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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR PONAPEAN CHILDREN

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

KOLONIA
Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96941

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Hospital

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.

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE CLEAR TITLE AS PUBLICLY OWNED LAND AND BUILDING.

DATE

Office of Lands and Surveys

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands

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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 Building and Site of the Japanese Elementary school for Ponapean children in Kolonia, are currently being utilized as the Ponape District Hospital and for related health services. Immediate plans however, call for the area to be vacated sometime during August of 1976.

The Building which housed grades one thru four and is now the "Main ward" of the hospital, was one of the two Buildings originally used for the school. It is approximately 108' X 24' in size.

At best, the remaining building can only be given a "Fair" and "Deteriorated" condition description. Though it is constructed of thick re-inforced concrete and was repaired just after world war II by the U.S. Navy, it is riddled with cracks and other signs of stress.

Both buildings suffered extensive damages during U.S. bombing of Ponape in 1944. After the war the other building was demolished and the site used to build what is now the "maternity ward" of the hospital.

Directly behind the existing school room and "maternity ward" site, is another large section of ruins which are part of the Spanish Wall or Fort Alphonso.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	1920 or 1921	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	JAPANESE GOVERNMENT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Japanese Elementary School for Ponapean children in Kolonia is believed to have been built in either 1920 or 1921. The school was built in an area of Kolonia which during the Spanish occupancy of Ponape would have been inside the Spanish Wall or Fort Alphonso.

The existing building and site, are of major significance to the people of Ponape because they represent two major eras in Ponape's history during the last century.

Additionally, the Building and Site serve as strong visual aides for purposes of teaching Ponapean children something of their island's history.

The school site was utilized from time of construction until the U.S. attacks on Ponape in 1944.

During its use, it was the only school for Ponapean children. Japanese dependents were forced to attend a segregated school in another part of Kolonia.

