Subject: Re: Errors in continental outlines
Posted by jsaba on Tue, 18 Jul 1995 07:00:00 GMT
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I found the same problem -- Vancouver Island, for example, did not appear on a
map of North America while some others did. I sent a message to RSI, which led
to a short chain before I gave up. Here is a precis:

RSI:
  You must specify the coasts keyword with map_continents for islands. I
  agre that this is a bit confusing, but the coasts database contains all
  data for coastlines, islands, and lakes.

Me:
  This is asinine! Not only is this behavior unexpected and undocumented,
  it differs from previous versions of the program and from the behavior
  of the MAP_SET command without the HIRES keyword in this version.

RSI:
  I agree that this is slightly different than in 4.0. In fact, I
  originally logged the problem as a bug when I first tried this. However,
  the documentation for the continents keyword to map_set states "set this
  keyword to plot the continental boundaries." The coasts keyword to
  map_continents states "set this keyword to draw coastlines, islands, and
  lakes instead of the default continental oiutlines." I will suggest to
  development that this be clarified in the map_set routine. It should be
  stated somewhere that if the low-res database is used islands and so on
  are drawn, but not in the high-res database. Thanks.

Obviously there is a difference of opinion here, and lack of consistency is not
a problem for RSI! It should be noted that only SOME islands are left out --
Long Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland seemed to be there, as well as Cuba
and SOME but not all of the Carribean islands. I thought it might be a question
of size, but Vancouver Island is much larger than the Carribean islands that do
show up.