

## 11. BATHYMETRIC, MAGNETICS, AND SEISMIC REFLECTION DATA: CHALLENGER LEG 14

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### INTRODUCTION

The underway geophysical data collected during the *Challenger* Cruise 14 from Lisbon to San Juan (see Figure 1) is presented as two groups of profiles (Figures 2-8 and 9-32). The first group of data (Figures 2-8) consists of bathymetric and total intensity magnetic anomaly profiles displayed as a function of distance and time. The procedure used in reducing and displaying the data was that described by Talwani (1969). Local time in hours and dates is shown at the top of each figure. Positions where the track crosses integer degrees of latitude or longitude are also given near the top of each figure. Leg 14 drill site locations are labelled. The top profile indicates depth in nominal fathoms (1/400 sec reflection time); the scale is shown by the letter D. The vertical exaggeration of the depth profile is 100:1. The bottom profile represents total intensity magnetic anomalies in gammas as indicated by the scale identified M. The regional magnetic field has been removed using the IGRF coefficients of Cain *et al.*, (1968). Selected positions are annotated along with the course and speed made good between adjacent points. See navigation listing (Table 1). Distance, annotated each 200 nautical miles along the track, is indicated at the bottom of each figure. An index track map, given in Figure 1, shows the location of the track, annotated in hundreds of miles, as well as the locations of the drill sites and selected physiographic features. The navigation information annotated near the bottom represents the speed and course made good and does not correspond precisely with the dead reckoned course and speed.

The second group of data (Figures 9-32) are photographic reductions of original seismic reflection profiles. The instrumentation incorporated in the collection of this data, and also for the magnetics and precision depth data, are described briefly in the introduction chapter (1) of this volume. The depth scales in nominal fathoms are given for each profile. Note that 400 nominal fathoms represent 1.0 second of reflection time through the water layer. Sub-bottom depths can be estimated fairly well by assuming 1.0 second of reflection time represents 1.0 km of sediments. Local time and dates are also shown at the bottom of each profile as well as course information. In the case of the seismic profiles, the courses shown are courses steered and do not correspond exactly with the courses made good shown in the geophysical plots. The vertical exaggeration on these profiles is approximately 30:1. Significant breaks in the record are indicated by two hash marks, and the annotation "SC" indicates a scale change which may represent either a jump in the reference level for the record or an actual change in the sweep time (vertical

scale) of the recording. Hundreds of miles are also annotated across the top of the record and correspond with the hundreds of miles shown on the geophysical profiles and on the index map of Figure 1.

The seismic data presented in Figures 9-32 must be read from right to left on each sheet. The beginning portion of the record starts at the upper right with time and distance increasing to the left. The continuation of the profile then drops down to the right side of the lower profile, and again is read from right to left. The continuation of the lower profile appears on the next page at the top profile, upper right.

The times spent on drill sites are indicated, but the precise location of the sites on the seismic profile are not given here. The drill sites are located on those portions of the records reproduced in the individual site report chapters. Selected isobaths taken from the Uchupi (1971) atlas have been incorporated into Figure 1, and only key features referred to in the geophysical narrative have been annotated there.

### NARRATIVE

Between Lisbon and Site 135, *Challenger* proceeded southwest crossing the Horseshoe Abyssal Plain and up onto the Horseshoe Hills where Site 135 is located. There was no conspicuous magnetic signature associated with the topographic highs bounding the Horseshoe Abyssal Plain. Acoustic basement (seismic layer 2) was not recorded throughout this region and is expected to lie well below (>700 m) the prominent reflector recorded in the vicinity of Site 135.

Acoustic basement is first recognized near mile 400 and can be traced into and across the area of Site 136. No conspicuous magnetic anomalies are associated with the basement relief in this area. Upon departing from Site 136, the flank of the Madeira Island platform was crossed. The basement reflector could not be traced continuously from the area of Site 136 to this region. An extremely large magnetic anomaly (peak-to-peak amplitude >1000 gammas) is seen in the geophysical profile near mile 620 and represents the largest magnetic anomaly recorded in this area. This anomaly lies somewhat south and to the west of the Madeira platform. It can be correlated with anomaly "J" of Pitman and Talwani (1972) and is therefore probably not related to the nearby volcanic island platform.

Proceeding from this point southwest towards Site 137, large amplitude magnetic anomalies are observed. This observation is somewhat surprising in view of the approximate parallelism of the *Challenger* track to the anticipated magnetic lineation trends in this region and in view of the fact that the track should be seaward of the zone that

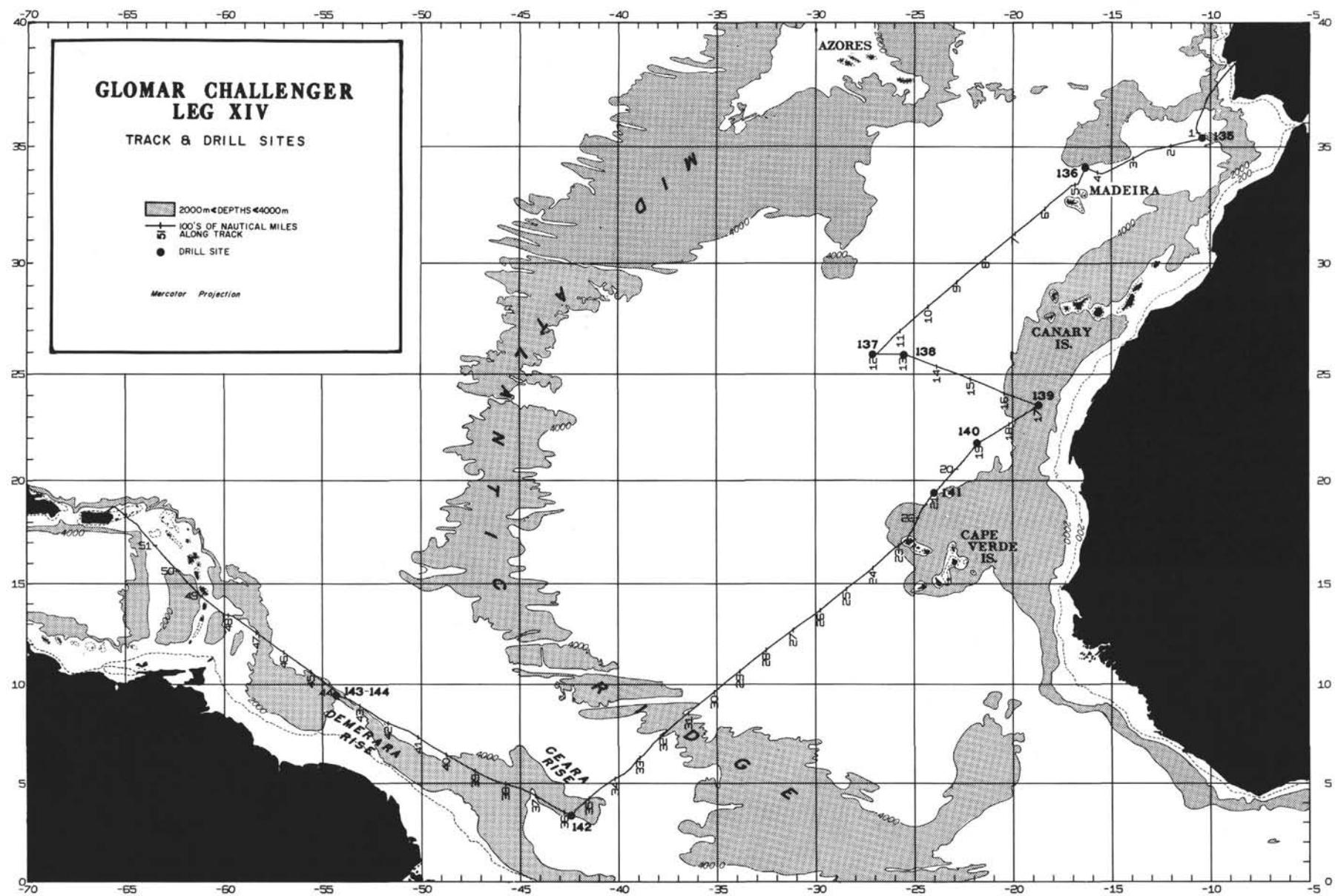


Figure 1. Challenger Leg 14 track from Lisbon, Portugal to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Selected isobaths are from Uchupi (1971).

TABLE 1  
Navigation of *Challenger*, Leg 14

DAY	MON	YEAR	TZ	TIME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DISTANCE	SPEED	COURSE	REGIONAL	MAG
9	10	1970	-1.0	1218	37 8.7	-10 9.1	0.0	9.0	193	42707.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	1330	36 58.2	-10 12.2	10.8	12.7	194	42650.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	1410	36 50.0	-10 14.8	19.2	11.9	195	42583.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	15 0	36 40.4	-10 18.0	29.2	9.7	204	42522.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	16 0	36 31.5	-10 22.8	38.9	10.5	204	42334.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	17 0	36 4.3	-10 37.5	68.5	11.6	203	42284.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	1850	36 4.3	-10 37.5	68.5	11.6	203	42284.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	1930	35 57.2	-10 41.3	76.2	11.8	187	42209.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	2024	35 46.7	-10 42.8	86.8	10.0	189	42186.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	2044	35 43.4	-10 43.4	90.1	10.1	149	42168.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	2120	35 41.1	-10 41.6	92.8	9.9	149	42076.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	2230	35 28.5	-10 32.1	107.7	6.6	148	42053.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	23 0	35 25.7	-10 30.0	111.0	6.3	148	42023.	
9	10	1970	-1.0	2366	35 21.6	-10 26.8	115.8	4.5	147	42005.	
10	10	1970	-1.0	024	35 19.2	-10 24.9	118.6	3.8	334	42015.	
10	10	1970	-1.0	047	35 20.5	-10 25.7	120.1	0.3	34	42017.	
10	10	1970	-1.0	2 6	35 20.8	-10 25.4	120.4	0.0	141	42017.	
13	10	1970	-1.0	1140	35 20.8	-10 25.4	120.5	0.3	259	42013.	
14	10	1970	-1.0	152	35 20.1	-10 29.8	124.2	4.0	257	42011.	
14	10	1970	-1.0	224	35 19.6	-10 32.4	126.3	8.1	257	42009.	
14	10	1970	0.0	130	35 19.4	-10 33.4	127.1	9.4	257	42004.	
14	10	1970	0.0	20	35 18.4	-10 39.0	131.8	12.5	257	41996.	
14	10	1970	0.0	230	35 17.0	-10 46.4	138.1	10.9	257	41989.	
14	10	1970	0.0	314	35 15.8	-10 53.0	143.5	11.5	257	41986.	
14	10	1970	0.0	330	35 14.6	-10 59.2	146.2	9.5	257	41983.	
14	10	1970	0.0	424	35 12.4	-11 10.5	158.2	10.8	256	41956.	
14	10	1970	0.0	533	35 9.6	-11 24.6	170.1	9.1	256	41952.	
14	10	1970	0.0	552	35 8.8	-11 28.6	173.4	10.3	255	41946.	
14	10	1970	0.0	616	35 7.8	-11 33.5	177.6	10.5	256	41926.	
14	10	1970	0.0	672	35 4.1	-11 51.3	192.6	10.0	256	41917.	
14	10	1970	0.0	824	38 2.3	-11 59.5	199.6	9.6	256	41916.	
14	10	1970	0.0	828	38 2.2	-12 0.3	200.2	10.6	256	41899.	
14	10	1970	0.0	946	38 4.8	-12 16.6	214.0	10.1	258	41885.	
14	10	1970	0.0	1110	36 54.9	-12 33.5	228.1	10.3	261	41884.	
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14	10	1970	0.0	1245	36 55.5	-12 34.6	241.5	10.1	261	41877.	
14	10	1970	0.0	1246	36 53.5	-12 52.9	246.2	10.0	258	41876.	
14	10	1970	0.0	1630	34 49.9	-13 13.6	261.6	10.3	240	41779.	
14	10	1970	0.0	17 8	34 36.2	-13 42.2	288.8	10.8	243	41734.	
14	10	1970	0.0	1830	34 29.4	-13 58.0	303.5	10.6	243	41554.	
14	10	1970	0.0	1933	33 59.7	-15 7.2	368.0	10.3	246	41522.	
15	10	1970	0.0	1	33 53.9	-15 23.2	382.4	10.5	246	41507.	
15	10	1970	1.0	132	33 51.7	-15 29.4	388.0	11.3	293	41612.	
15	10	1970	1.0	4 0	34 2.4	-16 3.3	415.8	9.4	292	41676.	
15	10	1970	1.0	550	34 8.9	-16 19.5	433.0	8.0	295	41687.	
15	10	1970	1.0	510	34 10.1	-16 22.4	435.7	2.1	301	41690.	
15	10	1970	1.0	715	34 9.6	-16 20.0	439.1	0.6	69	41684.	
17	10	1970	1.0	1248	34 10.1	-16 18.2	440.6	0.0	131	41689.	
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17	10	1970	1.0	2029	34 11.8	-16 18.0	442.5	8.6	203	41680.	
17	10	1970	1.0	2047	34 9.4	-16 19.2	445.1	8.8	203	41554.	
17	10	1970	1.0	2258	33 51.9	-16 28.4	464.3	9.3	204	41449.	
18	10	1970	1.0	042	33 37.2	-16 36.3	480.3	9.2	201	41368.	
18	10	1970	1.0	2 0	33 26.1	-16 41.5	492.3	9.1	259	41365.	
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18	10	1970	1.0	1248	32 17.6	-18 28.1	607.2	10.6	229	40922.	
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19	10	1970	1.0	148	30 55.1	-20 24.9	736.5	10.8	229	40343.	
19	10	1970	1.0	30	46.7	-20 36.4	749.4	10.8	229	40315.	
19	10	1970	1.0	336	30 42.5	-20 42.1	755.9	10.9	230	40210.	
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19	10	1970	1.0	1430	29 28.5	-22 26.1	872.4	10.2	228	39794.	
19	10	1970	1.0	2030	28 50.1	-22 35.8	883.7	10.5	229	39754.	
19	10	1970	1.0	1631	29 14.7	-22 44.1	893.3	8.5	229	39751.	
19	10	1970	1.0	1636	29 14.3	-22 44.7	894.0	8.9	229	39739.	
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19	10	1970	1.0	0 28	25.4	-23 49.1	968.6	10.0	230	39398.	
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20	10	1970	1.0	1030	27 12.5	-25 24.5	1080.1	10.9	228	38813.	
20	10	1970	1.0	1410	26 54.8	-25 58.0	1100.2	9.9	227	38786.	
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20	10	1970	1.0	1730	25 55.8	-27 4.2	1201.1	3.9	90	38510.	
20	10	1970	1.0	1246	25 55.8	-27 4.2	1201.1	3.9	90	38509.	
20	10	1970	1.0								

TABLE I - Continued

JAY	MON	YEAR	TZ	TIME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DISTANCE	SPEED	COURSE	REGIONAL	MAG
8	11	1970	2.0	14 0	16 1.8	-26 47.2	2377.3	10.1	226	33677.	
8	11	1970	2.0	15 9	15 53.9	-26 55.8	2388.7	9.8	229	33562.	
8	11	1970	2.0	18 12	15 34.4	-27 19.5	2418.7	10.8	232	33503.	
8	11	1970	2.0	19 4	15 24.1	-27 32.9	2435.3	10.2	232	33389.	
8	11	1970	2.0	23 0	15 3.8	-28 0.3	2468.5	10.1	232	33355.	
9	11	1970	2.0	0 0	14 57.5	-28 8.5	2478.6	9.1	230	33353.	
9	11	1970	2.0	0 4	14 57.2	-28 9.0	2479.2	10.3	232	33289.	
9	11	1970	2.0	2 298	14 38.7	-28 33.3	2509.1	9.3	232	33249.	
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9	11	1970	2.0	7 12	14 10.6	-29 8.7	2553.5	10.5	230	33016.	
9	11	1970	2.0	9 20	13 56.3	-29 26.6	2575.9	10.6	231	33010.	
9	11	1970	2.0	9 30	13 55.2	-29 28.0	2577.7	10.4	231	32926.	
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9	11	1970	2.0	20 0	12 46.3	-30 59.7	2688.7	10.7	235	32636.	
9	11	1970	2.0	21 8	12 42.4	-30 9.6	2700.5	10.1	231	32578.	
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10	11	1970	2.0	6 30	11 33.0	-32 10.5	2709.5	10.5	231	32225.	
10	11	1970	2.0	10 15	11 18.2	-33 1.9	2839.0	9.9	230	32210.	
10	11	1970	2.0	10 30	11 16.7	-33 3.8	2841.3	10.3	230	32144.	
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10	11	1970	2.0	23 44	9 50.5	-34 50.9	2977.5	10.0	229	31787.	
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11	11	1970	2.0	11 114	8 35.2	-36 25.3	3097.3	10.3	231	31433.	
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12	11	1970	3.0	110	7 2.1	-38 12.8	3238.8	11.8	222	30833.	
12	11	1970	3.0	516	6 26.0	-38 45.2	3287.2	11.5	234	30785.	
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12	11	1970	3.0	12 0	5 42.4	-39 27.7	3348.4	8.5	229	30554.	
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12	11	1970	3.0	18 5	5 21.2	-39 57.3	3384.8	9.4	242	30491.	
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12	11	1970	3.0	21 8	5 6.9	-40 36.8	3431.2	9.6	235	30393.	
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13	11	1970	3.0	1 0	4 34.7	-41 7.1	3468.7	9.8	229	30348.	
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13	11	1970	3.0	344	4 16.7	-41 28.0	3496.2	9.7	231	30220.	
13	11	1970	3.0	540	4 4.8	-41 42.6	3515.1	11.0	226	30205.	
13	11	1970	3.0	842	3 43.8	-41 45.8	3519.5	10.4	229	30123.	
13	11	1970	3.0	1024	3 31.0	-42 6.4	3546.8	12.5	225	30100.	
13	11	1970	3.0	1147	3 22.9	-42 22.0	3572.9	4.5	219	30003.	
13	11	1970	3.0	1212	3 21.4	-42 23.2	3574.8	3.2	18	30005.	
13	11	1970	3.0	1220	3 21.8	-42 23.1	3575.2	0.7	310	30007.	
13	11	1970	3.0	1252	3 22.0	-42 23.3	3575.6	0.0	290	30010.	
15	11	1970	3.0	13 6	3 22.3	-42 24.0	3576.3	0.2	296	30019.	
16	11	1970	3.0	0 47	3 23.1	-42 25.6	3578.1	10.1	295	30131.	
16	11	1970	3.0	3 2	3 32.7	-42 46.2	3600.8	11.0	296	30227.	
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18	11	1970	3.0	0 42	6 39.3	-49 5.3	4023.7	9.2	299	32732.	
18	11	1970	3.0	3 2	6 49.8	-49 24.1	4045.2	9.0	304	33074.	

includes the Keathley anomaly sequence. This portion of the track should pass through the middle Cretaceous magnetic "quiet zone" or "disturbed zone" of Pitman and Talwani (1972); Larson and Pitman (1972). The acoustic basement is not recorded much past mile 700. The highly reflective bottom surface is characteristic of the sea floor from mile 700 to about mile 900 where the bottom character changes and a significant amount of the energy is transmitted and reflected from internal horizons. There is a slight suggestion from the seismic records that piercement structures are present near mile 1000.

Isolated basement peaks are again observed near mile 1050 and can be traced into the area of Sites 137 and 138

JAY	MON	YEAR	TZ	TIME	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	DISTANCE	SPEED	COURSE	REGIONAL	MAG	
18	11	1970	3.0	11	30	810	7 15.5	-50 3.0	4091.5	9.8	303	33385.
18	11	1970	3.0	12 224	7 38.3	-50 38.1	4133.1	10.7	295	33404.		
18	11	1970	3.0	1622	7 53.5	-51 19.2	4176.6	10.6	293	33765.		
18	11	1970	3.0	19 0	8 0.3	-51 35.3	4194.0	10.5	293	33833.		
18	11	1970	3.0	20 305	8 13.2	-52 0.5	4222.1	10.5	303	34042.		
18	11	1970	3.0	2134	8 18.8	-52 9.1	4256.3	9.8	304	34317.		
18	11	1970	3.0	1 0	8 38.4	-52 38.2	4267.0	9.6	299	34366.		
18	11	1970	3.0	12 8	8 41.6	-52 44.1	4273.7	9.5	300	34418.		
18	11	1970										

character of the anomalies at the quiet zone boundary is not abrupt. A well layered sediment sequence is present on the lower and middle continental rise between mile 1350 and mile 2150, and several details of the sediment disposition are discussed in the Site 139, 140, and 141, Chapters (6, 7, and 8).

Site 140 was drilled at the magnetic quiet zone boundary which is very clearly illustrated near mile 1900 on the geophysical profile. The basement horizon is not recorded at this point by the *Challenger* records but lies at a depth of about 1.7 km below the sea floor as indicated by unpublished LDGO sonobuoy data (J. Ewing, pers. comm.). The Keathley sequence of anomalies is recorded between mile 1900 and approximately mile 2200 where anomaly "J" is again conspicuously displayed. There are no conspicuous magnetic anomalies associated with the piercement structures near Site 141. However, none would be expected from surface measurements in view of the small dimensions of the structures and their great depths (>4400 m) below sea level.

On departing from Site 141, *Challenger* passed close to the western group of the Cape Verde Islands and from about mile 2160 to mile 2350 very little sub-bottom information was recorded on the seismic profiling system. This may reflect a preponderance of highly reflective volcanogenic material in the vicinity of the platform. Additional piercement type structures may be indicated in the region from about mile 2350 through mile 2400.

The central Atlantic was then traversed en route to Site 142. Magnetic anomalies from about mile 2700 to the area of the Ceara Rise, near mile 3500, are of very low amplitude, only about 100 gammas peak-to-peak even though the basement relief is extremely large, typically ranging from 500 to 1000 fathoms (900-1800 m). The *Challenger* track crossed the mid-Atlantic Ridge system near 8°N. However, the ridge system is so highly disrupted by major fracture zones that the precise location of the ridge crest is not obvious. The rough bottom morphology indicates that numerous fracture zones are present between mile 2700 and 3200. The regional seaward gradient of the sea floor and of the sediment layer ends at about mile 2720 and from that point on only isolated ponds of sediment are seen between the major elements of relief of the ridge system. These ponds of sediment are not connected with one another as evidenced by the fact that they occur at a variety of levels ranging in depths from about 3200 to 2300 fm. The surface sediments are generally flat-lying or gently tilted and the ponds contain numerous flat-lying internal reflectors. Near mile 3100 the sediment disposition changes from flat-lying or gently tilted, layered sediments to acoustically transparent sediments.

The amplitudes of the magnetic anomalies increase abruptly when the flanks of the Ceara Rise are encountered near mile 3500. The basement is not recorded on the *Challenger* records beneath the Ceara Rise, but its presence is indicated at isolated spots from Conrad seismic records as described in Chapter 12, (this volume). The sediment

sequence forming the abyssal plain north of the Ceara Rise is illustrated between miles 3340 and 3460. The top of the abyssal plain lies at a level of about 2500 fathoms. In contrast, the top of the Ceara Rise Abyssal Plain sediments south of the Ceara Rise rest at a level of about 2300 fathoms.

On departing from the Ceara Rise, *Challenger* made a long traverse across the Amazon Cone between miles 3700 and 4100. Magnetic anomalies in this region are typically of long apparent wave lengths (~200 km) and low amplitude, (<50 gammas peak-to-peak). The Amazon Cone sediments are highly reflective and small scale, local tectonism and intrusion is indicated in many places (e.g., mile 3860).

The flank of the Demerara Rise was crossed near mile 4250 enroute to Sites 143 and 144 located at the northern flank of the Demerara Rise. The seismic data from the *Challenger* is very poor for this region. On departure from Site 144, shown near mile 4400, one prominent reflective zone can be traced continuously from about mile 4400 to mile 4640 where the ship passed across the Barbados Ridge. Magnetic anomalies across this ridge and the Lesser Antilles arc are of very low amplitude and long wave length except near Martinique where shallow volcanic sources are indicated near mile 4880 by the short wave length, high amplitude magnetic anomalies. Extremely thick sequences of well layered sediments were recorded over the Granada Trough and the Aves swell between miles 5000 and about mile 5120. Beyond that point no significant sediment accumulations were recorded on the seismic profiler system, however, magnetic anomalies in amplitudes increase abruptly.

The towed geophysical gear was retrieved prior to entering San Juan to allow for maneuvering in the narrow Virgin Island passage.

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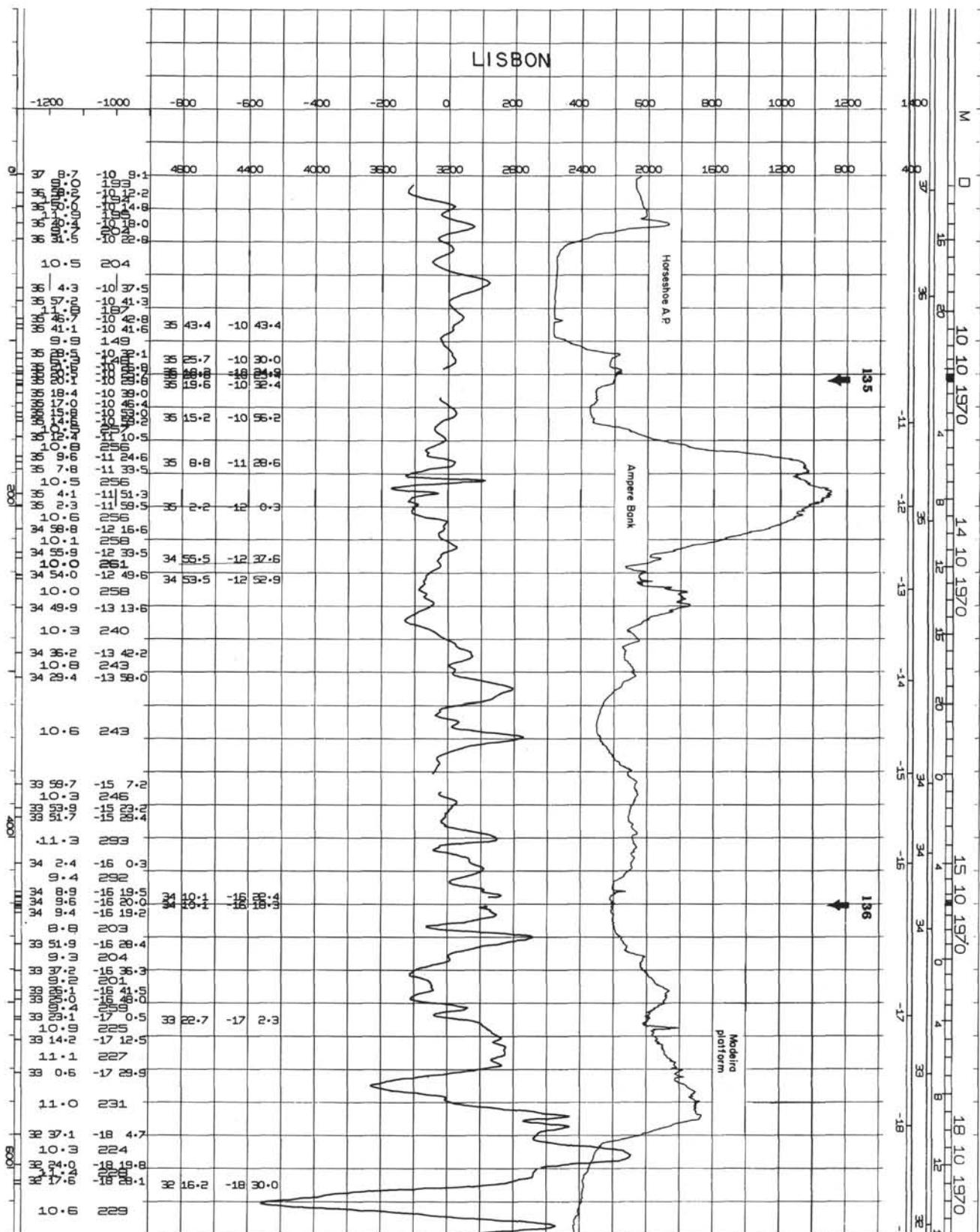
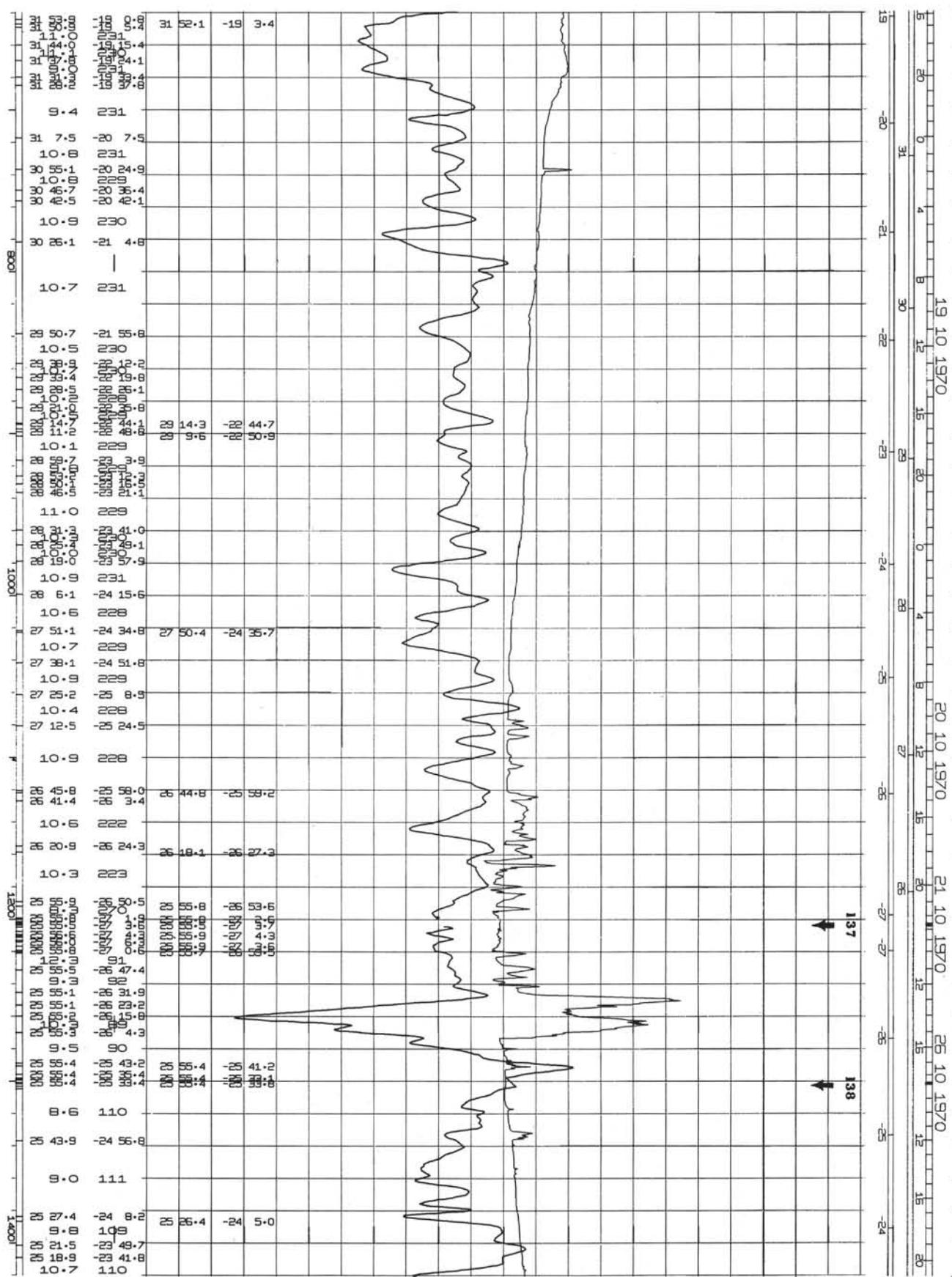


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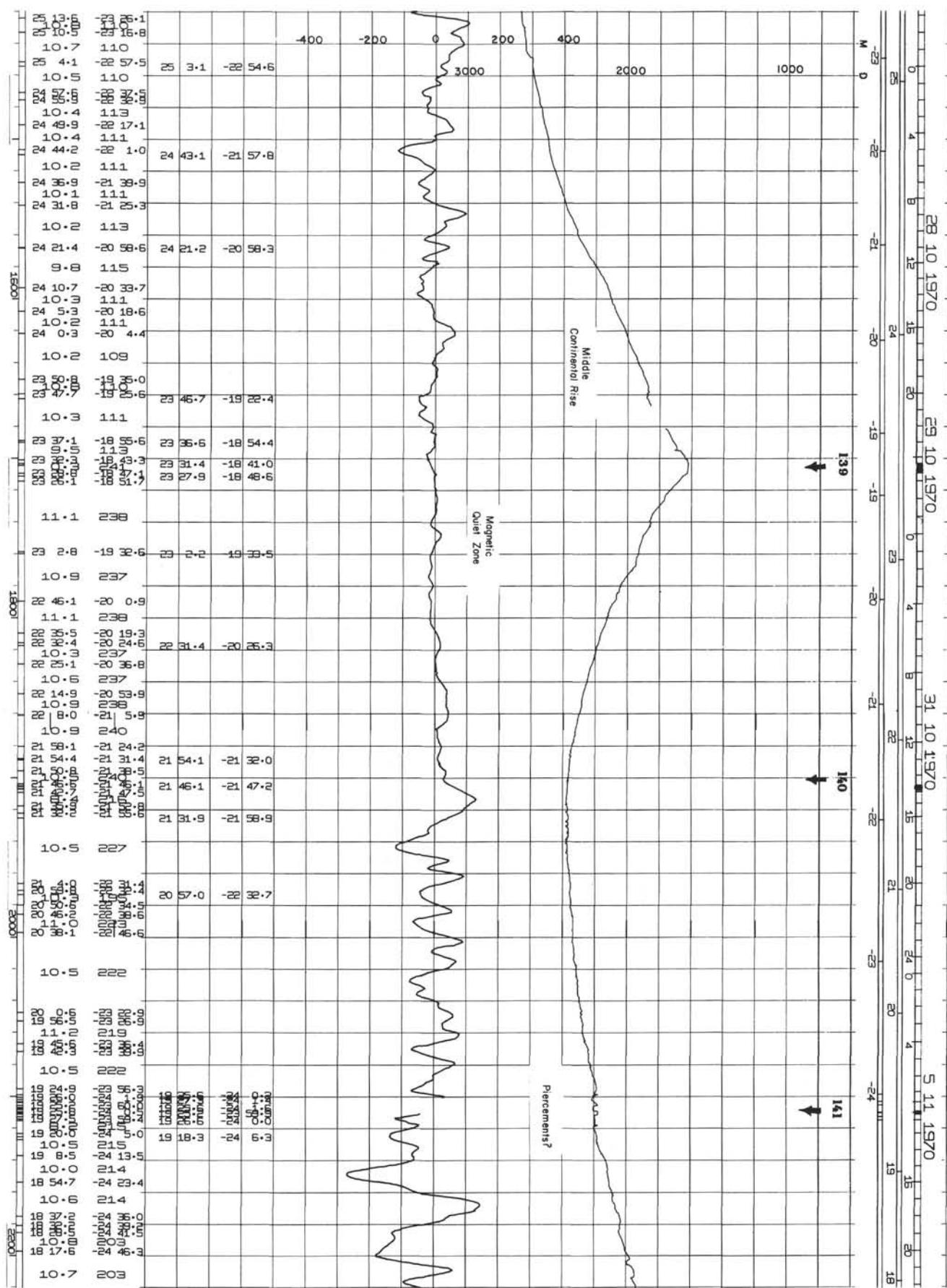


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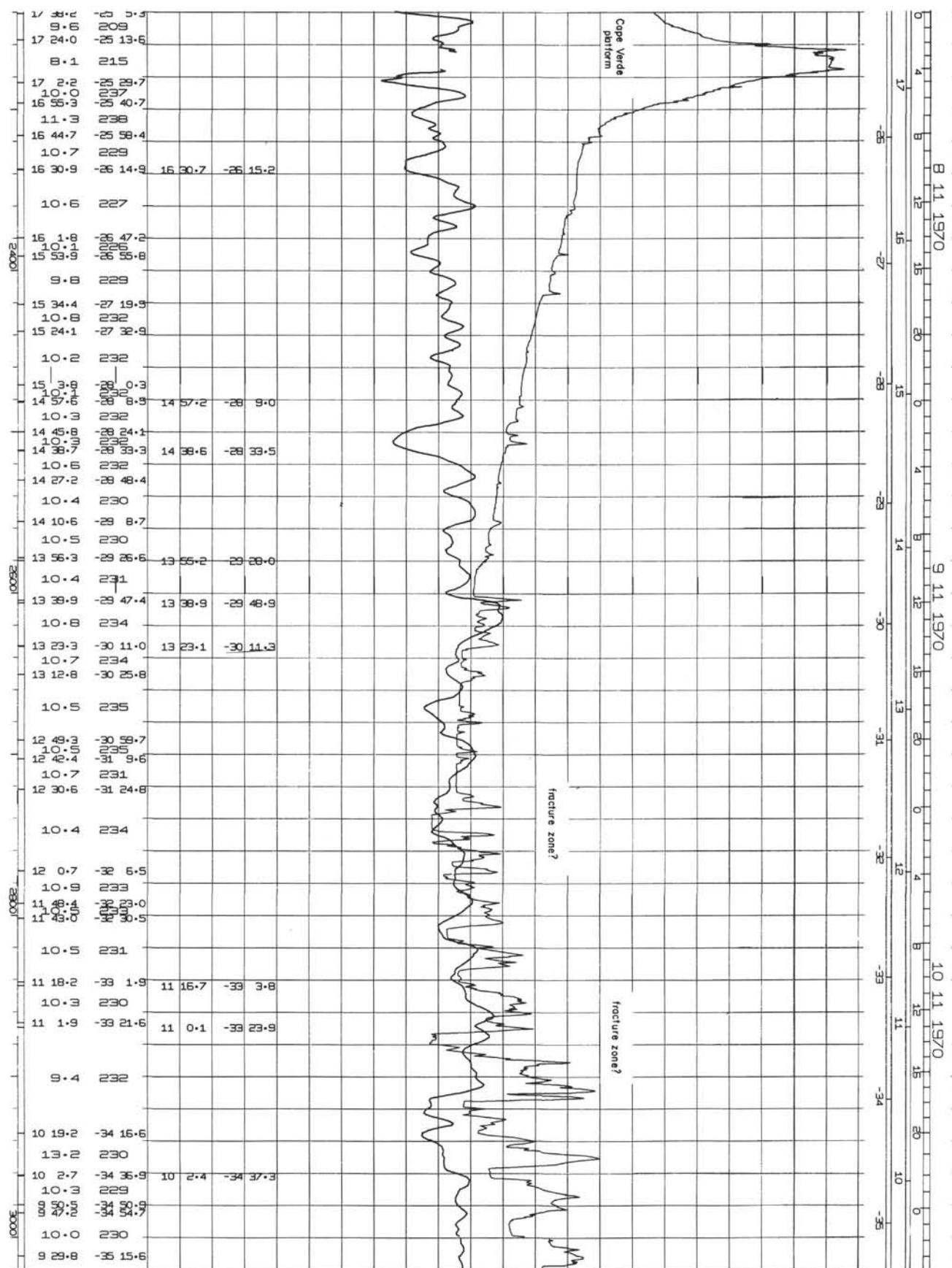


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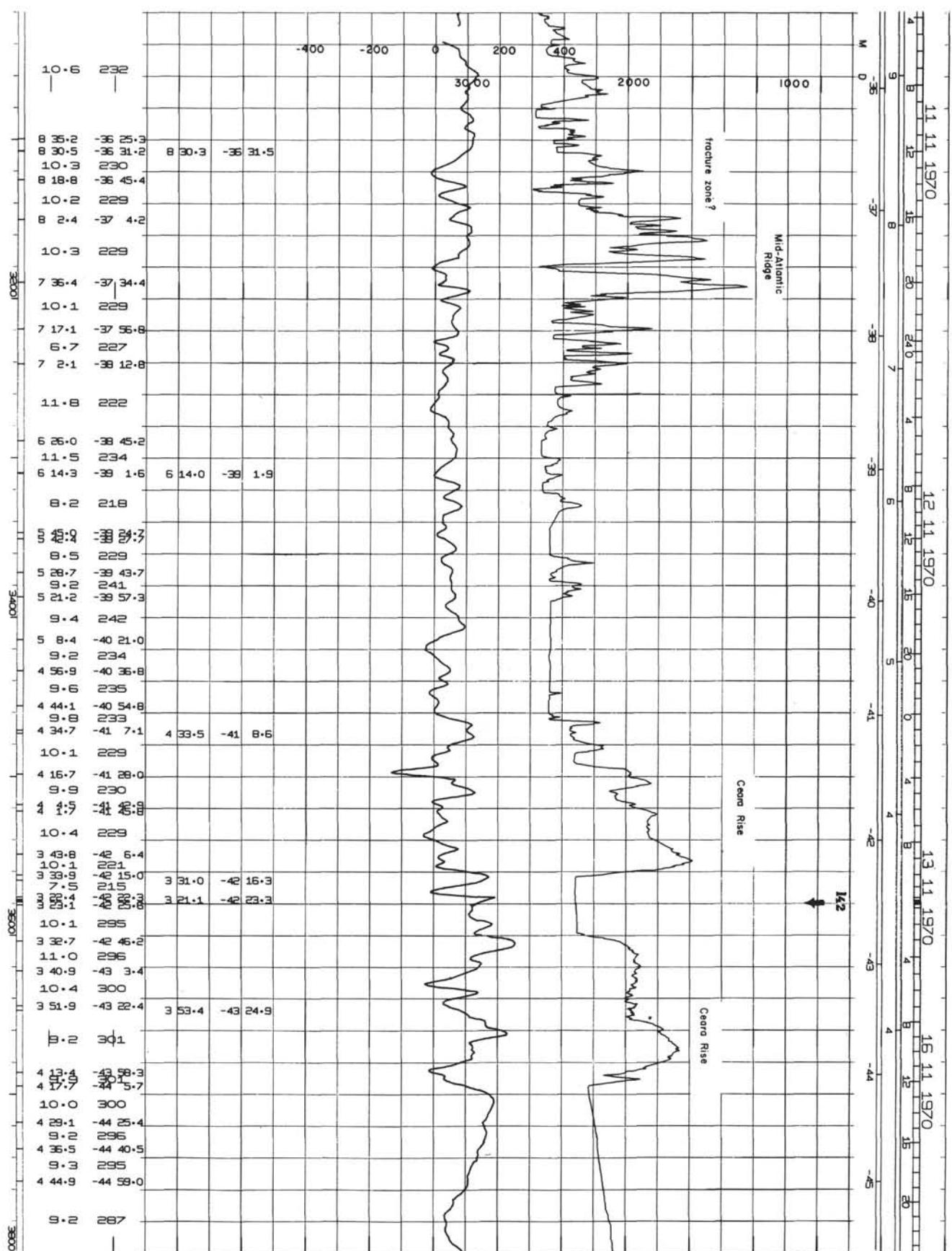


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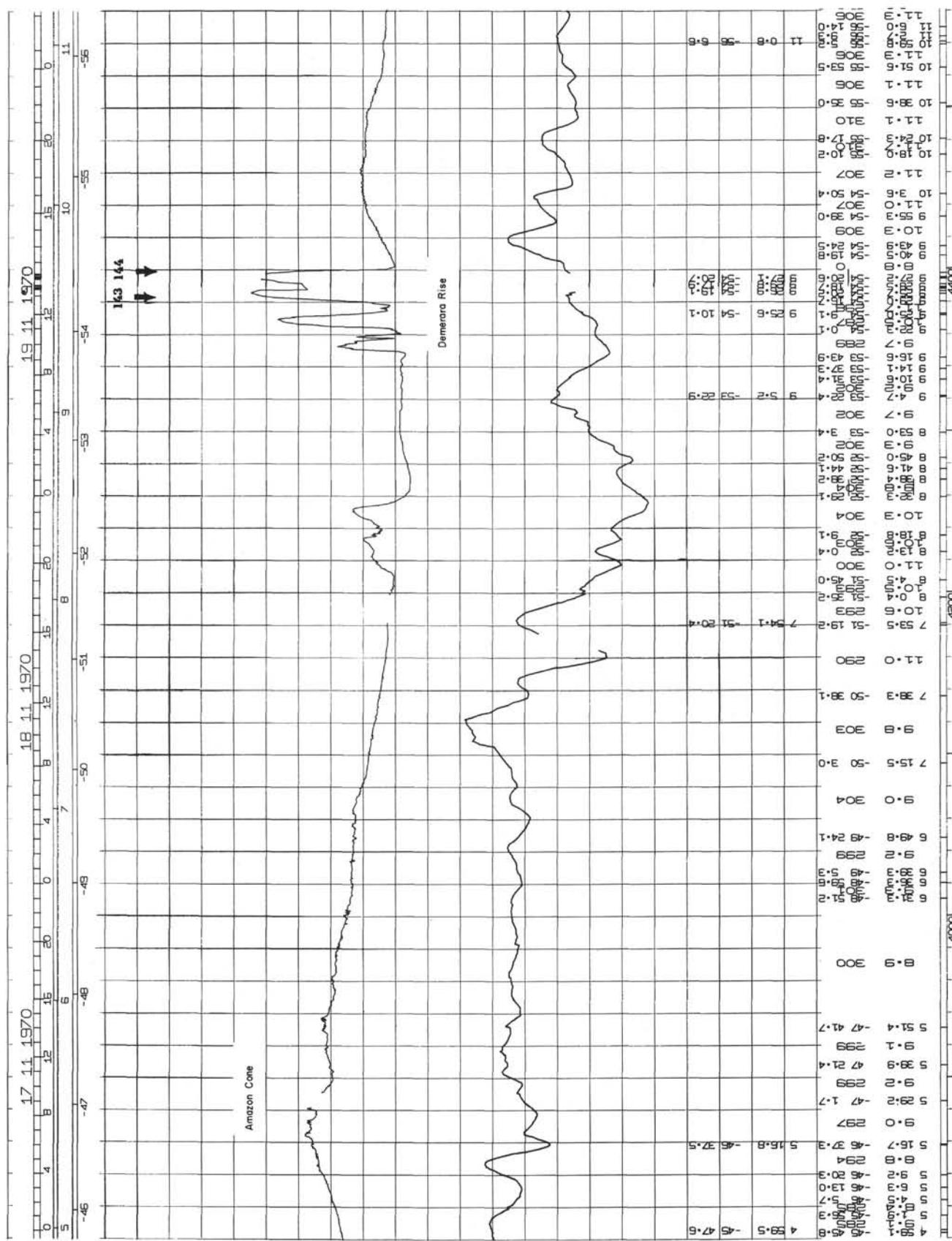


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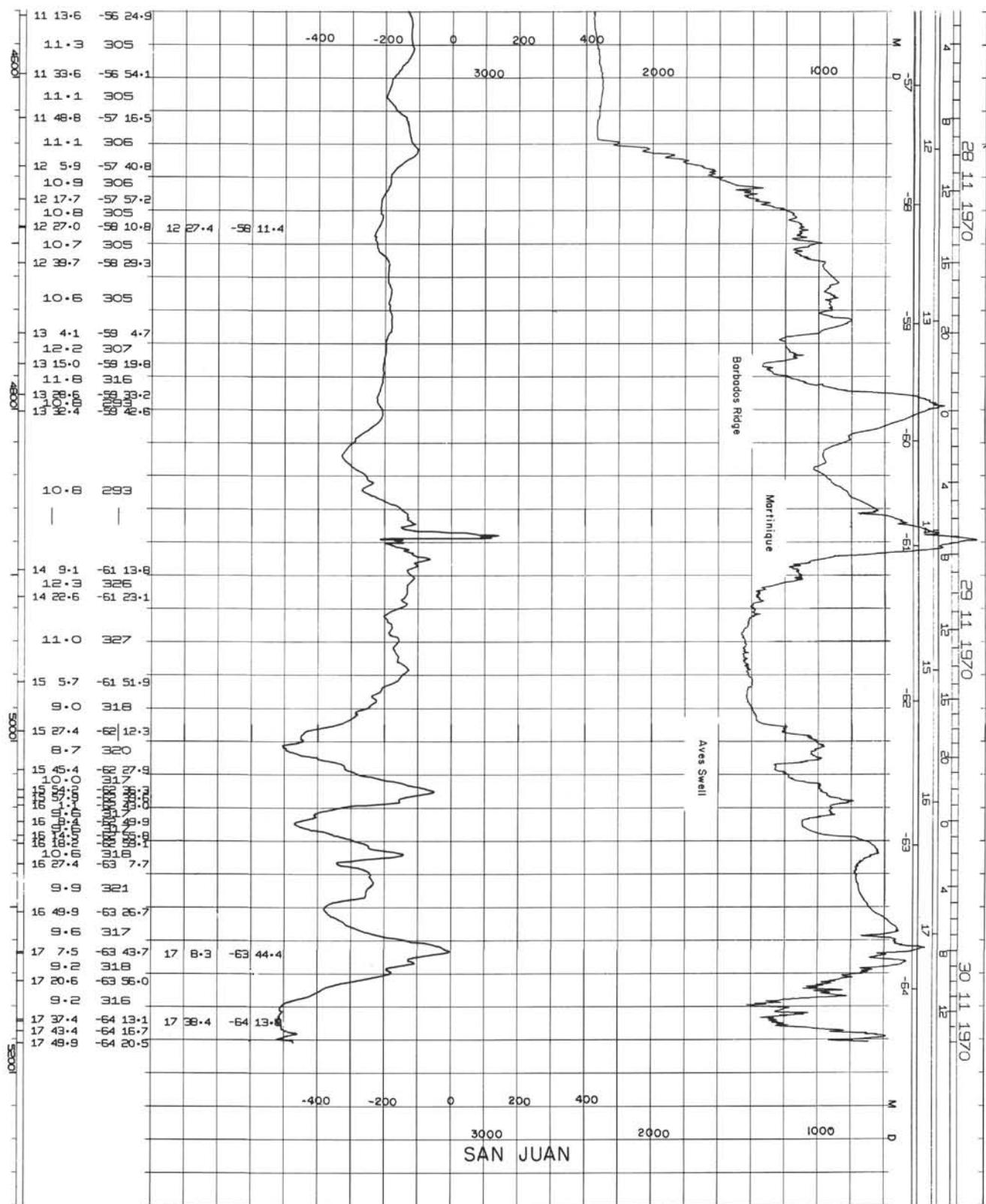


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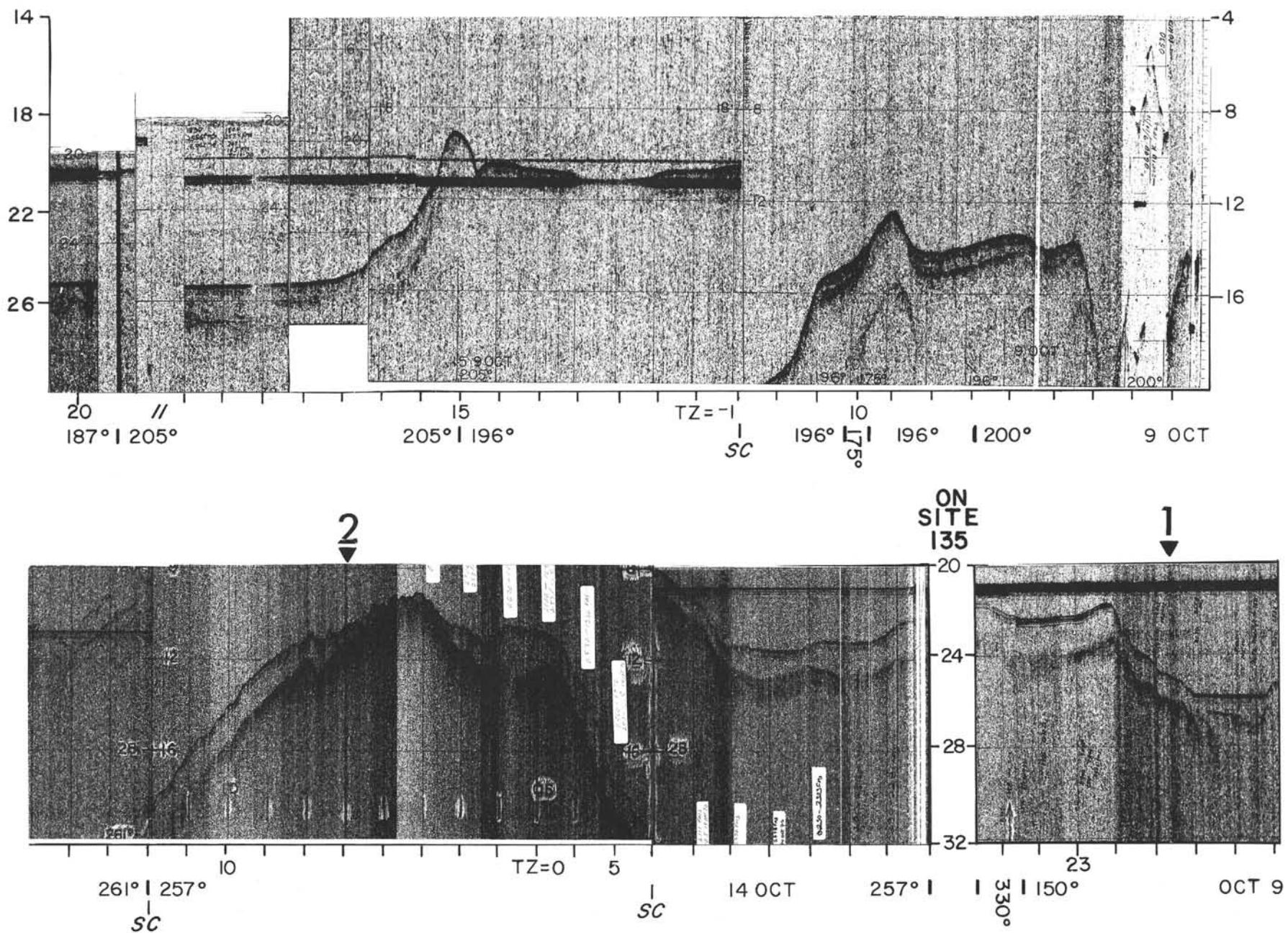


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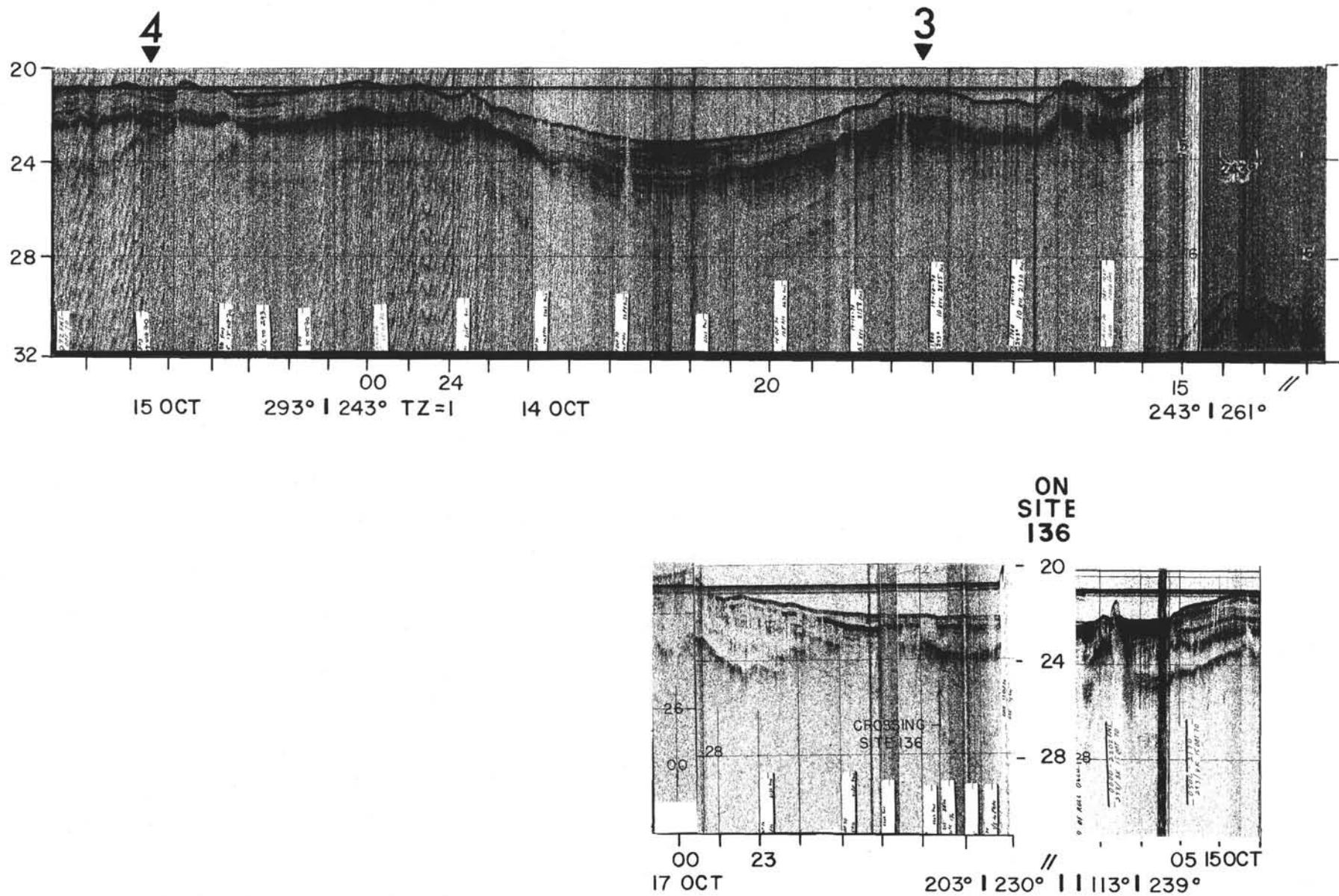


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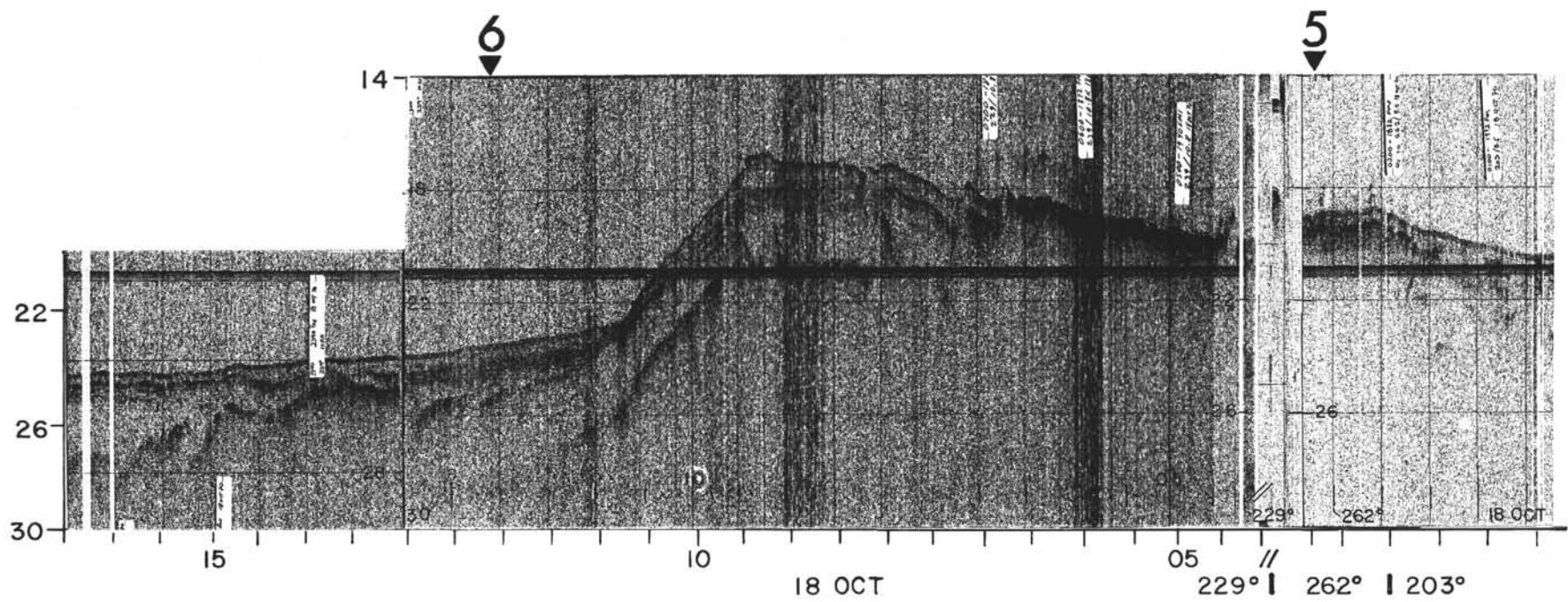


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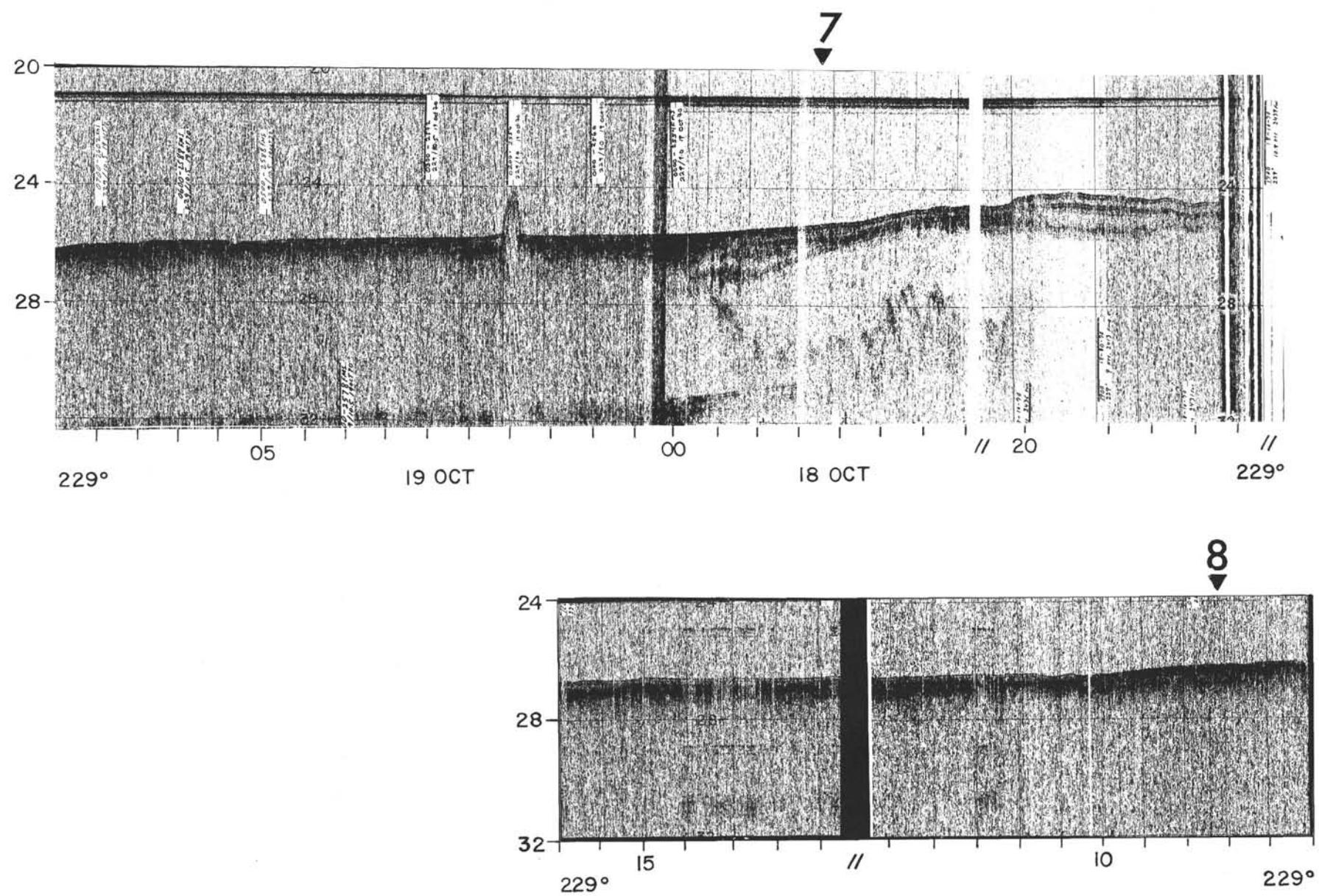


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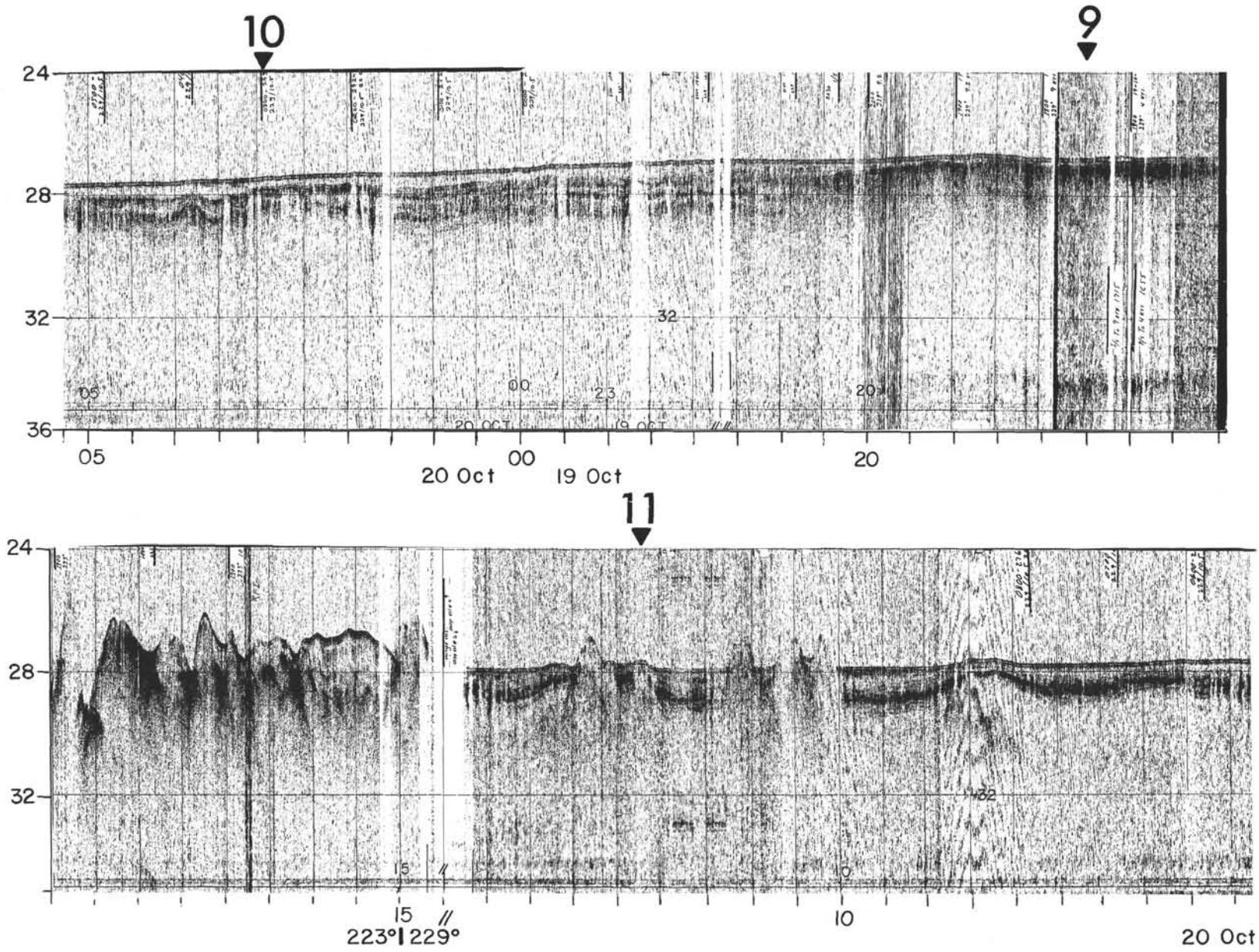


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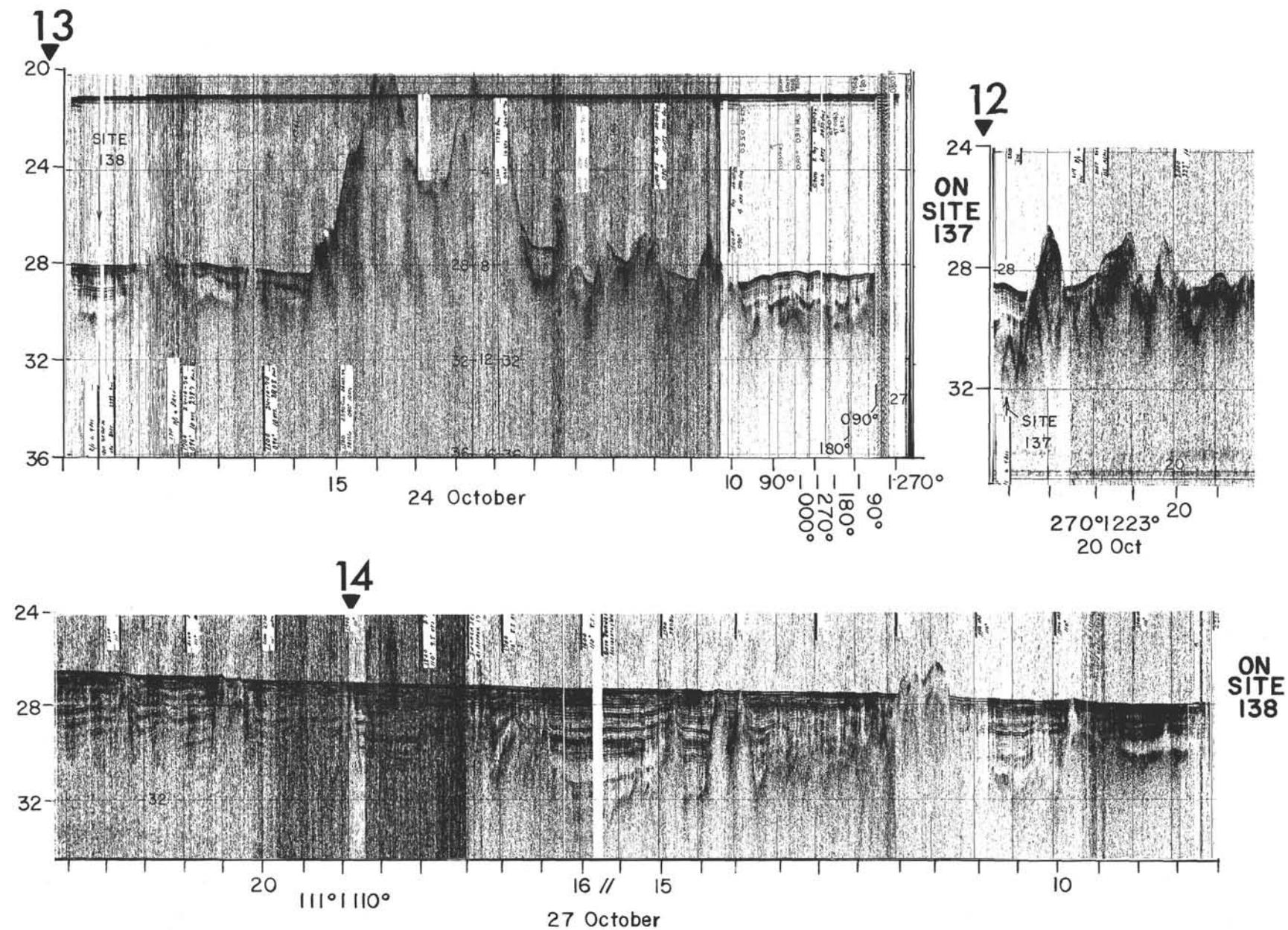


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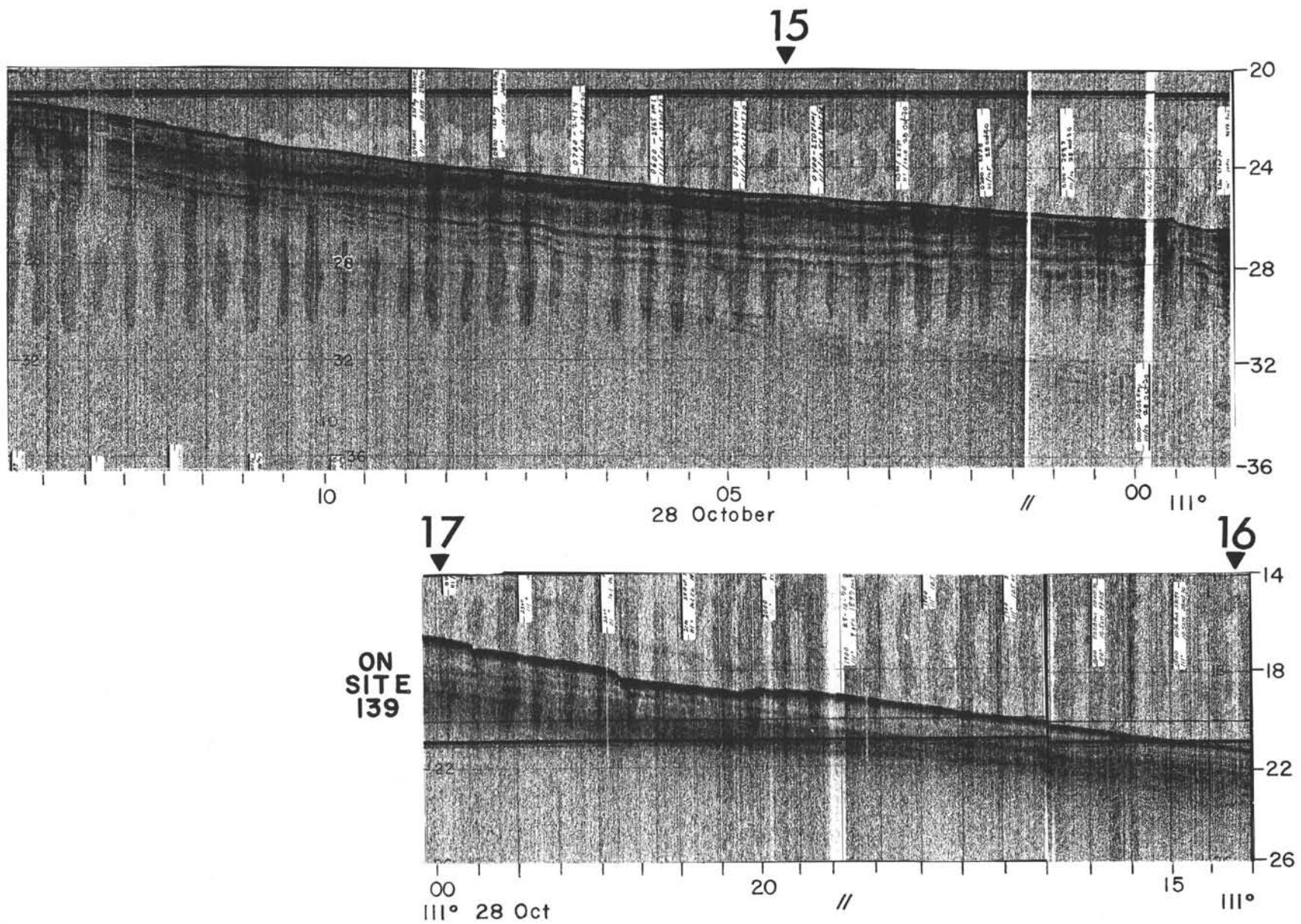


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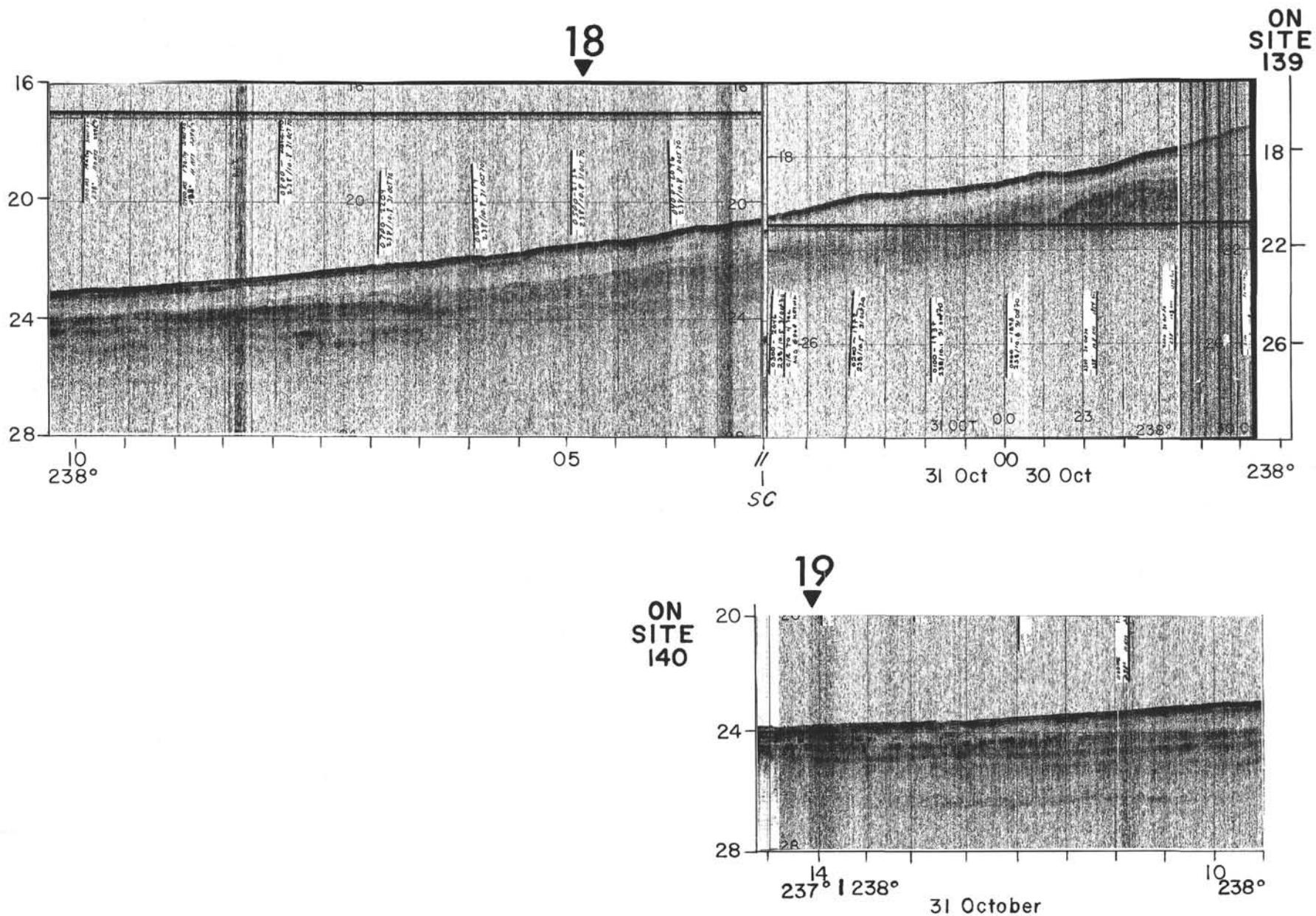
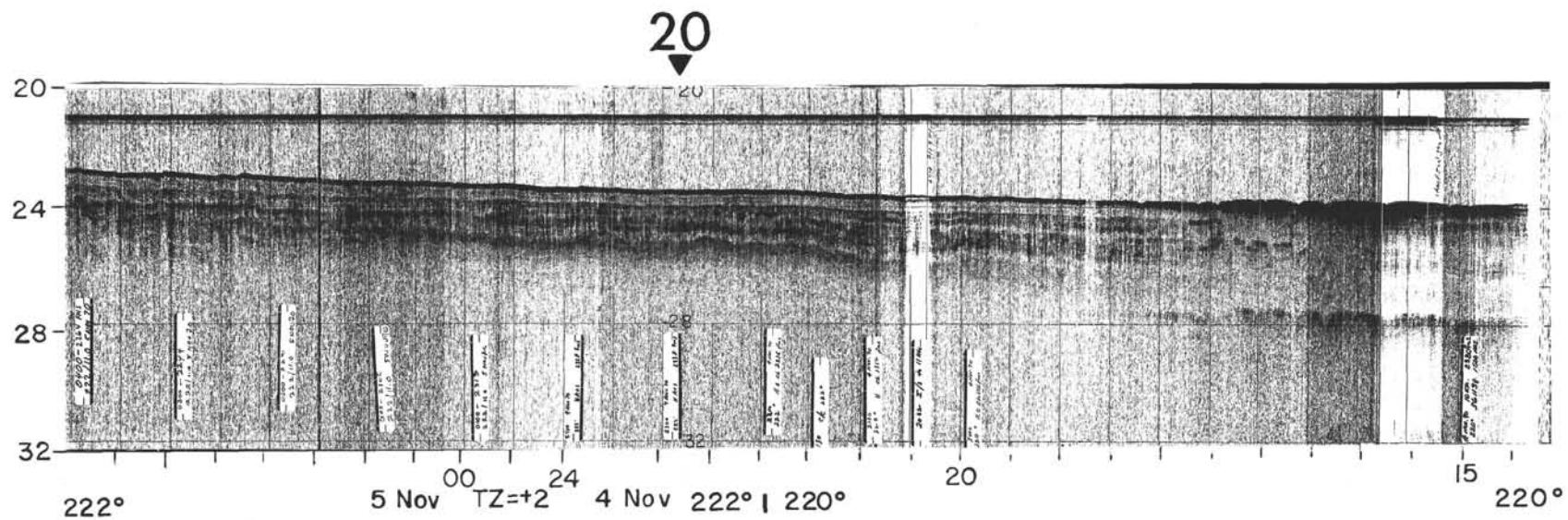
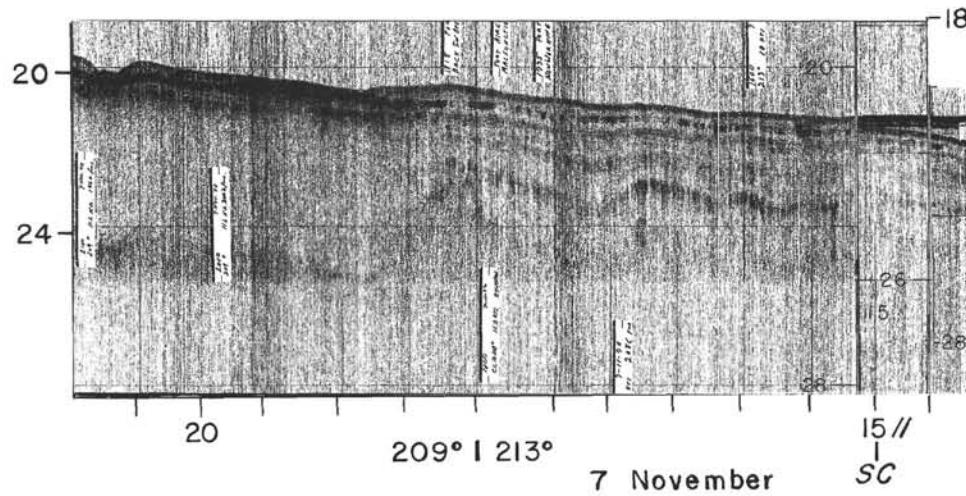


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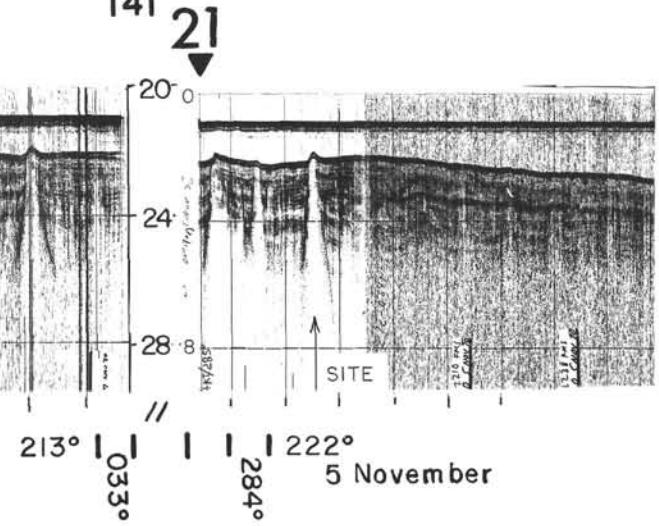


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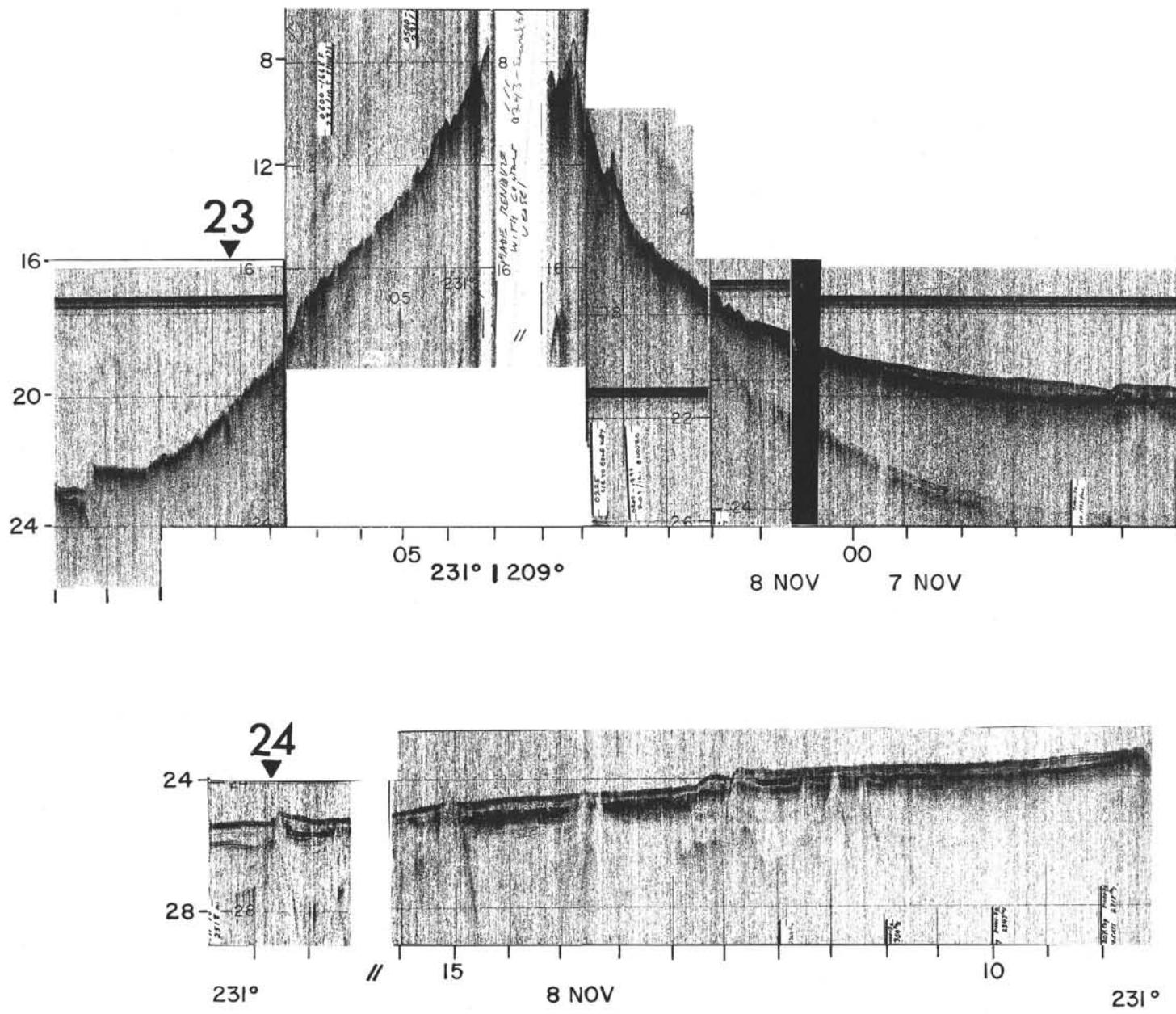


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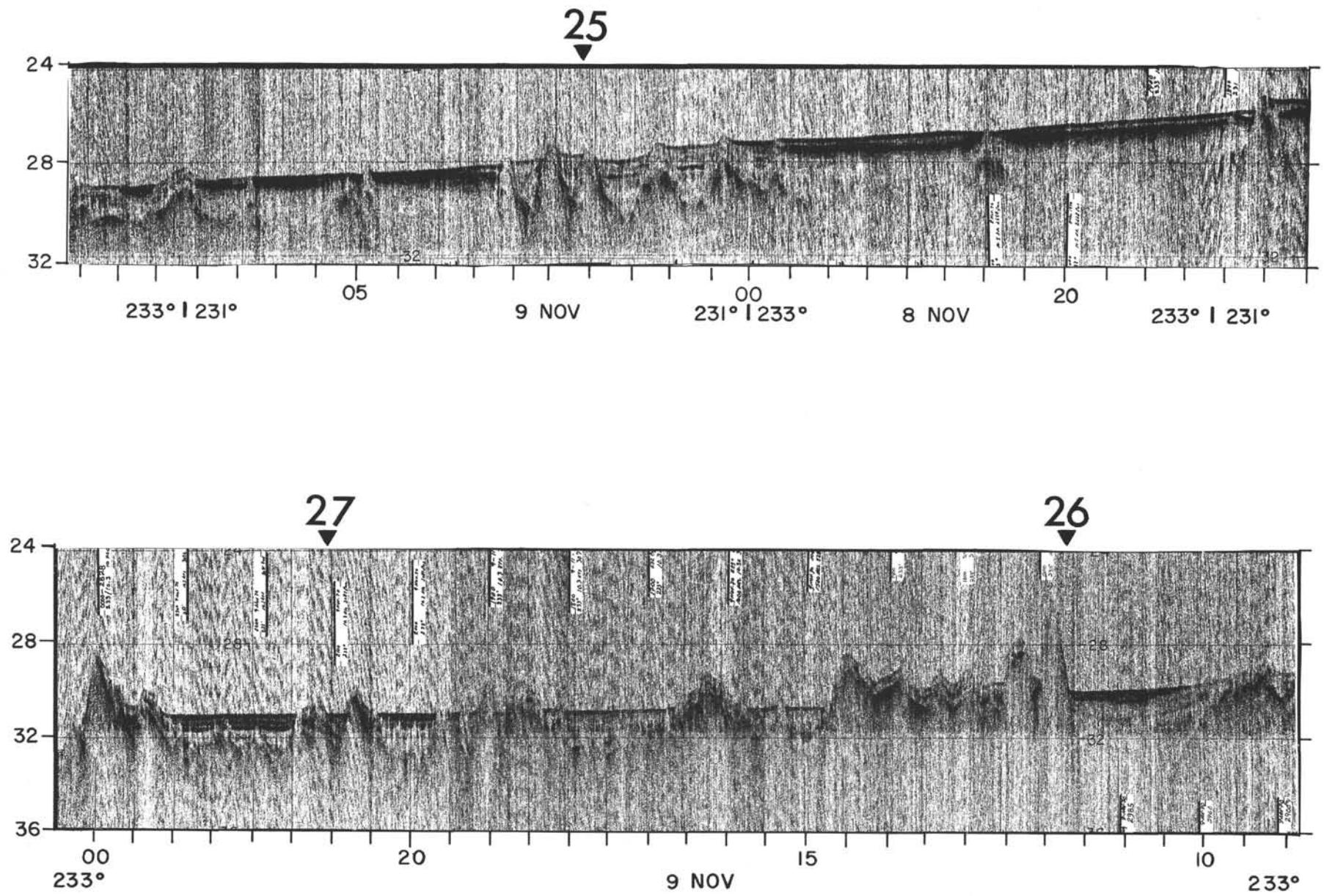


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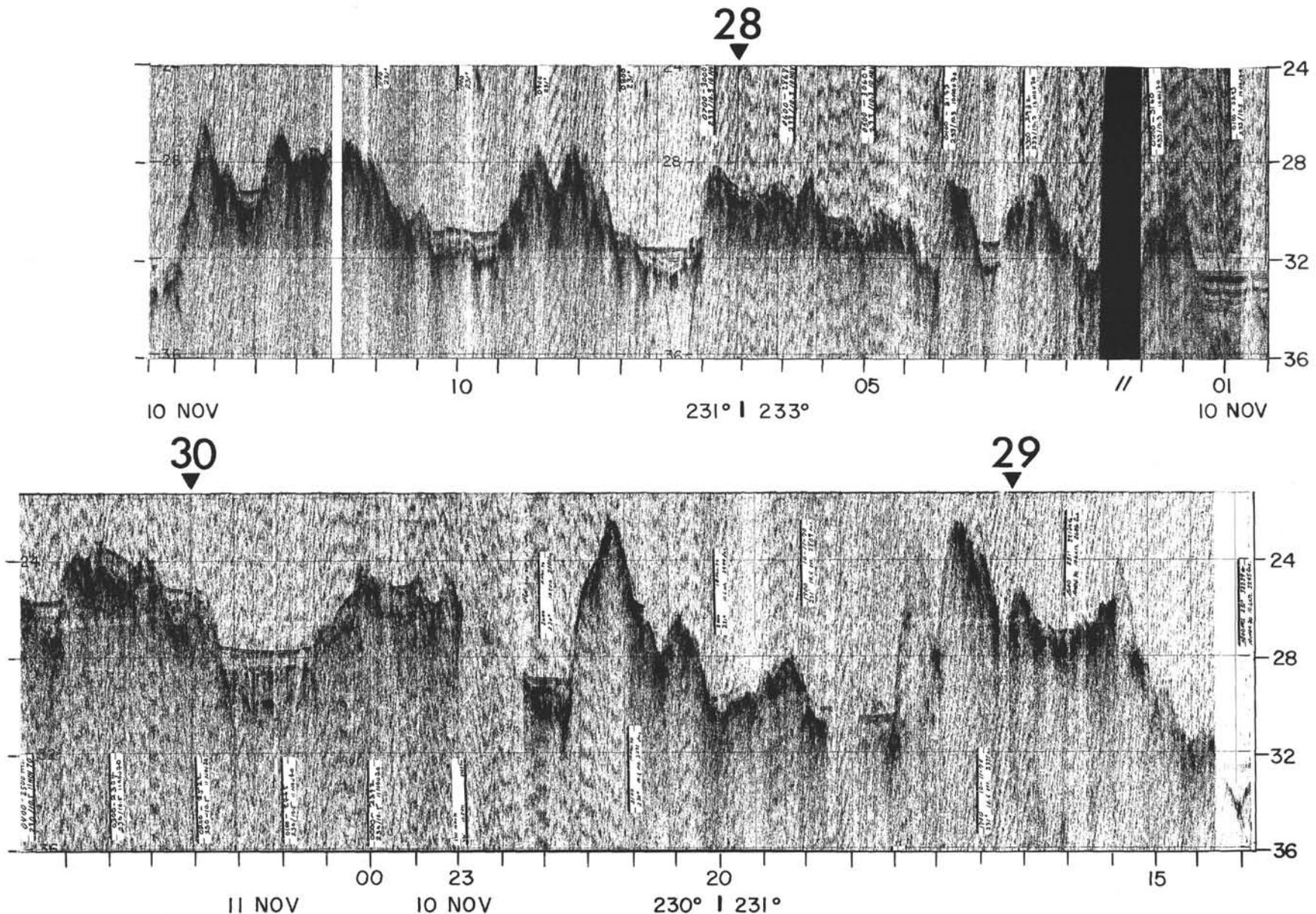


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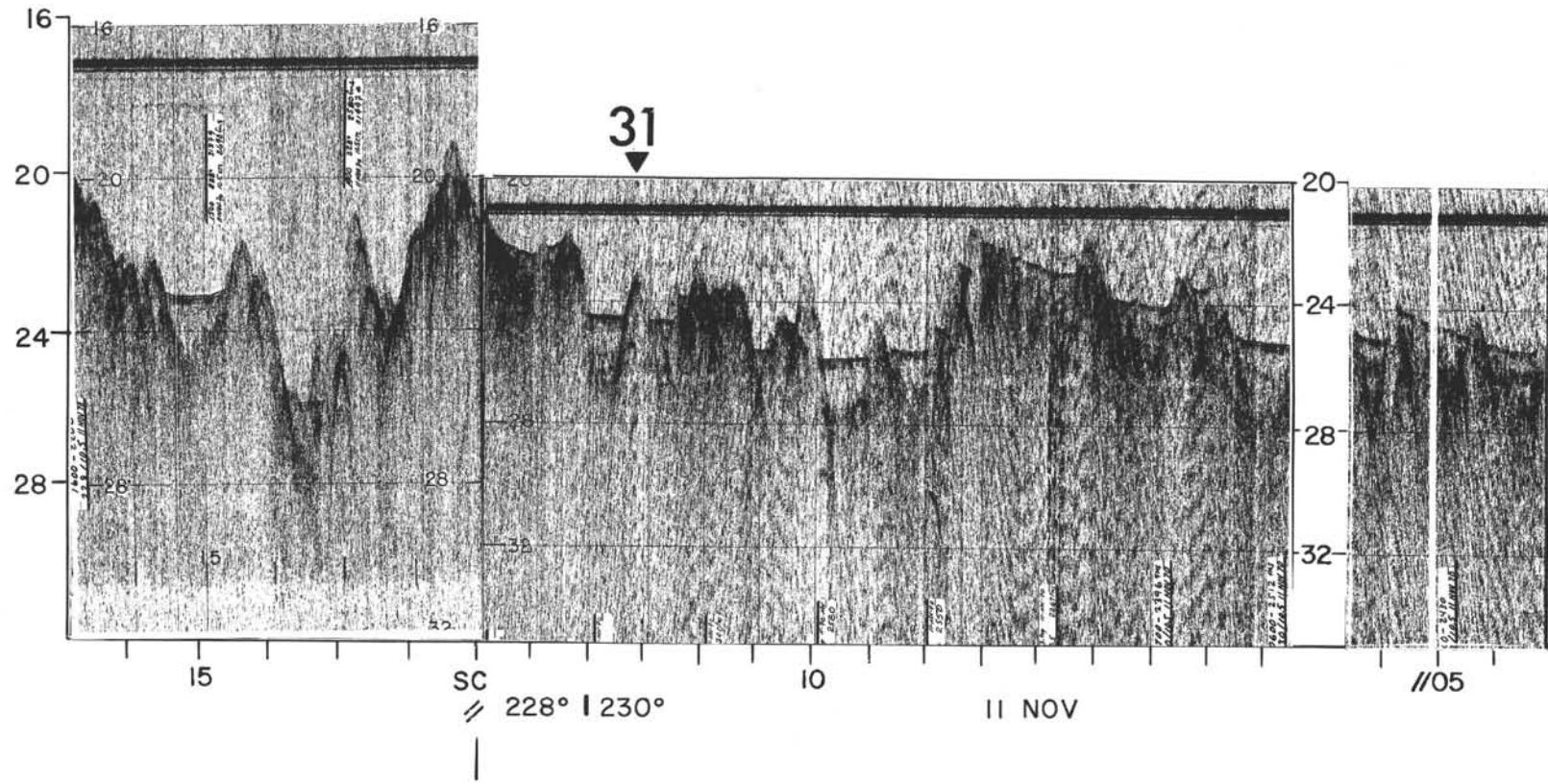


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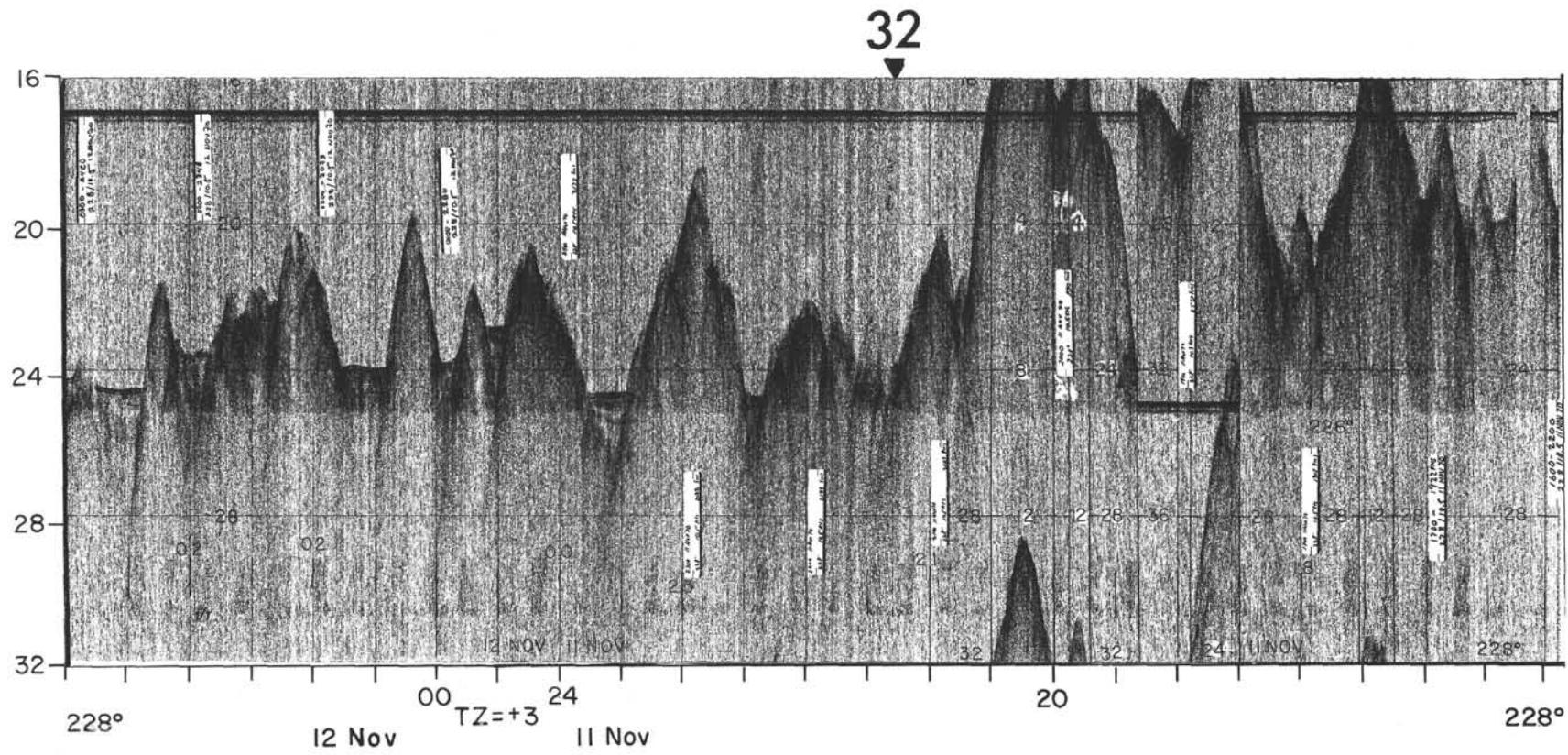


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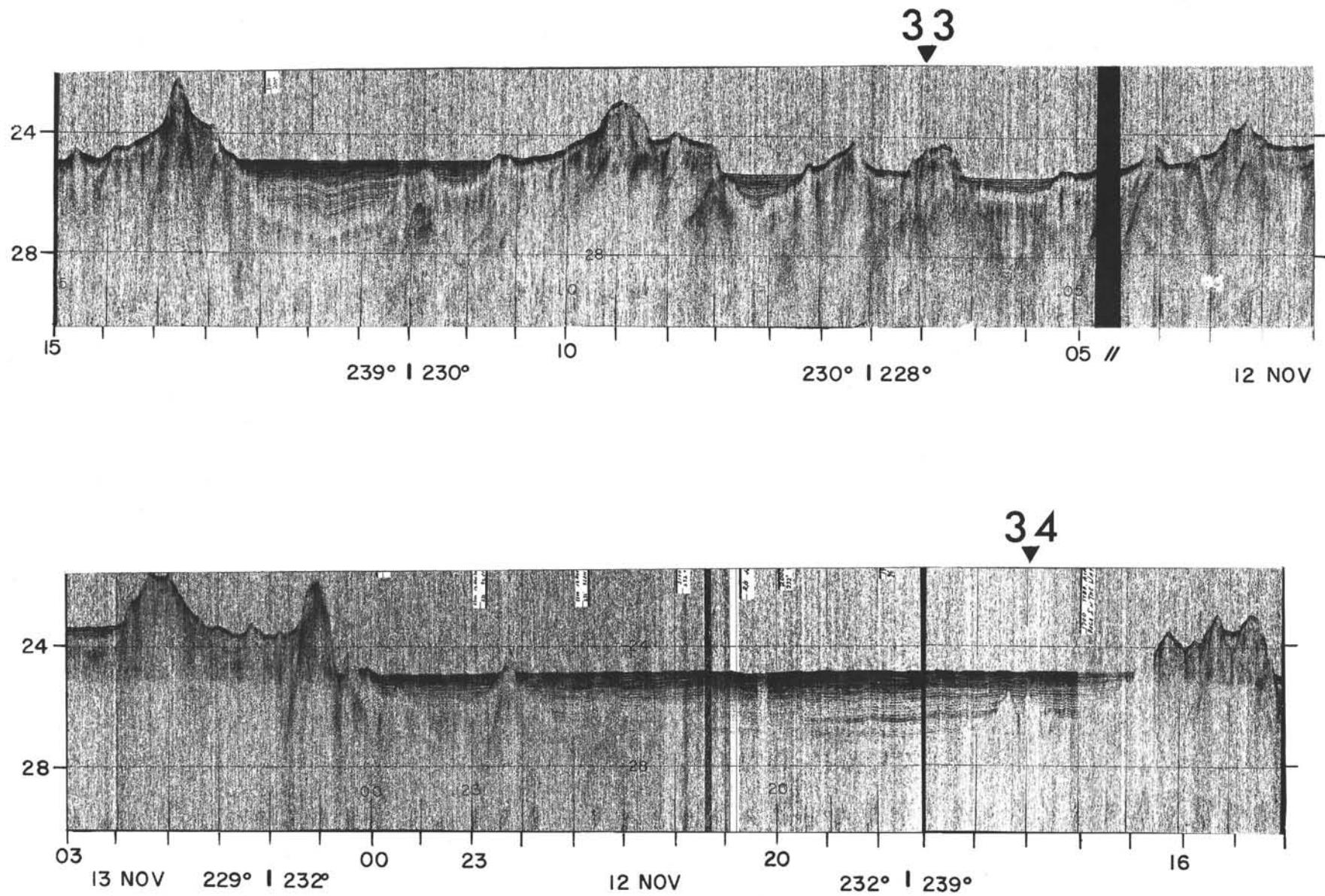


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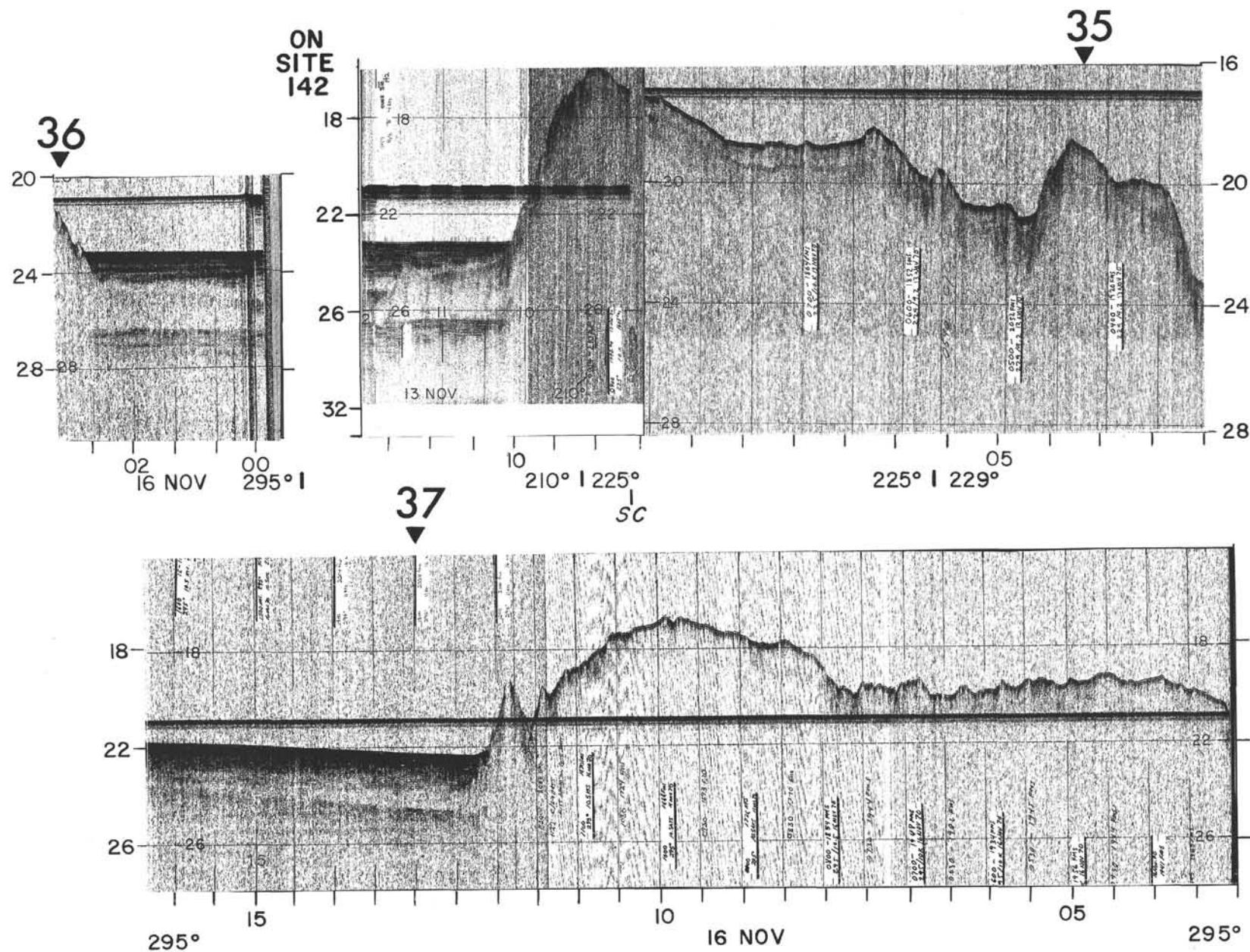


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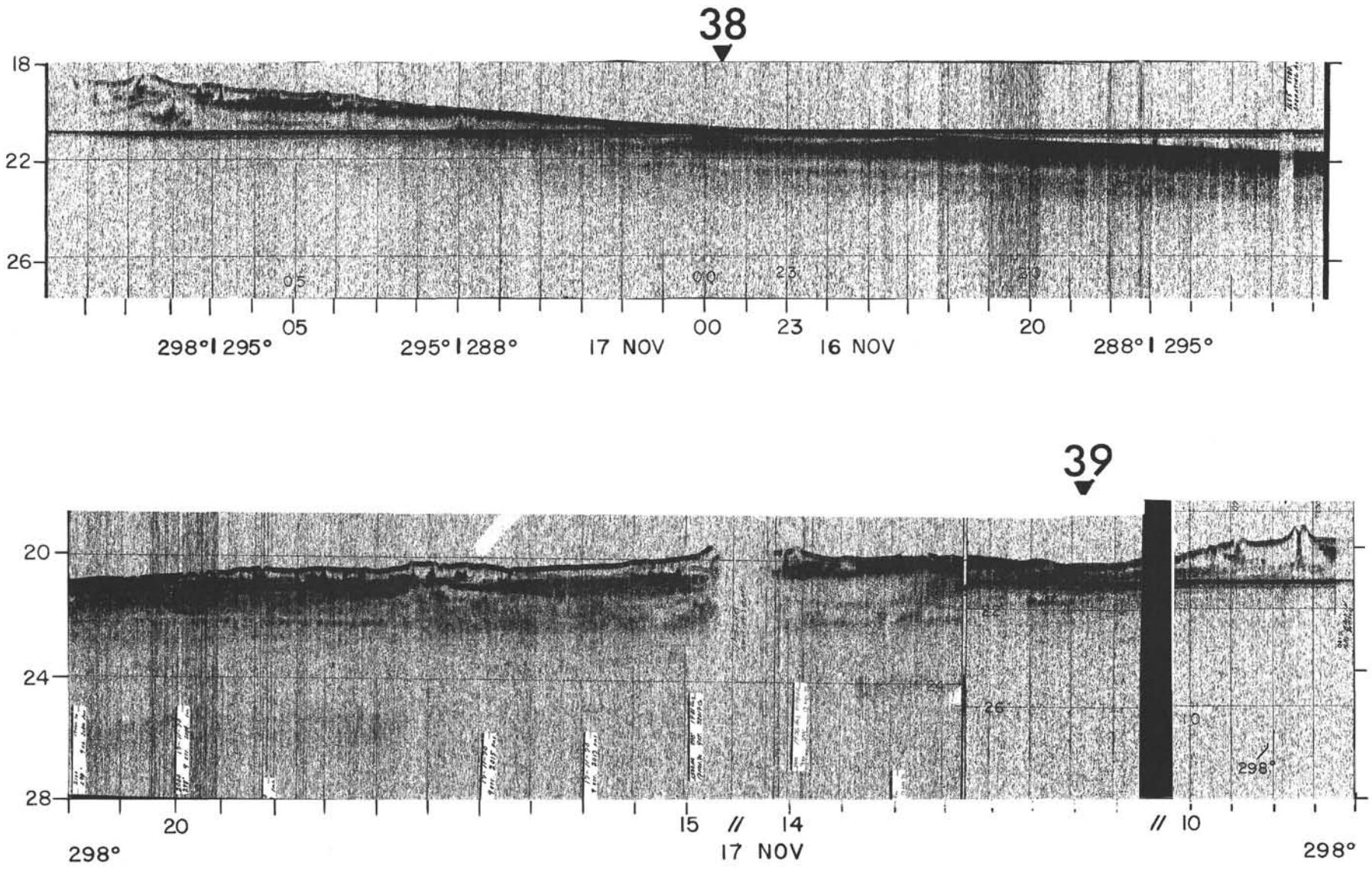


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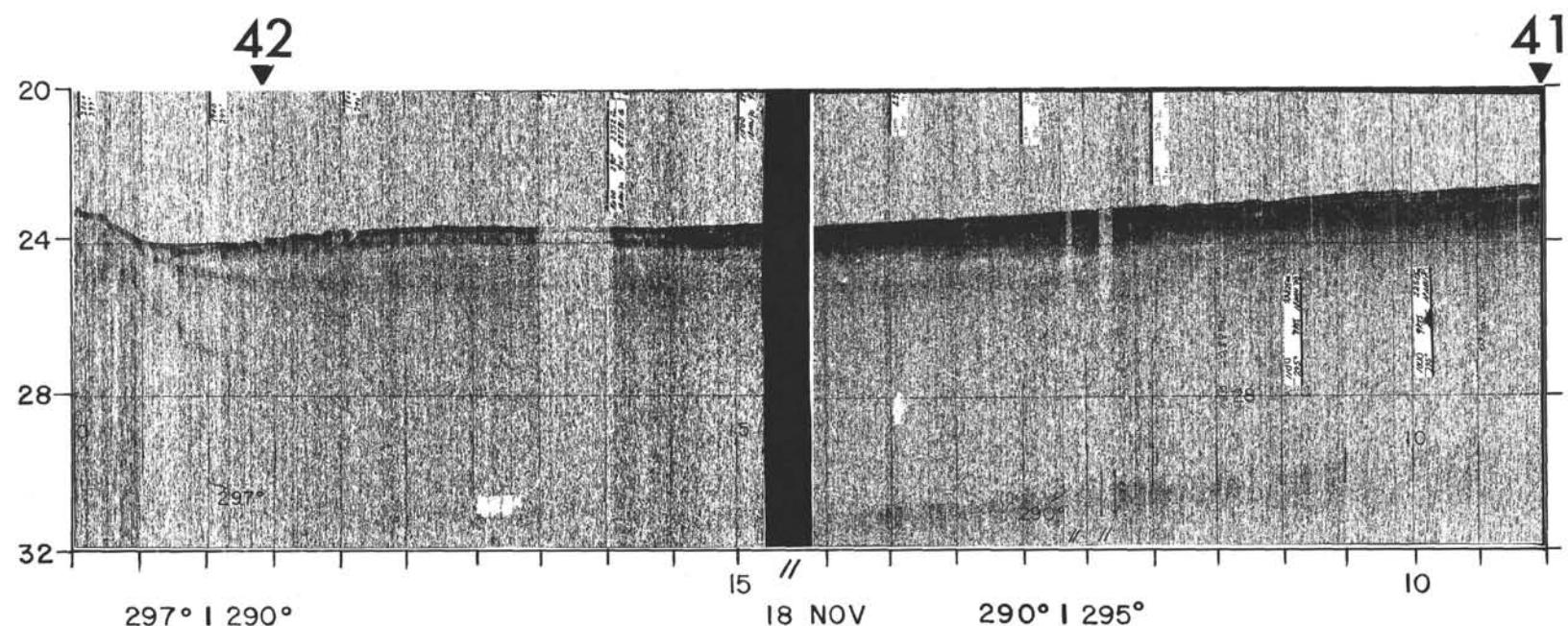
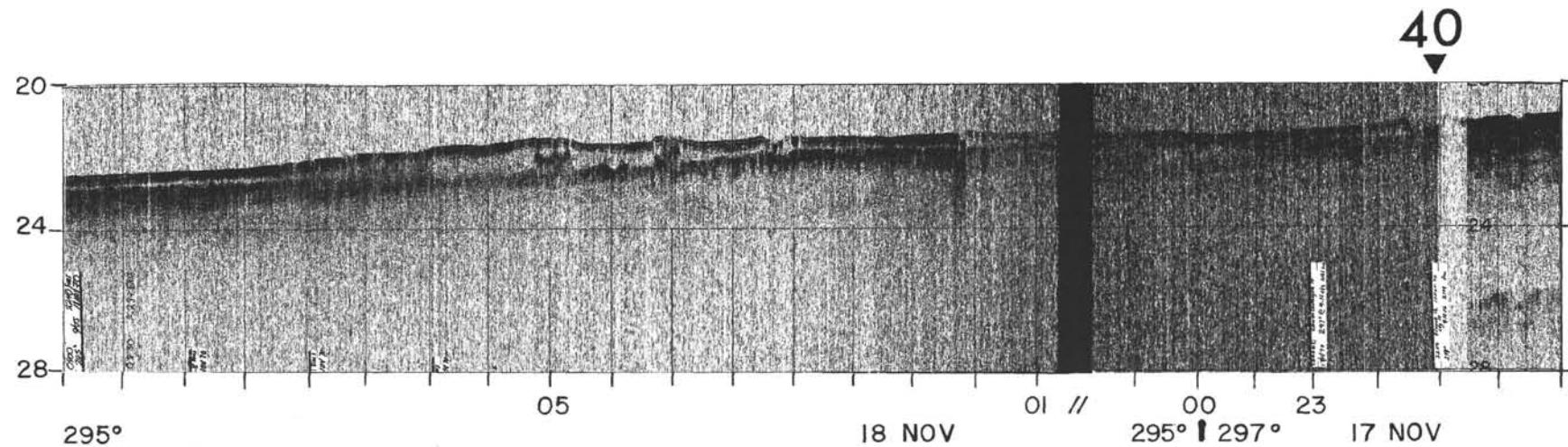


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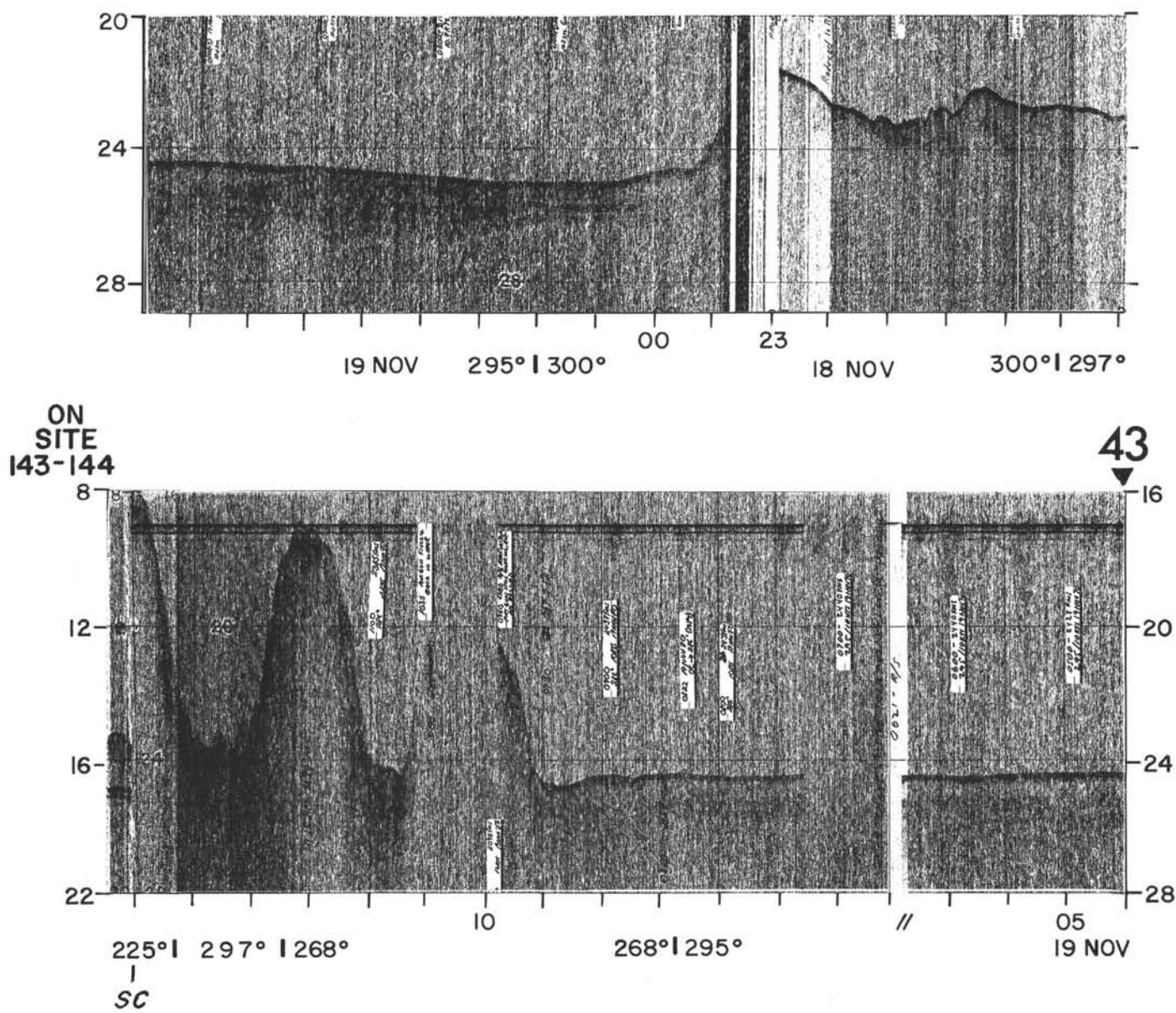


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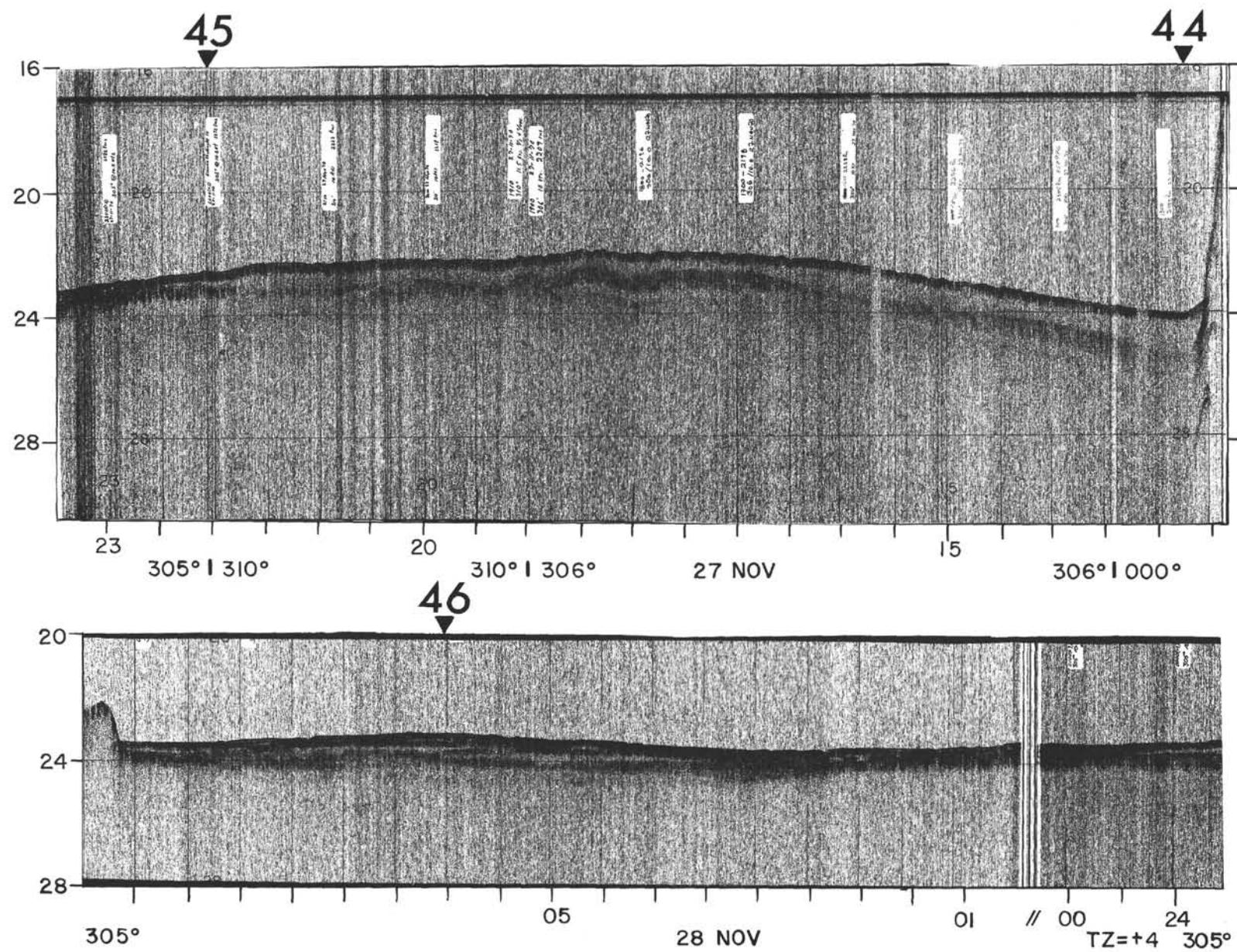


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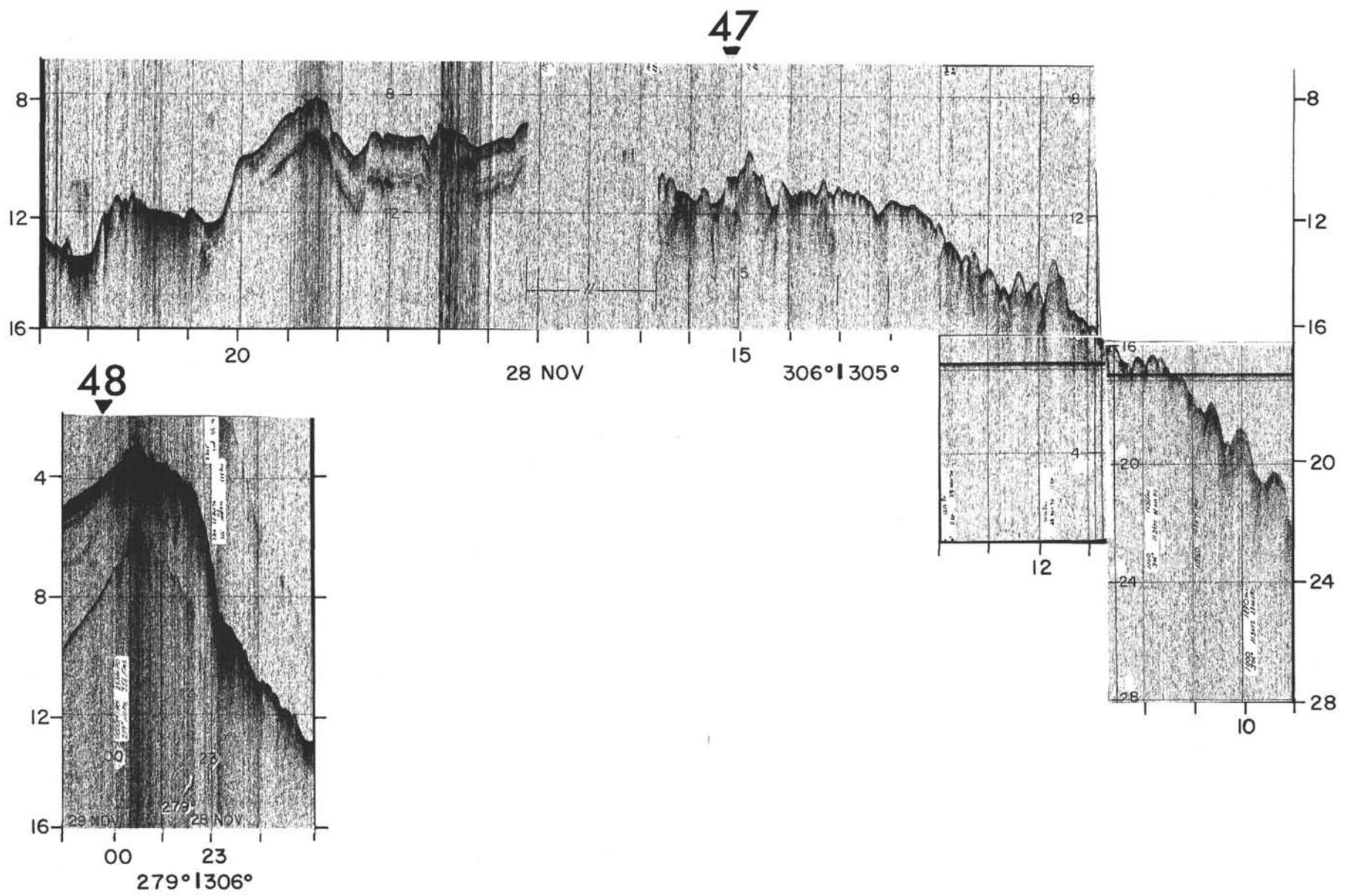


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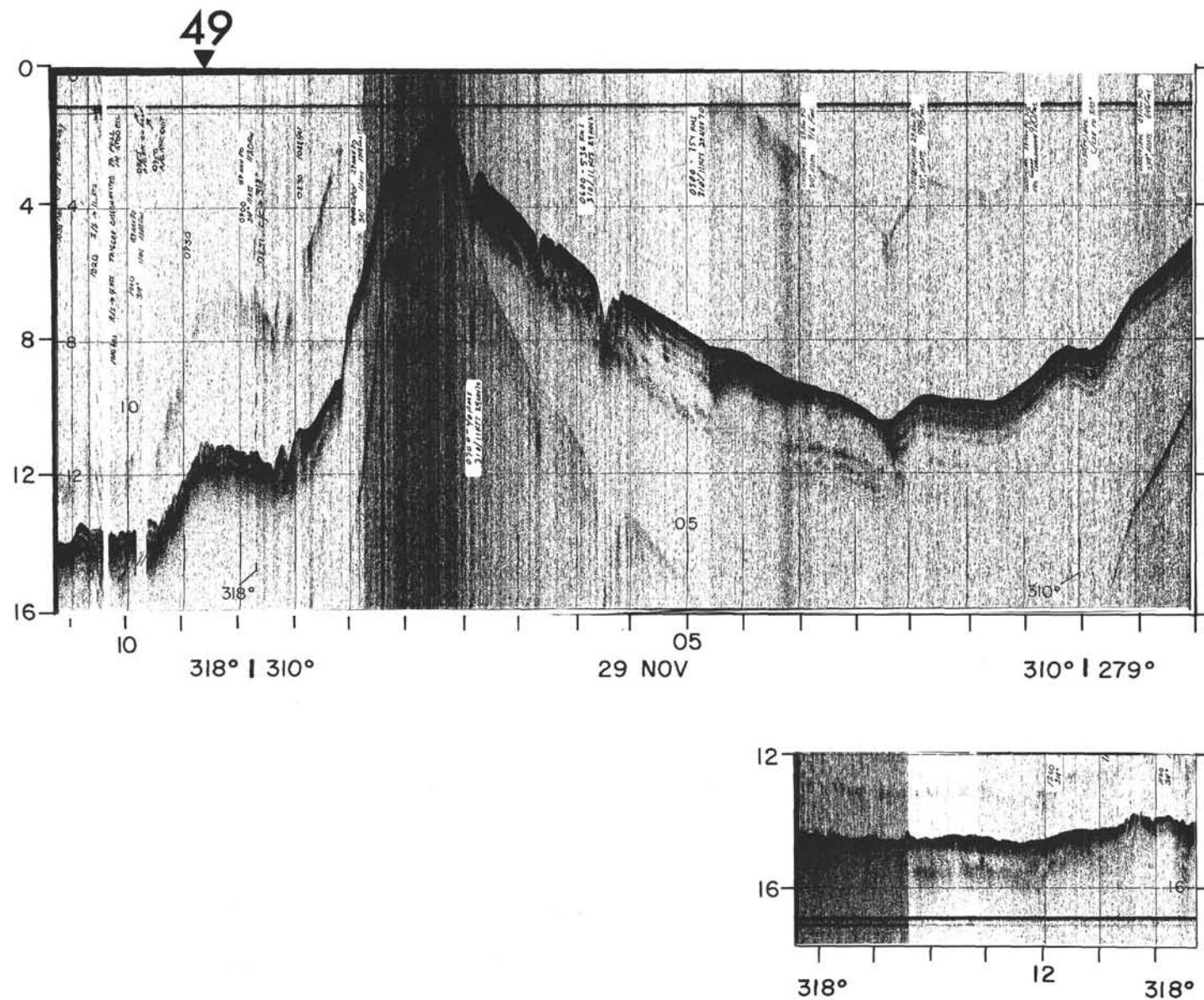


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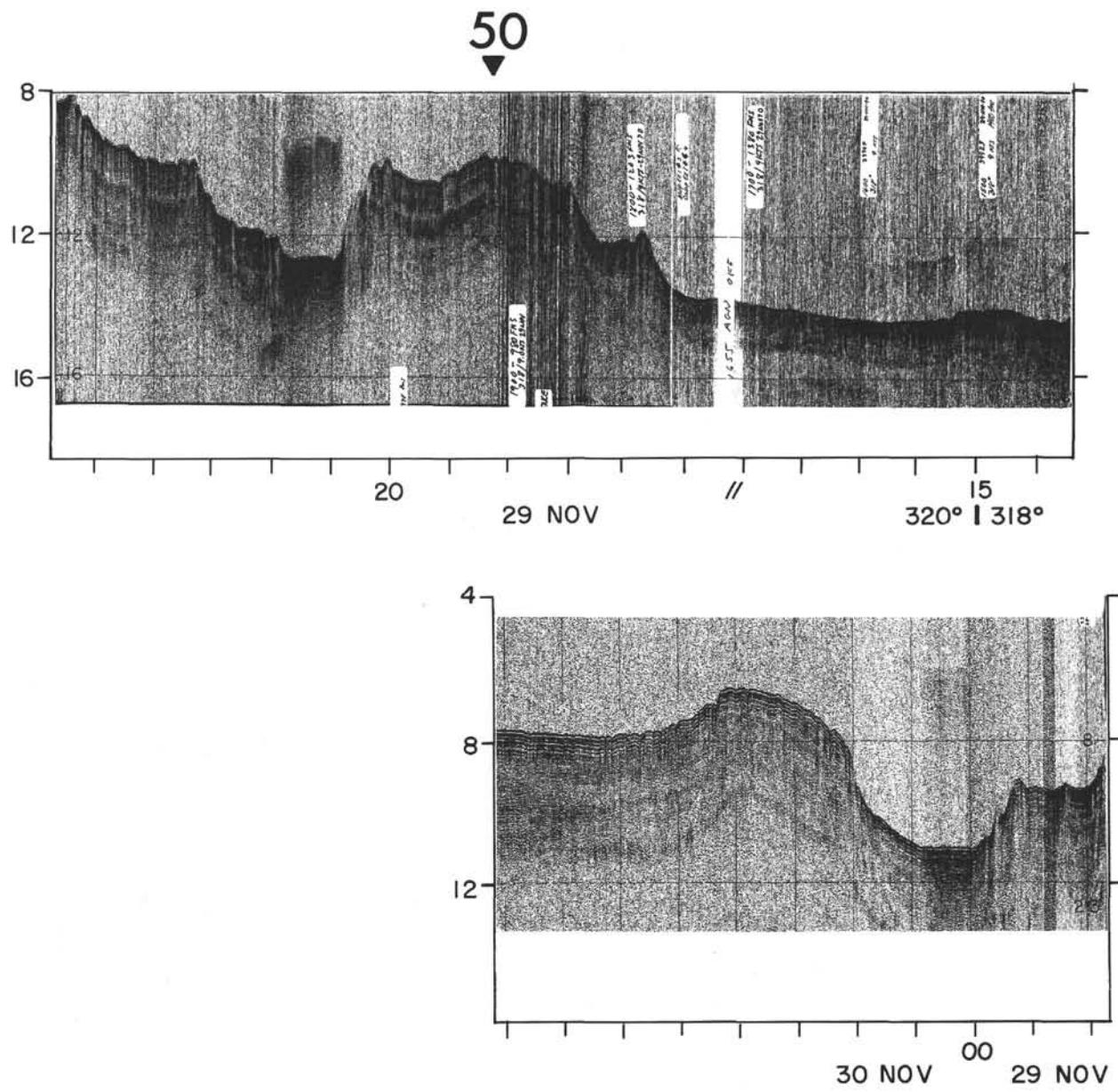


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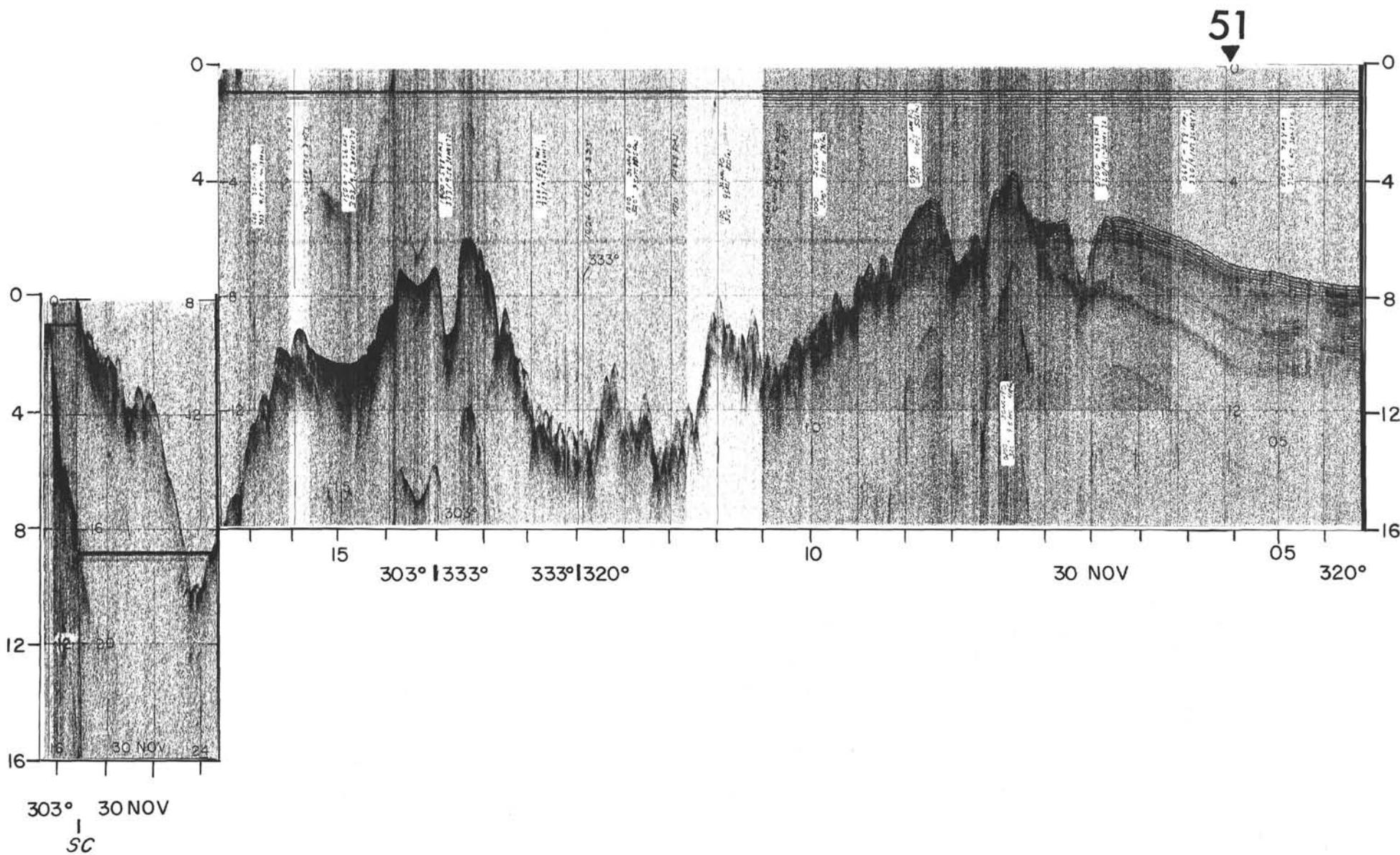


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