

IDENTIFICATION OF STRONG EXTRAGALACTIC RADIO SOURCES IN THE DECLINATION ZONE 0° TO -20°

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Summary

Identifications are proposed for 71 extragalactic radio sources between declinations 0° and -20° . The identifications, which comprise 37 galaxies and 34 possible quasi-stellar objects, resulted from inspection of the 48 in. Sky Survey prints in the positions of 113 sources.

I. INTRODUCTION

The 48 in. Palomar Sky Survey prints have been examined for identifications in the positions of 113 radio sources in the declination zone 0° to -20° . The positions of these sources were determined by Shimmings, Clarke, and R. Ekers (1966) with the 210 ft telescope. These authors estimate that the maximum errors of their measurements are such that two-thirds of the positions are within 15 sec of arc in right ascension and 12 sec of arc in declination of the true position. The area searched for identification was limited to within 24" of the radio position. The results of this search are as follows:

In 15 cases no identification was possible as the search area was either obscured or heavily populated with stars.

In 4 cases an HII region coincided with the position.

In 37 cases galaxies that coincided with the radio positions within the set error limits were found.

In 34 cases objects that were noticeably blue and thus could be quasi-stellar objects were found within the error limits.

In 4 positions there were no objects visible within the error limits and in 19 positions there were faint "stars" of normal colour. Some of the latter may possibly be faint galaxies but the combination of plate scale and seeing made it impossible to judge whether the images were those of galaxies or faint stars.

Neglecting the obscured fields and galactic objects, identifications were found for 71 out of a possible total of 94 objects.

The 113 sources in this declination zone, for which precise positions were determined, were chosen mainly from the Parkes catalogue for 0° to -20° (in preparation). At the time the position measurements were made, this catalogue was not complete for right ascensions 9–16 hr. For the completed areas a source was included if its flux density was ≥ 1.8 flux units (1 flux unit = 10^{-26} W m $^{-2}$ (c/s) $^{-1}$) at 1410 Mc/s or if its flux density was ≥ 1 flux unit at 2650 Mc/s, where

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TABLE I
LIST OF IDENTIFICATIONS

Parkes Catalogue Number	Position (1950.0)			Spectral Index	Type	Magnitude	Galactic Coordinates		References†	Remarks	Alternate Cat. No.
	R.A. h m s	Dec. ° ' '	Flux Density at 1410 Mc/s (flux units)*				ℓ^{II}	b^{II}			
0000-17	00 00 48.0	-17 43.9	2.5	-0.6	N	17.8	71	-75		Very blue, possible jet	00-11
0034-01	00 34 30.5	-01 25.8	4.7	-0.4	E	18	114	-63			3C 15
0035-02	00 35 47.0	-02 24.2	7.0	-0.5	E	19	115	-64			3C 17
0051-03	00 51 35.5	-03 50.3	2.4	-0.6	E	19	124	-66	4		3C 26
0055-01	00 55 02.0	-01 39.6	5.3	-0.6	E	15.6	126	-64	8		3C 29
0056-00	00 56 31.5	-00 09.3	2.5	-0.4	QSO	18	126	-62	3	PHL 923 Curved spectrum	
0122-00	01 22 55.5	-01 21.5	1.7		QSO	17	141	-61	3	NGC 5457	
0123-01	01 23 27.0	-01 36.4	4.8	-0.8	db.	13.2	142	-62	1		3C 40
0125-14	01 25 05.0	-14 18.7	2.7	-0.6	QSO?	20	156	-74			01-111
0130-17	01 30 17.0	-17 10.4	0.0	0.0	QSO?	19	168	-76			
0159-11	01 59 30.5	-11 47.0	3.5	-0.6	QSO	17.5	173	-67	3		3C 57
0202-17	02 02 34.0	-17 16.0	1.4		QSO?	18.5	185	-70		Curved spectrum	
0213-13	02 13 12.0	-13 13.5	5.6	-0.6	E	18.5	181	-65			3C 62
0218-02	02 18 21.5	-02 10.6	4.4	-0.7	E	19.5	167	-57			3C 63
0240-00	02 40 07.0	-00 14	5.5	-0.3	Sc	9.8	171	-51	6	NGC 1038	3C 71
0331-01	03 31 42.0	-01 21.2	2.9	-1.1	D	18.5	185	-42			3C 89
0336-01	03 36 58.6	-01 56.1	1.9		QSO?	17.5	187	-42			CTA 26
0349-14	03 49 09.5	-14 38.1	3.3	-1.0	QSO	16.2	205	-46	3		3C 95
0350-07	03 50 04.5	-07 19.9	3.5		QSO	17.5	196	-42	3		3C 94
0403-13	04 03 14.0	-13 16.3	3.7	-0.4	QSO	18	205	-42	3		
0405-12	04 05 27.5	-12 19.6	2.8		QSO	16	204	-41	3	Curved spectrum	04-12
0431-13-3	04 31 54.5	-13 17.1	1.6	-1.0	E	18.8	209	-36			04-112
0431-13-5	04 31 50.5	-13 28.4			E	16.3	209	-36			04-112
0458-02	04 58 41.0	-02 03.6	2.5	-0.2	QSO?	20	201	-25		Flux at 2650 Mc/s = 0.43	04-112
0502-10	05 02 31.5	-10 19.1	1.5	-0.7	db.	15.4	210	-28			05-111
0533-12	05 33 13.0	-12 04.5	1.7	-0.6	N	17.8	208	-19		Stellar on blue print	05-114
0724-01	07 24 33.5	-01 58.5	2.7	-0.5	g	19	218	6		Probably obscured	07-06
0745-19	07 45 20.5	-19 10.2	2.5	-0.8	D	18	236	3			07-117
0803-00	08 03 04.5	-00 49.7	1.3	-0.7	E4	15.9	222	16		In small cluster	3C 193
0806-10	08 06 30.0	-10 18.9	3.8	-0.6	E	18.8	231	11			3C 195

* 1 flux unit = $10^{-26} \text{ W m}^{-2} (\text{c/s})^{-1}$.

TABLE I (*Continued*)

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[†] References to previously published identifications are: 1. Bolton (1960); 2. Hazard, Mackey, and Nicholson (1964); 3. T. D. Kinman (personal communication, see text); 4. T. A. Matthews (unpublished, quoted by Schmidt 1965); 5. Mills (1960); 6. Mills, Skee, and Hill (1958); 7. Milne and Scheuer (1964); 8. Minkowski (1960); 9. A. T. Moffet (unpublished, quoted by Schmidt 1965); 10. Roberts, Bolton, and Harris (1960), also Dewhurst (quoted in 3C catalogue); 11. Sandage and Wyndham (1965); 12. Wyndham (1965).

measurements at 1410 Mc/s were not available. In the incomplete 9–16 hr region, sources from the 3C or MSH catalogues were observed if their flux densities, estimated on the basis of normal spectra, exceeded the level of 1.8 flux units at 1410 Mc/s. The selection basis plus the effects of galactic obscuration both contribute to the uneven distribution of identifications over the zone and no significance should be drawn from this distribution.

As described in previous papers (Bolton, Clarke, and R. Ekers 1965; Bolton and J. Ekers 1966a, 1966b; Clarke, Bolton, and Shimmins 1966), the inspection of the Sky Survey prints was carried out with the aid of a transparent overlay containing the position of the radio source and those of 10 stars from the Yale catalogue. Use was made of an electronic computer to evaluate the star coordinates for the overlay.

In the present work the computer was also used to select the reference stars from an abridged version of the Yale catalogue on magnetic tape and to provide the output plot on the scale of the Sky Survey prints. A magnetic tape of the Yale catalogue, which was kindly provided by the U.S. Naval Observatory, was used to prepare an abridged tape containing only the star positions. The authors are indebted to Mr. E. R. Hill of this laboratory for providing both the program for selecting the 10 nearest stars from this tape and for the program for producing the output plot.

II. LIST OF IDENTIFICATIONS

Table 1 contains the list of identifications. Column 1 contains the Parkes catalogue number for the source, while the final column contains the equivalent 3C or MSH number. Columns 2 and 3 contain the position of the proposed optical counterpart, estimated with the use of the transparent overlay. These positions are given to the nearest $0^s\cdot5$ and $0'\cdot1$; the accuracy of measurement depends considerably on the location of the Yale reference stars with respect to the source and the proximity of the source position to the edge of the Survey print. It is believed that two-thirds of the positions are within $0'\cdot2$ of the correct values, i.e. the errors are of the same order as those of the radio determinations.

Columns 4 and 5 contain the flux density of the source and its spectral index for the range 408–2650 Mc/s. *These values are preliminary;* improved values will be given in the Parkes catalogue for 0° to -20° . A source whose spectrum cannot be represented by a simple power law is noted in the Remarks column as “curved spectrum”.

Columns 6 and 7 contain the type of object and the estimated magnitude. Galaxies have been classified broadly on the system of Matthews, Morgan, and Schmidt (1964). The classifications are: E, elliptical; D, elliptical galaxy with diffuse outer envelope; N, compact galaxy, generally with a rather blue nucleus; and db., dumb-bell or double system. Objects that are clearly galaxies on the Sky Survey print but whose images are affected by poor seeing are denoted by “g”. Quasi-stellar objects are denoted by QSO? where the evidence for their identification is position agreement and a pronounced blue colour, and by QSO where photometric or two-colour photographic evidence for an ultraviolet excess is available. Magnitudes

(photographic for galaxies and visual for quasi-stellar objects) have been estimated by comparison of their images with the images of a sequence of well-known identifications for which published magnitudes are available. For faint objects the errors in these estimates may be as high as one magnitude.

New galactic coordinates are given in columns 8 and 9.

Column 10 contains references to previously published identifications. In general these references are to the first publication that established reasonable agreement between radio and optical positions. The authors apologize for any omissions in this respect. Firm or suggested identifications have been previously published for 14 of the sources although one of these, 2322-12, is now questioned (see Remarks column, Table 1). Ten of the new quasi-stellar objects have been confirmed by observations of ultraviolet excess by Dr T. D. Kinman and his associates at the Lick Observatory and additional data on these objects are being published elsewhere.

The Remarks column contains additional notes, such as NGC number and spectral peculiarity.

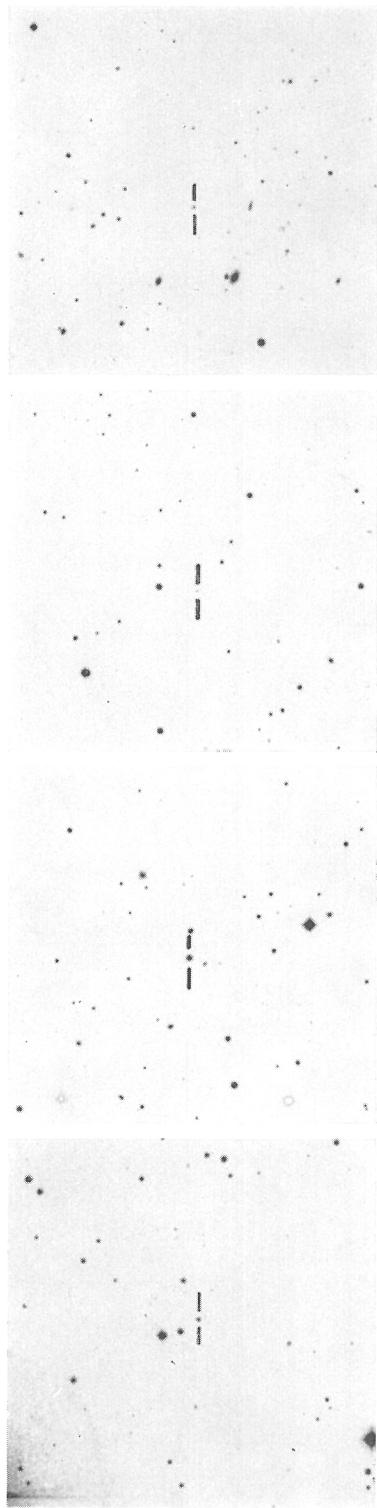
III. FINDING CHARTS

Finding charts are given in Plates 1 to 9 for all sources except the brightest galaxies. The finding charts were prepared from the Sky Survey prints and the contrast has been increased over that of the original print. The E or red print was used for galaxies and the O or blue print for quasi-stellar objects. The scale of the finding charts is 5 mm = 1 min of arc.

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Plates 1-9.—Finding charts for the identifications. Scale is 5 mm = 1 min of arc. North-east is at the top left-hand corner of each chart.

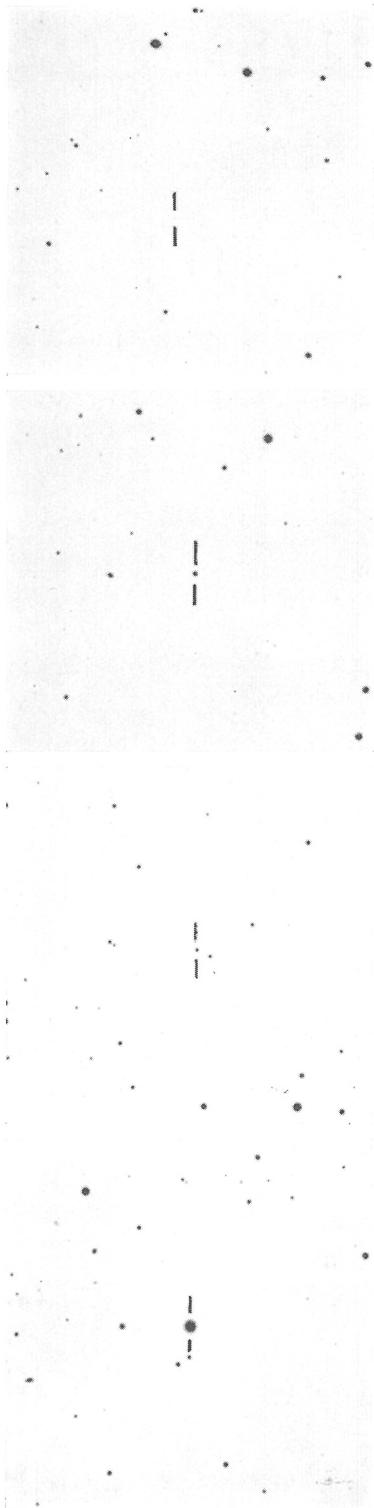


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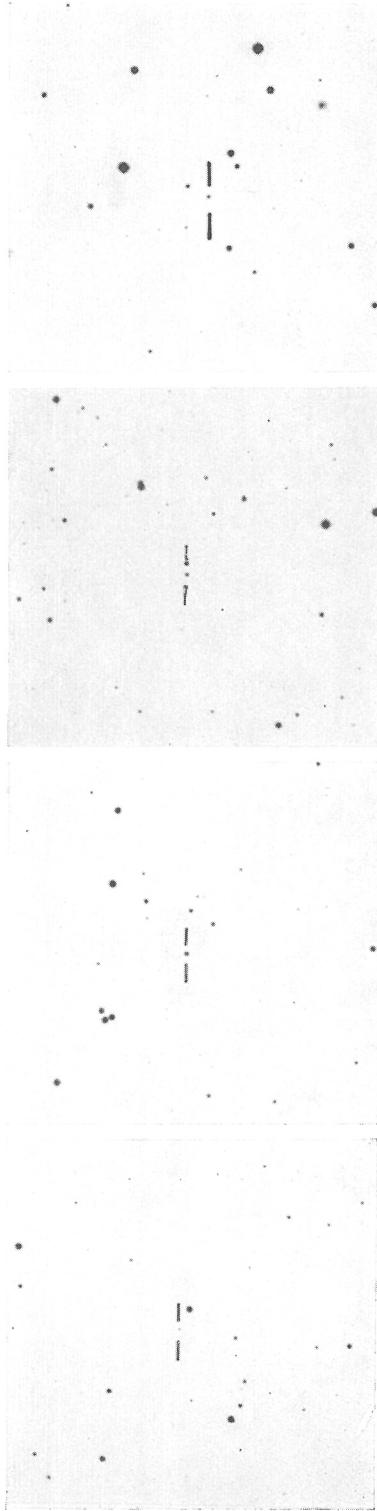


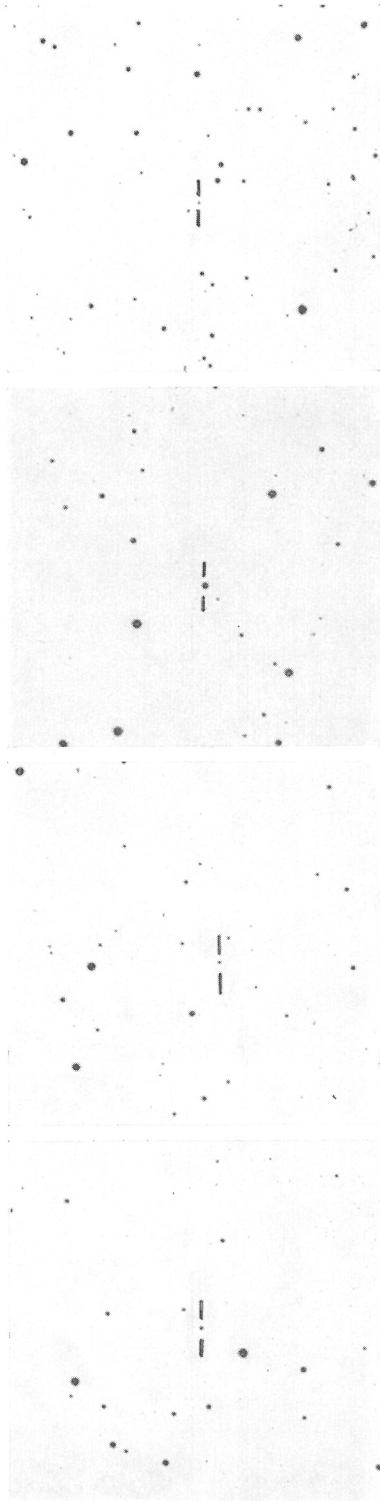
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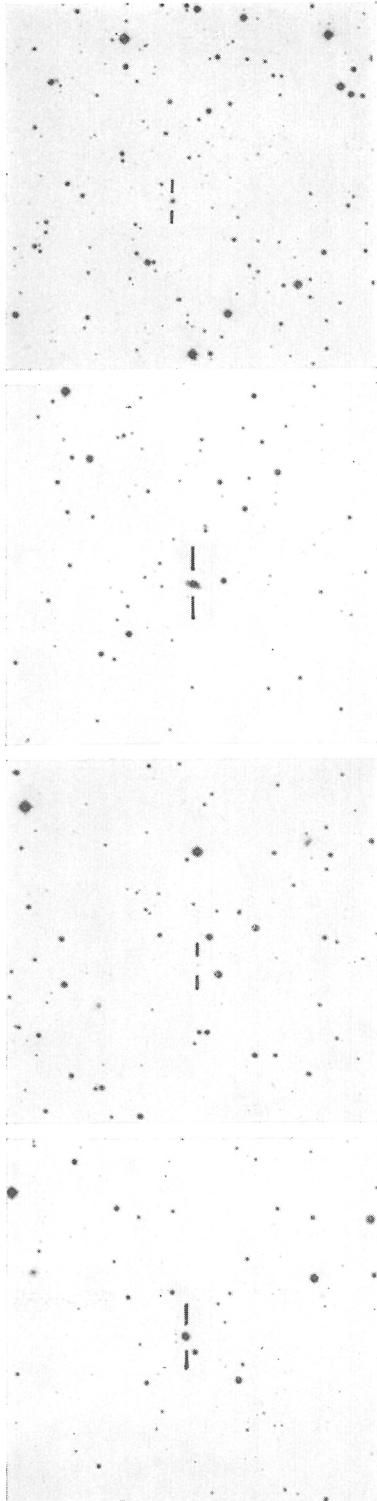


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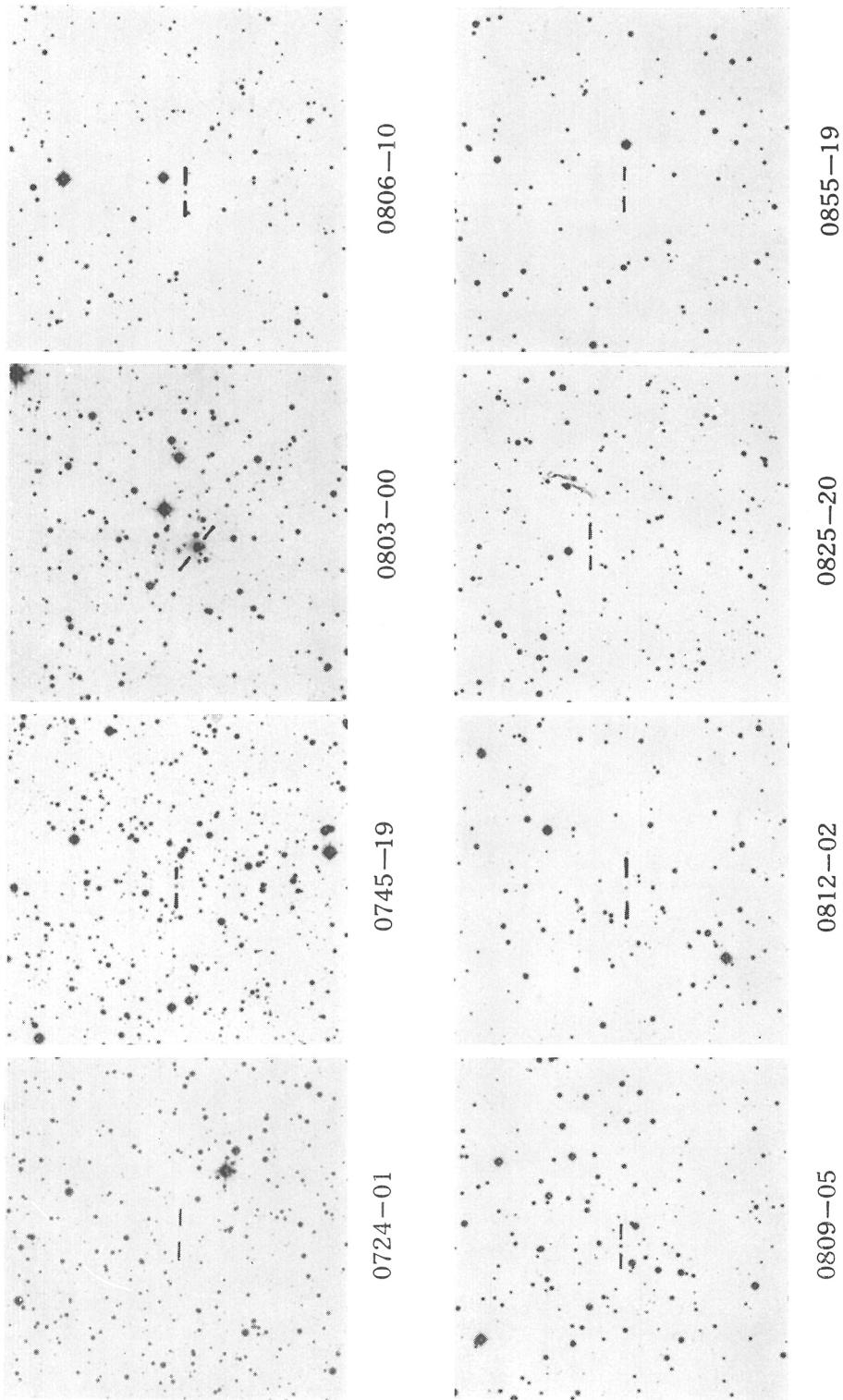


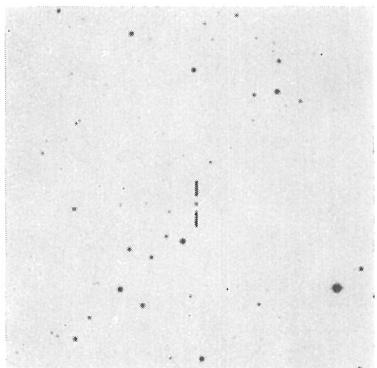
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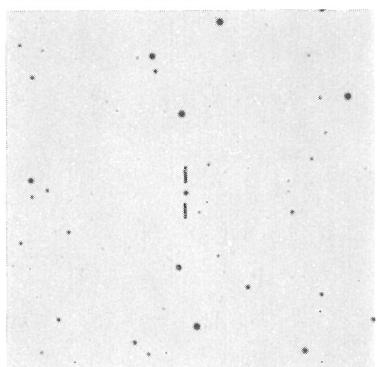
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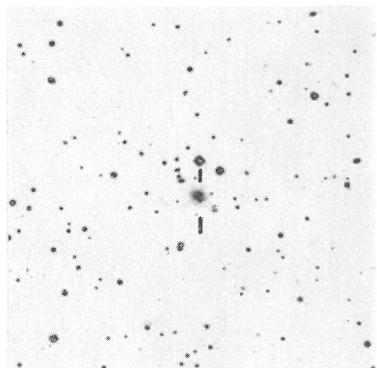




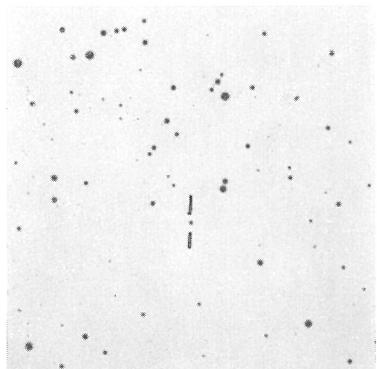
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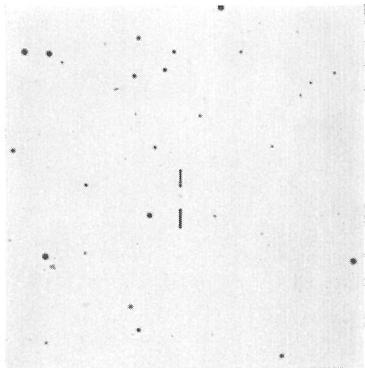
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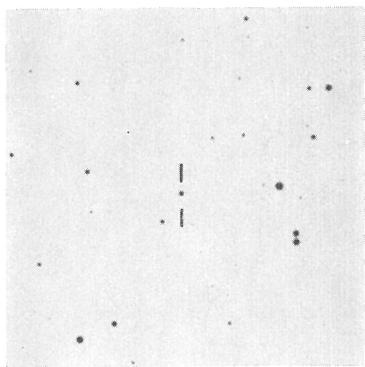
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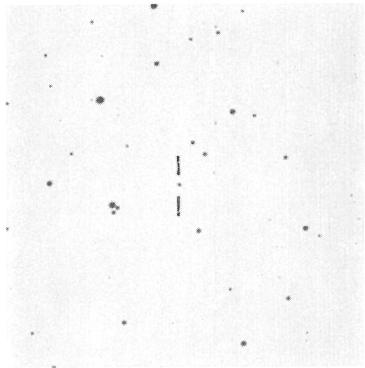
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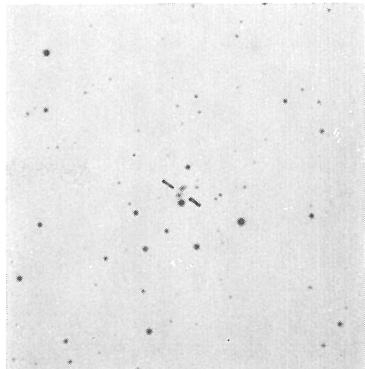
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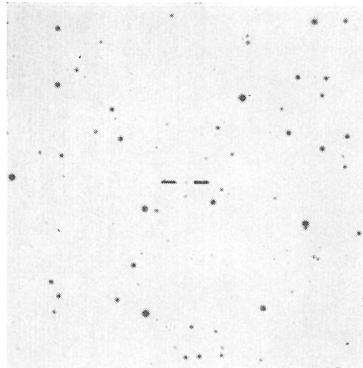
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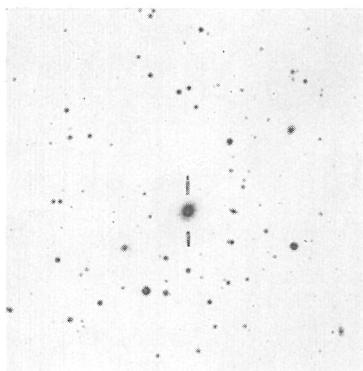
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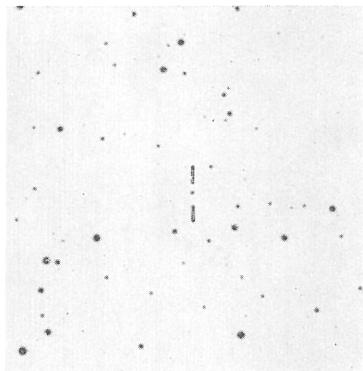
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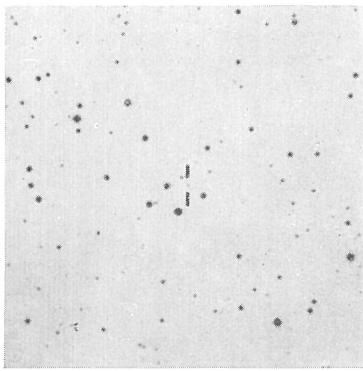
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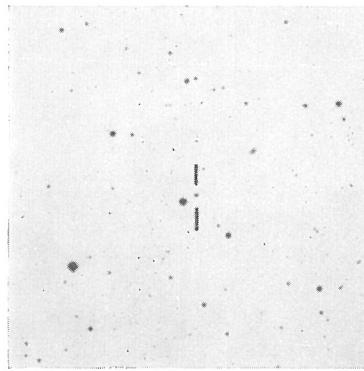
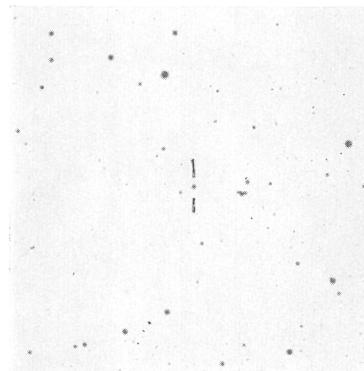
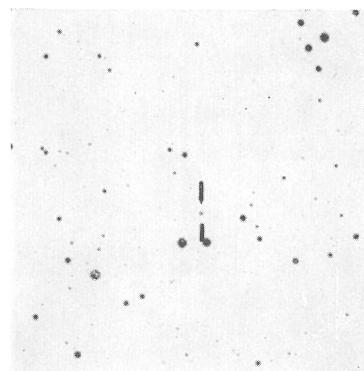
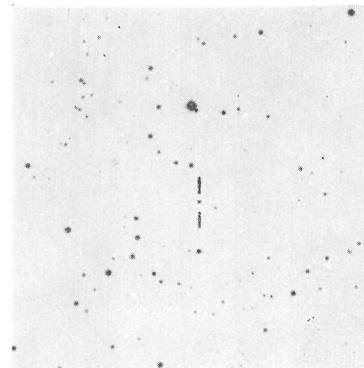
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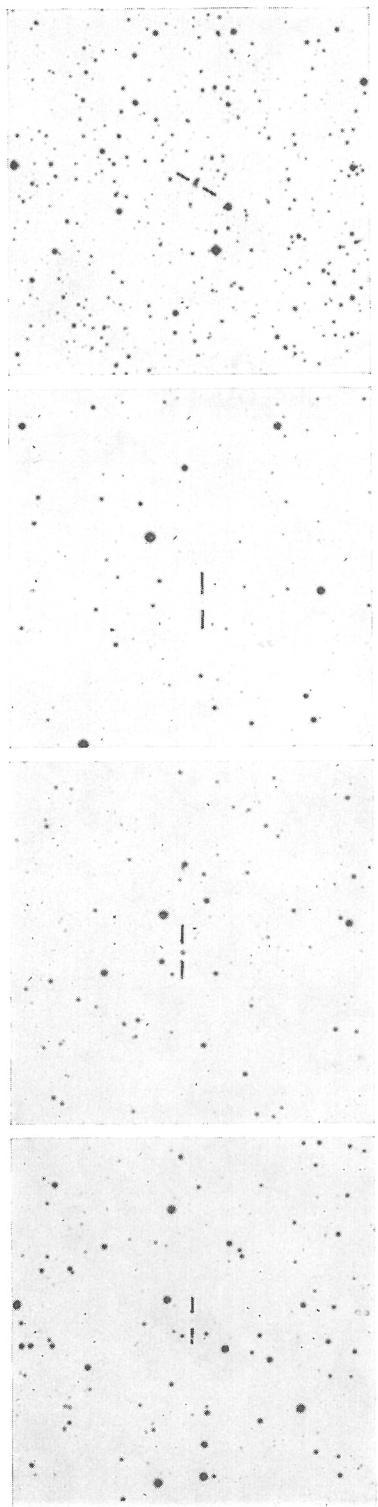


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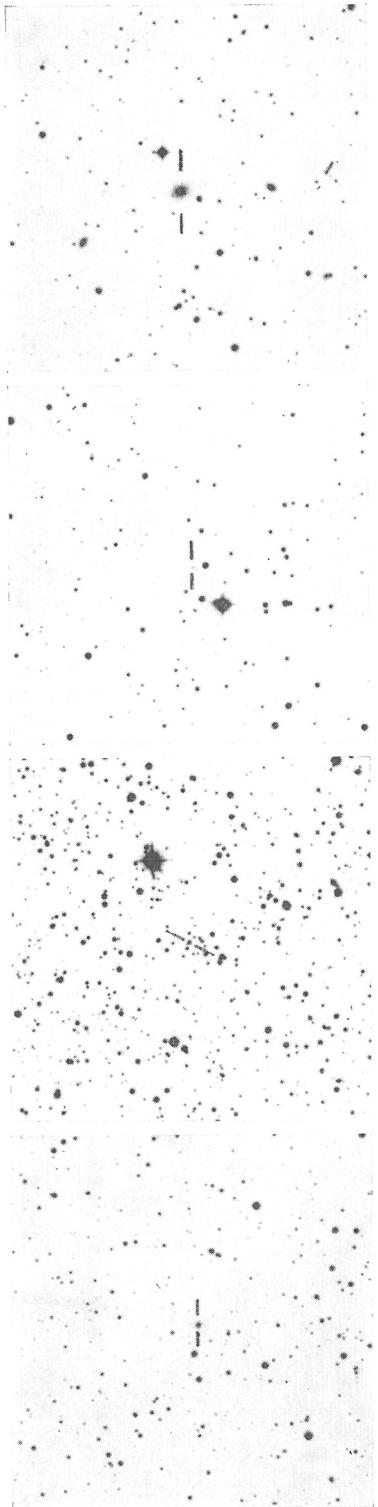


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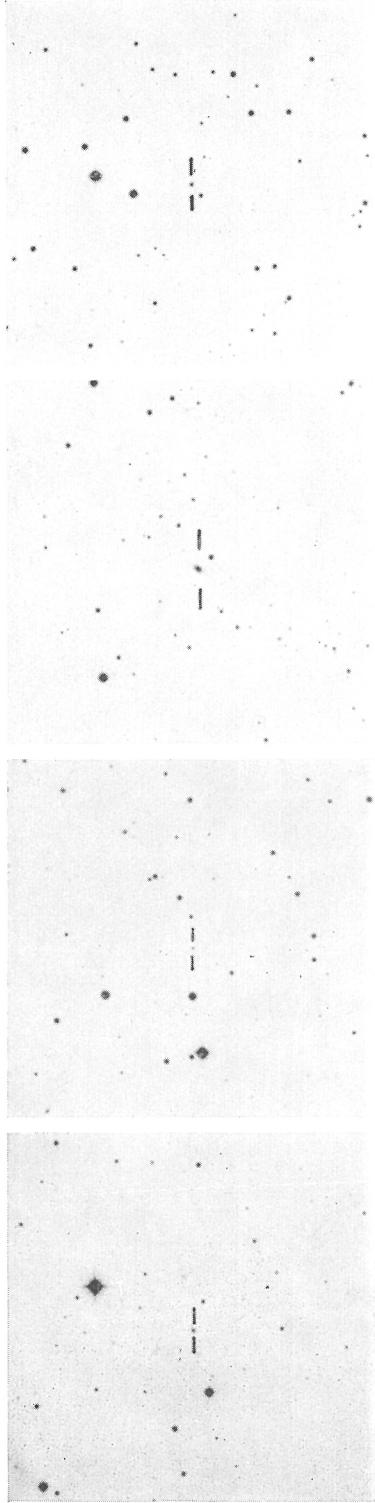
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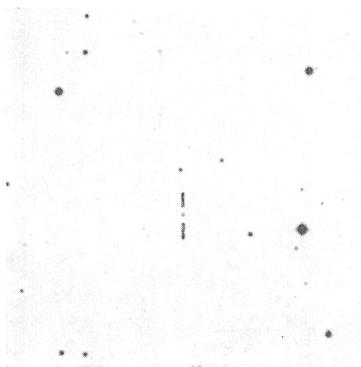


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