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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

O'KEEFE'S ISLAND

AND/OR COMMON

Tarang

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

vicinity of Colonia, Yan District

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96943

VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,

STREET & NUMBER

Tomil Municipality, Yan District

CITY, TOWN

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96943

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Land Management Office

STREET & NUMBER

Colonia, Yan District

CITY, TOWN

TTPI

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

no survey available.

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

O'Keefe's Island (Tarang) is in line with Tagireng, the canal between Tomil and Weloy municipalities. From Dugor, a village in Weloy, O'Keefe's Island is located to the east about half a mile. O'Keefe's Island is a low island about twenty-two feet above the water. The island is heavily over-grown with mango trees, nandanus, coconut and other trees and foliage.

At the time O'Keefe and his family were occupying the island, there was a warehouse, his, a house for the coal which were used by all the ships that came in at that time, a boat-mooring and of course the island was covered with vegetation. Some of which were introduced by O'Keefe. At present, parts of the foundation of his house remain, including the steps that lead up to the house. The boat-mooring still exists and the vegetation was like before, but now uncontrolled. It is believed that Mrs. O'Keefe died and is buried on the island. The fringing reef of the island is a lobster breeding area and is heavily populated with various and colorful marine life.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The story of Captian David Dean O'Keefe is one that always appears in the history of Yap. Captain O'Keefe was an enterprising American trader who survived a shipwreck and landed in Gilman municipality. It is reported that he had two sons and two daughters. He made friends with the people of Yap and soon became prosperous by developing an ingenious system for stimulating the Yanese to increase their production of comra and tranang. These he sold in HongKong at a fantastic profit. Most importantly, Mr. O'Keefe's sailing ship was used to sail the seas to bring shell money and the doughnut-shaped Yanese stone money which were in excess of five feet in diameter and weigh several tons. He and some Yanese men brought this money from Palau, where it was quarried. The stone money still retains value to the people of Yap, even today. Captain O'Keefe's life ended when he was lost at sea in a tronical storm. The island of Tarang was then named after him, not only because he was wealthy and famous, but also because he was the first foreigner to settle it.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Yap Our Island, Intermediate School, Yap District Education Department,
Feb., 1956.

Elders of Yap--interviews

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.50 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

entire island -- 16:94 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Luke Moon (& Marie Pinen), Chairman, Yap District Historic Preservation Committee and

ORGANIZATION

Assistant Planner,
Yap District Planning Office

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Yap District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96943

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE ttbi

LOCAL X Yap District

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Neil K. Chase

Neil K. Chase 5/20/76

TITLE Chief, Branch of Resources & Land Use, Div. of Lands/Surveys, TTPI 96950

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Joseph P. ...

DATE

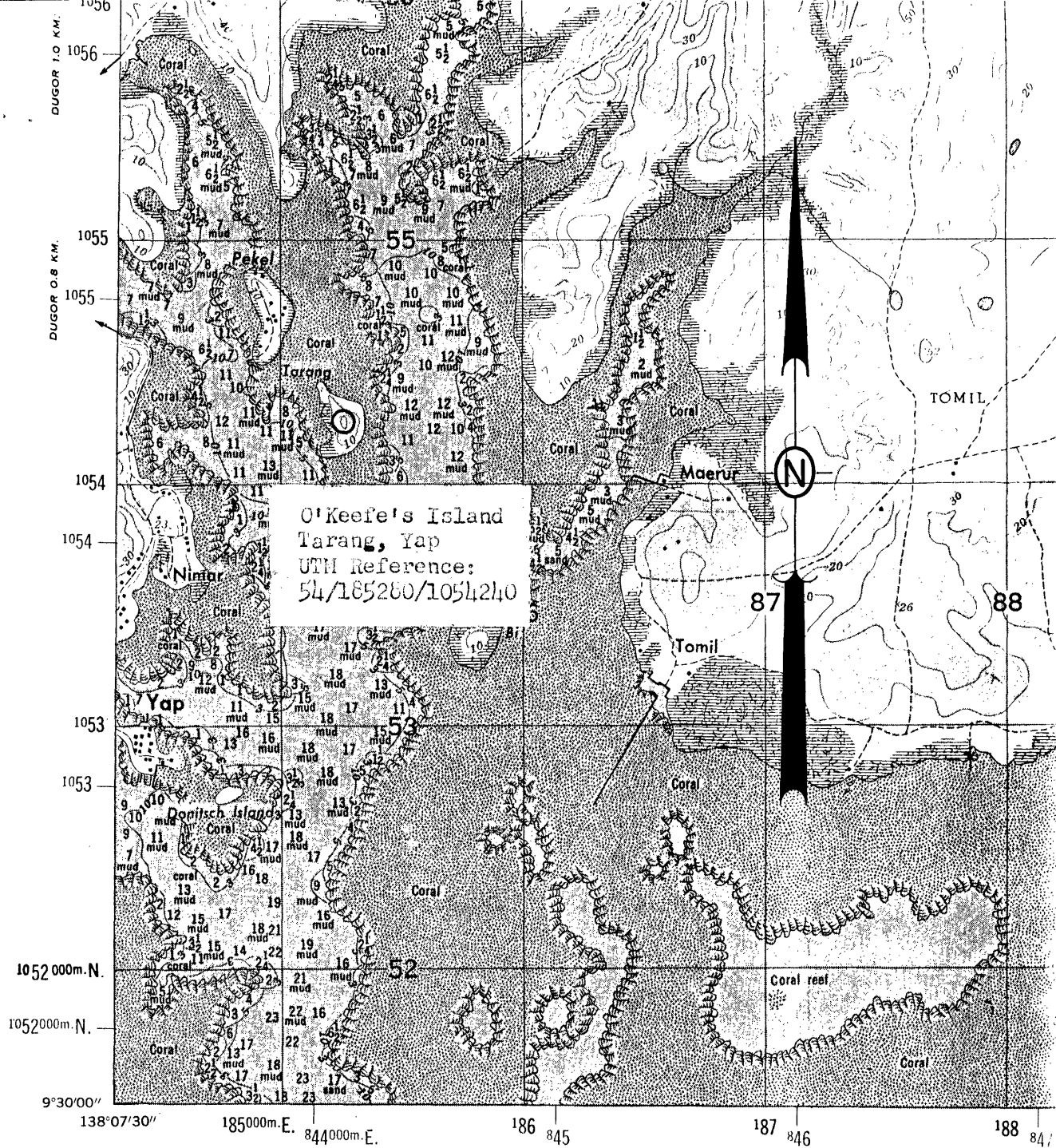
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST

DATE

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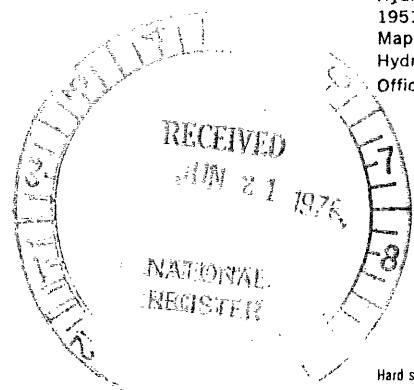
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Hydrographic source data furnished but delineation on this edition not reviewed by U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office.



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| Hard surface, all weather road, two lanes wide | ————— | Built-up area | ■ |
| Hard surface, all weather road, less than two lanes wide | ————— | Limit of danger line; Submerged reef | — |
| Loose surface, graded, all weather road | ===== | Wreck: Sunken; Exposed | + |
| Loose surface, dry weather, or dirt road | ===== | Sunken rocks; Foreshore flats | * |