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From: Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command
To: Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names

Subj: IDENTIFICATION OF AN UNDERSEA FEATURE FOR MR. KEN DAVID COOPER

Encl: (1) United States Board on Geographic Names Undersea Feature Name Proposal
(2) Biography

1. It is with great pleasure that we nominate the naming of the undersea feature identified in enclosure (1) for Mr. Ken David Cooper (see enclosure (2)). The men and women within the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NAVMETOCCOM) have benefited greatly from Mr. Cooper's expertise and support for the charting and data basing of hydrographic, bathymetric, and ocean data. The naming of the undersea feature is a fitting tribute to his many years of dedicated Department of the Navy service.

2. We appreciate your expeditious handling of this request. The COMNAVMETOCCOM point of contact in this matter is Judy Dauro, Code 01O3, who can be reached on Commercial 228-688-4677 or DSN 828-4677.

TIMOTHY McGEE

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

UNDERSEA FEATURE NAME PROPOSAL

NAME PROPOSED: Ken Cooper Seamount

LOCATION: 600 nmiles East of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands

Ocean or Sea: SOUTH PACIFIC

Coordinates:

point feature or center point: Lat. 10°06'S Long. 169°45'W

linear feature (from): Lat. _____ Long. _____

linear feature (to-midpoint or turning point): Lat. _____ Long. _____

linear feature (to): Lat. _____ Long. _____

areal feature - Northeast corner: Lat. _____ Long. _____

- Southeast corner: Lat. _____ Long. _____

- Southwest corner: Lat. _____ Long. _____

- Northwest corner: Lat. _____ Long. _____

DESCRIPTION: SEAMOUNT

Feature type: Submarine Volcano Size and shape: ELONGATED E-W 15 nm x 8 nm.

Depth (max. and min.): 3769 m, 5120m Steepness, etc.: _____

Associated features: Satellite cone on NW Flank

CHART OR MAP REFERENCE:

Name and feature shown on: _____

Feature shown but not named on: U.S. NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE DBDB-V 2min grid
U.S NAVAL OCENOGRAPHIC OFFICE GEOSAT

REASON FOR CHOICE OF NAME: To recognize three decades of dedicated achievement in Hydrography for the US Navy, the nation, and many partner nations

DISCOVERY FACTS:

Date: OCT 1974 Discoverer (individual, ship): R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON, SCRIPPS

Sounding equipment used: 3.5/12.0 KHZ WIDE BEAM Navigation type: SAT NAV, GYRO, EM LOG

Estimated horizontal accuracy: 2 nm Track spacing, crossings: 7 TRACKS

SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Please enclose references, reprints profiles, maps, etc.

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Encl (1)

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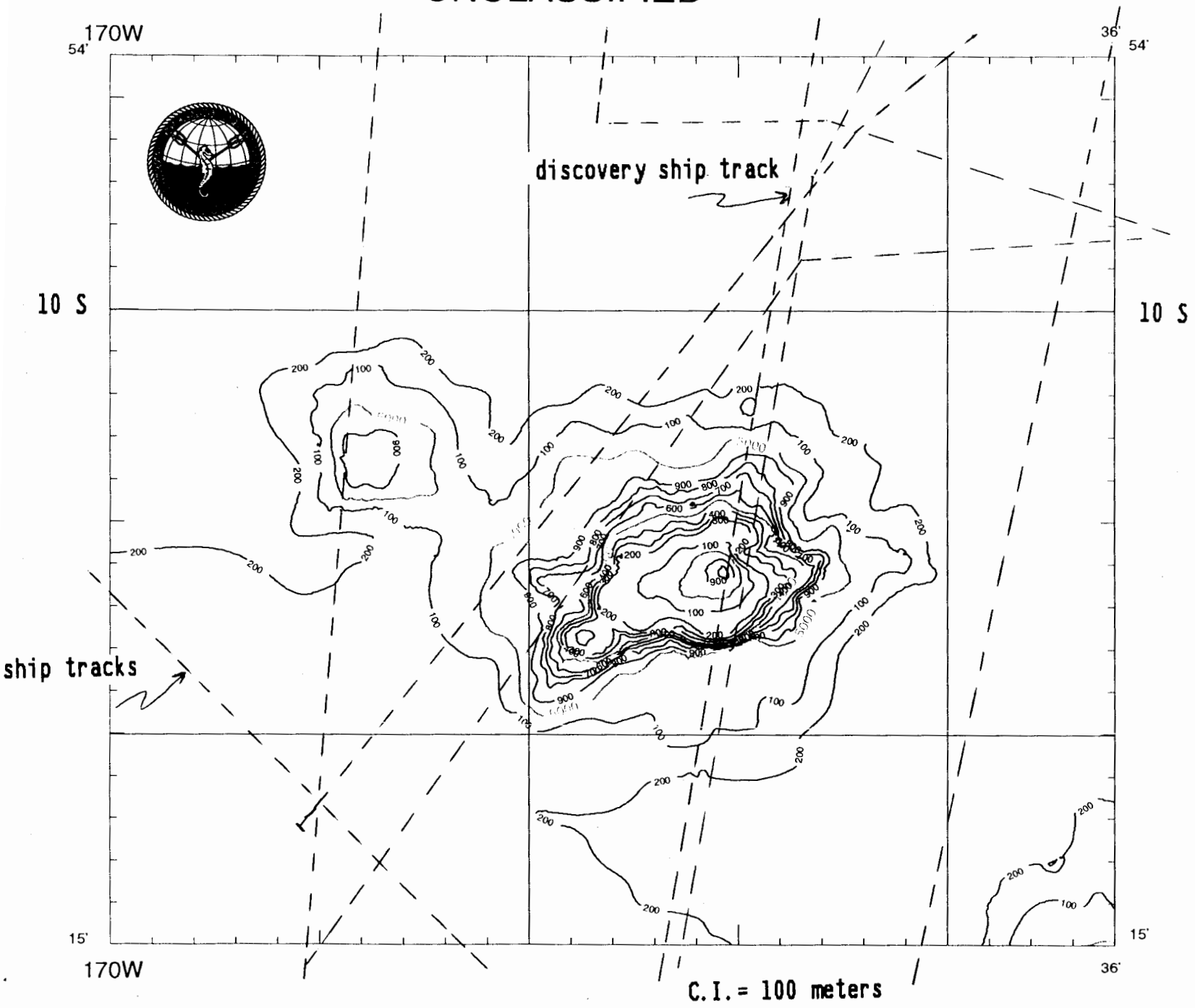

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Depths in uncorrected meters
1500 meters/sec

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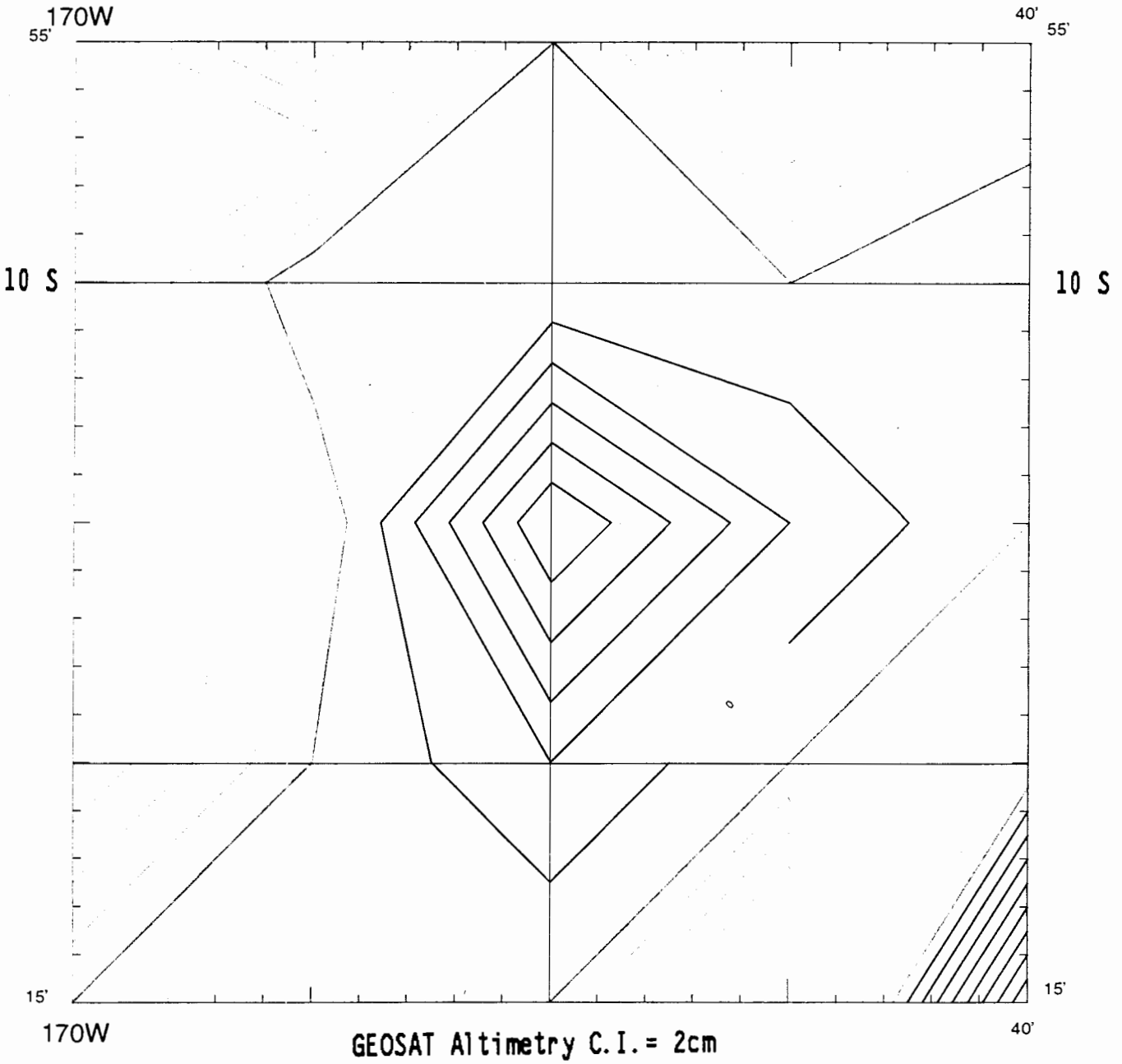

GEOSAT Altimetry C.I.= 2cm

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Mr. Ken David Cooper

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado in 1975, where he is a member of Chi Epsilon Honorary Fraternity, Colorado Chapter. He also completed graduate studies in Sanitary/Soils/Environmental Engineering and Physical Oceanography, and short courses related to hydrographic surveying and program management. Focusing on the management perspective, he completed the Executive Development/Management Development Program and the OPM Executive Development courses.

He began his civil service career with the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) in Washington, DC in 1976. During his tenure with NAVOCEANO during the 1980's and 1990's, he diligently worked in the Navy's international hydrographic cooperation program. In this capacity, he frequently participated in hydrographic surveys with numerous foreign countries. His foreign counterparts were personnel from foreign military organizations, foreign national mapping agencies and the world renowned International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). His primary duties included hydrographic surveying and foreign military training that not only benefited the U.S. Navy, but provided worldwide nautical charts for the entire U.S. Department of Defense through the then Defense Mapping Agency (now the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)). He was instrumental in developing the Navy's International Hydrographic Military Engineering Program (IHMEP) at NAVOCEANO. Many of the foreign naval officers that completed this revolutionary training program enhanced their careers within their own countries; some of the previous students also became the U.S. equivalent of the Chief of Naval Operations.

In 1996, he came to the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (NAVMETOCCOM) as the command International Programs Officer. He continued his passion and expertise in coordinating hydrographic surveying and training initiatives with high level military and civilian national and international personnel. Sought after for his eloquently established expertise, he had become a member of the U.S. Delegation (comprised of Navy, NOAA and NGA representatives) to numerous IHO conferences. In 1998, he was selected to serve a one-year detail assignment as the Technical Director's Deputy. This assignment gave him a unique opportunity to expand and focus on many other numerous headquarter initiatives. In 2000, he was reassigned as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. Here he continued his international hydrographic expertise for the staff, and became intimately involved with daily naval operations. In 2004, Mr. Cooper was assigned as the COMNAVMETOCCOM N80/N804/001 that included Program Requirements, FORCENET, and designated as the command Inspector General.

Among Mr. Cooper's awards, he received the Meritorious Civilian Service award in 2000 for his work in bringing the Masters degree program in Hydrography to fruition. He also received a special award for his work representing the Hydrographer of the Navy and chairing the International Hydrographic Office Commission.

This undersea feature request has a unique and special meaning. Over the years, Mr. Cooper was the staff point of contact for coordinating these requests for other distinguished recipients. It is only befitting that this request would be honoring his distinguished achievements and dedicated service to the Department of the Navy.