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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC *zh* **

Kaguyak Village Site (49 Af.4)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Shelikof Strait, Katmai National Monument

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF *Kanatak*

STATE

Alaska

CODE
03

COUNTY

Bristol Bay Div.

CODE

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region

STREET & NUMBER

523 Fourth and Pike Building

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

VICINITY OF

STATE

Washington 98101

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Archeological Survey in Katmai National Monument, Alaska, 1964

DATE

1964

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region

CITY, TOWN

Seattle

STATE

Washington 98101

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Remains of the village are scattered along [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is covered by grass and is bounded by bushy thickets of willow, birch, and cottonwood.

Several types of remains occur: Eskimo houses (presumably occupied at or shortly before the sites abandonment in 1912), oval depressions marking somewhat older houses, a Kashim or communal structure and a Russian Orthodox Church and graveyard.

The Church burned sometime prior to 1964 and only the lowermost courses of logs now remain. It was still standing in 1953, however, and was described by the archeologists as follows: rectangular building, 7.85 by 5.95 meters with a 3.4 by 2.1 meter vestibule on the western end. Walls 2.15 meters in height of square hewn timbers dove-tailed at the corners. Exterior covered with horizontal siding. Vestibule rough timber framed, weatherboarded. Shingled roof surmounted by Russian Orthodox Cross. South and east walls with two windows, north wall with one. Windows 1.3 by .83 meters. Sod was piled against the outside walls to a height of 1 meter. Interior with two rooms divided by iconostasis. Floors of 1 by 6 dressed lumber. Wall with tongue and groove ceiling. Ceiling of rough, random width lumber. Hand-forged nails throughout.

The Kashim was a traditional native structure built for dances and ceremonial occasions. Only the depression it stood in and a few rotting timbers marked its presence today. It had collapsed by 1953, but enough remained to describe it as follows. The large room was oval, 23.1 by 16.17 meters, with a sloping entry way, 6.1 by 9.12 meters. A smaller room, 5.4 by 6.93 meters, adjoined the east side and was probably entered through a tunnel. The Kashim was apparently built completely underground, except for the roof.

The recent eskimo houses were semi-subterranean, rectangular and with the entrance toward the sea. A few multiple room units were evident and consisted of two or more such structures built in line, with passageways or tunnels connecting them. Oval depressions of older houses indicated little more than that they were single room structures. These houses averaged 2.75 by 4.5 meters.

Test trenches dug by the University of Oregon in 1953 and again in 1964 constitute the only archeological excavations. One of the older houses was tested and found to contain material that was quite late; china, window glass, metal utensils, cloth, and leather--presumably dating from late in the site's history.

Test pits dug in three other locations showed a layer of midden from 20-60 centimeters thick, burned under windblown sand and volcanic ash from the 1912 Mount Katmai eruption. The midden was sandy soil, charcoal stained, and with fire cracked rock and smaller lenses of bones and shell. A few aboriginal artifacts, such as stone knives and carved bone ornaments, were found, but most of the material is historic; hand-forged nails, window glass, and china.

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7. The excavations failed to disclose how long the site was occupied. The first mention of it was in 1835, but it's age at that time is unknown. Kaguyak was abandoned in 1912 at the time of the Mount Katmai eruption.

The presence of a church suggests that Russian's attached some importance to the settlement. It has been hypothesized that the village was established by the Russian American Trading Company to house native hunters at a locale where nearby populations of sea otters could be exploited.

Historic structures have all but vanished, but remains of recent and older houses and the midden have been protected by the blanket of sand and volcanic ash. No disturbance, aside from the excavation, has occurred and the archeological deposits are intact.



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 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 checked="" 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"/> 1900-1912	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1800-1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kaguyak village site is significant because it has the potential to provide data on the culture of the Eskimo in historic times. For, while investigations in other sites on the Shelikof Strait have described more ancient culture stages, the lifeway of recent times is poorly understood. The impact of Russians and Americans upon native culture would be one important field of inquiry which might be explored by subsequent investigations.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Archeological Investigations of Inland and Coastal Sites of Katmai National Monument, Alaska" by Wilbur A. Davis. Manuscript deposited at National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude [REDACTED]
 Longitude [REDACTED]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles F. Bohannon, Regional Archeologist

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region

DATE

August 29, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

523 Fourth and Pike Building

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Seattle, Washington 98101

STATE

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

Deputy William Stencher
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary
 Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE MAY 3 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *Charles F. Bohannon*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 6-23-78
 DATE 6-6-78