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1972 SHIPBORNE LOCATIONS

<u>Month</u>					<u>Total</u>
January	280	-	5	52	337
February	493	-	23	69	585
March	452	-	220	153	825
April	432	-	189	166	787
May	935	-	510	328	1773
June	553	-	406	258	1217
July	686	-	63	134	883
August	1034	-	76	209	1319
September	1385	154	95	279	1913
October	1012	194	162	216	1584
November	1176	641	157	152	2126
December	1677	920	296	309	3202
	10115	1909	2202	2325	16551

1972 TOTAL LOCATIONS

<u>Month</u>					<u>Total</u>
January	338	-	27	82	447
February	563	-	77	98	738
March	594	-	233	164	991
April	1165	-	257	491	1913
May	1115	-	600	415	2130
June	711	-	483	329	1523
July	896	-	205	204	1305
August	1193	-	315	376	1884
September	1726	175	128	497	2526
October	1363	221	243	269	2096
November	1632	646	257	257	2792
December	2162	934	353	355	3804
	13458	1976	3178	3537	22149

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