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L. INTRODUCTION

The Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River (ACF) basin drains portions of Georgia, Alabama and Florida. There are a number of reservoirs in the ACF basin providing flow regulation, water supplies, hydroelectric power, recreation, navigation. and fish and wildlife habitat. Additional climatology data are required as input to the study directed at development of an improved water management policy for the ACF basin. This portion of the overall study is directed at providing a general description of weather patterns in the ACF basin, determining the availability of specific climatic data for the basin and providing extensive statistical analysis of precipitation data for the basin.

2. CLIMATE AND ITS CAUSES

A. **Basic Concepts**

Although many of the exact details are still unknown, the underlying cause of weather and climate are heat from the sun and the rotation of the earth. The radiant energy from the sun and the constant rotation of the earth about its axis serve to establish circulation patterns within the atmosphere. These circulation patterns carry heat and moisture from the equator to the poles, across land of various topography and over open bodies of water. The earth's orbit around the sun is elliptic, thus its distance from the sun varies. In addition, the earth's axis of rotation is not normal to the orbit plane around the sun. Due to the inclination of the axis of rotation, the northern hemisphere is tipped toward the sun and receives more direct radiation during the summer while the southern hemisphere is tipped toward the sun and receives more direct radiation during the winter. The elliptic orbit and inclination of the axis of rotation produce a condition whereby the amount of radiant energy received from the sun varies with location and season.

Weather sequences tend to follow the same general pattern year after year at any location on the earth. However, there are certain variations in the normal climatic cycle. Many questions exist concerning the exact nature of variations in basic weather patterns; however, contributing factors include: (1) transient events on the sun, (2) large scale air-sea interactions, (3) land surface evaporation and transpiration patterns, and (4) variations in geomagnetic activity. Some of the climatic variation also occur as randomized events rather than resulting from completely deterministic forces.

B. Regional Climatic Controls

The primary driving forces for weather patterns are the sun's radiation and the rotation of the earth about its axis. These driving forces interact with regional or local factors to produce the very complex system of weather which the earth experiences. Climatic regimes are controlled by factors such as latitude, source of moisture, prevailing winds, ocean currents, and topography. These factors interact to produce the regional climatic controls and the characteristic weather patterns for the region.

I. Latitude

Radiant energy from the sun reaches the earth after passing through approximately 93 million miles of space. As illustrated in Figure 2.I,

Figure 2.I Sun Rays Passing Through Earth's Atmosphere at Different Latitudes

the rays reaching the equator appear to come from more directly overhead. At points nearer the poles the sun appears lower in the sky. Sunlight that reaches the earth's surface in the higher latitudes has passed through a thicker layer of absorbing, scattering, and reflecting atmosphere than has sunlight that reaches the earth's surface at. the lower latitudes. The result is warm climates in the equatorial regions and successively cooler climates at high latitudes. Seasons modify the latitude effect because of the tilt of the axis of the earth. This is i.llustrated by the typical summer and winter earth-sun orientation shown in Figure 2.2.

Figure 2.2 Typical earth-sun orientation (Summer and Winter)

2. Continentality and Sources of Moisture

Land and water surfaces react differently to the incoming rays of the sun. In general, land surfaces absorb the solar radiation, but conducts heat to the interior very slowly. The surface temperature increases rapidly but the heat does not penetrate deeply into the earth. Land surfaces will then cool rapidly at night or under cloudy conditions. On the other hand, heat input to a water body is transmitted more readily to the interior by conduction and convection. The overall water temperature rises slowly but a larger quantity of heat has been absorbed. The water will then cool more slowly than the land surface. The net effect is that the surface layer of air over land is warmer in summer and colder in winter than oyer bodies of water. Since

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warm air rises, permitting air from cooler regions to flow in to replace it, there is a net inflow of cool ocean air onto continents in summer and an outflow from the continents in winter.

Sources of moisture have a profound influence on the climate of an area. A dynamic process occurs continuously at the surface of water. Molecules with enough speed (and traveling in the right direction) break away from the liquid surface and enter the atmosphere. These molecules change from the liquid state into the vapor state in a process called evaporation. While some water molecules are leaving the liquid, others are returning. Those returning are going from the vapor state to the liquid state. This process in called condensation. Hence, at the surface of the liquid, some molecules are always evaporating (escaping) and others condensing (returning).

When a cover is placed just above the exposed water surface, the total number of molecules escaping from the liquid is quickly balanced by the number returning. At this point the air above the water contains the maximum number of water vapor molecules that it is capable of holding. When this condition exists, the air is said to be saturated with water vapor at that particular air temperature. For every molecule that evaporates, one must condense and no net loss of liquid or vapor molecules results.

If one removes the cover and blows across the top of the water, some of the vapor molecules already in the air above would be blown away, creating a difference between the actual number of vapor molecules and the total number required for saturation. This would help prevent saturation from occurring and would allow for a greater amount of evaporation. Wind, therefore, enhances evaporation.

Water temperature also influences evaporation. All else being equal, warm water will evaporate more rapidly than cool water. Heating water increases its average molecular speed. Hence, the warmer the water, the greater the rate of evaporation, provided the air above does not become saturated.

The air temperature above the water has an additional effect on the rate of evaporation. In the atmosphere, water vapor molecules are constantly moving around, bumping into other molecules. When these gas molecules collide, they tend to bounce off one another, constantly

changing in speed and direction. However, the speed lost by one molecule is gained by another, and so the average speed of all the molecules does not change. Consequently, the temperature of the air does not change. Mixed in with all of the air molecules are microscopic bits of dust, smoke, and other particles called condensation nuclei. In warm air, fast-moving vapor molecules strike the nuclei with such impact that the vapor molecules simply bounce away. In cold air, however, the slower-moving vapor molecules are more apt to stick to the nuclei. When many billions of these molecules condense on the floating particle, a liquid droplet forms.

Since condensation occurs when the air is saturated, condensation is most likely to happen as the air cools and the speed of the vapor molecules decreases. Therefore, with the same number of water vapor molecules, saturation is more likely to occur in cool air than in warm air. Put another way, warm air can hold more water vapor molecules before becoming saturated than can cold air. Hence, as the air temperature above a wet surface increases, the evaporation rate increases because the air above the surface can hold more water vapor. The amount of water vapor in the air compared to its capacity is called the relative humidity.

In summary, the main factors that influence the rate of evaporation from water surfaces are:

- 1. wind
- 2. temperature of the water
- 3. air temperature above the water
- 4. degree of saturation

Over land surfaces moisture is also added to the atmosphere through transpiration from plants. The water absorbed by a plant's root system moves upward through the stem and emerges from the plant through numerous small openings on the underside af the leaf. It is estimated that evaporation and transpiration from continental areas amount to only about 15 percent of the water vapor that annually enters the atmosphere; the remaining 85 percent evaporates from the oceans. Evaporation and transpiration are often lumped together and simply referred to as evaporation.

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The measurement of evaporation presents difficult problems. When all other factors contributing to the hydrologic or water balance for a given area are known, evaporation may be estimated as a residual. The hydrologic balance may be expressed as

$P = R + S + E$

P being precipitation, R the surface runoff of water, S the seepage of water into the ground, and E the combined effect of evaporation and transpiration. Adequate measurement of P and R presents problems in sampling over the area in question and S is obviously a difficult term to assess.

Because of the difficulties in directly measuring evaporation for large regions, a somewhat artificial method to measure evaporation is in common usage. This method, called pan evaporation, measures the evaporation from specially designed pans. The results from such observations are usually analyzed by means of a formula

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E = C(e_{w} - e_{a})
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where E is the rate of evaporation, $\frac{1}{w}$ is the saturation water vapor pressure at the surface temperature of the water, $\mathsf{e}_{\mathsf{a}}^{}$ the vapor pressur a in the air, and C a factor which incorporates the effects of wind speed, barometric pressure and other variables such as exposure.

Such measurements, if they can be related to water losses from larger water bodies such as reservoirs and from freely transpiring vegetation, are of obvious importance. Unfortunately, the thermal response of bodies of water or land will be significantly influenced by size and geometry. Consideration of the basic dependence of pan evaporation on the size, design and exposure of the pan and its comparatively rapid response to changing atmospheric conditions emphasizes the difficulty of this approach. Each water body and land region will generally have its own "pan coefficient," and this is likely to vary with the season. Nevertheless, pan evaporation data have a useful role to play in assessing the comparative evaporative needs of different regions, even though their quantitative indications must be interpreted with caution.

The heat energy required to change a substance from one state to another is called latent heat. Latent heat is an important source of atmospheric energy. Once vapor molecules become separated from the

earth's surface, they are swept away by the wind like dust before a broom. Rising to high altitudes where the air is cold, the vapor changes into liquid and ice cloud particles. During these processes a tremendous amount of heat is released. This heat, provides energy for storms, such as hurricanes, middle-latitude cyclones, and thunderstorms. Water vapor evaporated from warm, tropical water can be carried into poLar regions, where it condenses and gives up its heat. Thus, evaporation--transportation--condensation is an important mechanism for the relocation of heat (as well as water) in the atmosphere.

3. Prevailing Winds

The non-uniform heating of the earth by the sun is the main cause of wind systems. The equatorial regions receive more solar heat than do the polar regions. The warm equatorial surface air rises and is replaced by cooler surface air flowing in from the higher latitudes. This effect combines with the earth's rotation to produce a general global atmospheric circulation. Surface winds in the northern hemisphere are arranged in three broad belts: the northeast trade winds in the Tropics and Sub-tropics, the prevailing westerlies in the middle latitudes and the polar easterlies in the polar region. Of course, actual local winds at any one place and any given time depend on a multitude of complex factors and may vary considerably from general circulation patterns.

The rotation of the earth about its axis causes winds to be deflected to the right in the northern hemisphere. This deflection, called the Coriolis effect, results in winds moving with net counterclockwise rotation in low pressure regions and net clockwise rotation in high pressure regions. This is illustrated in Figure 2.3.

Figure 2.3 Winds and Related Forces Around Lov and High Pressure Regions in the Northern Hemisphere

Consider a parcel of air initially at rest at position 1 in Figure $2.3(a)$. The pressure gradient force accelerates this air inward toward the center of the low pressure region and the Coriolis force deflects the air to the right. The deflection of the air to the right continues until the air is moving along a line of constant pressure (isobar) at position 2. The isobars are basically circular around established low or high pressure regions. At point 2 equilibrium exists between the pressure gradient force, the Coriolis force and the centripetal acceleration of the air moving along the curved path. The air will now continue to move along the generally circular path. The pressure gradient force causes air to move outward from a high pressure region. The air is deflected to the right by the Coriolis force resulting in net clockwise flows around high pressure regions as illustrated in Figure 2.3(b). High and low pressure regions migrate producing changing weather patterns. There are, however, locations of semipermanent high or low pressure regions. A semipermanent pressure area is one dominated by either high or low pressure. The semipermanent pressure systems in the Atlantic are the Icelandic Low and the Bermuda High.

The air masses that prevail over an area determine its climate. For example, the southeastern states are dominated in summer by a moist tropical air mass associated with a semi-permanent high pressure region located offshore (the Bermuda High). The southerly winds on the west

side of this high pressure region bring warm humid air into the region. In winter, with the net movement of air from the continent toward the water, Canadian air masses invade these states bringing cold fronts across the area. Local storms are superimposed on the general climatic pattern.

4. Ocean Currents

Well-established ocean currents have great effect on the climate of coastal areas. For example, the Gulf Stream carries warm water from the Florida Straits northward along the Atlantic Coast and then northeastward and eastward to the British Isles. Without the Gulf Stream, Great Britain and probably most of Western Europe would have a much colder climate. Small changes or meanderings of these established currents can significantly affect weather patterns. Nuch of the rain and coastal storm activity on the California coast during the past few years has been attributed to variations in the warm ocean currents (El Nino) off the South American coastline. Winds blowing over these warm streams of water pick up heat and moisture and bring it over land. The moisture and energy is dissipated on the land occasionally with very damaging results. Winds blowing over cold ocean currents can produce the foggy, clouded conditions such as are encountered along portions of the Pacific coast during the summer. Warm, moist air from the Pacific Ocean is advected by westerly winds over the cold, coastal waters. Chilled from below, the air temperature drops to the dew point and fog is produced. As summer winds carry the fog inland over the warmer land, the fog near the ground dissipates leaving a sheet of low-lying gray clouds that block out the sun. Further inland, the air is sufficiently warmed so that even these low clouds evaporate and disappear. Conditions such as these produce the very cool summers of San Francisco while a relatively short distance inland significantly higher temperatures exist.

5. Topography

Temperature in the atmosphere decreases with increasing elevation at the approximate rate of 3.3'F per l000 ft change in elevation. This rate of decrease of temperature with elevation is called the lapse rate. In addition, atmospheric pressure decreases rapidly in a non-linear manner with increasing elevation. Thus, at l0,000 feet in a mountain

range the temperature and pressure are about 33'F and 4.6 psi **lower than conditions at sea** level. Horizontally moving air **will** obviously have to rise **to** go **over** a large obstacle such **as a** mountain range. Forced lifting along **a topographic** barrier is called **orographic** uplift. **This uplifting** produces **cooling as the** air **proceeds up** the **slope of** the **mountain range.** If **the** air is humid, clouds form and precipitation may occur. On the downwind side of the mountain barrier the air sinks and warms. The clouds evaporate and the air mass has lost much of its **moisture content. Some of the "rainiest"** places **in the world are located on the windward side** of **mountains. On the other hand, regions downwind** of **mountain ranges** often have **relatively smail precipitation rates.**

A very important physical feature of the mountain ranges in **the United States is their orientation. Most are oriented** in approximately north-south lines and **tend to** block the flow of **the** prevailing **westerlies. In the east, the Appalachian Mountains tend to block** the **flow of Atlantic air into the** interior. **Their orientation, on the other** hand, **permits the free passage of cold arctic air** masses **from Canada** into the central **and** eastern **two-thirds** of **the** United States. The location of mountain ranges **and the** lack **of** an **east-west** mountain **barrier also permits the unhampered northward flow of warm tropical air from the Gulf of Mexico far northward** into **the interior of** the continent. This zone of free flow through the **center of the** continent is the meeting place **of cold** and warm air masses; fronts and **storms** form **in** this **area as the air** masses **clash,**

3. AVAILABILITY OF CLIMATIC DATA

There is a wealth of climatic data available from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Department of Defense DOD!, other government agencies, academic institutions, and private sources. NOAA publishes a report "Selective Guide to Climatic Data Sources" which outlines most of the data which are available. Much of the climatic data can be obtained from the National Climatic Center (NCC), a part of NOAA. A number of the NCC publications are periodicals with weekly, monthly or yearly distribution.

Basic climatological data such as precipitation, temperature, relative humidity, evaporation, wind, soil temperature, snowfall, heating degree days, etc. are available in monthly and annual publications. These data are published for each state or combination of states as well as for many specific locations. Generally, each state is subdivided with data presented for climatic divisions which represent approximate homogeneous climatic regimes. The basic data are available in various forms: high values, low values, mean daily values, mean monthly values, mean yearly values, etc. Historical climatological data are also available for states or regions where long weather records exist.

Publications are also available presenting specialized information such as storm data. In a chronological listing, by states, occurrences of storms and unusual weather phenomena are presented. Other similar publications exist examining specific climatic variables.

Despite the overall magnitude of available data thexe may be a shortage of applicable data when a specific site and climatic variable is considered. Sufficient data may be available to establish general state or regional patterns yet be insufficient to establish variations within a specific study area. For example, in the ACF basin there appears to be an adequate supply of most climatic data, however, evaporation data for the basin appears to be scarce. NOAA in its report "Mean Monthly, Seasonal, and Annual Pan Evaporation for the United States" lists only eight data locations for the State of Georgia. Only three of these data locations may be considered as representing data for the ACF basin.

4. THE STUDY AREA

A. General Description

The approximate drainage basin for the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint River (ACF) system is shown in Figure 4.1 superimposed on a map **indicating the general land regions of Georgia,** Alabama **and** a **portion of** Florida. **The ACF system has** its **origin in** the **Blue** Ridge Mountain region of northern Georgia **and terminus** in **Apalachicola Bay,** Florida. Along the way it drains approximately 13,000 square miles of **Georgia, 2800** square **miles of Alabama** and 3000 **square miles** of **Florida.**

1. Georgia Drainage Area

In Georgia, the ACF system drains portions of all the regions except the Appalachian **Plateau** and the **Atlantic Coastal Plains.**

The Blue Ridge rises in the northeastern **part** of the state. The peaks vary **from** 2,000 to nearly 5,000 **feet above sea level. Hardwoods** and **pine** trees cover **the slopes** of **these mountains.**

Figure 4.1 Approximate Drainage for Apalachicola, **Chattahoochee and Flint River System**

The Appalachian Ridge and Valley Region, in northwestern Georgia, has several broad, fertile valleys separated by long, parallel ridges. Pine and hardwood forests once covered these valleys. Today, the rich soils produce cotton, fruits, grains, and vegetables. Beef cattle graze in the valley pastures.

The Piedmont has gently rolling hills. The northern edge of the region meets the Appalachian areas at about 1,500 feet above sea level. The Piedmont gradually slopes dawn toward the south, where it meets the coastal plains at an elevation of less than 400 feet. The region's big cities Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, and Macon help make it the most heavily populated section of Georgia. The southern boundary of the Piedmont is known as the "fall line". As rivers flow from the Piedmont to the safter ground of the coastal plains, falls and rapids occur.

The East Gulf Coastal Plain covers almost a fourth of Georgia in the southwest. This flatland has a rich sandy loam soil that produces large agricultural crops.

2. Alabama Drainage Area

In Alabama, the ACF system drains portions of the Piedmont and East Gulf Coastal Plains.

The Piedmont, in east-central Alabama, is an area of low hills and ridges separated by sandy valleys. The clay soils of these hills and ridges have been badly eroded. Host of the land is forested. Cheaha Mountain, the highest point in Alabama, rises 2,407 feet on the northwestern edge of the Piedmont.

Deposits of coal, iron ore, limestone, and marble, together with electric power from projects on the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers, make the Piedmont an important, manufacturing area. Textile production is the main industry in many small cities of the region.

The East Gulf Coastal Plain is Alabama's largest land region. It covers the entire southern two-thirds af the states except for a narrow strip af land called the Black Belt. In western Alabama, the plain extends north almost to Tennessee. The southeastern part of the plain is called the Wiregrass section. It is named for a tough grass that once grew there in the pine forests. Today, the Wiregrass area is an important farming region. The northern part of the plain is often called the Central Pine Belt because many pine forests cover its low,

rolling hills. In **the** western part **of** this section, the soils are gravelly and **sandy,** and are not **good for** growing crops.

3. Florida Drainage Area

In Florida, portions of the Florida Uplands and the East Gulf Coastal Plains are drained by the ACF system.

The East Gulf Coastal Plain is part of a larger land region. It begins at **the** Gulf of Mexico and **extends** as far west as western Mississippi and as far north as southern Illinois. Long, narrow islands extend along the Gulf of Mexico coastline. Large coastal swamps stretch far inland.

The Florida Uplands extends across the northern portion of the state with a section extending down the center of the state toward the **southern** tip of the peninsula.

B. General ACF Basin Climatic and Precipitation Patterns

General air mass movements for the United **States** are shown in Figure 4.2. The ACF drainage basin is dominated by air mass movement from two regions, warm moist air from the Gulf of Mexico and a cooler, dryer air movement from Canada. The interaction of **these** two flows are

Figure 4.2 General Air Mass Movements in the United States

the major climatic controls in the study **air.** A warm moist flow from **the Gulf of Mexico tends to dominate the weather** pattern **during the summer while a cold dry** air **flow** from **Canada often enters the region** during the winter months. **The** region experiences fairly **well-distributed precipitation throughout the** year **although August** through November are **generally** the periods **of** minimum precipitation.

The semi-permanent Bermuda **High produces** a **clockwise air flow. On the** western side **of the high, air** flows **northward into the southeast** United **States.** Summers **are hot** and humid, characteristic of the air mass **moving** from the **Gulf of** Mexico. **The summer air masses originating** in **Canada, where** long summer days melt snow and warm **the** land, are moderately cool and re1atively **moist.** A summertime air mass flow from **Canada** usually **brings** relief from the **heat** patterns. **Air** mass movement **from Canada during the summer** is relatively infrequent **since flows generally** tend to **be** from **the Gulf northward into the continent.**

The **winter climatic patterns in the ACF basin are** more **influenced by the Canadian air** mass **movements. Very cold, dry air moves southward from a high** pressure region in Canada. **This flow is augmented by the warmer** air **in the Gulf region rising** allowing the cooler air to **move into the region.** There **are** no **topographic barriers to restrain northsouth** movement **so the air mass** may **penetrate deeply into the southeastern states. The air** mass **temperature is moderated** as **it moves over warmer land to the south however** cold **wave** warnings and **frigid temperatures** accompany the movement. **Between** cold **waves** the flow from **the Bermuda high strongly influences** the **weather pattern.**

A "front" is the **transition zone between two** air **masses with different properties.** The **meeting of** air masses **produces** the **"fronts" or severe weather conditions which are encountered in the** ACF **drainage basins especially** in **the spring months.**

C. Ayers e Climatic and Preci itation Data for the ACF **Basin**

Average winter temperatures in the ACF basin are generally higher **in** the coastal **areas and** gradually **decrease** in **the interior of the** basin. The **decrease** in **average** winter temperature is particularly apparent at the higher altitudes **in** the northern part of the **basin.** Average **summer temperatures in** the **coastal areas are also generally higher, however, the variation in temperature within the** basin is

considerably **less** in summer than in the winter months. Variations of average monthly temperature within the ACF basin is illustrated in Table 4.1.

There are only small variations in average relative humidity within the ACF **basin.** The **variation** with season within the basin **is** also **relatively** small. **Figures** 4.3 **and** 4.4 present mean daily **relativity** humidity data for January and July. The average relative humidity **is** observed to be approximately 80X in the near coastal portion of the ACF basin both in January and **in** July. The relative humidity decreases inland. However, the entire interior of the ACF basin has an average relative humidity between 70 and 80X throughout the year.

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Figure 4.3 Mean Daily Relative **Humidity** X! for **July**

Figure 4.4 Mean Daily Relative Humidity (%) for January

As indicated in Figure 4.5, the average annual precipitation within the ACF drainage basin varies from about 47 inches/year to above 60 inches/year. Starting in the northern portion of the drainage basin the average rainfall is over 60 inches/year. Moving southward, the annual rainfall decreases **to** below 50 inches/year, then **increases in** the Columbus, Georgia area to around 54 inches/year. The average rainfall rate then decreases followed by an increase back to around 60 inches/year in the coastal region.

Figure 4.5 Average Precipitation (inches/year) **for Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint River System**

This variation in rainfall within the ACF basin to a large extent can be attributed to topography differences and**n the location of the** basin relative to the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. The Bermuda High will bring moist ocean air into the coastal regions of the **Southeastern United States.** As the moist air **moves** inland over **the** hot

continent, it warms, rises and frequently produces afternoon showers and thunderstorms. The amount of precipitation will generally decrease with **distance** away from **the coast.** This effect **is** clearly observed in **Figure** 4.5. **The** increased rainfall **in** the northeastern section of Alabama and the northwestern section of Georgia is due to orographic uplift along the mountain ranges of this region. As **previously** discussed, the air masses **will** rise **to** clear the mountain range, cooling will occur as a **result** of the increase in elevation and precipitation may result generally on the windward side of the mountain. An apparent abnormality **is observed** to **occur on the state** line **between Alabama** and **Georgia in** the central portion of the **states.** This area of abnormally high **precipitation is** also probably **due** to orographic uplift associated **with** the Pine Mountain **Range** and **Oak** Mountain Range, both **located** in this general area. These mountain ranges **extend** up to 500 feet above the surroundings. Dowdell Knob, the highest elevation in the area, has an **elevation of** 1,395 **feet.**

Pan evaporation data are available **for** only three stations in or adjacent to the ACF basin. Average monthly and annual values **for** these three stations **are presented in Table 4'.2. Only a** small variation in **the annual pan evaporation data exists between the three** stations. Mean annual pan **evaporation data are also shown in Figure** 4.6. The variation in pan evaporation rate would appear to be relatively uniform in the ACF

Figure 4.6 Mean Annual Pan Evaporation (inches)

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pan evaporation rates with actual evaporation rates. This is illustrated in Figure 4.7 where average annual lake evaporation for 1946-55 is given for Georgia. Comparison of Figures 4.6 and 4.7 indicate the difficulty in correlating pan evaporation rates and actual evaporation rates. A problem exists, however, in relating pan evaporation rates to actual evaporation rates from lakes or from freely transpiring vegetation. As indicated previously, it may be difficult to correlate

Figure 4.7 Average Lake Evaporation for 1946-55

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5. THE PRECIPITATION DATA

A. ACF Subbasins and Study Plan

For the purpose of this study the ACF was divided into 7 subbasins as indicated in Figure 5.1. Each subbasin, except the one which discharges in Apalachicola Bay, terminates at a dam where flow regulation for the subbasin can be accomplished. The drainage **area** represented by each subbasin is shown in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1

DRAINAGE AREA FOR ACF SUBBASINS

Figure 5.1 ACF Subbasins

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Precipitation data from 33 rain gages in the ACF basin are to be analyzed. The locations of each of these rain gages is shown in Figure 5.1. Monthly and yearly precipitation totals and monthly and annual average precipitations for the period of available record will be calculated.

A smaller subset of rain gages representative of the ACF subbasins will be selected for more extensive statistical analysis. Nonexceedence probabilities, recurrence intervals and other standard statistical parameters will be computed for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12 and 24 month time intervals. These data will be presented in suitable tabular and graphical formats.

The pzecipitation data was provided by the National Climatic Data Center (NCC) in Asheville, North Carolina, on three 2400-foot magnetic tapes - one tape for each state in the ACF river basin. Each record was 186 characters long. The first eight fields, the identification portion of the record, describe the characteristics of the entire record (station, time interval, element type, number of observations). The last five fields, the data portion of the record, contain information about each element value reported. This portion is repeated for as many values as occur in the given time interval.

Each meteorological station is identified by an eight digit identifier assigned by NCC. This eight digit identifier is further divided into a two digit state code, a four digit cooperative network index number (called station number in this report) and a two digit cooperative network division number. The division number for a station can change through time and is not important for this report.

Since the data from NCC contained much more climatic information than was needed for this project on total precipitation, a computer program was written to search foz those records marked TPCP, for total monthly precipitation, and copy them to new files. This program is included as Appendix B.) These files were then merged into one file, printed out, and examined. lt was found that most stations in Alabama and Georgia had a division number change during the year 1956 creating two records for the same year. One record showed missing data for September through December while the next record showed missing data for January through August. One station in Florida had three records

for 1955. All such multiple records were merged together and division number 00 was assigned to these new records.

B. Choosing Representative Stations

The representative stations were chosen based on the period of record, the amount of missing data, and the geographical locations of the stations within the subbasins.

l. Subbasin Number 1

This is the region along the Chatahoochee River north of Huford Dam. It contains five meteorological stations at Dahlonega (092475), Cleveland (092006), Cornelia (092283), Gainsville (093621), and Cumming 92408!. There are 52 complete years of data from Dahlonega starting with 1931. From Cleveland we have almost 40 years of data starting with April 1943. The data from Cornelia starts with 1931 but several months in 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1949, and 1950 are missing; therefore, this station should probably not be considered as a representative station. The data from Gainsville also starts with 1931 with only April 1936 and November 1947 missing. These two months would not be statistically significant, The data from Cumming starts with June 1937 but November 1937 to January 1938 are missing along with the data for June and July 1955. Therefore, this station should probably not be considered as representative for the subbasin. Cleveland was chosen as the representative station based on its completeness and its central location within the subbasin.

2. Subbasin Number 2

This is a long and narrow region along the Chattahoochee River starting at Buford Dam on the north and ending with West Point Dam on the south. It contains seven meteorological stations Norcross (096407), Douglasville (092791), Newnan (096335), LaGrange (094949), and West Point (099291) in Georgia and Rock Mills (017025) and Lafayette (014502) in Alabama.

The data from Norcross starts with 1931, but July 1933 to December 1938 are missing. There are 44 complete years of data srarting with 1939. Forty-two and one-half years of data are available from Douglasville starting with July 1940. The data from Newnan consists of 52 complete years starting with 1931. From LaGrange we have 48 years of data starting in 1935 with only December 1945 missing; and from West

Point we have 52 complete years starting in 1931. The data from Rock Mills, Alabama starts with 1948 but the data for all of 1950, August 1951, and June 1980 to February 1982 are missing. This would not be a good station to choose for representative data. For Lafayette, Alabama the data starts with 1948 but May-October 1948 are missing. Also the entire year 1950 is missing. If we started with 1951 we would have 32 years of good data; but neither Alabama station provides really good data. Douglasville, Georgia was chosen as representative of this subbasin.

3. Subbasin Number 3

This long narrow subbasin goes from Atlanta on the northern tip to Crisp County Power Dam on the Flint River at the southern tip. It includes meteorological stations at Atlanta (090451), Jonesboro (094700), Experiment (093271), Woodbury (099506), Talbotton (098535), Butler (091425), Montezuma (095979), and Cordele (092266).

Thirty-three years of data starting with 1950 are available from the Atlanta meteorological station. The data from Jonesboro, Georgia starts with July 1940 but December 1943, September-December 1944, March 1951, January-June 1977, and November 1982 are missing; therefore, this station probably should not be considered as representative of the subbasin. Over 48 years of data starting with December 1934 are available from Experiment, Georgia. Fifty-two years of data starting in 1931 are available from Woodbury, Georgia with only February, 1951 missing. The data from Talbotton also starts with 1931 but May 1933, August 1934, July L935-June 1936, August 1949, and July 1951 are missing. It would be possible to consider this station in view of the 46 years of data starting with 1937. The data from Butler starts with 1931 but over nine years of data from August 1933 to August 1942 are missing. Also several months during 1946 to 1951 are missing. This station should be ignored. There are 52 complete years of data starting with 1931 available from Montezuma. The data from Cordele starts with July 1934 but December 1945-February 1946, and several months in 1948-51 and 1957 are missing; therefore, this station should probably not be used.

Most of the stations in this subbasin are on or very near the boundary of the subbasin. Only Woodbury, Talbotton, Butler, and
Montezuma can be considered to be located centrally. Woodbury was chosen as representative because of its location further upstream.

4. Subbasin Number 4

This region along the Chattahoochee River and around Columbus, Georgia includes meteorological stations at Columbus (092166) and at Eufaula, Alabama (012730). The station at Fort Gaines, Georgia is at the southern terminus of the subbasin.

There are 35 complete years of data available from Columbus starting with 1948. There are only 16 years of data from Eufaula, Alabama starting with February 1967. Due to its more northerly location and the length of the period of record, the station at Columbus, Georgia was chosen as representative of this subbasin.

5. Subbasin Number 5

This region along the Flint River in southwestern Georgia includes eight meteorological stations. Two of these - Blakely and Donalsonville - are on the western border and will be considered as in subbasin 6. The other stations are at Cuthbert (092450), Americus (090253), Albany (090140), Camilla (091500), Bainbridge (090586), and Dawson (092570).

The data from Cuthbert starts with May 1945 but October 1947 and May-August 1948 are missing. There are 34 complete years of data starting in 1949. The data from Americus starts with 1931 but much of 1916 and 1979 are missing. There are 52 complete years of data from Albany starting with 1931. The data from Camilla starts with February 1938. November 1940 to **Nay** 1941, February 1950, June 1951, and August 1951 are all missing. The 41 years of data starting with 1942 could be used without much problem statistically. Only five and one-quarter years of data starting with October 1977 are available from Bainbridge. Statistical1y this station should be ignored.

Forty-one and one-half complete years of data starting with July 1941 are available from Dawson. Due to its central location and the completeness of the data available, this station was chosen as representative of the subbasin.

6. Subbasin Number 6

This region along the Chattahoochee River in the extreme southeastern corner of Alabama including a little of Florida and Georgia includes meteorological stations at Fort Gaines (093516), Blakely

90979!, and Donalsonville 92736!, **Georgia.** The Fort Gaines data starts with 1931 with only December 1938, November 1941, **and** June 1947 missing. These **three** months would not be significant statistically. Fifty-two years of data starting with 1931 with only May 1949 missing **are available** from **Blakely, Georgia. The data from Donalsonville starts** with August 1941 but December 1941-March 1942 **and November** 1943-February 1944 **are** missing. Also several months in 1945 to 1947 are missing. There are 35 complete **years of data** starting with 1948.

Actually all **three weather stations are** on the **boundaries** of **this** subbasin. Fort Gaines is on the northern boundary and Blakely and Donalsonville are on the **eastern** border. **Fort** Gaines was chosen **as representative because** of **its central location** on **the** northern **boundary of** the **subbasin.**

7. Subbasin Number 7

This Florida region along the Apalachicola River includes meteorological stations at Apalachicola (080211) and Blountstown 80804!. The data **for** Apalachicola starts with June 1948 but most of **1948** and **1949 are missing. There are 33 complete years starting with 1950.** The **data** for **Blountstown starts in 1931 but January** and March-August 1971 **are** missing. **This** station **was** chosen as representative **because of the longer** period **of record and** because **of its geographical location in the center of the subbasin.**

C. Histograms of Precipitation Data

On the **next several pages are histograms** of the monthly rainfall **totals** from **the seven selected stations for the period of record.** These graphs **are designed so that** each **one** can display up **to** 12 years of data. Missing observations **are indicated** by bars plotted **below** the **x-axis.**

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6. RECURRENCE INTERVALS AND NONEXCEEDENCE PROBABILITIES

In this section we present tables of total precipitation recurrence intervals (or nonexceedence probabilities) for periods of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12, and 24 months from data gathered at the seven representative meteorological stations in the ACF river basin in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia.

The data were analyzed (1) for the entire period of record, (2) from the beginning of the period of record to 1959, and (3) from 1959 to the present. Data for the year 1959 was included in both analyses 2 and 3. The latest data considered in these analyses were gathered in 1982 and the earliest in 1931; thus some stations have a period of record of 52 years. The shortest period of record is 35 years starting in 1948.

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Since rainfall amounts are obviously non-negative, it was assumed that they follow the gamma probability density function. The gamma probability density function may be written as

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f(x;\alpha,\beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta^{\alpha}\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}, & \text{if } x>0,\alpha,\beta>0; \\ 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0. \end{cases}
$$

Letting $t = \frac{x}{\delta}$, this density becomes

$$
f(t;\alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} & t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} , \text{ if } t>0, \alpha>0 \\ 0 , & \text{ if } t\leq 0. \end{cases}
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Using the above densities, $E[X] = \alpha \beta$, $V[X] = \alpha \beta^2$ and $E[T] = V[T] = \alpha$.

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\frac{\sum x_i}{m} = \hat{\alpha}\hat{\beta}
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and
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\frac{\Sigma x_i^2}{m} = \hat{\alpha} \hat{\beta}^2 + (\hat{\alpha} \hat{\beta})^2.
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Solving these equations simultaneously, we get

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\hat{\beta} = \frac{\frac{\sum x_i^2}{m} - \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{m}\right)^2}{\frac{\sum x_i}{m}}
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\hat{\alpha} = \frac{\sum x_i}{m} / \hat{\beta}
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= \frac{\text{sample mean}}{\hat{\beta}}
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B. Computer Programs

FORTRAN programs were written to perform **the required analyses. A preliminary program** was **written and run for all 33 stations to compute the** averages and standard deviations. The **source** listing of this **program** is **included** in **Appendix** K. However, the **program to produce** the **actual** tables for **various amounts** of **input recomputes the averages and variances.**

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The **source** listing of the program **PREDICTIONS** is included as appendix G of this report. It **reads** the **input** file and computes the number of years (N). Missing values, coded as -99999, are ignored and the actual number of terms added (M) is computed. Sample averages and variances are then computed.

When computing 1 month totals all N years of data are used; but for 2, 3, 4, and 6 month totals the program only loops through N-1 years of data because the next month, **next** two months, next three months or next five months may go over into the next (or last) year of data. Similarly for the 12 month and 24 month sums. All N years of data is used to predict yearly precipitation totals but there are only N-1 twenty-four month totals.

In statistical terms a recurrence interval is a one-sided, lower confidence interval. That is, given a nonexceedence probability α , we can be $100(1-\alpha)$ % confident that the total precipitation will exceed the lower confidence limit. Put another way, once in $1/\alpha$ years the total precipitation will be less than the lower confidence limit. A sample output can be used to explain this better.

Georgia Station Number XXXX: Years 19XX-1982 Hometown, Georgia Recurrence Intervals and Nonexceedence Probabilities **For** Total Precipitation in Inches

For Period of 6 Months							
Starting in	100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	4(.25)	2(.50)	1(.99)
January	19.63	20.97	23.11	25.12	27.73	33.20	51.93
February	20,49	21.74	23.72	25.58	27.96	32.93	49.62
March	19.39	20.67	22.70	24.61	27,08	32.24	49.82
April	15.91	17.17	19.18	21.10	23.59	28.90	47.55
May	14.22	15.43	17.39	19.26	21.71	26.96	45.72
June	14.05	15.25	17.19	19.05	21.48	26.71	45.36
July	14.94	16.24	18.32	20.32	22.93	28.56	48.68
August	14.64	15.98	18.15	20.25	23,01	28.97	50.55
September	16.75	18.03	20.08	22.02	24.55	29.92	48.66
October	19.60	20,94	23.08	25.10	27.70	33.18	51.95
November	20.39	21.83	24.14	26.31	29.12	35.05	55.48
December	20.64	22.09	24.39	26.57	29.38	35,31	55.69

The above table indicates that for a period of 6 months starting in May we can expect a total precipitation of 26.96 inches. This figure is from the column headed $2(.50)$ and is the median value for 6 month periods starting in May at this particular station. Thus the probability is 0.50 that the actual precipitation will not exceed 26.96 inches.

C.

The **tables** of recurrence intervals and nonexceedence **probabilities and** graphs of average monthly rainfall **for** the **seven** selected **stations occupy** the **next** 49 pages **of this report.** The printouts of recurrence intervals are **formatted so** that 1, 2, 3, and 4 month **predictions fit** on one **page.** The **second page** gives predictions for 6, 12, and 24 months.

For each station the first two pages are for **the** period of record, the **next** two pages are for the beginning of the period of record to 1959 inclusive, and **the** last two pages are for 1959 **to** 1982 inclusive. Following each set of tables is a graph of the average monthly rainfall for **that station** for the period of record.

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	Months Starting in	100(.01) 50(.02) 20(.05) 10(.10)				5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
	January	74	95	135	179	247	422	1290
	February	89	112	153	197	263	429	1212
	March	130	158	211	266	347	547	1461
	April	49	67	102	143	209	388	1347
	May	61	80	116	157	221	388	1240
	June	125	146	184	222	276	402	938
	July	175	205	257	310	385	561	1306
	August	115	134	165	197	241	343	765
	September	40	54	81	113	163	299	1020
	October	4	7	15	29	58	167	1018
	November	16	24	42	65	105	225	961
	December	62	82	120	164	232	413	1345
	2 Months Starting in	100(.01)	50(.02)	.05) 20(10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
	January	259	307	389	475	$\overline{596}$	883	2119
	February	393	447	536	626	748	1024	2120
	March	323	376	467	560	689	990	2247
	April	245	289	367	447	561	830	1986
	May	298	341	415	489	591	825	1769
	June	490	537	614	688	785	997	1773
	July	399	445	522	598	700	926	1791
	August	295	330	387	443	518	685	1322
	September	123	151	202	257	337	535	1447
	October	44	62	100	146	221	433	1627
	November	139	174	238	307	410	668	1889
	December	264	311	393	478	597	878	2078
	3 Months Starting in	100(.01) 50(.02) 20(.05)			10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
	January	611	687	814	939	1107	1486	2952
	February	604	678	802	924	1089	1459	2889
	March	529	604	729	855	1027	1420	2992
	April	567	630	733	834	970	1269	2398
	May	773	837	939	1036	1163	1435	2397
	June	729	789	886	979	1100	1359	2277
	July	587	649	750	848	979	1265	2333
	August	402	448	523	597	696	916	1749
	September	207	250	325	404	518	793	2016
	October	195	242	326	418	553	889	2457
	November	370	431	536	643	792	1140	2593
	December	511	581	699	818	979	1345	2801
	4 Months Starting in	100(.01)	50(.02)	$\overline{20(.05) 10(.10)}$		5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
	January	824	921	1081	1239	1450	1920	3719
	February	866	959	1112	1261	1458	1894	3527
	March	881	971	1117	1259	1447	1858	3380
	April	987	1071	1206	1336	1506	1871	3173
	May	1037	1112	1231	1343	1489	1798	2864
	June	931	1005	1123	1236	1382	1695	2793
	July	688	761	881	998	1153	1496	2775
	August	500	559	657	754	885	1175	2290
	September	393	460	575	693	857	1243	2864
	October	459	532	657	784	960	1369	3057
	November	639	722	861	999	1187	1610	3269
	December	896	991	1146	1297	1498	1940	3588

Georgia Station Number 2570: Years 1941-1982 Dawson, Georgi Recurrence Intervals and Nonexceedence Probabil For Total Precipitation **in** Hundredths of Inches

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	Months Starting in	100(0.01) 50(0.02)			20(.05) 10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
	January	69	$\overline{86}$	118	154	206	338	$\overline{967}$
	February	62	80	114	152	210	362	1114
	March	161	193	249	307	391	593	1479
	April	55	74	112	156	225	414	1412
	May	103	126	166	210	273	427	1129
	June	111	131	167	204	256	380	912
	July	205	237	290	344	418	589	1287
	August	106	125	157	191	238	349	823
	September	38	52	82	118	177	340	1243
	October	9	15	29	47	81	189	900
	November	4	7	16	32	64	187	1158
	December	35	51	83	124	192	388	1524
	2 Months Starting in	100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(7.99)
	January	241	279	344	41 L	503	717	1601
	February	384	433	516	598	710	961	1943
	March	352	407	502	599	733	1043	2325
	April	279	327	408	492	609	884	2039
	May	299	342	414	487	587	815	1734
	June	483	532	612	690	793	1017	1848
	July	447	495	573	650	752	976	1817
	August	321	359	423	485	568	755	1469
	September	147	178	232	289	372	573	1469
	October	35	50	84	126	196	402	1606
	November	93	123	183	253	361	652	2165
	December	226	268	343	420	529	790	1920
	3 Months Starting in	100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(0.99)
	January	$\overline{561}$	628	738	847	992	1317	2563
	February	630	702	821	938	1094	1441	2760
	March	615	691	817	942	1111	1488	2951
	April	551	617	726	833	977	1298	2530
	May	811	875	976	1074	1200	1469	2412
	June	675	740	847	951	1087	1385	2476
	July	678	743	848	950	1085	1376	2442
	August	450	497	573	648	747	965	1773
	September	199	242	320	404	524	819	2157
	October	167	211	293	384	519	863	2518
	November	290	346	444	547	692	1041	2561
	December	497	558	660	761	897	1203	2385
	4 Months Starting in	100(.01)	-50 ($.02)$ 20(.05)	710) $\overline{100}$	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(0.99)
	January	813	901	1047	1189	1379	1798	3373
	February	933	1022	1166	1305	1489	1887	3340
	March	927	1017	1164	1306	1494	1902	3401
	April	1014	1102	1245	1382	1561	1947	3328
	May	1017	1096	1223	1344	1502	1837	3012
	June	924	1005	1135	1261	1425	1778	3045
	July	763	839	961	1080	1238	1580	2841
	August	510	572	675	776	913	1218	2394
	September	347	415	534	660	838	1268	3152
	October	378	445	561	681	849	1247	2942
	November	537	613	742	871	1048	1451	3068
	December	845	934	1080	1223	1412	1829	3382

Georgia Station Number 2570: Years 1941-1959

Georgia Station Number 2570: Years 1959-1982 Dawson, Georgia Recurrence Intervals and Nonexceedence Probabilities For **Total** Precipitation in Hundredths **of** Inches

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Georgia Station Number 2570: Years 1959-1982 Dawson, Georgia Recurrence Intervals and Nonexceedence Probabilities **For** Total Precipitation in Hundredths of Inches

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6 Months Starting in	100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
January	1554	1683	1889	2087	2345	2898	4857
February	1663	1786	1982	2168	2409	2920	4692
March	1612	1725	1905	2075	2294	2757	4346
April	1521	1616	1767	1908	2090	2469	3747
May	1258	1359	1521	1675	1875	2303	3811
June	1200	1292	1439	1579	1761	2148	3498
July	1041	1143	1309	1470	1683	2146	3847
August	1057	1157	1319	1476	1683	2131	3767
September	1124	1232	1408	1579	1804	2293	4084
October	1272	1392	1586	1773	2020	2554	4500
November	1369	1495	1700	1897	2156	2718	4755
December	1408	1542	1761	1972	2251	2857	5069
For Period of	100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
12 Months	3158	3352	3658	3946	4315	5085	767T
For Period of	100(101)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
24 Months	7131	7454	7956	8422	9010	10211	14071

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Florida Station Number 0804: Years 1931-1959 Blountstown, Florida **Recurrence Intervals and Nonexceedence** Probabilities For Total Precipitation in Hundredths of Inches

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	6 Months Starting in	100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
	January	1470	1595	1796	1988	2240	2779	470I
	February	1891	2023	2233	2432	2688	3227	5081
	March	2259	2397	2615	2820	3082	3628	5463
	April	2176	2317	2540	2750	3020	3585	5502
	May	1775	1921	2155	2379	2671	3296	5506
	June	1808	1936	2141	2336	2587	3117	4944
	July	1685	1807	2003	2189	2430	2939	4701
	August	1315	1428	1610	1785	2013	2504	4258
	September	999	1101	1267	1429	1644	2113	3853
	October	930	1038	1218	1395	1631	2159	4172
	November	1020	1144	1348	1550	1821	2428	4765
	December	1344	1468	1670	1865	2122	2677	4692
For Period of		100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05) 10(.10)		5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
12 Months		3697	3912	4250	4567	4971	5811	8609
For Period of		100(.01)	50(.02)	20(.05)	10(.10)	5(.20)	2(.50)	1(.99)
Months 24.		8384	8733	9275	9775	10405	11684	15756

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Appendix B

Program CREATE

Program CREATE **was** the first program **written and executed.** Its **purpose is to read** the **data files supplied by the** National **Climatic** Data **Center and** slightly **modified** by the User Service staff at The **University of Alabama and to create a new** data file **which contains** only **records** on total precipitation. The modification, as explained **earlier,** was to **divide** the **186** character **records into two records containing** 90 **and 96 characters.**

The FORTRAN program **assumes** that **the** input file **is** assigned **as unit 3 and** the output **file is assigned as** unit **4.** In **addition** to **creating a** file **of total precipitation records, it also echo checks** the information **to** the lineprinter.

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            l.
                  * Program to
read a data file and pick out those records on
            2.
                  * total precipitation--those with TPCP in columns 12-15
            3.
                  ^\star Selected records are echo checked and written to a fi
            4.
            5.
                         CHARACTER*4 ELMTYP
            6.
                         CHARACTER*7 STATE
            7.
                         INTEGER STATID, STNID1, STNID2, YEAR, VALUE(12)
            8.
                         CHARACTER FLAG1(12), FLAG2(12)9.
                  \star10.
                        Determine correct state name for data file being read.
           11.
                        READ (3,300) STATID, STNID1, STNID2, ELMTYP, YEAR,
           12.
                        *
                                       (VALUE (J), FALSE(J), FALSE(J)), I=1,12)
           13.
                        IF (STATIONID .EQ. 1) THEN\mathbf 114.
                              STATE = 'Alabama'\mathbf{1}15.
                        ELSE IF (STATION .EQ. 8) THEN
  \mathbf{1}16.
                              STATE = 'Florida'\mathbf{1}17.
                        ELSE IF (STATID .EQ. 9) THEN
  \mathbf{1}18.
                              STATE = 'Georgia'
 \mathbf{L}% ^{t}\left( t\right) \equiv\mathbf{L}^{t}\left( t\right)19.
                        ENDIF
 \mathbf{1}20.
           21.
                     10 PRINT '(''laPALACHICOLA-CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT MONTHLY PRECIPITATION
           22.
                       *TOTALS''//)'
           23.
                        PRINT 100, STATE, STNID1
           24.
                        PRINT 101
           25.
           26.
                 \starIf the first record was a type 'TPCP', output it.
           27.
                        IF (ELMITYP - EQ. 'TPCP') GO TO 30
          28.
           29.
                 \starSearch for the next 'TPCP' record.
          30.
                     20 READ (3, 301, \text{END}=40) STNID2, ELMTYP, YEAR,
          31 ~
                                               (VALUE (J), FALSE (J), FALSE (J)).32.
                        IF (ELMTYP .NE. 'TPCP') GO TO 20
          33.
          34 ~
                     30 WRITE(4, 400) STATID, STNID1, STNID2, YEAR,
          35.
                                       (VALUE (J), FLAG1 (J), FLAG2 (J), J=1,12)36.
                        PRINT 401, STNID2, YEAR, (VALUE(J), FLAG1(J), FLAG2(J), J=1,12)
          37.
                        IF (YEAR .LT. 1982) GO TO 20
          38.
          39.
                 \hat{\mathbf{r}}Find the next station id.
          40.
                     35 READ (3,302, END=40) NEWID1, STNID2, ELMTYP, YEAR,
          41.
                                               (VALUE(J), FALSE(J), FALSE(J)), J=1,12)
          42.
                        IF (NEWID1 .EQ. STNID1) GO TO 35
          43.
                        STNID1 = NEWID1
          44.
                        GO TO 10
          45.
                     40 ENDFILE
          46.
                        STOP
          47.
          48.
                    100 FORMAT ' State: ',A,5X,
                                ' Station''s Cooperative Network Index: ', I4.4)
          49.
                       \mathbf{A}50.
                    101 FORMAT('ODivision Year Jan Feb Mar Apr May<br>
* 'June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec'
          51.
                       \starJune July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec',
          52.
                    300 FORMAT(3X, I2, I4, I2, A4, 2X, I4, 9X, 5(4X, I6, 2A1)/7(4X, I6, 2A1))
          53.
                    301 FORMAT (9X, I2, A4, 2X, I4, 9X, 5(4X, 16, 2A1)/7(4X, 16, 2A1))
          54.
                    302 FORMAT(5X, I4, I2, A4, 2X, I4, 9X, 5(4X, I6, 2A1)/7(4X, I6, 2A1))
          55.
                    400 FORMAT(I2.2, I4.4, I2.2, 1X, I4, 1X, 12(I6, 2A1))
          56.
                   401 FORMAT(IX, 3X, I2.2, 4X, I4, 1X, 12(I6, 2A1))
          57.
                        END
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Appendix C

Station Names

There are 33 meteorological stations in the ACF **river** basin. In **the raw data files they** are **identified by an eight-digit** code. The first two digits are the state identification number in alphabetical **order** 01 **for** Alabama, 08 for FLorida, **and** 09 Georgia. The middle four digits are the station identification number. This is the number used on all computer printouts. The last two **digits are** called the **division number.**

Appendix D

Program TOTALS

Program TOTALS is the second program written to analyze total precipitation records for the 33 climatic stations in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river basin in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. It uses the file created by program CREATE as its input file and creates a new data file with yearly totals added to the ends of the records.

If missing values, which are coded as -99999, are detected the yearly totals are approximated from the actual average of the data present. These approximated totals are flagged with an asterisk both in the output file and the echo check to the line printer.

Like the previous program, the input file must be assigned as unit 3 and the output file as unit 4.

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{\pi}{8}$ Program 1. Program to calculate yearly totals for precipitation data. **2 ~** INTEGER STATID, STNID1, STNID2, YEAR, VALUE(12), SUM/0/ **3.** CHARACTER FLAG1(12), FLAG2(12), FLAG3/' '/, STATE*7 4. 5. \star Determine correct state name for data being read. 6. 10 READ (3,300, END=40) STATID, STNID1, STNID2, YEAR, 7. $(VALUE (J), FLAG1 (J), FLAG2 (J), J=1, 12)$ **8.** IF (STATID .EO. 1) THEN $STATE = 'Alabama'$ $\mathbf{1}$ **9.** $\mathbf{1}$ 10. ELSE IF (STATID . EQ. 8) THEN $\mathbf{1}$ 11. STATE = 'Florida' 1 **12.** ELSE IF (STATID .EQ. 9) THEN $\mathbf{1}$ 13. **STATE 'Georgia'** $\mathbf{1}$ 14. ENDIF $\mathbf{1}$ 15. 16. PRINT '(''1APALACHICOLA-CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT MONTHLY AND ANNUAL '', 17. *''PRECIPITATION DATA''//)' 18. PRINT 100, STATE, STNID1 19. PRINT 101 20. 21. 20 DO 30 J~l, 12 $\mathbf{1}$ 22. IF $(VALUE(J) . GE. 0) THEN$ $\overline{2}$ 23. $SUM = SUM + VALUE(J)$ $\overline{2}$ 24. $N = N + 1$ $\overline{2}$ 25. ENDIF ı 26. 30 CONTINUE 27. $AVPREC = REAL(SUM)/REAL(N)$ 28. IF $(N$.LT. $12)$ THEN 29. \star If some data are missing, approximate the total yearly rainfall. 30. T. $SUM = NINT(AVPREC*12.0)$ ı 31 **~** $FLAG3 = ' *'$ $\mathbf{1}$ **32.** ENDIF 1 33. 34. WRITE(4,400) STATID, STNID1, STNID2, YEAR, 35 ~ \mathbf{r} $(VALUE (J), FALSE(J), FALSE(J)), j=1, 12)$, * SUM, FLAG3, AVPREC 36. **37.** PRINT 401 , STNID2, YEAR, (VALUE(J), FLAG1(J), FLAG2(J), J=1,12), 38. * SUM, FLAG3, AVPREC 39. $SUM, N = 0$ $FLAG3 = '$ 40. 41. IF (YEAR .EQ. 1982) GO TO 10 42. READ $(3,301)$ STNID2, YEAR, $(VALUE(J), FALSE(J), FALSE(J), J=1,12)$ 43. GO TO 20 44. 45. 40 ENDFILE 4 46 **~** STOP 47. 48. 100 FORMAT ' State: ',A,5X, 49. \star **Station''s Cooperative Network** Index: ',I4.4! 50. 101 FORMAT 'ODivision **Year** Jan Feb **Mar** Apr May \cdot 51. * June July **Aug** Sept **Oct Nov** Dec 52. \mathbf{r} ' Total Average'/) **53.** 300 FORMAT(I2, 14, 12, 1X, 14, 1X, 12(16, 2A1)) 54. 301 FORMAT(6X, I2, 1X, I4, 1X, 12(I6, 2A1)) **55.** 400 FORMAT(I2.2, I4.4, I2.2, 1X, I4, 1X, 12(I6, 2A1), I7, A2, F9.2) 56. 401 FORMAT(1X, 3X, I2.2, 4X, I4, 1X, 12(I6, 2A1), I7, A2, F9.2) 57. END

Appendix E

Program AVERAGES

Program AVERAGES, like TOTALS, **uses** the file created by program CREATE as its **input** file. **It calculates** monthly and annual averages and standard deviations for all 33 climatic stations in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint river basin. The monthly means are written to a data file which is used as input for the plotting program. Like **the** previous two programs it uses **units** 3 and 4 for **its** input and output files.

The program also prints the monthly and annual average, standard deviations and **data** counts for all stations. The output is provided with this report.

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Appendix F

Plotting Programs

This appendix contains the source listings of the programs to plot the raw data and the monthly average rainfalls. The program HISTOGRAM plots up to twelve years of data on each graph using bars 1/16" wide. The program is interactive and prompts the user to give the number of years to be plotted, the state name, the station number and the range of years. Plots for the seven selected stations have been included in section **5.** Plots for all of the other stations will be provided.

The program PLOT produces a line graph for one particular station. It was executed for each of the 33 stations and these graphs are included as part of this appendix.

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Appendix G

Program PREDICTIONS

This appendix includes the source listings of the program PREDICTIONS and the subroutine CALC. PREDICTIONS is the program to compute recurrence intervals for 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 years. A PARAMETER statement is used to set the first year (FRSTYR) at 1931, the last year (LASTYR) at 1982 and the maximum number of years (NYRS) at 52. Thus the program can easily be changed as more data become available.

The program reads the data file and then produces three printouts. First it uses all data available in the period of record. Then it computes recurrence intervals using only the data from the begining of the period of record up to and including 1959. Finally it computes recurrence intervals using the data for 1959-1982 inclusive.

After computing the sample means and variances and estimating alpha and beta for the Gamma density, the program calls the subroutine CALC to do the actual numerical integration. This subroutine in turn calls a subroutine in the IMSL library¹ called MDGAM to evaluate the incomplete Gamma distribution.

Before trying the IMSL library the subroutine CALC called the function GAMIN in the UNIVAC STAT-PACK. This routine had some difficulty in integrating some of the distributions caused by divisions by zero and underflow. In most cases this occurred in trying to find the 99th percentile; but in some of the flatter distributions, it occurred earlier. The subroutine MDGAM is written to avoid these problems.

 $^{\texttt{1}}$ The IMSL library is an extensive collection of mathematical and statistical subroutines written in FORTRAN. Edition 9 is available on the UNIVAC 1100/61 at The University of Alabama.

GFTN, S PROGRAM PREDICTIONS lOR1A 05/16/84-16:02(1,) 1. *** Program** to compute nonexceedence precipitation values for periods **2 ~** * of 1, 2, 3 6, 12, and 24 **months'** The program generates three **3.** * $\;$ outputs. First using all of the data, then using only the data 4. * up to 1959 and then only the data from 1959 to the **en'** 5. **6.** PARAMETER (LASTYR = 1982 , NYRS = 52) 7. REAL VALUE(NYRS,12),AVG(6,12),VAR(6,12),AYR(2),VYR(2),TOT **8.** INTEGER STATID, YEAR, YEAR1, YEAR2, $N/1/$, OUT (7) , TIMES CHARACTER STATE*7, STNID1*4, MONTH(12)*9/'January','February', **9** 'March',' April',' May','June','July','August', 10. \pm * ' September','October',' November','December' / 11. 12. REAL PROB(7)/0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.10, 0.20, 0.50, 0.99/ 13. 14. $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ Precipitation is **assumed to** follow a Gamma density function. This 15. \bullet program **uses a** SUBROUTINE **called CALC** to find **these percentiles.** 16. 10 READ (3,800, END=999) STATID, STNID1, YEAR1, (VALUE $(1, J)$, J=1,12) 17. **18. * Determine correct state** name for **data** being read. **19.** IF (STATID .EQ. 1) THEN 20. $STATE = 'Alabama'$ $\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{1}$ 21. ELSE IF (STATID .EQ. 8) THEN $\mathbf 1$ 22. STATE = 'Florida 1 23. ELSE IF (STATID . EQ. 9) THEN \mathbf{I} 24. **STATE 'Georgia' 25.** $\mathbf 1$ ENDIF **26.** $\mathbf{1}$ 27. \star \bf{l} Input loop. Determine number of years of data (N). **28.** $20 N = N + 1$ 29 **~** READ (3,801) **YEAR, (VALUE (N,J), J=1,12)** 30 ~ IF (YEAR .EQ. 1959) I59 = N 31. IF (YEAR .LT. LASTYR) GO TO 20 32. 33 ~ DO 100 TIMES=1, 3 34. $\mathbf 1$ IF (TIMES .EQ. 1) THEN $\mathbf{1}$ 35. **Use** all N **years of precipitation data.** $\bf 2$ **36.** $ISTART = 1$ $\overline{2}$ **37.** $ISTOP = N$ $\overline{2}$ **38.** $YEAR2 = LASTYR$ $\overline{2}$ **39.** ELSE IF (TIMES .EQ. 2) THEN $\overline{2}$ 40. ÷ Use only precipitation data **before** 1960. $\mathbf{2}$ 41. ISTOP = I59 $\overline{2}$ 42. $YEAR2 = 1959$ $\overline{2}$ 43. ELSE \mathbf{z} 44. \star Use only precipitation data after 1958. $\overline{2}$ **45.** $ISTART = I59$ $\overline{2}$ 46. $ISTOP = N$ $\overline{2}$ 47. $YEAR1 = 1959$ $\overline{2}$ $YEAR2 = LASTYR$ 48. $\mathbf 2$ 49. ENDIF $\overline{2}$ 50. $\mathbf{1}$ 51. DO 50 J~l, 12 1 **52.** Determine 1 month totals. $\overline{2}$ 53. $SWM = 0$ $\overline{2}$ 54. $SSQ = 0$ $\overline{2}$ 55. $M = 0$

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                             IF (L .EQ. 0) GO TO 60
\overline{2}114.
                             IF (L LT. 12) RAIN = RAIN/L<sup>*</sup>1
\overline{2}115.
                             M = M +\boldsymbol{2}116.
                             \texttt{SUM} = \texttt{SUM} + \texttt{RA}.\overline{2}117.
                             SSQ = SSQ + RAIN*RA\overline{2}118.
                        60 TOTAL(I) = RAI
1\,119.
                             ! = SUM/M
AYR
         120.
\mathbf 1VYR(1) = (SSQ - SUM*SUM/M)/M\mathbf{1}121.
ı
          122.
                    \starDetermine 24 month totals. (Loop through first N-1 years.)
          123.
\mathbf 1SUM = 01
          124.
                            SSQ = 0\mathbf 1125.
                            M = 0\bf{1}126.
                            DO 70 I~ISTART, ISTOP-1
\overline{2}127.
                            RAIN = TOTAL(I) + TOTAL(I+1)\overline{2}128.
                            M = M + 1\overline{2}129.
                            SUM = SUM + RAIN\overline{2}130.
                            SSQ = SSQ + RAIN*RAIN\overline{2}131.
                         70 CONTINUE
\mathbf 1132.
                             AYR-
! SUM/M
\mathbf{1}133.
                             VYR(2) = (SSQ - SUM*SUM/M)/M
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          134.
\mathbf{1}135 '
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          136.
                    \starPrint page heading.
\mathbf{I}137.
                            PRINT 850, STATE, STNID1, YEAR1, YEAR2
\mathbf{1}138.
                            PRINT 902
\mathbf{1}139.
\mathbf{1}140.
                            DO 90 I~1, 6
\overline{2}141.
                            IF (I EQ. 5) THEN
\overline{\mathbf{3}}PRINT 850, STATE, STNID1, YEARl, YEAR2
          142.
\overline{\mathbf{3}}143.
                                   GO TO 90
3
          I.44.
                                   ENDIF
                            PRINT 900, I, 100,.01, 50,.02, 20,.05, 10,.10, 5,.20, 2,.50, 1,.99
\overline{2}145.
\overline{c}146.
                            PRINT 902
\overline{2}147.
                            DO 85 J~1, 12
3
          148.
                            RAIN = 0.03
          1.4 9.
                            BETA = VAR(I,J)/AVG(I,J)3
          150 ~
                            ALPHA = AVG(I,J)/BETA3
          151.
                            DO 80 K~1, 7
4
          152.
                            DELTAX = I
4
                            CALL CALC(ALPHA, RAIN, DELTAX, PROB(K))
          153.
4
          154.
                         80 OUT(K) = NINT(100*RAIN*I
3
          155.
                         85
PRINT 901, MONTH J!, OUT
\overline{2}156.
                         90
PRINT 902
\overline{\mathbf{2}}157.
\mathbf{1}158.
                            DO 100 I=1, 2
\overline{c}159.
                            RAIN = 0.0\overline{\mathbf{2}}160.
                            BETA = VYR(I)/AYR(I)\boldsymbol{2}161.
                            ALPHA = AYR(I)/BETA
\overline{2}162.
                            DO 95 K-l, 7
\overline{\mathbf{3}}DELTAX = 12.0*I
          163.
\overline{\mathbf{3}}CALL CALC (ALPHA, RAIN, DELTAX, PROB(K))
          164.
3
          165.
                         95 OUT(K) = NINT(100*RAIN*BETA)
\overline{2}PRINT 910, 100, 01, 50, 02, 20, 05, 10, 10, 5, 20, 2, 50, 1, 99
          166.
\bf 2167.
                            PRINT 902
\boldsymbol{2}168.
                            PRINT 911, 12*I, OUT
\overline{2}169.
                       100
PRINT 902
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 $\overline{2}$ 170. * **Reinitialize** year counter and go read data for another station. 171 . $N = 1$ **172 .** GO TO 10 173. 174 ~ 800 FORMAT(I2, A4, 3X, I4, 1X, 12(F6.2, 2X)) 175. 801 FORMAT (9X, 14, 1X, 12 (F6.2, 2X)) 176. 850 FORMAT '1',23X,A7, ' Station Number ',A4, ': Years ',I4, '-',I4// 177. * 20X,'Recurrence **Intervals** and **Nonexceedence Probabilities'/** 178. *** 22X, 'For Total Precipitation** in **Hundredths of Inches'/** 179. *** 7X, 'For** Period of'! 900 FORMAT(7X, Il,' Months Starting in $|',7(13,'('F3.2,'')')$) 180. **181 .** 901 FORMAT(16X,A9,3X,'|',7I8) 902 FORMAT('+',6X,78('')) **182 .** 183 . 910 FORMAT(///7X,'For $\overline{\mathrm{P}}$ eriod of',8X,' $|$ ',7(I3,'(',F3. 184. 911 FORNAIX,I2,' Noothe',12X,' **',7I8!** 185 ~ 999 PRINT '('' 186 . END

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Note: This is **a** listing of **the** program that was run **and** output to the high **speed** lineprinter. To generate the tables in Section 6 **the** underscores **and** vertical lines were removed and the output was directed **to** a letter-quality terminal which did not have a vertical **line on** its daisy wheel.

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 $\label{eq:2.1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{2} \left(\$

Appendix H

Program PARAHETERS

This appendix includes the source listing of the program PARAMETERS which is a modification of the program PREDICTIONS **in the previous appendix.** This **program was written to produce a hard copy** of **the estimated alpha and** beta **values. It** also prints the sample **means and variances. The output, which is too long to include in** this report, will be provided.

 \mathcal{L}_{max} and \mathcal{L}_{max}


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          113.
                             IF (L .EQ. 0) GO TO 60
\overline{2}114.
                             IF (L \cdotLT\cdot 12) RAIN = RAIN/L*12
\overline{2}115.
                             M = M +\overline{2}116.
                             SUM = SUM + RA\overline{2}117.
                             SSQ = SSQ + RAIN*RA\boldsymbol{2}118.
                         60 TOTAL(I) = R
\mathbf 1119.
                             AYR(1) = SUM/M\mathbf{I}120.
                             VYR(1) = (SSQ - SUM*SUM/M)/M\mathbf 1121'
\mathbf{I}122.
\mathbf 1123.
                    \starDetermine 24 month totals. (Loop through first N-1 years.)
\mathbf{1}124.
                            SUM = 0\mathbf 1125.
                            SSQ = 0\mathbf{1}126.
                            M = 0\mathbf 1127 '
                            DO 70 I=ISTART, ISTOP-1
\boldsymbol{2}128.
                            RAIN = TOTAL(I) + TOTAL(I+1)
\overline{2}129.
                            M = M + 1
\overline{c}130.
                             SUM = SUM + RAIN\overline{2}131.
                            SSQ = SSQ + RAIN*RAIN\boldsymbol{2}132.
                         70 CONTINUE
\mathbf 1133.
                             AYR-
! = SUM/M
\mathbf{I}134.
                             VYR(2) = (SSQ - SUM*SUM/M)/M\mathbf{1}135.
\mathbf{1}136.
\mathbf{1}137.
                    麦
                            Print page heading.
\mathbf{1}138.
                            PRINT 850, STATE, STNID1, YEAR1, YEAR2
\mathbf{1}139.
                            PRINT 902
\mathbf{1}140.
\mathbf{1}141.
\mathbf 1142.
                            DO 90 I 1, 6
\mathbf 2143.
                            IF (I .EQ. 5) THEN
3
         144.
                                    PRINT 850, STATE, STNIDl, YEAR1, YEAR2
3
         145.
                                    GO TO 90
3
         146.
                                    ENDIF
\overline{2}147.
                            PRINT 900, I
\overline{2}PRINT 902
         148.
\overline{2}149.
                            DO 85 J=1, 12
3
         150.
                            RAIN = 0.03
         151.
                            BETA = VAR(I, J) / AVG(I, J)3
         152.ALPHA = AVG(I,J)/BETA\overline{\mathbf{3}}153.
                         85 PRINT 901, MONTH(J), AVG(I,J), VAR(I,J), ALPHA, BETA
\overline{2}154.
                         90
PRINT 902
\overline{2}155.
\overline{2}156.
\mathbf{1}157.
                            DO 100 I=1, 2
\overline{2}158.
                            RAIN = 0.0\mathbf{2}159.
                            BETA = VYR(I)/AYR(I)\overline{2}160 '
                            ALPHA = AYR(I)/BETA\overline{2}161.
                            PRINT 910
\overline{2}162 '
                            PRINT 902
\overline{2}PRINT 911, 12*I, AYR(I), VYR(I), ALPHA, BETA
         163.
\overline{2}164.
                       100
PRINT 902
\overline{2}165.
\overline{2}166.
                    \starReinitialize year counter and go read data for another station.
          167 .
                            N = 1168.
                            GO TO 10169.
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170. 800 FORMAT(I2, A4, 3X, 14, 1X, 12(F6.2, 2X)) 171. 801 FORMAT(9X, I4, 1X, 12(F6.2, 2X)) 850 FORMAT('1',23X, A7,' Station Number ', A4,': Years ', I4,'-', I4// 172. $173.$ * 26X, Values of Mean, Variance, Alpha, and Beta'/ * 29X, 'For Total Precipitation in Inches'/ 174. $175.$ * 7X, 'For Period of') 900 FORMAT(7X, Il,' Months Starting in |', 10X, 'MEAN', 6X, 'VARIANCE', $176.$ * 9X, 'ALPHA', 10X, 'BETA')
901 FORMAT(16X, A9, 3X, '|', 4F14.4)
902 FORMAT('+', 6X, 78('_')) 177. 178. 179. 910 FORMAT(///7X,'For Period of',8X,'|')
911 FORMAT(7X,12,' Months',12X,'|',4F14.1)
999 PRINT '(''1'')' 180. 181. 182. 183. **END**

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