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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 JAPANESE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANT AND GERMAN EXPERIMENTAL
FORESTRY STATION SITE.
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

KOLONIA
STREET & NUMBER Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands
CITY, TOWN Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96941
STATE VICINITY OF COUNTY CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
_DISTRICT X PUBLIC _OCCUPIED _AGRICULTURE X MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S) _PRIVATE _UNOCCUPIED _COMMERCIAL _PARK
_STRUCTURE _BOTH X WORK IN PROGRESS _EDUCATIONAL _PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE _ENTERTAINMENT _RELIGIOUS
_OBJECT _IN PROCESS _YES: RESTRICTED _GOVERNMENT _SCIENTIFIC
_BEING CONSIDERED X YES: UNRESTRICTED _INDUSTRIAL _TRANSPORTATION
_NO _MILITARY _OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, OFFICE OF LANDS AND SURVEYS
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
STREET & NUMBER Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands
CITY, TOWN Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands STATE 96941

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE CLEAR TITLE AS PUBLICLY OWNED LAND AND BUILDING
DATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands
SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands STATE 96941

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

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At present, the former Japanese Hydro-Electric Power Plant Building is a solid grey and un-painted concrete structure, with an adjoining concrete water catchment tank and through-like affair (also concrete) which feeds into the building from a crudely constructed dam system.

The Building has one tiny door entrance and a number of windows. A second door was blocked off in recent years and a roof installed to store books for the Ponape Department of Education.

Some work has been done to restore the building and deterioration has been stabilized.

The Power Plant was constructed in the Mid-120's and was built down and in among the lush products of earlier times, when the site had been utilized by the Germans as an experimental Forestry Station.

The Japanese only cut away as many trees as were necessary for construction efforts.

At the site today, such trees as the African Palm, Dutch Mangos and Phillipine Mahogany, still exist from the German Plantings.

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 type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Building and Land Site are of major significance to Ponape as:

The Building and Land Site where the Japanese Hydro-Electric Power Plant and German Experimental Forestry Station were situated is of major significance as it represents 3 eras in Ponapean development.

Local historians and cultural experts say that initially, the site represents one of the richest banks of flat stones used in the traditional sakau or kava pounding/drinking ceremonies in Ponape. From this site, people have been extracting the flat stones for 100's of years for this cultural and traditional ritual.

Secondly, the German occupancy of Ponape beginning in the early 1900's, saw this area become a vast and prosperous experimental *Forestry station* trees and plants from throughout the world were planted. Many of the trees are still healthy and fruitful today.

Lastly, the Development by the Japanese with Ponapean and Japanese labor of a Hydro-Electric Power Plant, which provided electricity for Kolonia, served as a model for the future--- which has still not been matched in Ponape.

People who remember Kolonia during the Japanese times, claim that night was like day because of the power generated by this Hydro-Electric unit.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Members of the Ponape District Historic Preservation Committee and especially Mr. Pensile Lawrence and Committee Chairman, Mr. Hainrick Iriarte; as well as Community Elders alive during the Japanese times, are responsible for the information on which this nomination is based.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

158° 12' 23.66" (E) 6° 57' 33" (N)

A	54	13760	7620	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Japanese Hydro-Electric Power Plant Building and the German Experimental Forestry Station Site are located in the part of Kolonia.

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	Dan McAllister, Technical Advisor	
ORGANIZATION	Ponape District Historic preservation Committee	DATE
STREET & NUMBER	c/o Community Development Office	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	Ponape, Easter Caroline Islands	STATE 96941

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE TTPI LOCAL Ponape 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. Lands/Surveys DATE TTPI

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 9/30/76
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 8.17.76
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	