

**ENGINEERING SUPPLEMENT  
for  
APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED  
F M BROADCASTING STATION  
by  
LOS ANGELES BROADCASTING CO., INC.  
of  
Los Angeles, Calif.**

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GENERAL ENGINEERING STATEMENT

The Engineering data contained in this supplement refers to the application by the Los Angeles Broadcasting Company, Inc., of Los Angeles, California, for a construction permit for a High Frequency Broadcast Station using Frequency Modulation.

The station will have its Main Studio at 645 South Mariposa Avenue, in Los Angeles.

The Transmitter is to be located on a mountain north-east of Pasadena, California. The exact location of the transmitter will be at

34 degrees 12 minutes <sup>8</sup> 18 second North Latitude

118 degrees 4 minutes 14 seconds West Longitude.

The transmitter site is in the Mount Wilson area of the San Gabriel Mountains at an elevation of 4300 feet above mean sea level.

The coverage requested in this application is for 10,760 square miles within the 50 uv/m contour as based on average elevation prediction methods. When "line of sight" conditions are met, the coverage is estimated at 7,240 square miles within the 50 uv/m meter contour.

It is proposed to use a thousand watt transmitter operating with one thousand watts output. It is assumed that the transmitter and antenna will be so located that the coaxial transmission line will be 100 feet long. The manufacturer's rated efficiency of a line of this length is 93%, thus 930 watts will be delivered to the antenna. A six bay turnstile antenna is proposed having a field gain of two. The effective power radiated thus will be 3,720 watts.

It is proposed to support the turnstile antenna on a self-supporting steel derrick fifty feet high. The radiating elements are twenty-five feet eight inches high and with four feet of clearance at the bottom, and one foot ten inches at the top, the over-all height is thus eighty-one feet eight inches. The height from the ground to the center of the radiating elements is thus sixty-one feet above the ground level, and 4367 feet above mean sea level.

The preceding figures of 3720 watts of power at an elevation of 4367 feet above mean sea level were used in computing the expected coverage.

There are three airports within ten miles of the proposed transmitter site. The distances and bearings from the transmitter site follow:

Monrovia Airport	5.5 miles at 140° true.
El Monte Airport	8.0 miles at 168° true.
Rosemead Airport	9.5 miles at 180° true.

The proposed site is 18 miles from the center of green airway No. 5, and 19 miles from the center of amber airway No. 1. (Airports and Airways are shown on Exhibit No.3).

Two Standard Broadcast Stations are within eight miles of the proposed transmitter site. They are KPPC and KWKW, both located in Pasadena, California. The weather station of the U.S. Engineers, WCDJ, also is within eight miles of the proposed site.

There are no buildings or markings for air navigation in the vicinity of the site.

METHOD OF ESTIMATING SERVICE CONTOURS

The method outlined in the Commission's Proposed Standards of Good Engineering Practice Concerning F M Broadcast Stations, July 28, 1945, was used for estimating the service contours.

Elevations were taken along ten radials from the transmitter site. These elevations were tabulated from U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Maps having a scale of 1/24,000.

The average elevation of the two to ten mile sector on each radial was calculated and subtracted from the transmitter antenna height. The effective height of the transmitter antenna thus obtained and the effective radiated tower was used with the new F.C.C. 98 Mc Charts to locate the one thousand microvolt per meter and fifty microvolt per meter contours.

When the average elevation for Radial A in the two to ten mile sector was calculated, it was found that the effective elevation of the antenna was negative. This indicated zero signal to the north and inspection of Radial A shows that this is probably the case since the mountain rises to more than five thousand feet in this direction. "Line of sight" transmission is possible in this direction for a distance of only 1.5 miles.

"Line of sight" transmission occurs for only .5 miles along Radial B, 5.4 along Radial C, and 2.65 miles along Radial J. Since the terrain is very irregular and contains deep canyons along Radials B, C, and J, the average elevation prediction method indicates a good signal

covering quite a large area in these directions. Any service received along Radials A, B, C, or J would be several hundred feet below the "line of sight." There is practically no population involved in these areas and the only question is in the matter of square miles covered. Exhibit No. 1 shows the service area as predicted by the elevation method and the dotted line is an approximate line where the transmission becomes "line of sight" to the predicted contours.

Exhibit No. 3 shows only the contours as predicted by the average elevation method.

The oblique aerial photograph of Exhibit No. 5 shows the transmitter location and the ridge of mountains directly to the north of the proposed site. The observer is looking northeast to the transmitter site.

METHOD OF DETERMINING POPULATION AND AREA SERVED

The area within the 1000 and 50 uv/m contours for both predicted and limited service areas shown in Exhibit No. 1 was measured with a planimeter. These areas are as follows:

Elevation Prediction Method.

1000 uv/m contour 5,000 square miles

50 uv/m contour 10,760 square miles

Elevation Prediction Method less area definitely out of line of sight.

1000 uv/m contour 4,240 square miles

50 uv/m contour 7,240 square miles

The population within the predicted contours was estimated by drawing the contours on a U.S. Minor Civil Division Map. Uniform distribution of population was assumed when one of the contours passed through a civil division. Populations follow:

By Elevation Prediction Method.

1000 uv/m contour 3,003,389 persons

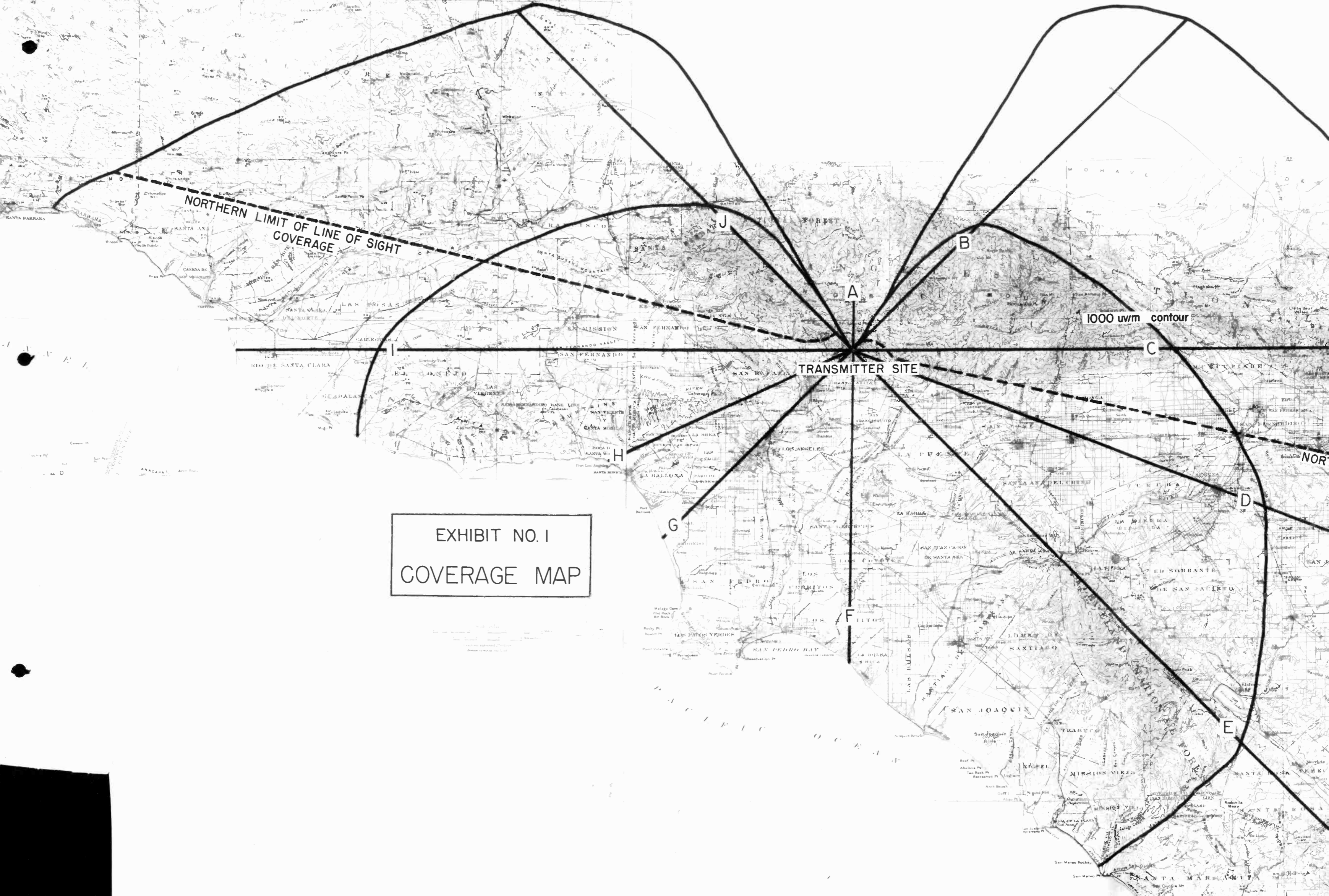
50 uv/m contour 3,061,572 persons \*

By Elevation Prediction Method less area definitely out of line of sight.

1000 uv/m contour 2,992,289 persons

50 uv/m contour 3,045,788 persons \*

\* Cities of over 10,000 persons within the 50 uv/m contour and outside the 1000 uv/m contour excluded.



NORTHERN LIMIT OF LINE OF SIGHT

1000 uvm contour

TRANSMITTER SITE

EXHIBIT NO. 1  
COVERAGE MAP

G

J

B

A

C

H

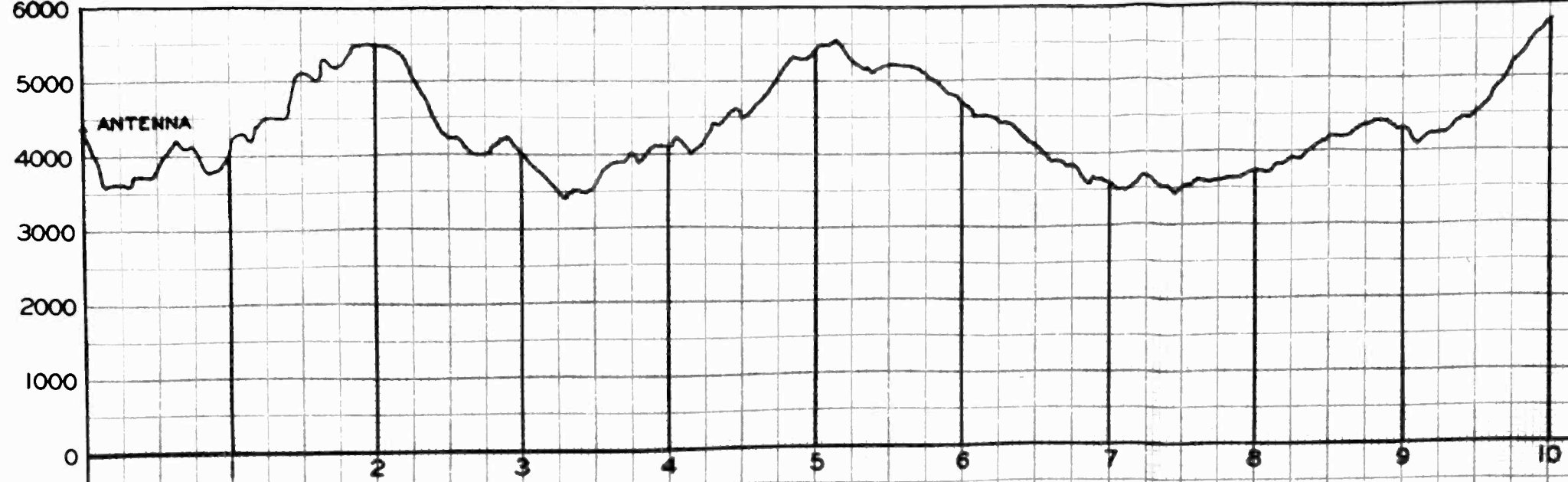
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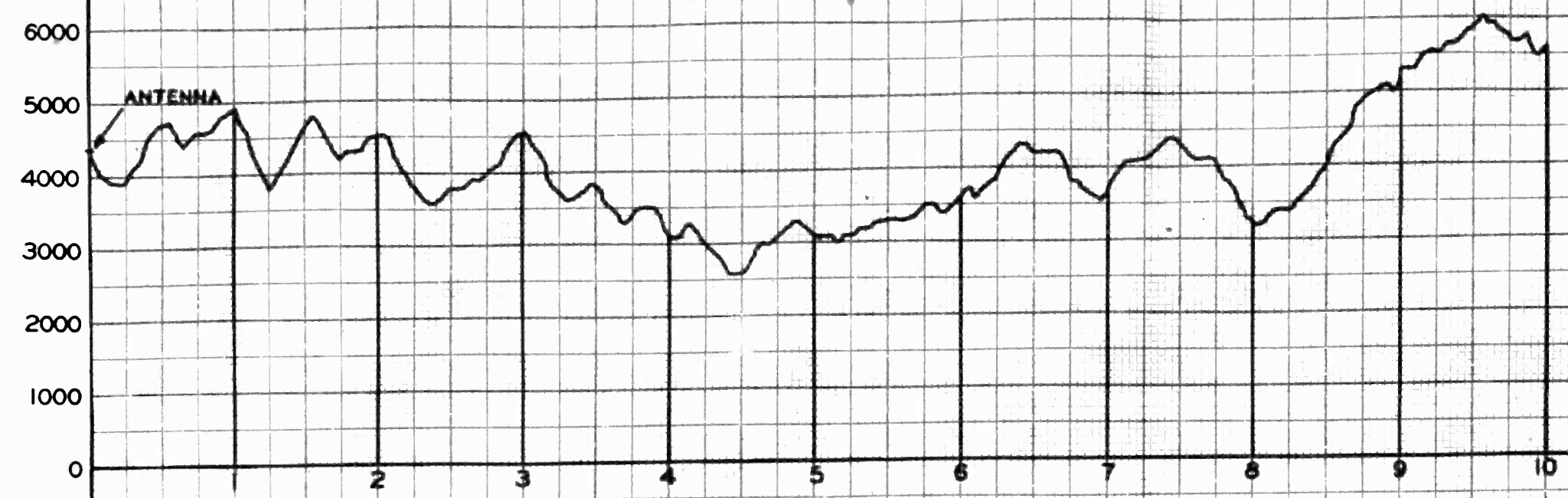
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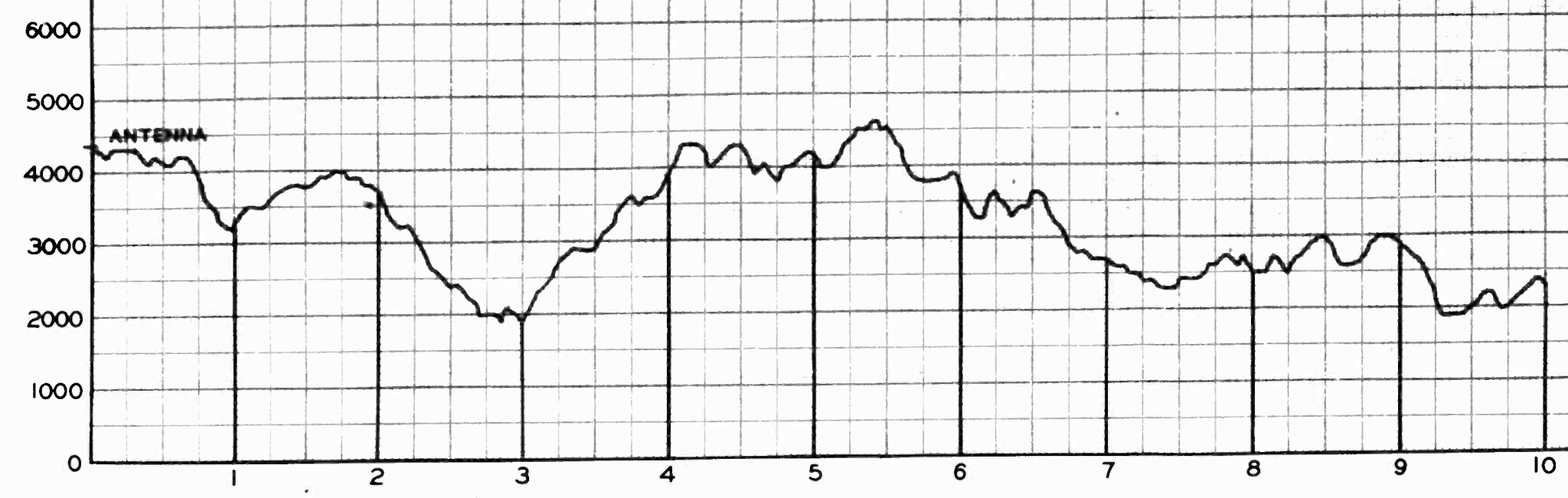
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**RADIAL A**  
**N. 0° E.**



**RADIAL B**  
**N. 45° E.**



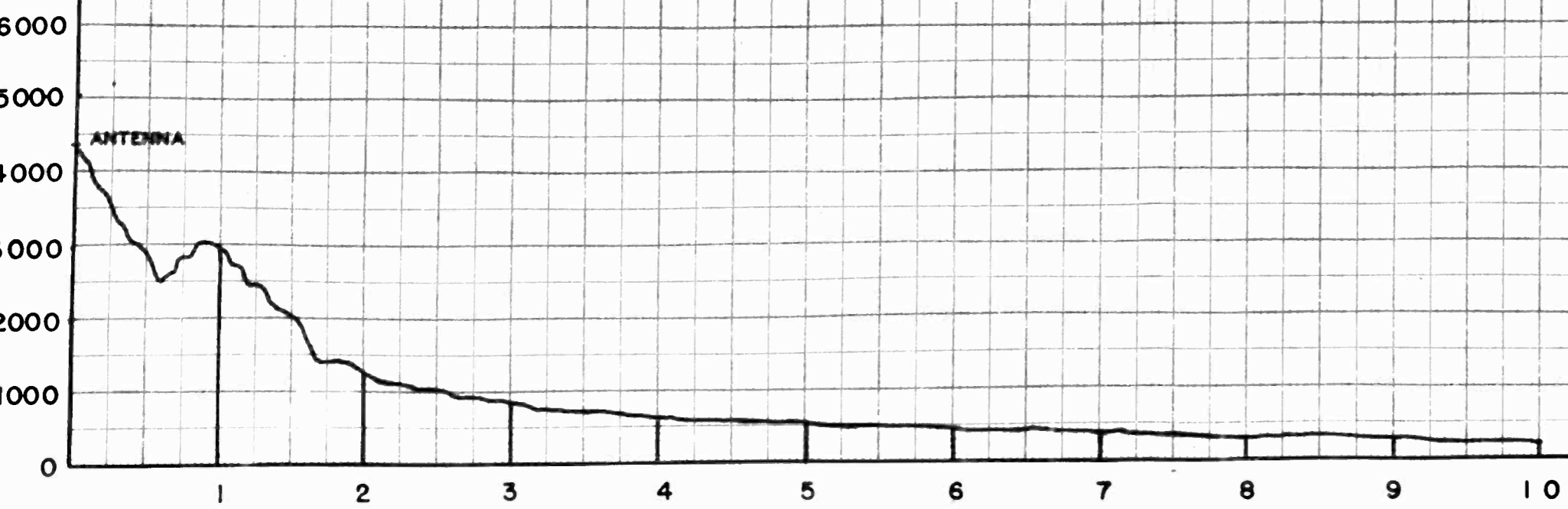
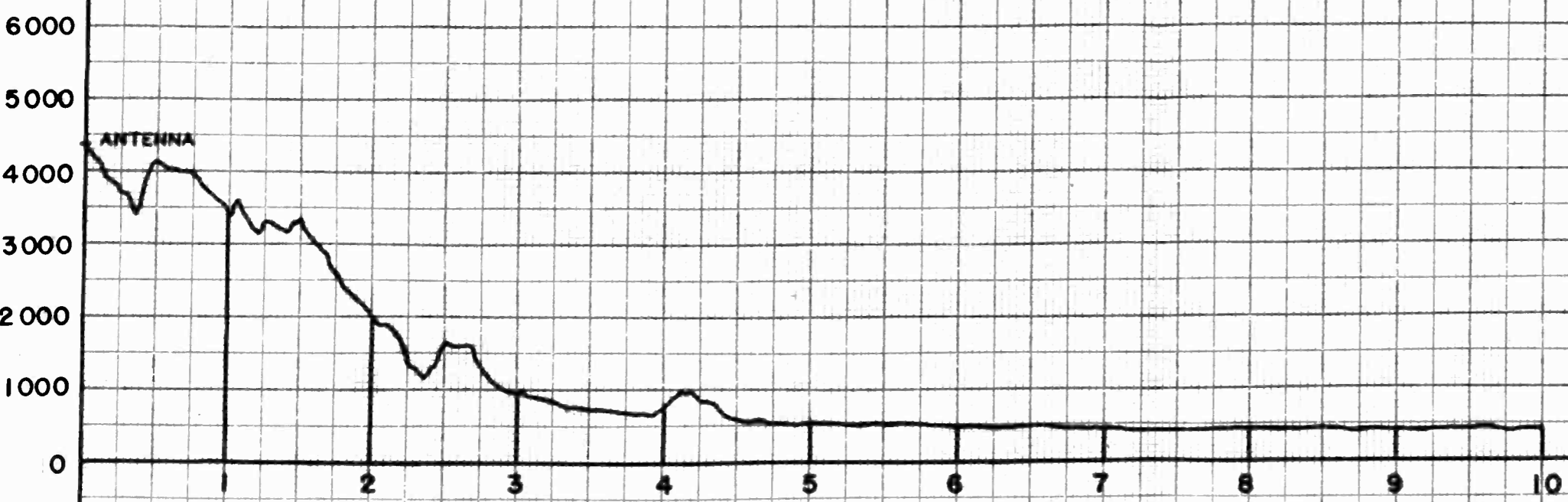
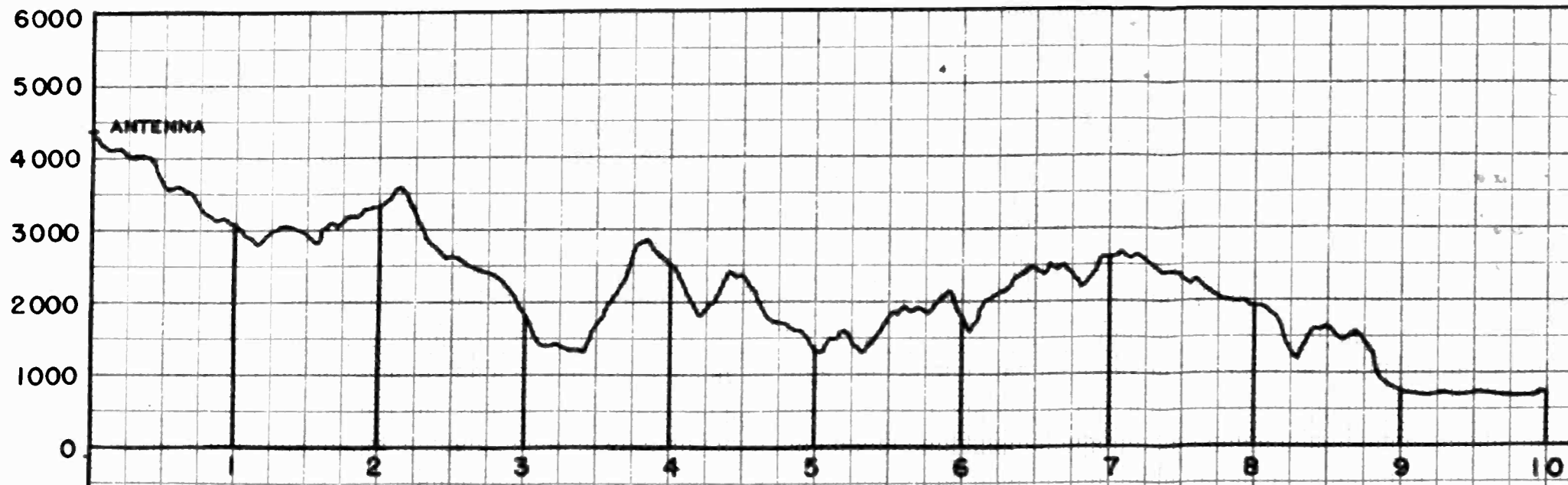
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**EXHIBIT 2A**

DISTANCE IN MILES

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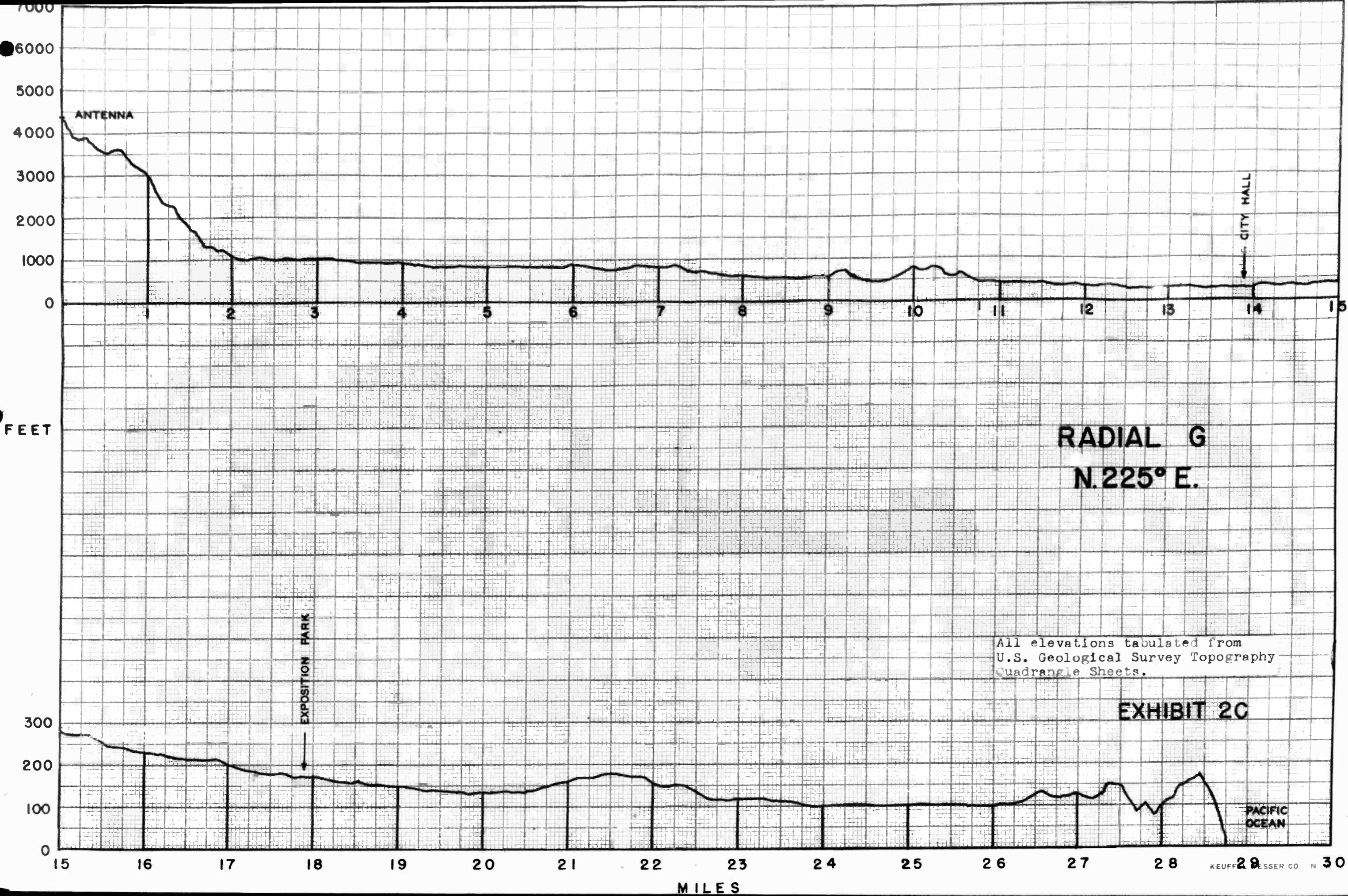


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**EXHIBIT 2B**

MILES

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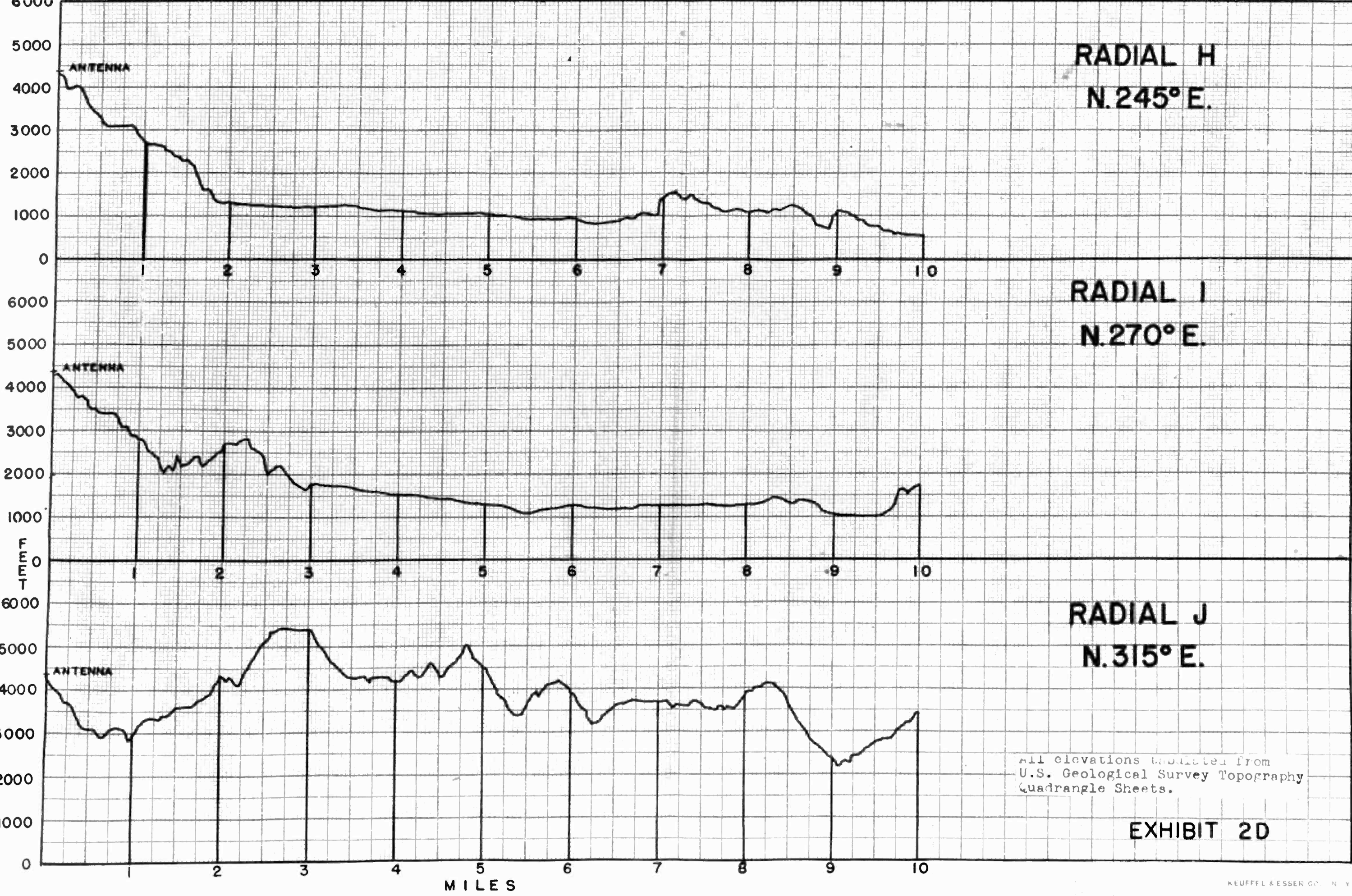
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EXHIBIT 2D

EXHIBIT NO. 3  
AERONAUTICAL CHART



2000 3000 5000 7000 9000 12000

GRADIENT OF ELEVATIONS  
Elevations are in feet above mean sea level  
Contour interval 1000 feet

STATUTE MILES 10 20

1000 uvm

50 uvm



**WCDJ**

**TRANSMITTER SITE**

**KPPC**

**KWKW**

**LOS ANGELES**

**EXHIBIT NO. 4**



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS

TRANSMITTER SITE



SIERRA MADRE

ALTADENA

PASADENA BUSINESS DISTRICT

BROOKSIDE PARK

VISTA DEL ARROYO HOTEL

ORANGE GROVE AVE. TO FREEWAY TO LOS ANGELES

ROSE BOWL

COLORADO ST. BRIDGE

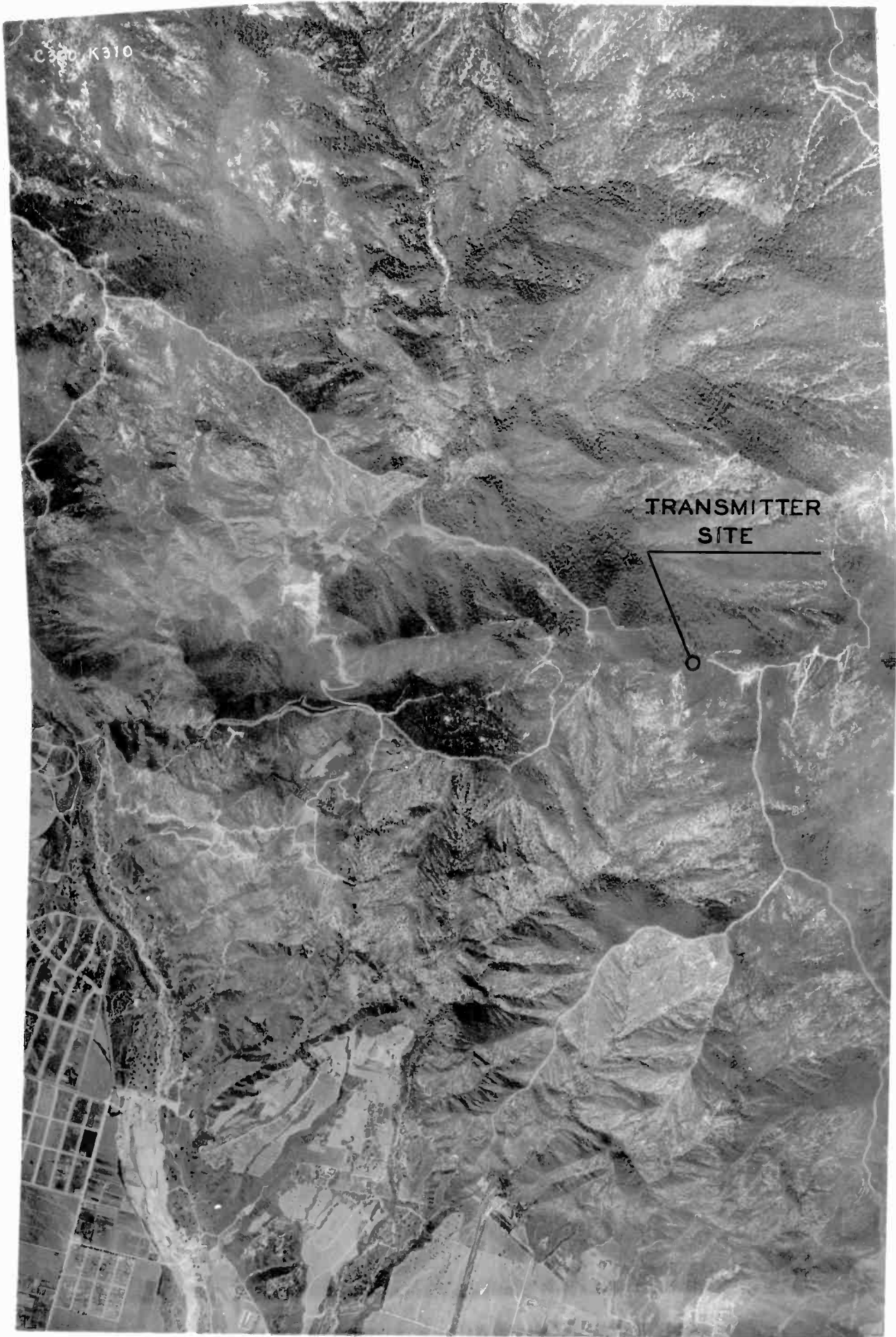
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C300 K310

TRANSMITTER  
SITE



T. 2 N.  
15

T. 1 N.

T. 1 S.

34°00'

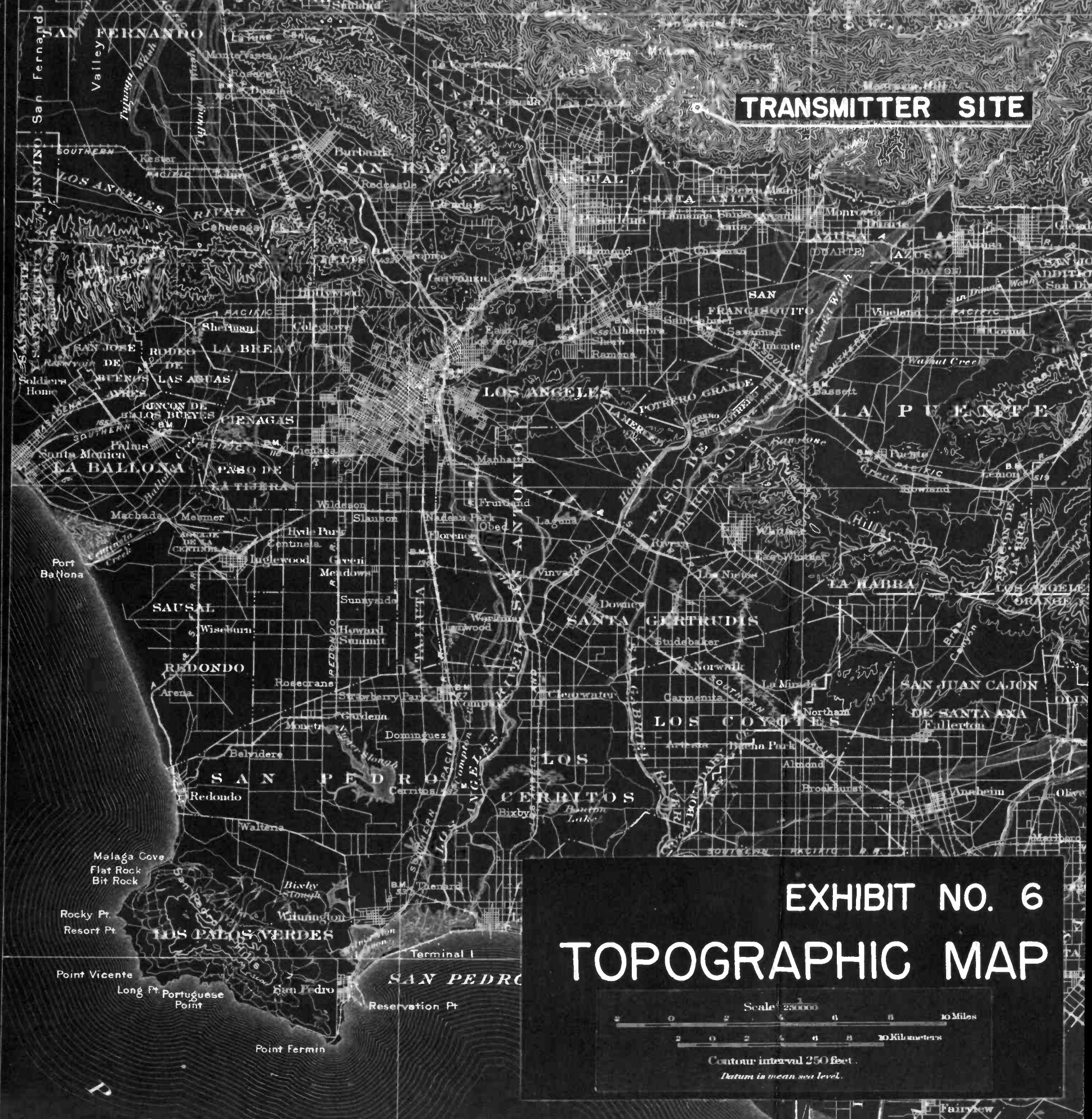
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**TRANSMITTER SITE**

**EXHIBIT NO. 6**  
**TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**



Contour interval 250 feet.  
Datum is mean sea level.



QUALIFICATION SHEET

All of the engineering information contained in this application was compiled by Ron Oakley, 2785 Cedar Ave., Long Beach, California.

His qualifications follow:

Previous work presented to and accepted by your Commission.

Entered radio as amateur in 1924, receiving call letters 6JA. Active as amateur operator until 1931 during which time also worked in radio service and set manufacturing.

Entered commercial radio broadcasting in 1931 and employed continuously since then in the radio broadcasting field.

Experience includes transmitter and studio construction, field strength measurements, sky-wave measurements, and design and adjustment of directional antenna system. Appointed KGER transmitter supervisor in 1937 and has been Chief Engineer of KGER since February 1943.

Formal education at Long Beach Polytechnic High School and the University of Southern California. Member of the Institute of Radio Engineers.







TABULATION OF AVERAGE ELEVATIONS (continued)

INTERVAL OF SECTOR	RADIAL I N270E	RADIAL J N315E
0 to 1 mile	3600	3300
1 to 2 miles	2360	3580
2 to 3 "	2180	4960
3 to 4 "	1600	4650
4 to 5 "	1440	4650
5 to 6 "	1220	3900
6 to 7 "	1260	3620
7 to 8 "	1270	3680
8 to 9 "	1380	3500
9 to 10 "	1200	2760





TABULATION OF DISTANCES TO  
PREDICTED CONTOURS

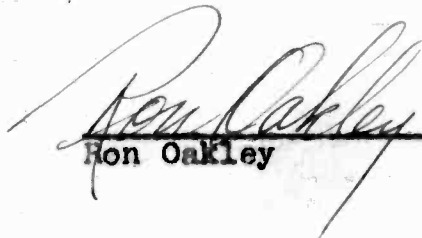
RADIAL	Distance to 50 uv/m Contour	Distance to 1000 uv/m Contour	Effective Antenna Elevation	Effective Radiated Power
A	0	0	-0.5 ft.	3720 watts
B	50 miles	19.5 miles	350 "	3720 "
C	70.5 "	35.0 "	1236 "	3720 "
D	90.0 "	49.0 "	2447 "	3720 "
E	105.0 "	60.5 "	3687 "	3720 "
F	107.0 "	61.0 "	3843 "	3720 "
G	104.0 "	60.0 "	3563 "	3720 "
H	101.0 "	58.0 "	3289 "	3720 "
I	97.0 "	54.00 "	2723 "	3720 "
J	51.0 "	22.0 "	414 "	3720 "

PREDICTED CONTINUED  
TABULATION OF DISTANCES TO


Effective Elevation	Distance to 1000 ft Contour	Distance to 500 ft Contour	Distance to 200 ft Contour	Distance to 100 ft Contour	Distance to 50 ft Contour
3720	0	0	0	0	0
"	1.5	30	60	90	120
"	12.5	25	50	75	100
"	24.5	40	70	100	130
"	36.5	55	85	115	145
"	48.5	70	100	130	160
"	60.5	85	115	145	175
"	72.5	100	130	160	190
"	84.5	115	145	175	205
"	96.5	130	160	190	220
"	108.5	145	175	205	235
"	120.5	160	190	220	250
"	132.5	175	205	235	265
"	144.5	190	220	250	280
"	156.5	205	235	265	295
"	168.5	220	250	280	310
"	180.5	235	265	295	325
"	192.5	250	280	310	340
"	204.5	265	295	325	355
"	216.5	280	310	340	370
"	228.5	295	325	355	385
"	240.5	310	340	370	400
"	252.5	325	355	385	415
"	264.5	340	370	400	430
"	276.5	355	385	415	445
"	288.5	370	400	430	460
"	300.5	385	415	445	475
"	312.5	400	430	460	490
"	324.5	415	445	475	505
"	336.5	430	460	490	520
"	348.5	445	475	505	535
"	360.5	460	490	520	550
"	372.5	475	505	535	565
"	384.5	490	520	550	580
"	396.5	505	535	565	595
"	408.5	520	550	580	610
"	420.5	535	565	595	625
"	432.5	550	580	610	640
"	444.5	565	595	625	655
"	456.5	580	610	640	670
"	468.5	595	625	655	685
"	480.5	610	640	670	700
"	492.5	625	655	685	715
"	504.5	640	670	700	730
"	516.5	655	685	715	745
"	528.5	670	700	730	760
"	540.5	685	715	745	775
"	552.5	700	730	760	790
"	564.5	715	745	775	805
"	576.5	730	760	790	820
"	588.5	745	775	805	835
"	600.5	760	790	820	850
"	612.5	775	805	835	865
"	624.5	790	820	850	880
"	636.5	805	835	865	895
"	648.5	820	850	880	910
"	660.5	835	865	895	925
"	672.5	850	880	910	940
"	684.5	865	895	925	955
"	696.5	880	910	940	970
"	708.5	895	925	955	985
"	720.5	910	940	970	1000

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
                          ) SS:  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

Ron Oakley, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing, together with all the exhibits attached thereto, are true of his own knowledge, except as to such statements as therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such statements he believes them to be true.

  
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Ron Oakley

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28 day of  
September, 1945.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires Dec. 3, 1948





