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# **Report of Inter-Modulation Product Measurements**

for

**Two Station T-Type Combiner**  
KEAN 105.1 MHz / KEYJ 107.9 MHz

**Combined Broadcast Facility**  
Abilene, TX

**July 8, 2001**



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## **Introduction**

This report of findings provides evidence to show that the two-station combined facility for the operation of KEAN and KEYJ is in compliance with the FCC Rules and Regulations as required by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 47 Section 73.317 paragraph (d). In brief, the collection of measurements presented in this report shows that all possible second order intermodulation (IM) products generated by this combined system are less than the maximum allowable level as required by section 73.317(d). Eric Wandel and Jeff Taylor of Electronics Research, Inc. performed the measurements summarized herein on July 8, 2001.

IM products can potentially violate section 73.317 paragraph (d) requirements and are commonly generated from radio stations operating into multiplexed facilities and at congested antenna broadcast sites when inadequate transmitter to transmitter isolation is provided. The ERI installed filter/combiner system is designed to provide adequate isolation to ensure that interfering signals and any resulting intermodulation products are sufficiently attenuated to satisfy the section 73.317 paragraph (d) requirement. A Potomac Instruments FIM-71 with a bandpass filter is used to verify compliance with paragraph (d).

Measurements to verify compliance with section 73.317 (d) were made on the T-type combiner system installed by ERI at the KEAN/KEYJ primary transmission site. Schematic diagrams and specification sheets for the combiner system are included in Exhibit A of this report.

The combined system serves as the main transmitter site for both KEAN and KEYJ.

## T-Type Combiner System

Both stations (KEAN and KEYJ) were operating at licensed power for the duration of compliance measurements. Measurements were made to determine the level of second order IM products (of the type  $2F_1 - F_2$ ) for the two-station T-combiner system combining KEAN (105.1 MHz) and KEYJ (107.9 MHz). The combiner system is illustrated in the attached Exhibit A on page A-1.

The inter-modulation products were measured with both system transmitters operating at licensed TPO on the filter/combiner system. Directional couplers were placed at key locations throughout the combiner system to monitor and maintain the combiner performance. All couplers furnished with the system are factory calibrated and capable of delivering accurate and repeatable RF measurements. For the purposes of the measurements for these findings, the coupler located at the system output to the antenna was used. The RF directional coupler installed in the 6-1/8" line section to the antenna output allows forward and reflected readings of the antenna output signal levels. This type of directional coupler used for measurements is factory calibrated with a typical directivity of about 35 dB and a forward signal sample typically attenuated by around 60 dB.

The forward port of the output directional coupler was used for sampling all outgoing carrier levels and IM products. The sampled signal was fed by shielded cable through a band pass filter into a Potomac Instruments FIM-71 field strength meter. Various attenuation pads were used at connection locations to the band pass filter and/or the FIM-71 to ensure adequate signal levels for measurement without overloading the measurement equipment. The selective tuning of the FIM-71 and of the band pass filter was accomplished using a Wavetek Model 3000 signal generator. The measurement setup is illustrated in the attached Exhibit B.

The relative output signal levels for the system carriers are measured first to establish reference levels for other measurements. These levels will be used as a basis for comparing the IM product levels. The resulting signal levels for these measurements are listed in Table 1. The Adjusted Level shown in the last column of the table will be used as the reference level for possible IM products of each carrier.

**Table 1. Carrier Reference Levels – T-Combiner System**

Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Pad One (dB)	Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)	Pad Two (dB)	Full Scale Range (dB $\mu$ )	Scale Reading (dB)	Adjusted Level (dB $\mu$ )
105.1	10	—	—	120	-9.2	120.8
107.9	10	—	—	120	-8.8	121.2

Second-order products due to mixing of system second harmonics with system fundamentals are calculated and listed in Table 2.

**Table 2. Second Order Products for Abilene, TX  
KEAN/KEYJ T-Combiner System**

<b>Carrier Frequency (MHz)</b>	<b>Interfering Frequency (MHz)</b>	
	<b>105.1</b>	<b>107.9</b>
<b>105.1</b>	–	102.3
<b>107.9</b>	110.7	–

The IM product measurements using the measurement scheme as previously described were recorded and are listed in Table 3 with the signal level referenced to carrier calculated in the last column. Refer to the figure in Exhibit B for a layout of the measurement equipment. All product levels met requirements.

**Table 3. IM Measurements for T-Combiner System**

Product Frequency (MHz)	Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Interfering Frequency (MHz)	Pad One (dB)	Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)	Pad Two (dB)	Full Scale Range (dB $\mu$ )	Scale Reading (dB)	Adjusted Level (dB $\mu$ )	Level Referenced to Carrier (dB)
102.3	105.1	107.9	10	-9.83	3	20	<-20	<22.83	<97.97
110.7	107.9	105.1	10	-9.24	3	20	<-20	<22.24	<98.96

## **Conclusions**

Based upon the observations and measurements recorded in this document, I, Eric Wandel, find the T-Combiner system for the operation of the KEAN main transmitter and the KEYJ main transmitter to be in proper working order. Furthermore, based on the measured data, it is my opinion there are no inter-modulation products being generated in excess of 80 dB below station carrier levels by the stations operating on the installed system. Based on this recorded data, I conclude that KEAN and KEYJ are in compliance with the requirements of Sections 73.317 paragraph (d) of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

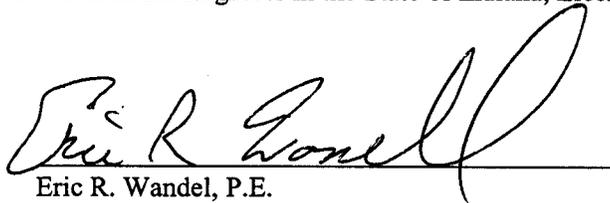
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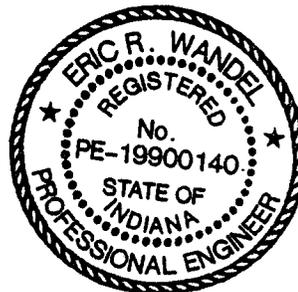
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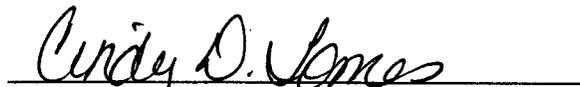
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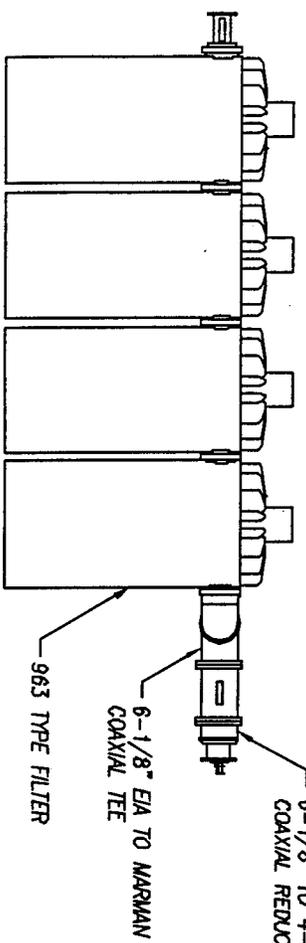
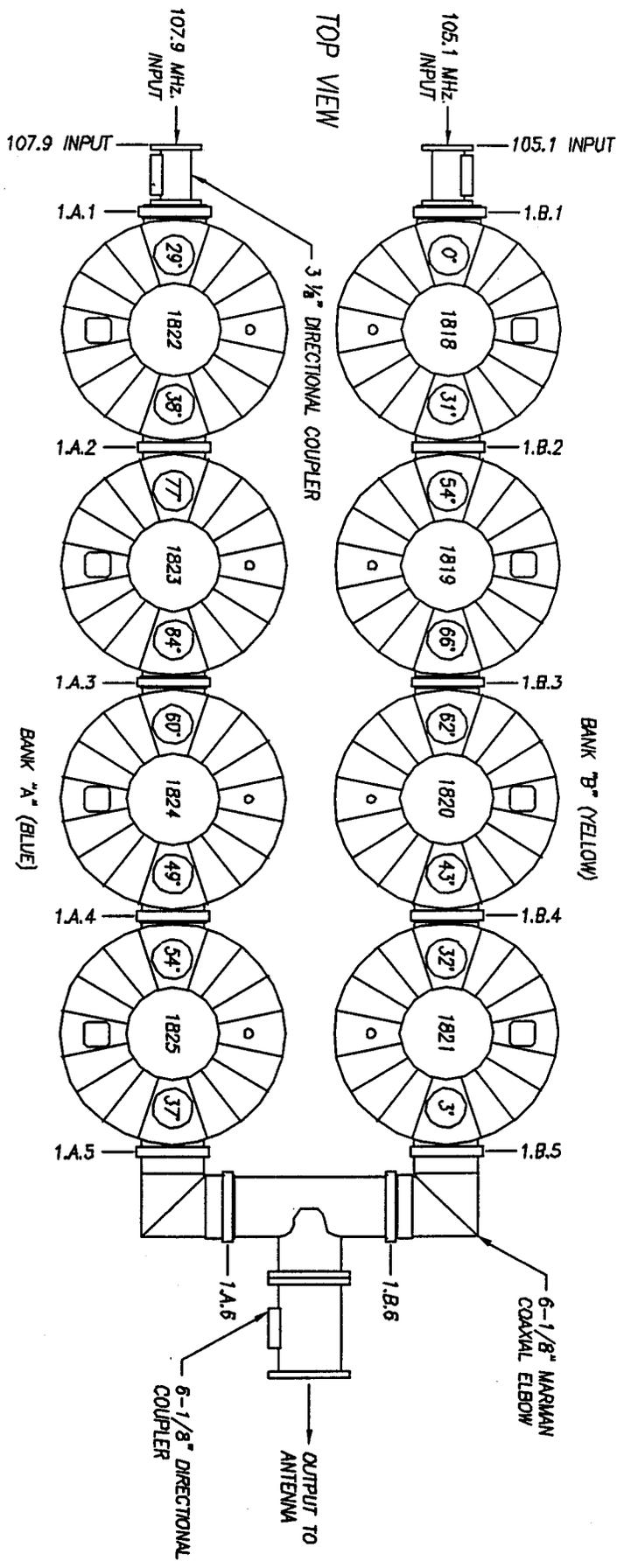


Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16th day of July 2001.

  
Cindy D. Jones, Notary Public  
My commission expires November 6, 2006

**Exhibit A**

**Schematic Drawings and Specifications for  
Filter/Combiner/Antenna Systems**



- NOTES:
- 1) ASSEMBLE MODULES BY CORRESPONDING NUMBERS & LETTERS.
  - 2) CONNECTIONS ARE DESIGNED BY MODULE NUMBER, BANK LOCATION AND CONNECTION NUMBER. EX. 1A.1 WOULD BE COMBINER MODULE NO. 1, BANK 'A', CONNECTION NO. 1.
  - 3) INSURE TO ORIENTATED TUNING PADDE & TEMPERATURE COMPENSATING DEVICES AS SHOWN TO ALLOW EASE OF SYSTEM MAINTENANCE.
  - 4) EACH MODULE BANK IS COLOR-CODED FOR EASE OF INSTALLATION.

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**T-Combiner System Specification Sheet**

**KEAN/KEYJ**

**Abilene, Texas**

**General Specifications**

Multiplexer Type.....Band Pass T-Type Combiner  
 Number Of Combining Modules Used ..... Two, Type 963  
 Injected Port to Injected Port Isolation (typical).....60 dB  
 Output Connector .....6-1/8" 50Ω EIA (Flanged)  
 Output Power..... 50 kW

Combiner Modules, Size and Weight (approx):

    Type 963-4 Tuned to 105.1 MHz ..... 4.5' ht. X 2' wd. X 8' lng. & 1,200 lbs.

    Type 963-4 Tuned to 107.9 MHz ..... 4.5' ht. X 2' wd. X 8' lng. & 1,200 lbs.

Heat Removal (All Multiplexer Components).....Natural Convection

Physical Arrangement ..... All Components Floor Standing

**Injected Port Specifications**

Frequency Assignments..... 105.1 and 107.9 MHz

Power Rating, Each Injected Port (Maximum) ..... 25 kW

Connector ..... 3-1/8" 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)

VSWR .....Less than 1.06:1 @ +/-150 kHz<sup>(1)</sup>

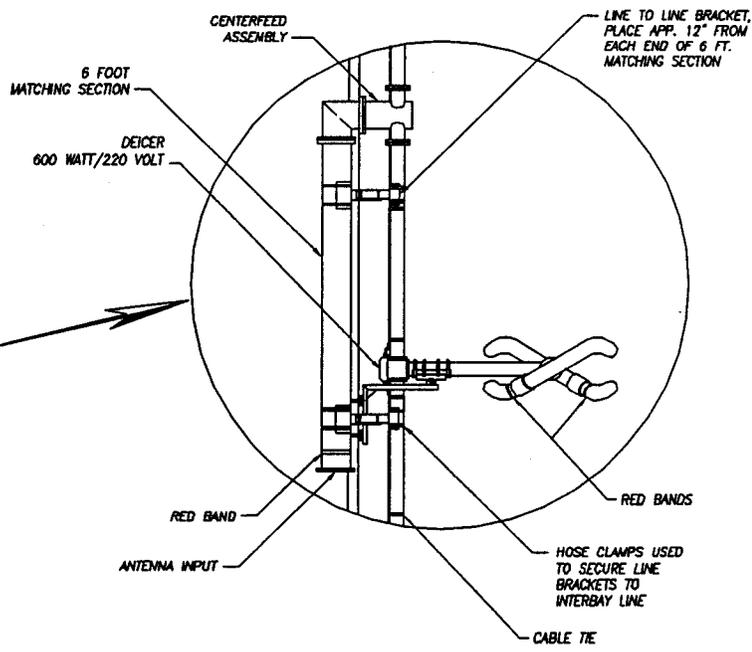
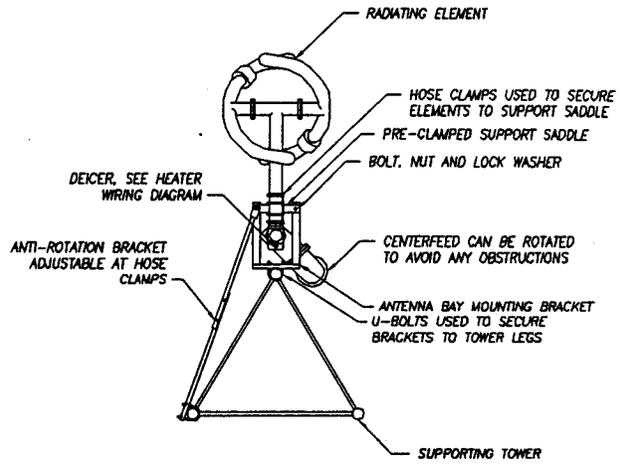
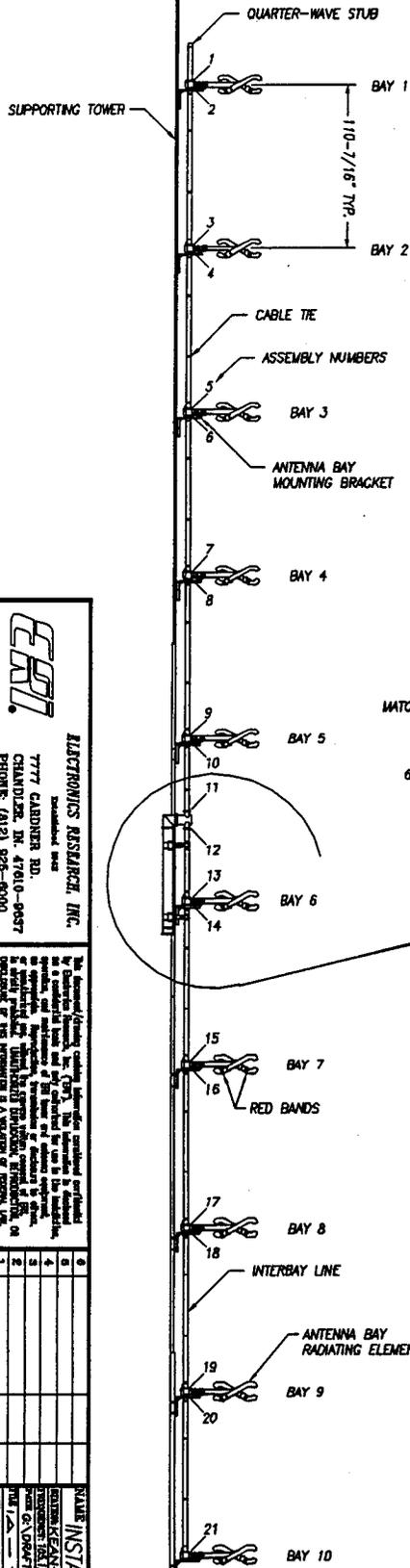
Group Delay (typical).....Less than 50 nsec Overall Variation, Carrier @ +/-150 kHz

Insertion Loss (Measured):

    105.1 MHz           -0.224 dB @ +/- 100 kHz

    107.9 MHz           -0.205 dB @ +/- 100 kHz

(1) When Terminated in 50 Ohm Resistive Load.



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- NOTES:**
1. ALL RED BANDS DESIGNATE SIDE TO BE MOUNTED DOWNWARD.
  2. ASSEMBLE ANTENNA SYSTEM BY MATING CORRESPONDING NUMBERS.
  3. OVERALL LENGTH OF ANTENNA SYSTEM IS 86'-6" APPROXIMATE.
  4. ENSURE TO PLUMB ANTENNA VERTICALLY BY LOOSENING HOSE CLAMPS ON PRE-CLAMPED SUPPORT SADDLES AND ADJUSTABLE LINE BRACKETS.
  5. ROTATE CENTERFEED ASSEMBLY AS CLOSE TO TOWER AS POSSIBLE.
  6. ANTI-ROTATION BRACKETS OMITTED FROM ELEVATION VIEW FOR CLARITY.
  7. FINAL ORIENTATION TO BE DETERMINED BY STATION PERSONNEL.

**ERI Antenna Specification Summary**

**KEAN/KEYJ**

**Abilene, Texas**

**General Specifications**

Antenna Type ..... High Power FM-Broadcast, Suitable for Multiplexing  
 Model Number ..... SHPX-10AC6-SP with heaters  
 Number Of Bay Levels..... Ten (one element per bay)  
 Polarization ..... Right Hand Circular

**Electrical Specifications**

Antenna Input Power Capability ..... 64 kW Maximum <sup>(1)</sup>  
 Diplexed Frequencies ..... 105.1 and 107.9 MHz  
 VSWR (typical)..... 1.15 : 1 @ Operating Frequencies  
 Typical Horizontal Plane Pattern Circularity ..... Better than +/-2 dB from RMS (Free Space)  
 Power Split ..... 50/50 (Horizontal & Vertical)  
 Frequency Specific Information:

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Station ERP</u>	<u>Beam Tilt</u>	<u>First Null Fill</u>	<u>Power Gain</u>	<u>Line Loss</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>Filter Loss</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>Computed TPO</u>
105.1 MHz.	100 kW	-0.0°	8 %	5.620	-0.7353 dB	-0.224 dB	22.2 kW
107.9 MHz.	100 kW	-0.0°	8 %	5.539	-0.7473 dB	-0.205 dB	22.5 kW

**Mechanical Specifications**

Antenna Feed System.....Fed with approx. 500' Andrew 4" Heliax and  
 .....212.5' Myat 4-1/16" Rigid Feed Line  
 Input Connector ..... 6-1/8" 50- Ohm EIA Flanged (6-1/8" diameter rigid matching section)  
 Element Deicing..... Heaters  
 Interbay Spacing (approx) ..... 110-7/16 Inch Center-to-Center  
 Array Length (approx)..... 86.5 Feet  
 Mounting .....Customer furnished triangular 42" face tower  
 Construction Material (Antenna) ..... All Noncorrosive  
 Construction Material (Mounting) ..... Galvanized Plated Steel and Stainless Steel

1) Power Capability Has Been Rated Assuming an Operating Transmission VSWR Of 1.5:1

2) Line Loss Assumes A Feed Run of 500 feet of Andrew 4" heliax and 212.5 feet of Myat 4-1/16" Rigid Coax

Line losses in dB per 100 feet at each system frequency:

	105.1	107.9
Andrew 4"	-0.116	-0.118
Myat 4-1/16"	-0.0731	-0.074

3) Losses Taken From Actual Multiplexer Measurements

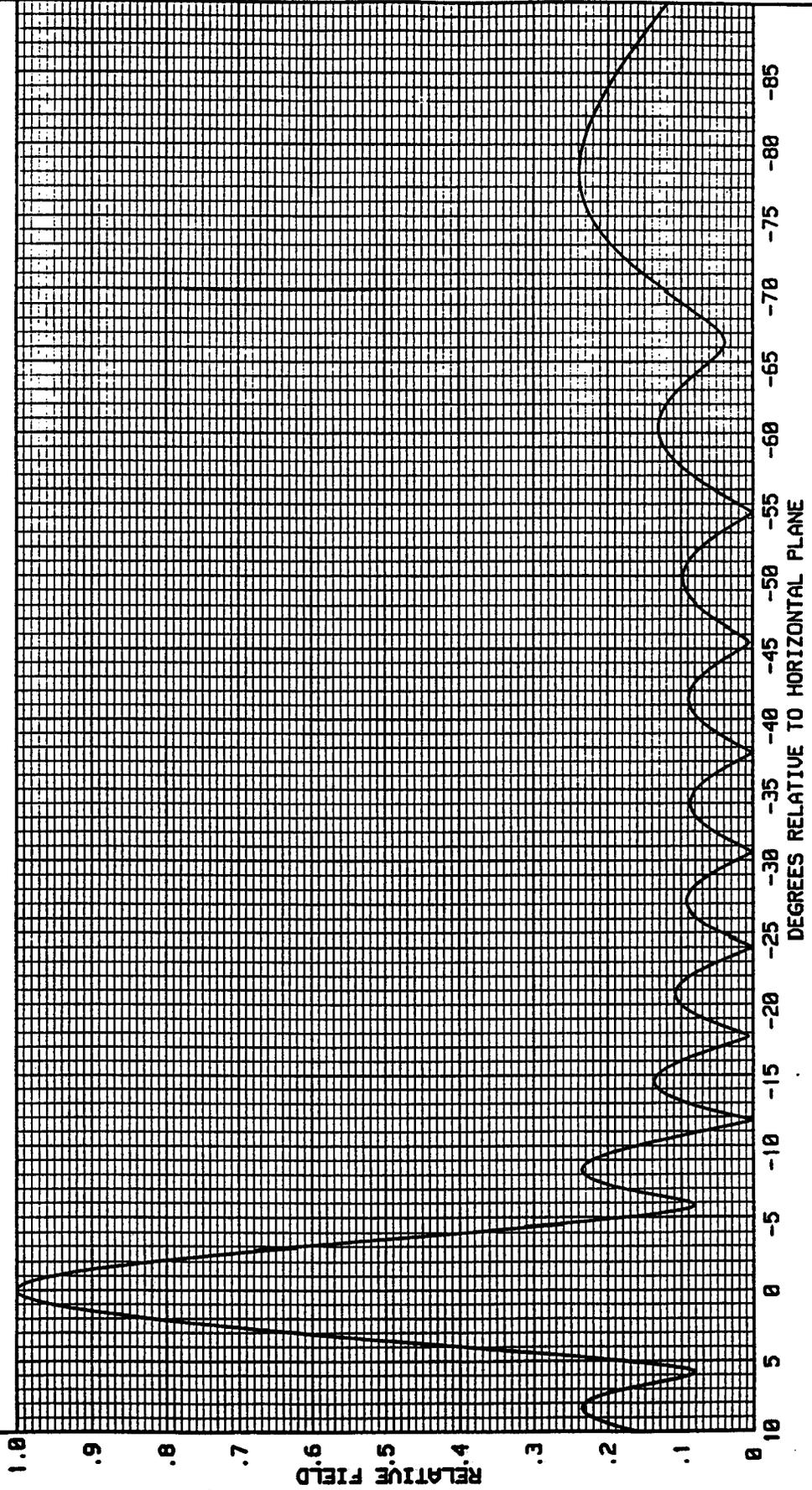
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FIGURE 1

-----THEORETICAL-----  
VERTICAL PLANE RELATIVE FIELD

10 ERI TYPE SHP, SHPX, LP, OR LPX ELEMENTS  
+0.00 DEGREE(S) ELECTRICAL BEAM TILT  
8 PERCENT FIRST NULL FILL  
0 PERCENT SECOND NULL FILL

POWER GAIN IS 5.620 IN THE HORIZONTAL PLANE(5.620 IN THE MAX.)



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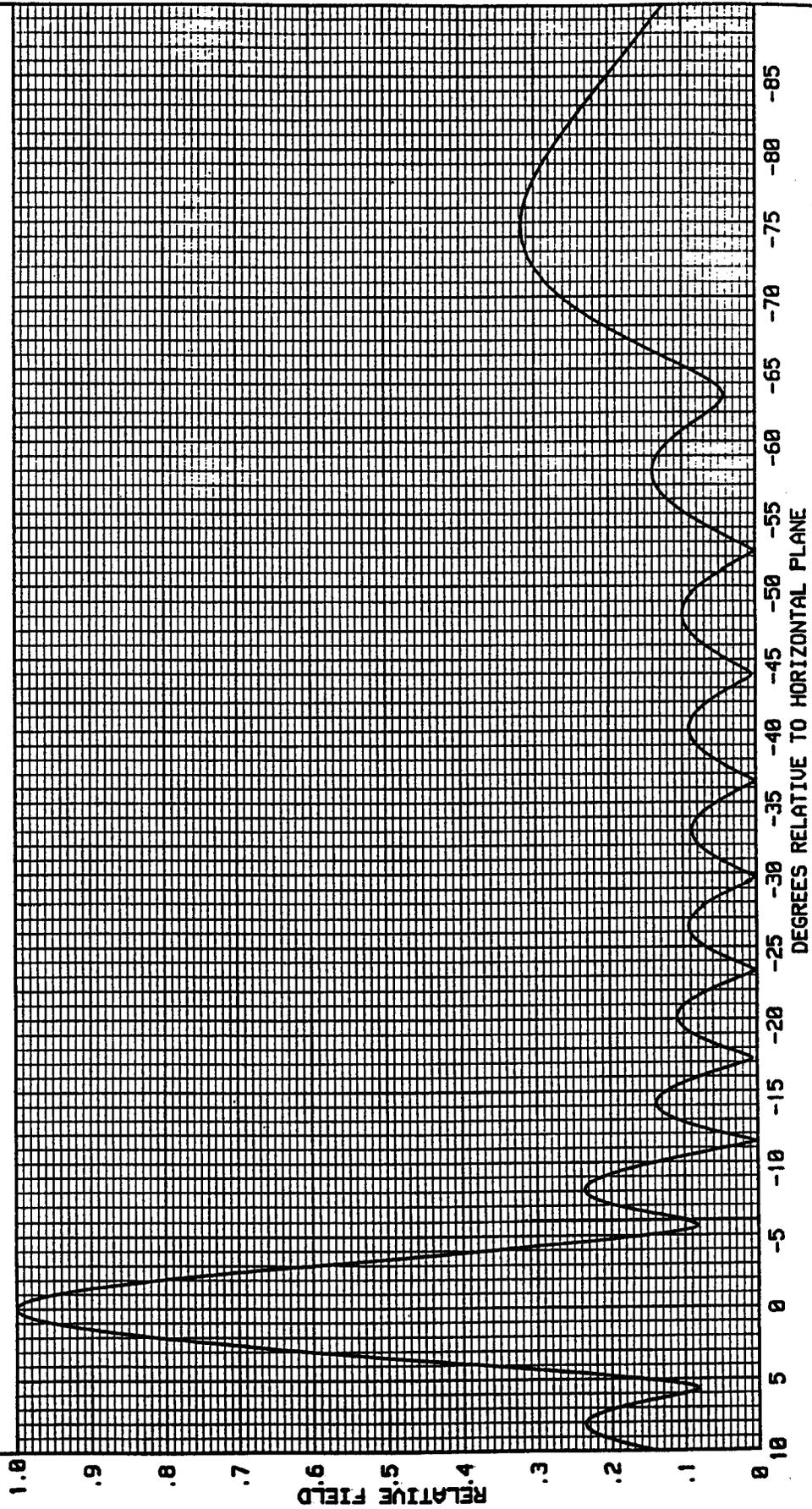
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8 PERCENT FIRST NULL FILL  
8 PERCENT SECOND NULL FILL

FIGURE 2

ELEMENT SPACING  
110.4375 INCHES

POWER GAIN IS 5.539 IN THE HORIZONTAL PLANE(5.539 IN THE MAX.)



**Exhibit B**

**Inter-Modulation Product Measurement  
Equipment Layout**

