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JOINT USAF/NOAA REPORT OF SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY.
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IA. ANALYSIS OF SOLAR ACTIVE REGIONS AND ACTIVITY FROM 11/2100
TO 12/2100Z: ~~SOLAR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN MODERATE. REGION 4171~~
(S31E01) PRODUCED AN IMPRESSIVE M5/3B FLARE AT 12/0256Z
MAXIMUM. THIS FLARE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY IMPORTANCE 3 TYPE II/IV
SWEEP FREQUENCY BURSTS ALONG WITH VARYING INTENSITY DISCRETE
FREQUENCY BURSTS. 770 FLUX UNITS WERE RECORDED AT 2695MHZ WITH
THIS FLARE, WHILE 170000 FLUX UNITS WERE REPORTED AT 245MHZ.
THIS REGION CONTINUES TO SHOW SLOW DECAY IN BOTH WHITE LIGHT
AND H-ALPHA, BUT RETAINS SOME FAIRLY STEEP MAGNETIC GRADIENTS
ALONG WITH AN ACTIVE NEUTRAL LINE. REGION 4173 (S11W48) REMAINS
THE MOST IMPRESSIVE DISK REGION WITH CONTINUED SLOW GROWTH AND
A VERY COMPLEX INTERNAL STRUCTURE, BUT HAS ONLY MANAGED ONE
SIGNIFICANT FLARE DURING THE PERIOD: AN M2/1B AT 1340Z MAXIMUM.
THIS REGION'S MAGNETIC COMPLEXITY (SEVERAL DELTAS) WITH A VERY
STRONG EAST-WEST GRADIENT INDICATE A VERY GOOD POTENTIAL FOR A
LARGE PROTON FLARE. REGION 4175 (S09W40) HAS BEGUN TO MOVE
WESTWARD INTO THE TRAILING PORTION OF REGION 4173 AND MAY LOSE
ITS IDENTITY BY TOMORROW. NEW REGION 4176 (S08E23) DEVELOPED ON
THE DISK TODAY AS A SIMPLE B-TYPE GROUP. REGIONS 4172 (S10W00)
AND 4174 (N09E67) HAVE ALSO PRODUCED THEIR SHARE OF MINOR
FLARES, BUT NEITHER HAVE SHOWN ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT
TRENDS.

IB. SOLAR ACTIVITY FORECAST: SOLAR ACTIVITY IS EXPECTED TO
INCREASE TO THE HIGH LEVEL WITH A HIGH PROBABILITY OF AN
X-CLASS EVENT FROM REGION 4173 DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.
MODERATE SIZED EVENTS ARE POSSIBLE FROM REGIONS 4171 AND 4174.

IIA. GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY SUMMARY FROM 11/2100Z TO 12/2100Z:
THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD HAS BEEN AT MINOR STORM LEVELS (MAJOR
STORM LEVELS FOR HIGH LATITUDE SITES).

IIB. GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY FORECAST: THE FIELD SHOULD CONTINUE
AT OCCASIONAL STORM LEVELS THROUGH THE NEXT 24 HOURS WITH A
GRADUAL TREND TOWARDS QUIETER LEVELS BY THE END OF THE ZULU DAY
TOMORROW. ACTIVITY IS THEN EXPECTED TO INCREASE AGAIN ON THE
14TH IN RESPONSE TO TODAY'S EVENT LEVEL FLARES, AND REMAIN
ACTIVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE PERIOD.

III. EVENT PROBABILITIES 13 MAY-15 MAY

CLASS M	90/90/90
CLASS X	50/30/30
PROTON	30/20/20
PCAF	YELLOW

IV. OTTAWA 10.7 CM FLUX

OBSERVED	12 MAY	159
PREDICTED	13 MAY-15 MAY	160/163/163
90 DAY MEAN	12 MAY	119

V. GEOMAGNETIC A INDICES

OBSERVED	AFR/AP	11 MAY	040/050
ESTIMATED	AFR/AP	12 MAY	035/050
PREDICTED	AFR/AP	13 MAY-15 MAY	025/030-020/025-030/025

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