November, but is best developed and most persistent from July to September [2]. At times, this trough exists only as a shear line, with no apparent low centers. However, some of the time the trough is dominated by closed circulations. Clouds not associated with these cyclonic circulations are associated with the westerly flow between the near equatorial upper ridge and the subtropical trough [4]. However, the more intense convective cloud systems are generally associated with migratory closed lows [4].

Intensification of these closed vorticies is thought to occur under one of two conditions. The first is the phasing of a trough in the extratropical westerlies with the subtropical vortex. When this occurs, the translational motion of the vortex slows and convection becomes enhanced. The second condition involves an areal expansion of the subtropical vortex and occurs as the vortex moves into the area south of the upper extratropical anticyclone, thereby reinforcing the east flow to the north of the vortex [7].

Sadler [4] contends that the persistent upper tropospheric subtropical trough during the warm season has been identified with the development of major surface circulation features in the subtropical north Pacific. Surface development depends largely upon the areal extent, intensity, and downward penetration depth of the upper cyclonic circulation. These surface circulations are considered an extension of the upper system. Penetration of the upper system to the surface is generally restricted to the western part of the north Pacific, since the colder sea-surface temperatures and the strong trade wind inversion in the eastern Pacific generally inhibit such surface vortex development. The upper system generally slopes to the southeast with decreasing height. The low-level convergence and associated major cloud system are generally in the east sector of the surface system. The surface systems that develop always move in conjunction with the upper cyclone [4]. Sadler [6] successfully utilized satellite and AIREP data to position the center of cyclonic cells imbedded in the subtropical upper tropospheric trough. The resulting analyses eventually led to the development of a model characterizing the various penetration depths of the closed upper cell (Figure 2), [4]. The dashed line depicts the vertical slope of the system.

A key point on which this paper is based is that an upper system or vortex can and frequently does move east-northeastward during the transition season from summer to winter in the Hawaiian region. If associated flow patterns are favorable, this system can phase with an upper tropospheric system of extratropical origin. A suggestion in this direction is given in Figure 1. The split in the flow near 40N/165W lends itself to the possibility of extratropical and subtropical systems phasing in the vicinity of the converging streamlines between 30-35N/120-135W. In addition, the existence of the mean ridge shown off the Washington-Oregon coast suggests the possibility of extratropical systems moving over the ridge and southward along or just off the West Coast, as is the case in this study. Phasing would still be most likely in the same general area.

The subsequent discussion follows the evolution of one such phasing. It is shown how a migratory subtropical trough combines with an inactive upper tropospheric trough of extratropical origin to produce a closed low and an ensuing major rain episode for south-central California, northwest Arizona, and most of Nevada and Utah. There are as many similarities as deviations between the life cycle of the cold lows described by Sadler and this migratory upper tropospheric trough. However, the intent here is to bring out the important fact that the persistent upper tropospheric trough investigated by Sadler is not only a source of major weather systems during the warm season for the central and western Pacific, but also for the eastern Pacific and western United States as well.

II. CONSTRUCTION OF ANALYSES

Three-hundred mb analyses from the National Meteorological Center (NMC) in Maryland were used in this study. However, the charts received were not the the analyses normally transmitted over facsimile circuits, but rather hand-drawn analyses that involved the use of bogused, VTPR, AIREP, and RAOB data, as well as information obtained from satellite cloud imagery.

Generally, the majority of available VTPR and RAOB data, along with limited AIREP data, are utilized in preparing NMC-transmitted 300-mb analysis. However, the hand-drawn analyses received from NMC for this study involved a somewhat expanded use of AIREP and satellite information. Although many of the AIREPS were asynoptic and off-level data to standard analysis times and levels, they were assimilated in such a way as to be very useful, especially in no-data areas of the Pacific. The movement of cirrus clouds was utilized to help provide good estimates of upper tropospheric wind directions and useful semiquantitative estimates of upper-level speeds [3]. Cirrus movements derived from high-quality satellite pictures reveal detailed upper tropospheric motions in areas or at times for which few or no conventional synoptic data are available. It should be kept in mind, however, that not all upper-level cyclonic circulations or troughs over the tropics or subtropics produce convection and associated cloud systems.

Each analysis locally underwent close examination, and small refinements were made where necessary. Utilizing continuity between these analyses and the NOAA-2 and NOAA-3 satellite pictures, locations, tracks, and characteristics of the subtropical and extratropical systems investigated in this study were determined.

III. SYNOPTIC REVIEW

In this study, a migratory trough that was generated in the region of the subtropical upper tropospheric trough and which eventually combined with an inactive extratropical trough, is followed. Figure 3 displays the locations of the subtropical and extratropical systems involved in this study. Positions are given at 12-hour synoptic intervals. The northern extratropical system is located by dots labeled by synoptic hour and date, while the corresponding positions of the southern subtropical trough are indicated by solid lines. The positions were determined through the combined use of NMC 300-mb analyses and satellite data, and are superimposed on the 300-mb charts. The locations indicated on the satellite pictures were determined by the associated cloud imagery. It is these systems only that will be followed. In general, the indicated synoptic positions on the 300-mb analyses will not correspond exactly with the position which might be deduced from the cloud pictures due to time differential of five to eight hours between the charts and the photographs.

The 300-mb analysis for 1200 GMT 22 September (Figure 4) gives an idea of the initial flow pattern. The corresponding NOAA-2 satellite photographs are also shown. Note the subtropical system was near 175°W and a small area of convection was associated with it. In contrast, there were no clouds associated with the extratropical system off the Oregon coast. Figure 5 displays the locations of these two systems 12 hours later. The southern system moved very little while the northern system near northwest California moved toward the south-southeast with a few wisps of cirrus appearing near the coast. At 0000Z 23 September (Figure 6), the southern system still had considerable activity associated with it. However, the cloudiness didn't appear as well organized as normally expected with a migratory trough. The northern system had apparently drifted southward to about 40N and 126W. Over the next 48 hours ending 1200 GMT 25 September (Figures 7 - 10), it continued a southward movement to 31N/132W, and in the process developed a good low-level circulation, as shown by lower cloudiness in satellite photographs. Since this circulation was indicated by low (warm) cloudiness, it was not readily apparent in the infrared satellite pictures. The southern system accelerated to near 155°W during this same period and lost much of its active weather. The trough was coarsely defined by cirrus configurations.

A definite slowing of both systems occurred by 0000 GMT 26 September (Figure 11). Although the southern system still existed as a well-defined trough in the 300-mb analysis, the dissipation of the associated cloud field made it barely discernible in the satellite imagery. The northern system drifted due west to near 37N/133W. By 1200 GMT, 26 September, the cirrus associated with this system began to take on more of a curved band configuration.
The southern system progressed slowly to 153W by 0000 GMT 27 September Figures 12 - 13). Although still hard to find on the satellite pictures, it continued well defined in the 300-mb wind field. The northern system at this time continued to maintain its sharp definition in both satellite imagery and 300-mb contour field, while beginning to turn southwestward.

By 0000 GMT 28 September (Figures 14 - 15), the northern system had completed a loop and was heading back toward the east. The southern system, still best defined in the wind field at 300 mb, began to accelerate northeastward. According to the 300-mb analysis for the period 1200 GMT 28 September through 0000 GMT 30 September (Figures 16 - 19), the two systems appeared to converge as they moved basically eastward. Surprisingly, there was very little change in their associated cloud structures during this period.

The systems became in phase near 127W about 1200 GMT 30 September (Figure 20). The associated NOAA-2 daytime pass as well as the NOAA-3 day IR VHRR photograph for approximately the same time show that a remarkable increase of middle and high clouds took place. The sudden development of this cloudiness at a time coincident with the phasing leads to the hypothesis: *Vigorous development should be looked for when extratropical and subtropical systems become in phase.*

By 0000 GMT 1 October, a well-developed upper tropospheric low centered near 33N/126W was present (Figure 21). Further organization along with very little eastward progression continued through 1200 GMT 1 October (Figure 22). Shortly after 1800 GMT 1 October, there were strong indications by satellite data (Figure 22) and RAREPS (Figure 23) that a surface squall line was being generated along the coast of central California. An overall eastward spread of this activity can be seen in surface maps and corresponding radar charts from 2100 GMT 1 October through 1935 GMT 2 October (Figure 24). The satellite picture in Figure 25 for 2 October, displayed the cloud pattern associated with the squall line. By 0000 GMT 3 October (Figures 26 - 27), this cloud field continued to expand while moving rapidly eastward and being entrained into an approaching trough to the north. Figure 28 shows the NOAA-2 and NOAA-3 day IR pictures for 3 October as the storm's influence on the Western Region began to diminish. Composite radar echo charts for 12-hour periods from 1200 GMT 1 October to 1200 GMT 3 October are shown in Figure 29.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The overall significance of the type of occurrence described above is portrayed in Table I. Shown is the total precipitation for the whole month of September as compared with the precipitation totals for each of the first three days of October. The comparisons in this case were made for the central coast, south coast, San Joaquin, and southeast desert drainage divisions of California. As can be seen, this type of development can bring the California dry season to an abrupt end. Of added importance is the fact that effects of these systems can be disastrous should they occur "unexpectedly" during the raisin-drying season. Certainly much more documentation is needed in this area in order to better define the characteristics and possible forecasting procedures needed in handling the merger of upper-tropospheric systems such as discussed above. Of particular interest would be whether the development with and following the phasing is dependent upon a particular geographical area or the large-scale circulation.

NOTE: Western Region Technical Attachments 75-8 and 75-9 describe a case similar to the one discussed in this paper. However, rather than occurring during the fall transition months, this particular phasing took place in spring. One of the results was a mid-March snowstorm in Berkeley, California.

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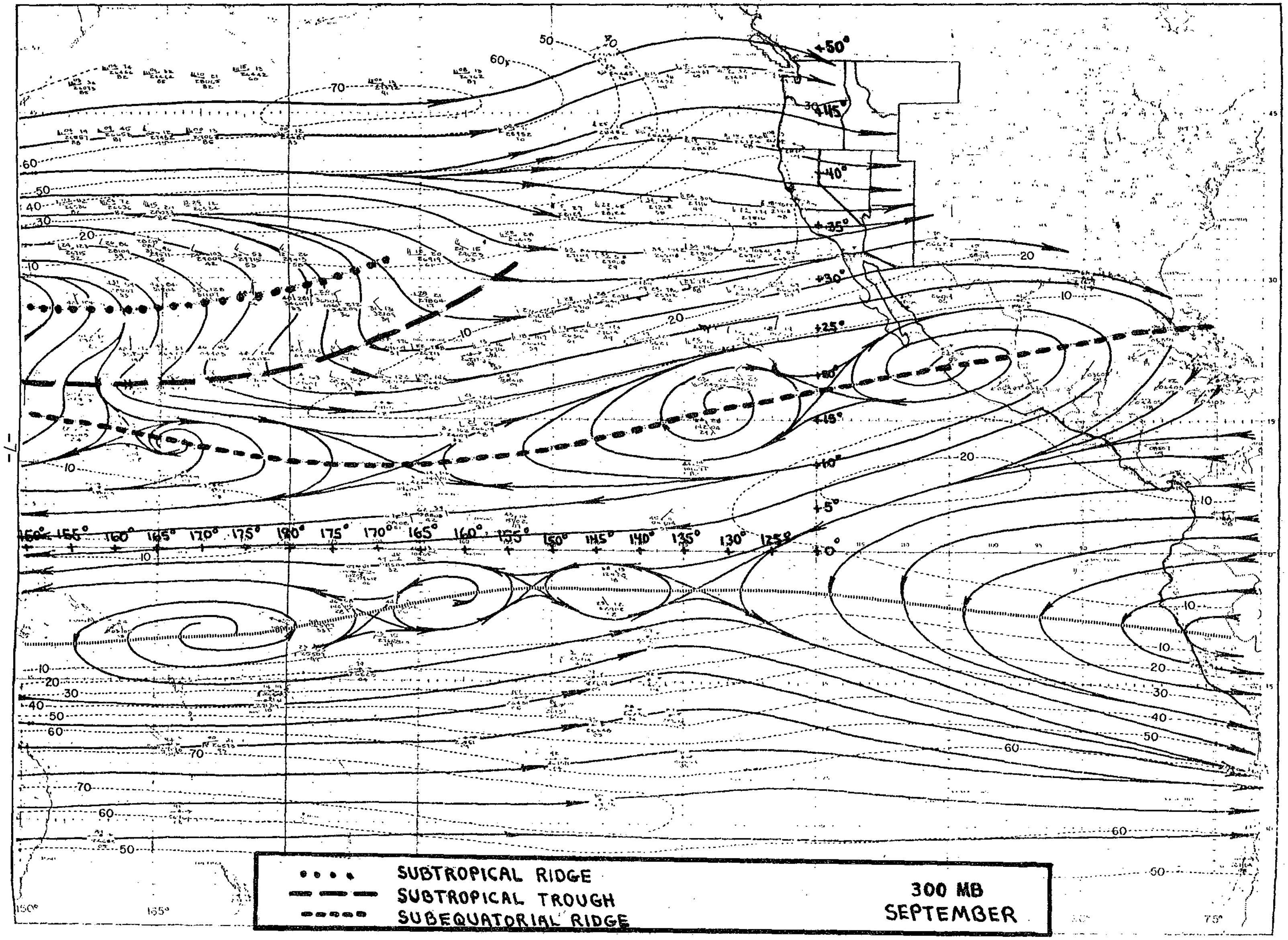


FIGURE I. MEAN SEPTEMBER 300-mb WINDS OVER THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN PACIFIC WITH POSITION OF SUBTROPICAL UPPER TROPOSPHERIC TROUGH (— — —), SUBTROPICAL RIDGE (• • •), AND SUBEQUATORIAL RIDGE (---).

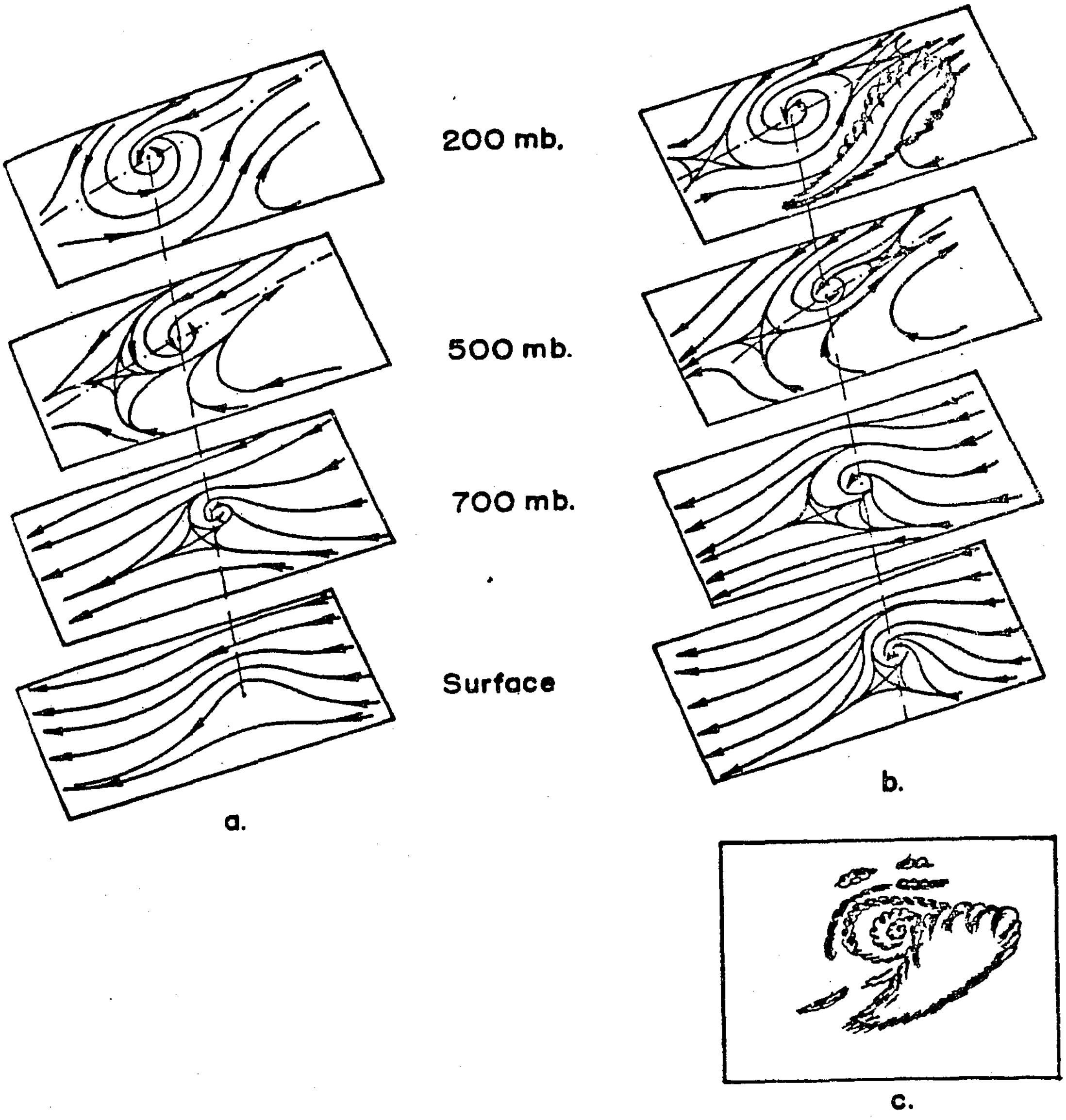


Figure 2. Schematic Three-Dimensional Model of Various Penetration Depths of 200-mb Cyclone: (a) 700-mb with Easterly Wave at Surface, (b) Completely to Surface, (c) Typical Satellite-Observed Cloud Distribution Associated with (b).

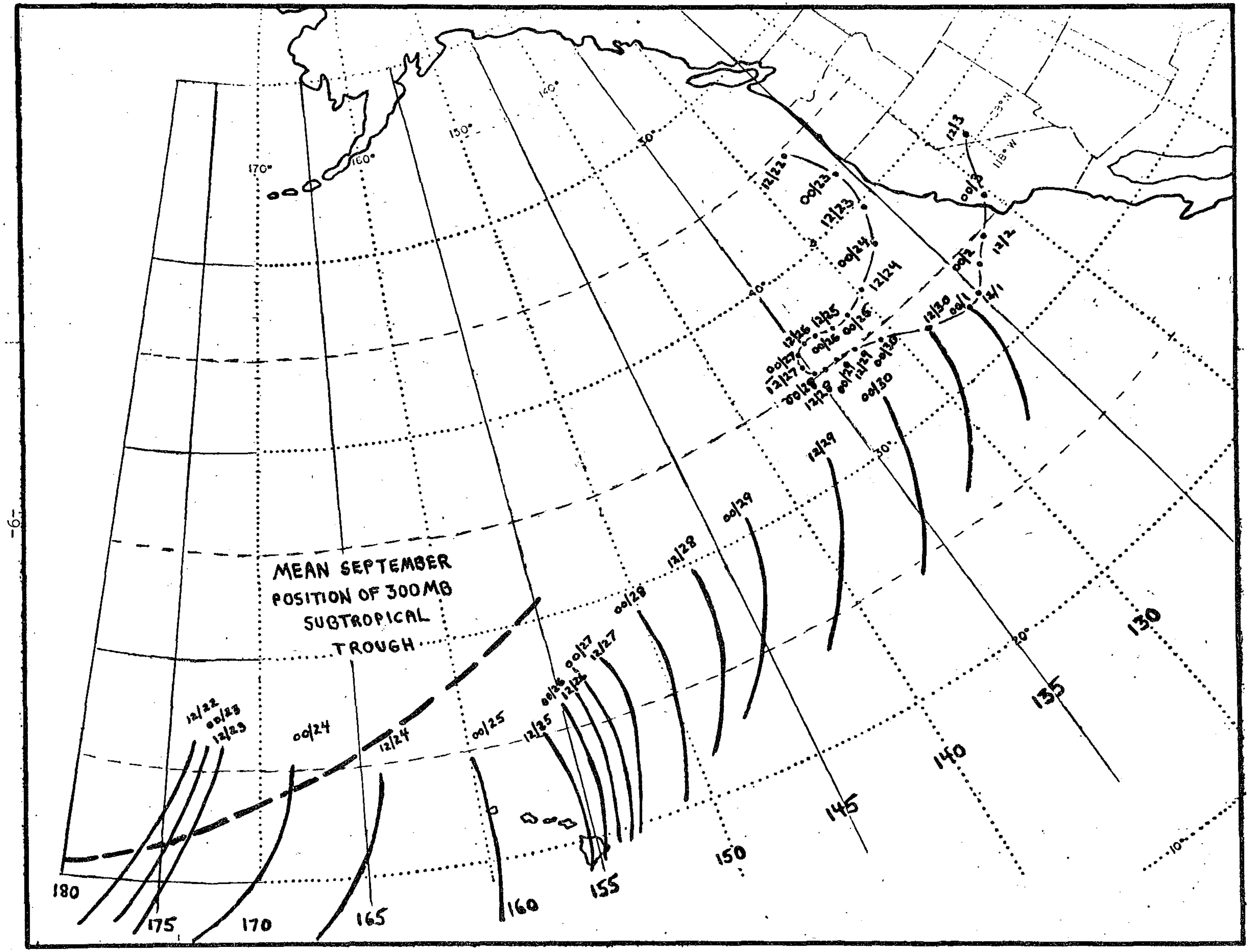
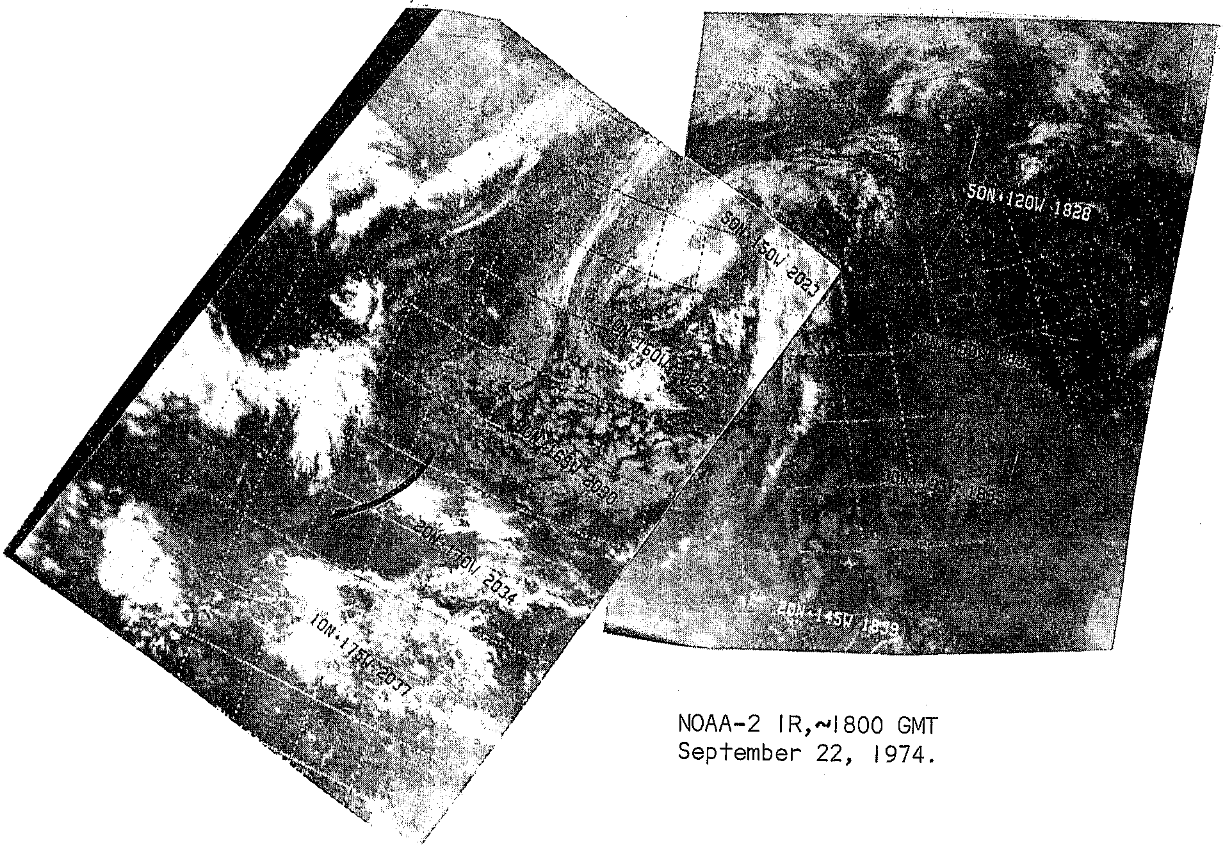


FIGURE 3. 12-HOUR POSITIONS OF THE SUBTROPICAL AND EXTRATROPICAL SYSTEMS SUPERIMPOSED WITH MEAN LOCATION OF AUGUST 300-MB SUBTROPICAL UPPER TROPOSPHERIC TROUGH.



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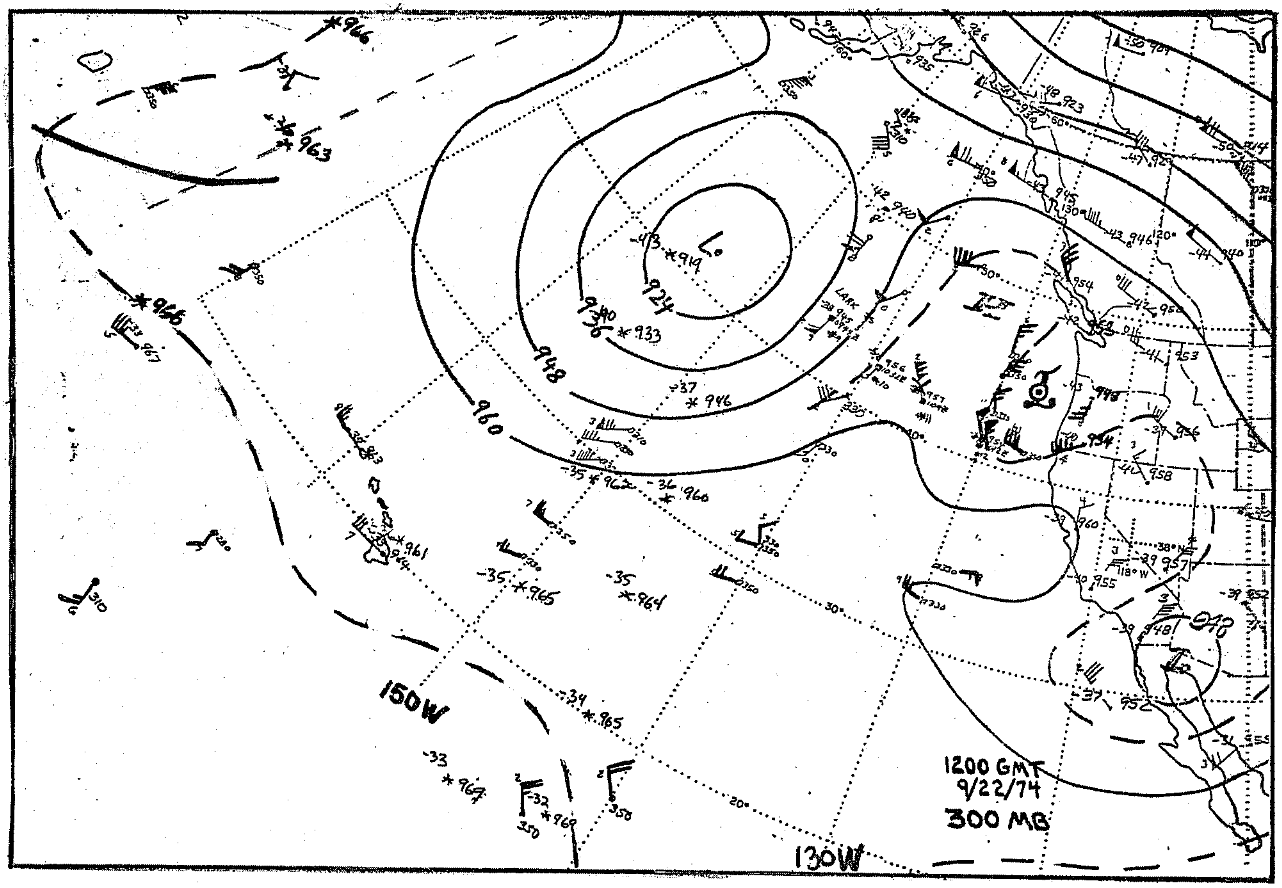

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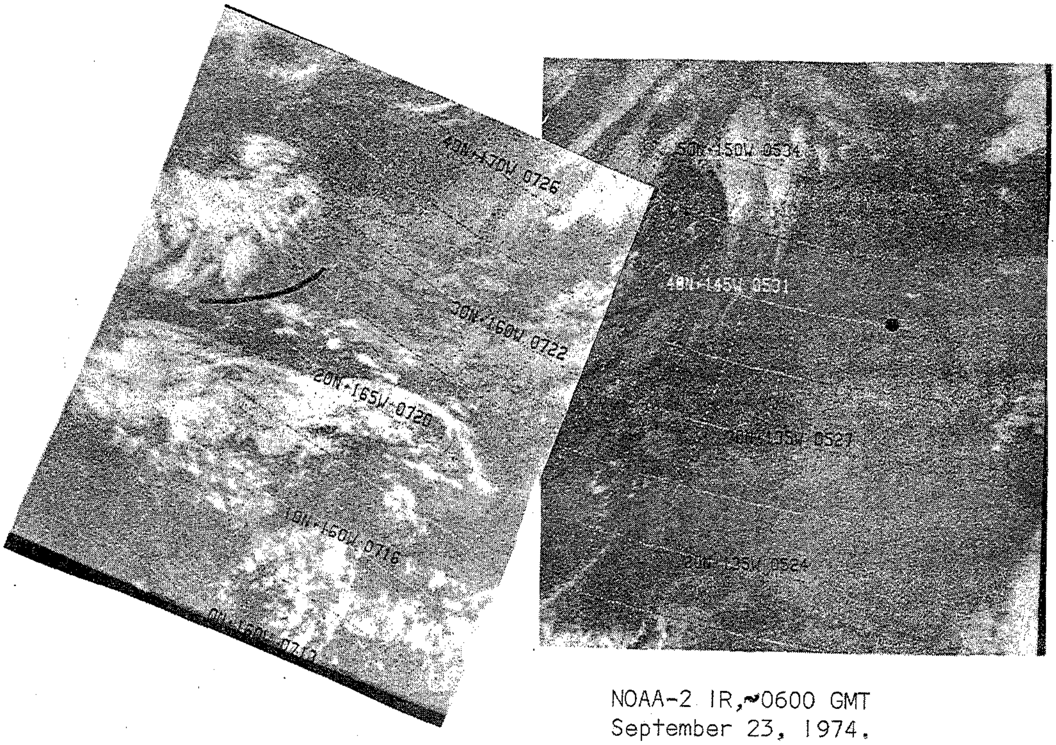

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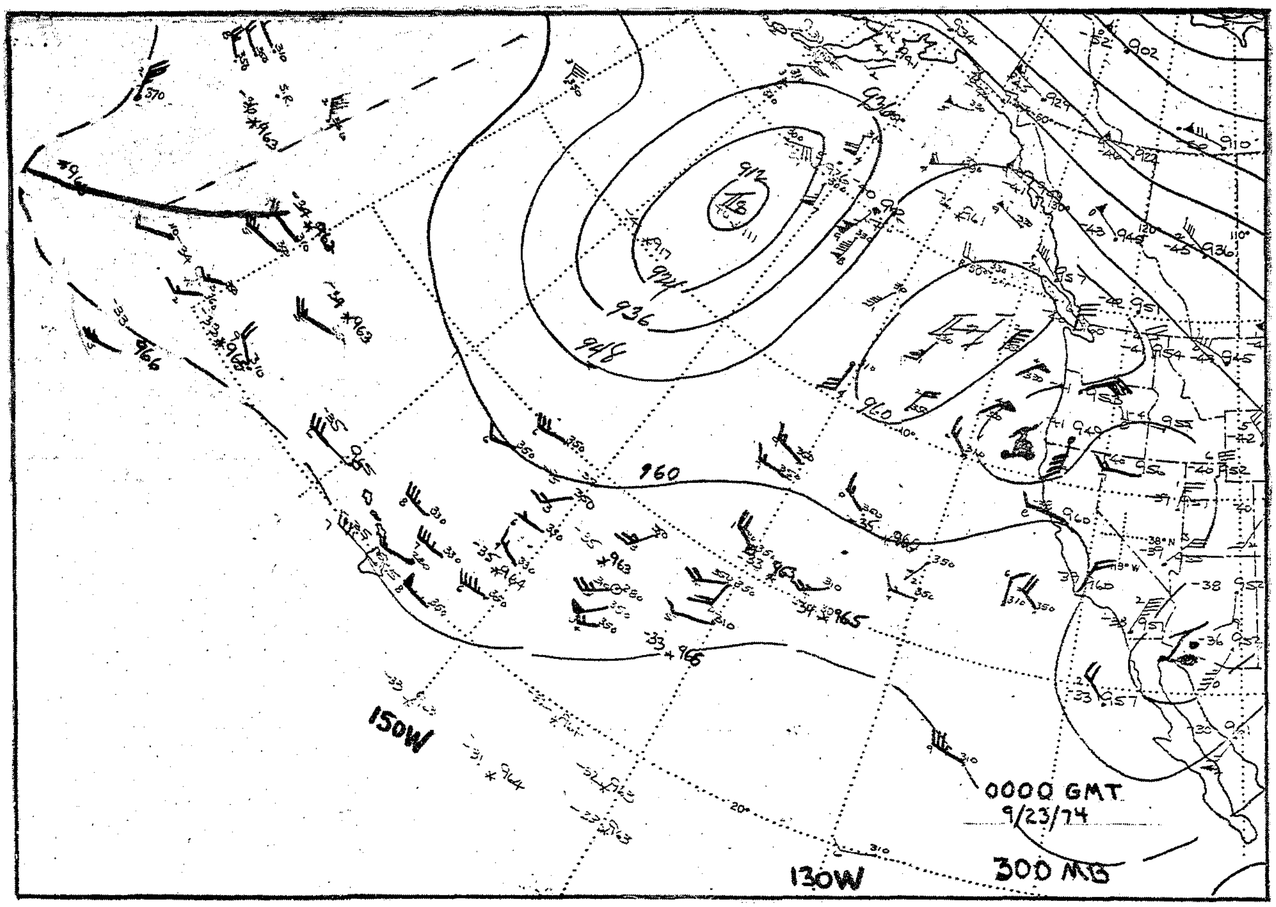

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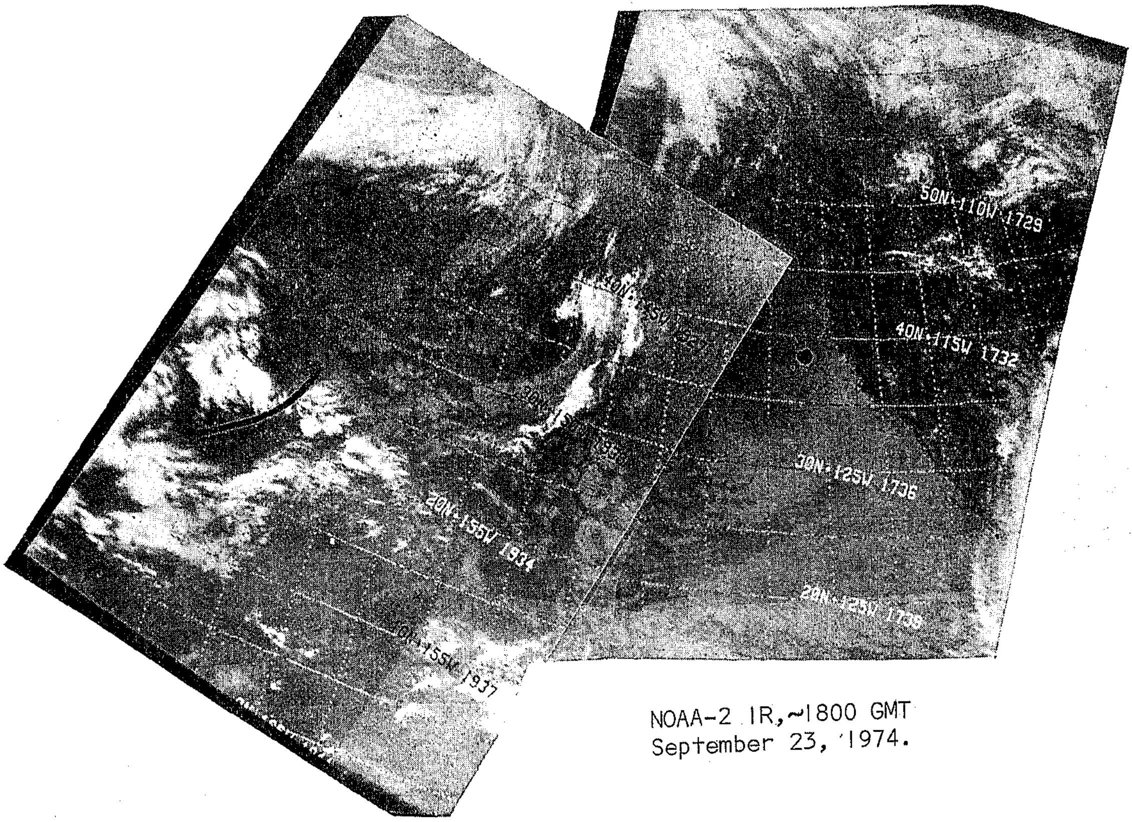

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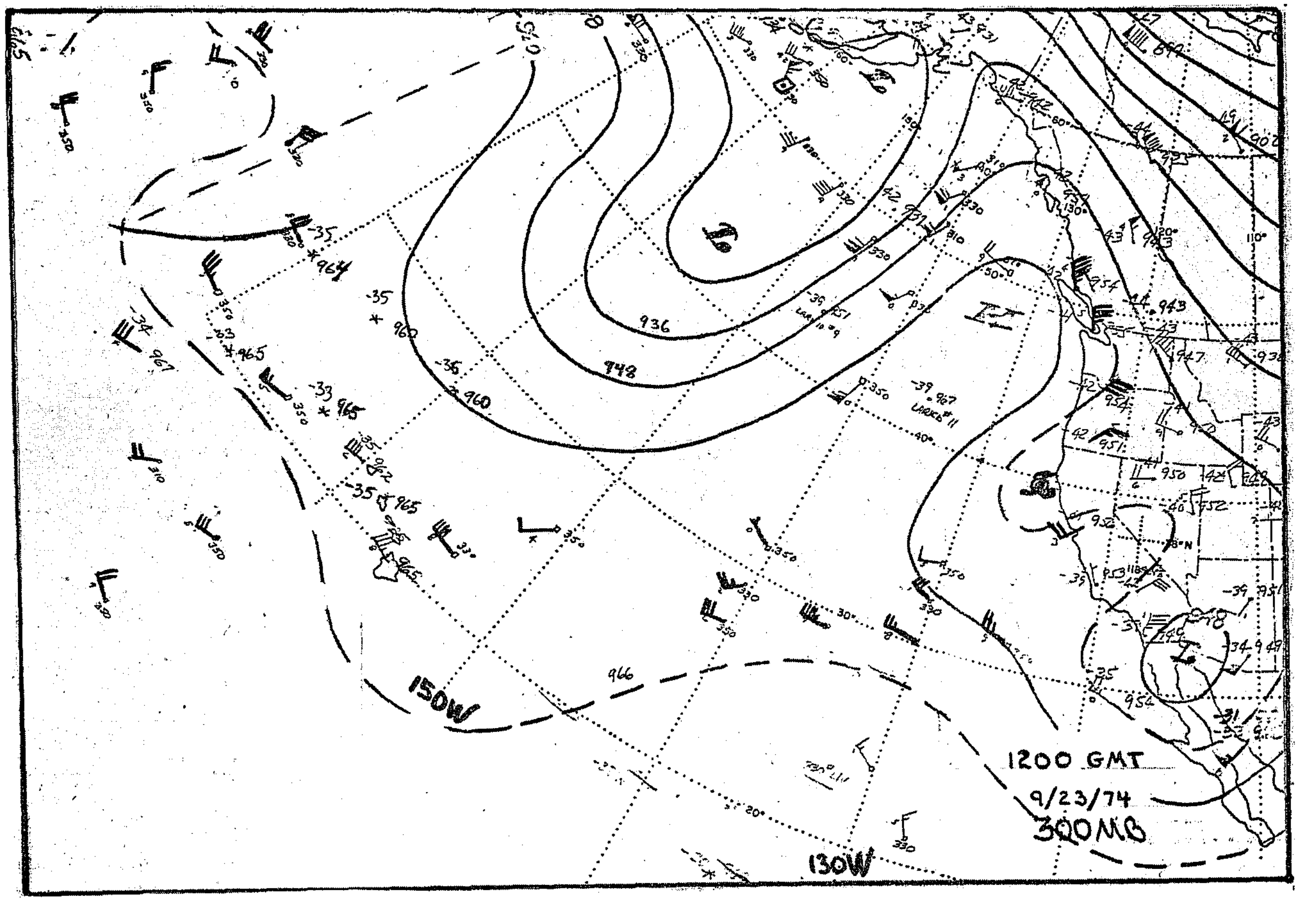

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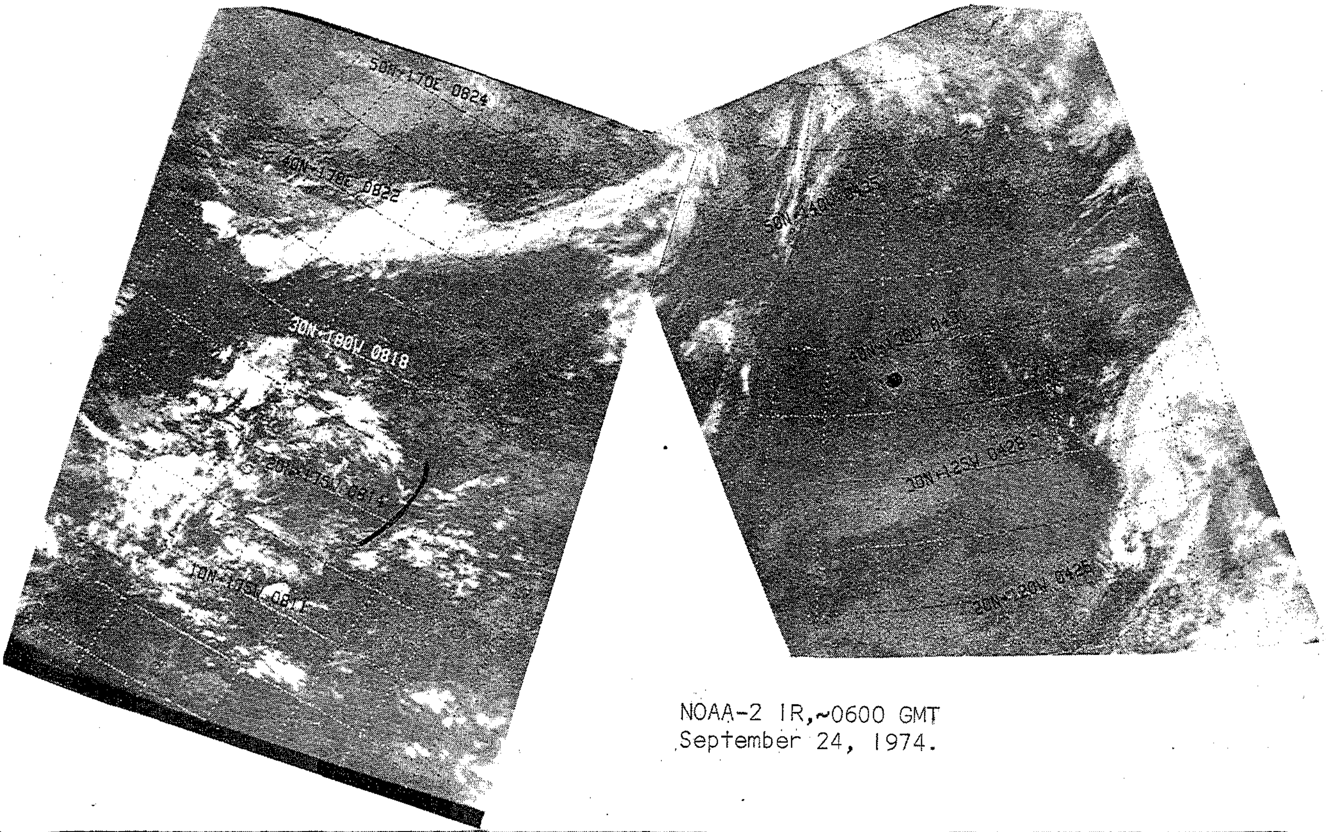

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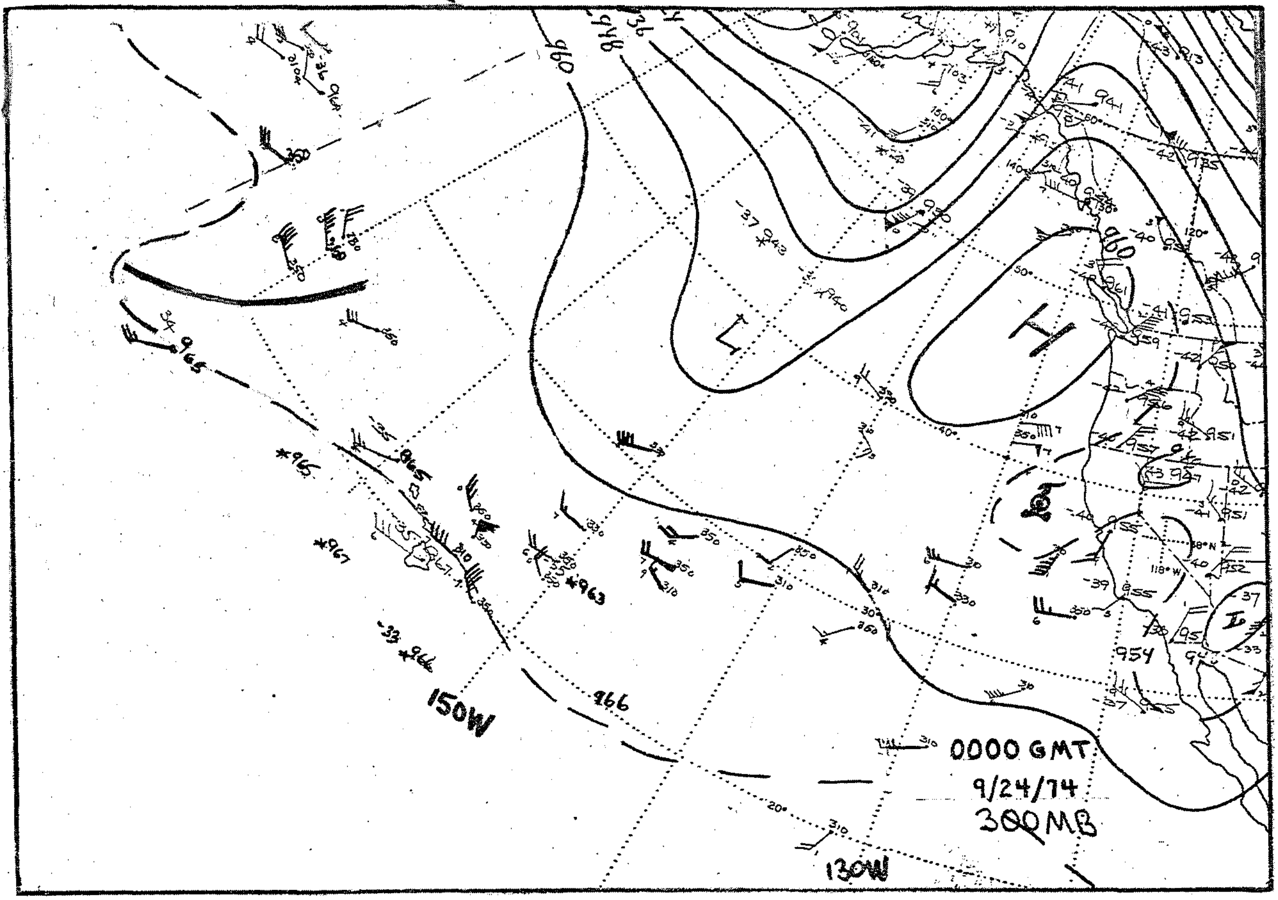

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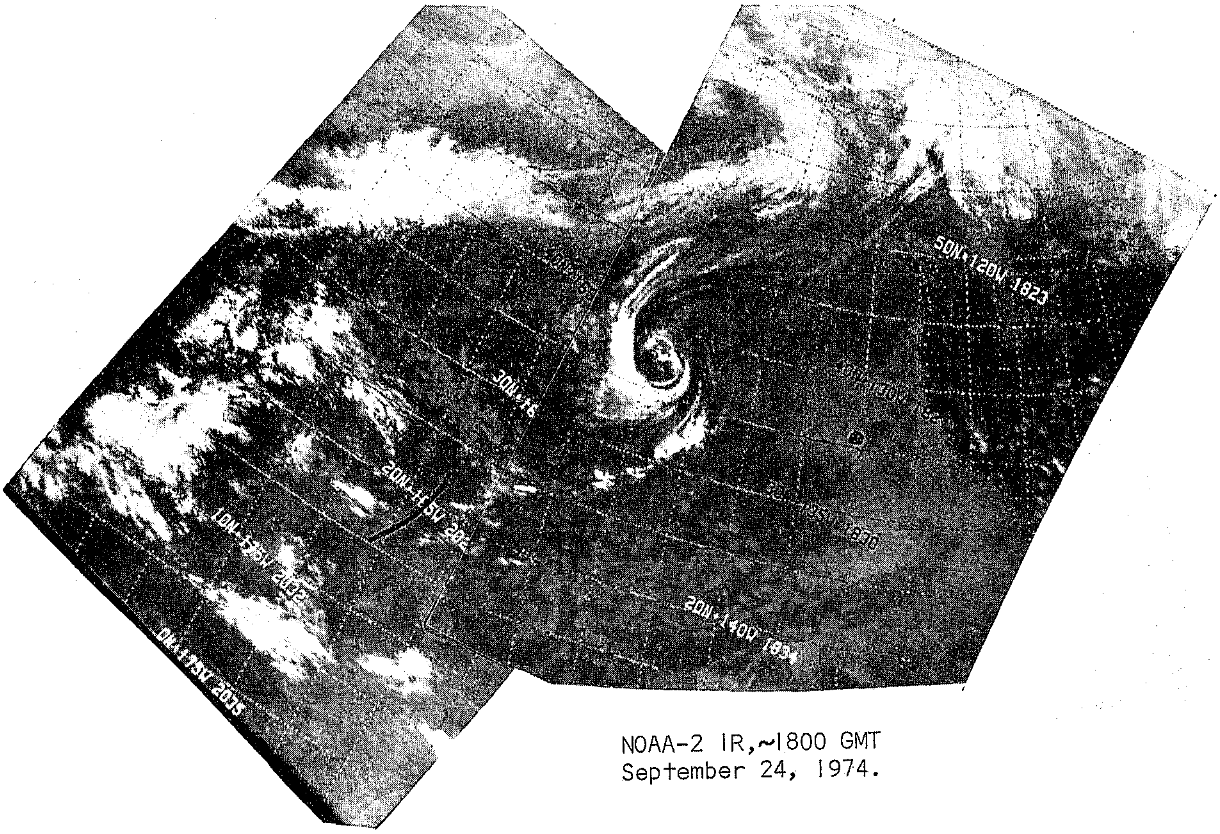

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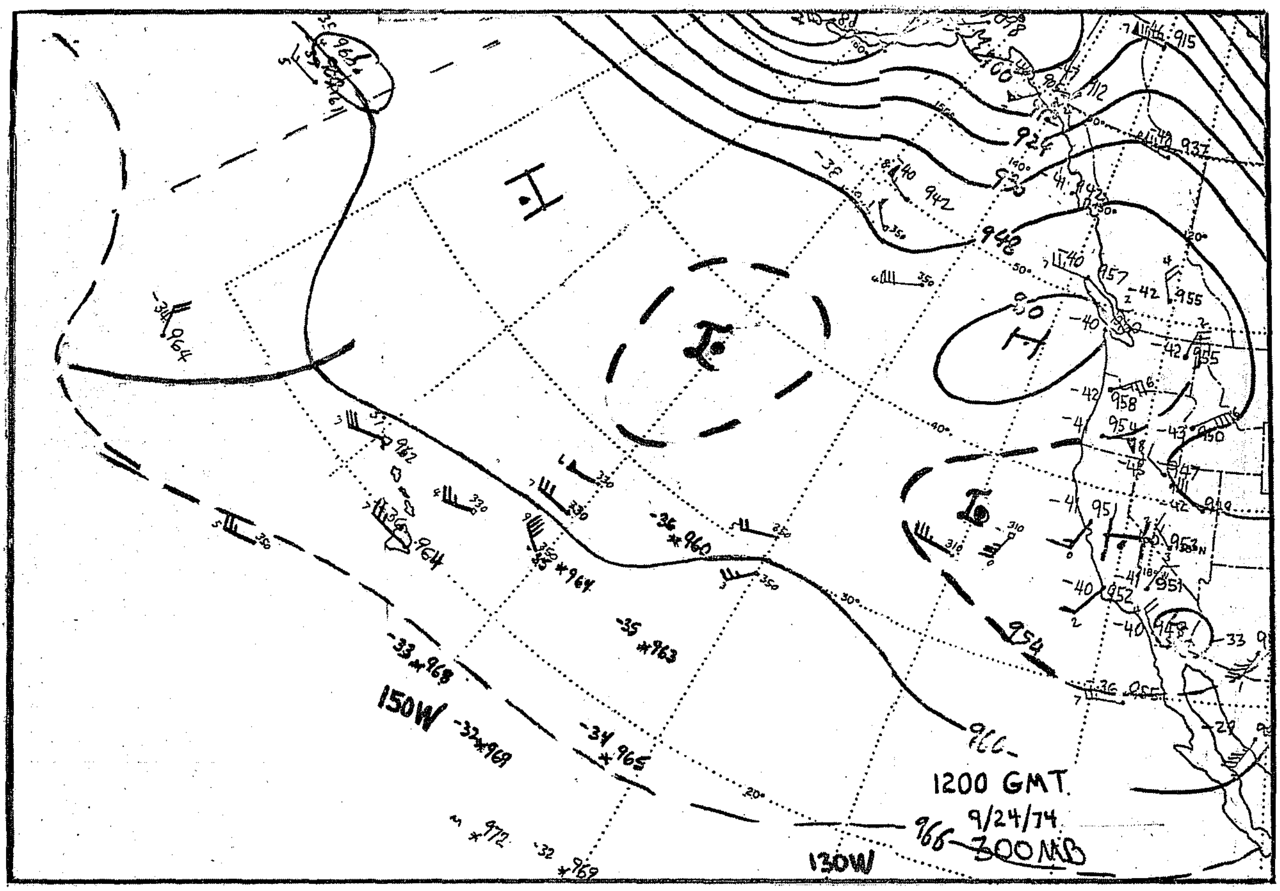

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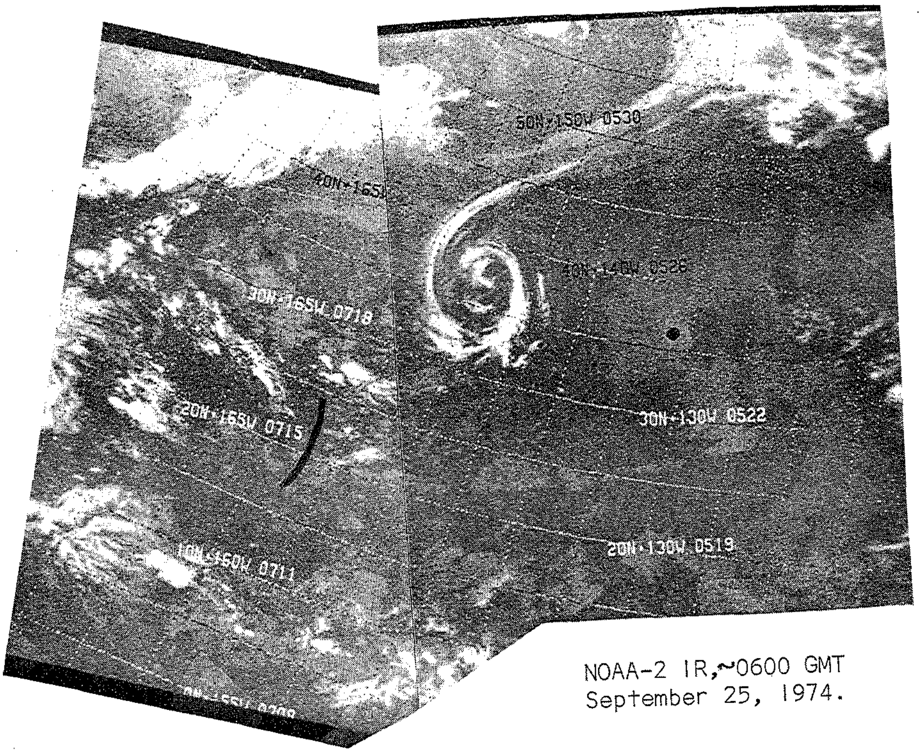

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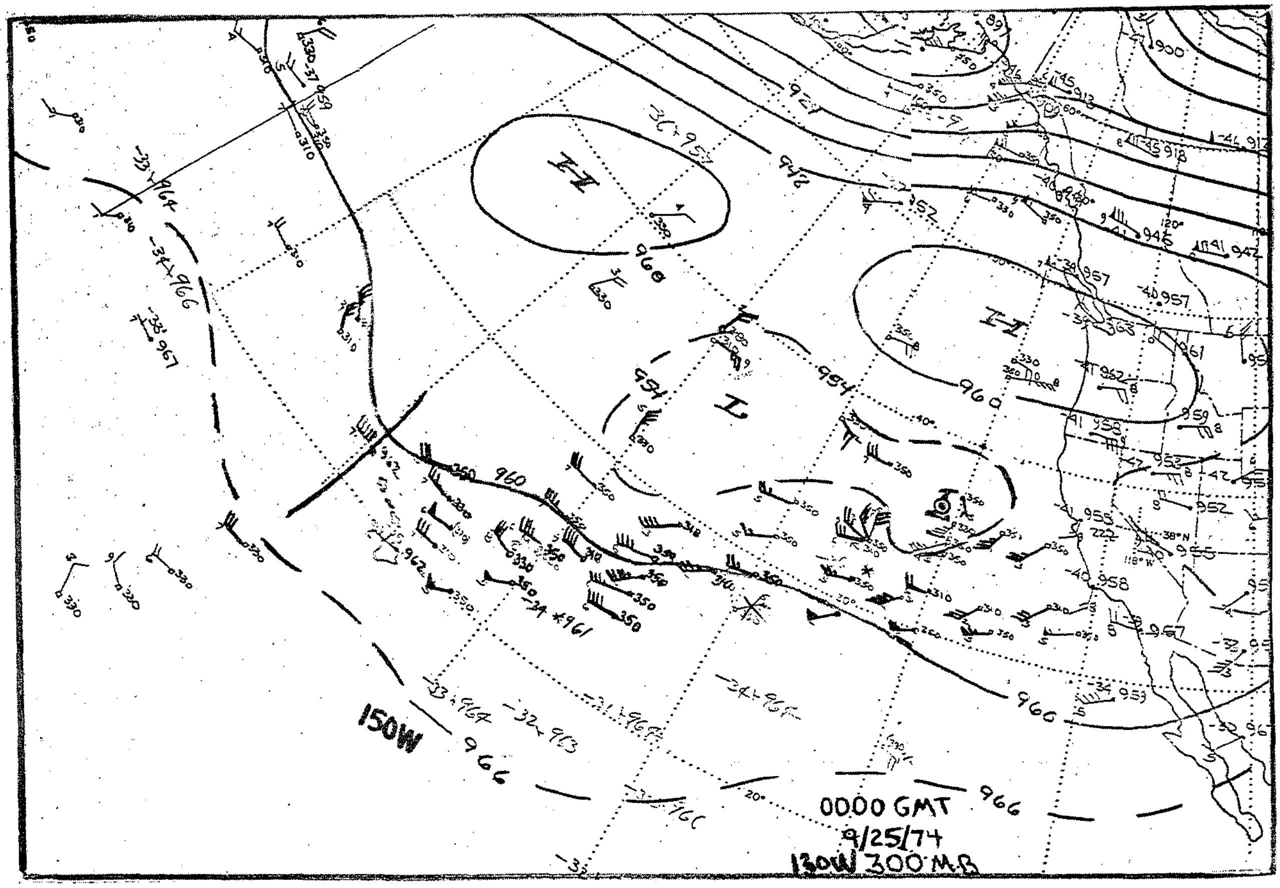

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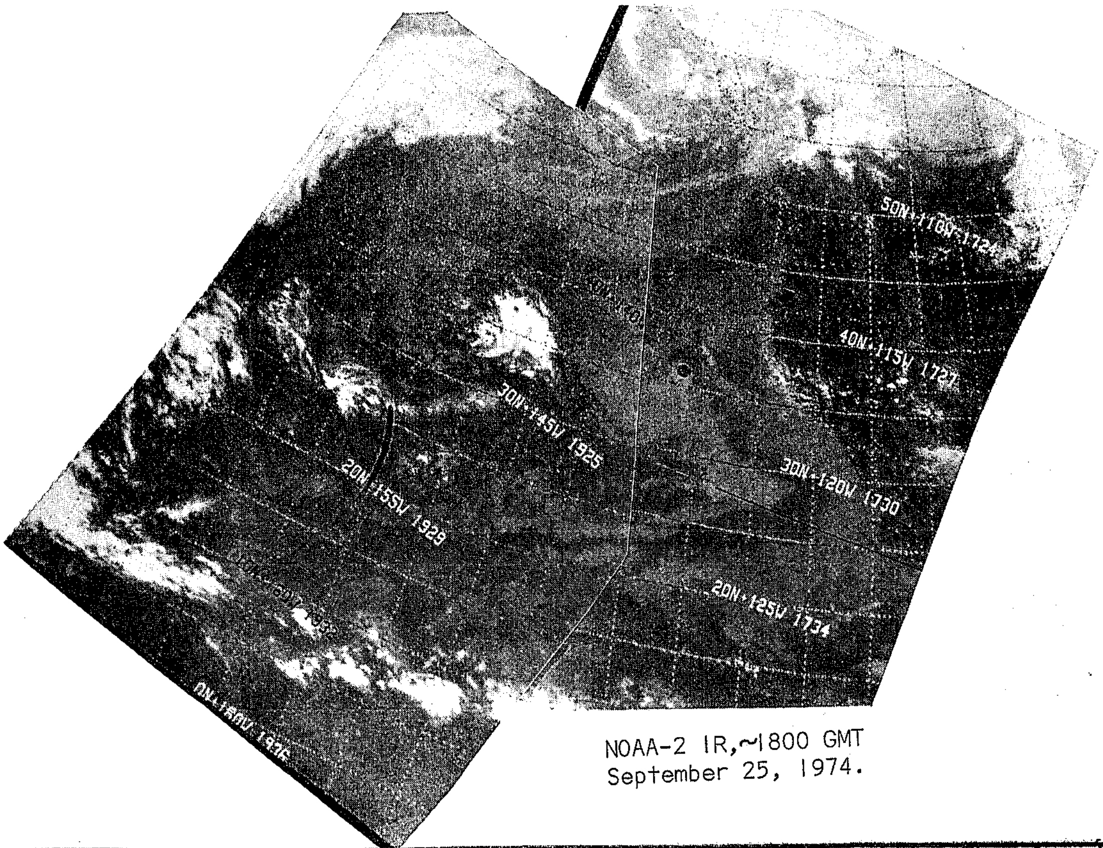

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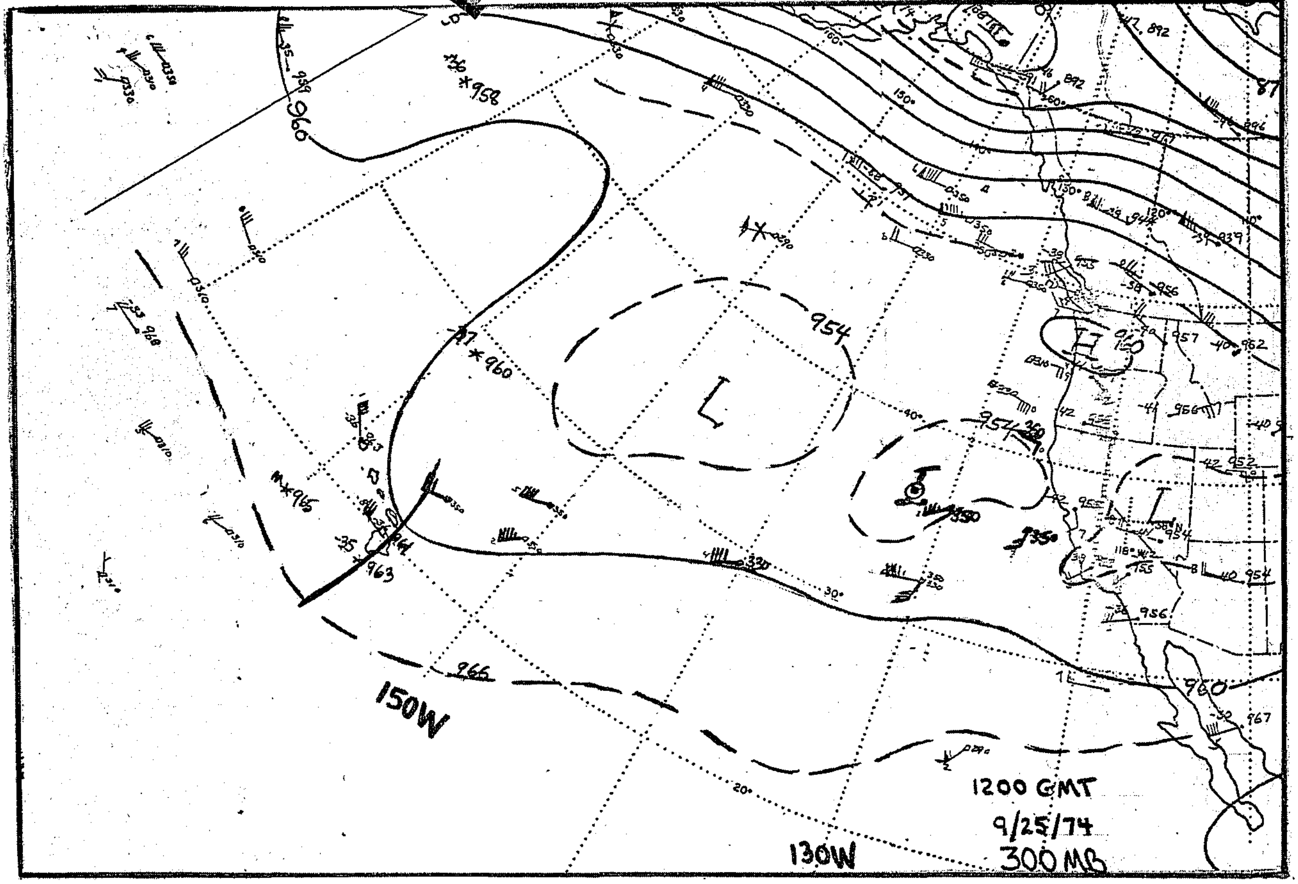

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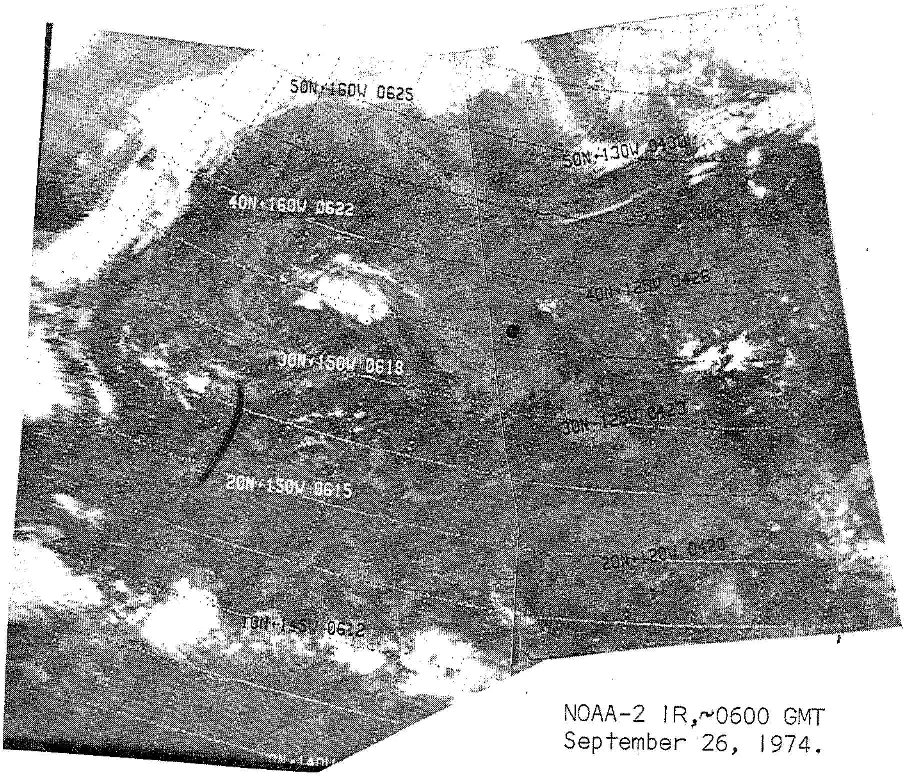

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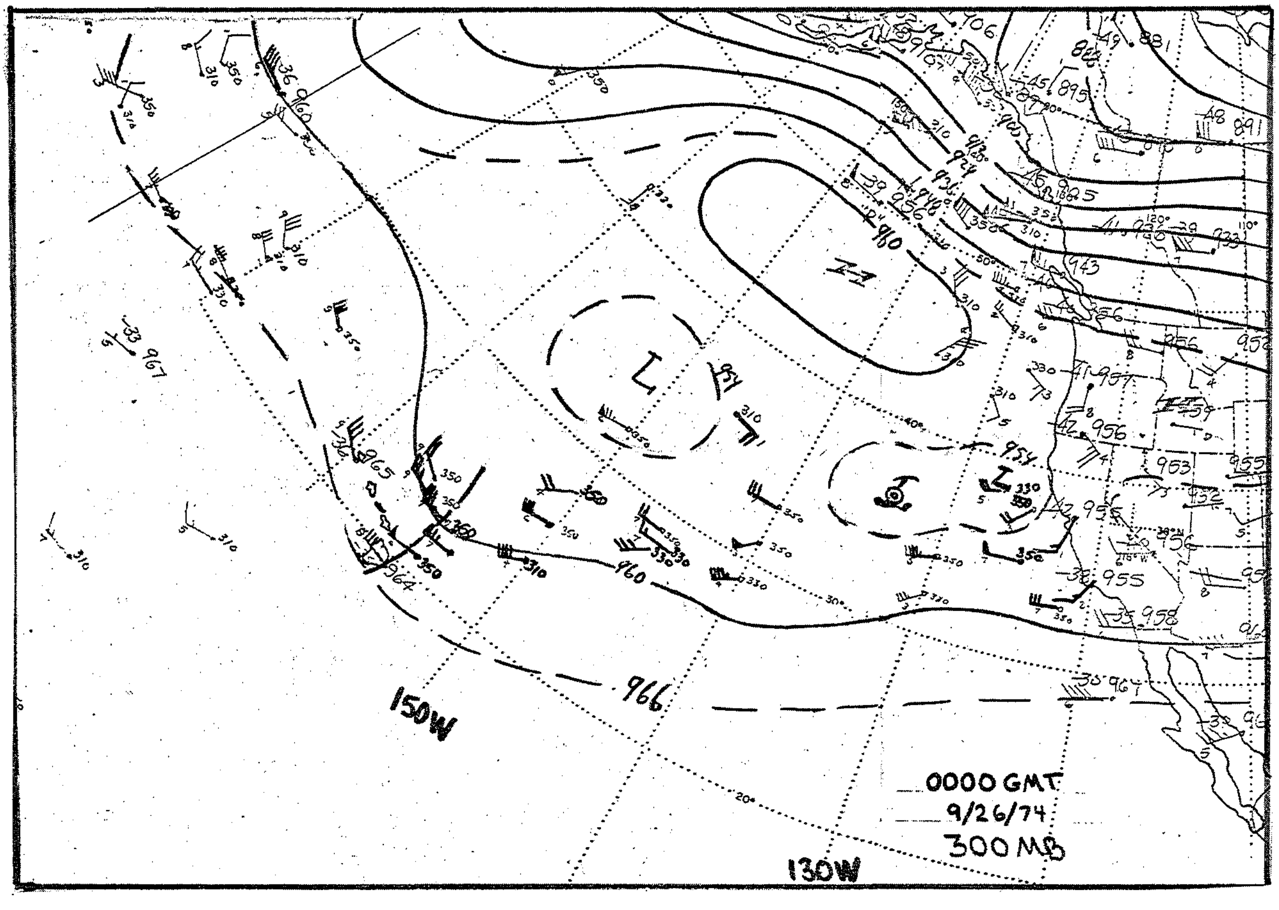

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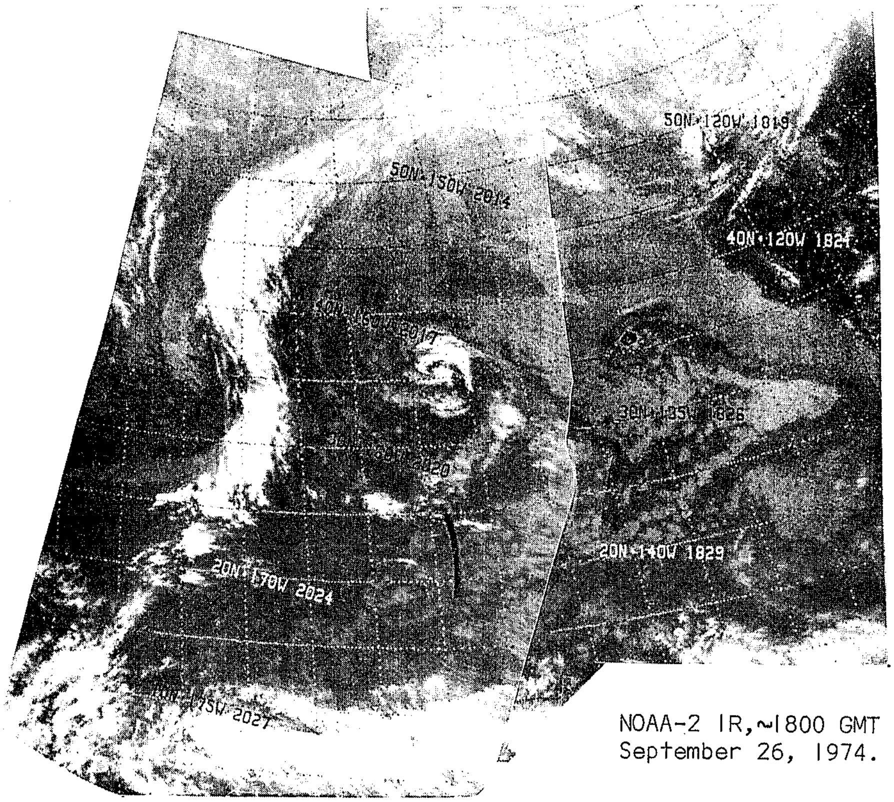

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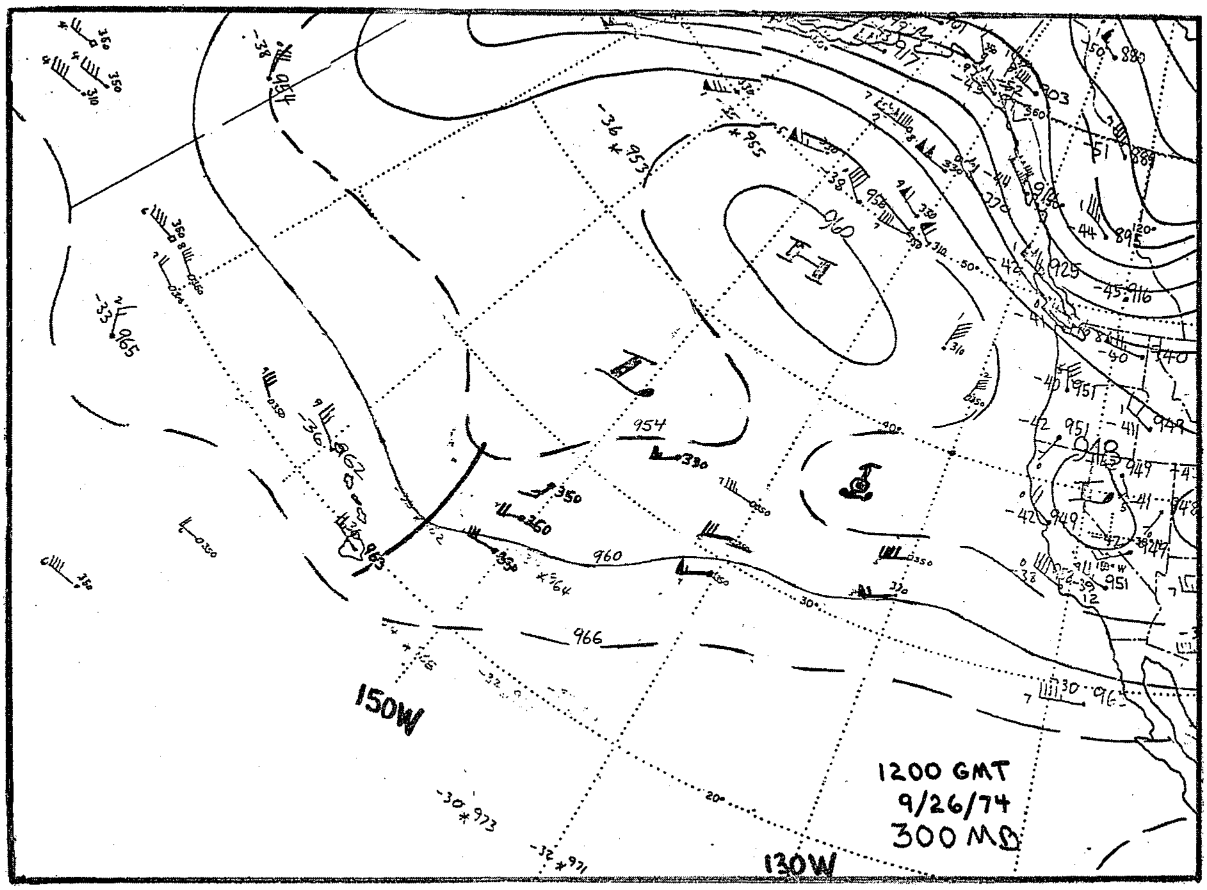

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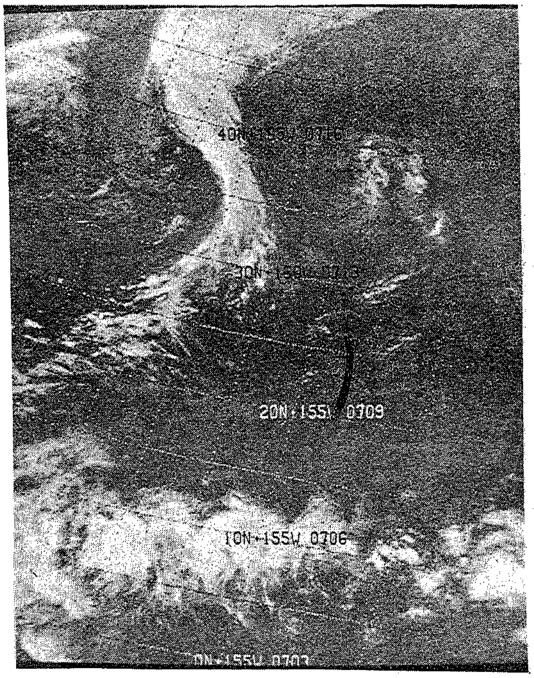

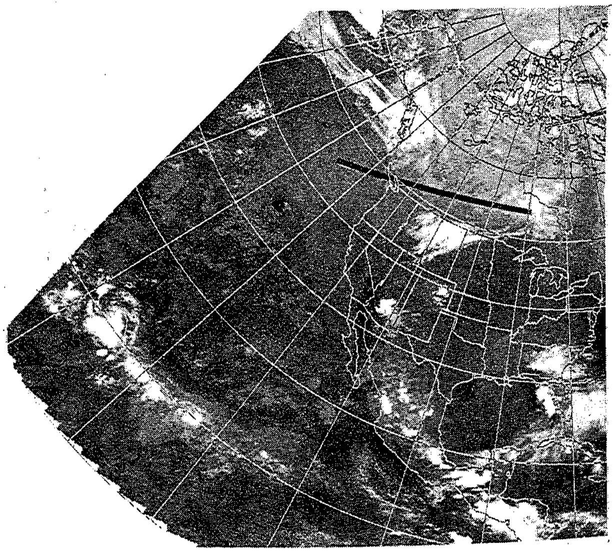

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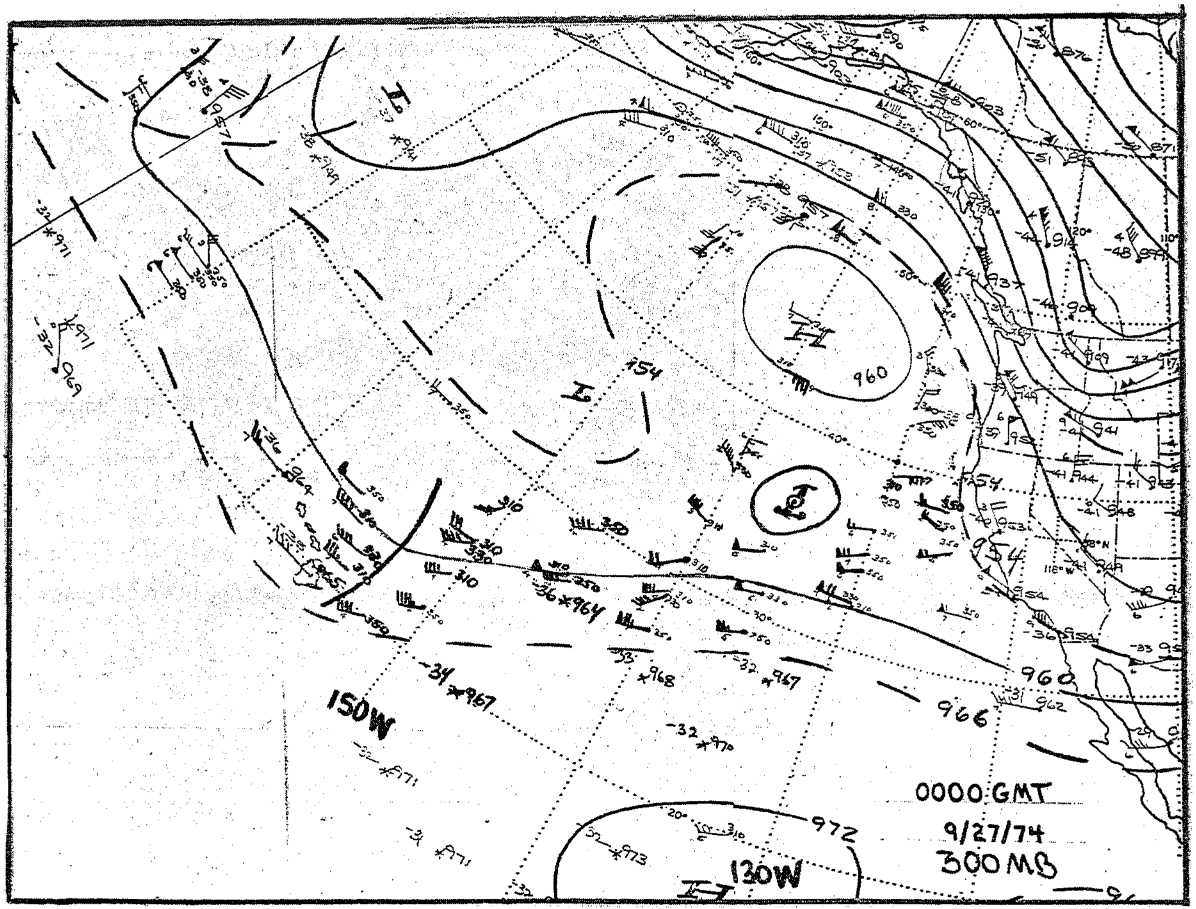

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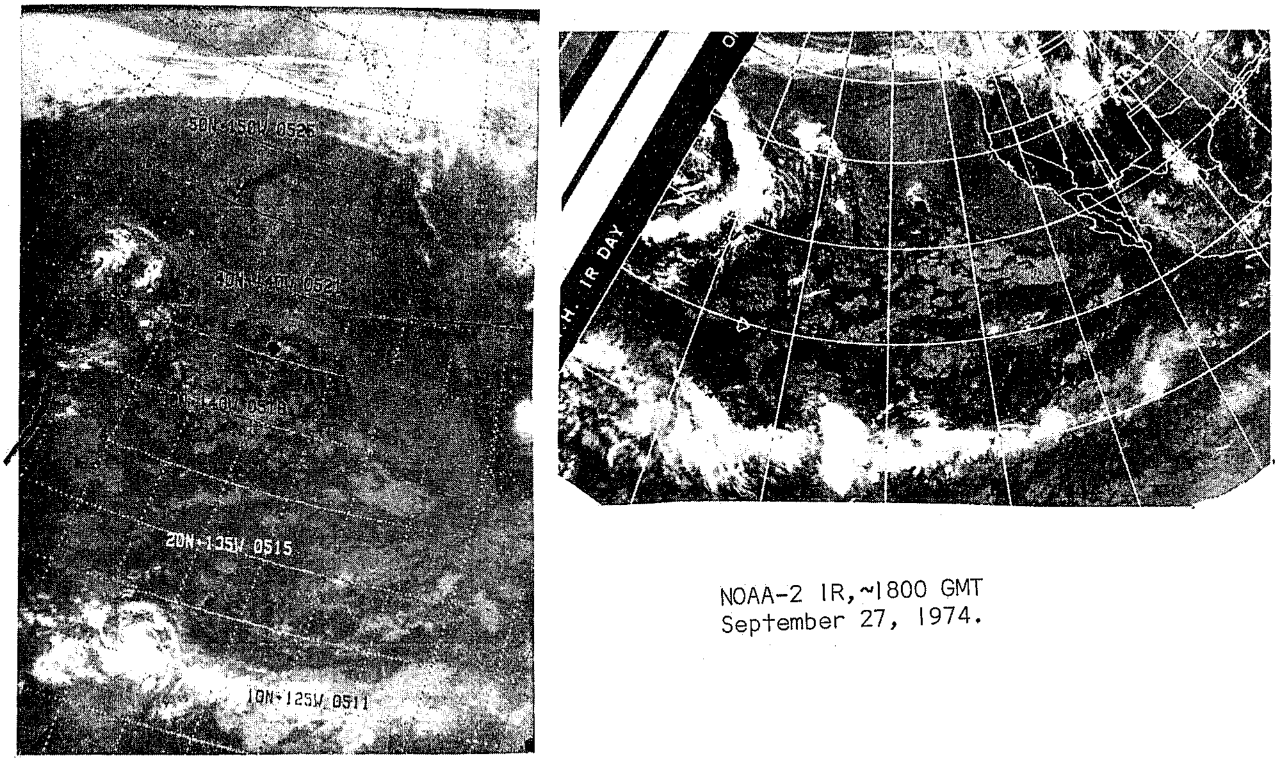

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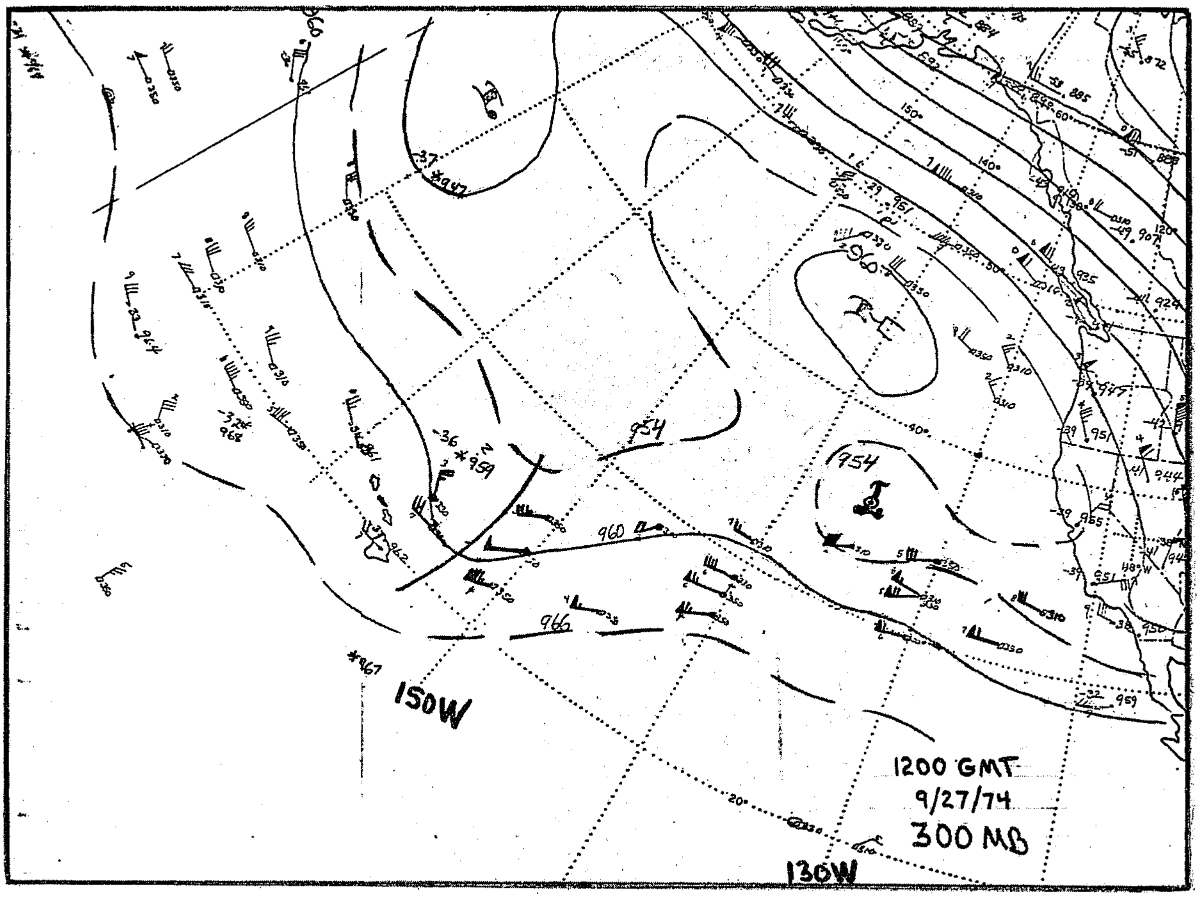

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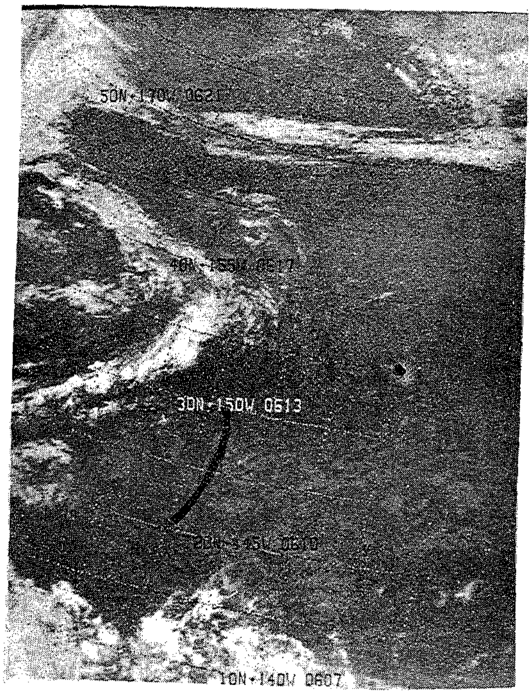

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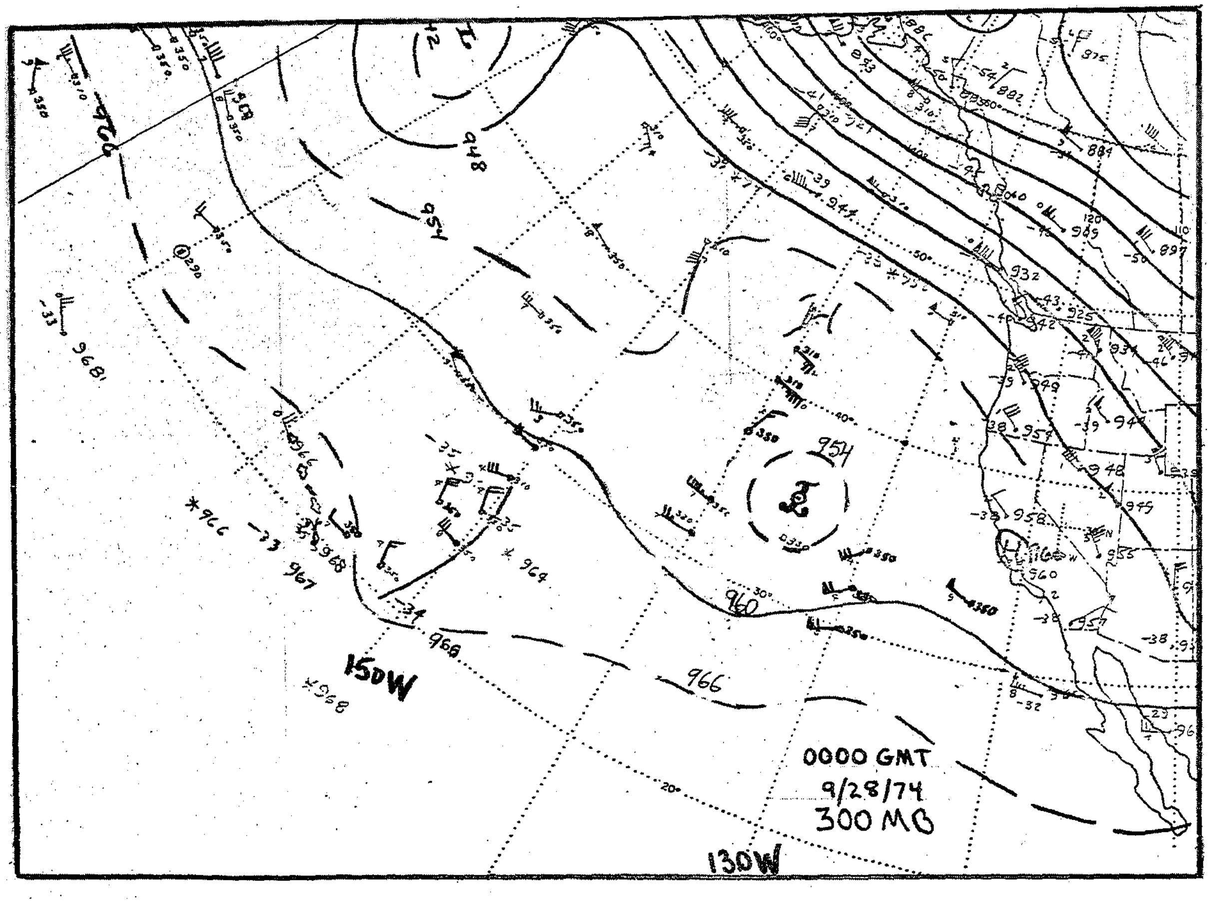

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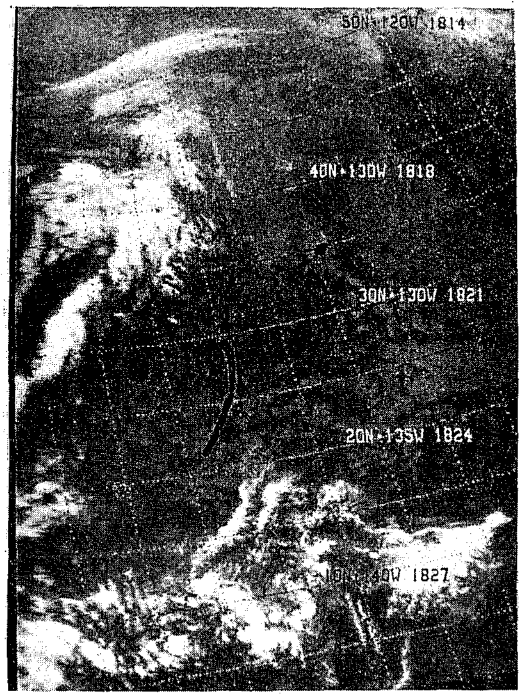

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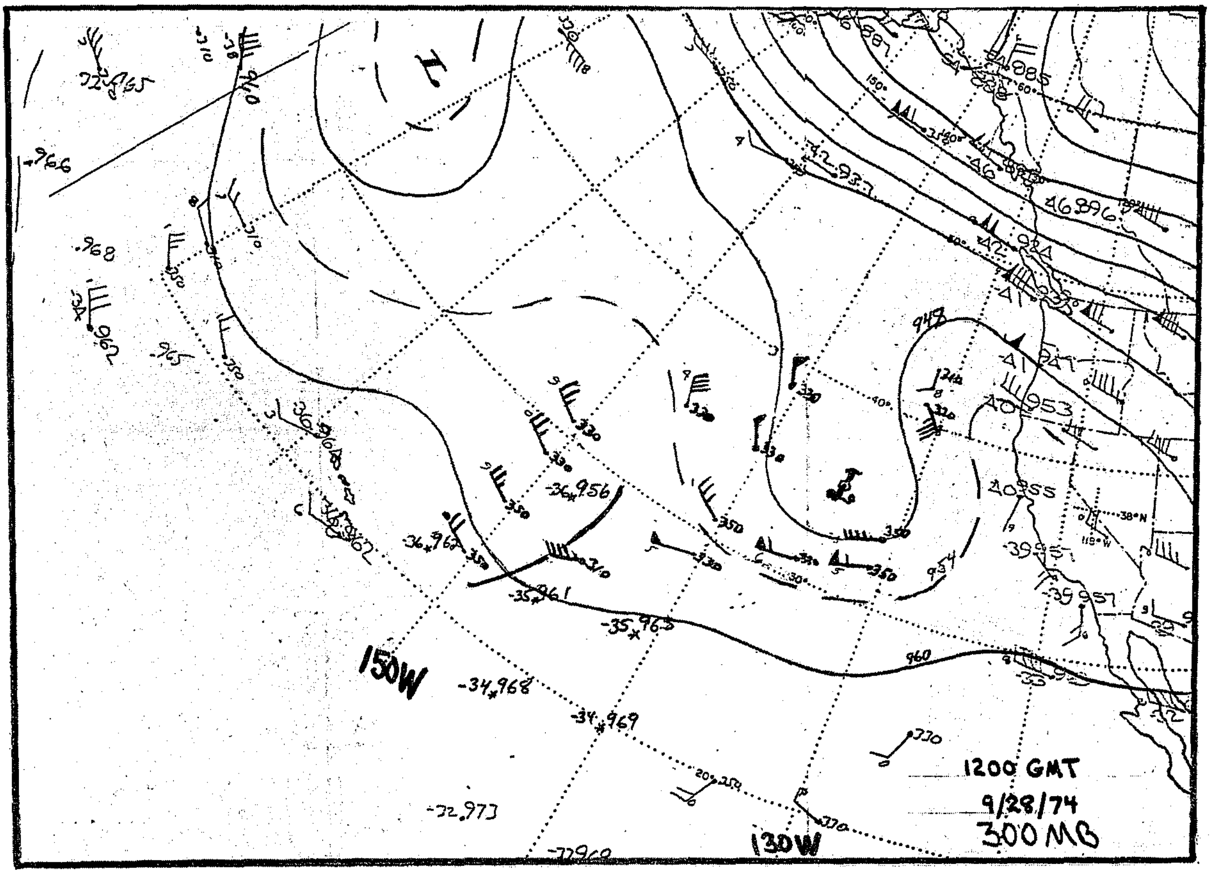

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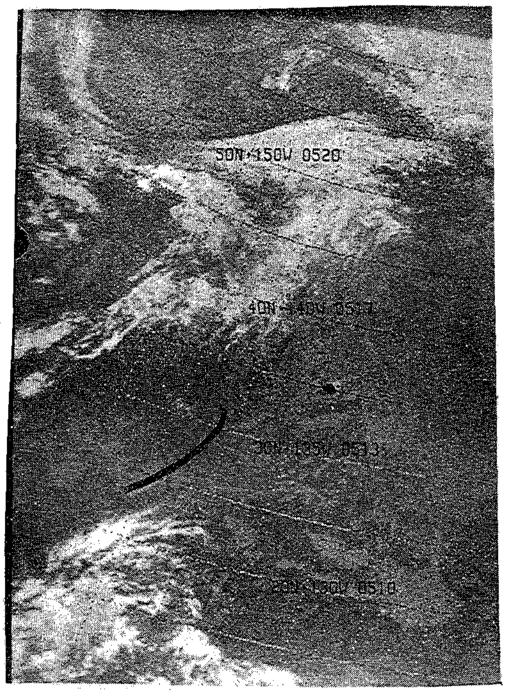

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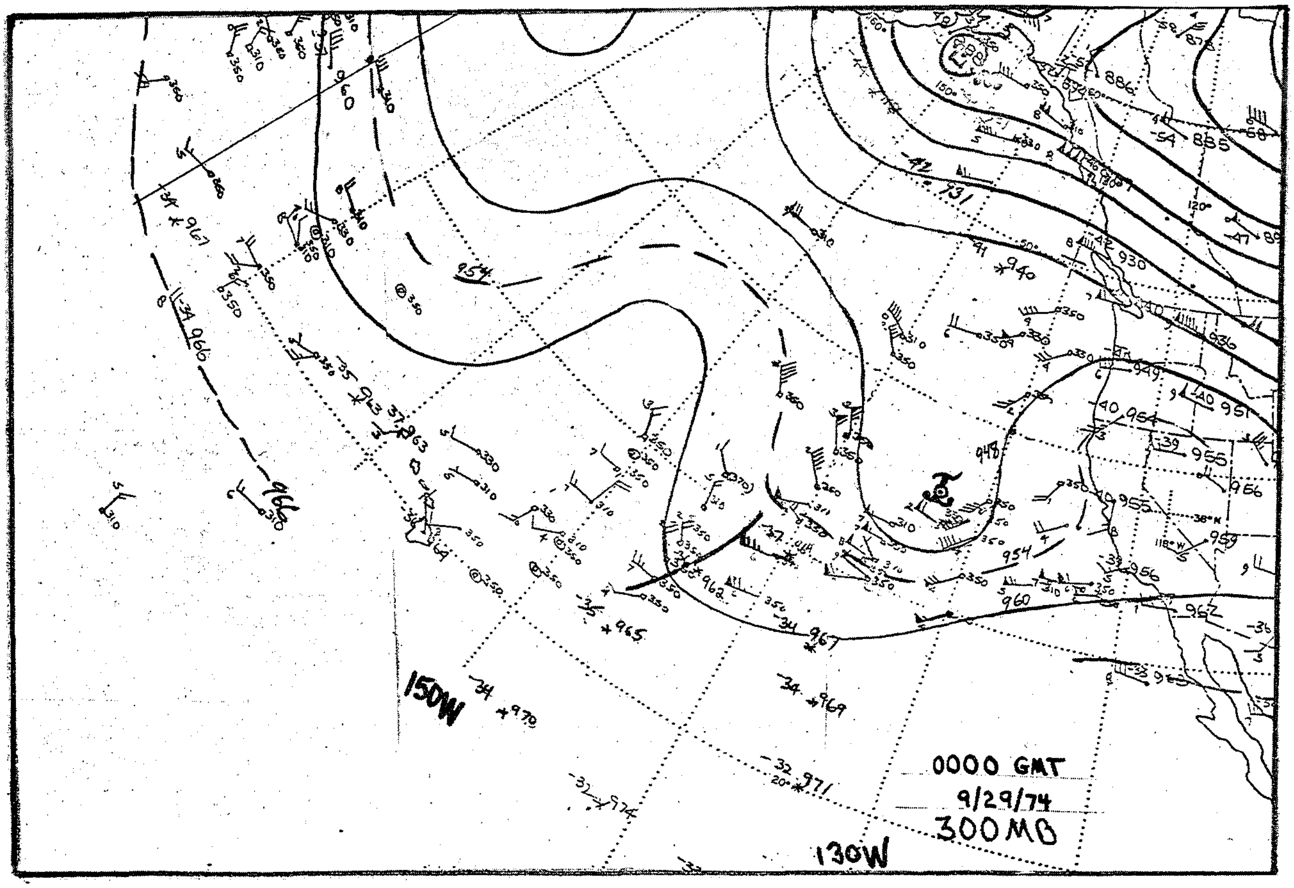

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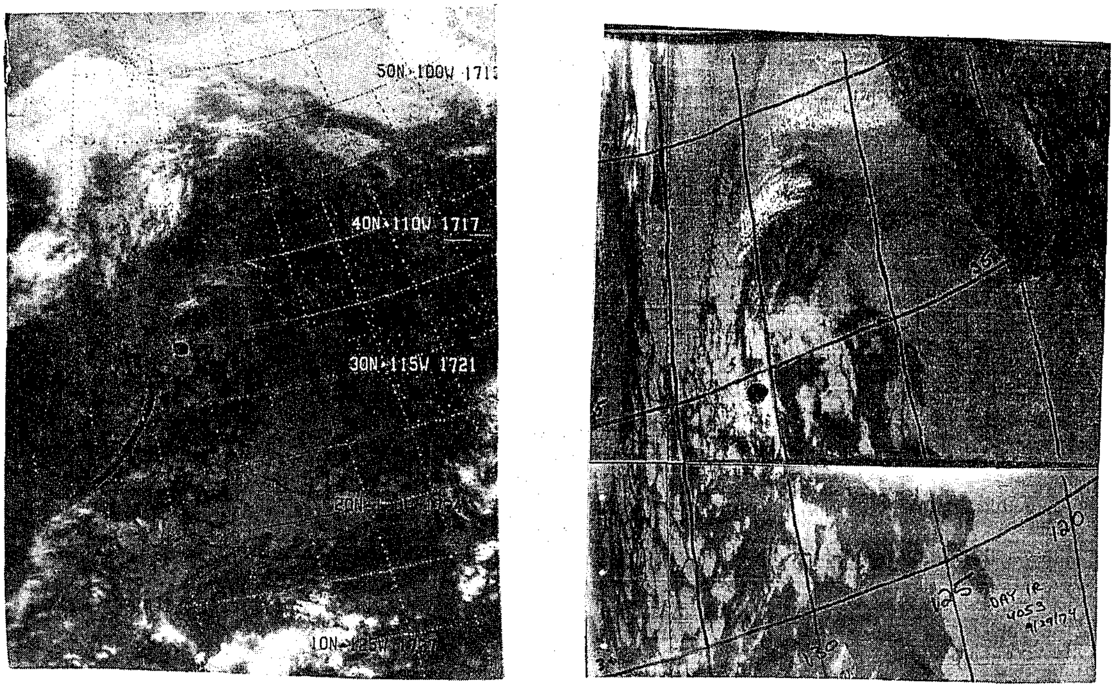

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September 29, 1974.

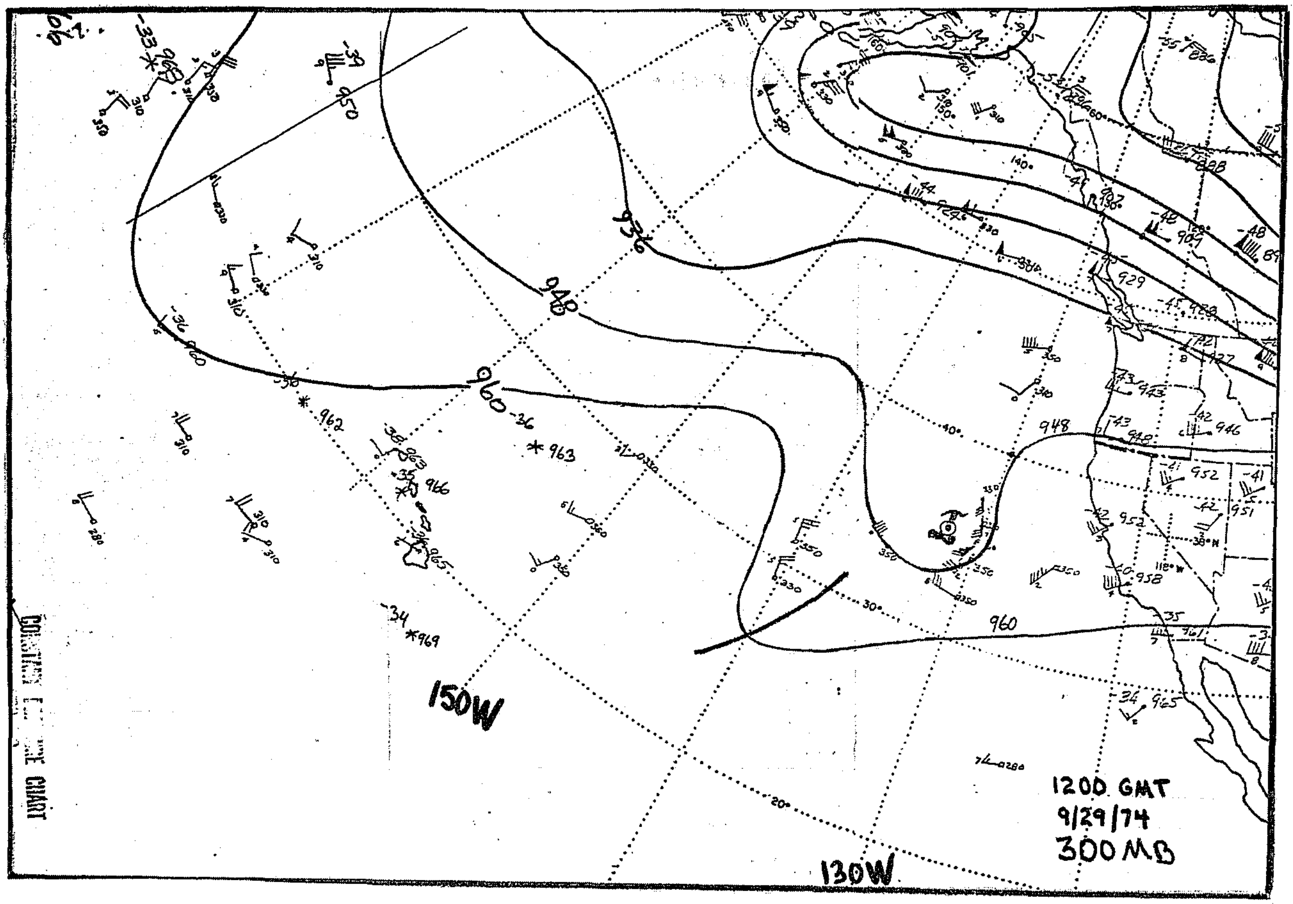
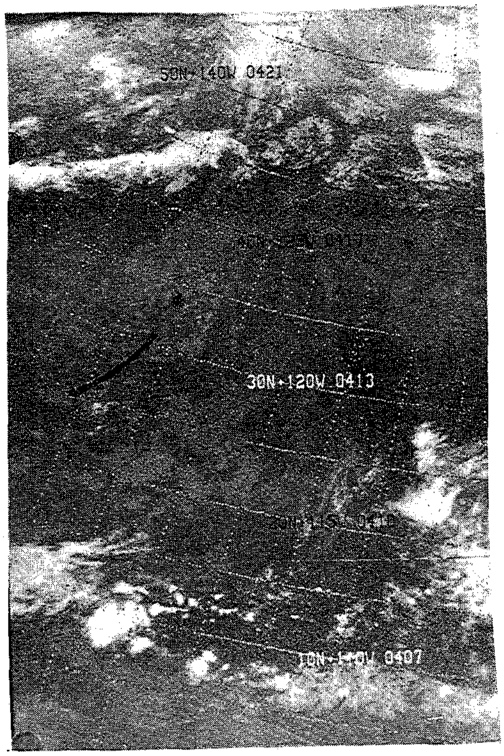


Figure 18. 300-mb Chart for 1200 GMT September 29, 1974, and Corresponding NOAA-2 and NOAA-3 Infrared Satellite Pictures.



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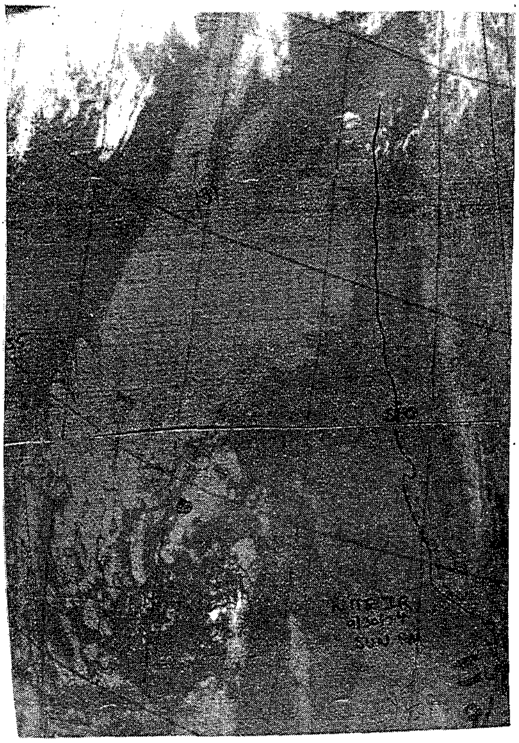

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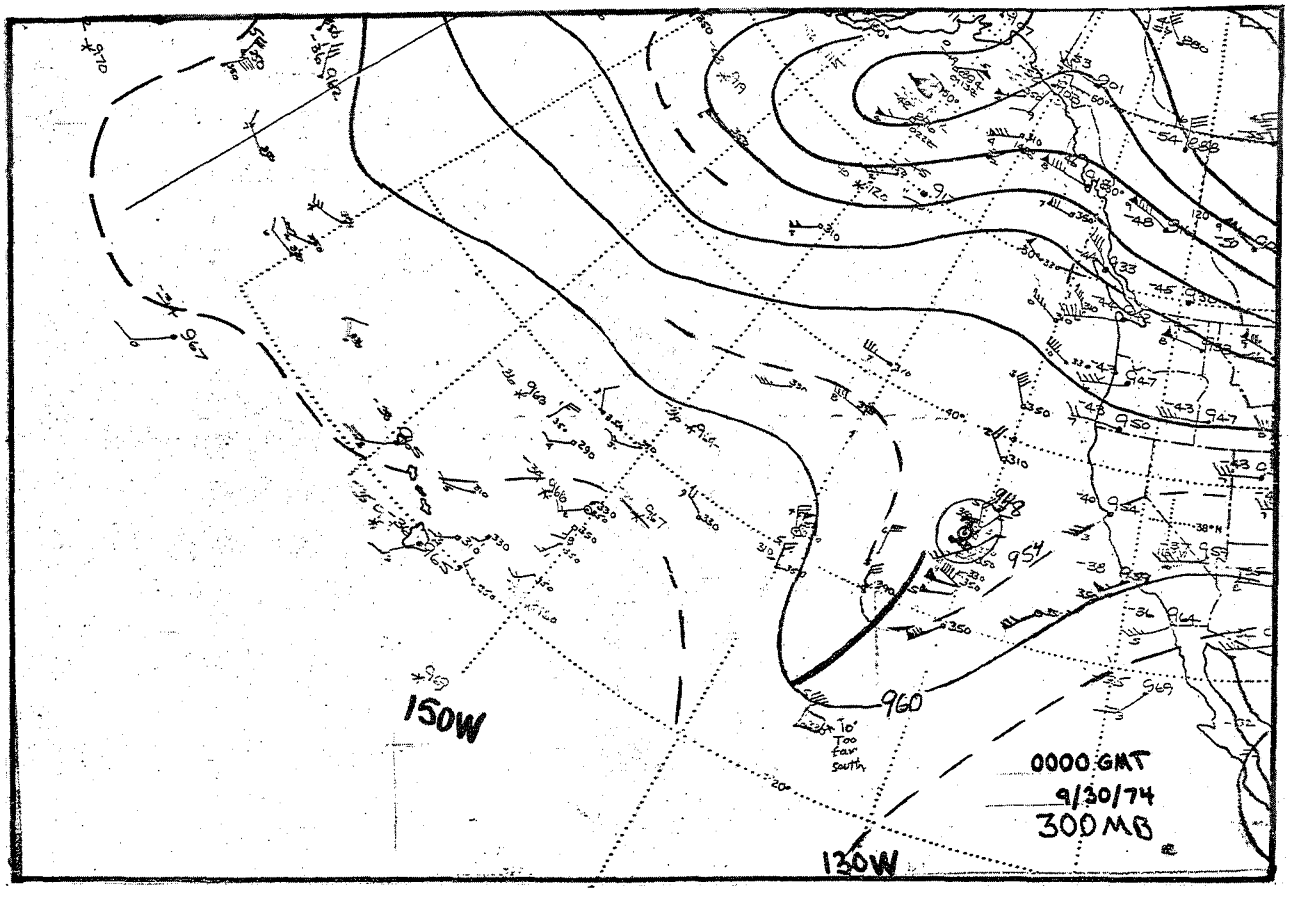

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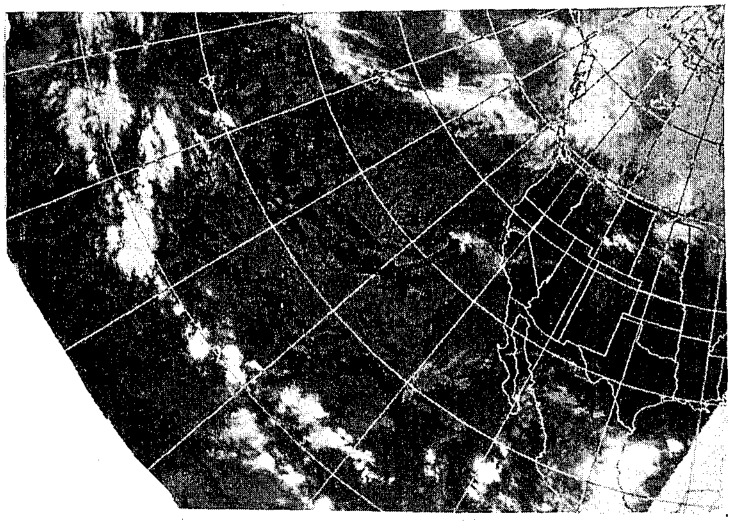

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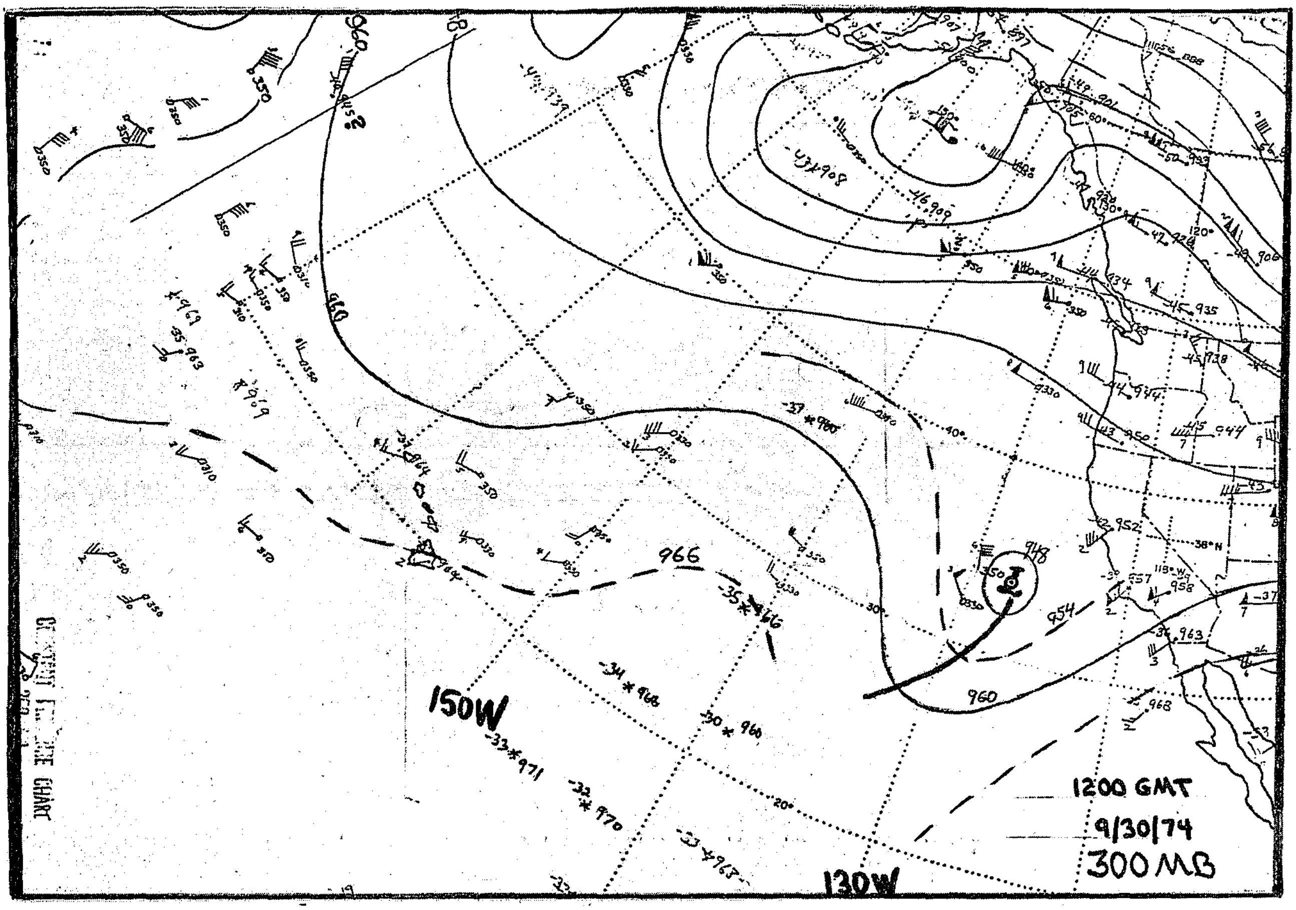
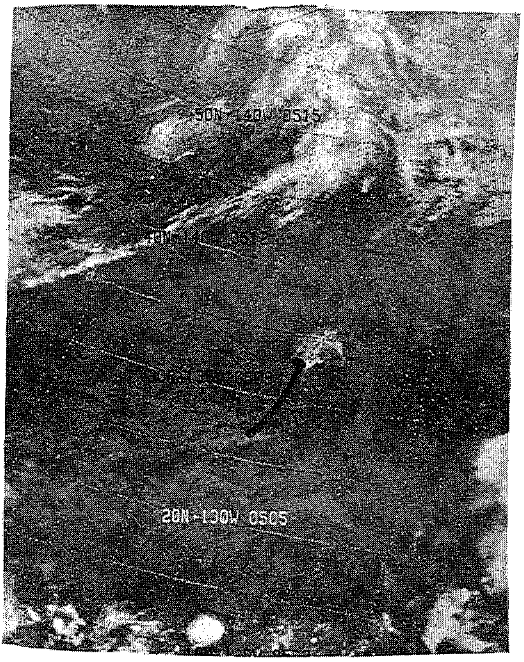


Figure 20. 300-mb Chart for 1200 GMT September 30, 1974, and Corresponding NOAA-2 and NOAA-3 Infrared Satellite Pictures.



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October 1, 1974.

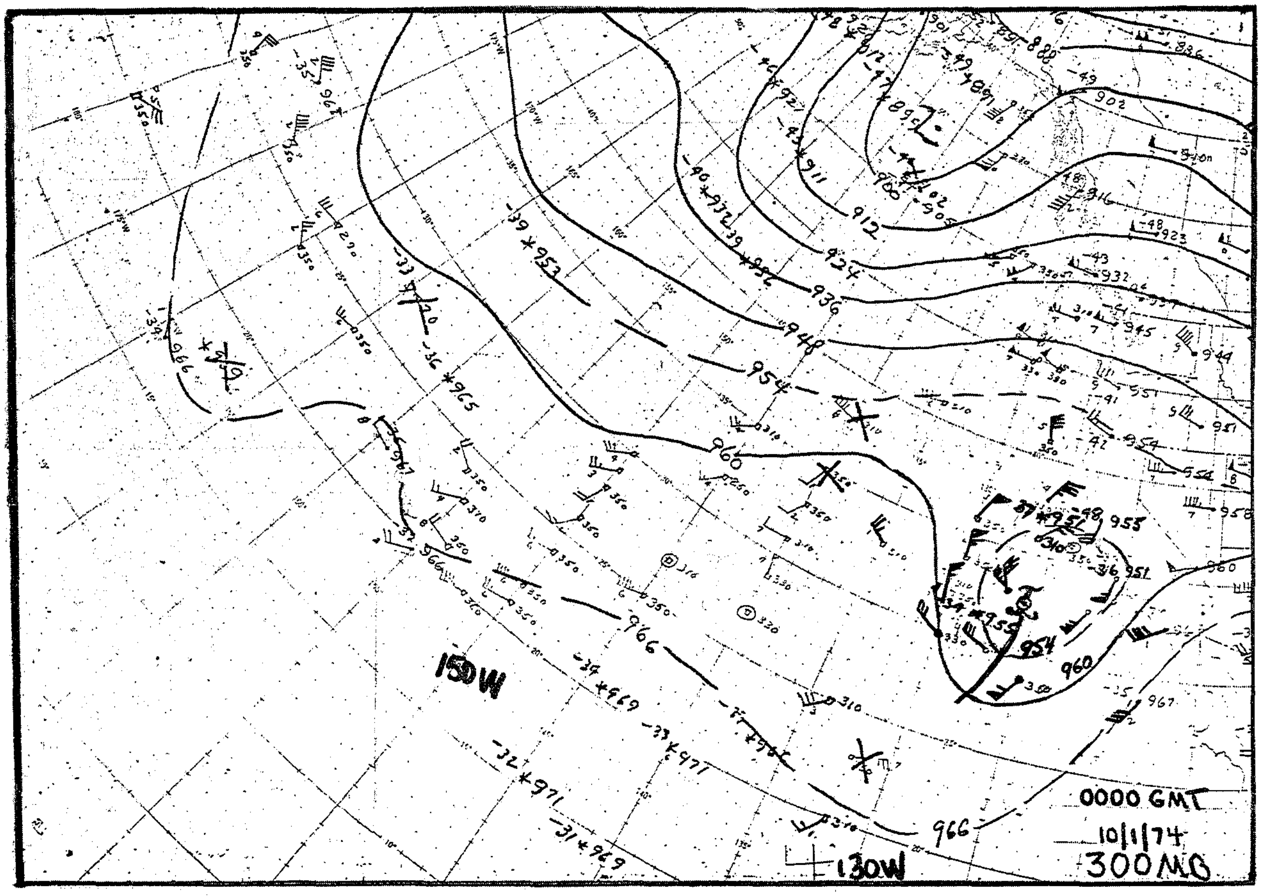

Figure 21. 300-mb Chart for 0000 GMT October 1, 1974, and Corresponding NOAA-2 Infrared Satellite Picture.

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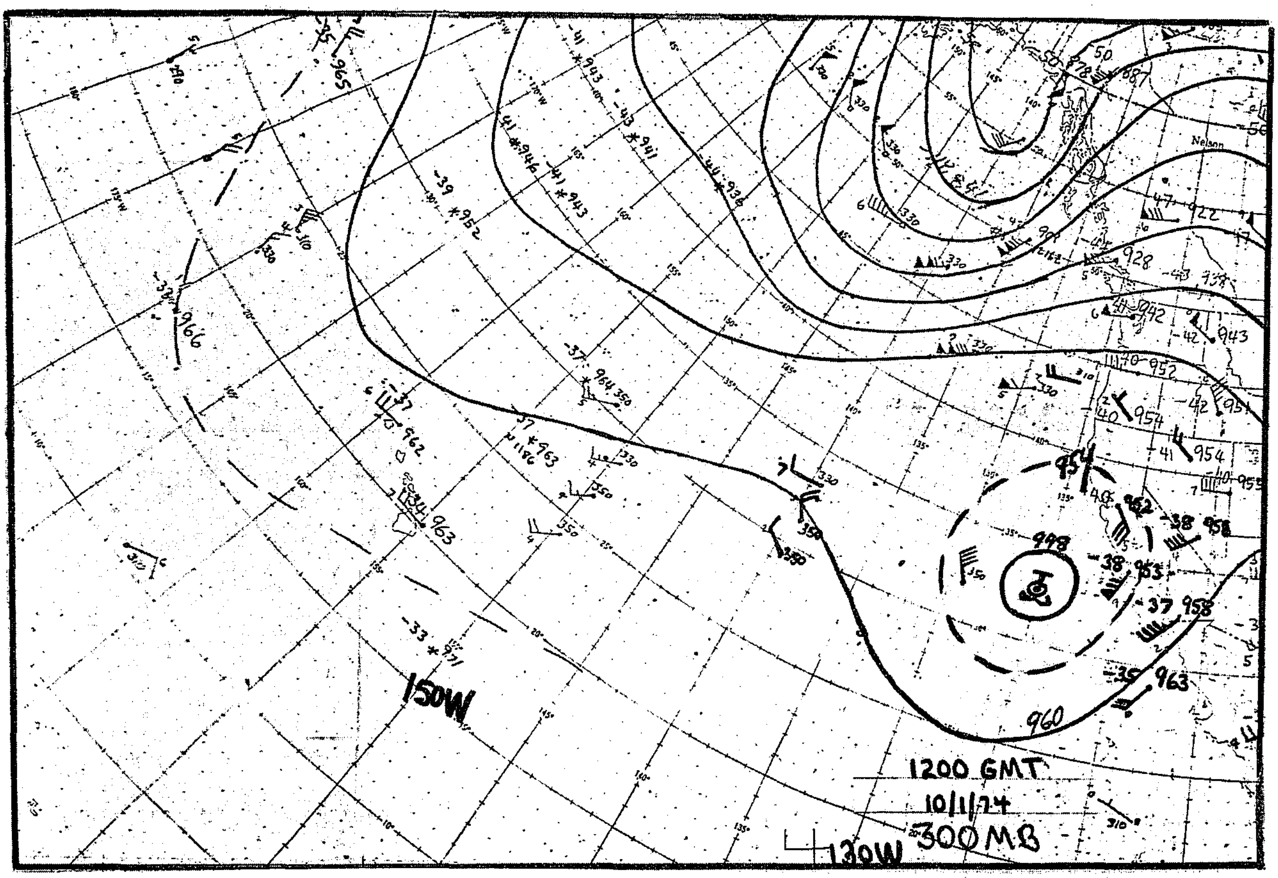
October 1, 1974



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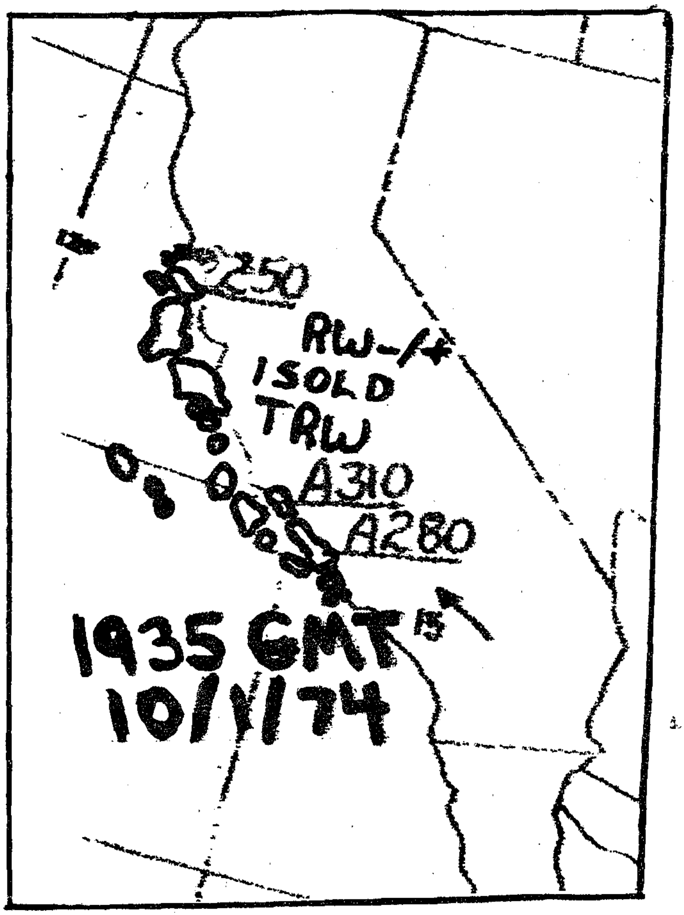


Figure 23. 1935 GMT October 1, 1974, Radar Chart.

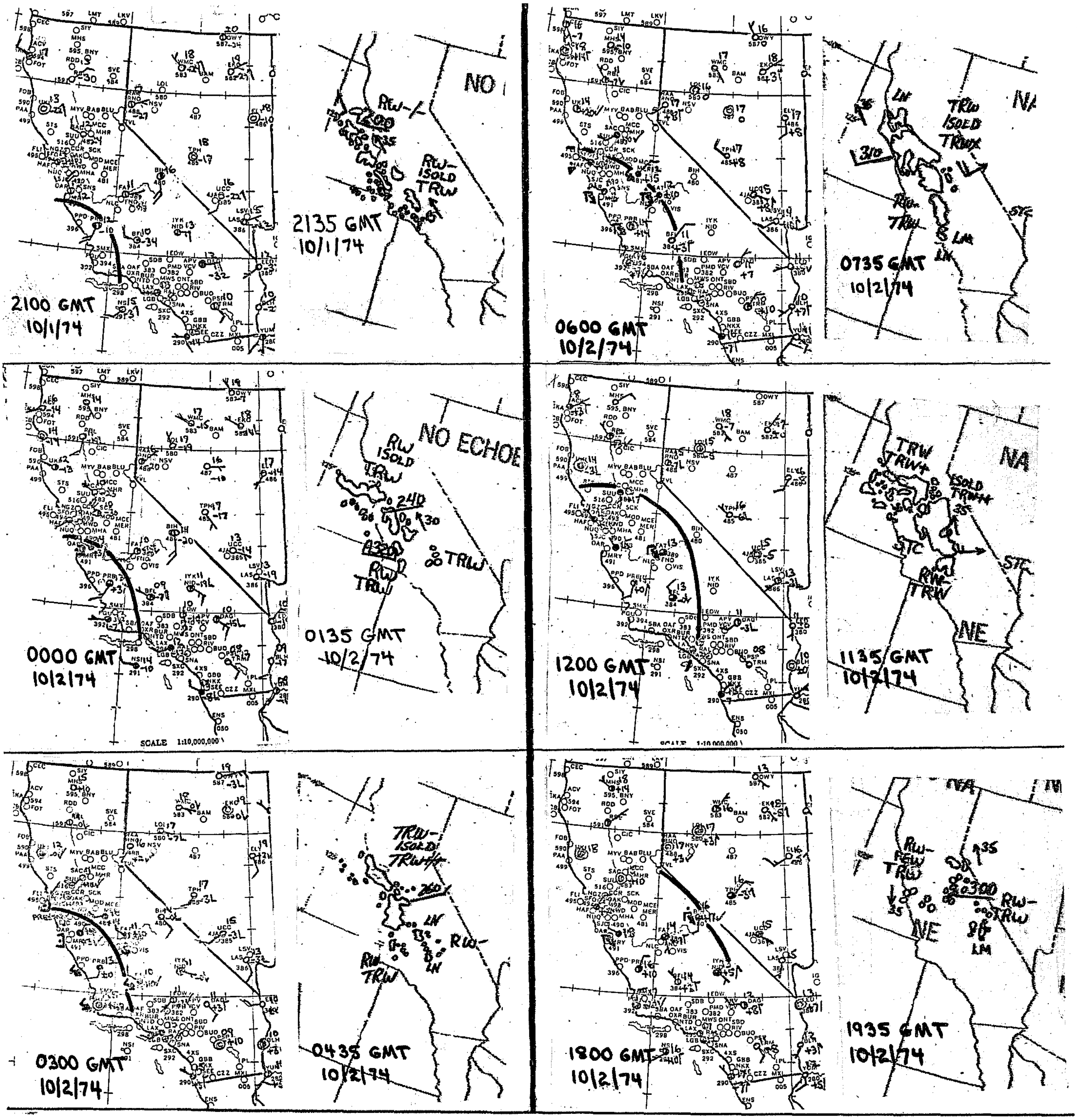
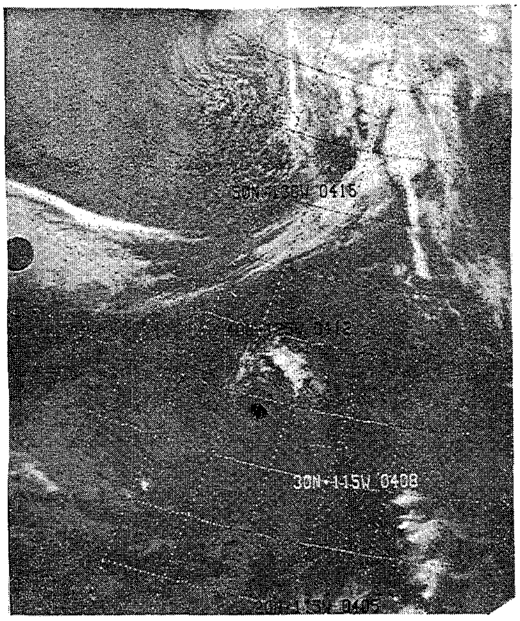
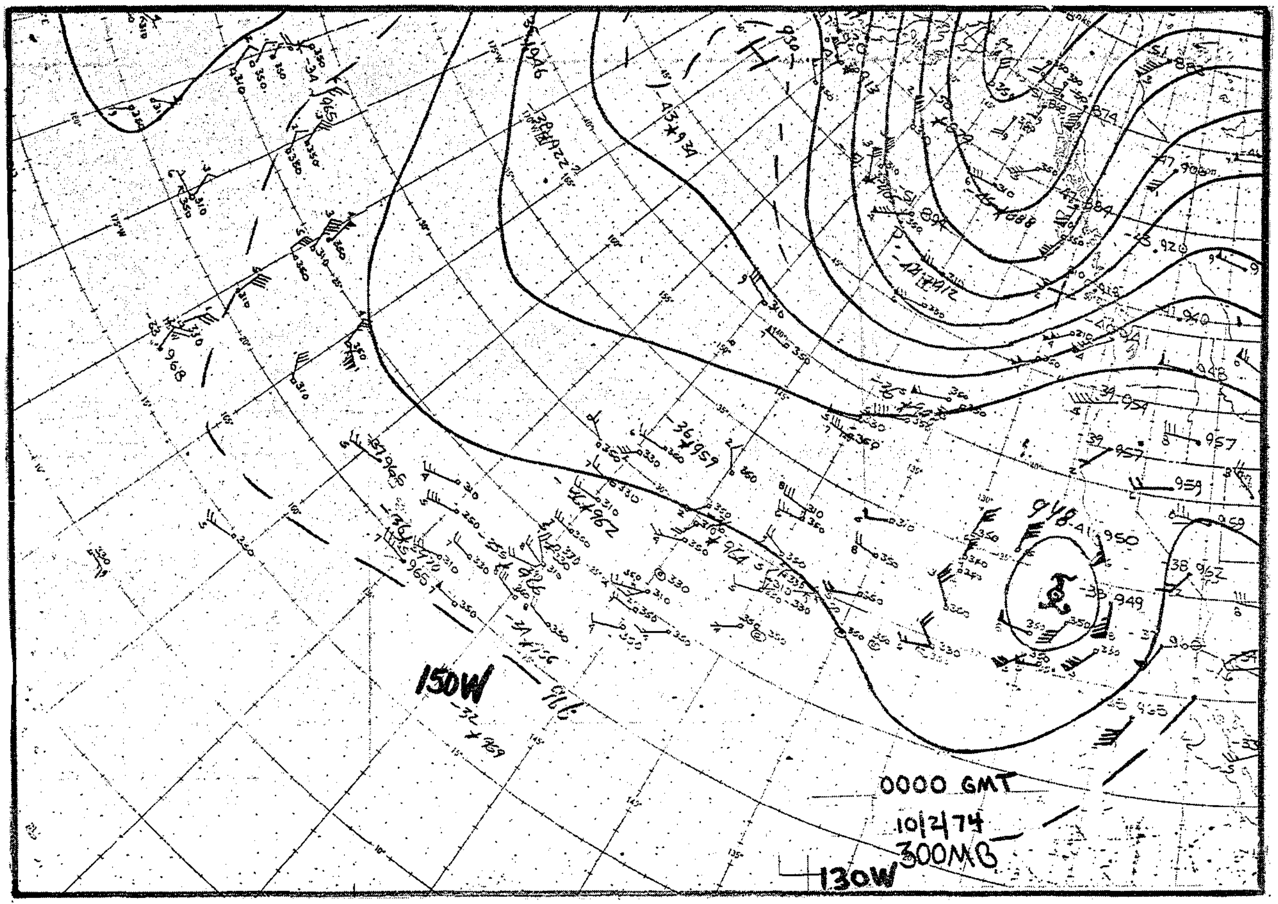


FIGURE 24. RADAR AND SURFACE ANALYSIS FROM 2100 GMT OCTOBER 10, 1974, - 1935 GMT OCTOBER 2, 1974. (SOLID LINE INDICATES LEADING EDGE OF SQUALL LINE.)



NOAA-2 IR,~0600 GMT
October 2, 1974.



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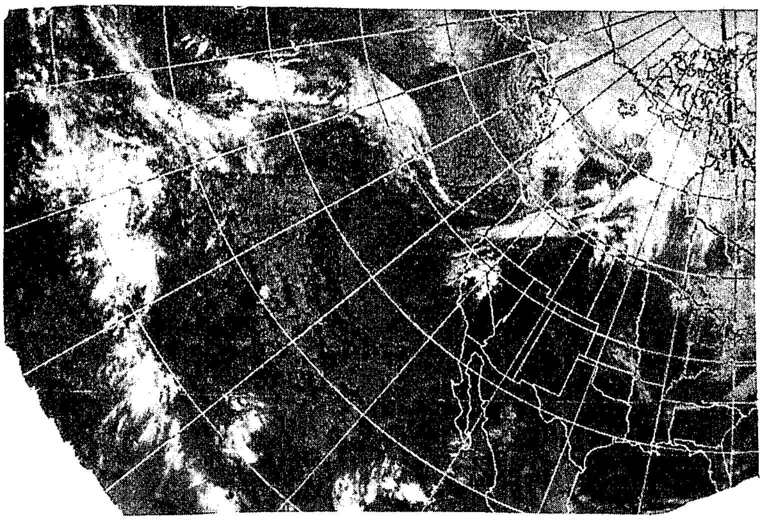

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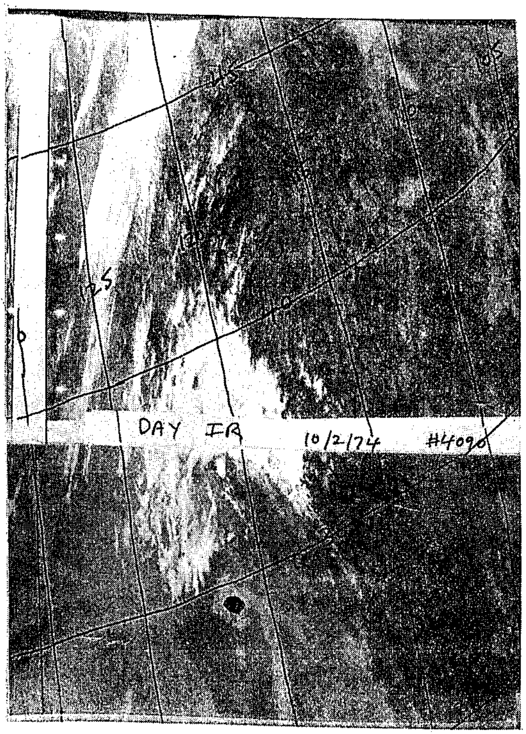
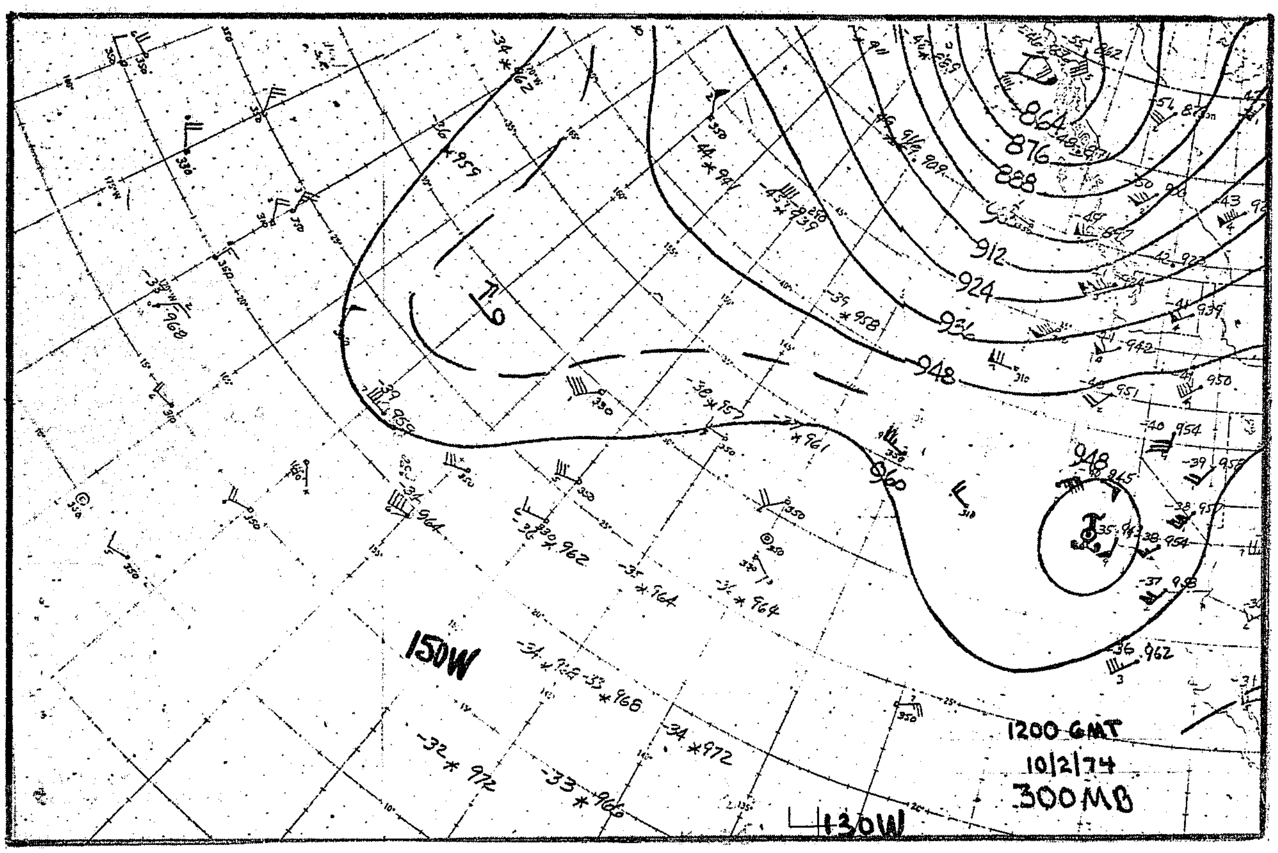
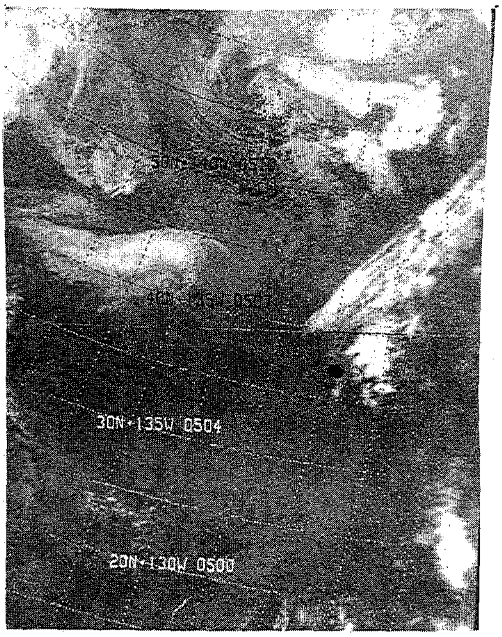




300-mb Chart for 1200 GMT October 2, 1974, and Corresponding NOAA Infrared Satellite Pictures.



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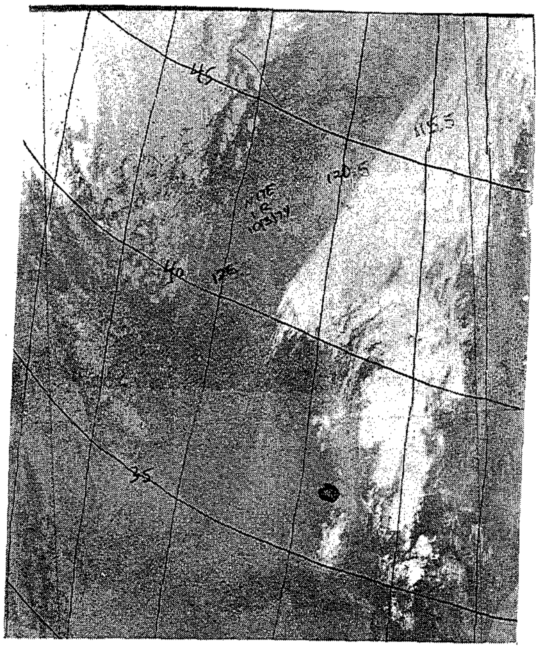

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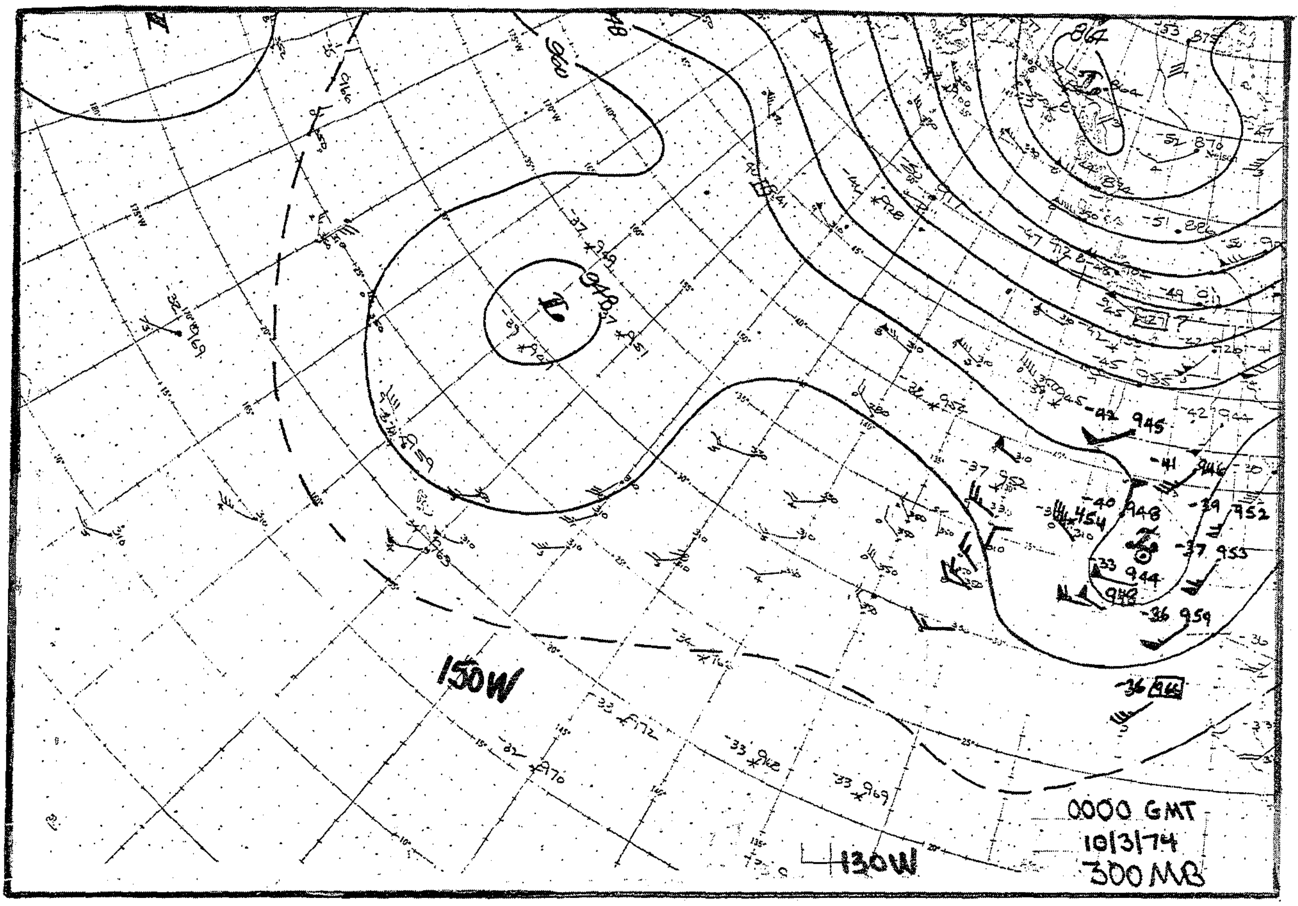

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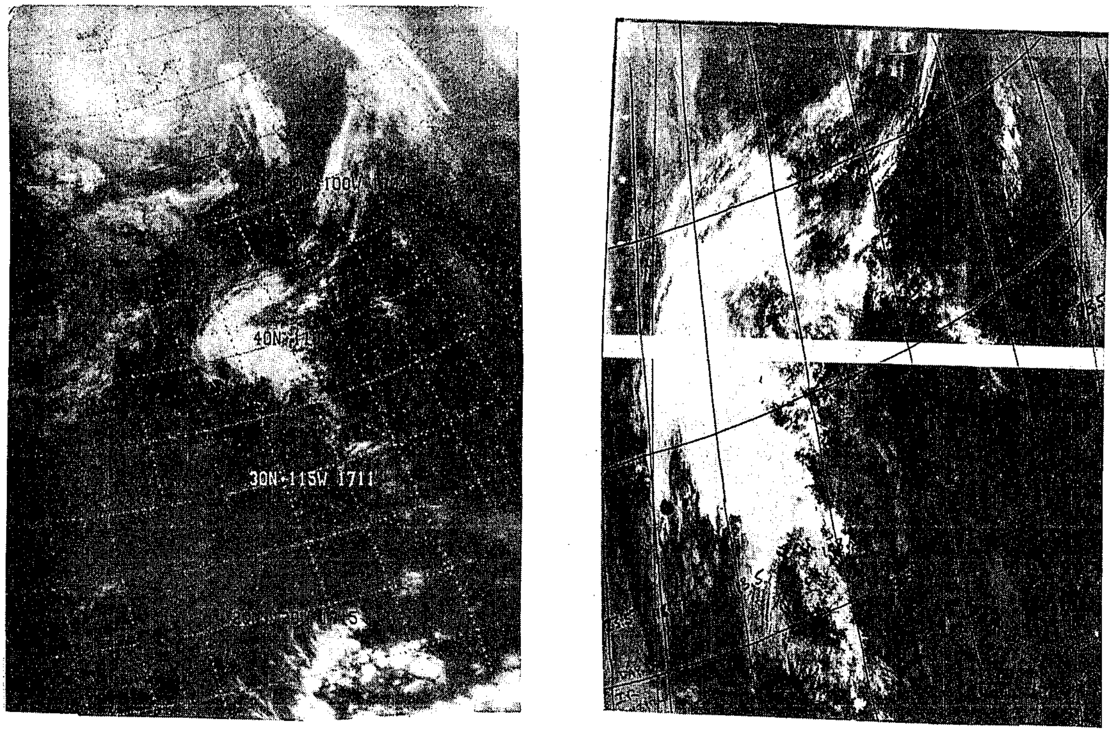

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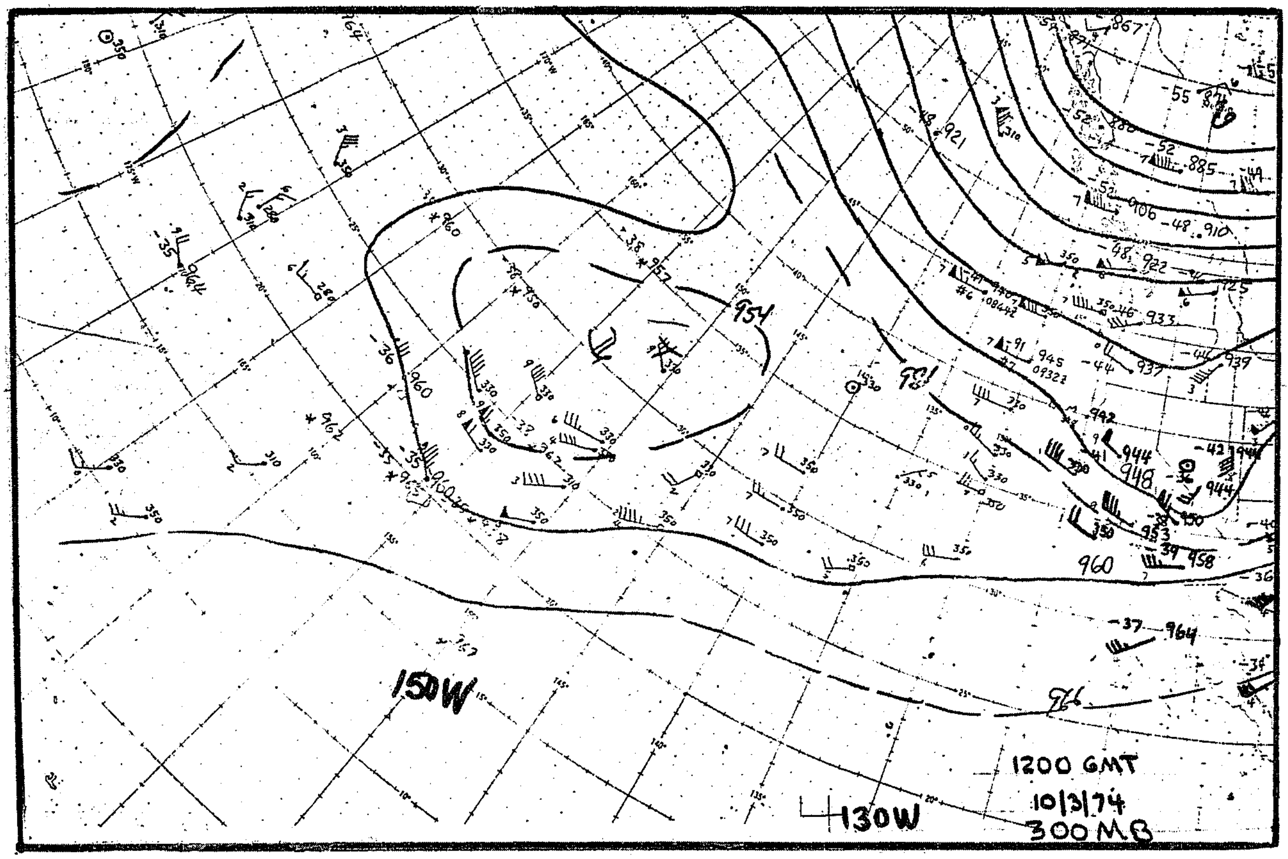

Figure 28. 300-mb Chart for 1200 GMT October 3, 1974, and Corresponding NOAA Infrared Satellite Pictures.

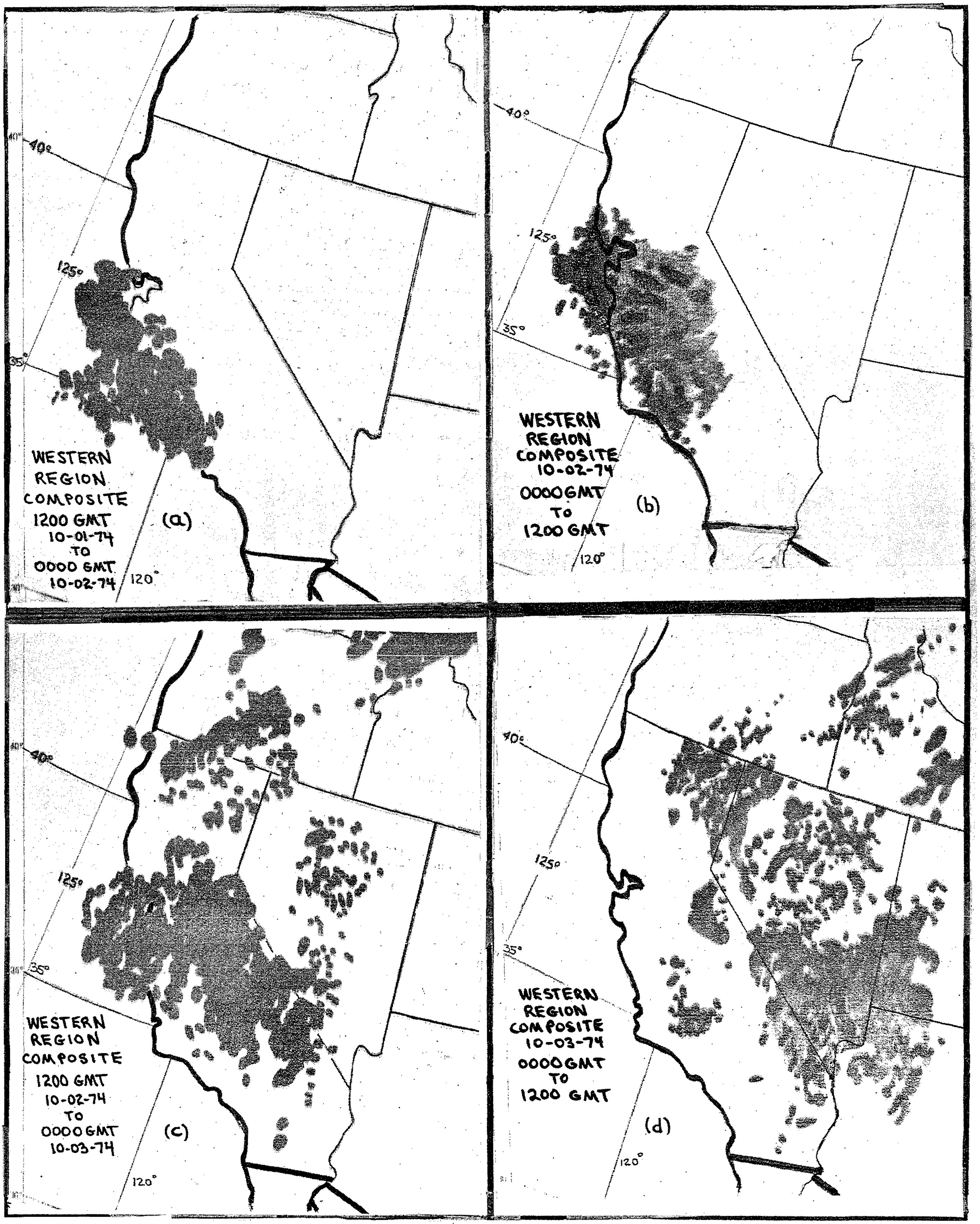

FIGURE 29. WESTERN REGION COMPOSITE RADAR CHART: (A) 0000 GMT - 1200 GMT OCTOBER 2, (B) 0000 GMT - 1200 GMT OCTOBER 3.

STATION	SEPT. TOT.	OCT.		
		1	2	3
* * * CENTRAL COAST DRAINAGE 04				
ALAMO 1 N	.00		T	
ARROYO GRANDE	.00	T		.01
BEN LOMOND 4	.00	T	.12	
BERKELEY	.00		T	
BIG SUR STATE PARK	.00		.34	.02
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2 SW	.00		.20	
BURLINGAME	.00			
BURTON RANCH	.00		T	
CALAVERAS RESERVOIR	.00		.12	T
CARMEL VALLEY	.00		.21	
CHITTENDEN PASS	.00	-	-	-
CONCORD 3 E	.00		.04	
CROCKETT	.00			
DAVENPORT	.00	.11	.29	
FORT ORD	T		.65	
GERBER RANCH	.00		.08	
GILROY	.00		.26	
GILROY 14 ENE	.00		.15	.05
HALF MOON BAY	T		.12	
HERNANDEZ 2 NW	.00		.39	
HOLLISTER 1 SW	-	-	-	-
KING CITY	.00			
LAFAYETTE 2 NNE	.00		T	
LA HONDA	.00	.23		
LIVERMORE COUNTY F D	-			
LOCKWOOD 2 N	.00		T	
LOS GATOS	.00		.35	
LOS GATOS 4 SW	.00		.25	
MARTINEZ 3 SSE	-			
MARTINEZ WATER PLANT	.00			
MONTEREY	.01	.01	.23	
MONTEREY FAA AP	.00		.19	
MORGAN HILL 2 E	.00		.26	
MORRO BAY FIRE DEPT	.00		.07	.02
MORRO BAY 3 N	.00			
MOUNT DIABLO N GATE	.00			
MOUNT HAMILTON	.00		.37	
NACIMIENTO DAM	T		T	
NEWARK	.00		.06	
OAKLAND WSO AP R	.00	T	.01	
OAKLAND MUSEUM	.00		.03	
PAICINES OHRWALL RANCH	.00		.13	
PALO ALTO JR. MUSEUM	.00		.14	
PALOMA	.00	T	.19	
PARKFIELD	.00		.63	
PASO ROBLES	.00		.03	T
PASO ROBLES FAA AP	.00	.11		
PINNACLES NAT MONUMENT	.00		.38	.02
PISMO BEACH	.00			
POINT PIEDRAS BLANCAS	.00	-	-	-
PORT CHICAGO NAVAL DEP	.00			
PRIEST VALLEY	.00	T	.73	
REDWOOD CITY	.00			
RICHMOND	.00		T	
SAINT MARYS COLLEGE	.00		T	
SALINAS 3 E	.00		.37	
SALINAS FAA AP	.00	.22	.04	T
SALINAS DAM	.00	T		
SAN ARDO	.00		.28	.01
SAN CLEMENTE DAM	.00	-	-	-
S F RICHMOND SUNSET R	.00			
SAN FRANCISCO WSO AP R	T	.04	.01	
SAN FRANCISCO WSO CI R	.00		.02	
SAN GREGORIO 2 SE	.02	.08	.11	.01
SAN JOSE	.00		.13	
SAN LUIS OBISPO POLY	.00		.04	.02
SAN MATEO	.00		.07	
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY	.00		.12	
SANTA CRUZ	.00		.20	
SANTA MARGARITA 2 SW	.00	.04		
SANTA MARGARITA BOOST	.00	T	.01	
SOLEDAD	.00	.29	.01	
SPRECKELS HWY BRIDGE	.00		.44	.07
UPR SAN LEANDRO FILTER	.00		.04	
WALNUT CREEK 2 ESE	-	-	-	-
WALNUT CREEK 4 E	.00			
WATSONVILLE WATERWORKS	.00		.21	
WOODSIDE FIRE STA 1	.00		.13	
WRIGHTS	.00		T	
* * * SAN JOAQUIN DRAINAGE 05				
ANGIOLA	.00		.22	
ANTIOCH FIBREBOARD ML	-			
ANTIOCH PUMPING PL 3	.00			
ASH MOUNTAIN	.00		.05	.05
AUBERRY 1 NW	.00		.24	.06
BAKERSFIELD WSO AP R	.00	.03	1.19	
BALCH POWER HOUSE	.00		.08	
BLACKWELLS CORNER 2WNW	.00		T	
BUTTONWILLOW	.00		.10	.08
CALAVERAS BIG TREES	.00		T	.24
CAMP PARDEE	.00		.05	T
CASTLE ROCK RAD LAB	.00		.03	
CATHEYS VY BULL RUN RH	.00		.11	.11
CHERRY VALLEY DAM	.00		.03	.13
COALINGA	-		.08	
CORCORAN IRRIG DIST	.00		.32	
DELANO	.00		.41	
DEL PUERTO ROAD CAMP	.00		.08	
DENAIR 3 NNE	.00		.18	T
DUDLEYS	-	-	-	-
ELECTRA POWER HOUSE	.00		.02	
ELLIOTT	T			
EXCHEQUER RESERVOIR	.00		.15	.05
FIDDLETOWN LYNCH RANCH	.00	T		
FIVE POINTS 5 SSW	.00		.27	

STATION	SEPT. TOT.	OCT.		
		1	2	3
FRESNO WSO AP R	.00	T	.18	
FRIANT GOVERNMENT CAMP	.00		.03	.21
GLENNVILLE	.00		.23	.34
GRANT GROVE	.00		.07	.05
GROVELAND RANGER STA	-			
HANFORD	-		.10	
HETCH HETCHY	.03		T	.20
HUNTERS DAM	.00		.23	.03
IDRIA	.00		.12	.22
IONE	.00			.08
JOHNSONDALE	.00		.24	
KERLINGER	.00			
KERN RIVER PH NO 1	.00		.11	.30
KERN RIVER PH NO 3	.00		.24	
KETTLEMAN CITY	.00		.09	
KETTLEMAN STATION	.00	-	-	-
KNIGHTS FERRY 2 SE	-		.03	.01
LEBEC	-		.08	
LE GRAND	-		.21	
LEHMAN RANCH	.00		T	
LEMON COVE	.00		.16	
LINDSAY	.00		.25	
LITTLE PANOCHE DET DAM	.00		.12	
LODGEPOLE	.00			.04
LODI	.00		T	
LOS BANOS	.00		.18	
LOS BANOS ARBURUA RCH	.00		.09	
LOS BANOS DET RESV	.00		.13	
MADERA	.00		.40	.04
MANTECA	.00			
MARICOPA	.00		.04	.25
MARIPOSA	.00		.14	.44
MATHER	.00		T	
MEADOW LAKE	.00	-	-	-
MENDOTA DAM	.00			.23
MERCED FIRE STATION 2	.00		.06	
MODESTO	.00		.02	
NEWMAN	.00			
NORTH FORK RANGER STA	.00		.11	.24
ORANGE COVE	.00		.46	
PACHECO PASS	.00	.03	.07	
PANOCHE	-		.10	
PATTIWAY	.00		.05	.17
PINE FLAT DAM	.00		.02	.37
PORTERVILLE	.00		.28	
POSEY 3 E	.00	-	-	-
SALT SPRINGS PWR HOUSE	.00			
SAN ANDREAS 2 S	.00			
SAN LUIS DAM	.00		.11	
SANTA RITA PEAK	.00		.30	
SONORA RS	.00		.15	.20
SO ENTRANCE YOSEMITE	.00		.10	.30
SPRINGVILLE 7 ENE	.00		.17	.04
STANISLAUS POWER HOUSE	.00		.22	.02
STOCKTON WSO AP	.00		.01	
STOCKTON FIRE STA NO 4	.00			
SUTTER HILL RANGER STA	-			
TEHACHAPI	.00			
TEJON RANCHO	.00		.33	
THREE RVRS EDISON PH 1	.00		.11	.02
TIGER CREEK PH	.00		.03	
TRACY CARBONA	.00			
TRACY PUMPING PLANT	.00			
TURLOCK	.00		.02	T
VISALIA	.00		.35	
WALLACE 1 NNE	.00			
WASCO	.00			1.14
WESTHAVEN	.00		.18	
WEST POINT	.00		.03	
WOFFORD HEIGHTS	.00		.23	
YOSEMITE PARK HEADQTRS	.00		T	.60
* * * SOUTH COAST DRAINAGE 06				
ACTON-ESCO CYN FC261F	.00	-	-	-
ALISO CN OAT MT FC 446	.00		.05	
ALPINE	.22			
ALTADENA	.00			
ANZA	.06			
AVALON PLEASURE PIER	.00			
BARRETT DAM	.00			
BEAUMONT PUMPING PLANT	.00			
BEL AIR FC-10A	.00			
BIG BEAR LAKE	.97	-	-	-
BIG DALTON DAM FC223BE	T			
BIG TUJUNGA DAM FC46DE	.00			
BOUQUET CANYON	-			
BURBANK VALLEY PMP PLT	.00			
CACHUMA LAKE	.00	T	T	
CAMP HI HILL OPIDS 57E	.00			
CAMPO	.31			
CANOGA PARK PIERCE COL	.00			
CHATSWORTH FC24F	.00			
CHULA VISTA	.00			
CLAREMONT POMONA COL	-	-	-	-
COLBYS FC 53 D	.00			
CORONA	.00			
COVINA TEMPLE FC 193 B	.00			
CRYSTAL LAKE FC 283C	-			
CULVER CITY	.00			
CUYAMACA	.20			
DESCANSO RANGER STA	.14			
DOWNEY FD FC107C	.00			
DRY CANYON RESERVOIR	.00			
EL CAPITAN DAM	T			
ELSINORE	.02			
ESCONDIDO	.00			
FILLMORE 1 WNW	.00			
FONTANA 5 N	.00			
FONTANA KAISER	T			
FULLERTON HILLCREST RV	.00	-	-	-
GIBRALTAR DAM NO 2	.00			

STATION	SEPT. TOT.	OCT.		
		1	2	3
GILLESPIE FIELD	.00			
GLENDORA WEST FC 185	T			
HAINES CYN UPPER FC367	.00			
HEMET	.00			
HENSHAW DAM	.08			
HOEGEES FC 60 A	.00			
IDYLLWILD FIRE DEPT	T			
JULIAN WYNOLA	.73			
JUNCAL DAM	.00			
LA CRESCENTA FC 251 B	.00			
LAGUNA BEACH	.00			
LAKESIDE 2 E	.00			
LA MESA	.00			
LECHUZA PT STA FC 352B	.00			
LOMPOC	.00			
LONG BEACH WSO AP	.00			
LOS ALAMOS	.00		.12	
LOS ANGELES WSO AP R	T			
LOS ANGELES CIVIC CTR R	.00			
LOS PRIETOS RANGER STA	.00	.06		
LYTLE CREEK RANGER STA	.00			
MOORPARK	.00			
MT BALDY FC 85G	.00			
MT WILSON 2	.00			
NEW CUYAMA FIRE STA	-			
NEWHALL SOLEDAD FC32CE	.00		.03	
NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR	.00			
NIPOMO 2 NW	.00			
OCEANSIDE	.00			
OJAI	.00			
OXNARD	.00			
PACOIMA DAM FC 33 A E	.00			
PALOMAR MT OBSERVATORY	.74			
PALOS VERDES EST FC43D	.00			
PASADENA	T			
PIEDRA BLANCA GRD STA	.00		.15	
PIRU 2 ESE	.00		T	
PT ARGUELLO LIGHT STA	T			-
POMONA CAL POLY	.00			
POWAY VALLEY	T			
RAMONA CHAPMAN	.00			
REDLANDS	.00			
RIVERSIDE FIRE STA. #3	.00			
RIVERSIDE CIT EXP STA R	.00			
SALSIPUEDES GAGING STA	-			
SAN BERNARDINO CO HOSP	.02			
SANDBERG PTL FC130B	.00		.07	
SANDBERG WSO //R	.00	.01	.06	
SAN DIEGO WSO AP R	T			
SAN DIMAS FIRE HQ FC95	.00			
SAN GABRIEL CANYON PH	.00			
SAN GABRIEL DM FC425BE	.00			
SAN GABRIEL FIRE DEPT	.00			
SAN JACINTO	.00			
SAN NICOLAS ISLAND	T			
SANTA ANA FIRE STATION	.00			
SANTA BARBARA	.05		.03	
SANTA BARBARA FAA AP	T			
SANTA MARIA WSO AP R	T	04		
SANTA MONICA PIER	.00			
SANTA PAULA	.00		.02	
SAUGUS PWR PL NO 1	.00		T	
SOMIS 3 NW	.00		[illegible]	
SUEY RANCH	.00	.01		
SUN CITY	.00			
SUSANA KNOLLS	.00			
THOUSAND OAKS	.00			
TOPANGA PATROL STA FC6	.00			
TORRANCE	.00			
TUJUNGA	T			
TUSTIN IRVINE RANCH	.00			
TWITCHELL DAM	.00	.03		
U C L A	.00		T	
UPLAND 3 N	.00			
VALLEY CENTER 2 NNE	.00			
VAN NUYS FC 15A	T		T	
VENTURA	.01		.02	
VINCENT FIRE STA FC120	.00			
VISTA 2 NNE	.00			
WALNUT PTL STA FC102C	.00			
WARNER SPRINGS	.54			
WHITTIER CTY H FC 106C	.00			
YORBA LINDA	.00			
* * * SOUTHEAST DESERT BASINS 07				
ADELANTO	.00			
APPLE VALLEY	.00			
BAKER	.00			.19
BARSTOW	.00			
BEAUMONT 1 E	.00			
BENTON INSPECTION STA	.00		.18	
BIG PINES PARK FC 83B	.03			
BISHOP CREEK INTAKE 2 //R	.00		.14	
BISHOP WSO AP R	.00		.16	
BLYTHE	T			
BLYTHE FAA AIRPORT	T			
BORREGO DESERT PARK	.04			
BOULEVARD NO. 2	.31			
BRAWLEY 2 SW	.40			
CALEXICO 2 NE	.08			
CANTIL	-			
DAGGETT FAA AIRPORT	T		.08	
DEATH VALLEY	.00		T	.04
DEEP CANYON LABORATORY	.03	-	-	-
DEEP SPRINGS COLLEGE	-	-		-
EAGLE MOUNTAIN	T			
EL CENTRO 2 SSW	.02	-	-	-
EL MIRAGE FIELD	.65			
FAIRMONT	.00			
GOLD ROCK RANCH	.10			

STATION	SEPT. TOT.	OCT.		
		1	2	3
GOLDSTONE ECHO 2	.00			
HAIWEE	T			04
HAYFIELD PUMPING PLANT	.01			
HESPERIA	.00		[illegible]	
IMPERIAL	.09		[illegible]	
IMPERIAL FAA AP	.08			[illegible]
INDEPENDENCE	.00			
INDIO U S DATE GARDEN	.00			
INYOKERN	.11			
INYOKERN ARMITAGE	.00			
IRON MOUNTAIN	.00		T	
JOSHUA TREE 3 S	.24			
KEE RANCH //	-			
LAKE ARROWHEAD	.00			
LANCASTER FSS/FAA	T			
MECCA FIRE STATION	.00		.31	
MITCHELL CAVERNS	.08			
MOJAVE	.00			.06
MOUNTAIN PASS	.72			
MT SAN JACINTO W S PK	T			
NEEDLES FAA AIRPORT	.17			
NILAND	.01			
OCOTILLO WELLS	.00			
OCOTILLO 2	.04			
PALMDALE	.00			
PALM SPRINGS	.00			
PARKER RESERVOIR	T			
RANDSBURG	.00			.18
SHOSHONE	.12			
SNOW CREEK UPPER	.13			
THERMAL FAA AP	T			
TRONA	.00			
TWENTYNINE PALMS	.00			
VALYERMO FIRE STA 79	.00			
VICTORVILLE PUMP PLANT	.00			.37
WHITE MOUNTAIN 1	.00			.21
WHITE MOUNTAIN 2	.00			
WILDROSE RANGER STA	.00			

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