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SUBJECT: Cruise Report - FM-24

The R/V Fred H. Moore cruise FM-24 took place on 20 March through 2 April, 1984. The primary purpose of the cruise was to collect OBS refraction data from five 90-km lines in the western Gulf of Mexico. The experiment was a part of our continuing study of the deep crustal structure in the Gulf of Mexico using large capacity airguns as seismic sources and ocean bottom seismometers as signal detectors, and was conducted in similar fashion as the preceding ones during the Fred H. Moore cruise FM-17, 19, 20-02 and 22. As was the last cruise, this cruise was supported by a single industrial sponsor. In addition to the OBS data, we also acquired multichannel reflection data from a 5-channel streamer and sonobuoys for the same five lines.

The cruise was generally quite successful. Except for a 24-hour delay of the last line due to weather conditions and a reshoot of one of the earlier lines because of instrumental malfunctions, the experiment went smoothly as planned. A total of 26 OBS deployments, including three of a new 3-component unit, were made instead of 21 as originally planned. All were recovered successfully on time, and 22 of them recorded data as programmed. The weather delay and the reshoot added two extra days to the originally planned 11-day cruise, making it a 13-day cruise.

In addition to deploying four vertical component OBS's per line as before, we also deployed a newly developed 3-component OBS with gimbal-mounted 4.5 Hz matched geophones on the three final lines. The data quality from this new instrument appears excellent. In fact, since the data looked so good, we decided to deploy the instrument three times instead of once as originally planned. Another thing we tried for the first time during the cruise was to produce easily interpretable plots of the acquired data on board. A program to plot filtered, static corrected and amplitude gained variable-area record sections in linear distance scale was written during the cruise, and all of the acquired data were plotted before we left the ship in Freeport. The overall quality of the data as seen on these plots looks better than those for the last cruise. This may be due to the difference in the property of sediments in these two areas.

The following personnel participated in the scientific party:

Chief Scientist:	Yosio Nakamura
Deputy Chief Scientist:	Bill O'Brien
OBS Operation:	Phil Roper, Paul McPherson, Mike Butterfield
Navigation:	Dale Sawyer, Kevin MacKenzie, Susan Walker
Multichannel/Electronics:	Ken Griffiths
Airgun Operation:	Oscar Febres-Cordero, George Pearcy
Laboratory Assistants:	Joe Ebeniro, Chris Bennett

As usual, the ship's crew performed admirably. The ship track was maintained excellently; the ship was positioned perfectly for deployment and recovery of OBS's; any problems with ship board equipment were quickly fixed; radio communications with other ships, especially with other seismic ships, were handled cordially; and we had excellent meals on board.

The navigation team, headed by Dale Sawyer with two new members, did an excellent job maintaining ship track and timing for shooting and turning, and to keep good records of navigation data. The OBS team was especially grateful for their consideration in positioning the ship for easier deployment of OBS's from the aft deck in rough seas.

There were some recurring problems with the airguns, but both Oscar and George worked very hard to maintain mostly excellent performance of the guns. I often wondered if Oscar had enough time to sleep because he appeared to be working on those guns all the time.

The OBS team also showed their usual excellence. Despite instrumental malfunctions on some OBS's on earlier lines, they quickly recovered to achieve 100% data acquisition on the last 10 deployments, and only one failure in the last 20 deployments. The success of the experiment was due especially to Phil Roper, who is recuperating from a recent operation but nevertheless decided to participate in the cruise, and to Paul McPherson, who worked hard despite an eye problem that developed during the cruise.

The problem of interference with other seismic ships in the area was greatly reduced this time compared with the last cruise (FM-22). Radio communications with other seismic ships during the planned shooting of the first five lines were smooth and pleasant. This, I believe, was due mainly to the effort of the Institute administration before the cruise to circumvent problems. Only exception was the reshoot of one of the lines, which was not on our original plan. We heard complaints from other seismic ships, but it was too late to do anything but keep shooting though we were asked if we would time share with them.

Most of the problems we encountered during the cruise FM-22 had been solved before this cruise:

- (1) The newly installed filters on the ship's water lines were apparently working very well in providing us with drinking water of much better quality than before. I did not hear any complaints about water quality this time.

- (2) The small (11 inch) Versatec printer-plotter for the PDP 11/34 had been fixed. This greatly increased our efficiency in plotting and printing data on board.
- (3) The doppler sonar, which was repaired during the last cruise, but after the completion of our experiment, was in good working order during this cruise. We obtained excellent SATNAV fixes on all of our lines for estimating additional secondary correction factors (ASF's) for LORAN-C TD's for absolute locations. The results are given in Table 4.
- (4) The shortage of support personnel in the lab area was solved by having two graduate students on board this time. Joe Ebeniro was especially helpful in processing the acquired data on board. He was so efficient that the processed data to be delivered to the sponsor were complete before we returned to Freeport. We did not need shore power in the dry dock to complete the processing, though we planned for it.

Two of the problems of the last cruise remained:

- (1) The data logger 'bombed' again. This happened twice during crucial times while we were shooting lines, losing 25 minutes and 44 minutes of valuable navigation data this time. I understand that the problem is in the software. I urge someone to look into this problem immediately.
- (2) The satellite clock on board Fred H. Moore was not only unreliable but out of order most of the time during this cruise. Although the one used for the OBS calibration can substitute for it in certain cases, the OBS operation suffers when it is 'borrowed' for an extended time, as it is at this moment till the Fred H. Moore returns. The unit has been back to the factory several times. This is about the time when we should try something different, such as acquiring a different clock.

A copy of the pre-cruise test plan is attached. All five lines were shot successfully at planned locations. The actual times of execution of each line except the first were slightly readjusted to accommodate a 30-minute increase in turning time between the primary and the reverse lines, and line 8 was delayed by 24 hours for bad weather. Line 7 was reshot after the end of line 8 with four OBS's in the southwestern half of the line. The 3-component OBS was deployed on lines 9 and 7-reshoot in addition to line 8.

A summary of activities during the cruise follows:

Tuesday, March 20

15:00	Departed Galveston UTIG pier on schedule
16:30	Conducted a fire drill

Wednesday, March 21

Line 6 Operation

05:06:53	Deployed OBS No. 1 (see Table 1 for location coordinates and water depth)
06:42:51	Deployed OBS No. 2
09:39:00	Deployed OBS No. 3

11:19:18 Deployed OBS No. 4
 11:49-12:34 Deployed 5-channel streamer
 13:30-14:00 Deployed airguns, slight delay because of trouble with port
 airgun chain
 14:00-41 Started shooting primary line, starting with shot No. 2 and
 about 1/3 mile passed the planned starting point. (see Table
 2 for coordinates and water depths)
 15:30:30 Deployed sonobuoy No. 1 (see Table 3 for location and water
 depth) -died shortly
 15:37:30 Deployed sonobuoy No. 2
 18:06:41 Deployed sonobuoy No. 3
 18:06-18:31 Data logger failed
 20:49:20 Deployed sonobuoy No. 4

Thursday, March 22

00:00:01 Completed primary line shooting on schedule
 01:00:01 Started shooting reverse section 1, still turning and about 3
 miles behind the planned starting point. Apparently, one hour
 for turning was not sufficient; decided to allow 1½ hours for
 later lines
 01:14 Trouble with one compressor - pressure reduced to about 1200 psi
 for both guns
 01:20 Shut down port gun to maintain 2000 psi on starboard gun
 01:27 Compressors back in operation
 04:30:01 Completed reverse section 1, about a mile short of planned end
 point
 04:43-04:52 Retrieved airguns for transit
 07:06-07:22 Redeployed airguns
 07:30:01 Started shooting reverse section 2, about a mile beyond the planned
 starting point
 11:00:01 Completed reverse section 2, about a mile beyond the planned end
 point
 11:01-11:17 Retrieved airguns
 11:30-11:56 Retrieved streamer
 12:26:31 OBS No. 4 surfaced
 12:36:00 Recovered OBS No. 4; data on tape
 14:11:35 OBS No. 3 surfaced
 14:15:15 Recovered OBS No. 3; no data
 17:07:03 OBS No. 2 surfaced
 17:14:40 Recovered OBS No. 2; data on tape
 18:59:35 OBS No. 1 surfaced
 19:05:56 Recovered OBS No. 1; data on tape

Friday, March 23Line 7 Operation

01:04:50 Deployed OBS No. 1
 02:27:52 Deployed OBS No. 2
 06:35:54 Deployed OBS No. 3
 07:57:47 Deployed OBS No. 4
 08:16-08:38 Deployed streamer
 09:34 Deployed airguns
 10:00:01 Started shooting primary line, right on schedule

Friday, March 23 (Cont.)

11:25	Deployed sonobuoy No. 5; dead
11:33	Deployed sonobuoy No. 6
14:09:20	Deployed sonobuoy No. 7; dead
14:17:30	Deployed sonobuoy No. 8; dead
14:25:30	Deployed sonobuoy No. 9; dead
14:32:30	Deployed sonobuoy No. 10; dead
14:42	Deployed sonobuoy No. 11; alive!!
16:55	Deployed sonobuoy No. 12
20:00:01	Completed primary line, 0.4 mile short of scheduled end point
21:30:01	Started reverse section 1 on schedule

Saturday, March 24

01:00:01	Completed reverse section 1, 0.2 mile beyond the planned end point
01:04-01:15	Retrieved airguns
03:35-03:40	Redeployed airguns
04:00:01	Started reverse section 2 on schedule
07:30:01	Completed reverse section 2, 0.6 mile beyond the planned end point
07:34-07:49	Retrieved airguns
08:10-08:38	Retrieved streamer
08:56:10	OBS No. 4 surfaced
09:13:30	Recovered OBS No. 4; data on tape
10:38:35	OBS No. 3 surfaced
10:43:20	Recovered OBS No. 3; data on tape
13:56:50	OBS No. 2 surfaced; late
14:02:34	Recovered OBS No. 2; no data
15:58:56	OBS No. 1 surfaced; late
16:04:45	Recovered OBS No. 1; no data

Line 10 Operation

21:17:04	Deployed OBS No. 1
22:46:26	Deployed OBS No. 2

Sunday, March 25

01:30:35	Deployed OBS No. 3
02:56:00	Deployed OBS No. 4
04:26-04:49	Deployed streamer
05:44-05:52	Deployed airguns
06:00:01	Started shooting primary line on schedule
07:30:30	Deployed sonobuoy No. 13
10:19:26	Deployed sonobuoy No. 14
12:36:19	Deployed sonobuoy No. 15; short lived
16:00:01	Completed primary line, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile short of planned end point
17:30:01	Started reverse section 1, $\frac{1}{3}$ mile inside of planned start point
18:45-19:29	Data logger out of order
19:15	Port gun retrieved for service
20:24	New port gun deployed
21:00:01	Completed reverse section 1, $\frac{2}{3}$ mile beyond planned end point
21:03-21:15	Retrieved airguns
23:28-23:37	Redeployed airguns
23:51	Retrieved port gun for service

Monday, March 26

00:00:01 Started reverse section 2 with one airgun, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile behind schedule
 00:41:31 Both guns in operation
 01:20-01:50 Port gun out of service for solenoid replacement
 03:29:31 Completed reverse section 2, 1.8 miles short of planned end point
 03:31 Retrieved airguns
 04:06-04:32 Retrieved streamer
 05:05:52 OBS No. 4 surfaced
 05:12:35 Recovered OBS No. 4; data on tape
 06:49:44 OBS No. 3 surfaced
 06:54:52 Recovered OBS No. 3; data on tape
 09:55:34 OBS No. 2 surfaced
 10:00:52 Recovered OBS No. 2; data on tape
 11:43:00 OBS No. 1 surfaced
 11:50:15 Recovered OBS No. 1; data on tape

Line 9 Operation

16:58:16 Deployed OBS No. 1
 18:25:31 Deployed OBS No. 2
 21:18:14 Deployed OBS No. 3A, 3-component
 21:21:10 Deployed OBS No. 3
 22:55:46 Deployed OBS No. 4

Tuesday, March 27

01:05-01:27 Deployed streamer
 02:30 Deployed airgun
 03:00:01 Started shooting primary line, $\frac{1}{3}$ mile behind schedule
 03:49-04:19 One compressor out of order; shot with one gun only
 04:38:11 Deployed sonobuoy No. 16; dead
 06:10-06:45 Starboard gun retrieved for service
 07:35 Port gun retrieved for service
 08:07 Deployed sonobuoy No. 17
 09:56 Port gun back in operation
 10:26 Retrieved starboard gun for service
 12:49 Starboard gun back in operation
 13:00:01 Completed primary line on schedule; the ship speed during this line was quite irregular because of frequent airgun service
 14:30:01 Started reverse section 1, $\frac{1}{3}$ mile behind schedule
 18:00:01 Completed reverse section 1, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile behind schedule
 18:14-18:24 Retrieved airguns for transit
 20:42-20:50 Redeployed airguns
 21:00:00 Started reverse section 2 on schedule
 22:06-22:10 Shot with one gun only for compressor repair

Wednesday, March 28

00:30:01 Completed reverse section 2 on schedule
 00:35-00:53 Retrieved airguns
 00:55-01:43 Retrieved streamers; winds were picking up and waves were getting higher, making operations increasingly difficult
 01:57:38 OBS No. 4 surfaced
 02:20:05 Recovered OBS No. 4; data on tape
 03:42:12 OBS No. 3 surfaced
 03:50:00 Recovered OBS No. 3; no data

Wednesday, March 28 (Cont.)

04:11:20 OBS No. 3A surfaced
 04:21:01 Recovered OBS No. 3A; data on tape
 07:17:31 OBS No. 2 surfaced
 07:41 OBS No. 2 recovery delayed because of repair on stuck rudder
 08:05:43 Recovered OBS No. 2; data on tape
 08:59 OBS No. 1 surfaced
 09:28:33 Recovered OBS No. 1; data on tape: the sea had increased to 14-15 feet and worsening conditions were forecast; decided to delay the line 8 operation; meanwhile, surveyed depth variations along line 8 for better OBS deployment sites

Thursday, March 29Line 8 Operation

13:19:25 Deployed OBS No. 1, after 24-hour delay from original schedule
 14:48:00 Deployed OBS No. 2
 17:30:20 Deployed OBS No. 3A - 3-component
 17:39:05 Deployed OBS No. 3
 19:33:45 Deployed OBS No. 4
 20:25-20:42 Deployed streamer
 22:36-22:44 Deployed airguns
 23:00:01 Started shooting primary line, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile behind schedule

Friday, March 30

00:48 Deployed sonobuoy No. 18; died after 5 minutes
 01:04 Deployed sonobuoy No. 19
 05:38:30 Deployed sonobuoy No. 20
 07:36 Deployed sonobuoy No. 21
 09:00:01 Completed primary line, one mile passed the planned end point
 10:30:01 Started reverse section 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles behind schedule
 14:00:01 Completed reverse section 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile ahead of schedule
 14:08 Retrieved airguns for transit
 16:48-16:58 Redeployed airguns
 17:11:01 Started reverse section 2, with 11-minute delay and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile behind schedule
 20:30:01 Completed reverse section 2, one mile passed the planned end point
 20:33-20:45 Retrieved airguns
 21:05-21:49 Retrieved streamers
 22:28:01 OBS No. 4 surfaced
 22:35:58 Recovered OBS No. 4; data on tape

Saturday, March 31

00:13:15 OBS No. 3 surfaced
 00:21:20 Recovered OBS No. 3; data on tape
 00:40:20 OBS No. 3A surfaced
 00:50:40 Recovered OBS No. 3A; data on tape
 03:42:16 Surfaced
 03:47:45 Recovered OBS No. 2; data on tape
 05:24:40 OBS No. 1 surfaced
 05:32:19 Recovered OBS No. 1; data on tape

Saturday, March 31 (Cont.)Line 7 Reshoot Operation

13:52:50 Deployed OBS No. 7A, 3-component, near the OBS 2 site of the original line 7
13:55:14 Deployed OBS No. 7
16:09:50 Deployed OBS No. 6, 2.25 km SW of the OBS 1 site of the original line 7 to avoid proximity to salt dome
16:11:45 Deployed OBS No. 5
18:14-18:25 Deployed airguns
19:00:01 Started shooting primary line

Sunday, April 1

05:00:01 Completed primary line on schedule
06:30:01 Started reverse section, 1.7 miles behind schedule; shooting out of sync. until 06:36
10:00:01 Completed reverse section
10:00-10:11 Retrieved airguns
12:30:54 OBS No. 7A surfaced
12:34:00 Recovered OBS No. 7A; data on tape
12:58:25 OBS No. 7 surfaced
13:03:45 Recovered OBS No. 7; data on tape
14:59:40 OBS No. 6 surfaced
15:07:45 Recovered OBS No. 6; data on tape
15:30:32 OBS No. 5 surfaced
15:36:15 Recovered OBS No. 5; data on tape

Monday, April 2

06:00 Arrived at Swiftships Shipyard in Freeport for new transducer installation
07:27 Completed on-board data processing

Table 1. OBS Deployment(D) and Recovery(R) Locations

Line	OBS	D&L Rcv.	Latitude		Longitude		Loran-C		Water Depth fm	
			deg,min N		deg,min W		TDW	TDX		
6	1	D	27 53.07		95 35.62		11112.2	24771.3	33	
		R	27 53.11		95 35.59		11112.1	24771.8	33	
	2	D	27 46.48		95 45.51		11114.5	24638.4	37	
		R	27 46.55		95 45.56		11114.5	24638.5	36	
	3	D	27 31.29		96 06.90		11120.6	24344.8	77	
		R	27 31.30		96 07.04		11120.6	24343.6	76	
	4	D	27 24.58		96 16.64		11122.8	24212.5	72	
		R	27 24.57		96 16.68		11122.8	24211.7	73	
7	1	D	27 11.91		95 25.95		11178.4	24659.3	664	
		R	27 11.87		95 25.91		11178.3	24659.8	678	
	2	D	27 17.36		95 15.33		11179.7	24792.7	630	
		R	27 17.18		95 15.25		11179.9	24792.6	630	
	3	D	27 29.31		94 51.58		11183.4	25089.5	465	
		R	27 29.12		94 51.65		11183.5	25087.9	464	
	4	D	27 34.73		94 40.86		11185.2	25223.7	413	
		R	27 34.45		94 40.94		11185.5	25221.5	420	
10	1	D	26 45.32		96 13.83		11175.3	24055.3	240	
		R	26 45.21		96 13.74		11175.7	24056.1	233	
	2	D	26 34.77		96 17.32		11186.7	23984.2	252	
		R	26 34.81		96 17.19		11186.9	23985.7	257	
	3	D	26 11.55		96 25.18		11211.1	23852.5	37	
		R	26 11.71		96 25.15		11211.0	23852.2	37	
	4	D	26 01.21		96 28.72		11221.8	23806.8	33	
		R	26 01.21		96 28.67		11221.7	23807.1	33	
9	1	D	26 00.57		95 47.99		11263.0	24217.2	494	
		R	26 00.20		95 48.17		11263.4	24214.8	429	
	2	D	26 06.81		95 37.92		11264.9	24329.9	668	
		R	26 06.67		95 38.06		11264.9	24328.1	660	
	3A	D	26 20.50		95 15.54		11269.4	24590.1	739	
		R	26 20.50		95 15.53		11269.4	24590.1	739	
	3	D	26 20.61		95 15.51		11269.3	24590.6	739	
		R	26 20.59		95 15.51		11269.3	24590.3	742	
	4	D	26 26.62		95 05.39		11271.7	24711.2	917	
		R	26 26.47		95 05.13		11272.3	24713.7	917	
	8	1	D	25 59.90		95 09.81		11309.5	24603.9	903
			R	26 00.07		95 09.85		11309.2	24603.6	916
2		D	26 00.11		94 57.61		11325.6	24728.2	1455	
		R	26 00.17		94 57.61		11325.4	24728.3	1461	
3A		D	26 00.40		94 30.70		11364.5	25002.0	1615	
		R	26 00.15		94 30.32		11365.4	25005.0	1614	
3		D	26 00.32		94 30.71		11364.6	25001.5	1615	
		R	26 00.15		94 30.38		11365.3	25004.5	1615	
4		D	26 00.45		94 18.58		11383.8	25124.6	1606	
		R	26 00.02		94 18.00		11385.6	25129.5	1609	
7R	7A	D	27 17.27		95 15.40		11179.7	24791.5	630	
		R	27 17.39		95 15.35		11179.6	24792.6	629	
	7	D	27 17.22		95 15.39		11179.8	24791.5	630	
		R	27 17.38		95 15.35		11179.6	24792.4	629	
	6	D	27 11.24		95 27.36		11178.0	24642.2	659	
		R	27 11.52		95 27.34		11177.5	24643.5	661	
	5	D	27 11.21		95 27.36		11178.0	24642.1	659	
		R	27 11.51		95 27.36		11177.5	24643.2	661	

Coordinates and TD values are from Northstar 6000, thus are preliminary.

Table 2. End Points of Shooting Lines

Line	Shot No.	Latitude deg,min N	Longitude deg,min W	Loran-C		Water Depth fm
				TDW	TDX	
6	2	27 24.09	96 17.38	11123.0	24202.4	72
	901	27 53.98	95 34.50	11111.7	24787.4	32
	902	27 55.37	95 32.13	11111.4	24818.0	32
	1322	27 44.31	95 48.79	11115.4	24594.4	40
	1323	17 33.96	96 03.39	11119.4	24394.0	75
	1743	27 22.98	96 18.69	11123.5	24183.1	71
7	1	27 35.40	94 39.61	11185.3	25239.4	396
	901	27 11.49	95 26.75	11178.1	24649.5	662
	902	27 11.46	95 27.19	11177.8	24644.8	662
	1322	27 19.89	95 10.34	11180.3	24855.1	607
	1323	27 26.87	94 56.41	11182.5	25029.1	518
	1743	27 35.56	94 39.00	11185.6	25246.4	386
10	1	25 59.79	96 28.99	11223.3	23803.3	35
	901	26 46.32	96 13.58	11174.3	24061.8	267
	902	26 46.23	96 13.38	11174.6	24063.4	265
	1322	26 29.57	96 19.15	11192.2	23950.5	155
	1323	26 16.69	96 23.49	11205.7	23877.6	40
	1743	26 01.55	96 28.39	11221.5	23810.3	35
9	1	26 27.35	95 03.99	11272.3	24727.8	896
	901	25 59.84	95 49.11	11262.8	24204.8	444
	902	25 59.82	95 49.45	11262.5	24201.3	445
	1322	26 09.42	95 33.68	11265.6	24378.3	806
	1323	26 17.89	95 20.03	11268.2	24537.2	855
	1743	26 27.02	95 04.37	11272.3	24723.0	909
8	1	26 00.15	94 16.75	11386.7	25143.0	1590
	901	25 59.97	95 12.46	11305.9	24577.0	951
	902	25 59.97	95 12.99	11305.3	24571.7	932
	1322	26 00.08	94 51.63	11333.8	24788.8	1537
	1345	26 00.68	94 35.46	11356.6	24954.3	1640
	1743	26 00.63	94 16.20	11387.4	25149.1	1594
7R	1	27 10.93	95 27.98	11177.9	24634.6	661
	901	27 35.19	94 39.69	11185.6	25237.8	396
	902	27 35.94	94 38.10	11185.9	25257.2	380
	1322	27 26.76	94 56.85	11182.3	25023.9	527

Coordinates and TD values are from Northstar 6000; thus are preliminary.

Shot Nos. 1, 901, 902, 1322, 1323 and 1743 represent beginning and end of primary, first reverse and second reverse sections, respectively.

Table 3. Active Sonobuoy Deployment Locations

Line	Sonobuoy No.	Latitude deg,min N	Longitude deg,min W	Loran-C		Water Depth fm
				TDW	TDX	
6	2	27 29.03	96 10.71	11121.0	24294.1	75
	3	27 35.94	96 00.64	11118.7	24432.1	74
	4	27 43.89	95 49.05	11115.9	24589.0	41
7	6	27 31.45	94 47.26	11184.2	25144.2	451
	11	27 23.68	94 02.41	11181.9	24953.6	599
	12	27 18.62	95 12.92	11179.9	24823.3	621
10	13	26 07.23	96 26.72	11215.4	23833.0	36
	14	26 20.51	96 22.15	11201.7	23898.6	44
	15	26 31.09	96 18.66	11190.6	23959.7	192
9	17	26 11.27	95 25.50	11267.5	24422.3	833
8	19	26 00.34	94 28.56	11367.8	25023.0	1605
	20	26 00.20	95 53.80	11330.6	24766.9	1504
	21	26 00.13	94 04.71	11315.8	24656.1	1308

Coordinates and TD values are from Northstar 6000, thus are preliminary.

Sonobuoy Nos. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 18 were duds.

Table 4. Estimates of Loran-C Additional Secondary Corrections (ASF's) Based on Satellite Navigation Fixes

Line	W-ASF μsec	X-ASF μsec
6	1.19 ±0.02 (0.3)	1.2 ±0.2 (0.8)
7	0.87 ±0.04 (0.1)	0.6 ±0.2 (0.6)
8	0.31 ±0.03 (0.0)	0.9 ±0.2 (0.2)
9	0.45 ±0.07 (0.0)	1.1 ±0.5 (0.3)
10	0.54 ±0.03 (0.1)	0.5 ±0.1 (0.4)

The values in parentheses are those published in the Loran-C Correction Table, 1981.

Northstar 6000 uses 0.6 μs and 0.3 μs for W-ASF and X-ASF, respectively, regardless of location.

OFFSHORE TEXAS OBS REFRACTION EXPERIMENT PLAN

Rev. 03/15/84

Dates: March 20-30, 1984 (Tuesday-Friday)

Lines: Line 6: 27 24.05'N, 96 17.78'W to 27 54.20'N, 95 34.50'W
 Line 7: 27 11.50'N, 95 27.39'W to 27 35.51'N, 94 39.70'W
 Line 8: 26 00.26'N, 95 11.51'W to 26 00.75'N, 94 17.32'W
 Line 9: 26 00.21'N, 95 49.20'W to 26 27.57'N, 95 04.38'W
 Line 10: 26 00.20'N, 96 29.09'W to 26 47.04'N, 96 13.49'W

Each line is approximately 90 km (48.6 nm) long

Signal Source: Two 2000 cubic inch 2000 psi air guns

Detectors: (1) OBS's: Four OBS's, each with a 4.5 Hz vertical geophone, at 2.2, 22.5, 67.5 and 87.8 km (1.2, 12.1, 36.4 and 47.4 nm) from the starting point of each line, plus one with a 4.5 Hz 3-component geophone at 67.5 km on line 8
 (2) Streamer: 600 m, 5 channels
 (3) Sonobuoys: At 13.5, 36.0 and 58.5 km (7.3, 19.4 and 31.6 nm) from another end of each line

Ship Schedule: (R/V Fred H. Moore)

Tues.	March 20	15:00	Sail from Galveston	
Wed.	March 21	05:00	Start line 6	(99 nm from seabuoy)
Thurs.	March 22	19:30	End line 6	
Fri.	March 23	01:00	Start line 7	(42 nm from line 6)
Sat.	March 24	15:30	End line 7	
		21:00	Start line 10	(50 nm from line 7)
Mon.	March 26	11:30	End line 10	
		17:00	Start line 9	(50 nm from line 10)
Wed.	March 28	07:30	End line 9	
		12:30	Start line 8	(34 nm from line 9)
Fri.	March 30	04:00	End line 8	
		23:00	Arrive at Freeport	(173 nm to seabuoy)

Detailed Schedule for Each Line: (Ref. time = 33 hrs before shooting start)

Lines 6,7,10&9	Line 8	Activities
01/00:00-00:30	00/23:30-24:00	Deploy OBS #1
01/01:45-02:15	01/01:15-01:45	Deploy OBS #2
	01/04:15-04:45	Deploy OBS #3a
01/04:45-05:15	:	Deploy OBS #3
01/06:30-07:00	:	Deploy OBS #4
01/07:00-09:00	:	Deploy streamer and air guns
01/09:00	:	Commence primary shooting
01/10:30	Same	Deploy sonobuoy #1
01/13:00	as	Deploy sonobuoy #2
01/15:30	Other	Deploy sonobuoy #3
01/19:00	Lines	End primary shooting
01/20:00-23:30	:	Shoot reverse section 1
02/02:30-06:00	:	Shoot reverse section 2
02/06:00-07:30	:	Retrieve air guns and streamer
02/07:30-08:00	:	Recover OBS #4
02/09:15-09:45	:	Recover OBS #3
	02/09:45-10:15	Recover OBS #3a
02/12:15-12:45	02/12:45-13:15	Recover OBS #2
02/14:00-14:30	02/14:30-15:00	Recover OBS #1

Ship speed while shooting: 4.9 knots

Shooting Schedule:

Shot Nos.	From	To	Interval
1- 901	01/09:00:01	01-19:00:01	40 sec
902-1322	01/20:00:01	01-23:30:01	30
1323-1743	02/02:30:01	01-06:00:01	30

Recording Schedule:

Sampling Interval:		10.008 msec
Record Length:	OBS # 1-4:	20.416 sec
	OBS # 3a:	13.611 sec

OBS #	Shot Nos.	From	To	Interval	Blocks
1	1- 540	01/09:00:10	14:59:30	40	1
	541- 901	01/15:00:10	18:59:58	40-2/60	1
	1323-1743	02/02:30:10	06:00:17	30+1/60	1
2	1- 360	01/09:00:10	12:59:30	40	1
	361- 720	01/13:00:10	16:59:18	40-2/60	1
	721- 901	01/17:00:00	19:00:06	40+2/60	1
	1323-1743	02/02:30:10	06:00:10	30	1
3	1- 270	01/09:00:00	11:59:20	40	1
	271- 570	01/12:00:00	15:19:30	40+2/60	1
	571- 901	01/15:20:10	19:00:15.5	40+1/60	1
	902-1322	01/20:00:10	23:30:10	30	1
4	1- 60	01/09:00:00	09:39:20	40	1
	61- 360	01/09:40:00	12:59:30	40+2/60	1
	361- 901	01/13:00:10	19:00:19	40+1/60	1
	902-1322	01/20:00:10	23:30:10	30	1
3a	211- 270	01/11:20:00	11:59:20	40	2
	271- 570	01/12:00:00	15:19:30	40+2/60	2
	571- 901	01/15:20:10	19:00:15.5	40+1/60	2

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OBS: #1 #2 #3 (3a) #4



