

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Nanyo Kohatsu Kabushiki Kaisha Ice Storage Building

and/or common Ice Storage Building

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is. code _____ county Tinian 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: abandoned

4. Owner of Property

name Government of the Northern Mariana Islands

street & number _____

city, town Saipan _____ vicinity of _____ state Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Department of Land Management

street & number _____

city, town Saipan _____ state Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N.A. has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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

The Ice Storage Building is a one story rectangular concrete structure 6 m by 4.3m and 3.7m high.

It is divided into two interior spaces, the one at the entry 1.1m by 4.5 m and the actual storage area 4.5 m by 9.4m.

The structure faces north with the entry at the northwest corner. There is only one other original opening which is on the west.

The building was damaged during the war. The west wall and interior wall have been severely damaged. There are two major holes in the roof in the storage room. This shell damage exposes a substantial amount of steel reinforcing.

The flat roof has a hardened 1 cm asphalt/tar pitch covering with precast concrete tiles laid on top.

The front and west exterior walls have a cement mortar wainscot with 1 to 2 mm granite aggregate exposed. This finishing material has also been found on structures in Rota.

The building was originally unpainted and remains in that condition.

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates circa 1930

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ice Storage Building is significant because there are a limited number and type of structures remaining from the Japanese era. It is further significant as the only ice storage building. There are several unique details on the building relating to its use. There are also several details including the wainscot and door canopy which tie the structure in with others in Tinian, Rota, and Saipan.

The building was part of the large Japanese corporation Nanyo Kohatsu Kabushiki Kaisha (N.K.K. or N.K.K.K.), South Sea Development Company, industrial complex in Tinian. The N.K.K. was primarily involved with the sugar cane industry but also had interests in alcohol manufacture, fishing, and ice manufacture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Paul B. Souder, Island of Rota; late 1940's; Micronesian Area Research Center. Album of the South Sea Islands; the South Sea Islands Assn; Japan, circa 1940; Photographic Essay.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UMT References

A

5	5	3	5	1	9	4	0	1	6	5	5	2	1	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone		Easting			Northing				

C

Zone		Easting			Northing				

D

Zone		Easting			Northing				

E

Zone		Easting			Northing				

F

Zone		Easting			Northing				

G

Zone		Easting			Northing				

H

Zone		Easting			Northing				

Verbal boundary description and justification From the road on the north to 5m beyond structure on other sides.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
Commonwealth of the			
state Northern Mariana Is.	code	county	code Tinian

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jack B. Jones Project Evaluator

organization J.B. Jones, Architect, AIA date April, 1980

street & number P.O. Box 6277 telephone 646-1101

city or town Tamuning, state Guam 96911

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Jesus B. Pangelinan

title Chief, Division of Historic Preservation date 9/12/80

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

Jesus B. Pangelinan date 4/17/81

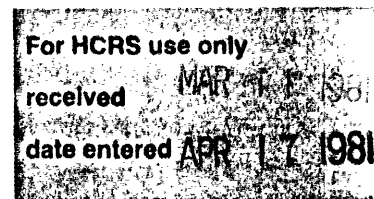
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 4/17/81

Chief of Registration

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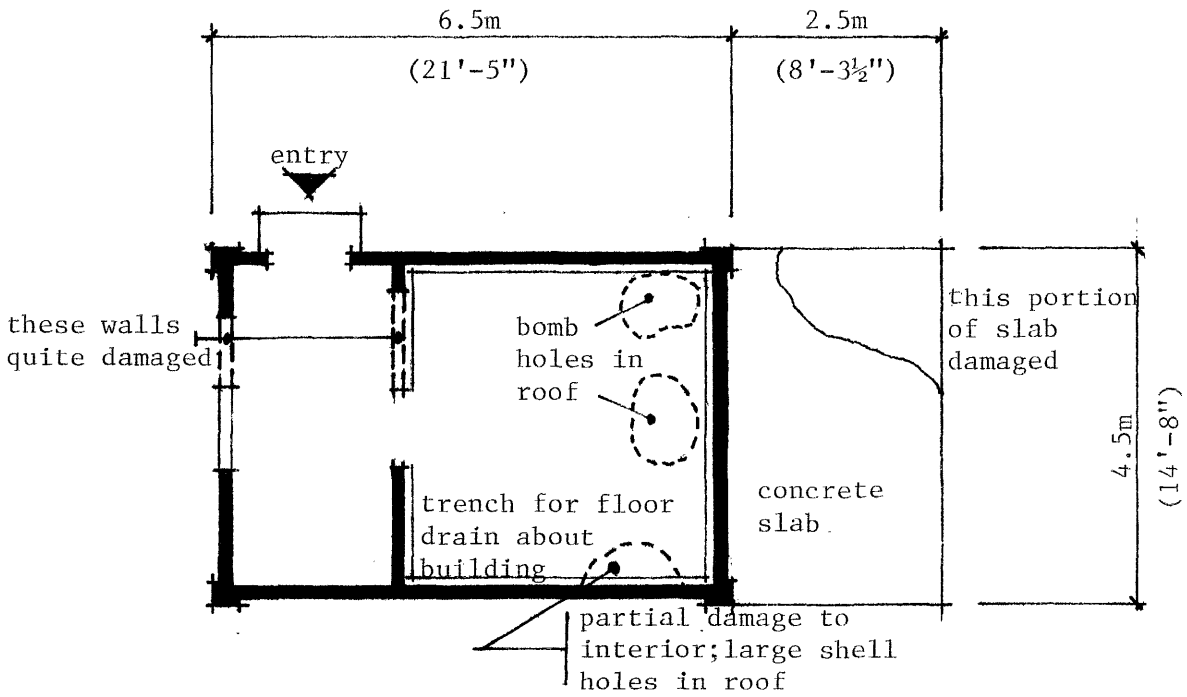
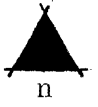
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8. Significance:

1. Japan seized the Marianas, except for Guam, along with the other German South Sea Islands in October, 1915 and retained them under the Mandates commission of the League of Nations following the Versailles Peace Treaty. During the period from 1922 to 1943 the Japanese South Seas Government maintained a Branch Government in Saipan. In the mid to late 1920's the NKK became very active in Saipan, with some of the major construction in Chalan Kanoa dating from 1928. Major settlements in Rota dated from 1930. Tinian construction was similar to Saipan and Rota.
2. The economic organization in the Marianas as in all of the Japanese Mandates were dominated by three large civilian Japanese Corporations: Nanyo Bocki Kaisha, South Seas Trading Company; Nanyo Takushoku Kabushiki Kaisha and Nanyo Kohatsu Kabushiki Kaisha, NKK.
3. The NKK was the largest and most influential corporation in the Marianas because it was the most important economic organization in the islands. It operated a system of tenant farming on sugar plantations covering 28, 687 acres. Part of the land was owned by the NKK and part was leased from the native Chamorros. The NKK owned and operated 2 sugar mills on Saipan, 1 mill on Tinian and 2 on Rota. The Chalan Kanoa area of Saipan was the support base for the major mill on Saipan. Singsong village was the support base for the major mill on Rota. Tinian Village was the support base for the mill on Tinian. The mill capacity for just the two Rota mills was 1,000 tons of sugar cane per day.
4. The vast majority of the NKK physical plant was destroyed during World War II. Only some of the residential and administrative structures are in use today and these are not being used in support of sugar cane or other original NKK enterprises.

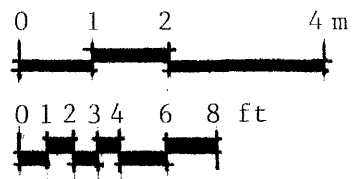
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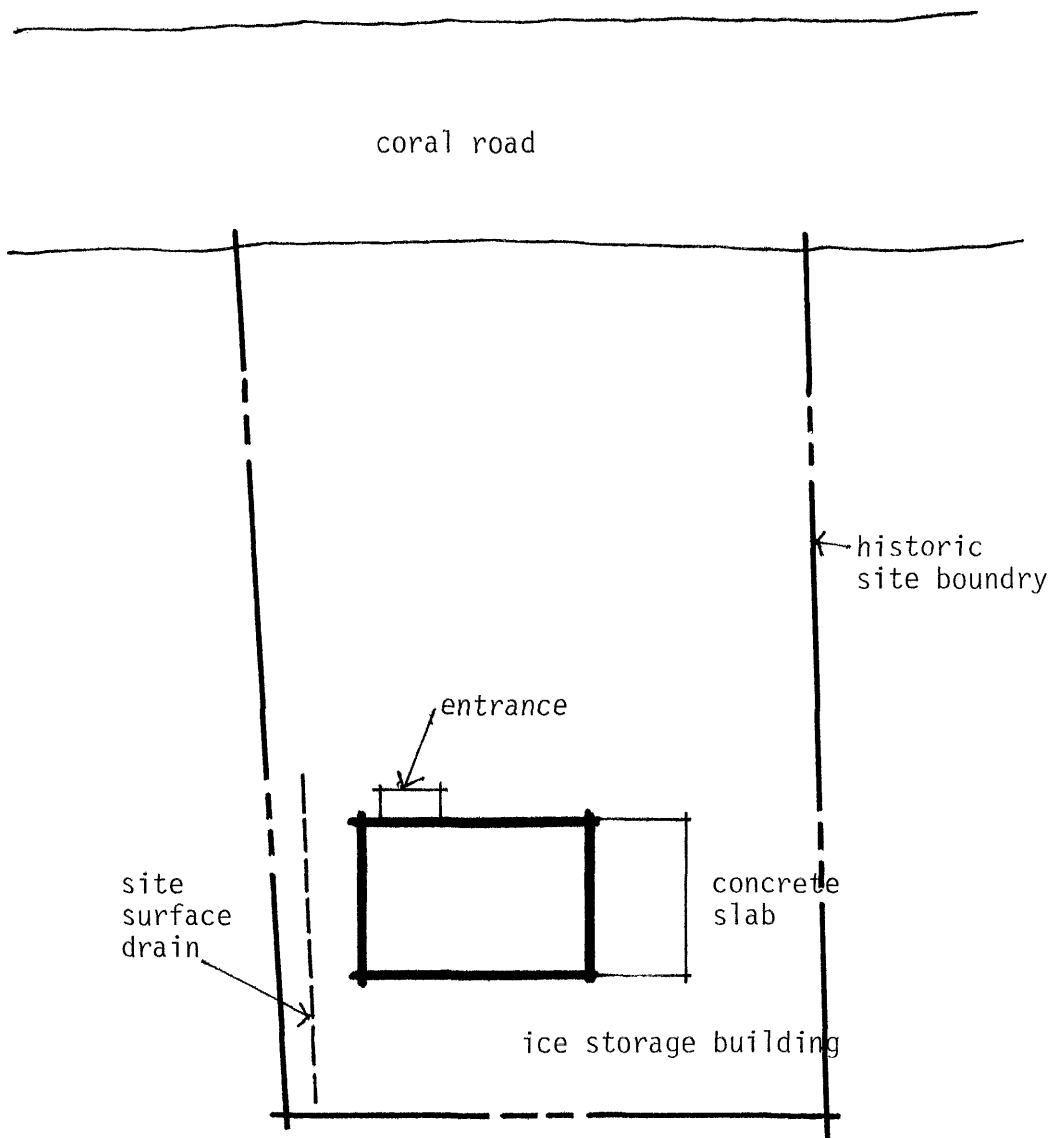
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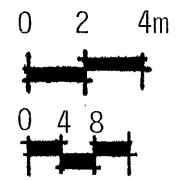
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map no. 3.

ice storage building

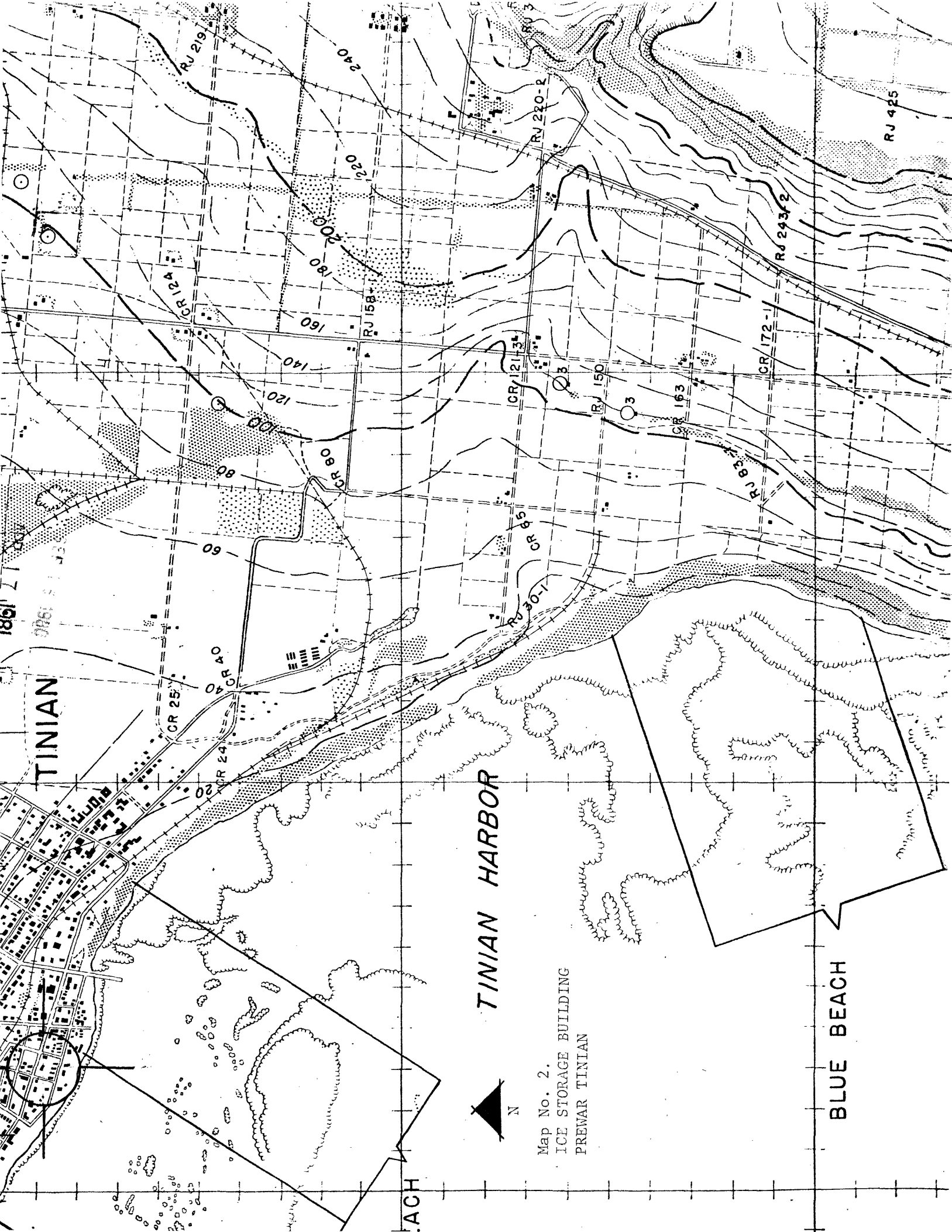




site plan
map no. 4
ice storage building



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TINIAN

TINIAN HARBOR

BLUE BEACH



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Map No. 2.
ICE STORAGE BUILDING
PREWAR TINIAN

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Map No. 1.

1ST EDITION - AMS (FEC)

ICE STORAGE BUILDING

UTM REFERENCE
55/351940/1655220

TACHUNGNYA



349 350 36°30" 351 352 353 354 39°00" 355

