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**Classifiers of Seismic and  
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## SUMMARY

This report contains a complete definition of the Flinn and Engdahl regionalisation of the earth as used by seismologists and known as the F-E Code. The information in the tables of regions is enhanced by three "classifiers" indicating political geography, seismicity or aseismicity, and oceanic or continental crust. The overlapping maps not only provide all the region numbers with latitude and longitude but also have coastlines. The "classifiers" are also illustrated by a further set of maps.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In the early 1960's seismological agencies such as the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey (**USCGS**) and the International Seismological Summary (**ISS**) changed to computer based systems for earthquake information storage and epicentre determination. It soon became clear to these agencies that there was a requirement for a standard method of referring to a geographical location other than by latitude and longitude. In response to this need to standardise, particularly the description of areas where earthquakes occur, Flinn and Engdahl (**FE**)(1) proposed a basis for geographical and seismic regionalisation at a symposium held in Moscow and Leningrad in 1964. By the time a second paper by Flinn, Engdahl and Hill (**FEH**)(2) was published in 1974 most agencies had adopted FE regionalisation (which is referred to as the "**F-E Code**" in the Universal Decimal Classification system used by libraries). In fact, modern seismological agencies like the National Earthquake Information Centre (**NEIC**) and the International Seismological Centre (**ISC**) (successors to the **USCGS** and the **ISS** respectively) still use FE regionalisation in more or less its original form. Indeed, the **NEIC** has not allowed changes to be made to the definition of the regions. The only changes that have been made are to countries where the names have changed and to regions where the local seismological agency disagreed with the name originally adopted by **FE**(3), (4).

In 1984 Dr Flinn was asked by the Commission on Practice of the International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior (**IASPEI**) to review the current definition of the F-E Code and to form an International Committee to produce a new standard for the regionalisation of the earth. This report is such a current definition of FE regionalisation and it is hoped will form the basis of any new standard.

The purpose of this report is to provide:-

- (a) A table of the seismic and geographical region names.
- (b) A complete table of the geographical region names for all four quadrants of the earth at each degree of latitude.
- (c) A set of maps not only giving a plot of regions with their numbers but also showing coastlines: the whole world is shown on a basic 13 maps with some overlap but as the plots are done by a computer any centre longitude could have been chosen.

- (d) Certain "classifiers" to allow regions to be classified as:-
  - (i) within an area of political geography (or not);
  - (ii) ..highly seismic or aseismic (or neither);
  - (iii) continental or oceanic.

These "classifiers" are illustrated in a further set of 7 world maps.

- (e) Recommendations to be considered for any new standard of the F-E Code.

We first briefly describe the current definition of the F-E Code and then describe in detail the three "classifiers" we have used.

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE F-E CODE

Flinn and Engdahl's regionalisation of the earth is based on a grid system using integral values of latitude and longitude. Each degree square on the surface of the earth has two numbers, the first being the geographical region number and the second the seismic region number. Each number has a corresponding name. The world is divided into 50 seismic regions which closely follow those published in 1954 by Gutenberg and Richter (5). Each of these larger seismic regions is divided into two or more smaller geographical regions of which there are currently 728. All these regions cover one or more degree squares, tend to be irregular in shape with each seismic region being a mosaic of geographical regions, and the seismic regions forming a coarser mosaic covering the whole earth.

Each seismic and geographical region has a name which is defined in the F-E Code up to a maximum of 32 characters. This limit on the number of characters means that a few of the region names must be drastically abbreviated. One of the improvements we have made is to extend this limit to 40 characters. As a result there are only six names containing abbreviations in a total of 778. There are four regions containing NZ for New Zealand, the other two being NE for Northeast; the standard abbreviations of USSR and SSR not being counted. We have, we hope, included all the changes made to region names published by the NEIC (3), (4). In some cases we have extended the name in order to further lessen confusion about the region (for example, Gulf of St Lawrence and St Lawrence Island, and Northern Eurasia). We take full responsibility for any other changes (for example, Gulf of Siam instead of Thailand, and Off instead of Near coast of Pakistan), errors, or discrepancies!

R conversion to upper and lower case letters has also been made on the geographical region name - the original F-E Code had all upper case. Table 1 reproduces the FEH figures 2 and 3 of the 1974 paper with the inclusion of the "classifiers" discussed below but in the combined form as published in the ISC Regional Catalogue of Earthquakes (6). Table 2 presents the information from FEH's figures 4 to 7 in a different form by providing the geographical region names at each degree of latitude with all four quadrants of the earth on a page.

In FE's 1965 paper the regions were defined by a series of maps. These maps are reasonable for looking up a seismic region number but problems have been experienced looking up a geographical region number because the display did not include the coastlines which give the familiarity expected of such maps. We have provided a series of overlapping maps 1 to 13 covering the whole earth with the coastlines added. Map 1 shows the coarser seismic regions while maps 2 to 13 show the fine detail of the geographical regions as well as the enclosing seismic region. These maps have been drawn by a computer and demonstrate the current definition of the F-E Code. If changes are made to the F-E Code then new maps are easily drawn. Also any errors in the original hand-drawn maps are immediately remedied (for example, the definition of North-western and Southwestern Afghanistan). Maps 14 to 20 illustrate the use of the three "classifiers" discussed below.

But first we shall look at some of the problems which have arisen over the last 20 years using the F-E Code.

## 2.1 Some problems with the F-E Code

There is no doubt about the effectiveness of the F-E Code. Its universal acceptance by all major agencies and other seismologists is proof enough. But 20 years on, with use, and with improving earthquake hypocentres it is obvious a few of the FE regions are at best ill-defined, and at worst wrong. There also appears to be a bias towards a better definition of regions in the Northern hemisphere compared to the Southern. It is also noticeable that North America has more regions than the USSR and China. In seismological terms, these biases probably have little significance but from a political point of view perhaps more thought could have been put into the original definition.

It is probably unfortunate that agencies, particularly the NEIC, decided not to allow changes to the definition of the regions. FE in their original paper (1) suggested an adequate system for adding or dividing regions. Most of the problems we experienced in specifying our "classifiers", particularly seismicity, stem from regions being ill-defined. The most common problem is of regions being "oversize" and having more than one classification within them. Some regions are too small and should be included in a neighbouring region. A "classic" problem area is the North Atlantic Ridge north of the Azores Islands and South of Iceland which is included in the North Atlantic Ocean but obviously is a separate region. Another problem region is the South Georgia Rise which is aseismic, the seismicity being ten degrees to the southeast in the Southwestern Atlantic Ocean. Apparently FE thought that this region was highly seismic so a difficult decision has to be made on its classification.

Another criticism of the F-E Code is that it is sometimes not obvious that neighbouring regions are next to each other. This problem stems primarily from the definition of the seismic regions which is based on Gutenberg and Richter's work (5) and appears to defy solution.

We have listed some of the geographical regions which we feel are obvious candidates for change in appendix A.

### 3. DEFINITION OF THE CLASSIFIERS

The classification of any particular property of a region depends on its defined position on the surface of the earth. FE chose their region boundaries to follow established tectonic, geographical, and political divisions within the constraint of using integral lines of latitude and longitude. (We shall not repeat here **FEs** detailed work in deciding on borders, seismic areas, and other matters but refer readers to the original papers (1), (2).) The size of a geographical region (and to some extent a seismic region) tends to be a compromise between these tectonic, geographical, and political divisions. Seismic (tectonic) regions tend to be small in area while aseismic regions tend to be large. Land areas tend to have smaller geographical regions than those in oceanic areas. Southern hemisphere regions seem to be less precise in definition than Northern ones. Some regions, both on land and sea, are too large to be described as having only one particular property (for example, Northeastern China and its border with Eastern USSR has significant seismicity in the south and none in the north) and it would have helped this work to have been able to subdivide regions. Certain regions can be joined up as has already happened to one geographical region - West of Tonga Islands has been included in Fiji Islands region.

The regions in the F-E Code have implicit position and seismicity. A political geography classification is inherent in the definition of a region, particularly a geographical region. For example, we have chosen regions within the USSR, Eastern Europe and China as different from regions in the rest of the world. The seismicity (or aseismicity) of an area was taken by FE as the major factor in their definition of a region and the seismicity classification is probably of most importance. The geographical position of a region can give an oceanic or continental classification which we have provided but perhaps a few regions are ill-defined enough to bring this particular "classifier" into question. We have also considered areas of high and low Q as a fourth classification but we felt that much more research is required to make this feasible.

We now come to look at the first three "classifiers" we have chosen to associate with each region and the uses we have made of the information.

#### 3.1 Political geography classifier

Each region, particularly those regions in the land areas of the earth, has an implied political geography classification. In present global terms, the world splits broadly into three categories which can be roughly classified as "Western Bloc", "Eastern Bloc" and "Third World". If a nuclear test ban treaty is signed, seismic events occurring in the "Eastern **Bloc**" will be of interest to the "Western Bloc". We have chosen to mark FE regions in the USSR, Eastern Europe and China with an asterisk (\*); all other regions are left blank. In GEDESS (7) (which is a series of Earthquake Data Listing computer programs) events occurring within the USSR, Eastern Europe and China are underlined with asterisks so highlighting the particular seismic disturbance. It is interesting to note that this "classifier" pre-dates (1962) the introduction of the F-E Code into GEDESS with events for underlining being chosen by a method which is unknown to the present authors. The political geography "classifier" is simple in terms of the F-E Code and can be applied in any chosen way. Map 20 illustrates our use of this "classifier".

### 3.2 Seismicity/aseismicity classifier

The seismicity of a region was the largest influence on FE when they were defining their regionalisation system. The method they used to choose the size of a region is not clear but regions of high seismicity tend to be small in area and aseismic regions tend to be large. Using their regionalisation framework we classified regions as highly seismic (S), aseismic (A), or neither (a blank) by a combination of computation and allocation. From a database of over 100 000 earthquakes reported by NEIC over a period of 20 years (1964-1983) we made a table of regions with the number of earthquakes reported. We applied various magnitude thresholds and displayed the table in decreasing order of the number of earthquakes per region. The majority of regions (about 90%) are clearly defined as seismic or aseismic (or neither). Some very small regions may not have any earthquakes but are clearly in a seismic area (for example, Buru, and Cebu in the Philippine Islands). All the regions defining the deep Oceans are classed as **aseismic** (A) though there is significant seismicity occurring in most of them. However, it is to a residue of regions (about 10%) that mainly appear in the middle of the table that some sort of allocation has to be made.

The next step we made was to refine the computation of the number of earthquakes per region. It is relatively easy to compute the area of each FE region either in degree blocks, or, better still, in square kilometres (8). Knowing the number of earthquakes in a particular region some idea of the seismicity can be estimated in terms of earthquakes per unit area. This method overcomes the problem of regions of different sizes having the same number of earthquakes, a large area is classed as aseismic and a small one as seismic. However, again there is a residue to which some sort of allocation has to be made.

A further check we have made is to compare our classification of the seismicity of the FE regions with an Atlas of Seismic Activity (9). The one we have used was published by the Institute of Geological Sciences (IGS) (now the British Geological Survey (BGS)) but the data is only to 1968. However, it gives us a reasonable check on the allocation of this "classifier" to the majority of the seismic areas.

For this particular "classifier" we identified two requirements which in some ways conflict. The first requirement is to reproduce the "standard" seismicity map, for example, indicating the Pacific Ocean's "ring of fire"<sup>1</sup>. This map, based on data, is required for the study of seismic signal detection and the threshold and magnitude studies of seismic array stations (10). The second requirement is to indicate to a seismologist (who might be using GEDESS (7)) whether the seismic disturbance under study occurred in, say, an aseismic region.

This "classifier" may not meet with the approval of observational seismologists (particularly those in the Eastern United States!) for an individual region but we feel that on a **macroseismic** scale we have, on the whole in a global sense, made reasonable allocations of this "classifier" to the F-E regions. Maps 14 to 17 illustrate the seismicity and aseismicity of the earth. Note that map 15 is not the negative of map 16 but map 14 is, as there are areas of the earth we have classed as "medium" seismicity; the "classifier" has been left blank. It should be noted that the blank "classifier" also serves as a "don't know" option.

### 3.3 Continental/oceanic classifier

This particular classification was considered only indirectly by FE in terms of tectonic boundaries so its definition for each region in terms of oceanic (O) or continental (C) structure is consequently more open to question. The main standard we use in judging whether an individual region is continental or oceanic is its position in relation to the continental shelf. However, in some instances, this is not a clear cut decision. Difficulties occur in regions of high tectonic activity (for example, off the Oregon-Washington coastline), where the structure is very complex (for example, in the Caribbean), where old oceans have closed up (Mediterranean) or new seas have opened (Red Sea) or where region boundaries are ill-defined in terms of the continental shelf (for example, off Argentina).

The main purpose of this "classifier" is to provide a measure of the fraction of a path from an earthquake to a seismic recording station that is oceanic (or continental) for surface wave studies. In interpreting and understanding surface wave data from earthquakes recorded on long period or **broad-band** instruments, a seismologist needs to know whether the wave has travelled by an all oceanic path, an all continental path, or, more usually a mixture of both. A simple program called PATH (appendix B) (which is now part of the **GEDESS** (7) suite of programs) takes the positions of the station and the earthquake and divides the path into a further 99 equally spaced positions. The latitude and longitude of the mid-point between each of these points is calculated assuming a great circle path and its oceanic (or continental) "classifier" noted. Simple addition produces the percentage of the path that is oceanic (or continental). Because of, and perhaps in spite of, the F-E Code we believe these percentages to be accurate to a few per cent, particularly for long distances.

As the position of continental shelves was not a major factor in the original definition of the F-E Code this "classifier" may be open to dispute but again we feel that the classification is reasonable in global terms. As a by-product of this work two interesting maps, maps 18 and 19, have been produced showing the continents and the oceans. In this case, one map is the negative of the other one.

### 3.4 The Q classifier

A fourth "classifier" we considered for each region is whether it is of High Q (H), Low Q (L), or Average Q (a blank). We did not attempt this extremely difficult classification due to the paucity of world-wide data. It is also questionable whether the F-E Code is a suitable regionalisation system for such a study.

## 4. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report enhances the work of Flinn and Engdahl (and Hill) on geographical and seismic regionalisation of the earth and extends the information given in the F-E Code by providing three "**classifiers**" associated with each region. For the first time the F-E Code is published with maps showing not only the defined regions but also the coastlines, and with the listing of the regions improved by political geography, seismicity or aseismicity, and oceanic or continental "classifiers". We believe that even though we have conflicting requirements and have problems rationalising the aims of the F-E Code with our



"classifiers", overall the results of this work are generally good. The improvements we have made in the use of upper and lower case characters, using computer generated maps to enable us to include coastlines with the region definitions, and in providing compact programs point to a recognised and well-used system. The fact that this work has been carried out over a number of years indicates the usefulness of the regionalisation originally proposed by Drs Flinn and Engdahl.

The current proposal by the Commission on Practice of IASPEI to rationalise and redefine the F-E Code is further evidence of the need of the seismological community for a standard regionalisation of the earth. It is also the reason why we have not pursued our own recommendations concerning the changing of region boundaries. But we hope that this work will be accepted as an updated standard till the publication of any revised F-E Code.

We would recommend that the new standard of the F-E Code should contain the following:-

- (a) Full tables of regions at each interval of latitude.
- (b) Coastlines on the maps defining the regions.
- (c) Appropriate **"classifiers"** associated with each region and each region defined to embody only one particular classification.
- (d) A method of regionalisation which allows the easy division or combination of regions.

We hope that this report brings together in one volume all that seismologists need to know about the current F-E Code.

## 5. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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## 6. DESCRIPTION OF APPENDICES, MAPS AND TABLES

- APPENDIX A Description of some of the geographical regions which presented problems in defining the **seismicity/aseismicity** "classifier".
- APPENDIX B Listing of the FORTRAN program called PATH which computes the percentage of a path from a seismic recording station to an earthquake that is oceanic (or continental).

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| Map 5      | South of the Equator centred on longitude <b>85°W</b> .  |
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| TABLE 1 | Seismic region names with geographical region identification and <b>"classifiers"</b> . This table is printed and also listed on the microfiche insert.   |
| TABLE 2 | Geographical region names for all four quadrants of the earth at each degree of latitude. Each degree appears as an <b>"eye-readable"</b> number with the table across two pages up to 55 degrees and one page <b>up to</b> 90 degrees. This table is listed only on the microfiche insert. |

## APPENDIX A

Geographical regions which presented problems in defining the seismicity/seismicity "classifier" described in this report.

403 North Atlantic Ridge  
384 West of Gibraltar  
402 North Atlantic Ocean

The extension of the North Atlantic Ridge from north of the Azores Islands to south of Iceland should be classed as a separate region. (This region got "forgotten" by HE in their original definition!) The area West of Gibraltar could be extended to the Azores Islands and would be classed as a region of medium seismicity.

152 South Georgia Rise  
156 Southwestern Atlantic Ocean

We have assumed that HE meant the South Georgia Rise to be a tectonic area with high seismicity. In fact, the tectonic area linking the South Sandwich Islands to the South Atlantic Ridge is southeast of the South Georgia Rise in the Southwestern Atlantic Ocean. We have left the seismicity "classifier" blank.

421 Carlsberg Ridge  
417 Arabian Sea  
415 Eastern Gulf of Aden  
559 Western Gulf of Aden  
558 Ethiopia  
554 Red Sea

This area of complex seismicity is the prime example of 20 years' "hindsight". The seismicity of the Carlsberg Ridge extends into the Gulf of Aden. The seismicity of the Red Sea and the Western Gulf of Aden is continuous through the eastern part of Ethiopia. The "missing link" through Ethiopia could be classed as a separate region.

658 Northeastern China  
657 Eastern USSR-Northeastern China border region

This region of Northeastern China and its border is a good example of an oversize region. Both regions contain significant seismicity in the south and could be subdivided.

396 Algeria

Another example of a large region which could be subdivided with significant seismicity in the north of the area.

17 South of Alaska  
12 Alaska Peninsula

The northern boundary of the South of Alaska region could be moved south to place the seismicity in the Alaska Peninsula.

618 Kiribati (**Gilbert** Islands) region  
339 **Uzbek SSR**  
176 North of ~~New~~ Zealand  
165 North of Macquarie Island

Examples of fairly large regions with most of the seismicity in the region at one spot. Defining the seismic area as a separate region within a region would give the seismicity "classifier" more meaning.

435 Southeast Indian Rise  
437 South of Australia

These two oversize regions with seismicity approximately through the middle caused us the biggest problem in defining our seismicity "classifier" for this area.

427 Mascarene Islands region  
429 Mid-Indian Rise

If the Mascarene Islands region was reduced in size the seismicity would come into the Mid-Indian Rise where it really belongs.

695 West of Galapagos Islands  
693 East Central Pacific Ocean

The West of Galapagos Islands region could be extended westwards to include the seismicity occurring in the East Central Pacific Ocean.

428 Atlantic-Indian Rise  
686 West Chile Rise

Both these regions are ill-defined in terms of following the seismicity of the regions.

255 Cebu, **Philippine** Islands  
271 Buru  
27 Near Coast of Washington  
31 Near Coast of Oregon

These are examples of very small regions with no significant earthquakes in highly seismic areas.

## APPENDIX B

Listing of the FORTRAN Program used to compute the percentage of Oceanic (or Continental) Path between a seismic recording station and an earthquake.

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SUBROUTINE PATH(SLAT,SLON,ELAT,ELON,OPER,CPER,DTOR)
CHARACTER*1 CODE,0,BLANK
DATA 0/'0'/,BLANK/' '/
OPER=0.
C
C COMPUTE AZIMUTH AND DISTANCE
C
      SAZ=0.
      CAZ=1.
      SLA=SLAT*DTOR
      SLO=SLON*DTOR
      ELA=ELAT*DTOR
      ELO=ELON*DTOR
      SLAC=COS(SLA)
      SLAS=SIN(SLA)
      SLOC=COS(SLO)
      SLOS=SIN(SLO)
      ELAC=COS(ELA)
      ELAS=SIN(ELA)
      ELOC=COS(ELO)
      ELOS=SIN(ELO)
      AE=ELAC*ELOC
      BE=ELAC*ELOS
      CE=ELAS
      AS=SLAC*SLOC
      BS=SLAC*SLOS
      CS=SLAS
      DS=SLOS
      ES=-SLOC
      GS=SLAS*SLOC
      HS=SLAS*SLOS
      SK=-SLAC
      CDIST=AE*AS+BE*BS+CE*CS
      SDIST=SQRT(1.-CDIST*CDIST)
      IF(SDIST.EQ.0.)GO TO 10
      CSDIST=1./SDIST
      SAZ=-(AE*DS+BE*ES)*CSDIST
      CAD=-(AE*GS+BE*HS+CE*SK)*CSDIST
X 10 DIST=ATAN2(SDIST,CDIST)
C
C CUT DISTANCE INTO 100 AND LOOKUP PERCENTAGE OCEANIC CODE
C
      PCDIST=DIST/100.
      DO 100 K=1,100
      OIST=(FLOAT(K)-0.5)*PCDIST
      COIST=COS(OIST)
      SDIST=SIN(OIST)
      C=COIST*CS-SDIST*CAZ*SK
      S=SQRT(1.-C*C)
      ALAT=ATAN2(C,S)/DTOR
      C=COIST*SK+SDIST*CAZ*CS
      S=SDIST*SAZ
      ALON=ATAN2(S,-C)/DTOR+SLON
      IF(ABS(ALON).GT.180.)ALON=ALON-SIGN(360.,ALON)
      CALL LOOKUP(ALAT,BLANK,ALON,BLANK,IGREG,ISREG,0,0)
      CALL REGAIN(IGREG,0,3,CODE,1)
      IF(CODE.EQ.0)OPER=OPER+1.
100 CONTINUE
C
C CONTINENTAL PERCENTAGE
C
      CPER=100.-OPER
      RETURN
      END

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### APPENDIX C

Formula to compute the area of a one degree square at latitude  $\theta$ .

Let the area of a  $1^\circ$  cell at the equator be  $\delta A$  where the corners of the cell are at

$$\{0^\circ, \phi^\circ\}, \{0^\circ, (\phi+1)^\circ\}$$

$$\{1^\circ, \phi^\circ\}, \{1^\circ, (\phi+1)^\circ\}$$

Then the area  $\delta A'$  of a  $1^\circ$  cell that is bounded by latitude  $\theta^\circ$  and  $(\theta+1)^\circ$  is

$$\delta A' = \left( \frac{\sin (\theta+1)^\circ - \sin \theta^\circ}{\sin 1^\circ} \right) \delta A$$

eg, if  $\theta = 0^\circ$

$$\delta A' = \delta A$$

if  $\theta = 89^\circ$

$$\delta A' = \frac{1 - \sin 89^\circ}{\sin 1^\circ} = \frac{.0002}{.0175} = 2/175$$

$$= 0.01143\delta A$$

APPENDIX D

Single Character Codes for **Geographic** Regions

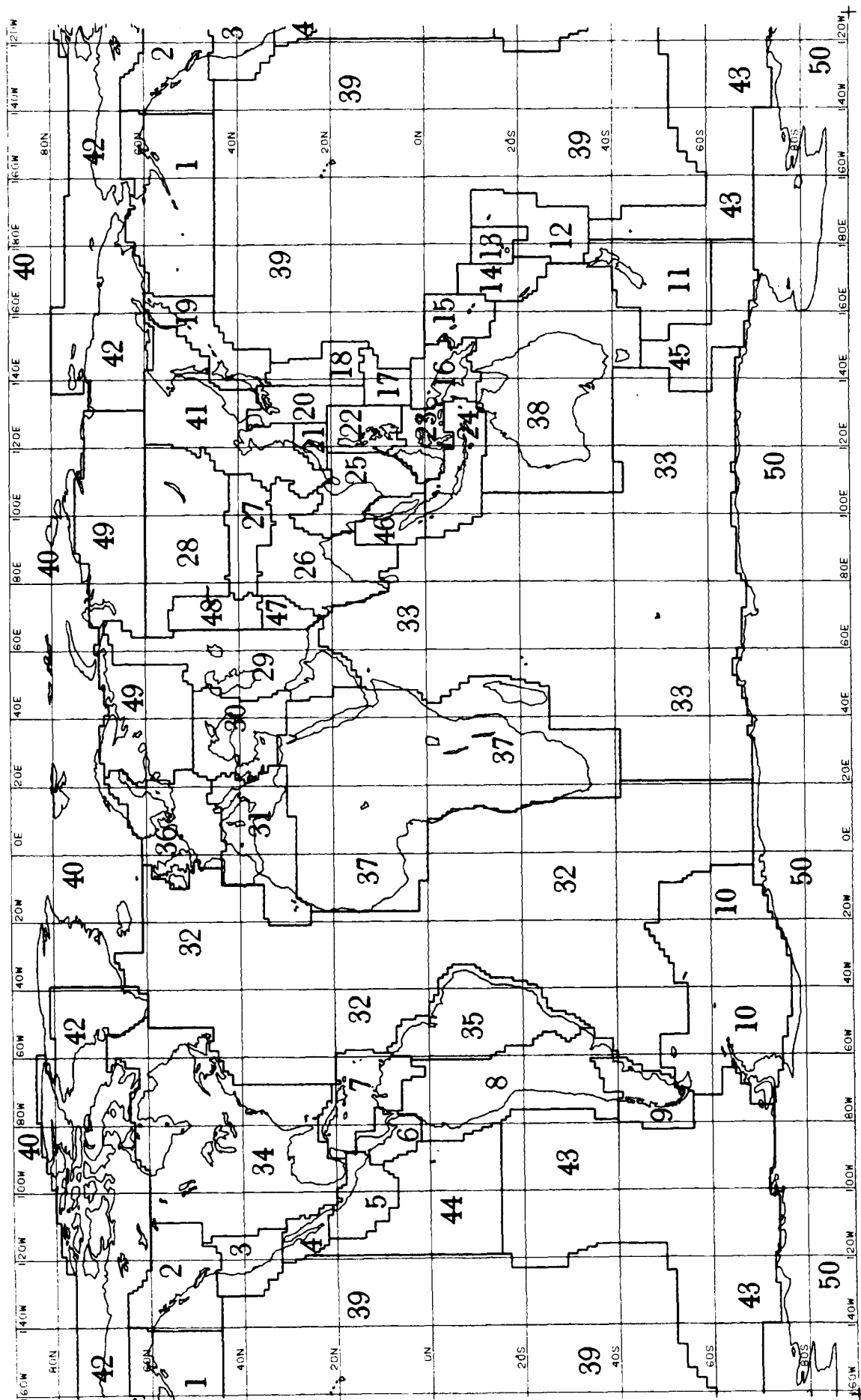
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| <u>WEST</u> region name |            |                                  | <u>EAST</u> region name |            |                                       |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| No.                     |            |                                  | No.                     |            |                                       |
| A                       | <b>44</b>  | California-Arizona border region | A                       | <b>392</b> | Greece-Albania border region          |
| B                       | <b>93</b>  | Belize                           | B                       | <b>295</b> | Burma-Bangladesh border region        |
| C                       | <b>102</b> | Near west coast of Colombia      | C                       | <b>255</b> | Cebu, <b>Philippine</b> Islands       |
| D                       |            |                                  | D                       |            |                                       |
| E                       | <b>485</b> | Eastern Missouri                 | E                       |            |                                       |
| F                       |            |                                  | F                       |            |                                       |
| G                       | <b>520</b> | Texas Gulf coast                 | G                       |            |                                       |
| H                       | <b>458</b> | Hebgen Lake region               | H                       |            |                                       |
| I                       |            |                                  | I                       | <b>343</b> | Turkey-Iran border region             |
| J                       | <b>494</b> | New <b>Jersey</b>                | J                       |            |                                       |
| K                       |            |                                  | K                       | <b>711</b> | Southwestern Kashmir                  |
| L                       | <b>674</b> | St Lawrence Island region        | L                       |            |                                       |
| M                       | <b>100</b> | Lake Maracaibo                   | M                       | <b>250</b> | Mindoro, Philippine Islands           |
| N                       |            |                                  | N                       | <b>257</b> | Negros, Philippine Islands            |
| O                       | <b>31</b>  | Near coast of Oregon             | O                       |            |                                       |
| P                       | <b>80</b>  | Panama-Costa Rica border region  | P                       | <b>254</b> | <b>Panay</b> , Philippine Islands     |
| Q                       | <b>82</b>  | Panama-Colombia border region    | Q                       |            |                                       |
| R                       |            |                                  | R                       |            |                                       |
| S                       |            |                                  | S                       | <b>276</b> | Sunda Strait                          |
| T                       | <b>98</b>  | Trinidad                         | T                       |            |                                       |
| U                       |            |                                  | U                       |            |                                       |
| V                       | <b>91</b>  | Virgin Islands                   | V                       |            |                                       |
| W                       | <b>27</b>  | Near coast of Washington         | W                       |            |                                       |
| X                       | <b>487</b> | Cape Girardeau, Missouri, region | X                       | <b>271</b> | Buru                                  |
| Y                       |            |                                  | Y                       |            |                                       |
| Z                       |            |                                  | Z                       | <b>586</b> | <b>Swaziland</b>                      |
| /                       |            |                                  | /                       | <b>311</b> | <b>Sikkim</b>                         |
| .                       | <b>482</b> | Missouri-Kansas border region    |                         |            |                                       |
| -                       | <b>501</b> | Arkansas-Oklahoma border region  | -                       |            |                                       |
| =                       | <b>503</b> | Louisiana-Texas border region    | =                       |            |                                       |
| +                       | <b>136</b> | Central Chile                    | +                       | <b>243</b> | Taiwan region                         |
| *                       | <b>518</b> | Texas-Mexico border region       | +                       | <b>320</b> | <b>Kirghiz-Xinjiang</b> border region |

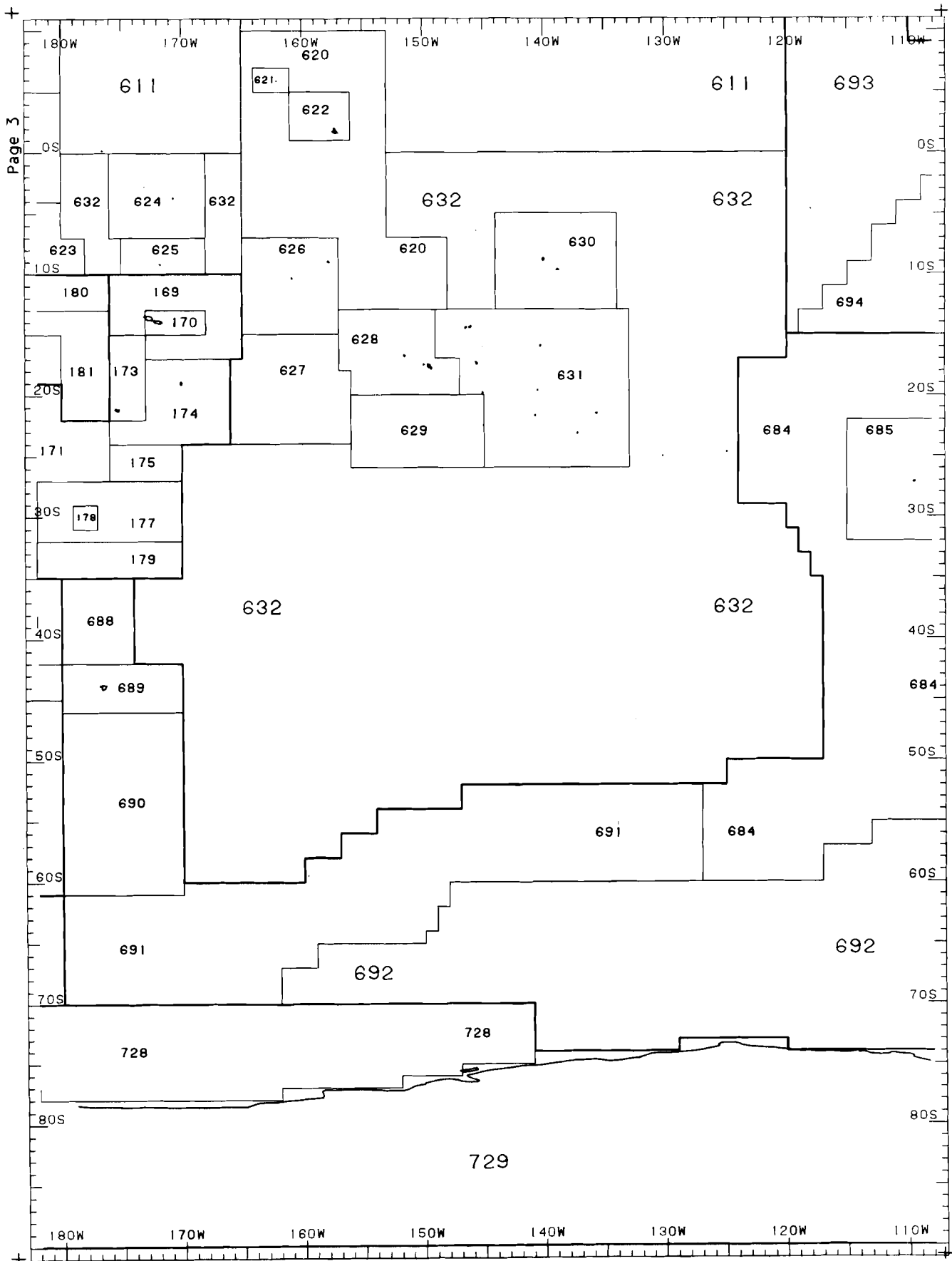


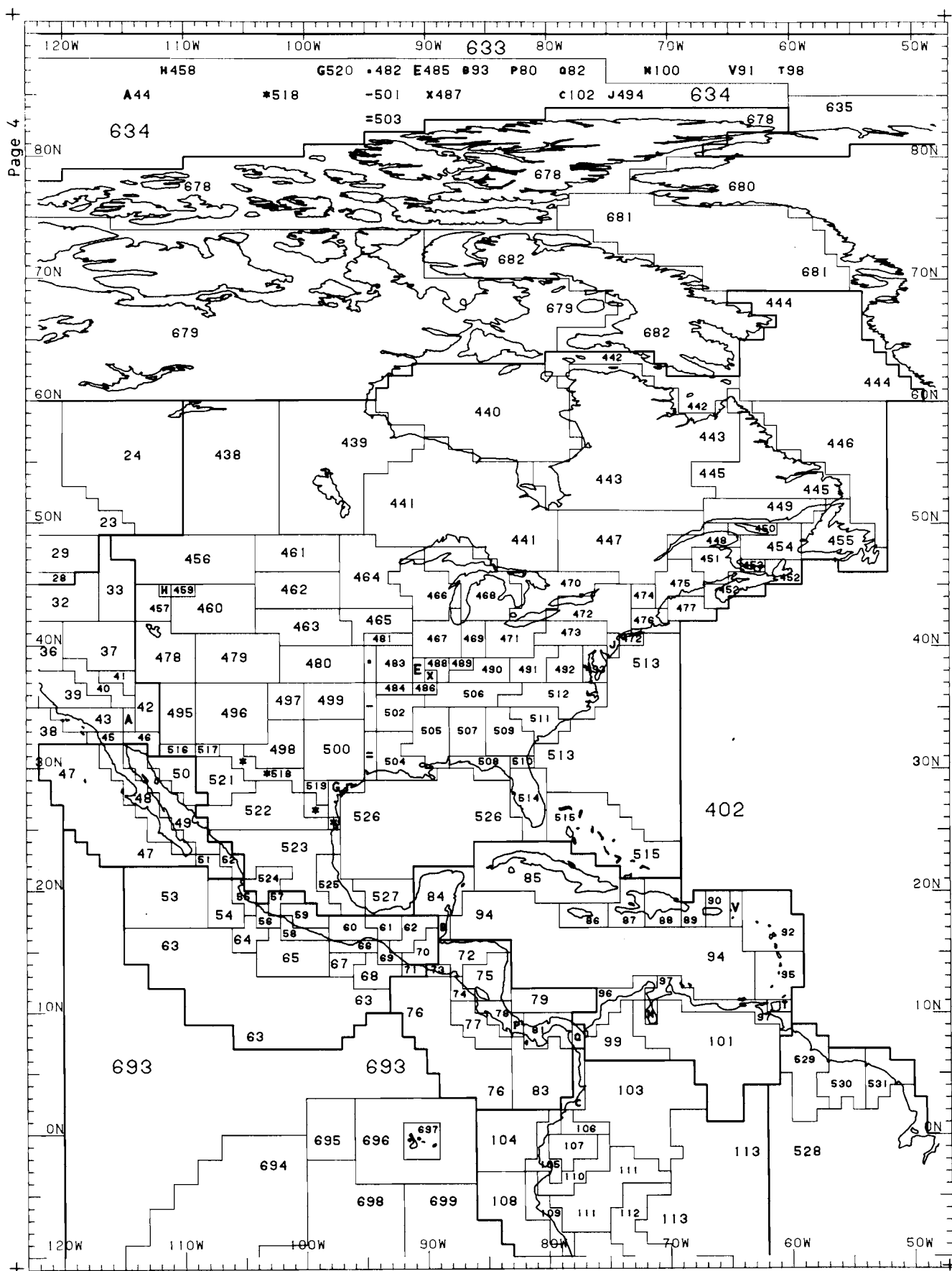
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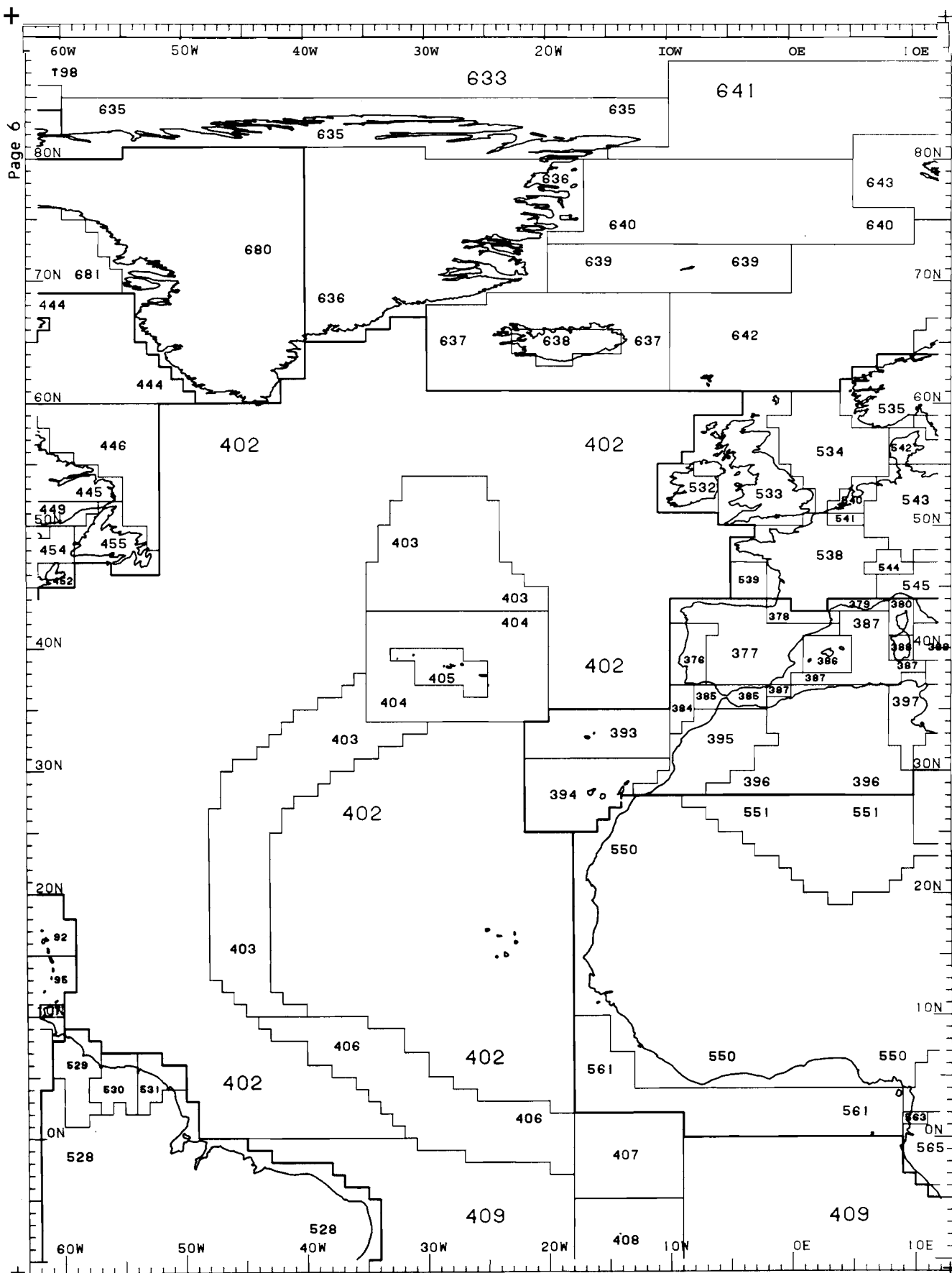


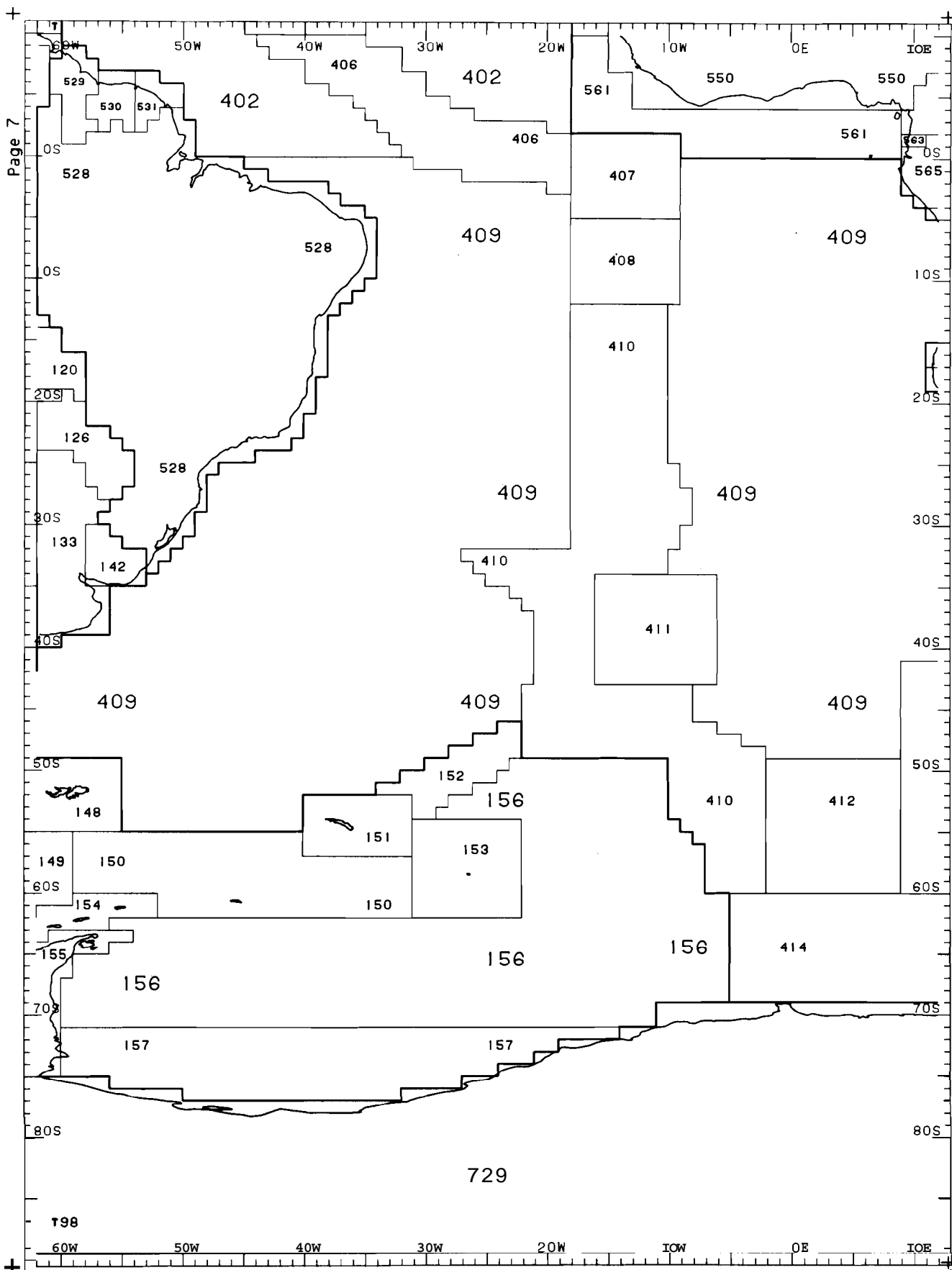






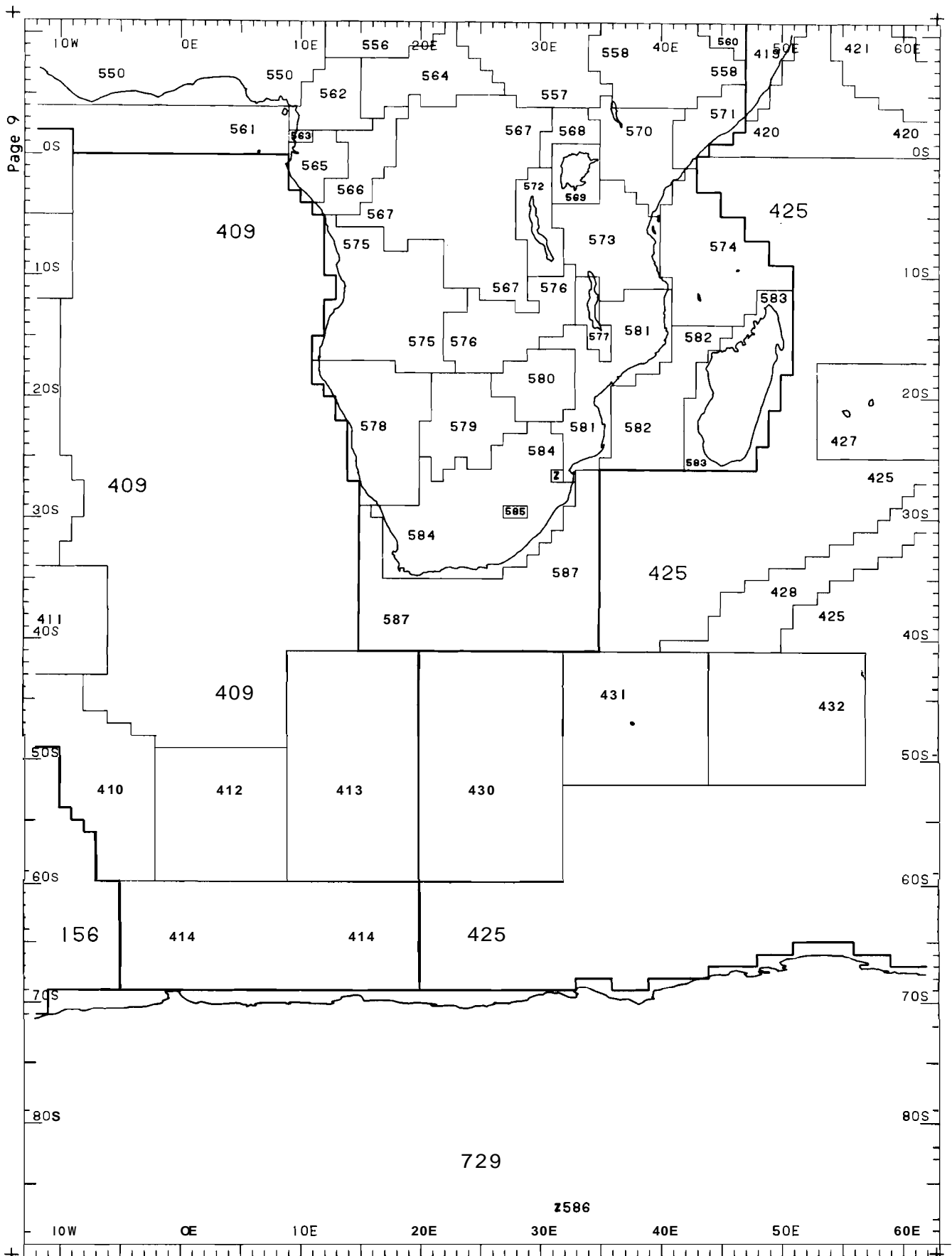


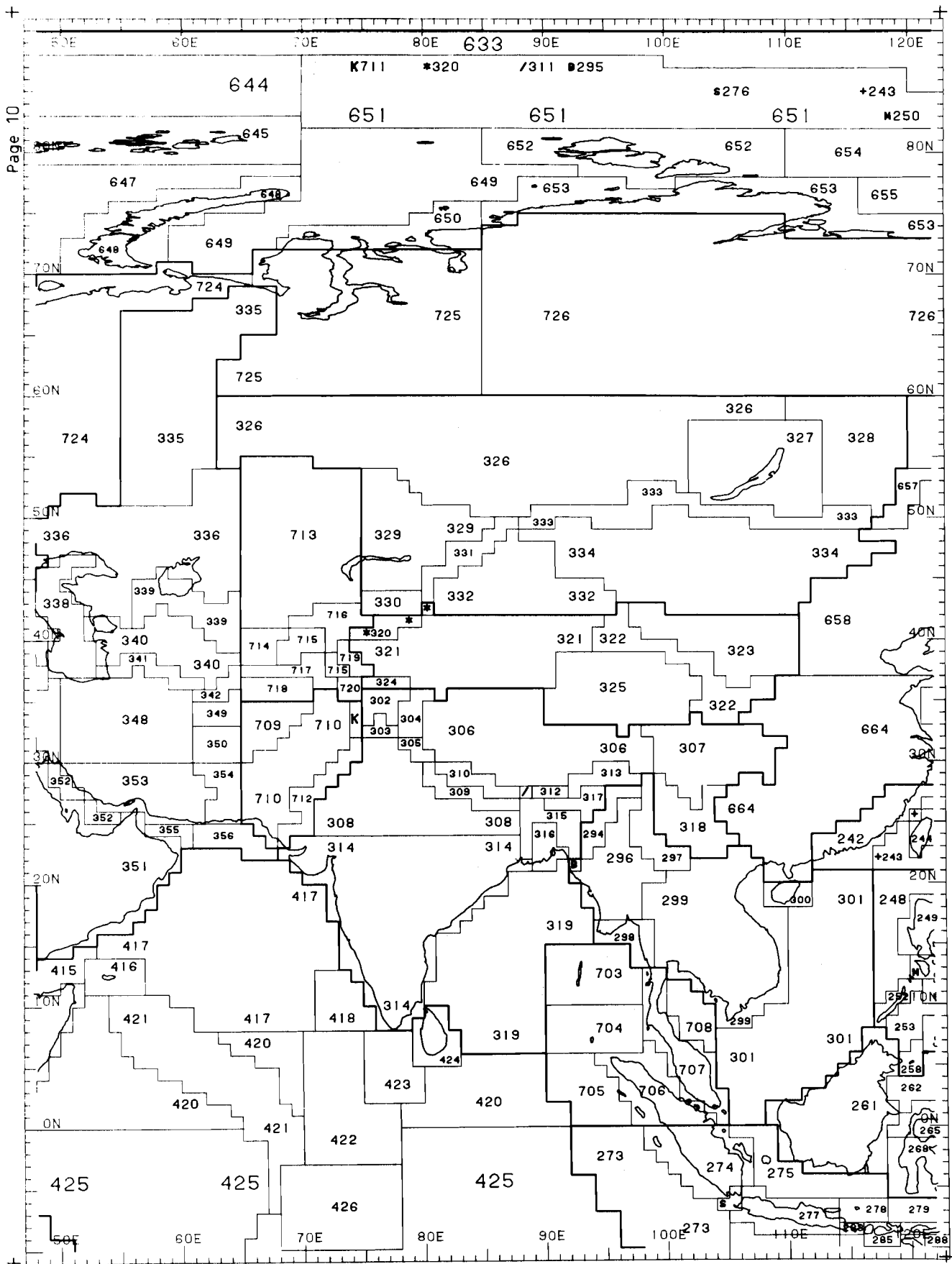


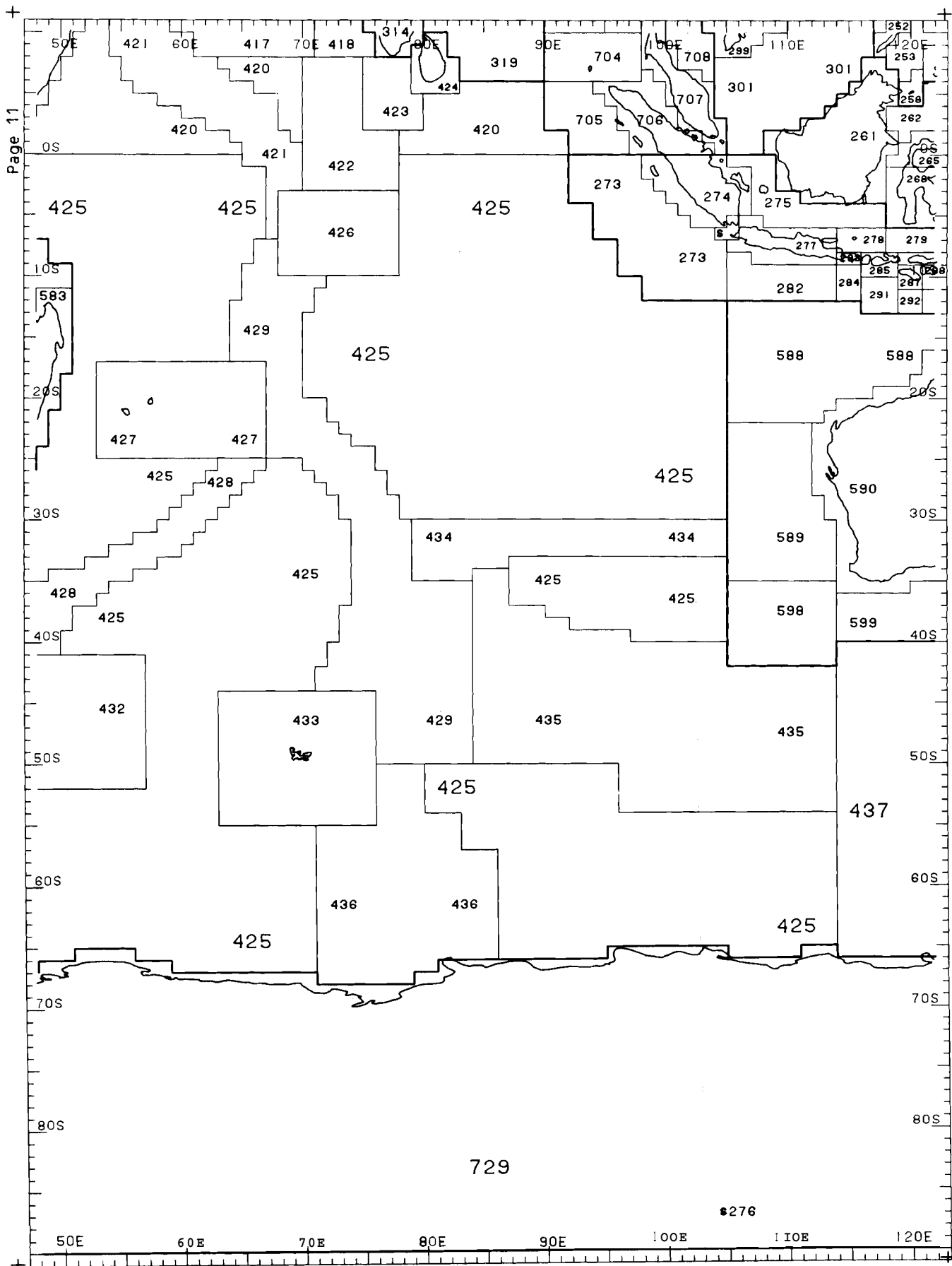


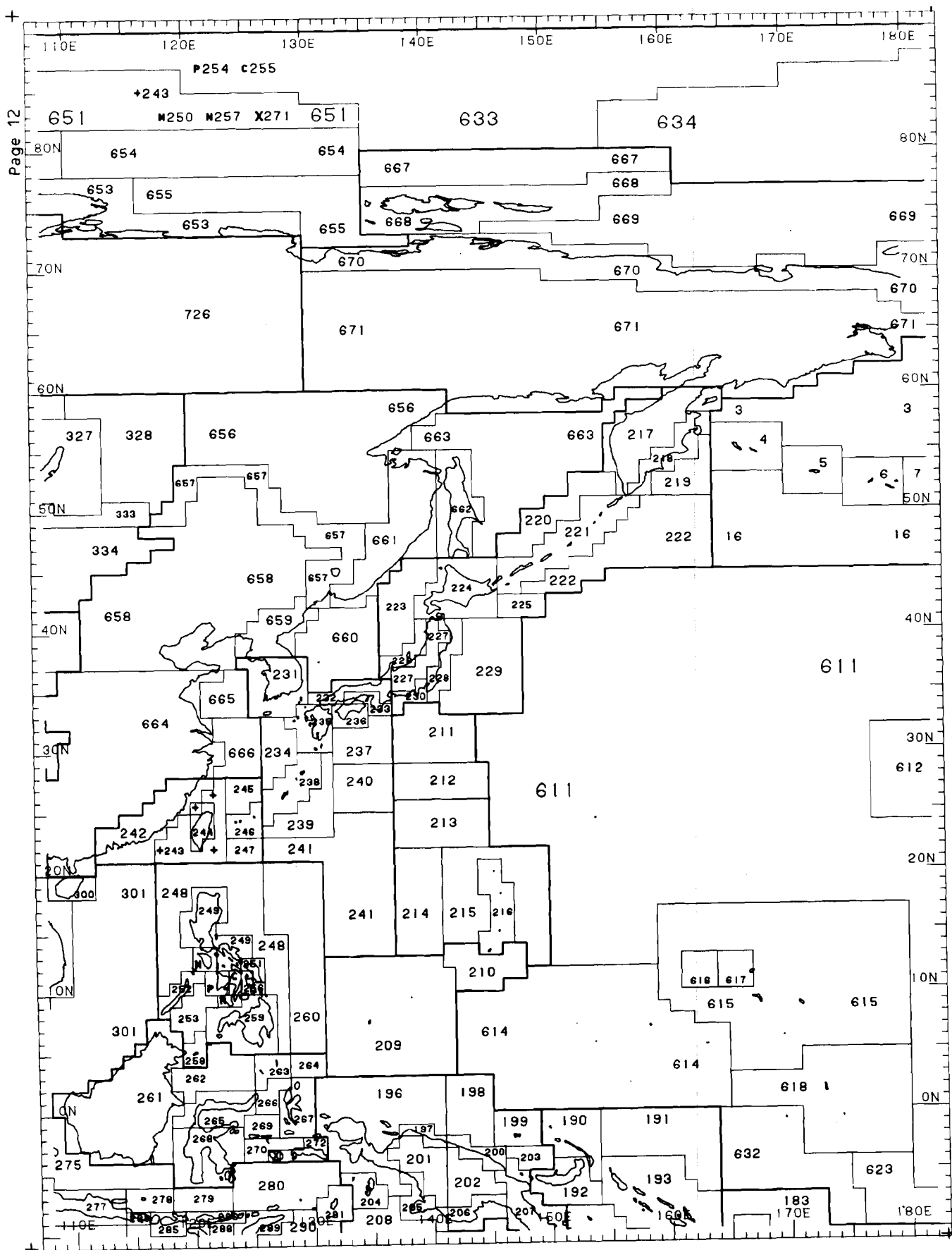


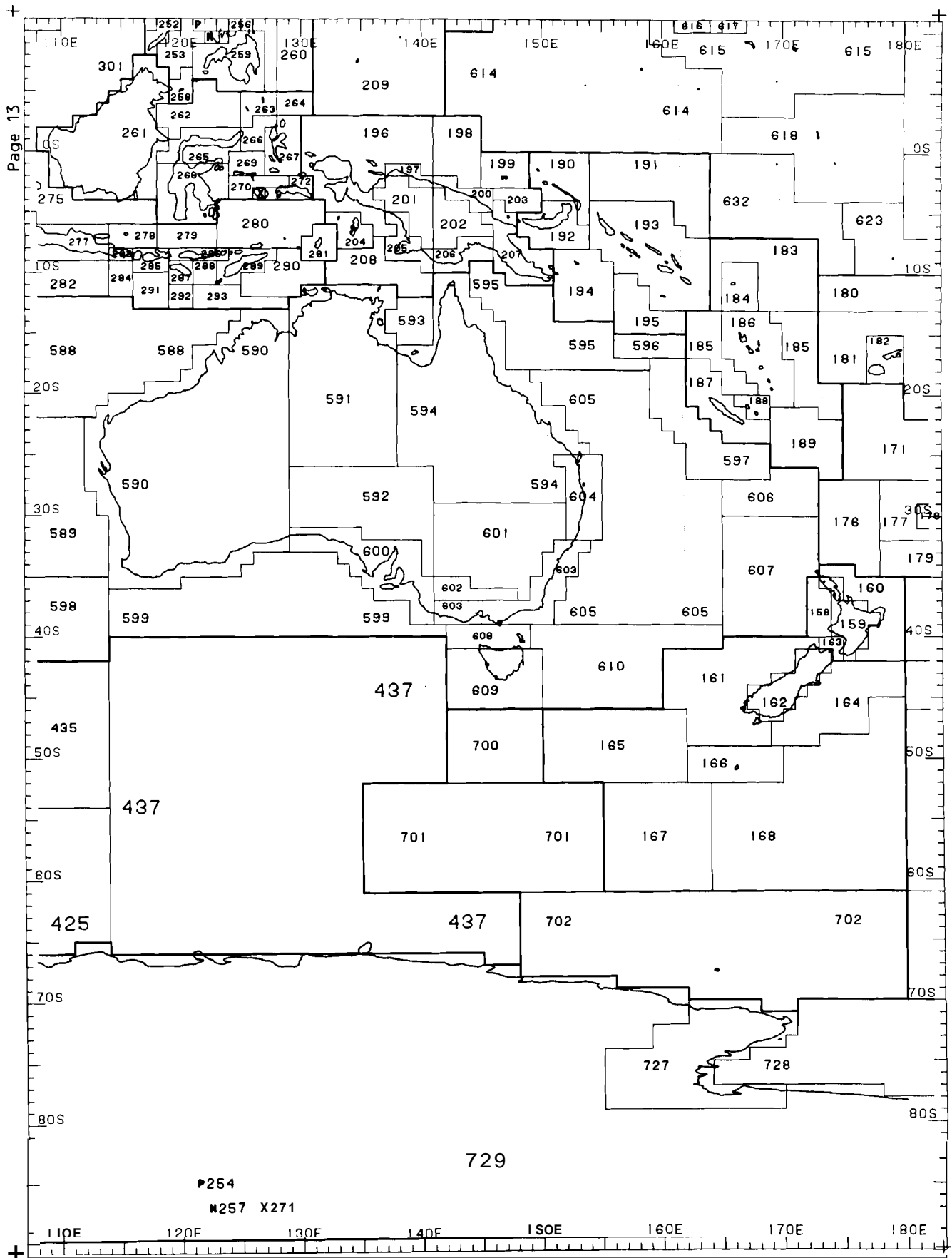


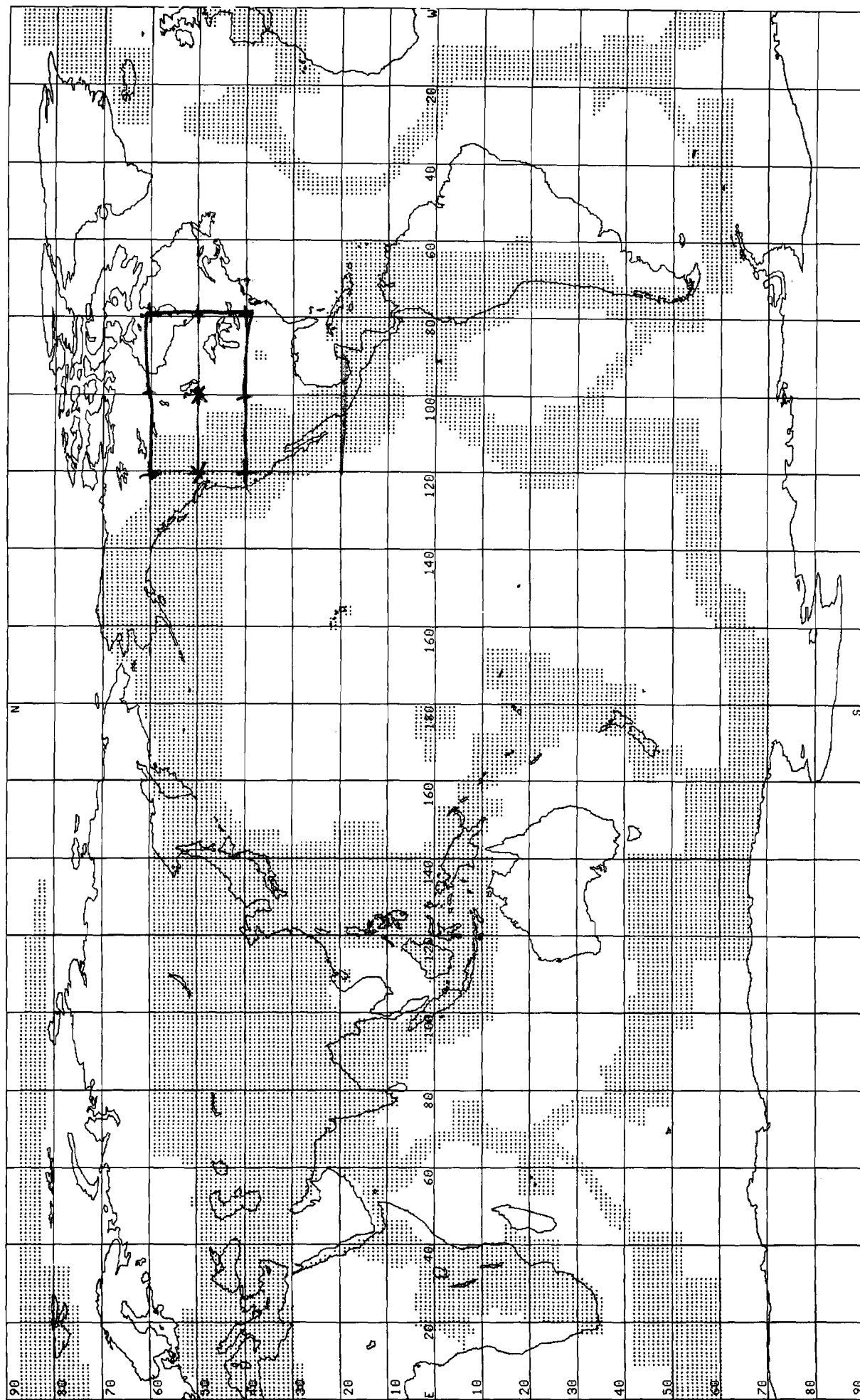












EQUALLY SPACED MERIDIANS AND PARALLELS

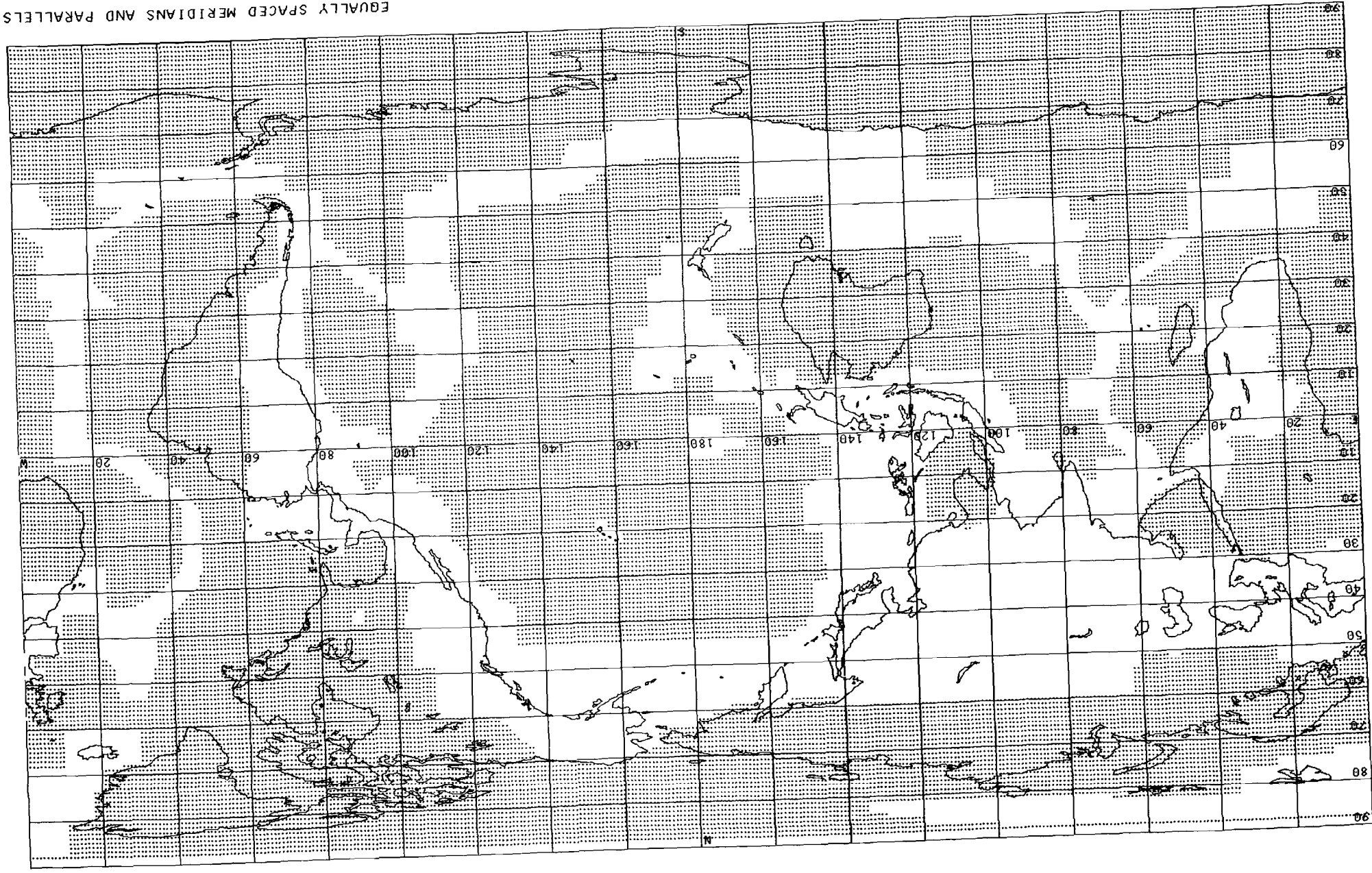
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CYLINDRICAL PROJECTION

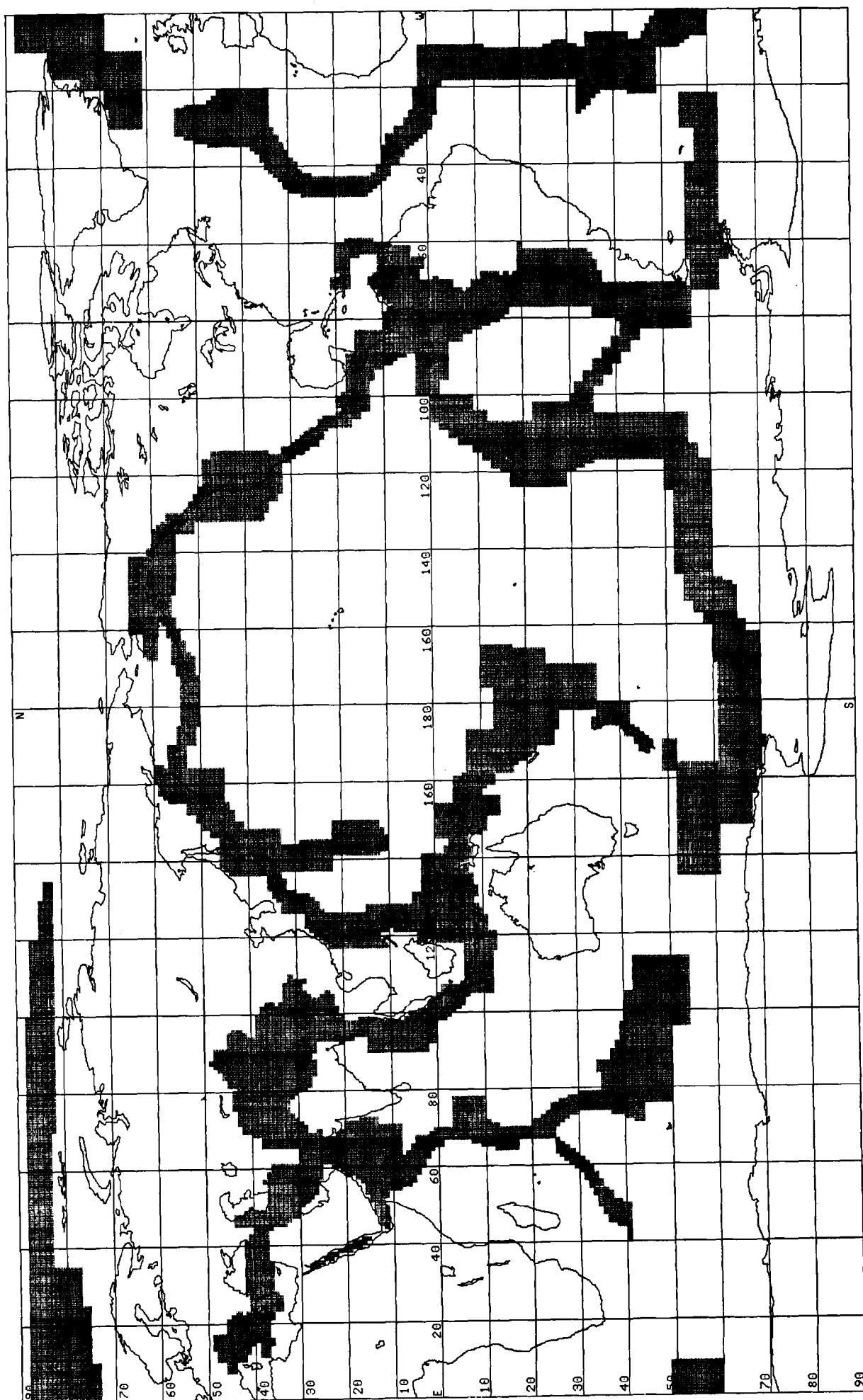
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Map 15

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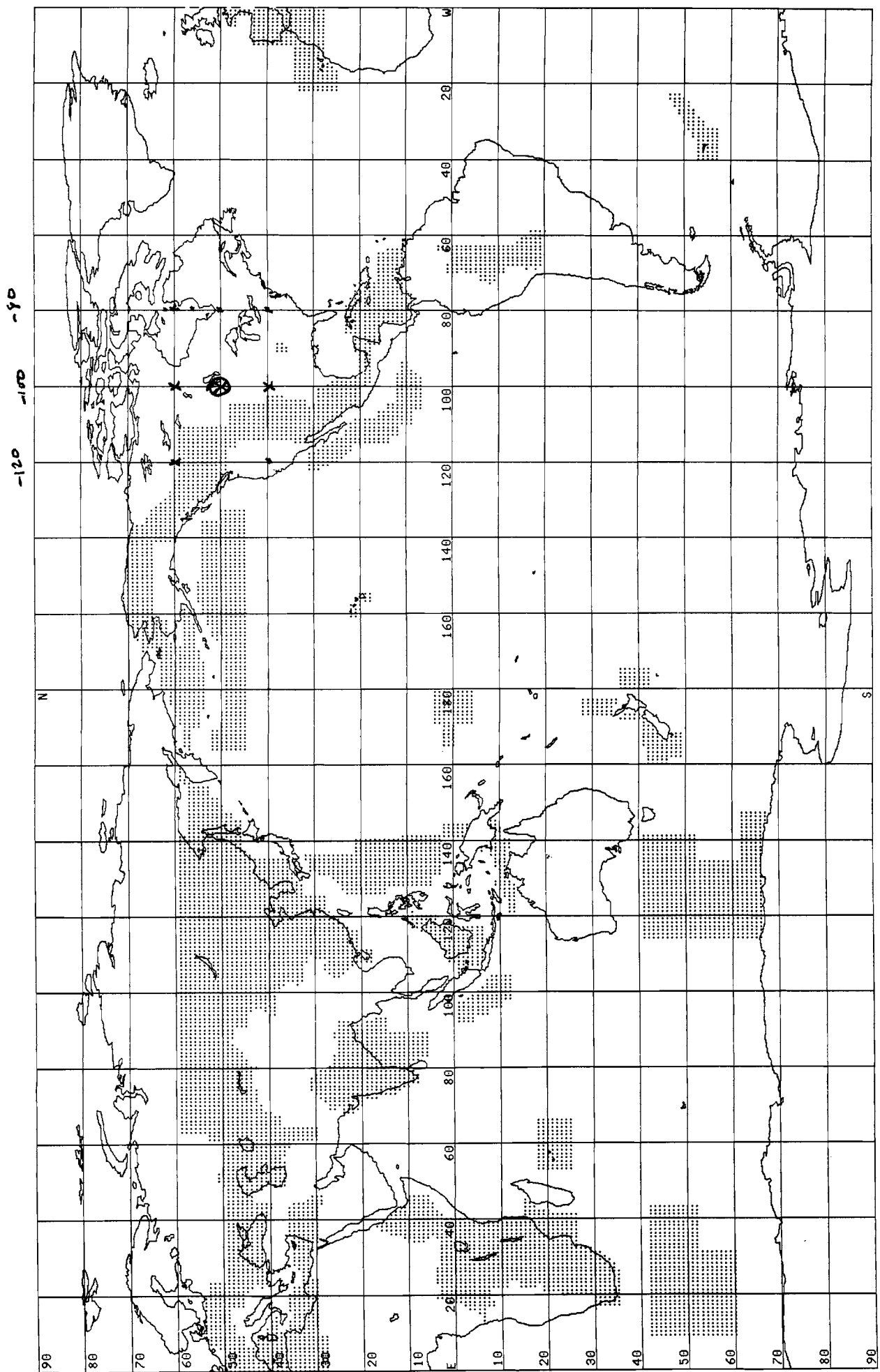




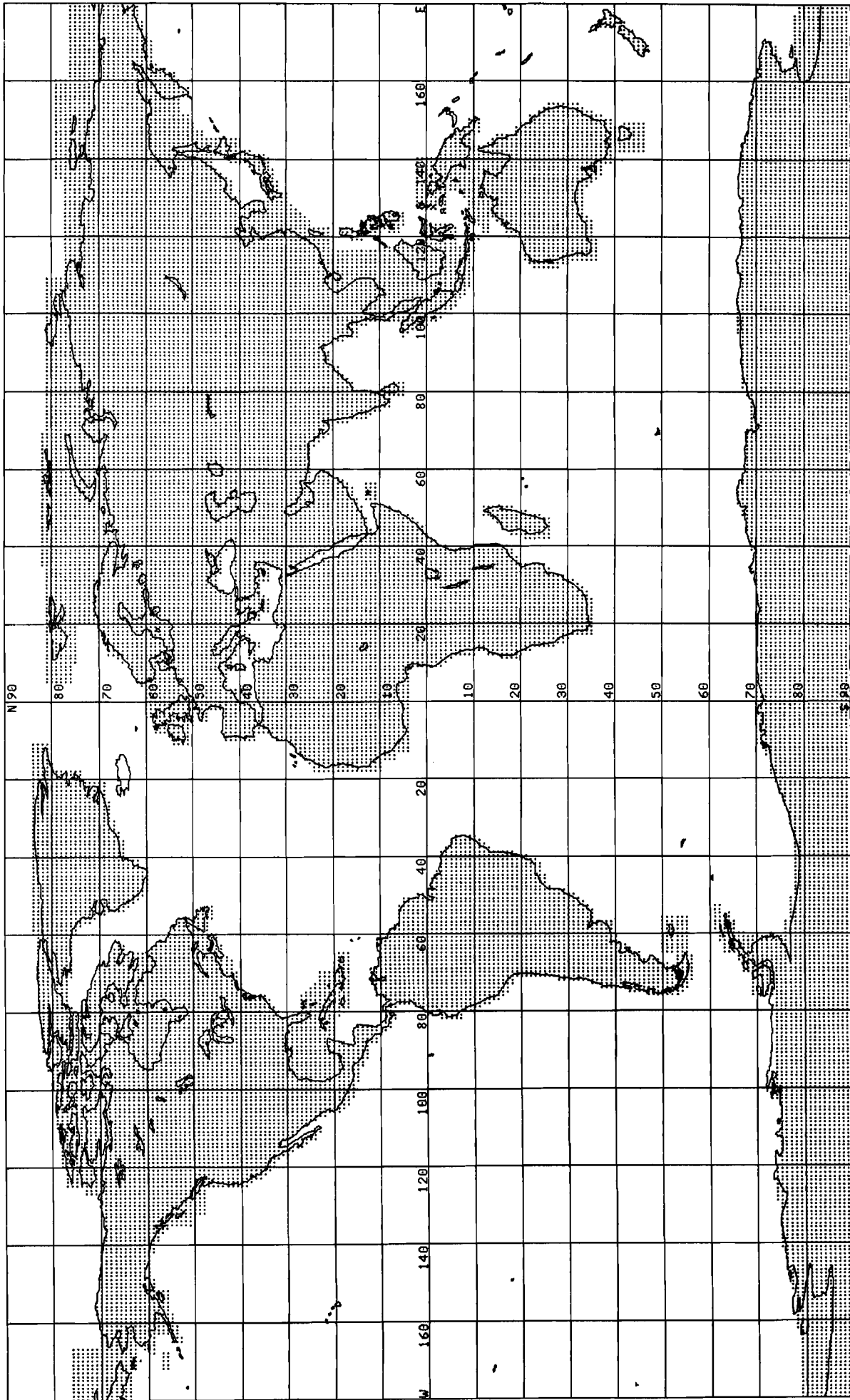
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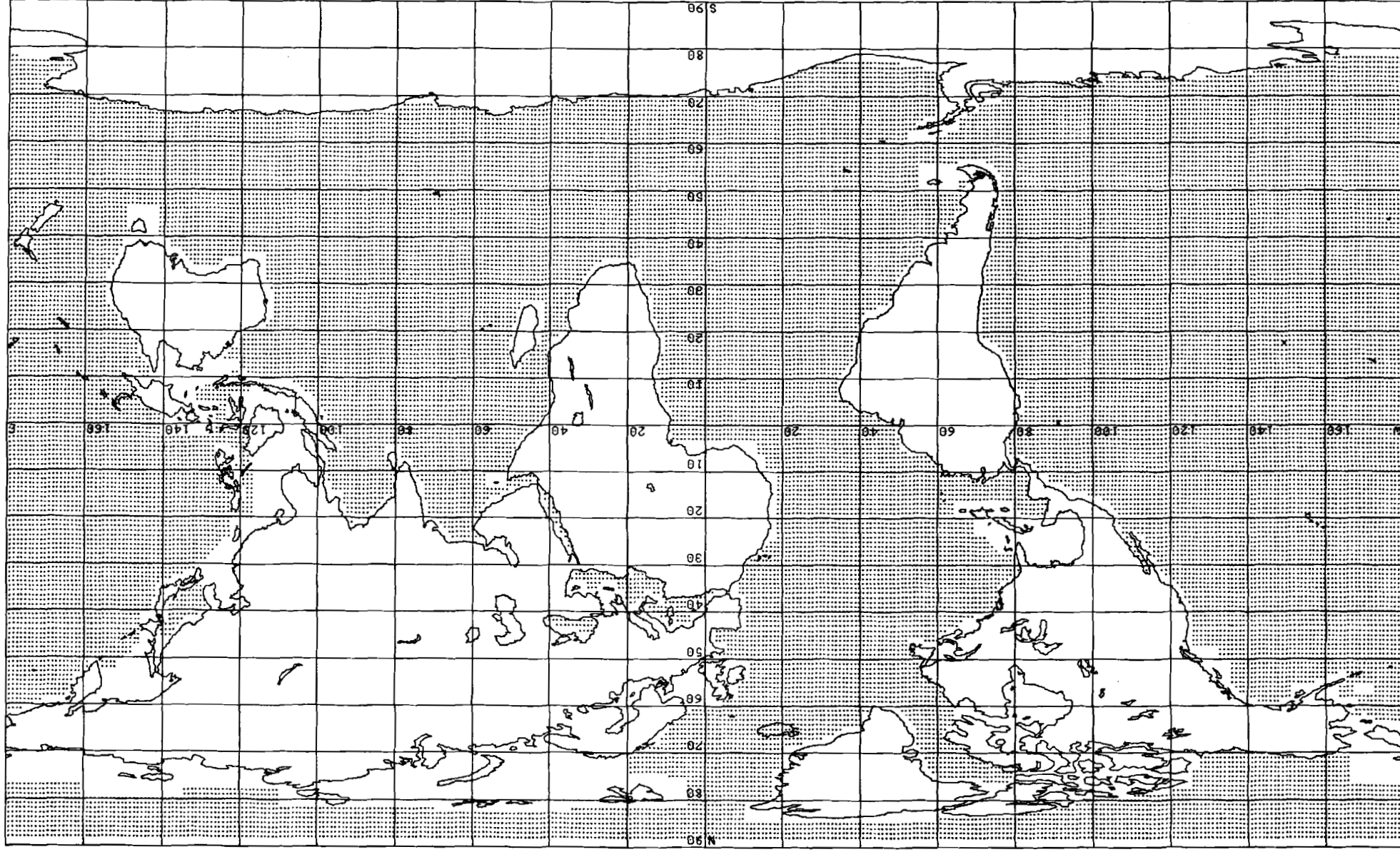
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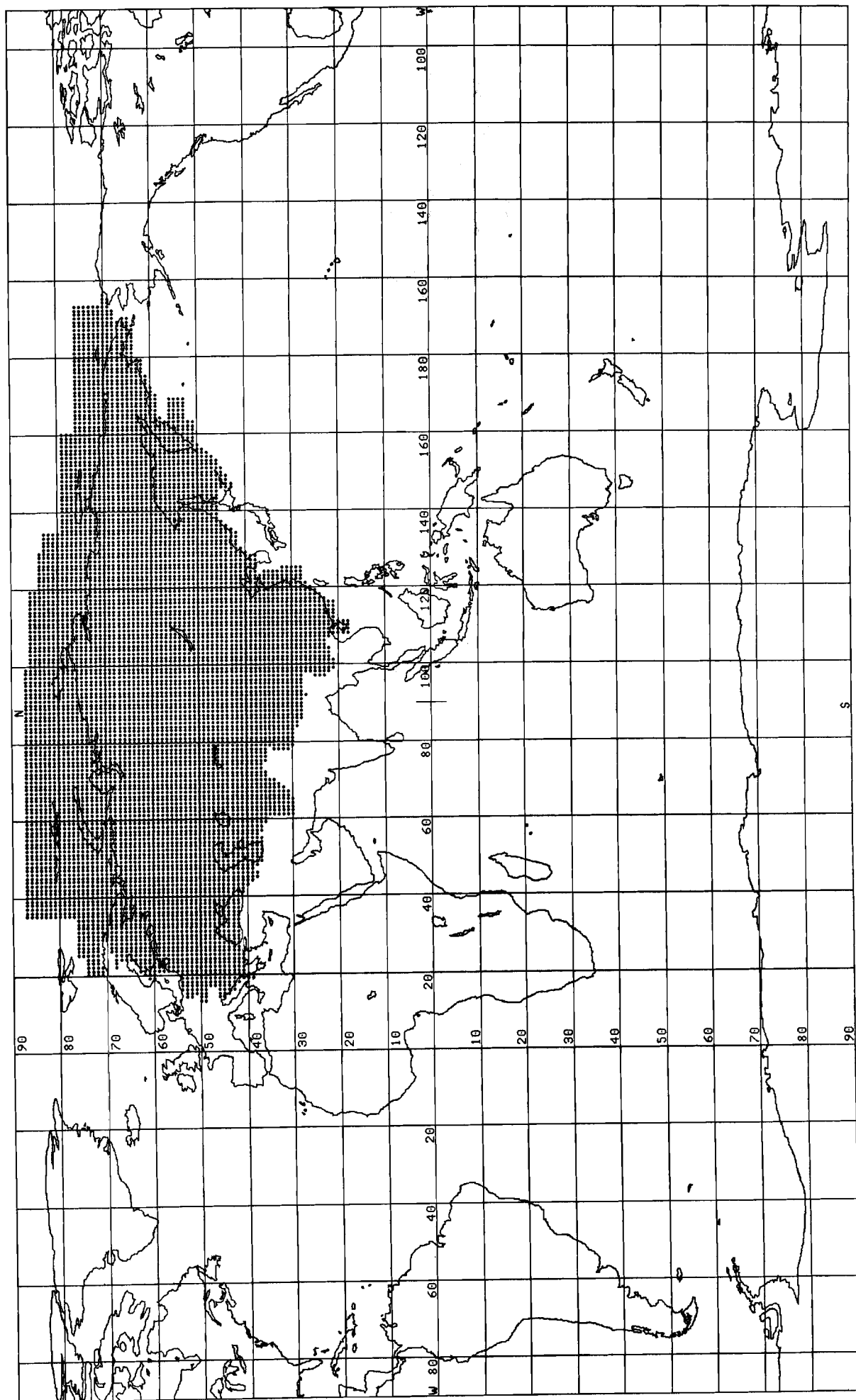
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Map 19

EQUALLY SPACED MERIDIANS AND PARALLELS





Map 20

EQUALLY SPACED MERIDIANS AND PARALLELS

CYLINDRICAL PROJECTION

TABLE 1

Seismic Region Names with Geographical Region Identification

|    |       |                                      |
|----|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 1  | S O   | ALASKA - ALEUTIAN ARC                |
| 1  | S C   | Central Alaska                       |
| 2  | S C   | Southern Alaska                      |
| 3  | O     | Bering Sea                           |
| 4  | * S O | Komandorsky Islands region           |
| 5  | S O   | Near Islands, Aleutian Islands       |
| 6  | S O   | Rat Islands, Aleutian Islands        |
| 7  | S O   | Andreanof Islands, Aleutian Islands  |
| 8  | C     | Pribilof Islands                     |
| 9  | S O   | Fox Islands, Aleutian Islands        |
| 10 | S C   | Unimak Island region                 |
| 11 | C     | Bristol Bay                          |
| 12 | S C   | Alaska Peninsula                     |
| 13 | S C   | Kodiak Island region                 |
| 14 | S C   | Kenai Peninsula, Alaska              |
| 15 | S O   | Gulf of Alaska                       |
| 16 | O     | Aleutian Islands region              |
| 17 | O     | South of Alaska                      |
| 2  | S C   | EASTERN ALASKA TO VANCOUVER ISLAND   |
| 18 | C     | Southern Yukon Territory, Canada     |
| 19 | S C   | Southeastern Alaska                  |
| 20 | S O   | Off coast of southeastern Alaska     |
| 21 | O     | West of Vancouver Island             |
| 22 | S C   | Queen Charlotte Islands region       |
| 23 | C     | British Columbia                     |
| 24 | C     | Alberta Province, Canada             |
| 25 | S C   | Vancouver Island region              |
| 26 | S O   | Off coast of Washington              |
| 27 | S C   | Near coast of Washington             |
| 28 | S C   | Washington-Oregon border region      |
| 29 | S C   | Washington State                     |
| 3  | S C   | CALIFORNIA - NEVADA REGION           |
| 30 | S O   | Off coast of Oregon                  |
| 31 | S C   | Near coast of Oregon                 |
| 32 | S C   | Oregon                               |
| 33 | S C   | Western Idaho                        |
| 34 | S O   | Off coast of northern California     |
| 35 | S C   | Near coast of northern California    |
| 36 | S C   | Northern California                  |
| 37 | S C   | Nevada                               |
| 38 | S O   | Off coast of California              |
| 39 | S C   | Central California                   |
| 40 | S C   | California-Nevada border region      |
| 41 | S C   | Southern Nevada                      |
| 42 | C     | Western Arizona                      |
| 43 | S C   | Southern California                  |
| 44 | C     | California-Arizona border region     |
| 45 | S C   | California-Mexico border region      |
| 46 | C     | Western Arizona-Mexico border region |

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| 4  | S O | BAJA CALIFORNIA AND GULF OF CALIFORNIA |
| 47 | O   | Off west coast of Baja California      |
| 48 | S C | Baja California                        |
| 49 | S O | Gulf of California                     |
| 50 | C   | Northwestern Mexico                    |
| 51 | S O | Off coast of central Mexico            |
| 52 | S C | Near coast of central Mexico           |
|    |     |  |
| 5  | S O | MEXICO - GUATEMALA AREA                |
| 53 | O   | Revilla Ggedo Islands region           |
| 54 | S O | Off coast of Jalisco, Mexico           |
| 55 | S C | Near coast of Jalisco, Mexico          |
| 56 | S C | Near coast of Michoacan, Mexico        |
| 57 | S C | Michoacan, Mexico                      |
| 58 | S C | Near coast of Guerrero, Mexico         |
| 59 | S C | Guerrero, Mexico                       |
| 60 | S C | Oaxaca, Mexico                         |
| 61 | S C | Chiapas, Mexico                        |
| 62 | S C | Mexico-Guatemala border region         |
| 63 | O   | Off coast of Mexico                    |
| 64 | S O | Off coast of Michoacan, Mexico         |
| 65 | S O | Off coast of Guerrero, Mexico          |
| 66 | S C | Near coast of Oaxaca, Mexico           |
| 67 | S O | Off coast of Oaxaca, Mexico            |
| 68 | S O | Off coast of Chiapas, Mexico           |
| 69 | S C | Near coast of Chiapas, Mexico          |
| 70 | S C | Guatemala                              |
| 71 | S C | Near coast of Guatemala                |
|    |     |  |
| 6  | S C | CENTRAL AMERICA                        |
| 72 | S C | Honduras                               |
| 73 | S C | El Salvador                            |
| 74 | S C | Near coast of Nicaragua                |
| 75 | S C | Nicaragua                              |
| 76 | S O | Off coast of Central America           |
| 77 | S O | Off coast of Costa Rica                |
| 78 | S C | Costa Rica                             |
| 79 | O   | North of Panama                        |
| 80 | S C | Panama-Costa Rica border region        |
| 81 | S C | Panama                                 |
| 82 | S C | Panama-Colombia border region          |
| 83 | S O | South of Panama                        |
|    |     |  |
| 7  | S C | CARIBBEAN LOOP                         |
| 84 | C   | Yucatan Peninsula                      |
| 85 | C   | Cuba region                            |
| 86 | C   | Jamaica region                         |
| 87 | C   | Haiti region                           |
| 88 | S C | Dominican Republic region              |
| 89 | S C | Mona Passage                           |
| 90 | S C | Puerto Rico region                     |
| 91 | S C | Virgin Islands                         |
| 92 | S O | Leeward Islands                        |
| 93 | C   | Belize                                 |
| 94 | O   | Caribbean Sea                          |
| 95 | S O | Windward Islands                       |
| 96 | C   | Near north coast of Colombia           |

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| 97  | S C | Near coast of Venezuela |
| 98  | S C | Trinidad                |
| 99  | S C | Northern Colombia       |
| 100 | S C | Lake Maracaibo          |
| 101 | S C | Venezuela               |

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| 8 | S C | ANDEAN SOUTH AMERICA |
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| 102 | S C | Near west coast of Colombia             |
| 103 | S C | Colombia                                |
| 104 | S O | Off coast of Ecuador                    |
| 105 | S C | Near coast of Ecuador                   |
| 106 | S C | Colombia-Ecuador border region          |
| 107 | S C | Ecuador                                 |
| 108 | S O | Off coast of northern Peru              |
| 109 | S C | Near coast of northern Peru             |
| 110 | S C | Peru-Ecuador border region              |
| 111 | S C | Northern Peru                           |
| 112 | S C | Peru-Brazil border region               |
| 113 | C   | Western Brazil                          |
| 114 | S O | Off coast of Peru                       |
| 115 | S C | Near coast of Peru                      |
| 116 | S C | Peru                                    |
| 117 | S C | Southern Peru                           |
| 118 | S C | Peru-Bolivia border region              |
| 119 | C   | Northern Bolivia                        |
| 120 | C   | Bolivia                                 |
| 121 | S O | Off coast of northern Chile             |
| 122 | S C | Near coast of northern Chile            |
| 123 | S C | Northern Chile                          |
| 124 | S C | Chile-Bolivia border region             |
| 125 | S C | Southern Bolivia                        |
| 126 | A C | Paraguay                                |
| 127 | S C | Chile-Argentina border region           |
| 128 | S C | Jujuy Province, Argentina               |
| 129 | S C | Salta Province, Argentina               |
| 130 | S C | Catamarca Province, Argentina           |
| 131 | S C | Tucuman Province, Argentina             |
| 132 | S C | Santiago del Estero Province, Argentina |
| 133 | A C | Northeastern Argentina                  |
| 134 | S O | Off coast of central Chile              |
| 135 | S C | Near coast of central Chile             |
| 136 | S C | Central Chile                           |
| 137 | S C | San Juan Province, Argentina            |
| 138 | S C | La Rioja Province, Argentina            |
| 139 | S C | Mendoza Province, Argentina             |
| 140 | S C | San Luis Province, Argentina            |
| 141 | S C | Cordoba Province, Argentina             |
| 142 | A C | Uruguay                                 |

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| 9 | C | EXTREME SOUTH AMERICA |
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| 143 | S O | Off coast of southern Chile            |
| 144 | S C | Near coast of southern Chile           |
| 145 | S C | Southern Chile-Argentina border region |
| 146 | A C | Argentina                              |



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|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 10  | O   | SOUTHERN ANTILLES                     |
| 147 | A C | Tierra del Fuego                      |
| 148 | A C | Falkland Islands region               |
| 149 | S O | Drake Passage                         |
| 150 | S O | Scotia Sea                            |
| 151 | O   | South Georgia Island region           |
| 152 | O   | South Georgia Rise                    |
| 153 | S O | South Sandwich Islands region         |
| 154 | S C | South Shetland Islands                |
| 155 | A C | Palmer Peninsula                      |
| 156 | A O | Southwestern Atlantic Ocean           |
| 157 | A O | Weddell Sea                           |
|     |     |                                       |
| 11  | O   | NEW ZEALAND REGION                    |
| 158 | O   | Off west coast of North Island, N. Z. |
| 159 | S C | North Island, New Zealand             |
| 160 | S O | Off east coast of North Island, N. Z. |
| 161 | O   | Off west coast of South Island, N. Z. |
| 162 | S C | South Island, New Zealand             |
| 163 | S C | Cook Strait, New Zealand              |
| 164 | A O | Off east coast of South Island, N. Z. |
| 165 | A O | North of Macquarie Island             |
| 166 | S O | Auckland Islands region               |
| 167 | S O | Macquarie Island region               |
| 168 | A O | South of New Zealand                  |
|     |     |                                       |
| 12  | S O | KERMADEC - TONGA - SAMOA AREA         |
| 169 | S O | Samoa Islands region                  |
| 170 | S O | Samoa Islands                         |
| 171 | S O | South of Fiji Islands                 |
| 172 |     | REGION NOT IN USE                     |
| 173 | S O | Tonga Islands                         |
| 174 | S O | Tonga Islands region                  |
| 175 | S O | South of Tonga Islands                |
| 176 | O   | North of New Zealand                  |
| 177 | S O | Kermadec Islands region               |
| 178 | S O | Kermadec Islands                      |
| 179 | S O | South of Kermadec Islands             |
|     |     |                                       |
| 13  | S O | FIJI ISLANDS AREA                     |
| 180 | A O | North of Fiji Islands                 |
| 181 | S O | Fiji Islands region                   |
| 182 | S O | Fiji Islands                          |
|     |     |                                       |
| 14  | S O | VANUATU (NEW HEBRIDES) ISLANDS        |
| 183 | S O | Santa Cruz Islands region             |
| 184 | S O | Santa Cruz Islands                    |
| 185 | S O | Vanuatu (New Hebrides) Islands region |
| 186 | S O | Vanuatu (New Hebrides) Islands        |
| 187 | A O | New Caledonia                         |
| 188 | S O | Loyalty Islands                       |
| 189 | S O | Loyalty Islands region                |

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| 15  | S O   | BISMARCK AND SOLOMON ISLANDS         |
| 190 | S O   | New Ireland region                   |
| 191 | A O   | North of Solomon Islands             |
| 192 | S O   | New Britain region                   |
| 193 | S O   | Solomon Islands                      |
| 194 | S O   | D-Entrecasteaux Islands region       |
| 195 | A O   | Solomon Islands region               |
|     |       |                                      |
| 16  | S C   | NEW GUINEA                           |
| 196 | S C   | West Irian region                    |
| 197 | S C   | Near north coast of West Irian       |
| 198 | O     | Papua New Guinea region              |
| 199 | S O   | Admiralty Islands region             |
| 200 | S C   | Near north coast of Papua New Guinea |
| 201 | S C   | West Irian                           |
| 202 | S C   | Papua New Guinea                     |
| 203 | S O   | Bismarck Sea                         |
| 204 | S C   | Aroe Islands region                  |
| 205 | C     | Near south coast of West Irian       |
| 206 | C     | Near south coast of Papua New Guinea |
| 207 | S C   | East Papua New Guinea region         |
| 208 | C     | Arafura Sea                          |
|     |       |                                      |
| 17  | S O   | CAROLINE ISLANDS TO GUAM             |
| 209 | O     | Western Caroline Islands             |
| 210 | S O   | South of Mariana Islands             |
|     |       |                                      |
| 18  | S O   | GUAM TO JAPAN                        |
| 211 | S O   | South of Honshu, Japan               |
| 212 | S O   | Bonin Islands region                 |
| 213 | S O   | Volcano Islands region               |
| 214 | O     | West of Mariana Islands              |
| 215 | S O   | Mariana Islands region               |
| 216 | S O   | Mariana Islands                      |
|     |       |                                      |
| 19  | S O   | JAPAN - KURILES - KAMCHATKA          |
| 217 | * S C | Kamchatka                            |
| 218 | * S C | Near east coast of Kamchatka         |
| 219 | * S O | Off east coast of Kamchatka          |
| 220 | * S O | Northwest of Kurile Islands          |
| 221 | * S O | Kurile Islands                       |
| 222 | S O   | Kurile Islands region                |
| 223 | S O   | Eastern Sea of Japan                 |
| 224 | S C   | Hokkaido, Japan, region              |
| 225 | S O   | Off coast of Hokkaido, Japan         |
| 226 | S C   | Near west coast of Honshu, Japan     |
| 227 | S C   | Honshu, Japan                        |
| 228 | S C   | Near east coast of Honshu, Japan     |
| 229 | S O   | Off east coast of Honshu, Japan      |
| 230 | S C   | Near south coast of Honshu, Japan    |

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| 20  | S O | SOUTHWESTERN JAPAN AND RYUKYU ISLANDS |
| 231 | C   | South Korea                           |
| 232 | S C | Southern Honshu, Japan                |
| 233 | S C | Near south coast of southern Honshu   |
| 234 | S C | East China Sea                        |
| 235 | S C | Kyushu, Japan                         |
| 236 | S C | Shikoku, Japan                        |
| 237 | O   | Southeast of Shikoku, Japan           |
| 238 | S O | Ryukyu Islands                        |
| 239 | O   | Ryukyu Islands region                 |
| 240 | O   | East of Ryukyu Islands                |
| 241 | O   | Philippine Sea                        |
|     |     |                                       |
| 21  | S C | TAIWAN                                |
| 242 | * C | Near southeastern coast of China      |
| 243 | S C | Taiwan region                         |
| 244 | S C | Taiwan                                |
| 245 | S C | Northeast of Taiwan                   |
| 246 | S O | Southwestern Ryukyu Islands           |
| 247 | S O | Southeast of Taiwan                   |
|     |     |                                       |
| 22  | S O | PHILIPPINES                           |
| 248 | S O | Philippine Islands region             |
| 249 | S C | Luzon, Philippine Islands             |
| 250 | S C | Mindoro, Philippine Islands           |
| 251 | S C | Samar, Philippine Islands             |
| 252 | C   | Palawan, Philippine Islands           |
| 253 | O   | Sulu Sea                              |
| 254 | S C | Panay, Philippine Islands             |
| 255 | S C | Cebu, Philippine Islands              |
| 256 | S C | Leyte, Philippine Islands             |
| 257 | S C | Negros, Philippine Islands            |
| 258 | O   | Sangihe Islands                       |
| 259 | S C | Mindanao, Philippine Islands          |
| 260 | O   | East of Philippine Islands            |
|     |     |                                       |
| 23  | S C | KALIMANTAN - SULAWESI                 |
| 261 | C   | Kalimantan (Borneo)                   |
| 262 | S O | Celebes Sea                           |
| 263 | S O | Talaud Islands                        |
| 264 | S O | North of Halmahera                    |
| 265 | S C | Minahassa Peninsula                   |
| 266 | S O | Molucca Passage                       |
| 267 | S C | Halmahera                             |
| 268 | S C | Sulawesi (Celebes)                    |
| 269 | S O | Molucca Sea                           |
| 270 | S O | Ceram Sea                             |
| 271 | S C | Buru                                  |
| 272 | S C | Seram                                 |
|     |     |                                       |
| 24  | S O | SUNDA ARC                             |
| 273 | O   | Southwest of Sumatera                 |
| 274 | S C | Southern Sumatera                     |
| 275 | C   | Java Sea                              |
| 276 | S C | Sunda Strait                          |

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|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 277 | S C   | Java                              |
| 278 | S C   | Bali Sea                          |
| 279 | S O   | Flores Sea                        |
| 280 | S O   | Banda Sea                         |
| 281 | S C   | Tanimbar Islands region           |
| 282 | S O   | South of Java                     |
| 283 | S C   | Bali Island region                |
| 284 | S O   | South of Bali Island              |
| 285 | S C   | Sumbawa Island region             |
| 286 | S C   | Flores Island region              |
| 287 | S C   | Sumba Island region               |
| 288 | S O   | Savu Sea                          |
| 289 | S C   | Timor                             |
| 290 | C     | Timor Sea                         |
| 291 | S O   | South of Sumbawa Island           |
| 292 | S O   | South of Sumba Island             |
| 293 | C     | South of Timor                    |
|     |       |                                   |
| 25  | S C   | BURMA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA          |
|     |       |                                   |
| 294 | S C   | Burma-India border region         |
| 295 | C     | Burma-Bangladesh border region    |
| 296 | S C   | Burma                             |
| 297 | * S C | Burma-China border region         |
| 298 | S C   | South Burma                       |
| 299 | A C   | Southeast Asia                    |
| 300 | * C   | Hainan Island                     |
| 301 | A C   | South China Sea                   |
|     |       |                                   |
| 26  | * S C | INDIA - TIBET - SICHUAN - YUNNAN  |
|     |       |                                   |
| 302 | S C   | Eastern Kashmir                   |
| 303 | S C   | Kashmir-India border region       |
| 304 | * S C | Kashmir-Tibet border region       |
| 305 | * S C | Tibet-India border region         |
| 306 | * S C | Tibet                             |
| 307 | * S C | Sichuan Province, China           |
| 308 | C     | Northern India                    |
| 309 | S C   | Nepal-India border region         |
| 310 | S C   | Nepal                             |
| 311 | S C   | Sikkim                            |
| 312 | S C   | Bhutan                            |
| 313 | * S C | India-China border region         |
| 314 | C     | India                             |
| 315 | C     | India-Bangladesh border region    |
| 316 | C     | Bangladesh                        |
| 317 | S C   | Eastern India                     |
| 318 | * S C | Yunnan Province, China            |
| 319 | O     | Bay of Bengal                     |
|     |       |                                   |
| 27  | * S C | SOUTHERN XINJIANG TO GANSU        |
|     |       |                                   |
| 320 | * S C | Kirghiz-Xinjiang border region    |
| 321 | * S C | Southern Xinjiang Province, China |
| 322 | * C   | Gansu Province, China             |
| 323 | * C   | Northern China                    |
| 324 | * S C | Kashmir-Xinjiang border region    |
| 325 | * S C | Qinghai Province, China           |

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| 28  | *   | C | ALMA-ATA TO LAKE BAIKAL              |
|     |     |   |                                      |
| 326 | *   | C | Central USSR                         |
| 327 | *   | C | Lake Baykal region                   |
| 328 | *   | C | East of Lake Baykal                  |
| 329 | *   | C | Eastern Kazakh SSR                   |
| 330 | * S | C | Alma-Ata region                      |
| 331 | *   | C | Kazakh-Xinjiang border region        |
| 332 | * S | C | Northern Xinjiang Province, China    |
| 333 | *   | C | USSR-Mongolia border region          |
| 334 | *   | C | Mongolia                             |
|     |     |   |                                      |
| 29  | *   | C | WESTERN ASIA                         |
|     |     |   |                                      |
| 335 | * A | C | Ural Mountains region                |
| 336 | *   | C | Western Kazakh SSR                   |
| 337 | * S | C | Eastern Caucasus                     |
| 338 | *   | C | Caspian Sea                          |
| 339 | *   | C | Uzbek SSR                            |
| 340 | *   | C | Turkmen SSR                          |
| 341 | *   | C | Iran-USSR border region              |
| 342 | *   | C | Turkmen-Afghanistan border region    |
| 343 | S   | C | Turkey-Iran border region            |
| 344 | * S | C | Northwestern Iran-USSR border region |
| 345 | S   | C | Northwestern Iran                    |
| 346 | S   | C | Iran-Iraq border region              |
| 347 | S   | C | Western Iran                         |
| 348 | S   | C | Iran                                 |
| 349 | *   | C | Northwestern Afghanistan             |
| 350 | *   | C | Southwestern Afghanistan             |
| 351 | A   | C | Eastern Arabian Peninsula            |
| 352 | A   | C | Persian Gulf                         |
| 353 | S   | C | Southern Iran                        |
| 354 | S   | C | Western Pakistan                     |
| 355 | A   | O | Gulf of Oman                         |
| 356 | S   | O | Off coast of Pakistan                |
|     |     |   |                                      |
| 30  | *   | C | MIDDLE EAST - CRIMEA - BALKANS       |
|     |     |   |                                      |
| 357 | *   | C | Southwestern USSR                    |
| 358 | *   | C | Romania                              |
| 359 | *   | C | Bulgaria                             |
| 360 | *   | O | Black Sea                            |
| 361 | *   | C | Crimea region                        |
| 362 | *   | C | Western Caucasus                     |
| 363 | *   | C | Greece-Bulgaria border region        |
| 364 | S   | C | Greece                               |
| 365 | S   | C | Aegean Sea                           |
| 366 | S   | C | Turkey                               |
| 367 | *   | C | Turkey-USSR border region            |
| 368 | S   | C | Southern Greece                      |
| 369 | S   | C | Dodecanese Islands                   |
| 370 | S   | C | Crete                                |
| 371 |     | O | Eastern Mediterranean Sea            |
| 372 |     | C | Cyprus                               |
| 373 |     | C | Dead Sea region                      |
| 374 |     | C | Jordan - Syria region                |
| 375 |     | C | Iraq                                 |

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| 31  | C     | WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA   |
| 376 | C     | Portugal                     |
| 377 | C     | Spain                        |
| 378 | C     | Pyrenees                     |
| 379 | C     | Near south coast of France   |
| 380 | C     | Corsica                      |
| 381 | S C   | Central Italy                |
| 382 | S C   | Adriatic Sea                 |
| 383 | * S C | Yugoslavia                   |
| 384 | O     | West of Gibraltar            |
| 385 | C     | Straits of Gibraltar         |
| 386 | C     | Balearic Islands             |
| 387 | O     | Western Mediterranean Sea    |
| 388 | C     | Sardinia                     |
| 389 | O     | Tyrrhenian Sea               |
| 390 | S C   | Southern Italy               |
| 391 | * S C | Albania                      |
| 392 | * S C | Greece-Albania border region |
| 393 | O     | Madeira Islands region       |
| 394 | O     | Canary Islands region        |
| 395 | C     | Morocco                      |
| 396 | C     | Algeria                      |
| 397 | C     | Tunisia                      |
| 398 | S C   | Sicily                       |
| 399 | S O   | Ionian Sea                   |
| 400 | O     | Mediterranean Sea            |
| 401 | C     | Near coast of Libya          |
|     |       |                              |
| 32  | O     | ATLANTIC OCEAN               |
| 402 | A O   | North Atlantic Ocean         |
| 403 | S O   | North Atlantic Ridge         |
| 404 | S O   | Azores Islands region        |
| 405 | S O   | Azores Islands               |
| 406 | S O   | Central Mid-Atlantic Ridge   |
| 407 | S O   | North of Ascension Island    |
| 408 | S O   | Ascension Island region      |
| 409 | A O   | South Atlantic Ocean         |
| 410 | S O   | South Atlantic Ridge         |
| 411 | S O   | Tristan da Cunha region      |
| 412 | S O   | Bouvet Island region         |
| 413 | O     | Southwest of Africa          |
| 414 | A O   | Southeastern Atlantic Ocean  |
|     |       |                              |
| 33  | O     | INDIAN OCEAN                 |
| 415 | S O   | Eastern Gulf of Aden         |
| 416 | S C   | Socotra region               |
| 417 | S O   | Arabian Sea                  |
| 418 | A O   | Laccadive Islands region     |
| 419 | A C   | Northeastern Somali Republic |
| 420 | A O   | North Indian Ocean           |
| 421 | S O   | Carlsberg Ridge              |
| 422 | A O   | Maldiv Islands region        |
| 423 | A O   | Laccadive Sea                |
| 424 | A C   | Sri Lanka (Ceylon)           |
| 425 | A O   | South Indian Ocean           |
| 426 | S O   | Chagos Archipelago region    |
| 427 | O     | Mascarene Islands region     |
| 428 | S O   | Atlantic-Indian Rise         |
| 429 | S O   | Mid-Indian Rise              |

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| 430 | O   | South of Africa              |
| 431 | O   | Prince Edward Islands region |
| 432 | A O | Crozet Islands region        |
| 433 | A O | Kerguelen Islands region     |
| 434 | A O | Amsterdam-Naturaliste Ridge  |
| 435 | S O | Southeast Indian Rise        |
| 436 | A O | Kerguelen-Gaussberg Rise     |
| 437 | O   | South of Australia           |

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| 34 | A C | EASTERN NORTH AMERICA |
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|     |     |                                    |
|-----|-----|------------------------------------|
| 438 | A C | Saskatchewan Province, Canada      |
| 439 | A C | Manitoba Province, Canada          |
| 440 | A C | Hudson Bay                         |
| 441 | A C | Ontario Province, Canada           |
| 442 | A C | Hudson Strait region               |
| 443 | A C | Northern Quebec Province, Canada   |
| 444 | A O | Davis Strait                       |
| 445 | A C | Labrador                           |
| 446 | A O | East of Labrador                   |
| 447 | A C | Southern Quebec Province, Canada   |
| 448 | A C | Gaspé Peninsula, Canada            |
| 449 | A C | Eastern Quebec Province, Canada    |
| 450 | A C | Anticosti Island, Canada           |
| 451 | A C | New Brunswick                      |
| 452 | A C | Nova Scotia                        |
| 453 | A C | Prince Edward Island, Canada       |
| 454 | A C | Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada       |
| 455 | A C | Newfoundland                       |
| 456 | C   | Montana                            |
| 457 | C   | Eastern Idaho                      |
| 458 | C   | Hebgen Lake region                 |
| 459 | C   | Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming |
| 460 | C   | Wyoming                            |
| 461 | A C | North Dakota                       |
| 462 | A C | South Dakota                       |
| 463 | A C | Nebraska                           |
| 464 | A C | Minnesota                          |
| 465 | A C | Iowa                               |
| 466 | A C | Wisconsin                          |
| 467 | A C | Illinois                           |
| 468 | A C | Michigan                           |
| 469 | A C | Indiana                            |
| 470 | A C | Southern Ontario Province, Canada  |
| 471 | A C | Ohio                               |
| 472 | A C | New York State                     |
| 473 | A C | Pennsylvania                       |
| 474 | A C | Northern New England               |
| 475 | A C | Maine                              |
| 476 | A C | Southern New England               |
| 477 | A C | Gulf of Maine                      |
| 478 | C   | Utah                               |
| 479 | C   | Colorado                           |
| 480 | A C | Kansas                             |
| 481 | A C | Iowa-Missouri border region        |
| 482 | A C | Missouri-Kansas border region      |
| 483 | A C | Missouri                           |
| 484 | A C | Missouri-Arkansas border region    |
| 485 | C   | Eastern Missouri                   |
| 486 | C   | New Madrid, Missouri, region       |
| 487 | C   | Cape Girardeau, Missouri, region   |
| 488 | C   | Southern Illinois                  |
| 489 | A C | Southern Indiana                   |

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| 490 | A C | Kentucky                             |
| 491 | A C | West Virginia                        |
| 492 | A C | Virginia                             |
| 493 | A C | Chesapeake Bay region                |
| 494 | A C | New Jersey                           |
| 495 | C   | Eastern Arizona                      |
| 496 | C   | New Mexico                           |
| 497 | A C | Texas Panhandle region               |
| 498 | A C | West Texas                           |
| 499 | A C | Oklahoma                             |
| 500 | A C | Central Texas                        |
| 501 | A C | Arkansas-Oklahoma border region      |
| 502 | A C | Arkansas                             |
| 503 | A C | Louisiana-Texas border region        |
| 504 | A C | Louisiana                            |
| 505 | A C | Mississippi                          |
| 506 | A C | Tennessee                            |
| 507 | A C | Alabama                              |
| 508 | A C | Western Florida                      |
| 509 | A C | Georgia                              |
| 510 | A C | Florida-Georgia border region        |
| 511 | A C | South Carolina                       |
| 512 | A C | North Carolina                       |
| 513 | A O | Off east coast of United States      |
| 514 | A C | Florida Peninsula                    |
| 515 | A C | Bahama Islands                       |
| 516 | C   | Eastern Arizona-Mexico border region |
| 517 | C   | Mexico-New Mexico border region      |
| 518 | C   | Texas-Mexico border region           |
| 519 | A C | Southern Texas                       |
| 520 | A C | Texas Gulf coast                     |
| 521 | C   | Chihuahua, Mexico                    |
| 522 | C   | Northern Mexico                      |
| 523 | C   | Central Mexico                       |
| 524 | C   | Jalisco, Mexico                      |
| 525 | C   | Veracruz State, Mexico               |
| 526 | A C | Gulf of Mexico                       |
| 527 | C   | Gulf of Campeche                     |

35           A C       EASTERN SOUTH AMERICA

|     |     |               |
|-----|-----|---------------|
| 528 | A C | Brazil        |
| 529 | A C | Guyana        |
| 530 | A C | Suriname      |
| 531 | A C | French Guiana |

36           C       NORTHWESTERN EUROPE

|     |     |                 |
|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 532 | A C | Eire            |
| 533 | A C | United Kingdom  |
| 534 | A C | North Sea       |
| 535 | A C | Southern Norway |
| 536 | A C | Sweden          |
| 537 | A C | Baltic Sea      |
| 538 | C   | France          |
| 539 | A O | Bay of Biscay   |
| 540 | A C | Netherlands     |
| 541 | C   | Belgium         |
| 542 | A C | Denmark         |
| 543 | C   | Germany         |
| 544 | C   | Switzerland     |
| 545 | S C | Northern Italy  |



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| 546 | * | S C | Austria                             |
| 547 | * | C   | Czechoslovakia                      |
| 548 | * | C   | Poland                              |
| 549 | * | C   | Hungary                             |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 37  |   | C   | AFRICA                              |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 550 | A | C   | Northwest Africa                    |
| 551 | A | C   | Southern Algeria                    |
| 552 | A | C   | Libya                               |
| 553 | A | C   | Arab Republic of Egypt              |
| 554 | S | O   | Red Sea                             |
| 555 | A | C   | Western Arabian Peninsula           |
| 556 | A | C   | Central Africa                      |
| 557 | A | C   | Sudan                               |
| 558 |   | C   | Ethiopia                            |
| 559 | S | O   | Western Gulf of Aden                |
| 560 |   | C   | Northwestern Somali Republic        |
| 561 | A | O   | Off south coast of northwest Africa |
| 562 | A | C   | Cameroon                            |
| 563 | A | C   | Equatorial Guinea                   |
| 564 | A | C   | Central African Republic            |
| 565 | A | C   | Gabon                               |
| 566 | A | C   | Congo Republic                      |
| 567 |   | C   | Zaire Republic                      |
| 568 |   | C   | Uganda                              |
| 569 |   | C   | Lake Victoria region                |
| 570 |   | C   | Kenya                               |
| 571 | A | C   | Southern Somali Republic            |
| 572 |   | C   | Lake Tanganyika region              |
| 573 |   | C   | Tanzania                            |
| 574 | A | O   | Northwest of Madagascar             |
| 575 | A | C   | Angola                              |
| 576 |   | C   | Zambia                              |
| 577 |   | C   | Malawi                              |
| 578 | A | C   | Namibia                             |
| 579 |   | C   | Botswana                            |
| 580 |   | C   | Zimbabwe                            |
| 581 |   | C   | Mozambique                          |
| 582 |   | O   | Mozambique Channel                  |
| 583 | A | C   | Madagascar                          |
| 584 |   | C   | Republic of South Africa            |
| 585 |   | C   | Lesotho                             |
| 586 |   | C   | Swaziland                           |
| 587 | A | O   | Off coast of South Africa           |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 38  | A | C   | AUSTRALIA                           |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 588 | A | O   | Northwest of Australia              |
| 589 | A | O   | West of Australia                   |
| 590 | A | C   | Western Australia                   |
| 591 | A | C   | Northern Territory, Australia       |
| 592 | A | C   | South Australia                     |
| 593 | A | C   | Gulf of Carpentaria                 |
| 594 | A | C   | Queen land, Australia               |
| 595 | A | O   | Coral Sea                           |
| 596 | A | O   | South of Solomon Islands            |
| 597 | A | O   | New Caledonia region                |
| 598 | A | O   | Southwest of Australia              |
| 599 | A | O   | Off south coast of Australia        |
| 600 | A | C   | Near south coast of Australia       |
| 601 | A | C   | New South Wales, Australia          |

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| 602 | A C | Victoria, Australia               |
| 603 | A C | Near southeast coast of Australia |
| 604 | A C | Near east coast of Australia      |
| 605 | A O | East of Australia                 |
| 606 | A O | Norfolk Island region             |
| 607 | A O | Northwest of New Zealand          |
| 608 | A C | Bass Strait                       |
| 609 | A C | Tasmania region                   |
| 610 | A O | Southeast of Australia            |

39        A O    PACIFIC BASIN

|     |     |                                   |
|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 611 | A O | North Pacific Ocean               |
| 612 | A O | Hawaiian Islands region           |
| 613 | O   | Hawaiian Islands                  |
| 614 | A O | Caroline Islands region           |
| 615 | A O | Marshall Islands region           |
| 616 | A O | Eniwetok Atoll region             |
| 617 | A O | Bikini Atoll region               |
| 618 | O   | Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) region |
| 619 | A O | Johnston Island region            |
| 620 | A O | Line Islands region               |
| 621 | A O | Palmyra Island region             |
| 622 | A O | Christmas Island region           |
| 623 | A O | Tuvalu (Ellice Islands) region    |
| 624 | A O | Phoenix Islands region            |
| 625 | A O | Tokelau Islands region            |
| 626 | A O | Northern Cook Islands             |
| 627 | A O | Cook Islands region               |
| 628 | A O | Society Islands region            |
| 629 | A O | Tubuai Islands region             |
| 630 | A O | Marquesas Islands region          |
| 631 | A O | Tuamotu Archipelago region        |
| 632 | A O | South Pacific Ocean               |

40        O    ARCTIC ZONE

|     |       |                               |
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| 633 | A O   | Lomonosov Ridge               |
| 634 | A O   | Arctic Ocean                  |
| 635 | A C   | Near north coast of Greenland |
| 636 | A C   | Eastern Greenland             |
| 637 | S O   | Iceland region                |
| 638 | S O   | Iceland                       |
| 639 | S O   | Jan Mayen Island region       |
| 640 | S O   | Greenland Sea                 |
| 641 | S O   | North of Svalbard             |
| 642 | A O   | Norwegian Sea                 |
| 643 | S C   | Svalbard region               |
| 644 | * S O | North of Franz Josef Land     |
| 645 | * A C | Franz Josef Land              |
| 646 | A C   | Northern Norway               |
| 647 | * A C | Barents Sea                   |
| 648 | * A C | Novaya Zemlya                 |
| 649 | * A C | Kara Sea                      |
| 650 | * A C | Near coast of western Siberia |
| 651 | * S O | North of Severnaya Zemlya     |
| 652 | * A C | Severnaya Zemlya              |
| 653 | * A C | Near coast of central Siberia |
| 654 | * A O | East of Severnaya Zemlya      |
| 655 | * A C | Laptev Sea                    |

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| 41  | * | C   | EASTERN ASIA                            |
|     |   |     |   |
| 656 | * | C   | Eastern USSR                            |
| 657 | * | C   | Eastern USSR-N.E. China border region   |
| 658 | * | C   | Northeastern China                      |
| 659 | * | C   | North Korea                             |
| 660 |   | O   | Sea of Japan                            |
| 661 | * | C   | Near east coast of eastern USSR         |
| 662 | * | C   | Sakhalin Island                         |
| 663 | * | C   | Sea of Okhotsk                          |
| 664 | * | C   | Eastern China                           |
| 665 | * | C   | Yellow Sea                              |
| 666 | * | C   | Off coast of eastern China              |
|     |   |     |   |
| 42  | A | C   | N.E. ASIA, NORTHERN ALASKA TO GREENLAND |
|     |   |     |   |
| 667 | * | A C | North of New Siberian Islands           |
| 668 | * | A C | New Siberian Islands                    |
| 669 | * | A C | East Siberian Sea                       |
| 670 | * | A C | Near north coast of eastern Siberia     |
| 671 | * | A C | Eastern Siberia                         |
| 672 | * | A C | Chukchi Sea                             |
| 673 |   | C   | Bering Strait                           |
| 674 |   | C   | St. Lawrence Island region              |
| 675 | A | O   | Beaufort Sea                            |
| 676 |   | C   | Alaska                                  |
| 677 |   | C   | Northern Yukon Territory, Canada        |
| 678 | A | C   | Queen Elizabeth Islands                 |
| 679 | A | C   | Northwest Territories, Canada           |
| 680 | A | C   | Western Greenland                       |
| 681 | A | O   | Baffin Bay                              |
| 682 | A | C   | Baffin Island region                    |
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| 43  |   | O   | SOUTHEASTERN AND ANTARCTIC PACIFIC      |
|     |   |     |   |
| 683 | A | O   | Southeast central Pacific Ocean         |
| 684 | S | O   | Easter Island Cordillera                |
| 685 | S | O   | Easter Island region                    |
| 686 | S | O   | West Chile Rise                         |
| 687 | A | O   | Juan Fernandez Islands region           |
| 688 |   | O   | East of North Island, New Zealand       |
| 689 | A | O   | Chatham Islands region                  |
| 690 | A | O   | South of Chatham Islands                |
| 691 | S | O   | South Pacific Cordillera                |
| 692 | A | O   | Southern Pacific Ocean                  |
|     |   |     |   |
| 44  |   | O   | GALAPAGOS AREA                          |
|     |   |     |   |
| 693 | A | O   | East central Pacific Ocean              |
| 694 | S | O   | Northern Easter Island Cordillera       |
| 695 | S | O   | West of Galapagos Islands               |
| 696 | S | O   | Galapagos Islands region                |
| 697 | S | O   | Galapagos Islands                       |
| 698 | A | O   | Southwest of Galapagos Islands          |
| 699 | A | O   | Southeast of Galapagos Islands          |

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| 45  |   | O   | MACQUARIE LOOP                      |
| 700 | A | O   | South of Tasmania                   |
| 701 | S | O   | West of Macquarie Island            |
| 702 | S | O   | Balleny Islands region              |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 46  | S | O   | ANDAMAN ISLANDS TO SUMATERA         |
| 703 | S | O   | Andaman Islands region              |
| 704 | S | O   | Nicobar Islands region              |
| 705 | S | O   | Off west coast of northern Sumatera |
| 706 | S | C   | Northern Sumatera                   |
| 707 | A | C   | Malay Peninsula                     |
| 708 | A | C   | Gulf of Siam                        |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 47  | * | S C | BALUCHISTAN                         |
| 709 | * | S C | Afghanistan                         |
| 710 |   | S C | Pakistan                            |
| 711 |   | S C | Southwestern Kashmir                |
| 712 |   | C   | India-Pakistan border region        |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 48  | * | S C | HINDU KUSH AND PAMIR                |
| 713 | * | C   | Central Kazakh SSR                  |
| 714 | * | C   | Southeastern Uzbek SSR              |
| 715 | * | S C | Tajik SSR                           |
| 716 | * | S C | Kirghiz SSR                         |
| 717 | * | S C | Afghanistan-USSR border region      |
| 718 | * | S C | Hindu Kush region                   |
| 719 | * | S C | Tajik-Xinjiang border region        |
| 720 |   | S C | Northwestern Kashmir                |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 49  | * | A C | NORTHERN EURASIA                    |
| 721 | * | A C | Finland                             |
| 722 | * | A C | Norway-USSR border region           |
| 723 | * | A C | Finland-USSR border region          |
| 724 | * | A C | European USSR                       |
| 725 | * | A C | Western Siberia                     |
| 726 | * | A C | Central Siberia                     |
|     |   |     |                                     |
| 50  |   | A C | ANTARCTICA                          |
| 727 |   | A C | Victoria Land, Antarctica           |
| 728 |   | A O | Ross Sea                            |
| 729 |   | A C | Antarctica                          |

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