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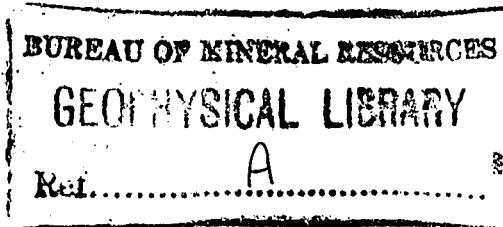
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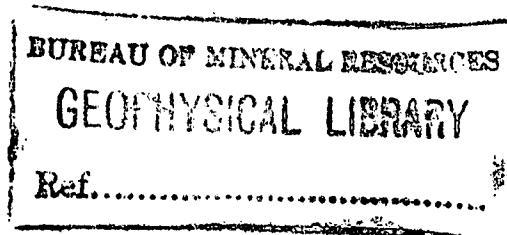
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SUMMARY

A seismic survey, consisting of a main north-south reflection traverse and several short supplementary reflection and refraction traverses, was made in the Gosses Bluff area of the Amadeus Basin, Northern Territory by a seismic party of the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics between March and July 1962.

The purpose of the survey was to obtain information on the Missionary Plain Syncline, the Gosses Bluff uplift, the fault at the northern flank of the Gardiner Range, and the tectonic features relative to the Archaean/sedimentary contact at the northern edge of the Missionary Plain.

The seismic reflection method proved to be an excellent exploratory tool in the undisturbed parts of the sedimentary basin. The Missionary Plain Syncline was shown to have a maximum thickness of sediments of 33,000 ft, nine miles north of Gosses Bluff. The results indicate that Gosses Bluff is a diapiric structure of the salt dome type, where the Proterozoic Bitter Springs Limestone has provided the necessary mobile material. The Gardiner Range Fault was shown to be overthrust from the south with a hade of 15 to 20 degrees. The problem regarding the Archaean/sedimentary contact was not solved.

1. INTRODUCTION

A seismic survey was made in the Gosses Bluff area of the Amadeus Basin by the No.2 seismic party of the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics from 26th March to 3rd July 1962.

The survey was part of the Bureau's programme of seismic operations in the Amadeus Basin, which began in 1961 with a series of north-south traverses across the eastern part of the Basin between Alice Springs and Finke and was followed in the same year by a short survey over the Palm Valley Anticline, 80 miles west of Alice Springs. These surveys showed that relatively simple seismic reflection techniques could be used to give reliable information in the undisturbed parts of the sedimentary basin, but that only limited results could be obtained by the seismic refraction method owing to the presence of shallow high-velocity refractors in the areas tested. Many tectonic problems of the Basin were left unsolved, and it was the purpose of the 1962 surveys to try to solve some of these problems.

In the Gosses Bluff area the seismic programme was planned to give information on:

- (a) the Missionary Plain Syncline,
- (b) the nature of the Gosses Bluff uplift,
- (c) the fault at the northern flank of the Gardiner Range, and
- (d) the region at the northern side of the Missionary Plain where the steeply-dipping sediments meet the Archaean Complex.

Magellan Petroleum (NT) Pty Ltd was the tenement holder of Oil Permit 43, the area in which the survey was conducted.

2. GEOLOGY

The general aspects of the geology of the Amadeus Basin have been discussed by Moss (1962). A report on the geology of the Missionary Plain area has been given by Prichard and Quinlan (1962), and the geology of Gosses Bluff, which lies in the centre of the Missionary Plain about 110 miles due west of Alice Springs, has been discussed by Brunschweiler, Leslie, and Richards (1959). A regional geology map (after Quinlan) is shown in Plate 3. The geology of the area covered by the seismic survey (Plate 2) is taken from the photogeological maps of the Institut Francais du Petrole.

The Missionary Plain Syncline is bounded in the north by the MacDonnell Ranges and in the south by the Gardiner, Krichauff, and James Ranges. West of Hermannsburg Mission, the syncline is estimated to contain approximately 30,000 ft of Palaeozoic and Proterozoic sediments. This estimate has been made by measuring thicknesses of cross-sections in the steeply-dipping outcrops of the MacDonnell Ranges.

Gosses Bluff

Gosses Bluff is a circular ridge of steeply-dipping strata projecting 600 to 700 ft above a comparatively-flat surrounding plain. Sandstone and conglomerate of the Pertnjara Formation form this plain, whereas the rocks of the steep rim of the Bluff are of Lower Pertnjara Formation and Mereenie Sandstone. Prichard and Quinlan (1962) identified the material inside the circular ridge as Stokes Formation (Silurian) and Goyder Formation (Cambrian), but Quinlan (personal communication) now believes that the Stairway Greywacke (Ordovician) also crops out.

Prichard and Quinlan (op.cit.) consider the structure to be a true diapir with Bitter Springs Limestone (Proterozoic) acting as the mobile formation. They quote M.A. Condon (op.cit. p.29) as believing that 'the relation of the Bitter Springs Limestone to the diapirs ... indicates that the formation became fluid, probably because of the great thickness of the sediments above, and flowed particularly into places where the vertical stress was reduced'. This postulate implies that the Heavitree Quartzite probably lies undisturbed beneath the diapir or at most has only been disturbed to the extent of supplying the initial 'blister' required to start the upward movement of the diapiric material. Brunnschweiler *et al.* (1959) agree that the Bluff must be of diapiric origin, but they do not come to any definite conclusion as to the nature of the diapiric material.

Aerial photographs reveal the possible existence of a peripheral sink. The almost-circular shape of this and its size, taken in conjunction with the almost-circular form and size of the surface expression of Gosses Bluff, strongly suggest that it is a diapiric structure where pure salt is the fluid material. Brunnschweiler, however, considers that there must be a more-solid core in the structure, but co-authors Richards and Leslie favour salt.

The geological problems to be solved by the seismic method are the nature and origin of the intrusive material, the attitude of the underlying basement, and the attitude of the sedimentary layers in the vicinity of Gosses Bluff.

Gardiner Range Fault

South of Gosses Bluff the Missionary Plain terminates against the northern flank of the Gardiner and Krichauff Ranges. A major fault is evident here, where the Bitter Springs Limestone (Proterozoic) in the south abuts Mereenie Sandstone (Ordovician) beds north of the fault.

There is little geological evidence on the hade of this fault or of the attitude of the beds below it.

Archaeon/sedimentary contact at northern edge of the Missionary Plain

The outcrops of the MacDonnell and Heavitree Ranges indicate the presence of a very thick sedimentary cross-section, which is postulated as culminating in a deep syncline below the Missionary Plain. The steeply-dipping beds of the Heavitree Range are thrown sharply up against the Archaeon Complex, but about five miles beyond this contact the quartzite of the Chewings Range appears as an isolated mass of north-dipping sediments.

In the absence of data from considerable depths, such as could be obtained from deep geological test bores, surface geological evidence suggests that a representative cross-section at the northern margin of the Basin is as shown in Figure 1 of Plate 5.

3. PREVIOUS GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS

Missionary Plain Syncline

Magnetic. An aeromagnetic traverse was flown from Alice Springs to Giles by the Bureau of Mineral Resources in 1960. Where the traverse crossed the Missionary Plain Syncline, the magnetic profile indicated a substantial depth of sediments. The results from this one traverse

were not sufficient to show the structure of the syncline or give information on its margins.

Gravity. The Bureau of Mineral Resources made gravity surveys, using helicopters, in the Amadeus Basin in 1961 (Langron, 1962) and in 1962 (Lonsdale and Flavelle, 1963). The results of these surveys, when tied-in to previous regional gravity traverses by the Bureau in 1959-60, gave the Bouguer anomaly map of the area shown in Plate 4. The large Bouguer anomaly 'low' in the Missionary Plain suggests the existence of a great depth of sediments. It is estimated from gravity results that sediments are more than 30,000 ft thick in the deepest part of the Basin.

Seismic. A short seismic traverse surveyed south of Hermannsburg Mission in 1961 (Turpie and Moss, 1963) showed the existence there of more than 20,000 ft of sediments dipping north at about 18 degrees. Reflections at the northernmost shot-point still indicated northerly dip, hence no synclinal axis was found in this work to indicate the maximum depth of the sedimentary cross-section.

Gosses Bluff

Richards (1958) and Brunnenschweiler et al. (1959) describe magnetic and gravity surveys of Gosses Bluff made on behalf of Frome-Broken Hill Co. Pty Ltd.

Magnetic. The magnetic survey showed a small anomaly imposed on a strong westerly gradient. A portion of the gradient could be caused by an increased thickness of sediments, but the absence of any marked anomaly leads to the definite conclusion that the intrusive mass is not igneous.

Gravity. The gravity survey, though of limited coverage, revealed a circular gravity 'low' typical of known salt intrusions. A small positive anomaly in the centre of the Bluff could possibly indicate a cap rock formation. An attempt was made by Richards (1958) to estimate the depth to the possible salt formation and the thickness of the cap rock. The depth to the possible salt was estimated at between 2500 ft and 4000 ft below the surface. The cap rock could be 350 ft thick. These values should be treated with reserve, as the gravity control was not detailed.

A further semi-detailed gravity survey was made along seismic traverses, and also on a grid, inside Gosses Bluff by the Bureau of Mineral Resources in 1962 (Gibb, in preparation). The Bouguer anomaly profile along the main Traverse L is shown in Plate 6.

Archaeon/sedimentary contact

Magnetic. An aeromagnetic traverse by the Bureau of Mineral Resources in the Amadeus Basin in 1960 indicated a substantial depth of sediments in the Missionary Plain Syncline, but gave no information for the region where sediments crop out against the Archaeon Complex in the north.

Gravity. The helicopter gravity work (Langron, 1962) indicated a steep gravity gradient north of the contact between the sediments and the Archaeon Complex. This gradient is not in the position one would expect it to be in, according to the simple geological picture deduced from surface outcrops (Plate 5, Fig. 1).

Two alternative geological cross-sections, inferred from the gravity data, are shown in Plate 5 (Fig. 3).

4. OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME

Objectives of the survey

The objectives of the seismic survey in the Gosses Bluff area were outlined as follows:

- (a) to obtain a north-south cross-section of the Missionary Plain Syncline through Gosses Bluff, to look for unconformities in the Basin, and to examine the general nature of structures below the Pertnjara Formation;
- (b) to attempt to identify reflectors and refractors with outcrops and to determine the age, nature, and tectonic history of the probable diapiric core of Gosses Bluff,
- (c) to determine the hade of the major fault at the northern flank of the Gardiner Range, and
- (d) to determine whether the Proterozoic and Palaeozoic formations fold under the Archaean mass at the northern end of the Missionary Plain Syncline or whether they merely dip steeply to the south into the syncline.

Programme

To achieve the objectives, a programme of seismic reflection and refraction work was carried out. The traverses surveyed are shown in Plate 2.

Missionary Plain Syncline. A reflection traverse was surveyed across the Missionary Plain through Gosses Bluff using the continuous profiling technique.

Gosses Bluff. Seismic reflection traverses were surveyed in the vicinity of Gosses Bluff.

It was intended that refraction arc-shooting through the Bluff would be done to find the diameter of the core and the velocity in the core material. However, the results of a refraction depth-probe six miles west of the Bluff indicated high-velocity refractors at shallow depth. The arc-shooting programme was abandoned and a programme of in-line refraction shooting through, and just north of, the Bluff was substituted.

Gardiner Range Fault. The main north-south reflection traverse was surveyed across the Gardiner Range Fault in an attempt to follow reflections to their abutment with the fault and so establish the hade of fault.

Archaean/sedimentary contact. The main north-south reflection traverse was extended north to cross the MacDonnell Range outcrops and to continue on to the Heavitree Quartzite. The nature of the contact was not clear from the work south of the outcrops.

5. RESULTSField work

Appendices A, B, and C, and the seismic operations chart (Plate 35) summarise the statistical information on the work done in the survey. The locations of traverses and shot-points are shown in Plate 2.

Continuous reflection profiling was done on Traverse L (with breaks in the profile because of the Bluff rim), on Cross-traverses LV, LW, LX, LY, and LZ, on Traverse M from Shot-points 60 to 64 and 72 to 78, and on Cross-traverse MX. Generally, single holes were shot and reflections were recorded using six geophone per station at 22-ft intervals; stations were 110 ft apart. In the disturbed part of the cross-section near Gosses Bluff, experimental work was done in an attempt to attain the optimum shooting and recording conditions. From the results of this experimental work at Shot-point 89 on Traverse L, improved reflection records were obtained, but the general quality of records near the Bluff remained poor. This poor quality is probably due mainly to faulting and to the steeply-dipping beds near the Bluff. The experimental work in the Gosses Bluff area will be the subject of a separate report.

Refraction probes were shot on Traverse M and on Traverse L inside, and north of, the Bluff.

A velocity profile was shot between Shot-points 15 and 22 on Traverse L under ideal conditions; *viz.* no wind, little vegetation, uniform weathering, a straight traverse, and reflectors having little or no dip. Recordings were made using geophones at normal spacings. The maximum charge used was 80 lb with a shot-to-geophone offset of $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Missionary Plain Syncline

A small-scale generalised cross-section of seismic results on the main north-south traverse across the Missionary Plain is shown in Plate 6. Reflection cross-sections for all traverses are shown in Plates 8, 9, and 10. On these cross-sections, only the first legs of the main reflections are plotted from the corrected variable-area reflection cross-sections, which are presented in Plates 12 to 33. The reflections were plotted using the time/depth relation found at Hermannsburg (Turpie and Moss, 1963). The time/depth relation established late in the survey in the cross-section at the southern end of Gosses Bluff Traverse L, is also indicated in Plates 8, 9, and 10. The time/depth relation for Gosses Bluff only is shown on the variable-area reflection cross-sections. Locations where non-standard geophone groups were used are shown on the cross-sections.

The velocity profile on Traverse L indicated a very high vertical velocity in the cross-section. The records are shown in Plate 34 and the results in Plate 7. The average velocity down to a depth of 23,000 ft is calculated as 16,000 ft/sec. Poor reflections were recorded from below this depth, but they yielded insufficient information for velocity determination. However, by extrapolating the curves an average velocity of 17,500 ft/sec in the cross-section to 30,000 ft was obtained.

The reflections recorded to about one-second reflection time in the Missionary Plain Syncline (*i.e.* to a depth of 7000 to 8000 ft) were generally of poor quality. These poor alignments are probably representative of the Pertnjara and Mereenie Formations. Good-quality reflections were generally recorded at reflection times of between one second and 3.5 sec in the relatively undisturbed parts of the Missionary Plain Syncline. At the axis of the syncline (Shot-point 116) a good reflection at 3.5 sec was interpreted to be from the Bitter Springs Limestone.

Generally, the north-south reflection cross-sections on Traverses L and M indicate that the Basin deepens from the Gardiner Range outcrops in the south to the MacDonnell Range outcrops in the north. The dip in the cross-section is not consistent but ranges from zero to about 20 degrees north. The deepest part of the Basin appears to be at about Shot-point 116. The reflecting horizons in the Basin appear to be conformable down to a strong reflector, which is tentatively identified as the Bitter Springs Limestone. An unconformity existing below this horizon is most evident on the cross-section between Shot-points 20 and 30 on Traverse L at 2.9 sec (about 24,000 ft). There is also some suggestion of it below Shot-point 110 at a time of 3.5 sec.

A refraction depth-probe shot in the centre of the Basin on Traverse M (Plate 11) gave results as follows:

<u>Velocity</u> (ft/sec)	<u>Depth (below datum)</u> (ft)	<u>Dip</u>
12,000	Sub-weathering	
17,650	2800	1° north
19,400	6000-7000 (approx.)	4° north

The 17,650-ft/sec velocity refractor is tentatively identified as a highly-silicified boundary zone between pebble and conglomerate units in the Pertnjara Formation (Quinlan, personal communication, 1962). The higher velocity of 19,400 ft/sec probably represents the formation below the Pertnjara Formation and Mereenie Sandstone, *i.e.* the Stokes Formation. The formation identifications are tentative and depth estimates are only approximate.

Gosses Bluff

In the disturbed parts of the Basin in and around Gosses Bluff, simple seismic reflection techniques gave poor results. The deterioration in quality is probably due mainly to the faulting in and around the Bluff and to the steeply-dipping beds of the Bluff rim. Diffraction patterns originating from these sources interfere with reflections recorded, rendering the reflections unpickable. Improved recording techniques were introduced on the basis of experimental work done north of Shot-point 89 on Traverse L. These techniques, however, gave only slightly-improved results nearer the Bluff.

The peripheral syncline, indicated on the surface from aerial photographs, is shown to extend through the sedimentary cross-section to about 25,000 ft, *i.e.* to the top of the probable Bitter Springs Limestone reflecting horizon. The northern rim of this syncline is indicated on Traverse L at about Shot-point 98, and the southern rim at about Shot-point 36. The distances from the Bluff centre are about $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The reflection quality near the Bluff deteriorates from roughly $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the centre of the Bluff.

Poor-quality deep reflectors recorded near, and within, Gosses Bluff at times between 2.5 and 3.5 sec (20,000 and 30,000 ft) appear to have little or no dip (Plate 8). This supports Prichard and Quinlan (1962) and Condon's hypothesis that Gosses Bluff resulted from the movement of a plastic material within the sedimentary cross-section, and not from a deep-seated crustal movement. The Bitter Springs Limestone has not been identified definitely as the mobile bed, although this interpretation appears to be the most probable. A poor-quality low-dip reflection is recorded inside the Bluff at about 0.775 sec (roughly 6000 ft). This questionable reflection is only recorded over a $\frac{1}{8}$ -mile spread in the centre of the Bluff, hence is not reliable enough for a positive interpretation to be based on it.

Because of the presence of high-velocity refractors at shallow depths, the arc-shooting planned at Gosses Bluff was abandoned. Refraction traversing centred on Shot-point 89 of Traverse L indicated a 15,600-ft/sec refractor at a depth of 1400 ft below Shot-point 89, with one-degree-south dip. A fault was indicated on this refractor below Shot-point 87 with a downthrow of roughly 600 ft to the north.

Gardiner Range Fault

The main reflection traverse (Traverse L) crossed the surface expression of this fault at the northern end of the Gardiner Range between Shot-points 9 and 10. Good reflections, with little or no dip, down to approximately 3-sec reflection time (26,000 ft) were recorded.

The suite of good reflections below one second were recorded quite well as far south as Shot-point 10; at this point they were dipping only slightly north. In particular, the supposed Bitter Springs Limestone reflection was at 2.8 sec (about 23,000 ft) at Shot-point 10, although it is known to outcrop only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile farther south on the south side of the fault. This strongly suggested that the fault must be overthrust from the south. No reflections were recorded at Shot-points 8 and 9, probably owing to the fault being near the surface. However, deep reflections (to 3 sec) were again recorded at Shot-points 6 and 7.

Using offset-shooting, reflections at 0.6 sec with roughly 12-degrees-south dip, and at about 2.7 sec with roughly four-degrees-north dip were recorded from Shot-point 4 through the Arumbera Greywacke outcrops south of Shot-point 5, and from Shot-point 6 through the fault. These reflections were tentatively identified as coming from the Bitter Springs Limestone.

From this reflection work, the fault was interpreted as being an overthrust from the south with a hade of about 15 to 20 degrees.

Archaean/sedimentary contact

North of the deepest part of the Missionary Plain Syncline (Shot-point 116) the reflection quality deteriorated, where the traverse followed a river channel through irregular rounded hills of the Pertnjara Formation outcrops. Between Shot-points 122 and 127 the traverse followed the roughly north-west line of strike of the Mereenie Sandstone outcrops, which are just north of the traverse here, and the reflection quality improved. From Shot-point 128 northwards as far as the Heavitree Quartzite outcrops at Shot-point 150 no reflections were recorded. This part of the traverse is perpendicular to the strike of the steeply-dipping outcrops.

A good-quality reflection with little dip, which appears at about 3.4 sec between Shot-points 122 and 127, probably correlates with the Bitter Springs Limestone reflection at Shot-point 116, where it is at 3.5 sec. Although this indicates southerly dip, the dip is much smaller than that expected on the northern limb of the syncline. At this point, the beds of the Pertnjara Formation show dips of 80 degrees in outcrop. Unfortunately, no data were obtained on the shallower part of the cross-section north of the synclinal axis, and it is possible that at the Bitter Springs Limestone level the steep dips could be farther north. The seismic work has therefore not solved the problems regarding the Archaean/sedimentary contact.

6. CONCLUSIONS

The excellent quality of reflections obtained by simple techniques in the relatively undisturbed parts of the Missionary Plain shows that the seismic reflection method is an excellent tool for exploration of the sedimentary cross-section in the area. In the disturbed part of the Basin, complex recording techniques involving a considerable amount of time for experimentation will probably improve results.

The refraction method appears to be limited in use to the investigation of shallow refractors.

The Missionary Plain Syncline at the Gardiner Fault appears to contain about 26,000 ft of sediments. It deepens towards the north as far as Shot-point 116, where there is a thickness of about 33,000 ft of sediments. The sediments north of Shot-point 116 are generally south-dipping.

The results of the seismic survey in and around Gosses Bluff suggest that the uplift is a sedimentary feature. They are consistent with the suggestion that the Bitter Springs Limestone may have provided the necessary mobile material to create the Bluff and in fact add further weight to that suggestion. The presence of a poor-quality low-dip reflection recorded inside the Bluff from a depth of about 6000 ft suggests that the core material is deeper than 6000 ft. The presence is confirmed of a peripheral syncline in the cross-section at depth, with its rim $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the centre of the Bluff.

All the seismic evidence available is in agreement with the theory that Gosses Bluff is a diapiric structure of the salt dome type.

The fault at the northern flank of the Gardiner Range is an overthrust and probably dips at 15 to 20 degrees to the south. The basin sediments from the north continue under the fault with only a small change of dip. The Mereenie Sandstone appearing north of the surface depression of the fault is probably the result of drag from the overthrusting.

Seismic reflection work in the region of the Archaean/sedimentary contact gave no results, hence the problems regarding the contact were not solved.

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Surveyors	:	J. Dwyer (26.3.62 - 11.5.62) T. Howard (1.5.62 - 4.7.62) R. Leetham } the } Interior
Clerk	:	E.J. Quinn
Observer	:	G.L. Abbs
Asst observer	:	J.K. Grace 1.5.62 - 4.7.62
Shooter	:	C. Wood
Toolpusher	:	J.G. Halls
Drillers	:	J. Chandler K. Suehle F. Reith J. Keunen
Mechanics	:	I.D. Pirie E. McIntosh
Field hands	:	11

EQUIPMENT

Seismic amplifiers	:	HTL 700CB
Seismic oscilloscope	:	Electro-Tech ER66
Magnetic recorder	:	Electro-Tech DS7
Geophones	:	Electro-Tech 20-c/s (reflection) TIC 6-c/s (refraction)
Drills	:	2 Careys, Type H1 { Bedford 1 Failing, 750 { Bedford Drills supplied by the Petroleum Technology Branch of the Bureau
Water tankers	:	3 Bedford, 700-gal 1 Bedford, 1000-gal (flat top)
Shooting truck	:	Bedford, 700-gal

A workshop truck, 5 landrovers, a 30-cwt utility truck, a large number of trailers, and camping equipment completed the party equipment

APPENDIX BTABLE OF OPERATIONS

Sedimentary basin	:	Amadeus Basin, NT
Area	:	Missionary Plain, Gosses Bluff
Camp sites	:	Gosses Bluff
Survey commenced	:	26th March 1962
Survey completed	:	3rd July 1962
Miles surveyed	:	53 $\frac{1}{4}$
Topographic survey control	:	Dept of the Interior, gravity survey levels
Total footage drilled	:	38,899 ft
Explosives used	:	15,090 lb
Number of detonators used	:	1270
Datum level for corrections (above sea level)	:	2300 ft
Source of velocity information:		velocity profile

REFLECTION SHOOTING DATA

Shot-point intervals	:	1320 ft
Geophone group	:	standard - 6 geophones per trace at 22-ft intervals non-standard - 12 geophones per trace at 10-ft intervals, 12 geophones per trace at 5-ft intervals.
Number of holes shot	:	215 (including 8 patterns, 10 holes for offset-shooting and 6 holes for velocity-shooting)
Miles traversed	:	41
Usual recording filter	:	K18 K75
Usual playback filter	:	K24 K57
Common charge sizes	:	30 to 40 lb
Noise test north of Bluff	:	Subject to separate report

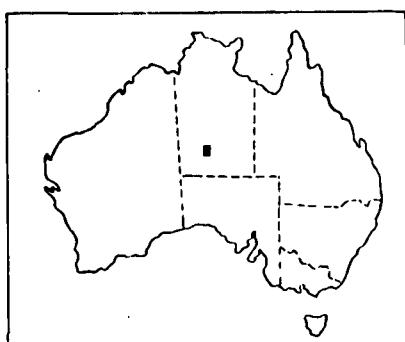
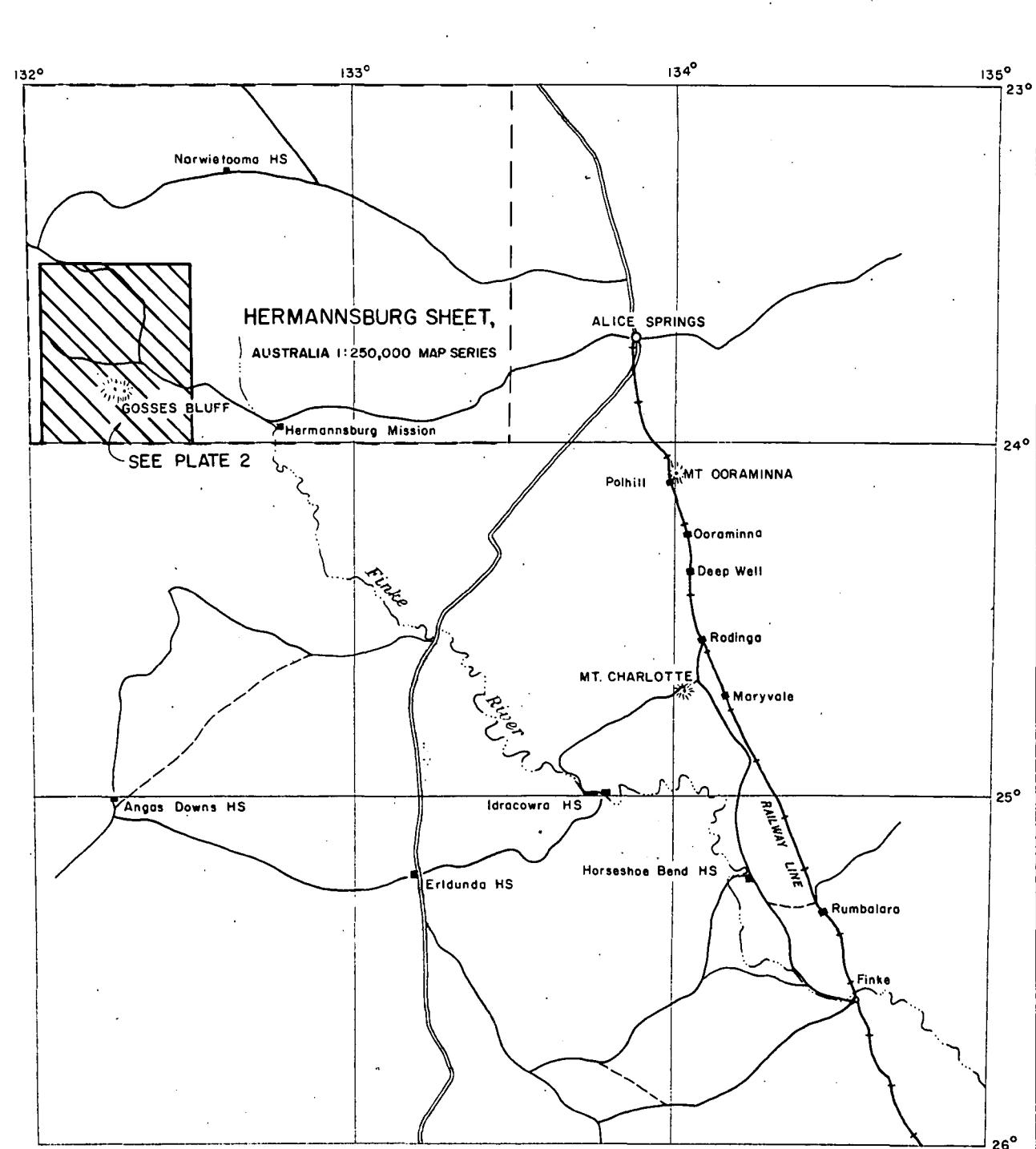
REFRACTION SHOOTING DATA

Geophone group	:	Two per trace
Geophone group interval	:	220 ft
Number of holes shot	:	28
Usual recording filters	:	K0 K57
Weathering control	:	reflection work
Maximum shot-to-geophone offset	:	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles
Maximum charge	:	250 lb

APPENDIX CSEISMIC SHOT-HOLE DRILLING STATISTICS

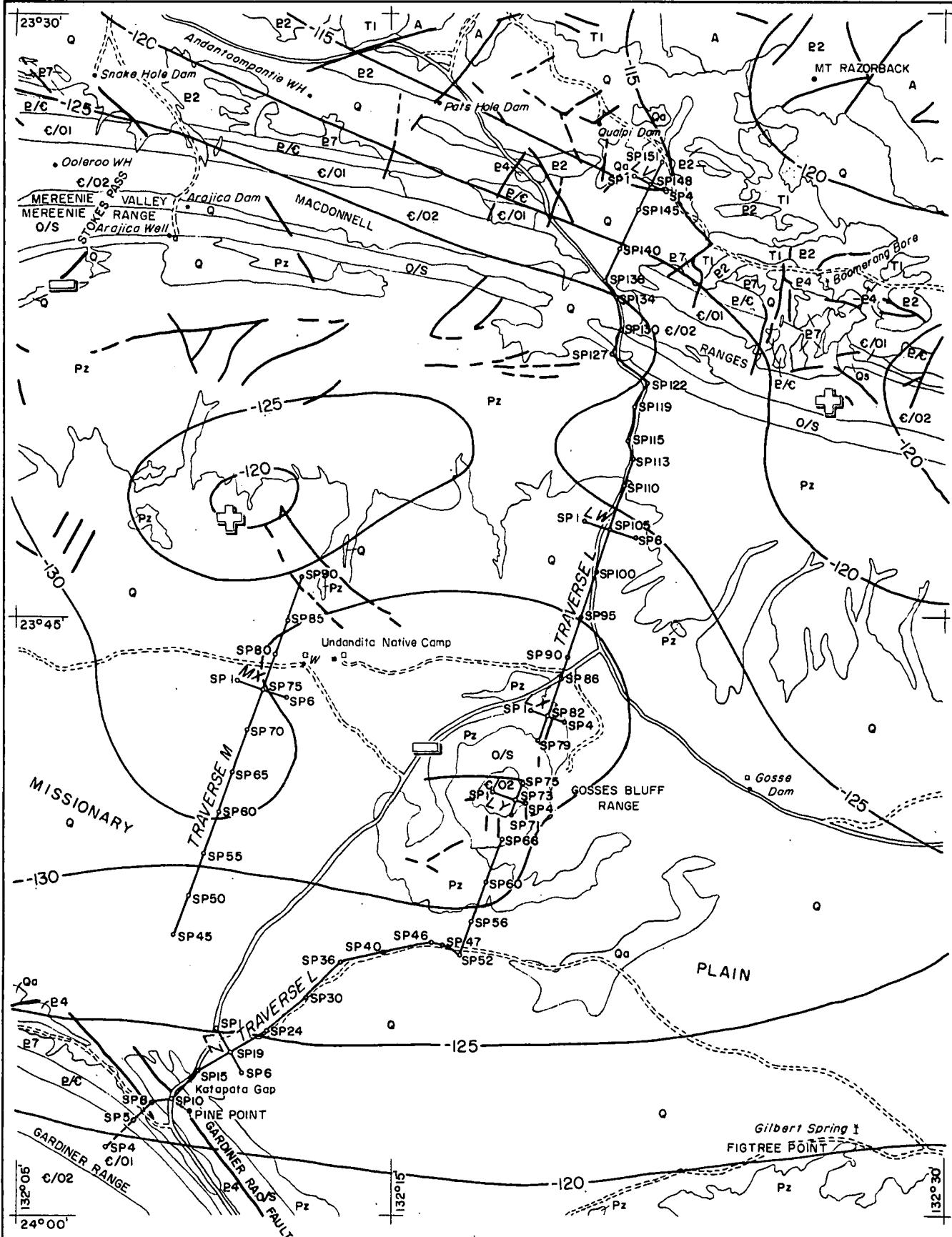
Total footage drilled : 38,899 ft
 Total number of holes drilled : 743
 Average depth of holes : 52 ft
 Deepest hole drilled : 150 ft
 Travelling time and rigging up : $227\frac{3}{4}$ hr
 Time lost, waiting on water : $4\frac{1}{4}$ hr
 Time lost, repairs to drill : $93\frac{1}{4}$ hr
 Time lost, repairs to rig engine : $17\frac{1}{4}$ hr
 Time lost, waiting on surveyors : 1 hr
 Time lost, stand by recorder : $17\frac{1}{4}$ hr
 Drilling time : $840\frac{1}{2}$ hr
 Number of shifts worked : 147
 Maintenance to drill : $107\frac{1}{2}$ hr
 Bentonite used : $28\frac{1}{4}$ bags
 Fishing job : $\frac{3}{4}$ hr
 Drilling rate : 46 ft/hr

<u>DRILLER</u>	<u>FOOTAGE</u>	<u>NO. OF SHIFTS</u>	<u>FOOTAGE/SHIFT</u>
J. Chandler	12,887	36	358
K. Suehle	16,436	71	231
F. Reith	7198	27	267
J. Keunen	208	1	208
J.G. Halls	2170	12	181



GOSSES BLUFF SEISMIC SURVEY
AMADEUS BASIN N T 1962
LOCALITY MAP

SCALE IN MILES
20 0 20 40 60 80



LEGEND

FORMATION		AGE
Qa	Sand and sand dunes, cover	QUATERNARY
Q	Alluvium	
T1		TERTIARY
K		CRETACEOUS
Pz	Pertnjara Formation	PALAEozoic
O/S	Mereenie Sandstone	ORDOVICIAN-SILURIAN
E/O2	Laropinta Group	
E/O1	Pertaoorrtia Formation	CAMBRIAN-ORDOVICIAN
E/C	Arumbera Greywacke	UPPER PROTEROZOIC-CAMBRIAN
E7	Pertatataka Formation	
E4	Bitter Springs Limestone	UPPER PROTEROZOIC
E2	Heavitree Quarzite	
A	Basement	ARCHAEOAN
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		MILES

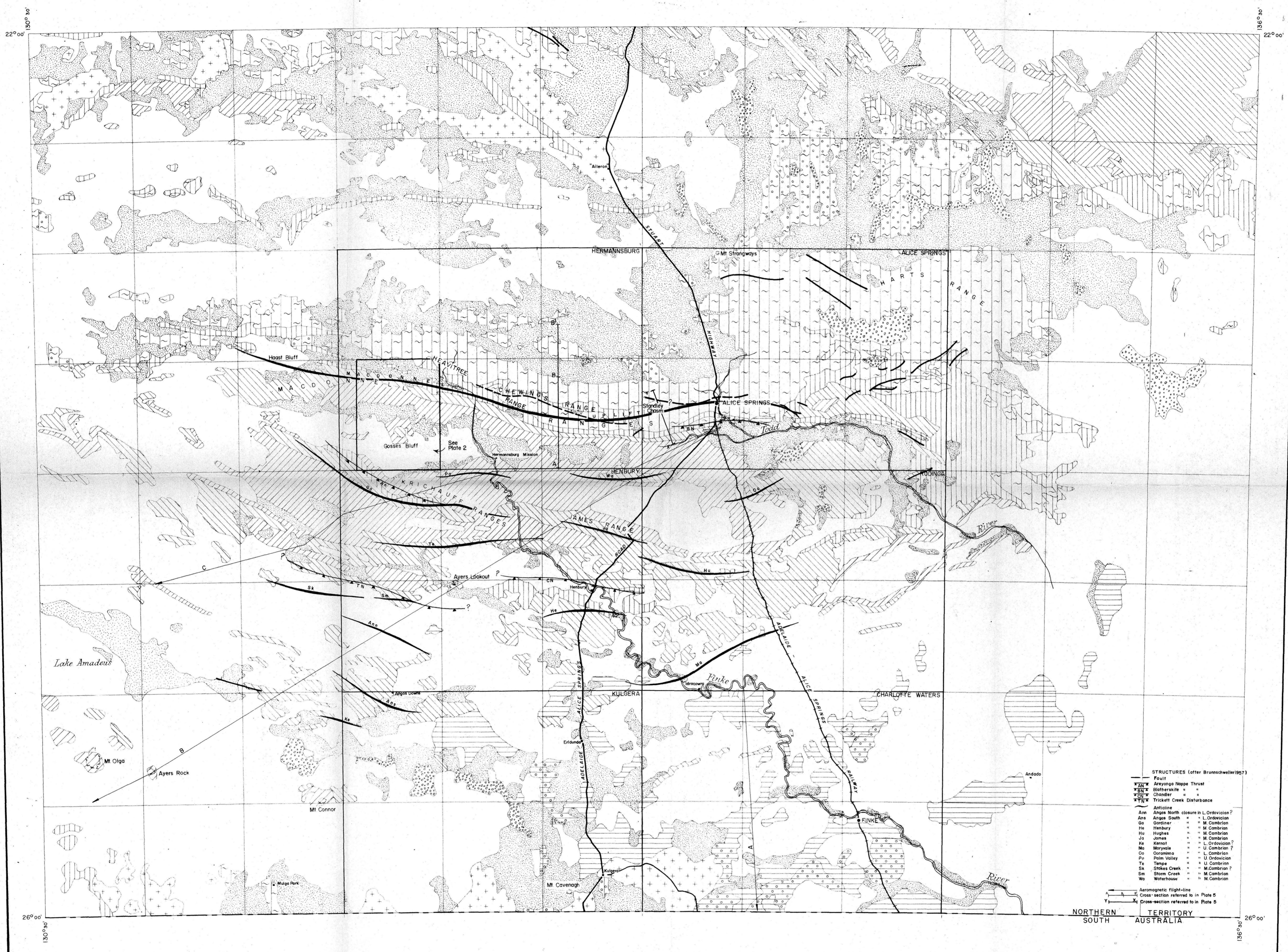
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(Geology after Institute Francais du Petrole)

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AMADEUS BASIN, NT REGIONAL GEOLOGY

PROJECTION LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC STANDARD PARALLELS 24°40' AND 27°20'.
CONTROL ASTRONOMICAL FIXATIONS BY THE DIVISION OF NATIONAL MAPPING.
DETAIL BASE MAP FROM 1:1,000,000 I.C.A.O. AERONAUTICAL CHARTS,
(3231) LAKE MACKAY, (3232) ALICE SPRINGS, (3343) OODNADATTA (2nd EDITION)
AND (3344) PETERMANN RANGES. GEOLOGY FROM DRAFT COPY BY B.M.
GEOLOGICAL BRANCH AT 12 MILES TO 1 INCH APPROXIMATE SCALE
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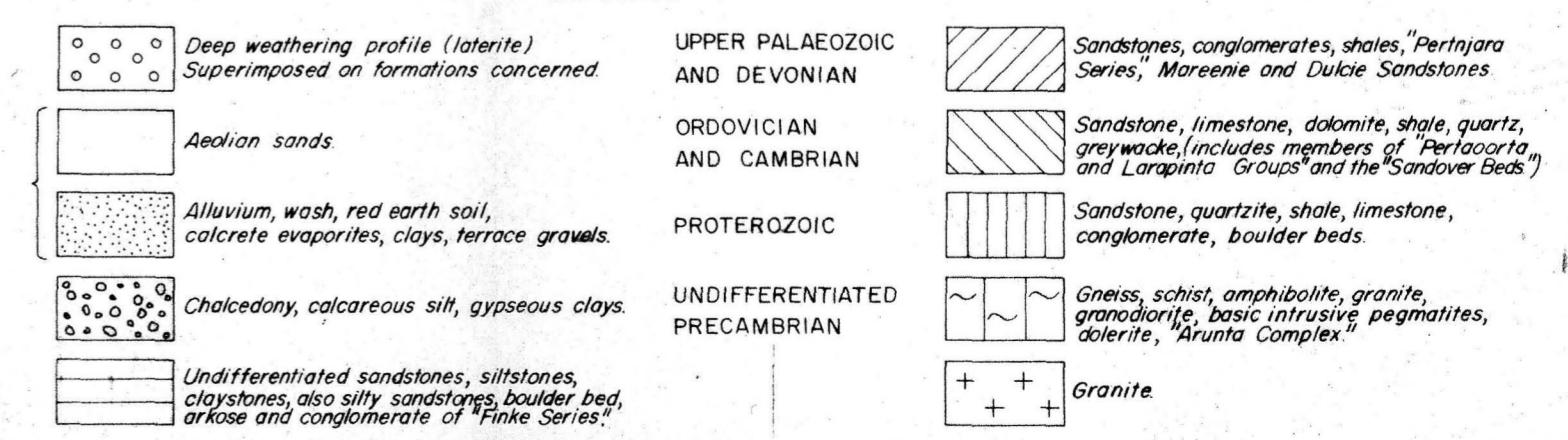
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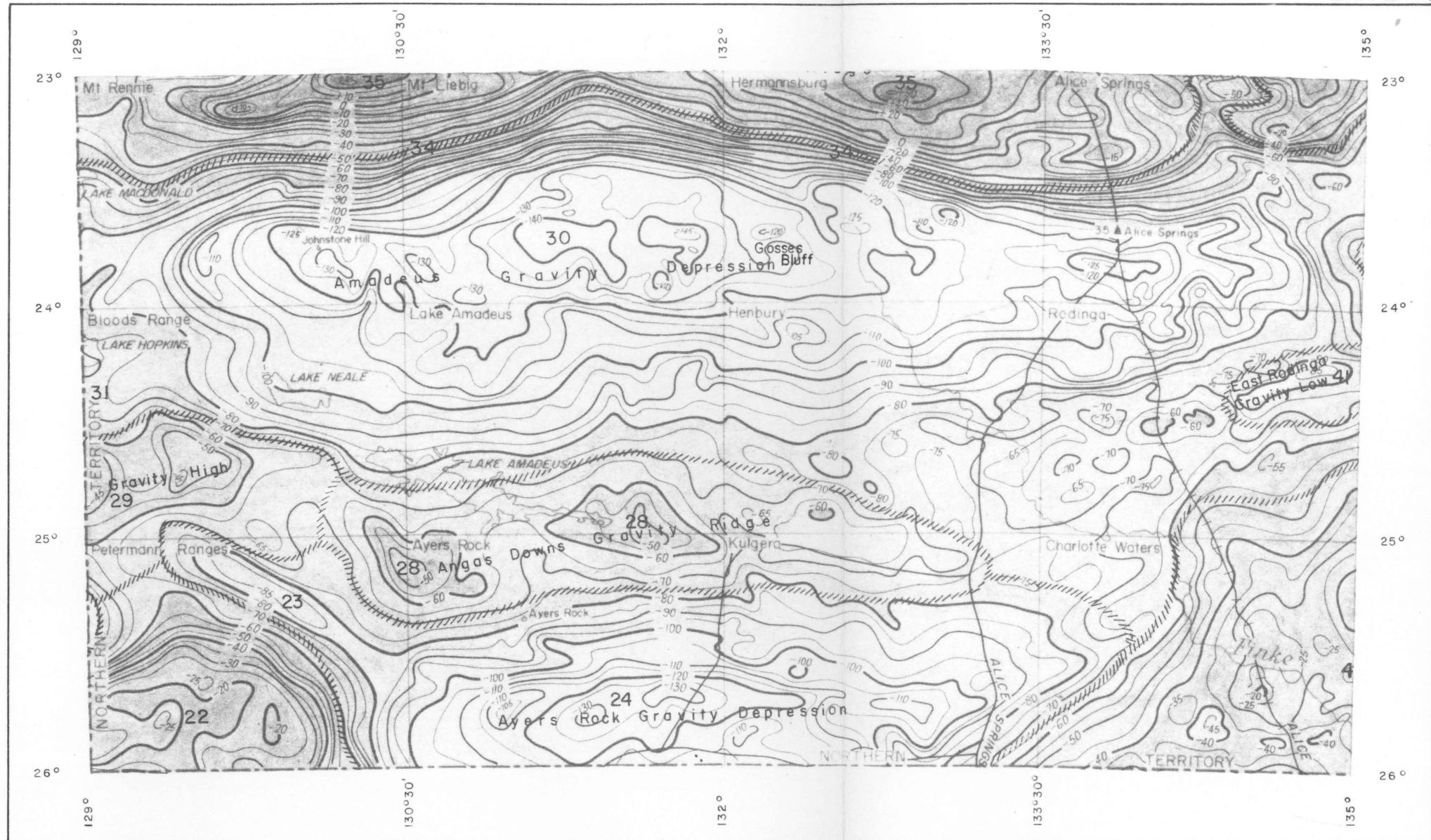
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MESOZOIC
AND PERMIAN

LEGEND





BASED ON G69-475-2

LEGEND

- Isogals, values in milligals
- ▲ 35 BMR gravity pendulum station
- BMR gravity reading at aerodrome
- Ryan BMR 1:250,000 gravity map area
- Gravity 'High'
- Gravity 'Low'
- 12 Anomaly number
- Feature boundary

Source of gravity information
Reconnaissance Gravity Survey (1961-62)

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AMADEUS BASIN N.T.

BOUGUER ANOMALIES

SCALE IN MILES

Reference - Division of National Mapping 40 miles to 1 inch topographic map

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 MILLIGALS

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Pz	Pertnjara Formation
O/S	Pacoota and Mereenie Sandstones
C	Jay Creek Limestone
P/E	Arumbera Greywacke
P4, P7	Bitter Springs Limestone and Pertatataka Formation
P2	Heavitree Quartzite
p€	Gneiss, schist, and amphibolite

FIG. 1. GEOLOGICAL CROSS-SECTION

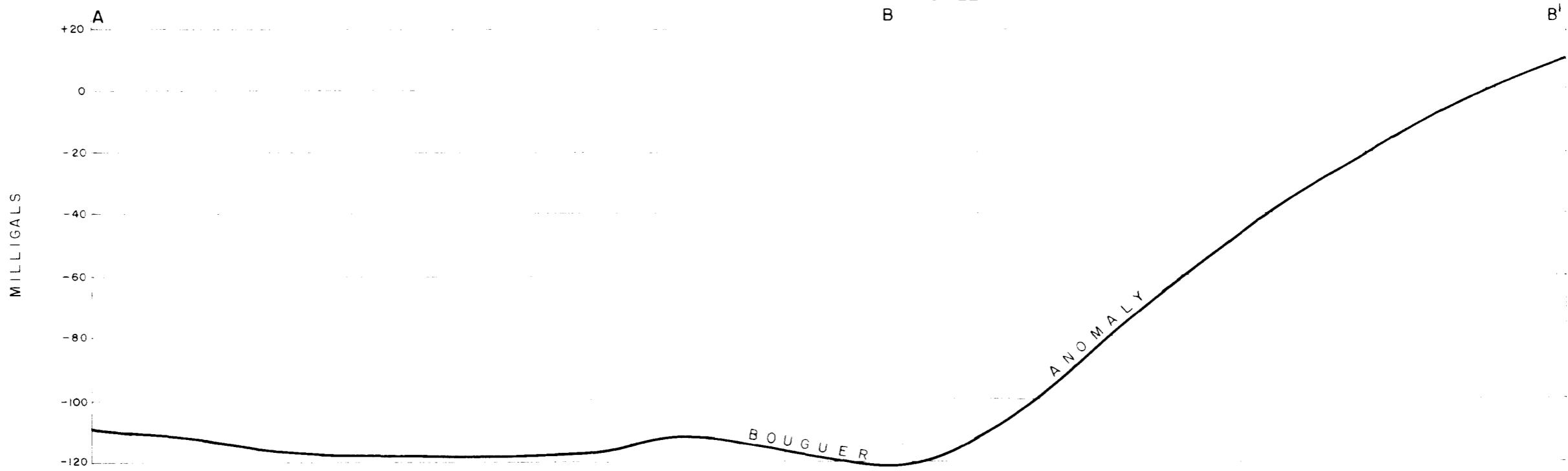
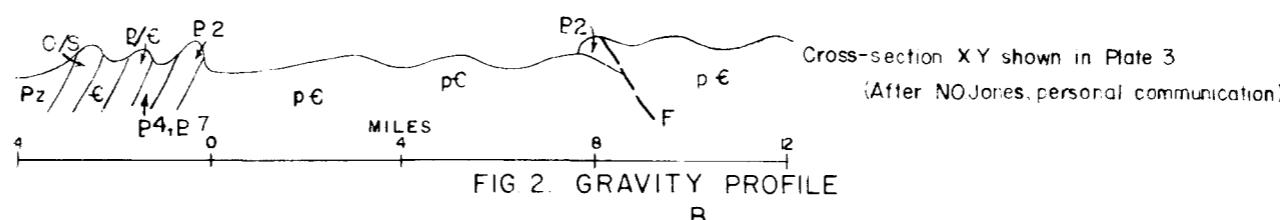
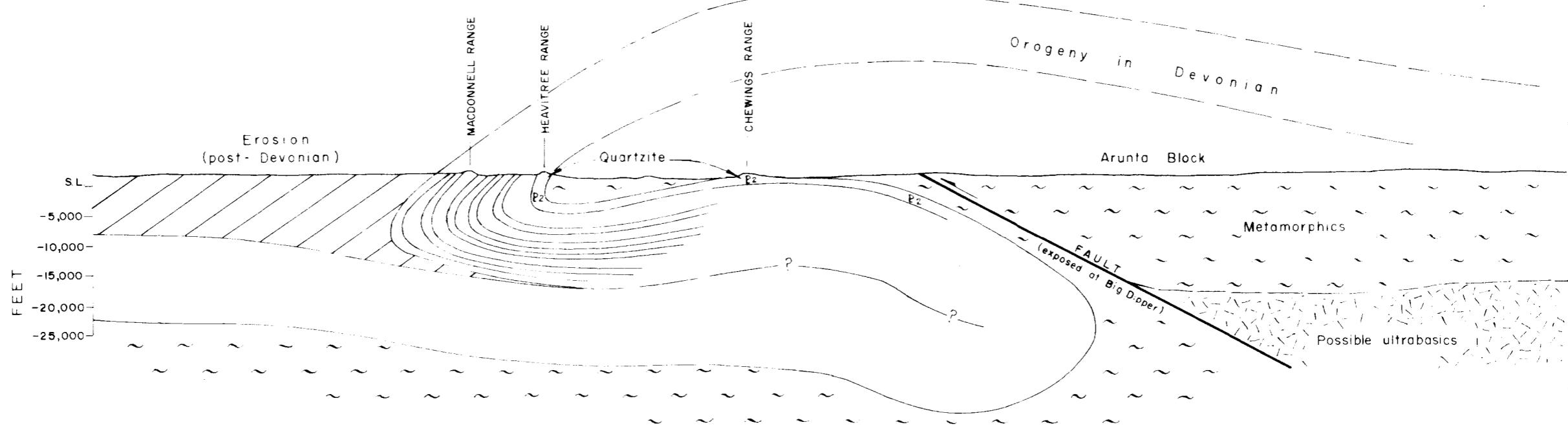


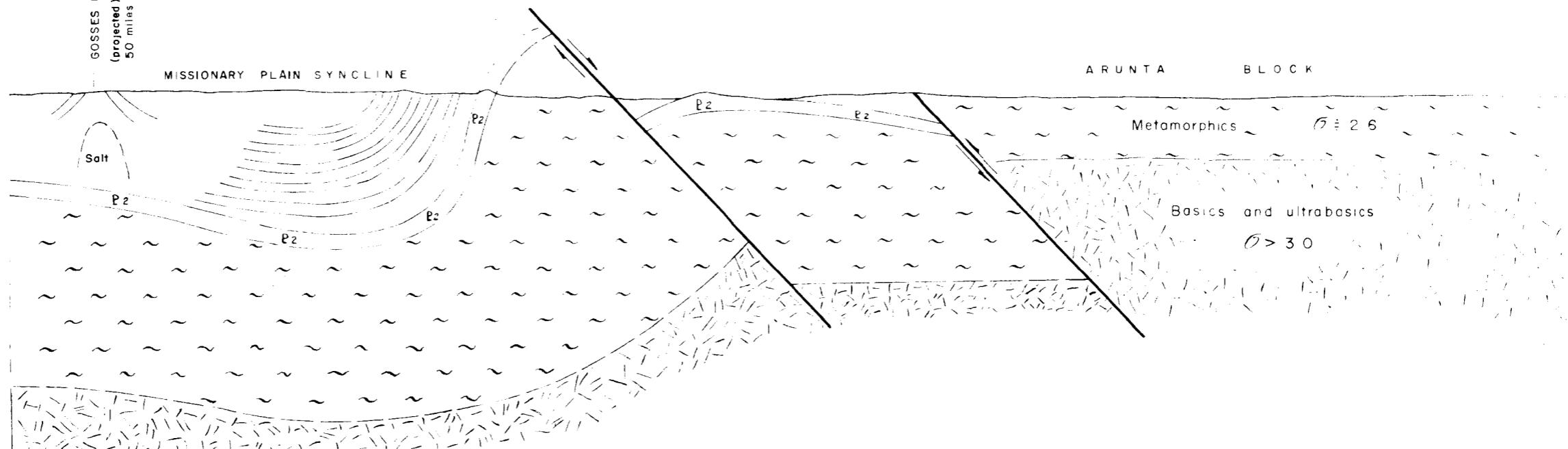
FIG. 3. GEOLOGICAL CROSS-SECTIONS INFERRED FROM GRAVITY DATA



(a)



A (b) B



NOTE CROSS-SECTIONS DRAWN ALONG

LINE AB' IN PLATE 3

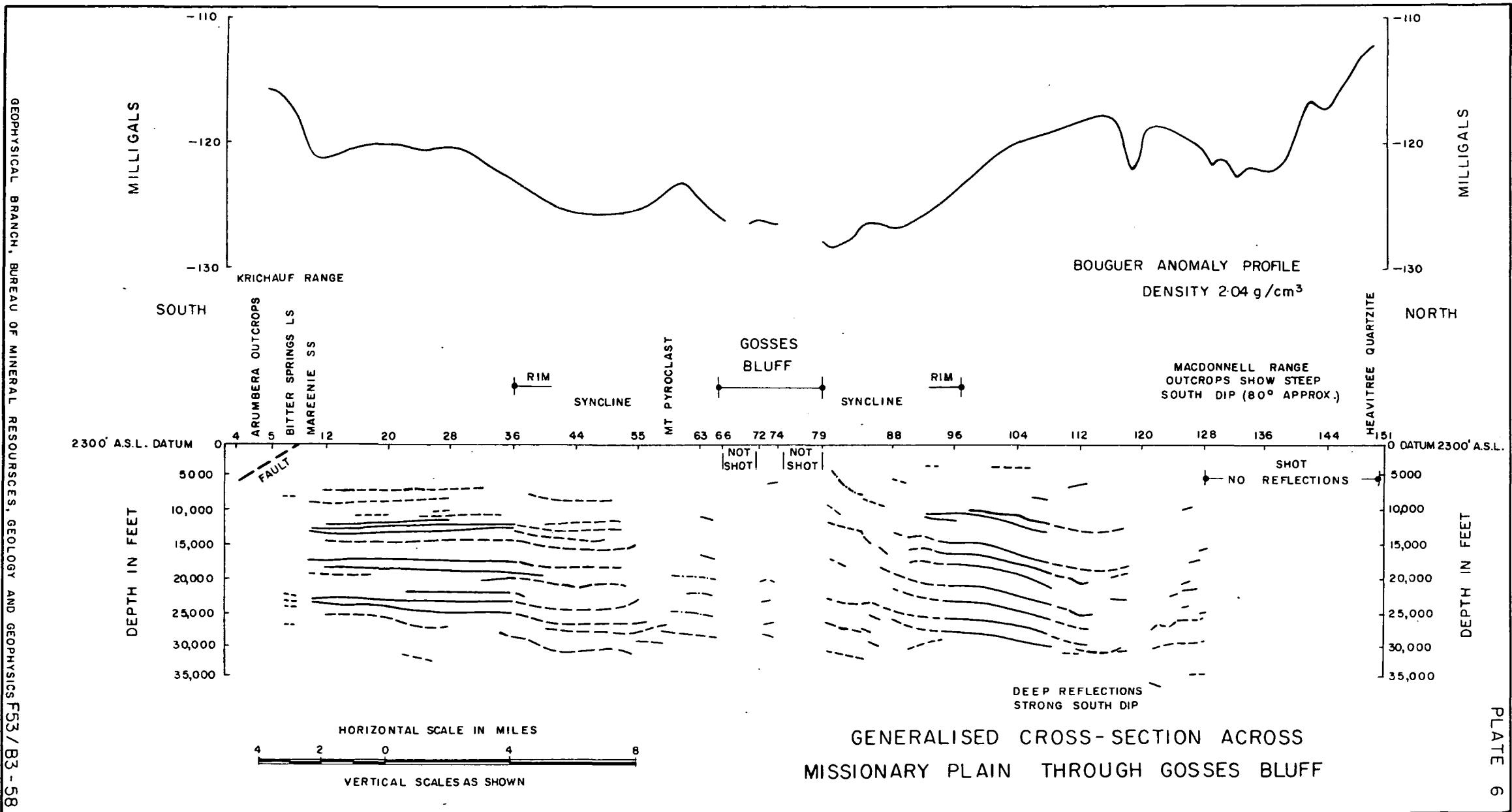
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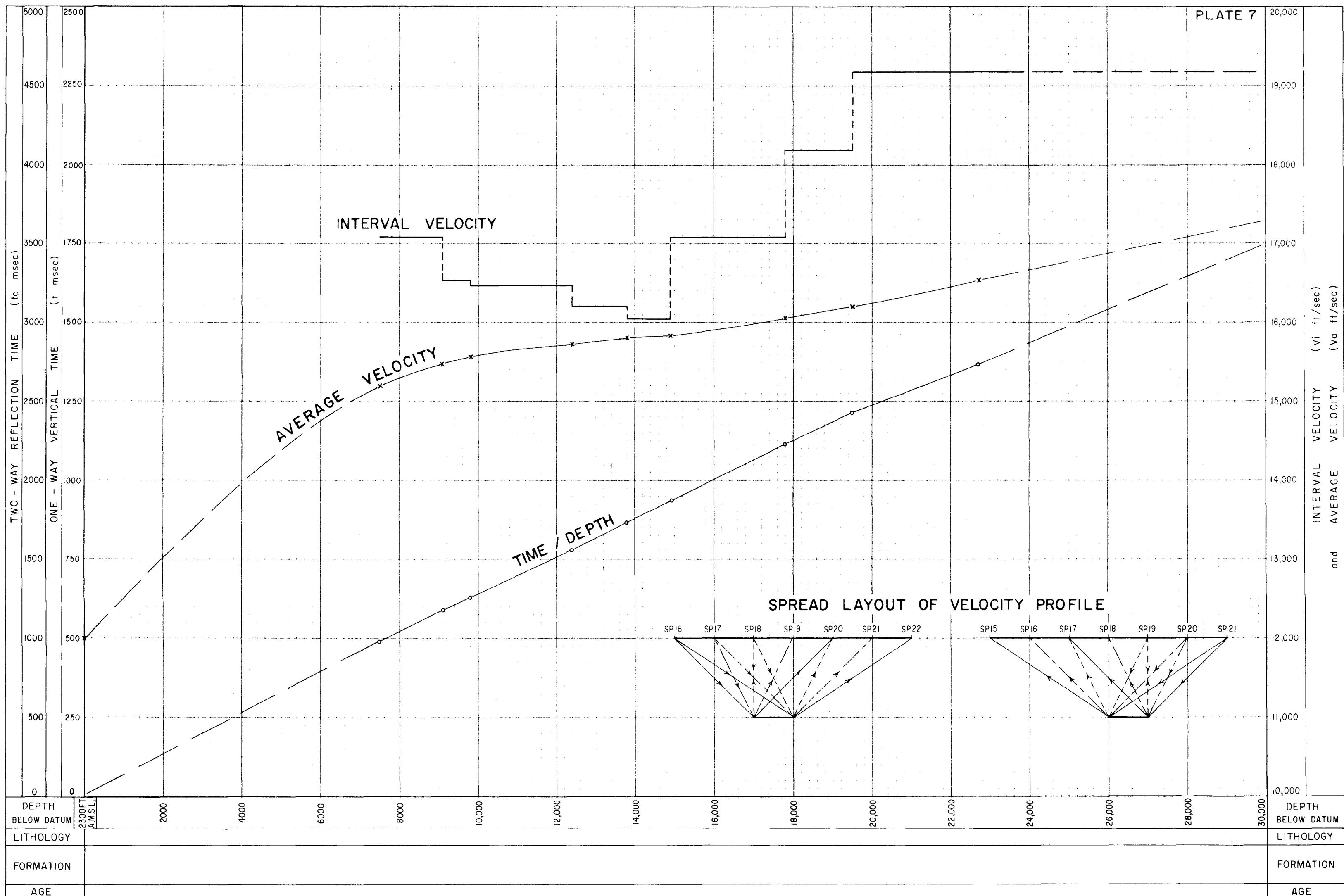
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SCALES AS SHOWN

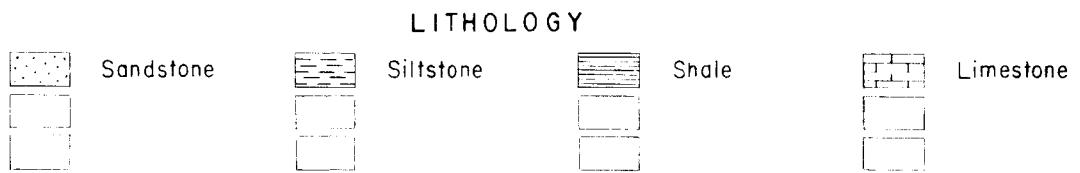
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(Based on G 85/3-18)

- Time / depth curve ($t-d$)
- Interval velocity (V_i)
- ×— Average velocity (V_a)

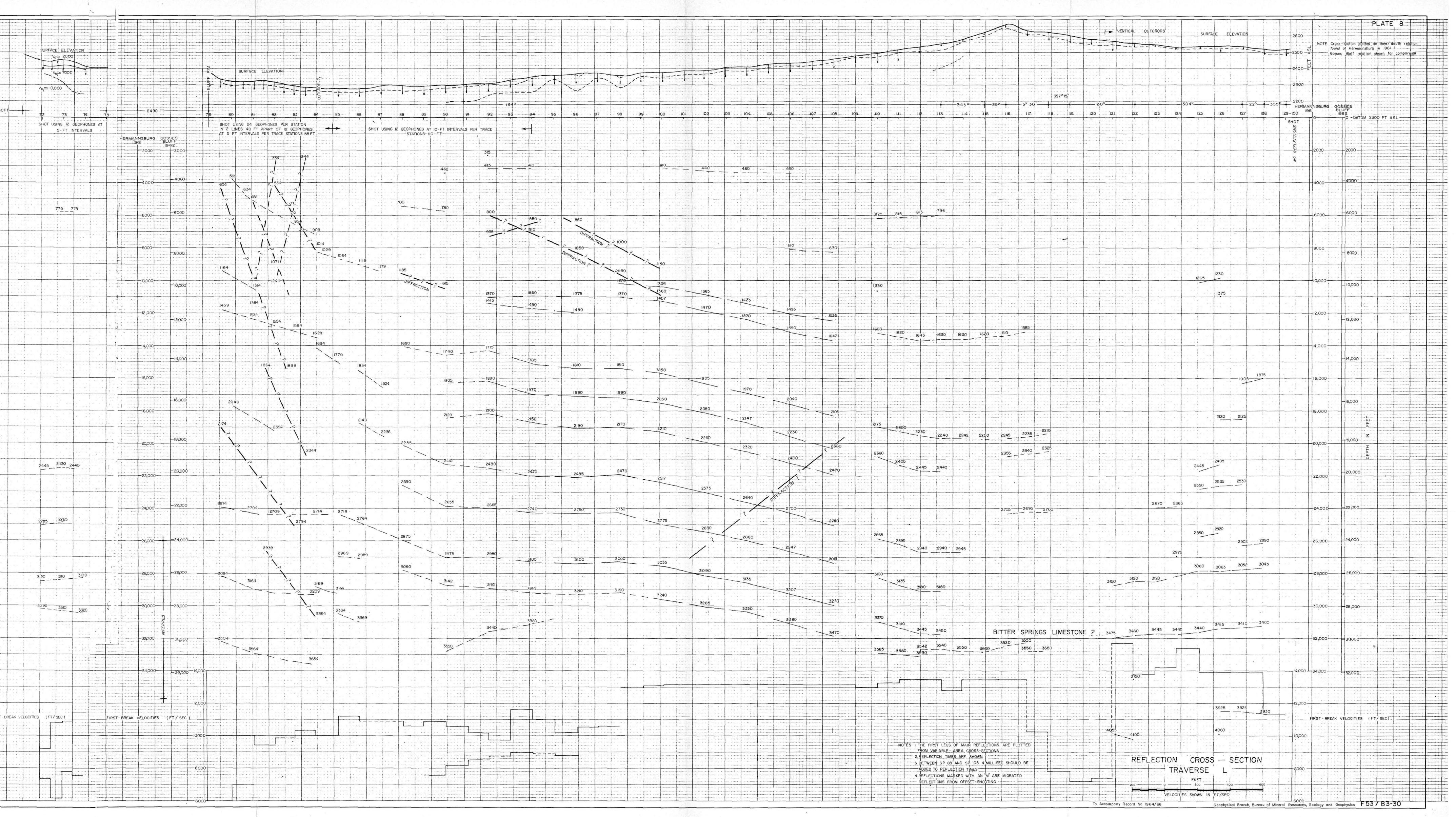
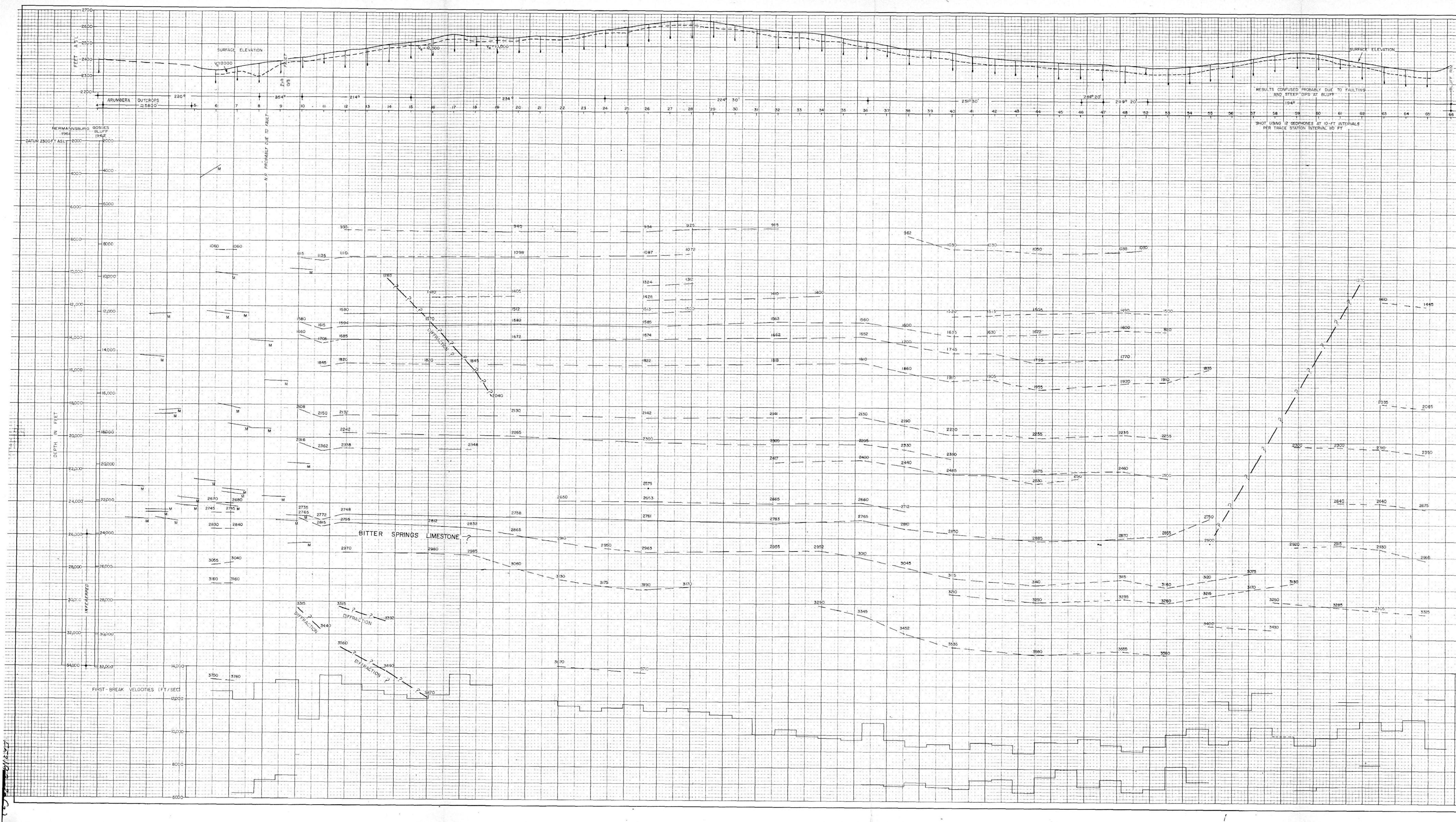


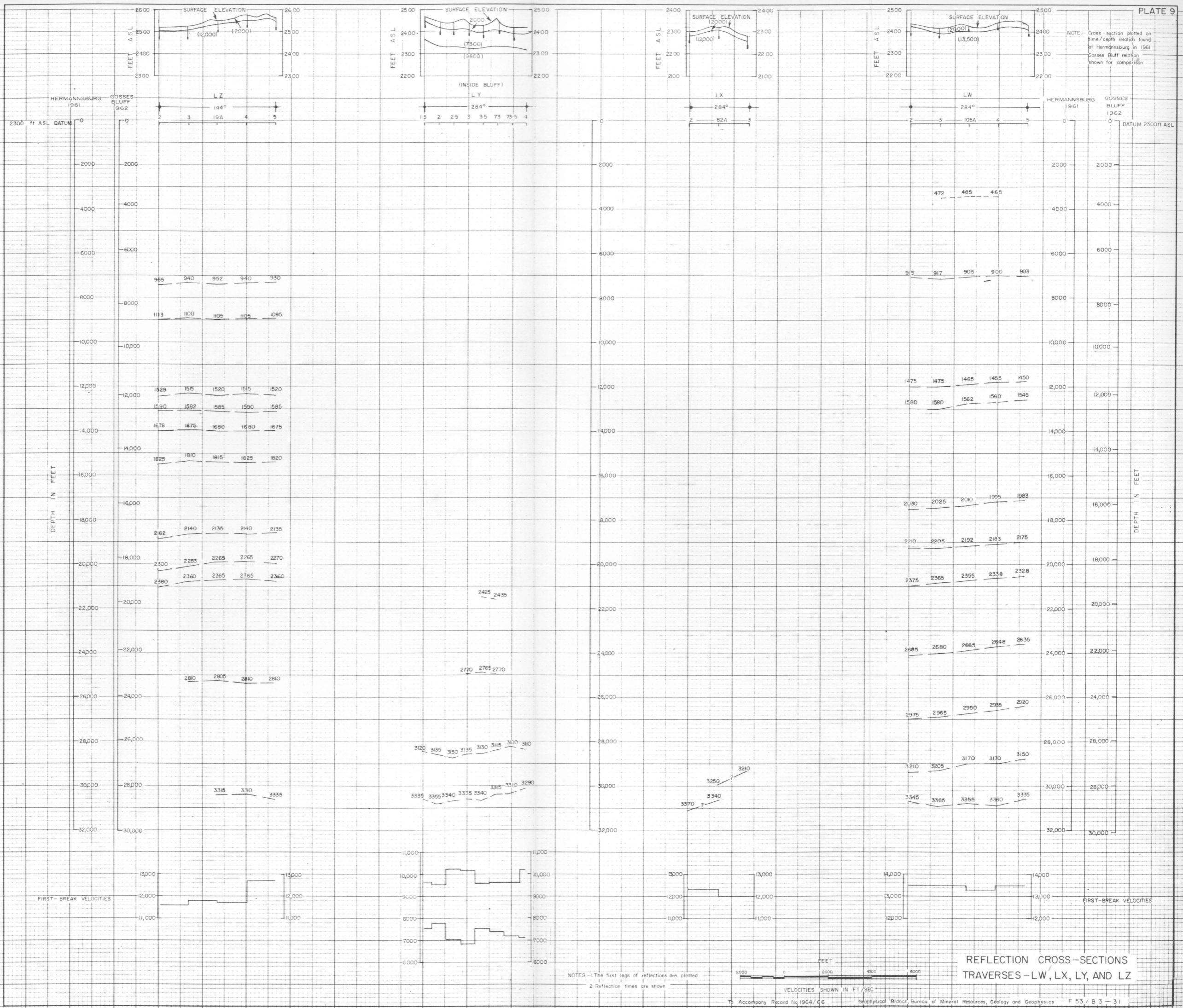
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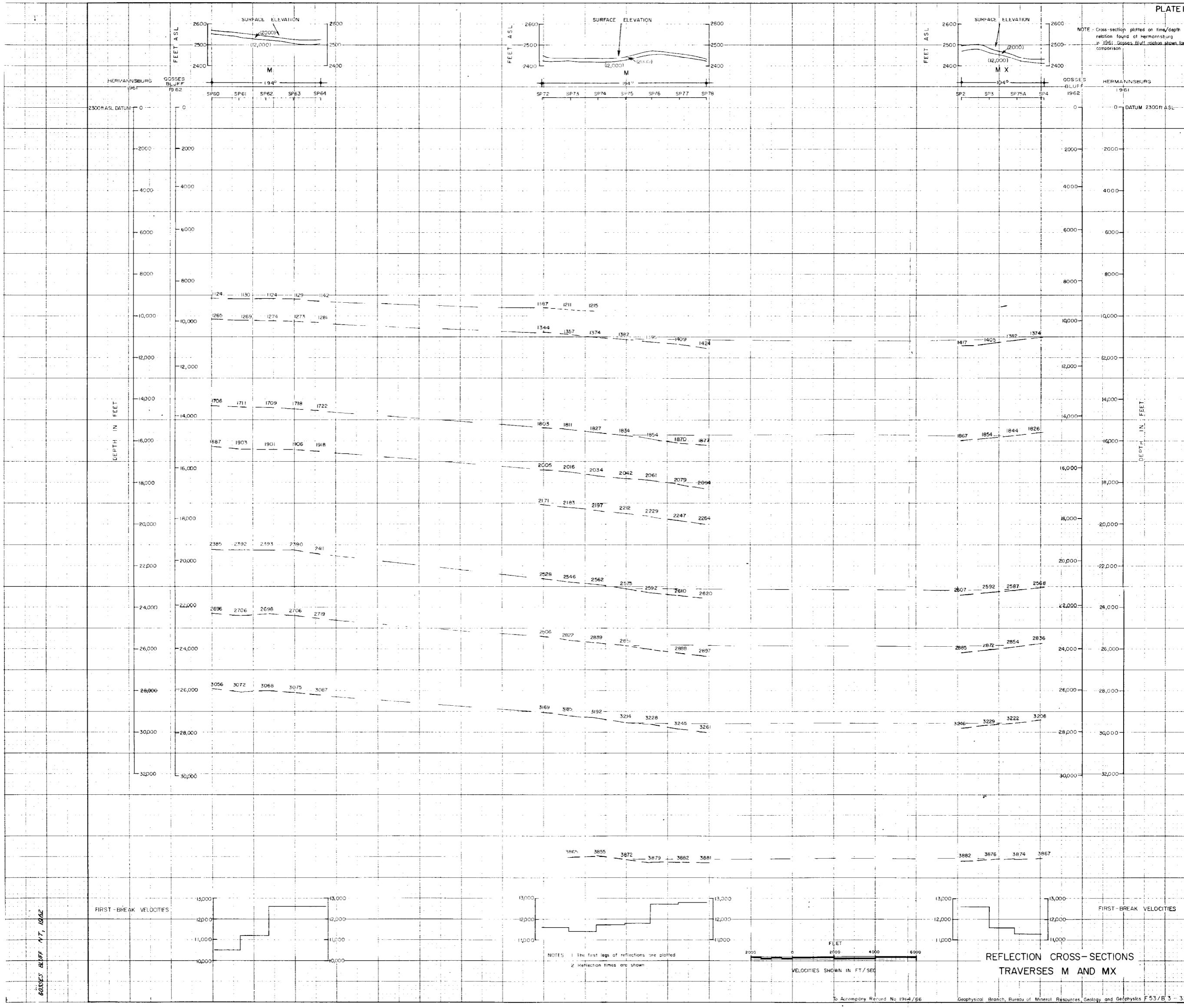
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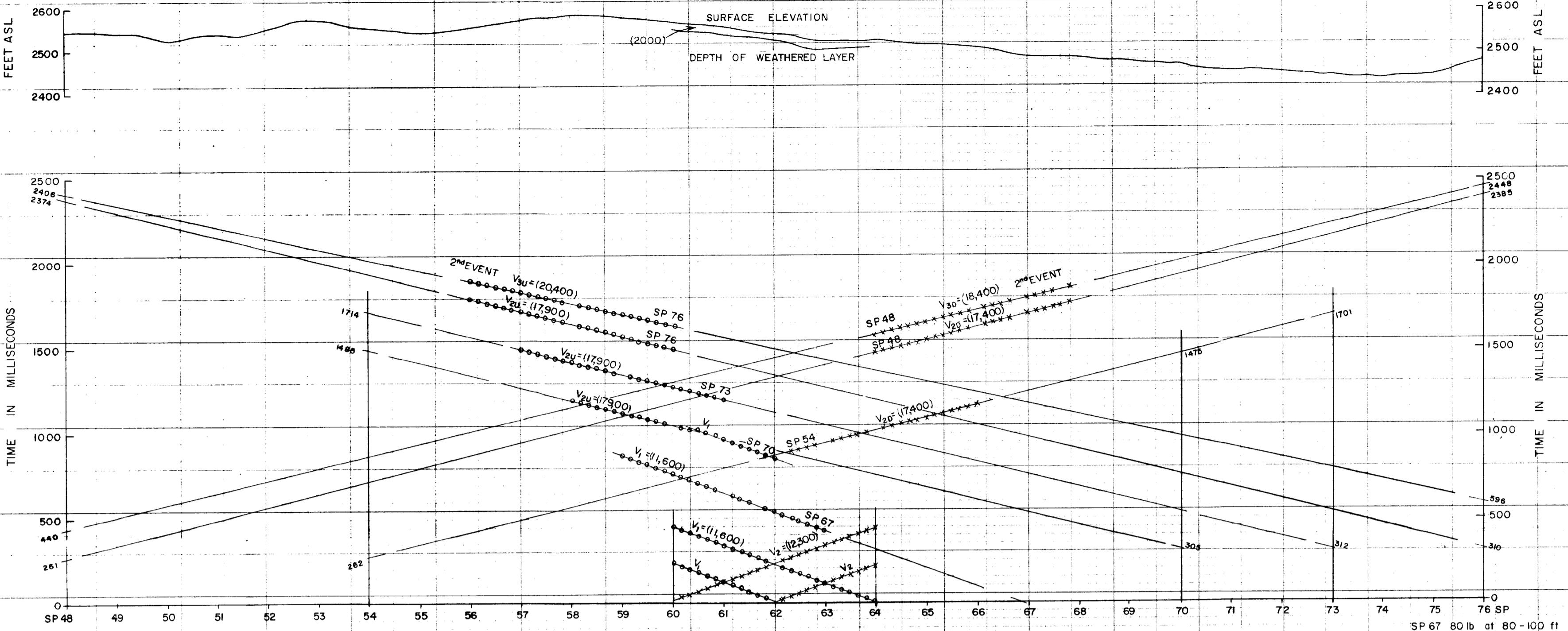
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W _c + E _c																									

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SP 63																									

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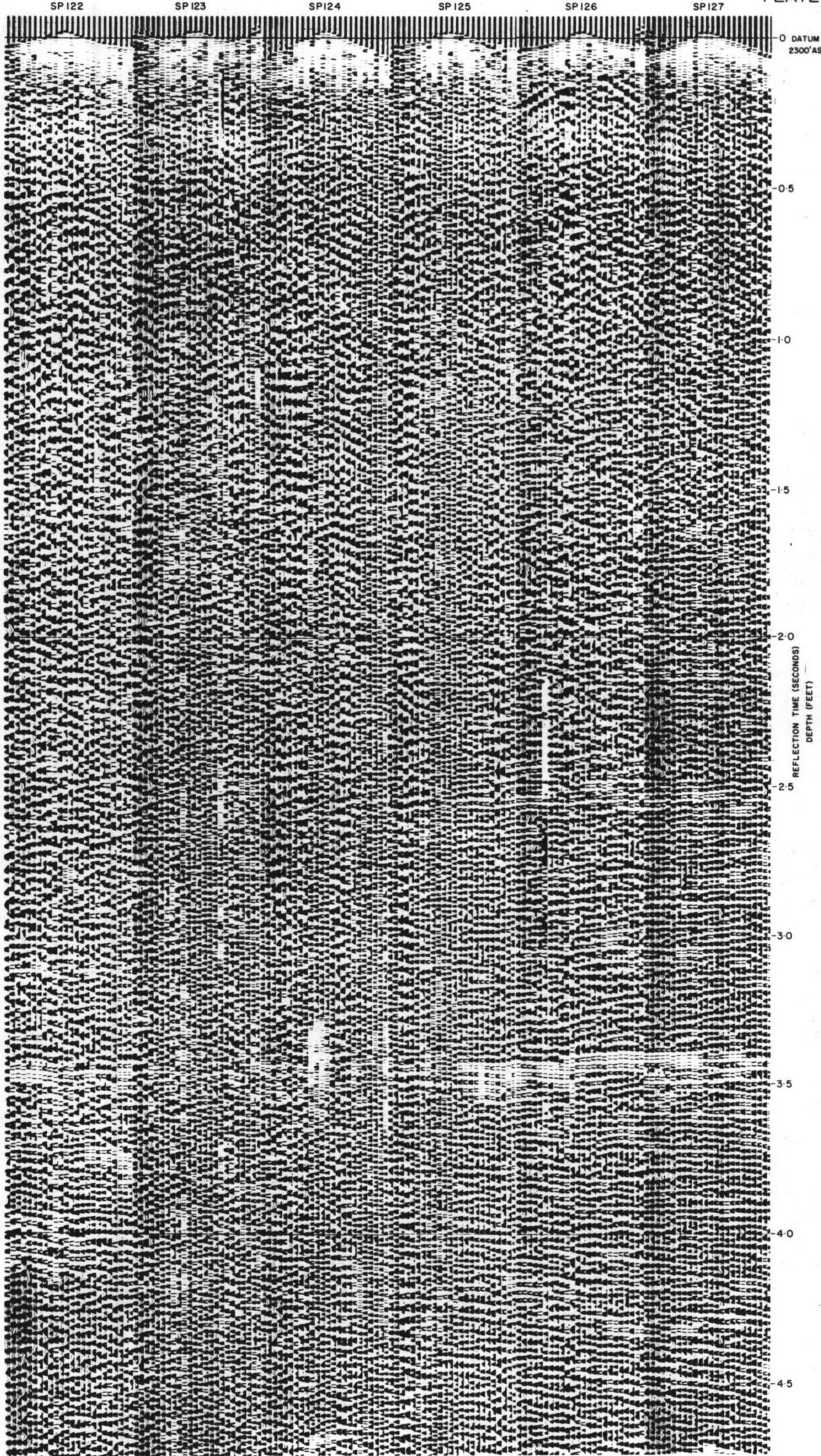
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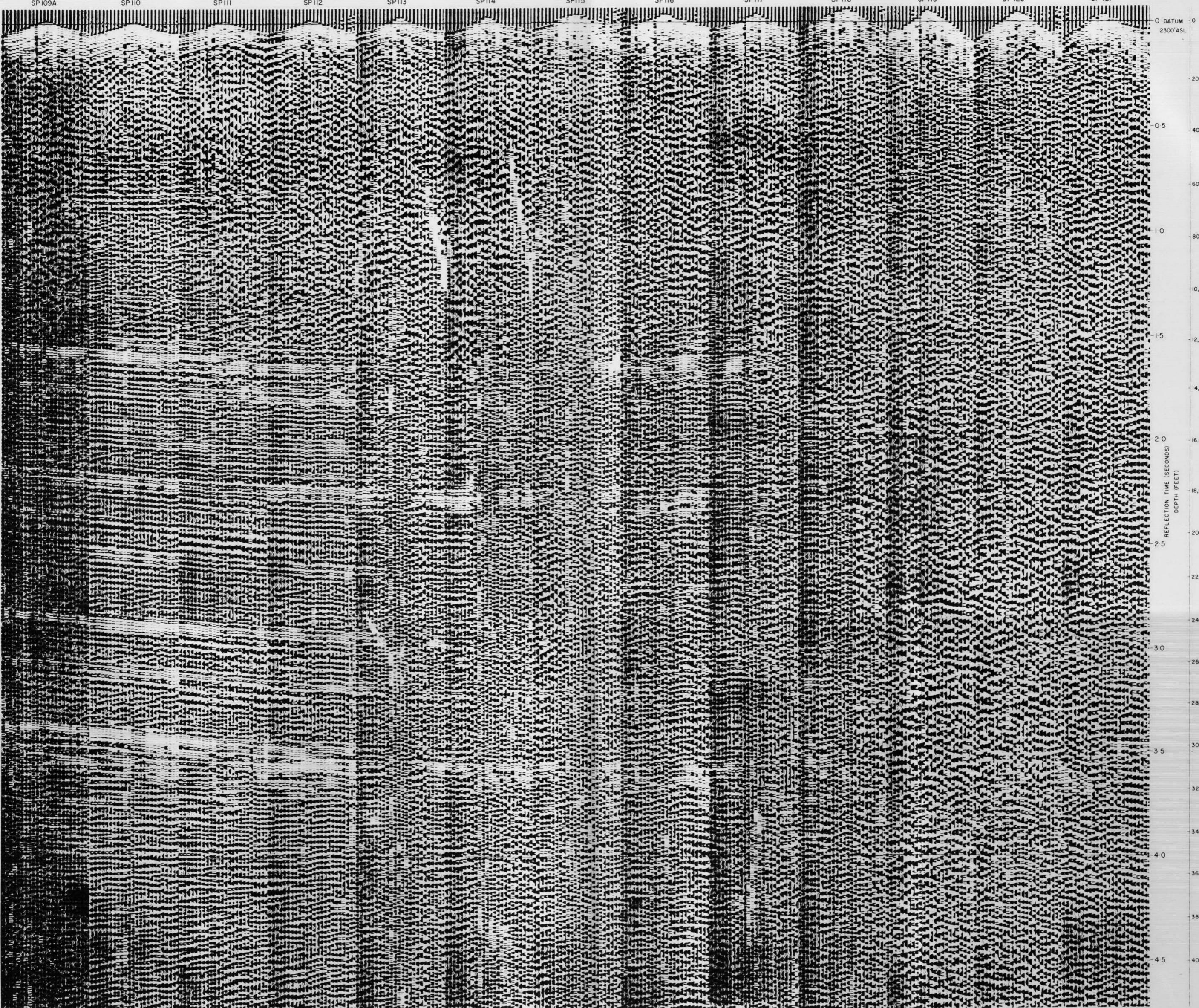
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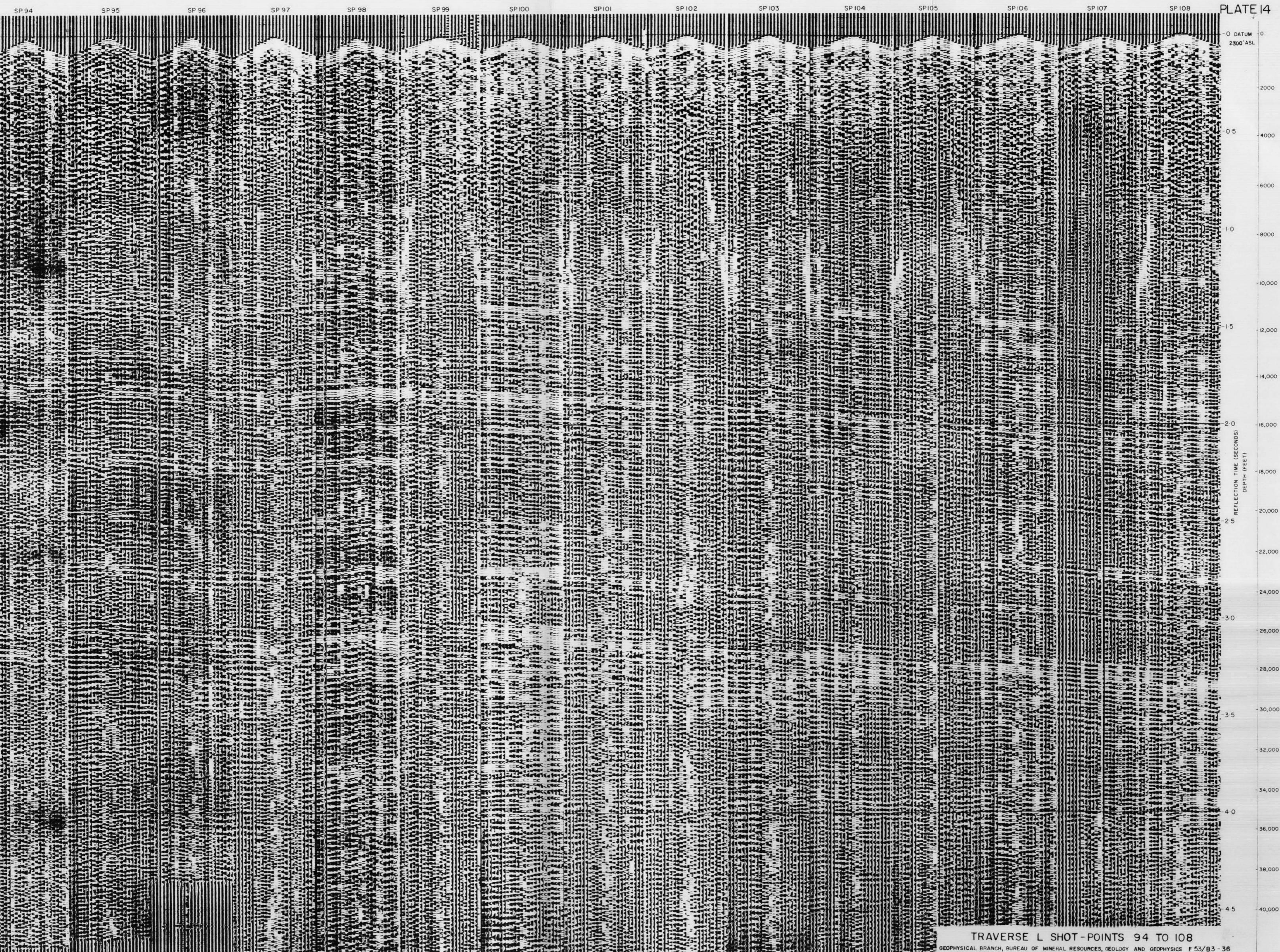
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TRAVERSE L

SHOT-POINTS 109A TO 121

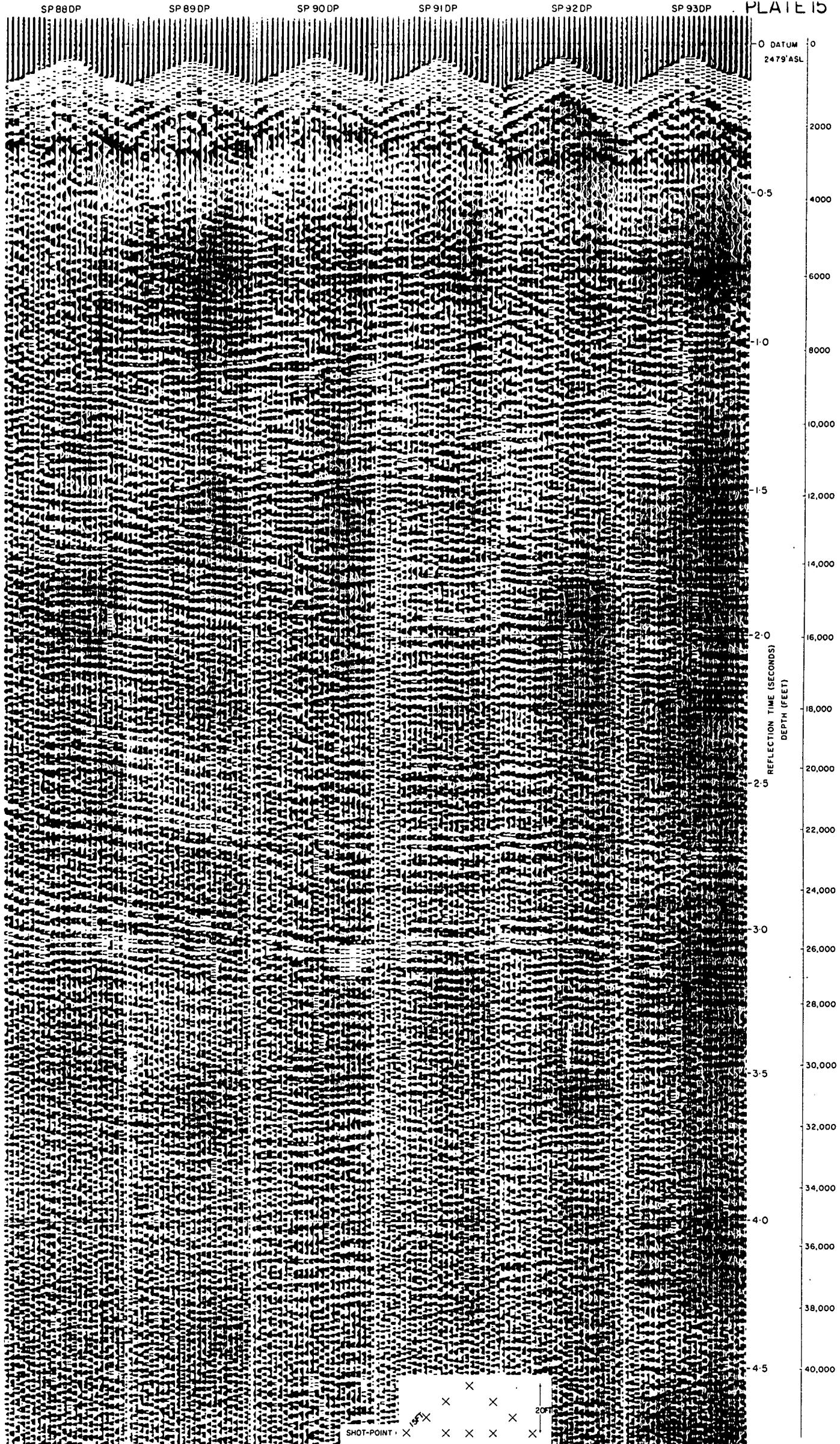
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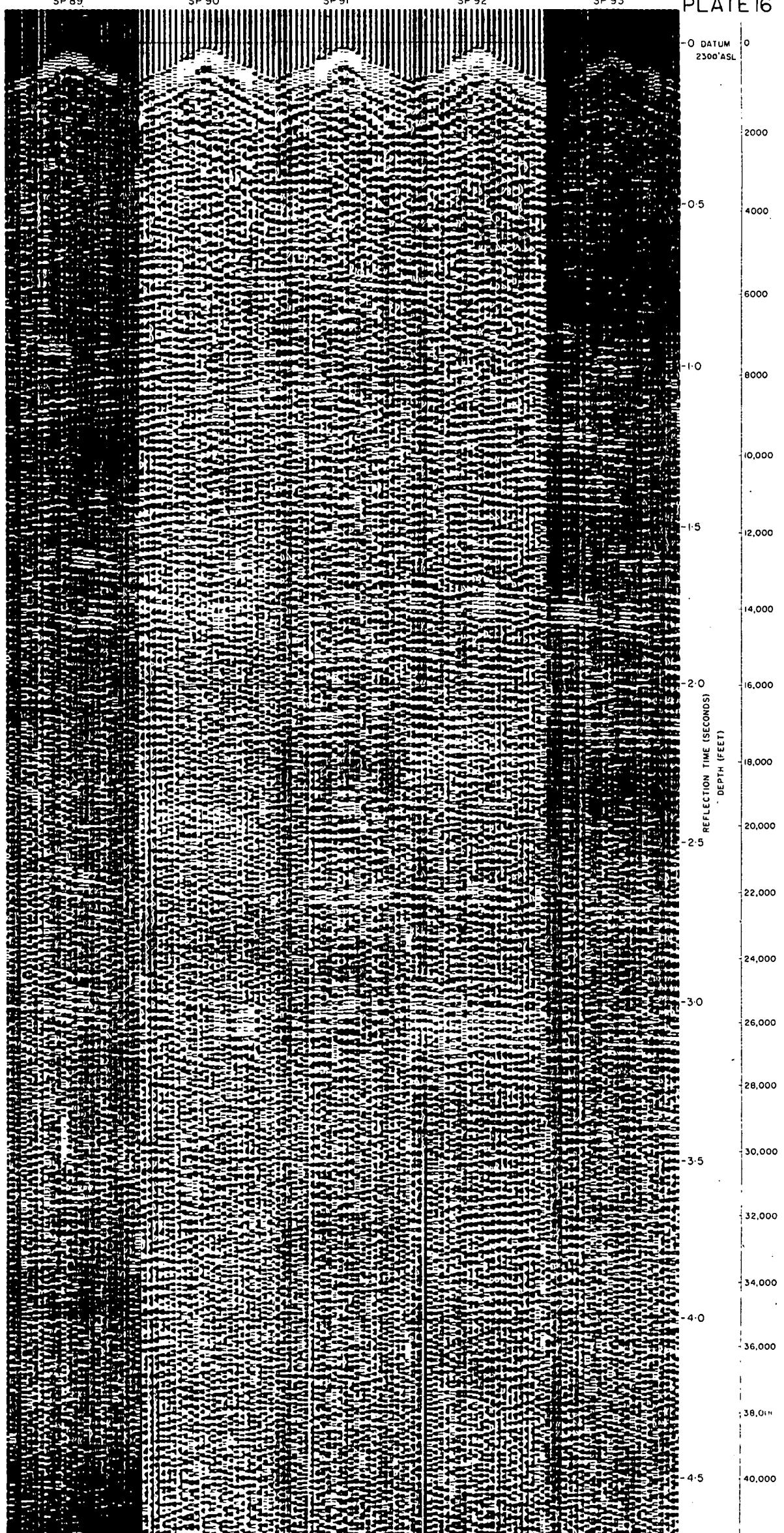
GEOPHONES:

GEOPHONE STATION INTERVAL : 110FT

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TRAVERSE L
SHOT-POINTS 88DP TO 93DP F53/83-31



GEOPHONES 6 AT 22 FT SPACING PER TRACE
TRACES 110 FT

TRAVERSE L SHOT-POINTS 89 TO 93 TO ACCOMPANY RECORD
No 1964 / 66

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A
SPREAD: 1320 ft
GEOFONES: 6 in line at 22-ft intervals
HOLES: One Depth 43-48 ft
Charge 20 lb
FILTERS: Record K24K66
Playback KK24KK57

B
SPREAD: 1320 ft
GEOFONES: 12 in line at 10-ft intervals
HOLES: One Depth 35-45 ft
Charge 30 lb
FILTERS Record KK18KK92
Playback KK24KK57

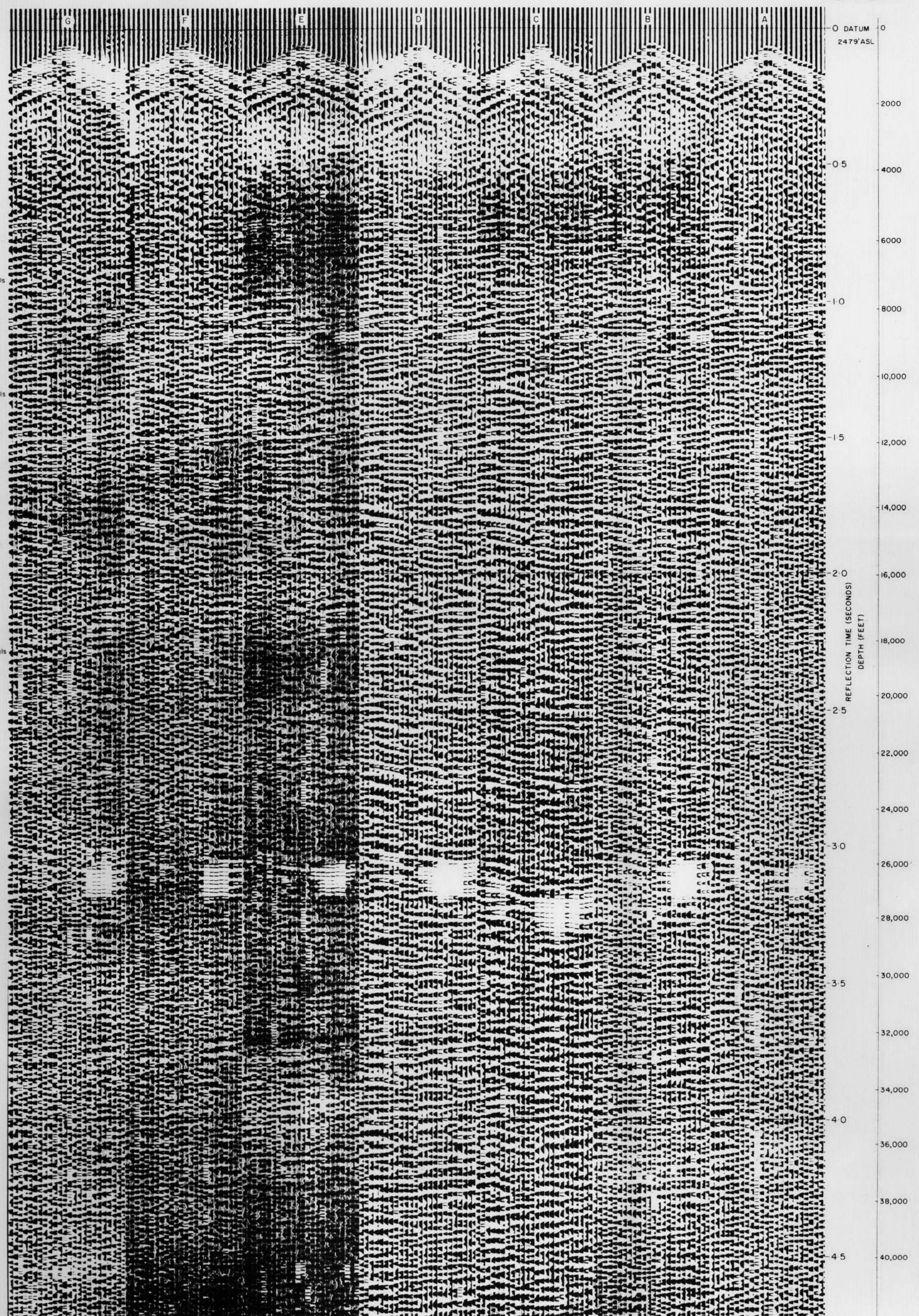
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SPREAD: 1320 ft
GEOFONES: 3 lines of 6 geophones at 22 ft intervals
Lines 20 ft apart parallel to traverse
HOLES: One Depth 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ -45 ft
Charge 30 lb
FILTERS Record KK18KK92
Playback KK24KK57

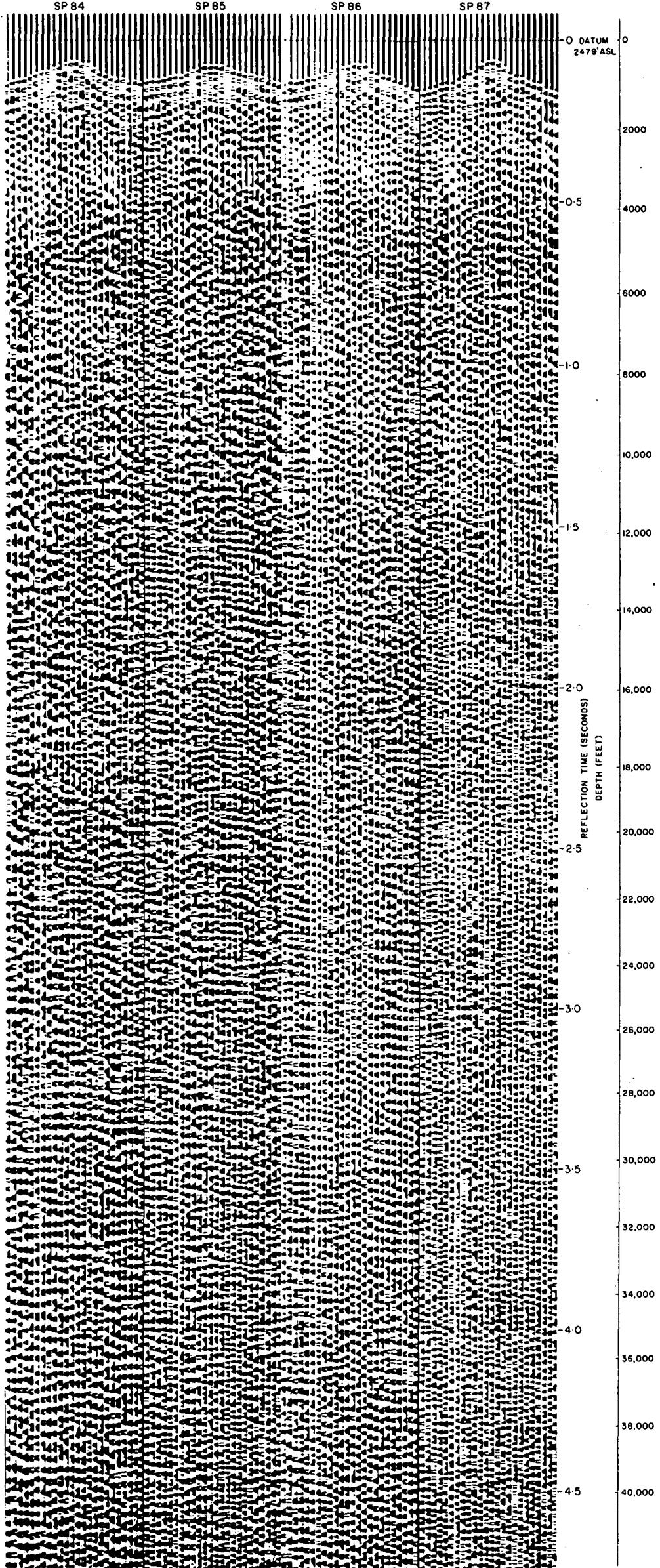
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SPREAD: 1320 ft
GEOFONES: 3 lines of 6 geophones at 22 ft intervals
Lines 20 ft apart parallel to traverse
HOLES: 9 in diamond pattern 30 ft apart
Depth 44-48 ft
Charge 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb
FILTERS Record KK18KK92
Playback KK24KK57

E
SPREAD: 1320 ft
GEOFONES: 12 in line at 10-ft intervals
HOLES: 15 in diamond pattern
Depth 45 ft
Charge 15 x 2 lb
FILTERS Record KK18KK92
Playback KK24KK57

F
SPREAD: 1320 ft
GEOFONES: 12 in line at 10-ft intervals
HOLES: 12 perpendicular to traverse at 30 ft intervals
Depth 45 ft
Charge 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb
FILTERS Record KK18KK92
Playback KK24KK57

G
SPREAD: 1320 ft
GEOFONES: 12 in line at 10-ft intervals
HOLES: 10 parallel to traverse at 10 ft intervals
Depth 45 ft
Charge 10 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb
FILTERS Record KK18KK92
Playback KK24KK57





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SP 80

SP 80½

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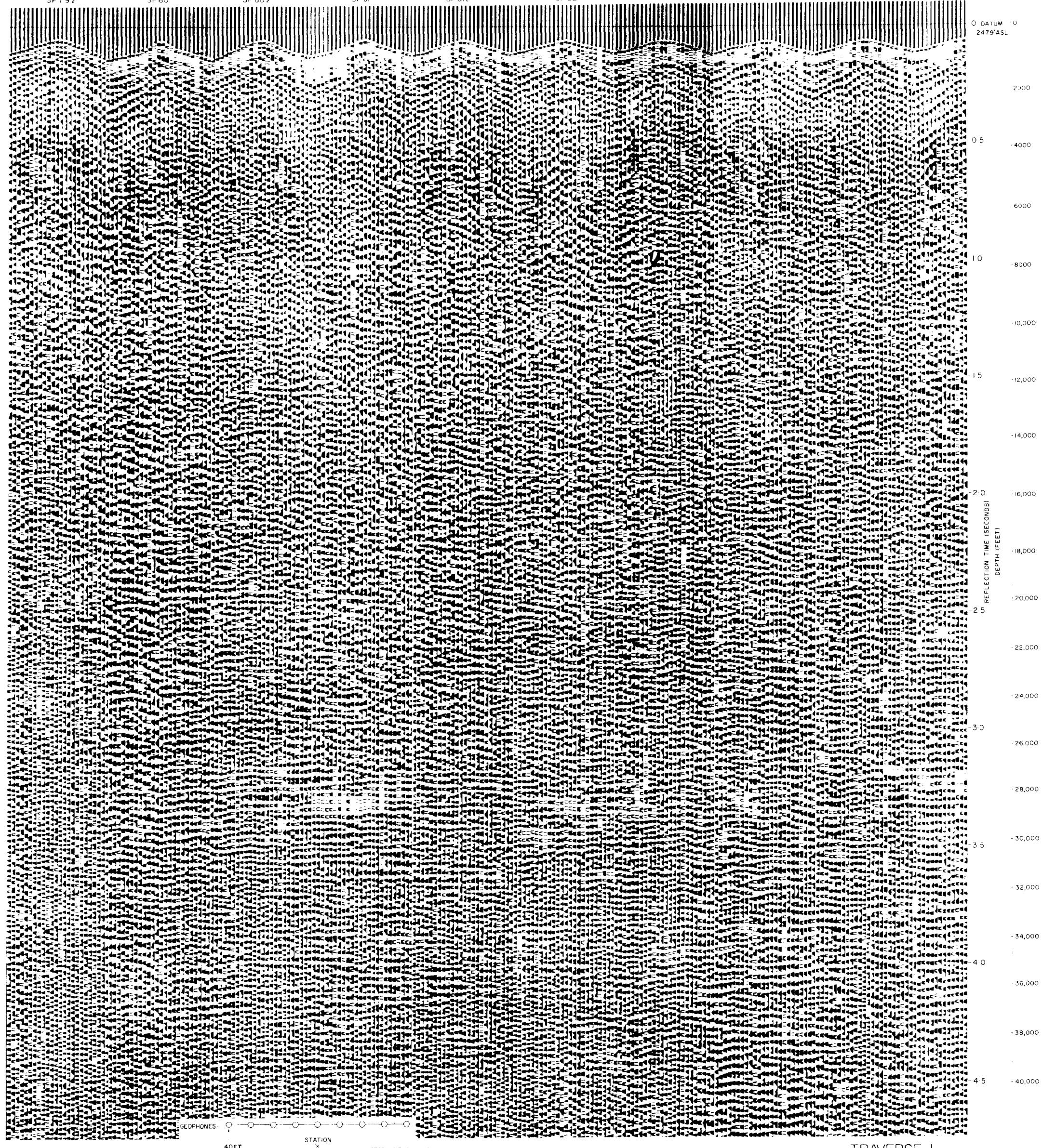
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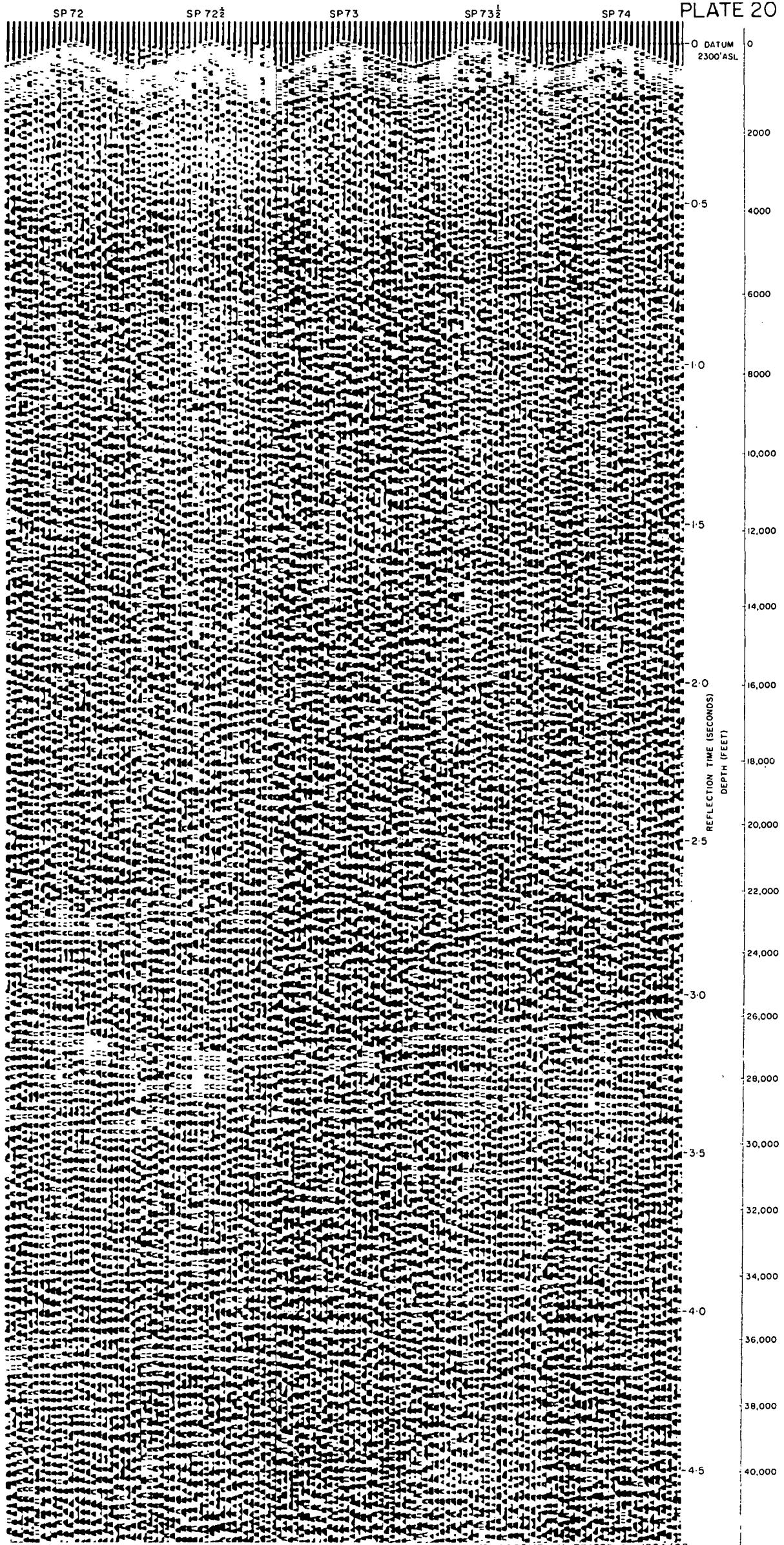
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GEOPHONE STATION INTERVAL - 55FT

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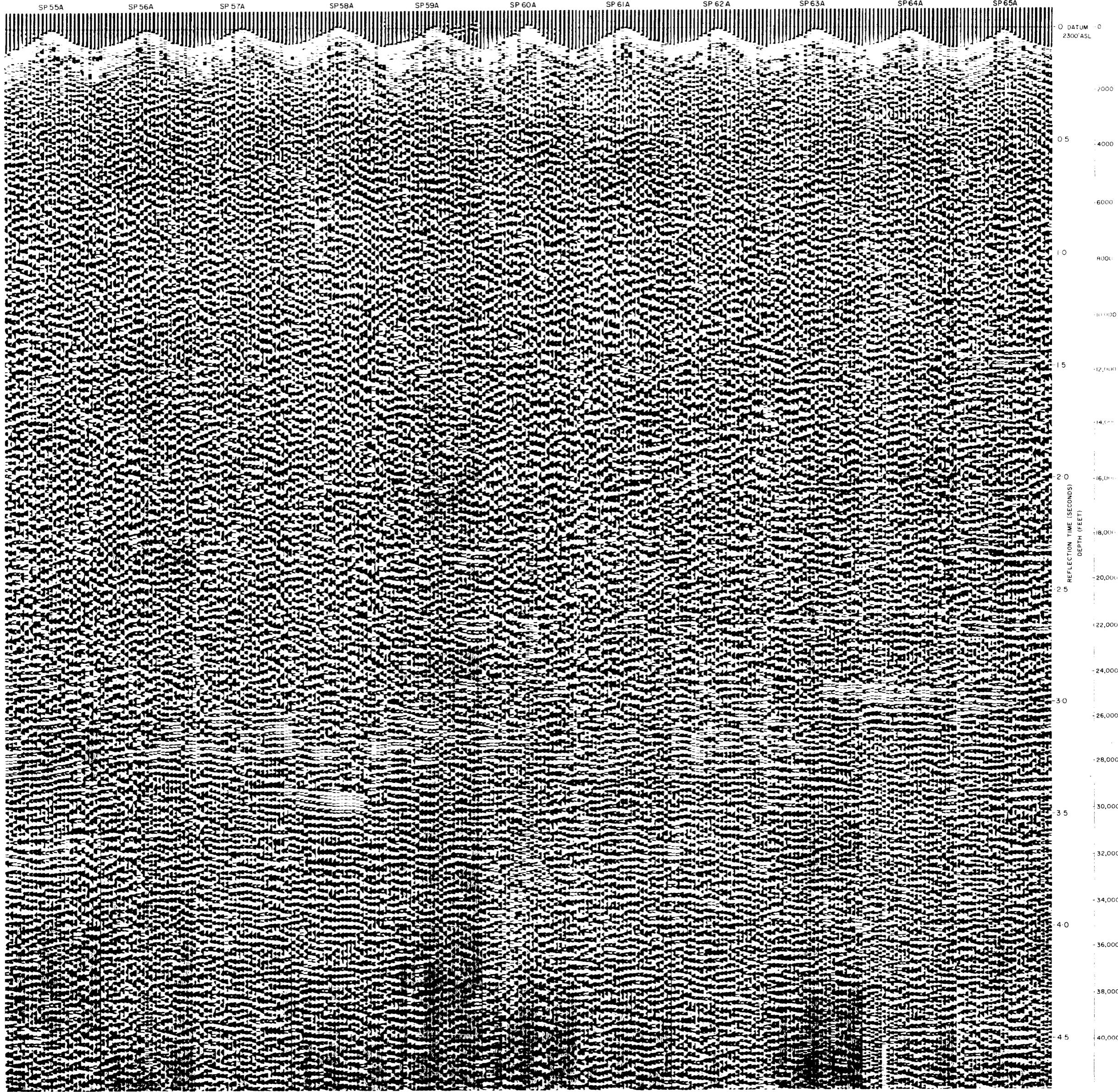


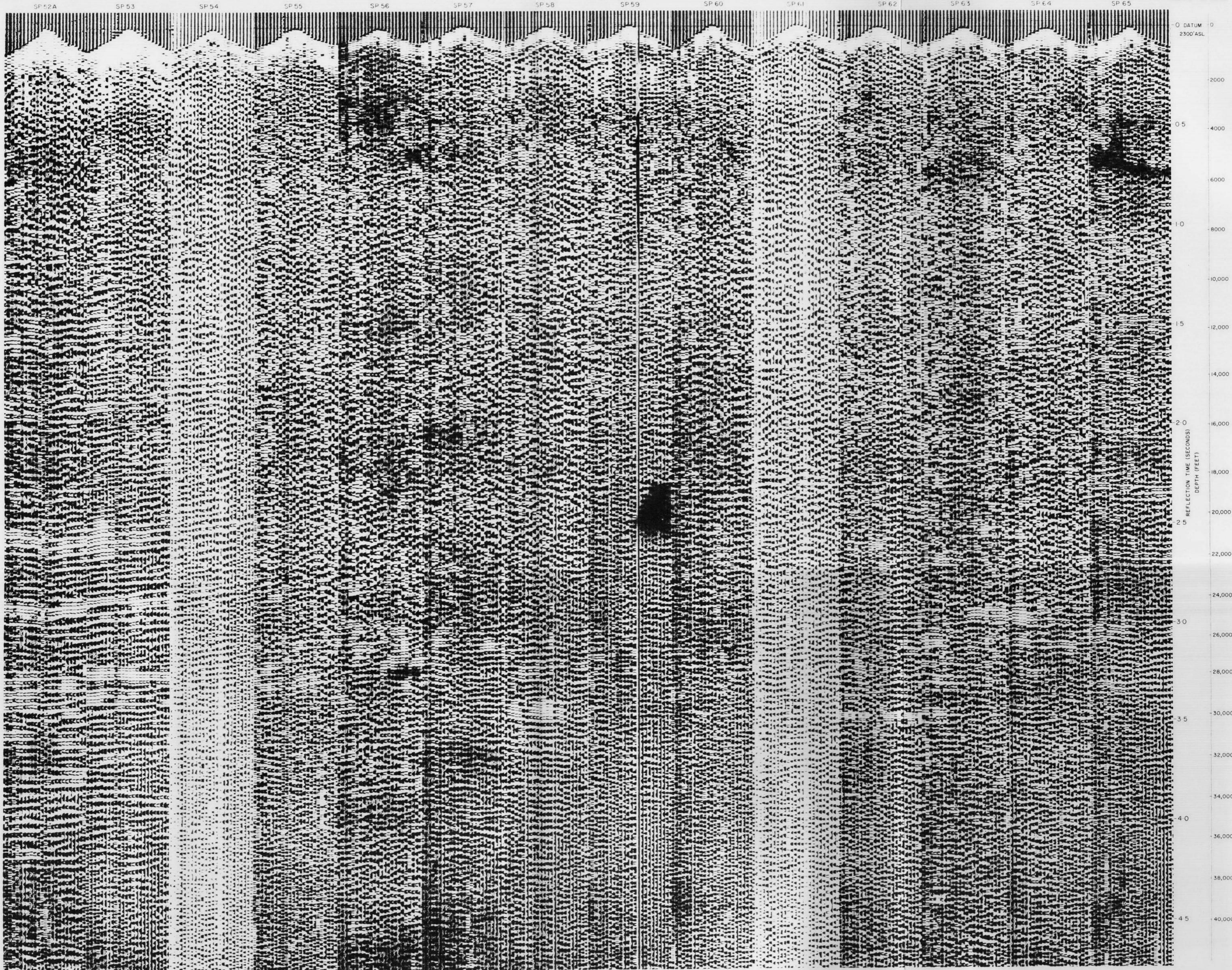
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TRAVERSE L

TRAVERSE E
SHOT-POINTS 72 TO 74
(INSIDE BLUFF)



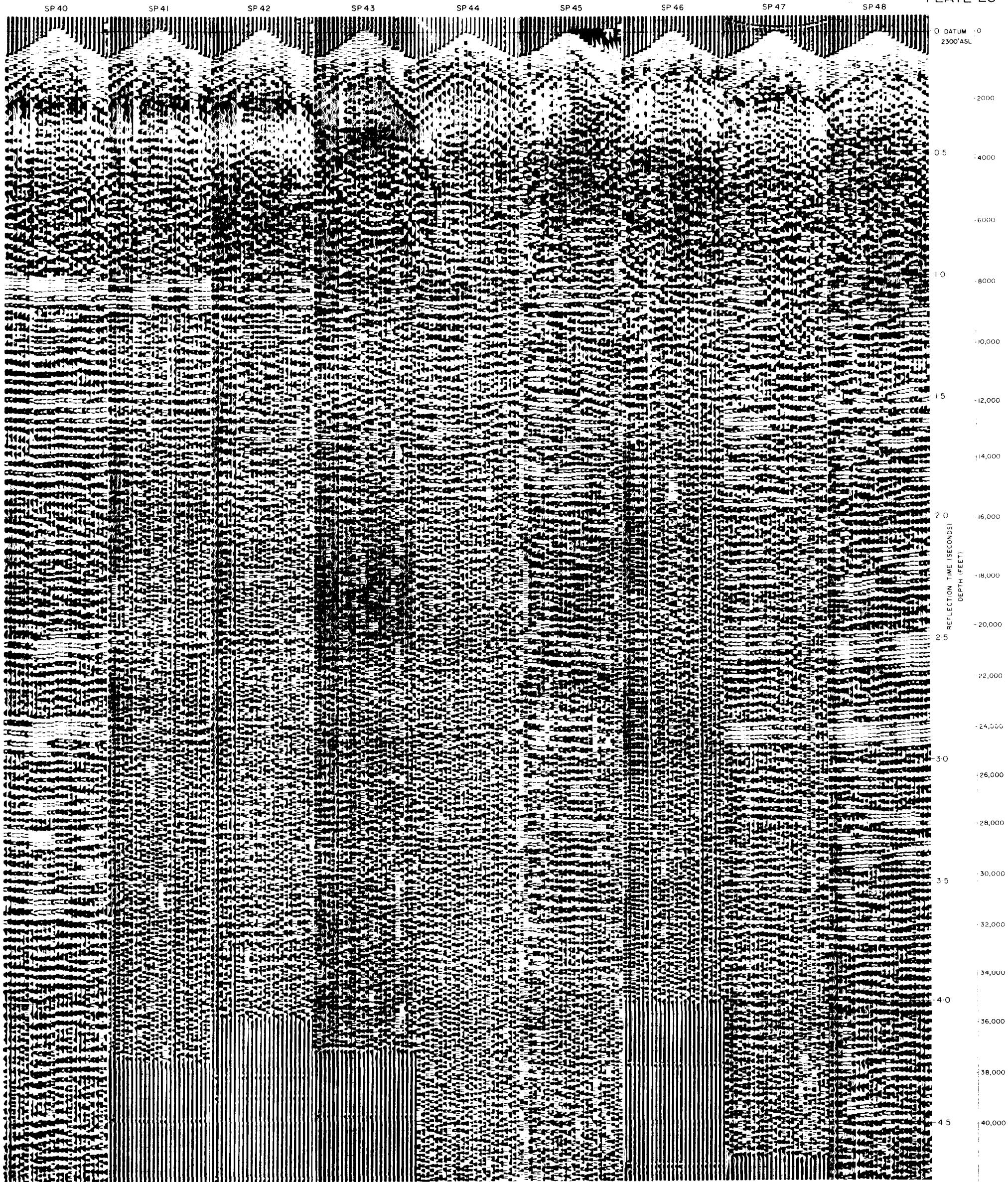


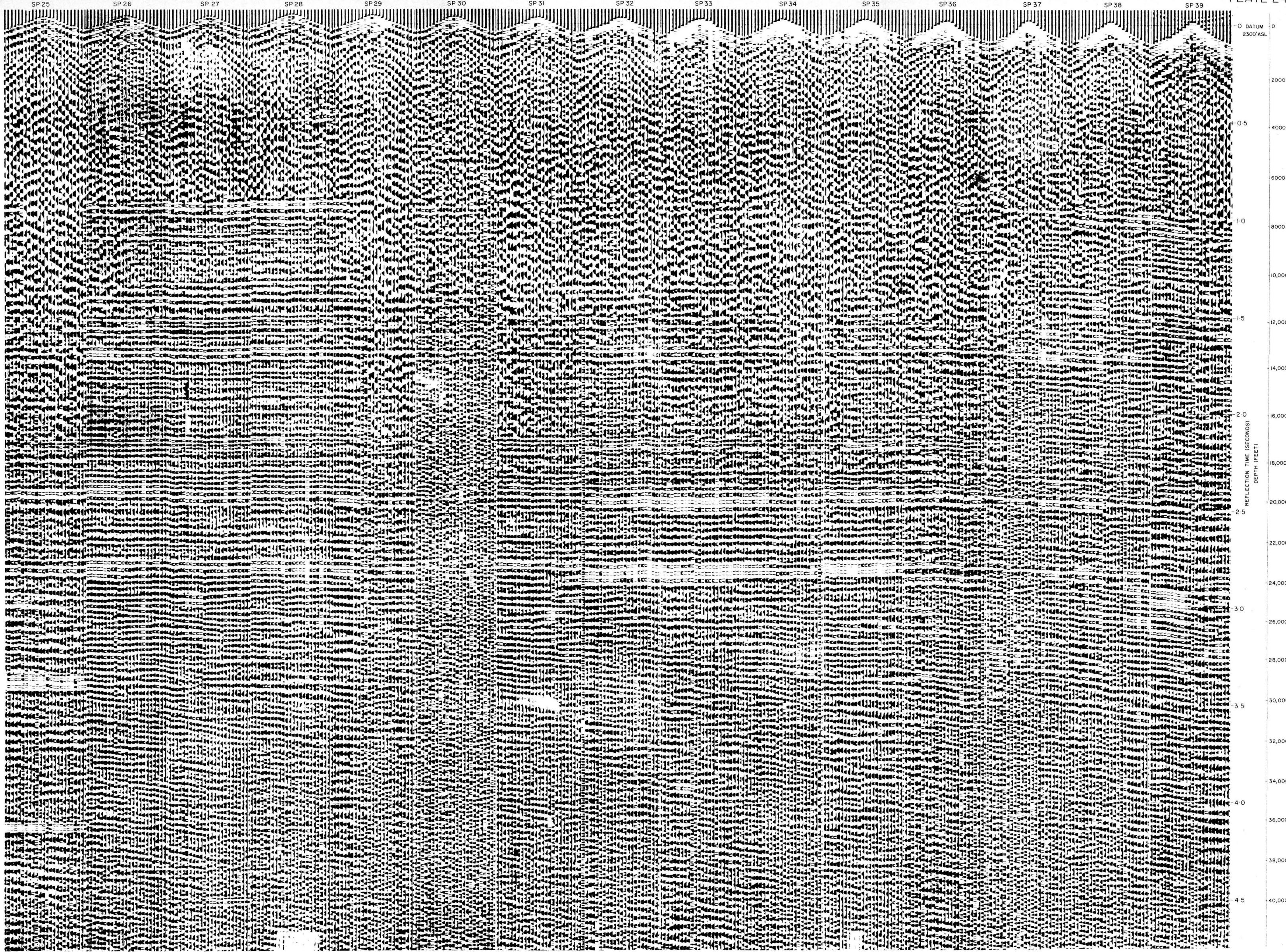
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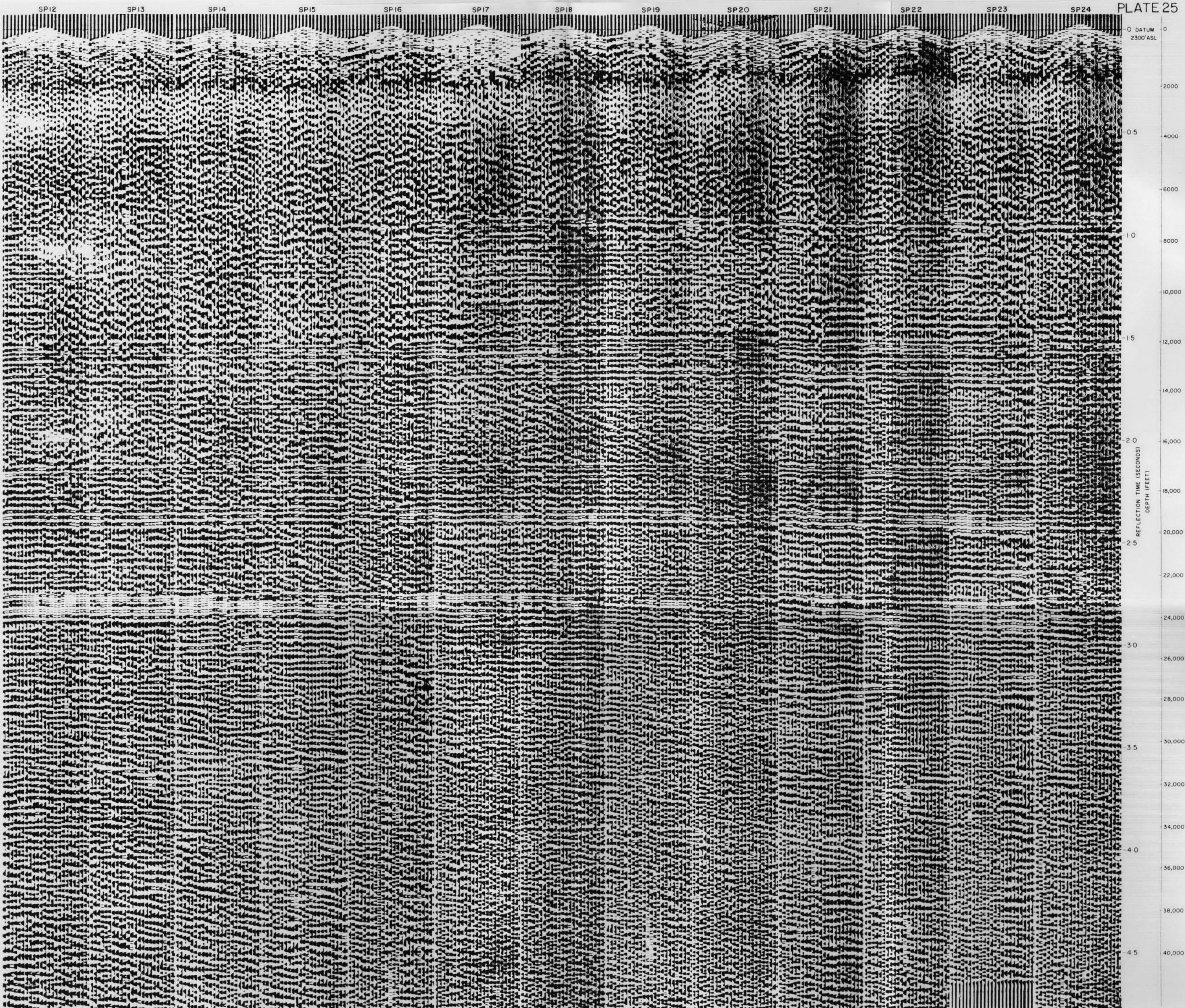
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TRAVERSE L
SHOT-POINTS 52 TO 65

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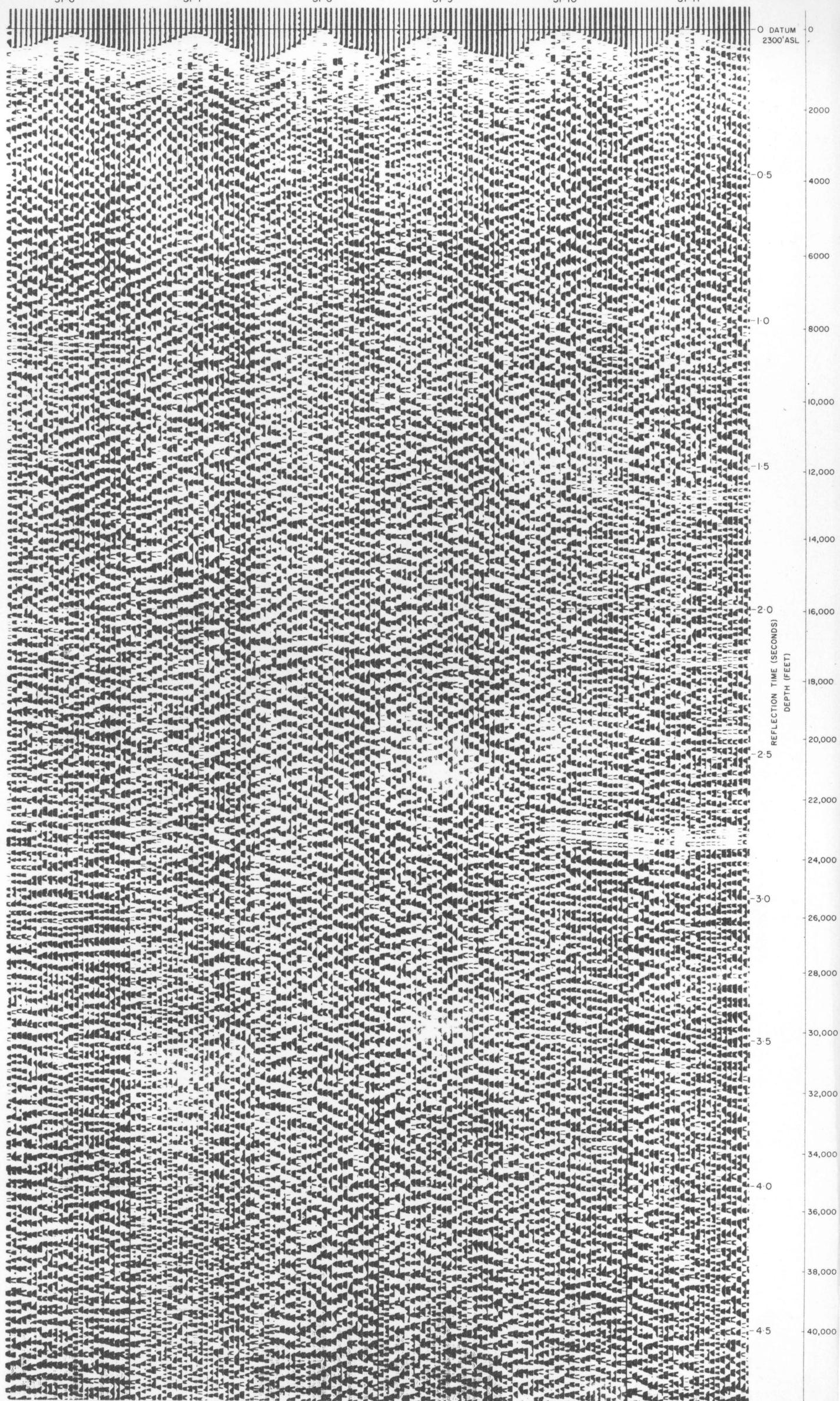
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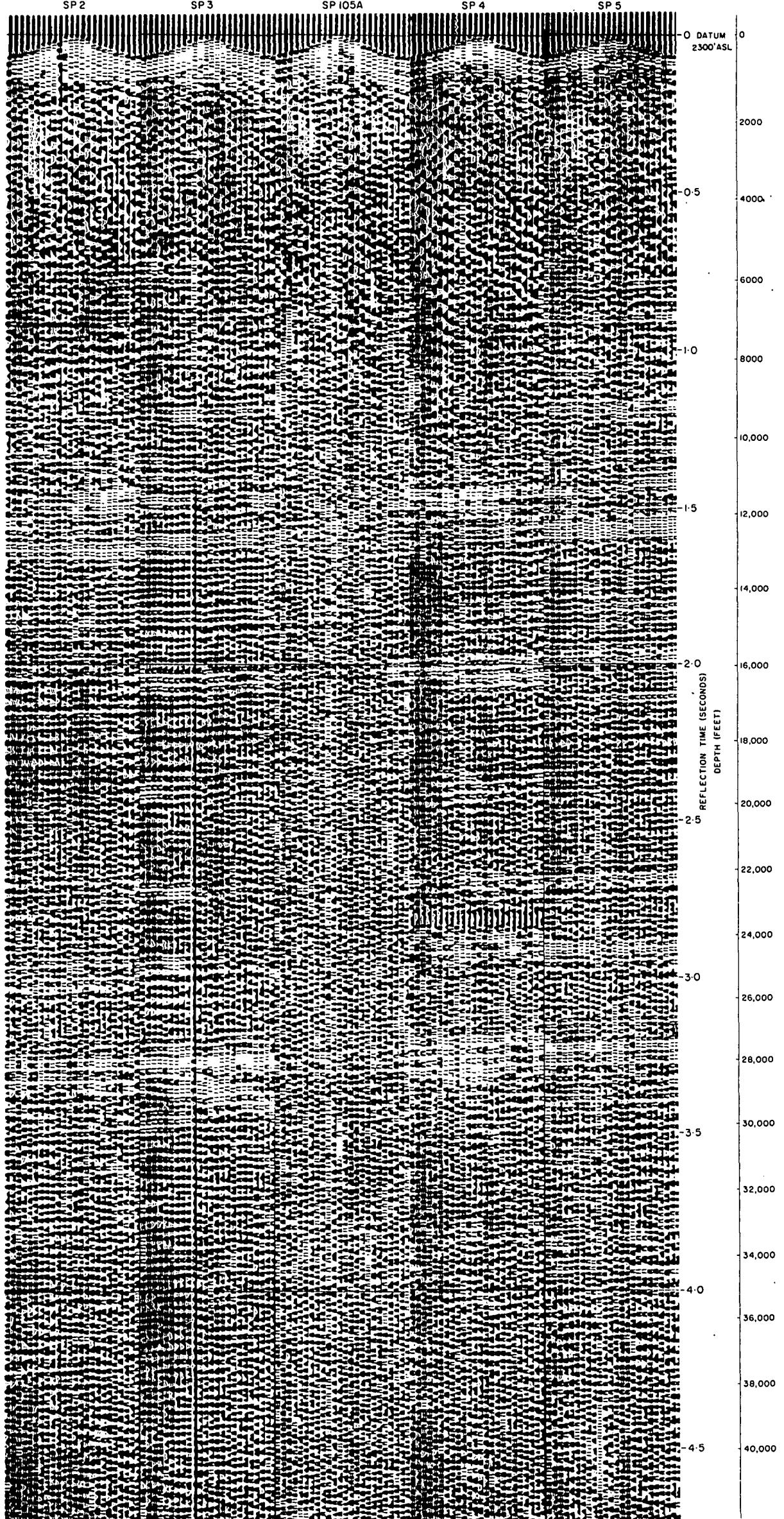
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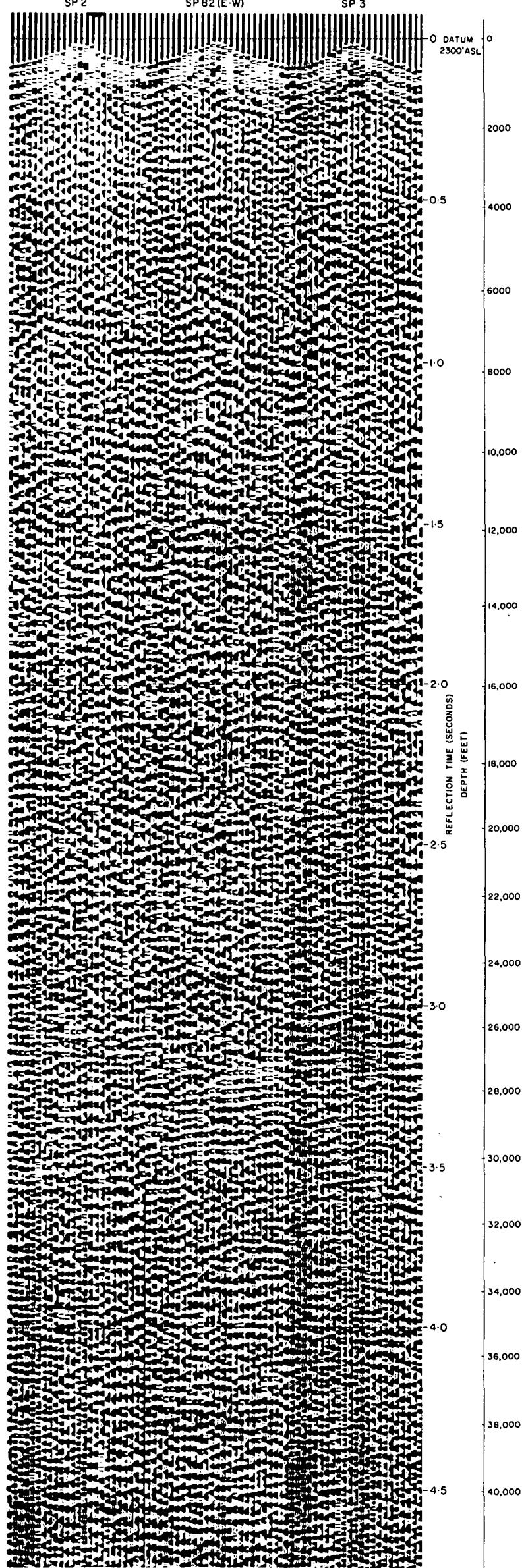
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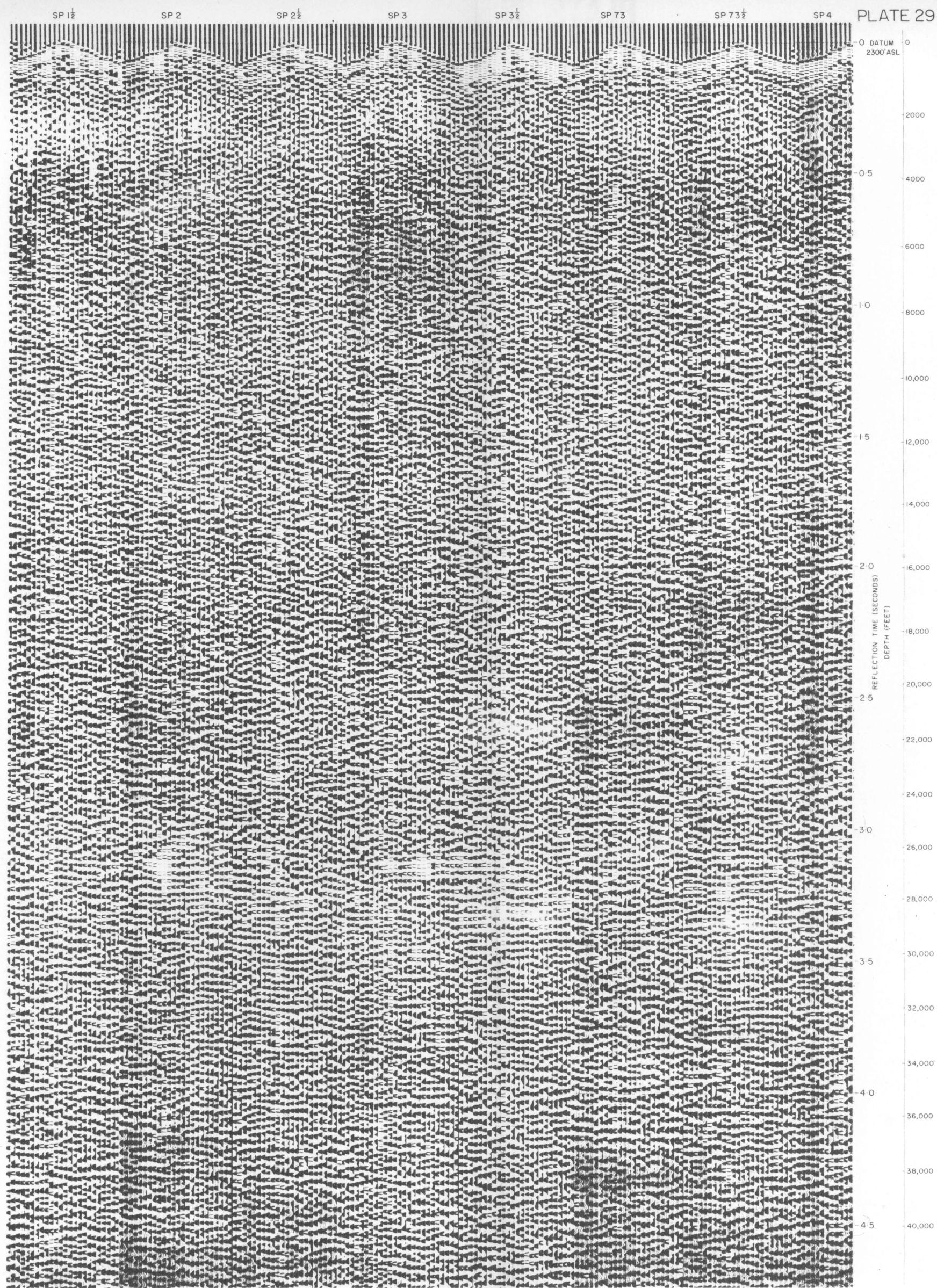
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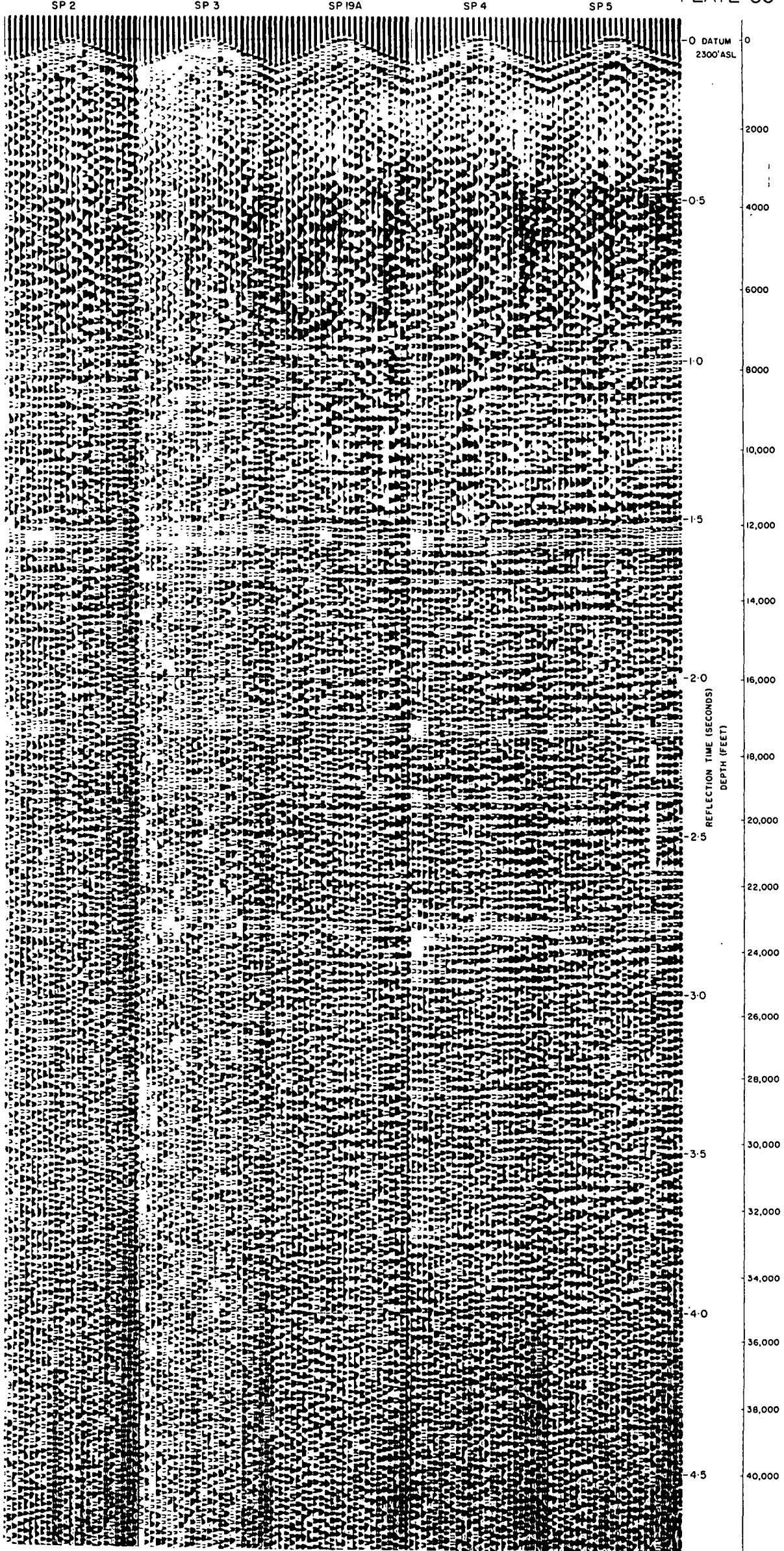




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TRAVERSE LY
SHOT-POINTS $1\frac{1}{2}$ TO 4
(INSIDE BLUFF)



SP 72

SP 73

SP 74

SP 75

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SP 77

SP 78

PLATE 31

0 DATUM
2300' ASL

2000

-0.5 4000

6000

-1.0 8000

10,000

-1.5 12,000

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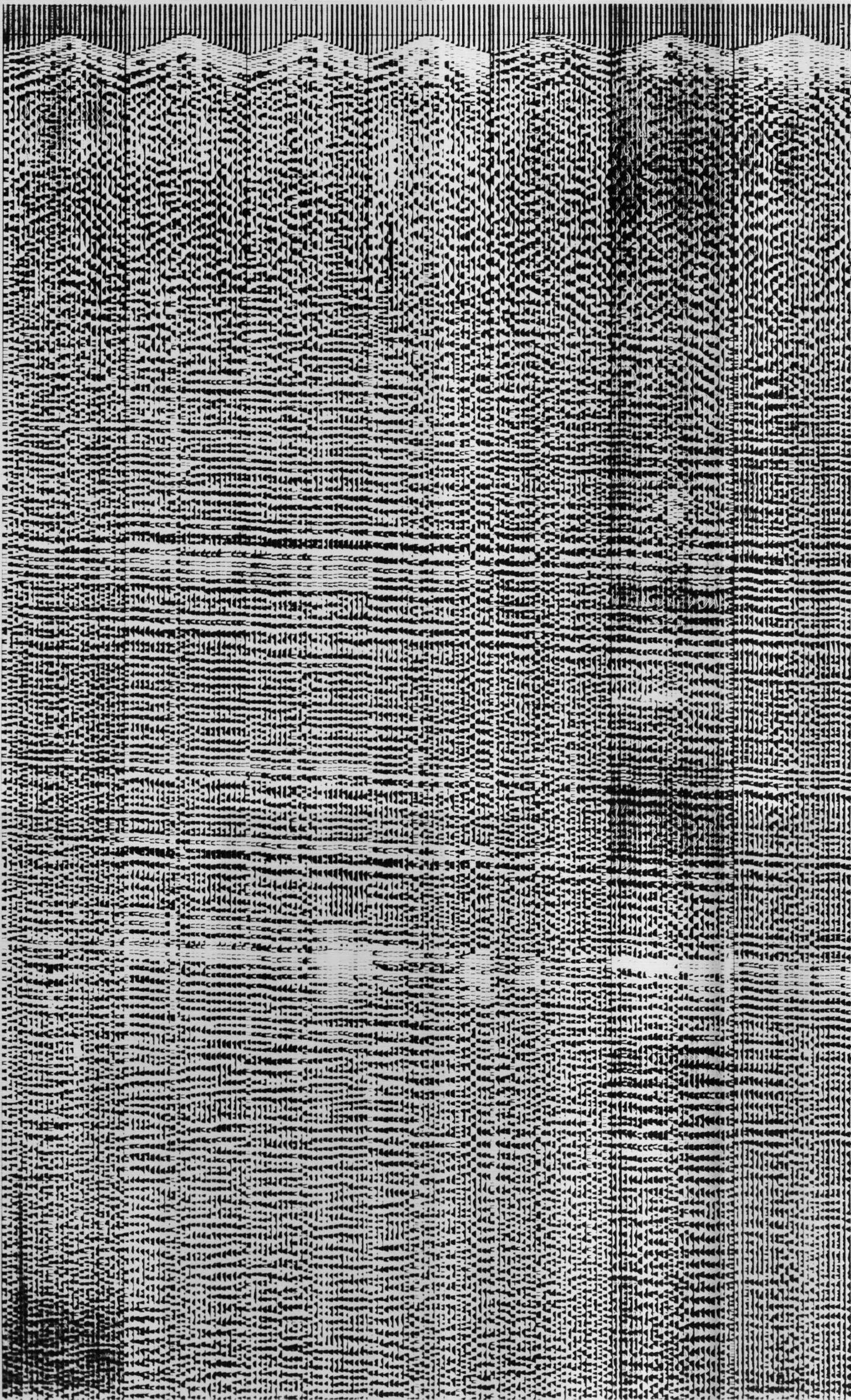
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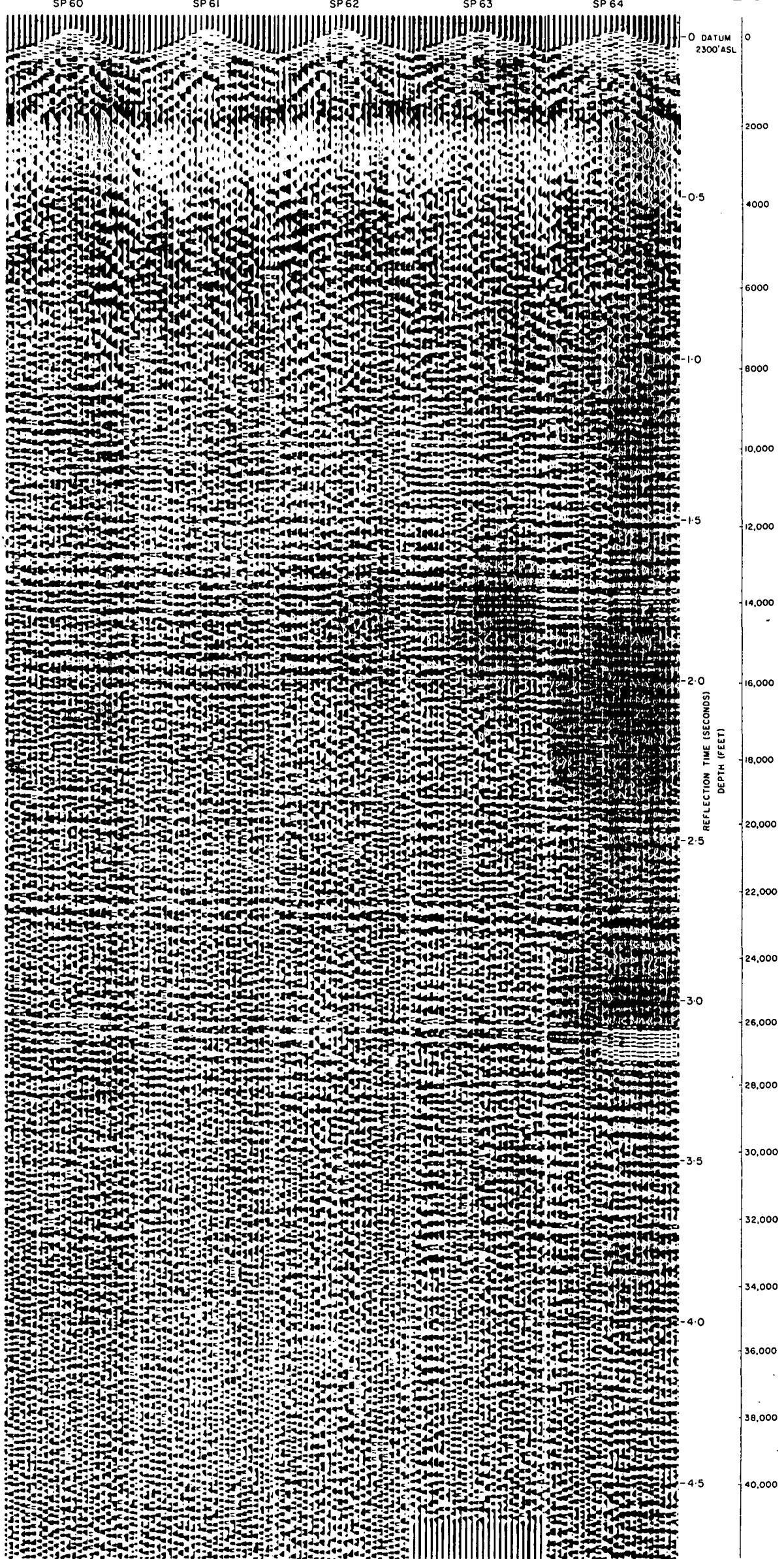
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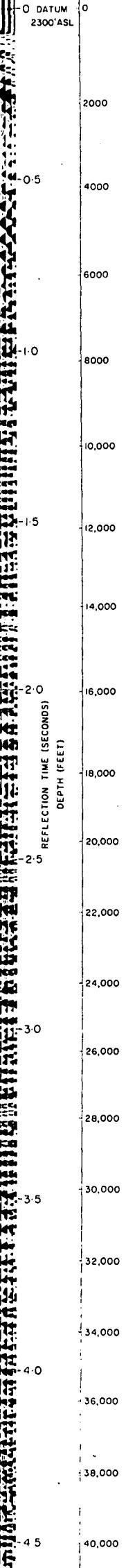


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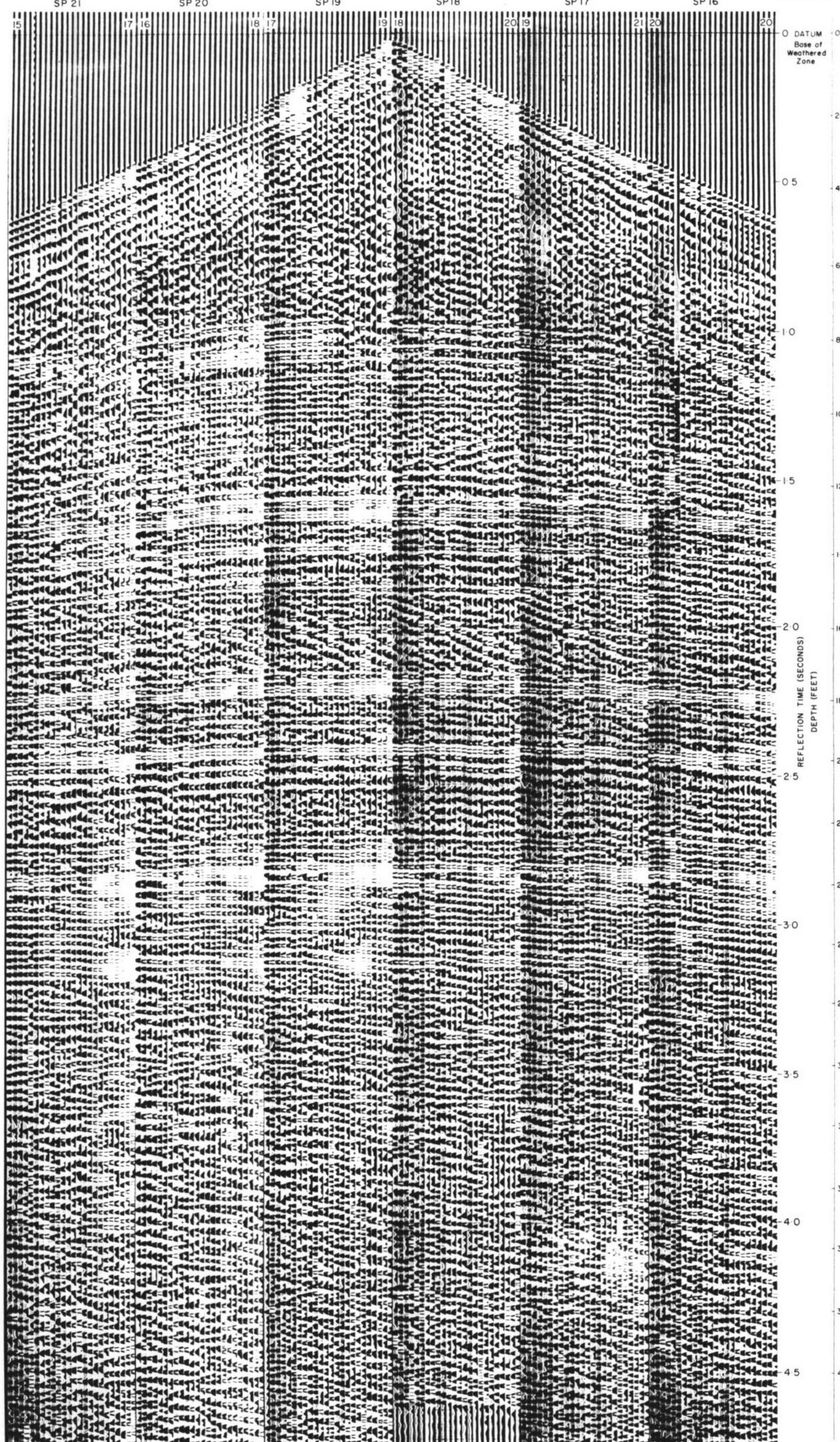
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