

A WELL ARCTICULATED GEOPOLITICAL THEORY

On January 30th, 2025, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio claimed in an interview on the “Megyn Kelly Show” that the **Arctic** region will become “**critical**”¹ for shipping in the coming years and Washington needs control over Greenland in order to prevent China from establishing itself on the world’s largest island.

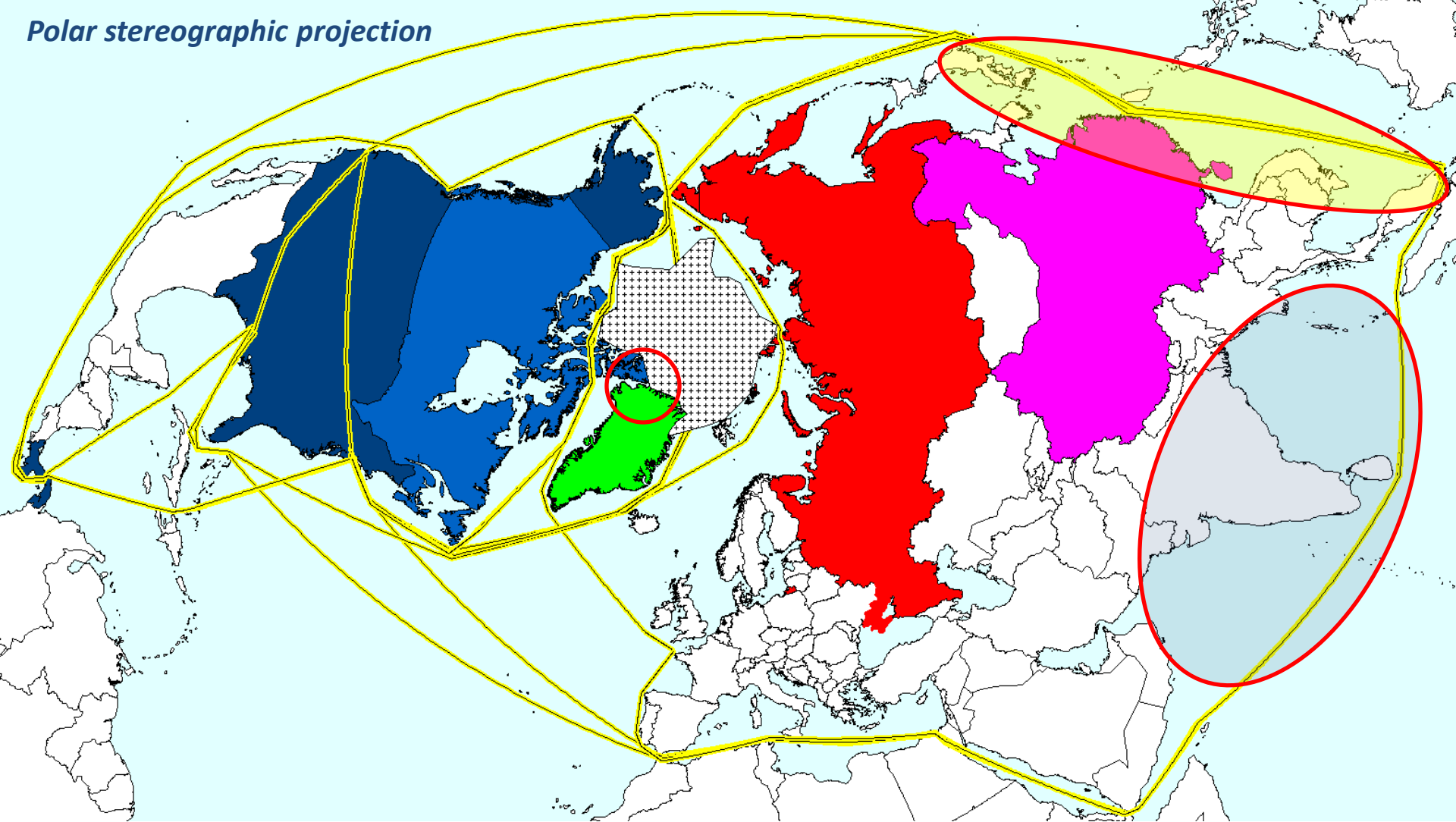
Quoth the Raven²: “ ... well the **Arctic** which has gotten **very little attention** but **the Arctic Circle** on the **Arctic region** is going to become **critical for shipping lanes** **rely on shipping lanes** the **Arctic** is some of the **most valuable shipping lanes in the world** as some of the **ice is melting** that's become **more and more navigable** we need to be able to defend that so if you project **what the Chinese have done** it is just a matter of time before cuz they are **not an Arctic power** they do not have an **Arctic presence** so they need to be able to have somewhere that they can stage from and it is **completely realistic to believe** that **the Chinese will eventually** maybe in the short term **try to do in Greenland** what they have done at the **Panama Canal** and in **other places** and that is install facilities that give them access to the **Arctic** ...”

¹ See also link to [MADA](#)

² A pun for the hispanophone amateurs of Edgar Allan Poe

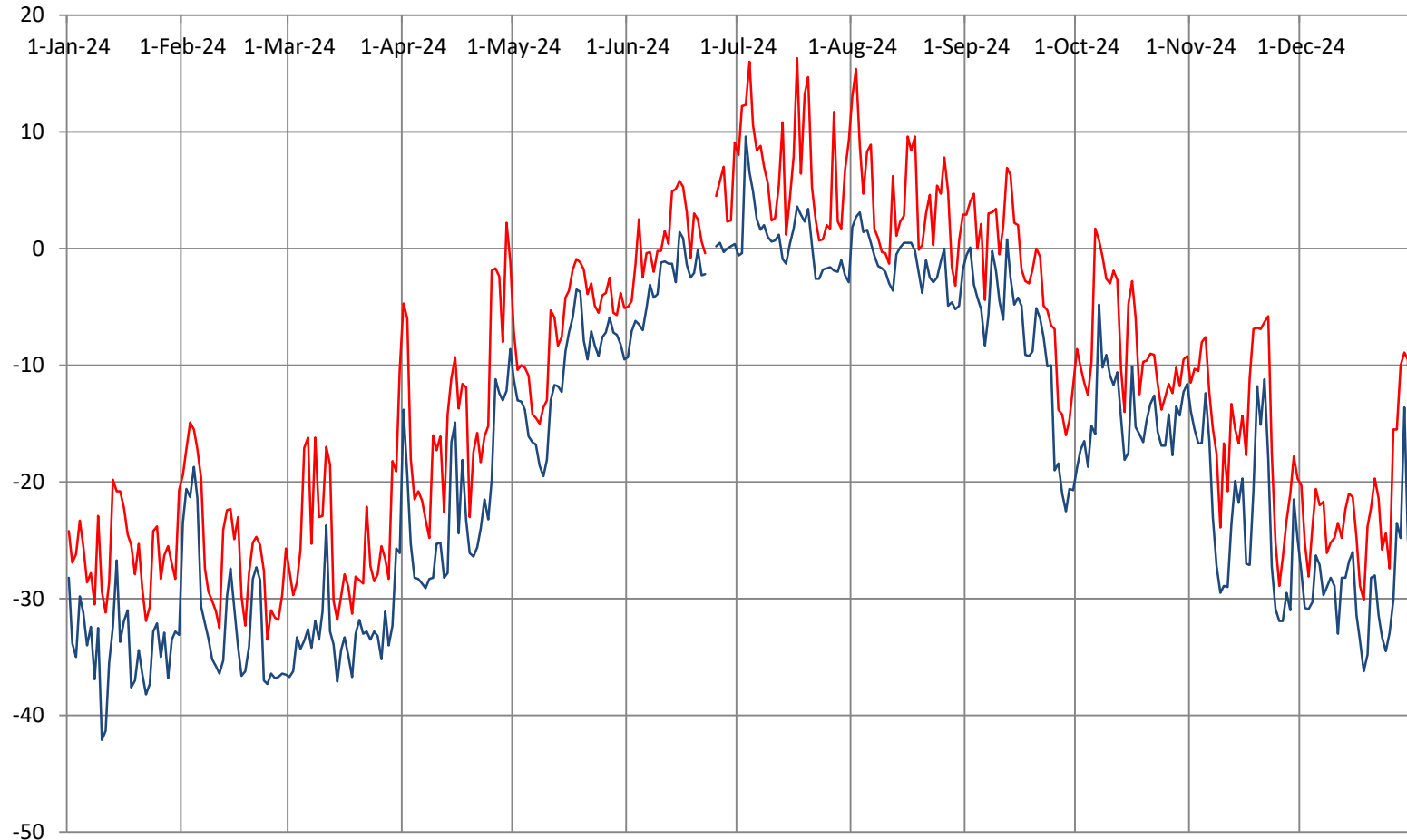
However, it appears that the much vaunted *Arctic Sea Lanes*, are not only difficult itineraries through uninhabited regions and in very harsh climate, but also, irrespective of the climate,

Polar stereographic projection



the *Arctic Sea Lanes* are, from the U.S., as long or **longer** a distance than all existing alternatives, require expensive assistance, and are **much more time and fuel consuming**.

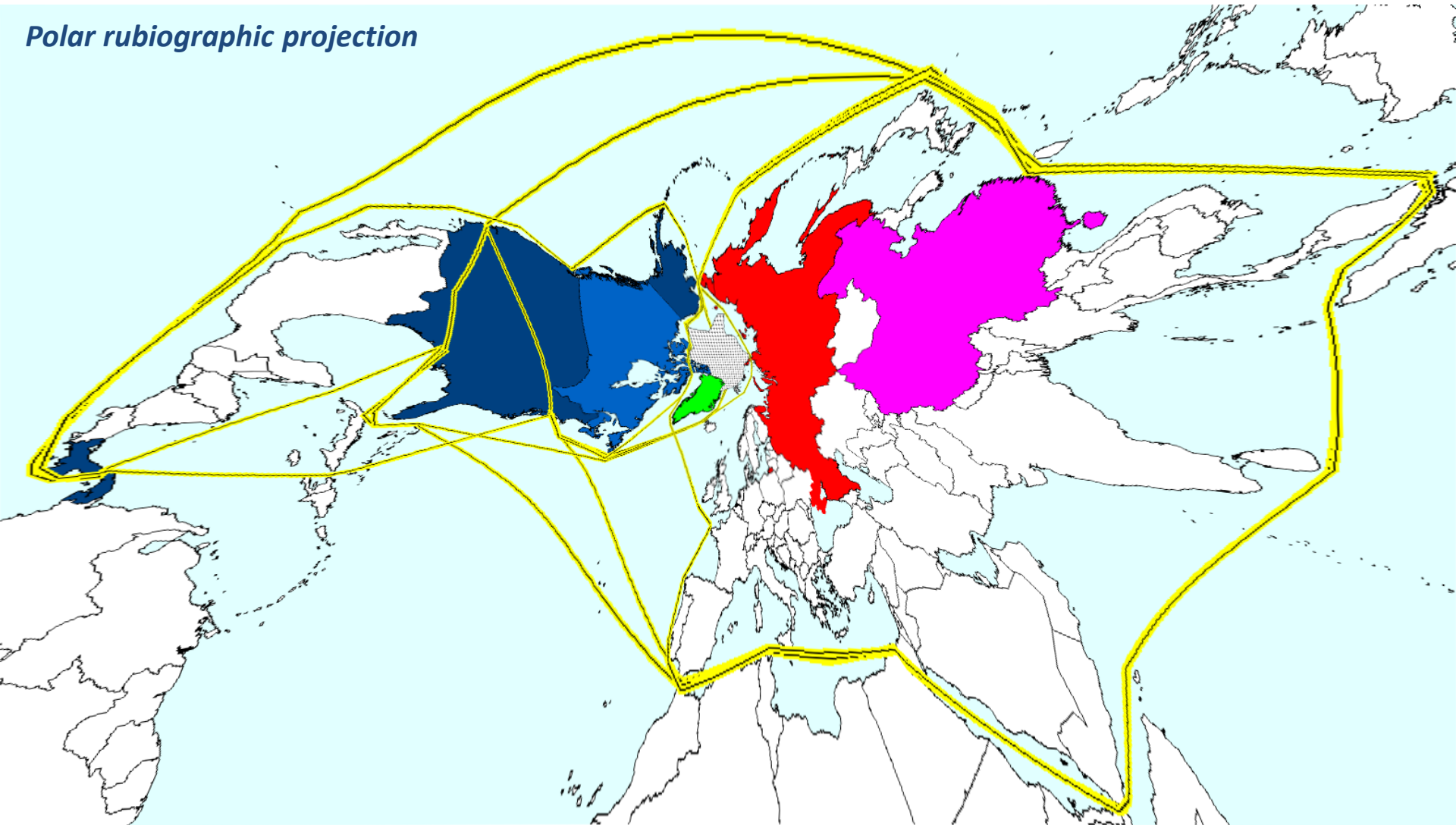
The 2024 Celsius temperatures at the Alert station, in Canada's Nunavut (red circle in map above) suggest that these waters can be barely navigable only in July and August.



For the area to be ice-free 6 months out of 12 would mean that warming had had been of about 20 C.

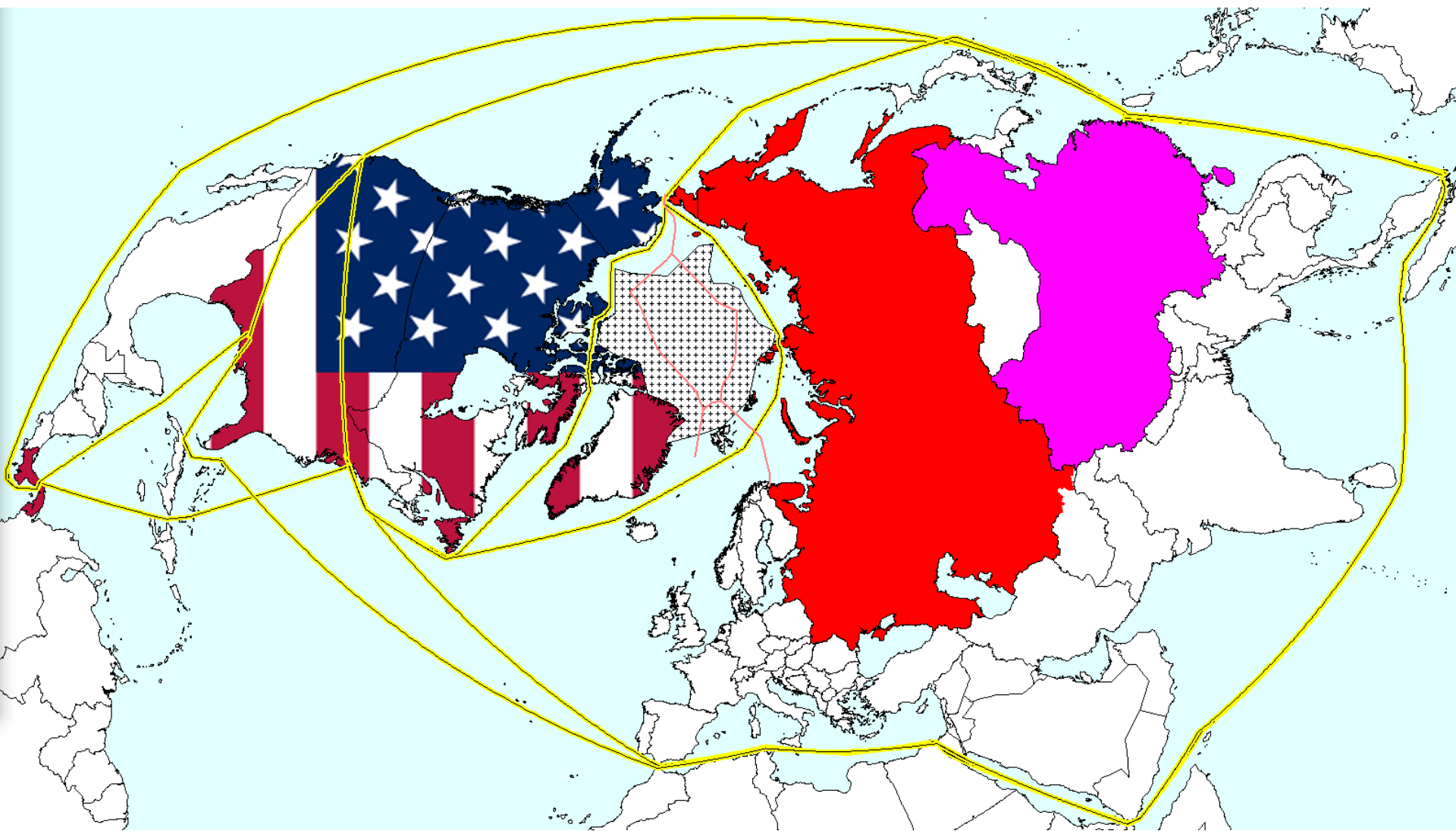
For the “*Arctic Sea Lanes*” to become at least on paper a shorter distance between the U.S. East Coast and the Far East would require some novel polar projection, perhaps rubiographic :

Polar rubiographic projection



Yet, even if navigable, the rationale remains unclear for a sensible shipmaster to choose a long, cold, and difficult Arctic route over a shorter, warm, and easy to navigate southern itinerary.

The Secretary of State did not elaborate on the challenging matter regarding which military strategy would be implemented by the People's Republic of China (magenta) in her quest for dominance over Greenland, on the far side of both Russia and the polar icecap, and in the very backyard of the U.S. and Canada.



Nor did he provide illumination on the military and logistical stratagems envisioned by the People's Republic of China (magenta), should they decide theoretically to blockade the Panama Canal 16,500 km from their shores, while the place is 10 times closer to U.S. soil.

It would appear that newly inducted Cabinet Members and their mentor profess not much confidence in the Might of the United States of America, especially so close from home.

Yet, such nation which is currently regarded as an adversary regarding Greenland is quite certainly very well aware of the quasi-invincibility of the United States defenses so close to home, and is fairly unlikely to envision the kind of frivolous Quest for some Evanescent Holy Grail that the United States is suspecting her of scheming.

While the author of these lines believes that for centuries America has been quite Great at protecting her homeland, he acknowledges that in order to make something Great Again one needs as a preliminary to believe it has lost its Greatness, somehow, somewhere.

Aren't insecurity and low self-esteem, even when unwarranted, some of the hallmarks of the bullies?

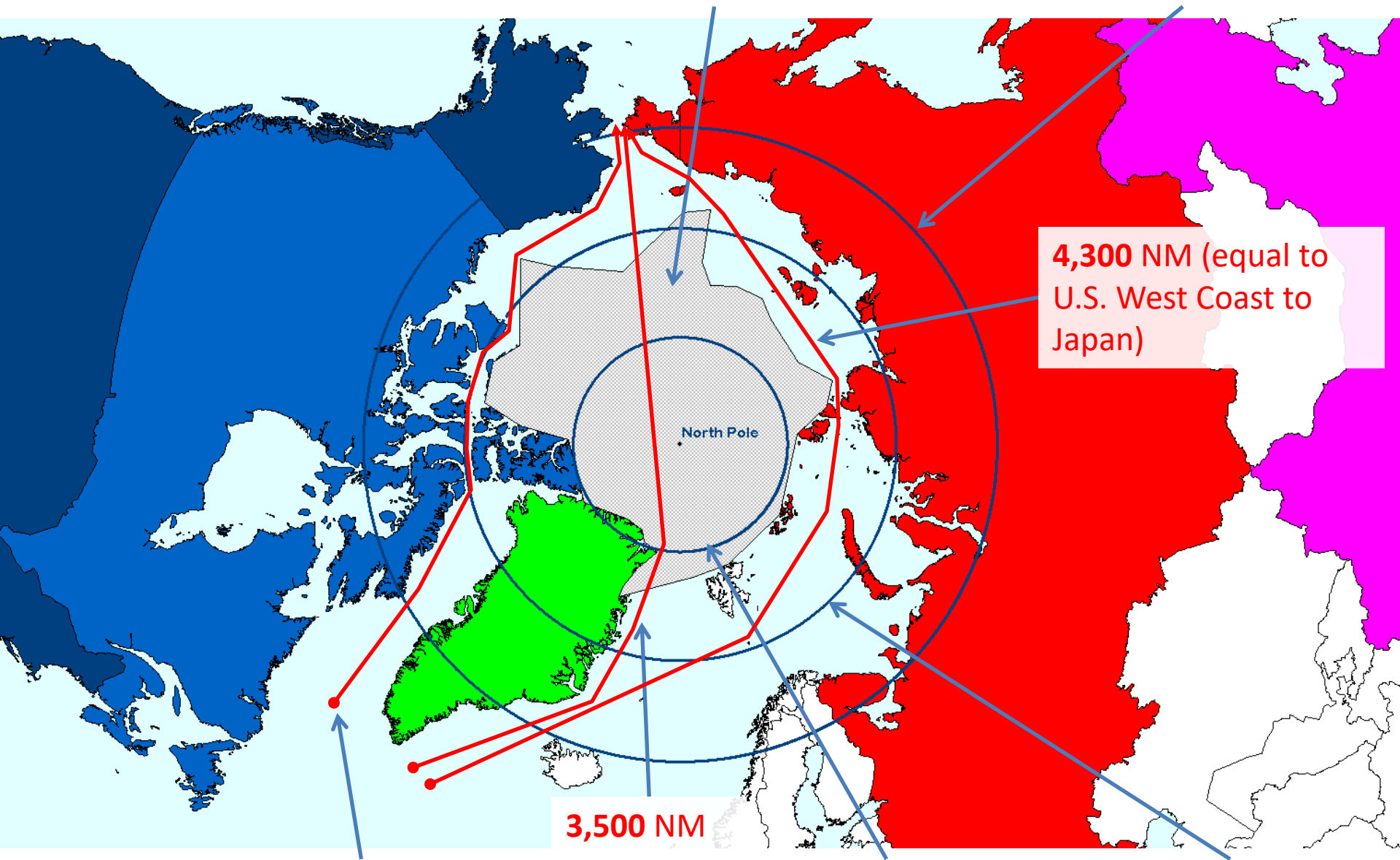
Conversely, couldn't they be trying somehow to make unsophisticated excuses for some unpalatable, albeit archaic, policy of frivolous conquest?

Or, perhaps, do they believe their own discourse.

A SUPERNATURAL SHORTCUT

Icecap, 5 million sq.km

Polar circle, 21 million sq.km



4,300 NM (equal to
U.S. West Coast to
Japan)

3,500 NM

3,000 NM (equal to U.S. East Coast to Rotterdam
or Strait of Gibraltar to Indian Ocean via Suez)

2.5 million sq.km, size
of Mediterranean Sea

10 million sq.km, size
of U.S. or Canada