

EXHIBIT NO. 1

## **ALTERNATIVE MEASUREMENT METHODS**

For

LOW FLOW GAS WELLS

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

# OCTOBER 10, 1991

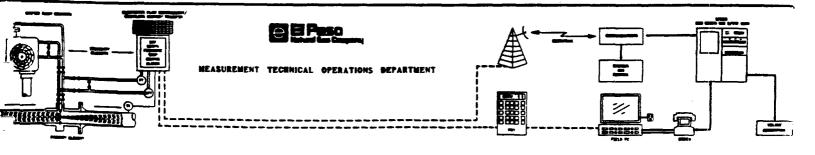
# SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION Santa Fe, New Mexico

Case No. 1039 & Exhibit No.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PRODUCERS, PURCHASERS AND TRANSPORTERS OF GAS WELL GAS IN NEW MEXICO

FROM: WILLIAM J. LEMAY, DIRECTOR W

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL OF LOW VOLUME GAS COMMITTEE FOR REVISION OF OCD GENERAL RULE NO. 403.

DATE: AUGUST 23, 1991

A Committee organized by OCD has reviewed metering costs for low volume gas wells. The Committee includes representatives from Industry, BLM, SLO, and OCD. Information developed by the Committee indicates that current metering costs exceed revenues for wells producing at rates of 15 MCF per day, or less. Unless alternate measurement methods are approved, many low volume wells may be shut-in or plugged causing reserves and revenues to be lost.

Data submitted by the Committee shows that 2150 San Juan Basin gas wells produced at rates of 15 MCF per day or less in 1990. Total production for these wells was over 5 BCF in 1990 (see attached tabulation). El Paso Natural Gas has submitted a proposal for alternate measurement methods for low volume gas wells which has support from other members of the Committee. A change in OCD General Rule No. 403, (attached) based on the proposal is being circulated for review and comment. A Commission hearing will be scheduled for <u>October 10</u>, 1991 to consider adoption of the rule changes. Comments may be submitted prior to the hearing or in the form of testimony at the hearing.

Procedures for lease commingling are also being reviewed to determine if modification of those requirements could provide additional relief in this area.

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Of the wells that produced in the San Juan Basin in 1990, 776 wells averaged 5 MCFD or less for the months produced for a total of 446,613 MCF.

1,374 wells produced from 5 to 15 MCFD for the months produced for a total of 4,725,853 MCF for the year.

The land type breakdown of these wells is as follows:

<5MCFD

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5 to 15MCFD

State	38	27,781 MCF	83	29,149,MCF
Jicarilla	131	90,251 MCF	295	1,011,602 MCF
Navajo	30	22,060 MCF	23	72,380 MCF
Ute	8	2,606 MCF	1	4,121 MCF
Federal	492	267,313 MCF	853	2,931,203 MCF
Private	77	36,602 MCF	119	415,128 MCF

#### R. W. Byram & Co., - Apr., 1990

(E-OIL PRODUCTION OPERATING PRACTICES - Cont'd.) be granted by the district supervisor upon a showing that an alternative method will protect migratory birds or that the facility is not

hazardous to migratory birds. RULE 314. GATHERING, TRANSPORTING AND SALE OF DRIP (As Amended by Order No. R-1038, August 26, 1957; and Order No. R-2761, January 1, 1965.) (a) "Drip" is defined as any liquid hydrocarbon incidentally

accumulating in a gas gathering or transportation system. (b) The waste of drip is hereby prohibited when it is economi-

cally feasible to salvage the same.

(c) The movement and sale of drip is hereby authorized, provided the provisions of this Rule are complied with. (d) (As Amended by Order No. R-2761, January 1, 1965.) No

drip shall be transported nor sold until the gas transporter has filed Division Form C-104 designating the drip transporter authorized to remove the drip from its gas gathering or transportation system.

(e) Every person transporting drip within the State of New Mexico shall file Division Form C-112 each month, showing the amount, source, and disposition of all drip handled during the reporting period, and such other reports as may hereafter be required by the Division.

(f) Prior to commencement of operations, every person transporting drip directly from a gas gathering or transportation system shall file with the Division plats drawn to scale, locating and identifying each drip trap which he is authorized to service.

(g) Every person transporting drip directly from a gas gathering or transportation system shall keep a record of daily acquisitions from each drip trap which he is authorized to service, which records shall be made available at all reasonable times for inspection by the Division or its authorized

 (h) Every gas transporter in the State of New Mexico shall,
 on or before the first day of November of each year, file with the Division maps of its entire gas gathering and transportation systems within the State of New Mexico, locating and identifying thereon each drip trap in said systems; said maps to be accompanied by a report, on a form prescribed by the Division, showing the disposition being made of the drip from each of said drip traps

F - NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION OPERATING PRACTICE

METHOD OF DETERMINING NATURAL GAS RULE 401. WELL POTENTIAL (As Amended by Order No. R-2491, May 26, 1963; Order No. R-2707, May 25, 1964; Order No. R-2761, January 1, 1965; Rules Revision, July 1, 1965.)

All operators shall conduct tests to determine the daily open flow potential volumes of all natural gas wells from which gas is being used or marketed. Such tests shall be reported on forms prescribed by the Division within 60 days after:

(1) The date of initial connection of the well to a gas transportation facility and (2) the date of reconnection following workover.

To establish comparable open flow capacity, wells shall be tested in accordance with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division "Manual for Back-Pressure Testing for Natural Gas Division Wells." In the event the Invision approves an alternate method

for testing, all weils producing from a common source of supply shall be tested in a uniform and comparable manner. (As Amended by Order No. R. 261, January 1, 1 e5, Rules Revision, July 1, 1:e5). See Appendix for Supplement I to Manual for Back Pressure Test for Natural Gas wells. State of New Mexico) All gas wells which are not connected to a gas New Mexicol All gas wells which are not connected to a gas gathering facility shall be used within 30 days following the installation of a Christmas tree. Tests shall be taken in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Testing Unconnected Gas Wells contained in the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division "Manual for Back-Pressure Testing of Natural Gas Wells." Tests shall be reported on Form C-122 in compliance with Rule 1122 and shall be filed within 10 days following completion of the test. completion of the test.

RULE 402. METHOD AND TIME OF SHUT-IN PRESSURE TESTS (As Amended by Order No. R-330, June 10, 1953, Order No. R-2517, July 15, 1963, and Order No. R-8336, November 10, 1986.)

(a) Shut-in pressure tests shall be taken on all natural gas wells annually. Such tests shall be taken by the operator of the well during the months of July. August, or September unless

otherwise specified by special pool rules or special directive Tests shall be reported as prescribed by the Division on Form C 125 not later than October 15 of the same year.

(b) Shut-in pressures shall be taken with a deadweight gaug after a minimum shut in period of 24 hours. When the shut is period exceeds 24 hours, the length of time the well was shut is shall be reported to the Division.

(c) The Division Director may prescribe special shut-in pres sure test periods and procedures for pools when he deem. the same necessary in order to obtain more accurate pressur data

RULE 403. NATURAL GAS FROM GAS WELLS TO E. MEASURED (As Amended by Order No. R-817) April 1, 1986.)

All natural gas produced shall be accounted for by metering other method approved by the Division and reported to the Division by the transporter of the gas. Gas produced from a ga well and delivered to a gas transportation facility shall reported by the owner or operator of the gas transportance facility. Gas produced from a gas well and required to r reported under this rule, which is not delivered to and reportby a gas transportation facility shall be reported by the operate of the well.

RULE 404. NATURAL GAS UTILIZATION (As Amended Order No. R.463, June 10, 1953; Rules Revision July 1, 1965.)

(a) After the completion of a natural gas well, no gas free such well shall be (1) permitted to escape to the air, (2) use expansively in engines or pumps and then vented, or (3) use to gas-lift wells unless all gas produced is processed in gasoline plant, used in the manufacture of carbon black, tenneficially used thereafter without waste to Carteen t-lack plants may utilize natural cas only

those instances in which all casinghead gas and residue c provuoed in the vicinity of or which may reasonably be reacted from the carten black plant, is being used beneficially

As Amended by Rules Revision July 1, 1965 F. At eartion black plant constructed after June 10, 1954 is an then existing carbon black plant which enlarges or expands of facilities for the manufacture of carbon black, may utiliz natural gas in the manufacture of carbon black only after permission of the Division is obtained upon due notice at hearing

RULE 405. STORAGE GAS (As Amended by Order N-R 5635, February 1, 1978.)

With the exception of the requirement to meter and repormonthly the amount of gas injected and the amount of gaswithdrawn from storage, in the absence of waste these rules and regulations shall not apply to gas being injected into or removed from storage. (See Rule 1131.)

RULE 406. CARBON DIOXIDE (As Amended by Order N-R-5611, February 1, 1978.)

The statewide regulations relating to gas and natural gas isa wells, and gas reservoirs including, but not limited to those provisions relating to well locations, acreage dedication requirements, casing and commenting requirements, and measur and reporting of production shall also apply to carten to a cargas, carbon drivate wells, and carbon drivate reserve to

RULE 607 (DISCONNECTION OF GAS WELLS (As Added of order No. R. 15) August 20, 1977). All ran wells at a hour disconnected from intrastate ran transportation. To success that the reported to the Robiston by the operator of the well of wells within 30 days of the table of disconnection with notice must be filed on Form C-lab in compliance with Rule 1130.

RULE 408. HARDSHIP GAS WELL (As Added by Order No R-7453. March 2, 1984 )

A. Hardship gas well is defined as a gas well wherein "underground waste" will occur if the well should be shut-in or curtailed below its minimum sustainable flow rate.

No well shall be classified as a hardship gas well except after notice and hearing or upon appropriate administrative action of the Division.

Wells approved as hardship gas wells under Rule 409 and/or Rule 410 shall be given priority access (over other gas wells) to the current available gas market to the extent that they might otherwise be restricted below the approved minimum flow rate. ,



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Attention: Mr. Bill LeMay, Director

Re: Alternative Measurement Methods for Low Flow Natural Gas Wells

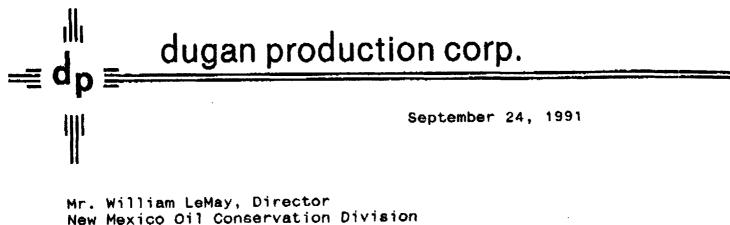
Dear Bill:

The Independent Producers Association of New Mexico supports the efforts by members of industry and government to develop and apply less expensive, acceptable alternative measurement methods for low flow natural gas wells. These wells produce at rates in the range of 1-5 and 5-15 dth per day. Specifically, the "Time Calculated Volume" method (5-15 dth/d) and the "Agreed Volume Method" (1-5 dth) could meet these requirements. EPNG has indicated that results of fluctuating line pressure on some wells would be negotiable. We believe that increased cost efficiency will allow these low flow wells to produce in paying quantities longer. This will result in greater revenues for ourselves and our State. Failure to approve reasonable alternative measurement methods could result in premature well abandonment, which would be a waste of our valuable mineral resources.

Very truly,

Sylvia Little

Sylvia Little President



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> RE: El Paso Natural Gas - Alternative Measurement Methods Low Flow Gas Wells

Dear Mr. LeMay,

Dugan Production Corporation is the operator of numerous low flow gas wells in the San Juan Basin of Northwest New Mexico. Dugan Production Corp. wishes to go on record in support of the El Paso Natural Gas Co. proposal of alternative measurement methods for these low flow wells, to be heard by the N.M.O.C.D. October 10, 1991.

It is Dugan's contention that the adoption of these proposed methods will help independent operators such as ourselves compete in the gas market. These measurement methods will also avoid the premature abandonment of low producing gas wells.

Sincerely,

DUGAN PRODUCTION CORP.

Thomas A. Dugan President

cc: Mr. Larry G. Woodard, State Director Bureau of Land Management P. O. Box 1449, Santa Fe, NM 87504 Mr. John Eichelman 300 Gallisteo, Suite 101 Santa Fe, NM 87504

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August 13, 1991

State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Oil Conservation Division Mr. Jerry Sexton District Supervisor I Chairman - Low Volume Gas Committee P.O. Box 1980 Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-1980

FILE: New Mexico-OCD

Subject: Proposed Alternative Measurement Methods For Low Volume Gas Wells

Dear Jerry:

Three (3) alternative measurement methods are proposed concerning the metering of low volume producing gas wells as follows:

- (1) "Time Calculated Volume" Alternative Method
- (2) "Agreed Volume" Alternative Method
- (3) Central Point Delivery (CPD) Measurement and Allocated Low Production Well Volumes Using Alternate Measurement Methods
- (4) Transfer Wellhead Measurement Responsibilities to Operator of Low Flow Well

The recommended methods are outlined and indexed supporting information is included in the packet for committee review on August 14, 1991.

If you have any questions on these methods, please contact me at (915) 541-3079.

Sincerely yours,

Carroll E. Crawford Director-Measurement Technical Operations Department El Paso Natural Gas Company

Attachment: One (1) Packet

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July 23, 1991

El Paso Natural Gas Co. Attn: C. E. Crawford Oil & Gas Committee Member P.O. Box 1492 El Faso, TX 79978

SUBJECT: Proposing Alternate Methods Concerning The Metering of Froducing Wells

Dear C.E. Crawford:

A meeting of the Low Volume Gas Committee will be held on August 14, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. at the San Juan Jr. College, Koom 1008, Central Administrative Classroom Building, in Farmington.

This meeting will be open for any new proposals on producing low volume gas wells under current economic conditions. Members are encouraged to present any information pertinent to the above topic.

On June 25th, a joint meeting was held by the BLM, State Land Office and OCD personnel and meter proving, temperature compensation, and metering was discussed. A review of this meeting will be presented at the August 14 meeting.

If you have any questions concerning this meeting, please contact Jerry Sexton at 505-393-6161.

Yours very truly,

JERRY SEXTON District Supervisor I

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- of Review **Operator/Producer and Royalty Owner** Economic Operational and Conservation of Resource Issues Initiate Pipeline, •
- Pipeline must Maintain Cost Effective Operations to Remain Competitive in the Market-Place •
- Pipeline must Provide Reliable and Flexible Service
- Substantially Reduce Costly Operations to Increase Efficiency
- Satisfy the volume accounting needs of producers, operators, shippers, pipelines and government agencies (i.e. NM-OCD, BLM, etc.) •
- Find alternative means to measure or account for low producing well production. •
- Avoid plugging and abandonment of low flow wells by keeping wells "ON"
- Maintain potential for the Producer/Royalty Owner Revenue Stream
- Avoid Lease Cancellations from Non-Production
- Support Producer and Royalty Owner Relationships
- Develop support for alternative methods to divide revenues using well test or other suitable methods •
- Small Royalty Owner representation accommodated through fair treatment of Producers by Pipelines •
- Avoid leaving economically producible gas in the ground that will never be recovered •

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"TIME CALCULATED VOLUME" ALTERNATIVE MEASUREMENT METHOD

- 1. Recommended Flow Rate Range - 5 to 15 dth/D
- 2. Determine Daily/Hourly Average Flow Rate for Low Volume Well
  - a. Use the 1990 Annual (Latest) Measured Production Volume and Flow Hours to Establish an "Average Hourly" Volume of Low Rate.
  - b. Formula: Annual Measured Flow Volume = "Average Hourly" Volume Flow Rate Annual Flow Hours
- 3. Pipeline and Well Operator Execute Letter Agreement to Use Alternative Methods (Well(s) Listed by Appropriate Meter Number, Meter Name, and Average Hourly Flow Rate From Last Test Period).
- 4. Meter Station Equipment
  - a. Leave Primary Measurement Elements on Location for Annual Production Test.
  - b. Install Smallest Recognized Orifice Plate Beta Ratio to Ensure Reliable Pressure Drop Detection (i.e. 4.026 I.D. and 0.250 Orifice Plate Bore).
  - c. Remove Orifice Recorder and Recording Thermometer and Thermowell.
  - D. Install Differential Switch with Hour Meter
    - (1) Hour Meter must not have an external hour reset button.
    - (2) Differential Switch "ON" setpoint to be at or near 0.5 inches W.C. but not more than 0.9 inches W.C.
    - (3) Hour Meter must have external flow status indicator to indicate when hour meter is counting (i.e. flashing decimal point).
    - (4) Report equipment change to appropriate Volume Calculation Dept.
- 5. Periodic Hour Meter Reports (Quarterly)
  - a. Establish Hour Meter "READ" Schedule
  - b. Report Start and Stop Hourly Meter Readings and Flow Hours Difference on Appropriate Form to the Volume Calculation Division at Least Every Three (3) Months.
  - c. Monitor Switch/Hour Meter Serviceability
- 6. Volume Calculation Department
  - a. Code Volume Calculation Method as "Time Calculated Volume".
  - b. Verify and Enter Reported Flow Hours Into the Volume Calculation Routine.
  - c. Use 60°F As the Flowing Temperature Base Value (Factor 1.0) For Volume Calculation.
  - d. Use the Most Recent Gas Analysis For Specific Gravity and BTU Calculation Factors.
  - e. Enter the Most Recent "Average Hourly" Flow Rate Volume Into the Volume Calculation Routine.
  - f. Calculate Settlement Volume and MMBTU (dth) Formula. Flow Meter Hours X Average MCF Hourly Flow Rate = Volume (MCF) Volume (MCF) X BTU Factor = MMBTU (dth) for the Period Indicated. Example: 1971 (Hours) X .31 (MCF) = 611 MCF
    - 611 MCF X 1097 BTU = 670 MMBTU (dth) for the Period.
  - g. Identify and report "Time Calculated Volume" MMBTU(dth) on the Appropriate Volume Statement(s).

## "TIME CALCULATED VOLUME" ALTERNATIVE MEASUREMENT METHOD

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#### 7. <u>Perform Annual Production Measurement Test to Update Hourly Flow Rates</u> a. Schedule Annual Production Measurement Test

- b. Conduct 16 Day Test Period
  - (1) Install and calibrate test orifice recorder
  - (2) Note Test Hour Meter start reading
  - (3) Inspect orifice plate and meter tube for serviceability
  - (4) Procure and process representative gas sample
  - (5) Complete test and remove test orifice recorder
  - (6) Compare test Hour Meter Start and Stop reading difference with orifice chart recording
  - (7) Check Differential Switch/Hour Meter for serviceability
  - (8) Forward test charts and equipment inspection reports to the Volume Calculation Department
- c. Volume Calculation Department makes Re-Determination of New Average Hourly Flow Rate for Use During the Subsequent Year and Notifies Well Operator of New MCF or dth Values.

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#### "AGREED VOLUME" ALTERNATE MEASUREMENT METHOD

#### 1. <u>Recommended Flow Rate Range</u> - 1 to 5 dth/D

- 2. <u>Determine Daily/Hourly Average Flow Rate for low Volume Well</u>
  - a. Use the 1990 Annual (latest) measured production volume and flow hours to establish an "Average Hourly" MCF volume flow rate.
  - b. Formula: <u>Annual Measured Flow Volume</u> = "Average Hourly" Flow Volume Annual Flow Hours

Average Hourly Flow Volume X 24 = Daily Flow Volume

Daily Flow Volume X % Stipulated Flow Time = Average Daily Flow Settlement Volume (MCF)

- c. Evaluate well flow production history/equipment and determine percent of flow time to be stipulated (if applicable).
- 3. <u>Pipeline and Well Operator Execute Letter Agreement to Use Alternate</u> <u>"Agreed Volume" Method</u> Wells Listed by Appropriate Meter Number, Meter Name, Average Hourly Flow Rate From Last Test Period and Any Percent of Flow time to be Stipulated Due to Production Equipment or Other Operations to Include Well Workover, No Market, Cycled Flow, etc.

#### 4. <u>Meter Station Equipment</u>

- a. Leave primary measurement elements on location for annual production test.
- b. Install smallest recognized orifice plate beta ratio to ensure reliable pressure drop detection.
- c. Remove orifice recorder and recording thermometer and thermowell.
- d. Report equipment change to appropriate Volume Calculation Department.
- 5. Volume Calculation Department
  - a. Code Volume Calculation method as "Agreed Volume."
  - b. Use "Agreed Daily Volume" MCF adjusted for any percent of flow time stipulated to calculate a monthly MMBTU (dth) settlement volume.
  - c. Use 60°F as the flowing temperature base value (factor 1.0) for annual production measurement test volume calculations.
  - d. Use the most recent gas analysis for specific gravity and BTU factors for annual measured production test calculations.
  - e. Enter the "Agreed Volume" (MCF) Daily Flow Rate Volume (as adjusted) into the monthly volume calculation routine.
  - f. Calculate Settlement Volume and MMBTU (dth) Formula: "Agreed Volume" Daily Flow Rate (MCF) X BTU Factor = Daily MMBTU (dth) Daily MMBTU (dth) X Days in the Month = Monthly MMBTU (dth) for the Month Indicated.

EXAMPLE: 31 (day) X 4 (MCF) = 124 MCF

124 MCF X 1097 BTU = 136 MMBTU (DTH) for the month

g. Identify and report the calculated "Agreed Volume" MMBTU (dth) on the monthly volume statement.

- 6. <u>Perform Annual Production Measurement Test to Update Hourly Flow Rates</u> a. Schedule Annual Production Measurement Test
  - b. Conduct 16 Day Test Period
    - (1) Install and calibrate test orifice recorder
    - (2) Inspect orifice plate and meter tube for serviceability
    - (3) Procure and process representative gas sample
    - (4) Complete test and remove test orifice recorder
    - (5) Forward test charts and equipment inspection reports to the Volume Calculation Department
  - c. Volume Calculation Department makes Re-Determination of New Average Daily or Hourly Flow Rate for Use During the Subsequent Year and Notifies Well Operator of New MCF or dth Values.

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#### INSTALL CENTRAL POINT DELIVERY (CPD) MEASUREMENT AND ALLOCATE LOW PRODUCTION WELL VOLUMES

- 1. Pipeline and Well Operator(s) Execute CPD Agreement
- 2. Pipeline Installs CPD Meter Station at Lateral Tie-In for Custody Transfer Volume Determination
- 3. Operator continues Conventional Orifice Meter Practices for Large Volume Wellhead Measurement Upstream of the CPD
- 4. Operator may utilize Established "Alternative Measurement Methods" for Low Flow Wells Tied to Laterals Upstream of the CPD Meter Station

a. "Time Calculated Volume" Alternative Method (5-15 dth/D)
b. "Agreed Volume" Alternative Method (1-5 dth/D)

5. Pipeline determines and reports CPD Total Measured Volumes. Operator allocates CPD volumes to Low Flow Wells and net remaining balance to measured volumes.

CPD Total Volume (Base Volume/Settlement)	1000 MCF				
Less Agreed and Time Calculated Volumes	<u>200</u> MCF				
Net Remaining Volume Balance (Attributable	800 MCF				
to Measured Well Volume)					

- 6. Operator allocates CPD Net Remaining Volume Balance to measured wells.
- 7. Operator annually updates "Time Calculated Volume" and "Agreed Volume" with Production Measurement Test Procedures.

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#### Transfer Wellhead Measurement Responsibilities To Operator of Low Flow Wells

- 1. Pipeline and Well Operator execute operating letter agreement.
- 2. Pipeline would remove orifice recorder at existing metering location and perform any required mercury remedial cleanup before transfer of measurement operations.
- 3. The meter run, orifice plate, recording thermometer, and meter house (if present) will be left at the meter station for well operator use.
- 4. The operator would be required to install a dri-flow orifice recorder appropriately equipped to meet pipeline chart processing and industry standards.
- 5. The well operator would operate and maintain the meter station in accordance with Pipeline and Industry standards.
- 6. The operator would bar code and change the approved type of charts per required schedule, calibrate and test the meter station annually, secure a representative gas sample annually, inspect the orifice plate annually, inspect the meter run every five years, and provide the charts and copies of all equipment changes, tests and inspections to the pipeline in the required time frame. Operator would provide the pipeline timely meter station inspection notices.
- 7. Operator would transport the gas sample to the pipeline for chromatographic analysis in a timely manner.
- 8. Operator would change the end of the month close out charts on the first day of the month following the production month and cause the charts and any required well log codes to arrive at the pipeline volume calculation office by the third calendar day of the following month.
- 9. The Pipeline Volume Calculation office will calculate the chart volumes and make the necessary reports available.
- 10. The pipeline retains the right to audit the meter station operation and equipment inspections necessary to achieve reliable measurement results.
- 11. The Pipeline Volume Calculation office or field audit representative retains the right to specify measurement operating practices for equipment changes to achieve accurate measurement.

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#### BASIC HOURLY FLOW RATE CALCULATION METHODS

#### 1. Average Hourly Flow Rate (MCF)

- a. <u>Annual or Test Period Measured Volume (MCF)</u> = Average Hourly Flow Annual or Test Period Flow Hours Rate (MCF)
- b. Example: <u>3365 MCF</u> = 0.57 MCF/Hour Average Flow Rate 5877.8 Hours

#### 2. Average Daily Hourly Flow Rate (MCF)

a. Average Hourly Flow Rate (MCF) X 24 = Average Daily Flow Rate (MCF/D)
b. Example: 0.57 (Average Hourly MCF) x 24 = 13.68 MCF (Average Daily Flow Rate)

#### 3. "Time Calculated Volume" Formula

- a. Flow Meter Hours X Average MCF Hourly Flow Rate = Volume (MCF) Volume (MCF) X BTU Factor = MMBTU (dth) for Period Indicated
- b. Example: 1971 (Hours) X .31 (MCF) = 611 MCF 611 MCF X 1097 BTU = 670 MMBTU (dth) for the Period Indicated.

#### 4. "Agreed Volume" Formula

a. <u>Annual or Test Period Measured Flow Volume</u> = "Average Hourly" MCF Annual or Test Period Flow Hours.

"Average Hourly" MCF X 24 = Daily MCF Flow Volume

Daily MCF Flow Volume X Percent Stipulated Flow Time (i.e. Cycle Flow)= Average Daily MCF Flow Volume

b. Example: 31 (days) X 4 (MCF) = 124 MCF 124 MCF X 1097 BTU = 136 MMBTU (dth) for the month 365 DAYS = 8760 HOURS

REPORT PAGE:	AREA LOCATION	CHACO Ojito field	CHACO Fo field	CHACO Fo field	CHACO Fo field	CHACO FIELD	CHACO To field	CHACO 10 FIELD	CHACO 10 FIELD	CHACO 10 FIELD	CHACO O FIELD	CHACO 0 FIELD	CHACO OJITO FIELD
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P. O. BOX 1492 EL PASO, TEXAS 79978 PHONE: 915-541-2600

(WELL OPERATOR #) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

#### Re: Agreement to Use Alternative Measurement Method for Low Flow Meters

Gentlemen:

#### ALTERNATE MEASUREMENT METHOD FOR LOW FLOW WELL METERS PRODUCING 15 DTH - 1 DTH PER DAY

This Letter Agreement, when accepted by you, authorizes El Paso Natural Gas Company ("El Paso") to use the Alternative Measurement Methods described below for those low flow meter locations listed on the attachment hereto.

In return, El Paso agrees to use the applicable Alternative Measurement Method as soon as practicable for the listed low flow meters on wells producing 15 dekatherm ("dth") to 1 dth per day and El Paso shall not, while using such method, exercise its rights in the FERC Gas Tariff Transportation General Terms and Conditions not to accept a quantity of gas less than 15 dth per day.

#### ALTERNATE MEASUREMENT METHODS TO BE USED

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15 Dth to 5 Dth Per Day "Timed Calculated Volume" Method

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

This Letter Agreement is effective as of the date first set forth above and is subject to all valid laws, regulations and rules. Neither party hereto is obligated to accept measurement results from an Alternative Measurement Method that has not received all necessary regulatory approvals, when applicable, such as approvals from the Bureau of Land Management, or State conservation agencies. The Attachment to this Letter Agreement is incorporated herein.

If the foregoing accurately sets forth our agreement on Alternate Measurement Methods, please cause an authorized individual to sign both original counterparts of this Letter Agreement on behalf of the well operator in the space provided below and return one signed original to the address below:

> Director, Measurement Technical Operations Department El Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas 79978

> > Very truly your,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title:

Attachment

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

WELL OPERATOR NAME By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title:

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#### ATTACHMENT ALTERNATIVE METHOD

#### LOW FLOW WELL LISTING



Operator Code \_\_\_\_\_ Operator Name \_\_\_\_\_

METER NO.	WELL NAME	STATE	AREA LOCATION	TEST PERIOD MCF	TEST PERIOD FLOW HRS	TIME CALC. Hourly Rate MCF	AGREED VOLUME DAILY RATE MCF	WELL VALVE CLOSED CONDITIONS
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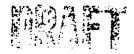
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#### VOLUME CALCULATION / DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Notice to Lessees and Operators of Federal Oil and Gas Leases within the Jurisdiction of the New Mexico State Office (NTL 92-5 New Mexico)

#### Standards for Meters Measuring Low Gas Volumes

#### I. <u>Background</u>,

Throughout 1990 members of the New Mexico BLM met with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, gas producers, transporters, and purchasers in Santa Fe, NM to address issues concerning the measurement of low volume gas wells. The purpose of these meetings was to develop standards that will ensure satisfactory measurement while preventing premature abandonment of low volume wells due to excessive operating costs. In the San Juan Basin of New Mexico there are approximately 1350 Federal wells that produce 15 MCF/D or less that accounts for 3.2 BCF/D of production. Industry estimates approximately \$1,000,000 in annual savings by reducing operating costs.

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Options discussed include: Central point delivery meters, allocation of low volume wells based on annual well testing, single gas meter lease measurement, flow-no-flow timers (very low volume meters), commingling, and several alternate methods of measurement.

Gas measurement components covered by this notice include the following:

- Reduction of calibration frequency from quarterly to semiannually for meters measuring 100 MCF/D or less on a monthly basis.
- 2. Standardize the requirement of the static pressure recording pen to match the requirement of the differential pressure recording pen.
- 3. Alternate methods of measurement for marginal producing gas wells.

#### II. <u>Purpose:</u>

The purpose of this NTL is to establish standards for variances of Onshore Order Number 5 which establishes minimum standards for gas measurement. This NTL is an effort to extend the life of marginal gas wells, by reducing operating costs, thereby conserving resources that otherwise

#### III. Definitions:

Low Volume Gas Well Meter. A meter that measures an average of 100 MCF/D or less on a monthly basis.

<u>Marginal Gas Well Meter.</u> A meter that measures an average of 15 MCF/D or less on a monthly basis.

IV. <u>Calibration Frequency</u>:

Calibration Frequency shall be the same as outlined in Onshore Order Number 5 except for low volume gas well meters. If the operator and purchaser mutually agree, low volume gas well meters, may be calibrated semiannually rather than quarterly.

V. <u>Static Pen Requirement:</u>

The static element shall be sized so that the static pressure pen records in the outer 2/3 of the chart range for the majority of the flow period. All meters must meet this standard when originally installed. However, a low volume gas well meter is exempt from this requirement if, after installation, decreasing reservoir/line pressure causes the static pressure to drop below this requirement, if reasonable measurement accuracy is obtained.

VI. Marginal Producing Gas Wells.

The authorized officer may approve alternate methods of measurement if the operator can demonstrate that the allocation method is equatable to all parties and will not result in a loss of royalty. As an example, large uncertainty limits can be created when measuring small volumes (an average of 15 mcf/d or less on a monthly basis), this makes allocation of production an alternative to individual well measurement.

Approval requests must be submitted on a lease basis, but may include multiple leases and should include the following:

- 1. The reason for the proposal, i.e., economics, environmental, or conservation.
- 2. Appropriate explanations and diagrams describing the proposed operation in detail.
  - A. A map showing all lease numbers and location of all leases and wells that will be connected to the

proposed off-lease metering facility. All unitized or communitized areas, producing zones, pools, etc. must be clearly illustrated.

- B. A schematic diagram or map which clearly locates and identifies all alternative measurement equipment used.
- C. Explanation of the proposed allocation method of production to contributing leases/wells.
- D. Estimated amounts of gas production from each lease involved.

Any well(s) or lease(s) subsequently added to an approved alternate method of measurement system/facility, must be approved by the Authorized Officer prior to being included in that facility.

The operator is advised that an approval for commingling of production, off-lease measurement, or alternate methods of measurement does not relieve the lessee or operator from legal obligations he/she may have regarding consent from other interest holders or State regulatory agencies.

APPROVED:

Date

Larry L. Woodard New Mexico State Director .

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DRAFT ALTERNATIVE MEASUREMENT REQUEST FORM FOR TIME CALCULATED VOLUME (5-15 Dth Per Day)

I hereby request government approval for use of this Alternative Measurement method for marginal low flow wells. I have consented, upon receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals, to El Paso Natural Gas Company's installation and use of the Alternative Measurement method described below for my low flow natural gas well(s) producing into El Paso's pipeline system.

#### 1. <u>Reason for Proposal</u>

Try to reduce likelihood of well shut-in and loss of production due to uneconomical operations. Low flow production wells incur most of the same fixed costs experienced for wells producing much greater amounts of natural gas, but do not enjoy the same economies of scale. Therefore, the per unit cost of measurement for low flow well(s) can be unacceptably high for a prudent operator.

Failure to approve use of this Alternative Measurement could result in premature abandonment of production from these low flow wells.

#### 2. Explanation and Diagram

Please refer to the detailed explanation of the Alternative Measurement method to be used and the schematic flow diagram provided as Attachment A.

#### 3. Map and Lease Numbers

A township plat map listing all lease, communitization, and Unit numbers and showing the location of these properties and the related wells is provided as Attachment B.

#### 4. Schematic Diagram and Location of Equipment

Please refer to information provided with item numbers 2 and 3 above.

#### 5. Central Point Delivery Production Allocation Method

Please refer to the outline for "Central Point Delivery (CPD) Measurement and Allocate Low Production Well Volumes" provided as Attachment C. A copy of the CPD Agreement between the operator and the pipeline is provided as Attachment D.

#### 6. Estimated Lease Production

A table listing the estimated hourly or daily production rate for each well on the lease, communitization, or Unit property is provided as Attachment E.

#### 7. Additions to Approved Commingling or Off-Lease Measurement

None are proposed.

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# "TIME CALCULATED VOLUME" ALTERNATIVE MEASUREMENT METHOD

- 1. <u>Recommended Flow Rate Range</u> 5 to 15 dth/D
- 2. Determine Daily/Hourly Average Flow Rate for Low Volume Well
  - a. Use the 1990 Annual (Latest) Measured Production Volume and Flow Hours to Establish an "Average Hourly" Volume of Low Rate.
  - b. Formula: <u>Annual Measured Flow Volume</u> = "Average Hourly" Volume Flow Rate Annual Flow Hours
- 3. <u>Pipeline and Well Operator Execute Letter Agreement to Use Alternative</u> <u>Methods</u> (Well(s) Listed by Appropriate Meter Number, Meter Name, and Average Hourly Flow Rate From Last Test Period).
- 4. Meter Station Equipment
  - a. Leave Primary Measurement Elements on Location for Annual Production Test.
  - b. Install Smallest Recognized Orifice Plate Beta Ratio to Ensure Reliable Pressure Drop Detection (i.e. 4.026 I.D. and 0.250 Orifice Plate Bore).
  - c. Remove Orifice Recorder and Recording Thermometer and Thermowell.
  - D. Install Differential Switch with Hour Meter
    - (1) Hour Meter must not have an external hour reset button.
    - (2) Differential Switch "ON" setpoint to be at or near 0.5 inches W.C. but not more than 0.9 inches W.C.
    - (3) Hour Meter must have external flow status indicator to indicate when hour meter is counting (i.e. flashing decimal point).
    - (4) Report equipment change to appropriate Volume Calculation Dept.
- 5. <u>Periodic Hour Meter Reports (Quarterly)</u>
  - a. Establish Hour Meter "READ" Schedule
  - b. Report Start and Stop Hourly Meter Readings and Flow Hours Difference on Appropriate Form to the Volume Calculation Division at Least Every Three (3) Months.
  - c. Monitor Switch/Hour Meter Serviceability
- 6. <u>Volume Calculation Department</u>
  - a. Code Volume Calculation Method as "Time Calculated Volume".
  - b. Verify and Enter Reported Flow Hours Into the Volume Calculation Routine.
  - c. Use 60°F As the Flowing Temperature Base Value (Factor 1.0) For Volume Calculation.
  - d. Use the Most Recent Gas Analysis For Specific Gravity and BTU Calculation Factors.
  - e. Enter the Most Recent "Average Hourly" Flow Rate Volume Into the Volume Calculation Routine.
  - f. Calculate Settlement Volume and MMBTU (dth) Formula. Flow Meter Hours X Average MCF Hourly Flow Rate = Volume (MCF) Volume (MCF) X BTU Factor = MMBTU (dth) for the Period Indicated. Example: 1971 (Hours) X .31 (MCF) = 611 MCF 611 MCF X 1097 BTU = 670 MMBTU (dth) for the Period.
  - g. Identify and report "Time Calculated Volume" MMBTU(dth) on the Appropriate Volume Statement(s).

## "TIME CALCULATED VOLUME" ALTERNATIVE MEASUREMENT METHOD

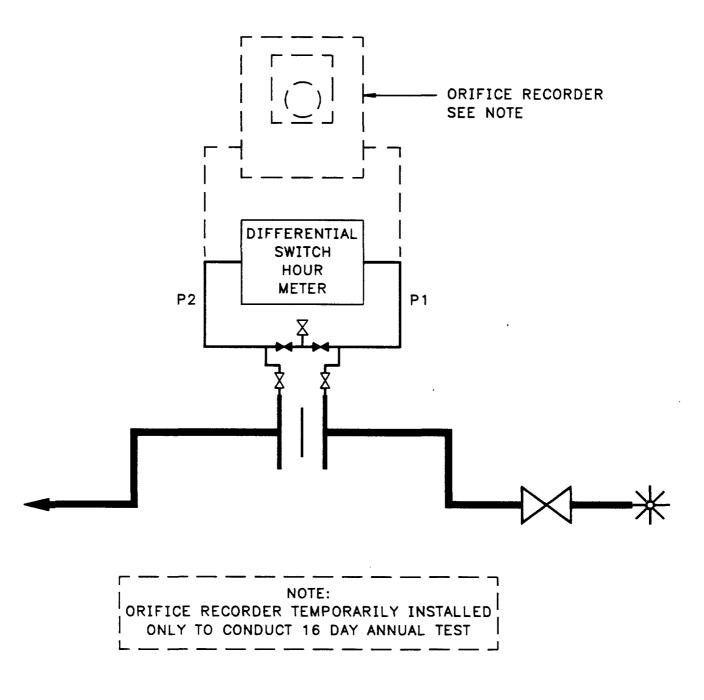
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- 7. <u>Perform Annual Production Measurement Test to Update Hourly Flow Rates</u>
  - a. Schedule Annual Production Measurement Test
  - b. Conduct 16 Day Test Period
    - (1) Install and calibrate test orifice recorder
    - (2) Note Test Hour Meter start reading
    - (3) Inspect orifice plate and meter tube for serviceability
    - (4) Procure and process representative gas sample
    - (5) Complete test and remove test orifice recorder
    - (6) Compare test Hour Meter Start and Stop reading difference with orifice chart recording
    - (7) Check Differential Switch/Hour Meter for serviceability
    - (8) Forward test charts and equipment inspection reports to the Volume Calculation Department
  - c. Volume Calculation Department makes Re-Determination of New Average Hourly Flow Rate for Use During the Subsequent Year and Notifies Well Operator of New MCF or dth Values.

# TIME CALCULATED VOLUME

ALTERNATIVE METHOD SCHEMATIC

PRIMARY ELEMENT AND DIFFERENTIAL SWITCH/HOUR METER USED FOR FLOW TIME DETECTION AND ANNUAL TEST



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# INSTALL CENTRAL POINT DELIVERY (CPD) MEASUREMENT AND ALLOCATE LOW PRODUCTION WELL VOLUMES

- 1. Pipeline and Well Operator(s) Execute CPD Agreement
- 2. Pipeline Installs CPD Meter Station at Lateral Tie-In for Custody Transfer Volume Determination
- 3. Operator continues Conventional Orifice Meter Practices for Large Volume Wellhead Measurement Upstream of the CPD
- 4. Operator may utilize Established "Alternative Measurement Methods" for Low Flow Wells Tied to Laterals Upstream of the CPD Meter Station

a. "Time Calculated Volume" Alternative Method (5-15 dth/D)
b. "Agreed Volume" Alternative Method (1-5 dth/D)

5. Pipeline determines and reports CPD Total Measured Volumes. Operator allocates CPD volumes to Low Flow Wells and net remaining balance to measured volumes.

CPD Total Volume (Base Volume/Settlement)	1000 MCF
Less Agreed and Time Calculated Volumes	<u>_200</u> MCF
Net Remaining Volume Balance (Attributable	800 MCF
to Measured Well Volume)	

- 6. Operator allocates CPD Net Remaining Volume Balance to measured wells.
- 7. Operator annually updates "Time Calculated Volume" and "Agreed Volume" with Production Measurement Test Procedures.

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P. O. BOX 1492 EL PASO, TEXAS 79978 PHONE: 915-541-2600

(WELL OPERATOR #) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

#### Re: Agreement to Use Alternative Measurement Method for Low Flow Meters

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> > Very truly your,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Attachment

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

WELL OPERATOR NAME By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title:\_\_\_\_\_

### ATTACHMENT ALTERNATIVE METHOD

# LOW FLOW WELL LISTING



Operator Code \_\_\_\_\_ Operator Name \_\_\_\_\_

METER NO.	WELL NAME	STATE	AREA Location	TEST PERIOD MCF	TEST PERIOD FLOW HRS	TIME CALC. HOURLY RATE MCF	AGREED Volume Daily Rate MCF	WELL VALVE CLOSED CONDITIONS

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#### 6. Estimated Lease Production

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#### 7. Additions to Approved Commingling or Off-Lease Measurement

None are proposed.

# "AGREED VOLUME" ALTERNATE MEASUREMENT METHOD

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- 2. <u>Determine Daily/Hourly Average Flow Rate for low Volume Well</u>
  - a. Use the 1990 Annual (latest) measured production volume and flow hours to establish an "Average Hourly" MCF volume flow rate.
  - b. Formula: <u>Annual Measured Flow Volume</u> = "Average Hourly" Flow Volume Annual Flow Hours

Average Hourly Flow Volume X 24 = Daily Flow Volume

Daily Flow Volume X % Stipulated Flow Time = Average Daily Flow Settlement Volume (MCF)

- c. Evaluate well flow production history/equipment and determine percent of flow time to be stipulated (if applicable).
- 3. <u>Pipeline and Well Operator Execute Letter Agreement to Use Alternate</u> <u>"Agreed Volume" Method</u>

Wells Listed by Appropriate Meter Number, Meter Name, Average Hourly Flow Rate From Last Test Period and Any Percent of Flow time to be Stipulated Due to Production Equipment or Other Operations to Include Well Workover, No Market, Cycled Flow, etc.

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- d. Report equipment change to appropriate Volume Calculation Department.
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  - d. Use the most recent gas analysis for specific gravity and BTU factors for annual measured production test calculations.
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EXAMPLE: 31 (day) X 4 (MCF) = 124 MCF

124 MCF X 1097 BTU = 136 MMBTU (DTH) for the month

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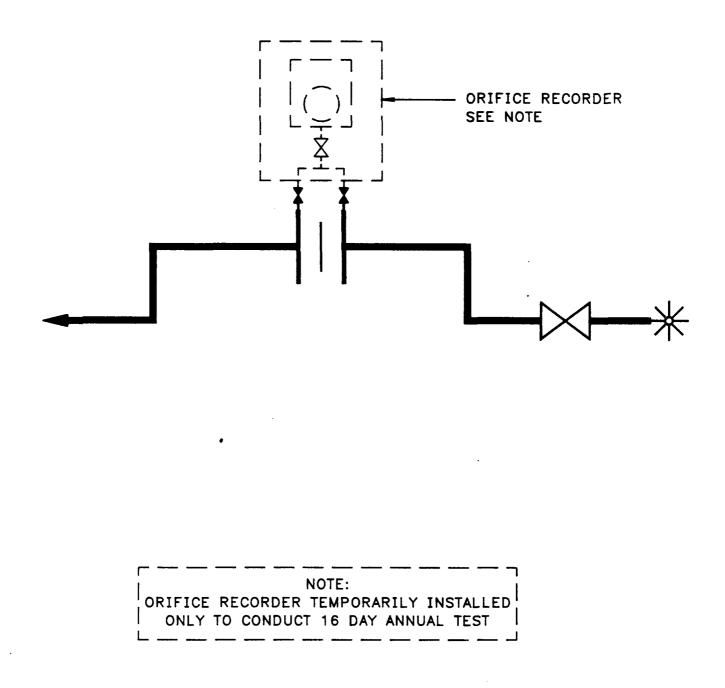
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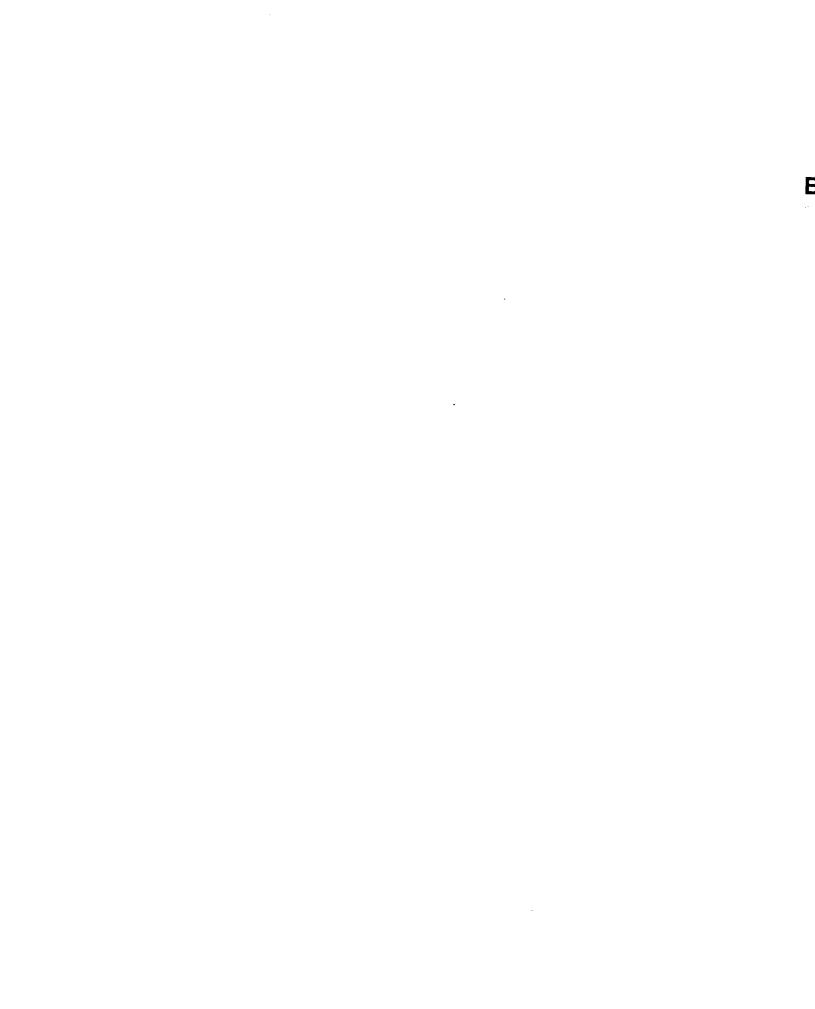
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# AGREED VOLUME

# ALTERNATIVE METHOD SCHEMATIC

PRIMARY ELEMENT USED FOR ANNUAL TEST





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a. "Time Calculated Volume" Alternative Method (5-15 dth/D)
b. "Agreed Volume" Alternative Method (1-5 dth/D)

5. Pipeline determines and reports CPD Total Measured Volumes. Operator allocates CPD volumes to Low Flow Wells and net remaining balance to measured volumes.

CPD Total Volume (Base Volume/Settlement)	1000 MCF
Less Agreed and Time Calculated Volumes	<u>200</u> MCF
Net Remaining Volume Balance (Attributable	800 MCF
to Measured Well Volume)	

- 6. Operator allocates CPD Net Remaining Volume Balance to measured wells.
- 7. Operator annually updates "Time Calculated Volume" and "Agreed Volume" with Production Measurement Test Procedures.

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P. O. BOX 1492 EL PASO, TEXAS 79978 PHONE: 915-541-2600

(WELL OPERATOR #) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

#### Re: Agreement to Use Alternative Measurement Method for Low Flow Meters

Gentlemen:

#### ALTERNATE MEASUREMENT METHOD FOR LOW FLOW WELL METERS PRODUCING 15 DTH - 1 DTH PER DAY

This Letter Agreement, when accepted by you, authorizes El Paso Natural Gas Company ("El Paso") to use the Alternative Measurement Methods described below for those low flow meter locations listed on the attachment hereto.

In return, El Paso agrees to use the applicable Alternative Measurement Method as soon as practicable for the listed low flow meters on wells producing 15 dekatherm ("dth") to 1 dth per day and El Paso shall not, while using such method, exercise its rights in the FERC Gas Tariff Transportation General Terms and Conditions not to accept a quantity of gas less than 15 dth per day.

#### ALTERNATE MEASUREMENT METHODS TO BE USED

The Alternative Measurement Method applicable shall be determined by the anticipated production range, as outlined below.

15 Dth to 5 Dth Per Day "Timed Calculated Volume" Method

The 1990 Annual Production Volume shall be used to establish an "Average hourly" flow rate, and each year thereafter the Annual Production Measurement Test results shall be used to establish an updated Average hourly flow rate for the meter. A differential pressure switch and an hour meter also shall be used to calculate the time when the well flows. Each well is deemed to produce a "Timed Calculated Volume," to be calculated by the flow hours metered times the Average hourly flow rate. Primary measurement elements will be kept on site for Annual Production Tests; however, the Timed Calculated Volume is deemed to represent a reasonable approximation of actual production and permanent measurement recorders on site shall not be required or used. WELL OPERATOR NAME August 15, 1991 Page 2

5 Dth to 1 Dth Per Day "Agreed Volume" Method

The 1990 Annual Production Volume shall be used to establish an "Agreed Volume" average hourly flow rate for the meter during the first year this Letter Agreement is effective. Each year thereafter, the Annual Production Measurement Test results shall be used to establish an updated Agreed Volume for the next year of 5 dth to 1 dth per day. Operator agrees to cause the production valves to be open at all times during the period of this agreement. This well is deemed to produce at all times at the Agreed Volume hourly flow rate, subject to adjustments for well shutins due to well workovers, no market for production, or other production valve closed conditions. Primary measurement elements will be left on site for Annual Production Tests; however, the Agreed Volume is deemed to represent a reasonable approximation of actual production and permanent measurement recorders on site shall not be required or used.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

This Letter Agreement is effective as of the date first set forth above and is subject to all valid laws, regulations and rules. Neither party hereto is obligated to accept measurement results from an Alternative Measurement Method that has not received all necessary regulatory approvals, when applicable, such as approvals from the Bureau of Land Management, or State conservation agencies. The Attachment to this Letter Agreement is incorporated herein.

If the foregoing accurately sets forth our agreement on Alternate Measurement Methods, please cause an authorized individual to sign both original counterparts of this Letter Agreement on behalf of the well operator in the space provided below and return one signed original to the address below:

> Director, Measurement Technical Operations Department El Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas 79978

> > Very truly your,

EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title:

Attachment

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

WELL OPERATOR NAME By:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title:

### ATTACHMENT ALTERNATIVE METHOD



## LOW FLOW WELL LISTING

Operator Code \_\_\_\_\_ Operator Name \_\_\_\_\_

METER NO,	WELL NAME	STATE	AREA LOCATION	TEST PERIOD MCF	TEST PERIOD FLOW HRS	TIME CALC. HOURLY RATE MCF	AGREED VOLUME DAILY RATE MCF	WELL VALVE CLOSED CONDITIONS
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Welker Differential Switch S/N: EP-003 Date of Differential Switch Installation: June 14, 1991 at 3:10 P.M.

Blanco Area/Kutz Field:

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Walter R. Fuller/bh

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Velker Differential Switch S/N: EP-010 Date of Differential Switch Installation: June 18, 1991 at 3:00 P.M.

Chaco Area/Ojito Field:

Derator: Robert L. Bayless, 0538 Aell Name: JICARILLA 398 B.#1 Aeter Code: 95-500-01 3 Area/Run/Seq.: 08-D1 #27 20AL: 4433 Orifice: 0.250 Static: 250 Lbs. 4eter Run I.D.: 2.082 Orifice: 0.250 Static: 250 Lbs. Differential: 100 Ins. Atmos. Press.: 11.4 4elker Differential Switch S/N: EP-007 3te of Differential Switch Installation: June 18, 1991 at 1:00 P.M.

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VS OFFICE Electronic Mail Tuesday 08/06/91 03:14 pm Page: 1 CC: Carroll Crawford EL PASO 7 From: Barbara Hardie Date: 06/20/91	Distribution: Not Requested	Timothy D. McDonald Administration and Control El Paso, Texas	FM-0267 June 20, 1991	INSTALLATION OF "WELKER" DIFFERENTIAL SWITCH, MODEL FS-2	Note: The differential switches are for LOW FLOW WELL TEST only.	unaco Area/Dallard Fleid:	Operator: Dugan Production Corporation, 1862 Well Name: RED MAC #1 Meter Code: 89-415-01 2 RDAL: 4435 Orifice: 0.375 Static: 100 Lbs. Meter Run I.D.: 4.027 Orifice: 0.375 Static: 100 Lbs. Differential: 50 Ins. Atmos. Press.: 11.8 Welker Differential Switch S/N: EP-002 Date of Differential Switch Installation: June 14, 1991 at 2:15 P.M.	Operator: Dugan Production Corporation, 1862 Well Name: DESIGNATED HITTER #1 Meter Code: 90-015-01 0 RDAL: 4.025 Orifice: 0.375 Static: 100 Lbs. Differential: 50 Ins. Atmos. Press.: 11.8 Welker Differential Switch S/N: EP-001 Date of Differential Switch Installation: June 13, 1991 at 2:43 P.M.	Operator: Dugan Production Corporation, 1862 Well Name: IRISH #13 Meter Code: 90-873-01 6 RDAL: 4435 Area/Run/Seq.: 11-41 #35 Meter Run I.D.: 4.027 Orifice: 0.312 Static: 100 Lbs. Differential: 50 Ins. Atmos. Press.: 11.9

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WELKER HOUR METER/ORIFICE METER FLOW HOUR AND VOLUME COMPARISON FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 1991

PREPARED BY VOLUME CALCULATION AND DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

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August 1991

WELKER HOUR METER/ORIFICE METER VOLUME COMPARISON FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY 1991

METER NUMBER	METER NAMB	WELKER HOURS	ORIFICE HOURS	DI FFRRENCE	WELKER MCP	ORIFICE MCF	DIFFERENCE
78-899	Ludwick 4	766.4	758.3	8.1	383	348	35
70-988	Storey B #2	896.9	894.5	2.4	510	480	30
71-577	Heaton 8 PC	690.3	694.2	3.9	373	294	19
89-415	Red Mac 1	486.4	518.3	31.9	126	189	63
90-015	Desig Hitter	574.4	755.9	181.5	252	311	59
90-873	Irish IJ	227.8	254.6	26.8	152	78	75
94-563	Glenmorangie #1	325.3	136.6	188.7	124	64	60
94-566	Rita #1	182.7	193.8	11.1	42	76	34
95-500	Jicarilla 398 B #1	710.9	925.7	214.8	234	283	49
Total		4861.1	5131.9	270.8	2196	2122	74

# WELKER HOUR METER/ORIFICE CHART COMPARISON RESULTS METER MALFUNCTION/WELL FLOW CONDITIONS

- Orifice chart indicates some very low flow, but Welker meter apparently is set correctly to record all flow. Flow hour and volume comparisons were very close. 70-899
- Apparently some pulsation recorded from the differential of the orifice recorder. Flow was low except when well was turned on after 8 days of shut in time. Welker meter was set correctly to record all flow. 70-988
- Flow hour and volume comparison were very close. Orifice chart indicates some very low flow, but the Welker meter apparently is set correctly to record all flow. Volume difference occurred during peaking period after 20 days of shut in time. 71-577
- This well is not a good candidate for a low flow volume recorder. Well was apparently reworked during 1991, 1990 DPA not applicable. The hour comparison for the month of July was very close. Recommend removal of Welker Hour Meter. 72-935
- Integrator picked up high zero as low flow, resulting in approximately 24 hours difference between the Welker and orifice meter tests. There are some wide band differential patterns but comparison indicated the Welker hour meter recorded the correct hours for calculation. 89-415
- The hour differences are apparently due to cycle flow where the chart pattern was integrated on the average square root of the differential. 90-015
- June meter a result of the The Welker Hour meter malfunctioned and the July volumes do not represent a good comparison. comparisons are close with the exception of the last week, which may also be a result of the malfunction. 90-873
- The first week provided a good comparison. An inspection of the Welker meter on 8/7/91 indicated the switch failed which may have affected the last three weeks of July. 94-563
- An A This location has a cycle flow patterns and the June and July comparisons were fairly close. inspection of the Welker meter on 8/7/91 indicated that the switch failed at some time. 94-566
- The wide band is very low, The chart pattern indicates low flow and wide banding on the differential. apparently recorded as no flow by the Welker meter. 95-500

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WELKER ENGINEERING COMPANY P.O. Box 138 Sugar Land, Texas 77487-0138

August 12, 1991

Mr. Carroll Crawford El Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas 79978

Subject: Flow Switches

Dear Carroll:

The flow switch is a device that we have been making since 1977. It is designed to be very sensitive and can be adjusted to make contact starting at about .2 inch water column. It is presently designed to sustain an overpressure on either side of the diaphragm of at least 500 psig. The unit has a working pressure of 1440 psig at  $120^{\circ}$  F. It would not be a problem to design the diaphragm so that it could sustain 1440 psig on only one side of the diaphragm without damage to the contact plate.

In the units that you have, we did change the type of bonding agent that was used to glue the diaphragm plate to the diaphragm. Until this year, we had been using Eastman 910 Adhesive (Alpha Cyanoacrylate Ester), and we changed to Pliobond (a Nitrile glue compound) because Eastman 910 has a reputation for being soluble in water.

Because of your present situation of having the diaphragm plate come loose from the diaphragm (using Pliobond), we are going to take two steps to ensure that this cannot happen. 1) The plate will be attached to the diaphragm with a mechanically secure device. 2) Glue will still be used; however, our rubber company recommends a type designed specifically for this type of service. It is called "Cylok R" and is manufactured by the Lord Chemical Products Corp.

I would like to know more about the problem your company had. The diaphragm plate is actually designed so that the apparatus would work even if the plate was not attached to the diaphragm. Mr. Carroll Crawford El Paso Natural Gas Company August 12, 1991 Page 2

I look forward to working with you in any way.

Sincerely,

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Scotty Green Vice President of Quality Services

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WELKER ENGINEERING COMPANY P.O. Box 138 Sugar Land, Types 77487-0138

May 15, 1991

Mr. Al Vargas El Paso Natural Gas Company P. O. Box 1492 El Paso, Texas 79978 WEC Quote No. 2985-BHW

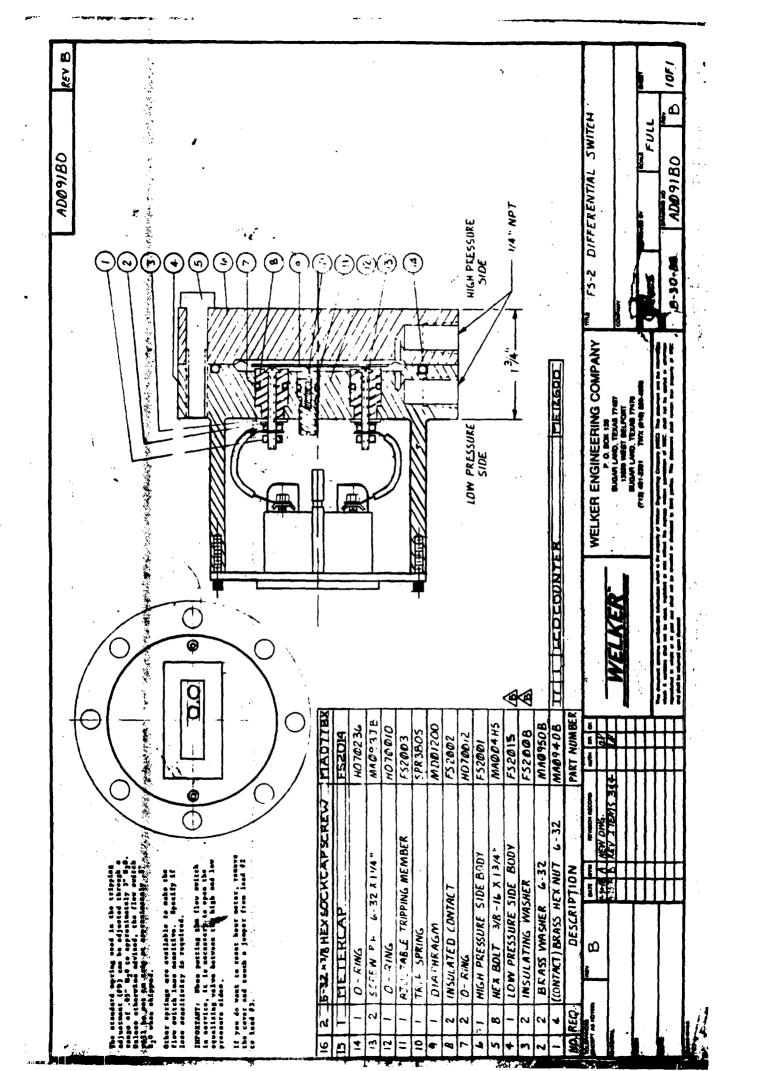
Dear Mr. Vargas:

It is a pleasure to quote you on the 13 FS-2HM (Hour Meter) Flow Switches.

The FS-2HM will be installed across a differential pressure. Whenever the differential rises above the spring setting, a contact closure will be made and the hour meter will begin to count. The time will accumulate whenever the contacts are made up until the digit 9 reads across, then the counter will return to zero and begin counting again. The counter is not resettable, the .0 digit flashes when on, and there are 7 total digits (i.e., 000000.0). Lithium batteries provide a <u>7-10 year</u> life, and they are not field replaceable.

I talked to the factory about the hour meter electrical classification and they said it does not have to be listed with U.L. because it is only 3 volts power and is not field replaceable. I am getting this confirmed and will fax you that information ASAP.

Each FS-2HM will have an instructional bulletin and will be individually wrapped.



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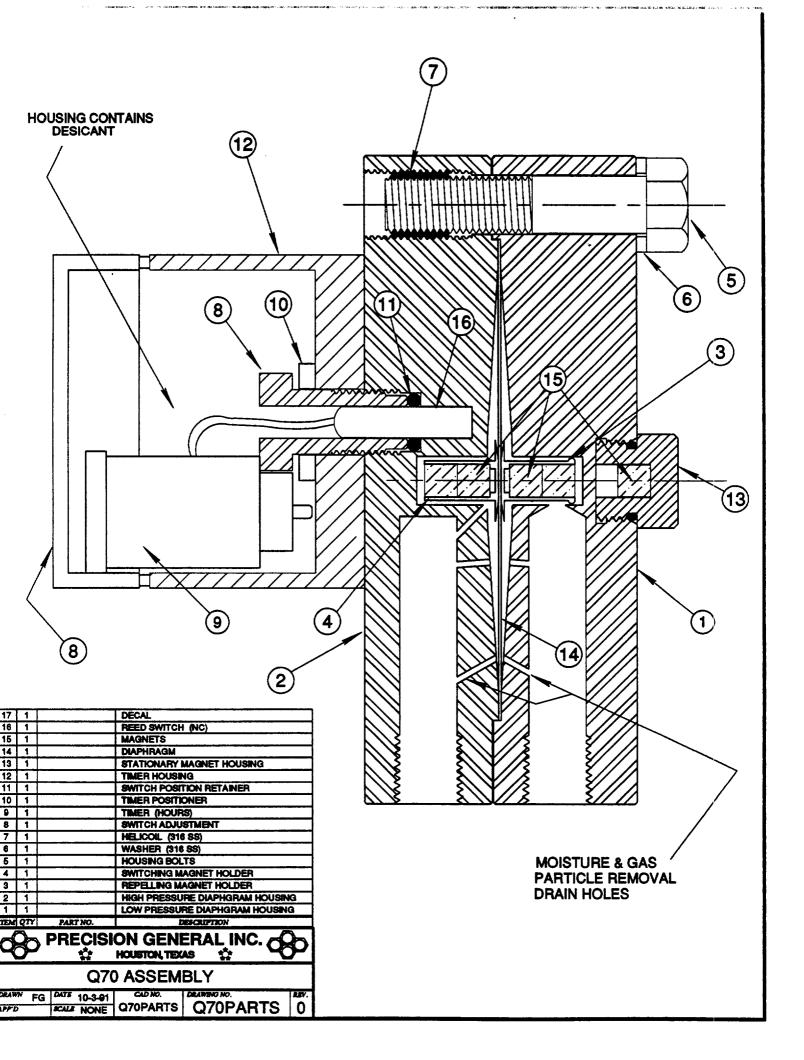
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72-935	Edna Bt WLS1234	06/18-07/02	.500	•34	NOR#	NOR#	09.3	260
89-415	Red Mac 1	06/14-06/17	.250	.26	160.8	42	161.0	11
90-015	Desig. Hitter	06/13-07/01	.375	44	228.2	100	321.3	117
90-873	Irish IJ	06/14-06/17	.312	.41	33.1	14	33.0	11
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94-563	Glenmorangie #1	06/18-07/01	.312	.38	236.0	06	61.3	31
94-566	Rita #1	06/18-07/01	.250	.23	42.2	10	67.7	26
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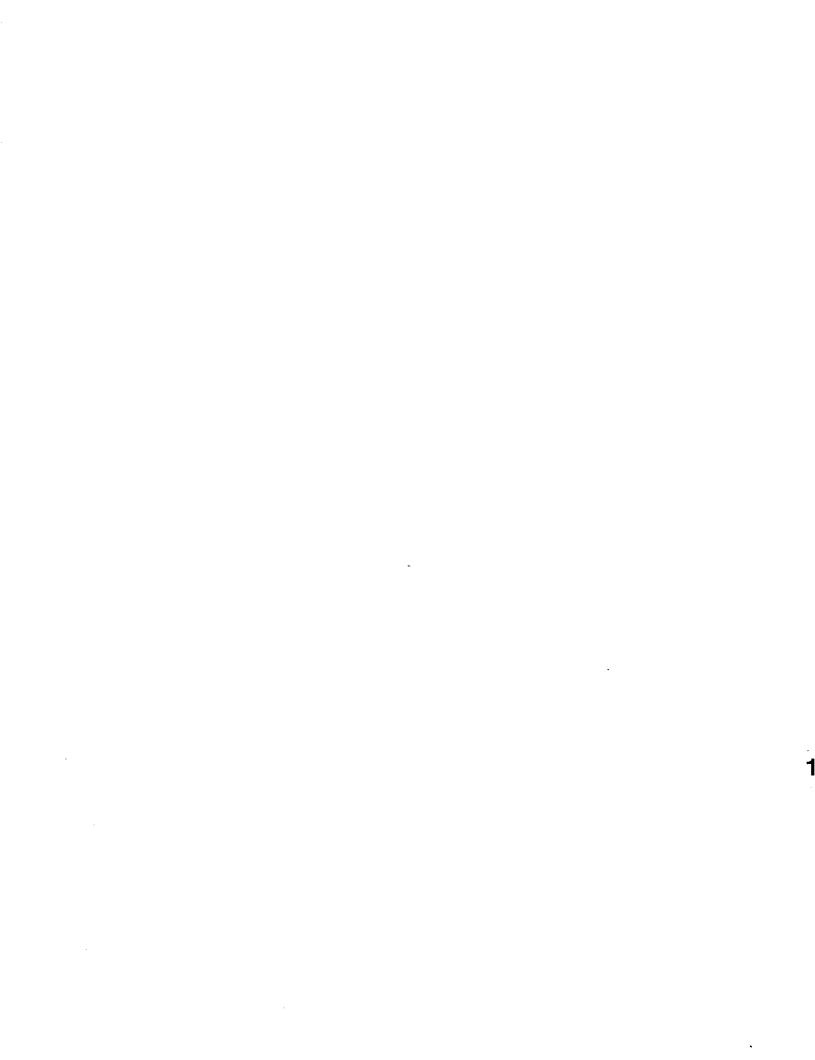
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71-577	Heaton 8 PC	07/03-07/11	.312	.54	191	103	192	72
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89-415	Red Mac 1	07/01-08/01	.250	.26	325.6	84	357.3	118
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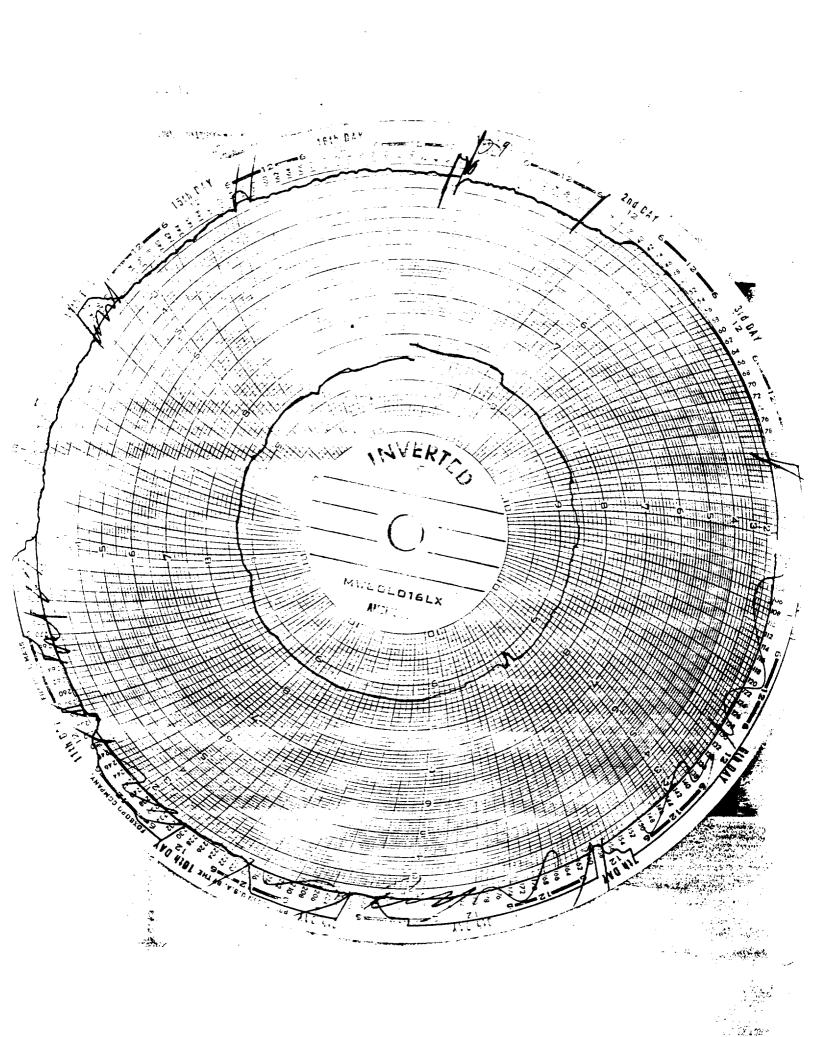
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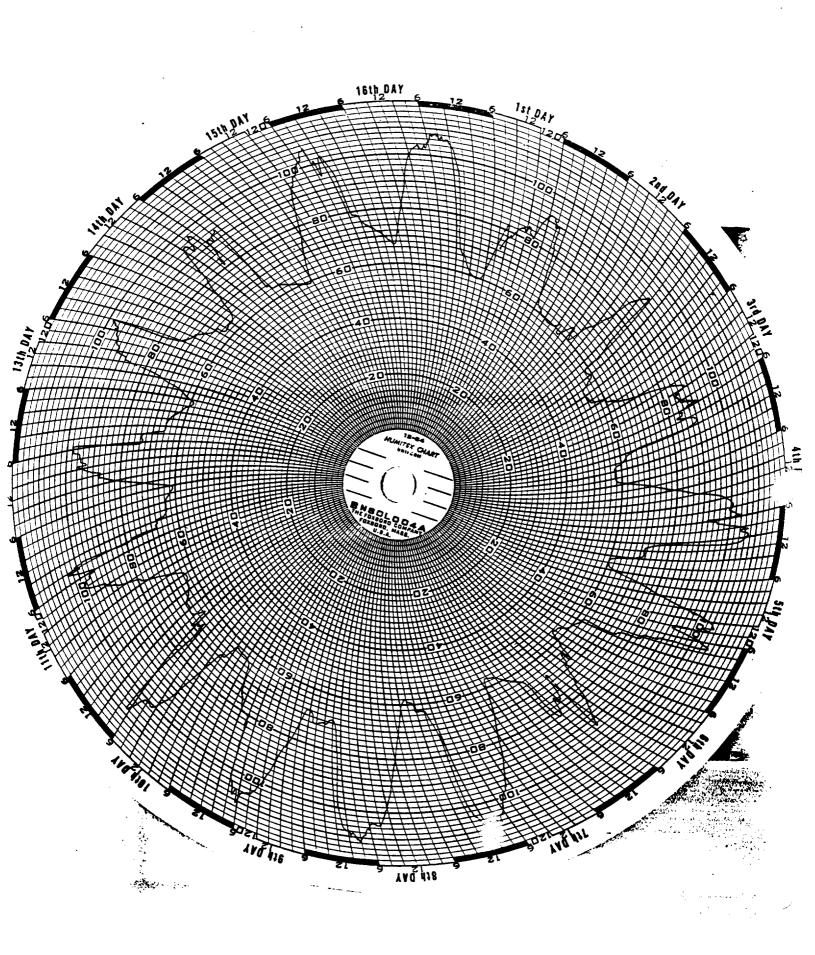
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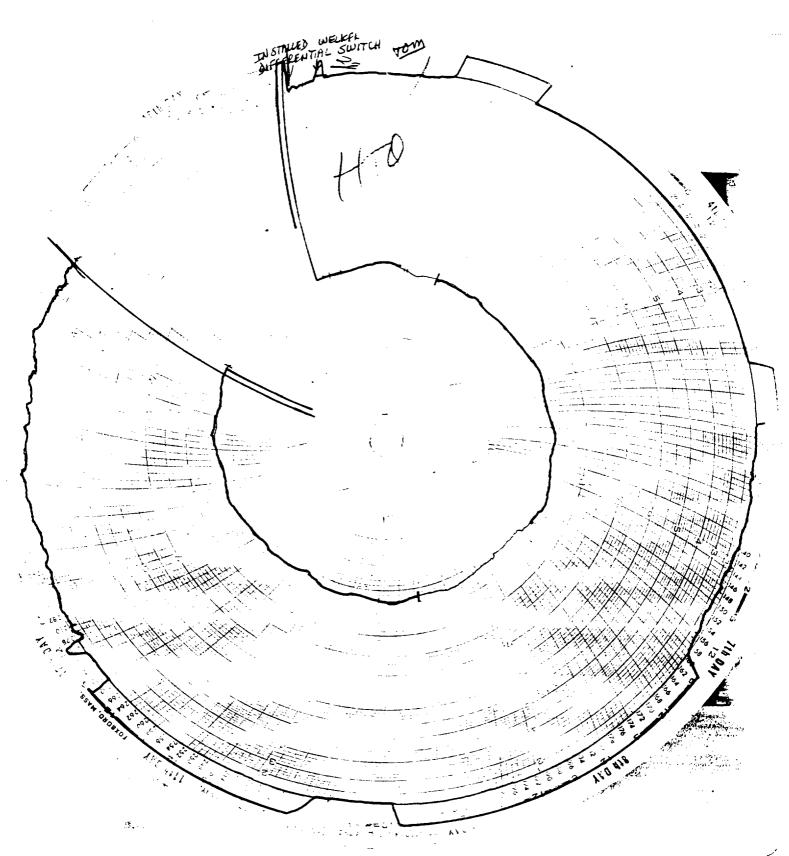
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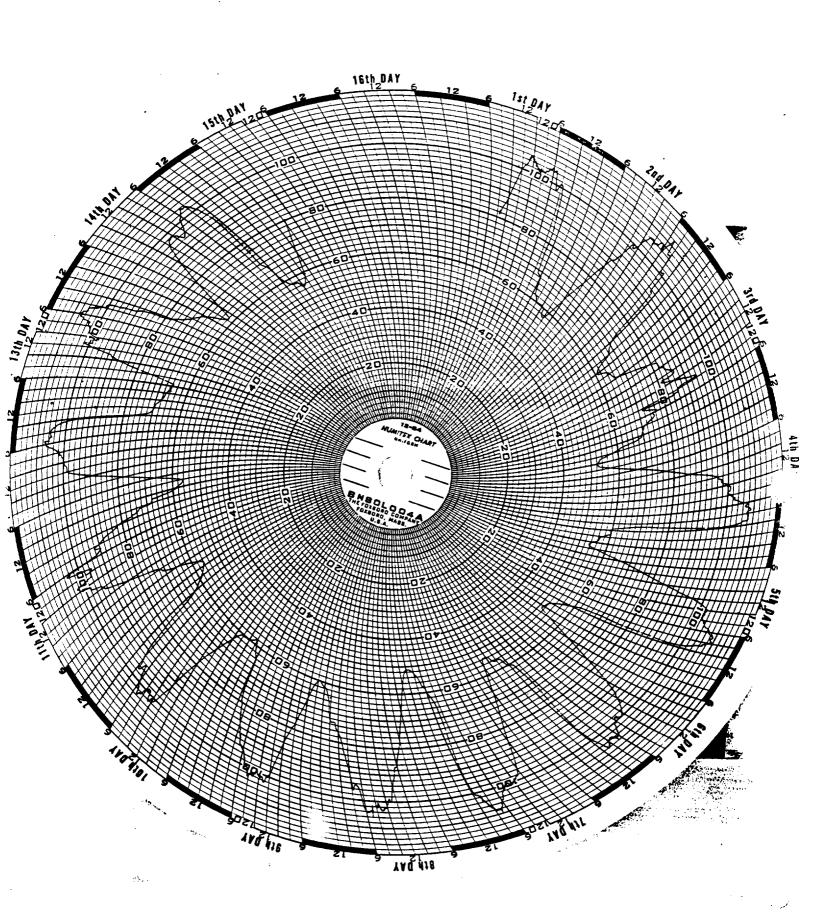


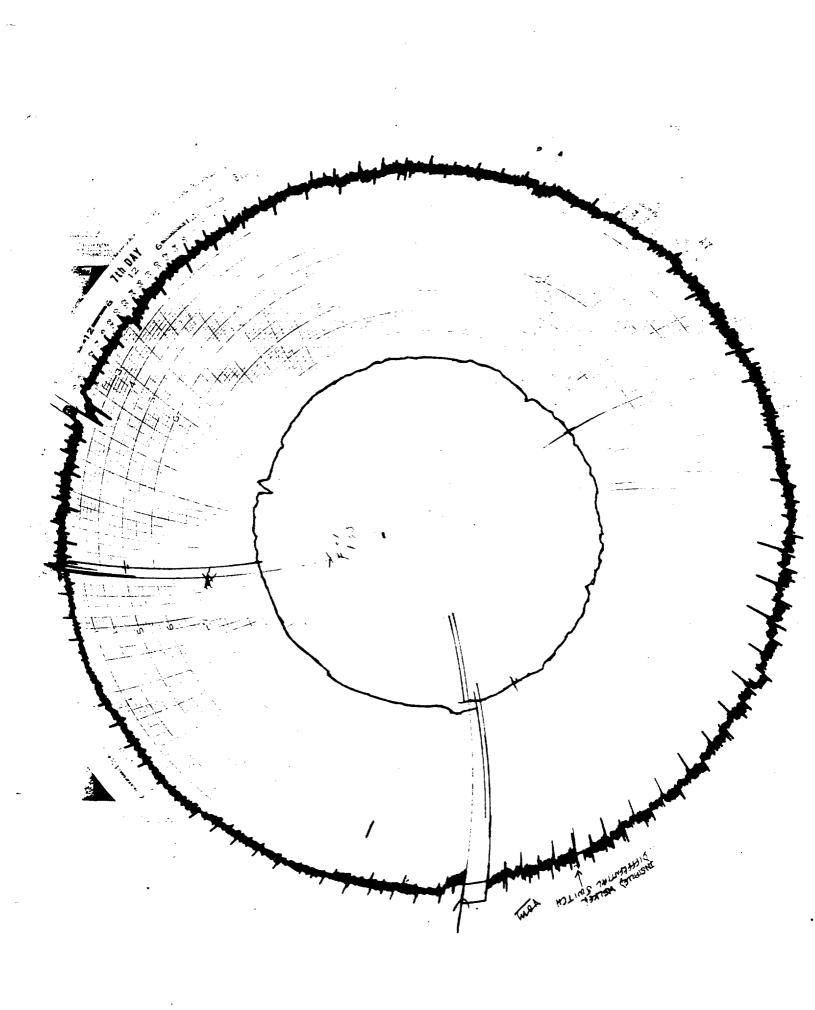
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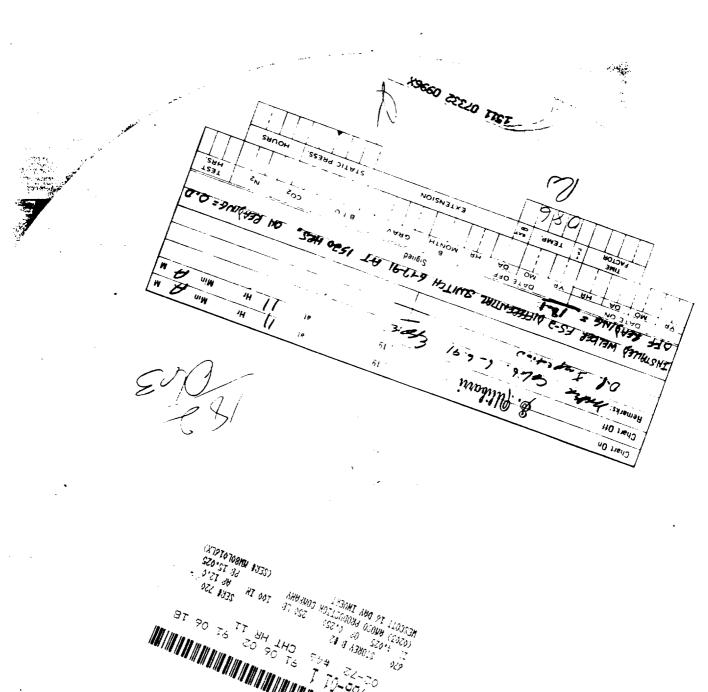
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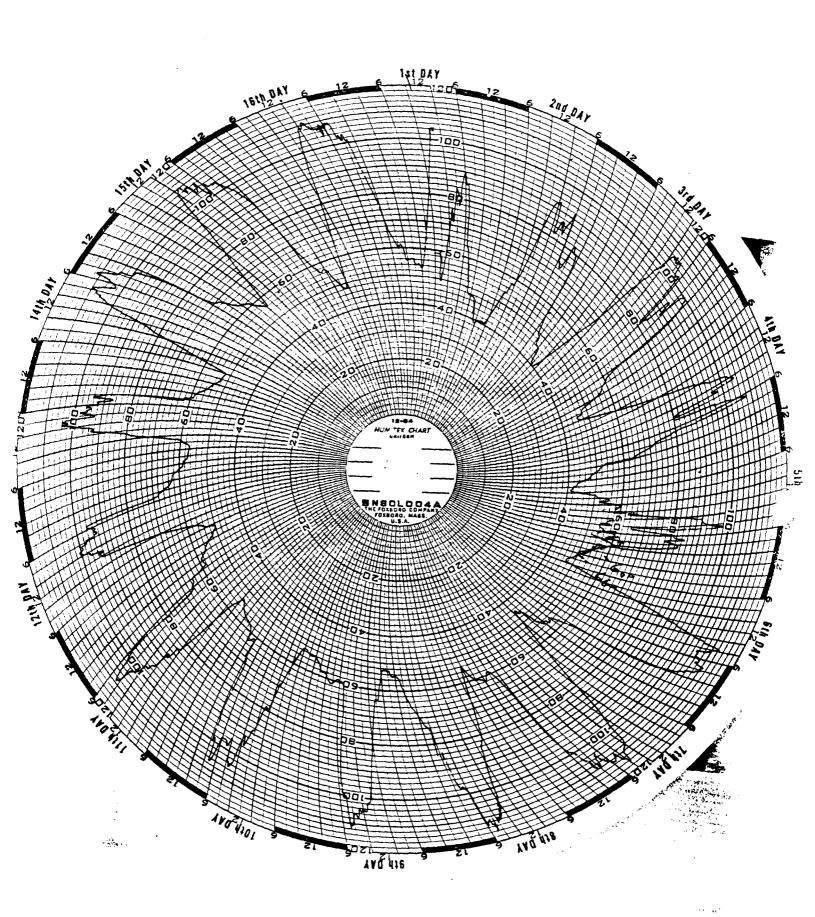
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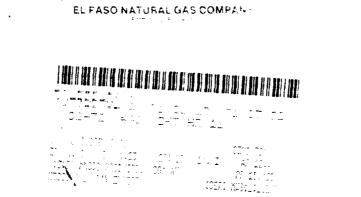
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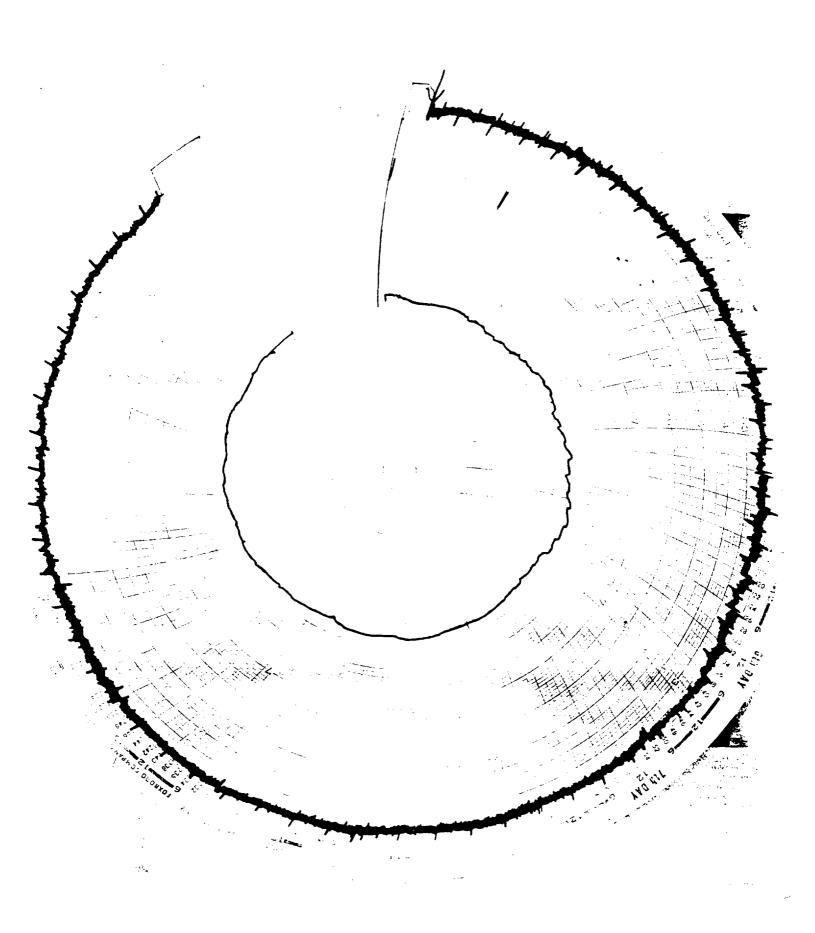
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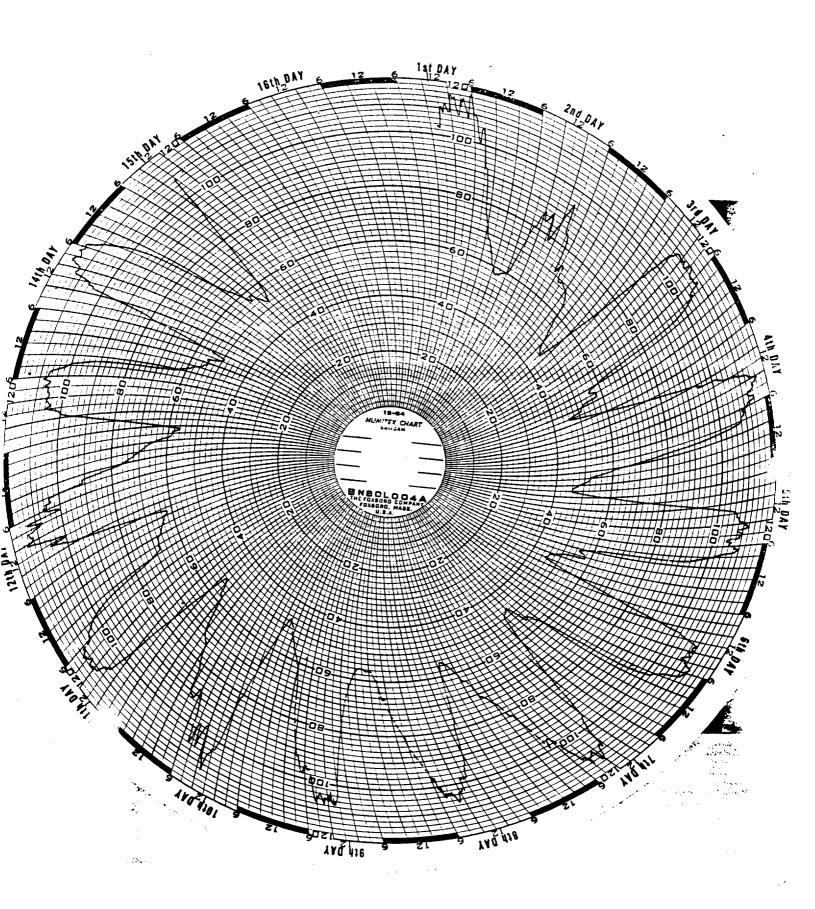
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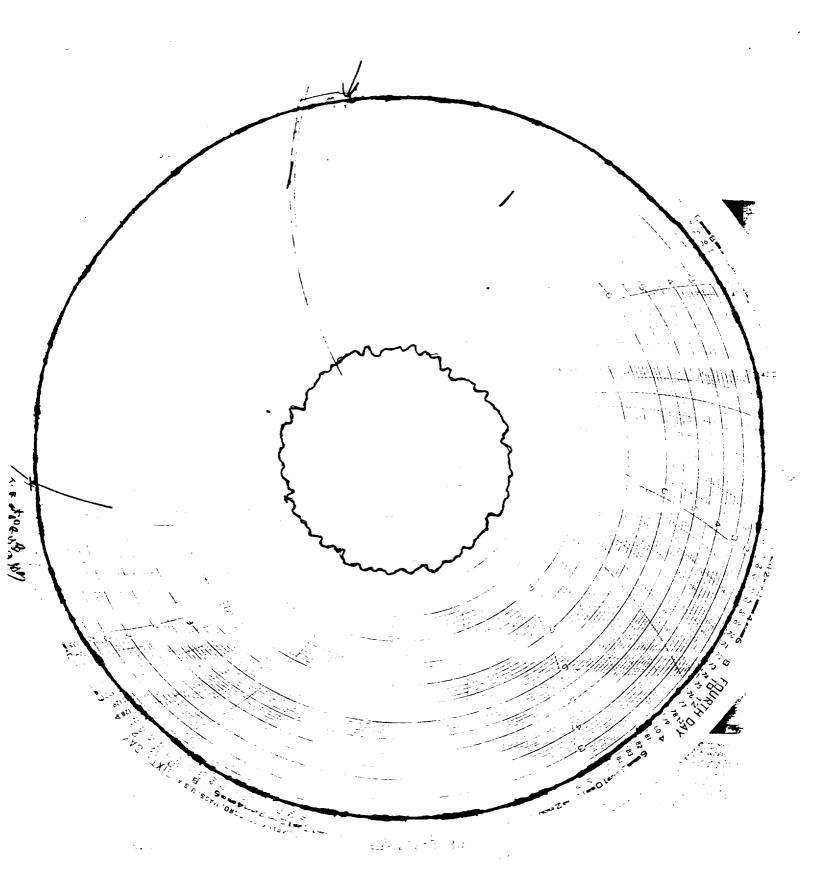
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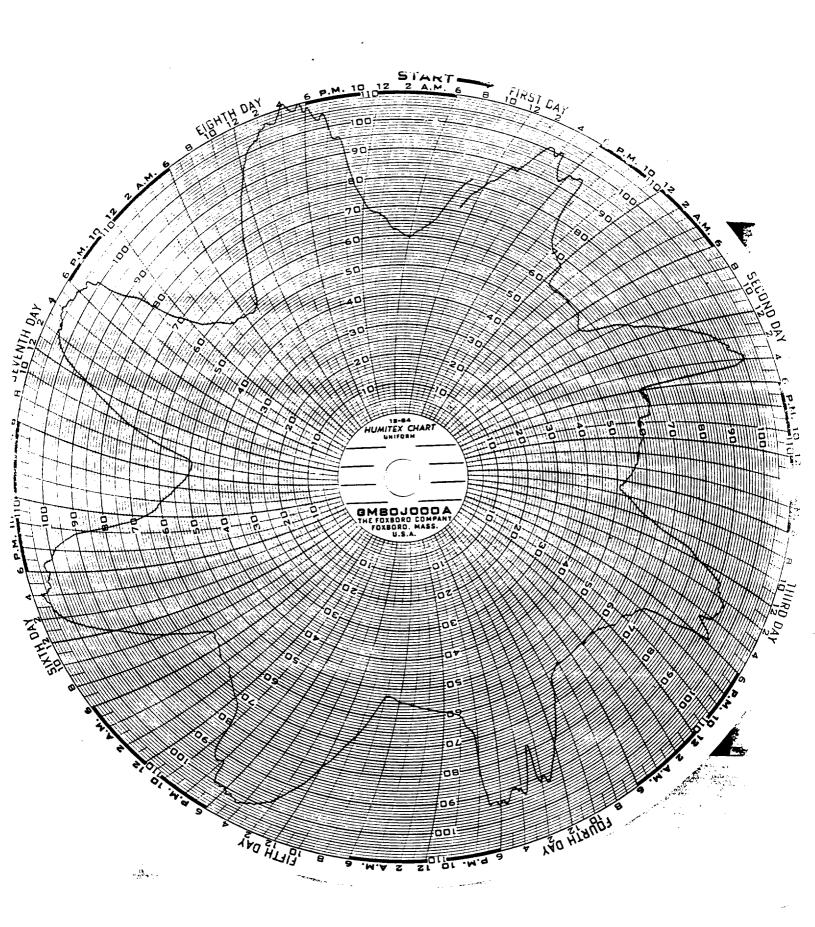
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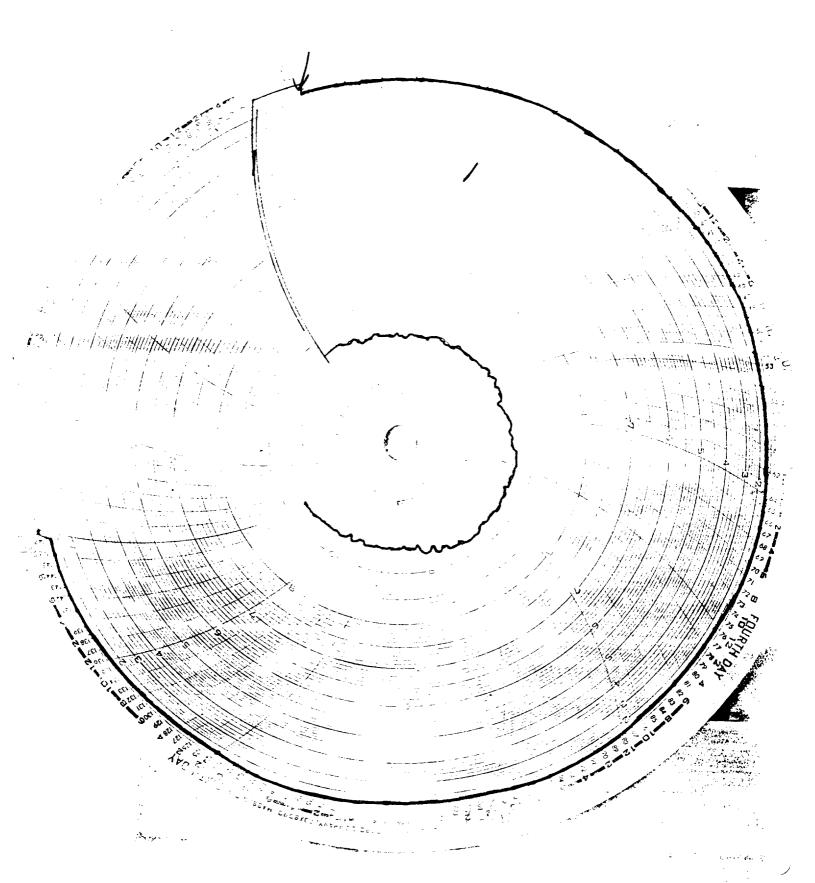
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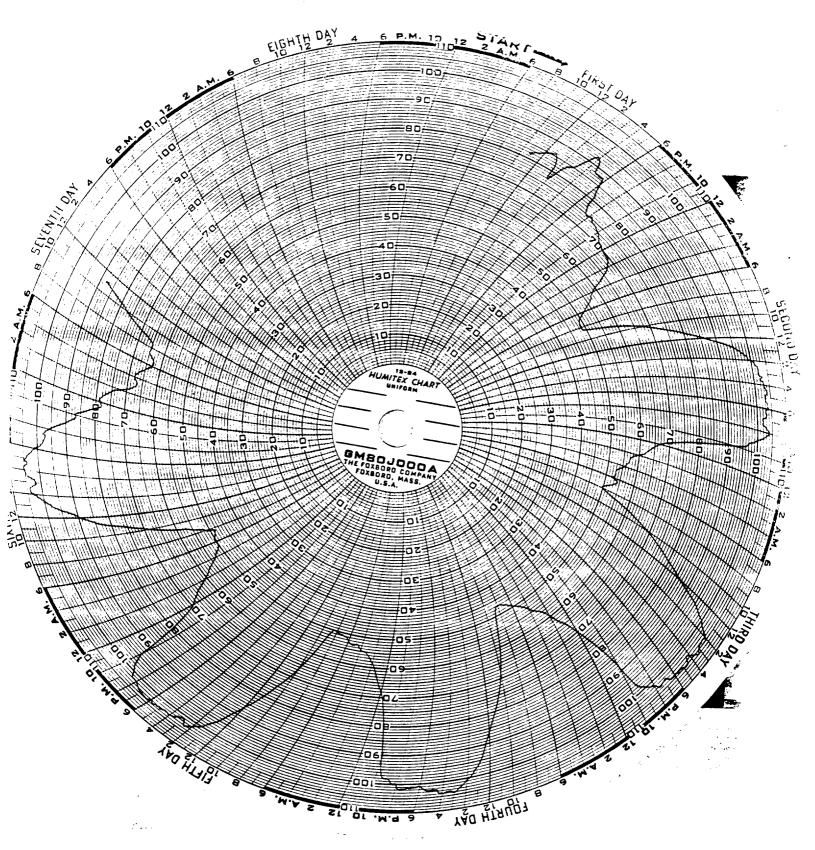
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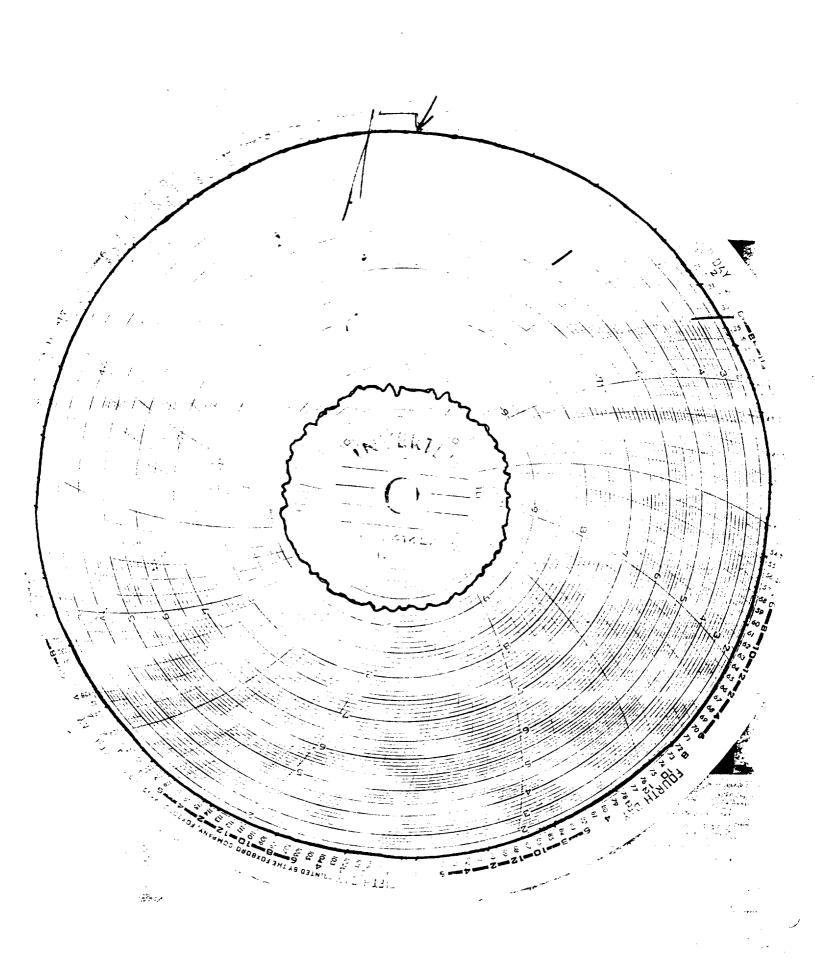
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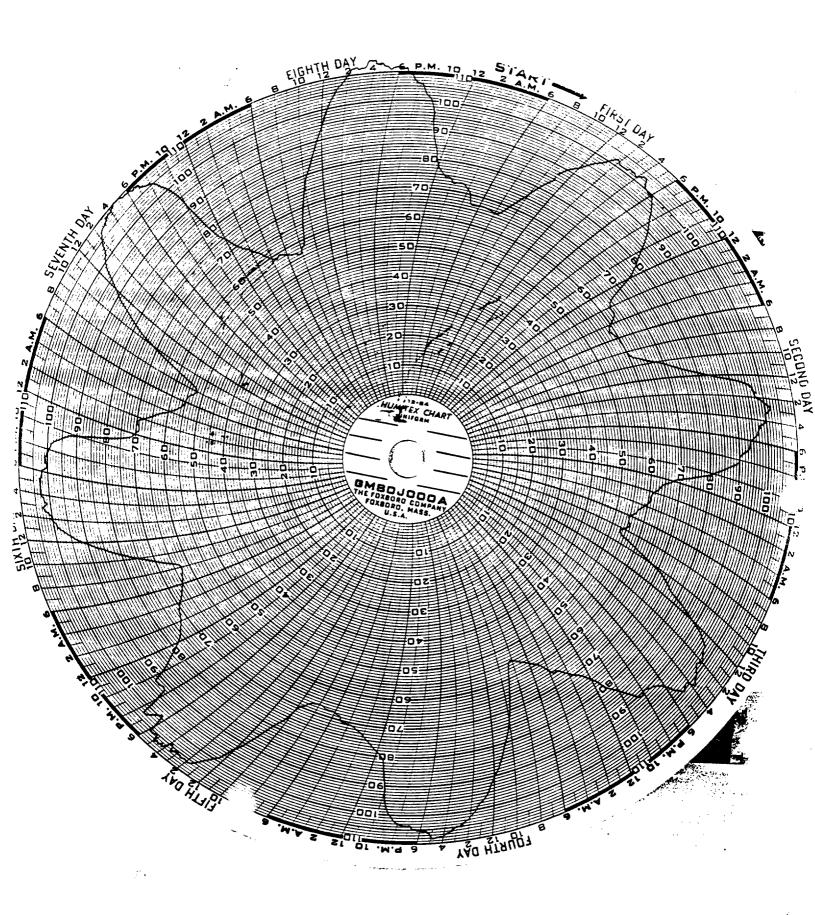
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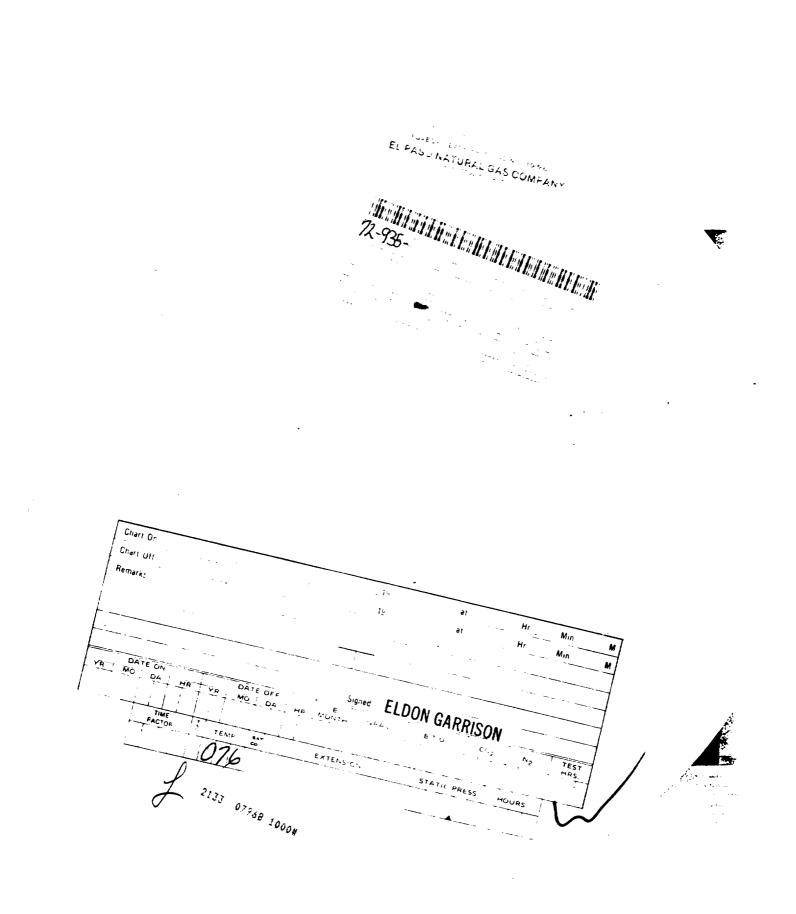
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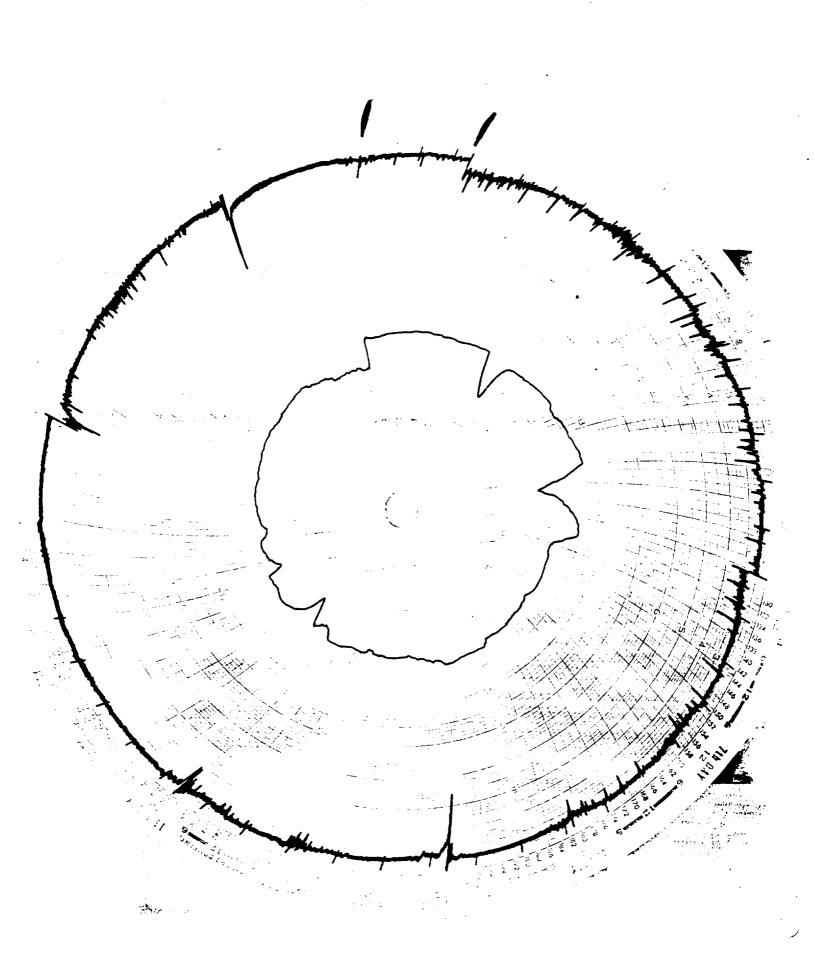
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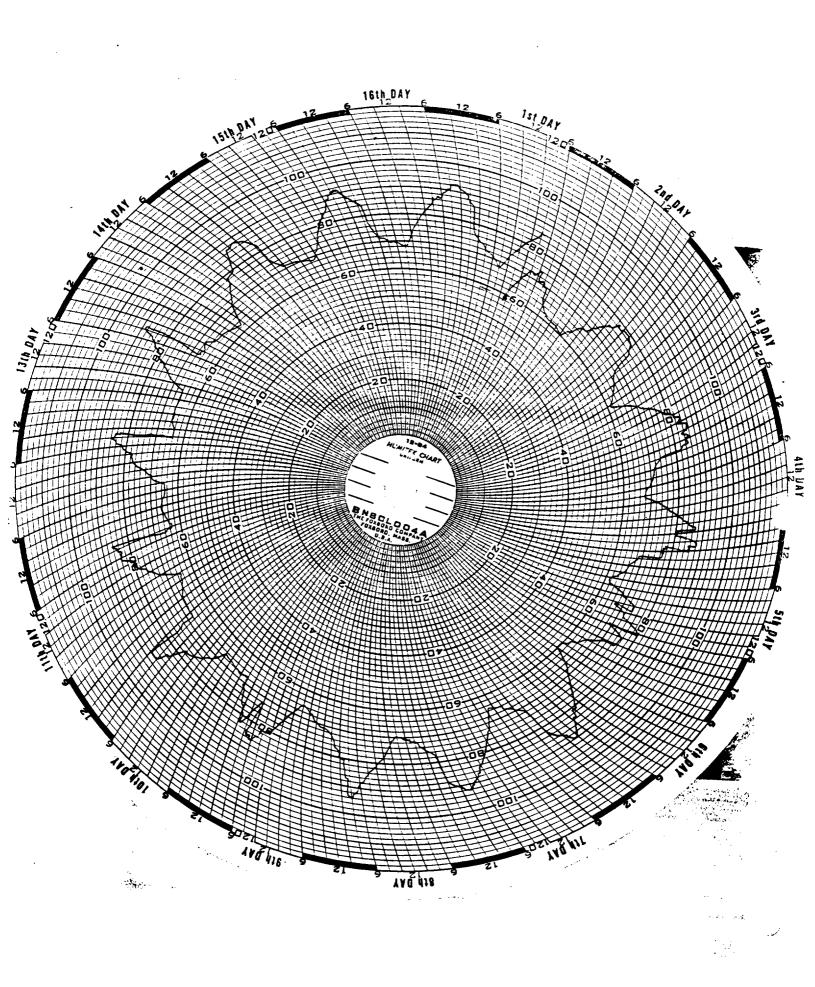
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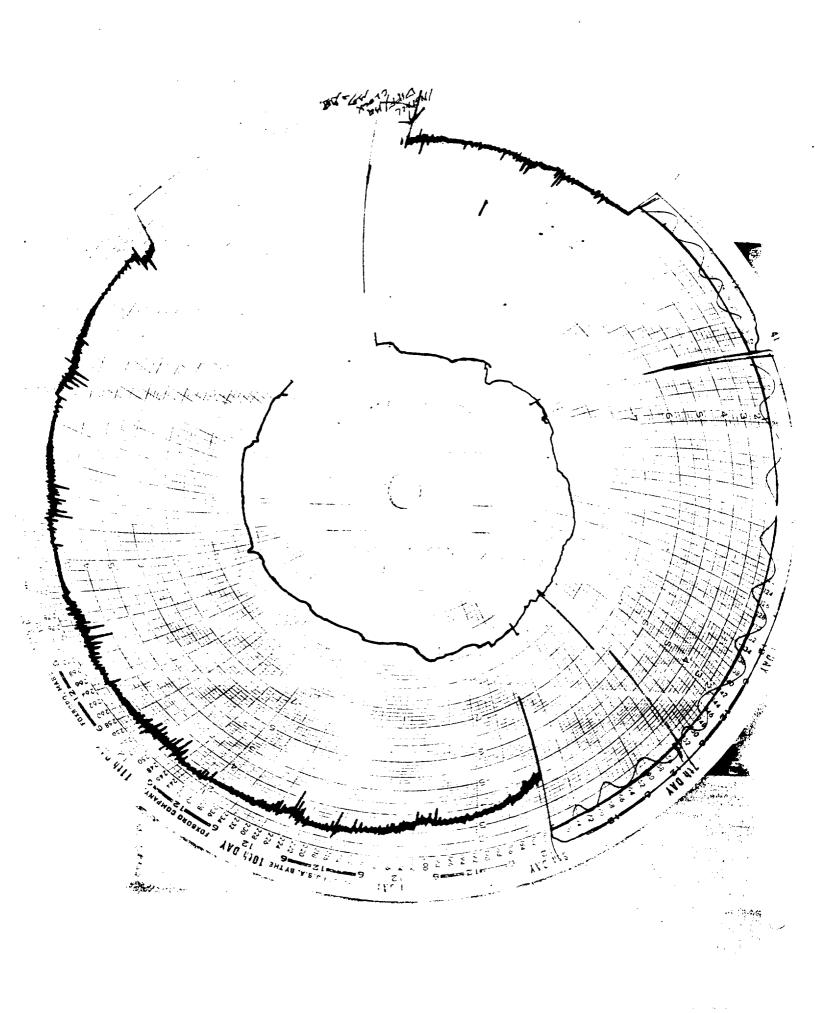
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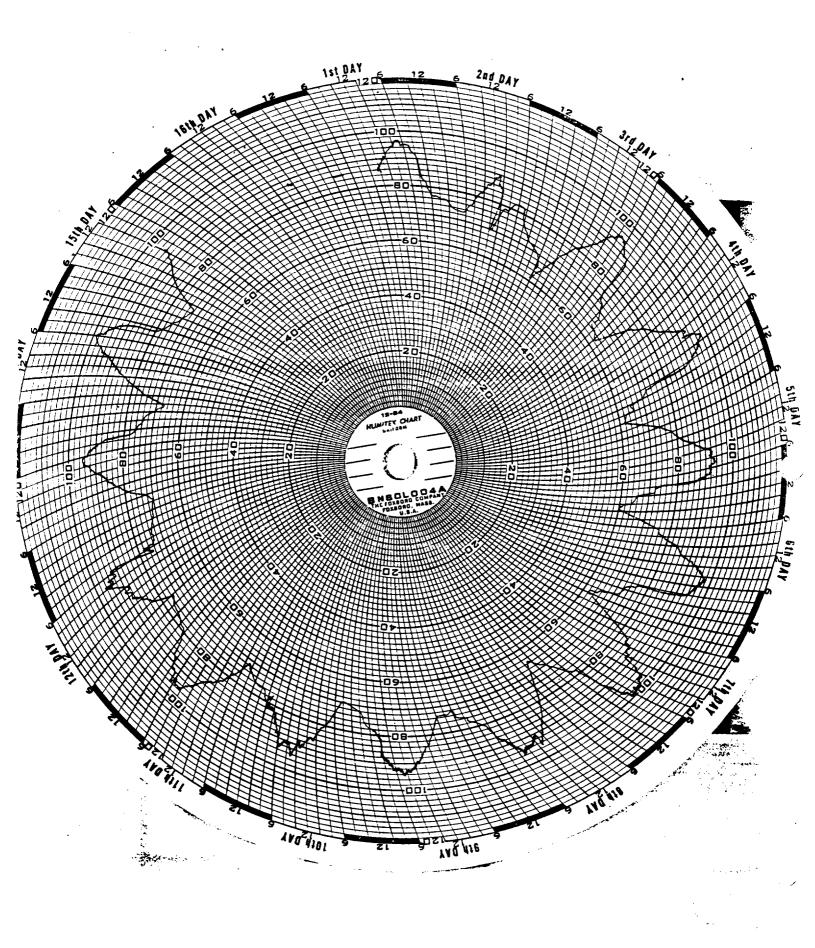
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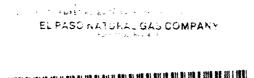
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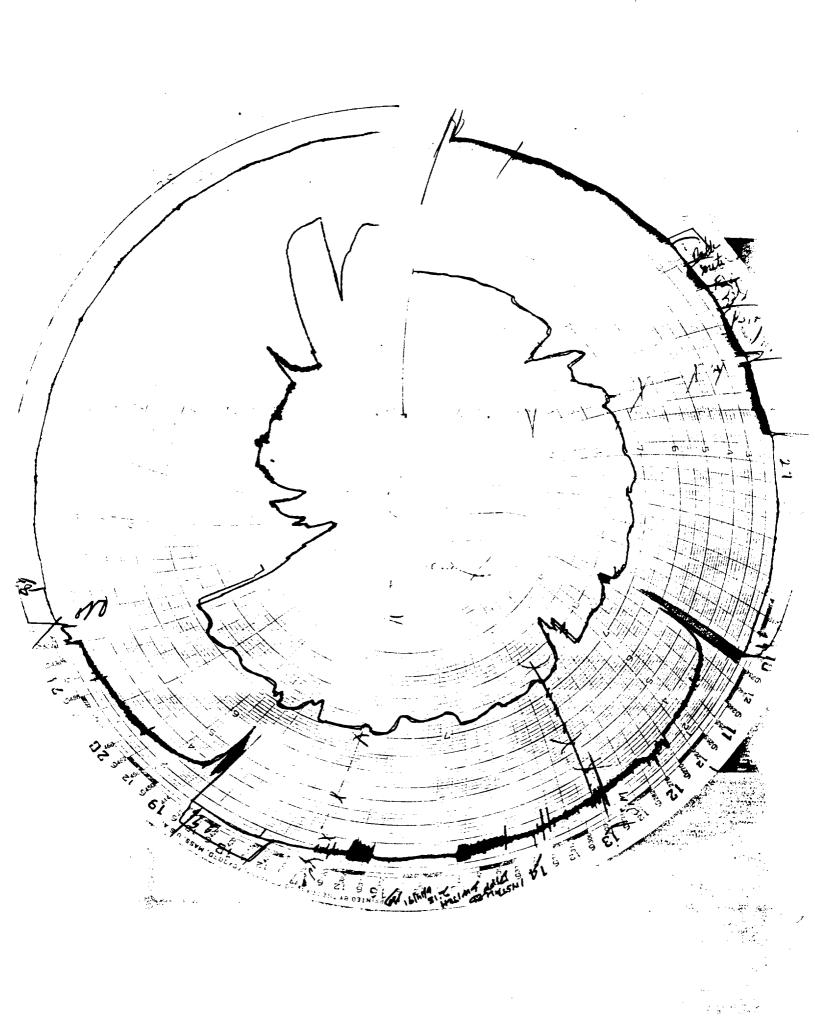
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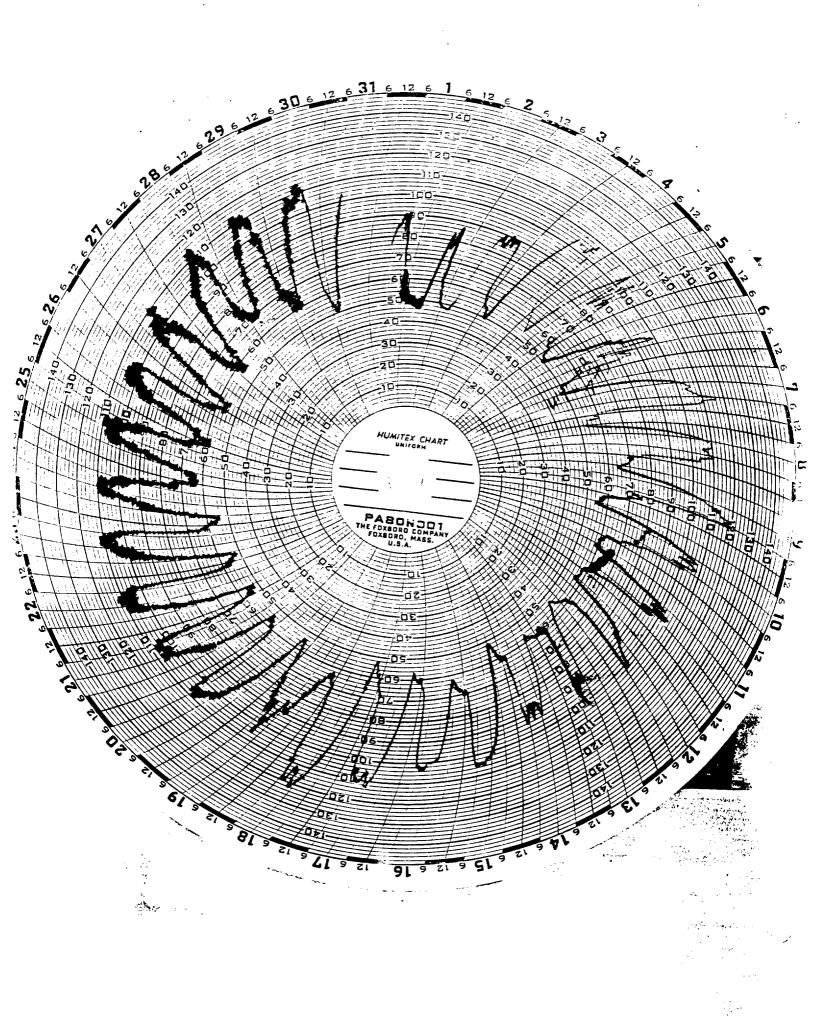
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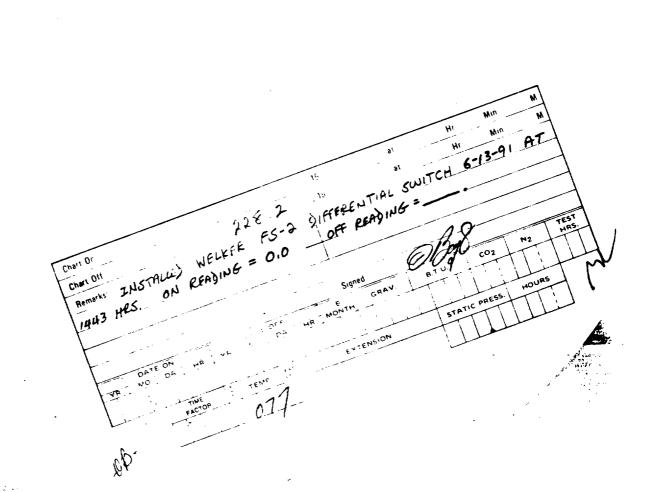
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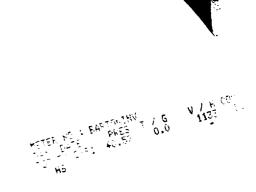


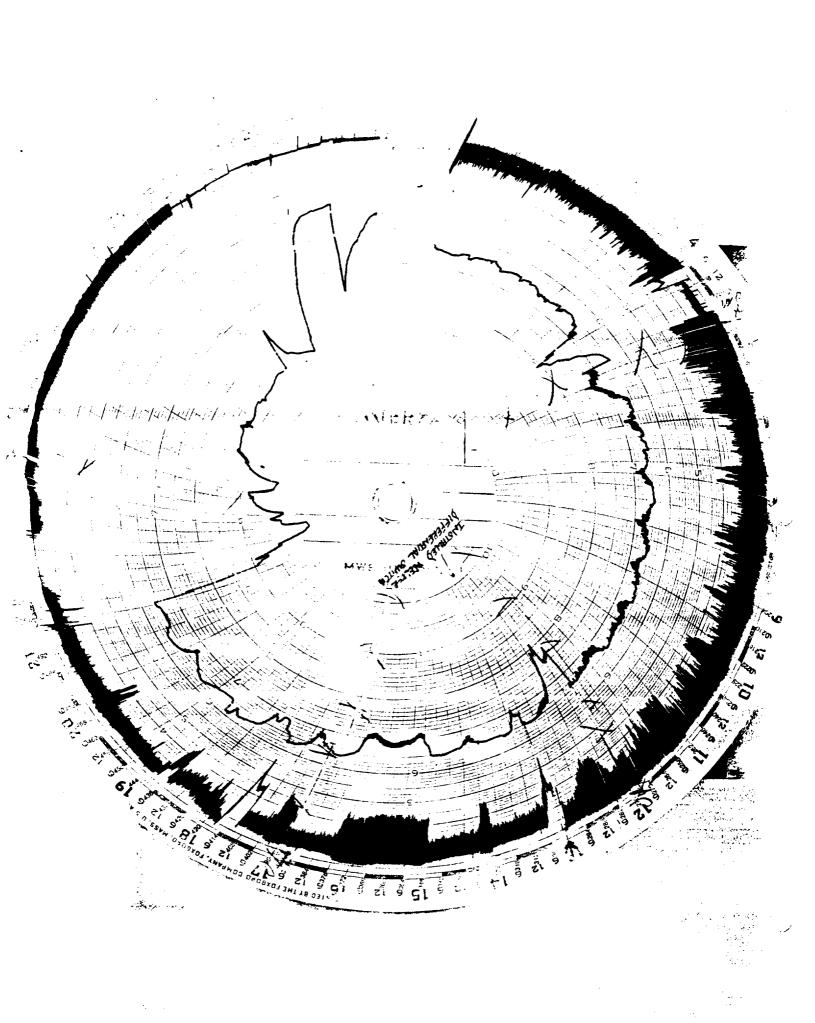


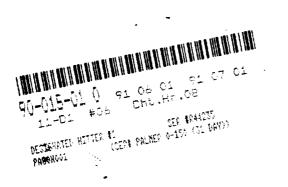




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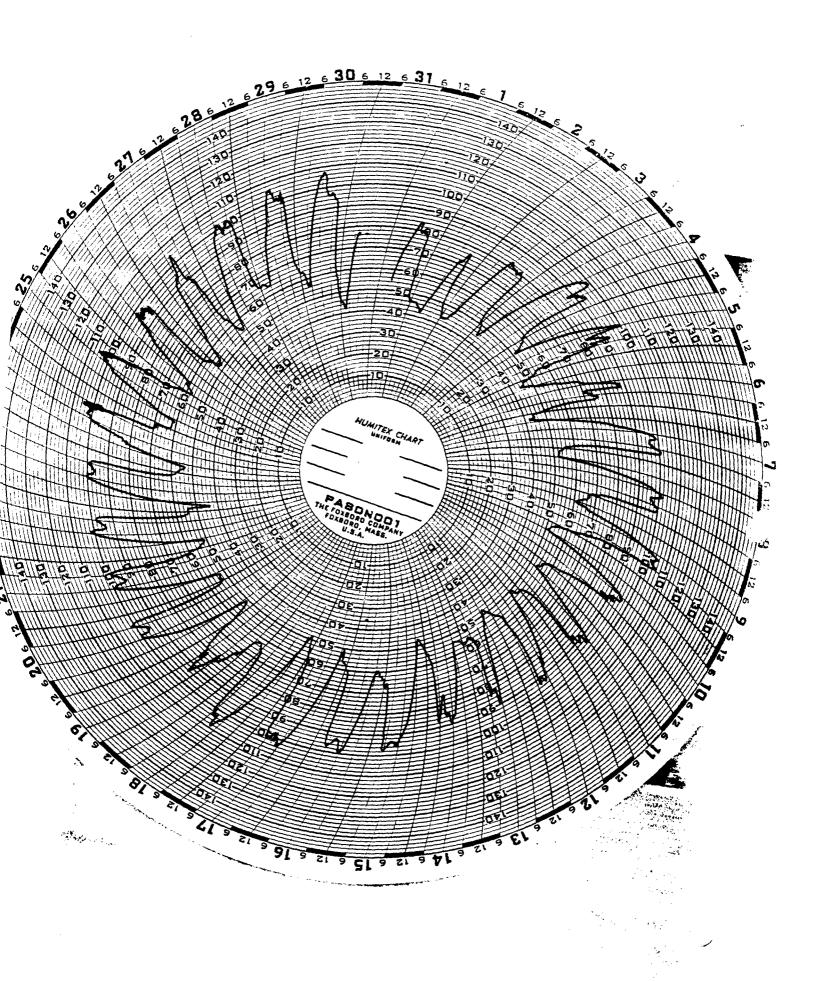


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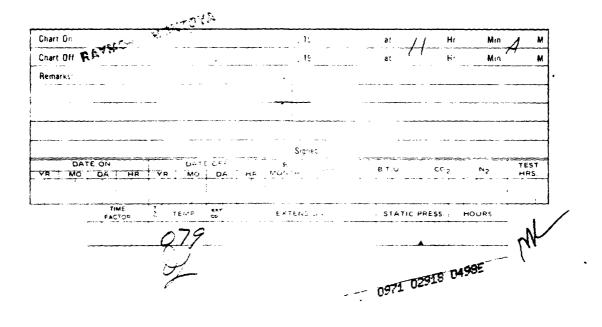


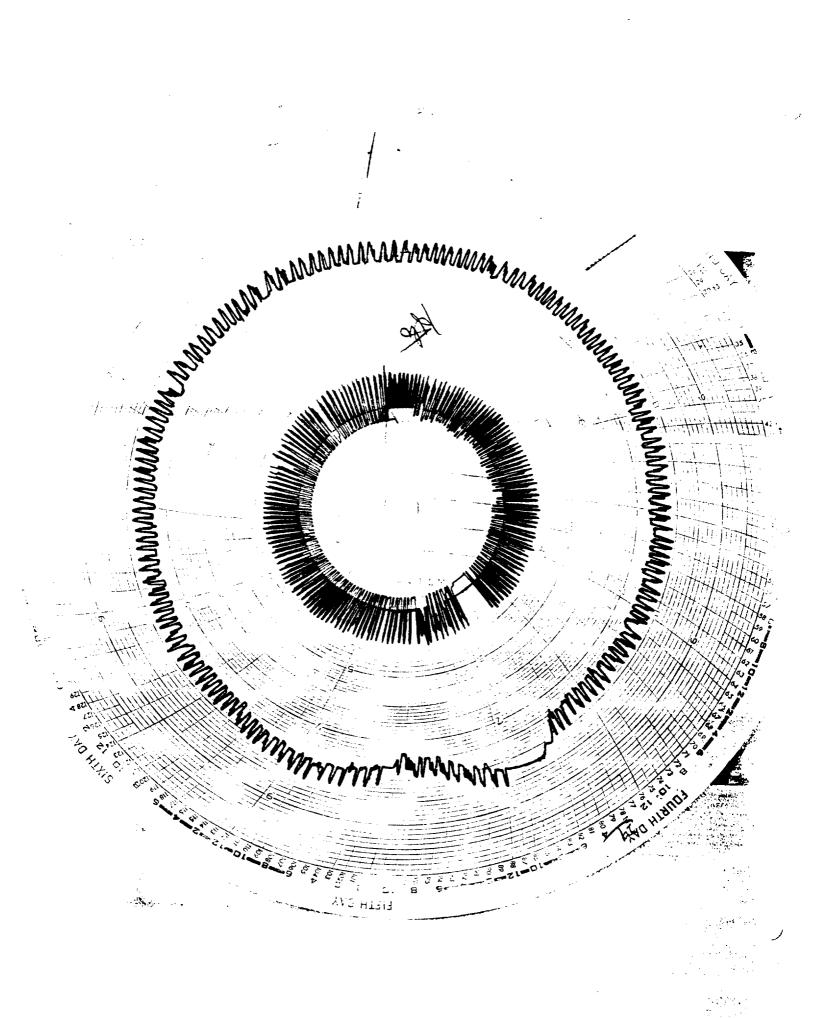
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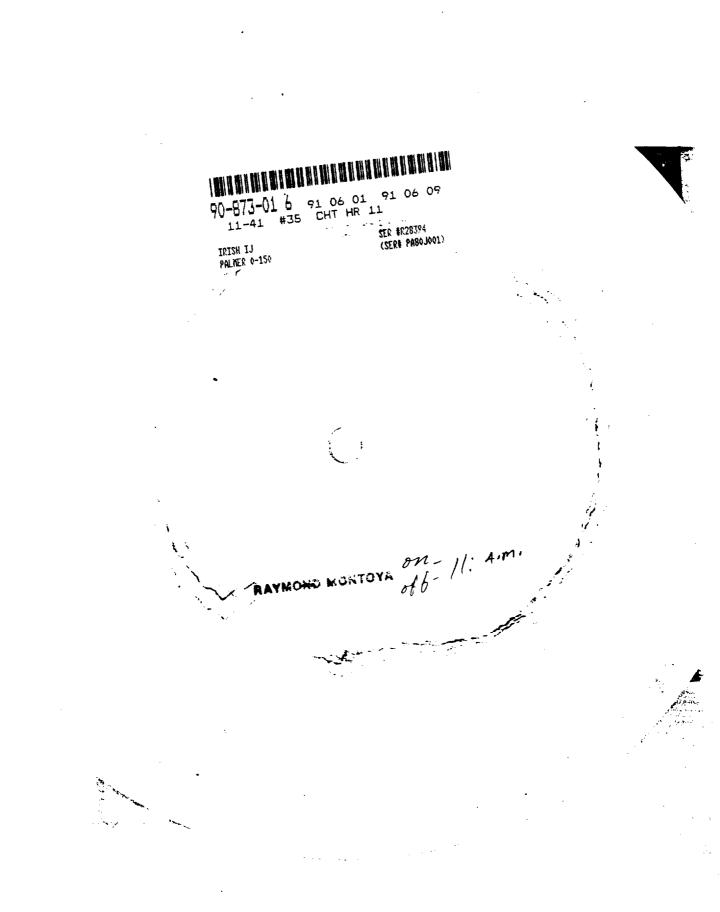
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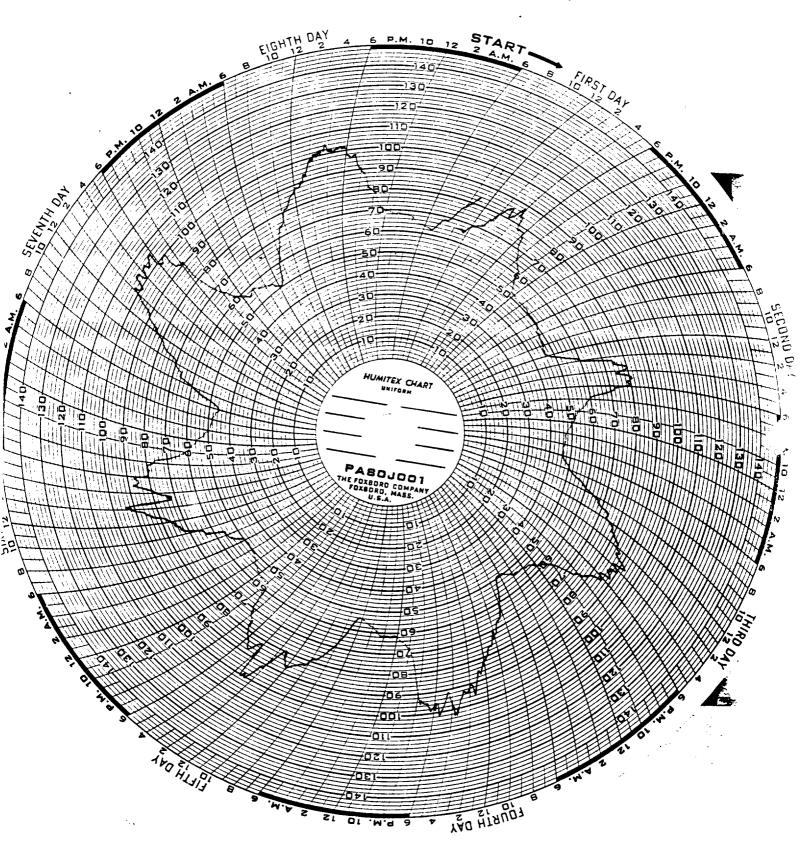
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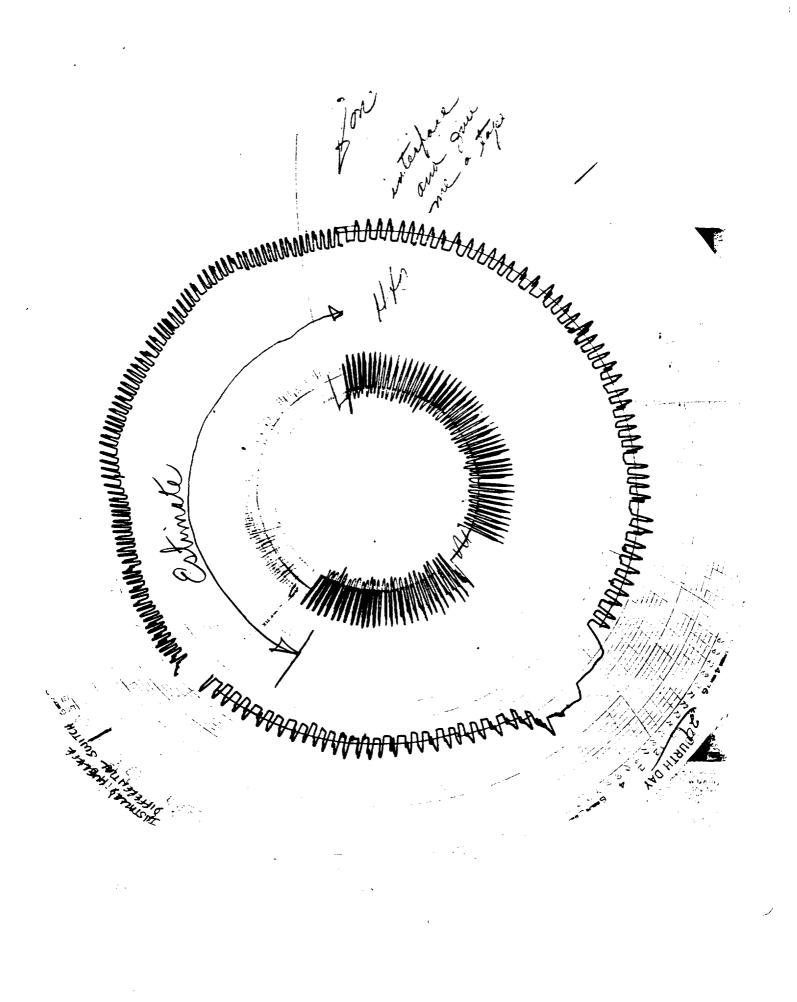
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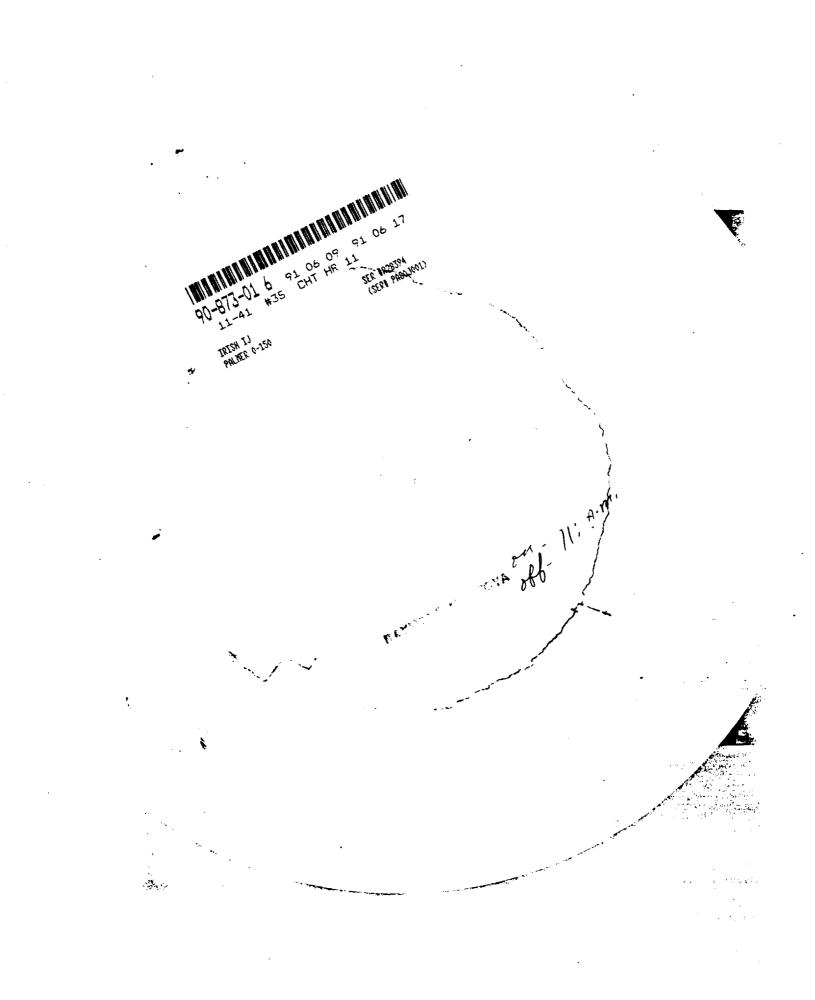
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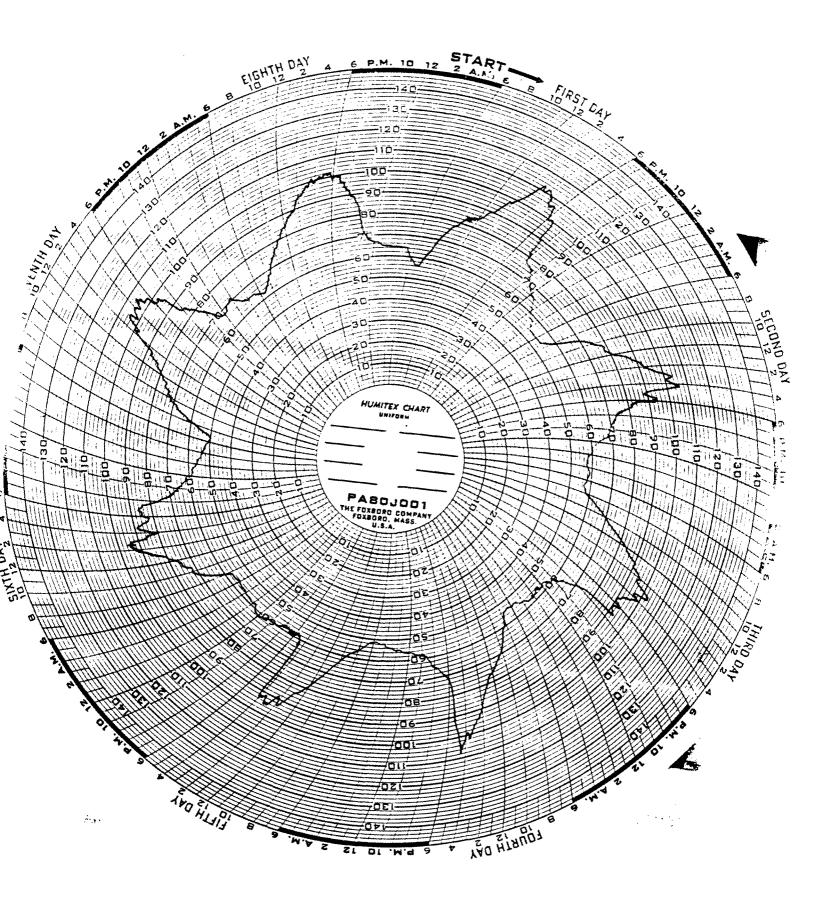
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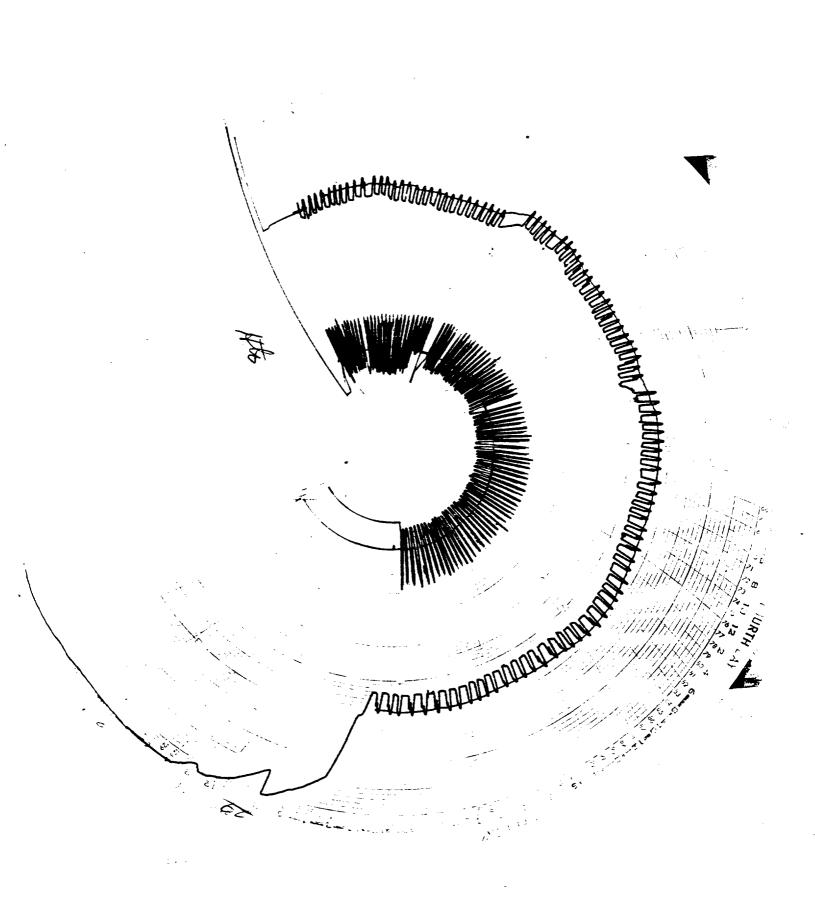
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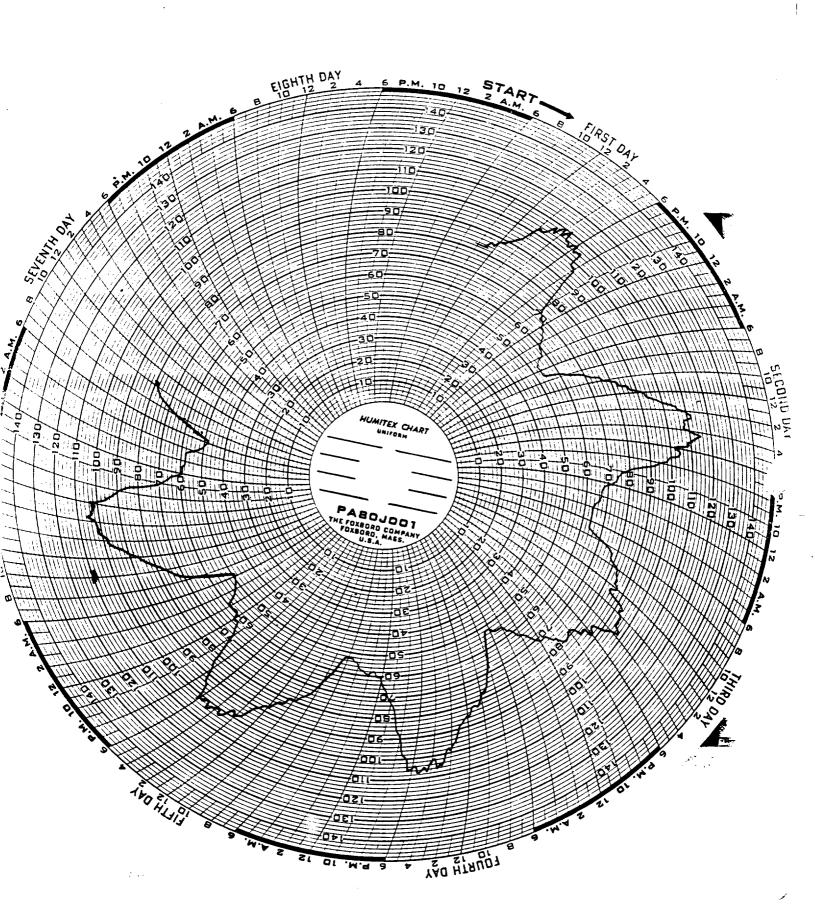
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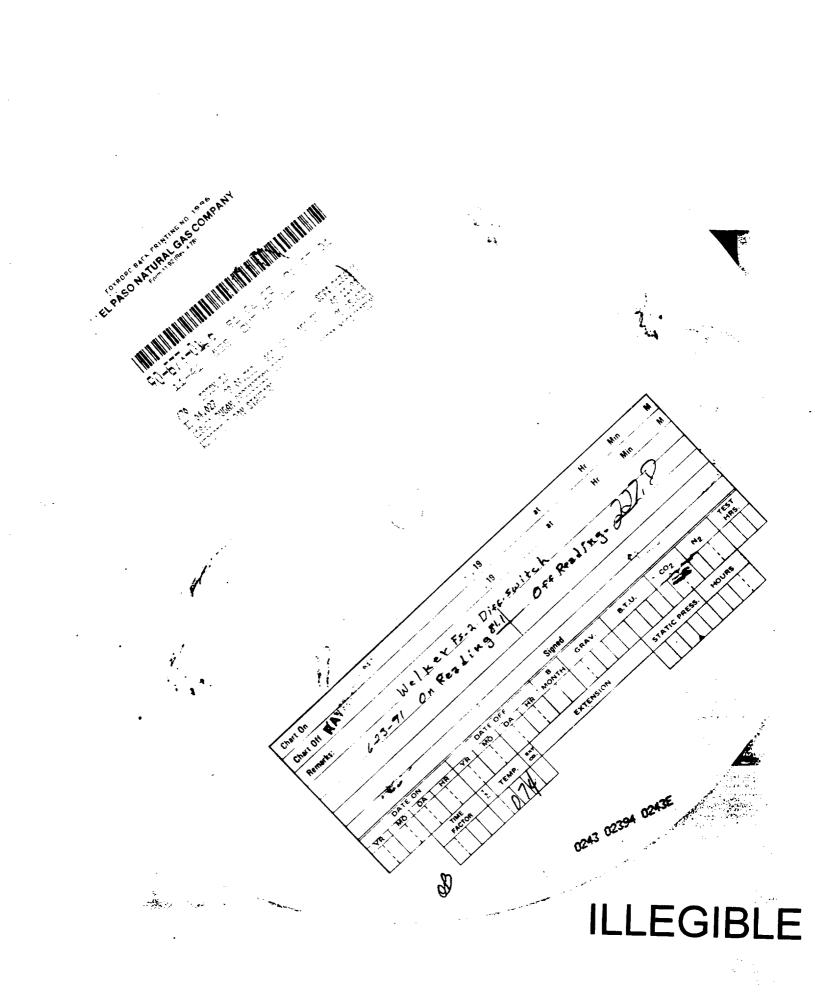


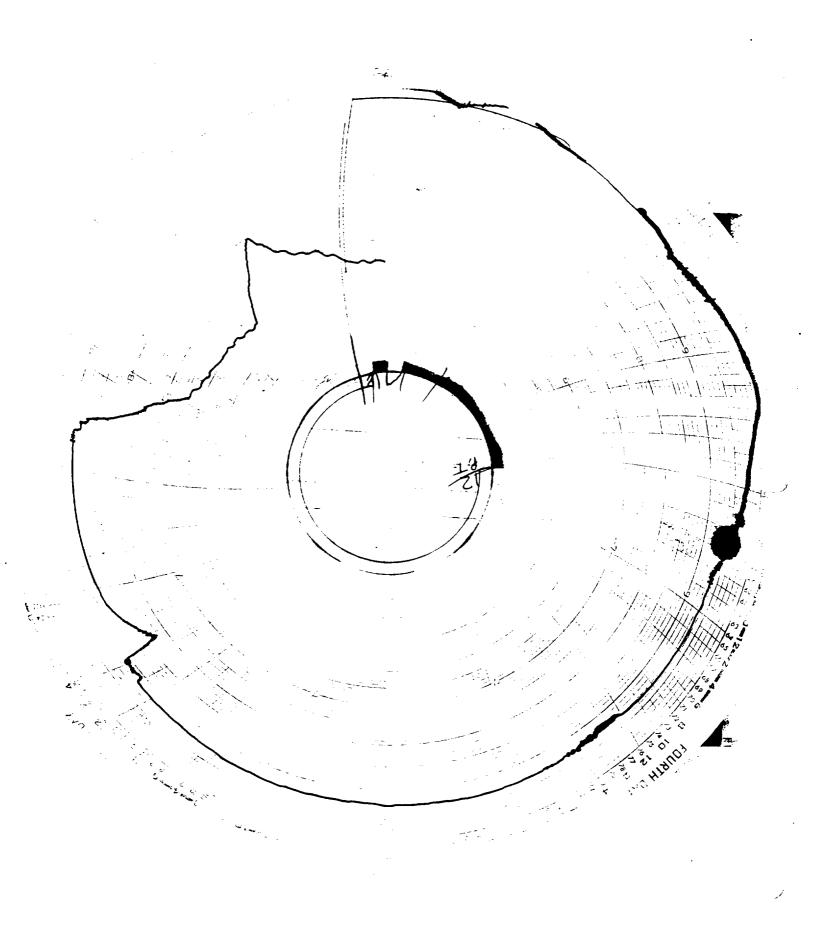
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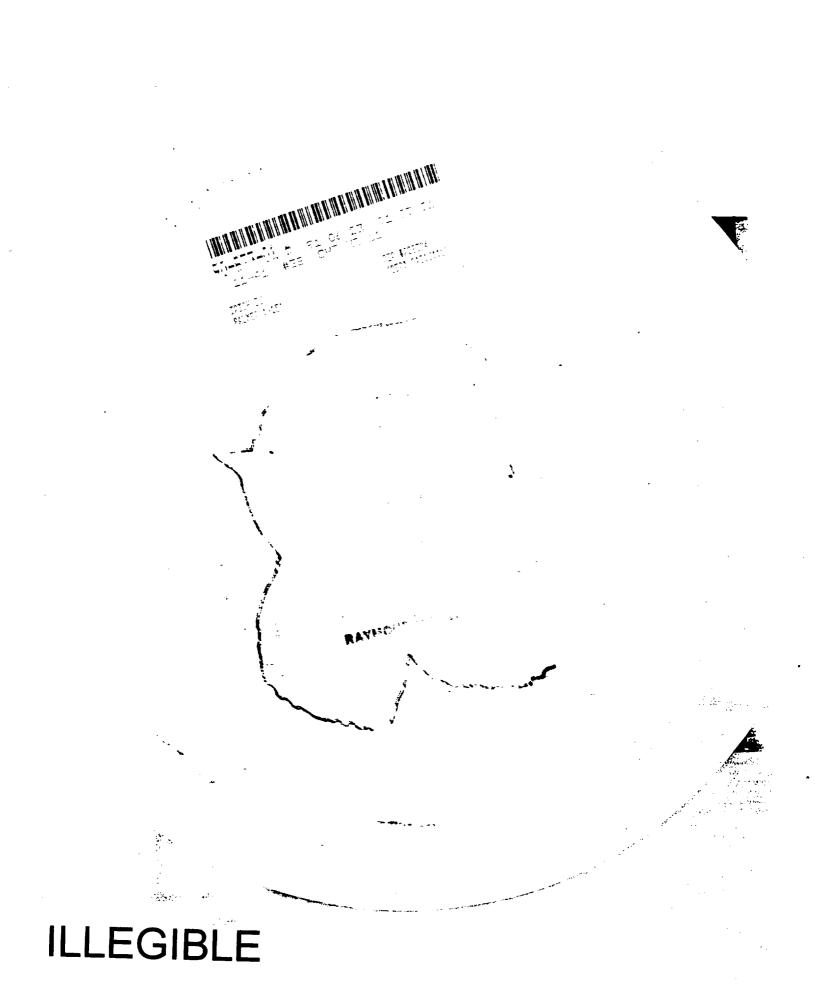
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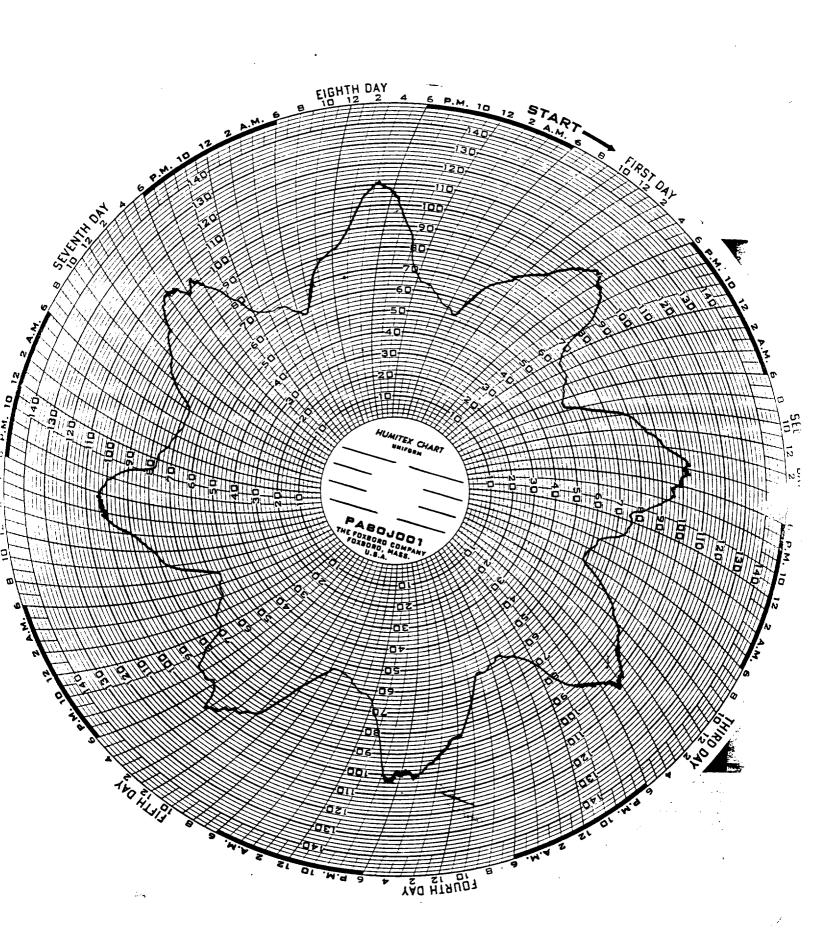
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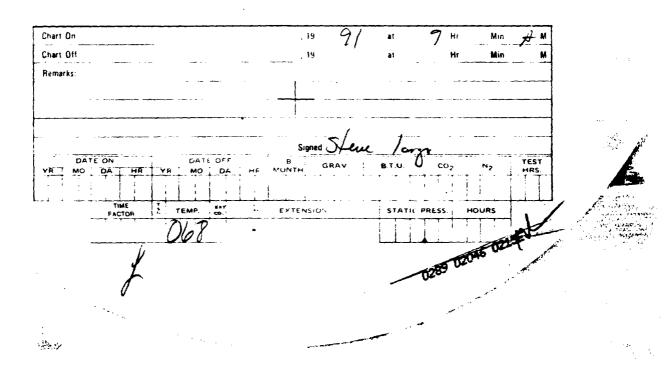


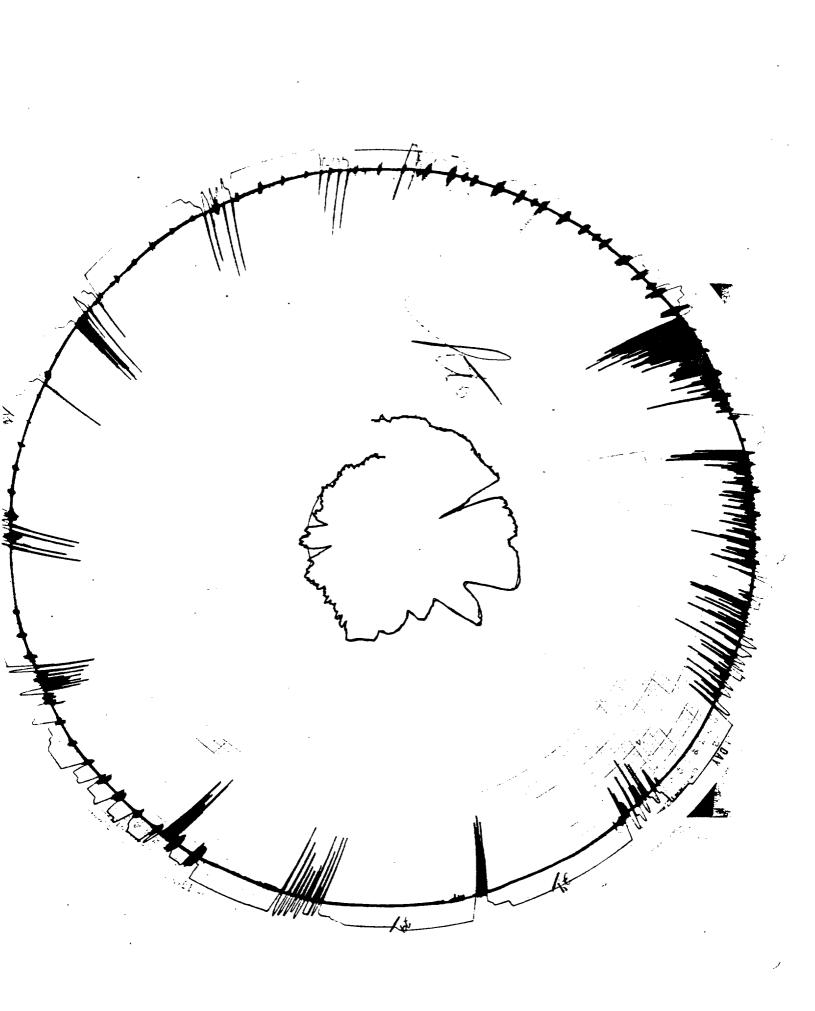
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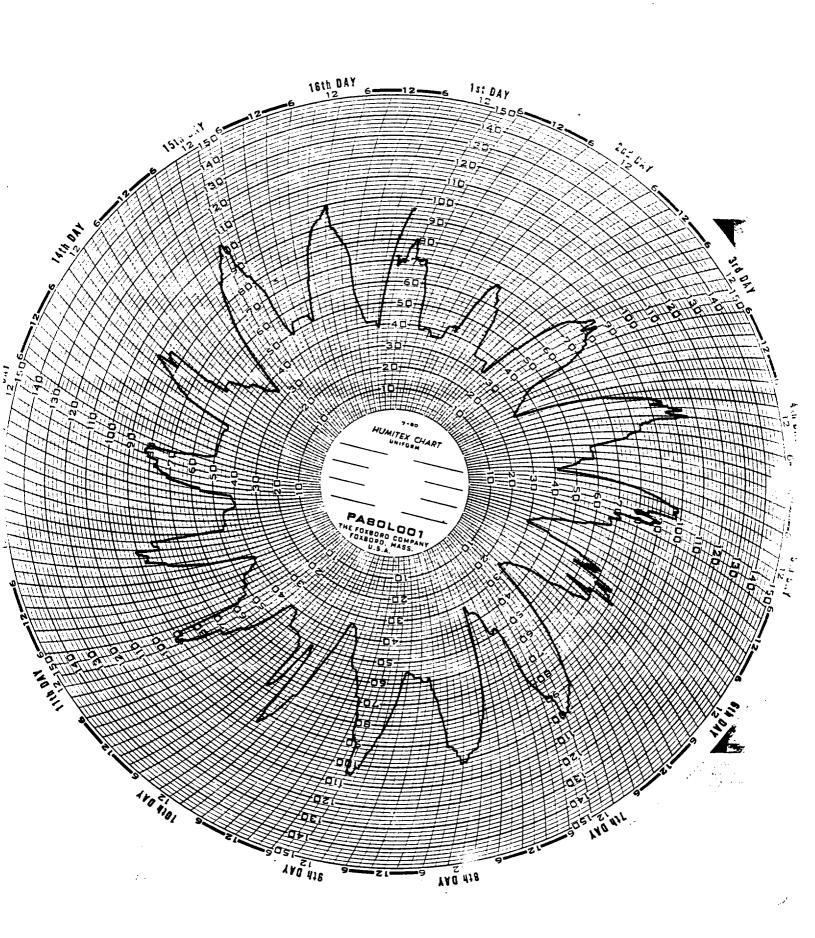
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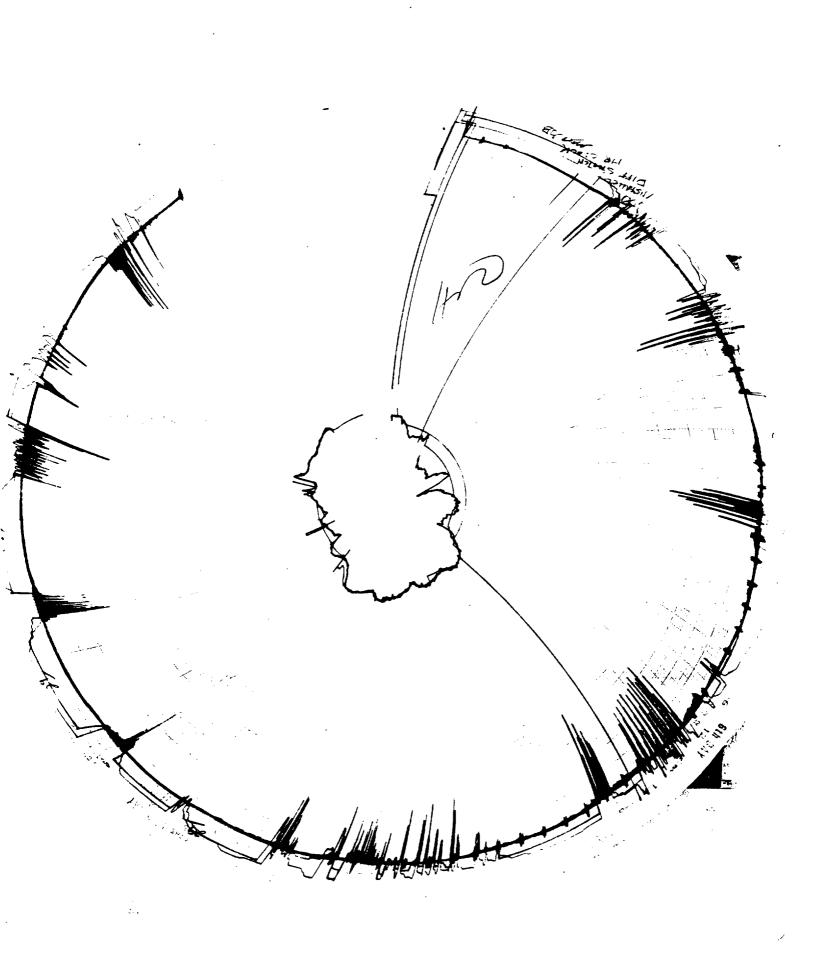
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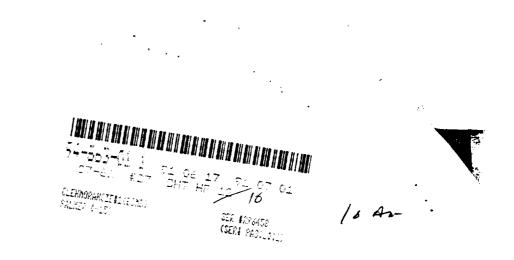
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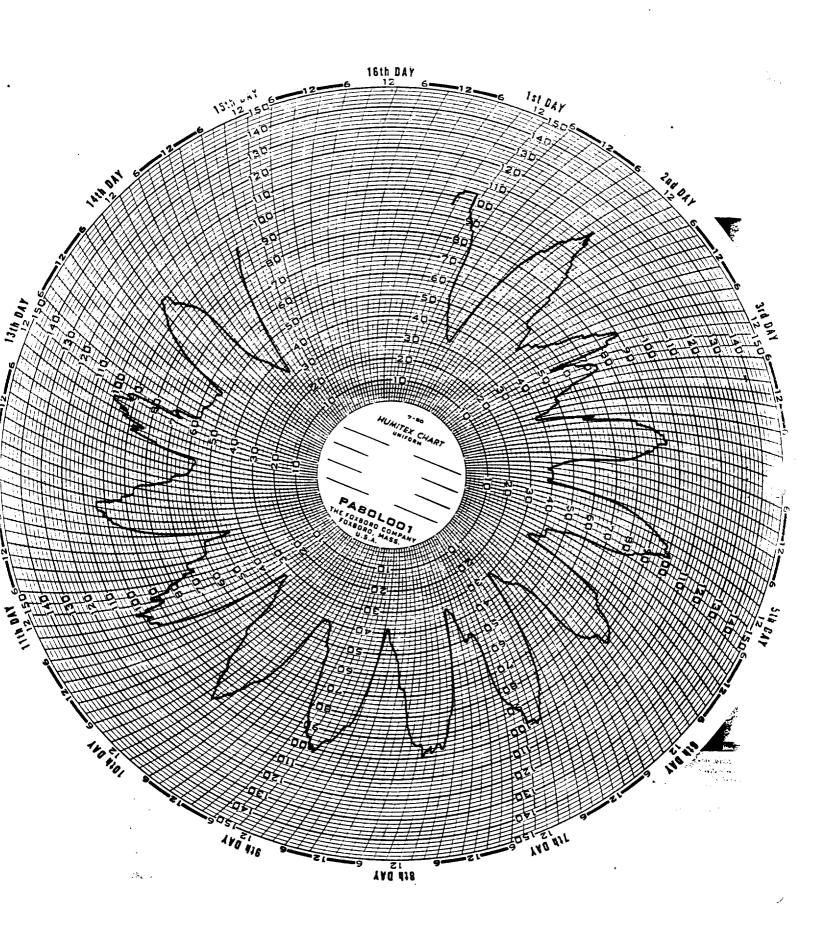


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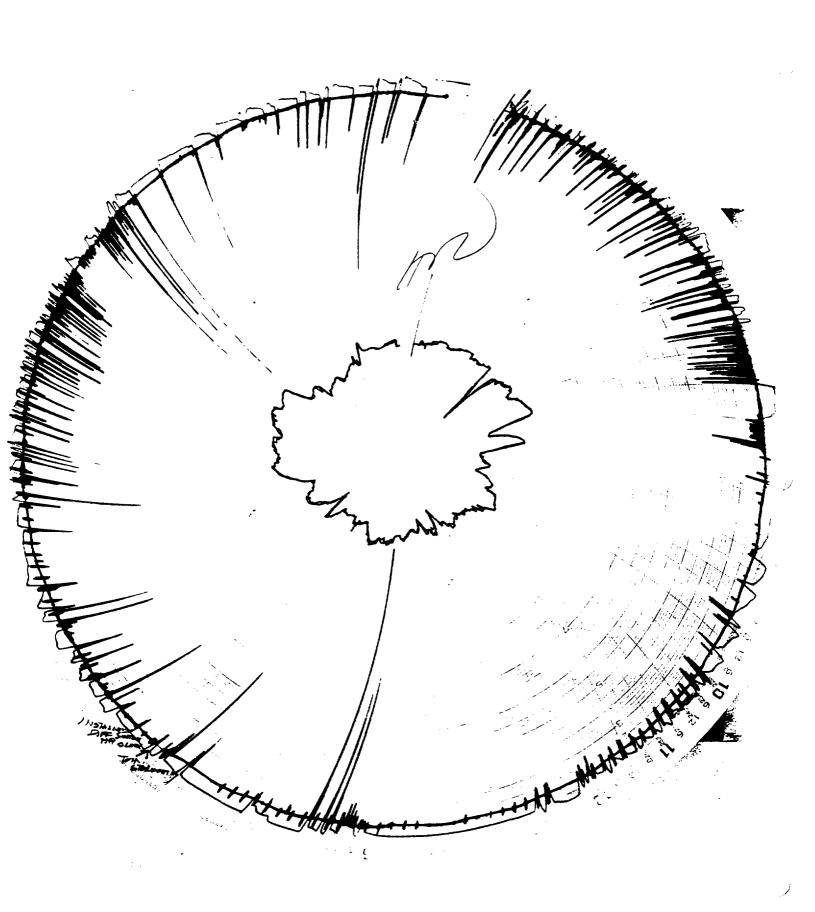
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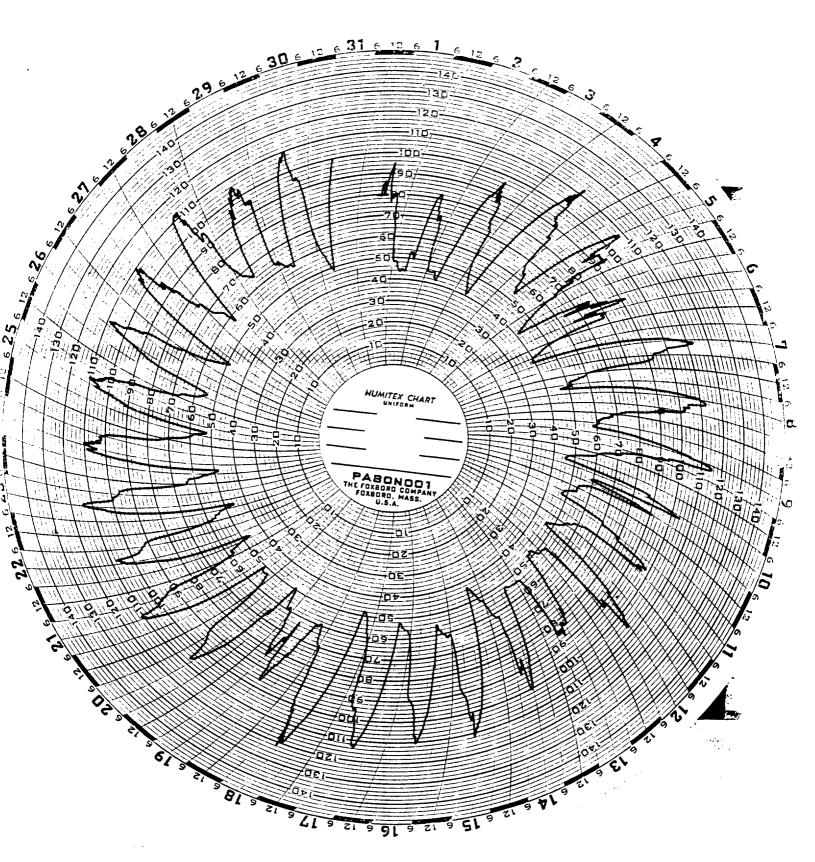
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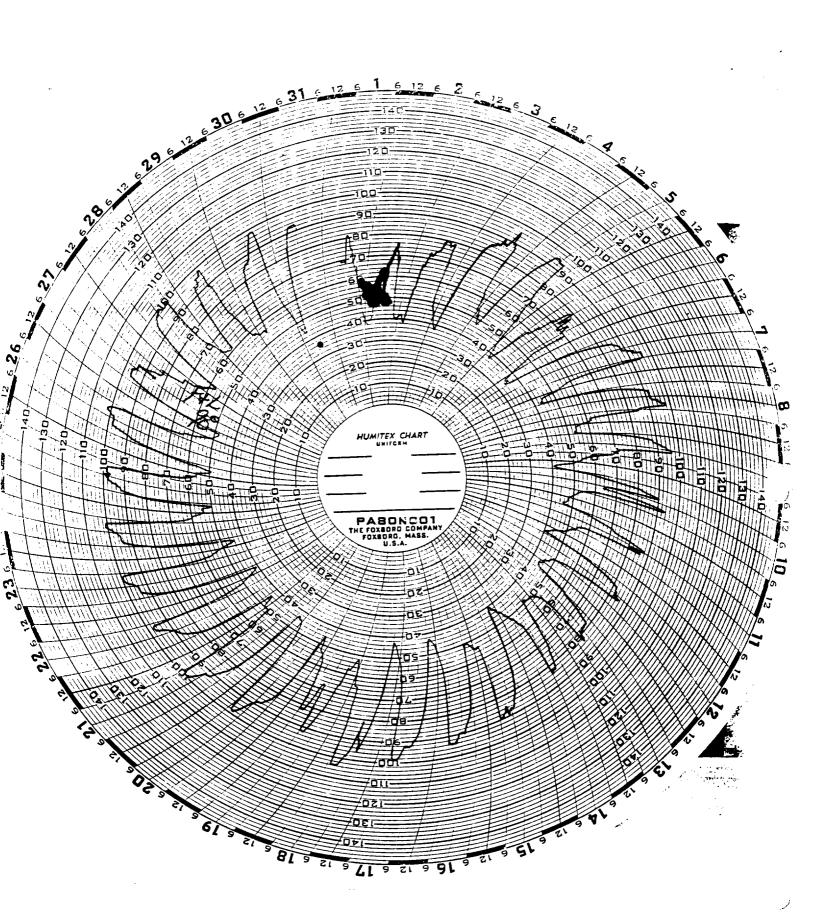
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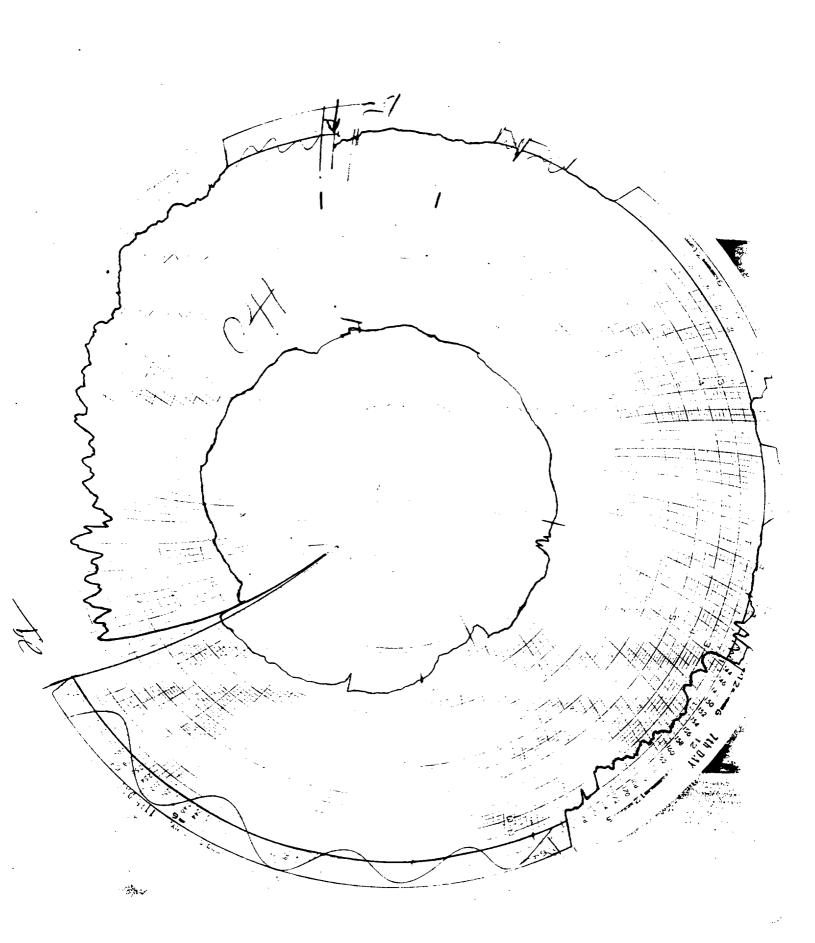
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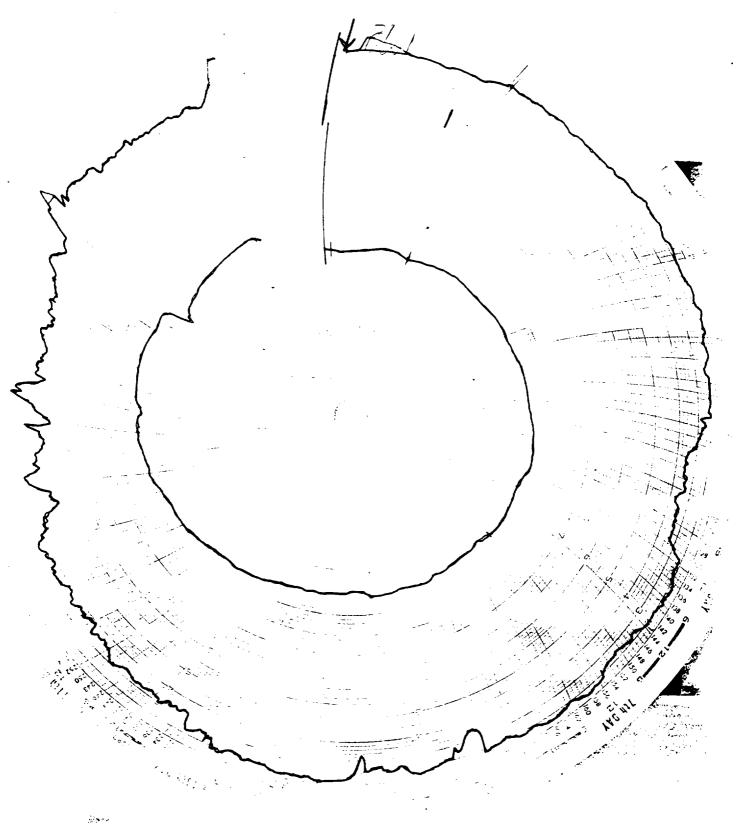


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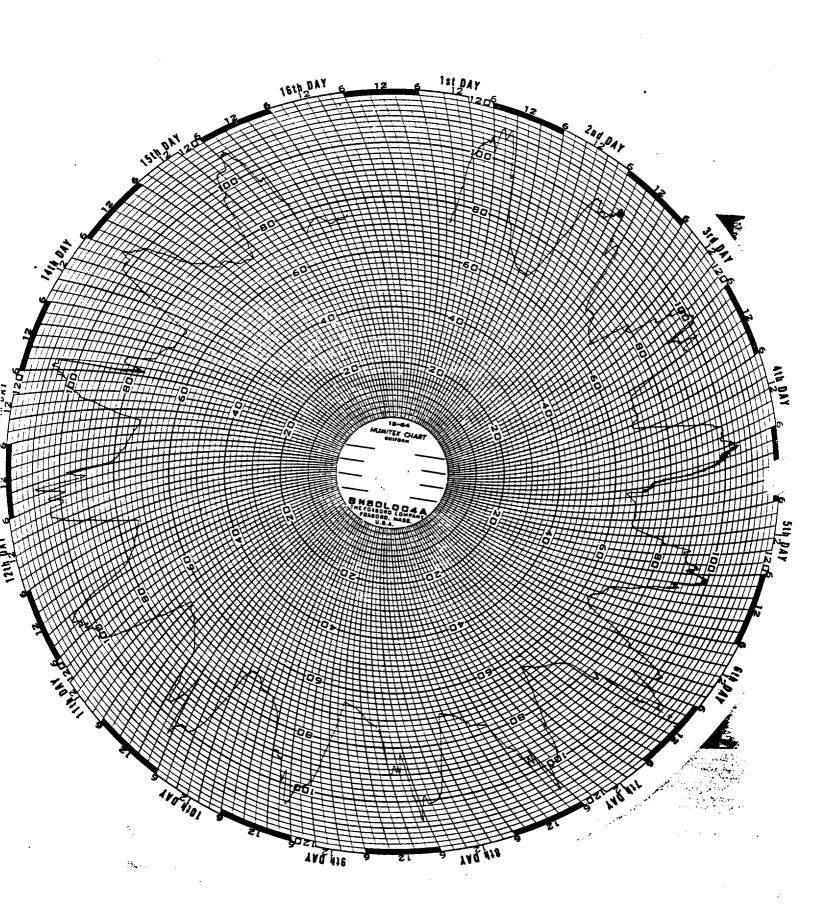
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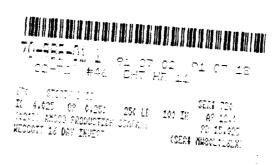
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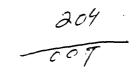


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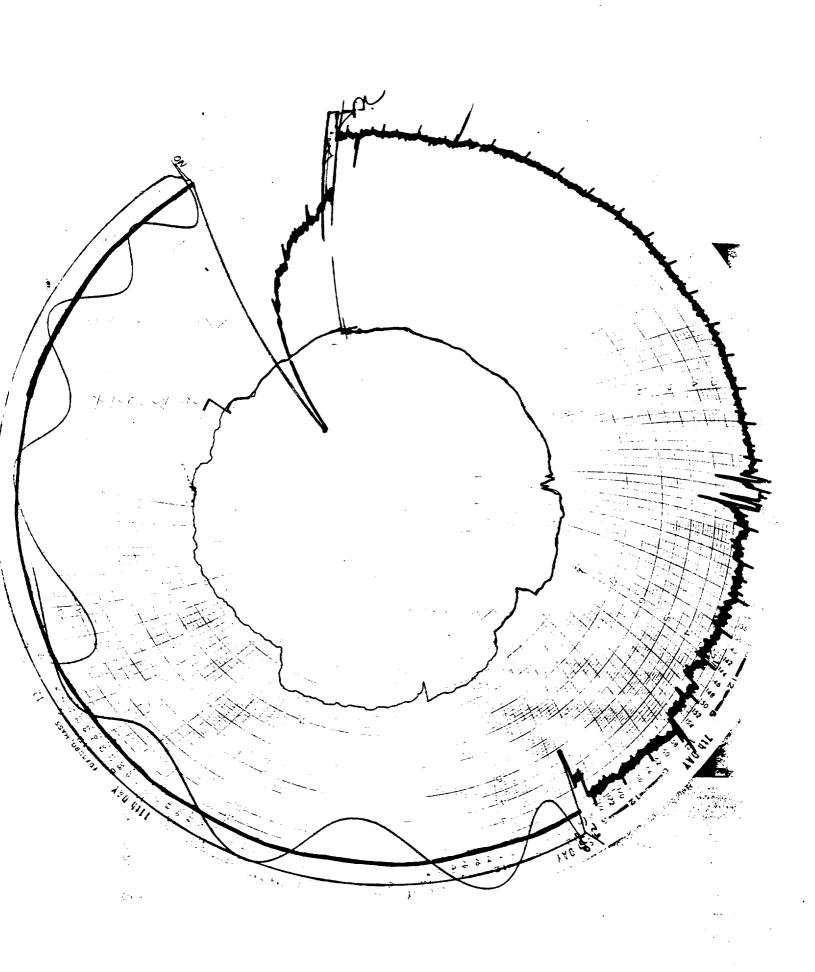
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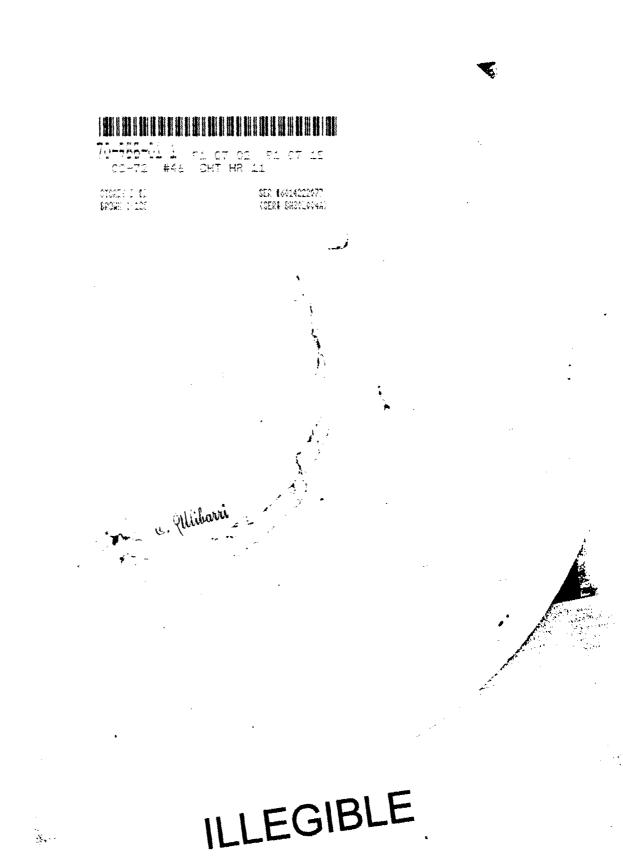
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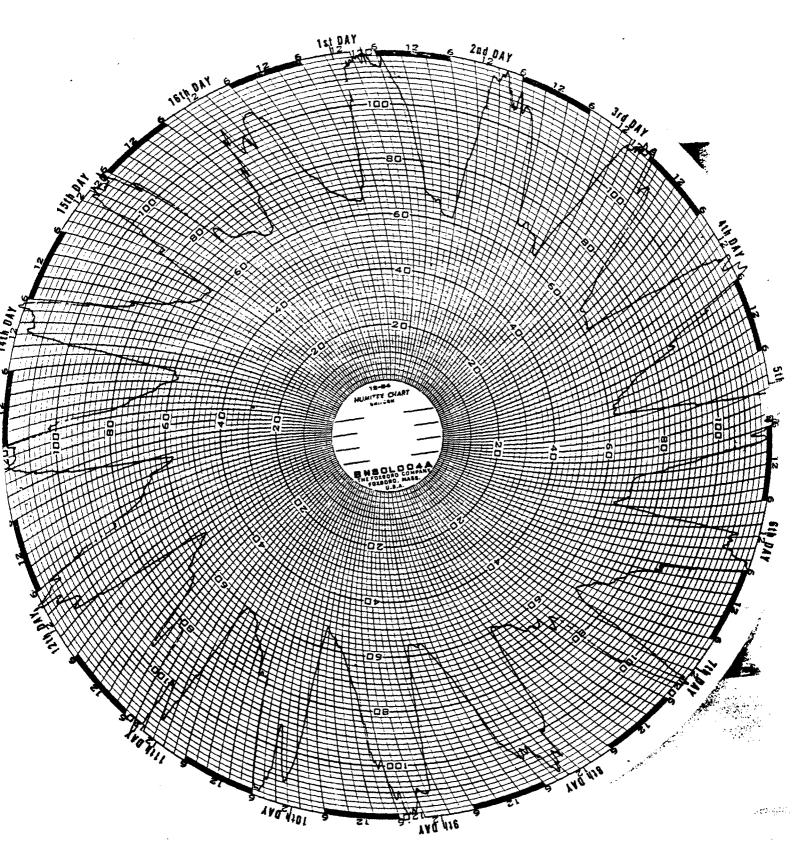


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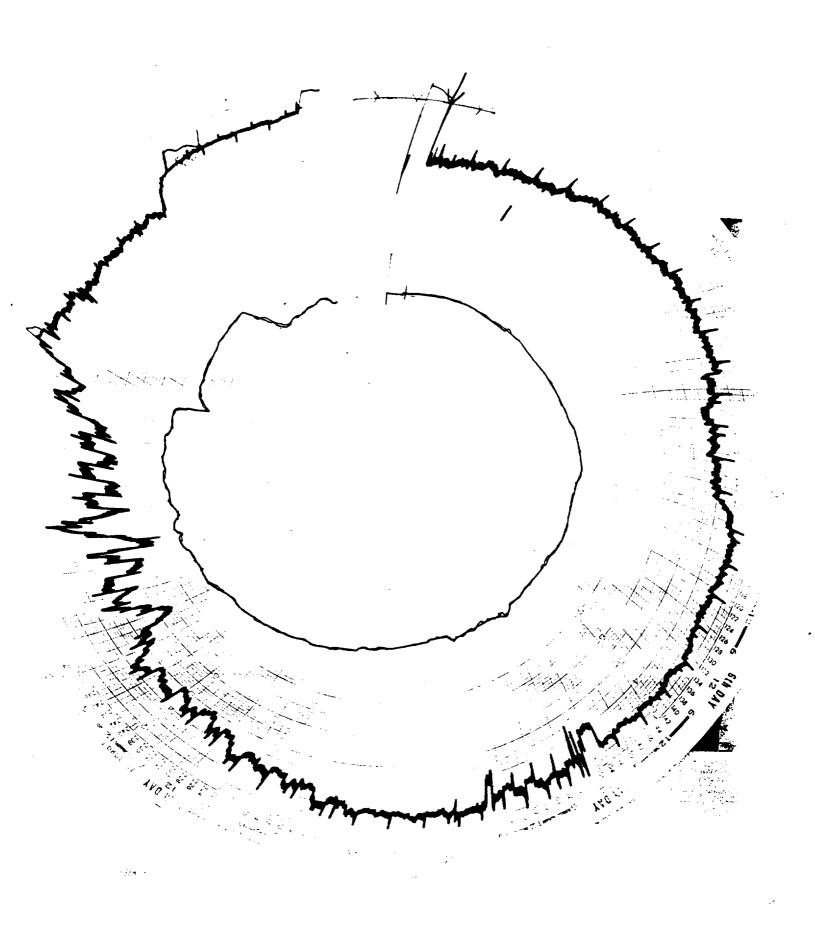


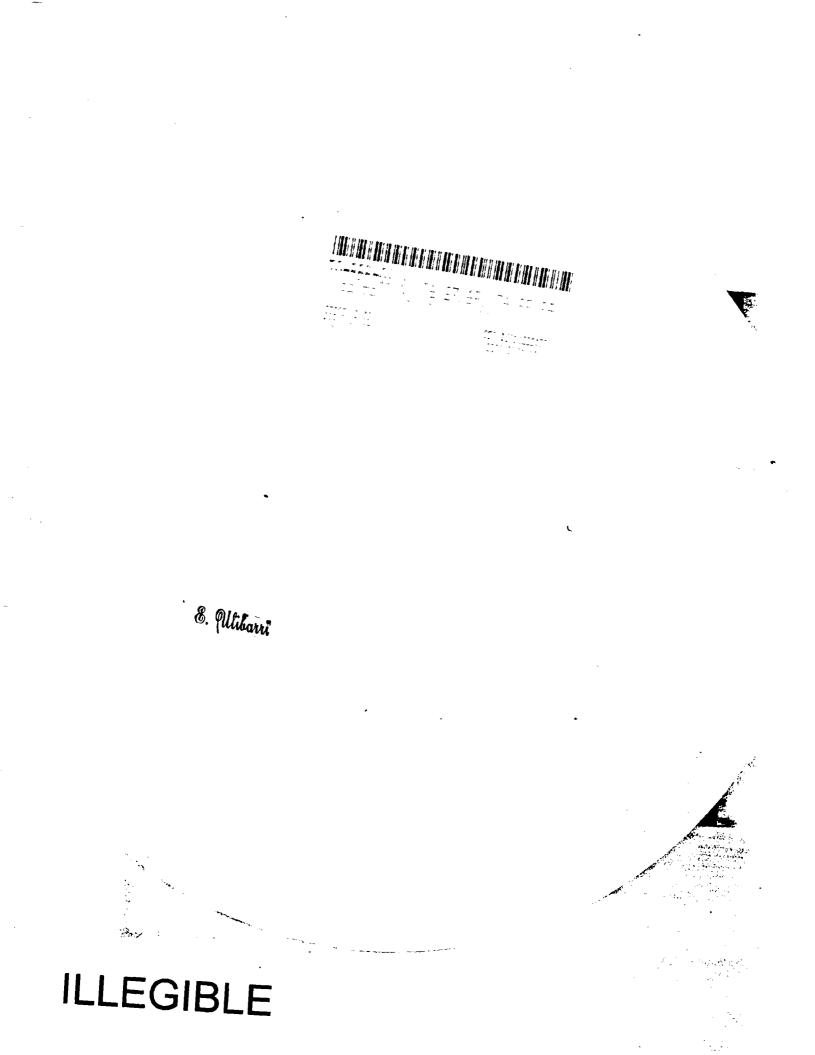
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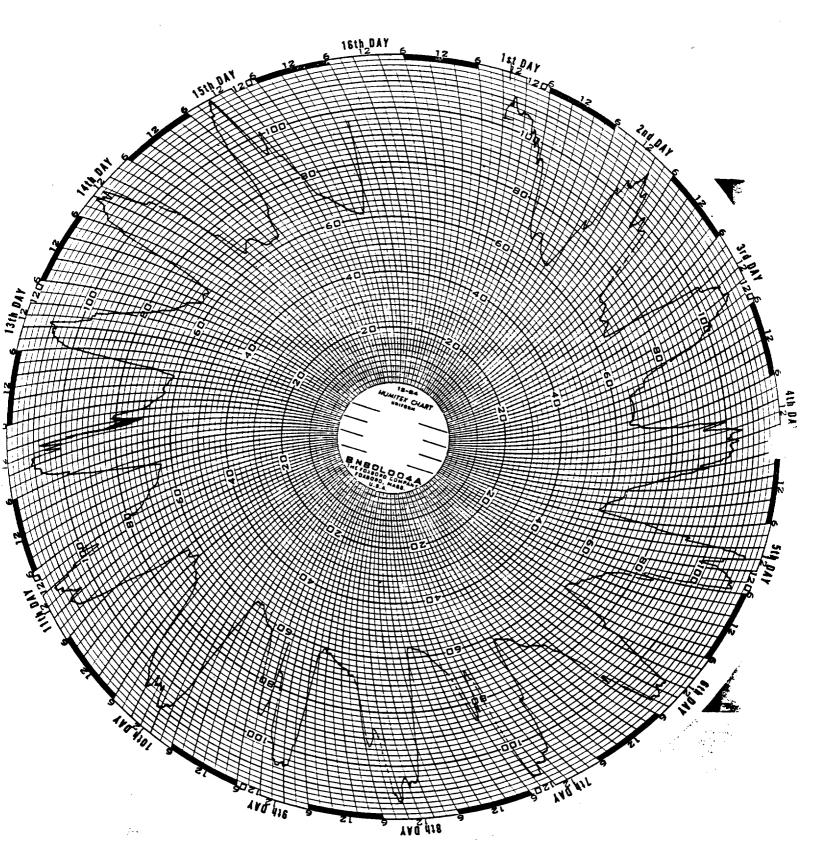
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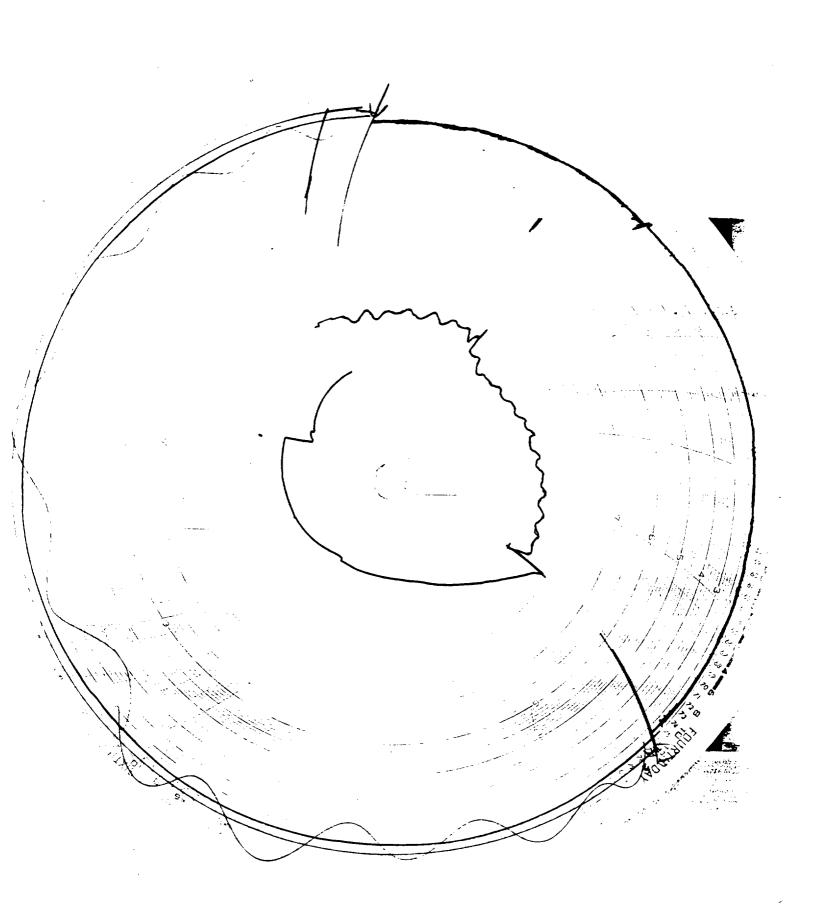
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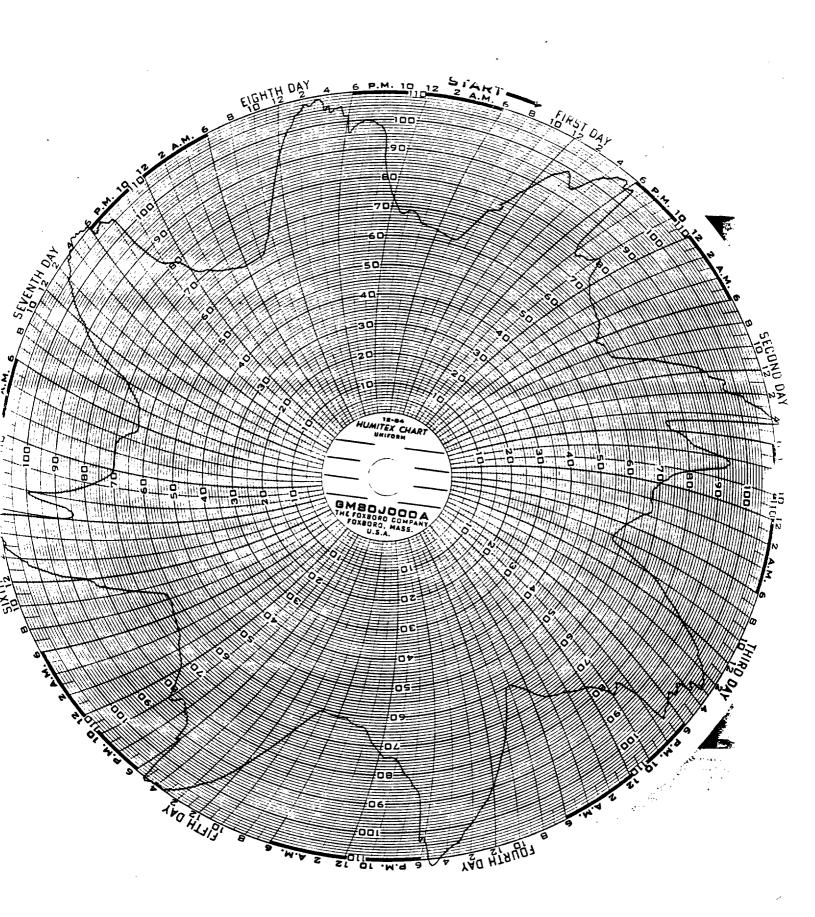
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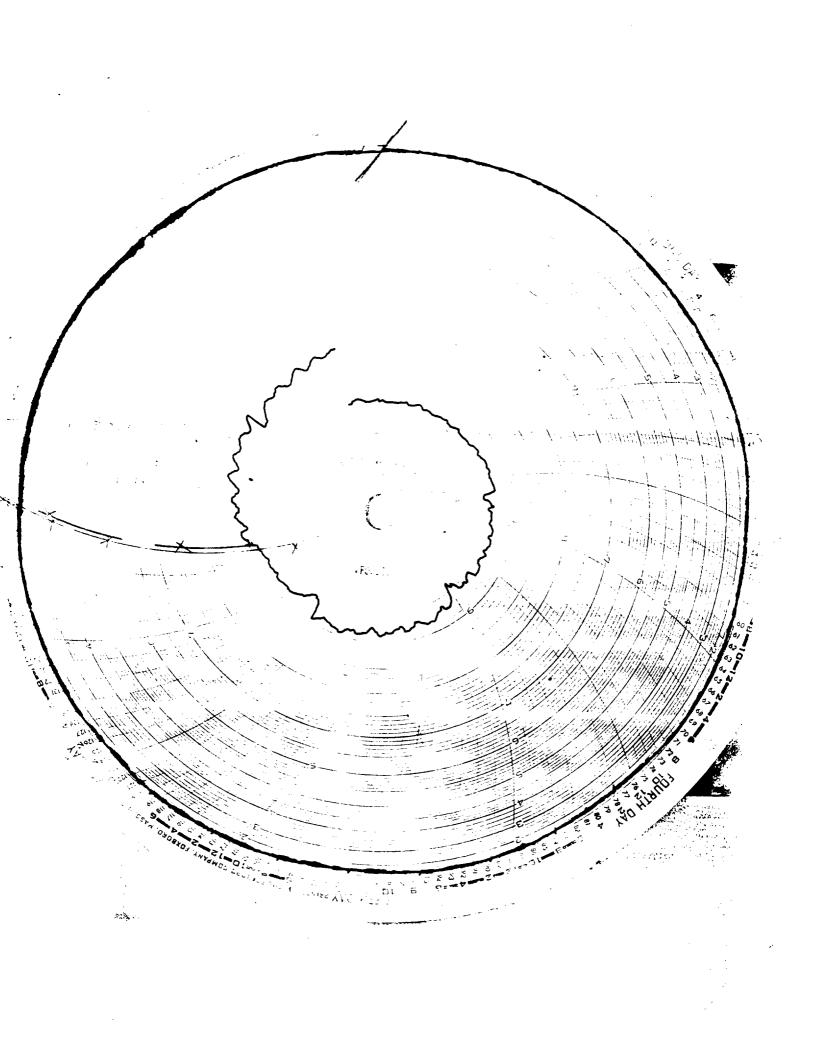
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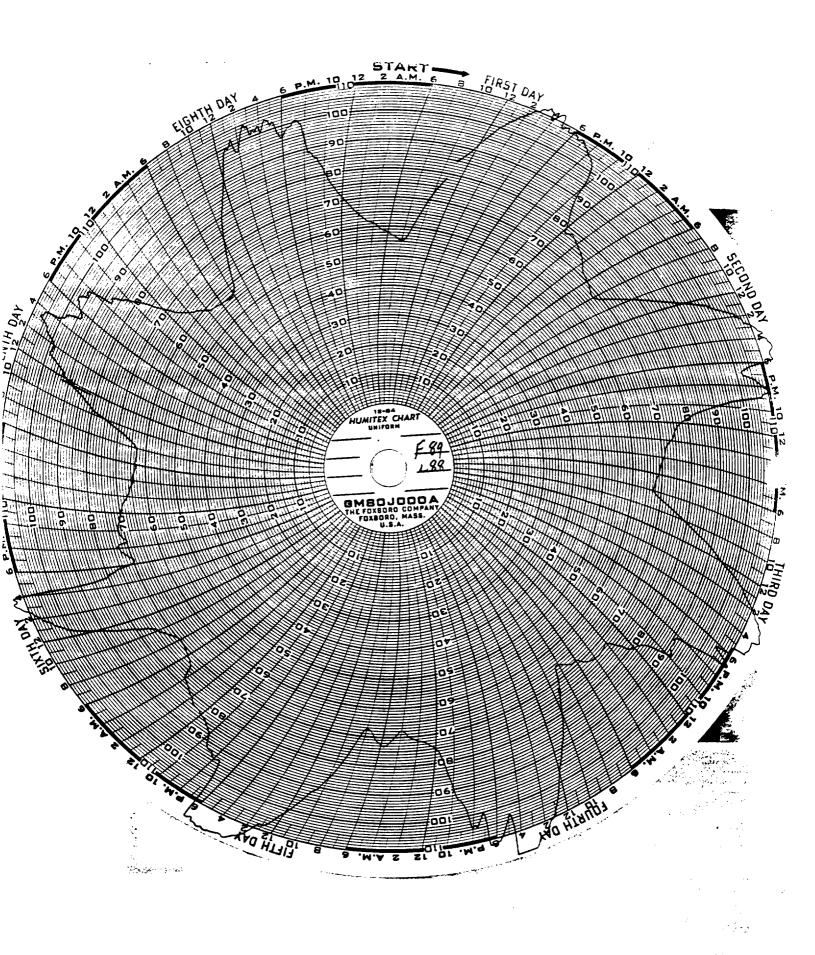
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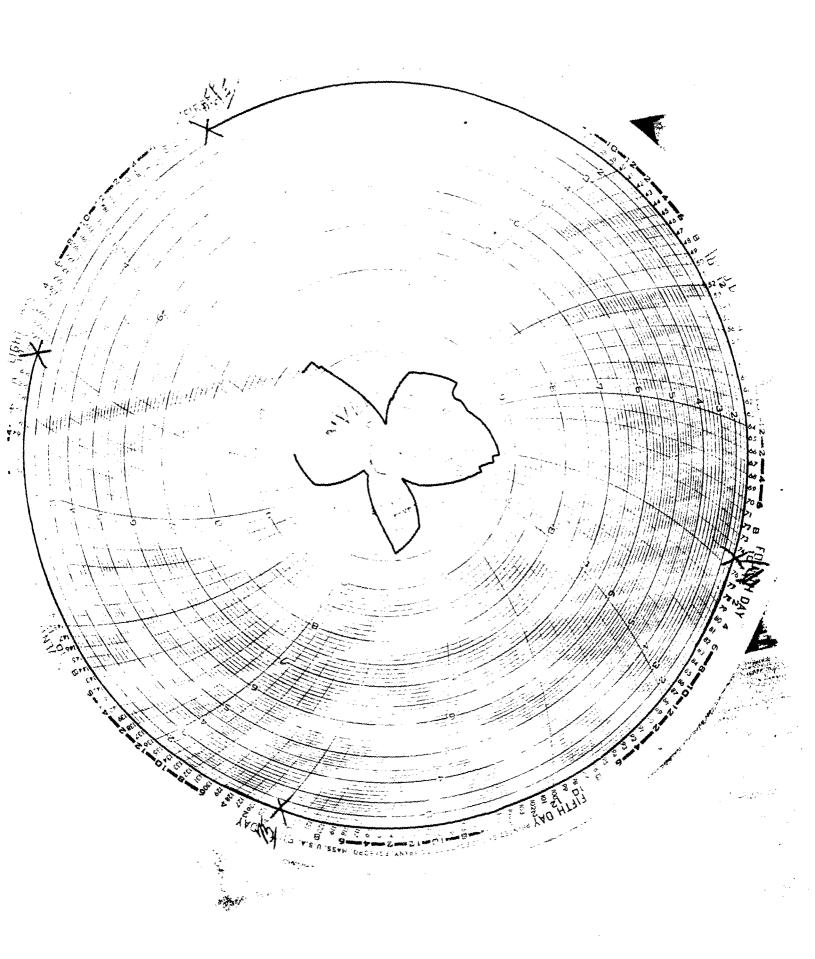


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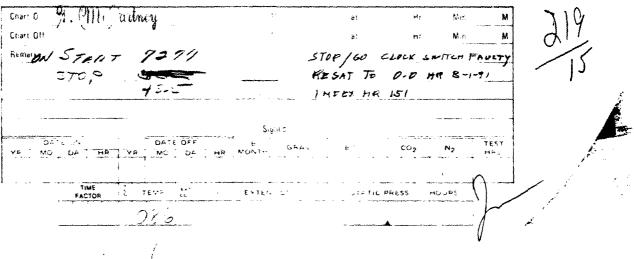
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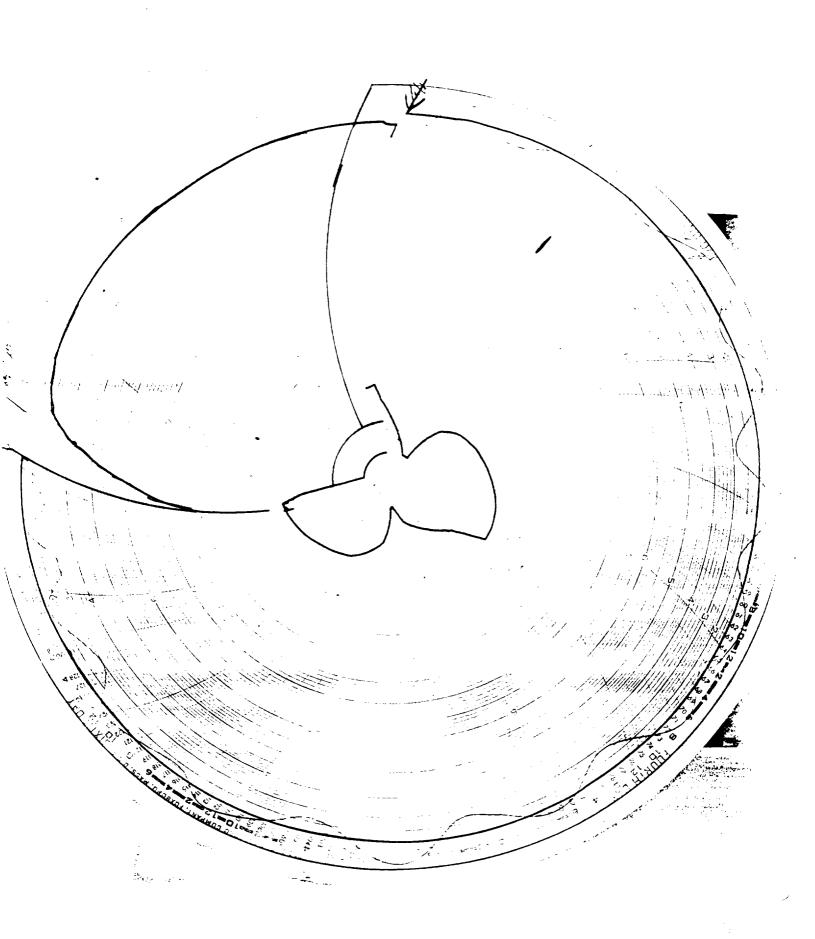
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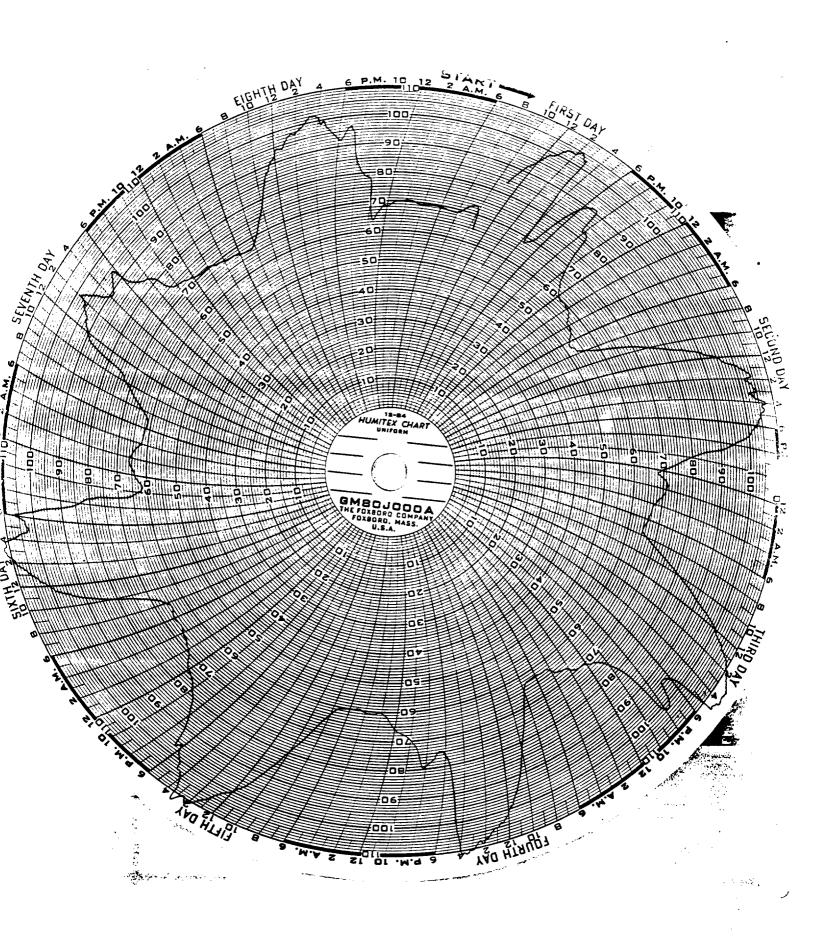
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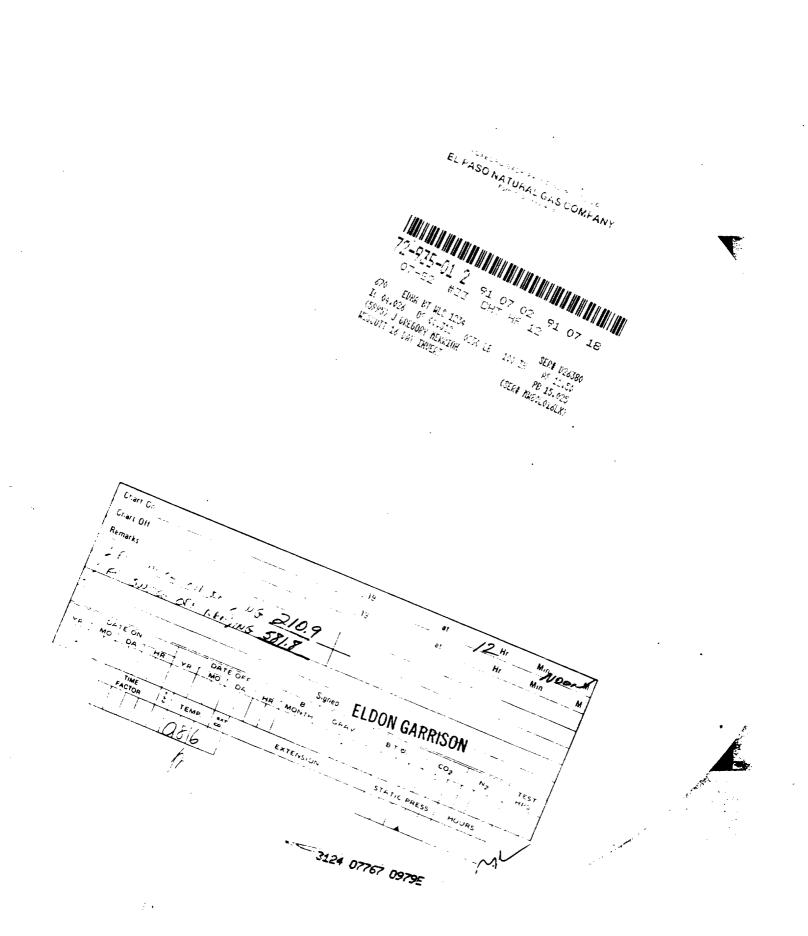


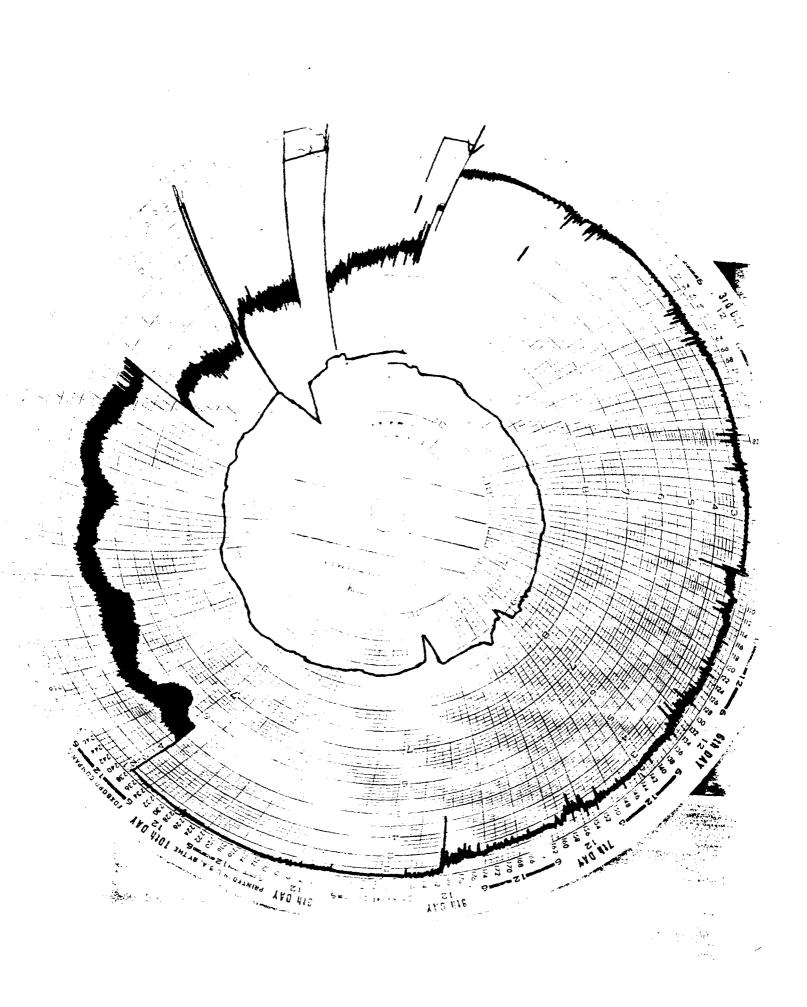
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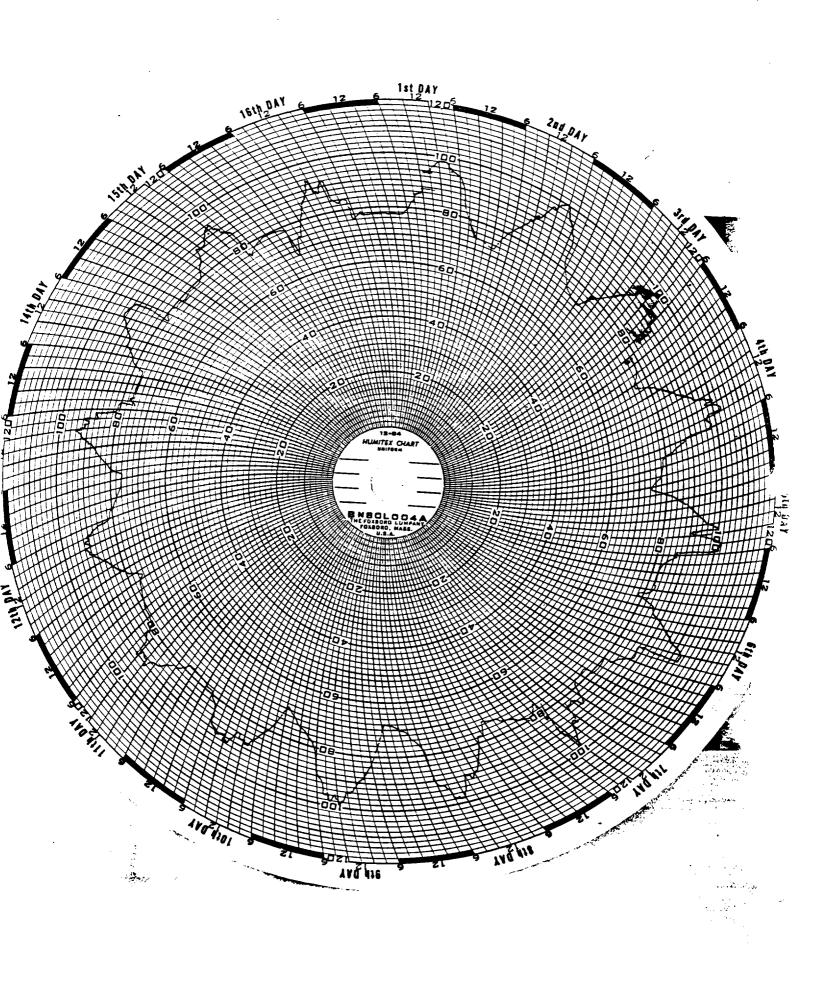
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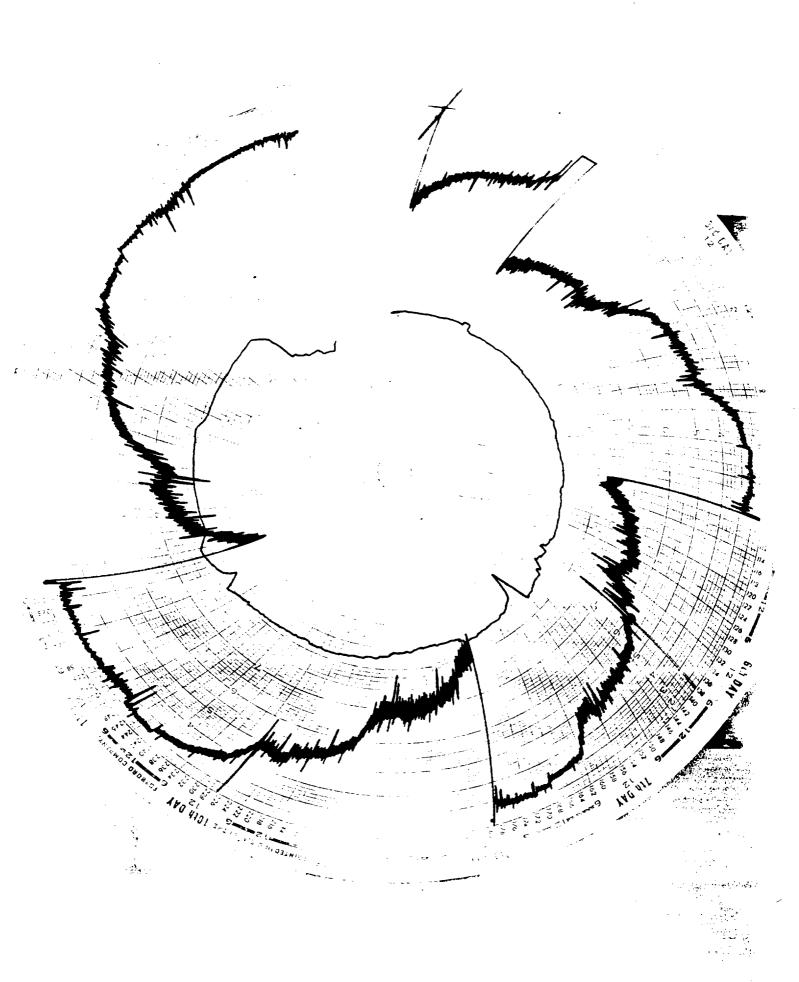
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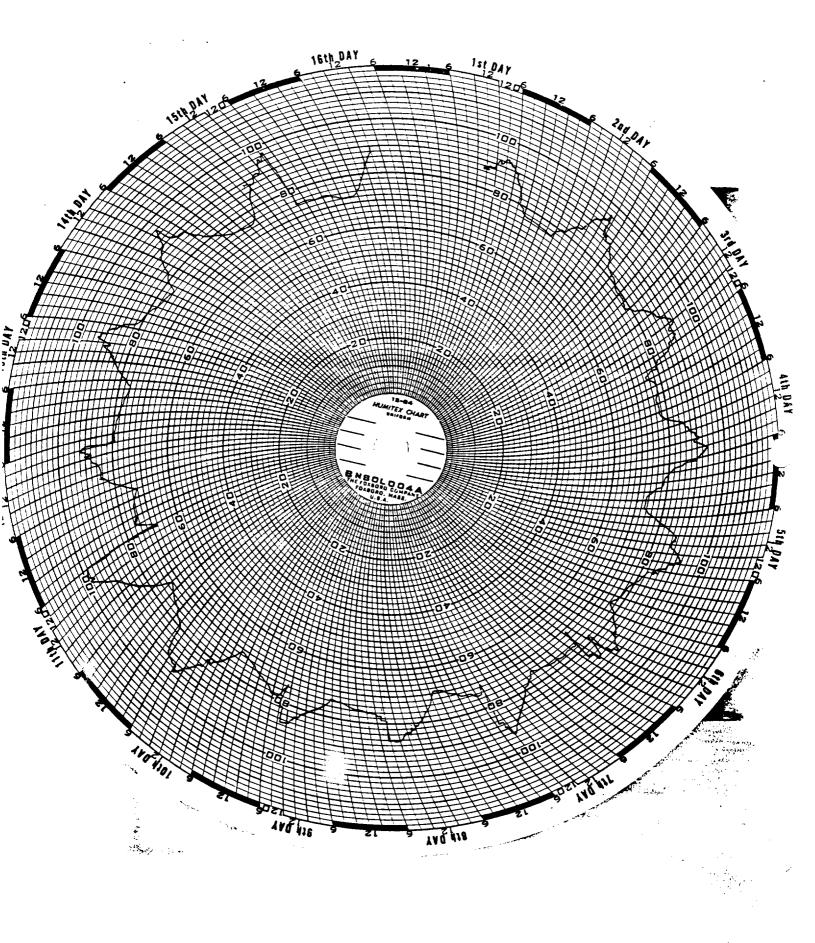
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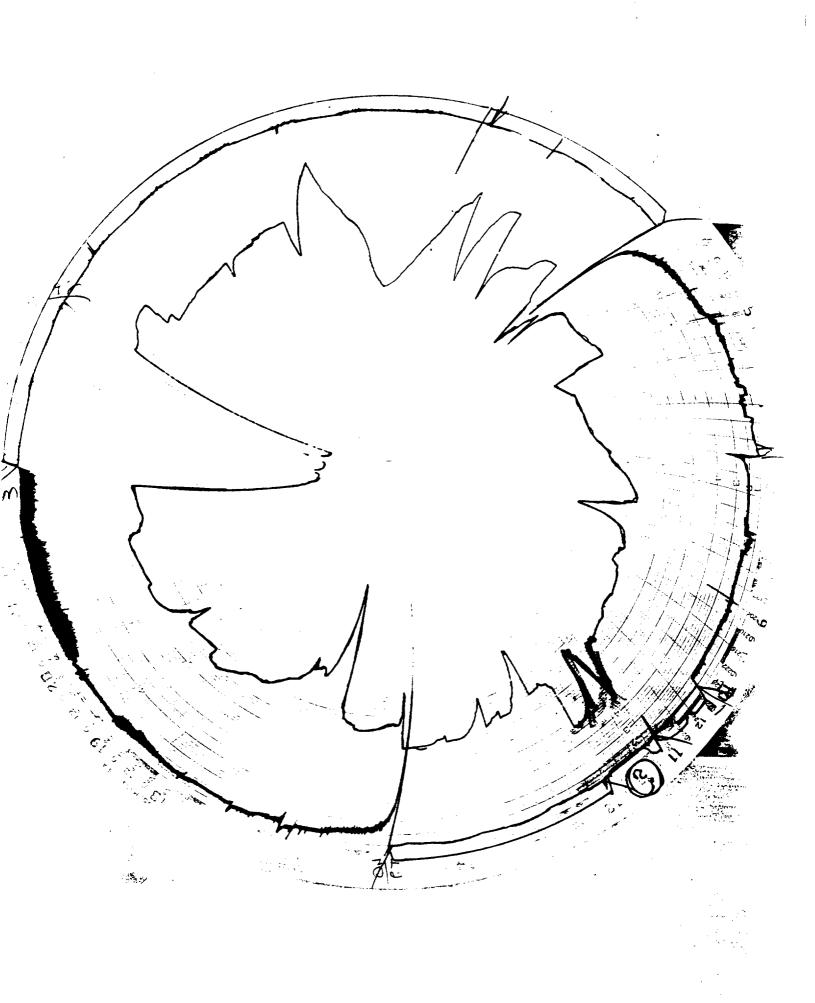
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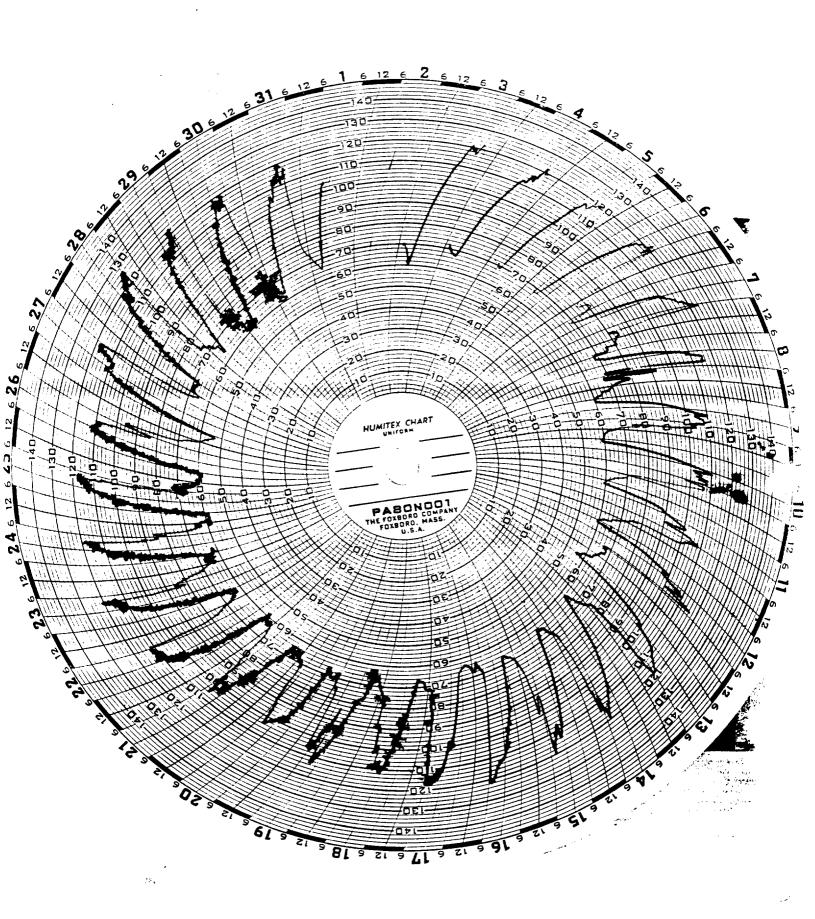
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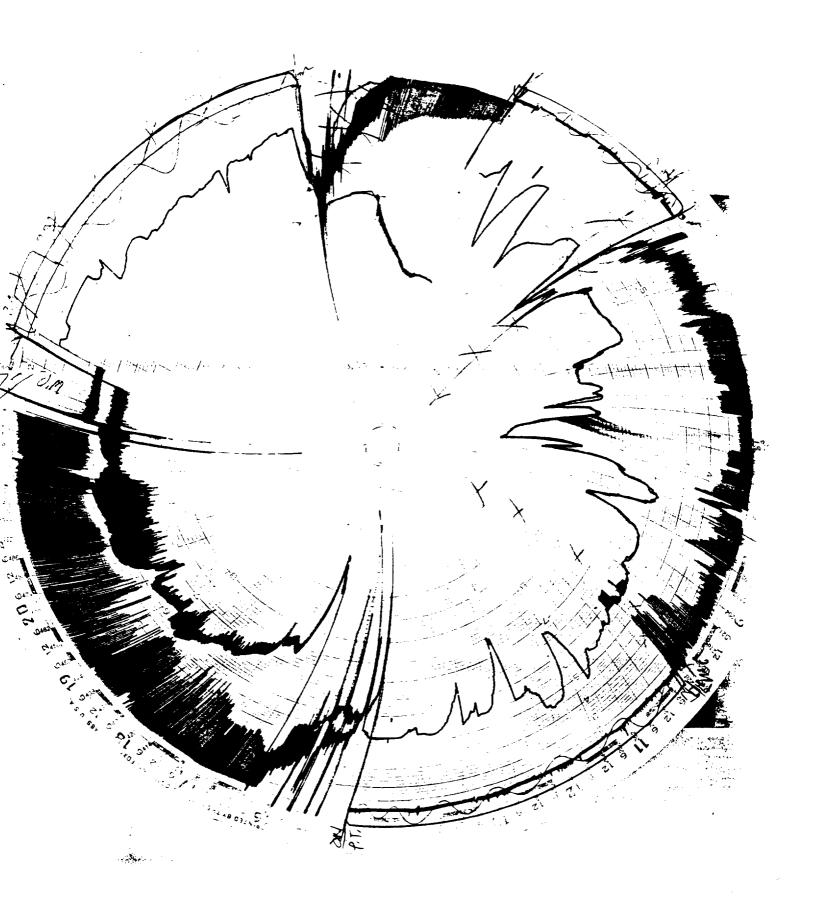
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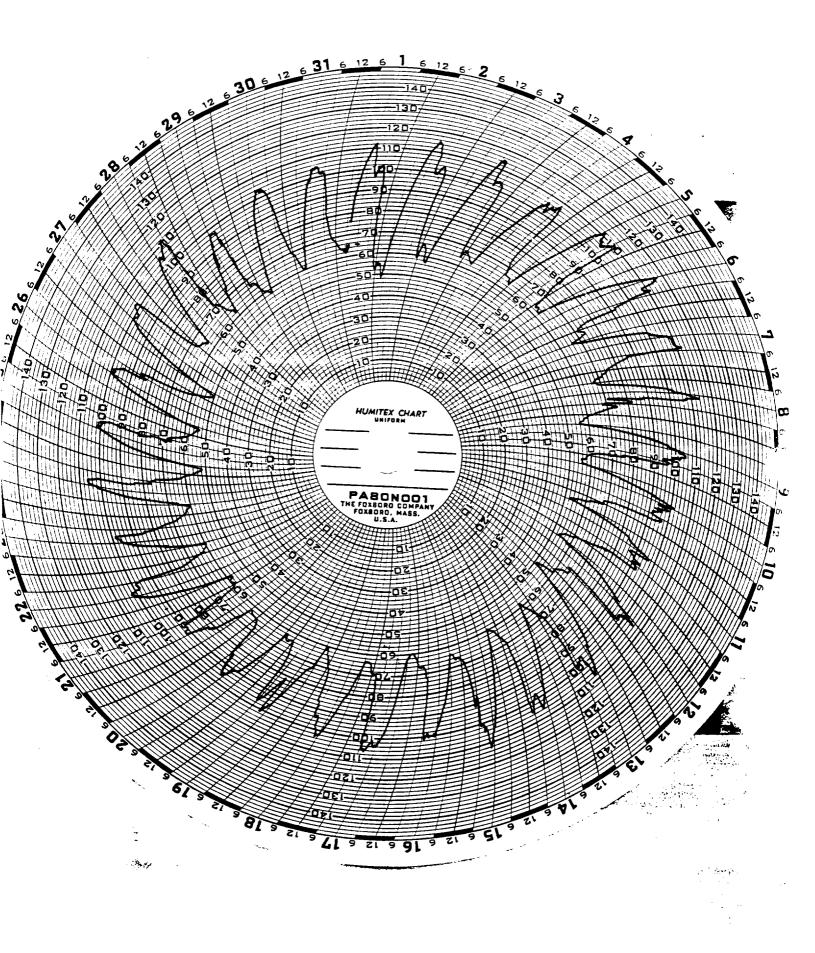
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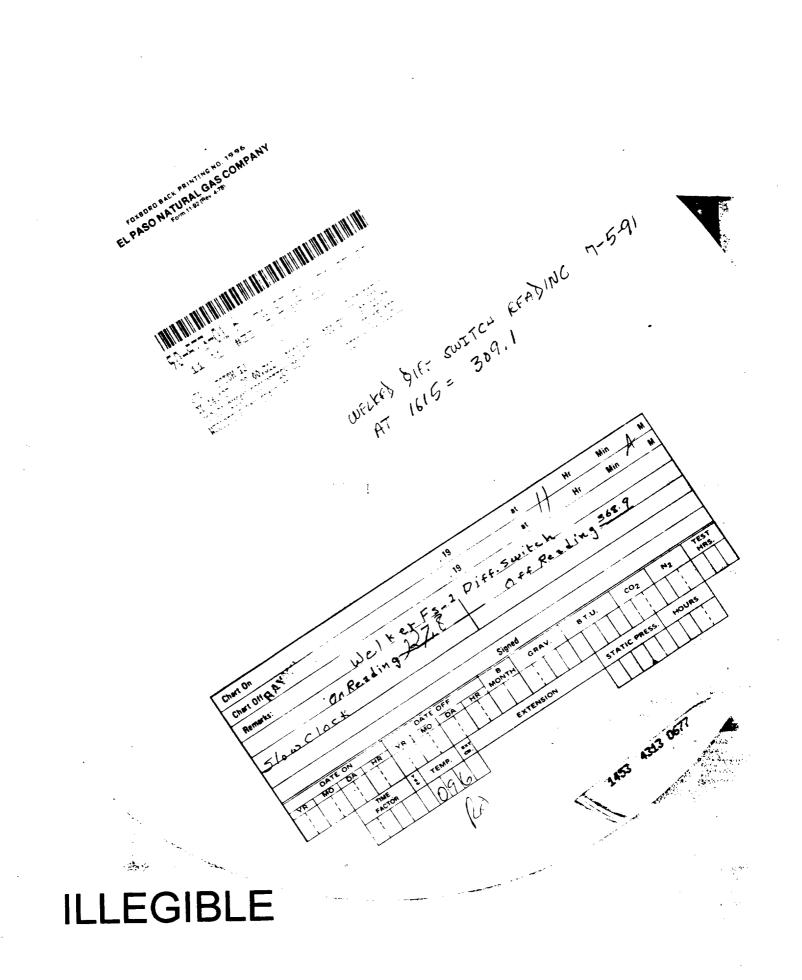
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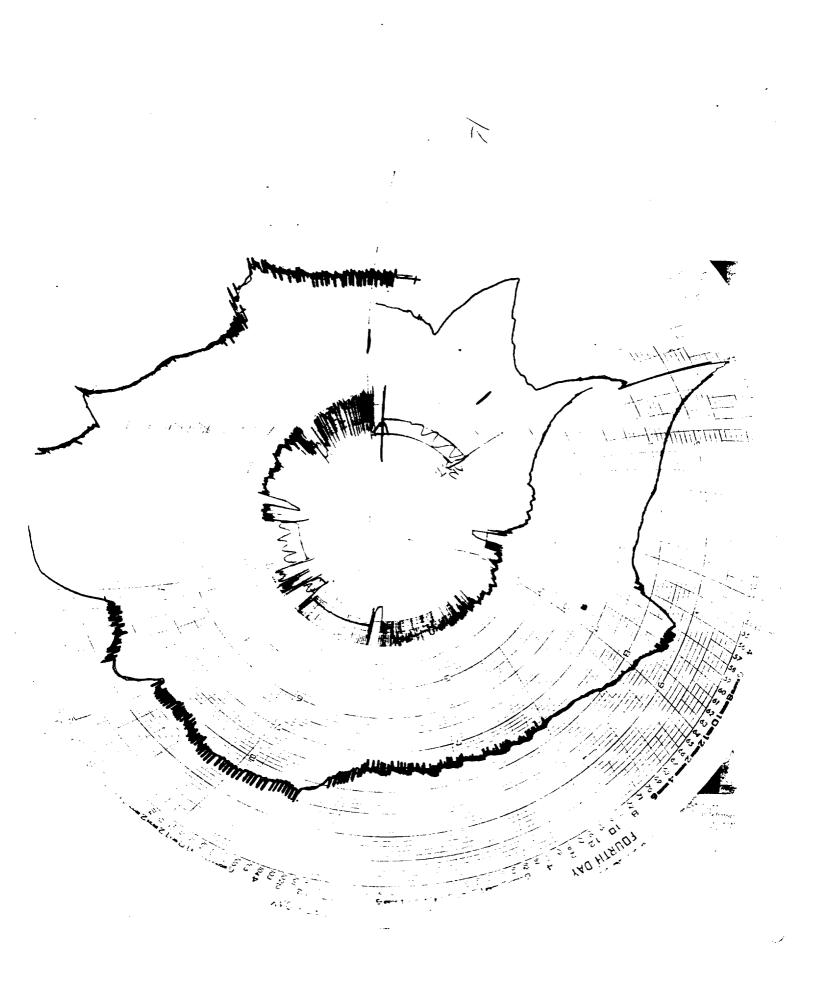
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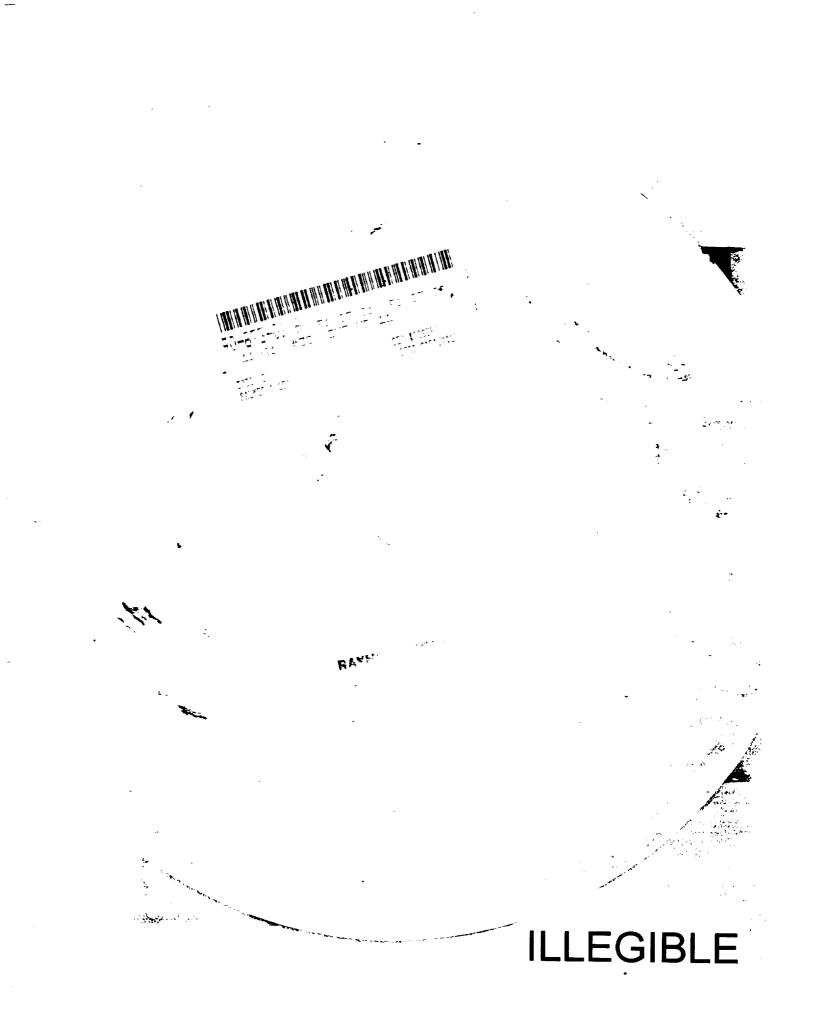
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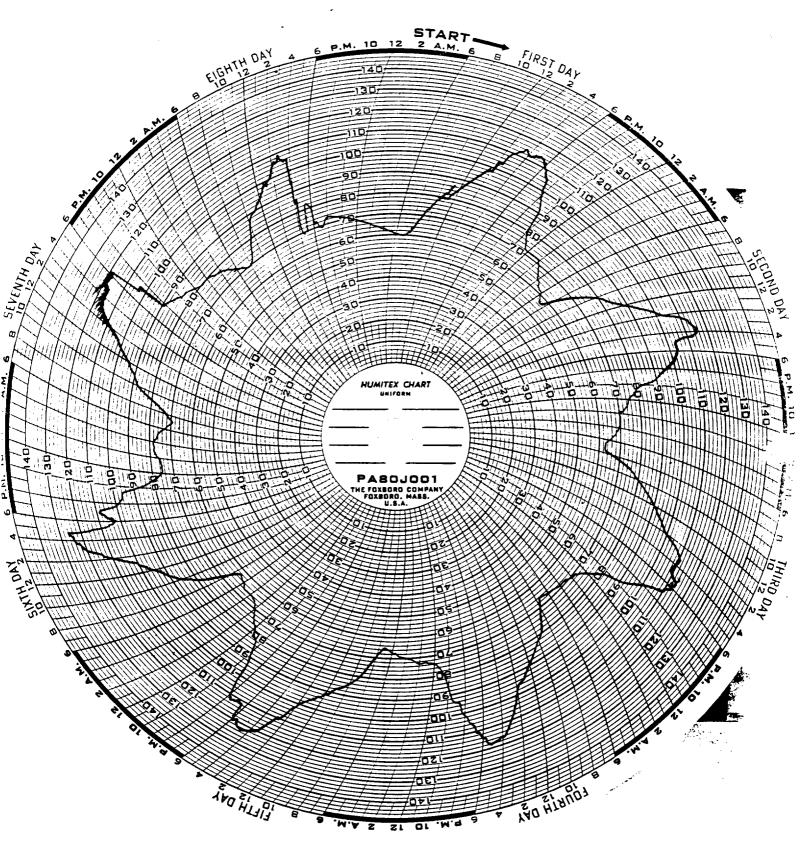
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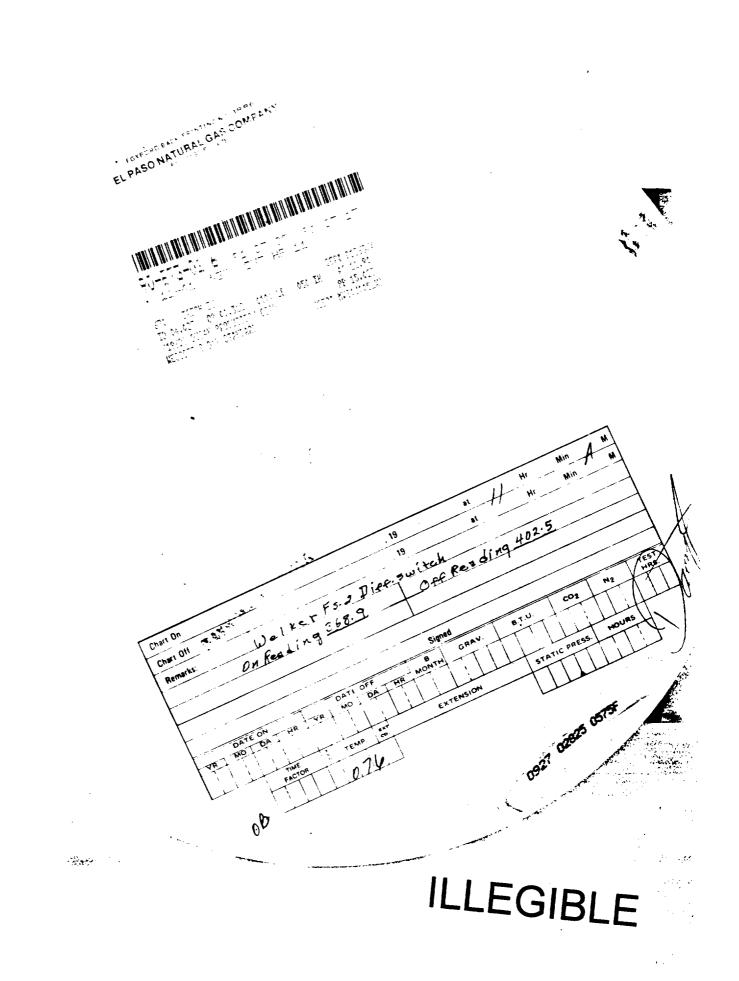


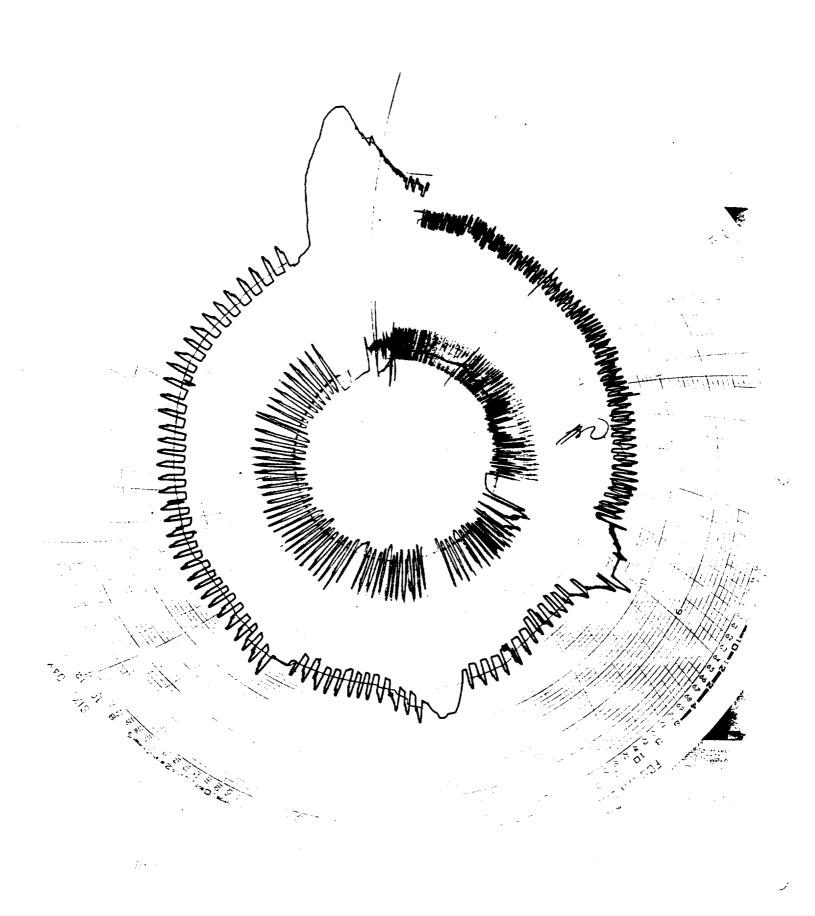


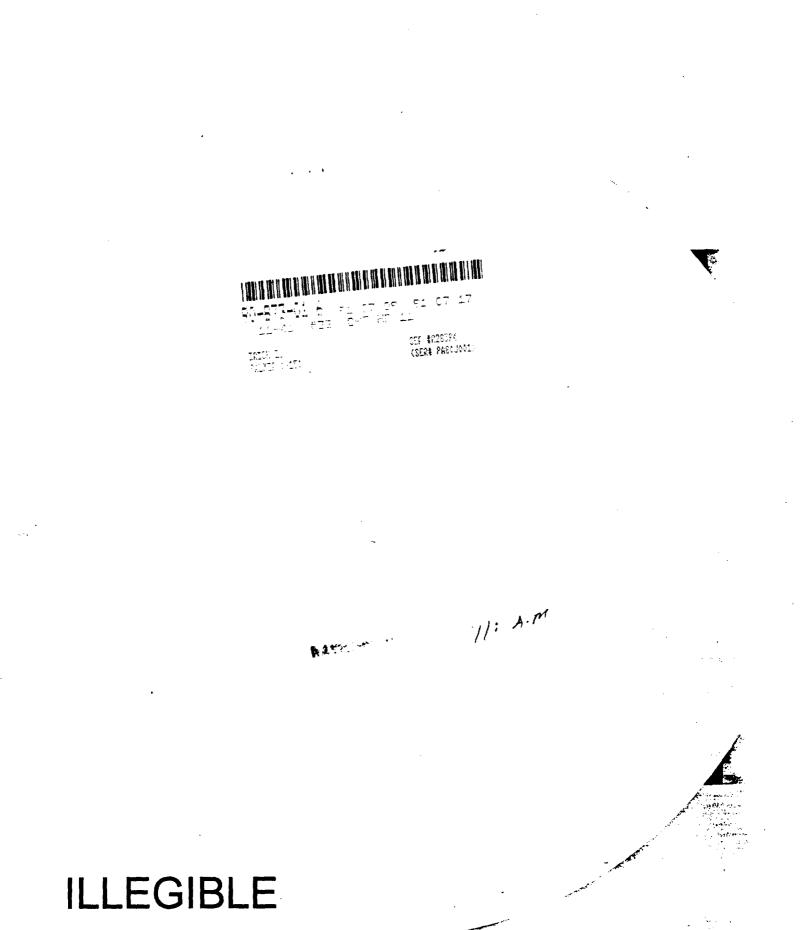


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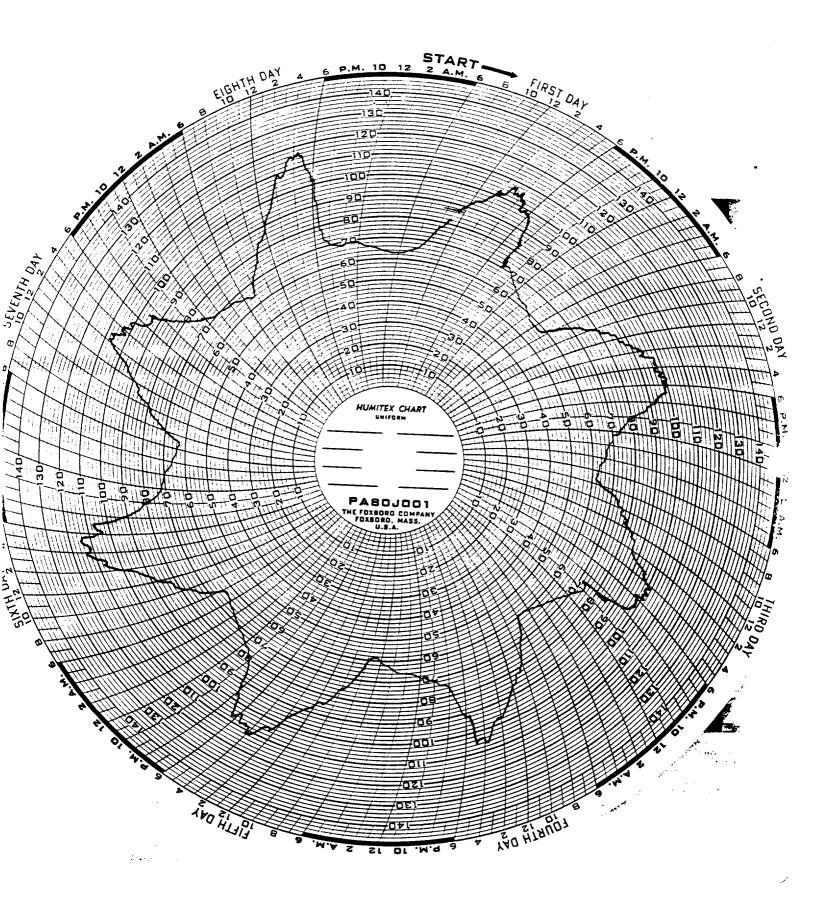
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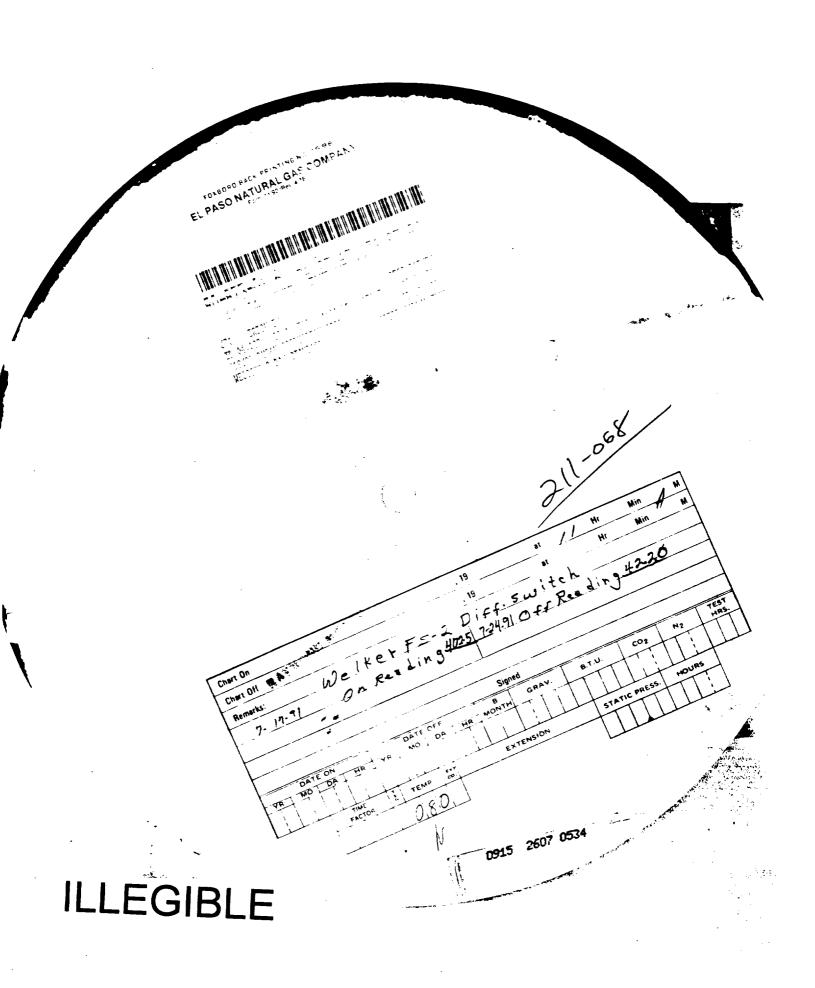


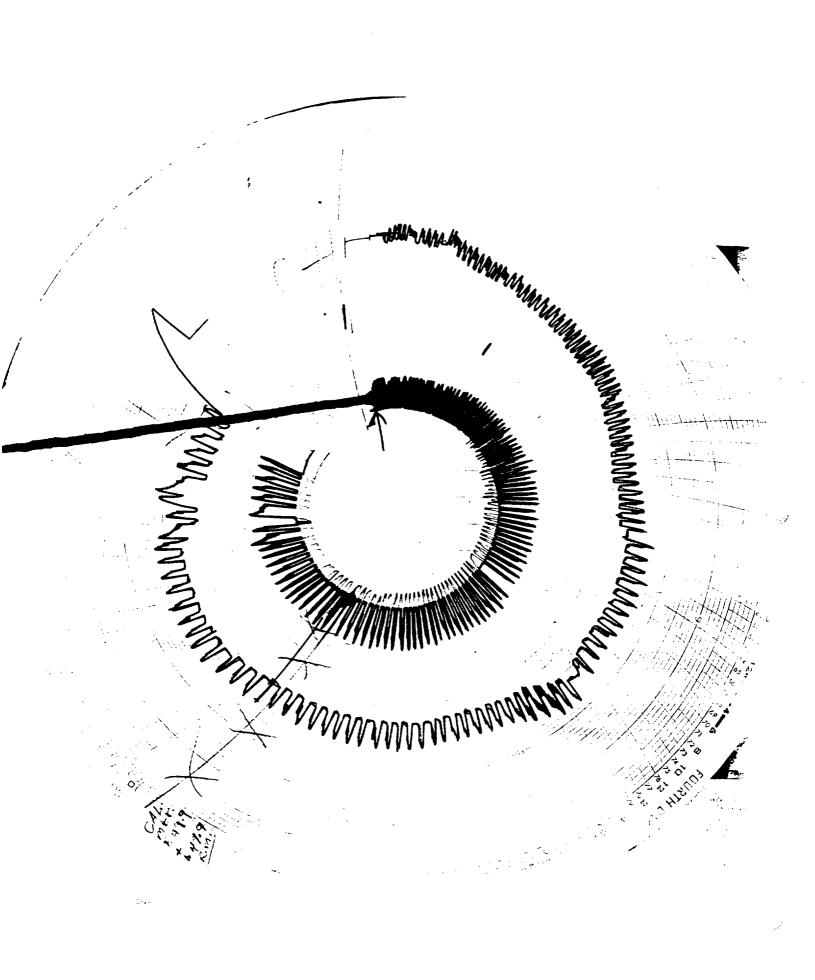




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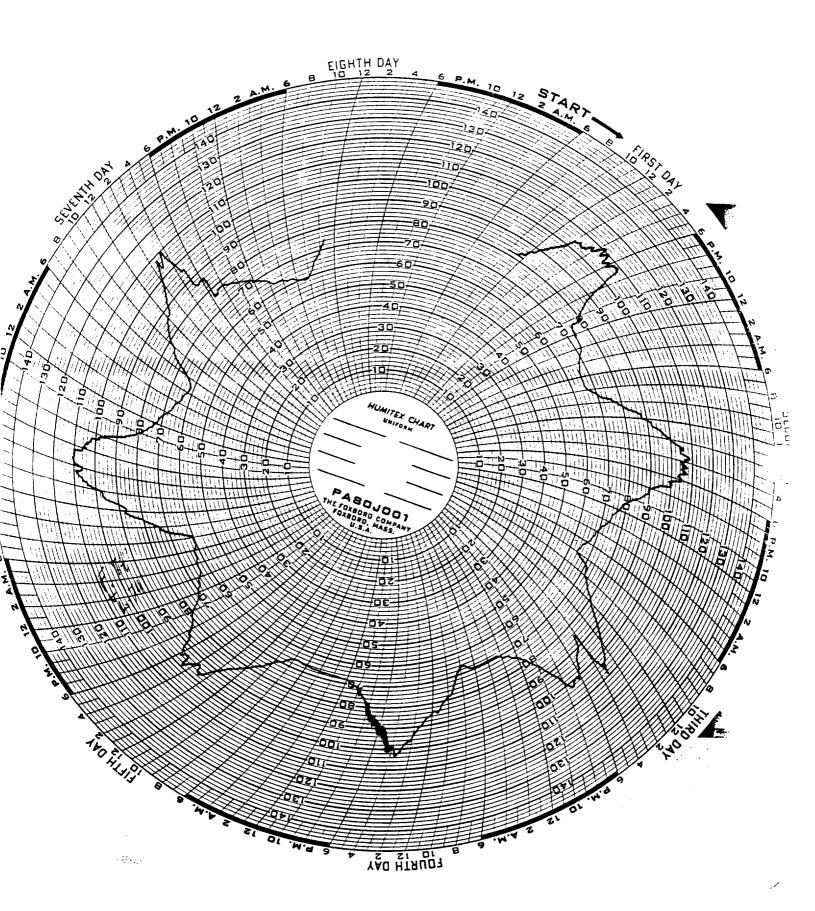
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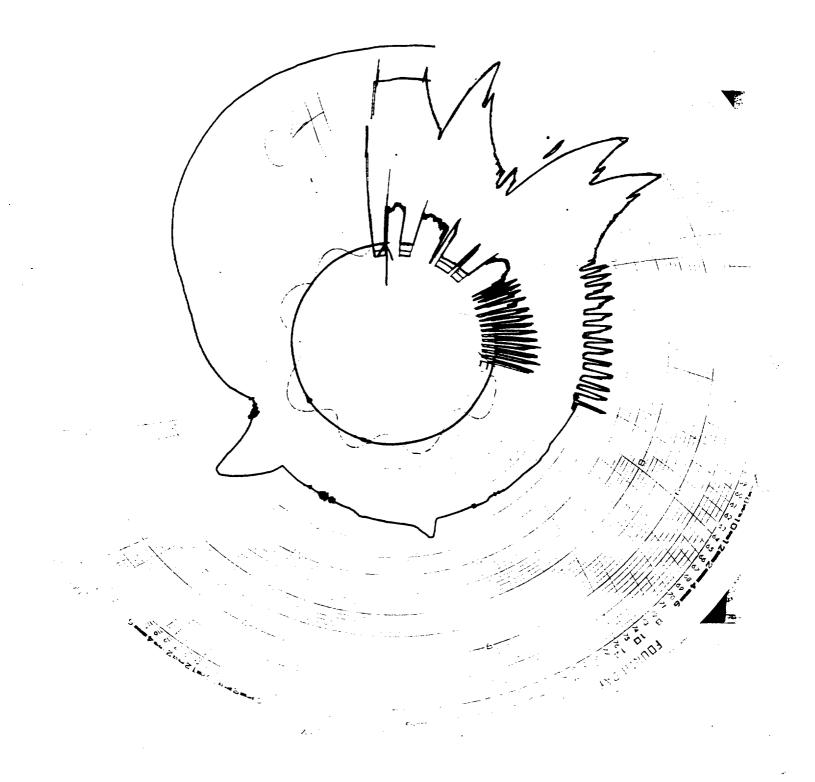
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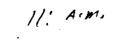
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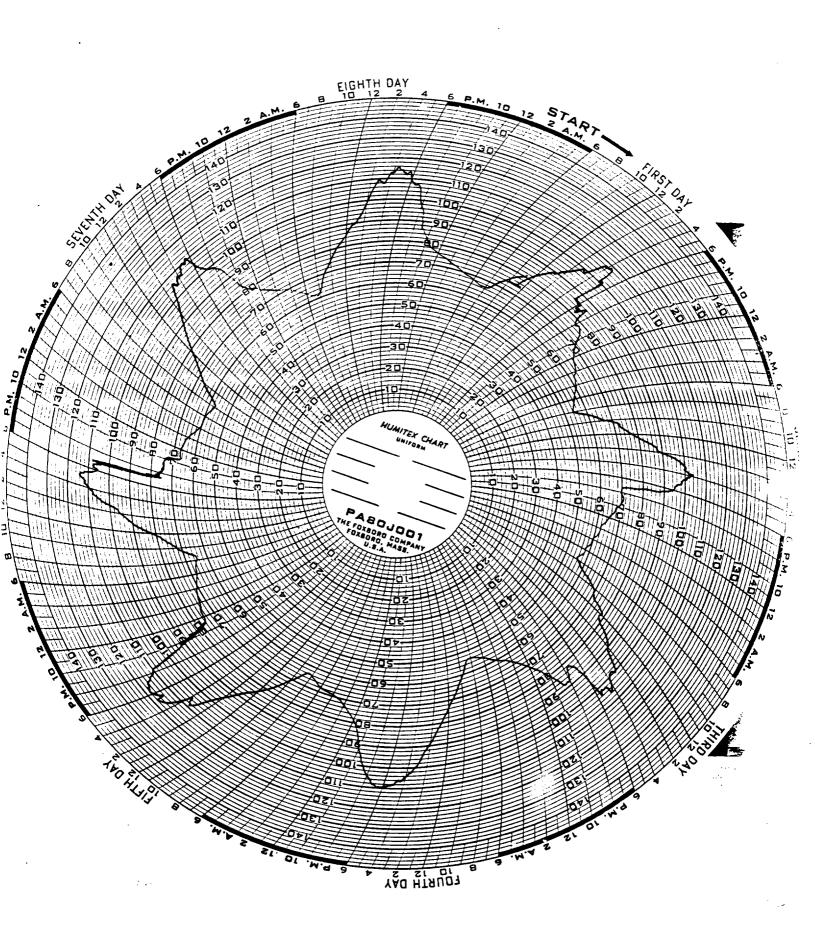
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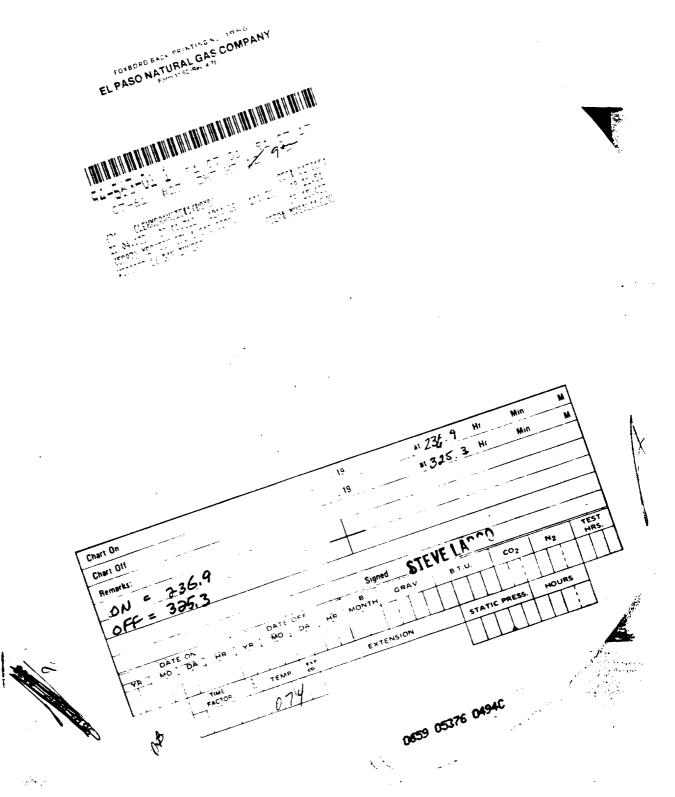
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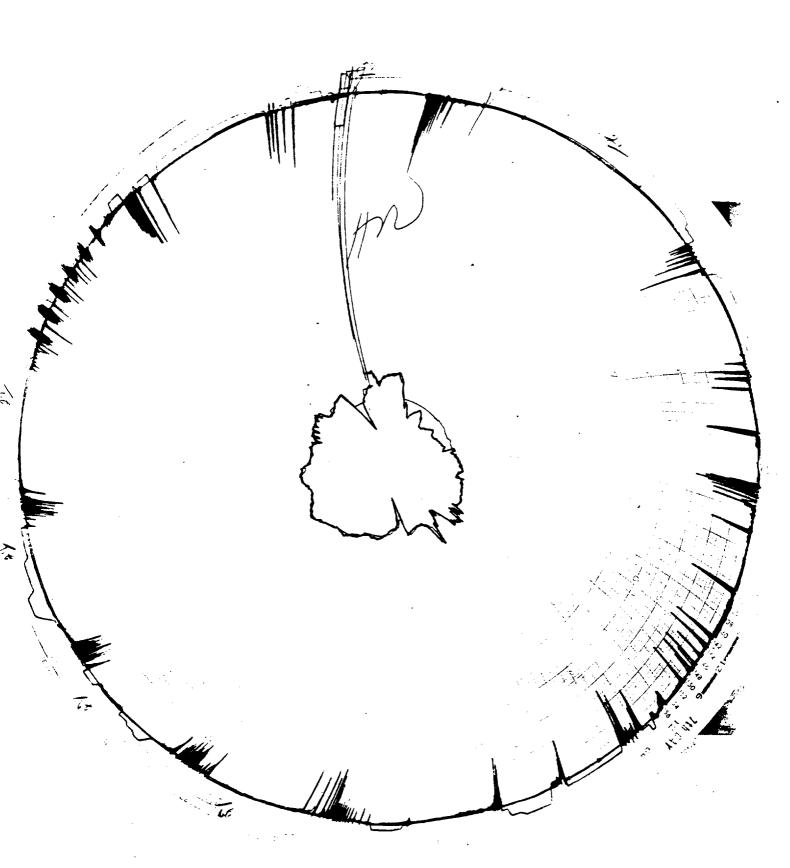
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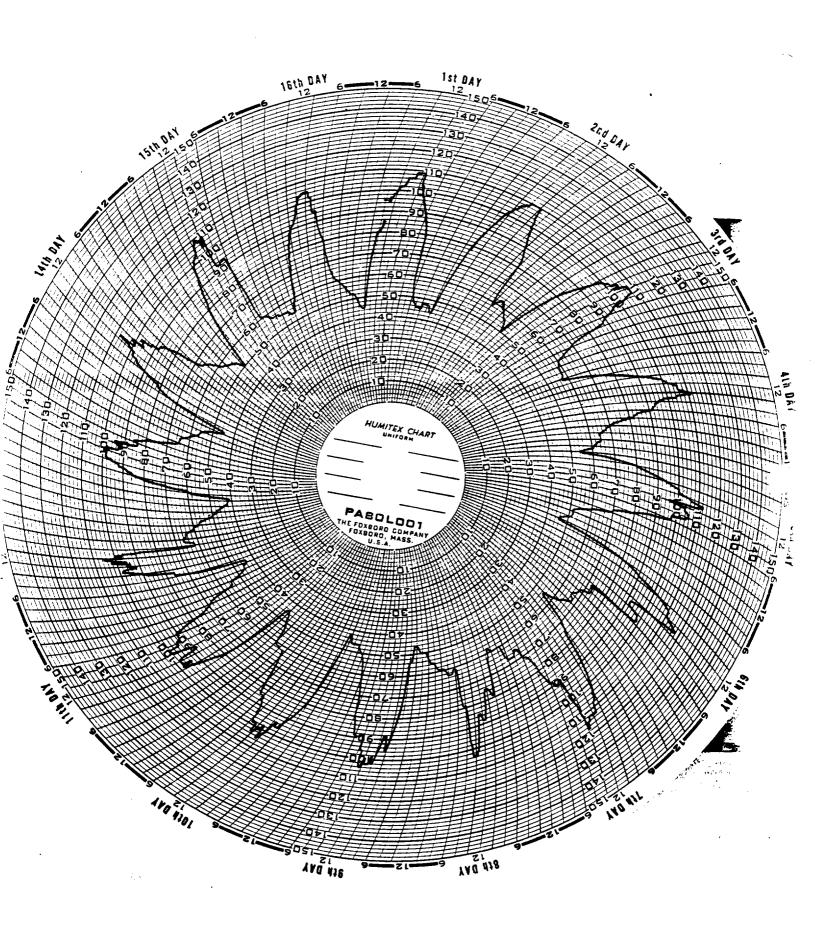
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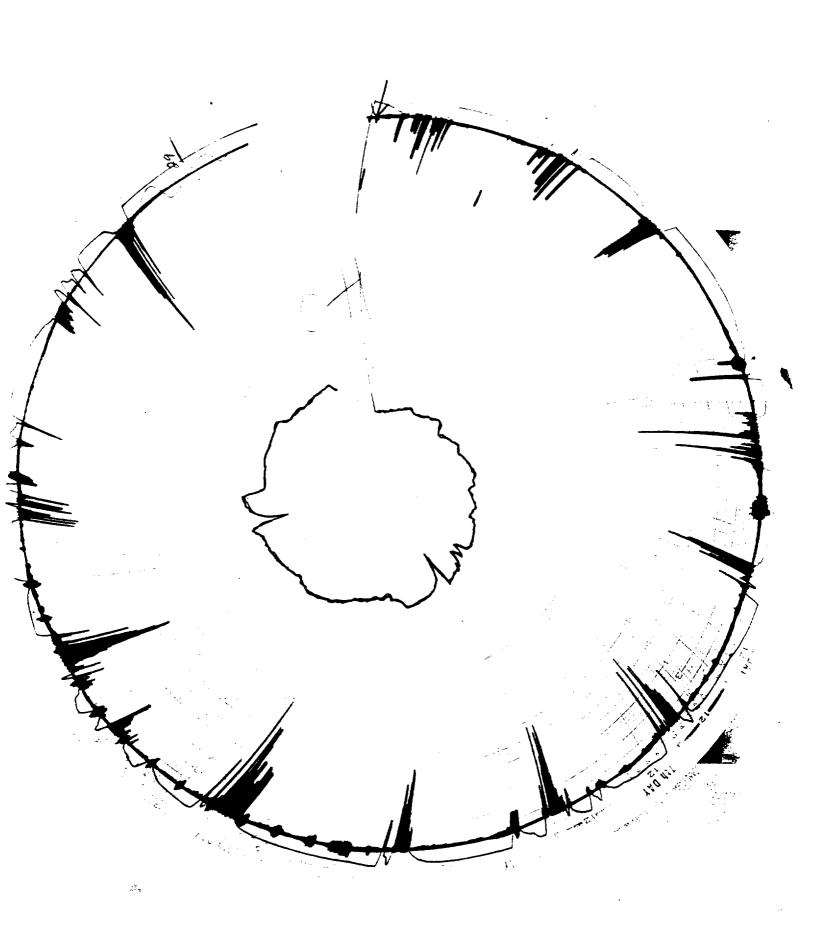
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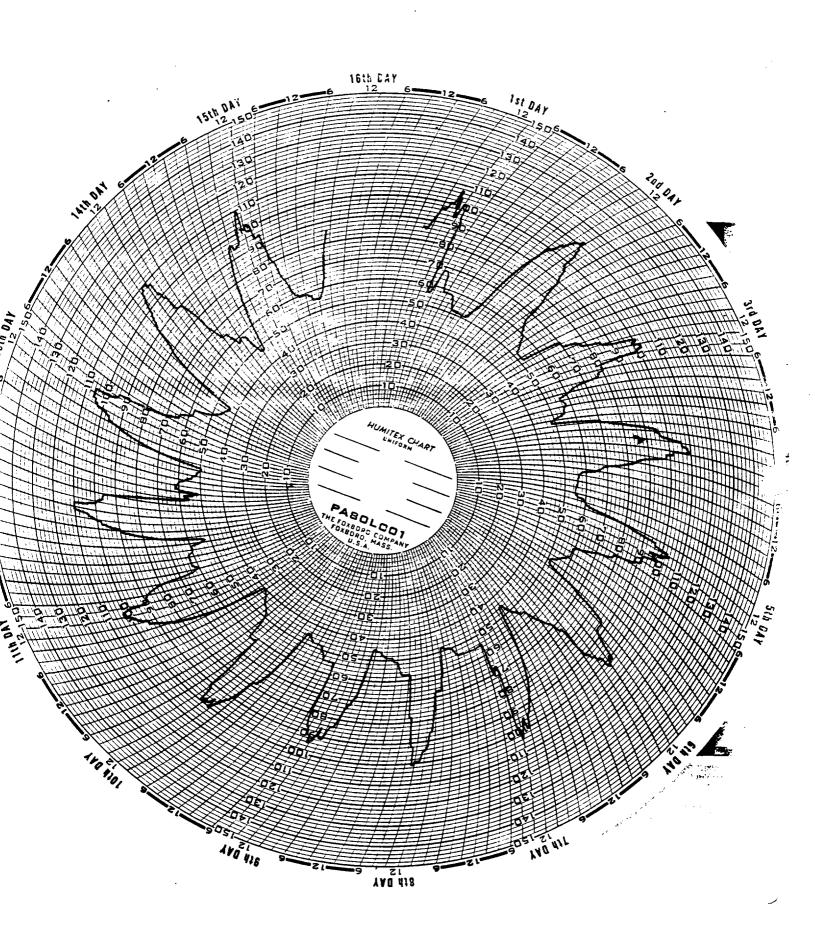
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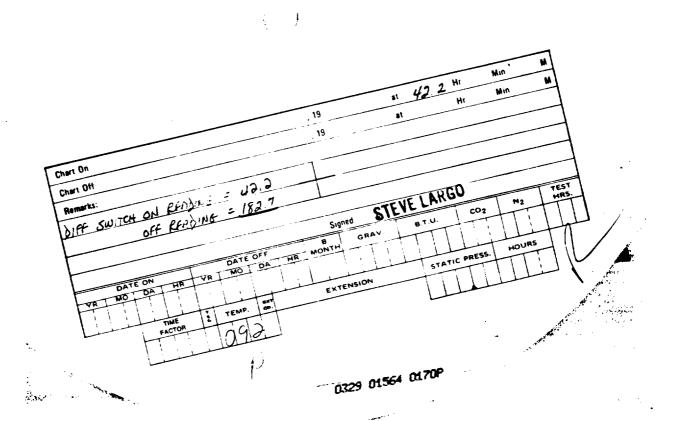
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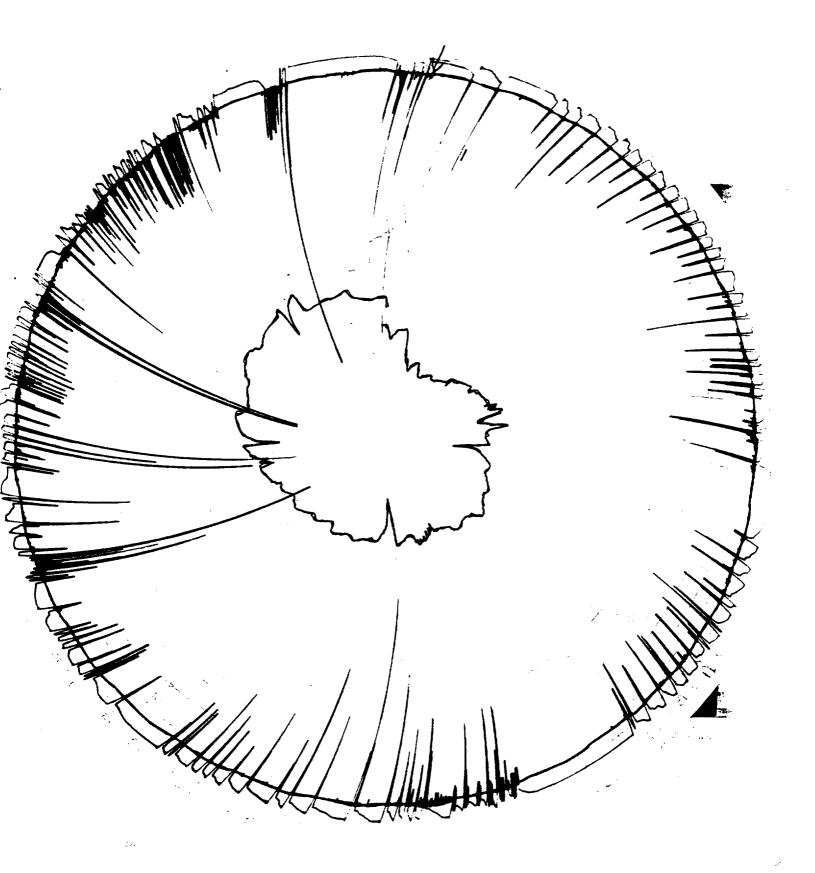


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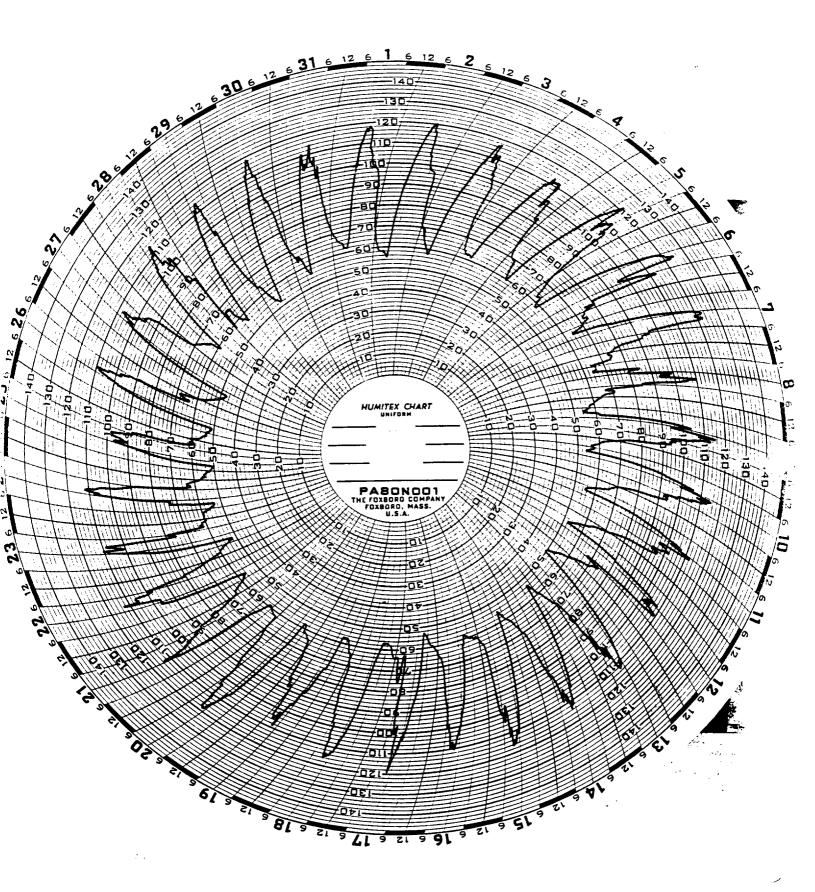
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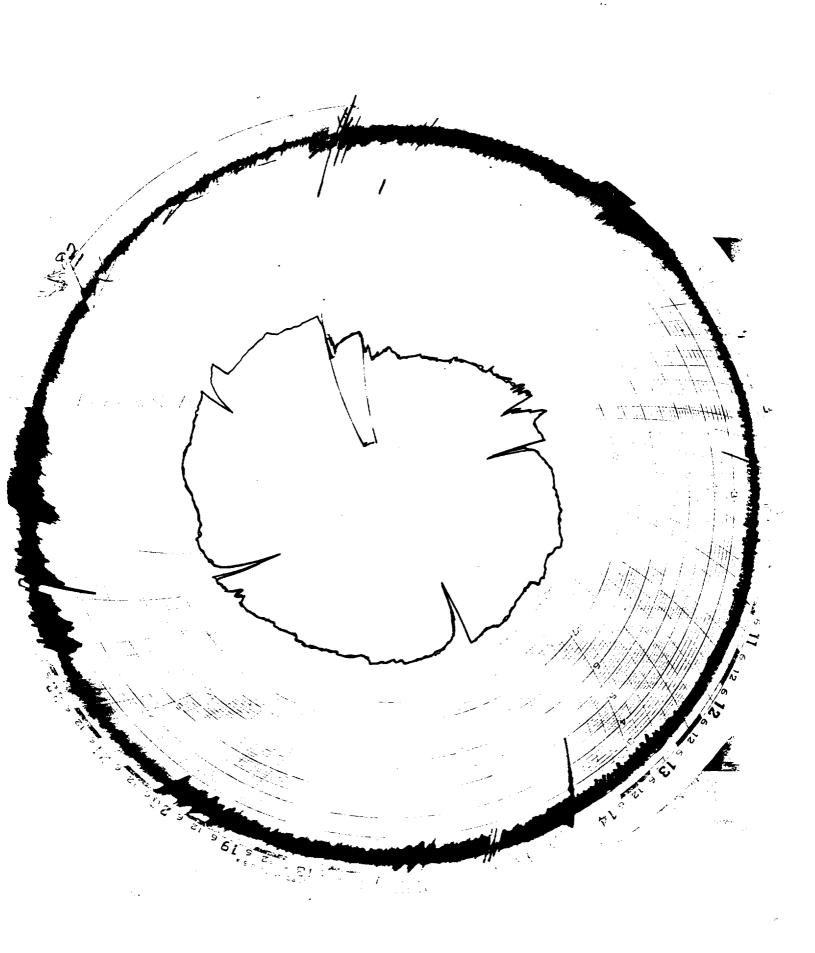
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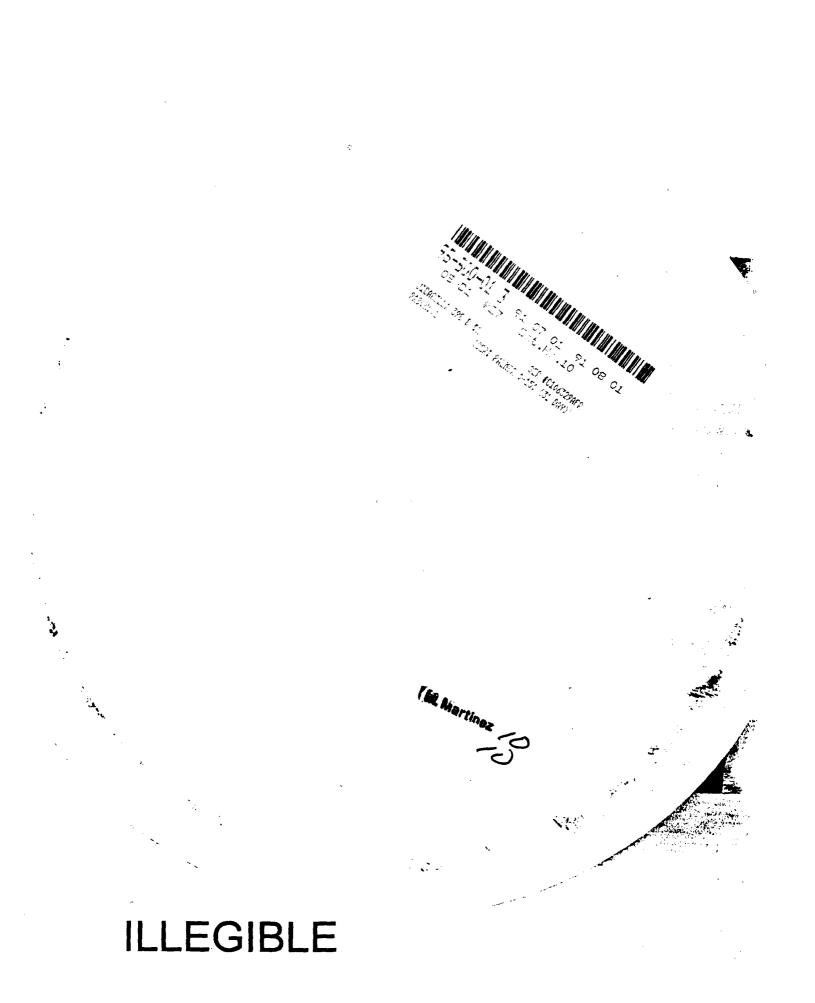
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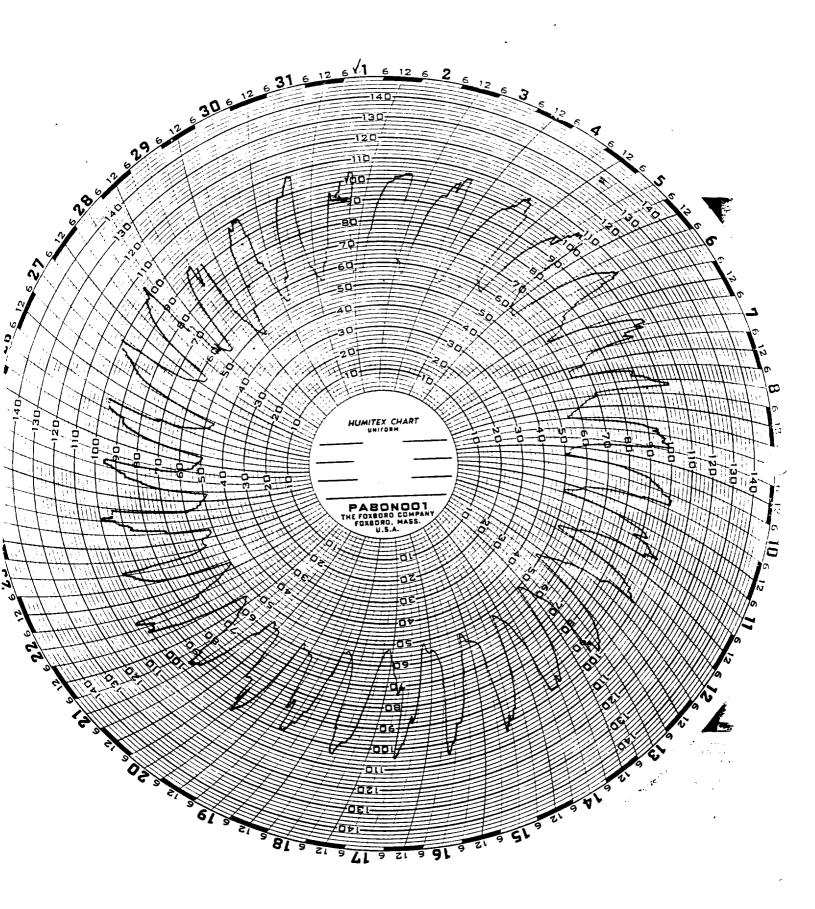
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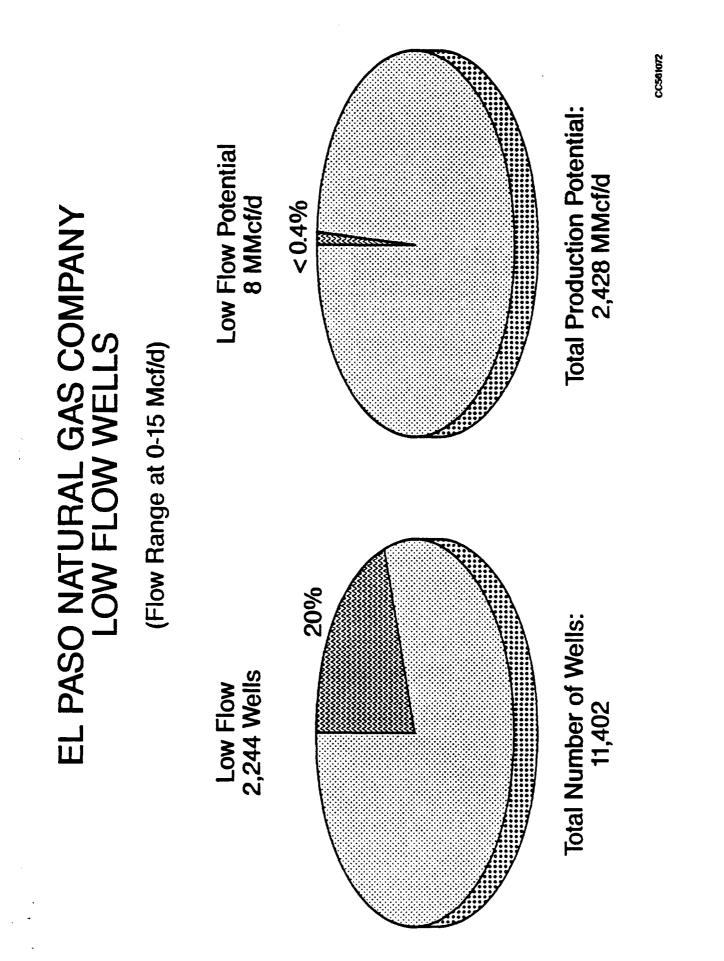


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NM-OCD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COST REDUCTION	#1 Blanket Exemption on Quarterly Meter Proving to semi-annual testing for wells producing less than 100 Mcf/d	#2 Temperature Compensation Exemption in SE-New Mexico for Gas Plant Production (Rule C-7)	#3 Revise Downhole and Surface Commingling Procedures (under present law, Federal, State, and Fee Lease gas cannot be commingled and production allocated)	<ul> <li>#4 Central Point Delivery (CPD)</li> <li>Aggragate a number of low volume wells into larger volumes</li> <li>Allocate gas from well tests for commingled gas where working and royalty interests are the same</li> </ul>	NOTE: NM-OCD has requested proposals for their consideration to handle low flow well measurement issues.
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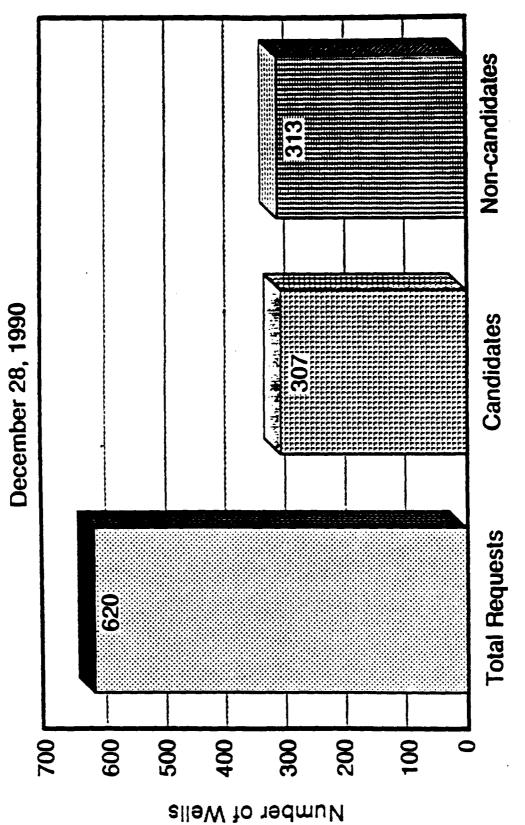
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- Extended Chart Rotation Periods using Reverse Scale Orifice Recorders (16 and 31 Day)
- Extended Meter Station Equipment Test Frequencies
- Temporary Disconnect of meter equipment and measurement operations for non-producing wells
- Six (6) months of no production or shut-in by operator
- 620 wells were temporarily disconnected in 1990
- Permanent Disconnect of facilities for confirmed non-producing wells (313 permanent disconnects in 1990)

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## WELLHEAD METER REMOVAL 1990



# LOW FLOW COST REDUCTION OPTIONS

- wellhead t t procedures Establish "Agreed Volume" alternative measurement to reduce costly measurement. \*1.
- Install Central Point Delivery (CPD) meter stations and allocate low production well volumes. \*2.
- Producer Operates Gathering System Lateral, Measures Wellhead Gas, and Delivers Gas to EPNG at CPD. т. т
- Pipeline continues measurement service for a fee at producers' Government agencies provide producer incentive by lowering severance taxes on low volume wells. expense (estimate \$75/month). 4.
- Enforce Transportation Tariff Provision to Reject Receipts of less than fifteen (15) MMBtu/d from Shippers. ы. С

\* Requires NM-OCD and BLM approval

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ESTABLISH "AGREED VOLUME" PROCEDURES TO REDUCE COSTLY MEASUREMENT	<ol> <li>Utilize Existing 1990 Annual Produced Volume to derive the hourly flow rates for the First Year to determine basis for:</li> <li>a. No Orifice Recorder - Unmetered Gas - Use "Agreed Volume"</li> <li>b. Install Differential Switch with Hour Meter - Calculate "Timed" Volume (Annual Hourly Flow Rate x Hours of Flow Recorded = Volume)</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Leave Primary Measurement Element on location for Annual Production Tests</li> </ol>	Perform Annual Production Measurement Test to Update the Hourly Flow Rate a. 16 Day Test Period b. Test Meter Installed and Calibrated c. Orifice Plate Inspected d. Gas Quality Sample Procured	CCS61083
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# INSTALL CENTRAL POINT DELIVERY (CPD) MEASUREMENT AND ALLOCATE LOW **PRODUCTION WELL VOLUMES**

- 1. Install EPNG-CPD at Lateral Tie-In
- 2. Continue Large Volume Wellhead Measurement
- 3. Establish "Agreed Volume" for Low Flow Wells
- 4. Subtract Measured Wellhead Volume from CPD Total Volume
- 5. Allocate CPD Remaining Volume Balance to Low Flow Wells per Agreed Volume
- 6. Annually Update "Agreed Volume" with Production Test

# PRODUCER OPERATES GATHERING SYSTEM

- 1. Install EPNG CPD at Lateral Tie-In for Custody Transfer
- 2. Producer Responsible for Upstream Measurement and Settlement

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