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ATLAS OF MARS
1:2,000,000 TOPOGRAPHIC SERIES
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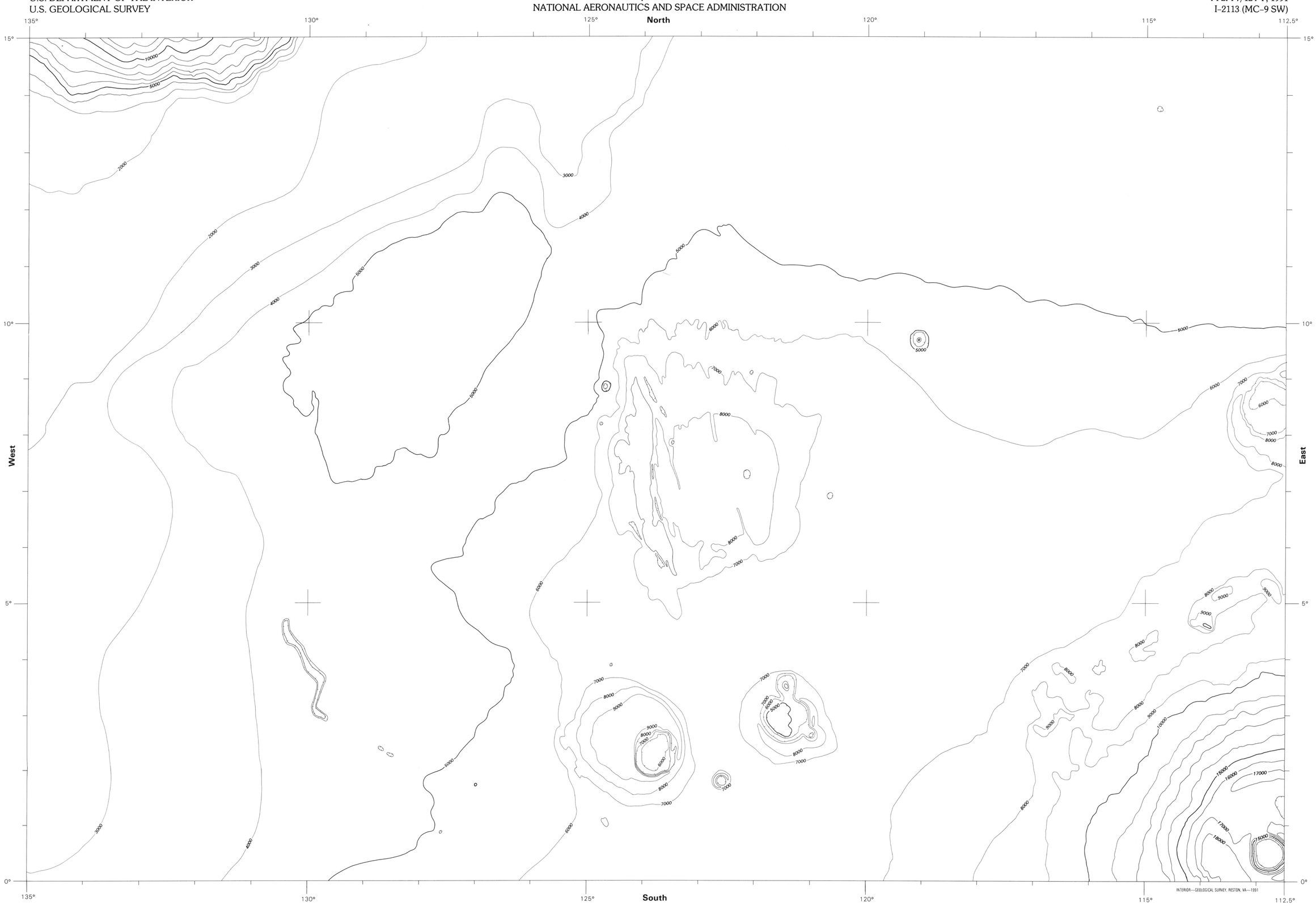
I-2113 (MC-9 SW)



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NOTES ON BASE

This quadrangle is part of a series of topographic maps made from stereoscopic Viking Orbiter images.

ADOPTED FIGURE

The figure of Mars used for computation of the map projection is an oblate spheroid (flattening of 1/192) with an equatorial radius of 3,393.4 km and a polar radius of 3,375.7 km.

PROJECTION

Mercator, Lambert Conformal Conic, and Polar Stereographic projections are used for this map series. The scale of the series is 1:2,000,000 at lat ±27.476° (Mercator), lat ±35.83° and ±59.17° (Lambert), and lat ±75.008° (Polar Stereographic). The projections have common scales of 1:1,952,947 at lat ±30° and 1:1,939,394 at lat ±65°.

CONTOURS

Contours were compiled on analytical stereoplotters that use stereoscopic Viking Orbiter pictures. The parameters for stereomodels were computed analytically, based on the adjusted positions and orientations of the spacecraft cameras (Wu and others, 1982). Horizontal and vertical controls were established by analytical photogrammetric aerotriangulation (Wu and Schafer, 1984), using the General Integral Analytical Triangulation (GIANT) program of the U.S. Geological Survey. Primary controls used in the control network include the Viking Orbiter Secondary Experiment Data Record, radio occultation measurements from Mariner 9 and Viking Missions (Kliore and others, 1973; Lindal and others, 1979), Earth-based radar observations (Downs and others, 1975), and the Mars primary control network of the Rand Corporation (Davies and others, 1978).

Elevation values (expressed in meters) are given with respect to the adopted Mars topographic datum. This datum is defined by a gravity field described in terms of fourth-order and fourth-degree spherical harmonics combined with a 6.1-millibar atmospheric pressure surface derived from Mariner 9 radio-occultation data (Lorell and others, 1972; Kliore and others, 1973; Wu, 1978, 1981).

Local mismatches between contour lines shown here and images on controlled photomosiacs are the result of improvements in control nets during the course of compilation. Estimated elevation accuracy is approximately 1 km (one contour interval).

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NOTE TO USERS

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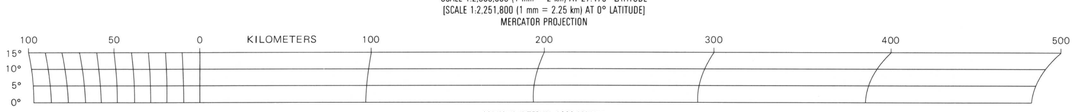
SCALE 1:2,000,000 (1 mm = 2 km) AT 27.476° LATITUDE
[SCALE 1:2,251,800 (1 mm = 2.25 km) AT 0° LATITUDE]
MERCATOR PROJECTION



CONTOUR INTERVAL 1000 METERS

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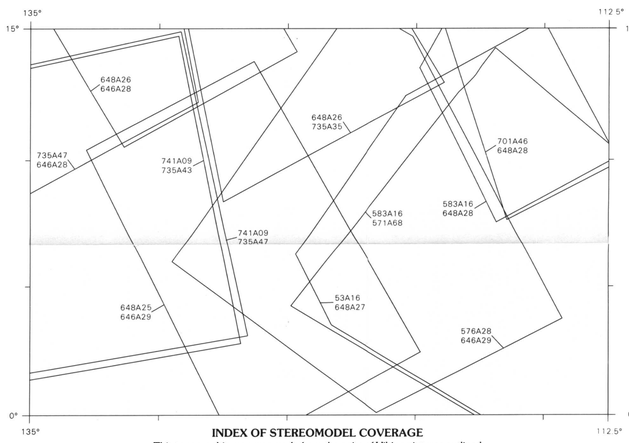

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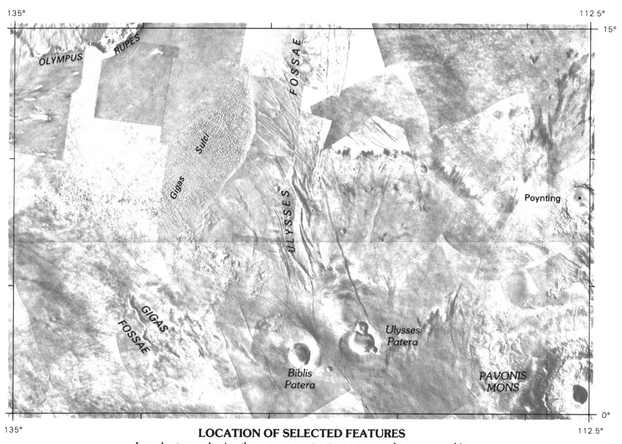

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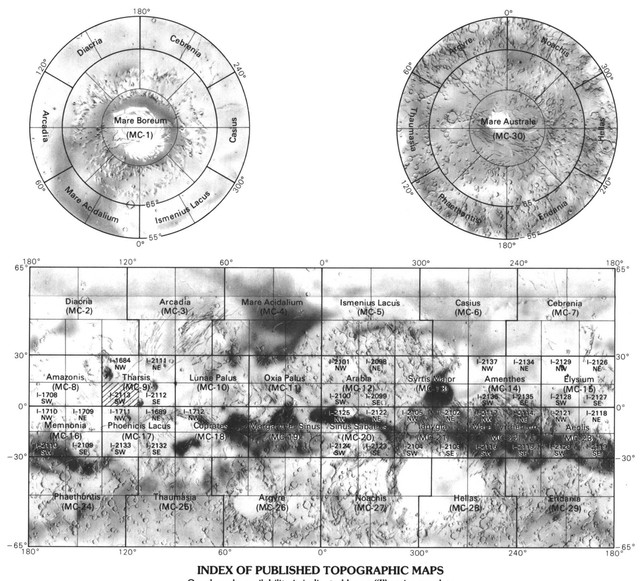
In order to emphasize the names, contrast was purposely suppressed in this reduced copy of the controlled photomosaic (I-1622) of this quadrangle. All names are approved by the International Astronomical Union.



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