

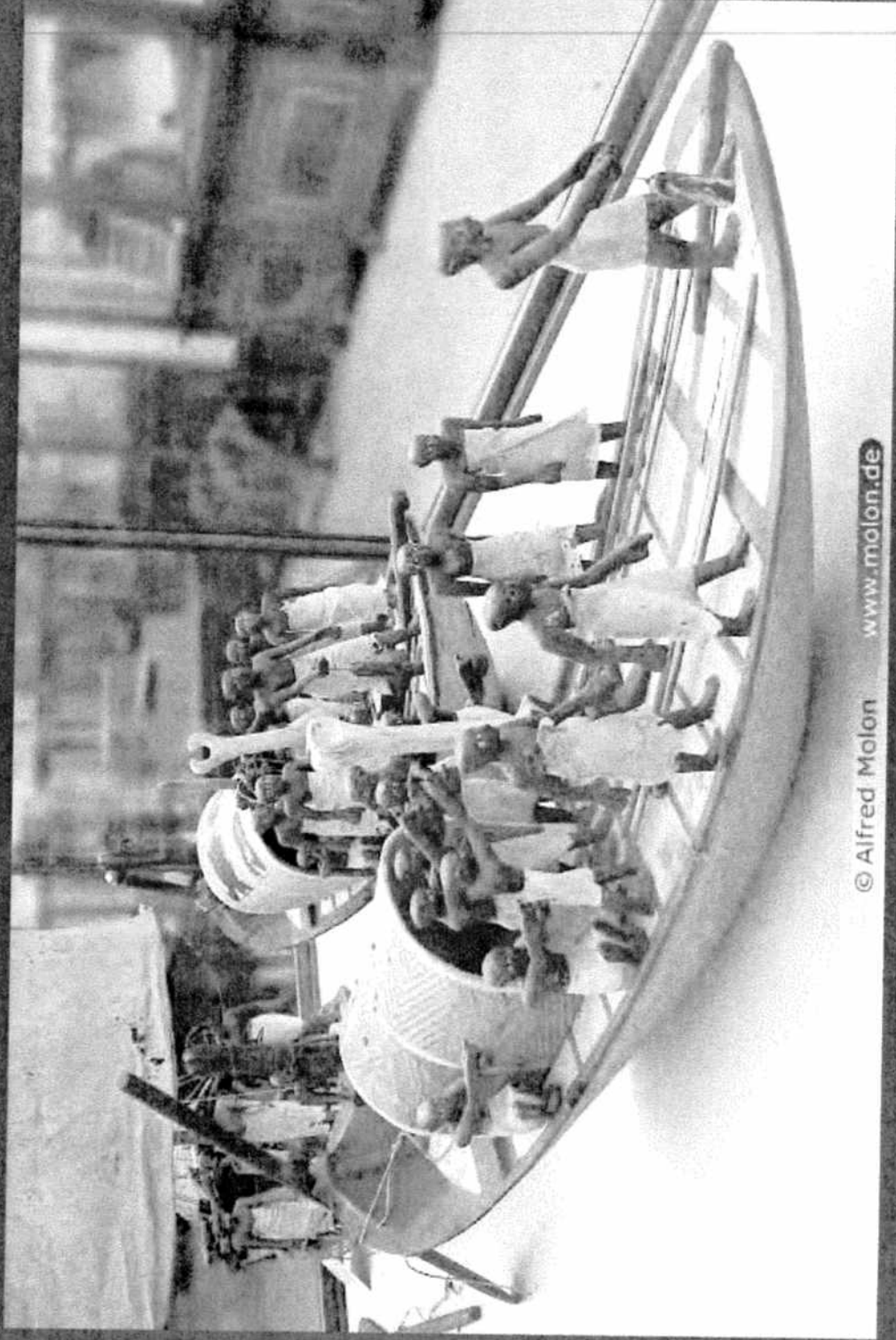


# Mapping the Uncharted Arctic Ocean

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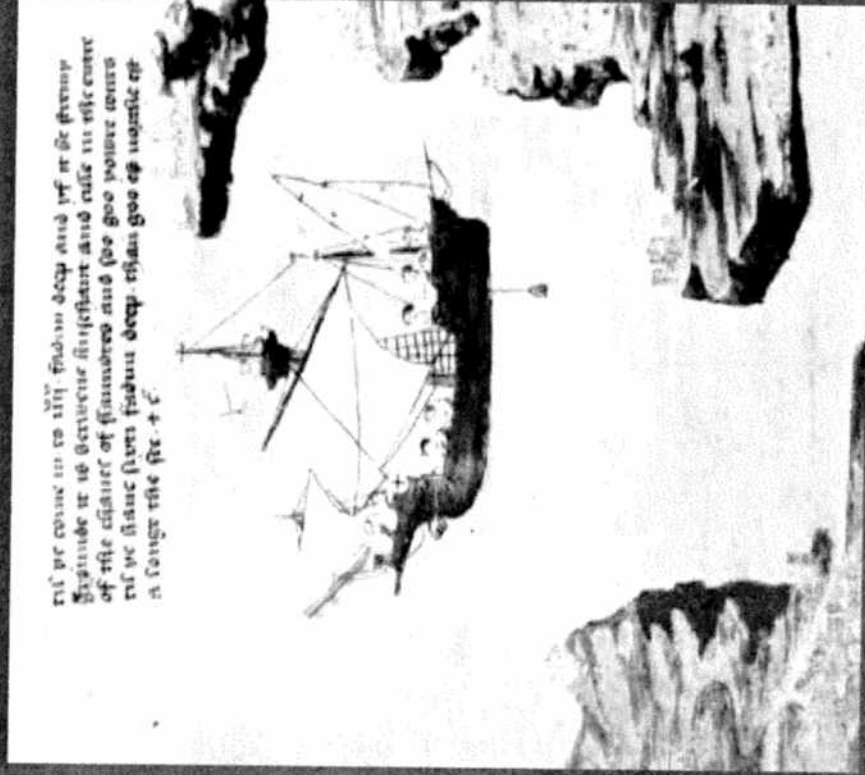


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Boat model retrieved from the tomb of Meket-re who was buried at Thebes in about 2000 BC. From, The Ocean Basins: Their Structure and Evolution, The Open University

# The History of Ocean Mapping

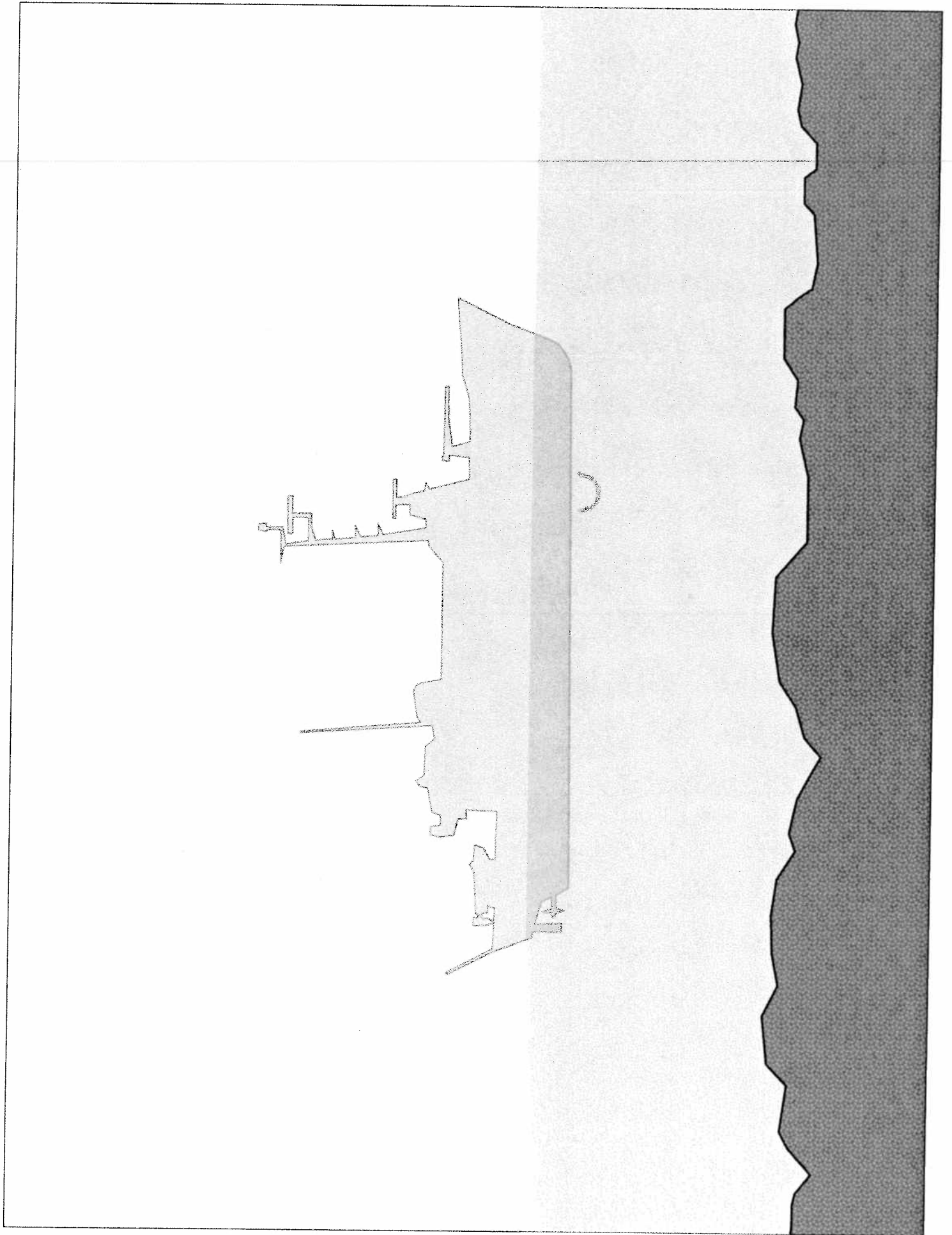
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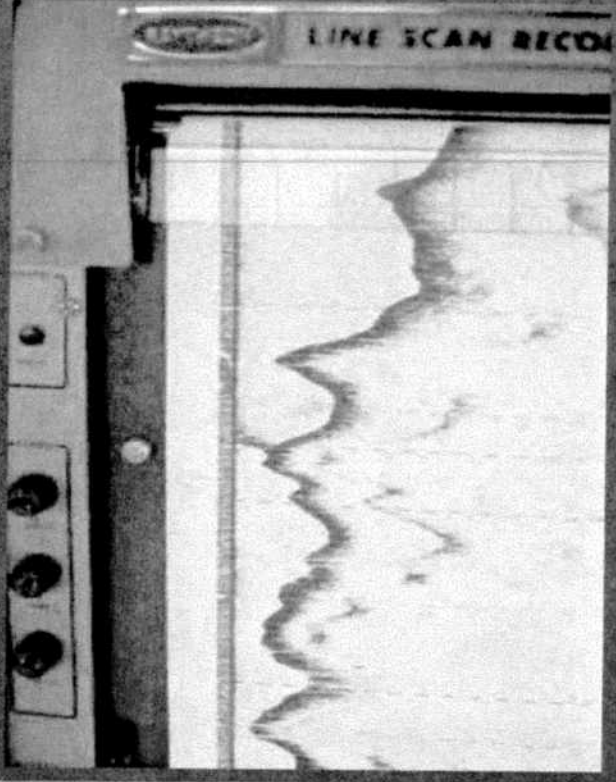
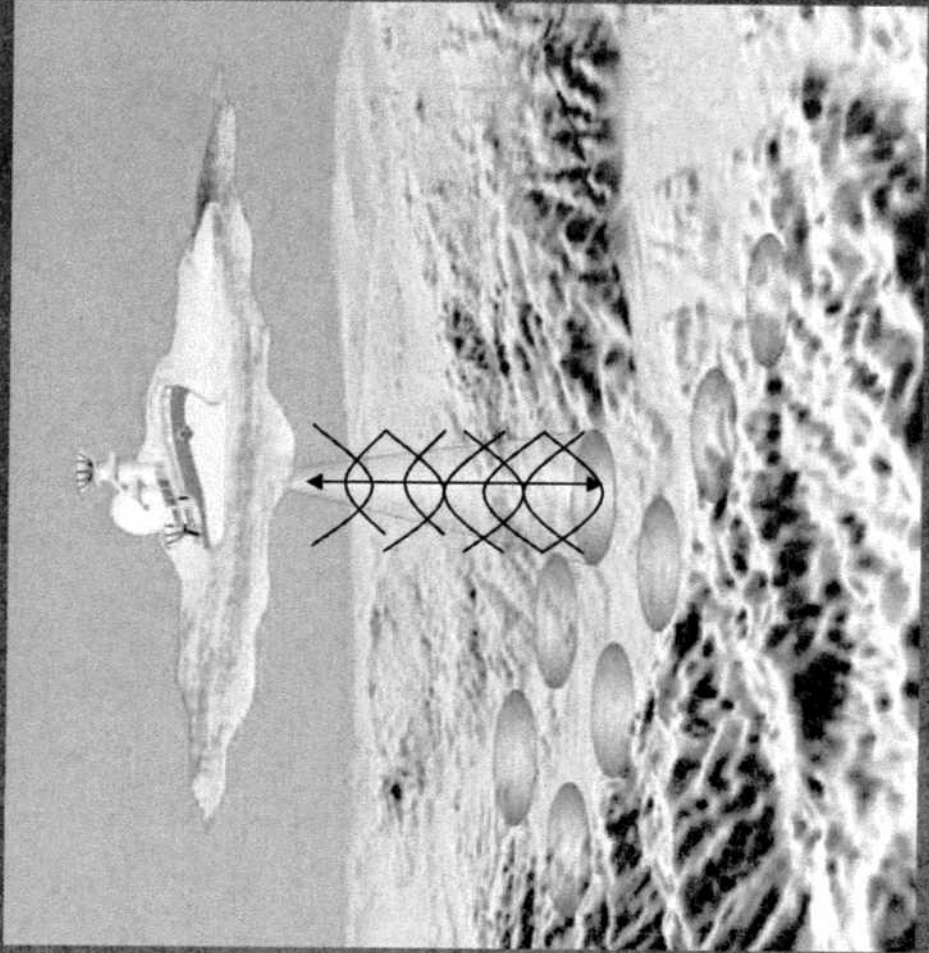
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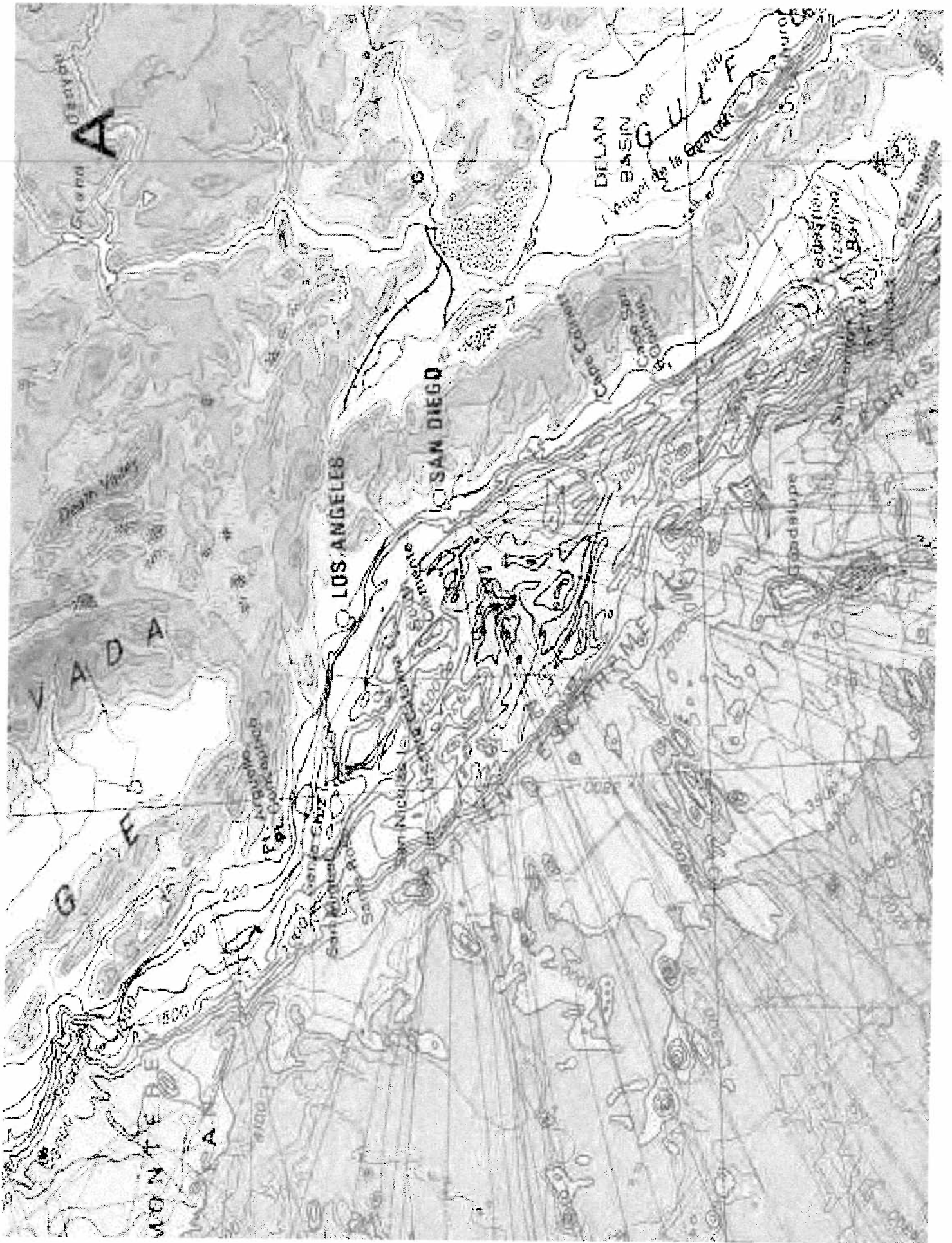


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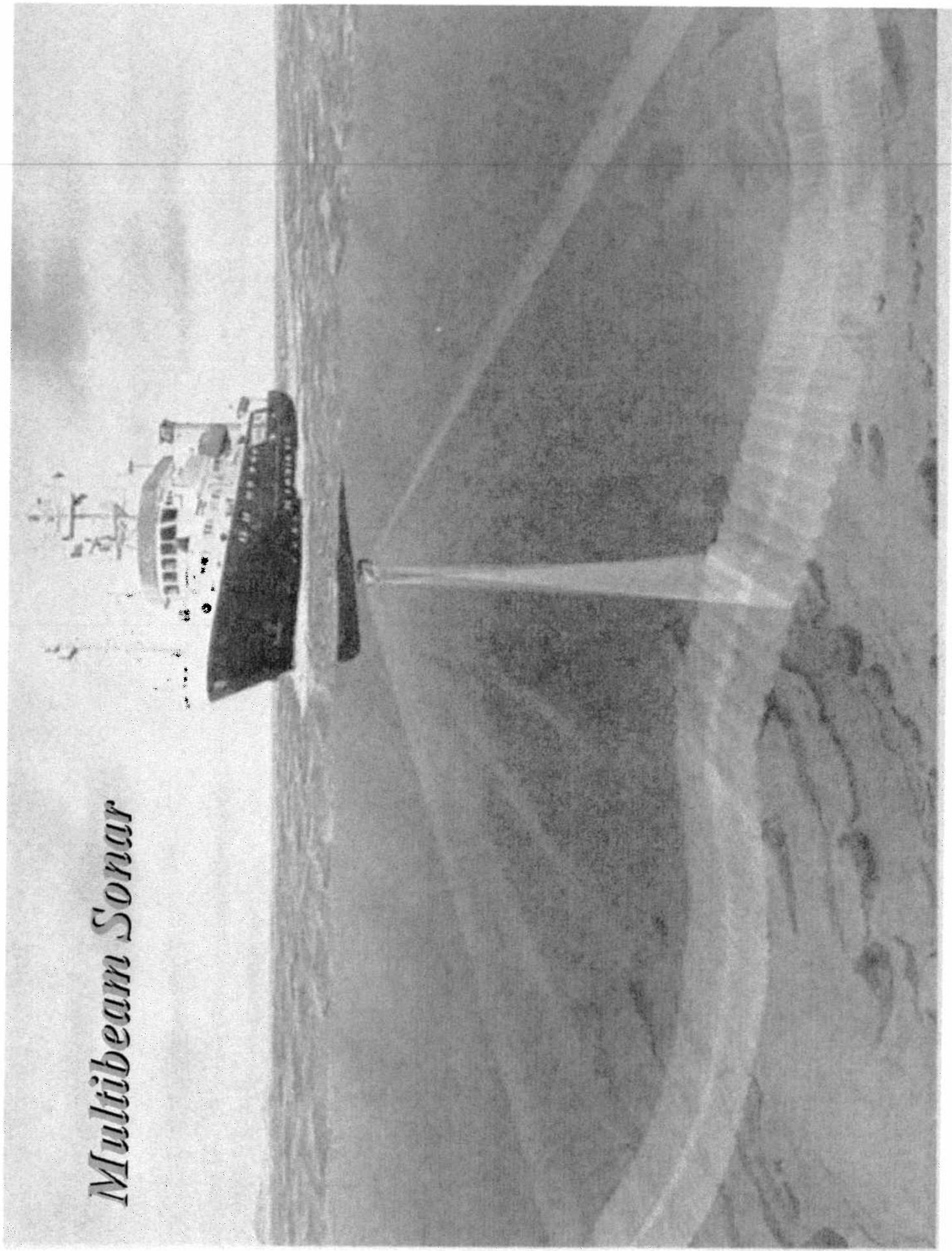








# *Multibeam Sonar*



# *Single Beam Sounding*

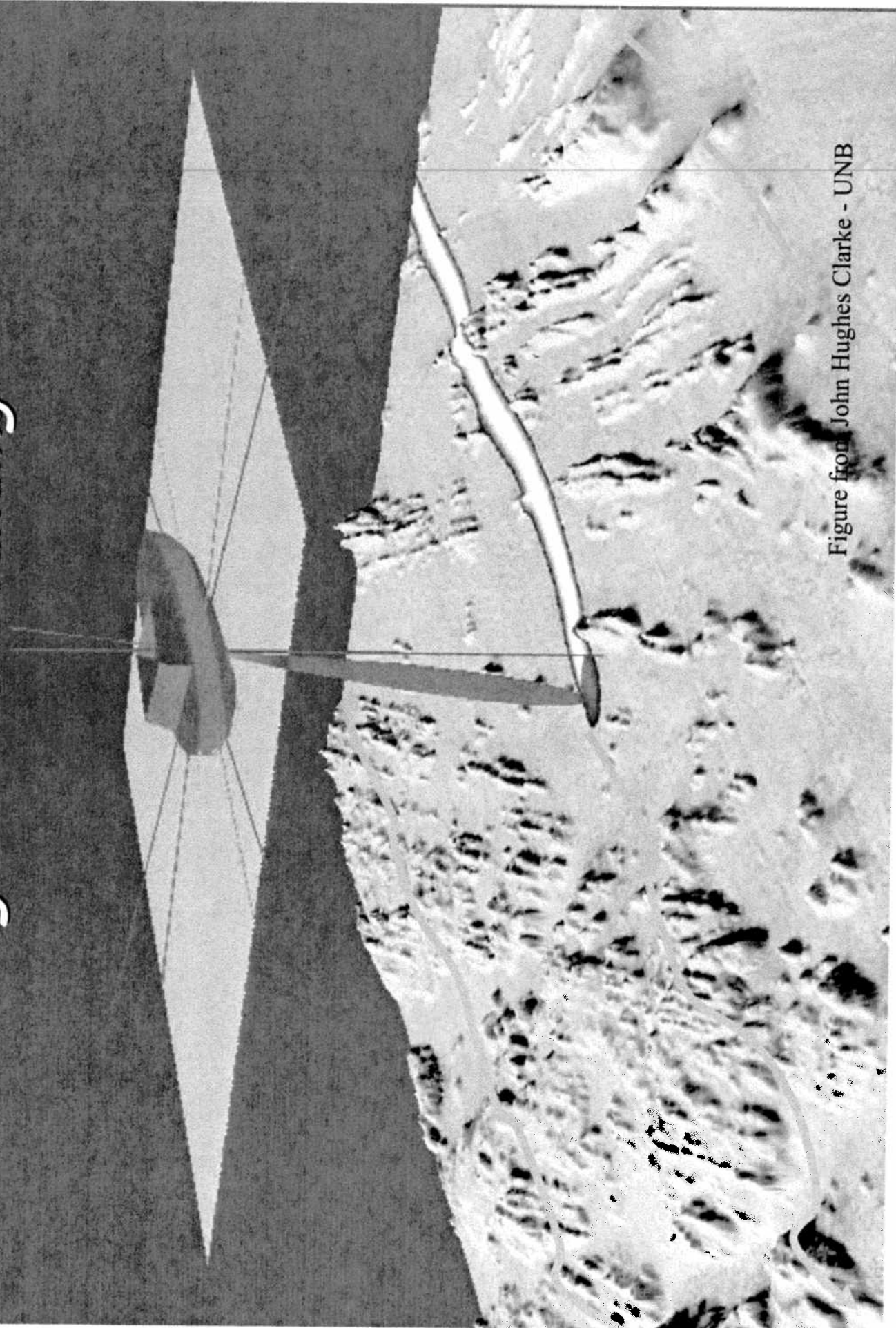


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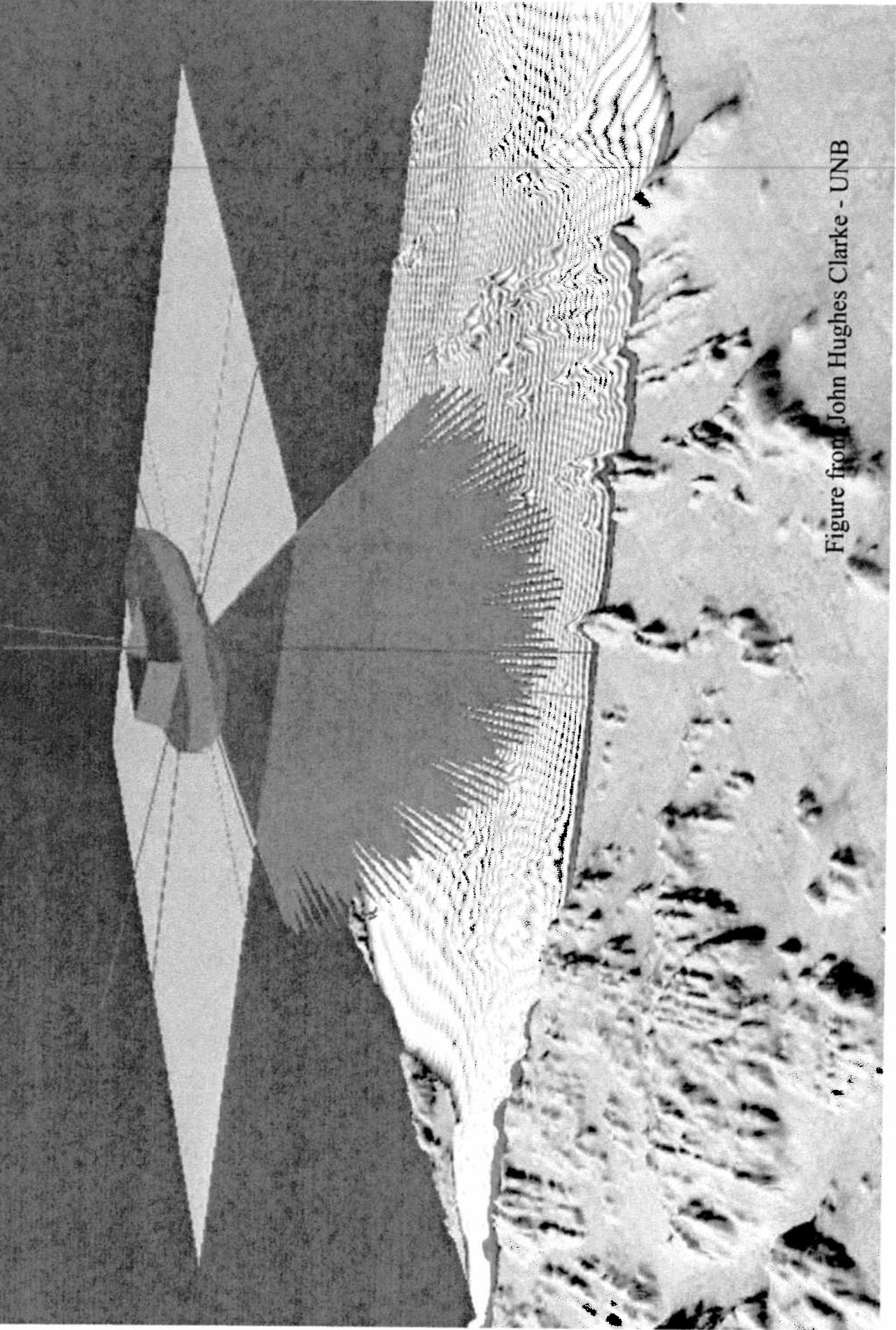
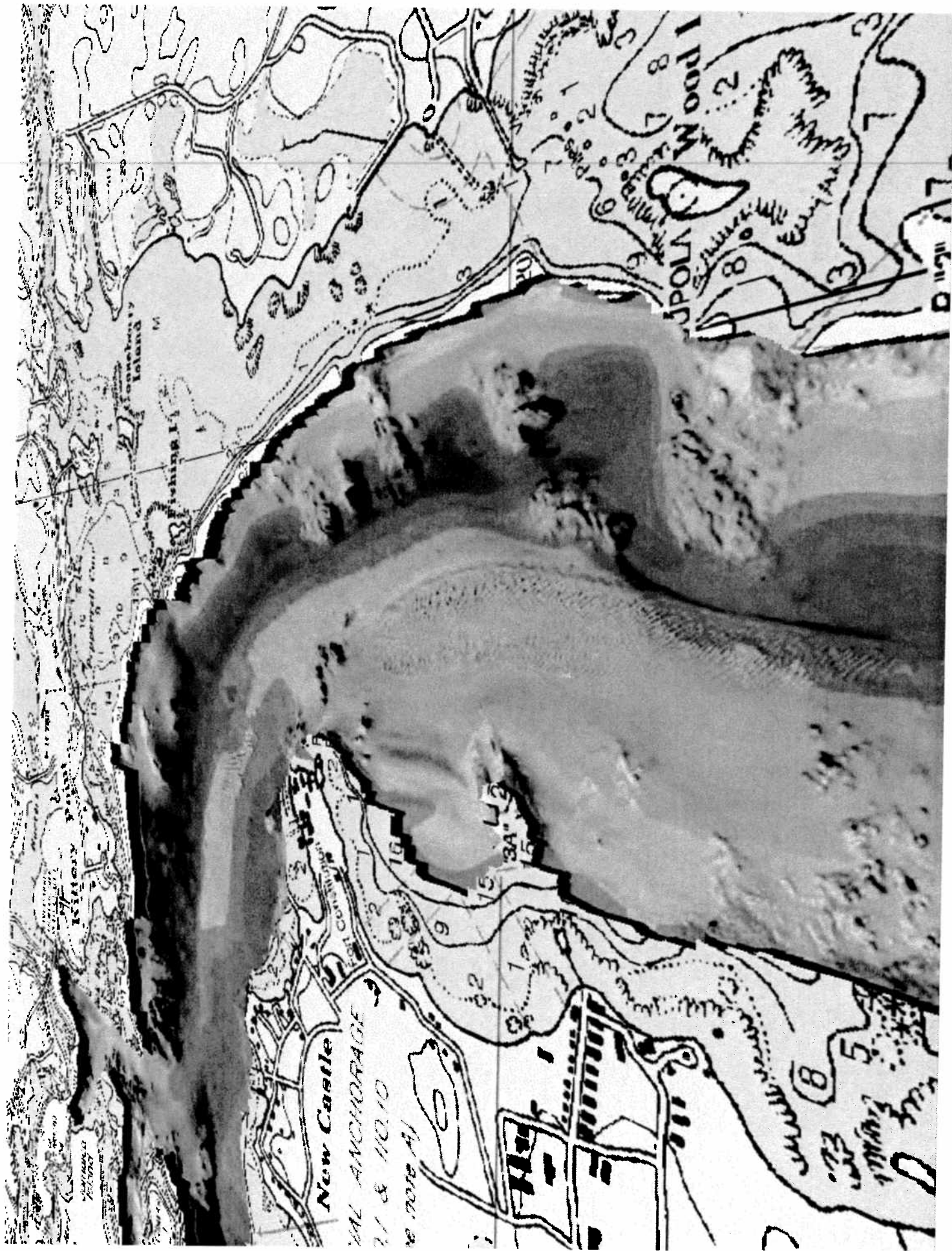


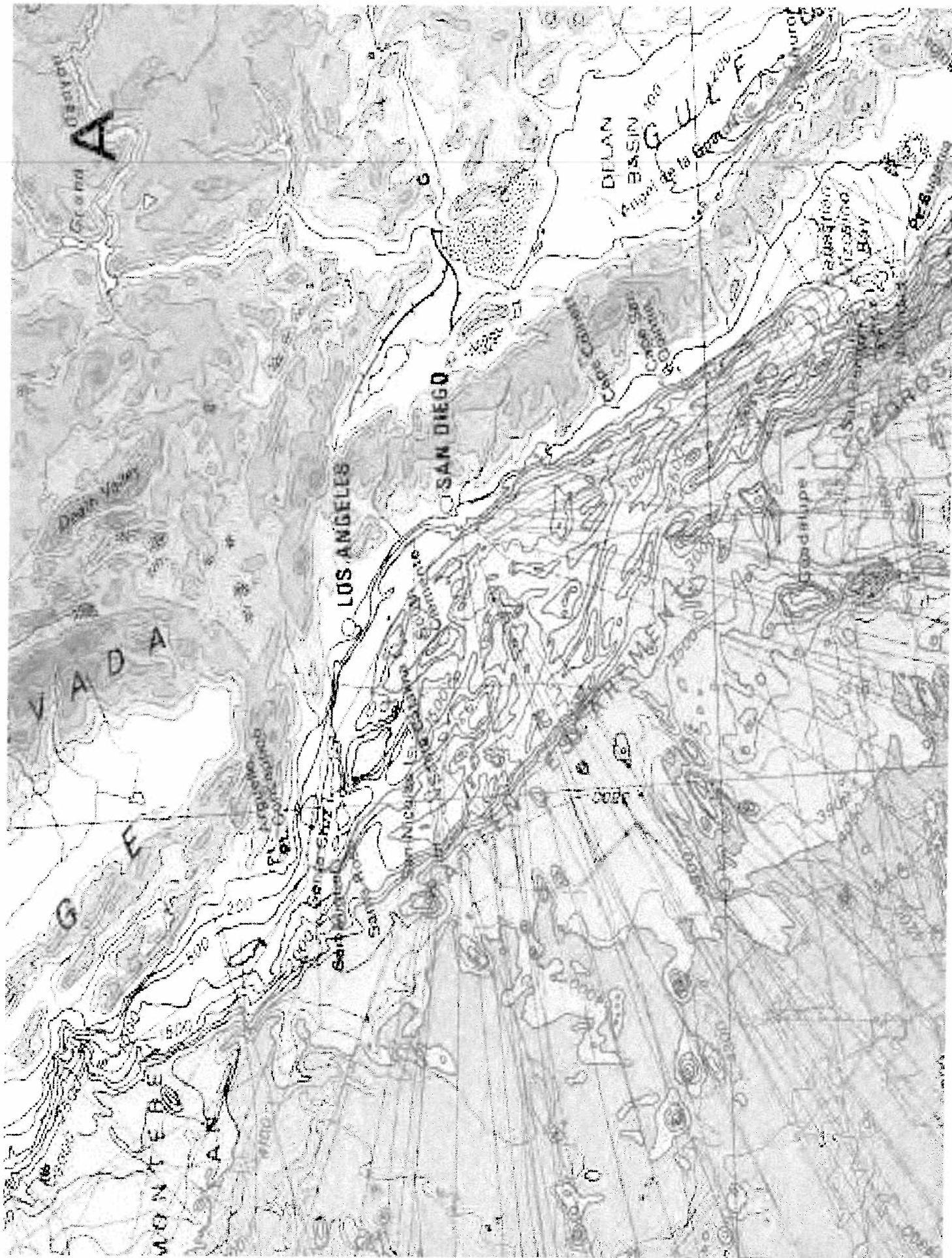
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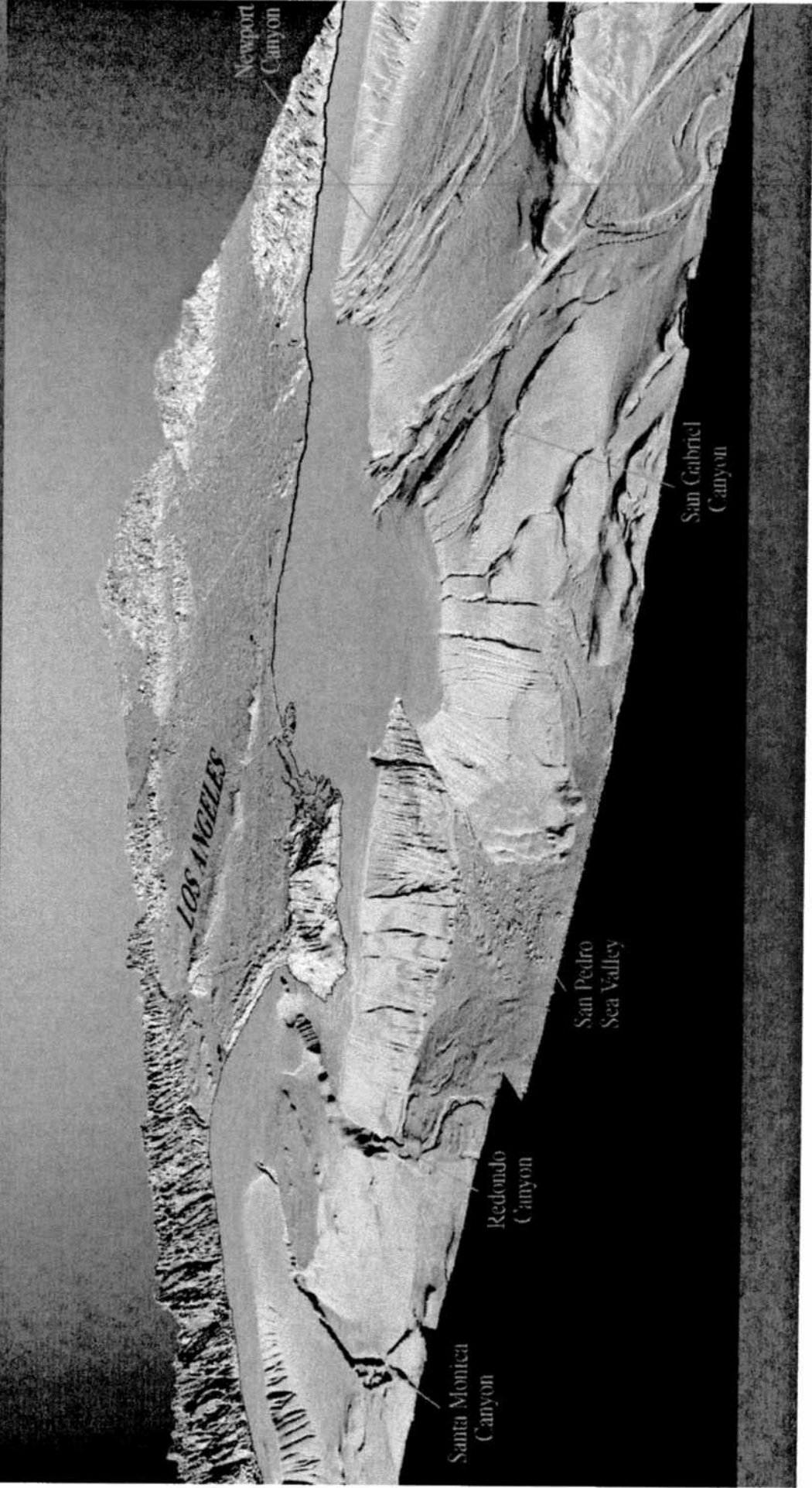


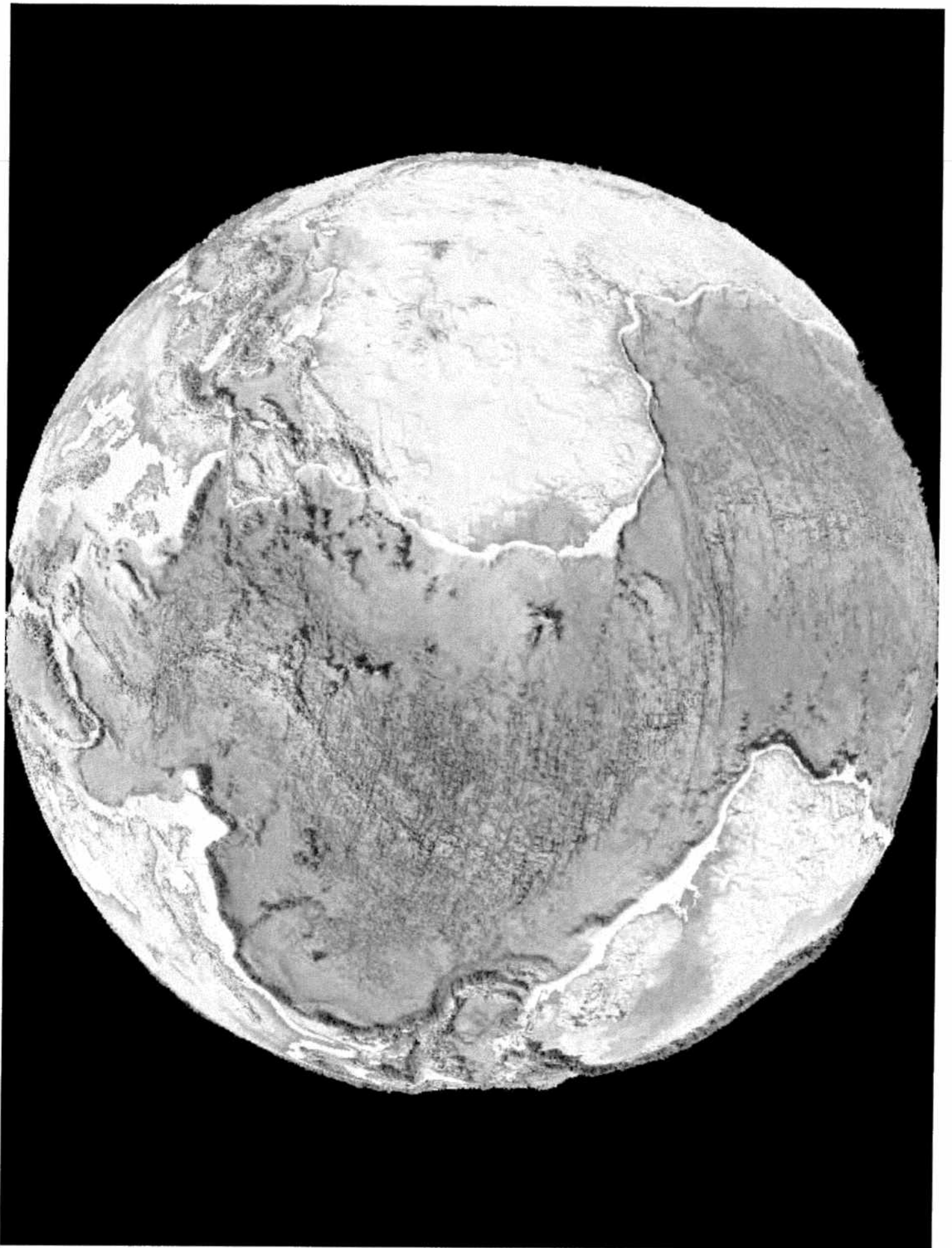






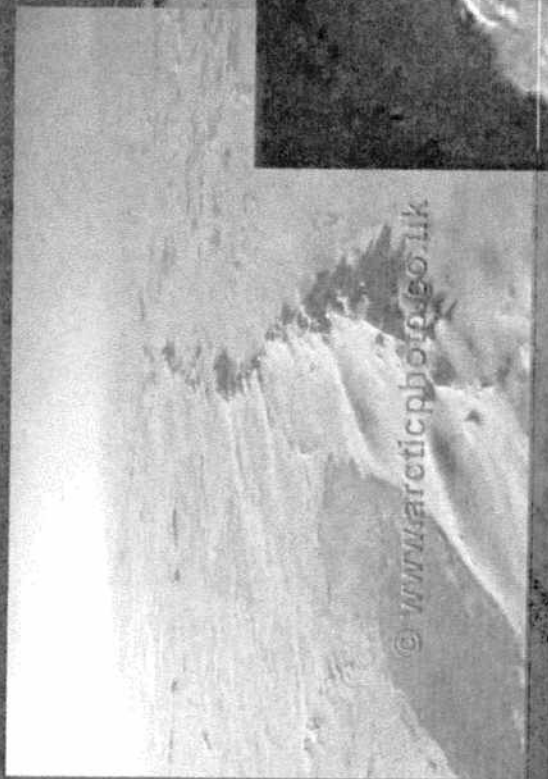
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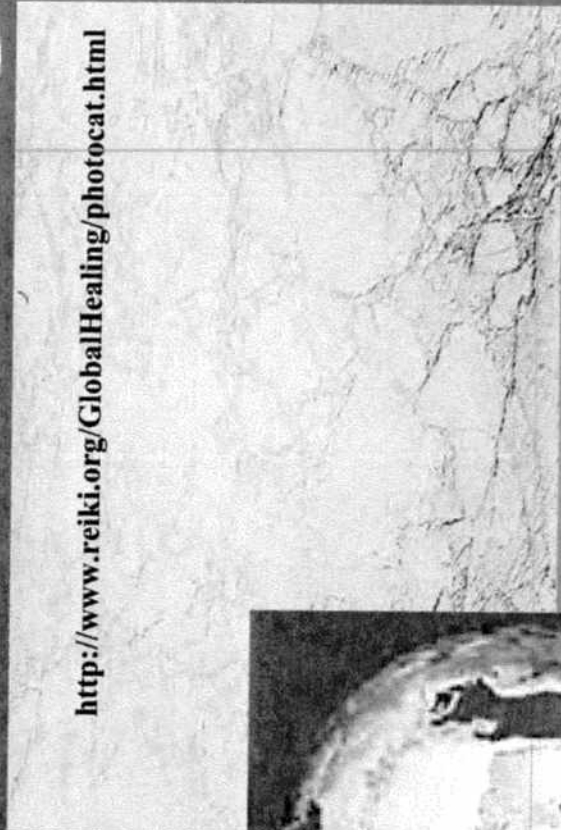




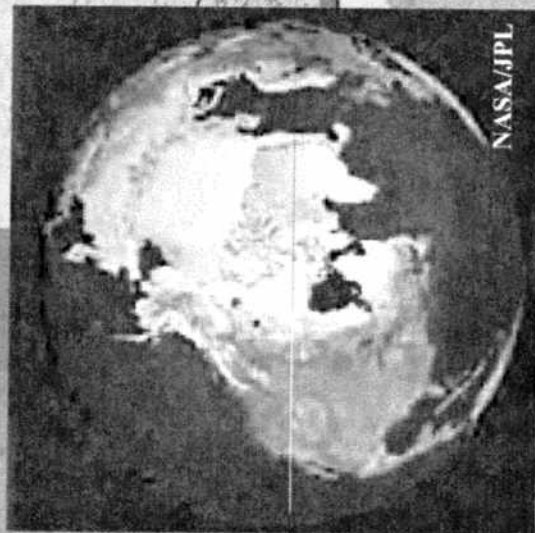
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# Fletcher's Ice Island (T-3)

1962 - 1974

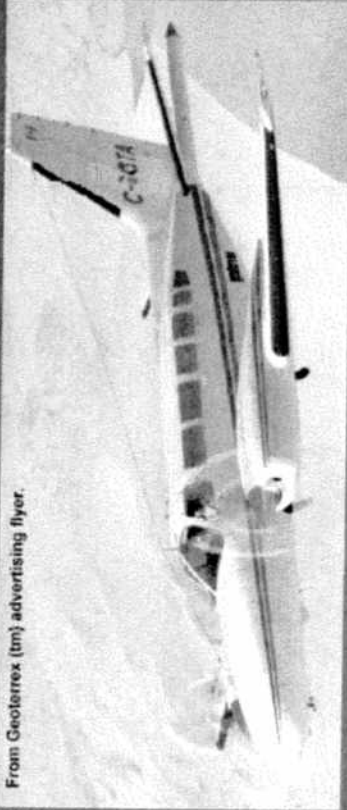




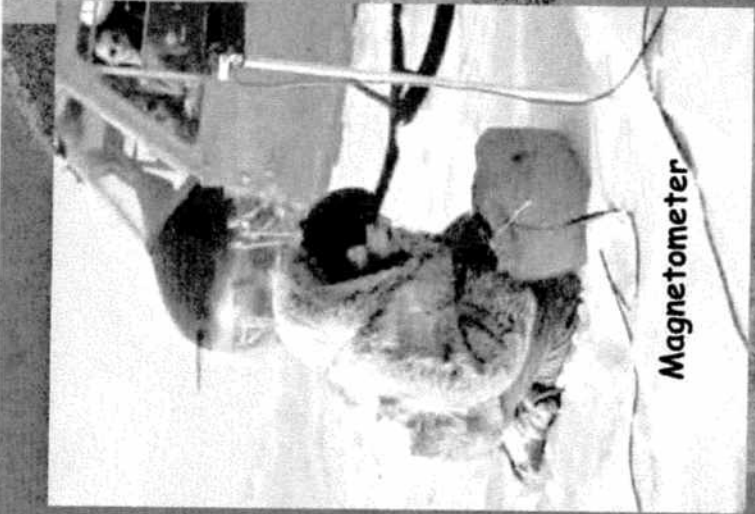
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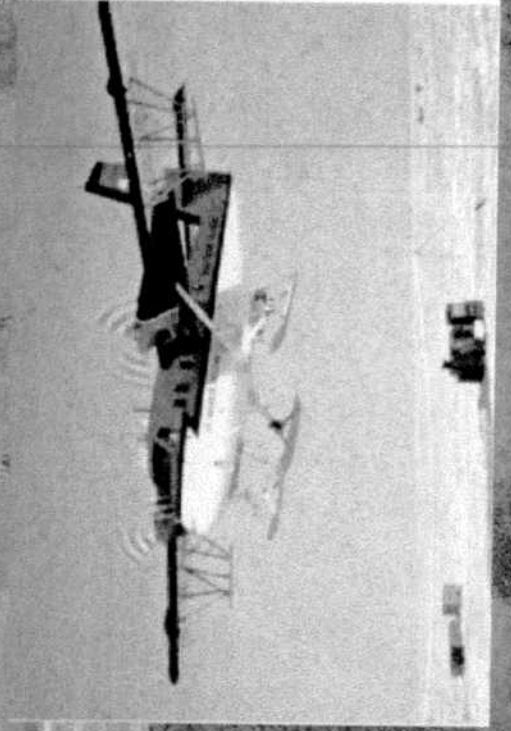
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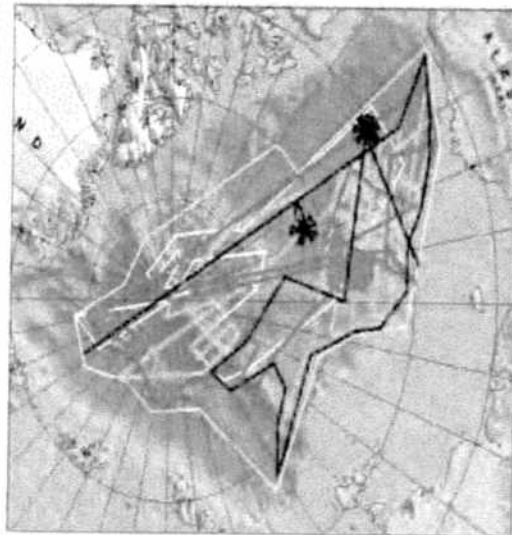
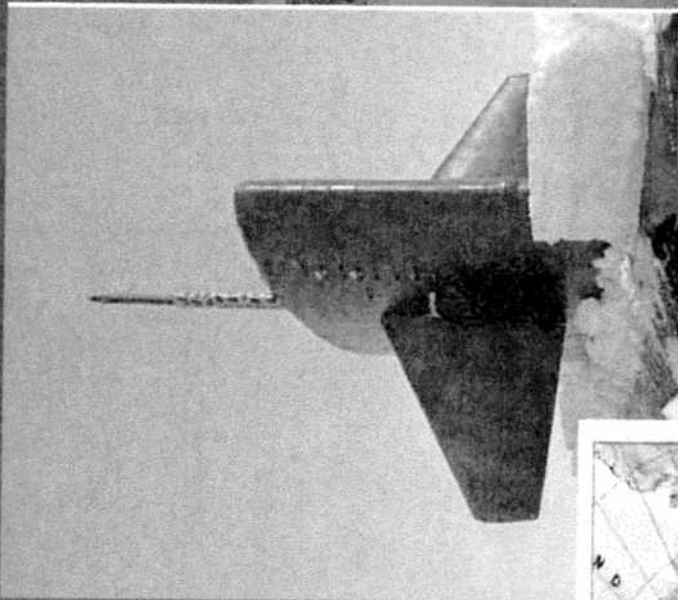
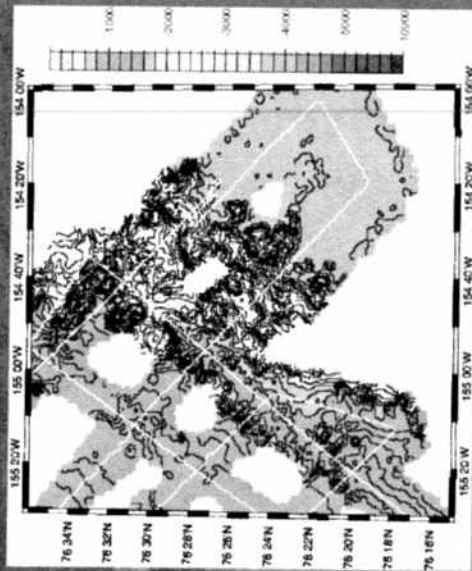
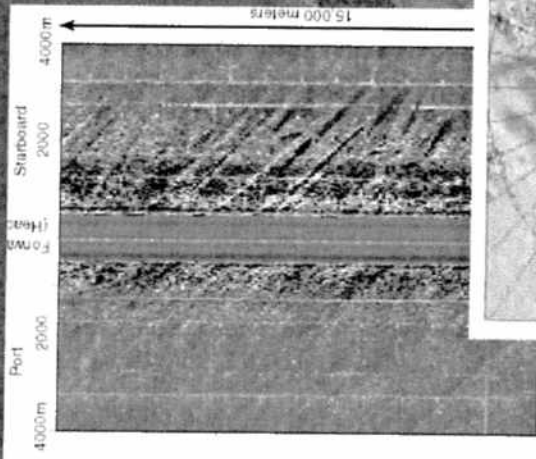
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Depth Sounding



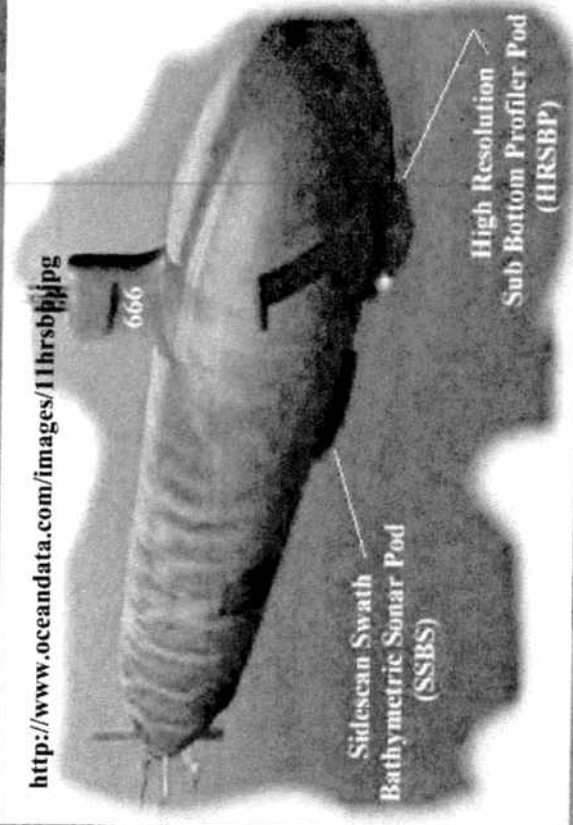
# Data from Nuclear Submarines



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Sidescan Swath  
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High Resolution  
Sub Bottom Profiler Pod  
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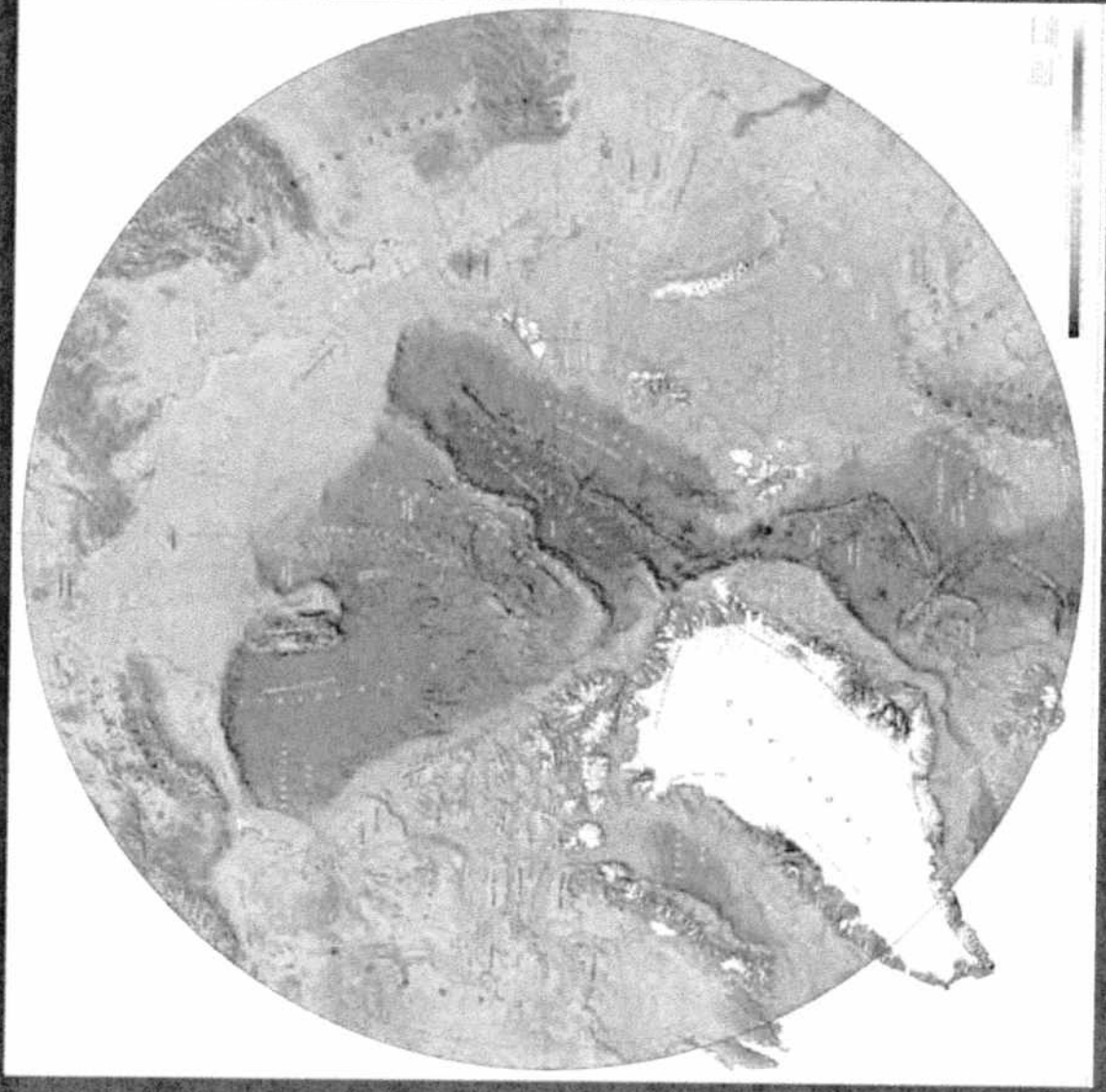




# *Icebreaker Deployed Seismic and Bathy*



# *Bathymetric Compilation*



**IBCAO (2002)**



# *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*

## *Article 76*



Ten paragraphs that redefine the “continental shelf” of a coastal state and provide a mechanism for the state to extend its sovereign rights over the resources of the “seabed and subsoil” of the continental shelf





# UNCLOS Article 76



## The Process

- A coastal state is entitled to sovereign rights over the resources of the seabed and subsoil of "submerged extensions of the continental margin" beyond their current Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
- Demonstrate a "natural prolongation" of a coastal state's territorial landmass and apply the "test of appurtenance"
  - typically broad continental shelf and/or
  - thick sedimentary wedge



# Data Required



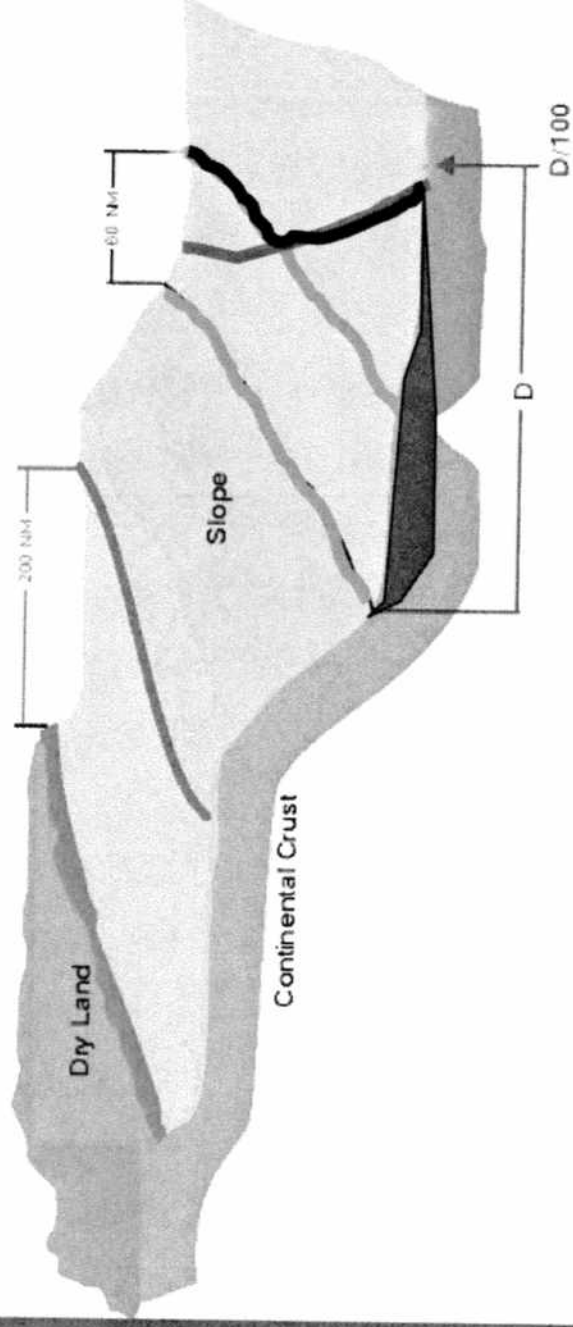
- Once the natural prolongation is established the extended continental shelf beyond the existing 200 nm EEZ is determined by a set of formulae and limit lines defined from the:
  - depth and shape of the seafloor (FOS and 2500m contour)
  - the thickness of the underlying sediments (1% line)
  - distances from the territorial sea baselines (350 nm line)

## *Formula Lines:*

Foot of Slope + 60 nmi - bathy

Gardiner line - sediment thickness less than  
1% of distance back to FOS - seismic and bathy

Determining the Outer Limit of the Continental Shelf



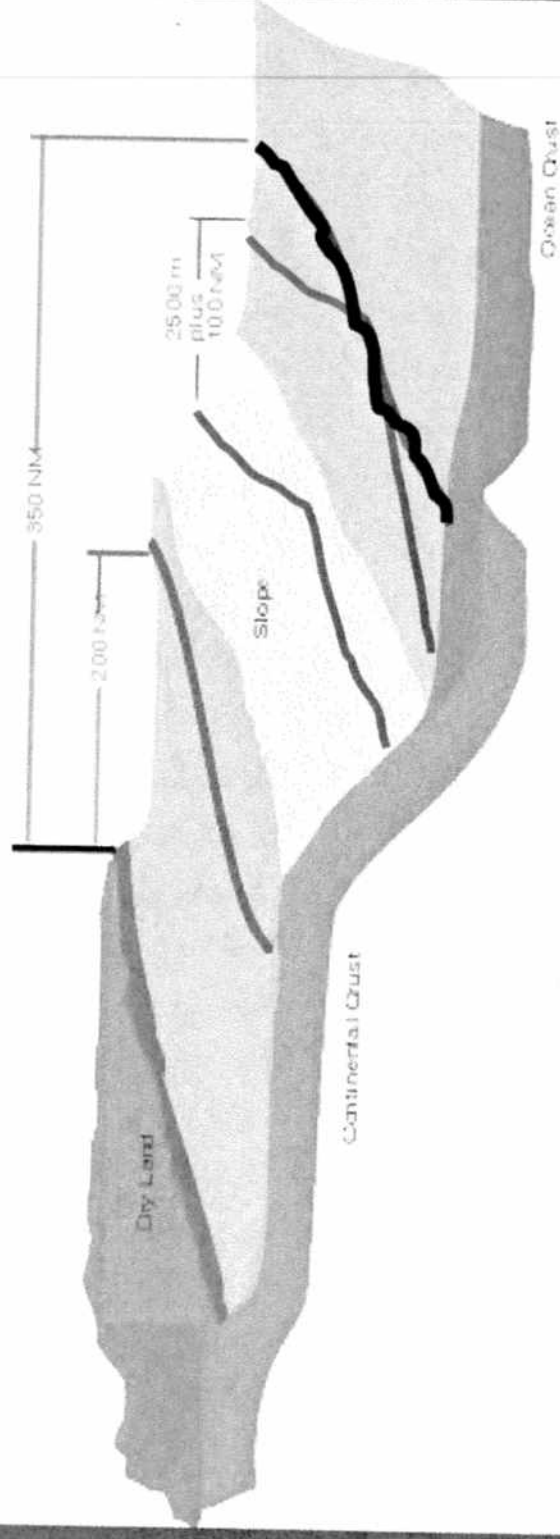


# *Cutoff Lines:*

2500 m contour + 100 nmi - bathy

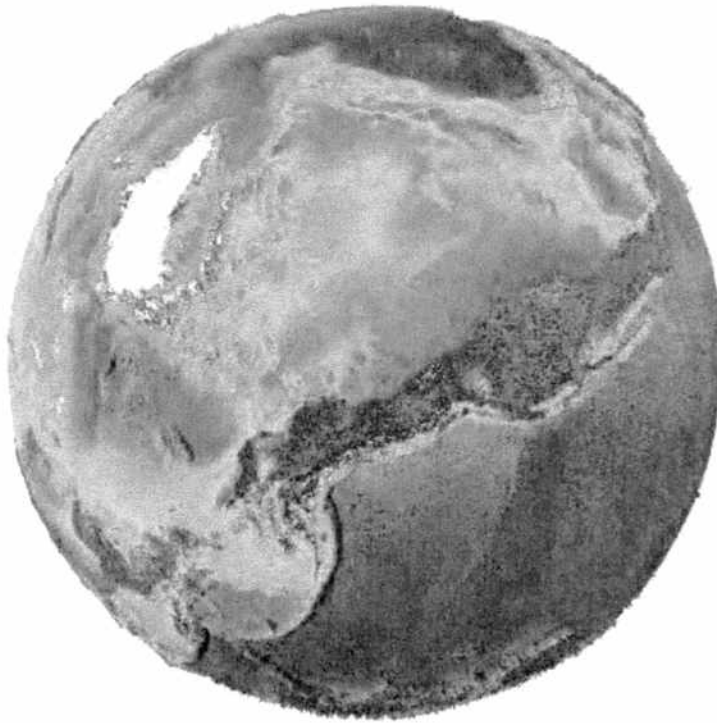
350 nmi from baseline - distance

Constraining the Outer Limit of the Continental Shelf



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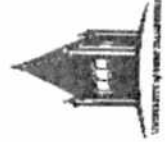
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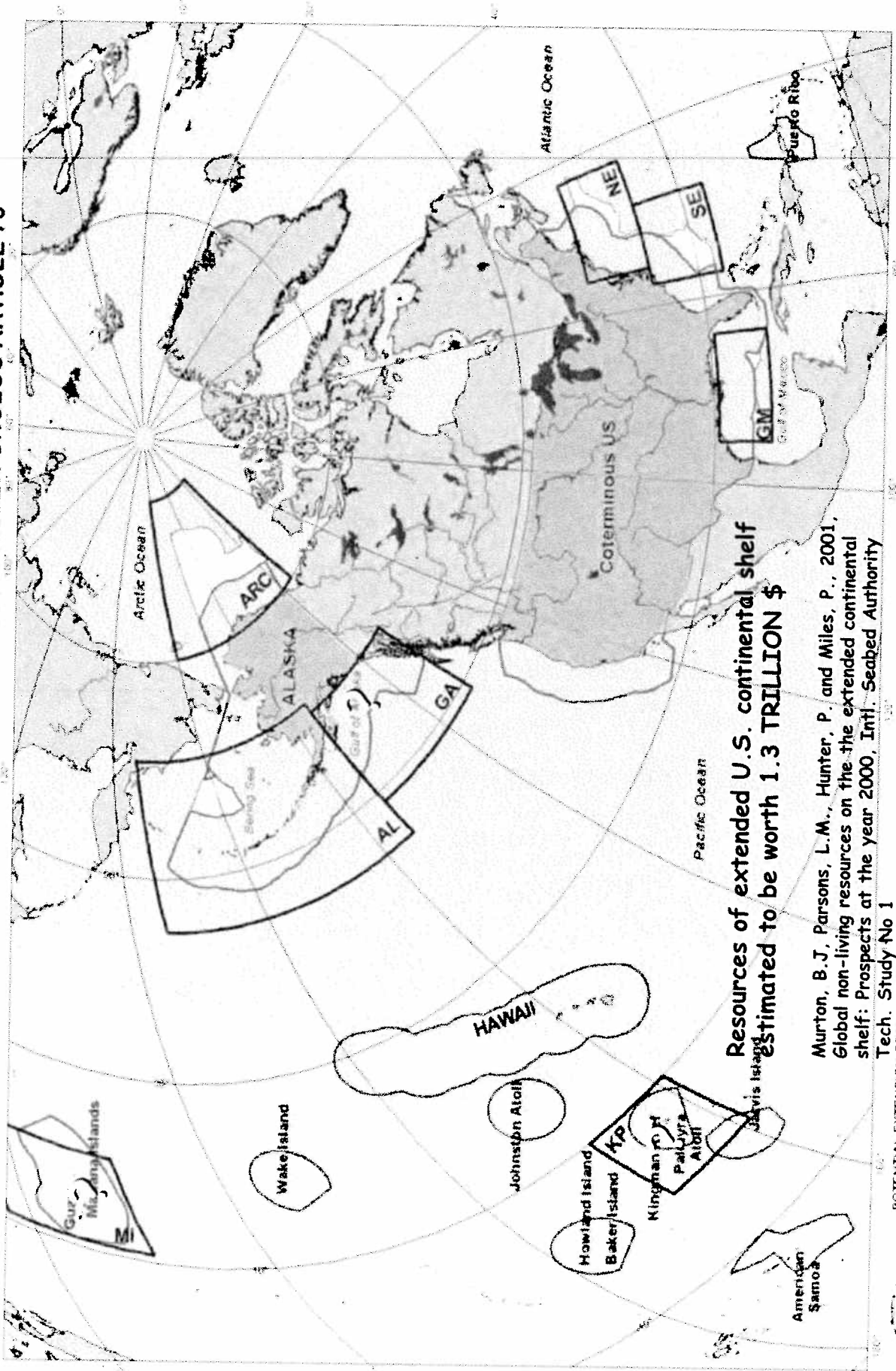
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Resources of extended U.S. continental shelf  
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Murton, B.J, Parsons, L.M., Hunter, P. and Miles, P., 2001,  
Global non-living resources on the extended continental  
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POTENTIAL EXTENSION OF U.S. CONTINENTAL SHELF UNDER UNCLOS ARTICLE 76



This figure shows the United States continental shelf extension under UNCLOS Article 76. The map shows the potential extension of the continental shelf from the United States coast to the edge of the continental shelf. The map also shows the potential extension of the continental shelf from the United States coast to the edge of the continental shelf. The map also shows the potential extension of the continental shelf from the United States coast to the edge of the continental shelf.

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