

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Monte Largo 2 (12VPR2-172)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Barrio Puerto Diablo, Vieques

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE  
Puerto Rico

VICINITY OF  
CODE 72

COUNTY  
Humacao

CODE  
1030

**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 | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                      | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT          | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:            |

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Headquarters, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (Department of the Navy)

STREET & NUMBER

Norfolk Naval Station

CITY, TOWN

Norfolk

VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 23511

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registro de Propiedades & LANTDIV COMNAVFORCARIB

STREET & NUMBER

PO Box 3037

CITY, TOWN

Humacao, Puerto Rico

Roosevelt Roads, Ceiba, Puerto Rico

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Records of the Archaeological Survey of Vieques

DATE

19 October 1984

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Atlantic Division: Puerto Rico Branch

CITY, TOWN

PO Box 3037, Roosevelt Roads, Ceiba, Puerto Rico

STATE

00635

## 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>Oct. 84</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |  |

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In June of 1982, in the course of an archaeological reconnaissance of the Vieques Naval Reservation, conducted for the US Navy by Ecology and Environment, Inc., Edwin Cintron Garcia discovered a few pieces of aboriginal pottery from the surface of a site on a hilltop at Monte Largo (Monte Largo 2; 12VPr2-172). Michael A. Cinquino headed a small team of investigators to the site the following month in order to gain preliminary information about the deposits at Monte Largo 2. At this time, both surface inspections and a single test excavation were made; materials were recorded [REDACTED] below the ground surface. Historic refuse was also noted on the ground surface. Further testing was recommended to examine the specific nature of these deposits.

In October of 1983, Cinquino returned to the site, along with Carmine A. Tronolone of Ecology and Environment, Inc., to undertake a thorough investigation of the deposits. The site was mapped, a systematic surface collection was made, and 11 additional test pits were dug (ranging in size from 30 x 30 cm to 50 x 50 cm). A list summarizing the artifactual and ecofactual remains recovered from the site is included with this form.

The deposits at Monte Largo proved quite rich, and numerous artifacts, some diagnostic, were recovered. The deposits were found to cover nearly the entire [REDACTED] and in many of the test units conducted, intact sub-surface midden was encountered at depths ranging from 10 cm to 20 cm directly overlying the bedrock deposit. All of the pottery recovered can be dated to Late Elenoid times (period 4E, c. 1100-1300 AD). The molluscan remains are dominated by two species: Cittarium pica and Codakia orbicularis, which is characteristic for sites of the Elenoid cultural tradition.

A rather small amount of non-ceramic artifacts were recovered from the site, including one polished petaloid celt butt end fragment, 4 flakes of debitage, and 2 fragments of hematite or ochre. The ochre fragments are the most unique items in this assemblage and were not often found at sites on the naval reservation. The petaloid celt fragment exhibits possible reuse as a cutting tool, and has a flat rather than a pointed butt end. The flakes (debitage) recovered are primarily of igneous rock; some may be use-created, though none show definite signs of use-wear.

The historic materials found at Monte Largo 2 were all recovered from surface contexts and in some cases, from the upper levels of five of the test units which were dug. These materials consist of glass, ceramic, and iron fragments and can be dated from the late 19th Century to about 1940.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD  |  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499              | <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site at Monte Largo 2 is a good, well preserved, example of a late pre-historic [REDACTED] and as such, can be considered significant for the scientific information which it can provide concerning prehistoric settlement for this time period in terms of Vieques Island in particular, and the Caribbean area in general. Therefore, the archaeologists who have investigated the site are of the opinion that the site at Monte Largo 2 (12VPr2-172) definitely deserves to be listed in the National Register.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cinquino, Michael A., Carmine A. Tronolone, Charles E. Vandrei and Gary S. Vescelius, Cultural Resource Reconnaissance Survey for the Vieques Naval Reservation, Prepared by Ecology and Environment, Inc., Buffalo, New York, 1984.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY [REDACTED]

UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED]

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [REDACTED]

B [REDACTED]

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D [REDACTED]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED]

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Buffalo

STATE

New York 14225

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Arch. Mariano G. Coronas Castro

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

*See attached, signed letter (8 July 1991)*

DATE

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

*Janet S. Johnson*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*8-21-91*