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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting INTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION for individual properties and districts. See instructions in NATIONAL PARK SERVICE the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name ATANTANO SHRINE

other names/site number N/A/ 66-03-1012

2. Location

street & number 300 FT. SOUTHEAST OF RT. 1 (MARINE DRIVE) not for publication n/a
city or town PITI vicinity X
state GUAM (GU) code 010 county PITI code 010
zip code 96925

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant X nationally X statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth R. Perez March 7, 1995
Signature of certifying official Date

KENNETH R.T. PEREZ, HISTORIAN
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Richard D. Davis 3/17/95
Signature of commenting or other official Date

RICHARD D. DAVIS, GUAM HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

Antonieta Lee 11/21/95

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
_____	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
<u>1</u>	_____ structures
<u>1</u>	_____ objects
<u>2</u>	_____ Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION Sub: RELIGIOUS FACILITY

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION Sub: RELIGIOUS FACILITY

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
roof CONCRETE
walls CONCRETE AND CORAL
other N/A

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheet

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.

- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION
ETHNIC HERITAGE, PACIFIC IS.

Period of Significance c. 1786 to Present

Significant Dates 1521-1898

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

Architect/Builder _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
 See Continuation Sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)
 See Continuation Sheet

- Previous documentation on file (NPS)
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary Location of Additional Data
- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 0.2 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>55</u>	<u>248360</u>	<u>1485030</u>	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

The boundary of the Atantano Shrine is shown as a dot on the Apra Harbor USGS 1:24,000 Quadrangle map (reference A), and is labeled as an "Historical Monument an Spanish Shrin."

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

The boundary includes only lot number 230-2 (a portion of basic Lot Number 230-R1)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title KENNETH R.T. PEREZ, Historian

organization Dept. Parks & Rec., HRD date Mar. 7, 1995

street & number 490 Chalan Palasyo Rd. telephone (671)477-9620

city or town Agana Heights state GU zip code 96919

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Government of Guam - Dept. of Land Management

street & number P.O. Box 2950 telephone (671)475-5263

city or town Agana, state GU zip code 96910

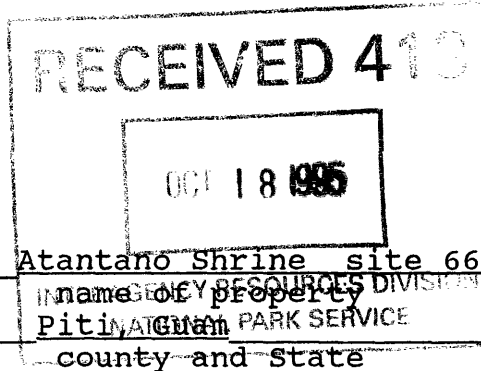
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NAME OF PROPERTY
Pitiyaguan PARK SERVICE
county and state

The Atantano Shrine is located southeast of route 1 (Marine Drive) and c. 50 meters (m) north of the Atantano river on the Apra Harbor USGS 1:24,000 Quadrangle map (1968). The shrine is accessed by a dirt road branching from route 1 c.0.15 miles north of the junction of routes 1 and 2A. The dirt road rejoins route 1 c. 0.2 miles to the north. The shrine is located near the mid-point of the road, c. 10 meters to the east in a cleared field.

The shrine is a roughly pyramidal monument on a square base, 1.6 m on a side. The shrine stands 2.5 m high and is topped by a wooden cross. The monument appears to have been built in two, or three, successive stages. The uppermost portion appears to be a separate unit. The middle and lower portions appear to be later constructions which successively served as new bases on which the upper monument, and the combined middle and upper monuments, subsequently were re-positioned. The actual construction detail and materials are difficult to discern because the monument has subsequently been painted.

Dedications are inscribed in three panels. Two are dedicated to governors from the Spanish Period (A.D. 1521-1898), and the third to a governor from the First American Period (A.D. 1898-1941). The earliest (and uppermost) inscription is written in Spanish and dedicated to Governor Don Felipe Cerain who administered Guam and the Mariana Islands from 1776-1786. The dedication reads:

EL GOVERNADOR
D. FELIPE CERAIN (G.E.D.) HIZO
CONSTRUIR ESTA DIFICIL CALZADO ANOS
1784 Y 1785 PLANTO LOS COCALES E COMNNI
DAD Y PRODIÇQ YNNUMERABLES BENEFICIOS A
ESTAS YSLAS RUEÇ A DIOS POR SUALMA.

Translated, the inscription reads:

The Governor Don Felipe Cerain, R.I.P., had this difficult road constructed in 1784 and 1785, planted the coconut trees of the community, and brought innumerable benefits to these islands. Pray to God for his soul.

The second inscription, also written in Spanish, is dedicated to the efforts of Governor Don Francisco Villalobos (governed 1831 to 1837). The inscription reads:

EL GOVERNADOR D. FRANCISCO VILLALBOS
LOS GOVERNADORDIOS D. ANTONIO GUERRERO D. JUAN
DE RIVERA Y D. LUCAS DE CASTRO. Y TODOS LOS CAVEZAS DE
BARABGAY DE AGANA QUE CON EL AUSILIO DE SUS VECINOS LA
GRARON DESDE EL GNO 1832 A 1834 ESTABLECER LAS PRIMERAS SIEMBRAS
DE PALAY EN ESTE FERTIL VEGA, SUPLICAN AGRADECIDOS LA PROTECCION
DE LA VIRGEN MADRE DE DIOS, Y A HONOR DETAN SABERANA REYNA
DESCAN SE NOMBRE ENADELANTES CENEÇ DE LA PURISIMA.

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The translated inscription reads:

The Governor Don Francisco Villabos, the Commissioners Don Antonio Guerrero, Don Juan de Rivera, and Don Lucas de Castro, and all district leaders of Agana, with the help of their fellow citizens succeeded from 1832 to 1834 in establishing the first rice fields in this fertile meadow. They gratefully entreat the protection of the Virgin Mother of God, and in honor of the Sovereign Queen the wish to make its name Swamp of the Immaculate Virgen [sic].

The third inscription is written in English and dedicates the rebuilding of the coastal road connecting the villages of Agat and Piti under the administration of Governor Edward J. Dorn(governed 1907 to 1910). The inscription reads:

PITI-AGAT ROAD
REBUILT
1908 1909

CAPT. E.J. DORN USN GOVERNOR
IN CHARGE OF WORK

LT. COMDR. E.L. BISSET USN 08
ACE R.M. WARFIELD USN 09

In 1952, an open structure was erected by the 103 Naval Construction Battalion to shelter the shrine. The shelter is dedicated to the 5th Naval Construction Brigade. The shelter consists of four concrete posts arrayed in a square, 12 feet on center, that support a concrete roof. Between the northeast and southeast posts is a wall constructed of cemented coral rocks. The wall is constructed around a natural limestone overhang, the bottom portion of the wall blocks access to the space sheltered by the overhang. A short, wing wall extends from the northeast post at a 65 degree angle from the rear wall. On the side of the wing wall facing the shrine are the words "Biba [Hurrah] SANTA CRUZ Biba!" Followed by translations of the panels written in Spanish. A 12 inch high wall extends from the end of the wing wall to the northwest post, from the northwest post to the southwest post, and the from the southwest post to the southeast post. The low wall is cut by three steps centered between the northwest and southwest posts. A plaque imbedded in the wall reads: "This shelter erected to commemorate the work of the 5th Naval Construction Brigade, 1944-45. 103 NCB 1952."

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The practice of commemorating important achievements of high level administrators has been a long standing tradition of Spanish culture. This tradition was brought to Guam by Spaniards sent to live and work on the island during the Spanish Period (c. AD 1521-1898). The Atantano Shrine is an example of this tradition.

The earliest event commemorated is the construction of a reliable road connecting the villages of Agat and Piti under the direction of Spanish Governor Don Felipe Cerain in 1784-1785. The road furthered interaction between northern and southern Chamoru communities. The next event commemorated was the establishment of rice fields by Governor Villalobos in the low-lying areas around the shrine in 1832-1834. This was part of a plan on the part of the Governor to increase production of staples to reduce imports and keep much needed hard currency on island.

The final event commemorated was the building of the Agat-Piti road under the supervision of Governor Edward J. Dorn in 1808-1909. This commemoration, honoring an American citizen, upholds and continues the tradition begun by the Spanish. In 1952, U.S. Seabees erected a shelter over the shrine to protect it from the elements. The Shelter also honored the efforts of war-time Seabees to rebuild and improve the Agat-Piti road, now known as Marine Drive in honor of the U.S. Marines who participated in the recapture of Guam from the Japanese. The shelter is an integral component of the property.

The events commemorated by the Atantano Shrine property are significant under Criterion A in that they represent significant events in the broad pattern of Guam's history. Further, because the practice of erecting markers by the Spanish for events such as described above is so common and long lived as to have become tradition, the property has traditional cultural significance as outlined in the National Park Service Bulletin 38.

The site has attained historical importance as a religious site as described under Criteria Consideration A. Today, an annual fiesta (a local traditional cultural event of religious adoration focused on a Catholic Saint or sacred religious artifacts) is held at the site of the shrine. The festivities last for nine days, and focus on the cross that is mounted on the apex of the shrine and dedication to the Virgin Mother of God. The mayor of Piti asserts this practice originated at least before World War II.

The site also gained historical significance as described under Criteria Consideration F. The continuing use and maintenance of the shrine attests to the symbolic importance of the shrine to local people. These activities serve to keep alive the local knowledge of the events commemorated by the shrine, further the traditional cultural function of the shrine as envisioned by its originators, and provide continuity into modern times.

Few cultural remains of sufficient integrity to provide tangible connections to

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the Spanish Period exists on Guam. The Atantano Shrine provides not only a link to the earliest historic times, but does so with continuity through the intervening historic periods.

On June 5, 1975, the Atantano Shrine was listed on the Guam Register of Historic Places. On September 18, 1989, International Investments Inc., made a gift and dedication of the land (Lot 230-2) to the Government of Guam Department of Parks and Recreation.

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Department of Parks and Recreation - Historic Resource Division

n.d. Guam Register of Historic Places Inventory Data Form for Site 66-03-1012.

Reinman, F.M.

1977 An Archaeological Survey and Preliminary Test Excavationson the island of Guam, Mariana islands, 1965-1966. Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam, Mangilao.

Sanchez, P.C.

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Paul H. Rosendahl, Ph.D., Inc. (PHRI)

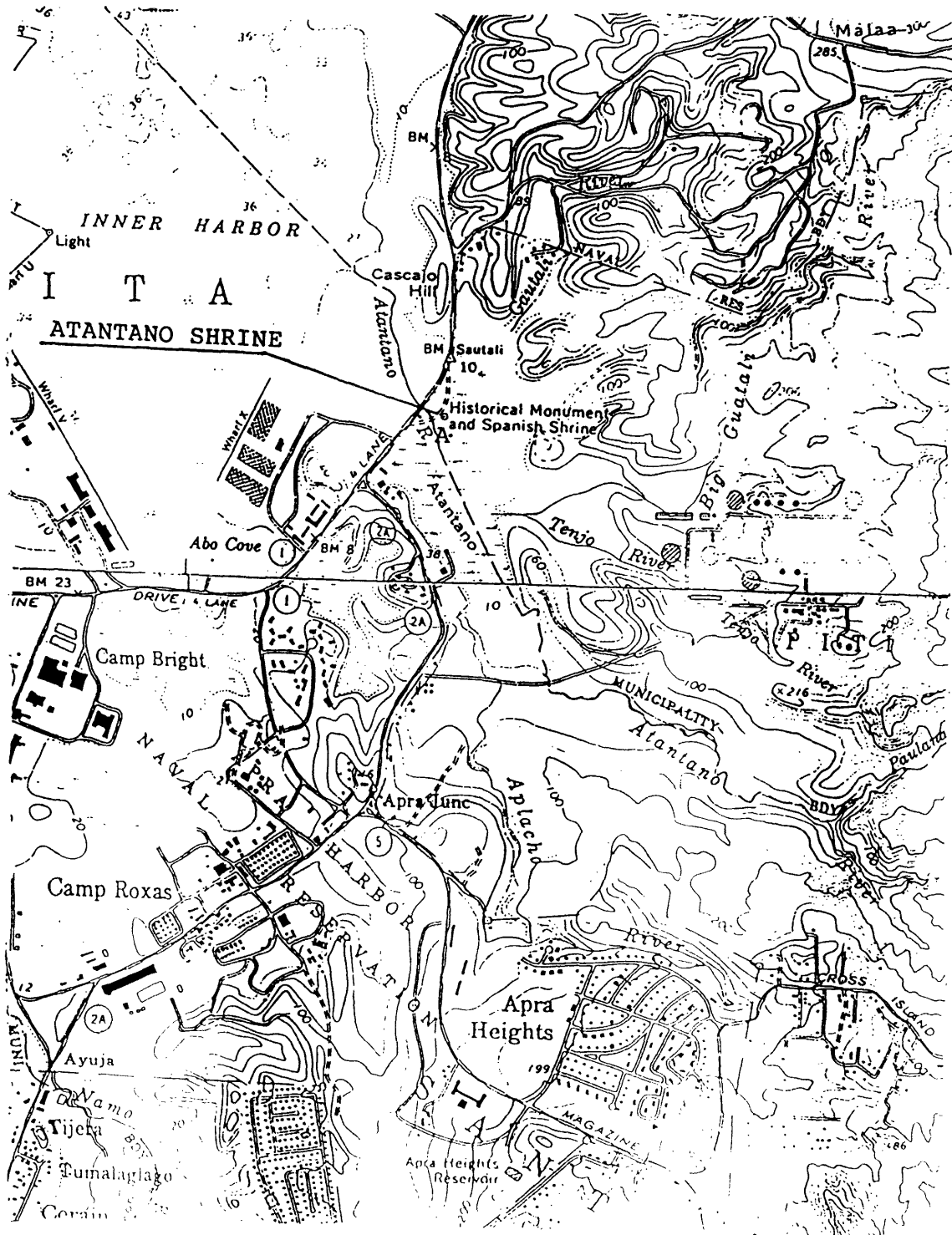
1994 Inventory Data form for Atantano Shrine.

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SITE LOCATION MAP - ATANTANO SHRINE (66-03-1012)
USGS 1:24000 APRA HARBOR AND AGAT QUADRANGLE MAPS
SITE LOCATED ON APRA HARBOR QUADRANGLE



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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 95001367 Date Listed: 11/21/95

Atantano Shrine
Property Name

Guam
County

Guam
State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Antonieta Pless
Signature of the Keeper

11/21/95
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Statement of Significance: The Period of Significance blank is amended to read "1834 to Present." The Significant Dates blank is amended to read "1834, 1898."

This information was confirmed with Ken Perez of the Guam Historic Preservation Office.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)