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RADIOCARBON DATES FOR SIGATOKA, FIJI

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Since publication of the brief report on excavations at Sigatoka, Fiji, in Vol. 10, No. 1 of the NEWSLETTER, the following radiocarbon dates have been received from the Gakushuin University, Tokyo, through Mr J. B. Palmer of the Fiji Museum:

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Age B.P.</u> (Years before 1950)
GaK-1206	Site VL 16/1, level 2, sand dunes	1720 \pm 80
GaK-1226	Site VL 16/81, rock shelter, 66 in. from surface	2980 \pm 90
GaK-1227	Site VL 16/81, rock shelter, 48 in. from surface	2660 \pm 90
GaK-1228	Site VL 16/81, rock shelter, 30 in. from surface	2060 \pm 100
GaK-1229	Site VL 16/81, rock shelter, 10 in. from surface	Modern, 200

The dates appear to confirm the view previously advanced that the early deposits in the rock shelter site on Yanuca Island, VL 16/81 would antedate level 1 on VL 16/1, the dune site near the mouth of the Sigatoka River.