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JOINT USAF/NOAA PRIMARY REPORT OF SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY
ISSUED 2200Z 24 MARCH 1980

IA. ALTHOUGH SOLAR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LOW, OCCASIONAL SMALL FLARES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED FROM RANDOM SOURCES. NO MAJOR CHANGES IN THE DISK REGIONS ARE APPARENT. REGION 2339 (S25W65) IS PROBABLY STILL AS LIKELY A CANDIDATE FOR SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY AS ANY REGION ON THE DISK. LIMB PROXIMITY IS PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS APPARENT DECAY AND SIMPLIFICATION BUT THE PLAGE REMAINS MODERATELY BRIGHT AND WELL ORGANIZED. THE SECOND MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE IS REGION 2341 (N13W19). 2341 IS ALSO MODERATELY BRIGHT AND WELL STRUCTURED IN H-ALPHA AND THE SPOT GROUP HAS DEVELOPED PE NUBRA AT BOTH ENDS MAKING IT A SMALL CLASS "D" GROUP. EQUALLY INTERESTING AS 2341 IS REGION 2346 (N06E04). THIS REGION HAS DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN WHITE LIGHT BUT STRUCTURAL CHANGES HAVE LEAD TO A REALIGNMENT IN THE NEUTRAL LINE WHICH RESULTED IN SEVERAL SHARP KINKS CROWDED BY BRIGHT PLAGE SEGMENTS. OTHER VISIBLE CHANGES HAVE BEEN SMALL.

IB. SOLAR ACTIVITY SHOULD CONTINUE AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL WITH "M" CLASS XRAY BURSTS ONLY A SLIGHT THREAT.

II. THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD IS QUIET. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE EXPECTED.

III. EVENT PROBABILITIES 25 - 27 MARCH

CLASS M 25/25/25

CLASS X 01/01/01

PREDICTON 01/01/01

PCAF GREEN

IV. OTTAWA 10.7 CM FLUX

OBSERVED 24 MAR 173

PREDICTED 25 - 27 MAR 177/179/179

90-DAY MEAN 24 MAR 192

V. GEOMAGNETIC INDICES

OBSERVED FREDERICKSBURG 23 MAR 05

ESTIMATED AFR/AP 24 MAR 07/08

PREDICTED AFR/AP 25 - 27 MAR 09/12 07/10 07/08

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