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Mr. Brian J. J. Choy
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Central Pacific Plaza
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Choy:

Subject: Kulani Correctional Facility
Electrical System Upgrade

Attached for your appropriate action are the following:

1. Document for Publication in the OEQC Bulletin.
2. Four copies of the Negative Declaration.

If there are any questions, please have your staff call
Mr. Ralph Yukumoto of the Planning Branch at 586-0488.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Teuane Tominaga".

TEUANE TOMINAGA
State Public Works Engineer

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Attachments

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System Upgrade

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION
KULANI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UPGRADE
APRIL 6, 1992

- A. PROPOSING AGENCY: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Public Safety.
- B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.
- C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Public Safety.
- D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:
1. Technical: This project is to upgrade the electrical system at Kulani Correctional Facility to meet both current demand and accommodate an inmate population of 350.
 2. Economic: The estimated cost of the project is \$1,686,000. Since the project will be constructed within the existing Kulani site, no land will be removed from the tax base.
 3. Social: The project will provide the facility with a much-needed upgraded electrical system to implement its current expansion plans at the site.
 4. Environmental: The project will not create any major environmental impact.
- E. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS: Kulani Correctional Facility is located on the Big Island, about 15 miles mauka of Hilo. See Figures 1 and 2.
- F. DISCUSSION OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS: The following assessments are made to determine whether or not the anticipated effects constitute a "significant effect":
1. The proposed action will not involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.
 2. The proposed action will not curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.
 3. The proposed action will not conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.

4. The proposed action will not substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.
 5. The proposed action will not involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.
 6. The proposed action will not involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.
 7. The proposed action will not substantially affect any rare, threatened or endangered species of flora or fauna or habitat. No endangered species of flora or fauna are known to exist in the project site.
 8. The proposed action will not detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.
 9. The proposed action will not be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.
- G. SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS: From the above assessment, no major adverse environmental impact is anticipated. The project will result in the following minor adverse impacts:
1. Depletion of labor and material resources for construction.
 2. Some dust and noise during construction.
- H. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: The "no action" alternative was considered but deemed to be unacceptable.
- I. PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES: The temporary dust and noise which would occur during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution control measures.
- J. DETERMINATION: It is determined that an Environmental Impact Statement should not be required for this project.
- K. FINDINGS AND REASONS SUPPORTING DETERMINATION: The project site is generally free of flood, tsunami, erosion, and landslide hazards. No rare or endangered species of flora

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are known to exist at the site. No rare or endangered species of fauna are known to inhabit the site. There are no recorded archaeological or historical sites within the existing site.

For the reasons cited above, the proposed action will not have any significant effect in the context of Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Section 11-200-12 of the State Administrative Rules.

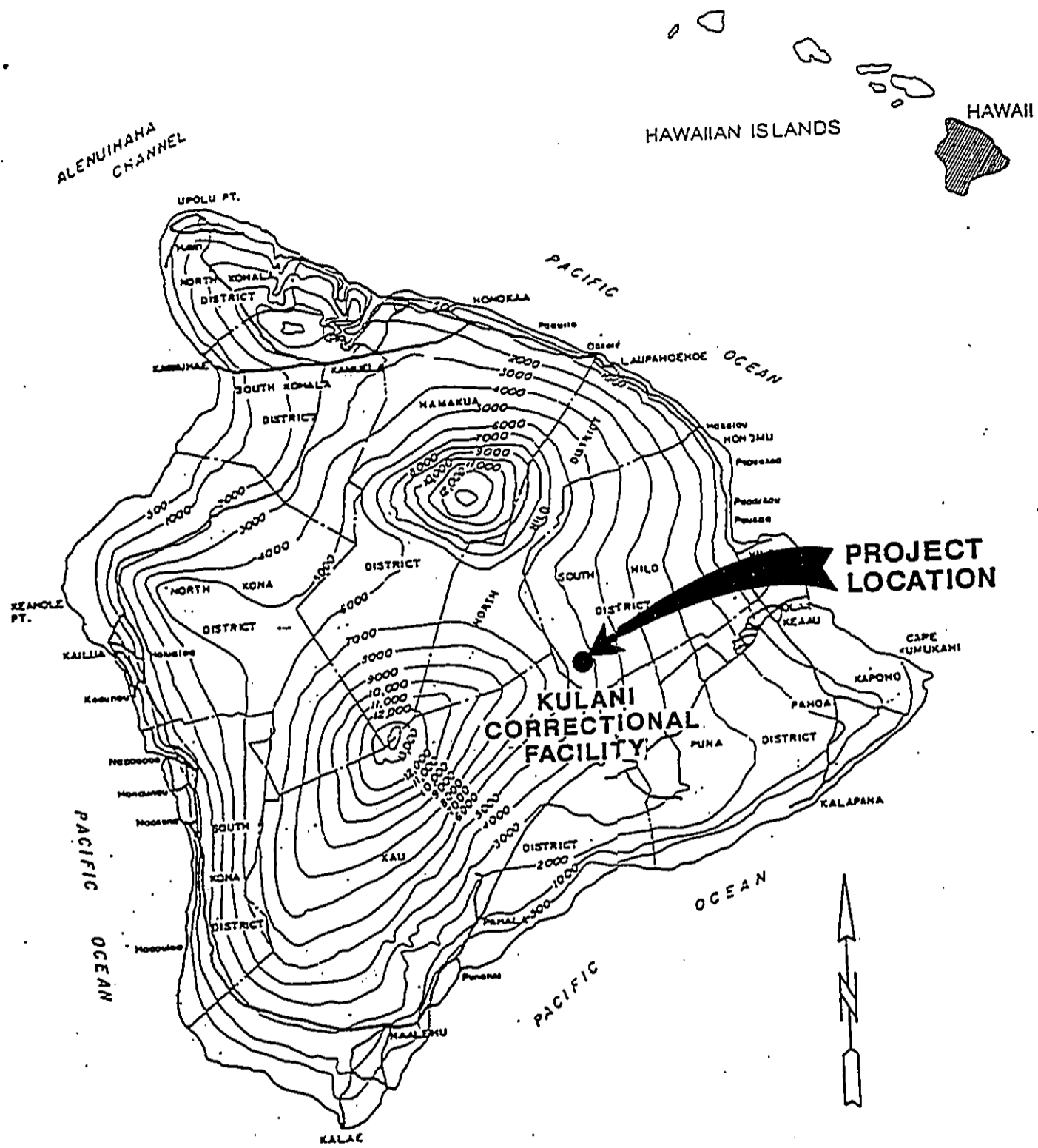


FIGURE 1
ISLAND LOCATION MAP

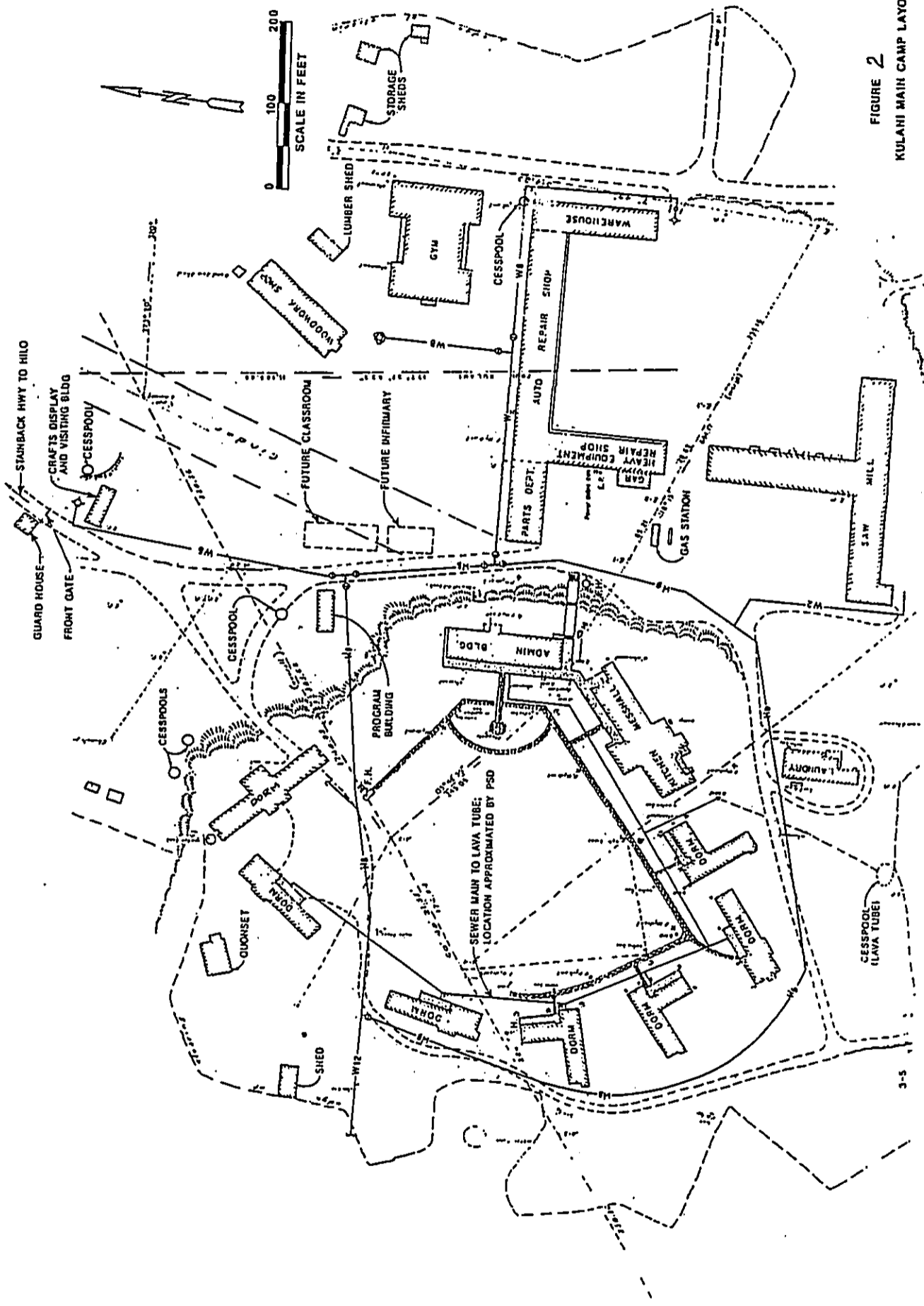


FIGURE 2
KULABI MAIN CAMP LAYOUT