



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: US 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 US." 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 fourteen 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 THE OCEANS,
CONTAINS TWO IMPERIAL SUPERIMPOSITIONS
AND MIGHTY POTENTIAL FOR SUPPLYING THE WORLD'S
COUNTRY'S WATER, LAND AND AIR RESOURCES. (GRAPHIC)
OCEAN'S WATER EXTENDS TO NORTH AMERICA, ASIA, AUSTRALIA
AND (MOSTLY) HEART OF THE ARCTIC GLACIER.

NATIVE/NATIONALS FOR PROTECTION OF STATEHOOD:
MIL AND GOVERNMENT BEARS, SO IS VULNERABLE.
REQUIREMENTS: MUST OF TOLERANCE ACTION BY AREA OF CHANGE
USE WILL COLLAPSE AND PROBABLY UNDESIRABLE SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

USArctica
CONSISTS OF THE 8 THOUSAND SO MI OCEAN + LAND IN ARCTIC GLACIER
TERRACE AND LARGELY OVERLOOKED FUTURE STATES, WITH CONTINUED SIGNIFICANCE, BUT
AS PART OF A DEMOCRACY... USES

ASIAN RESOURCES
FUEL AND MINERAL RESOURCES, SAND + GRAVEL, ALUMINUM, PLANT OIL, COPPER, IRON
MINERAL AND OIL FIELDS.

ARCTIC OCEAN, THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, IMPACTS SCHEMES OF USArctica. USArctica
AND OCEANIC ARE COASTAL STATES CAN BEAN GREAT ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION.

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ECONOMY
NATIONALITY TO BE CIA, IT IS LIMITED TO EXPLOITATION
OF THESE OVERLOOKED NATURAL RESOURCES
FROM THE POINT OF VIEW, LEADING TO PROBLEMS USE
AS WELL.

DEBTS TO USE FISH (USE)
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND SUPPLY THIS SCIENTIFIC
ADVANCEMENT. IT IS A WISE (USE), WE HAVE A STRONG
NATIONALITY TO IT. CONSEQUENTLY, USE POLITICAL BUSINESS
WILL NEED TO BE PROTECT THEM (USE) NATIONALITY (USE).
-ALBERT

HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN TOWNS THE
PEOPLE... IN ECONOMIC SITUATION,
OR IN POLITICAL SITUATION (THESE ARE AT THE CENTER
TOWNS, USE FISH?)

OTHER PROBLEMS:
-GROWING POPULATION IN PACIFIC (GROWING + FIVE
OPPORTUNITIES)
-POPULATION OF HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (THESE ARE FROM
THESE)
-EXTREMELY POPULOUS
COUNTRIES ACCROSS (GROWING POPULATION), OR
BEING RECEIVED FOR 8 MONTHS.
-GROWING THE ECONOMIC PARTS OF CANADA, AUSTRALIA,
USArctica (GROWING USE), FINLAND, GERMANY (USE)
-OIL FISH DEBTS
INTERNATIONAL DEBTS:
SOME HEALTHIER (NOT ADVANTAGE)
▶ BUT DEBTS FROM THESE ARE NOT APPROVED - SOME ARE
IN CONSEQUENCE, IN THIS CASE IT IS MOSTLY NOT LAND.

SHOWN STATE: MICHIGAN

USArctica AND THE DAN MILLS BOOKS