

STATE: **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**
 COUNTY: **Mariana Islands District**
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 ENTRY DATE: **DEC 19 1974**

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: **Japanese Lighthouse**
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **1 mile east of Beach Road and 1 mile south of Charlie Dock, Tanapag Harbor.**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Navy Hill, Saipan** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **N/A**
 STATE: **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands** CODE: **075** COUNTY: **Mariana Islands District** CODE: **7000**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: **Saipan, Mariana Islands** STATE: **TTPI** CODE: **96950** CODE: **075**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Attorney General, Office of the High Commissioner**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Saipan, Mariana Islands** STATE: **TTPI** CODE: **96950** CODE: **075**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Micronesia Parks**
 DATE OF SURVEY: **1972** Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Department of Resources and Development**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

At present the original appearance of the lighthouse is unknown.

Presently, the building is in an abandoned deteriorating condition with several segments of the wall and a pillar missing, possibility as a result of the war. The existing structure is of reinforced concrete construction with some of the wooden window sills and plumbing still in place although in a badly deteriorating condition.

The concrete is a relative poor grade that weathers easily. The ash was obtained by burning coral and seashells while the crushed coral was utilized for sand and aggregate. Also ceramic tile is still on the floor of the large room discussed below. In addition, several small iron doors still exist on the beacon shaft.

The first floor consists of three rooms with a circular porch on the front of the building. In the rear is the three story tower. Between the tower and porch is a large room with two small rooms on either side. The one on the left side has the two exterior walls missing while the one on the right has plumbing fixtures remaining.

The tower consists of a circular staircast, revolving around the beacon shaft, to the third level with an opening to the roof at the second level. At the third level, both inside and outside iron ladders lead to the top level where an open iron grate covers the top except where the beacon shaft would be. At one time a copper dome, in storage on Saipan, was located here.

Finally, approximately fifty feet to the north of the lighthouse there is a concrete foundation which supported an auxiliary generator.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1934**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The lighthouse on Navy Hill was built in 1934 by the Japanese Administration during the period the Japanese ruled Saipan as part of the Mandated Islands. It was constructed to assist navigation into Tanapag Harbor through the coral reef and shoals south-west of Saipan. The lighthouse ceased to function in 1944 due to the effects of the American bombardment, of which evidence of damage is evident on the lighthouse. The lighthouse was never rebuilt nor utilized again after it was damaged during the war.

As such, the lighthouse is one of the few surviving Japanese civilian oriented structures that survived World War II. Therefore, it embodies the characteristics of the 1930's era in Japanese civil concrete construction in a tropical location.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 , "	0 , "		15° 12' 48 "	145° 43 ' 58 "	
NE	0 , "	0 , "				
SE	0 , "	0 , "				
SW	0 , "	0 , "				

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167-210

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
David T. Lotz, Planner

ORGANIZATION: **Parks and Recreation Resources Division** Department of Commerce DATE: **Nov. 29, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 682

CITY OR TOWN: **Agana** STATE: **Guam 96910** CODE: **66**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Neil K. Chase*

Title Chief, Resources & Land Use

Date December 3, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A.R. Wooten
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/19/74

ATTEST:

Mary Ann Taylor
Keeper of The National Register

Date 12.18.74