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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 RULL MEN'S MEETING HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON  
Faluw

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Balebat

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Rull Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE Yap District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96943 COUNTY CODE

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Rull Municipality

STREET & NUMBER  
Rull

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE

Colonia, Yap District \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF TTPI 96943

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Land Management Office

STREET & NUMBER  
Colonia, Yap District

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE

TTPI 96943

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
no survey information available.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

While Men's Houses are primitive by American and other foreign standards, they are handsome, sturdy and reasonably weather-proof. The faluw in Rull is large and hexagonal in floor plan, with treated betelnut tree trunks for floor covering. The structure is built on stones which create a raised platform and foundation. The above ground structure consists mainly of pandanus, nipa and coconut leaves for roofing, bamboo reeds for roofing support and coconut fiber ropes for tying. Its steep thatched (peaked) roof juts out at both top ends. This faluw has not changed much from the very first one built on this foundation. This faluw is maintained in the traditional manner and is one of the best examples of this culturally significant structure within Yan District.

Traditionally, these 'mens houses' were used for planning war strategy, rites of passage for young men, and other important aspects of social life. Today, these same structures are used in the same manner for planning more modern, village/community life in concert with the laws as administered by the foreign authority---the United States.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Among the many things considered in the process of choosing a site for a faluw, free access to the sea is one of predominance, as a location that would allow for fishing and water transportation convenience. Preparation to undertake the actual construction of a faluw requires a meeting of certain village heads of household. These men by tradition and custom are responsible for providing various materials for the faluw's construction. After they have been informed, they contact all others concerned including their low-caste people to begin gatherings of needed materials to be ready to do their part in the actual construction process. After a village construction advisor is called activity begins.

The significant purpose of the faluw as best exemplified by the Rull Village Faluw is to provide a secluded meeting place for men only, a forum in which to discuss local politics, fishing and all village affairs. It serves--in the past and still today--as a place for storing vital fishing equipment, and as the place where young men are initiated in the ways of fighting, fishing, navigation, making and repairing of equipment, social conduct and folklore and music. The faluw stands as a symbol of village pride and ceremonial grounds for occasions of an important and rare nature. The faluw also serves as a shelter for travelers and visitors as well as a sleeping lodge for male elders, visitors of high rank and resting spot for fishermen preparing to venture on fishing runs. Entertainment may also be staged at a faluw such as dancing by the people of the village.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Elders of Rull Municipality  
Elders of Yap District

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.41 acres  
UTM REFERENCES 18,000 sq. ft.

A 

5	4	1	8	4	2	4	0	1	0	5	1	5	0	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Ayen parcel of Babebat in Rull Municipality

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Assistant Planner, Yap Planning Office

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Colonia, Yap District 96943

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE  TTPI

LOCAL  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

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

*W.D. Muntz*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

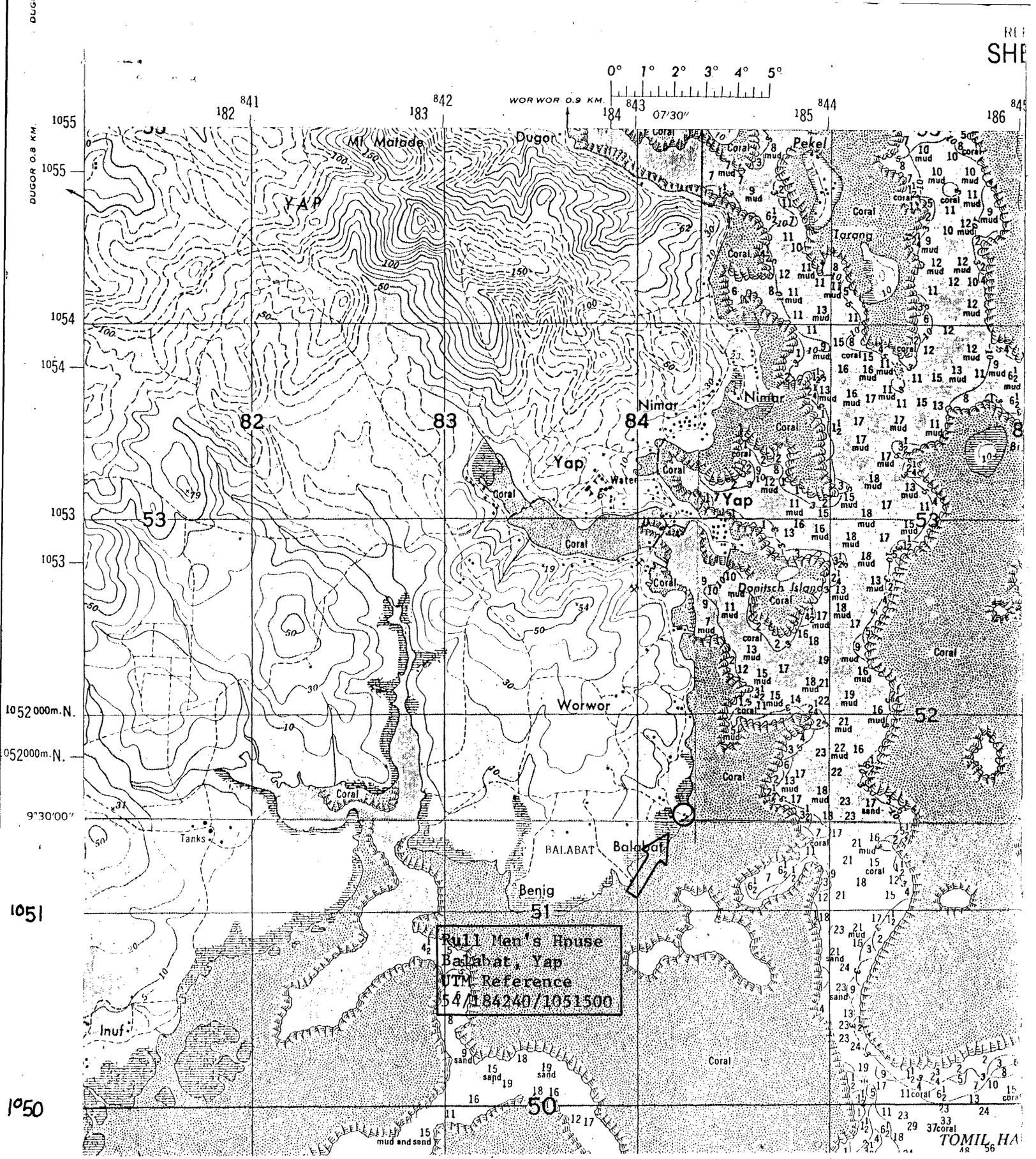
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ATTEST

*Charles A. Huntington*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*8.17.76*



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