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**TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
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PRESERVATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

SEC. 1: Because there are known to exist in widely separated parts of Trust Territory, archaeological remains of great antiquity, and it seems likely that others may yet be discovered; and because these remains are of great scientific significance; it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Trust Territory Administration to preserve such remains for the admiration and benefit of all the people.

SEC. 2: The remains known as the House of Taga and the Taga Quarry on Tinian, An Nevia on Rota, Mas Hotel on Pohnpei, and the Iala ruins on Euseia are hereby designated as Territorial Monuments; and the appropriate Civil Administrators are hereby charged with the proper cleaning up, marking, protection, and maintenance of these monuments as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3: In addition to the outstanding remains listed in Section 2, Civil Administrators are authorized to select other lattes and sites (such as, for example, some of the better lattes on Rota) and set them aside by District Order as District or Municipal Monuments.

SEC. 4: In carrying out the purposes of this regulation, Civil Administrators will first determine the exact area needed for effective preservation of the desired remains. They will then counsel with the native leaders concerning the reservation of the specified area, explain carefully the purposes of the reservation, and enlist the support of the people for the project.

SEC. 5: Civil Administrators are hereby authorized to expend from available funds such sums as may be necessary on the initial clean-up of the reserved areas, and for fencing when considered essential, as well as for the preparation and erection of appropriate markers or signs. Thereafter the municipal officials will be expected to see that the areas are kept free of all woody vegetation by semi-annual cleaning.

SEC. 6: No excavation will be permitted in any Monument set up under the provisions of this regulation, nor may any material be removed therefrom, except under permit that may, in his discretion, be issued by the High Commissioner to duly accredited representatives of recognized scientific institutions embracing archaeology in their fields of study.

SEC. 7: Any person defacing or otherwise damaging any Monument set up under the authority of this regulation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned for a period not exceeding six (6) months or fined more than one hundred dollars (\$100) or both.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ 1950.

ENCLOSURE (1)

Finally set up, the Coordinated Investigation of Micronesian Anthropology utilized the services of 42 scientists - 35 anthropologists, 4 linguists, and 3 geographers - representing 21 institutions in the continental U.S., the Territory of Hawaii, and Australia. Many of the personnel were scholars of established reputation; the projects in which advanced pre-doctoral students participated were under the immediate direction of established scientists. Dr. George P. Murdock served as scientific coordinator of the individual projects, in addition to participating in and actively directing projects in the Truk district.

It was of course impossible to obtain complete coverage of the multitude of islands and islets of Micronesia in a single program. However, centers of all the main cultural divisions of Micronesia, both high and low island manifestations, were studied. The map showing distribution of the projects makes this clear.

The average length of the field studies ranged from six to seven months. The scientists from Stateside institutions were transported from San Francisco to the localities in which they were to work, equipped with necessary field gear, given logistic support during their stay, and when their field-work was concluded, were returned to the United States. It should be added that supplementary support, in the form of transportation to port of departure, special equipment, and the like, was given to most of the scientists by their respective institutions.

During the course of the investigations, the scientists submitted interim reports, summarizing their progress and making recommendations for administrator's consideration. Some of these interim reports have considerable value, from the administrative point of view. All highlighted problems that merit consideration. The Trust Territory administration is looking forward with anticipation to the final reports from the various projects. We are certain that the considered findings of the scientists will be of inestimable value in administering the Trust Territory of Micronesia in accordance with our goal of maximum advantage to, and well-being of the native inhabitants.