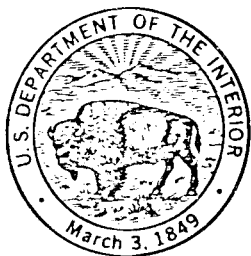


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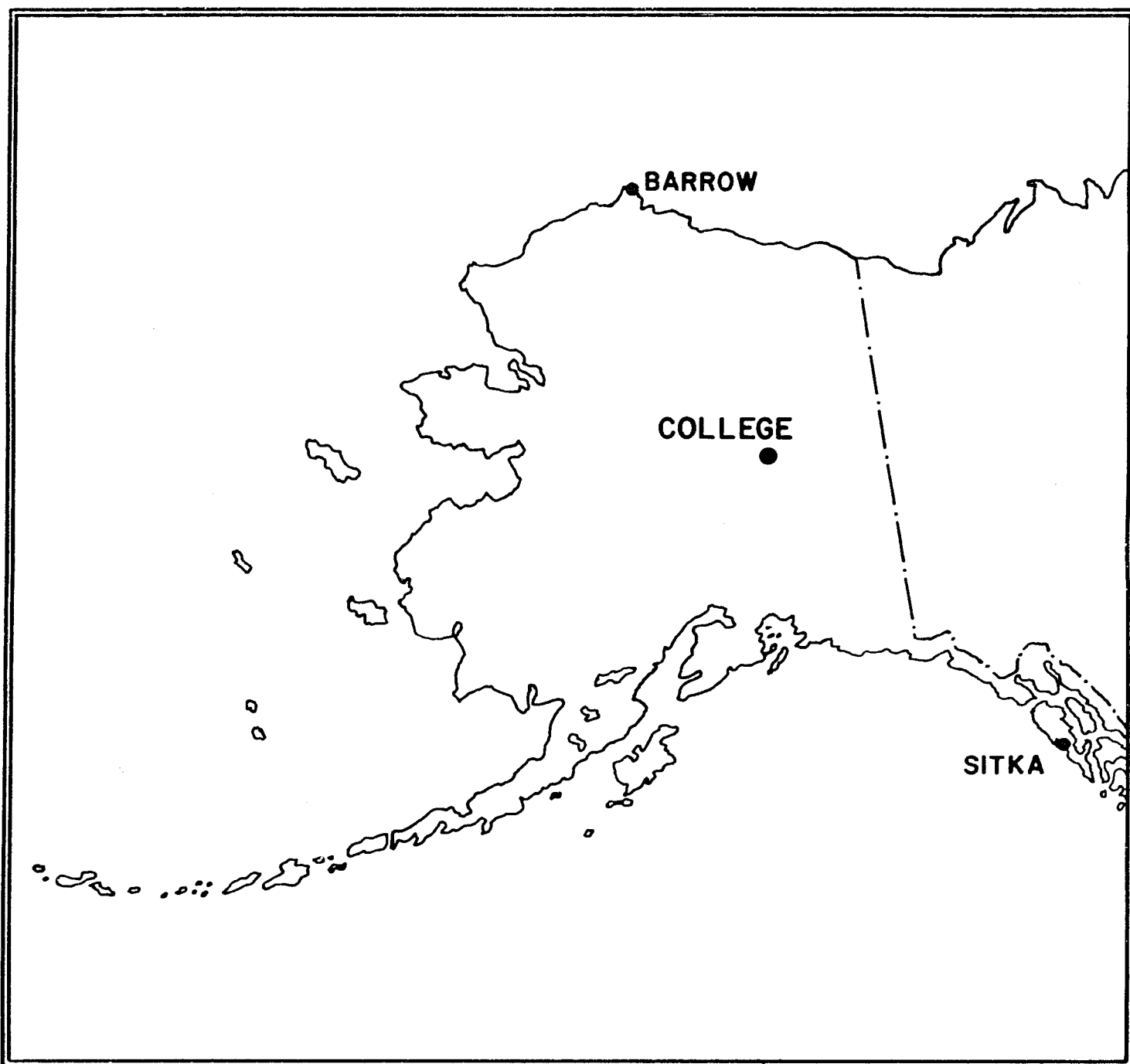
PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA COLLEGE OBSERVATORY FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



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COLLEGE OBSERVATORY PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

INTRODUCTION

The preliminary geomagnetic data included here is made available to scientific personnel and organizations, as part of a cooperative effort and on a data exchange basis because of the early need by some users. To avoid delay, all of the data is copied from original forms processed at the observatory; therefore it should be regarded as preliminary. Inquiries about this report or about the College Observatory should be addressed to:

Chief, College Observatory
U.S. Geological Survey
Yukon Drive on West Ridge
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Requests for copies of the magnetograms except for the current month should be addressed to:

World Data Center A-NOAA
Environmental Data Service
Boulder, Colorado 80302

GEOMAGNETIC DATA

Normal, Storm, and Rapid Run magnetograms and appropriate calibration data are processed daily at the observatory and are available for analysis or copying. Also available are mean hourly scalings, K-Indices, selected magnetic phenomena reports, and on a real-time basis are recordings from a 3-component fluxgate magnetometer and F-component proton magnetometer.

Magnetic Activity

The K-Index. The K-Index is a logarithmic measurement of the range of the most disturbed component (D or H) of the geomagnetic field for eight intervals beginning 0000-0300, 0300-0600...2100-2400 UT. It is a measure of the difference between the highest and lowest deviation from a smooth curve to be expected for a component on a magnetically quiet day, within a three hour interval.

The Equivalent Daily Amplitude, AK. The K-Index is converted into an equivalent range, ak, which is near the center of the limiting gamma ranges for a given K. The average of the eight values is called equivalent daily amplitude AK. The unit 10γ has been chosen so as not to give the illusion of an accuracy not justified.

The schedule for converting gamma range to K, and K to ak is as follows:

Gamma Range	K - Index	ak*
0 < 25	0	0
25 < 50	1	3
50 < 100	2	7
100 < 200	3	15
200 < 350	4	27
350 < 600	5	48
600 < 1000	6	80
1000 < 1650	7	140
1650 < 2500	8	240
2500+	9	400 (10γ)

The Magnetic Daily Character Figure, C. To each Universal day a character is assigned on the basis C=0, if it is quiet; C=1 if it is moderately disturbed; C=2 if it is greatly disturbed. The method used to assign characters at the College Observatory is based on AK as follows:

AK Range	C
0~11	0
11~50	1
50+	2

Routine assignment of C was discontinued at College on January 1, 1976.

OBSERVATORY LOCATION

The College Observatory, operated by the U. S. Geological Survey, is located at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska. It is near the Auroral Zone and the northern limit of the world's greatest earthquake belt, the circum-Pacific Seismic belt. Although the observatory's basic operation is in geomagnetism and seismology, it cooperates with other scientists and organizations in areas where the facility and personnel can be of service.

The observatory is one of three operated by the USGS in Alaska. The others are located at Barrow and Sitka.

The position of the observatory site is:

Geographic latitude.....64°51.6'N
Geographic longitude.....147°50.2'W
Geomagnetic latitude.....+64.6°
Geomagnetic longitude.....+256.5°
Elevation.....200 meters

Selected Phenomena & Outstanding Magnetic Effects

Prior to January 1, 1976, the Normal & Rapid Run records were reviewed at the observatory for selected magnetic phenomena and the events identified were forwarded to the IUGG Commission on Magnetic Variations and Disturbances. This was discontinued on January 1, 1976, but a report on Outstanding Magnetic Effects is prepared monthly for this report.

Principal Magnetic Storms

Gradual and sudden commencement magnetic disturbances with at least one K-Index of 5 or greater, which are believed to be part of a world-wide disturbance, are classified as principal magnetic storms. The time of the storm beginning and ending; direction and amplitude of sudden commencements; period of maximum activity; and storm range are reported. Monthly reports of these data are forwarded to the World Data Center A in Boulder, Colorado.

Magnetogram Hourly Scalings

Magnetogram hourly scalings are averages for successive periods of one hour for the D, H, and Z elements. The value in the column headed "01" is the average for the hour beginning 0000 and ending 0100. Note that the values on the scaling sheets are in tenths of mm with the decimal point omitted. The user of these scalings should keep in mind that the tabular values are hourly means and if he is interested in the detailed morphology of the magnetic field, he should refer directly to the magnetograms.

Magnetograms

The normal magnetograms in this report are reproduced at about one-third the size of the originals. Preliminary base-line values and scale values adopted for use with the original magnetograms are included. For days when the magnetic field is too disturbed for the Normal magnetogram to be readable, Storm magnetograms are reproduced.

Absolutes, Base-lines, and Scale Values

To determine the absolute value of the magnetic field from the hourly means or from point scalings the following equations should be used:

$D = B_D + d \cdot S_D$; $H = B_H + h \cdot S_H$; $Z = B_Z + z \cdot S_Z$
where D, H, and Z are absolute values;
 B_D , B_H and B_Z are base-line values;
 S_D , S_H and S_Z are scale values;
and d, h, and z are scalings in millimeters.

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MAGNETIC ACTIVITY (Greenwich civil time, counted from midnight to midnight)																				MONTH AND YEAR AUGUST 1979									
DATE		K-INDICES										AK	TIME SCALE ON MAGNETOGRAMS 20 mm/hr																
		00-03	03-06	06-09	09-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-24	SUM																			
1		0	0	0	2	5	4	3	2	16	13	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m																	
2		2	3	3	4	2	4	1	1	20	13																		
3		3	3	4	4	4	3	2	2	25	18																		
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K SCALE USED: LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9..... CURRENT SCALE VALUE..... LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9										D 683.8 3.75 2560		H 321.7 7.79 2510		Z		(mm) (γ/mm) (to nearest 10γ)													
SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.																													
APPROVED <u>JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY</u>																													
OBSERVER IN CHARGE																													

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS			OBSERVATORY COLLEGE, ALASKA	
			MONTH AUGUST	YEAR 1979
DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS	
18	09XX	pi2		
20	0626	si	(with pc5s present)	
22	01XX	pc5		
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1. NATURE OF PHENOMENON: ssc, ssc*, si, si*, b, bp, bs, bps, pc1, pc2 - - - pc5, pg, pi 1, pi 2, sfe.

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PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA

Data from Individual Observatories:

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ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80502 U.S.A.

Obs. 2 letter IAGA code	Geomag. lat.	Commencement			SC - amplitudes			Max. 3 hr - index K			Ranges			UT End	
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		18	21XX	20	7	8	278	2130	690	21	13
		25	07XX	25	4, 5	6	159	1090	620	25	23
		29	03XX	29	6	7	345	1780	1160	30	13

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NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 8-1-79	2400 U.T., 8-31-79	1.0/mm	3.88/mm	27° 47.4 E
H	0000 U.T., 8-1-79	2400 U.T., 8-31-79	7.88/mm		127768
Z	0000 U.T., 8-1-79	2400 U.T., 8-31-79	7.38/mm		551638

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 8-1-79	2400 U.T., 8-31-79	7.8/mm	29.78/mm	23° 48.5 E
H	0000 U.T., 8-1-79	2400 U.T., 8-31-79	44.08/mm		115398
Z	0000 U.T., 8-1-79	2400 U.T., 8-31-79	48.68/mm		540218

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		
D					
H					
Z					

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*					
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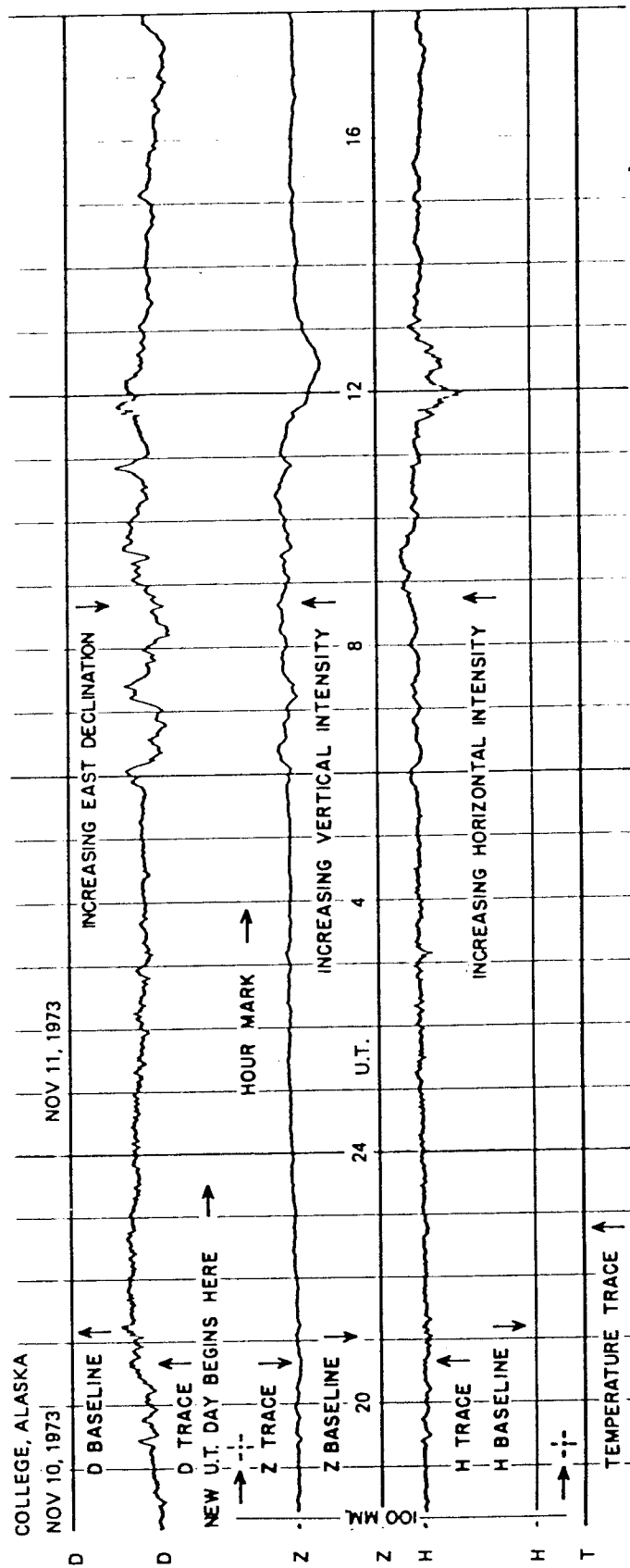
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DAYS USED: AUG 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS
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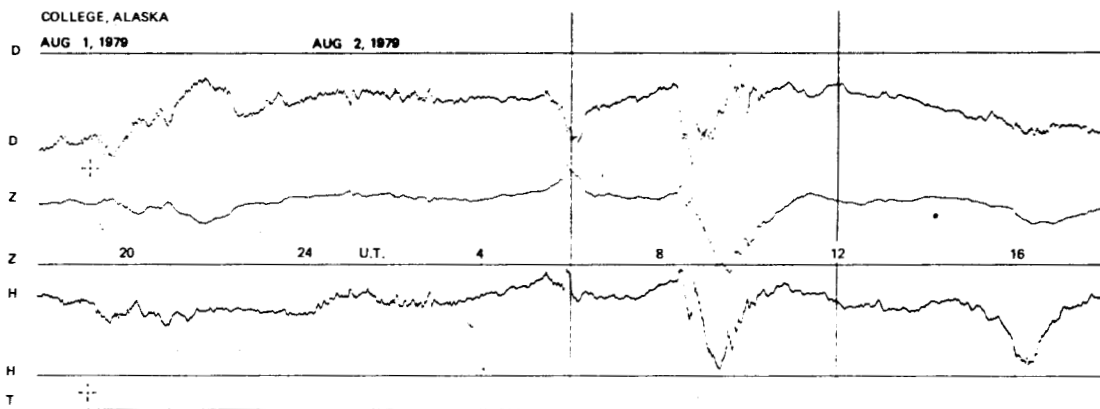
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FORMAT FOR NORMAL & STORM MAGNETOGRAMS (SAMPLE ONLY)



SEE PRELIMINARY CALIBRATION DATA FOR SCALE VALUES & BASELINE VALUES

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAMS

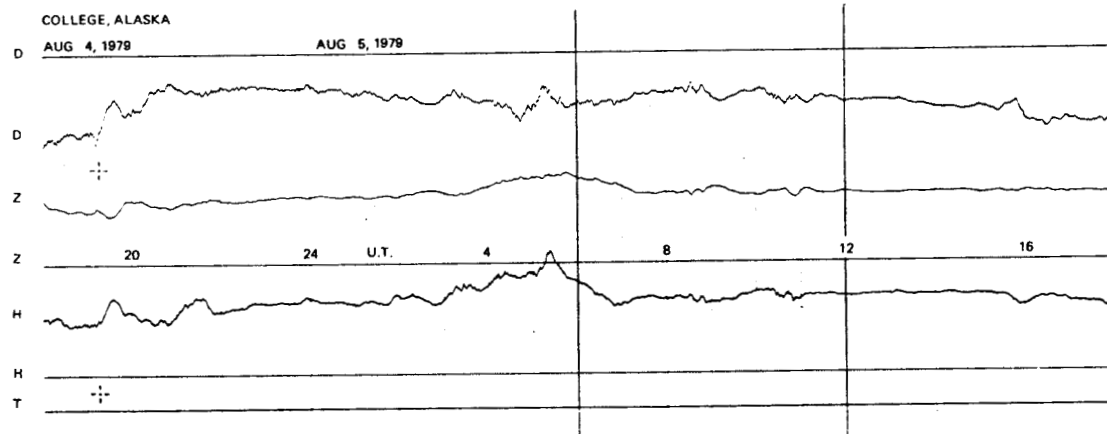
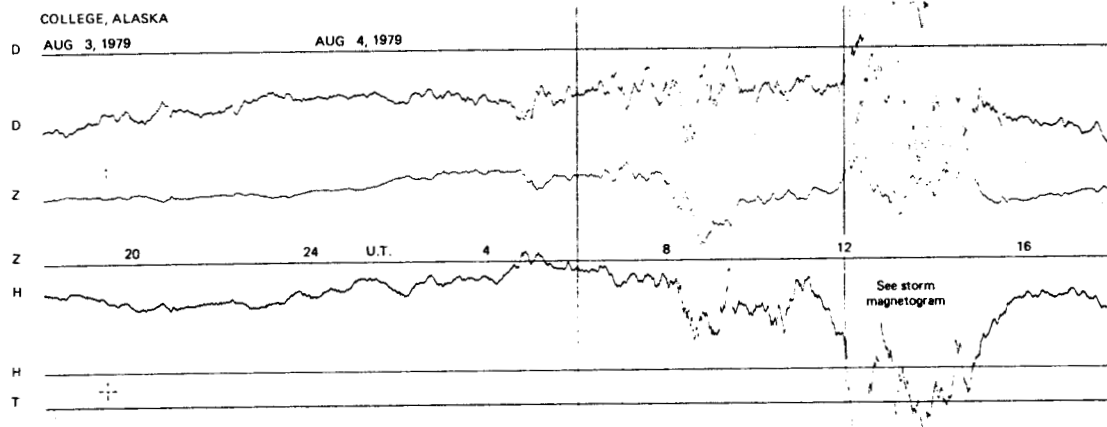


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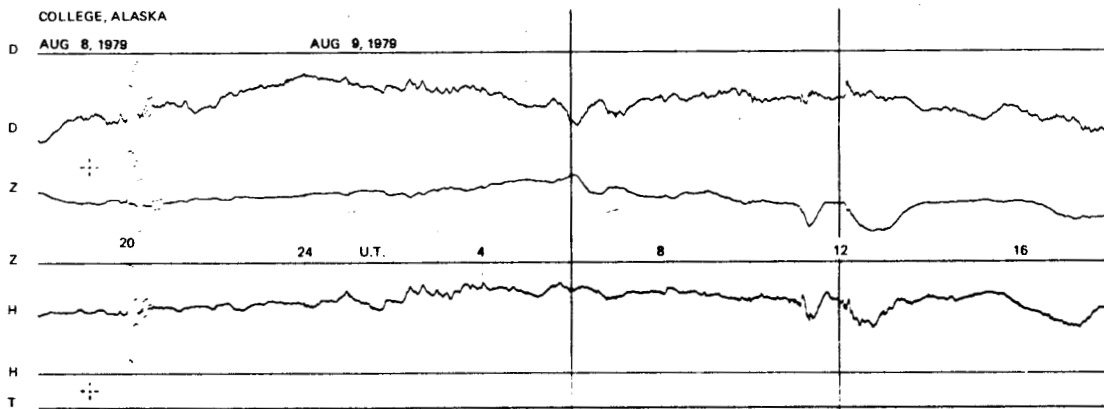
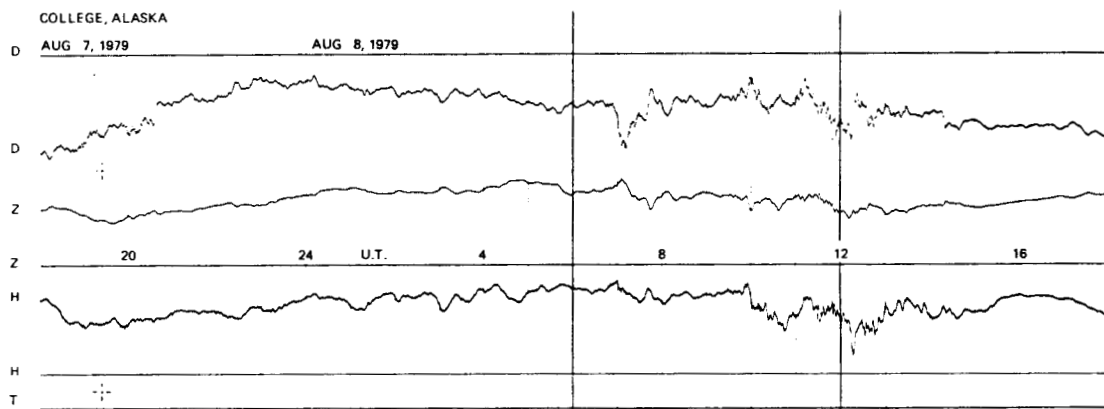
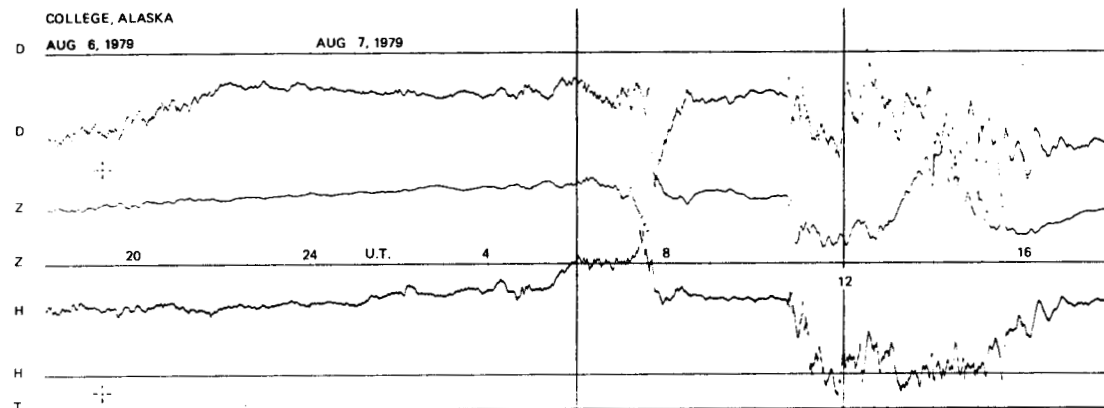
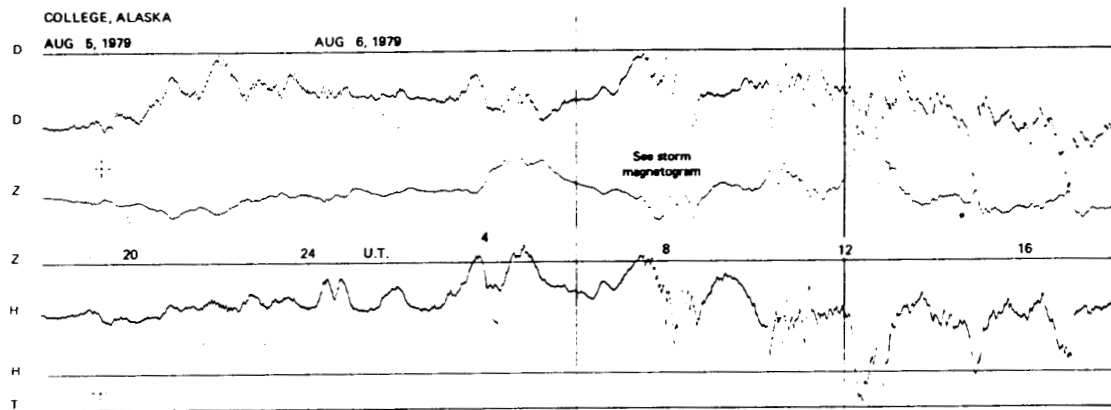
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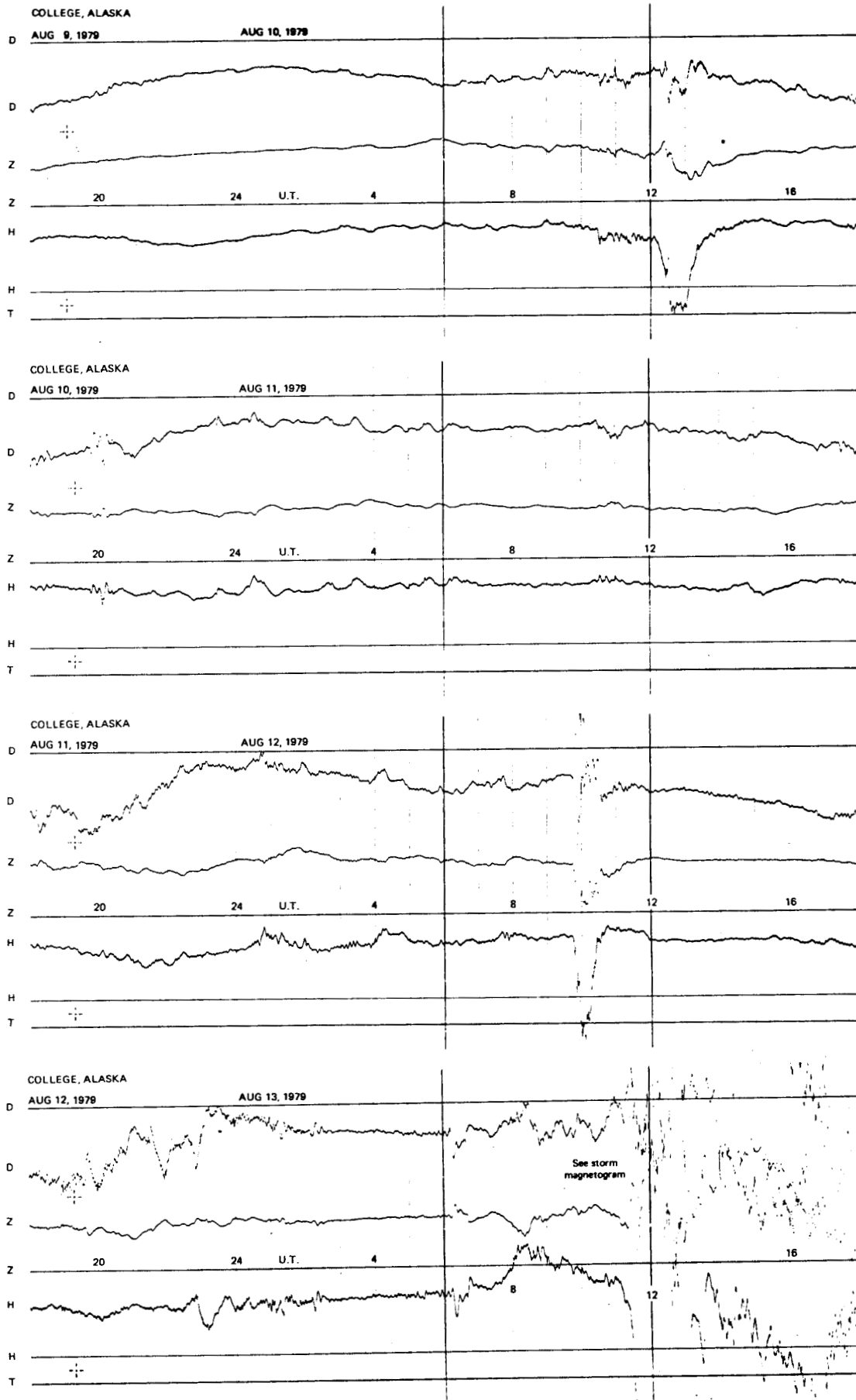
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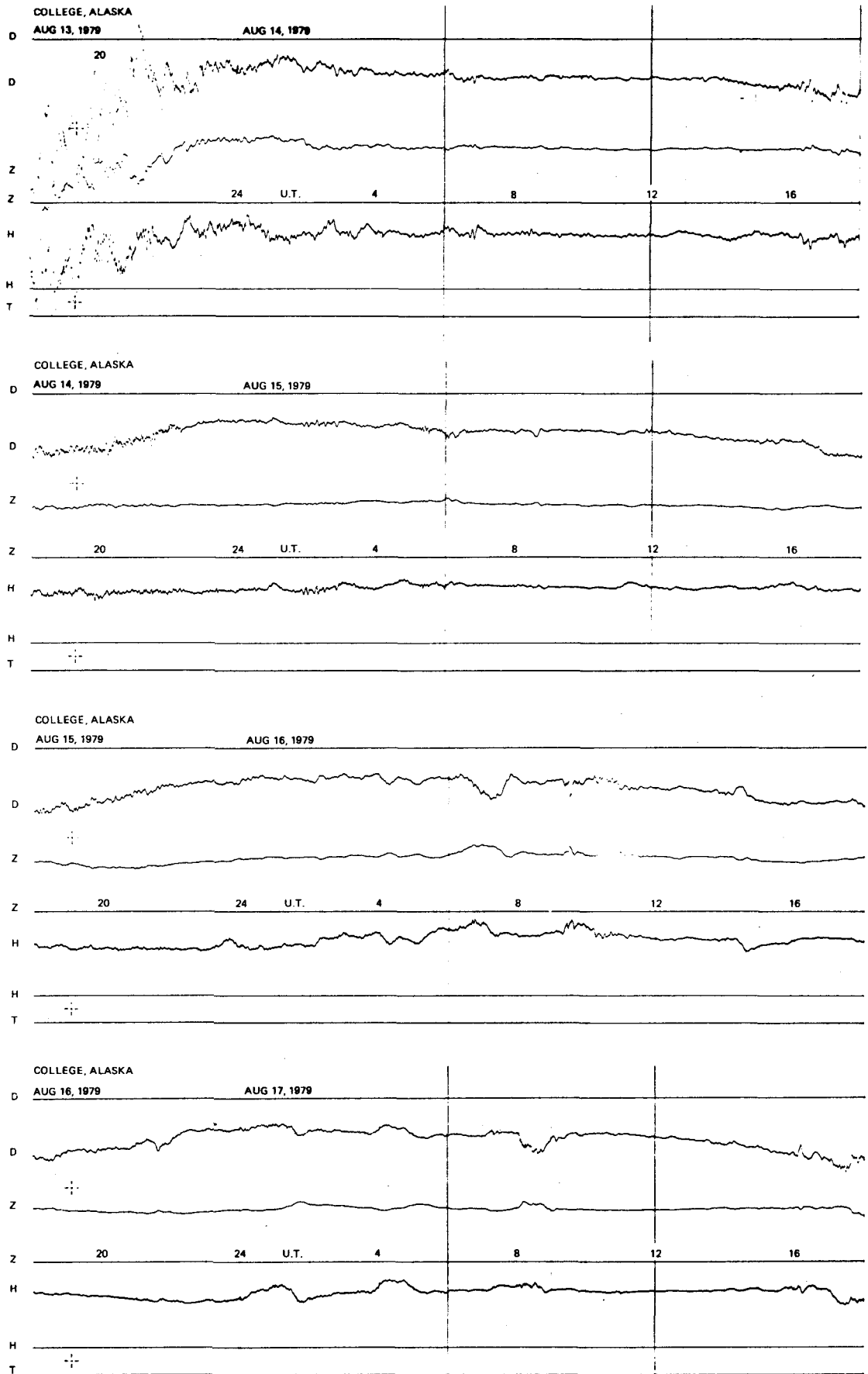
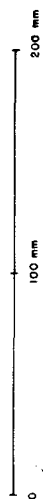
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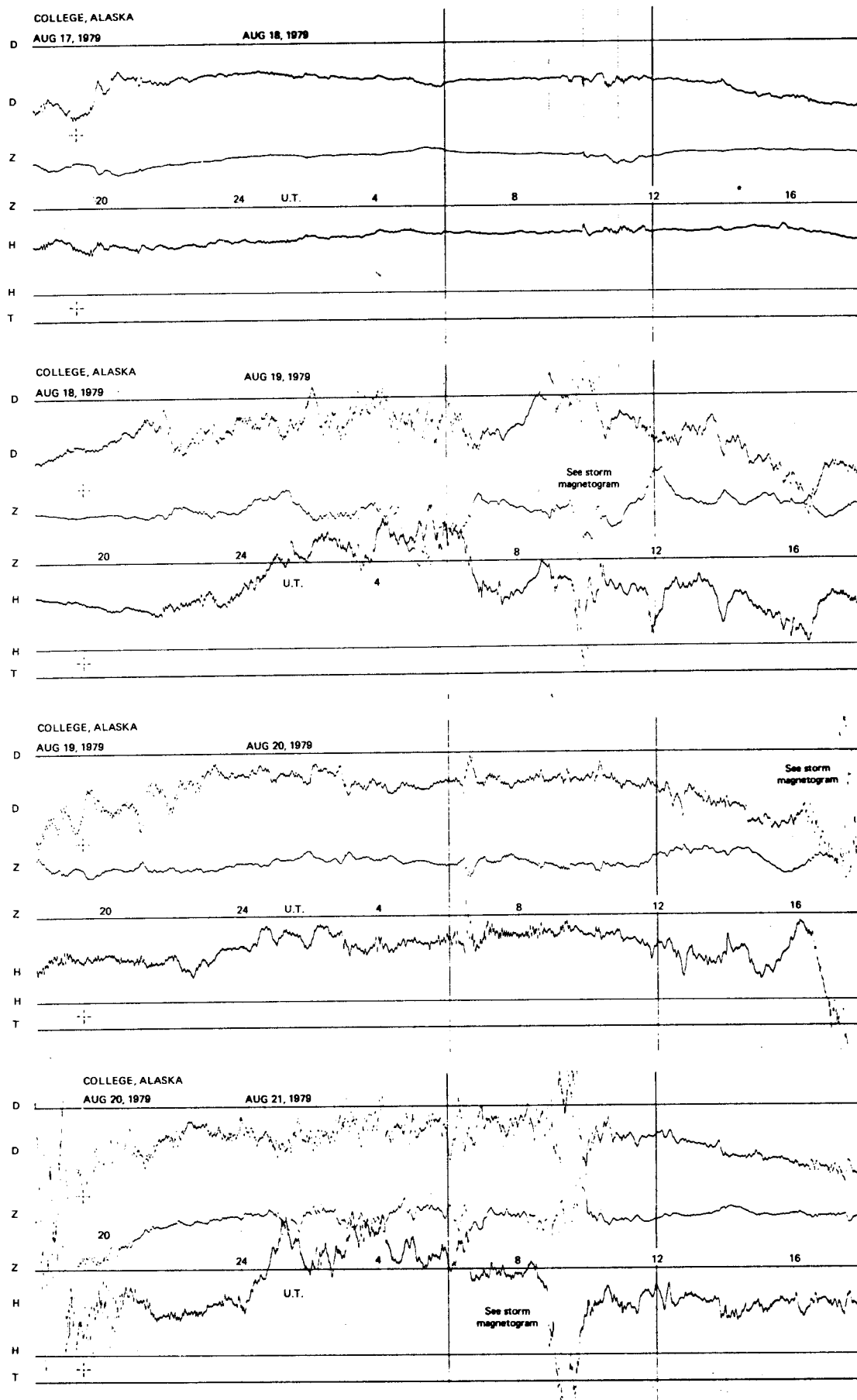
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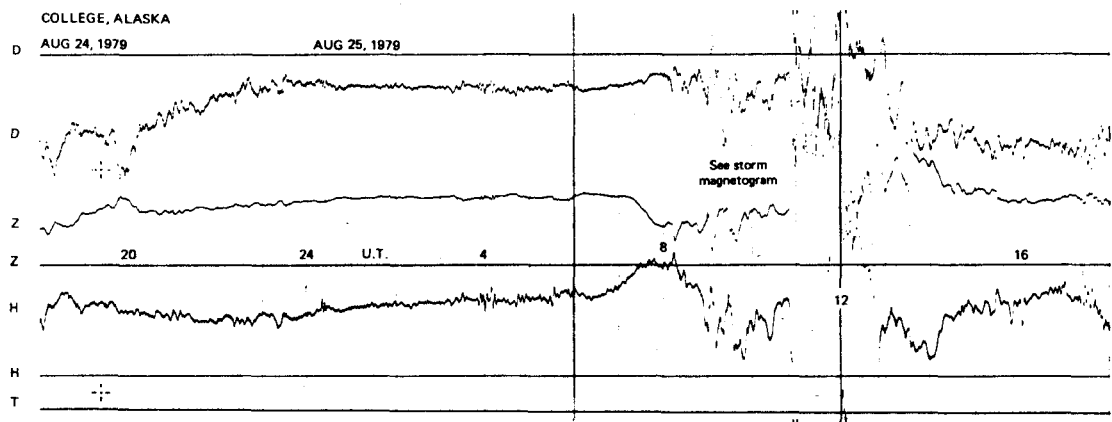
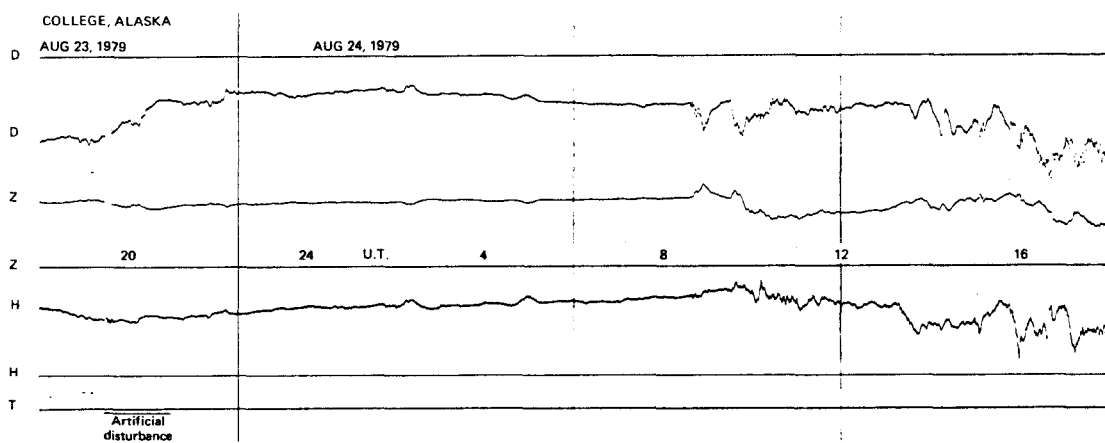
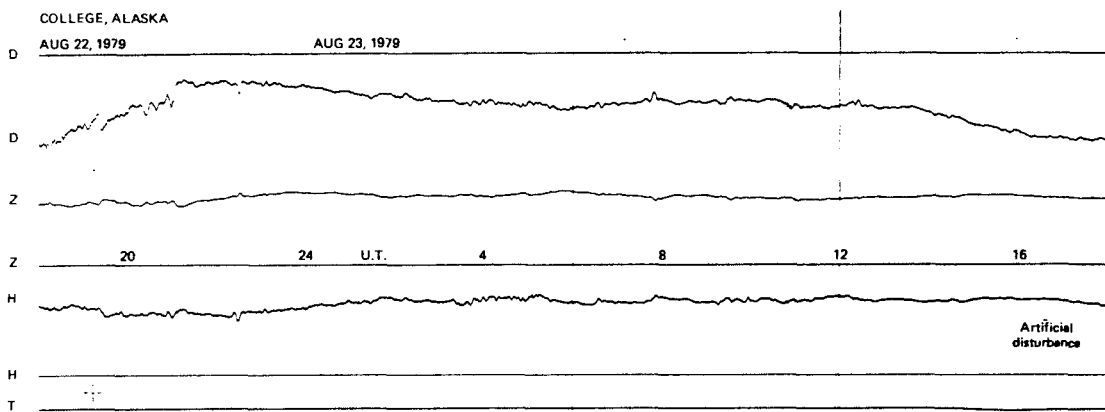
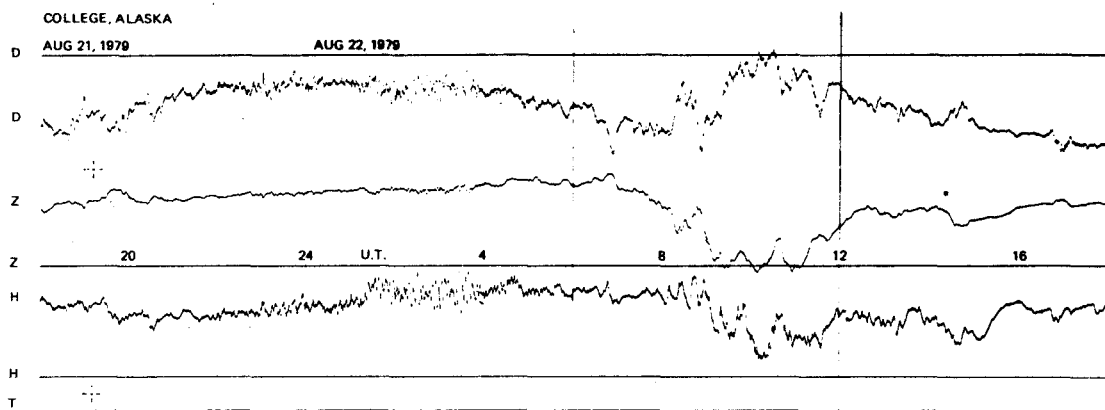


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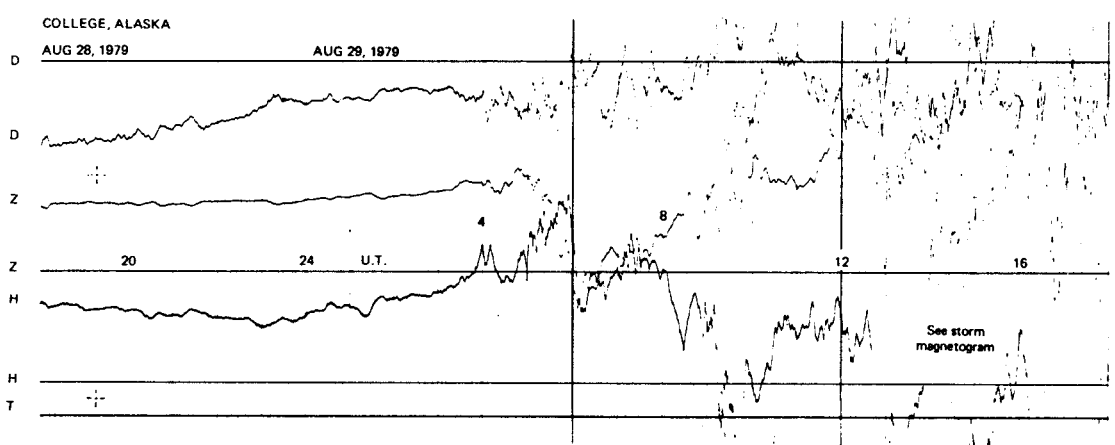
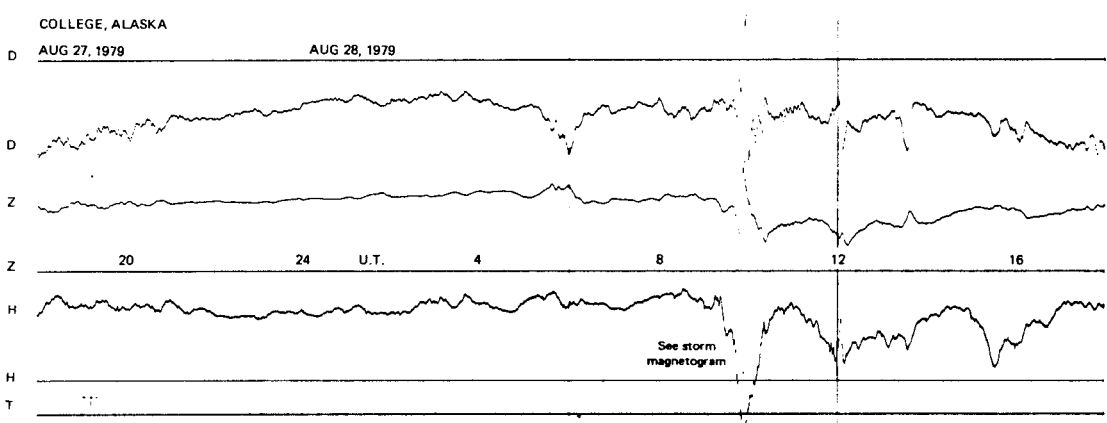
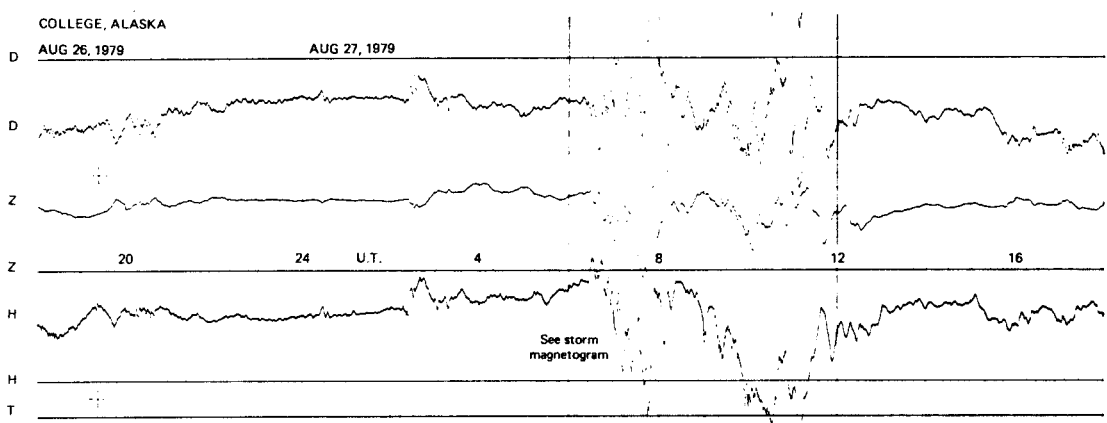
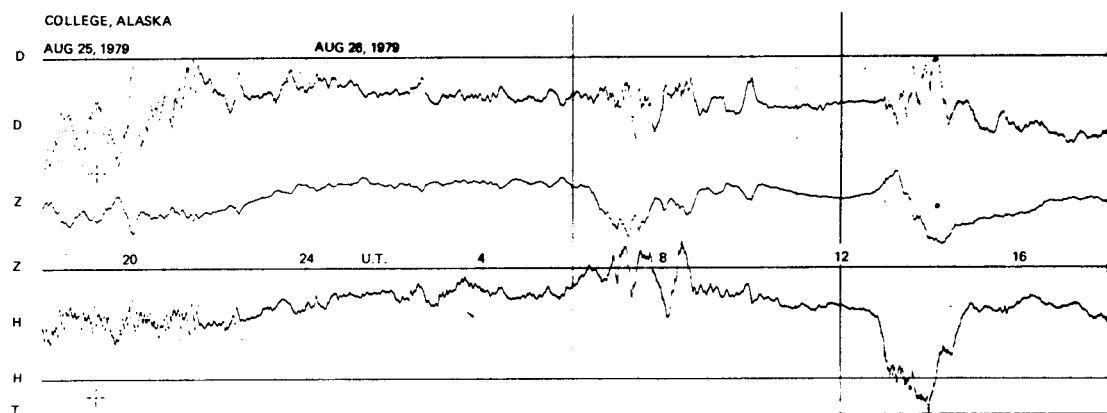


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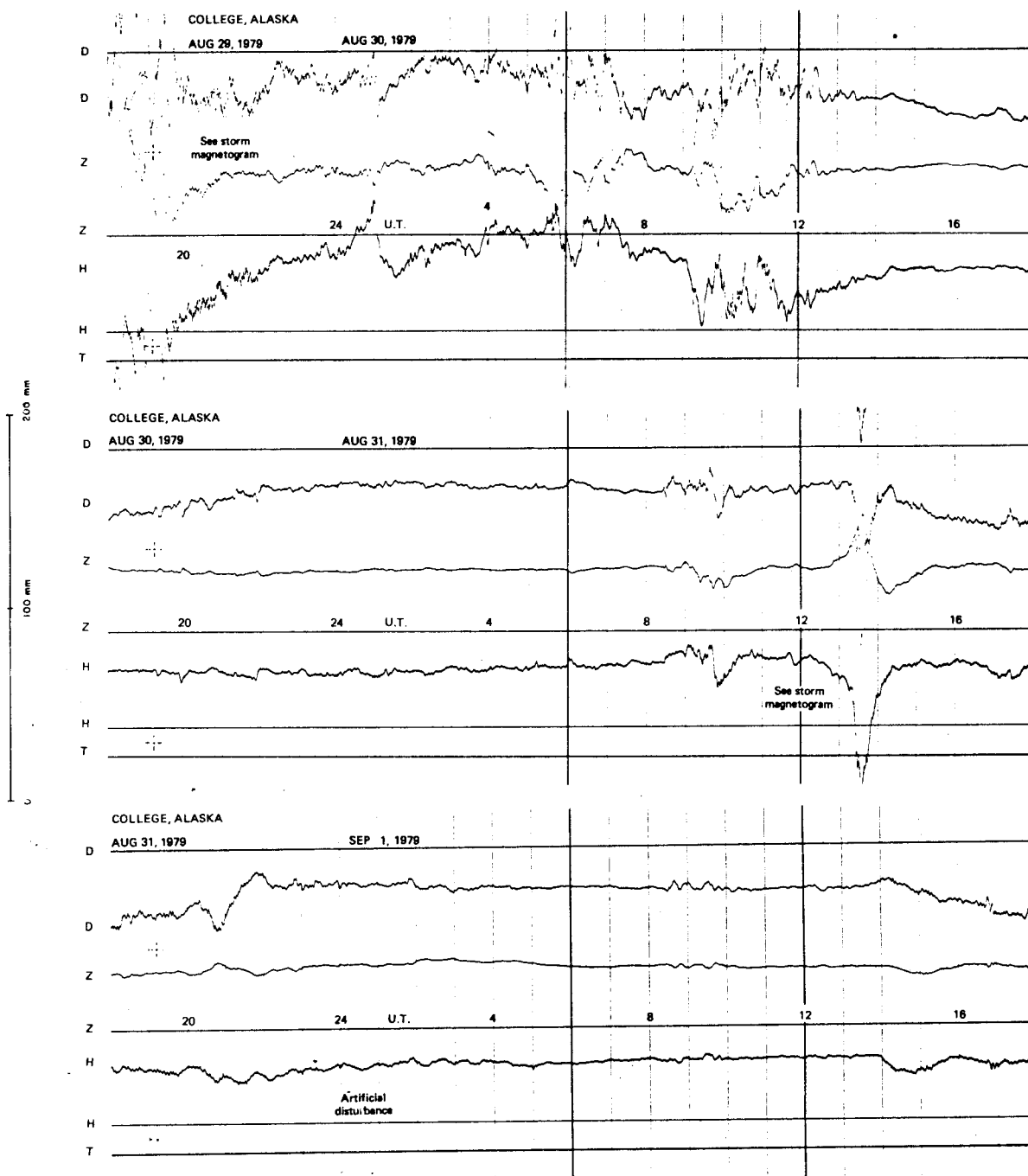
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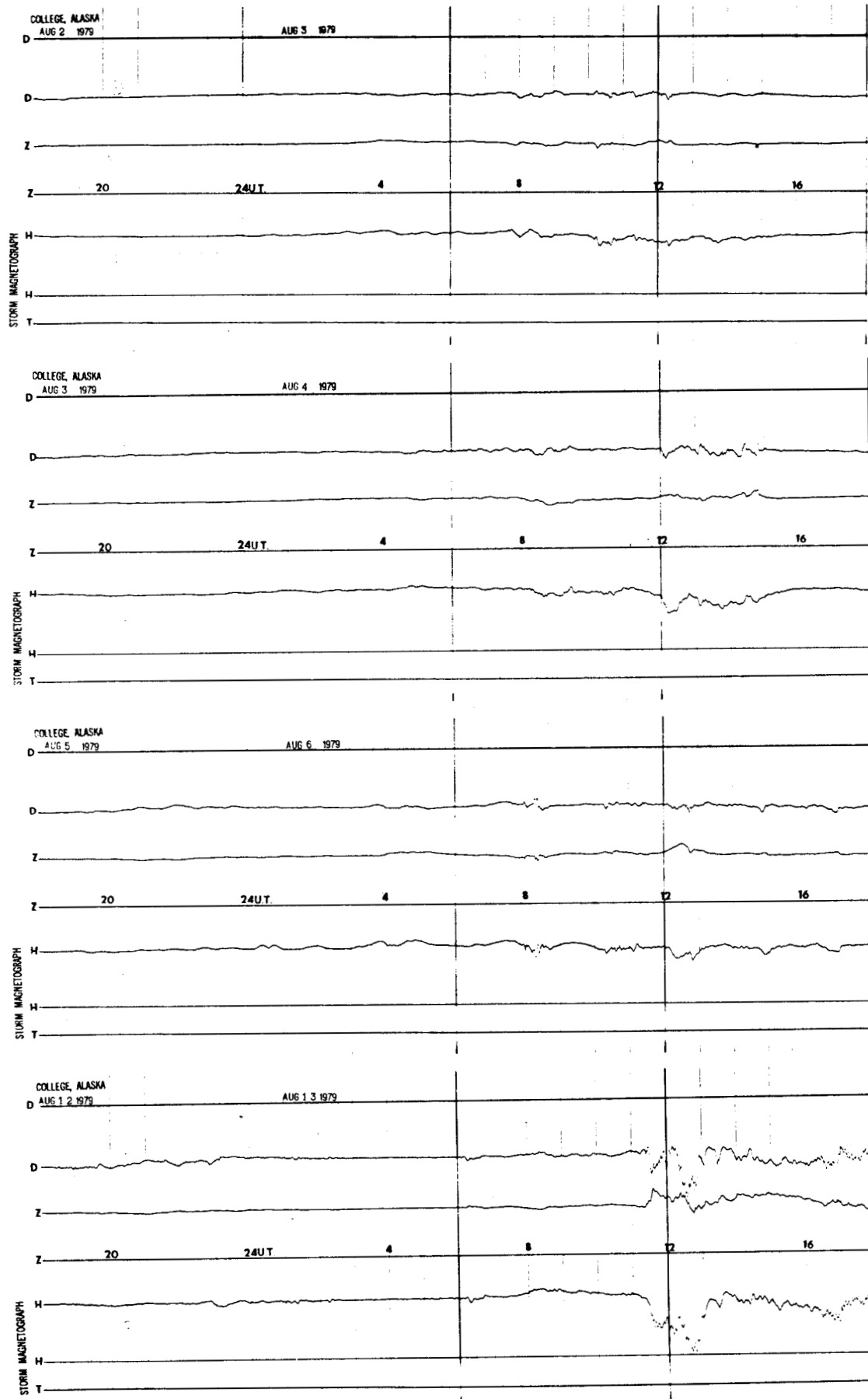
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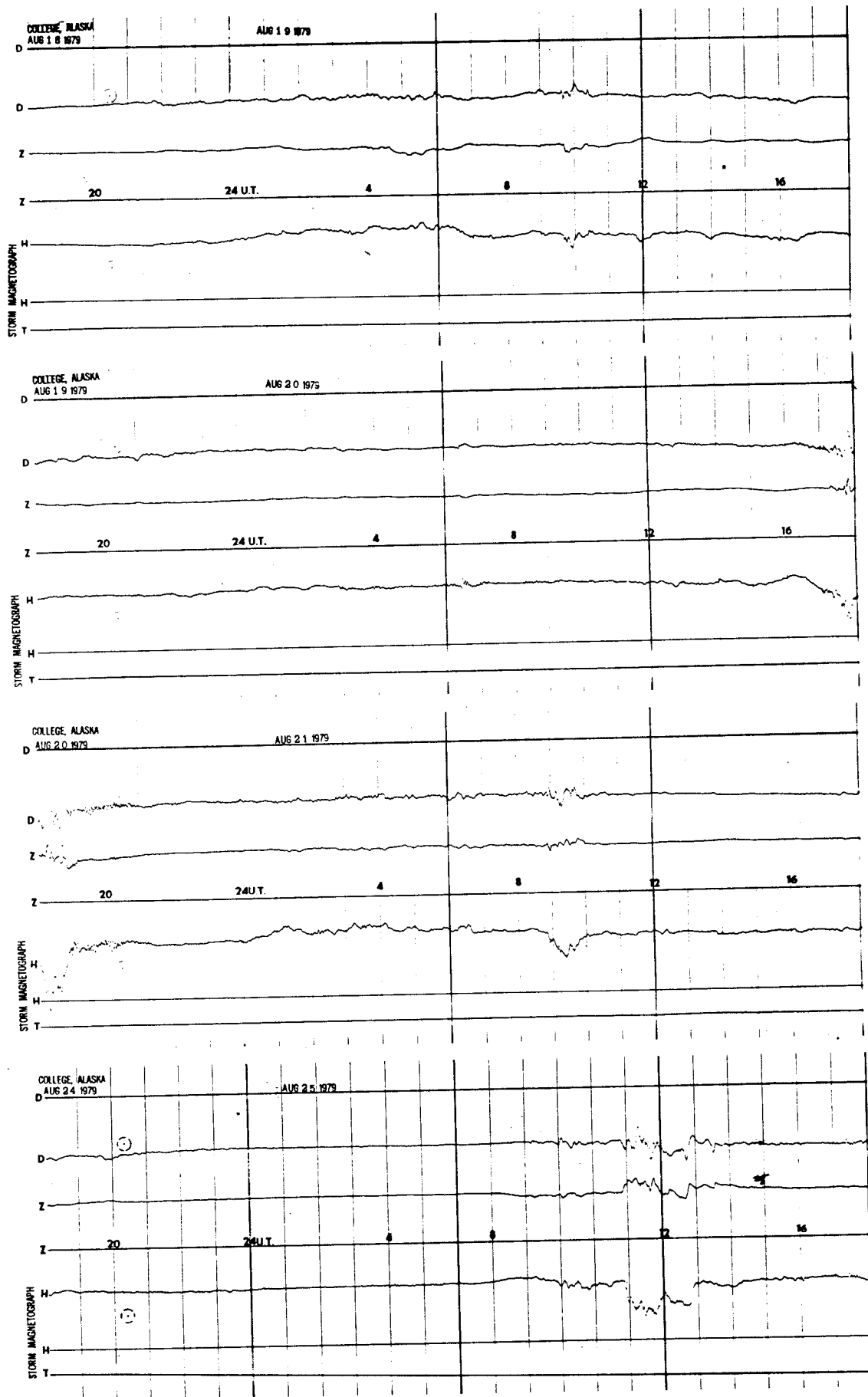


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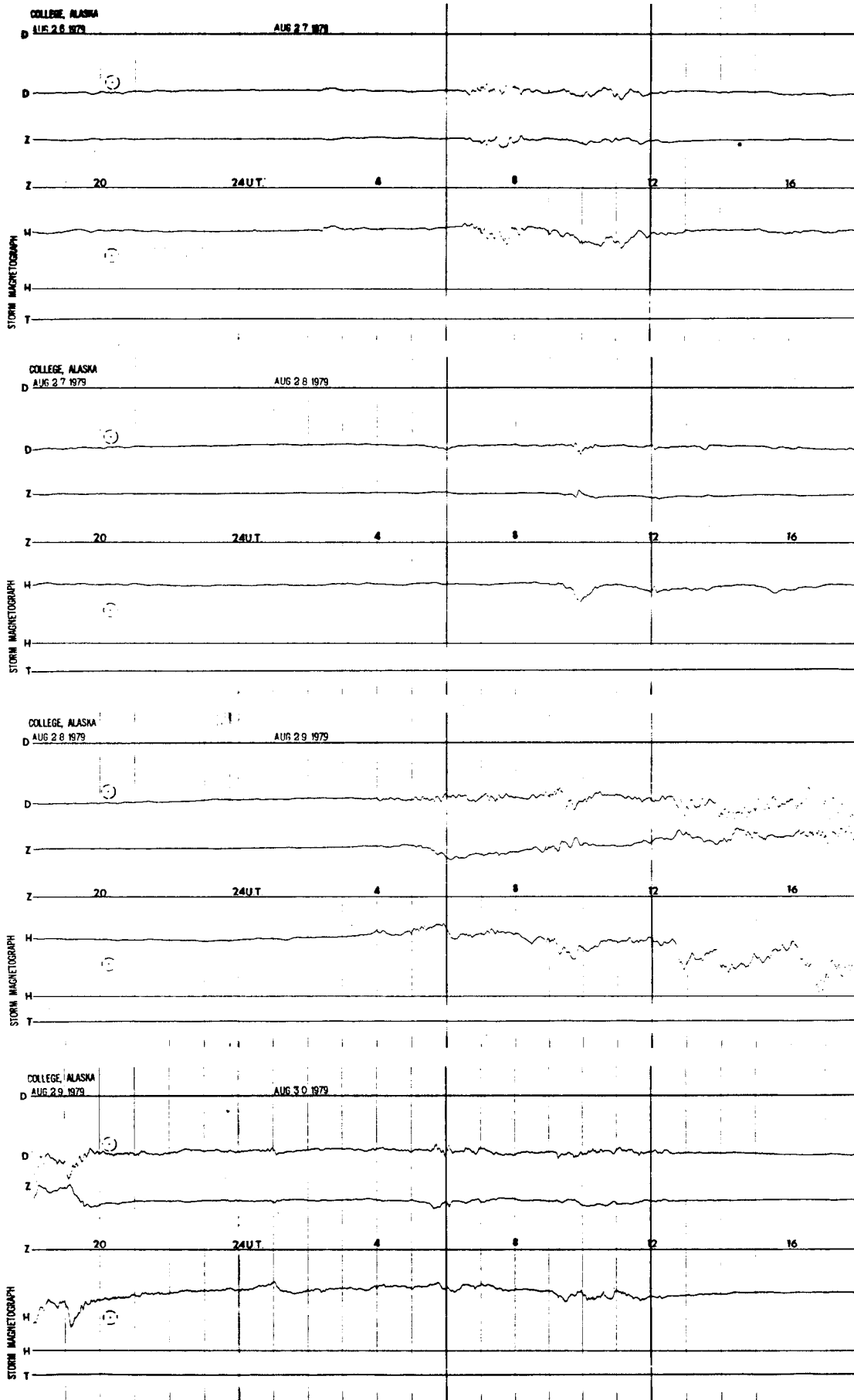
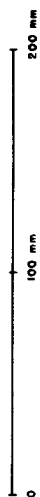


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