



TROPICAL STORM IRVING (26W)

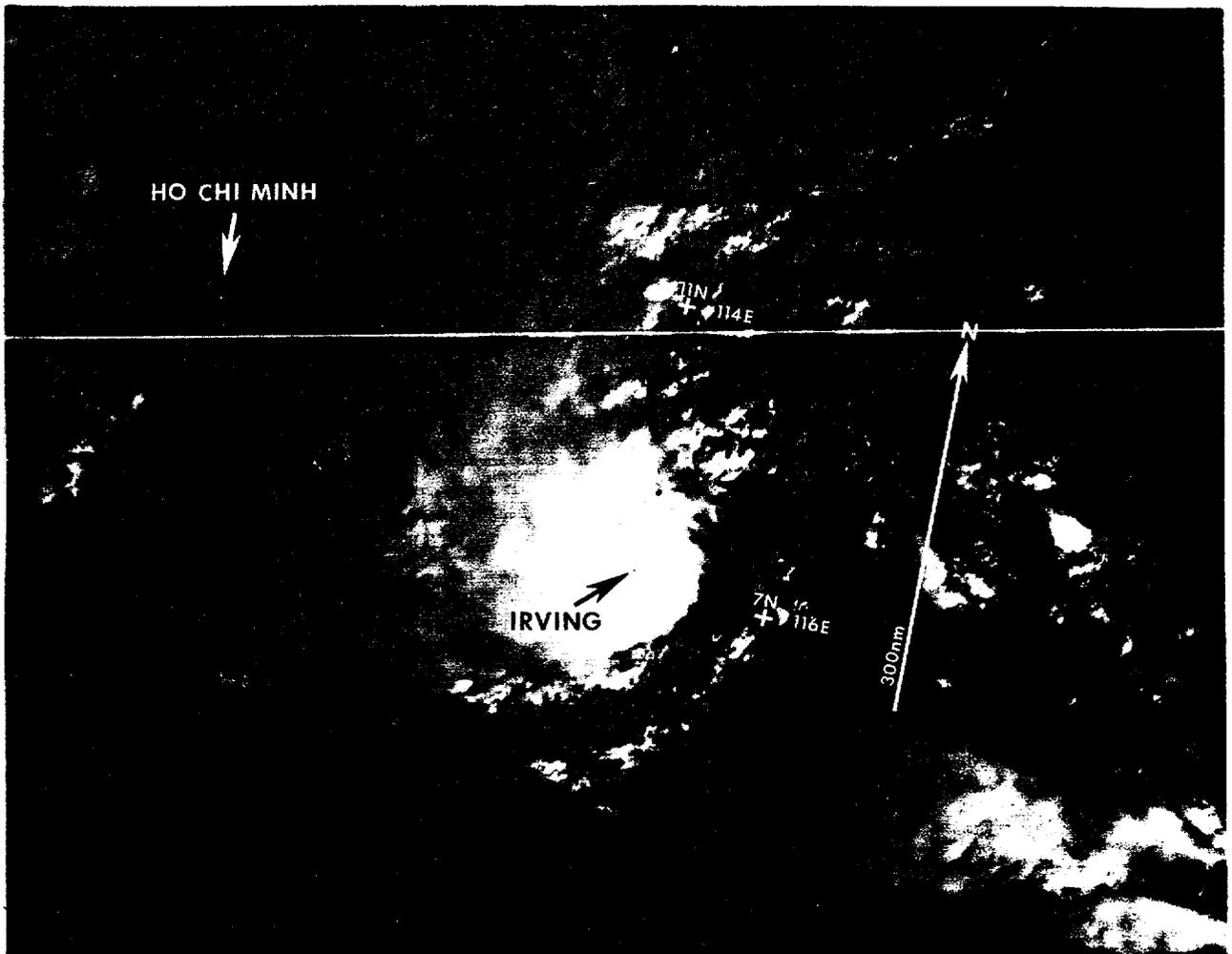


Figure 3-26-1. Tropical Storm Irving was one of two significant tropical cyclones to occur in the month of December. It formed at the western end of the low-latitude near-equatorial trough. The proximity of the low-level northeast monsoon and associated winter gales in the South China Sea masked Irving's initial development. Aircraft reconnaissance proved instrumental in locating the low-level circulation center and describing the wind field of this off-season tropical cyclone. Irving's central dense overcast and low-level cumulus spirals are visible in the (above) satellite imagery (190224Z December DMSP visual imagery).