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RADIOCARBON DATES FOR SAVAI'I, WESTERN SAMOA

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Since the publication of the summary report of field work in Vol. 10, No. 1 of the NEWSLETTER, the following dates have been received from the Gakushuin University, Tokyo, through Dr R. C. Green:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Age B.P.</u> (Years before 1950)
GaK-1200	Site SS-01-C-1 Charcoal from hearth	890 ± 70
GaK-1201	Site SS-01-B-16 Charcoal from pit	210 ± 100
GaK-1202	Site SS-Sp-15 Charcoal from <u>umu-ti</u>	750 ± 80

The first two dates confirm the conclusion reached on field evidence that Village B at Ologogo was occupied in the contact period and that Village C is prehistoric. The hearth as a feature of house platforms appears to be a prehistoric feature although it may have been used up to the protohistoric period. The date for the umu-ti suggests that this large earth oven may have been in use for a longer period than previously considered.