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This report contains infcrmation on data collected, synoptic conditions, and severe and unusual weather reported during the AVE-SESAME VI period. The purpose of the report is to provide to researchers a preliminary look at conditions during the AVE-SESAME VI period, 7-8 June 1979.

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## 1. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The objectives of AVE-SESAME (Atmospheric Variability Experiment-Severe Environmental Storms and Mesoscale Experiment) are to provide a data base for studying mesosynoptic atmospheric stracture and variability asscciated with convection and severe weather. Rawinsonde sounding data were obtained at $3-\mathrm{hr}$ intervals to investigate spatial and temporal changes of mesosynoptic conditions associated with the formation, development, and maintenance: of convective activity and interaction between convective activity and its immediate environment.

This quick-look report contains information and analysis of the general weather conditions during the AVE-SESANE VI period. Synoptic charts, radar maps, satellite photographs, rainfall amounts, and a summary of severe weather reports assembled from the NOAA weather wire and the national weather summaries are compiled for 1200 GMT 7 June through 1200 GMT 8 June 1979. The purpose of this report is to provide to researchers a preliminary look at conditions during the AVE-SESAME VI period. Additional information for AVE-SESANE VI has been presented by Alberty, et al. . (1979).

## 2. DATA COLLECTED

a. Rawinsonde Soundings

Rawinsonde soundings were collected at 23 National Weather Service stations and at 20 special stations in Texas and Oklahoma. A list of these stations is given in Table 1, and their locations are shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Table 1. Rawinsonde stations participating in the AVE-SESNAE VI experiment.

| Station Number |  |  | Location |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | NWS Stations |  |
| 229 | (CKL) |  | Centerville, aL |
| 232 | (BVE) |  | Boothville, IA |
| 235 | (JAN) |  | Jackson, MS |
| 240 | (LCH) |  | Lake Charles, LA |
| 247 | (GGG) |  | Longview, TX |
| 255 | (VCT) |  | Victoria, TX |
| 260 | (SEP) |  | Stephenville, TX |
| 261 | (DRT) |  | Del Rio, TX |
| 265 | (MAF) |  | Midland, TX |
| 270 | (ELP) |  | El Paso, TX |
| 327 | (BNA) |  | Nashville, TN |
| 340 | (LIT) |  | Little Rock, AR |
| 349 | (UMN) |  | Monet. MO |
| 354 | (OKC) |  | Oklahoma City, OK |
| 363 | (AMA) |  | Amarillo, TX |
| 365 | (ABQ) |  | Albuquerque, NM |
| 433 | (SLO) |  | Salem, IL |
| 451 | (DDC) |  | Dodge City, KS |
| 455 | (TOP) |  | Topeka, KS |
| 46.) | (DEN) |  | Denver, CO |
| 532 | (PIA) |  | Peoria, IL |
| 553 | (OMA) |  | Omaha, NE |
| 562 | (LBF) |  | North Platte, NE |
|  |  | Special Stations |  |
| 20 | (ADA) |  | Ada, OK |
| 21 | (LTS) |  | Altus, OK |
| 22 | (CAN) |  | Canadian, TX |
| 23 | (CHE) |  | Cheyenne, OK |
| 24 | (CHK) |  | Chickasha, OK |
| 25 | (CDS) |  | Childress, TX |
| 26 | (CSM) |  | Clinton Sherman, OK |
| 27 | (EMC) |  | Elmore City, OX |
| 28 | (FSI) |  | Ft. Sill, OK |
| 29 | (GAG) |  | Gage, OK |
| 30 | (HEA) |  | Healdton, OX |
| 31 | (HEN) |  | Hennessey, OK |
| 32 | (HNT) |  | Hinton, OX |
| 33 | (TVY) |  | KTVY, OKC |
| 34 | (MTV) |  | Mountain View, OK |
| 35 | (OUN) |  | Norman, OK |
| 36 | (SEL) |  | Seiling, OK |
| 37 | (SHM) |  | Shamrock, TX |
| 38 | (SUD) |  | Stroud, OK |
| 39 | (SPS) |  | Wichita Falls, TX |



Fig. 1. Locations of the 23 NWS rawinsonde stations participating in the AVE-SESAME VI experiment.


Fig. 2. Locations of the 20 special rawinsonde stations paxticipating in the AVE-SESAME VI experiment.

The dates and times of scheduled soundings are as follows:

## Date <br> Time (GMT)

7 June 1979

8 June 1979

12, 15, 18, 21

00, 03, 06, 09, 12

Sounding data interpolated to $25-m b$ intervals will be presented in a separate document. These data may be obtained in hard copy form or on magnetic tape from the Atmospheric Sciences Division (Code: ES84), Space Sciences Laboratory, NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, Alabama 35812. b. Surface and Upper Air

Surface and upper air charts and data are available from the National Climatic Center in Asheville, North Carolina.

## 3. SYNOPTIC CONDITIONS

## a. Synoptic Charts

Surface and upper air charts for the $A V E-S E S A M E$ VI period are presented in Figs. 3-7. Surface charts are presented at $6-h r$ intervals and upper air charts at $12-h r$ intervals. These charts were plotted and analyzed using National Weather Service data only, and show the general conditions during the exveriment. They should not be used for other purposes.

At 1200 GMT 7 June 1979 a surface low pressure center was located over the Texas Panhandle. A cold front stretched northeastward to western Wisconsin from the low, and a stationary front curved westward into southern Nevada. A weak warm front extended from the cold front in western Wiscons: to certral Ohio.

Wind directions at 850 mb indicated confluence over southeastern Nebraska and central Kansas. The axis of the $850-\mathrm{mb}$ thermal ridge was orientated south to north from western Texas to the western parts of Kansas and Nebraska. A tonguc of moisture at 850 mb stretched from southwestern

Texas to northeastern Texas where it branched northwards into east-central Kansas and northeastward into Illinois. A short wave was evident at the 500-, 300-, and 200-mb levels over southwestern Missouri. A jet maximum of 100 kts at 200 mb covered most of Oklahoma and extreme southwestern Missouri. A significant ve:tical speed shear between the 500 - and $200-\mathrm{mb}$ levels was present over southern Missouri and central Oklahoma. Wind directions indicated difluence at both the $300-$ and $200-m b$ levels at 1200 GMT 7 June over southeastern Missouri, central Illinois, and -entral Iowa. These areas of difluence were associated with the convective activity during the AVE-SESAME VI period.

By 0000 GMT 8 June 1979 temperatures in excess of $90^{\circ}$ covered most of Texas and extended as far north as southeastern Kansas. There was no strong temperature gradient along the cold front as the colder air remained to the northwest where $50^{\circ}$ temperatures had spread into the Dakotas. The axis of the $850-\mathrm{mb}$ thermal ridge at 0000 GMT 8 June acquired a more southwest-tonortheast orientation from southwestern Texas to central Illinois. The moisture axis paralleled the thermal ridge axis but was positioned a little further to the east.

The axis of the short wave over central Illinois had a north to south alignment and was evident at all mandatory pressure levels. Also, a short wave at 500 mb propagated into central Oklahoma by 0000 GMT \& June. A thermal trough over western Iowa, seen at the 500 and $300-m b$ levels, was associated with the convective activity over Iowa, Missouri, and ceniral Kansas.

By 0600 GMT 8 June the cold front had moved slowly southeastward tc central Wisconsin and stretched southwestward to northeastern Oklahoma. Strong convective activity continued over eastern Kansas and northwestern Missouri.

At 1200 GMT 8 June the packing of the isotherms at 850 mb indicated a stronger temperature gradient over central Kansas and the western parts of Texas and Oklahoma. The low-level moisture axis moved slowly eastward and extended from southern Texas to the lower Ohio Valley. The axis of the 850mb thermal ridge paralleled the moisture axis but remained a few hundred miles to the west. A short wave was evident on the $700-\mathrm{mb}$ chart at 1200 GMT $\&$ June over the Great Plains states.

The 1135 GMT 8 June radar summary indicated a widespread area of convective activity throughout most of the northern section of the AVE-SESAME VI network. Several strong precipitation echoes were indicated in the vicinity of Wichita, Kansas.
b. Radar

Selected radar summary charts are presented in Figs. 8-24 for the AVESESAME VI period. These charts show areas of convective activity, heights of echoes, movement vectors, severe weather watch boxes, etc.

## c. Satellite

Satellite photographs were taken at 15 -min intervals during the AVESESAME VI period. Selected visual and infrared satellite photographs for each hour during the period are presented in Figs. 25-48.

## d. Rainfall

Isohyets of accumulated rainfall during the AVE-SESAME VI operational period are presented in Fig. 49. Special or cooperative climatological station data were not used in the analysis.
4. SEVERE AND UNUSUAL WEATHER REPORTED

Reports of tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, hail, high winds, and severe weather watches and warnings were compiled for AVE-SESAME VI from the NOAA
weather wire and national weather summaries and are presented in Table 2. Locations of observed tornadoes, observed funnel clouds, radar-indicated tornadoes, hail, and thunderstorms are shown in Fig. 50.

The severe weather outbreak during the AVE-SESAME VI experiment was confined to the Oklahoma Panhandle area. Two tornadoes, two funnel clouds, $1 / 4$ inch hail, and nearly a half dozen severe thunderstorms were reported in this area between 0200 GMT and 0430 GMT 8 June 1979. Scattered severe thunderstorms also occurred over south-central Kansas. A few isolated severe storms were reported at Des Moines, Iowa, and Chicago, Illinois. Most of the storms during the AVE-SESAMF VI experiment were associated with a cold front which moved slowly to the east-southeast through the network.

The heaviest rains were associated with an intense area of convective activity over eastern Kansas. Emporium, Kansas, received more than 4 inches of precipitation during the AVE-SESAME VI period.


Fig. 3. Synoptic charts for 1200 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 3. Continued.

(e) 300 mb

(f) 200 mb

Fig. 3. Concluded.


Fig. 4. Surface chart for 1800 (MT 7 June 1979.

(a) Surface

(b) 850 mb

Fig. 5. Synoptic charts for 0000 GMT 8 June 1979.

(c) 700 mb


Fig. 5. Continued.

(e) 300 mt

(f) 200 mb

Fig. 5. Concluded.



Fig. 7. Synoptic charts for 1200 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 7. Continued.

(e) 300 mb


Fig. 7. Concluded.


Fig. 8. Radar summary for 1135 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 9. Radar summary for 1435 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 10. Radar summary for 1735 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 11. Radar summary for 1935 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 12. Radar summary for 2 i 35 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 13. Radar summary for 2235 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 14. Radar summary for 2335 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 15. Radar sumary for 0135 GM: 8 June 1979.


Fig. 16. Radar summary for 0235 GMT 8 June 197.


Fig. 17. Radar summary for 0435 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 18. Ridar summary for 0535 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 19. Radar summary for 0635 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 20. Radar summary for 0735 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 21. Radar summary for 0835 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 22. Radar summary for 0935 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 23. Radar summary for 1035 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 24. Radai summary for 1135 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 25. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 1301 GMT 7 June 1979.

1401 07JN79 12A-2 0129413641 PQ36N95W-1


Fig. 26. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 1401 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 27. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 1501 GMT 7 June 1979.
160107 JN79 12A-2 0130413642 PQ36N95W-1


Fig. 28. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 1601 GMT

1701 07JN79 12A-2 0130113632 PQ36N95W-1


Fig. 29. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 1701 GMT 7 June 1979.

1801 07JN79 12A-2 0130113622 PQ $36 \mathrm{~N} 95 \mathrm{~W}-1$


Fig. 30. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 1801 GMT 7 June 1979 .
$190107 J N 79$ 12A-2 0131113612 PQ36N95W-1


Fig. 31. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 1901 GMT 7 June 1979.


Fig. 32. GOES-Esat visual satellite imagery for 2001 GMT 7 June 1979.

210107 JN 79 12A-2 0130413581 PQ36N95W-1


230107 JN 79 12A-2 0130413542 PQ36N95W-1


Fig. 35. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 2301 ᄃMT 7 June 1979.
$000108 J N 79 \quad 12 \mathrm{~A}-2 \quad 0132313512$ PQ36N95W-1


Fig. 36. GOES-East visual satellite imagery for 0001 GMT 8 June 1979.

01:00 08JN79 12A-Z 0006-1640 FULL DISC IR


Fig. 37. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 0100 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 38. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 0200 GMT
8 June 1979.

03:00 08JN79 12A-Z 0006-1640 FULL DISC IR


Fig. 39. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 0300 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 40. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 0400 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 41. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 0500 GMT 8 June 1979.


Eiq. 42. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery tor 0600 GMT 8 June 1979.

07:00 08JN79 12A-Z 0006-1640 FULL DISC IR


Fig. 43. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 0700 GMT 8 June 1979.


09:00 08JN79 12A-Z 0006-1640 FULL DISC IR


Fig. 45. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 0900 GMT 8 June 1979.

10:00 08JN79 12A-Z 0006-1640 FULL DISC IR


Fig. 46. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 1000 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 47. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 1100 GMT
8 June 1979.
ORI:
Ob
12:00 08JN79 12A-Z 0006-1640 FULL DISC IR


Fiq. 48. GOES-East infrared satellite imagery for 1200 GMT 8 June 1979.


Fig. 49. Total rainfall amounts in inches for the period 1200 GMT 7 June to 1200 GMT 8 June 1979.

TABLE 2. Teletype reports taken from NOAA weather wire and national weather summaries of severe and unusual weather from 1200 Gmer 7 June to 1200 GMT 8 June 1979.

| EVENT | LOCATION T | TIME (CMT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ICT RAREP | SCATTERED TRW+ DECREASING IN INTENSITY OVER SE KANSAS AND SW MISSOURI. MAX TOPS TO 33,000 FTT WITH MOVEMENT TO THE ENE AT 20 MPH | 1235 |
| IMI RAREP | TRW++ DECREASING IN INTENSITY OVER S CENTRAL MISSOURI AND N ARKANSAS. ACTIVITY MOVING ENE AT 30 MPH | 1335 |
| UMN RAREP | AREA OF TRW+ COVERING S HALF OF MISSOURI, SE KANSAS, EXTREME NE OKLAHOMA, AND N HALF OF ARKANSAS. MAX TOPS TO 42,000 FT 33 MI NW OF LITTLE ROCK, AR | 1435 |
| FLOOD <br> WARNING | ISSUED FOR THE SAN JACINTO, BRAZOS, TRINITY, COLORADO, AND GUADALUPE RIVERS IN TEXAS. | 1435 |
| CONVECTIVE SIGMET | AREA OF TSTMS FROM 90 MI NE OF MASON CITY, IA TO 70 MI ESE OF MASJN CITY TO 25 MI S OF FORT DODGE, IA. MAX TOPS TO 40,000 FT WITH MOVEMENT TO THE ENE AT 20 MPH | 1455 |
| UMN RAREP | AREA OF TRW+ OVER SW MISSOURI, NW ARKANSAS, NE OKLAHOMA, AND SE KANSAS. AREA MOVING TO THE ENE AT 20 MPH | 1533 |
| CONVECTIVE SIGMET | AREA OF TSTMS FROM NE OF MASON CITY, IA TO DUBUQUE, IA TO NW OF BURLINGTON, IA TO 45 MI WSW OF FORT DODGE, IA. LITTLE MOVEMENT IN AREA | , 1555 |
| SVP TSTM | CHICAGO, IL EXPERIENCING SVR TSTM REDUCING VISIBIL' IY TO $1 / 2 \mathrm{MI}$ | 1614 |
| UMN RAREP | FEW TRW+ OVER N HALF OF ARKANSAS AND EXTREME NW MISSISSIPPI. MOVEMENT TO THE EAST AT 30 MPH. MAX TOP OF 42,000 FT 35 MI ENE OF MONET, MO | 1635 |
| GGG RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED SHOWERS DEVELOPING FROM 30 MI N OF LUFKIN, TX TO MAGNOLIA, AR | 1730 |
| LCH RAREP | ISOLATED TSTMS DEVELOPING 20 MI N OF SAN AUGUSTINE, tX. MOVEMENT IS TO THE N AT 15 MPh | , 1735 |
| UMN RAREP | NUMEROUS TRW+ COVERING MOST OF S MISSOURI. STORMS moving east at 30 MPH | 1735 |
| GGG RAREP | AREA OF INCREASING TRW+ OVER NE TEXAS, EXTREME NW LOUISIANA, SW ARKANSAS, AND EXTREME SE OKLAHOMA MOUING TOWARDS THE NNE AT 20 MPH | 1828 |

TABLE 2. CONTINUED.

| EVENT | LOCATION | TIME (GMT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| UMN RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED TRW+ OVER S CENTRAL MISSOURI. MAX TOPS TO 39,000 FT | 1832 |
| GGG RAREP | A 25 MILE WIDE band of SCATTERED TSTMS FROM 15 MI N OF LUFKIN, TX TO 15 MI NW OF MINDEN, LA. movement is to the ne at 20 MPh | 1930 |
| LCH RAREP | heavy tstms over most of rayburn lake, la and a FEW N OF BATON ROUGE, LA. WIDELY SCATTERED SHOWERS AND TSTMS DEVELOPING FROM NACOGDOCHES, TX TO THE NORTHERN PART OF TOLEDO BEND, LA | 1935 |
| IMI RAREP | AREA OF TRW+ INCREASING IN INTENSITY COVERING S ARKANSAS, NW MISSISSIPPI, AND N LOUISIANA. MOVEMENT TO THE ENE AT 20 MPH | 1935 |
| ICT RAREP | NEW AREA OF TRW++ UVER A SMALL PORTION OF CENTRAL KANSAS AND N PART OF NE ARKANSAS. MAX TOPS TO $40,000 \mathrm{FT}$ | 1935 |
| TURBULENCE | AT 6,000 FT AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCED SEVERE TURBULENCE 35 MI E OF LEXINGTON, KY | 1940 |
| TURBULENCE, ICING | moderate turbulence and rime icing 35 MI S of DENVER, CO ENCOUNTERED BY AIRCRAFT AT 18,000 FT | 1957 |
| GGG RAREP | SCATTERED TSTMS WITH SOME BEING HEAVY OVER AN 80 MI WIDE AREA FROM 30 MI W OF LUFKIN, TX TO PRESCOTT, AR MOVING NE AT 20 MPH | 2030 |
| MAF RAREP | RAIN SHOWERS DEVELOPING OVER NW TEXAS | 2030 |
| 1 MI RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED TRW+ OVER MOST OF ARKANSAS, SE MISSOURI, AND EXTREME E OKLAHOMA. ACTIVITY MOVING ENE AT 20 MPH | 2030 |
| ICT RAREP | LINE OF TRWXX INCREASING IN SIZE FROM CENTRAL KANSAS TO W PART OF NE KANSAS. MOVEMENT IS TO THE EAST AT 20 MPH . MAX TOPS TO 32,000 ET | 2030 |
| LCH RAREP | SCATTERED SHOWERS AND TSTMS FROM N PART OF TOLEDO BEND, LA TO NEAR WINNFIELD, LA | 2035 |
| GGG RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED TRW+ MOVING NNE AT 20 MPH. TSTMS COVERING E HALF OF NE TEXAS, EXTREME SE OKLAHOMA, SW ARKANSAS, AND NW LOUISIANA | 20.37 |
| TORNADO | PILOT SIGHTED TORNADO AS IT DESTROYED A BARN 3 MI SE AF MAYSVILLE, KY | 2045 |

TARLE 2. CONTINUED.

| EVENT | LOCATION | TIME (CNT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CONVECTIVE SIGNET | LINE OF TSTMS 20 MI WIDE FROM 35 MI NW OF DES MOINES, IA TO 45 MI NE OF HAYS, KS. MAX TOPS TO 55,000 FT. MOVEMENT TO THE SE AT 20 MPH | 2055 |
| ama rarep | SCATTERED TSTMS OVER NW TEXAS PANHANDLE, NE NEM MEXICO, EXTREME W OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE, AND EXTREME SE COLORADO | 2130 |
| ICT RAREP | AREA OF TRWXX COVERING CENTRAL KANSAS AND W PART OF NE KANSAS. MAX TOP TO 47,000 FT 15 MI S OF CONCORDIA, KS. NEW AREA OF TRW++ COVERING SMALL PORTION OF = AND SE KANSAS. MOVEMENT TO THE ENE AT 30 MPH | 2130 |
| GGG RAREP | ISOLATED HEAVY TSTMS NW OF ELDORADO, AR AND NE OF MANSFIELD, LA. STORMS MOVING NNE AT 25 MPH | 2130 |
| UMN RAREP | new area of trw covering a small area of se xansas AND EXTREME SW MISSOURI. MAX TOP TO 45,000 FT | 2131 |
| IMI RAREP | MOST OF S ARKANSAS COVERED BY TRW+. MAX TOP TO $35,000 \mathrm{FT}$ | 2135 |
| CONVECTIVE SIGMET | LINE OF TSTMS 20 MI WIDE FROM 30 MI E MASON CITY, IA TO DES MOINES, IA TO 45 MI WNW OF MANHATTAN, KS. MAX TOPS TO 55,000 FT | 2155 |
| SVR TSTM | INTENSE TSTM AT DES MOINES, IA. NEARLY ONE INCH of RAIN has fallen in past hour | 2155 |
| TURBULENCE | MODERATE TO SEVERE TURBULENCE ENCOUNTERED BY AIRCRAFT AT $10,000 \mathrm{FT} 30 \mathrm{MI}$ WSW OF LAMAR, CO | 2210 |
| GGG RAREP | SCattired heavy tstms ne of shreveport, la and extending nw to sw arkansas. movement is ne at 20 MPH | 2235 |
| AMA RAREP | SCATTERED TSTMS OVER NE NEW MEXICO, PARTS OF NW AND SW TEXAS PANHANDLE, AND $S$ PLAINS OF TEXAS. STORMS MOVING EAST AT $\therefore O$ MPH | 2235 |
| CONVECTIVE <br> SIGMET | LINE OF TSTMS 25 MI WIDE FROM 25 MI E OF DES MOINES, IA TO 25 MI S OF HAYS, KS. MOVEMENT TO THE SE AT 25 MPH WITH TOPS TO 55,000 FT | 2255 |
| SVR TSTM | Strong tstm at louisville, ky. wind gusts to 40 MPH | 2306 |

TABLE 2. CONTINUED.

| EVENT | LOCATION | TIME (GMT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AMA RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED SHOWERS AND TSTMS OVER E CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AND S CENTRAL PLAINS OF TEXAS. MOVEMENT AT 20 MPH TO THE NE | 2330 |
| UMN RAREP | A FEW TRW+ INCREASING IN INTENSITY OVER SE KANSAS AND SW MISSOURI. MAX TOP TO 48,000 FT WITH MOVEMENT NE AT 18 MPH | 2330 |
| COMVECTIVE SIGMET | LINE OF TSTMS 25 MI WIDE FROM 35 MI SE OF LA CROSSE, WI TO 35 MI S OF DES MOINES, IA | 2335 |
| IMI RAREP | ISOLATED TRW++ OVER CENTRAL ARKANSAS. MOVEMENT TO THE ENE AT 30 MPH | 2335 |
| ICT RAREP | SCATTERED TRW++ DECREASING IN INTENSITTY FROM W KANSAS TO NE KANSAS AND MOVING TO THE ENE AT 20 MPH | 2335 |
| MAF RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED TRW AND TRW+ NEAR LATURN, NM AND EASTWARD TO E OF LUBBOCK, TX | 2335 |
| ICT RAREP | FEW TRWX INCREASING IN INTENSITY AND COVERING CENTRAL AND E KANSAS. MAX TOPS TO 50,000 FT 53 MI N OF WICHITA, KS | 0030 |
| UMN RAREP | AREA OF TSTMS OVER SW MISSOURI, SE KANSAS, AND EXTREME NE OKLAHOMA. MAX TOP TO 62,000 FT 20 MI E OF EMPORIUM, KS. STORMS MOVING TO THE NNE AT 10 MPH | 0034 |
| IM1 RAREP | ISOLATED TRW++ 6 MI IN DIAMETER 45 MI N OF TEXARKANA, TX | 0035 |
| CONVECTIVE <br> SIGMET | LINE OF TSTMS 25 MI WIDE FROM 80 MI SE LA CROSSE, WI TO 60 MI NW OF KIRKSVILLE, MO. LINE MOVING SE AT 20 MPH WITH TOPS TO 40,000 FT | 0055 |
| OKC RAREP | NEW TRW++ CELS 15 MI IN DIAMETER 35 MI WSW OF WICHITA, KS MOVING EAST AT 18 MPH. MAX TOP OF $45,000 \mathrm{FT}$ | 0130 |
| SVR TSTM | INTENSE TSTM AT LOUISVILLE, KY | 0108 |
| AMA RAREP | TRWX CELL INCREASING IN INTENSITY 10 MI ESE OF CLOVIS, NM. SCATTERED TRWX OVER EXTREME NE NEW MEXICO, W OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE, SW KANSAS, AND EXTREME SE COLORADO. MAX TOPS TO 43,000 FT | 0130 |

TABLE 2. CONTINUED.

| EVENT | LOCATION | TIME (GMT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| UMN RAREP | AREA OF TRW+ INCREASING IN INTENSITY FROM E KANSAS TO CENTRAL MISSOURI. MAX TOP OF 57,000 FT 35 ML E OF EMPORIUM, KS. MOVEMENT TO THE NE AT 10 MPH | 0132 |
| SVR TSTM | EMPORIUM, $/$ S EXPERIENCING SVR TSTM | 0147 |
| TORNADO | TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN 60 MI NW OF DALHHART, TX | 0217 |
| SVR TSTM WARNING | A SVR TSTM WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR N DALLAM COUNTY IN THE NW PART OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE AND CIMARRON CO' NTY IN W OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE AREA UNTIL 10:30 P.M. CDT. AMARILLO RADAR INDICATED GVR TSTMS 10 MI W OF FELT, OK AND ANOTHER 15 MI W OF TEXLINE TX. MOVEMENT IS TO THE EAST AT 35 MPH | S 0220 |
| ICT RAREP | AREA OF TRWX OVER E CENTRAL AND S CENTRAL KANSAS WITH TOPS TO 57,000 FT | 0230 |
| TORNADO | PUBLIC REPORTS TORNADO 8 MI W OF CLAYTON, NM AT 9:35 P.M. CDT | 0235 |
| OKC RAREP | AREA OF TRW+ INCREASING IN INTENSITY OVER EXTREME S CENTRAL KANSAS AND W OKLAHOMA. MAX TOPS TO 48,000 FT WITH MOVEMENT TO THE NE AT 35 MPH | 0330 |
| AMA RAREP | TRWXX 15 MI IN DIAMETER INCREASING IN SIZE 40 MI ENE OF CLAYTON, NM. MAX TOP TO 52,000 FT. STORM MOVING EAST AT 35 MPh . NUMEROUS TRN++ OVER NE new mexico, nw texas panhandle, oklahoma panhandle and sw kansas. area moving east at 35 mph | 0330 |
| SVR TSTM | SVR TS'.M AT HUTCHINSON, KS | 0351 |
| AMA RAREP | TRWXX CISLLS 25 MI W OF GUYMON, OK AND 35 MI SW OF GUYMON. FUNNEL CLOUDS WERE REPORTED WITH THESE EELLS. MOVEMENT TO THE EAST AT 30 MFH. AREA OF INCREASING TRWXX COVERING EXTREME NE NEW MEXICO, N SECTION OF TEXAS PANHANDLE, EXTREME SW KANSAS, AND THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE | 0430 |
| ICT RAREP | TSTMS OVER W CENTRAL MISSOURI AND SE KANSAS. MAX TOPS TO 57,000 FT 21 MI NE OF WICHITA, KS. MOVEMENT TO THE ESE AT 10 MPH | 0430 |
| TURBLiance | MODERATE TO SEVERE TURBULENCE ENCOUNTERED BY AIRCRAFT AT 4,000 FT 10 MI NE OF KANSAS CITY, MO | 0454 |

TABLE 2. CONTINUED.

| EVENT | LOCATION T | TIME (GMT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SVR TSTM | SVR TSTM AT LAJUNTA, CO | 0455 |
| OKC RAREP | few tstms over se kansas. widely scattered tstys OVER SW KANSAS, CENTRAL OKLAHONA PANHANDLE, AND n CEntral texas panhandle | 0530 |
| ICT RAREP | AREA OF TRWX COVERING W CENTRAI MISSOURI AND SE KANSAS. MAX TOPS TO 47,000 ET | 0530 |
| AMA RAREP | TRWXX CELLS 8 MI IN DIAMETER OVER THE NNE PART OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE. TOPS TO 45,000 FT. NUNEROUS TRW++ OVER SW KANSAS, CENTRAL PANHANDLE AREA OF OKLAHOMA, N AND NW SECTION OF TEXAS PANHANDLE, AND ne new mexico. area movement is to the ene at 35 MPH. NEW AREA OF TRW OVER E CENTRAL NEW MEXICO AND FYTREME SW TEXAS PANHANDLE | 0535 |
| SVR TSTM WARNING | ISSUED FOR TEXAS COUNTY IN THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE UNTIL 1:30 A.M. CDT. AMARILLO RADAR INDICATES VERY HEAVY TSTMS WITH HAIL JUST W OF hOOKER, OK AND ANOTHER JUST W OF HARDESTY STATION, OK. MOVEMENT IS EASTERLY AT 30 MPH | 0535 |
| SVR TSTM | DODGE CITY, KS EXPERIENCING INTENSE TSTM. VISIbility reduced to l mi | 0617 |
| OKC RAREP | SCATTERED TSTMS OVER SE AND S KANSAS, NW OKLAHOMA, E OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE, AND NE TEXAS PANHANDLE | 0630 |
| ICT RAREP | NUMEROUS TRW++ DECREASING IN INTENSITY OVER W CENTRAL MISSOURI AND NE KANSAS. MAX TOP 46,000 FT 25 MI E OF WICHITA, KS | 0630 |
| AMA RAREP | TRWXX CELLE 8 MI IN DIAMETER 35 MI ESE OF GUYMON, OK MOVING TOWARDS THE ENE AT 35 MPH WITH TOPS TC 48,000 FT. FEW TRW++ OVER SW KANSAS, MOST OF THE NORTHERN TEXAS PANHANDLE, OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE, AND NE NEW MEXICO | 0635 |
| SVR TSTM | WICHITA, KS EXPERIENCING SVR TSTM. NEARLY ONE INCH of RAIN IN PAST HOUR | H 0650 |
| SVR TSTM WARNING | ISSUED FOR BEAVER COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA UNTIL 3:00 A.M. CDT. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN BEAVER COUNTY REPORTED $1 / 4$ INCH HAIL JUST TO THE NE OF GEAY, ok. VEry heavy tstms are located on radar just S of beaver, ok. storms moving at 30 mph to the EAST | 0655 |

TABLE 2. CONCLUDED.

| EVENT | LOCATION | TIME (GYT) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ICI RAREP | area or trwx increasing in intensity from s CENTRAL AND E KANSAS TO W CENTRAL MISSOURI. NUMEROIS TRWX INCREASING IN INTENSITY OVER NW OKLAHOMA. MAX TOPS TO 42,000 FT 35 MI NE OF CHANUTE, KS | 0730 |
| AMA RAREP | VERY HEAVY TSTM E BEAVER COUNTY IN THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE. MAX TOP OF 45,000 FT. WIDELY SCATTERED SHOWERS AND TSTMS OVER SW KANSAS, NORTHERN 2/3 OF TEXAS PANHANDLE, AND EXTREME NE NEW MEXICO. | $0 \div 35$ |
| SVR TSTM | GOODLAND, KS EXPERIENCING STRONG TSTM | 0755 |
| ICT RAREP | AREA OF TRWX OVER W CENTRAL AND SSW KANSAS, AND NW OKL.AHOMA. TRW++ DECREASING IN INTEENSITY OVER SE ANI: EXTREME E KANSAS AND W CENTRAL KANSAS. STORMS MOVING EAST AT 18 MPH | 0830 |
| AMA RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED TRW++ COVERING W OKLAHOMA PANhandle, Ne NEW mexico, and most of the texas PANHANDLE | 0835 |
| AMA RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED TRW OVER THE TEXAS nan OKLAHOMA PANHANDLES, SW KANSAS, NE NEW MEXICO, GND SE COLORADO. STORMS MOVING ENE AT 30 MPH | 0930 |
| ICT RAREP | NUMEROUS TRWX JVER MOST OF S KANSAS. MAX TOPS TO 48,000 FT. MOVEMENT ENE AT 35 MPH | 0930 |
| UMN RAREP | SOLID LINE OF TRW++ FROM SE KANSAS TO SW MISSOURI TO NE MISSOURI | 0935 |
| ICT RAREP | TRWX OVER MOST OF S AND E KANSAS AND W CENTRAL MISSOURI. MAX TOPS TO 46,000 FT WITH ACTIVITY MOVING ENE AT 30 MPH | 1030 |
| SVR TSTM | SVR TSTM AT WICHITA, KS WITH WIND GUSTS TO 35 MPH | 1030 |
| AMA RAREP | WIDELY SCATTERED TRW+ COVERING SE COLORADO, 3 In KANSAS, NE NEW MEXICO, AND MOST OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE. MOVEMENT TO THE ENE AT 30 MPH | 1035 |
| SVR TSTM | SVR TSTM AT DES MOINES, IA | 1055 |



Fig. 50. Severe weather reports between 1200 GMT 7 June and 1200 GMT 8 June 1979 in the AVE-SESAME VI area.

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