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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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other windows of the building -- six in the main chamber, two in the altar section, two in the vestibule, and three at the lower level of the clock tower -- were modified at the time this entryway was enclosed and converted to Greek Revival style. Windows in the east (altar) walls were closed. The west window in the clock tower was closed and the north and south windows were diminished. All the windows formerly were surmounted by plain but attractive triangular pediments. In this conversion, all the pediments were converted to flat shelf entablatures. This serves to give the church the severe appearance of a New England meeting house, whereas it formerly was a prime example of art combined with craftsmanship that produced a small public building of identifiable heritage. The present building is a utile evolution, the present state of a distinguished R. O. architectural heritage on this island. (Ibid.; I. Philemonof, Floor Plan, August 28, 1973; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

QUAD: Russian Mission

1. St. Sergius Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. RUS-015)
2. LOCATION
  - a. NA
  - b. Little Russian Mission (also known as:) Chuathbaluk
  - c. NA
  - d. Alaska
  - e. 02
  - f. Kuskokwim Division
  - g. 160
3. AHRS DATE: May 18, 1973
4. CONDITION: Excellent
5. UNALTERED
6. ORIGINAL SITE

This church site is known as "Little Russian Mission" on the Kuskokwim River to distinguish it from its counterpart, Russian Mission, on the Yukon River. By tradition, this church was built in 1891 by Father Ivan Orlov. The size and conformation of the structure support design and construction during that period. (Kreta, Notes; Wallace, 1974, 71, Plate 89).

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This is, essentially, a centrally balanced design, with the three major elements measuring in length, from west to east, 12'3", 26'9", and 14'6", respectively; and, in width, 12'5", 23'11", and 15'1". The main chamber is fenestrated by pairs of vertical window sashes of varying size and numbers of lights, on its north and south walls; the vestibule by a half-height window of two panes on its north wall and a single-leaf, vertically-paneled, door on its south wall. The altar segment is lighted by a pair of 3-pane windows, one pane horizontal, and two panes vertical. All the windows are bordered by uniformly made unornamented surrounds, and, from a distance, appear symmetrical.

The main entrance is at the west wall of the vestibule, through a pair of double-leaf vertically-paneled doors, with an open-sided porch over which a low-angle gable roof provides some protection. Above the level of this open porch roof there is an overhanging extension of the roof of the vestibule, from which hangs a single bell, set into an opening in the top of the west wall of the vestibule. (I. Philemonof, Floor Plan, July 29, 1973; Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

The roof of the central chamber is a low-angle hip, with the entire hip covered by an octagonal cylinder upon which rests an onion-shaped dome from which spires the high cross of the church. The roofs of the east and west chambers are medium gabled, and from the mid-point of the ridge line of each springs a lesser model of this same cross-surmounted figure, maintaining the central balance design of the structure. The outer walls of the building are covered by shingles, the roof surfaces by galvanized metal. (Kreta/Merculief, Photos).

QUAD: Russian Mission

1. St. Seraphim Chapel (Old Church) (AHRS SITE NO. RUS-017)
2. LOCATION
  - a. NA
  - b. Lower Kalskag
  - c. NA
  - d. Alaska
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QUAD: RUSSIAN MISSION (C-1)

St. Sergius Chapel, Little Russian Mission (also known as Chuathbaluk) (AHR SITE NO. RUS-015)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Tallest elevation in remote Alaskan Native village, sited at northeast end of only and main community road, 750 feet on the road line from high tide mark, as sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 872, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Russian Mission (Little) 1963".

QUAD: RUSSIAN MISSION (C-4)

St. Seraphim Chapel (Old Church), Lower Kalskag (AHR SITE NO. RUS-017)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is on Lot 7, Block 3, U.S. Survey map sheet 4414, Lower Kalskag Townsite, per letter from George E. M. Gusafson, Bureau of Land Management Alaskan Townsite Trustee, to Very Reverend Joseph Kreta, March 21, 1974.

QUAD: Samalga Island

St. Nicholas Church, Nikolski (AHR SITE NO. SAM-022)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U. S. Survey map sheet 808, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Nikolski 1967".

QUAD: SELDOVIA (B-6)

Saints Sergius and Herman of Valaam Church, English Bay (AHR SITE NO. SEL-018)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U.S. Survey map sheet 368, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "English Bay (Alexandroeska) 1962".

QUAD: SELDOVIA (B-5)

St. Nicholas Chapel, Seldovia (AHR SITE NO. SEL-023)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Building is sited on U. S. Survey map sheet 371, enclosed. Also sited on BLM Photographic Atlas, "Seldovia 1963"; and, on State of Alaska, "City of Seldovia Alaska," aerial photo map (1971, 1972)

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QUADRANGLE NAME: Pribilof Islands

LOCATION: St. Paul Island

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: Saints Peter and Paul Church (AHRS SITE NO. XPI-003)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 250, 000

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 2

EASTING: 5 4 3 8 0 5

NORTHING: 6 3 2 5 6 0 0

QUADRANGLE NAME: Russian Mission (C-1)

LOCATION: Little Russian Mission (also known as: Chuathbaluk)

NAME OF PROPERTY AND AHRS NUMBER: St. Sergius Chapel (AHRS SITE NO. RUS-015)

QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1: 63, 360

UTM REFERENCE:

ZONE: 0 4

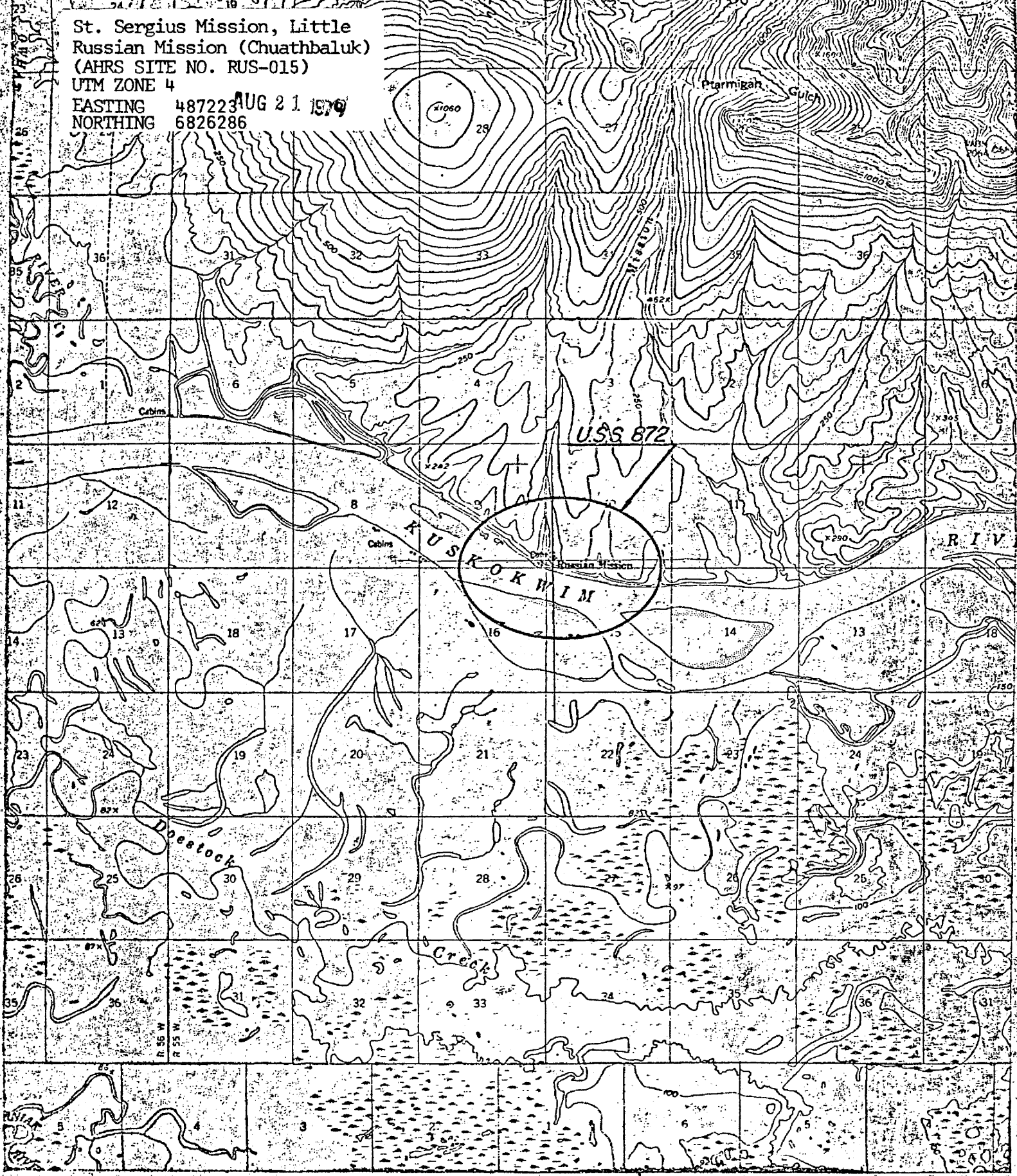
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St. Sergius Mission, Little  
Russian Mission (Chuathbaluk)  
(AHRS SITE NO. RUS-015)

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