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1956-1975 AVERAGE MONTHLY TOTALS OF POTENTIAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

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The averages presented in this memorandum were formed from individual monthly potential evapotranspiration (PE) totals and they apply to a complete cover of short green vegetation with an albedo of 0.25.

The monthly calculations were done using the following formula, which is, with one amendment, that published by Penman in 1962¹.

$$E = (\Delta H + \gamma E_a) / (\Delta + \gamma)$$

Where Δ is the slope of the saturation vapour pressure curve at the air temperature and γ is the hygrometric constant.

H is given by the equation

$$H = 0.75 R_a (0.18 + 0.55 n/N) - 0.95 \sigma T_a^4 (0.10 + 0.90 n/N) (0.56 - 0.092 \sqrt{e_d})$$

where R_a is the amount of short wave radiation reaching the outside of the earth's atmosphere (expressed in millimetres of water evaporated per day), n/N is the ratio of observed hours of sunshine to possible hours, σT_a^4 is the theoretical black-body radiation in equivalent millimetres per day at mean air temperature T_a (degrees Kelvin) and e_d is the vapour pressure (mm. Hg) at T_a . The coefficient 0.95 is the amendment referred to and is intended to allow for vegetation not radiating as a perfect black-body, following Budyko².

E_a is given by the equation

$$E_a = 0.35 (e_a - e_d) (1 + 0.01 U_2)$$

Where e_a is the mean saturation vapour pressure (mm. Hg), e_d is the vapour pressure (mm. Hg) and U_2 is the 2 metre windspeed (run of wind in miles day⁻¹).

The meteorological data used in the calculations were mean monthly values of air temperature, vapour pressure, daily sunshine duration and windspeed. For almost all the stations these were obtained from observations made at least 4 times a day. Observations were made only at 09 GMT at Oxford, High Mowthorpe and Altnahinch, but the PE data calculated for these stations appear to be reasonable, so they have been included.

If a station did not have PE data for the whole of the period 1956-1975, a weighting method was used to estimate the 20-year averages. For example, if only N years of data were available at station 'x', a nearby '20-year' station was selected and the N-year averages at this were expressed as percentages of its 20-year averages. Using these percentages, N-year averages at station 'x' were adjusted to give the estimated 20-year averages. In a few cases, 2 nearby '20-year' stations were used and the means of percentages were applied to the N-year averages of station 'x'. In the tables, 'weighted' stations are indicated by an asterisk.

Figure 1 shows the locations of the PE stations. The averages were mapped month by month and these are given in Figures 2 to 13. A map of average annual PE is given in Figure 14.

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1956-1975 AVERAGE MONTHLY TOTALS OF POTENTIAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION IN MILLIMETRES

ENGLAND AND WALES

STATION & GRID REF	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YEAR
Aberporth 22/247516	12.6	18.2	38.6	54.8	80.2	90.5	85.1	73.4	51.9	31.6	19.1	11.8	567.8
Abingdon* 41/482990	5.0	13.4	34.8	57.0	85.1	101.9	96.9	80.7	49.2	22.2	6.3	2.6	555.1
Acklington 46/225007	4.9	12.4	30.6	48.7	71.1	83.9	80.7	64.7	39.2	19.1	5.2	3.8	464.3
Binbrook* 53/196958	4.2	12.0	33.0	51.0	79.4	93.0	89.7	75.1	49.8	22.5	6.1	3.1	518.9
Boscombe Down 41/172393	4.1	12.3	32.5	57.0	83.7	98.6	96.6	79.0	49.4	21.5	5.8	2.3	542.8
Brize Norton* 42/289060	4.1	11.9	32.9	54.2	81.7	98.8	93.6	75.3	47.1	21.8	4.9	2.5	528.8
Cardington 52/083464	4.8	12.8	32.9	54.8	81.5	97.2	93.9	78.3	48.8	22.1	6.6	3.3	537.0
Carlisle* 35/384603	4.2	9.4	28.5	48.9	77.7	89.9	80.3	66.0	39.5	18.9	3.9	2.7	469.9
Coltishall* 63/262229	5.6	14.1	35.9	56.5	86.0	96.3	92.0	76.1	51.6	25.4	9.0	4.9	553.4
Cranwell 53/003494	1.4	7.1	26.7	50.9	85.9	101.2	94.4	75.9	45.5	16.7	1.7	1.0	508.4
Dungeness* 61/094169	8.0	17.0	32.3	56.3	84.9	99.6	97.0	85.2	58.4	30.2	10.7	4.4	584.0
Elmdon 42/170835	6.1	12.9	32.8	55.4	84.2	99.8	94.0	76.0	46.7	23.0	7.5	5.2	543.6

* Averages obtained by a weighting method

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ENGLAND AND WALES

STATION & GRID REF	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YEAR
Exeter 20/995937	7.9	16.5	35.3	57.5	80.2	97.6	95.5	76.4	48.0	22.3	9.5	5.5	552.2
Filton 31/598802	7.3	14.2	34.3	56.7	85.5	102.2	99.0	80.7	50.1	24.5	9.3	4.8	568.6
Finningley* 43/658985	5.0	12.3	33.9	55.0	82.7	98.7	91.8	77.5	47.3	21.7	7.2	4.8	537.9
Gatwick* 51/265407	3.7	12.3	31.1	53.4	81.8	97.1	93.3	76.9	46.1	19.6	5.2	2.3	522.8
Gloucester* 32/851177	6.9	13.9	33.8	55.7	84.5	101.1	96.4	78.5	48.3	22.8	5.7	4.1	552.7
Gorleston* 63/534037	7.6	14.5	32.7	52.0	79.2	91.3	90.2	77.3	52.2	25.3	11.6	7.3	541.2
Hartland Point* 21/231277	15.2	18.3	36.7	55.8	79.9	92.0	89.8	77.2	56.8	35.1	22.8	15.0	594.6
Heathrow 51/077768	7.1	15.9	37.8	59.5	92.1	110.2	105.8	87.7	55.0	26.7	9.6	5.0	612.4
High Mowthorpe* 44/888685	4.8	10.9	29.1	55.0	83.8	95.7	86.5	75.7	46.9	22.5	6.1	4.4	521.4
Huddersfield, 44/113177	4.6	10.8	28.7	48.7	77.9	92.9	84.7	69.1	41.7	21.1	4.9	2.9	488.0
Hurn 40/116978	6.2	13.9	33.8	59.2	85.7	102.4	101.5	83.0	50.6	23.5	8.0	4.6	572.4
Kew 51/171757	9.6	17.2	38.2	60.1	91.3	107.7	104.1	82.5	51.6	24.9	10.5	6.9	604.6
Kilnsea* 54/417161	13.4	15.6	34.9	49.1	74.9	84.9	85.7	72.0	47.8	23.7	10.1	8.9	521.0

* Averages obtained by a weighting method

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STATION & GRID REF	ENGLAND AND WALES												YEAR
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Leeming* 44/305890	6.9	12.9	34.0	54.0	81.4	91.8	85.8	73.6	44.6	23.6	8.7	6.6	524.0
Little Rissington 42/209191	3.2	10.9	31.4	52.0	79.7	96.3	92.1	74.8	47.9	21.1	4.9	1.9	516.2
Lyneham 41/012786	4.3	11.8	32.6	54.8	82.4	99.3	96.6	77.4	47.4	21.6	5.4	2.3	535.9
Manby* 53/391869	4.0	11.3	30.6	49.8	77.4	91.1	85.2	73.3	46.2	20.1	5.3	3.4	497.7
Manston* 61/335666	8.1	16.3	35.6	55.7	86.1	100.9	100.9	88.8	57.0	27.5	11.5	6.8	595.2
Marham* 53/739087	2.8	10.8	32.0	55.4	83.0	97.2	91.9	75.9	48.9	23.2	5.5	3.0	529.5
Mildenhall* 52/683778	4.7	12.8	34.1	57.0	88.1	101.7	95.7	81.0	49.8	23.7	4.7	2.2	555.5
Milford Haven* 12/892054	12.9	17.1	37.6	57.3	83.4	96.8	90.6	78.1	54.5	30.8	16.8	12.1	588.0
Mumbles* 21/626871	18.2	21.8	41.0	57.1	90.8	95.8	96.0	83.5	60.4	35.8	22.5	16.6	639.5
Oxford 42/509072	4.5	12.5	32.4	55.1	85.6	102.6	99.6	78.8	48.4	21.8	5.9	2.9	550.1
Pershore* 32/973495	6.0	13.3	34.5	57.2	85.8	104.9	99.1	81.1	50.3	23.1	7.4	4.1	566.8
Plymouth 20/492529	10.5	16.3	35.2	58.0	82.3	96.7	94.1	76.6	52.0	26.9	13.2	8.4	570.2
Rhoose* 31/060676	6.9	13.4	33.5	56.4	80.9	97.0	94.4	80.0	50.0	25.7	9.7	6.1	554.0

* Averages obtained by a weighting method

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STATION & GRID REF	ENGLAND AND WALES												YEAR
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Rineway 33/818850	9.0	15.8	37.6	57.9	88.7	100.5	91.3	77.9	50.1	26.1	10.3	6.6	571.8
Ronaldsway 24/279688	15.5	20.0	33.8	57.3	81.8	94.9	92.7	73.2	49.5	31.4	19.6	17.1	586.8
St Mawgan 10/871642	10.3	15.1	33.6	57.6	81.2	94.3	91.7	75.9	52.9	27.6	14.6	8.5	563.3
Shawbury 33/553220	5.8	12.6	31.9	53.0	79.9	95.3	89.6	72.9	44.6	21.1	6.2	4.8	517.7
Shoeburyness 51/948857	7.1	14.1	30.7	51.9	81.9	99.2	99.2	82.5	51.0	24.0	9.0	5.8	556.4
Speke 33/415839	9.1	15.7	37.0	56.9	85.1	101.1	88.2	78.0	49.5	27.3	12.1	7.1	567.1
Squires Gate 34/316317	5.4	11.3	32.1	53.7	83.3	99.4	91.7	77.4	48.8	25.7	9.7	3.8	542.3
Stansted 52/551226	3.3	10.6	31.5	54.1	83.1	97.6	94.5	79.4	49.4	21.9	5.1	2.0	532.5
Stn Farnborough* 41/867544	5.1	12.5	32.7	54.8	85.2	99.3	97.9	78.1	47.6	21.8	6.9	3.3	545.2
Tynemouth 45/374694	12.2	18.2	34.9	49.8	71.5	85.6	83.2	68.4	46.3	25.4	11.4	10.7	517.6
Upavon* 41/164547	1.8	7.3	24.6	47.1	76.5	92.9	89.0	71.2	41.6	15.4	3.2	0.8	471.4
Valley 23/310758	13.5	17.5	36.2	57.0	82.7	97.3	89.6	75.9	53.1	32.6	18.7	14.1	588.2
Waddington 43/984650	3.0	10.7	30.9	51.8	82.3	95.2	88.9	74.8	47.5	20.8	4.8	2.0	512.7

* Averages obtained by a weighting method

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ENGLAND AND WALES

STATION & GRID REF	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YEAR
Watnall 43/503456	3.7	11.0	29.8	49.0	75.6	90.8	83.9	70.5	41.7	18.9	4.8	2.4	482.1
Wattisham* 62/026514	2.7	10.2	31.2	52.7	84.0	101.1	94.0	79.3	49.9	22.9	4.1	2.0	533.9
Wittering 53/048032	3.9	12.3	33.7	55.2	85.5	99.2	96.3	78.6	50.2	23.5	6.3	3.6	548.3
Wyton* 52/284745	5.3	12.7	33.5	57.7	88.4	101.5	98.6	79.6	53.2	25.1	6.2	3.9	565.6
Yeovilton* 31/551237	8.2	15.7	36.3	61.4	86.9	100.6	99.2	79.7	50.3	25.2	11.1	5.1	579.7

SCOTLAND

STATION & GRID REF	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YEAR
Benbecula 08/784556	9.9	13.7	31.0	50.1	75.2	86.3	76.4	62.6	41.2	23.7	12.7	11.0	493.8
Cape Wrath 29/259747	12.0	13.3	27.3	41.0	59.7	70.1	62.0	52.4	34.8	22.5	12.7	11.9	419.7
Dyce 38/873125	4.9	9.9	29.5	49.5	70.0	83.5	78.1	62.3	38.2	18.5	6.2	4.6	455.2
Eskdalemuir 36/235026	1.7	5.8	21.6	40.7	64.5	78.9	70.0	55.2	31.3	13.3	1.8	2.2	387.0
Glasgow 26/480667	5.3	10.5	31.3	53.4	78.7	93.5	84.5	67.0	39.4	19.7	5.6	4.7	493.6
Kinloss 38/069625	9.5	12.9	34.8	54.1	77.5	90.0	86.2	67.8	45.0	26.6	10.1	9.4	523.9
Kirkwall 310/483076	8.2	11.4	30.1	45.2	63.7	75.4	70.4	55.0	36.0	19.0	10.9	10.2	435.5

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SCOTLAND

STATION & GRID REF	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YEAR
Lerwick 411/453397	10.6	10.5	26.5	40.7	57.3	68.9	62.5	49.4	30.9	17.0	10.2	12.2	396.7
Leuchars 37/468208	4.4	11.3	31.4	52.3	74.5	89.0	87.9	67.0	42.0	20.6	5.6	4.3	490.3
Macrihanish* 16/663226	13.0	20.1	40.9	56.4	83.1	89.8	79.3	68.7	47.8	33.4	19.2	16.3	568.0
Prestwick 26/358269	5.9	10.7	32.8	53.5	80.0	90.2	83.7	68.3	42.1	22.9	8.0	6.2	504.3
Sloly* 27/324099	4.1	8.8	28.4	47.9	69.1	82.8	75.3	59.4	35.2	18.0	5.7	5.4	440.1
Stornoway 19/465332	6.9	10.8	27.3	45.5	68.0	78.3	70.1	56.7	35.9	18.3	6.9	7.1	431.8
Three 07/999446	16.2	19.9	36.6	51.9	75.2	83.0	75.4	63.1	43.3	28.5	19.7	17.3	530.1
Turnhouse 36/159739	6.4	11.8	32.1	51.9	74.7	88.7	82.7	66.5	41.0	21.5	6.3	5.3	488.9
Wick 39/366523	8.3	11.4	29.5	45.9	63.7	73.9	68.6	55.3	36.0	21.0	9.7	8.5	431.8

NORTHERN IRELAND

STATION & GRID REF	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	YEAR
Aldergrove 33/147798	4.4	11.2	29.2	50.1	75.5	87.3	77.3	63.5	40.2	20.7	5.0	2.9	467.7
Altnahinch* 34/117236	3.1	7.4	24.6	40.9	65.1	73.0	62.9	53.1	31.7	15.6	3.4	2.9	385.9
Ballykelly* 24/624238	6.7	13.0	33.5	52.5	74.3	84.3	75.6	64.7	39.3	25.1	7.8	6.6	483.4
Killkeel* 33/315140	3.2	9.6	31.3	47.1	67.0	80.2	78.1	62.9	38.7	20.0	6.2	3.1	447.4

*Averages obtained by a weighting method



FIG. 2

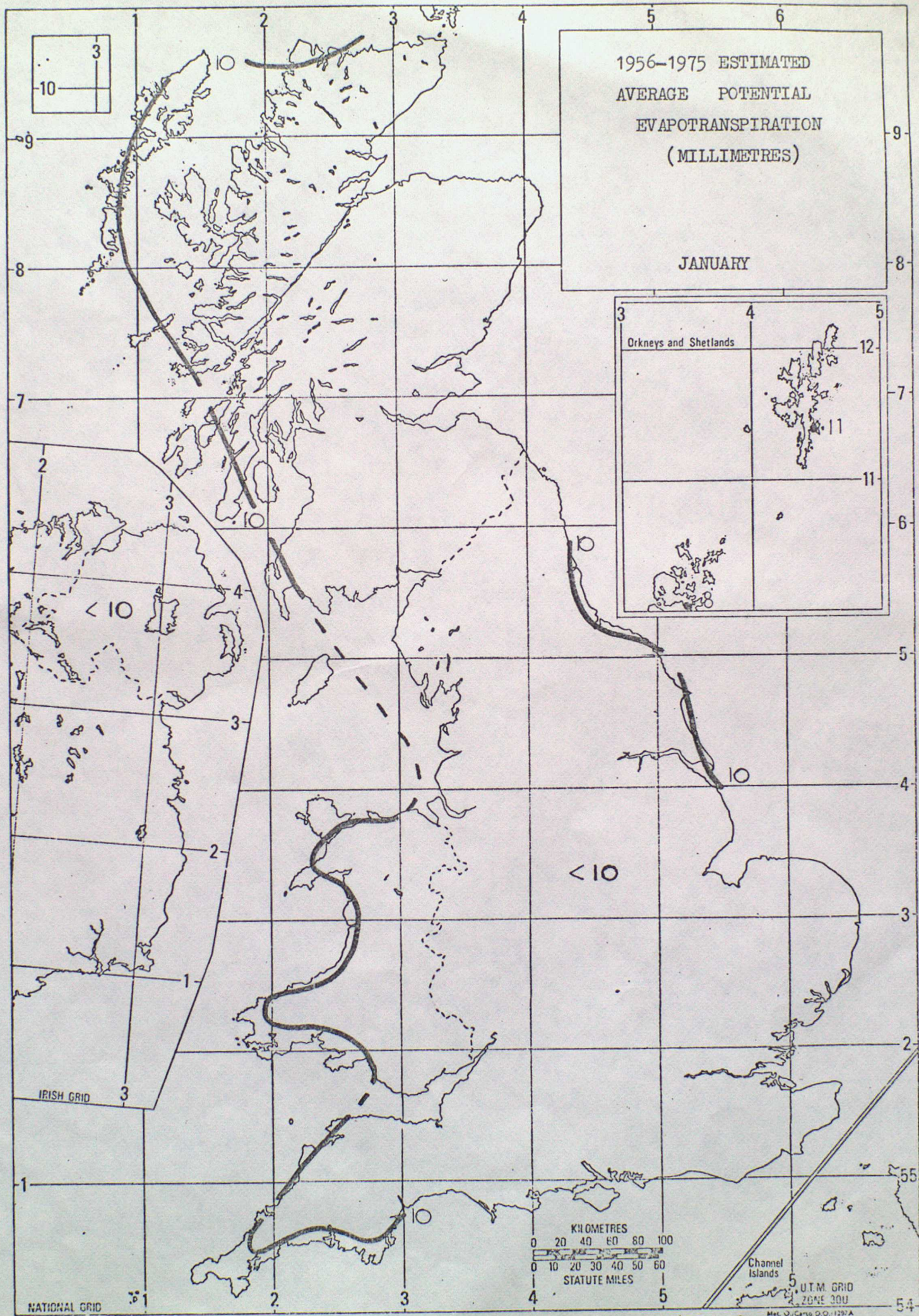


FIG. 3

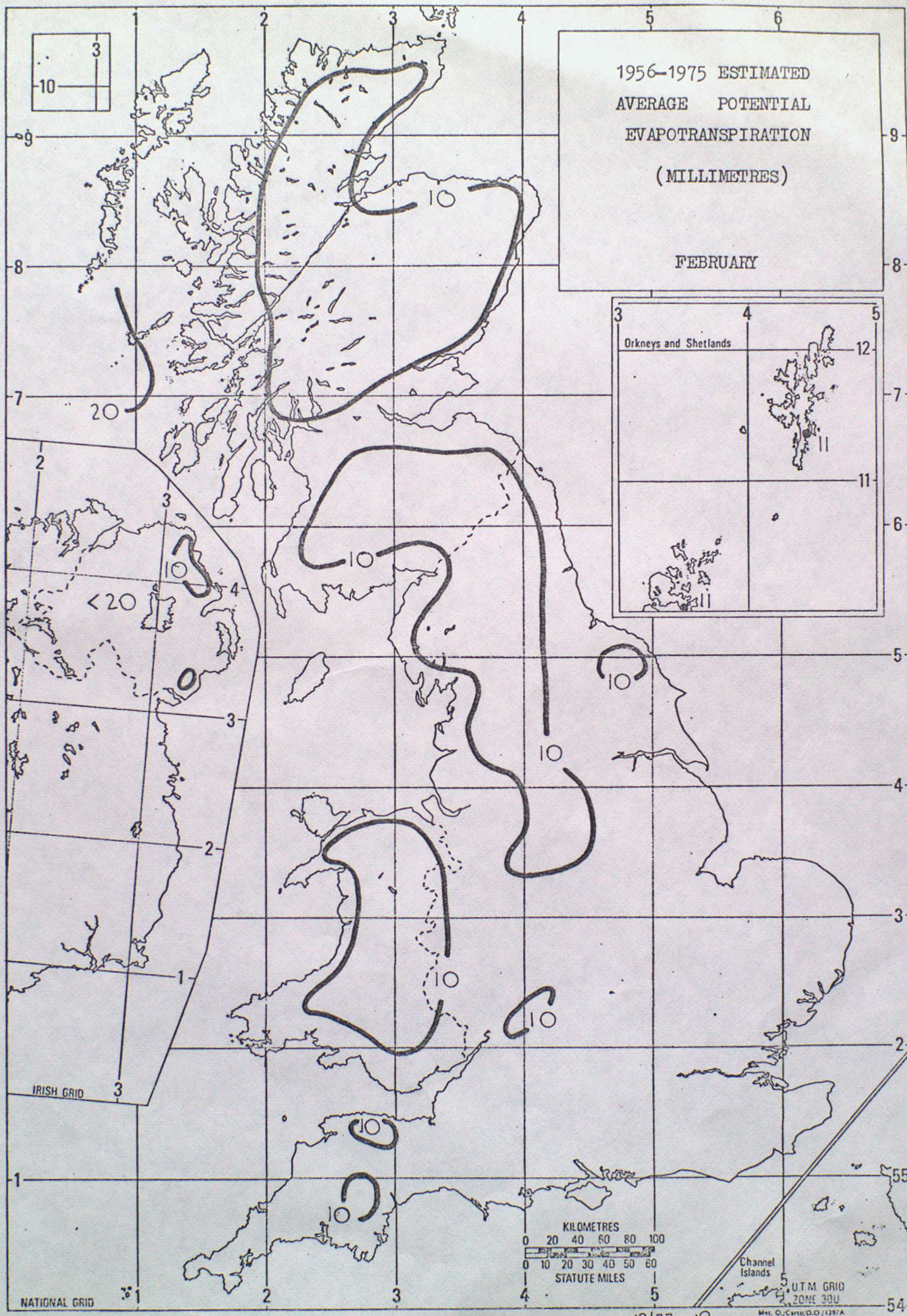


FIG. 4

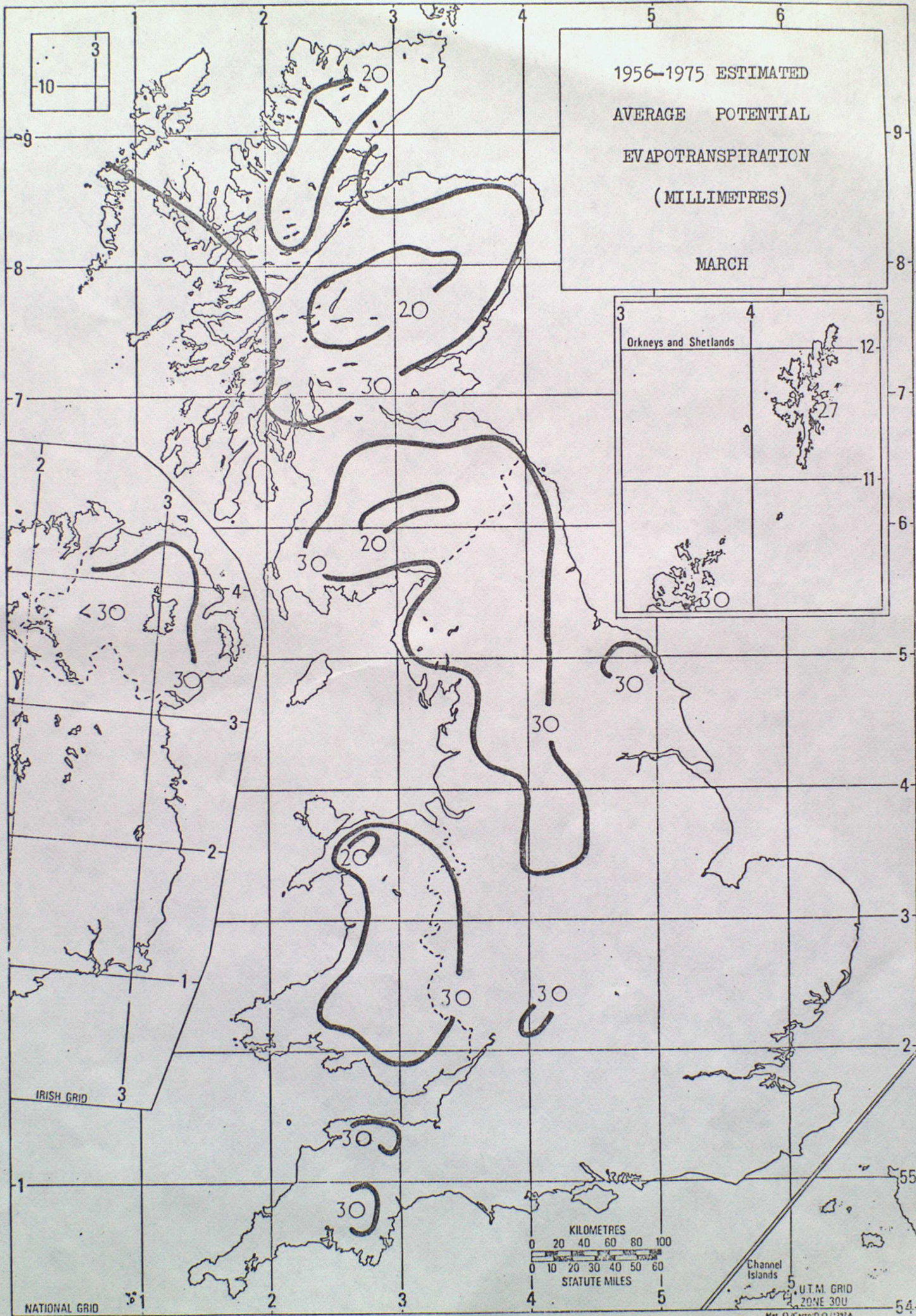


FIG. 5

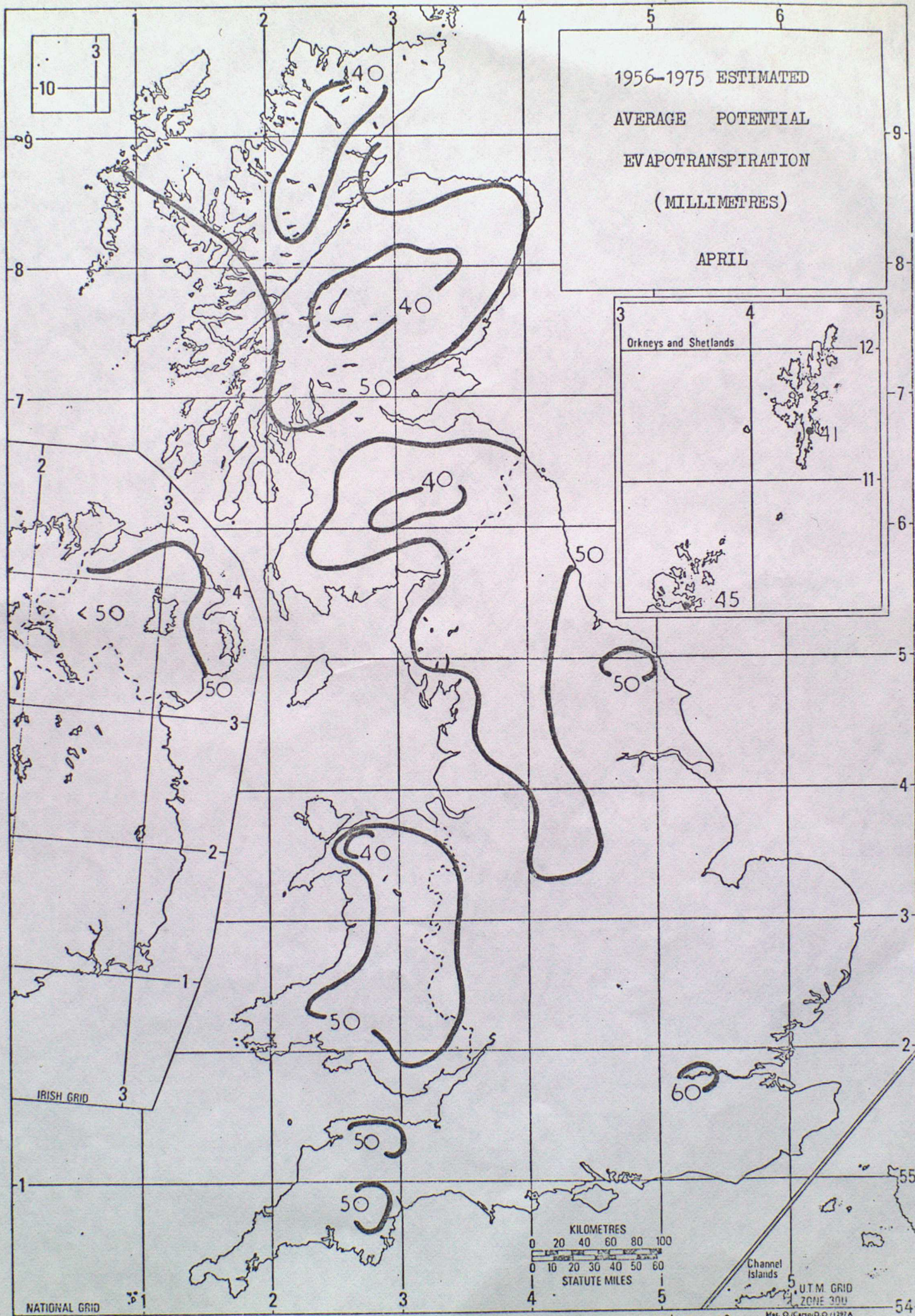


FIG. 6

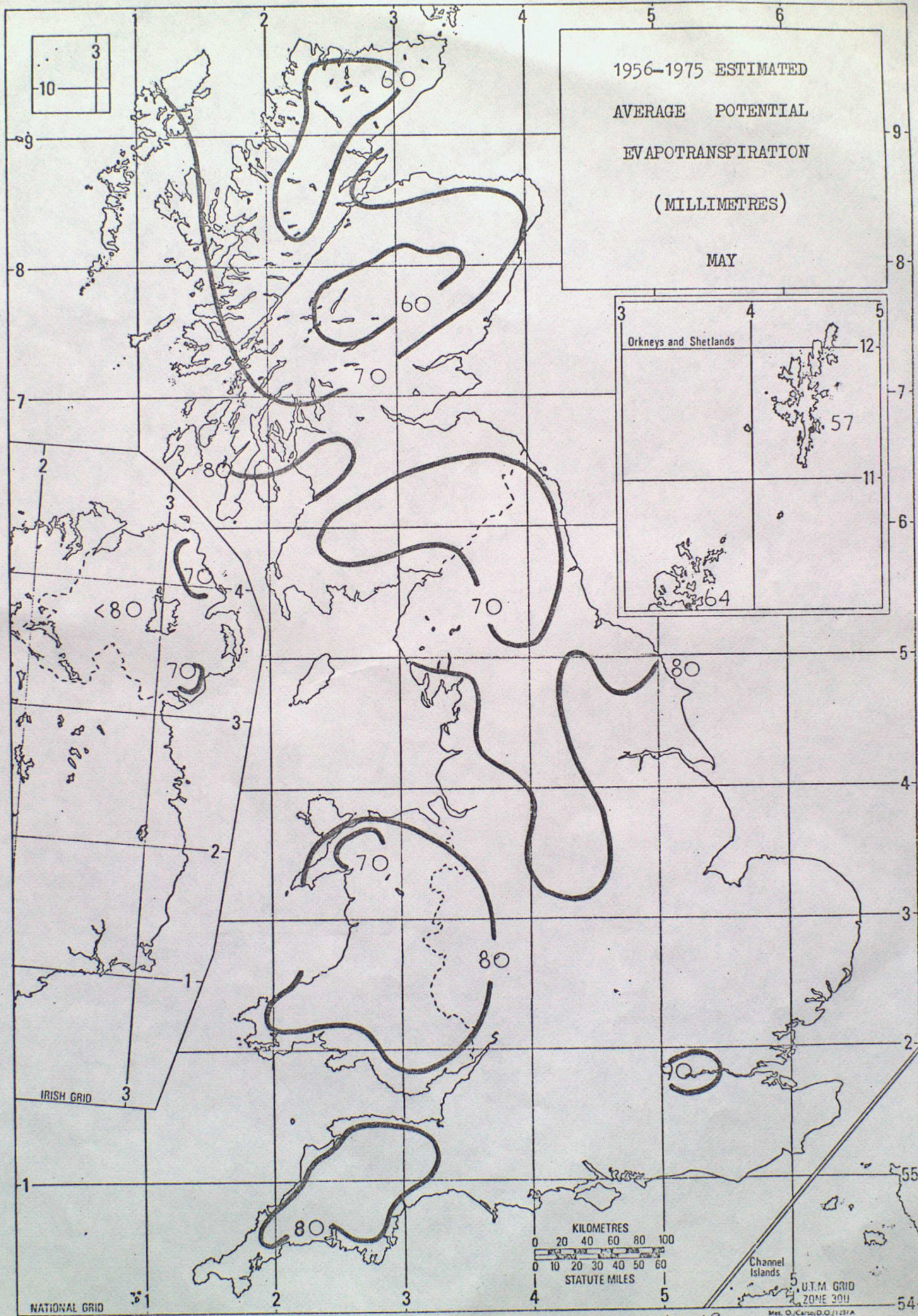


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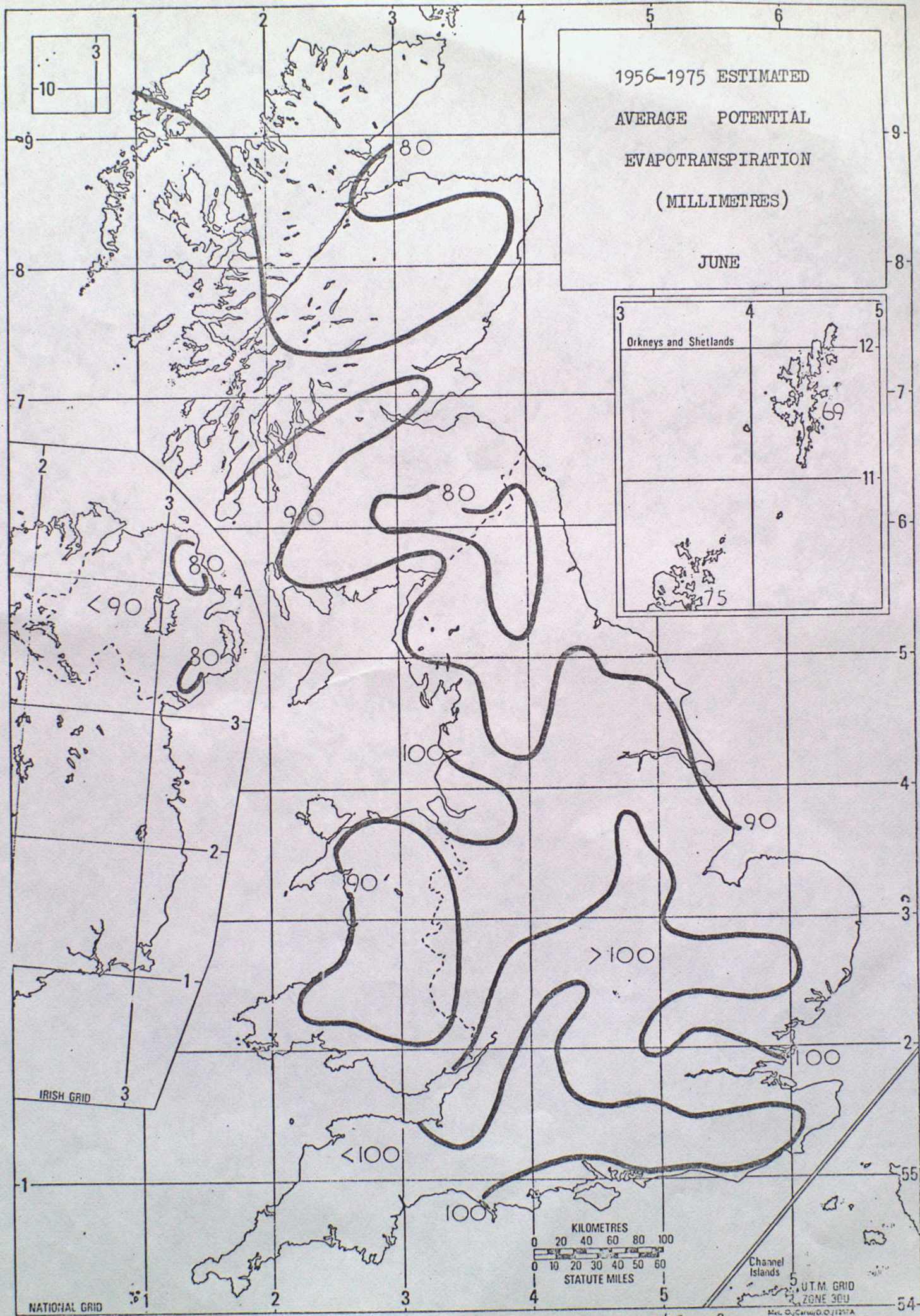


FIG. 8

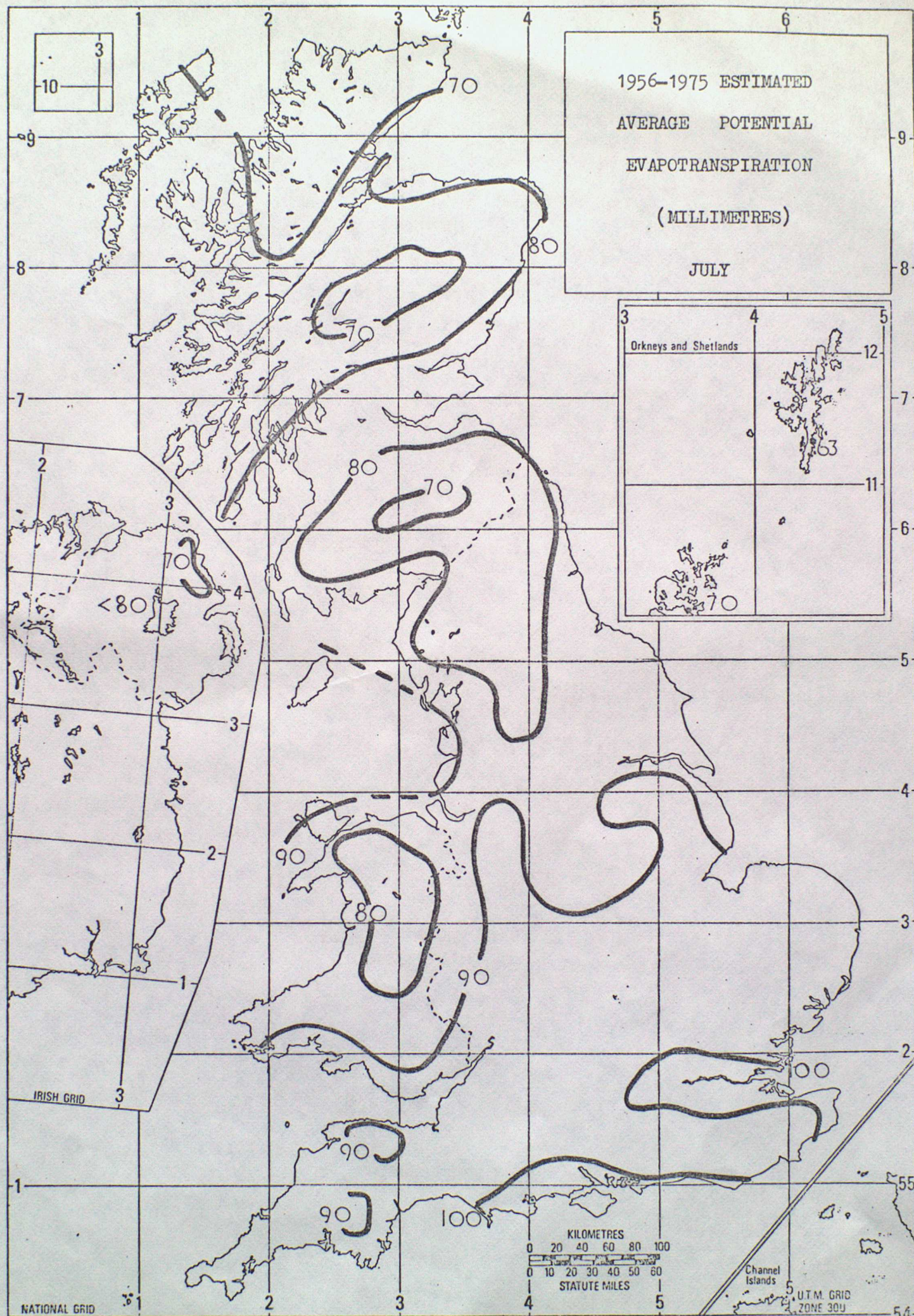


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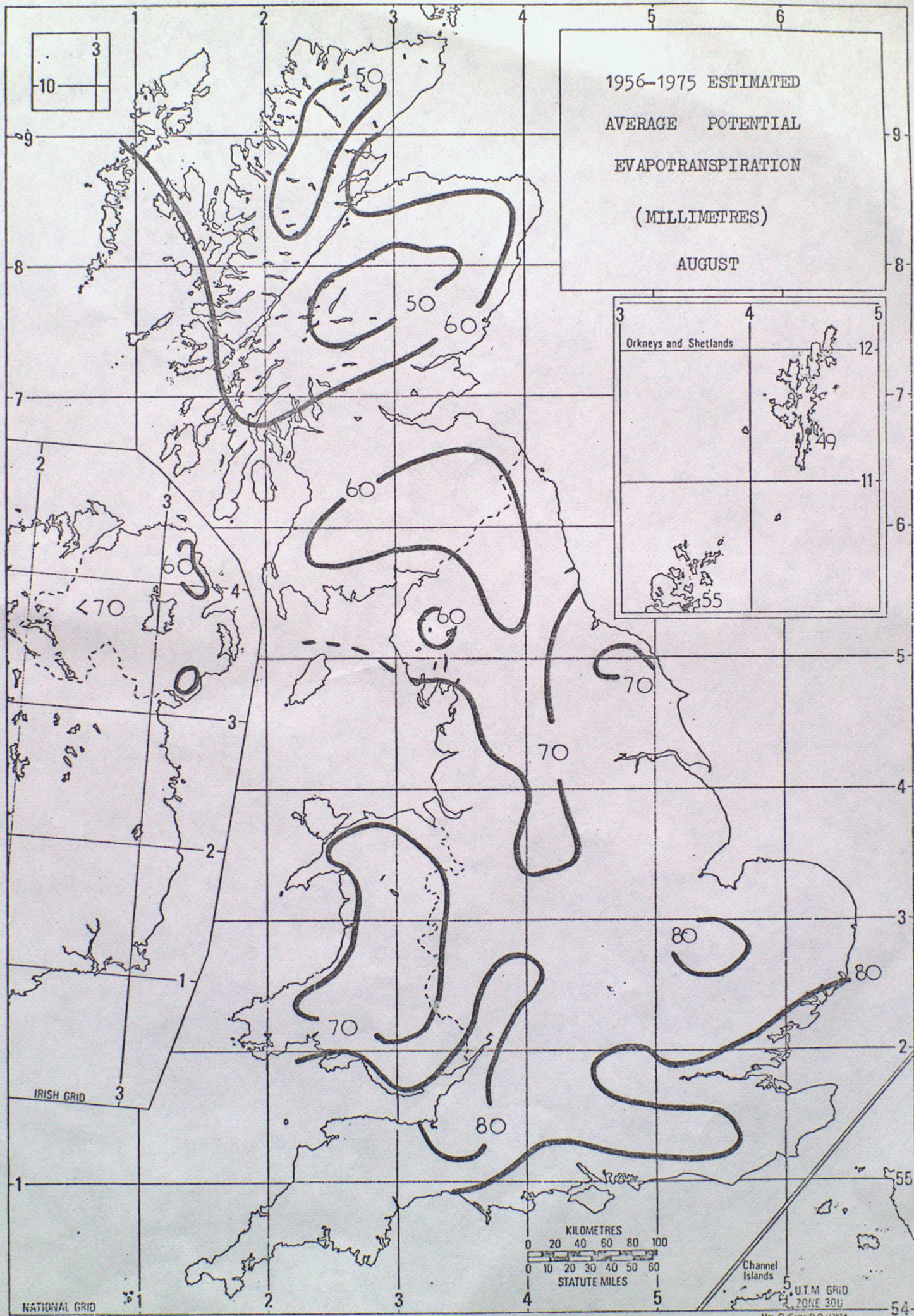


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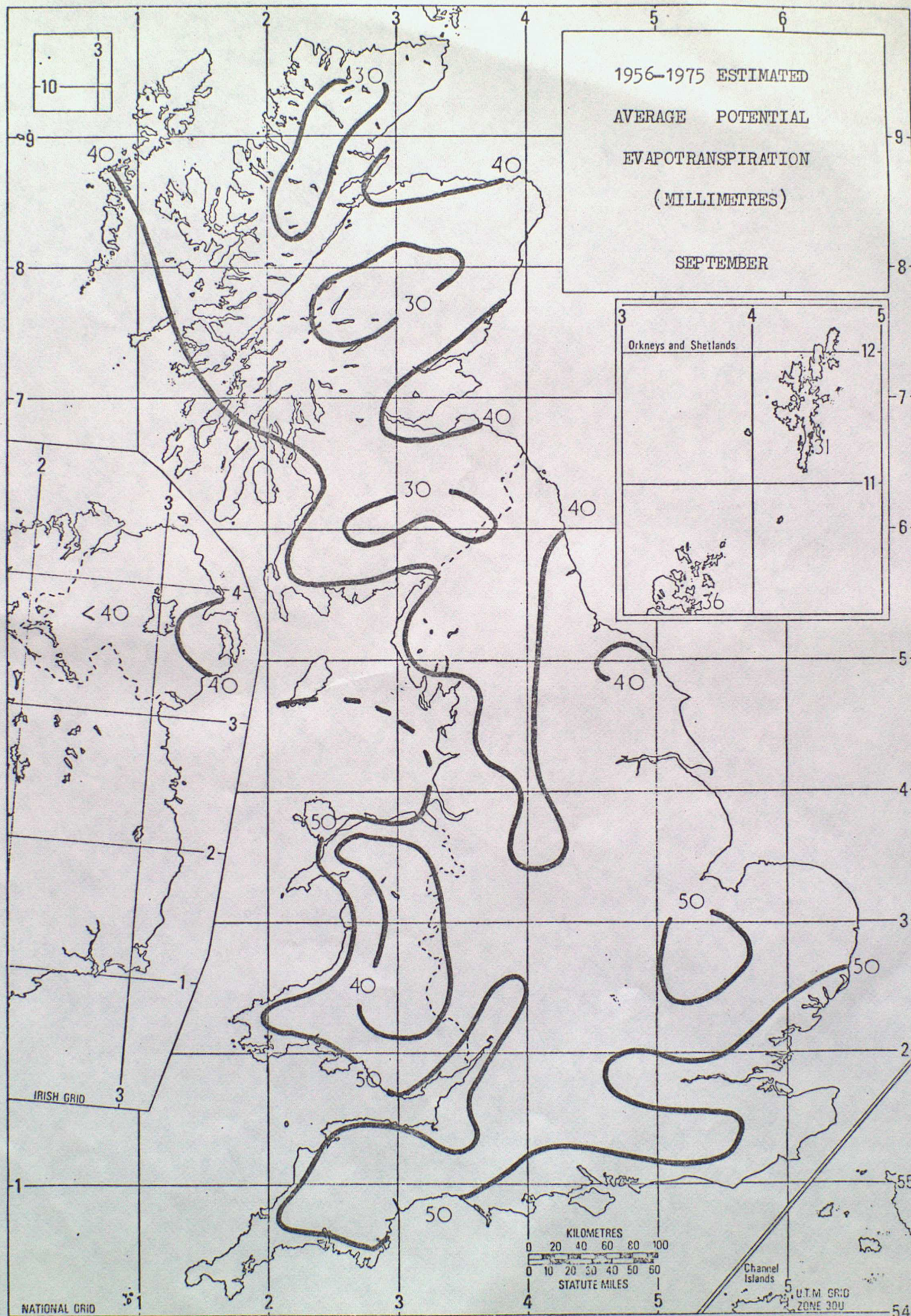


FIG. 11

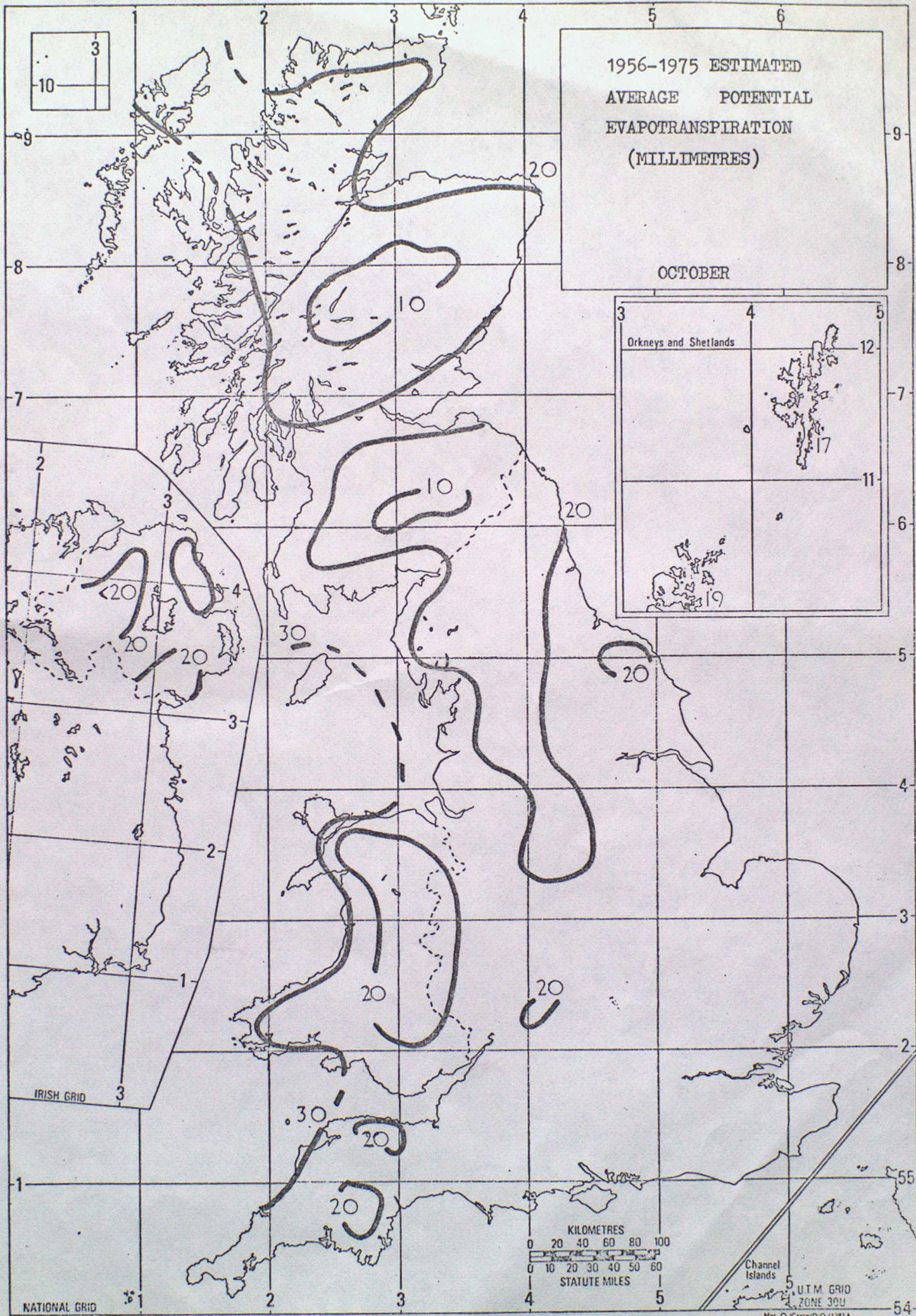


FIG. 12

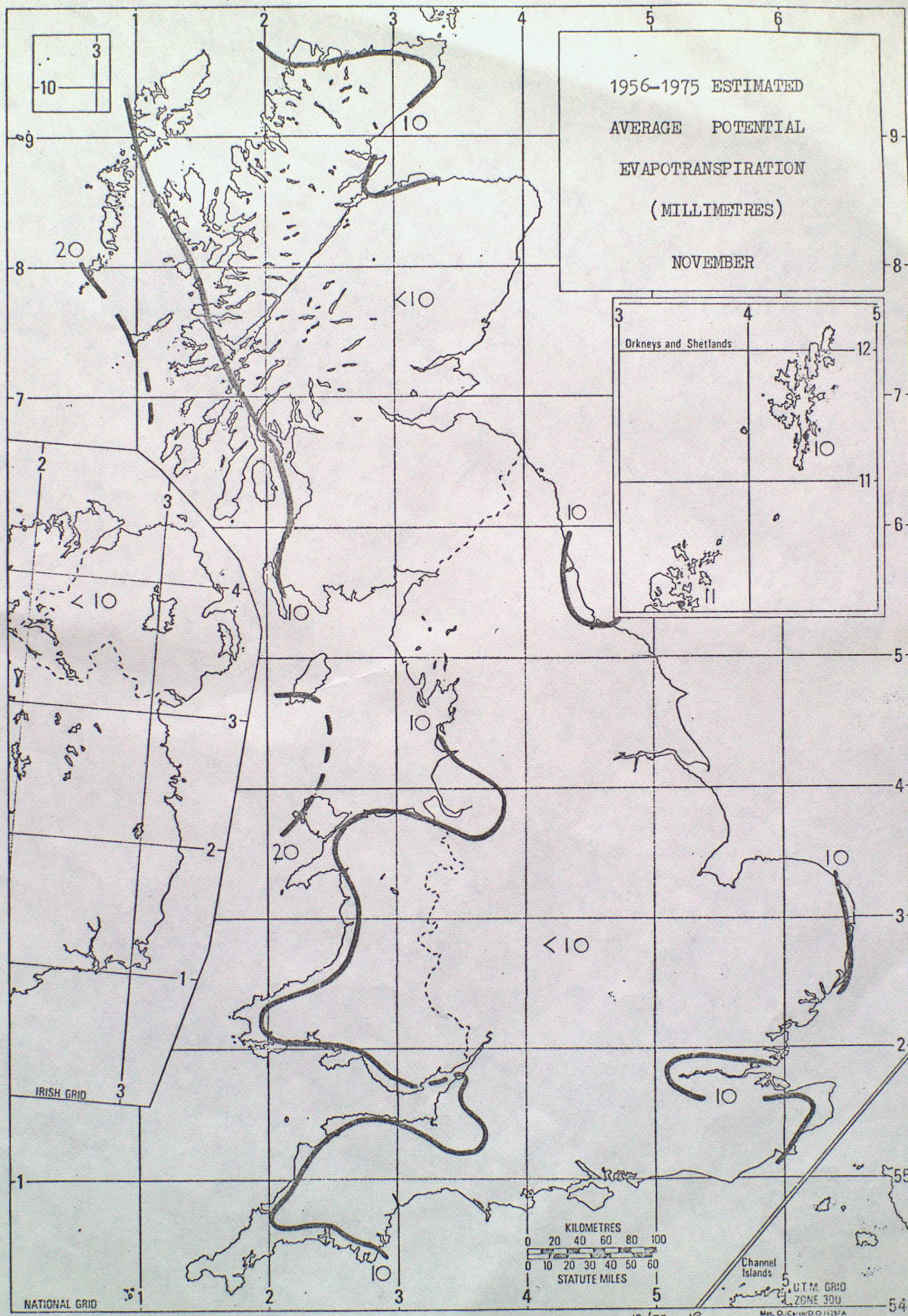


FIG. 13

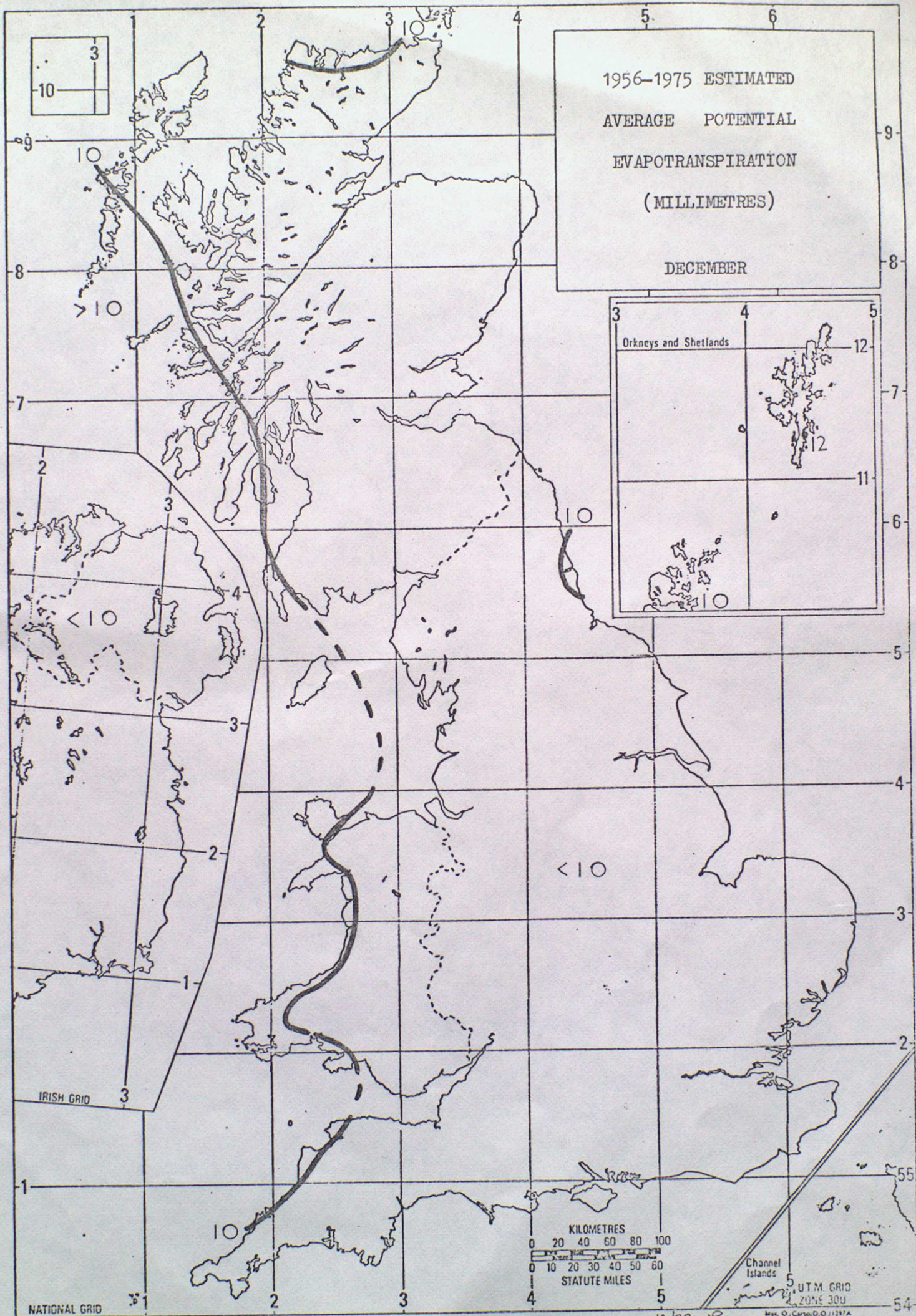


FIG. 14

