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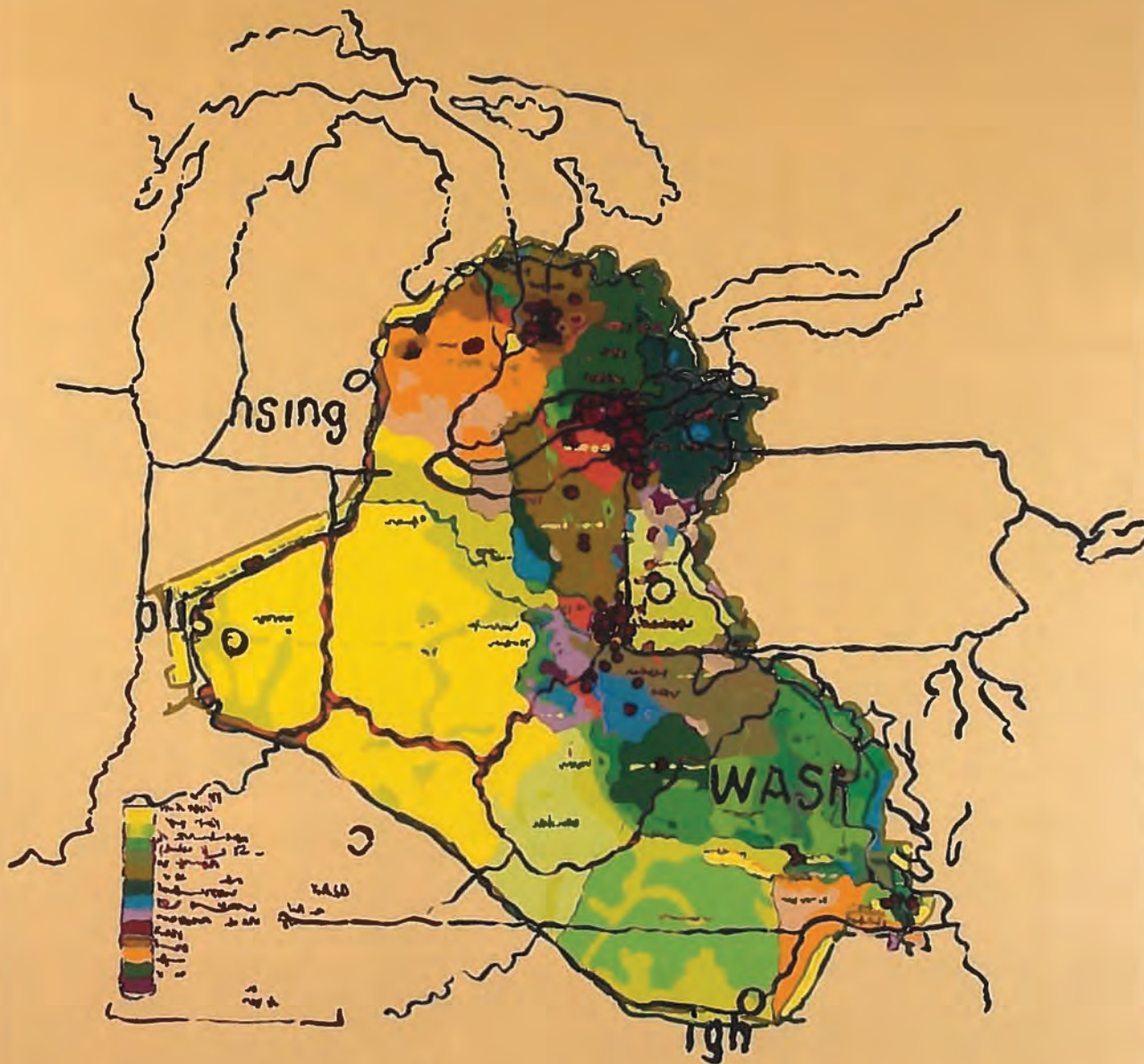


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DAN MILLS

◀ *Superimpositions, 2007*

From the series *Future States Paintings*

Acrylic on canvas

56 x 52 in.

Courtesy of the artist and Zolla/Lieberman Gallery,
Chicago

Photo by Rachel Porter

▶ *Future State No. 46, USArctica, 2005*

Watercolor, collage, graphite, and ink on paper

14.25 x 17 in.

Photo by Stafford Smith

In a series of related projects, Mills proposes a bold empire-building scheme: U.S. annexation of various countries as new noncontiguous states with military sites, natural resources, or workforces to exploit. "We are the imperialists of the twenty-first century," Mills writes. "Let's stop pretending. Rather than feign that our actions are benevolent, let us function openly as global imperialists whose actions are clearly defined by direct benefit to the U.S." Mills suggests the takeover of Iraq, Iceland, South Korea, and Qatar as reasonable first steps toward establishing the USE (United States Empire; hence the title of his manifesto, "USE the World"). He has created an atlas of forty-seven proposed future states, as well as *Future States Paintings*—including this image of Iraq, to be renamed USArabia superimposed on the Midwest for size comparison. "I am fond of countries that have boundaries that are either vague or in dispute," Mills says. "Disputed lands are always resolved in favor of the USE."

Global Reckoning Maps That Take a Stand

USARCTICA
INTRODUCES A NEW CONCEPT:
EMPIRE STATES THAT ARE
(PRIMARILY) WATER.



ARCTIC OCEAN

SMALLEST OF FIVE OCEANS.
CONTAINS TWO IMPORTANT SEASONAL WATERWAYS:
NORTHWEST PASSAGE & NORTHEAST SEA ROUTE.
CONTAINS WATER, LAND AND AIR ROUTES (SPACE).
OCEAN'S WATER EXTENDS TO NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE,
ASIA (MOSTLY NORTH OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE)

MOTIVE/RATIONALE FOR TAKEOVER & STATEHOOD:

HAS NO GOVERNING BODY, SO IS VULNERABLE.
CLIMATE'S RISK OF SIMILAR ACTION BY ASIA OR EUROPE
WILL BE FIRST DEMOCRATIC OCEAN.
USE WILL CONTROL THIS PREVIOUSLY UNCOVERED SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

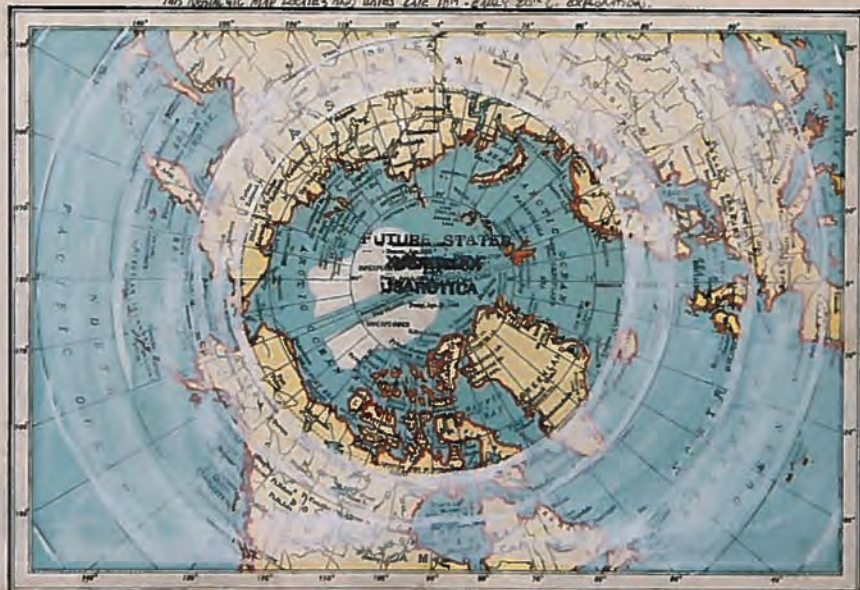
USARCTICA

CONSISTS OF THE 8,730,000 SQ MI OCEAN, + LAND IN ARCTIC CIRCLE
SPHERE AND LARGELY OVERLOOKED POPULATIONS WILL CONTINUE SIMILARLY, BUT
AS PART OF A DEMOCRACY--OURS

NATURAL RESOURCES:

FISH AND MARINE MAMMALS, SAND & GRAVEL AGGREGATES, POLYMETALLIC NODULES
AND OIL AND GAS FIELDS.

ABOVE CIRCLE, THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, INDICATES GEOGRAPHY OF 48th STATE, USARCTICA.
THE ARCTIC CIRCLE MAP LOCATES AND DATES EARLY 19th C. EARLY 20th C. EXPLORATION.



SIBIRIAN STATE MICHIGAN

ECONOMY

ACCORDING TO THE CIA, IT IS LIMITED TO EXPLOITATION
OF ABOVE MENTIONED NATURAL RESOURCES
FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, LIMITED TO BENEFICIAL USE
AS WELL.

BENEFITS TO USA (USE) (USE):

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS INCLUDE CONTROLLING THIS SENSITIVE
ENVIRONMENT IF IT'S OURS (USE'S), WE HAVE A STRONG
INTEREST IN IT, ENVIRONMENTALLY USE PUL-COSP-BUSINESS
WILL WANT TO PROTECT THEIR (OUR) INVESTMENT (STATE)
...RIGHT?

HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO REMAINING THE
POLAR ICECAP... FOR ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION.
A. FOR POLITICAL LEVERAGE ("SIGN HERE OR YOUR SHORELINE
SHRINKS 100 FEET")

OTHER BENEFITS:

- GROWING INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC REVENUES = FINE OPPORTUNITIES
- POSSIBILITY OF HARNESSING ENERGY FROM FROST/THAW CYCLE.
- EXTREME TOURISM:
CALMING ICEBERGS, EXPERIENCING REARUNFROST, OR
BEING ICELOCKED FOR 8 MONTHS.
- GAINING THE ARCTIC PARTS OF CANADA, RUSSIA,
USARCTICA (ALREADY USE), FINLAND, USKANDANAVIA (USE)
- OIL & GAS FIELDS

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES:
SOME MARITIME (NOT ANYMORE).

≠ NOT BIGGER THAN TEXAS RULE NOT APPLIED -- SAME AS
TO USARCTICA, IN THIS CASE, IT IS MOSTLY NOT LAND.