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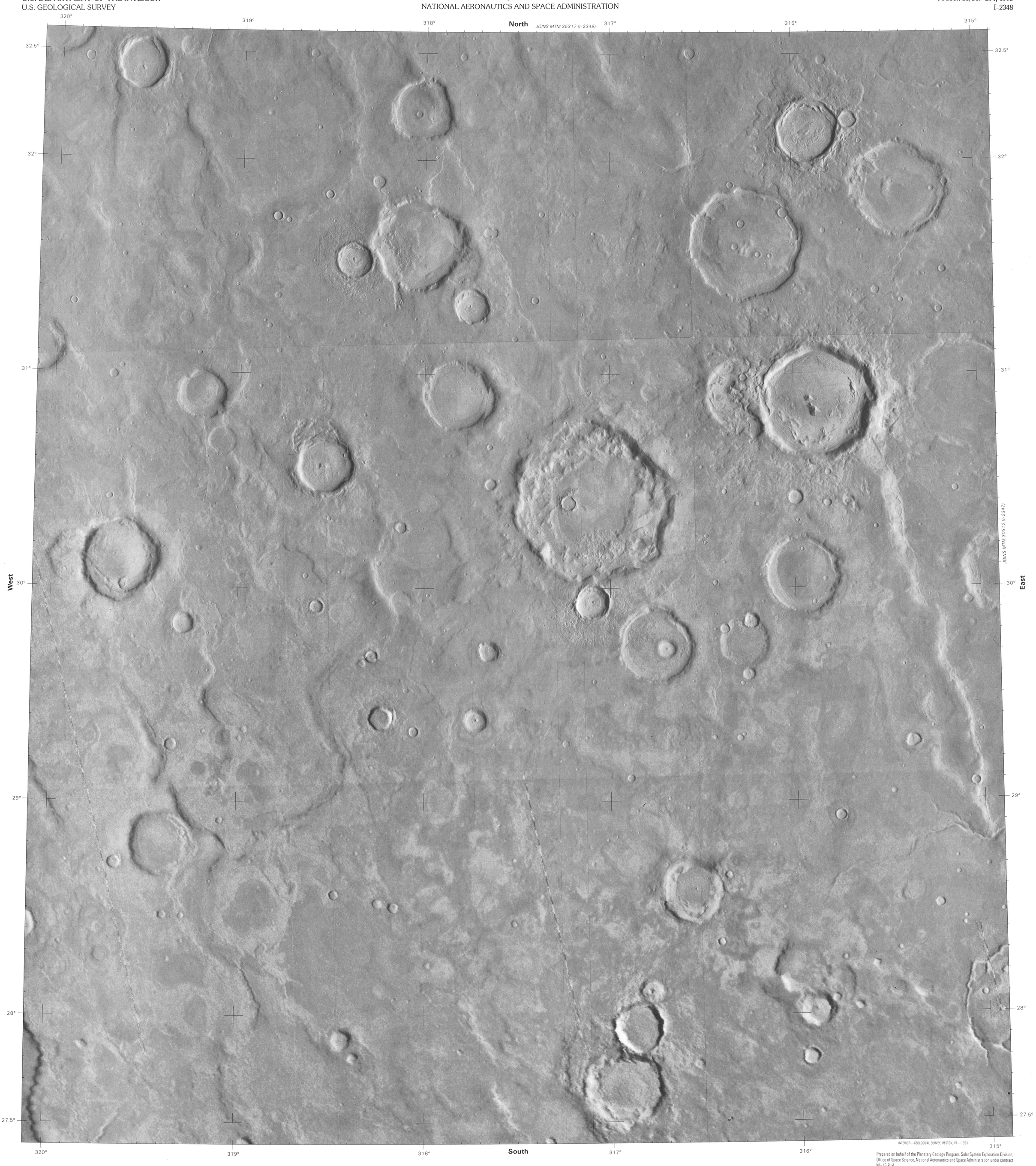

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SCALE 1:502 000 (1 mm = 502 m) AT 310° LONGITUDE
TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

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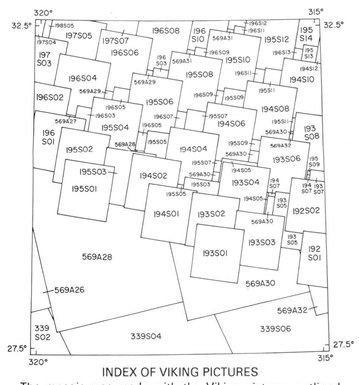
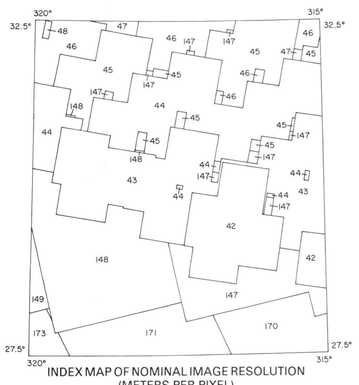


INDEX OF VIKING PICTURES

The mosaic was made with the Viking pictures outlined above. Copies of various enhancements of these pictures are available from National Space Science Data Center, Code 601, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771.



INDEX MAP OF NOMINAL IMAGE RESOLUTION (METERS PER PIXEL)

NOTES ON BASE

This photomosaic covers part of an area of special scientific interest on Mars. It is published in a series designed to support topical studies, which is not expected to result in systematic coverage of the planet. The mosaic was compiled by digital methods described by Batson (1987) and Edwards (1987).

The distribution of Viking Orbiter images suitable for mapping at a scale of 1:500,000 is uneven, as are the quality and distribution of map controls. The mosaics are usually compiled in blocks of two or more adjacent quadrangles that are selected on the basis of scientific importance, not necessarily in areas of optimum coverage by high-resolution images or precise map controls. Image placement is based on a planetwide topographic control net that has a published standard error of 5 km (Wu and Schafer, 1984). A block of mosaics compiled in an area where controls have optimum distribution and precision is not likely to match adjacent blocks previously compiled in areas where controls are sparse or imprecise. Where discrepancies exist between adjacent mosaics, the more recent compilation is likely to be more accurate.

The projection is part of a Mars Transverse Mercator (MTM) system with 20° zones. The scale factor at the central meridian of the zone containing this quadrangle is 0.9960. The projection scale is based on an oblate spheroid (flattening of 1/192) with an equatorial radius of 3393.4 km and a polar radius of 3375.7 km.

Digital processing and mosaicking were done by Patricia K. Thomas.

NOMENCLATURE

All names shown on the reduced base mosaic are approved by the International Astronomical Union (IAU, 1980).

M 500k 30/317 CM: Abbreviation for Mars; 1:500,000 series; center of sheet lat 30° N., long 317°; controlled photomosaic (CM).

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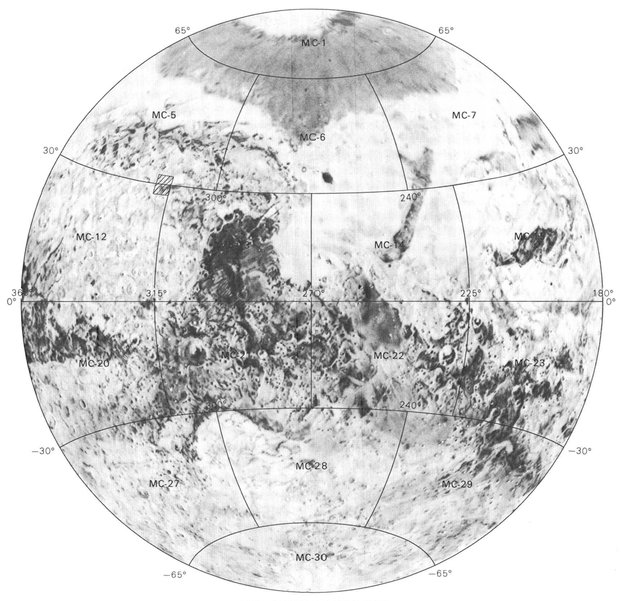

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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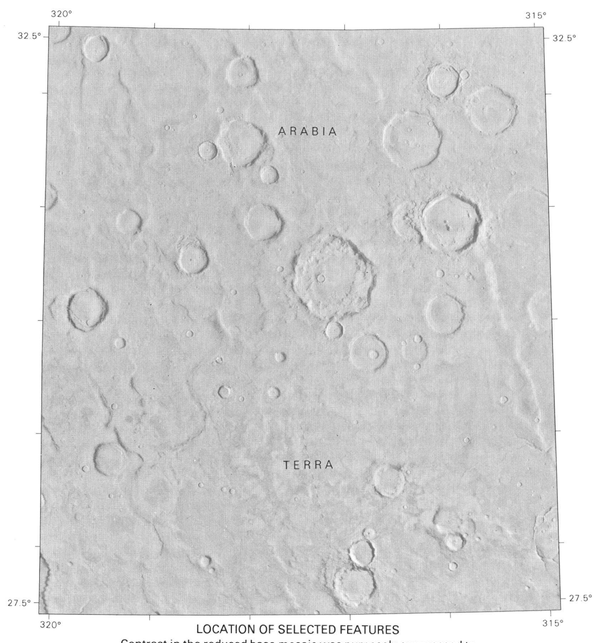

LOCATION OF SELECTED FEATURES

Contrast in the reduced base mosaic was purposely suppressed to emphasize the names.

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