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**Directions:** Examine the boundaries of Poland prior to and after the war and answer the geographic analysis questions pertaining to each map.

### Map 1

1. Find and circle the location and date of the map's creation.
2. Find and lightly shade the location with 50–100% population of Poles.
3. List the five natural resources within the location of 50–100% population of Poles.
4. Find and circle the natural resource in Poland that is near the Czecho Slovak and Rumania border.
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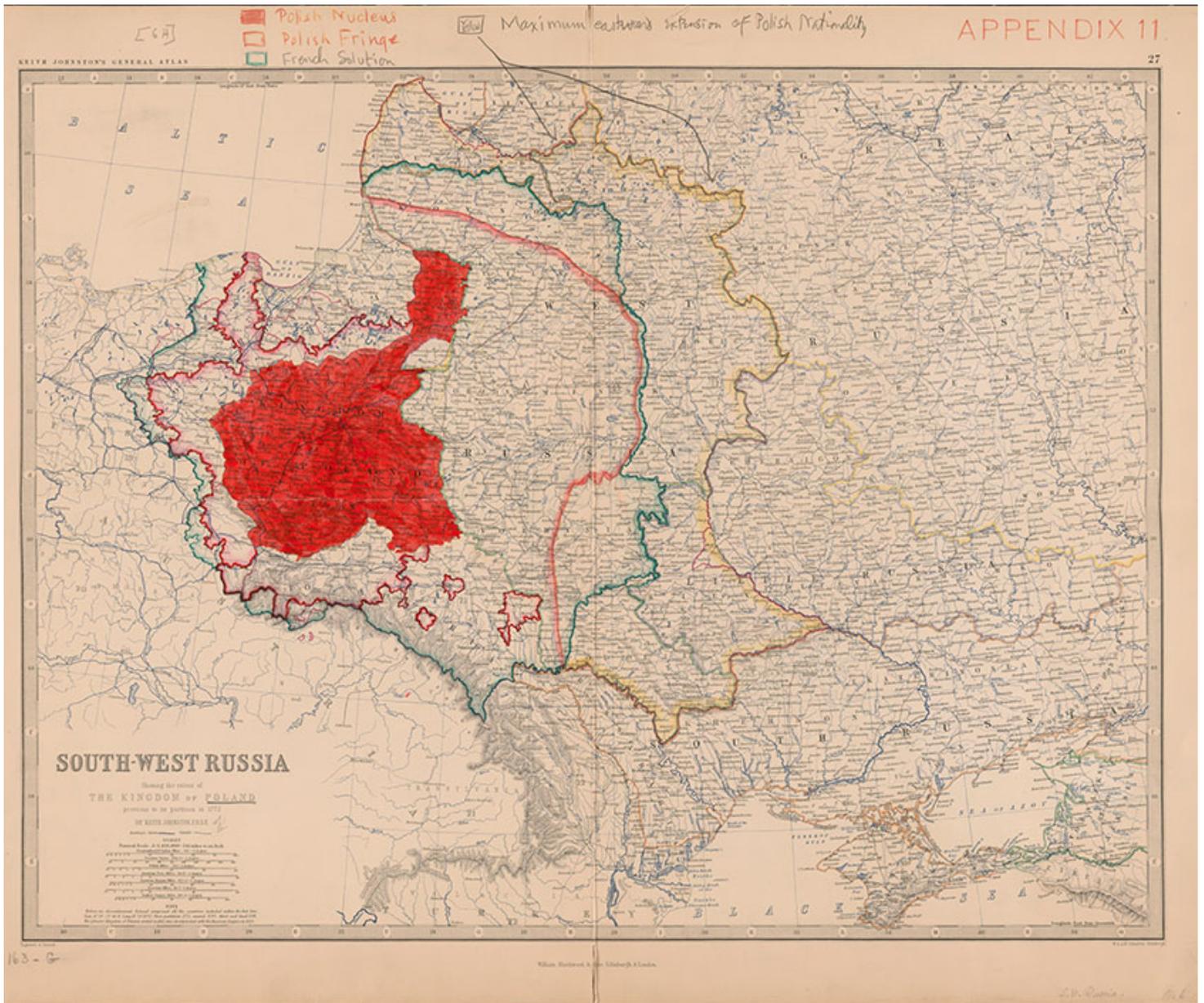
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5. What nation does the majority of Poland's proposed borders reside within?

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# Map 2



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# Dividing the Middle East

## Dismantling the Ottoman Empire

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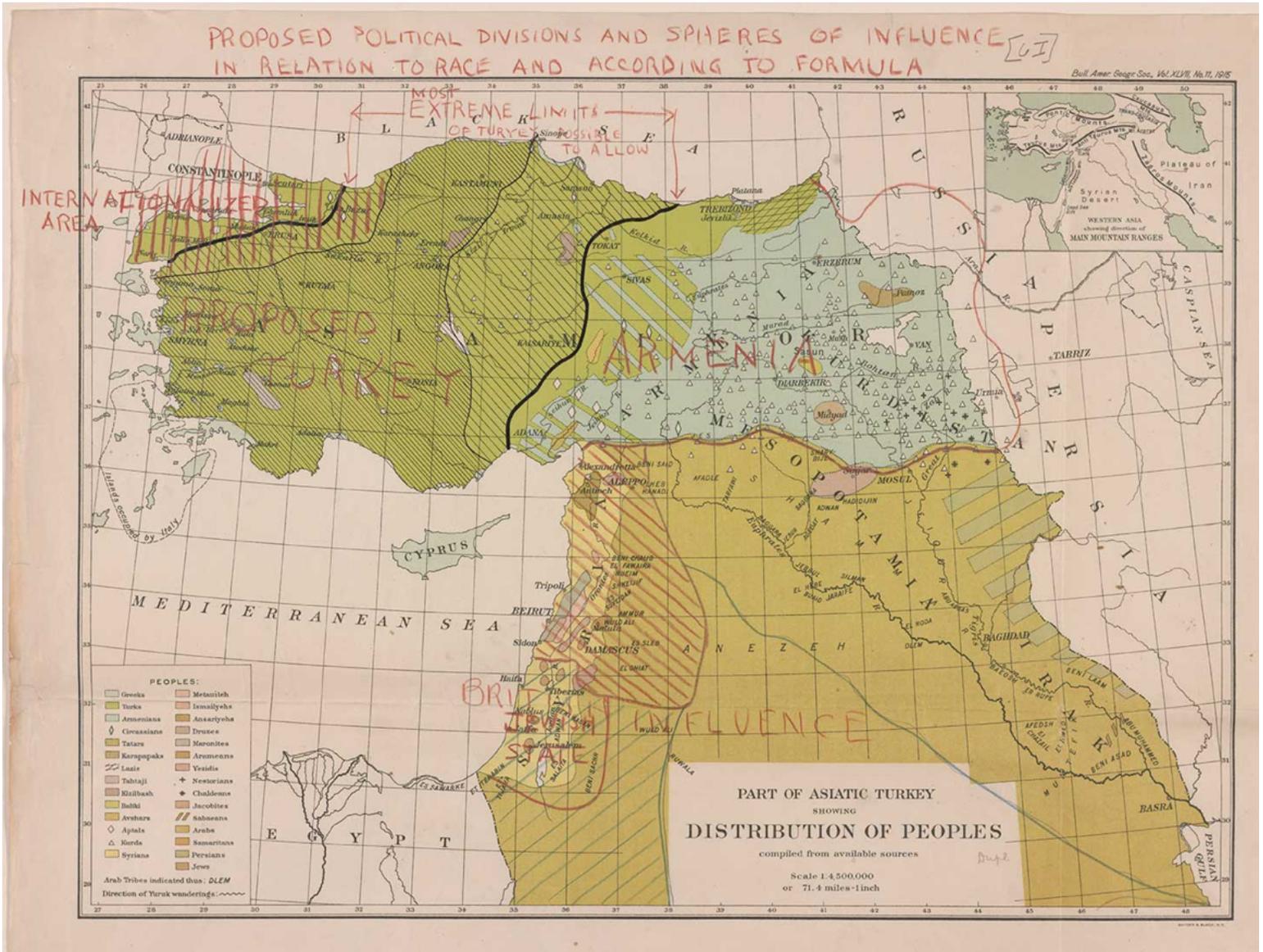
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1. Highlight or circle the official title of the map.
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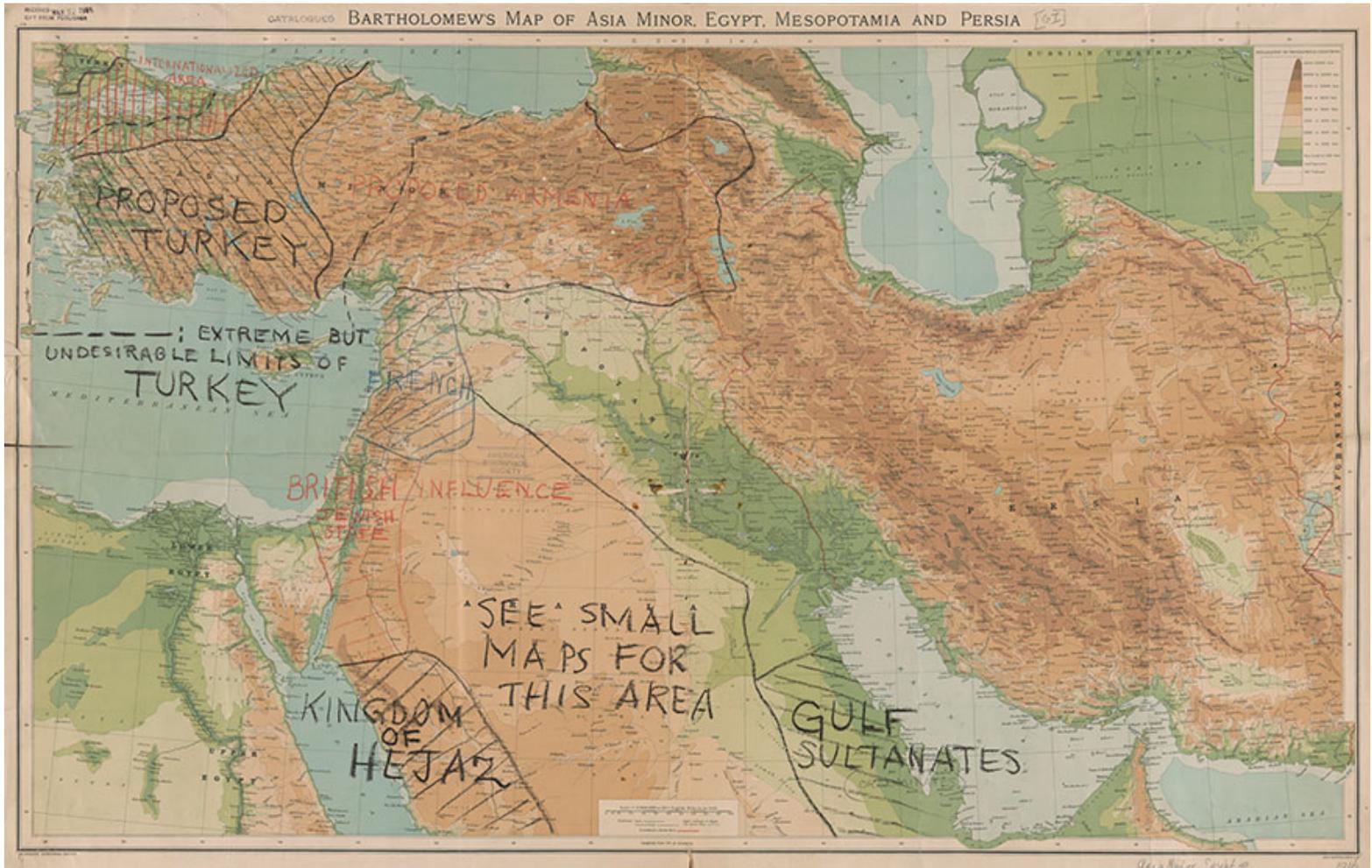
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# Map 3



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# KEY

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2. Students should indicate entire area highlighted in pink
3. Iron, Copper, Zinc, Salt, Coal
4. Petroleum
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## Map 2

1. Polish Nucleus
2. Polish Fringe
3. French Solution
4. Maximum eastward extension of Polish Nationality
5. Russia

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1. Part of Asiatic Turkey Showing Distribution of Peoples
2. Proposed Political Divisions and Spheres of Influence in Relation to Race and According to Formula
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4. Jewish State/Homeland
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## Map 4

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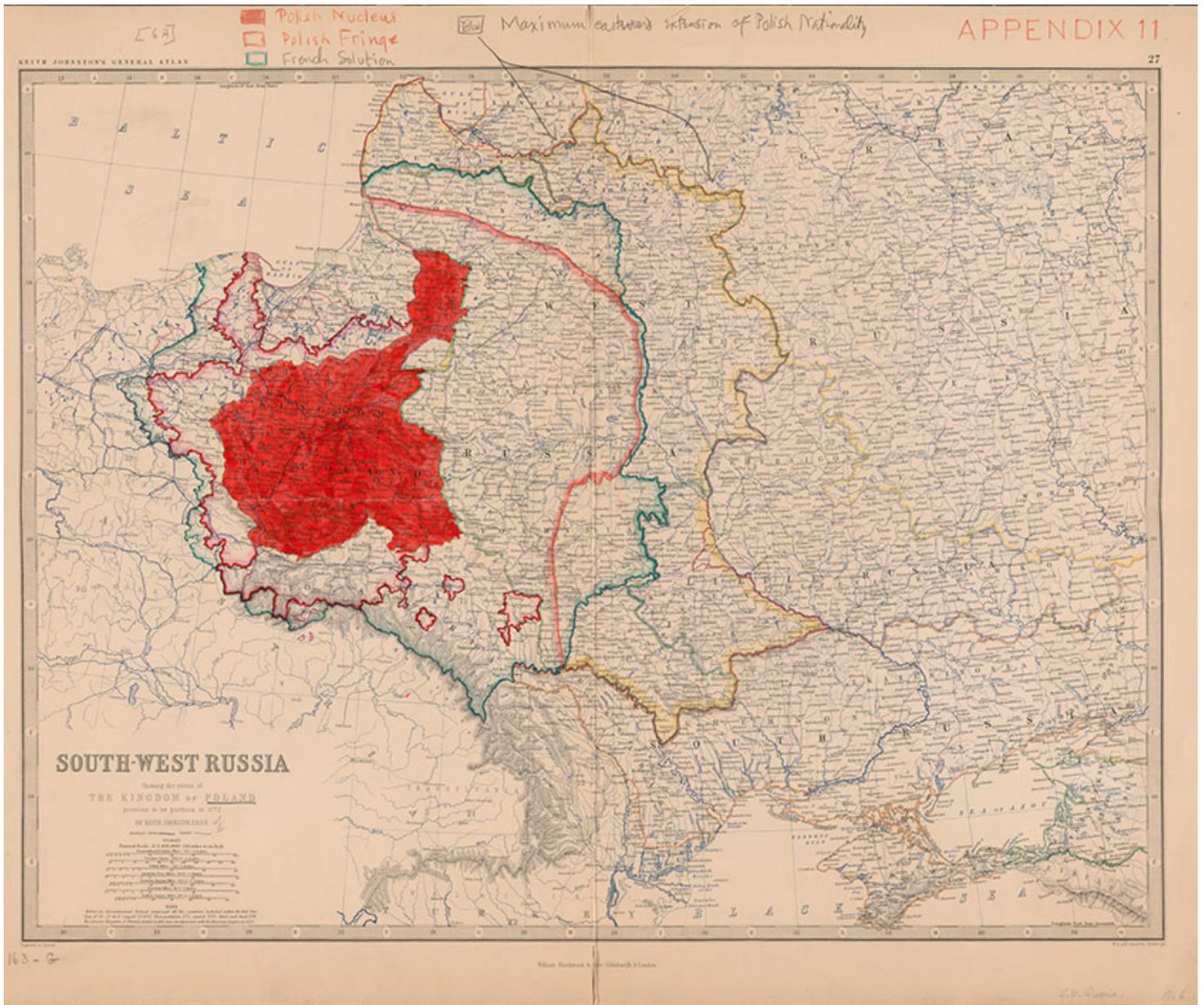
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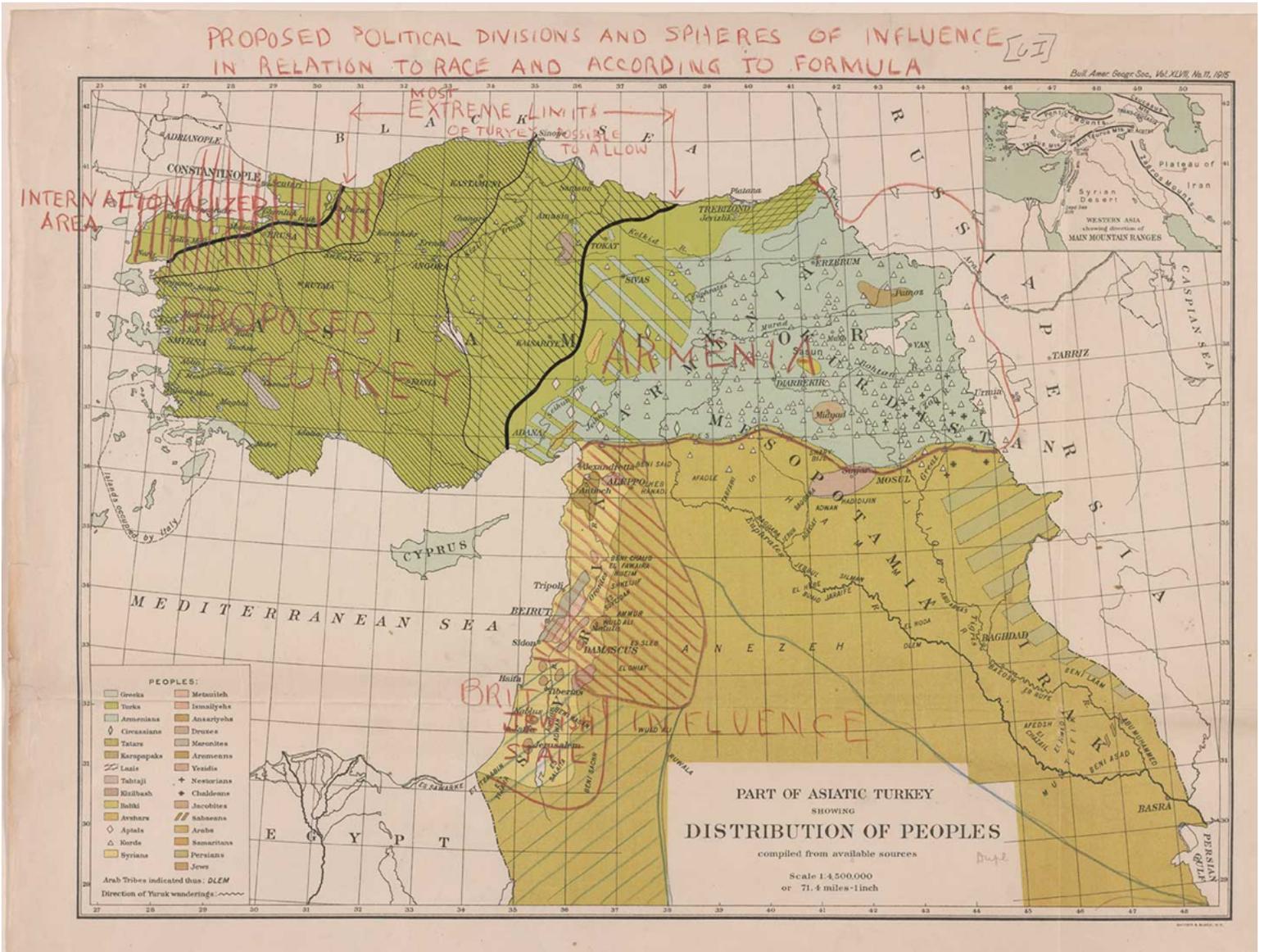
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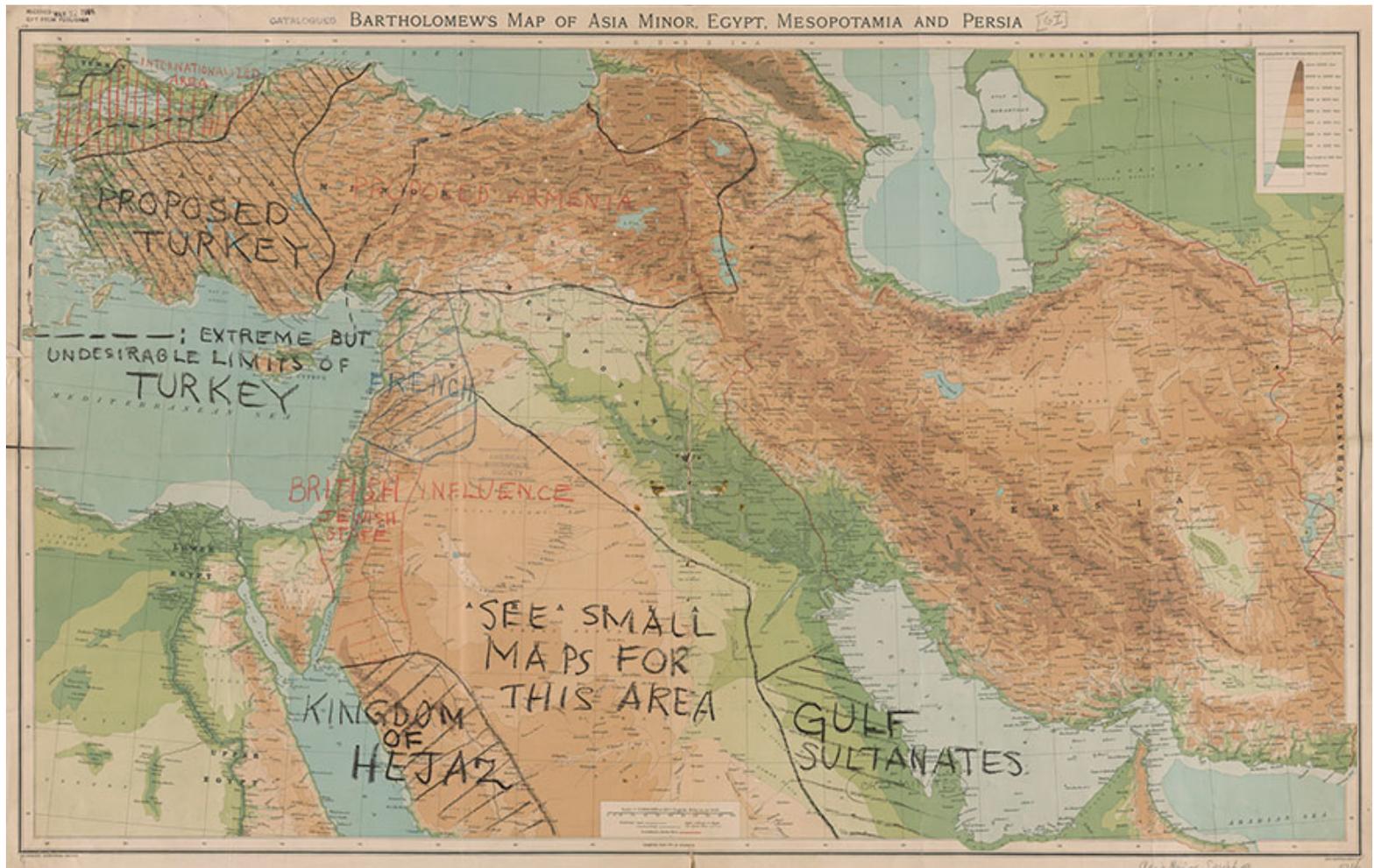
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