

Re: Giovanni Contarini– Francesco Rosselli, 1506 worldmap

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Apparently on date Tue, 29 Jun 2004 17:37:28 +0200, "Lukas Pietsch" <lukas.pietsch@uni–no–hamburg–spam.de> said:

>Doug wrote:

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>> Can someone please point out to me where it actually says 'Alaska' on the
>> map?

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>Nowhere, of course. I think Martyn, David and I have all resolved that by
>Alaska Inger means the square area surrounded by mountains near the top left
>corner of the section she first referred to, the one that is labelled "IVDEI
>CLAVSI", near the face of the north–wind figure. She has actually confirmed
>this somewhere, in as clear terms as one can expect from her. She thinks the
>limit of the map near it represents a western coast line of North America.
>This way, her responses at least makes some rudimentary sense.

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>(I am very much worried by the fact that Martyn, David and I have one thing
>in common with Seppo, by the way: he seems to have figured out this much
>too.)

Earlier in the thread, Inger quoted this:

>NOT ONE person managed to get the significance of the mention of
>"Alaska"!!! Ask yourselves, how come it is on the map at all? Oh, and
>BEFORE anyone starts making more of a fool of themselves, it is on the
>LEFT, with the cold wind blowing on it.

Now, it would be good to know that he has changed his tune, and reversed his position.

I'm pretty sure Inger still wants to reject conical projection in toto, not sure quite why.