

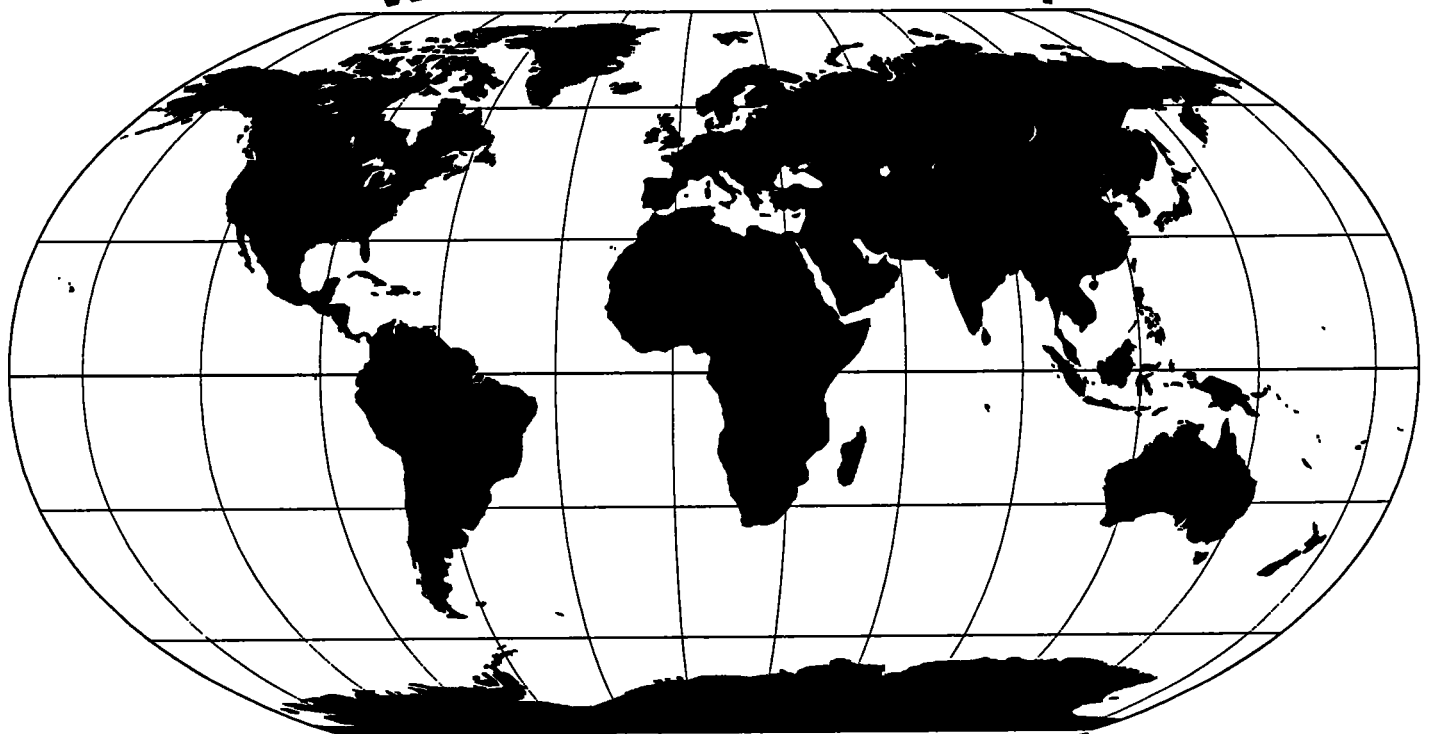
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The WMO Secretariat would like to express its appreciation to all those who have contributed material to the "Operational Newsletter". ■

# Foreword

As you are aware, all the information on changes to the operation of the World Weather Watch (WWW) and Marine Meteorological Services (MMS) is being assembled and distributed by the Secretariat on a monthly basis to facilitate updating and follow-up action. In this connection we have created the "OPERATIONAL NEWSLETTER" to provide you with the latest operational information on WWW and MMS.

A special table is included in the "OPERATIONAL NEWSLETTER" in Annex I - *Global Observing System* to assist Members in reporting changes in the present status of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations.

Your co-operation in ensuring that the above information reaches the appropriate operational units of your service is greatly appreciated.



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**GLOBAL OBSERVING SYSTEM**

**A. GOS REGULATORY OR GUIDANCE MATERIAL**

**3. GUIDANCE MATERIAL ON INSTRUMENTS AND OBSERVING METHODS**

**3.1 WMO Catalogue of Radiosondes and Upper-air Wind Systems in use by Members**

*Reference: Operational Newsletter — Volume 1994- No. 2*

WMO Index Number	70231	70261	72265	72576
Name of Station	Mcgrath, AK	Fairbanks, AK	Midland, TX	Lander, WY.
Technical Authority over Station	United States	United States	United States	United States
Degrees: Latitude ( - = S)	62.97	64.82	31.95	42.82
Longitude ( - = W)	-155.62	-147.87	-102.18	-108.73
Height (Metres)	103	138	872	1694
Program: TEMP	0012	0012	0012	0012
PILOT				
SONDE: Regular Type Used	VIZ*B*	VIZ*B*	VIZ*B*	VIZ*B*
Alternative Type Used				
Frequency (MHZ)	1680	1680	1680	1680
Radiation: Correction Y=Yes/N=No	N	N	N	N
Correction Type Used				
Ground Equipment Used:				
WINDFINDING: System Used	RADIOTHEODOLITE	RADIOTHEODOLITE	RADIOTHEODOLITE	RADIOTHEODOLITE
Equipment Used	SERVO CORP	SERVO CORP	SERVO CORP	SERVO CORP
Date:	11/94	11/94	11/94	11/94

**C. INFORMATION ON OPERATIONAL STATUS OF ELEMENTS OF THE  
SURFACE-BASED SUB-SYSTEM**

**1. PUBLICATION NO. 9, VOLUME A - STATIONS**

**Corrigendum**

Reference to:

Operational Newsletter — Volume 1994-No. 8 (August 1994), page 2,  
and also to the weekly telegraphic message "METNO A3294"

**•Region I — Egypt:**

Index No.	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation		Pressure Level	Surface observations								Obs. H	Upper-air				Re-marks
				HP	H/HA		00	03	06	09	12	15	18	21		Obs. S	00	06	12	

The following stations should NOT be deleted:

62408 Edfou and 62460 Sharm El Sheikh - are in regular operation.

62408	Edfou	24°59'N	32°49'E	89	88		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H00-24	.	.	.	.
62460	Sharm El Sheikh	27°58'N	34°23'E	51	49		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H00-24	.	.	.	.	

The following stations should read as follows in the column for "Upper-air observations":

62306 Mersa Matruh, 62378 Helwan and 62414 Asswan: RW W RW W

62306	Mersa Matruh	31°20'N	27°13'E	30	25		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H00-24	RW	W	RW	W
62378	Helwan	29°52'N	31°20'E	141	139		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	H00-24	RW	W	RW	W
62414	Asswan	23°58'N	32°47'E	194	192		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H00-24	RW	W	RW	W

The following station should have been deleted effective 31 August 1994:

62300 Salloum

62300	Salloum																	
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Station 62305 Sallum Plateau is a synoptic station and does NOT work for upper-air observations:

62305	Sallum Plateau	31°34'N	25°18'E	6	179		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H00-24	.	.	.	.
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We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

**C. Information on the operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system (continued)**  
**1. Publication No. 9, Volume A - Stations (continued)**

**1.3 Changes to existing stations**

Index No.	Name	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation		Pressure Level	Surface observations								Obs. H Obs. S	Upper-air				Re- marks
				HP	H/HA		00	03	06	09	12	15	18	21		00	06	12	18	
<b>Region II — Former U.S.S.R. (in Asia)</b>																				
According to the request made by the Main Administration of Hydrometeorology, Cabinet of Ministers, Republic of Uzbekistan																				
38457	Tashkent	41°16'N	69°16'E	488			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H02-14	FW		FW	
38606	Kokand	40°33'N	70°57'E	499			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H00-13	FW		FW	
38696	Samarkand	39°34'N	66°57'E	724			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			P	P	
38812	Karshi	38°48'N	65°43'E	376			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H01-07		P	P	
38927	Termez	37°14'N	67°16'E	310			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	H01-15	FW	P	FW	
<b>Region IV — United States of America</b>																				
72206	Jacksonville/Intl., FL	30°30'N	81°42'W	9	9		X		X		X		X		X	H00-23	FW		FW	
Upper-air program replaces 72213 effective 15 November 1994																				
72213	Waycross/Ware Co., GA	31°15'N	82°24'W	46	46											H00-23				
Upper-air program discontinued effective 14 November 1994																				
72247	Longview, TX	32°21'N	94°39'W	124	124											H00-23				
Upper-air program discontinued effective 13 February 1995																				
72248	Shreveport/Reg., LA	32°28'N	93°79'W	79	79		X		X		X		X		X	H00-23	FW		FW	
Upper-air program replaces 72248 effective 14 February 1995																				
72775	Great Falls Intl. Airport, MT	47°29'N	111°22'W	1115	1118															
Programs discontinued effective 0000 UTC 15 September 1994																				
72776	Great Falls, MT	47°28'N	111°23'W		1131		X		X		X		X		X	H00-23	FW		FW	AUT
Replaces station 72775 effective 0000 UTC 15 September 1994																				

**C. Information on the operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system (continued)**

**4. AUTOMATIC MARINE STATIONS**

KEY: Observed or Technical Parameters

Column	Parameters
1	Wind direction and speed
2	Air temperature
3	Air pressure
4	Pressure tendency
5	Sea-surface temperature
6	Wave period and height
7	Wave spectra
8	Peak wind gust

Column	Parameters
9	Subsurface temperatures
10	Relative humidity
11	Visibility
-	Parameter not observed
X	Buoy observes this parameter
.	Data under evaluation, not reported

**4.3 United States of America**

List of U.S.A. Ocean Data Acquisition System (ODAS) included in the **October 1994** Data Platform Status Report of the Data Buoy Centre of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Data from moored buoys and platforms are collected by geostationary meteorological satellites and reports are distributed on the GTS in SHIP code. Data from drifting buoys are collected by the ARGOS system and distributed on the GTS in DRIFTER code.

**4.3.1 Moored Buoys**

WMO buoy Identifier	ARGOS Identifier	Position: 20-27 October '94		Observed or technical parameters										
		Latitude	Longitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
32302		18.0S	85.1W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41001*		34.7N	72.6W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41002*		32.3N	75.2W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41004		32.5N	79.1W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41006*		29.3N	77.3W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41009		28.5N	80.2W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41010		28.9N	78.5W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41016		24.6N	76.5W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41018		15.0N	75.0W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
41021		31.9N	80.9W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
42001*		25.9N	89.7W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
42002*		25.9N	93.6W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
42003*		25.9N	85.9W	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
42007*		30.1N	88.8W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	-	-	-	-
42019		27.9N	95.0W	X	X	X	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	-

\* Base funded station of National Weather Service (NWS); however, all stations report data to NWS

+ Sensor/system failure



**C. Information on the operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system (continued)**  
**4. Automatic marine stations / 4.3 United States of America / 4.3.1 Moored Buoys (continued)**

WMO buoy Identifier	ARGOS Identifier	Position: 20-27 October '94		Observed or technical parameters										
		Latitude	Longitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
42020		27.0N	96.5W	X	X	X	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	-
42035		29.2N	94.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
42036		28.5N	84.5W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
42037		24.5N	81.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
44004*		38.5N	70.7W	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
44005*		42.9N	68.9W	+	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
44006		36.3N	75.5W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	-	-	-	-
44007		43.5N	70.1W	+	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
44008		40.5N	69.4W	X	+	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
44009		38.5N	74.7W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
44010		36.0N	75.0W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	-	-	-	-
44011*		41.1N	66.6W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
44013		42.4N	70.7W	X	X	X	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	-
44014		36.6N	74.8W	X	X	X	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	-
44019		36.4N	75.2W	X	X	X	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	-
44025		40.3N	73.2W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
44028*		41.4N	71.1W	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
45001*		48.0N	87.8W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
45002*		45.3N	86.4W	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
45003*		45.3N	82.8W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
45004*		47.5N	86.5W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
45005*		41.7N	82.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
45006*		47.3N	89.9W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
45007*		42.7N	87.1W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
45008*		44.3N	82.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
45010		43.0N	87.8W	+	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46001*		56.3N	148.2W	X	+	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46002*		42.5N	130.3W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46003*		51.9N	155.9W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46005*		46.1N	131.0W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46006*		40.9N	137.5W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46011		34.9N	120.9W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46012		37.4N	122.7W	X	+	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46013*		38.2N	123.3W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-

\* Base funded station of National Weather Service (NWS); however, all stations report data to NWS  
 + Sensor/system failure

**C. Information on the operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system (continued)**  
**4. Automatic marine stations / 4.3 United States of America / 4.3.1 Moored Buoys (continued)**

WMO buoy Identifier	ARGOS Identifier	Position: 20-27 October '94		Observed or technical parameters										
		Latitude	Longitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
46014*		39.2N	124.0W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46022		40.8N	124.5W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46023		34.2N	120.7W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46025		33.7N	119.1W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46026		37.7N	122.8W	X	+	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46027		41.9N	124.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46028*		35.8N	121.9W	X	X	X	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	-
46029		46.2N	124.2W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46030		40.4N	124.5W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46035		57.0N	177.7W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46041		47.4N	124.5W	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
46042		36.8N	122.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46045		33.8N	118.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46050		44.6N	124.5W	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
46053		34.2N	119.8W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46054		34.3N	120.4W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
46059*		38.0N	130.0W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
51001*	.	23.4N	162.3W	X	X	X	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	-
51002		17.2N	157.8W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
51003*		19.1N	160.8W	X	+	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
51004*		17.4N	152.5W	X	+	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
51026		21.4N	156.9W	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-

Total base funded buoys: =	31
Total other buoys: =	40
<b>TOTAL moored buoys:</b>	<b>71</b>

\* Base funded station of National Weather Service (NWS); however, all stations report data to NWS  
+ Sensor/system failure

**C. Information on the operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system (continued)**  
**4. Automatic marine stations / 4.3 United States of America (continued)**

**4.3.2 Drifting Buoys**

WMO buoy Identifier	ARGOS Identifier	Position: 30 Sept-27 Oct.'94		Observed or technical parameters										
		Latitude	Longitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
16811	17180	37°S	070°E	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
17818	17175	38°S	050°E	.	X	X	-	+	.	.	.	-	-	-
17819	17174	46°S	083°E	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
17820	17173	51°S	060°E	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
17821	17176	43°S	053°E	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
17822	17184	28°S	038°E	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
32811	17170	33°S	073°W	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
32812	17171	24°S	119°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
32813	17172	30°S	094°W	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
32814	17161	30°S	088°W	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
33834	1979	27°S	008°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
33838	17163	29°S	004°E	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
33839	17164	37°S	001°W	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
33840	17165	37°S	038°E	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
33841	17166	34°S	002°E	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
33842	17167	44°S	097°E	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
46551	20705	45°N	169°W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
46552	20706	41°N	169°W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
46553	20710	48°N	170°W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
46554	20712	37°N	170°W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
46555	20707	45°N	179°W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
46556	20711	48°N	179°W	X	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
46557	20709	37°N	179°W	+	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
53823	5131	08°S	114°E	.	+	X	-	+	.	.	.	-	-	-
54807	20718	54°S	133°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
54808	20722	59°S	132°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
54809	20719	30°S	165°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
54810	17181	30°S	160°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
54811	20713	48°S	166°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
54812	17178	52°S	151°W	.	X	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
54844	17168	32°S	112°W	.	+	X	-	X	.	.	.	-	-	-
55801	20721	41°S	151°E	.	+	X		X	.	.	.			
56804	1977	41°S	132°E	.	+	X		X	.	.	.			
56805	1990	51°S	174°E	.	X	X		X	.	.	.			
56806	1984	21°S	080°E	.	X	X		X	.	.	.			
56807	20716	19°S	101°E	.	+	X		X	.	.	.			
56808	20720	21°S	101°E	.	X	X		X	.	.	.			
74801	1982	59°S	066°E	.	X	X		X	.	.	.			

327 drifting buoys have been deployed in support of TOGA; 30 are operational

+ Sensor/system failure

**C. Information on the operational status of elements of the surface-based sub-system (continued)****8. FEED-BACK FROM MEMBERS TO THE SECRETARIAT ON ANY CHANGES IN THE OBSERVING NETWORK**

In view of the difficulties experienced in identifying non-implemented observing stations or implemented stations which are closed or suspended for a certain period, or stations making observations but not reaching their NMCs, a special table accompanied by explanatory notes (see Appendix I) is attached, to serve as feed-back from Members to the Secretariat on any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations.

Members are urged to fill in the special table as and when appropriate, and to return it to the Secretariat **before the 20th of each month** to enable changes to be included in the next "OPERATIONAL NEWSLETTER".



## Explanatory Notes

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1. Separate tables should be prepared for global exchange and regional exchange respectively. These tables should contain information concerning any changes of the present state of implementation of observing programmes of SYNOP, TEMP and PILOT reporting stations (for Volume A and the Catalogue of meteorological Bulletins), and particularly for stations included in the Regional Basic Synoptic Networks (RBSN).

2. For entries in these tables, the following should be taken into account:

**Column A:** The index number (IIiii) and name of each station should be entered in case of any changes in the observing programmes of the stations;

**Column B:** The Latitude and the Longitude in degrees and minutes with the appropriate letters (N, S, E and W) should be indicated;

**Column C:** The TTAii CCCC of the abbreviated heading of the meteorological bulletins which contains reports from the station should be inserted;

**Column D:** "X" for implementation and "-" for non-implementation should be inserted as appropriate. In order to easily identify changes in the programme, these should be marked in red;

**Column E:** HP= the elevation of the station in metres (the datum level to which barometric pressure reports at the station refer);  
H = the elevation of the ground, in metres, (average level of terrain in immediate vicinity of station), is given for stations not located on aerodromes;

HA = the official altitude of the aerodrome is given for stations located on aerodromes and is indicated by the letter "A" in the column "Other observations and Remarks" of Volume A;

**Column F:** For those stations not indicating pressure reduced to mean sea level (group 4PPPP) in their synoptic reports, the entry in this column shows which information is reported in lieu of group 4PPPP:

STATION	Pressure at station level reported using group 3P <sub>o</sub> P <sub>o</sub> P <sub>o</sub> P <sub>o</sub>
1000 hPa	geopotential of the given standard isobaric surface reported using group 4a3hhh
850 hPa	
700 hPa	
500 hPa	

**Column G:** Reasons for temporary suspension of observing programmes and an expected date of resumption of the programmes should be given as far as possible. Non-standard collection and/or distribution times should also be included, and also possible alternate observing stations, as appropriate.

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