A PRESENTATION ON THE SITE TESTING PROJECT RUN BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY EDINBURGH, 1971-75: LA PALMA AND OTHER SITES INVESTIGATED

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La Palma
THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY EDINBURGH
SITE TESTING PROJECT
1971 - 1975

Run by BENNET McINNES
The years 1968 – 1971 leading to the site testing

A personal background

1968 Voluntary service in Lesotho. An interest in astronomy began

1969 – 1971 Amateur work; variable star observations.
   --Binoculars and home built telescopes (~18cm. Newtonian)
   --Built a 16 inch (40cm.) f 8 Newtonian using professionally made optics. This was used to observe U Gem and Z Cam variables which, by amateur standards, are faint and required a larger telescope.
LESOTHO
THE POLARIS TRAIL TELESCOPE
Trails from the Polaris Trail Telescope

0.8"

6.0"
TENERIFE

Izana

January to November 1972
February to November 1975
Fig. 1 — Contour map of the island of Tenerife. The contour interval is 200 meters.
ITALY

Near Castelgrande
(About 80 km ESE of Naples)

?December 1971 to Summer 1972
LA PALMA

Fuente Nueva

6th August to 24th September 1972
Fig. 2 — Contour map of the island of La Palma. The contour interval is 250 meters.
To follow always the track of the horse.

Here you will see the camping and the large Pile of stones.

Long walk 2 hours. END
FOGO
Cape Verde Islands

April – July 1973
LA PALMA

December 1974 - November 1975
“Great Oaks from tiny Acorns grow”

Thank You