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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

ONGELULUUL

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Uchuladokoe

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Melekeok

__ VICINITY OF Babelthuar Island

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Palau District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands 96950

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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: storage area

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trust Territory Government/in trust to Chief Reklai

STREET & NUMBER

Saipan Headquarters

Okemii

Palau District

CITY, TOWN

STATE

__ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Municipal Office

STREET & NUMBER

Ngerams

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Melekeok, Babelthuar Island, TTPI 96950

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none.

DATE

__ FEDERAL __ STATE __ COUNTY __ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

Ongeluluul is a stone platform along the main road to Old Melekeok Village to west/southwest further inland about 100 yards from the boathouse along the shoreline. The platform is about 20 feet by 20 feet separate from the main road by a small creek paralleling the road eastward. It was once a finely paved platform, called ILIUED, with basaltic stones where secret and important outdoor meetings of chiefs were held and war plans and strategy outlined.

At present, most of the original stones have fallen down and some have been taken away for personal use. Large trees (breadfruit, pandanus) have grown up and are now growing on and around the platform's remains. Roots and other vegetation are undermining the stones, displacing them and cracking others.

Though the site is of great traditional/cultural importance to Palauans, it is being used today, unofficially, as a general construction materials storage area.

The platform itself is on top of private land belonging to Ubal Tellei, though the structure is indirectly controlled by Melekeok High Chief Reklai, who personally paid in the form of food and accommodation for the construction in 1750.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1750

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Reklai Tangesechel

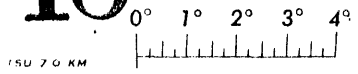
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ongeluluul means "place where one whispers". It is locally referred to as specific places where village secret and important meetings take place. The connotation is related to warfare strategy planning. Important Palauan villages such as Koror, Aimeliik and Ngeremlengui have places of this kind.

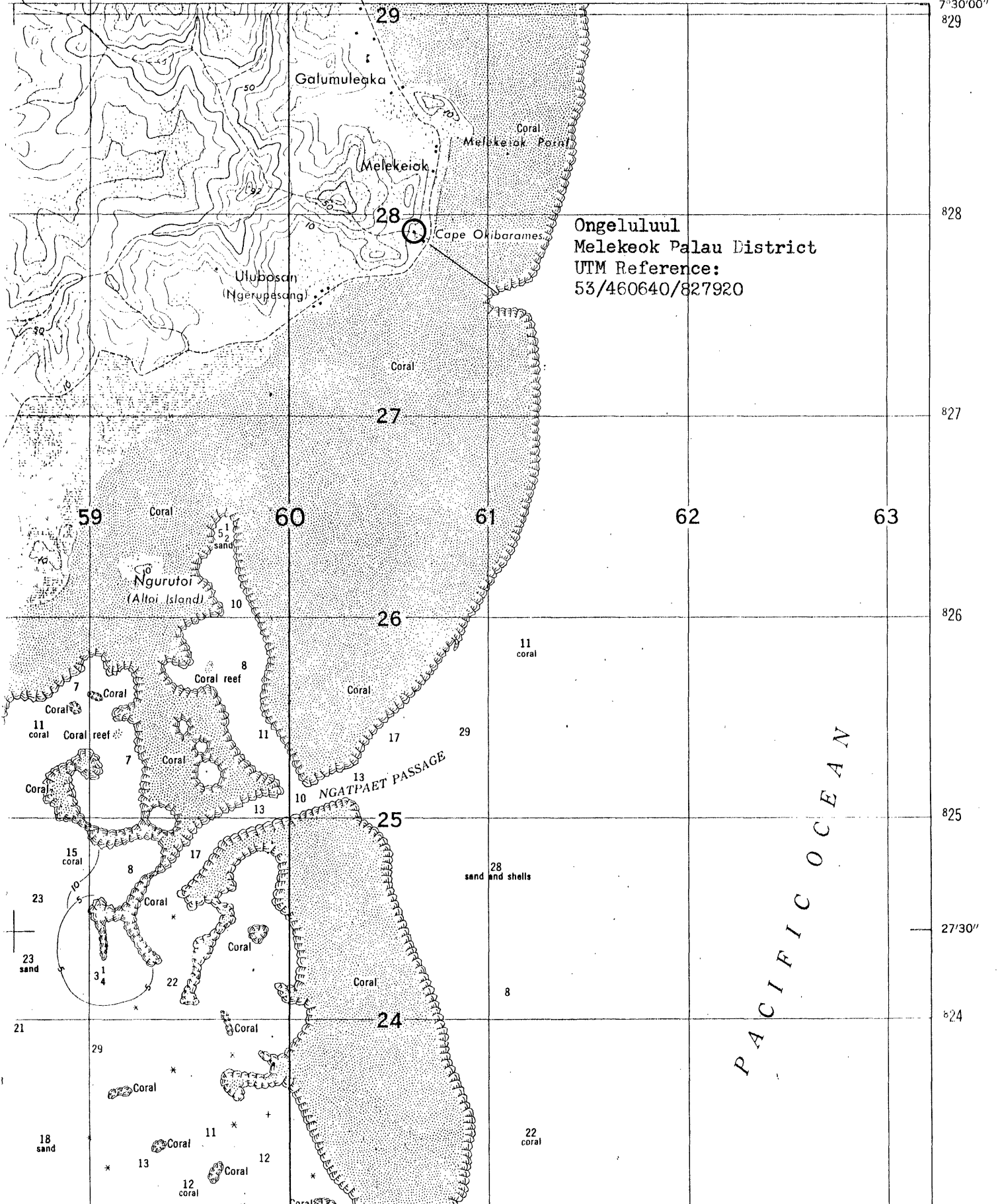
During the course of various and succeeding foreign occupations of Palau, this meaning has been diluted. Ongeluluul, however, remains representative of this original Palauan council site, and reflects former days of traditional historic campaigns and battles.

Mekekeok Ongeluluul has additional significance to Palauan history: it was the site of two important peace treaties. The first was that of Koror Abba Thule Esuch and Ngetelngal Reklai Tangesechel in the year 1793 when Captain Henry Wilson first introduced firearms to local warfare and helped Abba Thule to destroy Ngetelngal, Melekeok; and the second was that of Aibedül, Abba Thule and Ilengelekei and Reklai Soilokel in 1870 during the time of the Spanish occupation.

The formal peace treaty ceremonies were held in the presence of white men for the first time. This treaty at Ongeluluul ended all local civil wars throughout Palau islands. Ongeluluul has come to signify the ending of spears and canoes as means for warfare--and the beginning of their exclusive use for fishing and good living.



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Ongeluluul
Melekeok Palau District
UTM Reference:
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