Decipherment and Studies of Early Palauan Word-Lists Collected since the Eighteenth Century

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Palauan language (tekoi er a Belau = the Belauan language), one of the Indonesian languages of the Austronesian language family, is spoken by about twelve thousand people, mainly in the Palau Islands (nowadays, the Republic of Palau) of the Western Carolines, Micronesia.

Slight as are the early Palauan Word-Lists, they have the distinction of being the first to be collected in Palauan. In 1783, Captain Henry Wilson's ship, the Antelope, an East India merchantman, was wrecked on a reef of the Palau Islands. The story of Wilson's experience, taking Lee Boo (Figure 1), second son of the Chief of Palau (Abba Thulle [Keate 1788: 57] = Abbathulle [H [662] = Aihitoro [Iw 16] = Abbazooru [Taguchi et al. 1893: 122], modernform = a Ibedul) to England, was written and published by George Keate as An Account of the Pelew Islands in 1788, together with "A Vocabulary of the Pelew Language" containing 272 words and phrases. In this paper, for convenience of reference, the entries have been numbered.

A French translation (Relation des îles Pelew, dans la partie occidentale de l'océan pacifique) of this edition, published in the same year, adds to "A Vocabulary" (Vocabulaire de la langue Pelew), by giving a mistaken Hebraic

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Figure 1. Portrait of Prince Lee Boo [KEATE 1788]

(!) etymology to certain words such as K 184 Mathee, K 196 Cathep, K 206 Naak, K 207 Kow, etc.

The information on the Palauan language in Keate's Account may have been based on the knowledge of Lee Boo alone, who is said to have mastered English so perfectly that he reached a point where he was ready to communicate as an Englishman and attempt to be one [Peacock 1987:115]. But, after having been taken to London, he died suddenly on December 27, 1784, at the age of twenty, suffering from smallpox. Keate's List proves to have been, to a certain extent, compiled on the basis of a woman's memory, almost certainly, Keate's daughter, Georgiana Jane, because there is linguistic proof in that the interrogator was answered by an expression used in addressing a woman (cf. K 146).

So far Keate's Word-List is the oldest data on the Palauan language known to us, the next oldest being the one made by Hockin in 1803.

After Keate's death on June 28, 1797, R. John Pearce Hockin married H. Wilson's daughter, Christiana, and inspired by his wife and commissioned by his father-in-law, wrote a *Supplement* to Keate's *Account*, in collaboration with H. Wilson, including "A Vocabulary of the Pelew Language" with 662 entries, most of which are like Keate's in the manner of transcription. But my total of 272 words for Keate and 662 words for Hockin does not agree with Hagège's estimation, i.e., 273 for the former and 670 for the latter [1986: 13]. Although Hockin does not indicate the source of the Palauan language, his new

entries, of which about a third overlap with Keate's entries, have been embellished by much more grammatical and cultural information, such as pronominal forms and biological names.

In this paper, Hockin's Word-List has also been numbered and put after the Keate entries, as far as equivalents are concerned.

As another comparatively large Palauan source, there is "A Palauan-Japanese Word-List" in Taguchi Ukichi's Nantoo Junkooki『南島巡航記』(A Record of a Voyage to the South Sea Islands) published in 1893, about a hundred years later. Taguchi's List, containing 118 words and phrases, is said in fact to be the work of Suzuki Keikun (or Tsunenori) (and,to lesser extent, of Inoue Hikosaburo, treasurer and manager of the South Sea Islands Company), who kept detailed notes on all that he saw on their voyage, including indigenous peoples and their customs [Peattie 1988: 20]. Besides that, in the same year, Suzuki published his own book Nan'yoo Huubutsushi『南洋風物誌』(An Account of the Customs and Landscapes of the South Seas), including information on the Palauan fauna and flora. Unfortunately, these Japanese-written linguistic data have scarecely received attention until now. In addition to Taguchi's, there are some much older Palauan data written in Japanese, small but not negligible; Iwasa Mitsuhiro's manuscript, which was set up for printing in 1981, Hyooryuusen-Hyoomin no Go 「漂流船漂民の語」

(A Tale on Drifting Ships and Castaways). This contains about 30 Palauan words reported by four castaways (Seisuke (Kiyosuke?), Kuramatsu, Kitaro, and Tsurumatsu), whose boat, the Jinja-maru (神社丸) was washed ashore on Palau (Berawo) in 1821. They, together with three other comrades, were able to come back to Japan in 1826 via Siam and Macao. The Jinja-maru event was officially recorded in 1826 as An Interrogatory of the Seven Jinja-maru Crew-members, for which Takayama Jun, in association with Saito Mitsuhiro, made a revised text [Takayama 1993: 241–260]. Its contents are almost the same as those of Iwasa's manuscript.

In this paper, as for Taguchi's and Iwasa's Lists, the Palauan words recorded in *katakana* (the syllabic characters) have been romanized essentially on the Hepburn system, the entries being numbered in contextual order. Taguchi's and Iwasa's are placed after Keate's and Hockin's, where correspondences exist.

As a whole, the English-Palauan Word-Lists compiled with Lee-Boo convey fresh information, notwithstanding his short-term English learning (merely four months!), the limitations of his own language due to his youth, his living in London, even though treated like an adopted son by H. Wilson (cf. H 64), and finally, the disorder which led to his untimely death (cf. H 401). It is noteworthy also that he was a speaker of the southern (mainly the islands of Koror, Peliliu, and Angaur) dialect, judging from vocabulary like bibak "many" (K 200), uluu "diamond-scale mullet" (H 204), and ilkolk "mosquito" (H 234), which correspond to the northern betok, chesau, and rekas, respective-

ly, though dialectal variation in Palauan is so minor that it has no effect on mutual intelligibility.

Owing to the limitations of the English-based spelling and the Japanese syllabic characters, these transcriptions are often imperfect and ambiguous. Another problem is that the interrogator and the informant may sometimes have misunderstood each other—it goes without saying that Lee Boo was certainly very imperfectly acquainted with the English language—, and that the interrogator may have misheard a word. Besides this, there may also have been mistakes made by copyists. The greater part of the entries can be identified at first sight, but others are not so obvious, and even greatly in error, since many examples seem to have been expressed periphrastically rather than directly. (See "Subordination" in the next chapter.)

This paper is intended to serve as a first attempt to decipher exhaustively early Palauan lexical data, which have been published at different places with intervals of a hundred years, and to study historically aspects of the phonological and lexical changes from early Palauan to modern Palauan, a hundred years later.

As sources of the transition of Palauan from the early to the modern language, I refer to Walleser's Word-List (W), and Krämer's ethnographical woks (KR), published during the first decade of this century, and for modern-day Palauan I am specially indebted to the latest edition of Josephs' New Palauan-English Dictionary (NPE).

II. TRANSCRIPTION AND PHONOLOGY

A very interesting aspect of Word-Lists ranging over more than two centuries is that we are able to better pursue the traces of phonemic change through the interrelation between transcription and phonology. The most outstanding Palauan phonological change is the development of the glottal stop [?] from a voiceless velar fricative [x], phonemically opposed to a voiceless velar stop [k]. In this chapter let us concentrate our discussion on problems of the glottal stop in Palauan.

The following table illustrates how [k], [?], and zero (\emptyset) (orthographic k, ch, and zero in modern-day Palauan) are transcribed in each Word-Lists, and the phonetic changes that have occurred among these sounds.

	Ke	ate, Hockin Iwas	a, Taguchi	Walleser	Modern Palauan
I	*k ₁ >	$c, k (g), ck \sim$	k (g) >	k(g) >	k
II-a	$*k_2>$	c , k (g) , ck \sim	k(g) >	ch >	ch
II-b		c , k (g) , ck \sim	k(g) >	ch >	Ø
III		ø ~	Ø	ch >	Ø

The letters are estimated to stand for the following sounds:

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*k_1 = voiceless velar stop [k],

*k_2 = voiceless uvular stop [q],

k (g) (W, MP) = voiceless velar stop [k],

ch (W) = voiceless velar fricative [x],

ch (MP) = glottal stop [?], and

> means "changes to."
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1) Evolution of the Glottal Stop

In comparison with Walleser and modern-day Palauan, it becomes evident that two series of the proto-phoneme should be distinguished in the instances transcribed as k (or, g, c, ck) in Keate, Hockin, Iwasa and Taguchi, because the phonetic differences between [k] and [q] were not acoustically discernible for the English or Japanese speakers. But, exceptionally, Iwasa's *Ho-roro* transcription for $*k_2oror$ (Hockin's *C-ooroora*, and nowadays, *Oreor*) seems to have represented the uvular stop by means of the glottal fricative. Needless to say sounds [k] and [q] may coexist synchronically within the phonemic system of one language, as may be seen not only in Arabic, but also in a couple of Middle American languages.

Because of the proto-phonemes k, the next innovation chart, due to Pätzold [1968: 19], should be reinterpreted in regard to its two (or three) series of Proto-Austronesian (PAN) k-phonemes, by regarding set ii) as k_1 , and set iii) as k_2 . Set i) should be merged into set ii), because Palauan is not in need of setting up k as a phoneme, though k appears allophonically as [g], when pronounced between vowels.

It is to be noticed that, in the scope of Micronesian phonological history, the proto-phoneme $*k_2$, which is word-initially retained in Palauan, corresponds to Chamorro zero, while the Palauan ng-, an excrescent word-initial nasal, appears as labio-velar gw- in Chamorro [Sakiyama 1989]. But early in the twentieth century, the Palauan k_2 -phoneme was changing to a voiceless velar fricative ("spirantization" in the Chomskyan term), for Walleser notes that the sound written as ch is to be pronounced as a good German ch [c, c], as in the words sache "thing" and suchen "to look for" [1911: 122]. Nowadays it

is said that some older Palauans living in Angaur Island still pronounce a voiceless velar fricative in words where a glottal stop is the expected sound [Flora 1974: 8].

The same phonetic change occurs also in some Polynesian languages like Hawaiian, Tahitian, Samoan, and Luangiuan, where Proto-Polynesian *k > ?, $*? > \emptyset$ [Krupa 1982: 18–19]. As to Palauan, Capell pointed out that the so-called "Melanesian g" [X, x] had disappeared from the speech of all those under about 50 years of age, who attended school in Japanese times [1948]. This claim seems to be overestimated, as argued by Hagège [1986: 16]. Actually the glottal stop is in existence phonemically, contrasting with /k/, as in /?au/"coconut husk": /kau/"you," /?ar/"cost": /kar/"medicine," /?im/"hand": /kim/"type of large clam," /?itall/"is to be thrown away": /kitall/"is to be pressed with fingers," /?ull/ "rain": /kull/ "tumor," /?əmur/ "each provided with his own thing": /kəmur/ "tail," /?əlat/ "(fish) smoked": /kəlat/ "warty-lipped mullet," and with vowel-initial (\emptyset), as in /iis/ "nose": /?iis/ "escape" (: /kiis/ "key"), /ulad/ "rope made out of coconut cord": /?ulad/ "tape worm," /əu?əl/ "location in Ngeriab": /?əu?əl/ "area of ocean between two islands," /obis/ "office": /?obis/ "spin it (pl.)," etc.

There is some truth in Capell's claim, however, because there are some allophonic examples like/elə?ang \sim ?elə?ang/ "now" (cf. K 229 calakaa/H 419 aclan), /elii \sim ?elii/ "yesterday," /okura \sim ?okura/ "okra," etc. as shown in NPE, and modern Palauan is undeniably losing the glottal stop, as will be discussed later.

My investigations show that except for words beginning with glides like iaksok (<Japanese yakusoku「約束」) "promise," uata (<Japanese wata「綿」) "cotton," etc., vowel-initial Japanese loanwords take the glottal stop without exception, such as lensok (ensoku 「遠足」) "picnic," lensok (oven lensok (oven lensok (ensoku 「遠足」) "picnic," lensok (oven lensok (oven lensok) "to praise," lensok (okane lensok) "money," lensok (ochiru lensok) "to fail," lensok (otsuri lensok) "change from purchase," lensok (udon lensok) "noodles," lensok (usagi lensok) "rabbit," etc., contrary to the phonetic change (Group II-b, lensok), and moreover to the NPE's entries.

As to Group I and II-a, the next table indicates the appearance of the letters c, k and ck in Keate's List, and their positions in the entry words.

MP	Initial	Medial	Final
$ \begin{array}{c} *k_1 > k \\ *k_2 > ? \end{array} $	c-, k- i)	-c-, -k-, -ck- ii)	-k, (-c,) -ck iii)
	c-, k- iv)	-c-, -k-, -ck- v)	-k, -ck vi)

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Examples for each item follow:

Position		Keate	> Walleser	> Modern Palauan
i) Initial c-	K 31	c-osall	> k-esol	> k-esol
		(Iw 5 ko-seu)		
	K 58	c-ray	> k-rral	> k-ereel
	K 96	c-ocook	> k-uguk	> k-lukuk
		(T 63 ku-rokoogu)		
	K 99	c-appasay	> k-lebesei	> k-lebesei
	K 125	c-lootle	> ok-lukl	> k-lukl
	K 131	c-oothung	> k-edung	> k-edung
	K 143	c-ockamew	> g-ogemiu	> k-ekomiu
	K 181	c-ocuath	> k-akoad	> k-akoad
	K 192	c-lowe	> k-lou	> k-lou
	K 196	c-athep	> g-edeb	> k-edeb
	K 239	c-alem	> g-elem	> k-elim
Initial <i>k-</i>	K 46	g-aragar	> g-erregar	> k-errekar
(g-)	K 67	k-im	> k-im	> k-im
	K 123	k-uthull	> k-idel	> k-idel
	K 165	k-issem	> k-isem (KR)	> k-isem
	K 194	k-ickaray	> g-egerei	> k-ekerei
	K 195	k-oomangle	> g-egemanget	> k-emanget
	K 207	k-ow	> k-au	> k-au
	T 28	ke-kere-	> ge-gerei	> k-ekerei
	T 82	ki-wooa	> ki-uar	> ki-uar
i) Medial -c-	K 106	ma-c-rassem	> me-k-rasm	> me-k-erasem
	K 154	tre-c-oy	> to-g-oi	> te-k-oi
	K 179	a-c-laloo	> a-k-lalo	> a-k-lalo
	K 189	ma-c-ekathe	> me-g-egad	> me-k-ekad
	K 199	i-c-mathe	> k-ngmed	> k-meed
Medial -k-	K 3	nala-k-ell	> ngele-k-el	> ngele-k-el
(-g-)	K 62	nee-k-el	> ngi-g-el	> ngi-k-el
_		(T 74 akune-ke-ru)		
	K 139	pee-k-eeiss	> be-g-iis	> be-k-iis
		(T 34 pu-ki-isu)		
	K 180	mo-k-amat	> me-k-omad	> me-k-emad
	K 182	um-k-arr	> om-g-ar	> om-k-ar
	K 189	mace-k-athe	> mega-g-ad	> meke-k-ad
	K 209	oleeake-ck	> ul-g-ek	> ullu-k-ek
	K 221		> la-k mei	> la-k mei
	K 225	•	> dia-k	> dia-k
	K 243	-	> meru-g-um	> meru-k-em
Medial -ck-	K 130		> pe-g-esegoal	> be-k-esekool
	K 143		> go-g-emiu	> ke-k-omiu

	1	17	150	a al asb a al-	,	ak medakt	_	ak medakt
		K	159	a-ck-methack				
		K	193	owmu-ck-ell		omu-g-el		omu-k-el
		K	230	maysa-ck-a		mes-g-ak		mes-k-ak
\ _		K	265	o-ck-athey		cho-g-edei		o-k-edei
111) F	inal -c	K	78	sweebu-c		suebe-k		suebe-k
	(rare)	Н	150	meele-c		melii-k		melii-k
F	inal -k	K	73	mal-k		≻ mal-k		mal-k
		K	75	olee-k	>	· choli-k	>	oli-k
		K	127	pepa-k	>	> biba-k	>	biba-k
		K	205	dea-k	>	dia-k	>	dia-k
		K	206	naa-k	>	nga-k	>	nga-k
		K	233	missa-k	>	> mesa-k	>	mesa-k
F	inal -ck	K	4	rupa-ck	>	ruba-k	>	ruba-k
	ľ			(T 26 roobaa-ku)				
		K	74	doothu-ck	>	dude-k	>	dude-k
		K	200	peepa-ck	>	→ biba-k	>	biba-k
		K	209	oleeake-ck	>	> ulge-k	>	ulluke-k
		K	222	deakati-ck	>	diak cheti-k	>	diak a cheti-k
iv) I	nitial <i>c-</i>	K	5	c-attam	>	> ch-adam	>	ch-edam
		K	6	c-atheil	>	ch-adil	>	ch-edil
		K	35	c-aboo	>	> ch-ebouch	>	ch-ebouch
		K	65	c-ossacurra	>	g-esegur (KR)	>	ch-esechur
		K	70	c-raabrutell	>	ch-erabrukl	>	ch-erabrukl
		K	80	c-oyoss	>	ch-aeos	>	ch-eos
		K	92	c-oreowe	>	> ch-erou	>	ch-erou
		K	167	c-arute	>	ch-eriut	>	ch-eriut
		K	198	c-royeeth	>	> ch-eroid	>	ch-eroid
		K	229	c-alakaa	>	> ch-eilachang	>	ch-elechang
		K	249	c-oteetow	>	ch-etitau	>	ch-etitau
		K	252	c-areereeack	>	> ch-eririich	>	ch-erirriich
I	nitial <i>k-</i>	K	13	k-imath	>	> ch-eimad	>	ch-imad
	(g -)	K	14	k-alakalath	>	> ch-alchadal	>	ch-elechedal
		K	38	k-att	>	> ch-at	>	ch-at
		K	68	k-issuruck	>	g-asivog (KR)	>	ch-esiuch
		K	88	k-att akatt	>	> ch-atechat	>	ch-etechat
		K	89	k-ull	>	> ch-ull	>	ch-ull
		K	128	g-urragur	>	och-urechur	>	ch-erchur
		K	247	k-owse	>	> ch-aus	>	ch-aus
		K	248	k-ass	>	> ch-as	>	ch-as
		Т	58	ko-to-ko	>	> ch-odochosong	>	ch-odochosong
		Т	89	ka-ritaru	>	> ch-alitakl	>	ch-elitakl
v) M	ledial - c -	K	1	arra-c-at	>	a re-ch-ad	>	a re-ch-ad
		K	8	tala-c-oy	>	> tolo-ch-oi	>	tole-ch-oi
				(T 23 toro-ko-i)				
		K	43	colo-c-ol	>	> chele-ch-ol	>	chele-ch-ol

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	K 148	kooma-c-arr	> (melu-ch-el)	> omelu-ch-el
	K 215	oma-c-arrew	> ome-ch-ero	> om-ch-ero
Medial -k-	K 10	ta-k-elby	> da-ch-elbai	> da-ch-elbai
(- g -)	K 56	beesa-k-ell	> besa-g-el (KR)	> besa-ch-el
	K 105	mo-g-all	> me-ch-eld	> me-ch-eld
!	K 121	mo-k-oot	> me-ch-ut	> me-ch-ut
	K 144	bomtho-k-ar	> bomdo-ch-or	> bo mede-ch-or
	K 168	mula-k-ow	> melo-ch-olp	> mele-ch-olb
	K 222	dea-k-atick	> diak a-ch-etik	> diak a-ch-etik
	K 229	cala-k-aa	> cheila-ch-ang	> chele-ch-ang
	Iw 10	ame-ki-ri	> a mo-gu-r (KR)	> a me-chu-r
	T 11	ma-ko-	> ma-ch-od	> ma-ch-od
	T 25	boi-ke-ru	> pe-chii-l	> be-chii-l
Medial-ck-	K 263	ma-ck-oth	> ma-ch-od	> ma-ch-od
	H 1	u-ck-aleeth	> a ch-alid	> a ch-elid
		(T 110 ka-risu)		
vi) Final -k	K 32	poo-k	> buu-ch	> buu-ch
		(Iw 4 hou-ko)		
	K 77	bushoo-k	> buso-ch	> buse-ch
	K 83	abbthdu-k	> a pdu-ch	> a btu-ch
	K 91	myoosoo-k	> miuso-ch	> meiuse-ch
	K 116	meea-k-e	> mii-ch	> mii-ch
	K 245	arrasoo-k	> choruso-ch	> oruse-ch
Final -ck	K 15	arrassa-ck	> a rasa-ch	> a rase-ch
	K 16	orooso-ck	> choruso-ch	> oruse-ch
	K 28	kolu-ck	> cholu-ch	> chelu-ch
	K 173	morosoo-ck	> meruso-ch	> meruse-ch
	K 246	corei-ck	> chorii-ch	> orrii-ch
	K 252	careereea-ck	> cherirri-ch	> cherii-ch
	K 264	oloyu-ck	> llou-ch	> llui-ch

From these examples it becomes clear that, when transcribing, the phonetic differentiation between [k] and [?] was wholly ignored in all positions. Almost the same tendency can be seen in Hockin's List too. The transcription is so deeply affected by the English spelling system that the occurrence of a sequence of letters like ck- in initial position, or -c for [?] in final position have been avoided, except for a few instances like K 78, or H 150.

2) Loss of the Fricative

Group II-b, which in fact derives from Group II-a, is characteristic of modern Palauan. Walleser's entries still retain the uvular (or velar) fricative.

Position			Keate	> Walleser	> Modern Palauan
Initial k-	K	18	c-okeeth	> ch-ochid	> ochid
(g-, (q-?),	K	26	q-uall	> ch-ongall	> ongall
c -)	K	41	c-okall	> ch-ocheal	> ocheall
	K	53	g-arse	> aears	> ears
	K	71	c-ockiyoou	> ch-ochaeo	> ochaieu
	K	87	k-oyyou	> ch-oeu	> oiu
	K 1	113	c-omosoy	> omesoil	> omesoil
	K 2	229	c-alakaa	> ch-eilachang	> elechang
			(H 251 kalakara, H	I 277 callakan, H 419 a	aclan)
			(T 62 ka-nan)		
	K 2	246	c-reick	> ch-oriich	> orriich
	Iw	20	ga-ssebi	> ch-osebek	> osebek
	T	24	ka-kazaaru	> ch-ochadal	> ochedal
Medial	K	36	elo-uth	> ilaot	> ilaot
			(Iw 9 ina-ko-ta)		

The last makes clear the vicissitudes of the medial velar fricative by virtue of the Japanese data.

The tendency is also plain in Hockin's entries:

H 55	k-opeacooke	> ch-obekul	> obekul
H 62	k-okoleek	> ch-ochellek	> ochellek
H 82	c-otonale	> ch-otangel	> otengel
H 90	c-omlale	> ch-omill	> omellel
H 93	c-ongkasuel	> ch-ongelungel	> ongelungel
K 104/I	H 252 k-eylesscp	> ch-elisib	> iliseb
H 343	c-ultrow	> olterau	> olterau
H 393	k-oreeuck	> ch-oriik	> oriik
H 401	c-urtheke	> oldigel	> oldikel
K 57/H	474 k-ygill	> ch-agil	> ekil
H 548	c-oomoo-	> omebaoch	> omaoch
H 605	j-eesesee	> ch-osisiu	> osisiu
H 612	c-olakatharl	> olocholt	> olechotel
H 617	c-ultrokel	> olturk	> olturk
H 624	c-onose	> ch-ongos	> ongos
H 661	C-ooroora	> G-oreor (KR)	> Oreor
	(Iw 15 Ho-roro)		

3) Hypercorrection Producing a Fricative

There is apparently a coincidence among Keate, Walleser and modern Palauan, as regards vowel-initial entries. But for Group III, several contrary examples are found such as:

		Keate	> Walleser	>	Modern Palauan
K	16	oroosock	> ch-orusoch	>	orusech
K	24	oylss (T 83 go-orisu)	> ch-oles	>	oles
K	75	oleek	> ch-olik	>	olik
K	95	esaw	> ch-etau	>	ch-etau
K	100	olongkalla allakath	> ch-olangchela la chad	>	olengchelalchad
K	204	aaa	> aa-ch	>	cha-ch
K	245	arrasook	> ch-orusoch	>	orusech
K	265	ockathey	> ch-ogedei	>	okedei

How can we interpret these irregular occurrences of the fricative in Walleser? A probable explanation is that these "spirantizing" phenomena could have been caused by hypercorrection before the end of the nineteenth century. In this sense, Taguchi's go-orisu corroborates this.

Finally, the letters ck are inclined to represent Palauan final consonant clusters like [-kl] and [-kt].

		Keate	>	Modern Palauan
K	63	cumathu-ck	>	kemedu-kl
K	153	matha-ck	>	meda-kt
K	159	akmetha-ck	>	ak meda-kt
K	186	morai-ck	>	mera-kt

The Palauan consonant cluster [-kl] was often misheard as -tl, and to a lesser extent vice versa.

K	52	coyba-ttle	>	orra-kl
K	70	craabru-tell	>	cherabru-kl
K	125	cloo-tle	>	klu-kl
Н	299	koolisaker-tle	>	olsisecha-kl
Н	376	culatnee-tle	>	chelatngi-kl

4) Dialectal Influences on the Japanese Transcription

Several words suffer phonetic change such as l > n (i.e., nasalization): si-l-s > se-n-su (Iw 7), i-l-aot > i-na-kota (K 36/Iw 9), li-l-d > re-n-re (K 49/Iw 21), de-r-au [ðərau] > si-n-a (Iw 13). Similarly e-l-echang > ka-n-an (K 229/T 62). The reverse change n > r (i.e., rhotacism) also appears in d-n-god > do-ru-koosu (K 190/T 98), relating to the fact that Japanese dialects generally make no phonemic distinction between [l] and [r].

These symptoms appearing in Iwasa's List are attributable to the character

of the Eastern Japanese dialects shared by the informants, who ware mainly Tohoku "the Northeastern" dialect speakers. The apparent prenasalization in kima > ke-n-mi (K 67/Iw 11) is a typical feature of the Tohoku dialect. We may also note the "tobacco" of Palau, reported by the informants as ta-n-bako instead of the standard Japanese tabako. Since the majority of Japanese dialects have no sound [tu], the Palauan [tu] is usually heard and written as tsu (K 34/T 77) or chu (H 255/T 56).

III. CHARACTERISTICS OF LEXICAL MEANING

As we often experience when conducting linguistic fieldwork, informants are apt to respond with imperative (K 139, K 143, K 144, K 146, K 177, K 228, K 233, etc.), prohibitative (K 221, K 236, etc.), hortative (K 22, K 111, K 136, K 218, etc.), or hypothetical (K 149, K 231, etc.) forms instead of the infinitive form of the verb, and nouns are often verbalized (K 7, K 21, K 113, etc.). Not infrequently possessive noun forms are given for the noun proper, on questioning.

Certain nominal forms reflect the internal structure peculiar to the Palauan language. It is impossible to extract an independent (i.e., unpossessed) form for the nouns which concern part of a whole, such as some parts of the body, including "trunk," or "leaf" in nature (K 14, K 50, K 209, K 210, H 72, H 89, H 90, H 103, etc.), kinship relations (H 55, H 58, T 109, etc.), and other close relationships (H 171, H 269), such words always being obligatorily accompanied by a "fused" possessor suffix.

The following are examples categorized in accordance with the content of the entries:

- 1) Substitution:
 - (K 152) come to me > to go home
 - (K 156 \sim K 157) the right side \sim the left side > my side \sim your side
 - (K 176) to repair > to sew
 - (K 209 \sim K 210) high \sim low > my back \sim your back
 - (K 226) go away, stand aside > to go to the left
 - (H 307) to abuse > not afraid of heights
 - (H 612) the front > its precedent
- 2) Association:
 - (K 37) torch > resin
 - (K 81) to be sun-burnt > to be burned (of pot)
 - (K 178) to strike, to give a blow > to pound at something with fist
 - (K 202) too much of anything > active
 - (K 217) their oakum > coconut husks
 - (K 224) give that thing near you > brought food to meteet
 - (K 239) to give a portion of provision to Chief > your food

- (H 521) iron > adze
- (H 555) to follow > to row
- 3) Predicative retort:
 - (K 22/H 320) A man's dwelling > Let's go!, your nearness
 - (K 111) breakfast > Let's eat tomorrow!
 - (K 158) to give anything, to make a present > fortunate, unexpected
 - (K 171) to work, or labour > not know how to
 - (K 214) bad > taboo
 - (K 253/H 414) peace > unchanged
 - (H 116) an ambassador or herald > to translate
 - (H 118) people > crowded
 - (H 123) a coward > slow-moving
 - (H 367) surf, or broken waves > to line up salt water
 - (H 451) industry > glowing
 - (H 572) gentle > way of speaking
 - (H 613) the side > my money

The following are instances to which we must supply another clause beginning with "as to, for, because" to understand the true meaning, such as "So as not to slip in walking (i.e., phenomenon-phrase), slow yourselves down! (i.e., judgement-phrase)" (K 143), "For catching a prawn you must wait for low tide" (H 207), or "As you were despised, you argue him down" (H 617). Pragmatic-linguistically, we may call this type of utterance "(conversational) implicature" according to Grice's term [1975: 43-50].

- 4) Subordination:
 - (K 133) to be angry > get annoyed
 - (K 143) to take care, not to slip in walking > Slow yourselves down!
 - (K 174) to reduce > filled
 - (K 182) wounded > to give medicine to
 - (K 193) a thing of middling size > to cut down
 - (K 202) too much > active
 - (K 218/H 441) to desert, to run away > Let's forget!
 - (K 220) You will follow and join them. > late
 - (K 236) to paddle fast > Don't be late!
 - (H 207) a prawn > to wait for low tide
 - (H 366) waves of the sea > to throw oneself down
 - (H 593) to secure > act of greeting
 - (H 617) to be despised > to argue down
- 5) Misunderstanding:

Hockin corrected some of Keate's errors or mistaken items, while making new mistakes himself:

sail of shark (bekellel a chedeng, MP)

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(K 104) yesterday > noon (H 252)
      (K 122) wild breadfruit > a kind of durian (H 564)
      (K 153) Don't be afraid! > afraid (H 520)
      (K 225) I have not what is asked for. > not to be had (H 500)
      (K 246) \text{ red} > \text{red earth} (H 178)
      (K 251) yellow (=turmeric plant) >
                            (pleplurack, H 632) > yellow (bibrurek, MP)
      (K 253) peace (=unchanged) >
                                (poothuck, H 414) > peace (budech, MP)
      (H 396) Shut the door! > door of entrance
    Besides that, in the following cases there has occurred a semantic or lexical
change, or the usage has become obsolete in modern Palauan:
      (K 27) plates, dishes (tawr?) > oltall (MP)
      (K 96) day > tomorrow morning (W) > tomorrow (MP)
      (K 107) hunger (math er a bid?) > hunger (mad er a kall, MP)
      (K 112) dinner (otekelel?) >
                       (omungangle, H 126) > his eating (omengelel, MP)
      (K 120) moldy (mathingaa?) >
                             (pugneuck, H 290) > moldy (bekngiuk, MP)
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(K 201) enough, plenty > getting tired, Thank you. (MP)

IV. PROBLEMS OF BORROWING

(H 221) shark fins (oisal chedeng) >

(H 571) a small pot (lemissarng?) >? (MP)

In present-day Palauan, there are large numbers of lexical items borrowed from foreign languages like Spanish, German, Japanese, and English, going with the influence of foreign administrations. In spite of the fact that Japan controlled Palau for less than three decades, the influence of Japanese has obviously been the most pervasive, while Spanish and German show considerably weaker impact [Josephs 1984: 81]. But after World War II, English rushed on Palauan most powerfully. In the Word-Lists some loanwords are found. The next chart indicates items borrowed from English (E), Malay (M), and Spanish (S), and some Palauan words which gave rise to later borrowings.

Palauan	English (E)	Malay(M)	Spanish(S)	German	Japanese
	kiis (H 309	9)			
		kerebau (1	(w 1)		
		kaming (I	w 2)		

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babii (Iw 3)
                        beras (T 69)
                                   katuu (H 238/Iw 23)
                                                       choni「鬼」"demon"
deleb (H 111)
                                   Satan (H 112)
lild (K 49/Iw 21)
                                   biskang (T 84)
terir (K 23)
                                   kusarang (T 85)
hurang (H 594)
                                               chausbengdik "to memorize"
beluu (K 21)
                                                       matsi 「町 | "town"
                                                       hatoba「波止場」"pier"
taoch (H 466)
omaoch a ralm (H 548)
                                                       taki「滝」"waterfall"
                                                       kai「貝」"shell"
chesechur (K 65)
chim-ad (K 13)
                                                       te「手」"hand, ability"
                                                       kata-te「片手」"one hand, dexterous"
                                                       chude 「腕」 "arm, biceps"
och-id (K 18)
                                                       ou-asi「足」"foot, to go on foot"
ngais (K 76)
                                                       tamango「卵」"egg"
mesaul (H 523)
                                                       skareter「疲れてる」"tired"
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Apart from foreign objects (i.e., kerbau~katuu, kusarang) and concepts (i.e., Satan), which were brought in accompanying words to them, kiis being the oldest such loanword from English, it is clear that an original polysemic word is apt to cause the borrowing of an item with restricted meaning, such as tamango for ngais "egg, testicles," matsi for beluu "country, land, place," skareter for masaul "tired, thank you." As well as this, we find borrowings with a generic meaning covering previous specific items, such as biskang "spear of any type" for lild "a type of spear," kai "shell of any type" for chesechur "type of sea clam." Interestingly enough, although even "basic vocabulary" such as te, kata- "one-sided" +te, chude, or ou- (intransitive verb prefix) +asi is borrowed from Japanese, the semantic range in the Palauan usage is restricted to connotative meaning.

V. KEATE'S WORD-LIST WITH COMPARISON AND NOTES

	Keate/Hockin Iwasa, Taguchi	English Japanese	Modern Palauan Modern Palauan	Meaning Meaning
1	Arracat/H 38	A man.	a re-chad	men, people
2	Artheil/H 46 Ar- thiel	A woman.	a re-dil	women
	T 27 aruzushii	「女」woman	a re-dil	
3	Nalakell/H 70 Nalakel	A child/H. Your child.	ngelek-el	his child
	H 69 Nalakek	My child.	ngelek-ek	my child
	Iw 17 akarakaiko	「小児」infant	a ngelek-ek	•
4	Rupack/H 115	A chief, or title of rank.	rubak	old man, chief

	T 26 hamakaalaa	「 田 」	a mihale	
	T 26 burubaaku	「男」man	a rubak	-1.4
_	T 80 roobaaku	「長ひ」long	rubak	elder
5	Cattam/H 53	A father.	chedam (address)	
_	T 21 asamaaru	「父」father	chedam-al	his father
6	Catheil/H 54	A mother.	chedil (address)	mother
	T 22 asaraaru	「母」mother	chedel-al	his mother
7	Morwakell/H 49	A wife.	mengeroakl	having two wives
8	Talacoy/H 67	A male infant or boy.	tolechoi	baby
	T 23 torokoi	「兄弟」brother	tolechoi	
9	Sukalic/H 119 Suc-	A friend.	sechel-ik	my friend
	calic			
	T 32 sakarikku	「愛する」to love	sechel-ik	
	T 95 sakarikku	「汝は我友なり」You are my	sechel-ik	
		friend.		
10	Takelby/H 44	A workman, or artificer.	dachelbai	adept
	Tackalby			
11	Botheluth/H 71	The head.	bdel-ud	our (incl.) head
12	Ungelell/H 86	The teeth.	ungel-el	his teeth
13	Kimath/H 95	The arms.	chim-ad	our (incl.) hand
	Kiamath			
	H 96 kimark	The hands.	chim-ak	my hand
14	Kalakalath	The body.	chelechedal	his trunk
15	Arrassack/H 73	Blood.	a rasech	blood
16	Oroosock	Bones.	orusech	pestle
17	Toot/H 94	A woman's breasts.	tut	breast
18	Cokeeth	The thighs.	och-id	our (incl.) legs
	H 109 Kokeel	The legs.	och-il	his leg
19	Playe/H 25 Ply	A dwelling house.	blai	house
	H 27 Plick	My house.	bli–k	my house
	H 28 Plim	Your house.	bli-m	your house
20	Pye/H 26	A public hall, or large house.	bai	meeting-house
21	Morabalow/H 24	A town.	mo er a beluu	go to the village
	Palow	11 10 11 11	mo or a octua	go to the vinage
	T 105 -boroo	「所」place	beluu	
22	Poderay/H 320,	Home, a man's dwelling/H.		Let's go!, your nearness
44	or Ketheemo	Let's go.	Do doren, kea em	Let's go., your nearness
	T 90 boodorei	「サア行きませう」Let's go!	Bo dorei!	
23	Trir/H 137	-	terir	turtle shell maan
24	Oyless/H 528	A spoon. A knife.	oles	turtle shell spoon knife
24	•	「刃物」knife		Killie
25	T 83 goorisu Pewell	· · · · · =	oles	h a mil
25		A cup.	biul	bowl
26	Quall/H 135	A basin.	ongall	large platter
27	Tawr/H 136 Towr		oltall	pot for boiling coconut syrup
28	Koluck/H 582	Oil.	cheluch	coconut oil
29	Aleuiss/H 154	Coconuts/H. A coconut tree.	a lius	coconut palm
	Allewis	「棚子」	15	
20	T 78 ariusu	「椰子」coconut	a lius	4
30	Cocow/H 602	Yams/H. or tarra root.	kukau	taro
31	Cosall/H 180	Turmeric.	kesol	turmeric plant
	Kussolle	Fig. 4. 1899 (NIA 4E)	, ,	
	Iw 5 koseu	「ショウガに似た根」turmeric	kesol	
	- ·	plant		
32	Pook	Betel nut.	buuch	betel nut
	H 148 Pooaack	Betel nut.	buch-ek	my betel nut

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	Iw 4 houko	「口に含む実」betel nut	buuch	
33		Lemon/H. Oranges.	kerekur	orange
34	Too/H 176	Plantains or bananas.	tuu	banana
,,	T 77 tsuoo	「香蕉味「ママ]」banana	tuu	ouliulu
35	Caboo/H 172	Cabbage; i.e., the head of the cabbage-tree.	chebouch	tree in palm family (Pinanga insignis, NPE)
	H 155 Cabboark	The cabbage tree.	chebuch-ek	my palm tree
36	Elouth/H 575	Molasses.	ilaot	coconut syrup
	Iw 9 inakota	「ヤシ蜜」coconut syrup	ilaot	
37	Outh/H 518	A torch.	a uid	resin
38	Katt/H 35	Smoke.	chat	smoke
39	Karr/H 33	Fire.	ngau	fire
	T 73 kaguwa	「火」fire	ngau	
40	Pyaap/H 237 Pyap		beab	rat
	Iw 24 katuu	鼠」rat	?	
41	Cokall/H 23	An island.	ocheall	rocky place
42	Paathe/H 22	A rock.	bad	stone
	H 373 Arparth	Stones.	a bad	
	Iw 14 hatta	「石」stone	bad	
43	Colocol/H 21	A sand, or shoal, in the sea.	chelechol	beach, sand
44	Cootoom/H 3	The earth or land fit for cultivation.	chutem .	land, earth
45	Arrall/H 36	Fresh water.	a ralm	fresh water
40	T 71 ararumu	「水」water	a ralm	
46	Garagar/H 152	Wood; i.e., trees.	kerrekar	tree, wood
47	Athagell/H 515	Bamboo.	a chesel-ked	small bamboo
48	Meyrooke/H 516	Rattans.	meduuk (W)	hard as stick, mildewed thin bamboo
49	Lills/H 409 Iw 21 renre	Spears or darts. 「竹と木の槍」bamboo and wooden spear	lild lild	thin bamboo
50	Allell/H 153	A leaf of a tree, bush, or plant.	a llel	its leaf
51	Mallaeye/H 469 Mallayee	A canoe, or boat.	mlai	canoe
	H 468 Ulm- mallacye	A boat.	uum-mlai	canoehouse
	Iw 12 abunai	「舟」 canoe	a mlai	
52	Coybattle/H 471	A mast.	orrakl	mast
53	Yarse/H 472	A sail.	ears	sail
54	Peesorse/H 478	A paddle, or oar.	besos	oar
55	Disoma/H 482	The bottom piece of the outrigger.	desomel	outrigger
56	Beesakell/H 488	The shell ornaments of the canoes.	besachel	type of shellfish (Cypraea ovulum, KR)
57	Gill/H 474 Kygill	A rope/H. A large rope.	ekil	thick braided rope
	H 475 Kurrail	A small rope.	keoll	rope tied from sail
	H 476 Persepis	Lashing, or small cord.	besebes	cord
58	Cray/H 477	Small line, or cord.	kereel	line for fishing
59	Ouguth/H 217 Ookooth	A fishing net.	uuked	fish net
60	Poop/H 218	Fishing pots, or baskets, made of split bamboo.	bub -	trap for fish
61	Thoup/H 4	The sea.	daob	sea, salt water
	T 72 adoosu	「潮水」 salt water	a daob	
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96	Cocook/H 248	Day.	kuguk (W)	tomorrow morning
	T 63 kurokoogu	「明日」tomorrow	klukuk	
97	Ossmethellaa/H	Midday, or noon/	chosbadel (W)	midday
	259 Ossmethella	H. Afternoon.		
	H 251 Usperalan	Midday.	chosbedelang (sils) (W)	midday
98	Cotharaa trioook/ H 260 Cootharaa triook	Afternoon, or evening/ H. Evening.	iet-el a teruich	after ten o'clock
99	Cappasay/H 261	Night.	klebesei	night
100	Olongkalla allakath/H 249 Olongkallaallakalk	Daylight, or dawn.	olengchelalchad	dusk, twilight
101	Melgull/H 266 Mellgull	Darkness.	milkolk	dark
102	Peeleelurattle/H 253	Morning, or sunrise.	tebedel a -?	
	H 254 Multomuss	The morning.	mellomes	daylight
103	Coteookell acoyoss/H 264	Sunset.	ngeltel a cheos	setting of the sun
104	Coltho coyoss/H 258 Cultha coyyus	Yesterday/H. Noon.	cheldecheos	time around noon, middle of day
	H 252 Keylesscp	Yesterday.	eliseb	yesterday
	T 64 bairujubu	「昨日」yesterday	a eliseb	
105	Mogall/H 31	Burning hot.	mecheld	close to boiling out
106	Macrassem/H 32	Cold.	mekerasem	cold
107	Mathrabith/H 124	Hunger.	mad er a −?	
108	Munga/H 138	To eat.	menga	to eat
	T 68 makan	「食う」to eat	meka	be eaten
109	Melim/H 139	To drink.	melim	to drink
	T 70 merin	「飲物」drink	melim	0.11 (1.1 0 1)
110	Meethinggiss/H	To be satisfied with eating.	medinges	full (with food)
111	134 Meethingiss Thomor acocook	Breakfast.	Do-mengur a klukuk!	Let's eat tomorrow!
	H 125 Omungure	Breakfast.	omengur	to dine
112	Weetacallell acoyoss/H 126	Dinner.	otekel-el	his tabooed food
	Omungangle	Dinner.	omengel-el	his action of eating
113	Comosoy/H 127, or Omungsoyel	Supper.	omesoil	to eat supper or dinner
114	Misseeowe/H 129 Misseeowe	To cook, to dress victual.	mesiou	to serve
115		To boil victuals/H. or to roast.		to boil
116	Meeake/H 595	A sweetmeat made of almonds	miich	tropical almond
		and molasses.		(Terminalia catappa)
	H 161 Meeyuck	The almond tree.	miich	
117	Sopossup/H 596	A sweetmeat made of a small	seboseb	Polynesian arrowroot
	Soopossup	root like a turnip.		(Tacca pinnatifida)
118	Kalpatt/H 597	A sweetmeat pudding made of	chelbakl	sweetened crushed taro
	TT71-11/TT #00	boiled yams and molasses.	. 1.13	
119	Woolell/H 598	A sweetmeat made of scraped	uleld	coconut candy
120	Mathingaa	coconuts and molasses.	?	
120	wininguu	Moldy.	•	

	II 200 D	M-14	h . L t L	1.1
121	H 290 Pugneuck	Moldy.	bekngiuk	mold
121	Mokoot/H 586	Rotten.	mechut	spoiled
122	Riamall/H 564 Riamell	The wild breadfruit/H. A fruit, a kind of durian.	riamei	football fruit (Pangium edule)
123	Kuthull/H 162	The jamboo apple.	kidel	Malay apple
123	Keadle	The jumeou apple.	niaci	(Eugenia malaccensis)
124	Othough/H 344	Beads/H. or money.	udoud	money
	Outhough			
125	Clootle/H 462	To cough.	klukl	coughing
126	Ognoss/H 461	To sneeze.	osngos	to sneeze
127	Suam pepak/H 333	To be pleased, or glad.	so-am bibak	you like (it) a lot
	H 332 Suam	Glad.	so-am	your liking
	H 303 Savack	To approve, to like.	so-ak	my liking
	T 49 sooakku	「好む」to like	so-ak	
	T 96 nakasoakku	「我は欲す」I want	ngak a so-ak	
	T 102 nugakarunu-	「私は欲する」I want	ngak el so-ak	
	zoku			
	T 107 kawosaaku	「汝は好むか」Do you want?	kau a so-ak	I like you.
128	Gurragur/H 325	To laugh.	cherchur	laughter
129	Malill/H 330	To play, to toy.	milil	to play
	Malell			
130	Puckasoogel/H 557	To deceive, to speak or act in	bekesekool	like to play
101	0 1 77.45	joke, or doubtfully.		
131	Coothung/H 456	Wise, or cunning.	kedung	well-behaved
122	Coothing	Facilish on a facil	1	had accepted
132	Thingaringer/H 457	Foolish, or a fool.	dengerenger	bad, naughty
133	Motur/H 306	To be angry.	metord	get annoyed
133	Matort	To be angly.	meiora	get almoyeu
134	Merengell/H 398	To be in pain.	meringel	hard, painful
135	Ellmangle/H 326	To cry.	a lmangel	to cry
136	Adapat/H 280	To lay down to sleep, i.e., to	Do-bad!	Let's sleep!
	Aclapat	go to rest.		
137	Parr/H 277	A mat to sleep on.	bar	blanket
138	Moopat/H 278	To sleep.	mo bad	go to sleep
	T 35 bobazu	「伏せる」to go to bed	Bo bad!	Go to bed!
139	Peekeeiss/H 282	To awake from sleep.	Bekiis!	Get up!
	Peekeiss			
	T 34 pukiisu	「起る」to get up	Bekiis!	
140	Moraile/H 440	To walk.	merael	to go
	Morail			
	T 36 morai	「行く」to go	merael	
141	Arramooroot	To run, or make haste.	a remurt	to run
142	Mooboo/H 464	To fall down.	mobuu	to fall down
143	Cockamew/H 539	To take care, i.e., not to slip	Keko-miu!	Slow yourselves (pl.) down!
	D .I .I ./IT.015	or fall in walking.		
144	Bomthokar/H 31/	To arise from where you are sit-		Stand up!
1.45	A	ting, to move out of that place. Come in, i.e., come into a		
145	Amuno	house, an invitaion or request.	a mlong (?)	went
	H 324 Ameeno-	Come in.	a mlong (?) me	Go and enter to the house
	memtoo-araply	Come III.	mtuu er a blai	Go and enter to the nouse
146	Bomgeeaye/H 318	Sit down/H. Set down [sic].	Bo mkiei!	Sit on! (to woman)
. 10	Bomgeeetge	on some in our would lose.	DO HIMICI:	on (to woman)

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147	Pereowe/H 599 Poreowe	To stoop down/H. To bow, to do reverence.	berrob (?)	Stoop down!
148	Koomacarr/H 342	To exchange, to barter, to give	omeluchel (A)	exchange system
1.40	Koomakarr	on thing for another.	la lakai	if he made
149	Lolocoy/H 492	To talk.	le-lekoi	if he speaks
150	Moraamaw/H 427	To show to house		
151	Moraamou	To cheer, to huzza.	mo er a -?	
151	Arrah/H 428	To call to a person at a distance,	cnarracn	term of address between males or
150) (/II 222	as halloo!		spouses
152	Mora mey/H 323	Come to me.	mo remei	to go home
1.52	Moramy	Dank hardwaid /II Afaaid		to foor
153	Mathack/H 520	Don't be afraid./H. Afraid.	medakt	to fear
154	Ongeelatrecoy/H	A thing or business is well done.	ungii a iekoi	The matter is good.
155	455	To fotal to being compthing		to communicate un
155	Mungou/H 430	To fetch, to bring something	mengol	to carry away, pick up
156	K:t-+-1	wanted.	J. J. J. J. J.	
156	Kiboteleck/H 390	The right side.	chebodel-ek	my side
157	Kiboteleek Kibotelem/H 391	The left side	ah ah a dal am	wave side
157		The left side.	chebodel-em	your side
158	Annabookeeth/H	To give anything, to make a	a ngabtchelid (?)	fortunate, unexpected
150	346 Annabooketh	present.	ak medakt	I am abligad to you
159	Ackmethack/H 340	Thank you.	ак тешакі	I am obliged to you.
160	Acmethack	What is your name? /H. What	tale at (2)	how many of how much of
160	Atalell/H 501	What is your name?/H. What is the name?	tela el (?)	how many of, how much of
	II A22 Tollan		tela el	
	H 433 Tellar	How much, or how many. 「君の名は」What is your	Ng techa a ngkl-	What is your name?
	1 91 рикипкитети	name?	em(?)	What is your name:
	T 92 ankurekku	「我名」my name	a ngkl-ek	
161	Aygaa/H 339	This thing, or that thing.	ngikei	that (person, animal)
101	H 495 Sil	this	se el	that (thing)
162	Kitra/H 502	What is it called?/H. What	ngerrach	What is it?
102	KII/U/ II 302	name is it called?	ngerruch	What is it:
163	Swallow/H 526	A mat basket.	sualo	basket
164	Calas/H 529	A small basket/H. A small mat		fishing basket
104	Culus/11 329	basket for holding betel nut.	. Cretuis	noning basket
	H 527 Ouloick	A lesser basket.	oruikl	basket
	H 530 Tet	A smaller basket.	tet	betel nut bag
165	Kisseem/H 522	An adze or hatchet, made of	kisem	type of small clam
103	Misseemii 11 522	shell.	Kisem	(Tridacna sp.)
166	Sous/H 554	A file made of fish skin.	ksous	file
167	Carute/H 301	The dress worn by the women.		grass skirt
168	Mulakow/H 443	To wash anything, or	melecholb	to bathe, wash
100	114141011/11 113	themselves.	melecitoro	to outile, wash
169	Malapall/H 447	To wash or wipe the hand after	melehal	to wash hands in water after
107		eating.		eating
170	Mooreollow/H 392	To clean, to sweep a room.	meriik	to sweep
171		To work, or labour.	metitur	not know how to
	H 449 Marroolel	To work.	meruul	to make
172		To throw water out of a boat	melimet	to bail
- · -		or vessel.	=::::=:	
173	Morosoock/H 536	To beat, as with a hammer, or	merusech	to pound
	Mooroosook	to pound, as in a mortar.		•
174	Masaketh/H 542	To reduce, to make less.	meseked	filled
	-	•		

175	Matheethy/H 541	To enlarge, to make bigger.	medeel	too big or much
176	Marasam/H 383 H 381 Marrassum	To repair, to mend anything. To sew together.	merasm merasm	to sew
177	Bomgeetee/H 335	To throw anything away.	Bo mechitii!	Throw away!
178	Meleekotuck/H 412 Muleekotuck	To strike, to give a blow.	melechotech	to pound at something with fist, stone etc.
179	Acialoo/H 348 Ac- claloo	To pilfer, to take awaything slyly.	a klalo	thing
180	Mokamat/H 417	War, to fight.	mekemad	war
	Mocamatt	, 		··
181	Cocuath/H 415	Fighting as children.	kakoad	fight with each other
182	Umkarr/H 407	Wounded.	omkar	to give medicine to
183	<i>Umkarra lills/</i> H 406	A wound made by a spear.	omkar a lild	thin bamboo
184	Mathee/H 408	Killed.	mad	to die
185	Maathey/H 400	Dead.	medei	is starting to die
186	Moraick/H 399 Morgick	Sick.	merakt	to look as if one is very sick
187	Thoo/H 405	A boil or blotch.	bduu	boil
188	Moringell/H 398 Merengell	To be in pain from a boil or blotch.	meringel	painful
189	Macekathe/H 558 Mackekath	To itch.	mekekad	itchy
190	Melgoth/H 491	To tattoo or mark the body and limbs.	melngod	to tatto
	T 98 dorukoosu	「鯨文」tatoo	dngod	tatoo
191	Prothothuck/H	Their wooden sword/H. The	bretech-ek	my wooden paddle used as war
	411 Prothotheeck	wooden sword.		weapon
192	Clowe/H 354 Clow		klou	large
	T 54 kuroo	「大」large	klou	
193		A thing of middling size.	omukel	to cut down
194	Kickaray/H 356 Kicaray	Small/H. little.	kekerei	small
	T 55 kekerei	「小」small	kekerei	
195	Koomangle/H 242	-	kemanget	tall, long
196	Cathep/H 243	Short.	kedeb	short
	Kathep			
197	Merow/H 573	A measure, answering to our	mereu	to measure by using arm length
	Merou	fathom.		
198	Croyeeth/H 432 Croyceth	A great distance, far off.	cheroid	far, distant
199	Icmathe/H 431 Ikmath	A short distance/H. Near, not far off.	kmeed	near, close
200	Peepack/H 351	A great many, abundance.	bibak	many
201	Sola, Sola/H 353	Enough, plenty, generally	sulang	getting tired, Thank you.
		spoke [sic] twice; as Sola, Sola, enough, enough.		
202	Moosess/H 503, H 621 Moossess	Too much of anything.	meses	active
203	Moosess akoyyou	Too high a wind.	meses a oiu	The wind is strong.
204	Aaa	Yes.	Chach!	Oh!
	T 50 woi	「然り」yes	choi	yes
205	Deak/H 420	No.	diak	is or are not
	T 51 jaaku	「否」no	diak	

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206	N	M16		T
206	Naak/H 460	Me, myself.	ngak	I, me
	T 29 agaaku	「我」I, me	a ngak	(:1)
	H 591 Kethe	Ours.	kid	we (incl.)
•••	H 592 Commorm	Mine.	kemam	we (excl.)
207	Kow/H 458	You.	kau	you (sg.)
	T 30 kaao	「君」you	kau	(•)
	H 459 Commu	Your's [sic].	kom	you (pl.)
	H 496 Jeer	Them.	tir	they, them
	T 31 nugi	「彼」he, him	ngii	he, him; she, her
208	Arrabeeta/H 380 Arrabeta	The other side of any thing.	er a bitang	next door to
209	Oleeakeck/H 244	High, or above.	ulkek	my back
210	Oleeakem/H 245	Low, or downwards.	ulkem	your back
211	Mungeet/H 295	Not good.	mekngit	bad
	T 53 mokugi	「不良」not good	mekngit	
212	Weel/H 292	Good.	ungil	good
213	Weel atrecoy/H 294	Very good.	ungil a tekoi	The matter is good.
214	Mogull/H 296	Bad, displeasing.	mekull	forbidden, taboo
215	Omacarew/H 483	To turn, or tack, as a ship or	omechero	to turn
413	Omacurew/11 403	boat.	omeenero	to turn
216	Joomgthcotooath/ H486	To calk, or stop a leak.	ongetul a uduid	coconut husks for lumber
217	Joomgth/H 487	Their oakum, made of coconut	ongat	coconut husks
	.	husks/H. Oakum.	. 0	
218	Debuss/H 441	To desert or forsake a place or person/H. To run away, to be	Do-bes!	Let's forget!
210	Manual and AT 621	absent.	us a an a lead	no to the hold hill
219	Moraketh/H 531	A person to go before to some place/H. To go before to a place		go to the bald hill
		appointed.		
220	Maouth	You will follow and join them.	meoud	late
221	Ago mei/H 337	Go away, or out of my sight/	Lak mei!	Don't come!
		H. Go from me, i.e., displeased.		
222	Deakatick/H 397	A dislike of what is offered	ng diak a chet-ik	I don't like it.
	Deakathuck	you.		
	T 48 kadekku	「好まぬ」do not like	chet-ik	I dislike it.
223	Ongeell/H 454	It will do, it is very well.	ungil	good
	T 52 woguiru	「良」good	ungil	
224	Oul mey/H 507	Give me that thing near you,	ulimoim	brought food to meteet
	•	or in your hand.		
225	Deegaa/H 500	I have not what is asked for/	diak	does not exist
	·	H. Not to be had.		
226	Morakattow/H 434	Go away, stand aside, keep at	mo er a katur	go to the left
	Morakallow	a distance.		
227	Mey/H 322	Come.	mei	come
	T 38 mei	「来たれ」Come!	Mei!	
228	Pomray/H 319, or		Bo mrei! (mo	Get out! (to go home)
	Morama	<u>.</u>	remei)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	T 39 borei	「行け」Go away!	Bo rei!	
229	Calakaa/H 276	Presently/H. The present time.		now, just now!
	Callakan	and proposit time.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	H 250 Kalakara	Today.	elechang	
	H 419 Aclan	Yes.	elechang	
	11 717 /1010//	• • • •		

230	T 62 kanan Maysackarangath/		elechang Mes-kak –?!	Give me!
230	H508	Give me that.	mes-rur ::	Give me:
	T 33 bozuzeerekku		Bes sechel-ik!	Give it, my friend!
			Ak mo sk-au.	I will give you.
221		「下され」Give!	Bes-kak! le-me (le-be)	Give (it to) me! if he comes
231 232	Ley mey Meemathissa/H	Bring me that. Let me look at it.	me medesii	come and display it (sg.)
234	360 Meemathissaa	Let me look at it.	me meaesn	come and display it (ag.)
233	Missak/H 361	To look out, to espy.	Mes-ak!	Look at me!
234			merirk (?)	to look at in a mirror
	Mereaarick	lost.		
235	Myyuss/H 479	To paddle a canoe.	meius	to row
236	Lagooruth/H 480	• •	Lak moud! (?)	Don't be late!
237	Arree, Arree/H 481	To the men in the canoes to ex-	Alii, alii!	Hey!, Look at!
		ert themselves/H. To paddle		
220) / (TT 450	faster.		L!
238	Morru/H 452	To hinder work, to impede it. To give a portion of provision to	melobs	hinder your food
239	Calem/H 583	each Chief at a feast/H. A mess		your roou
		or portion.		
240	Arrack/H 338	To stop.	orreked	to hold onto
241	Meesoos/H 589	To make obeisance, to stoop	Mosus!	Greet!
		to a Chief.		
242	Meethip/H 533	Broke like a stick or piece of	mesib	to break (ground)
		wood.		
243	Moorookem/H 534	Broke like a piece of pottery	merukem	to break into pieces
244	16 1 -1 -1 (17 626	or shell.		4. h
244	Melocketh/H 535 Meelocketh	Broke like a rope by tension.	meloched	to break (string)
245	Arrasook	A white stone.	orusech	instrument for pounding
246		Red/H. Red earth, or oker.	orriich	red earth or clay
240	eeyuck	nou/ 11. Nou varin, or own.		100 00100 01 0100
247	Kowse/H 631, or	White.	chaus	lime
	Cultetoa			
248	Kass/H 626, or	Black.	chas	soot, ink
	puckercarse			
249	Coteetow/H 627	Blue/H. Brown.	chetitau	brown (skin)
250	Cotteelow	0		bl
250	Meelemow/H 628	Green.	mellemau	green, blue
251	Meeleemow Koothoo	Yellow.	kesol	turmeric plant
231	H 632 Pleplurack	Yellow.	bibrurek	yellow
252	Careereeack/H 629		cheririich	light reddish brown
253			dimlerrek(?)	unchanged
	H 414 Poothuck	Peace.	budech	peace
254	Tong/H 633	One.	tang	one
	T 1 atan	「─」 one	a tang	
255	Oroo/H 634	Two.	orung	two
2	T 2 orun	two The	orung	41
256	Othey/H 635	Three.	odei odei	three
257	T 3 wozei Oang/H 636	「三」three Four.	odei oang	four
۱ ری	T 4 wowan	「四」four	oang	1041
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258	Aeem/H 637 Aeen	Five.	a eim	five
	T 5 woin	「五」 five	eim	
259	Malong/H 638	Six.	malong	six
	T 6 maron	「六」six	malong	
260	Oweth/H 639	Seven.	uid	seven
	T 7 uibu	「七」seven	uid	
261	Tei/H 640	Eight.	teai	eight
	T 8 iyaye	「八」eight	eai	
262	Etew/H 641	Nine.	etiu	nine
	T 9 itchu	「九」nine	itiu	
263	Mackoth/H 642	Ten.	machod	ten
	T 10 makou	「十」ten	machod	
264	Oloyuck/H 643	Twenty.	lluich	twenty
	T 12 orumakou	「二十」 twenty	oru-machod	
265	Ockathey/H 644	Thirty.	okedei	thirty
	T 13 wozemakou	「三十」thirty	ode-machod	
266	Ockawaugh/H 645	Forty.	okouang	forty
	T 14 wowamakou	「四十」forty	oa-machod	
267	Ockeem/H 646	Fifty.	okeim	fifty
	T 15 woimakou	「五十」fifty	eim-machod	
268	Ockgollom/H 647	Sixty.	okolem	sixty
	T 16 marumakou	「六十」sixty	malo-machod	
269	Ockgweeth/H 648	Seventy.	okeuid	seventy
	Ockaweeth	_		
	T 17 uimakou	「七十」seventy	uid-machod	
270	Ockeye/H 649	Eighty.	okai	eighty
	Ocktei			
	T 18 iyaemakou	「八十」eighty	eai-machod	
271	Ockatuew/H 650	Ninety.	oketiu	ninety
	Ockatew			
	T 19 ichumakou	「九十」ninety	itiu-machod	
272	Mackoth adart/H	A hundred.	machod a dart	a hundred
	651			
	T 20 mamakoou	「百」hundred	ma-machod	

Notes

- K 1. A is a 'contentless word,' but it appears as a phrase marker in front of every noun (except an emphatic pronoun) and the verb of the sentence [Josephs 1975: 44-45]. In this list, its appearance is arbitrary. See K 15, K 29, K 47, K 50 etc. Re- represents a 'plural prefix.' Cf. T 27 (-ru-).
- K 1, and K 2 are recorded as arisakan 「男」"man" a re-sechal "men, males," and arate「女」"woman" a re-dil "women," respectively, in An Interrogatory [TAKAYAMA 1993: 249].
- K 3/H 70. Hockin gives the wrong translation. "Your child" should be ngelek-em.
- K 4/T 26. The Japanese character pu- $\lceil \mathcal{I} \rfloor$ in purubaaku is evidently a misprint for a- $\lceil \mathcal{I} \rfloor$.
 - K 5, and K 6 are recorded as akatan 「父」 "father" a chedam "father," and

akate 「母」 "mother" a chedil "mother," respectively, in An Interrogatory [TAKAYAMA 1993: 249].

- K 7. The primal meaning is "to spear fish again."
- K 9. In McCluer's diary (21 February 1792), we find "I sent Mr. White with him being his suckalie [sic] (friend) [Peacock 1987: 138]. This example also proves that a word meaning "my friend" has become misused to indicate a generic kin term. See also sucalic meaning "friend" in [Keate 1788: 195, 258] and [Hockin 1803: 37, 41].
- K 10. See also the same word, tackalby tackelby in [Keate 1788: 124, 126, 331], tackelby artheil "female artist" [Keate 1788: 332] or the English tackelbys [Hockin 1803: 17, 18].
- K 13. Chim- originates in PAN *lima, and goes through a process of phonetic change *iima>*qima>*k_2im-. Walleser's cheim- shows evidently the transitive form which was shifting from *iima (\sim *qiima) to *qima accompanying the compensatory lengthening.
 - K 16. This entry is the same as K 245. See the verbal form in K 173.
- K 24. A knife is also called *woolell* [KEATE 1788: 304]. This form proves the existence of an old possessive form *ol-el* "his knife," of which the modern form is *ols-engel*.
- K 27. The modern oltall seems to be formed with a prefix ol-(causative prefix) + tall. But this entry form is still maintained in Taguchi as toori 「木壺」 "covered wooden bowl for serving marasiisu (coconut toddy)" with an illustration [1893: 187] (Figure 3). A similar type of covered pitcher for drinking water is drawn in [Kubary 1895: Plate XXVII] (Figure 4) with the generic name ollumal [sic] (=ollumel) "pitcher for drink." The shell-inlaid wooden basket [sic] with covers etched in Keate [1788: Plate 5] is evidently the same object (Figure 2). Therefore, one type of ollumel has been called *-tall. NPE's oltall-ilaot "coconut syrup" correlative view is phonologically unreliable. Marasiisu (=mo er a ses) is probably an argot for coconut toddy (chemlol),

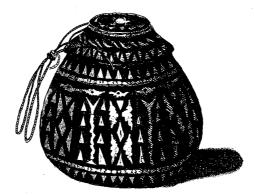


Figure 2. Shell-inlaid wooden basket with cover [Keate 1788]



Figure 3. Toori (=oltall) [TAGUCHI et al. 1893]

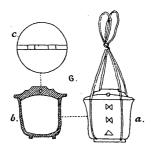


Figure 4. Ollumal (=ollumel)
[Kubary 1895]

which means "become diligent (by drinking it!)."

K 30. In England at that time *taro* was scarecely known, both as object and word. But it is noticed that Hockin already recorded a word *tarra*. According to O.E.D., *taro* (with plantains) became popular, having been introduced to England by Captain Cook in 1779. See also H 556, H 603, and H 604.

K 35. Chebouch "wilde Betelpalme" (KR) (wild betelnut palm) is a genus of small, or medium-sized palms. The cabbage of the Moluccan Pinanga punicea is stated to be edible [Burkill 1966: 1759].

K 39. Rr in karr is definitely a misprint for u of ngau. But, Hockin inherits the same mistake. This also proves that his work was mainly done depending on Keate's list.

K 40/Iw 24. In Iw. there is a confusion or misnomer with a cat.

K 47. Etymologically *chesel el ked* means "bamboo of bald hill." *Ked* appears in K 219. In the transcription -che- is not represented.

K 48. Meyrooke appears, as it is, to be in Krämer, quoted from McCluer with a meaning "spanisches Rohr" (rattan stick). Lt. John McCluer, being appointed to command the Panther, made the first visit to Palau in January 1791. He must have referred to Keate's Word-List.

K 52. The medial -b- should be a misprint for -rr-.

K 57. Gill only represents the latter half of a word, the first half is supplied in H 474.

K 61/T 72. The Japanese character $-su \ \lceil \nearrow \rfloor$ in adoosu is evidently a misprint for $-bu \ \lceil \nearrow \rfloor$.

K 63. At present, "fish scale" is called *cholo*. Here is a confusion of the specific fish name, and probably, a compound *kemedukl ngikel* was made through wrong transliteration: \sim of fish (*ngikel*). Hockin's *callarwell* corresponds to *cheleuel* "its fish scale."

K 64/H 198. Ruetuu is a large ray at least 150 cm in width [HELFMAN and RANDALL 1973:141]. The initial mu- is unexplained. Could it be the conjunction me "and"? A sting ray (Dasyatus sephen) is called ksous.

K 67. See also the same word in [Keate 1788: 302, 305, 312].

- K 72. In present-day Palauan, "Micronesian pigeon" is generally called belochel, i.e., literally, "to be shot with a slingshot."
- K 74. For *dudek* there are two species in Palau [ETPISON n.d.: 244], the red-tailed and the white-tailed. NPE's meaning limited to the latter is insufficient.
- K 80. Cheos means "Tag" (day) in Walleser's chaeos, and nowadays for "sun" sils (PAN *sinaR "ray") is more general than cheos (PAN *ke-waRi "day") as seen in Iw 7, probably due to compounds such as chelde-cheos (or chede-cheos) "time between mid-morning and late afternoon" (NPE). Cf. K 104, H 268, and H 269.
- K 84. Mesikt "be in a cluster" is a derived form; me-sikt "cluster of fruit," but nowadays, mesikt is only used in mesikt el btuch, which means "constellation of stars."
- K 95. Chetau means "rainbow like a long bridge" discriminated from orrekim "short and standing rainbow" [HIJIKATA 1990: 289], which evidently relates to the Proto-Trukic language *rakem "rainbow."
- K 96/T 63. It is evident that the modern form klukuk has been formed by inserting a 'resulting state infix' -(e)l- [Josephs 1975: 189]. Kukuk is still seen as kuguk "morgen $fr\ddot{u}h$ " (tomorrow morning) in Walleser.
 - K 98. Literally, "after ten o'clock."
- K 99. Grammatically the same as K. 96, this word also indicates an archaic form without an infix -l-. But, Walleser's List contains the modern form klebesei.
 - K 102/H 253. The medial -lt- should be a misprint for -ll-.
- K 103. The transcription is inaccurate not only representing the initial ng-, but also the other sounds. The modern expression is ngeltel a sils "setting of the sun."
 - K 104/H 252. -C- in the last but one should be a misprint for -e-.
 - K 104/T 64. Evidently ba- $\lceil \kappa \rfloor$ in bairujusu is a misprint for a- $\lceil \kappa \rfloor$.
- K 107. For "hungry" the modern phrasing is *mad er a kall*, literally, "to die lacking food=to die of hunger."
 - K 108. See also the same word in [Keate 1788: 221].
- K 116/H 595. H 595 is the same as H 161 semantically. "The tropical almond" is stated as *ameiyakku*, i.e., *a miich* in Taguchi [1893: 149–150] (Figure 5).
- K 122. See also the same word in [Keate 1788: 118, 299]. But, Pangium edule "wilde Brotfrucht" (KR) (wild breadfruit, payan) was wrongly called "durian" (Durio zibethinus) from about this time on, as shown in Hockin. For example, Pangium edule is called duhrien in Ponapean, turiyacn in Kusaiean, etc. in another areas of Micronesia. This kind of confusion probably comes from the smell of the sarcocarp, resembling rotten onions. Therefore, the Japanese origin of this etymology, as suggested by my inform-

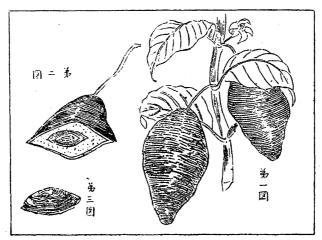


Figure 5. Ameiyakku (= a miich) [TAGUCHI et al. 1893]

ants, is not correct, being unlike other examples such as Japanese *budo* (budoo「葡萄」) "grape" for "Panama cherry," *nangiosakura* (nan'yoo-sakura「南洋桜」) "South Seas cherry tree" for "flame tree," *ninzin* (ninjin「人参」) "carrot" for "potato with orange-colored inside," etc.

K 127/T 102. Literally, "me who likes it."

K 127/T 107. The translation is wrong. See the equational sentence with subject shifting in T 93.

K 130. This word is seen as *pucka sogel* "it was told him in play or joke" in [Hockin 1803: 25].

K 134. This entry is the same as K 188 semantically.

K 136. The initial a- is intrusive. See note for K 1. Hockin's transcription -cl- should be a misprint for -d-.

K 138. Literally, "to become stone."

K 145. The usual expression for "Come in!" is Be mtuu! (tmuu "enter").

K 146. Kiei or kiues means "to sit like a woman with legs crossed" in contrast to reborb meaning "to sit like a man with both knees up, or with one knee up and the other on the floor" (NPE). The modern usual expression for a generic "to sit down" is dengchokl "to seat."

K 147. In the transcription the initial me- seems to be not recorded, if so, p- should be a misprint for k-.

K 153. The prohibitative form in English is rightly corrected by Hockin.

K 159. Literally, "I am afraid." Cf. K 153.

K 160/T 91. The consonant p (as is in pakangkuremu) has the same distinctive features with t except for the grave/acute opposition, therefore, acoustically it is not rare to hear p instead of t. See also H 177, where chui-t is misheard as ky-pe.

- K 161. The initial a- is intrusive. See note for K 1.
- K 174. See also the same word with different meaning in H 118.
- K 179. Perhaps a verb phrase is not recorded.
- K 183. This entry makes nonsense, by just putting together K 132 and K 49 in turn.
- K 190. See also the same word as melgothd~melgothed in [Keate 1788: 209, 319]. But -ng in melgothing "practice of tatooing" [Hockin 1803: 33] seems to be corrupted by the English -ing.
- K 192. There is also another example, Clow, clow, muc clow! "Large, large, very large!" [Keate 1788: 273].
- K 194. The same word appears as *Kickaray Rupack* (Little Chief) in [Keate 1788: 57].
 - K 199. The initial i- is unexplained.
- K 200. Bibak is said to be southern dialect, but the entry is not in NPE. Cf. K 127.
- K 201. It is doubtful whether the transcription without -ng stands for an archaic pronunciation. See note for K 229.
 - K 204. This entry is the same word as K 229.
 - K 205. This entry is the same word as K 225.
- K 206/T 29. The initial a- is intrusive. There should be no a here. See note for K. 1.
 - K 206/H 592. A wrong translation.
- K 212. "An exclamation from every voice, Weel!" [KEATE 1788: 117], or "three loud repetitions of Weel, weel, weel" [Hockin 1803: 15-16].
- K 213. When the Chief (a Ibedul) was informed of the death of his son by the men of the Panther (see note for K 48), he said Weel, weel, weel a trecoy "Good, good, very good" [Hockin 1803: 9, 10], meaning perhaps, "It is good that I finally know" [Peacock 1987: 128]. The same expressions are used as a "cliché" in [Keate 1788: 28, 208].
- K 214. There is also another example, *Magull! Magull!* "Very bad" [Keate 1788: 129].
- K 216. The transcription does not seem to represent the grammatically correct form. Cf. K 217.
- K 219. The Palauans believe that their ancestors lived at the present-day bald hill [HIJIKATA 1990: 60-79].
 - K 221. The initial a- is intrusive. There should be no a here.
 - K 223. This transcription for ungil is more accurate than K 213.
- K 224. Meteet is a "high family or rank, having large amount of Palauan money" (NPE), i.e., "high-ranking." The same word appears as H 42.
- K 229. The modern-day Palauan has a fixed word-final -ng, which appears, when the word is spoken in isolation or at the end of a sentence [Josephs 1975: 14]. But as a compound word -ng disappears like er a

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K 246. For "red" see also H 630.

K 251. Kesol meaning "turmeric plant" is also recorded as cosall. See K 31.

K 264/T 12. The numbers above 20 follow different patterns in Keate's and Taguchi's. However, it is doubtful that the counting system from 20 to 90 shown in Taguchi really existed, even colloquially.

K 272/T 20. The modern-day form for "one hundred" is dart.

VI. HOCKIN'S WORD-LIST (continued) AND NOTES

	Hockin Iwasa, Taguchi	English Japanese	Modern Palauan Modern Palauan	Meaning Meaning
1	Uckarleeth	The Deity; the Almighty God.	a chelid	god, deity
	T 110 karisu	「神」god	chelid	
	T 111 agarii	「神座」divine place	(bl-il) a chelid	place of god
2	Palewallarkarth	The world.	beluu el rechad	earth, world
18	Cultowe	A storm.	a eolt	wind
	T 87 ayooru	「風」	a eolt	
20	Yecuththoup	A waterspout.	iechadedaob	waterspout
29	Ouloyel	The floor.	a ulaol	floor
30	Muckkaarlt	Hot.	mekeald	warm
34	Cumrungle	A boathouse, a shed or covering.	a diangel	boathouse
37	Omerrookorack	Boiling water.	omeriokl	boil over
39	Ouathelsecul	An old man.	chuodel el sechal	old man
40	Rearkarracat	A young man.	-? a rechad	
41	Puckao	A brave man.	bekeu	brave
42	Matet	A rich man.	meteet	rich
43	Lwarbuck	A wild fellow, a libertine.	roachel el buik	wild boy
45	Mulngnigh	A man-servant.	mesiung-el (?)	his servant
47	Quothelarthiel	An old woman.	chuodel el redil	old woman
48	Omukearthiel	A young woman.	omuu er a dil	to perform buldil ceremony
50	Missabele	An unmarried woman.	mesobil	unmarried
51	Moongole	A woman belonging to the bai, a housekeeper.	mengol	woman living in bai as concubine
52	Musouneelply	A maid-servant.	mesiung-el blai	servant of the house
55	Kopeacooke	An uncle.	obekul	his older brother of male
56	Thelawlmpeele	An aunt.	klaudeleongel	mutual relationship
57	Kokathrol	A brother.	ochell-el	his younger brother of male
58	Cothelel	An elder brother, or sister.	chudelel	his older sister of female
59	Marthingel	A younger brother, or sister.	merreng-el	his younger sister of female
60	Pukele	A spouse.	bech-il	his spouse
61	Muckaleek	A grandson or daughter.	mekulek (HJ)	A grandson or daughter
62	Kokoleek	My nephew or niece.	ochell-ek	my child related to family through mother
63	Kokolel	Your nephew or niece.	ochell-el	his child related to family through mother

64	Adar-Marbspookel	A father by adoption.	a dem-al a bs-engel	father having given obligatory initial marriage payment to wife's
				family
65	Pickell	A youth or lad.	bik-el	his boy
66	Pooick	A young child.	buik	boy
68	Carpesangle	An infant at the breast.	kar –?	medicine
72	Puthingel	The body.	bedengel	his body
74	Kiwsale	Bones.	chiues-el	his bone
75	Poothel	The skin.	bud-el	his skin
76	Matharm	The face.	med-am	your eye or face
77	${\it Matharbabthatume}$	The forehead.	med-al a bdel-um	your forehead
78	Colsule	Eyes.	chelsul	pupil of eye
79	Snekerkiuleamath- arm	The eye-brows.	bsech-el a med-am	your eyelash
80	Tongarpalear- matharm	The eye-lids.	dangeb-el a med- am	your eyelid
81	Issnel	The nose.	is-ngel	his nose
82	Cotonale	The cheeks.	oteng-el	his cheek
83	Thingark	Ears.	ding-ak	my ear
84	Kiule	Hair.	chi-ul	his hair
85	Angareek	Mouth.	a nger-ek	my mouth
87	Kwrail	The tongue.	chur-al	his tongue
88	Parpungarell	The palate or roof of the mouth.	beb-ul a nger-el	space above his mouth
89	Purthel	The lips.	berdel	his lip
90	Comlale	The chin.	omellel	his chin
91	Arkossamale	The beard.	a chesem-el	his beard
92	Quitetel	The neck.	chikl-el	his neck
	~ · ·	The desidence of the control of the C	anaduna al	his shoulder
93	Congkasuel	The shoulders or upper part of the back.	ongeiung-ei	nis shoulder
93 97	Pokose		bechos	thumb
97	Pokose	the back. The thumb.	bechos	thumb
	J	the back. The thumb. A finger.		thumb middle finger
97 98	Pokose Ukelthingle	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem	thumb middle finger index finger
97 98 99	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem	thumb middle finger index finger 19our younger brother's finger
97 98 99 100	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure
97 98 99 100 101 102	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakim-	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure
97 98 99 100 101	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakim- arm	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail
97 98 99 100 101 102	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakim- arm Kakule Kickaneck	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The liver. The loins.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The liver.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam Kolotaleil	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The liver. The loins. The thighs. The calf of the leg.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a oach)	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh to have a large calf of leg
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The liver. The loins. The thighs.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam Kolotaleil	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The little finger. The ribs. The ribs. The heart. The liver. The loins. The thighs. The calf of the leg. A ghost or good spirit.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a oach) a deleb Satan (S?)	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh to have a large calf of leg ghost, spirit
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam Kolotaleil Atherlep Satan	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The loins. The loins. The thighs. The calf of the leg. A ghost or good spirit. An evil spirit. A priest or prophet; a man of	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a oach) a deleb Satan (S?)	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh to have a large calf of leg ghost, spirit Satan
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam Kolotaleil Atherlep Satan Uckaleetharracat	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The loins. The loins. The thighs. The calf of the leg. A ghost or good spirit. An evil spirit. A priest or prophet; a man of God.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a oach) a deleb Satan (S?) a ched-ul a rechad a kolong (HJ),	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh to have a large calf of leg ghost, spirit Satan men (a rechad) of god
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110 111 112 113	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam Kolotaleil Atherlep Satan Uckaleetharracat Ackkrone	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The little finger. The little finger. The ribs. The ribs. The heart. The liver. The loins. The thighs. The calf of the leg. A ghost or good spirit. An evil spirit. A priest or prophet; a man of God. A prophetess.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a oach) a deleb Satan (S?) a ched-ul a rechad a kolong (HJ), a kerong (A)	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh to have a large calf of leg ghost, spirit Satan men (a rechad) of god shaman (A)
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110 111 112 113	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam Kolotaleil Atherlep Satan Uckaleetharracat Ackkrone Culeutow	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The liver. The loins. The thighs. The calf of the leg. A ghost or good spirit. An evil spirit. A priest or prophet; a man of God. A prophetess. An ambassador or herald.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a oach) a deleb Satan (S?) a ched-ul a rechad a kolong (HJ), a kerong (A) oliuid	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh to have a large calf of leg ghost, spirit Satan men (a rechad) of god shaman (A) to translate
97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 110 111 112 113 114	Pokose Ukelthingle Oletum Kokelakimarm Mallakow Oletabatooteakimarm Kakule Kickaneck Arunule Kartheil Songkell Okoolkokam Kolotaleil Atherlep Satan Uckaleetharracat Ackkrone Culeutow Tongatongle	the back. The thumb. A finger. The forefinger. The middle finger. The third finger. The little finger. The nails. The ribs. The heart. The liver. The loins. The thighs. The calf of the leg. A ghost or good spirit. An evil spirit. A priest or prophet; a man of God. A prophetess. An ambassador or herald. The devil.	bechos uchel a cheldingel oletem ochell-el a chim-an melekau olibek a chim-am kekul kekenge-ek a reng-ul chedeng-al sengch-el uchul a och-im klou a delel (a oach) a deleb Satan (S?) a ched-ul a rechad a kolong (HJ), a kerong (A) oliuid dengerenger	thumb middle finger index finger ryour younger brother's finger to catch as protective measure your ring finger his nail my rib his heart his liver his waist your upper thigh to have a large calf of leg ghost, spirit Satan men (a rechad) of god shaman (A) to translate bad, evil

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121	Kusscelar	A slave, servant, or a drudge.	kesiou	to serve each other
122	Karbooel	A clown, or awkward person.	kebelung	stupid, crazy
123	Mate-Meer	A coward.	betimer	slow-moving
128	Mamethongcawn	To eat between meals.	0 0	Come and let's eat!
131	Mellongoyas	To boil.	melengoes	to cook or boil in water
132	Curmarthork	Not boiled enough or well done.		uncooked
133	Korseakale	Broth or soup.	chersachel (KR)	olive tree, tree in nutmeg family
				(Horsfieldis palauensis
4.40				Kanehira)
140	Akkull	Victuals.	a kall	food
141	Aiyoul	A garden.	a eou el	space of
142	Ardukkell	Fruit.	a redech-el	its fruit
144	Mariss	A Seville orange.	meres (KR)	type of wild citrus
145	Puckaseu	Limes.	bekersiu	type of large lime (Citrus sp.)
146	Carretle	Sweet limes.	kertaku	bush in myrtle family (Decasper-
1.45	D. I. I.			mum fruticosum, NPE)
147	Dabaacle	Lemon.	debechel	wild lime
149	Coothel	Grass.	chudel	grass
150	14.4.	7.2	****	(Ischaemum muticum, KR)
150	Meelec	Indian corn.	meliik	pitcher's plant (Nepenthes spp.)
151 156	Thip Mathu	Sugar cane.	deb	sugar cane
157	Coomer	Breadfruit tree. The teak tree.	meduu	breadfruit
158			kmekumer (KR)	teak
136	Upthoucus	The poon tree.	a btaches	Alexandrian laurel tree
159	Carretum	The oil tree.	cheritem	(Calophyllum inophyllum)
133	Carretum	The on tree.	chertiem	varnish tree (Parinaruim glabberimum)
160	Proree	The dammer tree.	beror (KR)	type of shrub (Evodia palauensis
100	110/66	The dammer tree.	Deroi (KK)	Kanehira)
163	Iadle	The yellow jambu apple.	iedel	mango
164	Cummim	Billimbys, an Indian fruit.	kemim, makamim	•
•••	Cummin	Diminoys, an maran irun.	(KR)	starriut
165	Cupalap	The breadfruit.	chebiei (?)	seeded breadfruit
166	Meethou	A second or small kind.	msau	bend it (standing object, sg.)
		Ti seedle of small mile.	moun	down
167	Meethoulee	The breadfruit, with a stone or	meduu el eou	type of breadfruit
		seed.	cana cr con	type or oronarrun
168	Moongore	A young coconut.	mengur	coconut at middle stage
169	Mooncarse	An old coconut.	mechas	coconut at later stage
170	Arrassackalleuis	The blood, or coconut milk.	a rsech-el a lius	blood of coconut
171	Kassukelalleuis	The husk of the coconut.	chesechal a lius	cord made of coconut
173	Tabaacle	A tree of exceeding hard wood.		mangrove tree (Rhizophora
				mucronata, NPE)
174	Kokoth	A tree with a fine swelling and	chochod (KR)	cinnamon tree
		thick bark.	,	(Cinnamomum sp.)
175	Akulbneparreth	A foreign tree or shrub.	a kleb-ngel a beab	type of grass in amaryllis family
		-	Ŭ	(Curculigo orchioides, NPE)
177	Kype	Toddy, the juice of the coconut	chuit	coconut milk
	-	tree.		
179	Cuthu	Yellow earth, or oker.	chutem	land, soil
181	Luark	A nest.	luuk	nest
184	Adarpar	A duck.	a debar	duck
185	Arveck	A Guinea fowl.	a uek	purple swamphen
				(Porphyrio porphyrio)

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(Halcyon chloris) 189 Lorartartle A quail. ulerratel banded crake	
(Rallina eurizonoides)	
190 Karpackup An owl. chebacheb grey nightjar	
(Caprimulugus indicus)	
191 Kurretung A very small but fine singing charmuderenges oriental cuckoo	
bird. (Cuculus saturatus)	
192 Quipetukale The gizzard. delebekul (?) its gizzard (of chicken)	
196 Mussague A merman or mermaid. mesekiu dugong	
197 Cathang A shark. chedeng shark	
199 Lirart A cuttle fish. luut cuttlefish	
200 Melgenole A large cuttle fish. milngoll type of large squid	
202 Yeuse An alligator. ius crocodile	
204 Oule Mullet. uluu diamond-scale mullet	
(Chelon vaigiensis)	
206 Curmarng Crabs. chemang mangrove crab (Scylla ser	rata)
207 Omakgeuse A prawn. omekched to wait for low tide	 ,
208 Korracour A shrimp. cherchur shrimp	
209 Ouletuck Oysters. a olutk (?) pointer for picking fruit	
215 Tinluke Tortoise shell. toluk Palauan money of turtle s.	hell
(Photo 1)	
216 Damule A porpoise. demul porpoise	
219 Kiroker A fish hook. chirocher fish hook	
221 Kowsarl a cathang Shark fins. ois-al a chedeng fin of shark	
222 Arcarm Animals, birds, or beasts of a charm animal, insect	
any kind.	
223 Persoyack A snake. bersoech land snake	
224 Purerpoor A lizard. berebur gecko	
225 Mungatharp A spider. mangaidab spider	
226 Tuckathuck A frog. dechedech frog	
227 Kulard A worm. chulad earth or tape worm	
228 Lote The worms in children. lot tapeworm	
229 Cuyuss A maggot. chuis maggot	
230 Sisk Ants. plsisk (KR) small black ant	
231 Ocke-Artheil A cobweb. uche er a dil in front of women	
232 Aiiss A fly. a iaes fly	
233 Letewyack A fire fly. lot -?	
234 Ulkoth A mosquito fly. a ilkolk mosquito	
235 Arracass A sand fly. a rekas (KR) gnat abounding in Peliliu	
236 Akamoro A horse-stinging fly. a charm animal, insect	
238 Cattoo A cat. katuu (S?) cat	

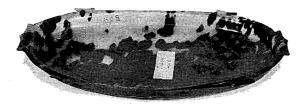


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	Iw 23 katou	「猫」cat	katuu	
240	Meletarmethuss	A blood-sucker.	melatemudes	brown tree lizard
243	Toopuparparkel	Broad.	tubchebachel	wide
246	Apop	Uppermost, the top.	a bab	area or space above
247	Orakanacills	Sunrise.	ngesech-el a sils(?)	-
255	totoa	This morning.	tutau	morning
	T 56 chutao	「朝 morning	tutau	
256	Cocookatotoa	Tomorrow morning.	tutau el klukuk	tomorrow morning
257	Ycouse	The day after tomorrow.	ngiaos	day after tomorrow
262	Capasennce	This evening.	kebesengei	evening
	T 57 segui	「夕」evening	kebesengei	· ·
263	Ackasennce	Last evening.	-? sengei	
265	Muckereamaseem	Dark.	miremerem (?)	dark at night
267	Tetleessep	Two days ago.	ideliseb	day before yesterday
268	Yeuseell	Three days ago.	eua el sils (?)	four days
269	Ronillarlills	Rays of the sun.	rerengel a sils	ray of sun
271	Kysepe	Sultry, close, or hot.	kesib	sweaty
272	Oreo	To blow.	?	
273	Muckelacott	Cool.	mekelekolt	cold
274	Ourukle	Before.	er a uche er a	before
275	Ackasuse	Last evening or night.	a kesus	last night
279	Muckiwhy	To go to sleep.	mechiuaiu	to lie down to rest
281	Umrose	A dream.	omerrous	to dream about
283	Umruell	A person that walks in their	omerruul	to walk or talk in one's sleep
		sleep.		
284	Mathuke	Strong.	meduch	strong
285	Olonoyyack	Weak.	olengeaseck (?)	to slow down
286	Murcose	Sweet.	merekos	sweet
287	Muckamim	Sour.	mekemim	sour
288	Marquonketh	Bitter.	mechuached	bitter
289	Mooute	Stale, spoiled by keeping.	meoud	late
291	Meteemellar	Spoiled.	metemall	get spoiled
293	Ullungternart	Good fortune.	-	good fortune
297	Delternart	Bad fortune.	-? tengat	
298	Massuurp	To learn.	mesuub	to learn
299	Koolisakertle	To teach.	olsisechakl	to teach
300	Pilel	To adorn, to dress.	bil-el	his clothes
302	Murroor	To be ashamed.	merur	ashamed of
304	Munrowel	To scold.	mengokl	to scold
305	Culleoke	To caress, to be affectionate.	ouellak	capture by love magic
307	Metuis	To abuse.	meduis	not afraid of heights
308	Telleboryas	To call names, to slender.	delaes (?)	spoken ill of
309	Keesee	To open.	kiis (E?)	key
310	Muarkussemu	To open the door.	Mnggu a chesimer!	•
311	Doothel	Old.	chuodel (?)	old
312	Puckase	New.	beches	new
313	Omuke Malaliana	Young.	omek(-beches)	to renovate, make new
314	Meleliute	Thin.	meliliut	thin and flat
315	Ocrokt Manlamiek	Thick.	okrokr	thick and flat
316	Marlaruck Mo	Fat.	melaok	greasy, fatty
321 327	Mo Thishmuks	Go.	mong	to go
	Thiebmuke Managataskla	To be sorrowful.	? manaitaki	to aima
328 329	Mungetackle Mayloide	To sing.	mengitakl	to sing
349	Mayloick	To dance.	meloik	to dance

331	Seeangle	To be merry.	sisiangel	to enjoy fondling
334	Bertie	To hide.	Bertii!	Hide it (sg.)!
	Armunamon	Coming.	akmo el mong (?)	
341	Omakarr	To buy.	omechar	to buy
343	Cultrow	To sell.	olterau	to sell
	Karrboom	A gift, a token of remembrance.		your gift to woman
347	Ollonete	To ask for, to beg a thing.	olengit	
	Maerayose	Valuable.	mekreos	to beg
350	Shipsongle			precious
352	Talkip	Useless, good for nothing.	sibesongel telkib	is to be tripped
	Muko	A small quantity.		a little
358		Blind.	meiko	blind
	Missung	To see.	mesang	to see
	Mockatee	Show me.	Mochotii!	Show it (sg.)!
362	Komesaboosarkar-	To wink.	omes a -? er a	
262	matharm		medam	
363		The stars winkle, or twinkle.	omes a -? er a	
	thduke		btuch	
	Arwack	An anchor.	orrumk	anchor
	Mungemout	Waves of the sea.	mengimut	to throw oneself down
	Omuthusathoup	Surf, or broken waves.	omades a daob	to line up salt water
	Remararmuck	Seaweed.	kemokem (?)	type of large seaweed
	Patharluckertete	Black beche-de-mer.	bad el rekereked	type of sea cucumber
	Cassopeel	White beche-de-mer.	chesobel	type of large trepang
	Arthoke	A spring or fountain.	a dok (W)	spring
	Angarthoke	A lake.	ng ngar a dok	There is a spring.
	Arpatapollon	A crystal or flint stone.	a bad el balang	aragonite, Yapese stone money
375	Aiissarculatnutte	Bees.	?	
376	Culatneetle	Honey.	chelakngikl	Palauan honey bee
377	Arcarmdeong	A cricket.	a kerellang (?)	cricket
378	Athlello	Goods or merchandise.	oterul-el	his merchandise
379	Reetle	Outside.	ikr-el	his space outside
382	Matart	To rend or tear.	melat	to tear
384	Moramaketh	To go on shore.	mo er meched	to go to the shallow
385	Pokokoth	A smell.	bekechat	smelling of smoke
386	Weelpokokoth	A fine or good smell.	ungil a bekechat	good smelling of smoke
387	Pethang	A bad smell or stink.	bediu (W), bldiu	putrid, foul-smelling
388	Toreongore	Smell it.	tirrengur	smelt it (sg.)
389	Tripe	To spit.	telub	to be spit
	Koreeuck	A broom.	oriik	broom
394	Mathetheird	To dry or wipe with a cloth.	medidirt	almost dry
395	Toangle	A door.	tuangel	entrance, door
396	Cossemurretoangle		chesmer-el a	door of entrance
			tuangel	acci of entrance
401	Curtheke	A disorder like the smallpox.	oldikel	to cause trouble among
402	Cooknothuck	A second sort, of a smaller kind.		too small
	Deole	To be with child.	dioll	pregnant
	Mathopuck	Abortion.	melecheb (?)	to perform abortion on
410	Oliooks	Darts thrown by a sling.	uloeoch (W)	dart
	Lockearth	Time of war.	klakoad	
415	Cousar	Conquered.		fight
	Meroun	To gain the victory.	chesuar	slap (in the face)
	Xulibess	To forget.	merau	rich, wealthy
	Malartkur	To remember.	obes	to forget
422	Oky		melatk	to remember
74.3	uny	Who knows.	olekoi	exclamation indicating surprise
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424	Naakdeak, or methingere	I do not know.	ng diak(kudengei)	I don't know.
			medengelii	to know it (sg.)
425	Okare	To question, to ask.	oker	to ask
426	Magrar	To interrogate, What do you want?	mengerar	to criticize
429	Orengis	To hear.	orrenges	to hear
435	Alteearng	In this place, here.	er tiang	here
436	Remoort	Make haste, be quick.	remot	to pound it (sg.)
437	Orekerthough	Quickly.	ouretech (?)	to speed past
438	Deegeea	Stay.	di kiei	to just stay
439	Dedacore	To stand.	De-dechor!	Let's stand up!
444	Malacong	To wash the body.	melechong	to bathe
445	Malerparl	To wash the hands or face.	melecholb	to bathe
446	Masilek	To wash clothes.	mesilek	to wash clothes
448	Degemuss	Wet.	dekimes	wet
450	Cussebore	Idleness.	chesebreng	brokenheartedness
451	Muckerrerkare	Industry.	mekerkard	glowing
453	Clameogle	Handsome.	klamiokel	beautiful, handsome
463	Muckiatle	To be hoarse.	mechetel	hoarse
465	Arrail	A road or path.	a rael	road
466	Tarvuck	A landing-place or wharf.	taoch	(man-made) mangrove channel
467	Dearl	A ship.	diall	ship
470	Praree	A catamaran, or raft.	brer	raft (made of bamboo)
473	Akuskokeum	A plank.	a chesbocheb	board for building
497	Ungarang	What is it?	ngarang	What?, Which?
498	Ungarangcumthe	What do you say?	ngara ke dmu	What do you (sg.) say?
499	Magrarr	What do you want?	mecherar	to buy it (sg.)
504	Tathopuck	Half.	tedobech	(one) half
505	Telmareyuck	A quarter part.	dersekloa	quarter
506	Telmulangus	Three parts.	dersekldei (?)	onethird
509	Kyseth	News, or intelligence.	chis-ed	our (incl.) news
510	Crutherkathuke	Conversation, a tale.	cheldecheduch	conversation
511	Sipesarple	To boast, to tell a falsity.	tibetibek (?)	breaking things up into small pieces
512	Culthute	A pond or tank.	ilengel (?)	large wooden water tank
513	Roese	A hill.	ŕois	mountain
514	Modith	A plain.	moded	flat
517	Curthekiss	Reeds.	kerengimes	swamp reed
519	Mallool	To make.	meruul	to make
521	Koypattle	Iron.	chabakl (W)	iron, adze
523	Mussouel	Assiduity.	mesaul	tired, weary
524	Arrange	To have a thing.	ng ngar er ngii	there is or are
525	Merrerkuee	All.	merekui	to finish completely
532	Mahidar	To crack.	mechetir (?)	to extract
537	Emarrakamar	Broke accidentally.	urrekomel	broken pieces
538	Puckhi	A jar.	bekai	jar
540	Oporeth	Difficult, hard to learn.	obereod	heavy, difficult
543	Keewarr	A chest.	kiuar	chest
544	Sudee	To clean.	osurech	hot water (boiled with leaves)
545	Mormuthmellucas	White cloth or linen.	mamed mellaku	whitened cloth
546	Morotetal	To plane or make smooth.	merread (?)	(body) smooth
547	Keekoy	A cockle shell.	kikoi	sea clam used as scraper (Arca sp.)

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548	Coomooarrall	A waterfall or cascade.	omaoch a ralm	water flows
549	Puckerkow	Empty.	bechachau	empty
550	Toaparth	To go out.	tuobed	to come or go out of
551	Kocow	Quiet or easy.	iuaiu 	calm
552	Masiick	Fatigued.	mesaik	lazy
555	Mayouth	To follow.	meius	to row
556	Marsay	A yam ground, or plantation.	mesei	taro patch
559	Muckelmolm	To tickle.	mekelmolm	ticklish
560	Mungreris	Jealous.	mengerirs	to be jealous
561	Muthapraapuck	To feel.	mereberebek	to feel around
562	Mallasuke	To form, to shape.	meloseb	to grow quickly
563	Cussebore	Lazy or idle.	Same as H 450.	
565	Muthercrayaker	Hard.	medecherecher	hard
566	Muckcatakoot	Soft.	mechilekelek (?)	to become soft
567	Wullebarcle	A hole.	kliokl (?)	hole
568	Kleltakotel	To hang up a thing in its place.		hanging
569	Orokerthee	To take hold, to handle.	orreked	to hold onto
570	Callokara	A large pot or kettle.	olekang	cooking pot
571	Lemissarng	A small pot or kettle.	?	
572	Umluke	Gentle.	omelekoi	way of speaking
574	Omurakum	To mix or mingle.	omrachem	to mix together
576	Tetharakeel	A ladder, or steps.	did er a ekil	ladder made of rope
577	Couse	Lime.	chaus	lime
578	Muce	To load or burden.	muus	to order them
579	Caboolaiour	Wild betel leaf.		(peper) leaf of Feycinetia plant
580	Kussebebooe	Betel leaf, used as a medicine.	kesibibui (KR)	type of betel pepper
581	Caboo	Betel leaf, first sort.	kebui	betel pepper, pepper leaf
584	Commuttee	Sweet potatoes.	chemutii	sweet potato
585	Marg	Ripe.	marek	ripe
587	Pethu	Putrified.	bediu	putrid
588	Prouem	Decayed.	beraom	(fish) slightly spoiled
590	Marlarbuck	To repair, to mend.	meleakl	to remove, set apart
593	Surce	To roll up, to secure.	suosu	act of greeting
594	Hurang	Memory.	kaureng (?)	to long for each other
600	Kocte	To throw away.	choitii	to throw it (sg.) away
601	Iteumgle	Firewood.	idungel	firewood
	Iw 18 itoroko	「薪用マングローブの木」a	idungel	
		kind of mangrove tree for		
	m ac 1:1	firewood		
600	T 75 hidoguruu	「槇木」firewood	idungel	
603	Tolngoth	White yams.	telngot	yam (Dioscoreaceae)
604	Ungowatolngoth	Red yams.		red yam (Dioscorea alata)
605	Jeesesee	The same.	osisiu	the same
606	Visa	Just so.	uai sei	like this
607	Lockatee	To make well fast.	reched	earliness
608		Split or rent by the sun.	?	
609	Deossark	A spring or well.	diosech	bathing spot
610	Maltalum	To plant or sow.		to plant
611	Adalomel	Manure to dress the yam ground.	a delem-el	its action of planting
612	Colakatharl	The front.	olechotel	its precedent
613	Wooteteuck	The side.		my money
614	Dedacore	To stand.	Same as H 439.	
615	Jangeth	To skip or jump.		hopping

616	Culthoryack	Transparent.	kltukl	made clear
617	Cultrokel	To be despised.	olturk	to argue down
618	Cregeaketh	The flood tide.	ched el keriik	rising tide
619	Currarkussaketh	The ebb tide.	(ched el) cheraches	falling tide
620	Munghehiaketh	Slack tide.	(ched el) mengeai	the period of neap tides (J)
622	Artheones	The north.	a dimes	south
623	Artheluoas	The south.	a diluches	north
624	Conose	The east.	ongos	east
625	Angarpaith	The west.	a ngebard	west
630	Poonganow, or	Red.	bungungau	dark red
	Coreick			
632	Pleplurack	Yellow.	bibrurek	yellow
652	Babelthoup	The Upper Sea.	Babeldaob	Babelthuap, largest island in
				archipelago
	T. Baberutappu		Babeldaob	
653	Artingall	The largest and most powerful	a Ngetelngal	district on eastern Babelthuap
		district on Babelthuap.		
	T. Aruchingaru			
654	Malligoyoke	The capital of Ngetelngal.	Melekeok	
655	Eicli	The title of the King of	a Reklai	
		Ngetelngal.		
656	Angrarth	The second powerful district	a Ngerard (Ker-	district on western Babelthuap
		on Babelthuap.	radel)	
657	Icari	The title of the King of Ngerard.		_
658	Uckaleeth	Religious men or priests.	Same as H 1 and H	
(50	T	A district on Debutheron	113.	Part of the second of the part of the second
659	Iry T. Ainman	A district on Babelthuap.	a Irrai	district on southern Babelthuap
(()	T. Airaye Ereclethew	The same of the following such falls	a Irrai	Para Control
660	Erecieinew	The name of the island on which a <i>Ibedul</i> resides.		district south of Babelthuap
((1	C		a Ngerekldeu	T/ '. 1:1 1 6
661	Cooroora	The chief town of a Ibedul.	Oreor	Koror, capital island of
	Iw 15 Hororo	「早升加 L duvalling mlane	0	Ngerekldeu
	T. Koroora.	「居住処」dwelling place	Oreor	
	Karoora		Oreor	
662	Abbathulle	The title of the Vinc of	a Ibedul	
002	Audunune	The title of the King of Ngerekldeu.	a toeaui	
	Iw 16 Aihitoro	_	a Thodail	
	IW 10 AIRIIOFO	「居住処の頭」chief of the	a Ibedul	
	T. Abbazooru	village	a Thodail	
	1. AUUUZUUTU		a Ibedul	

Notes

- H 1/T 111. In the transcription a word for "place" is missing.
- H 34. For transcribing an a, the initial cum- is exaggerated.
- H 40. The modern expression, a remekekerei el chad "young people or men" is distant from this entry form, as pointed out by Gibbons.
- H 48. Buldil is a traditional ceremony, where coconut is opened to foretell the result of pregnancy (NPE).
- H 64. Gibbons analyses adam er a sbukel (adam "father," who is sbukel "one who needs help"). But, in this sense does a father need help?

- H 68. Gibbons hints that car- definitely means kar "medicine," in that mother makes her baby stop from crying by her breast-feeding, therefore, the breast is thought of as a cure for baby's ailment.
 - H 78. A wrong translation.
- H 112. Satan stands for satang, because as a borrowing, the expected form should be *satal instead of satan, if following the regular phonological change, such as Siabal for "Japan," Saibal for "Saipan," etc. If it is correct that Satan comes from Spanish as shown in NPE, this word is the oldest Spanish borrowing, by reason that the Palau Islands were discovered in 1543 by the Spanish explorer Ruy Lopez de Villalobos and were visited by Sir Francis Drake in 1579, before Spain's claim to the Caroline Islands was acknowledged by Pope Leo XIII in 1885.
- H 113. The transcription seems to represent an ungrammatical form, i.e., a chelid a rechad.
- H 133. Horsfieldis palauensis is also called chemeklachel (Horsfieldia amklaal Kanehira). Was its aril put into soup?
- H 157. The modern-day form has a reduplication, i.e., the repetition of the first syllable of *kumer*.
- H 170. "Coconut milk" is called *disech*, but this entry seems to represent an idiomatic expression.
- H 173. Same as Taguchi's tebekeedo, which grows in the channel and is considered as a sacred tree [TAGUCHI et al. 1893: 181].
- H 175. It is not clear what plant is identified here, but the transcription seems to represent "harvested tuber of rodent." This grass is also called "golden-eyed-grass" [STONE 1970: 150].
 - H 179. In the transcription the final -m is missing.
- H 189. Ulerratel is also called kok, because its pleading "kok" call is often heard in the early morning or late evening [ETPISON n.d.: 228]
- H 204. *Uluu* belongs to the southern dialect, *chesau* being the northern form [Helfman and Randall 1973: 142].
 - H 215. The medial -n- is unexplained.
- H 221. Literally, "oar of shark," and in modern-day Palauan bekellel a chedeng "sail of shark" becomes more usual. This entry seems to imply that the shark's fin had already drawn peoples's attention as an article of commerce.
 - H 236. This is a coincidence with the form akamuru in T 76.
- H 238. It is uncertain that *katuu* comes directly from the Spanish *gato* as shown in NPE. See note for H 112. Otherwise, it makes one suppose that the Spanish *gato* comes indirectly via Yap (Yapese *gaetuw* "cat"), already touched by Spanish.
- H 240. According to Suzuki, in Palau there lives a kind of blood sucking and poisonous insect [sic] with a soft skin like a gecko called todao, which was identified later as Gecko vittatus (HOUTTUYN) "house gecko," and its toxicity is



Figure 6. Todao (=terudaol) [Suzuki 1893]

doubtful [Suzuki (Ezaki) 1944: 260-261] (Figure 6). Todao evidently stands for terudaol (tudaol, or also called chelubas) "grosse braune Eidechse" (KR) (great brown lizard). Melatemudes of this entry is also thought to suck at people's navels, folk etymologically -udes may be related to uudes "navel" (NPE).

H 262/T 57. Kebe- is not represented in the transcription.

H 288. The medial -q- should be a misprint for -g-.

H 308. The medial -bor- is unexplained.

H 309. According to the English transliteration (keese = kiis), this word possibly was borrowed from an English "keys" and reinterpreted as a singular. Kiis is inherited by modern-day Palauan, through Walleser gives giis "Schlüssel" (key).

H 311. The initial d- should be a misprint for c-.

H 313. *Omek*- is a prefix for causative verbs. An adjective stem (*beches* "new") is missing.

H 321. See note for K 229 on the final -ng in mong.

H 365. The medial -w- should be a misprint for -m-.

H 382. The medial -t- should be a misprint for -l-.

H 387. For the final -ng, see note for K 229.

H 396. From this entry it becomes clear that (*che-*) *simer* "door" does not originate in the Japanese *shimeru* 「閉める」 "to close," as my informants suggested. It is nothing but a coincidence!

H 418. It is doubtful whether the transcription with -n represents an archaic pronunciation. See note for K 229.

H 424. A verb phrase (kudengei "I know") is missing.

H 450. See note for K 229 about the final -ng in chesebreng.

H 473. The second -k- in akuskokeum should be a misprint for -b-.

H 505 \sim H 506. Identification doubtful on account of the transcription.

H 521. The original meaning *chabakl* should be "adze," as seen *kaybak* meaning "adze," an old loanword borrowed from Palauan into Nguluwan, located between Yap and Palau. Keate reports that a hatchet which the King of Pelew (=Abba Thulle) bore on his shoulder had a head made of iron, though all the other people's were of shell [1788: 55-56]. There is no room for doubt that Lee Boo imagined the only iron tool among his father's possessions.

- H 556. See note for K 30.
- H 562. The final -ke should be a misprint for -b.
- H 576. For "rope" see K 57.
- H 577. Another word chinam "coral burnt to lime" stated in [Keate 1788: 27] is unexplained.
- H 579. It is unexplained why Freycinetia, which is grouped in the family Pandanaceae, is considered here as "wild."
 - H 594. Is the initial h- a misprint for k-?
- H 601/Iw 18/T 75. -Ko- and -ro- in Iw. should be a metathesis, as shown properly by -guruu in Taguchi. Takayama is bewildered about the biological name of this word [TAKAYAMA 1993: 77]. But it does not indicate a specific tree name.
 - H 603. See note for K 30.
- H 604. McNight and Obak's assumption, that ngungau, which means "red" and relates to bungungau "dark red" (see H 630), was introduced by Germans from Yap to Palau, is chronologically contradictory [McNight and Овак 1964: 36].

VII. IWASA'S WORD-LIST (continued) AND NOTES

	Iwasa	Japanese	Modern Palauan	Meaning
1	karahou	 「牛」cow	kerebou (M)	cow
2	kamen	「羊」sheep	kaming (W), kaming (M)	goat
3	habei	「豚」pig	babi (W), babii (M)	pig
7	asensu	「日倫 [ママ]」sun	a sils	sun
8	tobe	「ヤシ水」coconut juice	dubech (?)	coconut sprouting on ground
10	amekiri	「鰆と鰯に似た魚」a type of fish resembling mackerels or sardines	a mechur	porgy (Lethrinus microdon)
13	sina	「亀捕り網」net for catching turtle	derau (?)	hand net for fishing
19	hara	「莚のような編物」woven mat	badek	mat used as shroud
20	gasebbi	「山鳩に似た鳥」a type of bird resembling a turtledove	osebek	wing of bird
22	herisu	「犬」 d og	bilis	dog
24	katou	「鼠」rat	?	,
25	bakatara	「島人」 inhabitant of <i>Hororo</i> (Koror Island)	Ngerebeched	a hamlet in Koror in which Japanese castaways lived
26	aka-agari	「第一の漁場」the best fishing banks	a Ngcheangel	Kayangel Island (north of Babelthuap)

Notes

- Iw 1 \sim Iw 3. These domestic animals, with others like goats, geese, and ducks were brought by Lt. John McCluer (see note for K 48) from Indonesia (Sumatera, Sunda Is.) to Palau in 1791 for Abba Thulle and the people of Palau as a gift from the East India Company [Peacock 1987: 129]. All these words originate in Malay kerbau, kambing, and babi, respectively. Kamen reported as "sheep" should be a mistake for "goat."
- Iw 8. Takayama presumes that this word comes from English toddy "coconut juice" [Takayama 1993: 64]. But the consonantal disagreement in the medial position becomes a problem for his interpretation. Dubech by itself means "coconut sprouting on ground," and the initial component cheder- in the compound chederdubech "edible heart of coconut tree" probably relates to chad "liver," originating in *chad er a dubech.
- Iw 20. Takayama is bewildered about the biological name of this word [Takayama 1993: 153]. But, as shown here by the etymology, a specific bird was especially called "wings." This kind of semantic change (pars pro toto) occurs as 'specialization of meaning' or synecdoche, elsewhere. Otherwise, it should be a slip of memory of the informants.

Iw 25 \sim Iw 26. The initial components for place names ng(ere)- "located" are missing.

VIII. TAGUCHI'S WORD-LIST (continued) AND NOTES

T	Γaguchi	Japanese	Modern Palauan	Meaning
11 <i>n</i>	nakouatan	「十一」 eleven	machod (me) a tang	eleven
24 <i>k</i>	kakazaaru	「姉妹」sister	ochedal	his sister
25 b	boikeru	「夫妻」man and wife	bechiil	married
28 <i>k</i>	kekerezujiru	「娘」daughter	kekere el redil	small woman
37 n	nountu	「来る」to come	Be mtuu!	Come in!
40 b	bomurukku	「黙れ」Shut up!	Bo mluk!	Be silent!
41 r	ai	「虚言」lie	lie (E ?)	
42 r	aitokoi	「虚言つき」lying	lie tekoi (E ?)	
43 n	maraaru	「真実」truth	mera el	true of
44 n	mararutokoi	「真実を云ふ」to tell the truth	mera el tekoi	things of value
47 Ł	bukorubao	「親切」generous	bekerurau	generous
58 k	kotoko	「晝」noon	chodochosong	time approaching noon
59 n	norokatao	「早く」early	mereched	early, fast
60 n	meuto	「遅く」late	meoud	late
61 a	amusaaru	「後程」later	Msall!	Stop!, Wait!
65 a	akajusu	「今般」this time	elecha el sils	today's weather
66 a	arokoogu	「明晚」tomorrow evening	kebesengei el	tomorrow evening
K	kabashike		klukuk	

69	buraasu	「米」rice	beras (M)	rice
71	ararumu	「水」water	a ralm	fresh water
76	akamuru	「鳥」bird	a charm	animal, insect
79	metara	「此の」this	tia el	this
81	amaama	「織物」cloth	a mamed	cloth
82	kiwooa	「凾」box	kiuar	wooden chest or box
84	aajisukan	「槍」spear	piskang (W),	spear
			a biskang (S)	
85	kushara	「匙」spoon	kusarang (W),	spoon
		_	kusarang (S)	
86	taoto	「肉刺」fork	taod	fork
88	akuroi	「踊」dance	a ngloik	dance
89	karitaru	「歌」song	chelitakl	song
93	nukooshowaakku	「私は汝を好む」I like you.	ng so-ak kau	I like you.
94	akkurokoru	「我汝を愛す」I love you.	a chelech-ul	her person good at cajoling
97	nugara-soaamu	「何を欲するか」What do you	ngara a so-am	Lit., What is your liking?
		want?		
101	rikiyei	「泊まる」to stay	de-kiei	let's stop at
103	chan	「茲」here	tiang	this
104	sei	「彼處」there	sei	that
105	toraburoo	「外の所」another place	se el beluu	that place
106	tearuboroo	「此の所」this place	tia el beluu	this place
108	abuchuraburu	「帝国」empire	a bkul a beluu	cape
109	auzujiru	「女帝」empress	a chudelel	his older sister of female
112	kuroro-kuren	「君の所有」your possession	klolekl-em	your thing
113	kuroro-kurekku	「余の所有」my possession	klolekl-ek	my thing
114	kuroro-kureeru	「彼の所有」his possession	klolekl-el	his thing
115	mei-sakarikku-	「吾が愛する人茲に来たれ」	Mei, sechel-ik,	Come, my friend, small woman!
	kekerezujiiru	Come here the man whom I	kekere redil!	
		love!		
116	nugakaaru-nugaku-	·「我は茲に住するを望む」I	Ng so-ak el kiei er	I want to stay at this place.
	rikiei-te-arabururu	want to stay here.	a tia el beluu.	
117	agaaku-kuro-kuren	「吾が身は汝の身なり」I	Ng ngak a klokel-	I am possessed by you.
		belong to you.	em.	
118	kaawo-kurorokurek-	·「汝の身は吾が身なり」You	Ng kau a klolekl-	You are possessed by me.
	ku	belong to me.	ek.	

Notes

- T 11. In the transcription the conjunction me "and" is not recorded.
- T 41. This odd word may have been recorded accidentally (or carelessly) from English *lie* (!), because Taguchi was interpreted via English by a royal interpreter called *Karangaru* (*Cherangel*, or *Chelangel*?) and a secretary-interpreter of the Chief (*a Ibedul*), *Assiisu-Meritoo*「亞思士,尾利到」of Chinese-Spanish mixed blood [Taguchi et al. 1893: 122, 123].
- T 42. If the meaning is to be "to tell a lie," the Japanese transcription inverts the normal Palauan word order, tekoi el lie.
 - T 61. The initial a- is intrusive. See note for K 1.
 - T 66. The word order is inverted.
 - T 69. From Malay beras "hulled rice."

- T 79. The initial me- is unexplained. A conjunction?
- T 84. From Spanish fisga. For the final -ng, see note for K 229.
- T 85. From Spanish cuchara. For the final -ng, see note for K 229.
- T 108. Literally, "corner of land." Bkulabeluu also indicates a hamlet in Peliliu, where the consecrated stone images and stone works remain nowadays [Hijikata 1991: 128–129], and the inhabitants are said to have come from Ngebeanged of Angaur Island after losing a war [Krämer 1919: 278; Hijikata 1990: 252].

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一八世紀以降のパラオ語語彙集解読研究

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