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The 2004 + 2005 Annual Reports have been submitted in October 2005 and cover in detail the activities of the Anthropologist for that period of time. This report has to be seen as a supplement to the before mentioned reports. It covers the time span from October 13, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

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1. Mili Atoll Survey.

On December 19, 2005 the report of this survey was finished and handed over to Clary Makroro, Executive Director of the Alele Museum, together with the accompanying appendices.

Since October 13, 2005 about 25 interviews were conducted in Majuro. As translator served Lenn Lenja, Mayor of Mili Atoll and Ramsey Reimers, Robert Reimers Enterprises, because no one from the staff of the Alele Museum had been assigned to translate for the Anthropologist.

A CD with a copy of this report (in Word for Windows) accompanies this report.

2. De Brum Collection of Glass Plate Negatives - *Memento Mori*.

This report is based on a paper presented at the University of Washington's conference 'Narrating Colonial Encounters: Germany in the South Pacific'.

The report was finished on Dec. 29, 2005, but due to lack of ink, could only partially be printed.

A CD containing a copy of this report (in Word for Windows) accompanies this report.

3. Traditional Marshallese Plaiting.

The purpose of this research was to present an overview over traditional Marshallese plaited objects, the plaiting techniques and related terms.

Initially this project was scheduled to be continued in 2006, but when informed on December 8, 2005, that "FY03 grants must be submitted to NPS when HPO submit the annual performance report" the Anthropologist had the requested report finished, but due to lack of ink, it could not be printed.

None of the National Park Service funds, reserved for this project, have been used. A CD containing a copy of this report (in Word for Windows) accompanies this report.

4. Colonial Grievances.

At the ESfO (European Society of Oceanists) conference in Marseille in July 2005, the Anthropologist presented the paper *Aelon Kain Ar* in the workshop 'Colonial Grievances.

The trip was partly financed with National Park service funds. A CD, containing a copy of this presentation (Power Point) accompanies this report.

4. Entertainment, Music, and Sport.

In 2003, when the Anthropologist joined the Alele Museum, it was decided to rewrite four (4) publications of Donna Stone (Traditional Fishing, Traditional Entertainment, Marshallese Astronomy, and Traditional Plants). The topic of 2005 was "Entertainment, Music and Sport." It was not completed, because Clary Makroro, Executive Director of the Alele Museum, informed the Anthropologist in November 2005, to stop working on it, because no funds were involved in this project.

5. *Riwut* Canoes.

An anthropological study of *riwut* canoes had been planned for FY 2005. In the beginning of December 2005 the Anthropologist approached the administration of the Alele Museum with the request for help to find a *riwut* canoe builder as informant for this project. At that point Clary Makroro, Executive Director of the Alele Museum, decided to cancel the project, because he was not au fait with the fact that the Anthropologist needed assistance, and did not want to start a project that had been planned by his predecessor.

6. German Students.

In 2005 two German Students came to work in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Martin Schneider, who had arrived in January 2005, and had conducted his PhD research on Ailuk Atoll, left on December 28. The Anthropologist took care of him during his stay on the Outer Islands (sending mail and provision as well as maintaining contact with his family and university in Germany).

Christine Sturm stayed from September to December 2005, and worked as a volunteer at the Alele Museum. With guidance of the Anthropologist she reorganized the storage area, and rearranged parts of the exhibition.

7. UNESCO Workshop.

The Anthropologist helped in the preparation of the UNESCO workshop, which was held in Majuro from October 24-28, 2005.

8. Meetings.

As a representative of the Alele Museum, the Anthropologist attended the GIS meetings and (financially) helped to host the one on December 6, 2005 at the Alele Museum.

9. Resignation.

The Anthropologist resigned on December 14, 2005. Letters of resignation were handed over to Wilbur Allen, Historic Preservation Officer and Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Clary Makroro, Executive Director of the Alele Museum, and Lenest Lanki, Public Service Commission. Copies were sent by email to Paula Falk Creech and Davis Look at the U.S. National Park Service.

Reasons:

- Lack of accurate financial dealings.
 - Expenses for the trip to Marseille in June 2005 have not yet been paid.
 - Salary raise has not been paid since October 2, 2005.
 - Rent had not been paid until landlord sent eviction letter.
- Lack of cooperation.
 - Anthropologist was never provided with a functioning work station.
 - During surveys the Historic Preservation Office completely disregarded the needs of the Anthropologist.
 - No counterpart at the Alele Museum, outsiders had to translate for the Anthropologist.
- Mobbing in the office.

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