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SUBJECT: SERVICE A WEATHER TELETYPEWRITER CIRCUIT LOADING ADJUSTMENT

- 1. PURPOSE. This circular advises Service A weather teletypewriter system subscribers of a pending transfer of certain data from Area to Supplemental Circuits and provides lead time for obtaining extension service on the latter where necessary to continue receiving such data.
- 2. REFERENCE. Service A Weather Schedules Handbook, AT P 7330.2A dated October 29, 1963.
- 3. DISCUSSION. The longlines portion of the Service A system consists of two channels (Area and Supplemental) for general distribution of weather information. The Area Circuits are carrying data which, because of their distant originating points and infrequent usage within the area concerned, rightfully belong on the companion Supplemental Circuits. This has resulted in overloading during peak operating periods and the loss or lengthy delay of weather information which is more urgently required. It has become necessary to draft criteria for use as a basis for equalizing system loading and for determining which of the two channels will be used for the relay of additional data.

Attachment 1, "Criteria Governing Eligibility of Data for Relay to Service A Area Circuits," sets forth in detail how such determination will be made. Attachments 3 and 4 are tabulations showing to what extent data now in the system will be rescheduled. Because of the grouping of the 12-hour aviation terminal forecasts in blocks to permit maximum use of system capability, it will not be possible to transfer all forecasts on the effective date of this program. Only the underlined locations will be moved to Supplemental Circuits at this time; the remainder will be shifted as regrouping can be accomplished. The United States Weather Bureau has regrouped the winds aloft forecasts in accordance with the above criteria. As further circuit loading adjustments become necessary, some transfer of data to Supplemental Circuits will occur.

- 4. IMPACT OF CIRCUIT LOADING ADJUSTMENTS. These changes, while easy to make at system relay points, will have a marked effect on government and industry subscribers alike and require preparation well in advance in order to continue receiving needed data.
 - a. It will be necessary for the government to extend Supplemental Circuits to areas not presently served. Some government users will have to install additional printers on these circuits to continue receiving data they require.
 - b. Some industry users will have to make arrangements with serving companies for Supplemental Circuit service to continue receiving data now available on Area Circuits.
 - c. Present system operation should improve sufficiently to permit at least minimum acceptable service until planned Automatic Data Processing (ADP) improvements can be implemented in early 1967.
 - d. The effective date for the transfer of data contained in the attachments to this circular is June 15, 1965. This should allow sufficient time for subscribers to obtain additional service where required.

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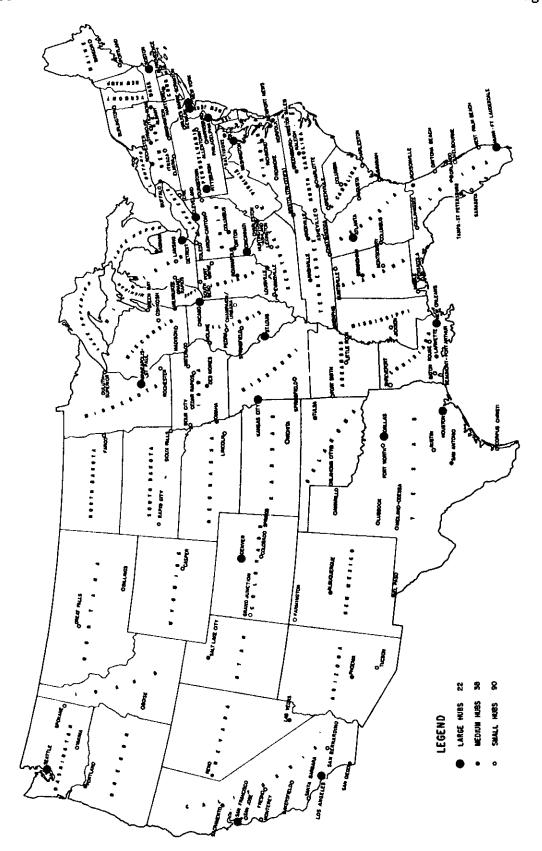
CRITERIA GOVERNING ELIGIBILITY OF DATA FOR RELAY TO SERVICE A AREA CIRCUITS

- 1.1 This paper sets forth criteria for determining the eligibility of certain data for relay on the Area Circuits of the Service A System. It is necessary to enable the system to operate with a reasonable degree of efficiency and provide acceptable service to the subscribers until improved equipments and techniques can be employed within the next several years.
- 1.2 Several factors are combined in these criteria to determine if certain data are eligible for relay on the Service A Area Circuits. They are designed to take into consideration the requirements of small and large users alike. These factors are:
 - a. The recognition that a maximum number of hourly aviation weather reports can be handled on the Area Circuits and still permit the distribution of other required data.
 - b. There is a maximum distance beyond the boundaries of a Service A Area Circuit from which certain data can be relayed into the circuit and still permit efficient operation.
 - c. Although certain data are from locations which are outside the maximum distance in (b.) they must be considered as eligible for relay to the Area Circuit because of the amount of air traffic between them and points within the boundaries of the Area Circuit.
- 1.3 To assure uninterrupted delivery of the hourly aviation weather reports on Service A Area Circuits the maximum number to be accommodated on a given circuit is 235. This total is determined by a criterion combining distance from the circuit of concern and importance of terminals from which reports originate. All reports in excess of this number must be handled on Supplemental or Local Circuits.
- 1.4 On Service A Area Circuits, other than those principally bordering on oceanic areas, including the Gulf of Mexico, the distance, as measured from peripheral circuit transmitting stations, from which originating reports may be relayed into the circuit is 450 miles. This applies to circuits 8022, 8025, 8026, 8027, 8030, 8031, 8032 and 8033. For those circuits bordering on the foregoing bodies of water a distance of 700 miles from peripheral circuit transmitting stations shall apply. This affects circuits 8021, 8023, 8024, 8028, 8029, 8034 and 8035.
- 1.4.1 An exception to 1.4 is in the case of certain western circuits having less density of observation points than the average Service A Area Circuit. An added distance of 200 miles beyond the distance criteria

- set forth in 1.4 shall apply in such instances. Circuits in this category are 8032, 8033, 8034 and 8035.
- 1.4.2 Further exception to 1.4 is made in the case of air traffic hubs as defined in the Federal Aviation Agency Document "Airport Activity Statistics of Certificated Route Air Carriers," dated June, 1964. These hubs are shown in Attachment 2, which is a chart abstracted from the foregoing publication.
 - 1.5 Reports from air traffic hubs outside of the boundaries set forth in 1.4 and 1.4.1 shall be acceptable for relay on an area circuit in the descending order of air traffic activity, i.e. large, medium and small hubs up to the maximum allowable limit of reports. At large hub locations certain hub alternates may likewise be permitted. The distance at which a hub is located from the boundaries of a given Area Circuit shall determine priority for selecting one of like activity for relay on the circuit, i.e. a large hub 500 miles beyond the boundaries in 1.4 and 1.4.1 would be given preference over a large hub 1,000 miles beyond such boundaries.
- 1.5.1 When there is a requirement to add a report to an Area Circuit and the maximum allowable limit of hourly aviation reports on the circuit has been reached, a report from an air traffic hub location in ascending order of air traffic density and originating at the greatest distance from the Area Circuit boundary shall be removed. For example, a small hub 400 miles outside of the criteria boundaries would be removed before a small hub 200 miles beyond such boundaries.
- 1.5.2 When an area circuit is carrying the maximum number of hourly aviation weather reports allowed, and all of them are from locations within the boundaries set forth in 1.4 and 1.4.1, then the report from the farthest non-hub location from the area circuit boundary shall be a prime candidate for removal in order to add a report closer to the circuit. This reasoning shall likewise apply when the addition of a report from a large hub location and its alternate is required.
 - 1.6 The criteria set forth in 1.4 through 1.5.2 shall govern the eligibility of all other data except SIGMETS and Hurricane Advisories, for relay to Service A Area Circuits. No criteria shall limit the distribution of these excepted data.
 - 1.7 A maximum of 115 aviation terminal forecasts are authorized on a Service A Area Circuit provided they meet the criteria set forth in 1.4 through 1.5.2.
 - 1.8 A maximum of 9 aviation area forecasts are authorized on a Service A Area Circuit provided they meet the criteria set forth in 1.4 and 1.4.1.

- 1.8.1 When any portion of a forecast area lies within the limits of a mileage criteria set forth in 1.4 and 1.4.1 the forecast is eligible for relay to the area circuit.
 - 1.9 A maximum of 90 winds aloft forecasts (45 in each time group) are authorized on a Service A Area Circuit provided they meet the criteria set forth in 1.4 through 1.5.2.
 - 2.0 All data not meeting the criteria set forth in the foregoing paragraphs shall be carried on either supplemental or local circuits.

AIR TRAFFIC HUBS



HOURLY AVIATION WEATHER REPORTS ON SERVICE A AREA CIRCUITS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SUPPLEMENTAL CIRCUITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW CIRCUIT LOADING CRITERIA

Circuit 8021

BWG - Bowling Green, Kentucky	MCN - Macon, Georgia
MKL - Jackson, Tennessee	CBI - Columbia, Missouri
RMG - Rome, Georgia	UIN - Quincy, Illinois
INL - International Falls, Minnesota	VLA - Vandalia, Illinois
LSE - La Crosse, Wisconsin	STC - St. Cloud, Minnesota
QK - Kenora, Ontario, Canada	BFF - Scottsbluff, Nebraska
XL - Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Canada	MLC - McAlester, Oklahoma
YW - Armstrong, Ontario, Canada	CYS - Cheyenne, Wyoming

Circuit 8022

MKL - Jackson, Tennessee INL - International Falls, Minnesota DLH - Duluth, Minnesota IRK - Kirksville, Missouri OTM - Ottumwa, Iowa ALO - Waterloo, Iowa STJ - St. Joseph, Missouri	CBI - Columbia, Missouri VIH - Vichy, Missouri DYR - Dyersburg, Tennessee QM - Moncton, N. B., Canada SC - Sherbrooke, Que., Canada MYR - Myrtle Beach, S. C.			

Circuit 8023

MSS - Massena, New York	MCB - McComb, Mississippi
MPV - Montpelier, Vermont	BPT - Beaumont, Texas
HUL - Houlton, Maine	CEW - Crestview, Florida
DLH - Duluth, Minnesota	BDF - Bradford, Illinois
LSE - La Crosse, Wisconsin	CBI - Columbia, Missouri
MQT - Marquette, Michigan	UIN - Quincy, Illinois
PBF - Pine Bluff, Arkansas	FSM - Fort Smith, Arkansas
HRO - Harrison, Arkansas	ARG - Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
·	MLC - McAlester, Oklahoma

Circuit 8024

PNE - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	CLL - College Station, Texas
LSE - La Crosse, Wisconsin	LRD - Laredo, Texas
MBS - Saginaw, Michigan	VCT - Victoria, Texas
MLC - McAlester, Oklahoma	CRP - Corpus Christi, Texas
ABI - Abilene, Texas	QB - Quebec, Que., Canada

BGM - Binghamton, N. Y. ELM - Elmira, New York

TEB - Teterboro, New Jersey

PNE - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

STJ - St. Joseph, Missouri

LFK - Lufkin, Texas

CEW - Crestview, Florida

MLC - McAlester, Oklahoma

GNV - Gainesville, Florida

FMY - Fort Myers, Florida

VRB - Vero Beach, Florida

MLB - Melbourne, Florida

MYR - Myrtle Beach, S. C.

CLL - College Station, Texas

NAS - Pensacola, Florida

Circuit 8026

TEB - Teterboro, New Jersey

POU - Poughkeepsie, New York

ORH - Worcester, Massachusetts

BFF - Scottsbluff, Nebraska

CDR - Chadron, Nebraska

SNY - Sidney, Nebraska

IML - Imperial, Nebraska

AIA - Alliance, Nebraska

MCK - McCook, Nebraska

YN - Swift Current, Sask., Canada

HLC - Hill City, Kansas

DDC - Dodge City, Kansas

HUT - Hutchinson, Kansas

MLC - McAlester, Oklahoma

SBY - Salisbury, Maryland

MLU - Monroe, Louisiana

MCN - Macon, Georgia

NEL - Lakehurst, New Jersey

NGU - Norfolk, Virginia

NKT - Cherry Point, N. C.

NTU - Oceana, Virginia

Circuit 8027

TCC - Tucumcari, New Mexico

MOT - Minot, North Dakota

BIS - Bismarck, North Dakota

BFF - Scottsbluff, Nebraska

DUJ - DuBois, Pennsylvania

JCT - Junction, Texas

DRT - Del Rio, Texas

LRD - Laredo, Texas

VCT - Victoria, Texas

ALI - Alice, Texas

INW - Winslow, Arizona

FMN - Farmington, N. Mex.

ROA - Roanoke, Virginia

RDU - Raleigh, N. C.

FMY - Fort Myers, Florida

AND - Anderson, S. C.

Circuit 8028

NEL - Lakehurst, New Jersey

NYG - Quantico, Virginia

BGM - Binghamton, New York

TEB - Teterboro, New Jersey

DLH - Duluth, Minnesota

BIS - Bismarck, North Dakota

HON - Huron, S. Dak.

MUHA- Havana, Cuba

MYNN - Nassau, New Providence I.

INW - Winslow, Arizona

TCS - Truth or Consequences,

New Mexico

CYS - Cheyenne, Wyoming

LAF - Lafayette, Indiana

PKB - Parkersburg, West Virginia

LOZ - London, Kentucky LOL - Lovelock, Nevada

WMC - Winnemucca, Nevada

BAM - Battle Mountain, Nevada

EKO - Elko, Nevada

BDF - Bradford, Illinois

NAU - Nautla, Ver., Mexico

TMN - Tamuin, S. L. P., Mexico

TUX - Tuxpan, Ver., Mexico

BFL - Bakersfield, California

ROA - Roanoke, Virginia

FMY - Fort Myers, Florida

DLH - Duluth, Minnesota

BIL - Billings, Montana

Circuit 8030

BWG - Bowling Green, Kentucky

LOZ - London, Kentucky

WMC - Winnemucca, Nevada

ELY - Ely, Nevada

EED - Needles, California

BLH - Blythe, California

MFE - McAllen, Texas

PNS - Pensacola, Florida

BIS - Bismarck, North Dakota

MLS - Miles City, Montana

NQI - Kingsville, Texas

AUW - Wausau, Wisconsin

MKG - Muskegon, Michigan

LAN - Lansing, Michigan

Circuit 8031

LOL - Lovelock, Nevada

WMC - Winnemucca, Nevada

BAM - Battle Mountain, Nevada

EKO - Elko, Nevada

ELY - Ely, Nevada

DTA - Delta, Utah

MLF - Milford, Utah

CDC - Cedar City, Utah

BCE - Bryce Canyon, Utah

FDY - Findlay, Ohio

TCS - Truth or Consequences, New

Mexico

MXN - Mullan, Idaho

BYI - Burley, Idaho

LWS - Lewiston, Idaho

PDT - Pendleton, Oregon

MEH - Meacham, Oregon

BKE - Baker, Oregon

TXK - Texarkana, Arkansas

MLU - Monroe, Louisiana

Circuit 8032

SNS - Salinas, California

SMX - Santa Maria, California

LGB - Long Beach, California

SDB - Sandberg, California

IPL - Imperial, California

INL - International Falls, Minnesota

LSE - La Crosse, Wisconsin

STC - St. Cloud, Minnesota

IRK - Kirksville, Missouri

ABI - Abilene, Texas

QH - Watson Lake, Y. T., Canada

QX - Gander, Nfld., Canada

YE - Fort Nelson, Y. T., Canada

MHK - Manhattan, Kansas

EMP - Emporia, Kansas

CNU - Chanute, Kansas

ADM - Ardmore, Oklahoma

MLC - McAlester, Oklahoma

LRD - Laredo, Texas

GGW - Glasgow, Montana

RWF - Redwood Falls, Minnesota

LRF - Jacksonville, Arkansas

IRK - Kirksville, Missouri

OTM - Ottumwa, Iowa

STJ - St. Joseph, Missouri

CBI - Columbia, Missouri

UIN - Quincy, Illinois

VLA - Vandalia, Illinois

Circuit 8034

MHK - Manhattan, Kansas

INK - Wink, Texas

ACT - Waco, Texas

LRD - Laredo, Texas

ATY - Watertown, South Dakota

GRI - Grand Island, Nebraska

Circuit 8035

MHK - Manhattan, Kansas

LRD - Laredo, Texas

STC - St. Cloud, Minnesota

PIR - Pierre, South Dakota

HON - Huron, South Dakota

CDR - Chadron, Nebraska

GRI - Grand Island, Nebraska

ZT - Port Hardy, B. C., Canada

NUW - Whidbey Island, Washington

DCA - Washington, D. C.

INL - International Falls, Minn.

DLH - Duluth, Minnesota

LAP - La Paz, B. C., Mexico

MTY - Monterrey, N. L., Mexico

12-HOUR AVIATION TERMINAL FORECASTS ON SERVICE A AREA CIRCUITS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SUPPLEMENTAL CIRCUITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW CIRCUIT LOADING CRITERIA

Circuit 8021

None

Circuit 8022

None

Circuit 8023

INR - Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan LCH - Lake Charles, Louisiana SHV - Shreveport, Louisiana LFT - Lafayette, Louisiana PNS - Pensacola, Florida

Circuit 8024

SPS - Wichita Falls, Texas

GGG - Longview, Texas

BPT - Beaumont, Texas

MFE - McAllen, Texas

IPT - Williamsport, Pennsylvania

GRW - Greenwood, Mississippi

LIT - Little Rock, Arkansas

PBF - Pine Bluff, Arkansas

ELD - El Dorado, Arkansas

DRT - Del Rio, Texas

ART - Watertown, New York

BFD - Bradford, Pennsylvania

Circuit 8025

DDC - Dodge City, Kansas ICT - Wichita, Kansas ART - Watertown, New York FYV - Fayetteville, Arkansas SGF - Springfield, Missouri GLS - Galveston, Texas

Circuit 8026

ECG - Elizabeth City, North Carolina

EWN - New Bern, North Carolina

RMT - Rocky Mount, North Carolina

LBF - North Platte, Nebraska

GLD - Goodland, Kansas

DDC - Dodge City, Kansas
CNU - Chanute, Kansas

GRI - Grand Island, Nebraska

ILM - Wilmington, N. C. RDU - Raleigh, N. C.

NOTE: Underlined items to be transferred on effective date of the circular.

AVL - Asheville, North Carolina

CSG - Columbus, Georgia

AND - Anderson, South Carolina

HKY - Hickory, North Carolina

AHN - Athens, Georgia

CLT - Charlotte, North Carolina

INT - Winston Salem, North Carolina

INR - Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

FNT - Flint, Michigan

BUF - Buffalo, New York

GJT - Grand Junction, Colorado

LBB - Lubbock, Texas

BGS - Big Spring, Texas

MCN - Macon, Georgia

GSO - Greensboro, North Carolina

GSP - Greer, South Carolina

SAT - San Antonio, Texas

DRT - Del Rio, Texas

Circuit 8028

ROW - Roswell, New Mexico

CNM - Carlsbad, New Mexico

HOB - Hobbs, New Mexico

TCC - Tucumcari, New Mexico

ABQ - Albuquerque, New Mexico

FMN - Farmington, New Mexico

SAF - Santa Fe, New Mexico

LVS - Las Vegas, New Mexico

BTL - Battle Creek, Michigan

LAN - Lansing, Michigan

JXN - Jackson, Michigan

GRR - Grand Rapids, Michigan

MKG - Muskegon, Michigan

FNT - Flint, Michigan

MBS - Saginaw, Michigan

ILG - Wilmington, Delaware

ALO - Waterloo, Iowa

OFK - Norfolk, Nebraska

CID - Cedar Rapids, Iowa

LYH - Lynchburg, Virginia

MRB - Martinsburg, W. Va.

OTM - Ottumwa, Iowa

MCW - Mason City, Iowa

ERI - Erie, Pennsylvania

SYR - Syracuse, New York

BUF - Buffalo, New York

TEB - Teterboro, New Jersey

YNG - Youngstown, Ohio

CAK - Akron, Ohio

Circuit 8029

EVV - Evansville, Indiana

IND - Indianapolis, Indiana

<u>LAF</u> - Lafayette, Indiana

HUF - Terre Haute, Indiana

SDF - Louisville, Kentucky

LEX - Lexington, Kentucky

BIS - Bismarck, N. Dak.

RAP - Rapid City, S. Dak.

GSO - Greensboro, N. C.

GSP - Greer, S. C.

TEB - Teterboro, New Jersey

PRC - Prescott, Arizona

LGB - Long Beach, California

Circuit 8030

MSL - Muscle Shoals, Alabama

MGM - Montgomery, Alabama

TCL - Tuscaloosa, Alabama

SBN - South Bend, Indiana

SAN - San Diego, California

BUR - Burbank, California

DAG - Daggett, California

LGB - Long Beach, California

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Circuit 8031

FWA	-	Fort Wayne, Indiana
SBN	-	South Bend, Indiana
EVV	-	Evansville, Indiana
IND	-	Indianapolis, Indiana
<u>LAF</u>	-	Lafayette, Indiana
HUF	-	Terre Haute, Indiana
<u>FYV</u>	-	Fayetteville, Arkansas
TXK	-	Texarkana, Arkansas

OGD - Ogden, Utah
BYI - Burley, Idaho
ELY - Ely, Nevada

PIH - Pocatello, Idaho
BGS - Big Spring, Texas
LBB - Lubbock, Texas
CAK - Akron, Ohio
ERI - Erie, Pennsylvania
SYR - Syracuse, New York
FNT - Flint, Michigan

MBS - Saginaw, Michigan

APN - Alpena, Michigan

Circuit 8032

DLH - Duluth, Minnesota

Circuit 8033

None

Circuit 8034

None

Circuit 8035

FWA - Fort Wayne, Indiana
SBN - South Bend, Indiana

TYR - Tyler, Texas