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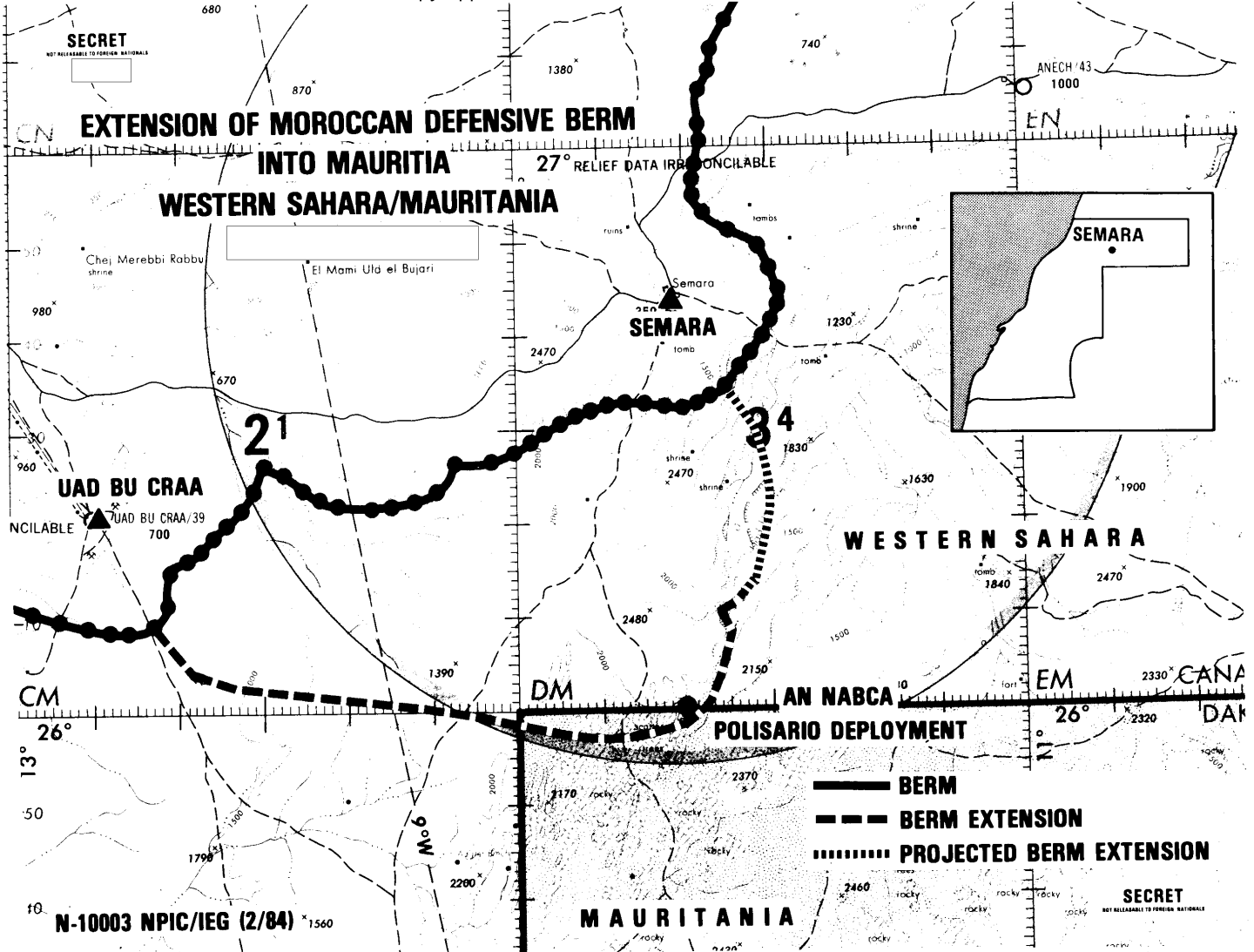


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EXTENSION OF MOROCCAN DEFENSIVE BERM INTO MAURITANIA
WESTERN SAHARA/MAURITANIA (S)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: SENIOR LOOK IMAGERY [Redacted] REVEALED THAT AN EXTENSION OF THE MOROCCAN-BUILT DEFENSIVE BERM HAS PENETRATED MAURITANIAN TERRITORY UP TO 3 NM. (S)

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2. REMARKS: THE BERM EXTENSION, WHICH ORIGINATES SOUTH OF UAD BU CRAA, WESTERN SAHARA, PROCEEDS SOUTHEAST AND ENTERS MAURITANIAN TERRITORY AT APPROXIMATELY 25-59-00N 012-00-00W. FROM THE BORDER THE NEW EXTENSION FOLLOWS AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, ROUGHLY PARALLELING THE MAURITANIA-WESTERN SAHARA BORDER AND PENETRATING UP TO 3 NM SOUTH INTO MAURITANIAN TERRITORY. AT AN NABCA POLISARIO DEPLOYMENT [Redacted] THE BERM EXTENSION THEN TURNS AND PROCEEDS NORTH AS FAR AS 26-11-30N 011-33-00W. (AN ABCA POLISARIO DEPLOYMENT HAS BEEN VACATED BY POLISARIO FORCES.) (S)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS: THE EXTENSION OF THE DEFENSIVE BERM INTO MAURITANIAN TERRITORY WILL FORCE POLISARIO MILITARY UNITS DEPLOYED IN THE WESTERN SAHARA TO UTILIZE MAURITANIAN TERRITORY AS THEY MOVE FROM THE NORTHEASTERN TO SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF THE WESTERN SAHARA.

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