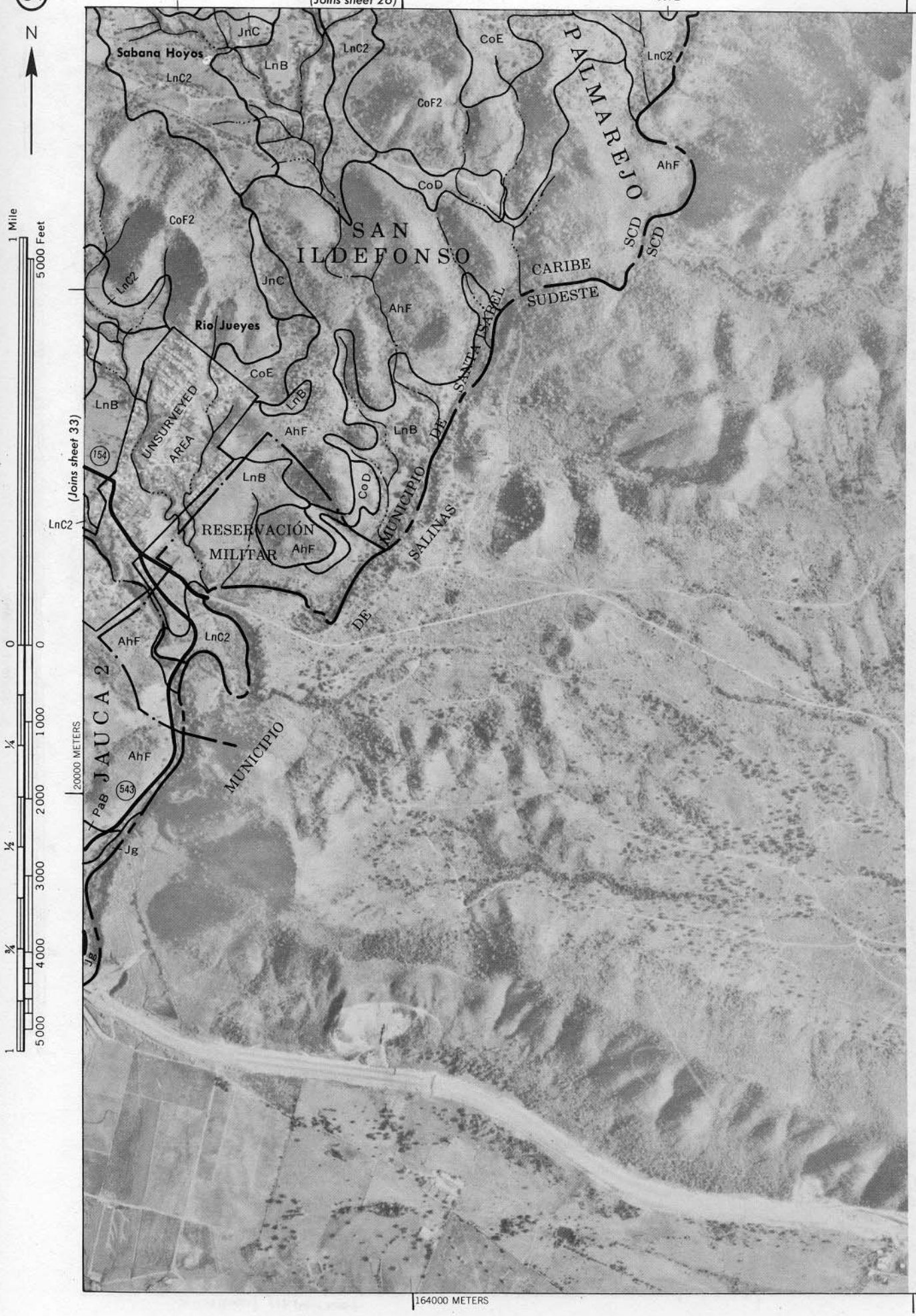PONCE AREA OF SOUTHER