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FROM SPACE ENVIRONMENT SERVICES CENTER, BOULDER, COLORADO  
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JOINT USAF/NOAA REPORT OF SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY.  
ISSUED 1200UT 09 MAY 1981

IA. ANALYSIS OF SOLAR ACTIVE REGIONS AND ACTIVITY FROM  
08/1200UT TO 09/1200UT:

SOLAR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN MODERATE DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS  
REGION 3099 (NOE27) PRODUCED AN M7/2B FLARE WITH MAX-  
IMUM AT 08/2251UT. THIS FLARE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY STRONG  
MICROWAVE BURSTS (BUT NOT U-SHAPED SPECTRUM) AND STRONG  
TYPE II AND TYPE IV SWEEP FREQUENCY RESPONSES. AFTER  
THIS, REGION 3079 (NOG56) PRODUCED AN M2/1B FLARE WITH MAX-  
IMUM AT 09/0250UT. FAIRLY STRONG MICROWAVE BURSTS WERE REPORTED  
WITH THIS EVENT ALSO.

IB. SOLAR ACTIVITY FORECAST:

SOLAR ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO BE MODERATE TO OCCASIONALLY  
HIGH. REGION 3099 HAS FINALLY REVEALED ITSELF AS THE POTEN-  
TIAL PRODUCER OF A CLASSICAL PROTON FLARE. THE PACE OF SUB-  
FLARE ACTIVITY IN THIS REGION SHOULD NOW INCREASE. THE REGION  
IS INCREASINGLY LIKELY TO PRODUCE MAJOR FLARES. REGION 3079  
SEEMS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING SEVERAL MORE M-CLASS FLARES BUT IS  
LESS LIKELY TO PRODUCE X-CLASS FLARES.

II. GEOPHYSICAL SUMMARY AND FORECAST:

ALTHOUGH REGION 3099 IS ONLY AT E27, THE M7 FLARE OF 08/2251  
UT CAUSED GREATER THAN 10 MEV PROTON FLUXES TO INCREASE AT  
EARTH. PROTON EVENT THRESHOLDS (10 PARTICLES PER SECOND)  
WERE REACHED AT 09/1200UT. COMPUTER MODELS PROJECT AN EVENT  
MAXIMUM OF 21 PARTICLES PER SECOND AT ABOUT 10/0000 UT. THE  
THULE 30 MHZ RIOMETER CURRENTLY SHOWS 0.5 DB ABSORPTION  
(PCA EVENT THRESHOLD IS 2.0DB) THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD WAS UN-  
SETTLED UNTIL 09/0000 UT WHEN THERE WAS A GRADUAL COMMENCE-  
MENT OF MINOR GEOMAGNETIC STORM CONDITIONS. FOUR CONSECUTIVE  
K-VALUES OF 5 HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT MIDLATITUDES THIS  
EARLY THIS UT DAY. THE DISTURBANCE IS EXPECTED TO DIMINISH  
GRADUALLY FROM THIS POINT BUT THERE IS SOME CHANCE THE M7  
FLARE IN REGION 3099 WILL INDUCE AN ADDITIONAL DISTURBANCE. IF  
THE ADDITIONAL DISTURBANCE REACHES EARTH A SUDDEN COMMENCEMENT  
COULD BE FELT LATE IN THE UT DAY ON 10 MAY.

III. EVENT PROBABILITIES: 10-12 MAY 1981

CLASS M 65/70/75

CLASS X 20/20/25

PROTON 10/10/15

PCAF YELLOW

IV. OTTAWA 10.7 FLUX

OBSERVED 08 MAY 222

ESTIMATED 09 MAY 246

PREDICTED 10-12 MAY 246/244/239

90 DAY MEAN 08 MAY 213

V. GEOMAGNETIC A INDICES

OBSERVED AFR 07 MAY 05 AP 08 MAY 10

ESTIMATED AFR 08 MAY 09 AFR/AP 09 MAY 35/50

PREDICTED AFR/AP 10-12 MAY 28/40 16/20 14/15

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JOINT USAF/NOAA REPORT OF SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

ISSUED 0200UT 09 MAY 81

IA. ANALYSIS OF SOLAR ACTIVE REGIONS AND ACTIVITY FROM 09/1200 UT TO 09/2200UT:

SOLAR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LOW DURING THE PAST 10 HOURS. LITTLE OPTICAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED AND SATELLITE X-RAY BURSTS HAVE NOT BEEN LARGER THAN C5. REGION 3099 (N10E24) HAS REMAINED QUIET DESPITE EVIDENCE OF INCREASING COMPLEXITY AND GROWTH. SEVERAL OF THE RECENT X-RAY BURSTS OCCURRED WITH NO VISIBLE OPTICAL RESPONSE, POSSIBLY INDICATING THE RETURN OF OLD REGION 3049 (N16, CAR 150) DUE BACK TOMORROW.

IB. SOLAR ACTIVITY FORECAST:

SOLAR ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO THE MODERATE LEVEL WITH AT LEAST ONE M-CLASS OR GREATER EVENT LIKELY FROM REGION 3099.

ISOLATED M-CLASS FLARES ARE ALSO POSSIBLE FROM REGIONS 3079 (N06W64), 3080 (N16W60) AND 3090 (S20W16).

II. GEOPHYSICAL SUMMARY AND FORECAST:

THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD HAS BEEN AT MINOR STORM LEVELS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD, BUT CURRENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT IS GRADUALLY RETURNING TO THE ACTIVE LEVELS. ACTIVE CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS. THE M7/2B FLARE FROM REGION 3099 AT 08/2251 UT MAXIMUM HAS PRODUCED A PROTON ENHANCEMENT AT SATELLITE ALTITUDES. THE MOST CURRENT COUNTS OF 17 PARTICLES PER CM SQ PER SECOND AT GREATER THAN 10 MEV IS THE HIGHEST READING OF THE PERIOD INDICATING THE ENHANCEMENT IS NEAR MAXIMUM, AND SHOULD GRADUALLY DECREASE THROUGH THE FORECAST PERIOD.

III. EVENT PROBABILITIES: 10 MAY - 12 MAY

CLASS M 65/70/75

CLASS X 20/20/25

PROTON 10/10/15

PCAF YELLOW

IV. OTTAWA 10.7 FLUX

OBSERVED 09 MAY 215

PREDICTED 10-12 MAY 220/225/230

90 DAY MEAN 09 MAY 213

V. GEOMAGNETIC A INDICES:

OBSERVED AFR/AP 08 MAY 09/10

ESTIMATED AFR/AP 09 MAY 35/40

PREDICTED AFR/AP 10-12 MAY 20/30 16/20 14/15

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