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REPORTS BY DIVISIONS AND GOVERNMENTS ON THE SITUATION IN
THEIR REGIONS AND COUNTRIES ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN
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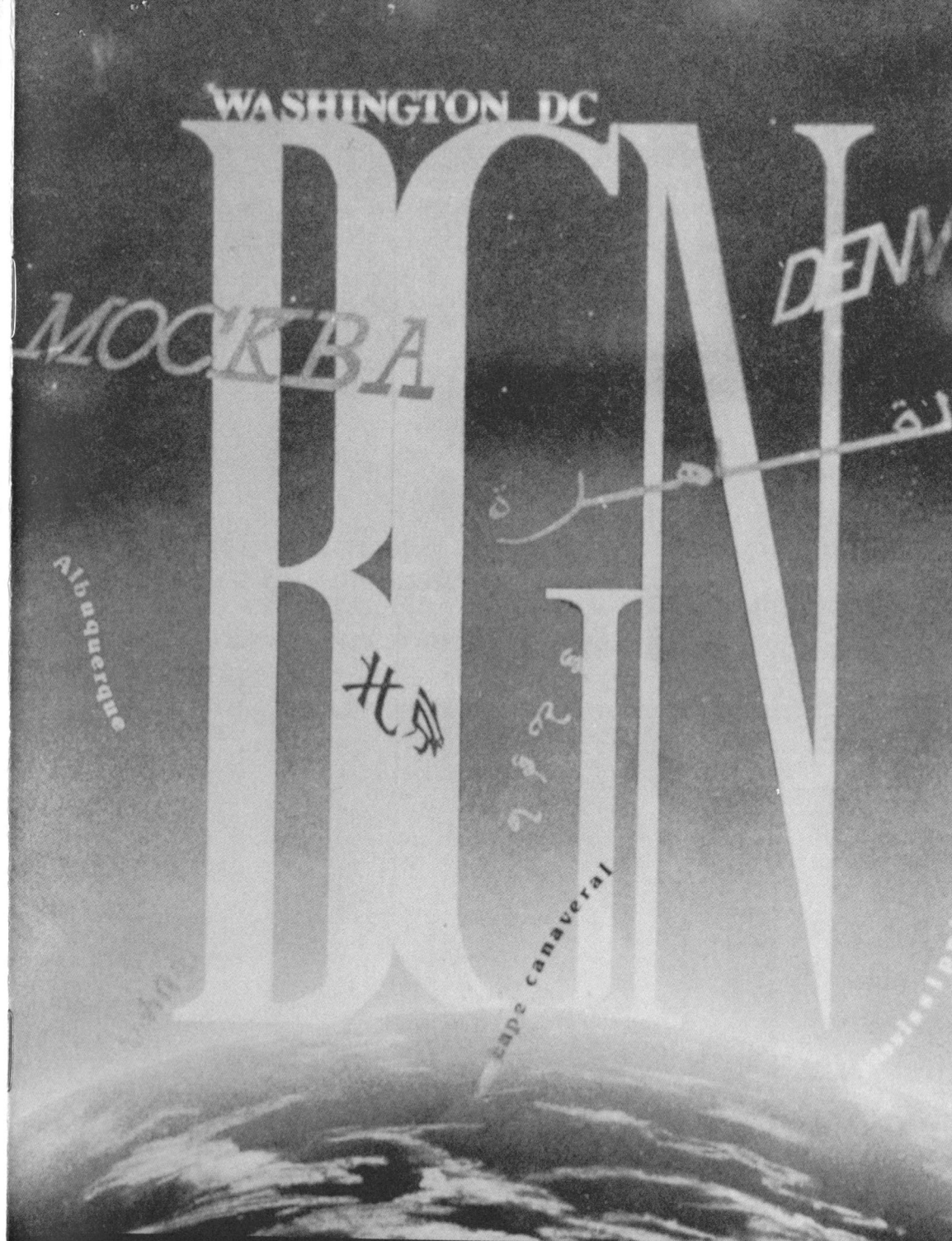
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Board on Geographic Names

PUBLIC SALE CATALOG OF THE US BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

The principal goal of the Board is to provide information about names to official US agencies. At the same time, the Board has to disseminate the results of its work to a broader audience, including schools, publishers, scholars, libraries, and other users. The dual nature of the Board--domestic and foreign--has often resulted in patterns of distribution to individuals or organizations interested in one or the other of these fields.. Furthermore, the Board has not always been able to inform users about its new publications in a timely fashion.

As noted in the US report, the Publicity Committee recognized the situation and developed a new publication to inform the public about all Board publications and to provide instructions for obtaining them.

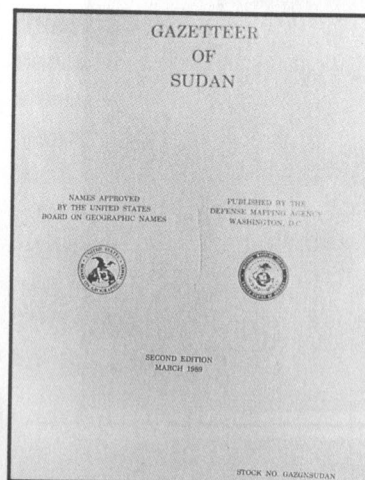


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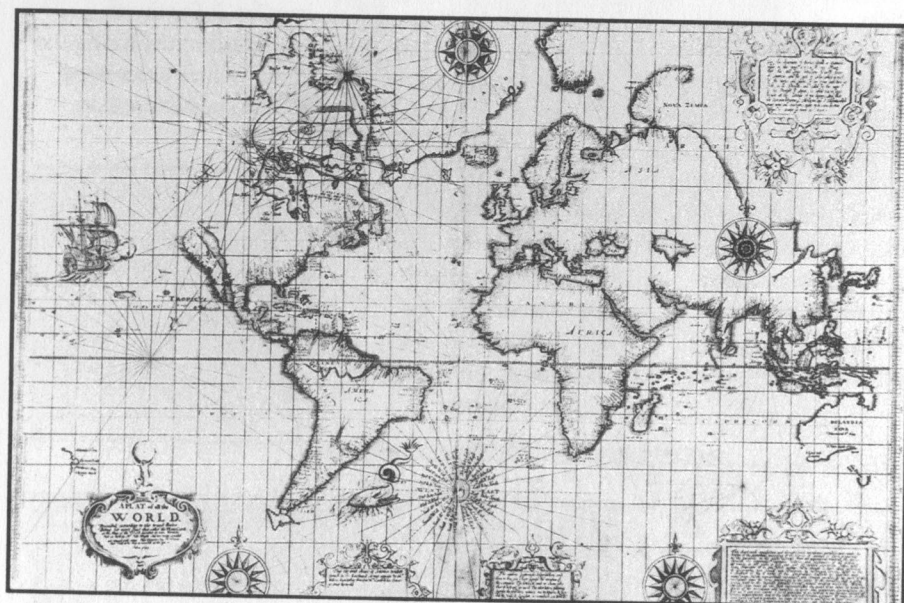
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The first foreign gazetteer was published in 1949. Since then the Board has published gazetteers covering approximately 175 areas and including some 5 million names. Information available for foreign countries, territories, undersea features, and Antarctic features includes alphabetically listed names, approved official spellings, some variant spellings, abbreviations for feature type, and coordinates as well as other locational data. Gazetteers go out of date and need revision as political changes lead to new national

identities. Names of populated places also change with time. Thus the Board revises approximately seven gazetteers annually. The Defense Mapping Agency publishes gazetteers in support of the Board's mission.



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is but a giving
of names"*
— Thomas
Carlyle



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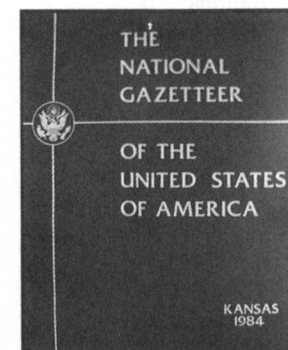
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elevation (in most cases); and year of BGN decision. Other State listings are available as interim gazetteers containing the same data categories (except for variant names), as microfiche files, and as files on magnetic tape. Special searches are available as bound listings and as magnetic tape, but not as microfiche.



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with American names"*
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BGN Domestic Names Decisions—BGN annually releases decision booklets on domestic name changes. These serve as guides for genealogical research and other purposes.

BGN Foreign Names Decisions—The world is always changing, as reflected in the quarterly decision papers released by BGN's foreign names decisionmakers. Documents contain names of geographic features, as approved by BGN, as well as names as they appear in local usage and abbreviated descriptions. These serve to update gazetteers. Federal users are urged to follow their agency's policy on local versus conventional names for those features where the Board has approved the use of both.

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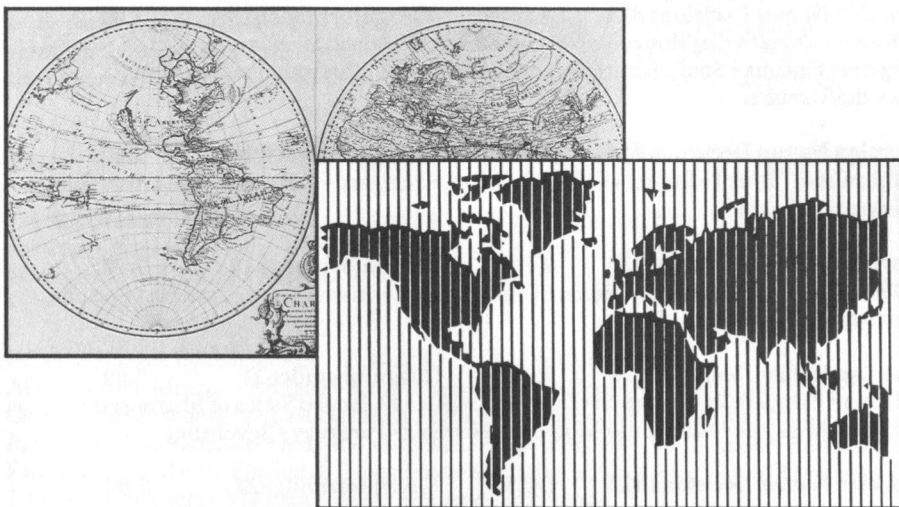
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Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)

Developed by the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with BGN, to standardize and disseminate geographic names information, this automated data system contains primary information for all known places, features, and areas in the U.S. identified by a proper name. Three separate data bases comprise GNIS: National Geographic Names Data Base, Topographic Map Names Data Base, and Reference Data Base.



• National Geographic Names Data Base

(NGNDB), by far the largest, contains computerized records on almost 2 million geographic feature names in the U.S.—from populated places, schools, reservoirs, and parks to streams, valleys, springs, and ridges. Each entry includes the federally recognized official name of the feature, other known former or current names, and variant spellings. Features are categorized by type, and location information given by county, geographic coordinates, and Geological Survey topographic maps on which the feature is portrayed.

Use the data base for locating manmade and natural features, as an aid in local transportation and regional planning, and as a tool for product marketing, site selection and analysis, genealogical research and other purposes.

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• **Topographic Map Names Data Base (TMNDB)**, the official name and associated information identifying the Nation's topographic maps, is organized into five map series files.

TOP0024: the file name for maps scaled at 1:24,000 or 1:25,000 (metric); entries for U.S. areas and territories; 7.5 minutes latitude by 7.5 minutes longitude; Puerto Rico maps in this file scaled at 1:20,000, and some Micronesian maps at 1:10,000.

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• Reference Data Base contains two files:

Generic Reference File—more than 2,200 generic terms listed and cross-referenced to the appropriate GNIS feature type and, in many cases, including analyses of these terms and their application.

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*Names are such enchanting things
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Beauty—vision—lift of wings—
Song—and scent—and mystery*

— Catherine Parmenter

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