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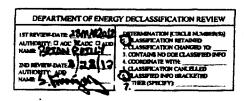
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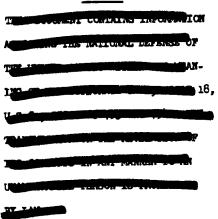




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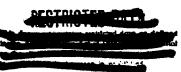
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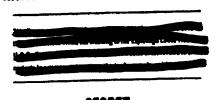
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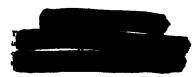
- (1) Standard monitoring equipment for use by the CRPL and other agencies during CASTLE was designed and constructed; The following reports, which describe this equipment, its operation and calibration, were prepared and distributed to the participating stations.
- a) "Equipment for Electromagnetic Measurements to be Made by CRPL during CASTL3".
- b) "Notes on the Calibration and Operation of the CRPL Equipment to be used at Remote Field Stations during Operation CASTLE", dated Feb. 8, 1954.
- o) "Timing", a memorandum suggesting terminology for reporting the time of arrival of pulses at all stations, dated Feb. 9, 1964,
- d) "Proposed Schedule for Recording Peak Field Strength Values from Stations NSS, NFM, and GBR during Operation CASTLE", dated Feb. 9, 1954,
- e) Suggested log sheets and additional memoranda were prepared as needed in order to keep the various stations informed of the overall progress, etc.
- (2) Estimates of field strengths at remote stations were made and distributed to the participating stations before each event;
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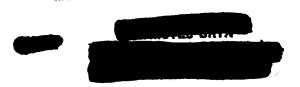
Bikini Atolla, measurements were performed to

- d) determine the true shape of the entire electromagnetic pulses, +
- b) relate the pulse amplitudes to field strength values, to
- d) determine the relationship between electromagnetic pulses and
- d) to determine the time of arrival of the electromagnetic pulses which are emitted at the time of an atomic detonation.
- (4) Joing both broad-band and narrow-band recording equipment, measurements were made at Guen; Mani, T. H.; Boulder, Colorado; Pt. Barrow,
 Alaska; Pt. Belveir, Va. near Washington, D. C.; and Stanford, University,
 at Pale Alto, California to:
- a) determine the true shape of the entire electromagnetic pulses as received at each station, to
 - b) relate amplitudes to field strongth values, and to
 - o) determine time of pulse arrival related to world time; and
- (5) It all the locations mentioned above, records of field strengths received from low-frequency broadcasting stations and distant atmospheries are to be made to assist in determining propagation attenuation as a function of time and distance.

Closs-in Measurements

Measurements were made using broad-band equipment at a distance of about 330 km from ground zero to determine the true pulse shape before being altered materially by the effects of propagation. A six-foot vertical antenna was used to receive the vertically polarized electromagnetic pulse, and a suitable broad-band eathode follower unit was used to

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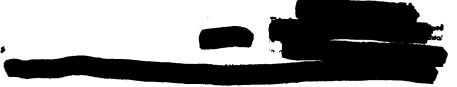
uate the signal and to distribute it to several oscilloscopes in ing at different sweep rates and sensitivities.

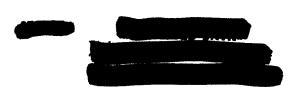
Additional equipment was used to determine the time of arrival of the electromagnetic pulse. Also, an experiment was carried out using a long wire antenna and an Ampex tape recorder, in an attempt to record any pulses occurring milliseconds or seconds after shot time.

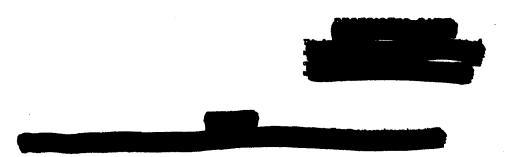
Sample records from RUMSO and EOOS are given in this report. The legend with each figure gives the name of the event, the propagation distance in kilometers, the sweep rate in usec/om along the x-axis, and the sensitivity in volts/meter/om along the y-axis. The plus and minus signs on each figure indicate the polarity of the electric vector; a minus sign represents a downward electric vector and a plus sign an upward one. A pre-emplifier, which reverses the polarity of signals, was used to record the wave forms shown in Figures 2, 4, 7, and 8. All of the initial half-cycles observed at the close-in stations during CASTLE are negative; this fact was also observed during UPSHOT-XHOTHOLE.

Pigure 1 is a ROMBO waveform consisting of a ground wave pulse and a pulse that was reflected from an ionospheric layer hodght of about 92 km. The peak amplitude of the pulse received along the surface of the earth was about 22 volts/meter, and the peak amplitude of the pulse received after reflection from the ionosphere was about 12 volts/meter. Hence, the ionospheric reflection coefficient for this mode is about 0.6.

The pulse, which is reflected from the ionosphere, is much smoother than the ground wave pulse, indicating a loss of high-frequency energy in the ionosphere.









The total attenuation of the surface wave over 350 km of sea mater ($- \times 4 \times 10^{-11}$ cmm, and $+ \times 80$) is within 3 db of the inverse distance attenuation value at frequencies up to approximately 1.0 Me. Using this inverse distance relationship, the field strength 20 km from ground zero would be of the order of 350 volts/meter.

Another ROMBO pulse, recorded using a sweep speed of 10 usec/cm, is shown in Figure 2. The pre-amplifier was used in recording this particular pulse; therefore, the first half-cycle, which appears as an upward oscilloscope deflection, corresponds to a dominant electric vector.

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three cycles having a frequency near 80 km.

Figure 5 shows the first 16 uses of the waveform in greater detail them either of the preceding figures.

A train of pulses recorded from ROEZO is shown in Figure 4. The first pulse, which overloaded the recording equipment, is about 166 usec long. The succeeding pulses, in order of arrival, are the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth hop sky-wave modes, all of which were reflected from an ionospheric layer height of about 94 km.

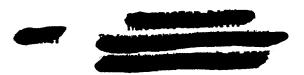
Figure 5 is a pulse from ECON comparable to the ROMBO pulse in Fig-

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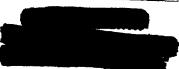
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found that for ROHSO the frequency is about 11 kg and for KOOM it is about 45 kg.

In Figure 6 it can be seen that the peak amplitude of the ground wave pulse is about 15 volts/meter, and the curresponding value for the pulse reflected from the ionosphere is about 5 volts/meter. The ionospheric reflection coefficient for this particular mode is about 0.5. Pigure 6 reveals the extent to which the character of the original pulse was preserved after ionospheric reflection. For comparison with the ROMEO pulse, see Figure 1.

The early detail associated with the atomic detonution is shown in Figure 7, which was recorded using a sweep speed of 12.8 useo/cm.

A train of pulses consisting of the ground wave pulse followed by others reflected from the ionosphere is shown in Figure 8. The individual reflections are not as easily distinguished as those in Figure 4, the corresponding ROMEO presentation.

In Figure 9 a sweep rate of 1 uses/om and high gain were used to disclose the initial portions of the pulse.

Distant Measurements

A set of ROMBO pulses is shown in figures 10 through 15 as received at Gusa, Mani, Stanford, Barrow, Boulder, and Washington. The length as well as the amplitude of the pulses are related to the propagation distance, and these facts were used at each station to assist in locating the desired pulse on the film records.

A value of field strengh expected to be recorded at each station was issued in advance of each shot. The estimates of field strength



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for ERAVO were based upon the predicted value of bomb yield and information gained during IVI relating field strength and distance from a megatom weepon. Fortunately, all CRFL stations except one recorded the ERAVO pulse. Using these results, it was determined that the field strength attenuation beyond 4000 km varied as the inverse square root of the distance and an additional propagation loss at the rate of about 2 or 3 db per 1000 km.

The ROLEO yield was estimated, as shown, to be 12 megatoms, weing the values of field strength recorded at Haui from ROLEO and BRAVO and a yield of 14 megatoms for BRAVO. Since all the events took place at the same time relative to sumrise, the propagation attenuation was considered to be the same for all events.

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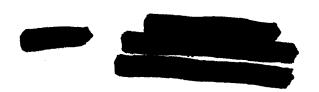
YR = ROMBO yield

 $Y_R = BRAYO yield$

E. = ROMEO peak field strength

BR = BRAVO peak field strength

The maximum center to peak values of field strength recorded at the CRPL stations during CASTLE, which are available at the present time, are plotted against distance in Figure 17. The first letter of the name of each event is placed near the appropriate value of field strength. The attenuation rates between stations for the different events are approximately the same, with the exception of Barrow, Alaska. At this time it is not known why the values of field strength recorded at Guam are as low as they are.

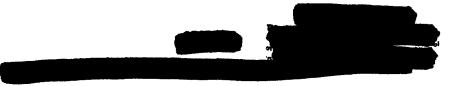




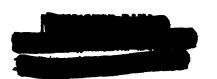


In Figure 16 is shown a wave-form recorded from KOON at Guer. a distance of 2200 km. The delay times between successive pulses suggest that these individual pulses were reflected from an ionbepheric layer height of about 90 km. The wave-form consists of part of the ground wave pulse, followed by the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth hop sky-wave modes. It is of interest to note the high frequency detail present at this distance. Figure 10 is a pulse recorded from ROMEO at Guam, and it is shown for comparison with Figure 16. A reasonable intrepretation of Figure 10 may also be made assuming the ionospheric layer height of 90 km. This choice is mainly based upon the recognizable time delay of 84 uses which is the calculated delay between the first and second hop sky-wave modes. The succeeding reflections due to the third, fourth, and fifth hope are not clearly separated as in Figure 16. The first half-cycle seen in Figure 10 is taken to be part of the ground wave pulse. The onehop pulse received from ECON at Guam is similar to the first-hop skywave pulse seen in Figure 6 which was recorded at 330 km; it contains components at much higher frequencies than the pulses received at Guam from RCEEO. The ratios of peak amplitudes of the ground wave pulses to the peak amplitudes of the first-hop sky-wave pulses suggest that the ionospheric reflection coefficient for KCCE was approximately twice the value for ROMEO.

In Figure 18, preliminary times reported by each station for the first five events are tabulated. Better agreement between the values of $T_{\rm d}$ (detonation time) may be achieved after more accurately calculating $T_{\rm p}$ (propagation delay time for the pulse) and $T_{\rm s}$ (propagation delay time







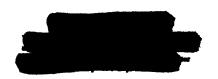


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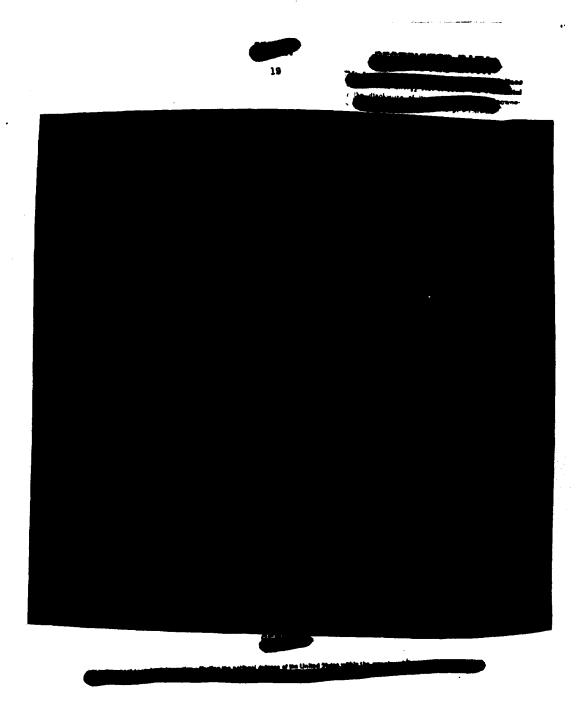
The relatively low value of field strength recorded at Barrow for ROMSO may be found to be related to a disturbance of the earth's magnetic field which existed on that day. The attenuation of field strength in db/1000 km from Maui to Barrow is about 5 db for BRAVO and 5 db for ROMSO. The Barrow, Alaska magnetic K figures for the three hour period containing the BRAVO and ROMSO detonation times are respectively 2 and 5.





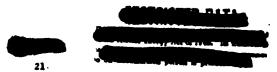
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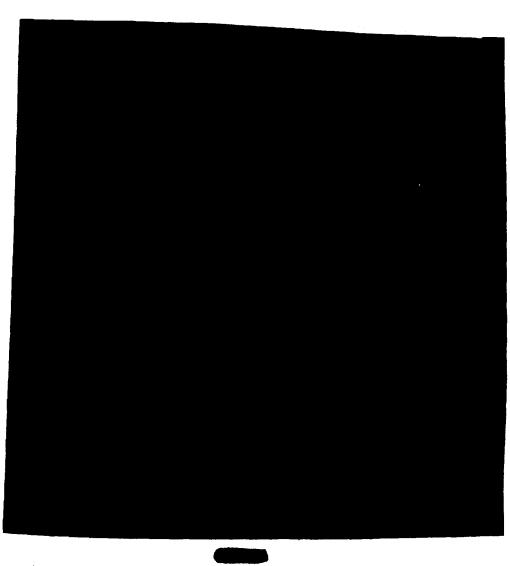


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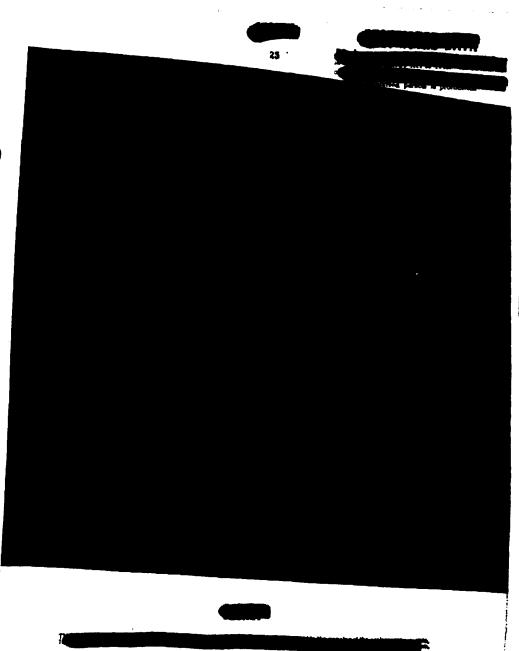


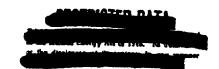
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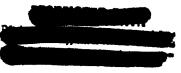
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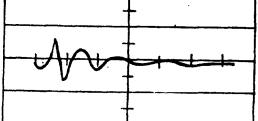












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Ouam, 2200 km path
Sweep rate 100 usec/cm
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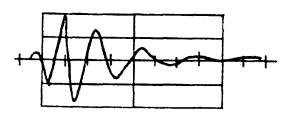


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Maui, 4200 km path
Sweep rate 68 usec/cm
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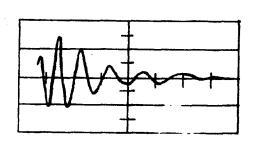
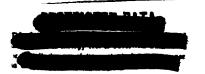


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ROMEO Stanford, 7400 km path Sweep rate 125 uses/cm Sensitivity 0.280 v/m/cm

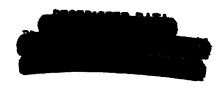






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ROMEO Barrow, 6800 km path



Fig. 14

ROMEO
Boulder, 8900 km path
Sweep rate 100 usec/cm
Sensitivity .164 v/m/cm

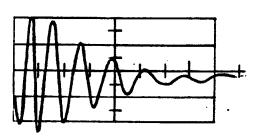
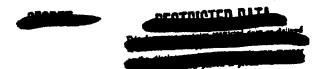


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Wash. D. C., 11,100 km
Sweep rate 100 uses/cm
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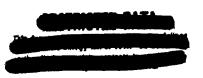


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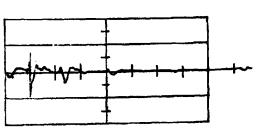


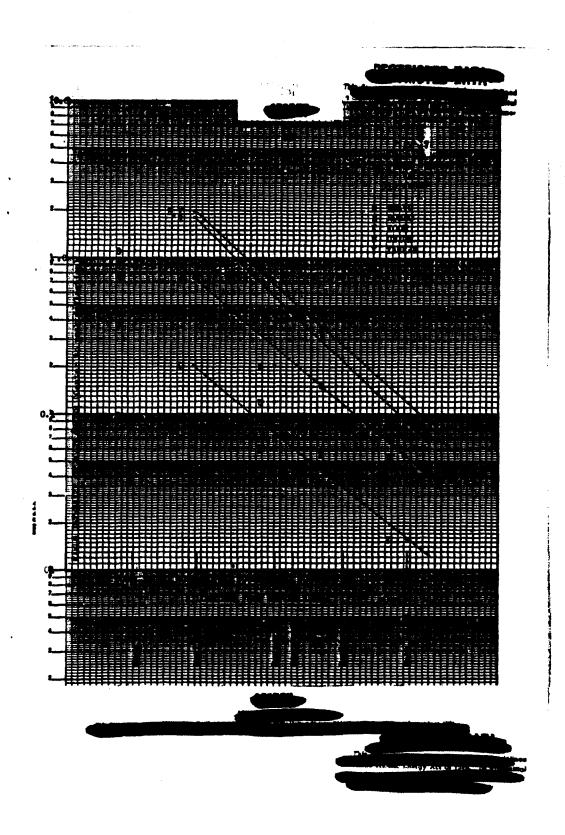
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Kooff Ouan, 2200 km path Sweep rate 70 uses/cm Sensitivity .25 v/m/cm

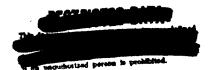




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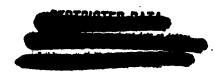


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Figure 16. Preliminary times (GMT) reported by GMFL stations for the first five events.



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