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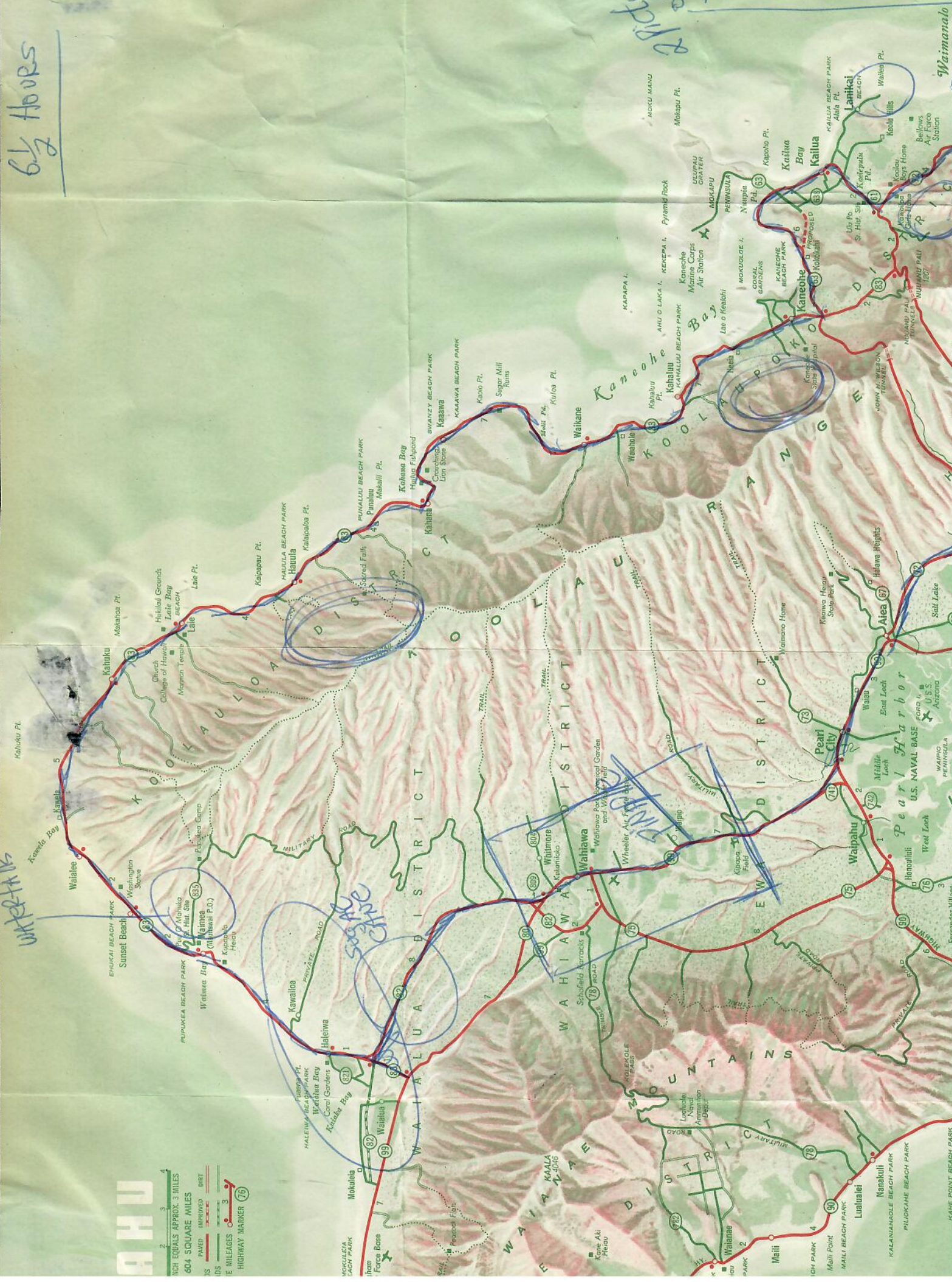
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2 Pictures
7:00 A.M. of Sunrise

UNDEVELOPED

SUGAR CANE

AHU
1 INCH EQUALS APPROX. 3 MILES
604 SQUARE MILES
UNPAVED IMPROVED DIRT
DISTANCE IN MILES
HIGHWAY MARKER 75



6 1/2 Hours

2 Pictures
7:00 A.M. of SUPER

UNDETAILED

CHURCH
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HAWAII

1 2 3 4

1/4 INCH EQUALS APPROX. 3 MILES

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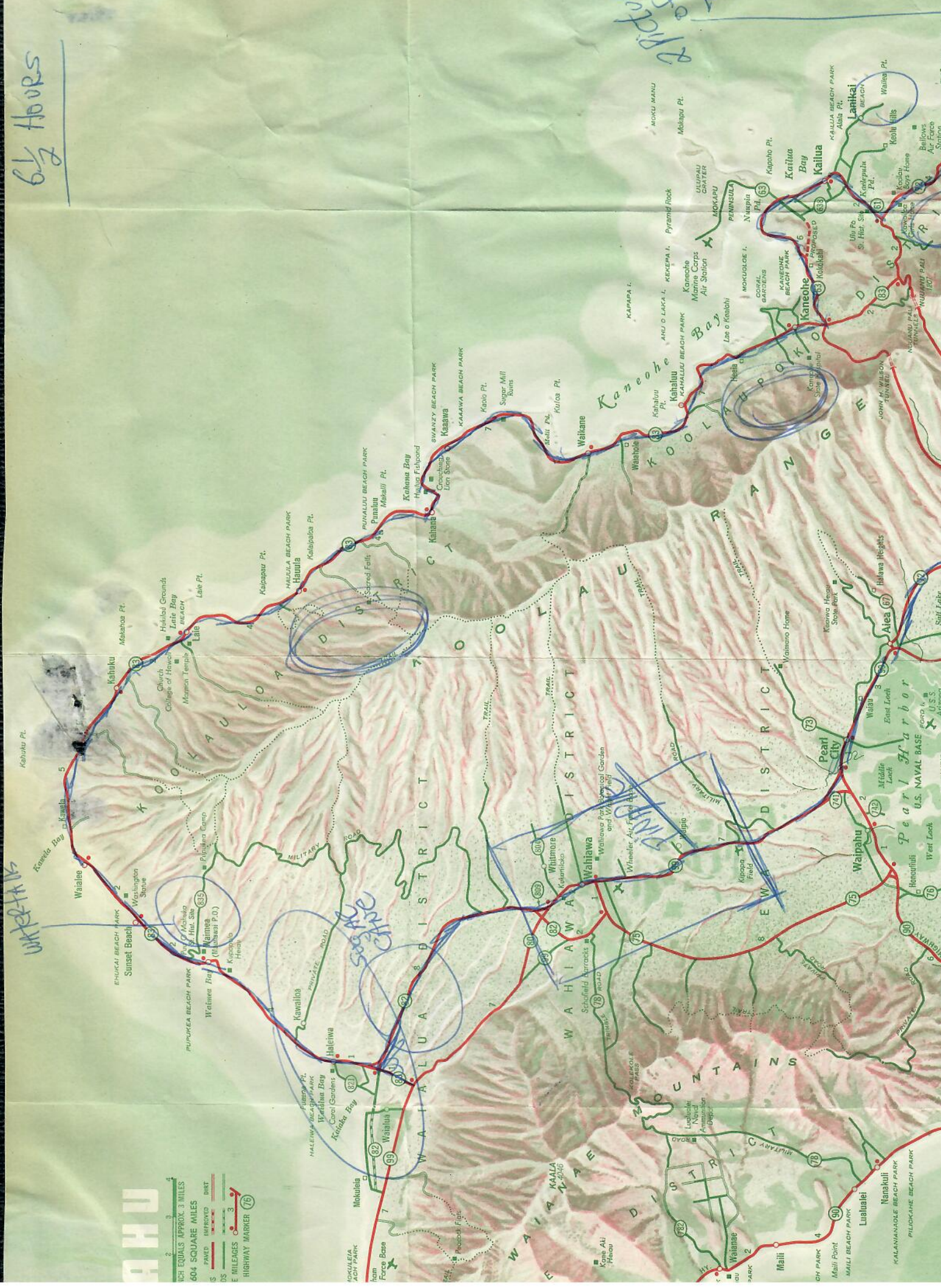
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5 MILES

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76 HIGHWAY MARKER



Waimanalo

OAHU

SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS APPROX. 3 MILES

AREA 604 SQUARE MILES

PRINCIPAL ROADS PAVED IMPROVED DIRT
SECONDARY ROADS
APPROXIMATE MILEAGES
STATE HIGHWAY MARKER (76)



WATER TANKS

SUGAR CRUISE

PEARL HARBOR

Mamala Bay STAYING START



START

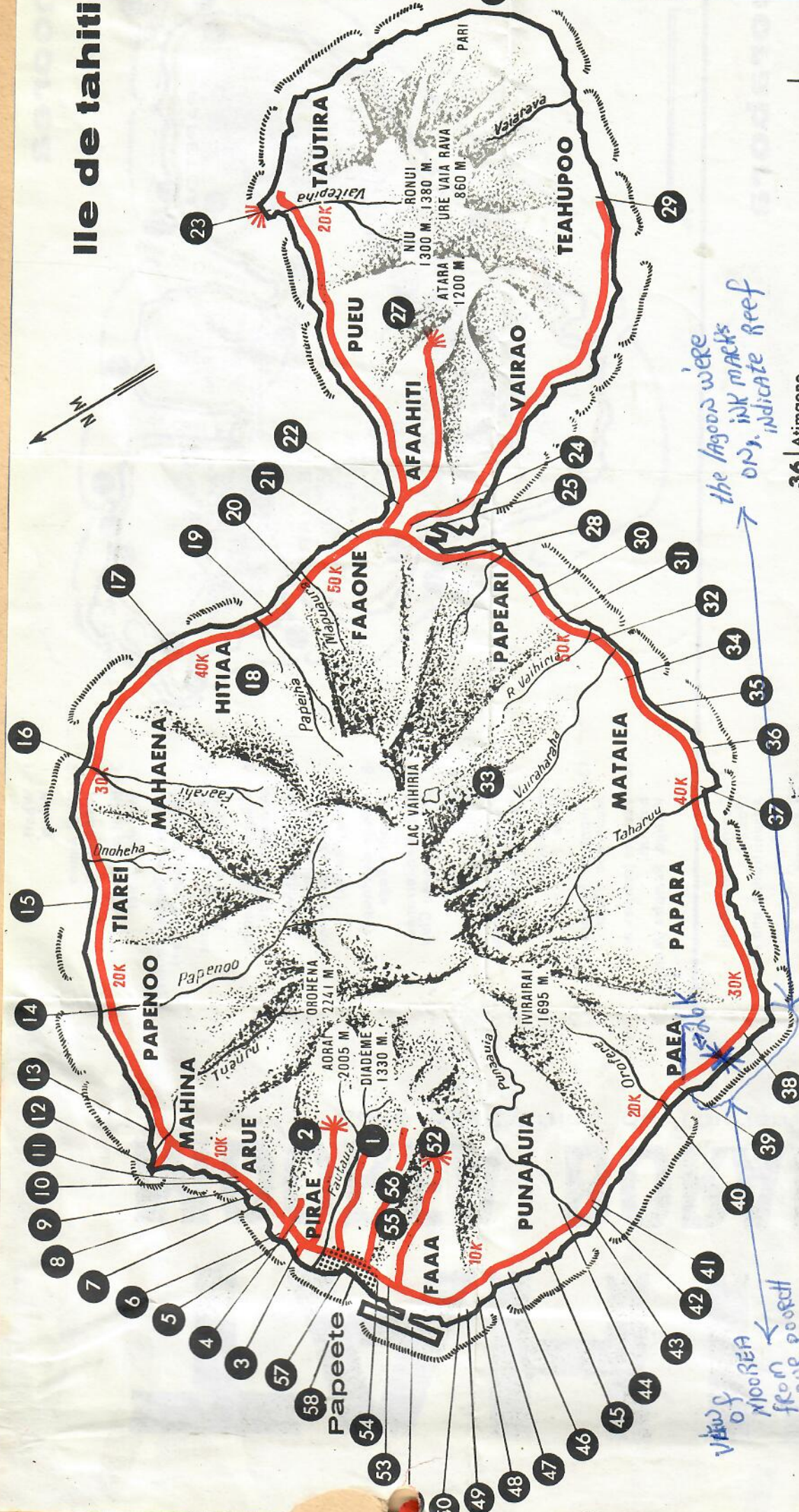
STARTING

2 pictures of views
7:00 A.M.

6 1/2 hours

START

Ile de tahiti

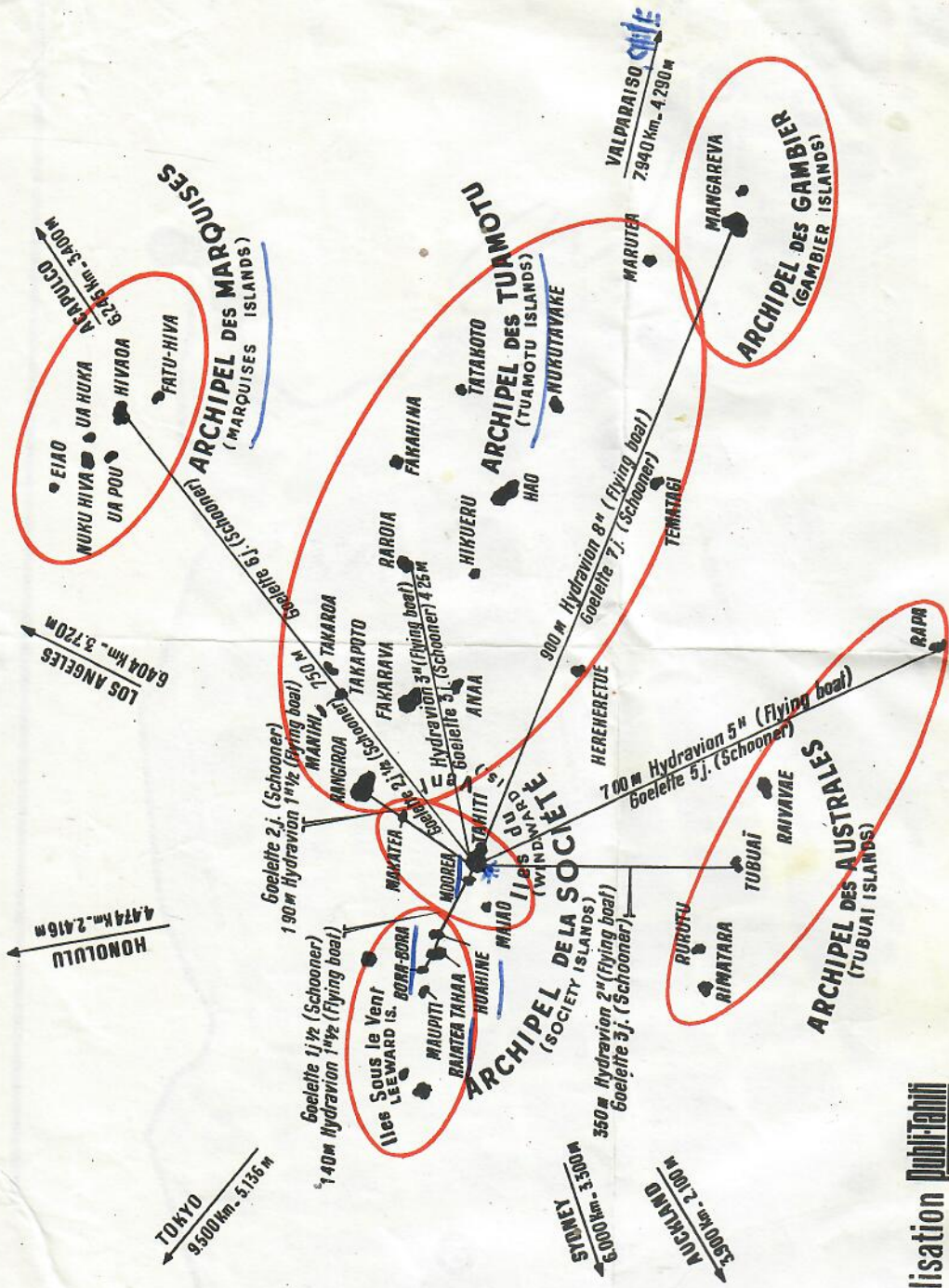


*the lagoons were
ink marks
only indicate reef*

*VIEW OF
MOOREA
FROM Papeete*

LEFT for Honolulu
 FEBRUARY 3, 1964

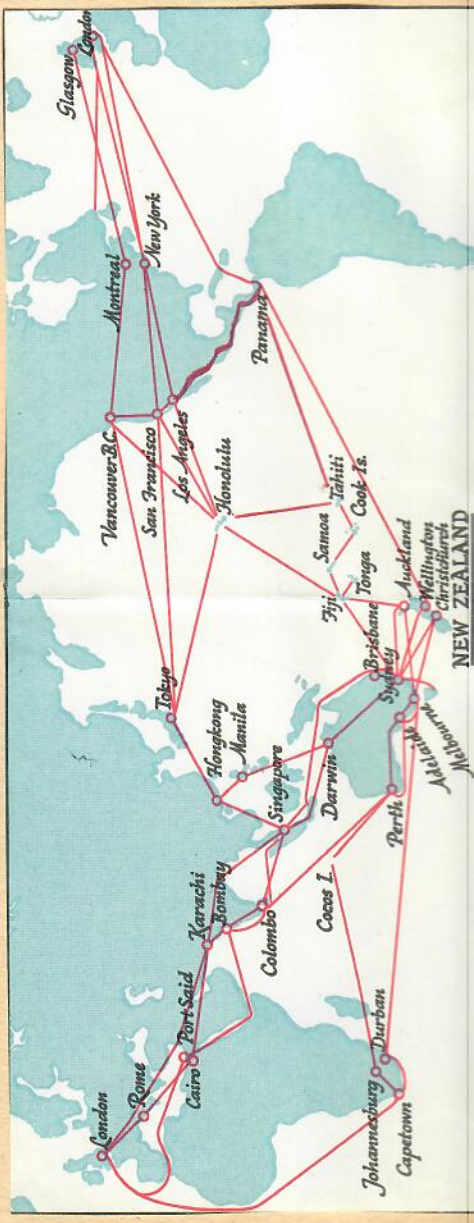
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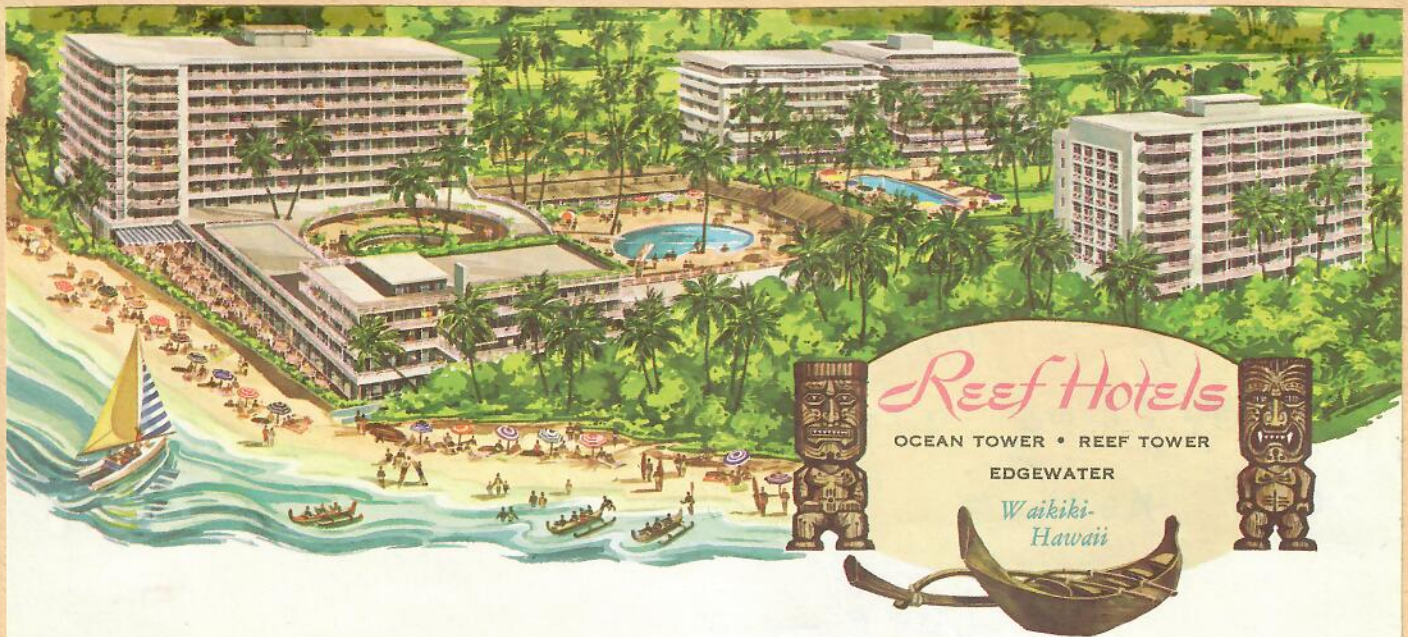


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Nite 2-5-64

Hi Folks -

Well, Here's the first Roll of film - let me know how I'm doing. We're Having a great Time, - everything is so Beautiful Green, and Fresh. - Tomorrows the day we leave for Better LANDS! - About the picture's - first couple ARE out the plane window - one inside plane of stewardess - then each picture progress's with circles ON MAP from starting point. some where AROUND 15th OR 16th ARE two pictures of SUGAR CANE fields AND PINEAPPLE fields. - they sure look nice!

Got the start^o of A TAN - just a little BURN - just like SUMMER day +

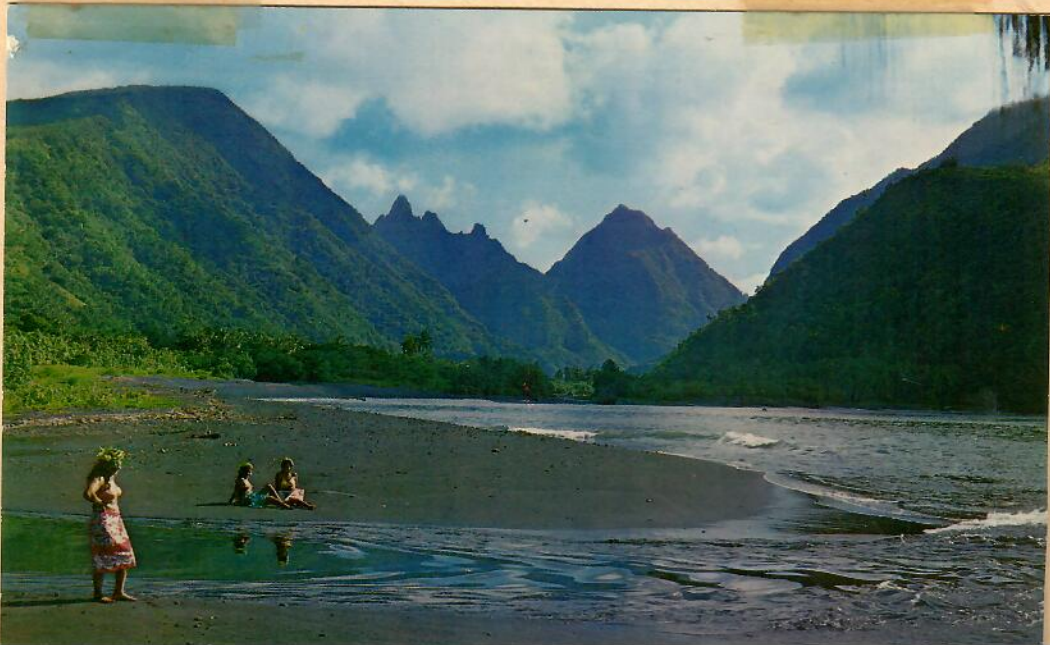
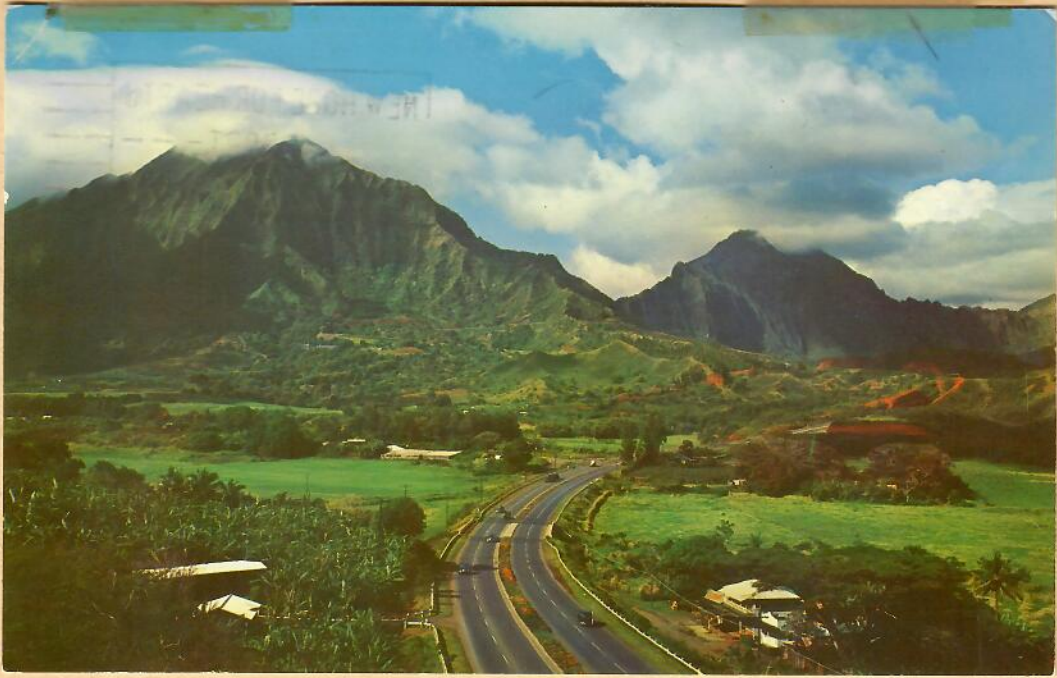


ON THE BEACH AT WAIKIKI

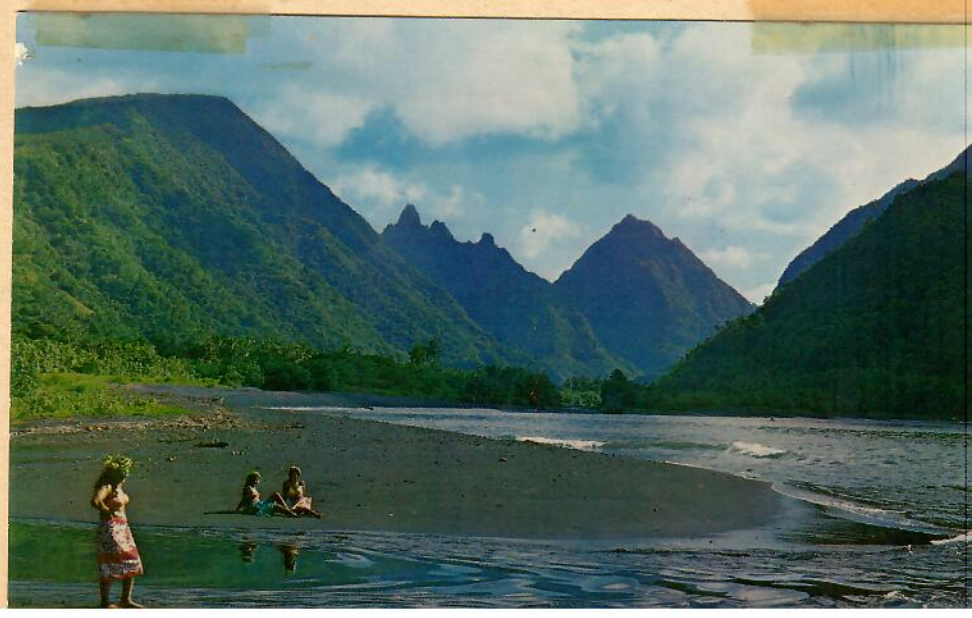
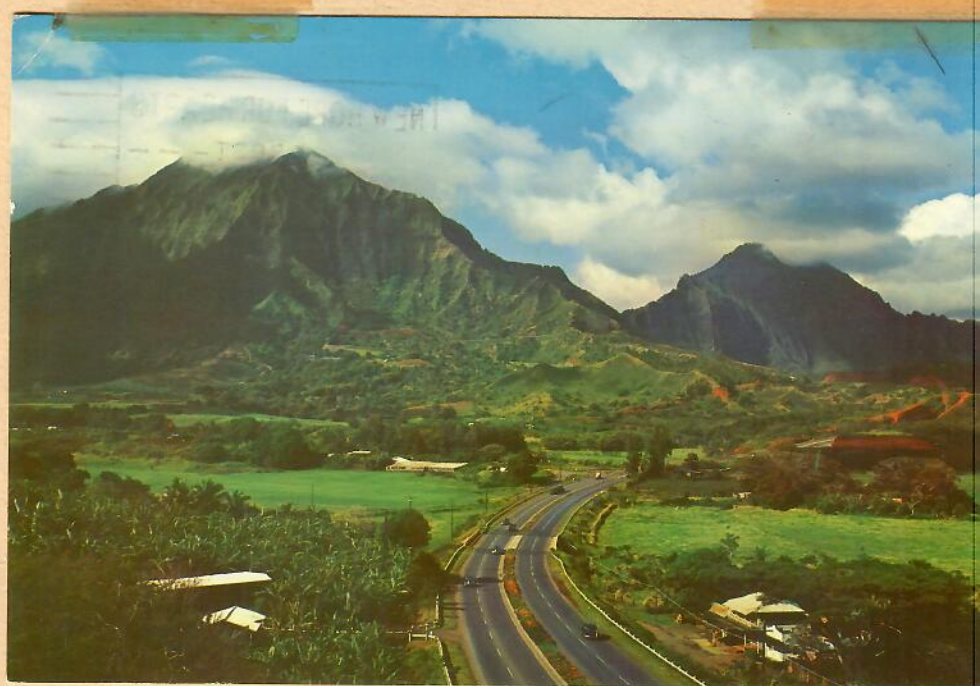
nite - But not too uncomfortable to
sleep - nice Breeze to cool
everything off. - well - gotta go
eat now, -

Love -

Geo. + Lin



ARRIVED IN TAHITI
FEBRUARY 7, 1964



2-8-64
Mont Roniu et l'embouchure de la Vaitapiha,
Tautira
Mount Roniu and mouth of the Vaitapiha River,
Tautira

Photo par A. Giau



Hi-
ARRIVED FINE. AS
of yet we HAVE NO
ADDRESS. Country AND PEOPLE ARE
to wonderful to describe.
BUT VERY FEW SPEAK ANY
ENGLISH. Will write AGAIN
when we HAVE a house.
Love Geo. + Lin

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featuring beautiful "Hawaiian Suites" which offer
a magnificent view of Diamond Head and the blue
Pacific. Exciting beach activities, swimming pool,
cabana colony and spacious ocean-side dining
and cocktail facilities are provided for your
pleasure.



Hi Mom + Pop - This is the
place were AT - \$12.00. Drove
a jeep yesterday All
Around Island. Just Beautifl.
will be sending first roll
of film: tomorrow, went
swimming All DAY today -
skin diving also. Not too
BURPED yet. All the food is
Delicious - ate at fisherman's
wharf last nite - Love Geo. + Lin

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Honolulu bound over the pali from windward Oahu.
Koolau mountains in the background.

HAWAII
COLOR CARD



Hi-
Got Here last nite
couldn't see to much
till THIS MORNING -
- BEAUTIFUL - we've
rented A jeep AND
were gonna go Around
the island - weather
is like summer - even
at nite - pretty damp -
write later Love
Geo. And Lin

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3-13-64

Hi Folks-

Well, we've finally moved in our house. It's about 26 kilometers from Papeete in the district that they call PĀĀĀ. It's beautiful - of course the whole island is just too wonderful to describe - so I won't - at least not too much. Our house is old - (about 30 years) - but still in fairly good shape. We've spent the last few days cleaning, that's mainly what it needed. It sits about 20 feet from the edge of a lagoon a couple miles long. There's a huge MANGO tree in the front yard, Coconut trees all around us, sugar cane on one side, and a banana tree in front - (bananas aren't quite ripe yet). Along side the house is a small stream that runs ~~to~~ to the ocean, fed by a spring somewhere up the mountain. The best way I can describe the house is that it's like a house at the beach that has a big back porch with shutters all around that lift up. Out the back porch is a beautiful view of

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Moreana (Island). We were very lucky to get the house. All the other houses we looked at were from 10,000. to 15,000. f. a month - ours is only 4,000. f. (I'll let you convert it) And we have the best location of any of them. By the way, no electricity here (at least this far from ~~the~~ the city there's none) Kerosene stove, frigidaire, and lamps - don't worry we're being careful! We stayed at a hotel for the first couple days. Also have rented a Vepa - but that goes back this coming SATURDAY. Then will have to ride the "truck" back and forth if we want to go to town. yesterday I went out spear fishing with a neighbor in his dugout. He didn't speak English but we got along O.K. It was too late in the morning when we went out so we didn't get many. Mostly I ~~was~~ watched him. He got 2 (bright red) and gave them to me - had them for dinner and they were delicious, - even Lin liked them so they must have been good. By the way, a cat and a dog came with our house.

it didn't even cross my mind (I had it) I was
I'm going to now from 10:00 to
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I'm going to now from 10:00 to

A couple from down the road are
going to let us use they dug out -
but first I have to fix it up a
little.

The people are wonderful - they go
to great extents to help you.

Enclosed is another roll of film -
all TAHITI - the first was all OAHU.
Let me know how these coming out.
I'm sure the pictures of our Island will explain
more than I could ever write.

How's the property deal?

Write soon and we both send
are love.

Bye for now,

Love
George and Lin

P.S.

No picture of our house in this roll -
there will be in the next roll.

C. Balazs & Dorothy Bassing
PAPA Papeete 26 Kilomètres
TAHITI French Polynesia
Society Island



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Dear Mom & Dad,

Sorry for taking so long to write but it just seems as though the days are gone before I find the time. You probably gathered from George's last letter that everything here is just wonderful. We have met the first people here in Tahiti. We just met another neighbor by the name of Turia. She is a wonderful person. Turia is building a house about 1/2 a kilometer down from us but she started her garden about a year & a half ago and I just wish you could see it. It has every imaginable flower there is. I'm going to try and get George to take some pictures of Turia and her garden. We just got back a little while ago from shell hunting out in the lagoon. George found some real pretty ones. We haven't had much luck with spearing fish lately, but our neighbors give us so much food it doesn't matter much. Someone is always giving us fresh fruits or fish

Dear Maw & Dog

or something they happen to have.
I am learning to cook all sorts of dishes.
When we come back - I will fix Turia's
fish goulash. It sounds awful but is
it ever good.

Well we hope you are both well
and we sure wish you could enjoy
this with us. If you decide to come
we can sleep about ~~to~~ four more
people.

George just told me that you
didn't know we had a dog-out. Our
neighbors are letting us their until
they leave in a few months. Then I
guess we'll have to buy one but it will
be worth it.

We had dinner with Turia and the
March's the other night. They are so
nice. Mr. March ~~is~~ has been a
doctor for 30 years but they both
seem so young.

Well I had better close for now.
Please write to us too.

Love

Jim & George

P.S. Could you
please send
sun tan lotion



G. Balass
Co Dorothy Bassing
Paea Papeete
Tahiti French Polynesia
Society Islands



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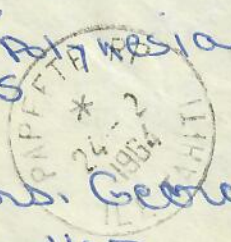


Just found out that
surface mail takes a
month or more. You
will be receiving letters
that we have already
mailed. Everything is fine
our address is -
G.H.B. & Dorothy Bassing
Paea Papete (6km)
French Polynesia
Society Islands
Geo. and Dorothy
C11979 - Photographed by Sounam

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Road to Tautira
La route vers Tautira

G. Balazs
Co Dorothy Bassing
Paea Papete
Tahiti French Polynesia
Society Islands



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Feb. 22, 64

Dear Mom & Dad,

We just found out that surface mail takes from four to six weeks to reach the states so I am writing to let you know that George & I have sent post cards, letters, & film that won't reach you for awhile.

Everything is just great here. We have rented a nice house on a lagoon as we have written. Be sure to write air mail when you write. My watch has stopped running and we don't know if we should send it to you or just wait until we get back.

Our address is:

George Balazs
c/o Dorothy Basing
Paia Paia 26 Kilometers
Tahiti French Polynesia
Society Islands

You'll be getting letters soon that were mailed surface.

Love

George & Lin

MR. + MRS. GEO. H. BALAZS
% MRS. DOROTHY BASSING
PAEA PAPEETE (2000)
TAHITI FRENCH POLYNESIA
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Feb 28, 1964

Dear Folks,

We received your letter and the draft card yesterday. We're so happy to hear that the pictures are turning out so well. Just wait until you see the slides from here. I know you'll want to come and see how really beautiful it is.

The night before last we caught a tiger and took it to the market. We brought a beautiful bonnet for only forty ~~francs~~ francs, and then we went and had a coffee and just loitered around town for awhile. When we returned to the market to ride the truck back we discovered that they didn't come anymore until morning. So there we were with a big dead fish and 26 Km from home. This was at about 6:00 PM. We went to Robert to rent a scooter, but he was closed. We then went to Gregoire and luckily for us he had seen our water sking and was just bringing his boat back. He rented an old scooter to us even though he had been closed for quite some time.

LSP 38' 10ft

FEB. 28, 1969

Our friends the Marsh's and a Tahitian
friend named Turia are always giving
us avocados and bananas, lime, papaya,
etc. We'll never starve here.
We are going out in the dug-out pretty
soon for a swim and perhaps to spear
some fish. I got a mask & snorkel too
so I can ~~be~~ watch for the coral and
dive a little.

We met a man from Darwin Australia
about two weeks ago. He owns a trucking
line there and seems to be very well liked.
He has been telling us how beautiful it is
there and how easy it is to get work.
He said if we wanted to go and live
there for awhile he would help us
find ~~some~~ jobs. His friends own some
very nice apartments and they would
cost about \$75 a month. The cost of
living is quite low by our standards
and the climate is much like Tahiti.

Darwin is right on the coast. We
haven't decided anything but we are
thinking about it. Well I will say
good-bye for now. You could see
The only way to get to most of them
Jim

FEB. 28, 1969

Hi Dad and MA -

Gosh, I thought maybe the states stopped there MAIL service! It was good to hear from you. I'm Hoping that by the time you get this letter you ~~will~~ will have gotten the film and other letter. By the way, there coming on the MATSON ship - sort of the long way around, huh? Anyway - we sure have been having fun, seems like there's something to do every day - we usually get up by 7 and are in bed by 9 - and well ready to go to sleep. We've met lots of nice people too - the MARCIS A ways down the road - they have been around here since 56 and have a house. they stay here 6 months and at TAHOE 6 months. He's a retired Doctor but doesn't look like he's any older than 50. They seem to know anyone of any importance on the Islands. TURIA is an interesting old gal - her grandmother was the sister of POMARE IV last Queen of TAHITI (POMARE V was last King) "THE WANDERER" (YATCH) is here (STIRLING HAYDEN owned it when he brought his kids down here) MARCIS KNEW HIM and the people that own the YATCH now.

Back Home they deliver news papers - here we get Bread in the Bread Box every day!

Since our cost of living is only about $\frac{1}{2}$ (may less) of what we thought it would be we've been checking in town on some trips to the other Islands. There's more Islands out there than you could ever imagine. The only way you get to most of them

is By CARGO Boats (?) ~~They~~ take out supplies and pick up COPRA. The 10th MARCH were going to HUAHINE, PAITEA, then BORA BORA By cargo boat - very cheap TRIP AND sounds like a lot of fun. Later we'll use our Ticket AND see what it looks like from BURMUDA Flying Boat. We still haven't gone to MOOREA, but there's plenty of time for that. What we want to do is take a CARGO schooner to the TUAMOTU AND MARQUISE Islands. - It takes about 30 days round TRIP AND they stop at a lot of little Islands along the way. We found one the other day that goes there for \$40.00 (about) price, food included, but the decks were so loaded with oil barrels you couldn't hardly step out of your CABIN (?). So were still checking. I'm sure we'll find something cause there's so many that go AND there all willing to take you. The biggest problem is find the Boats office in town. By the way, in case you were wondering, PAPEETE is what I would call a SMALL City.

film soon,

Gotta go fishing now -

Will send a "36" Roll of

Love,

George

P.S. WHAT ABOUT THE PROPERTY ???

(over) →

(A FEW DAYS LATER)

Here is the next roll of film.

Let me know if they all come out good, and if some don't let me know which ones don't. We were told that if film is left in a camera down here for awhile it will ruin.

Going for Snail STEW at the MARCHE's NOW - Caught the SNAILS this morning on the Reef.

Will write later.

Love

Geo.

Lin

Will send a 35" roll of film soon.

What about the property???

(over) →

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#7

READ this one #7
FIRST

MARCH 10, 1964

DEAR MOM AND DAD -

Just a few lines to let you know that ~~we~~ everything is wonderful (still). EAT, DRINK, AND GO FISHING, that's all us TAHITIANS do. Tomorrow evening we leave for Bora Bora and the islands on the way. Let me know how the pictures were taking here are coming out as soon as you get some developed. Again I could write and write about the beauty and fun of the island, but the pictures show more. This week goes like this, to give you an idea of things we do. - Of course there not all this exciting. - SAT worked for TORIA in her garden - planted a Bonno tree and drank beer and talked - Sunday neighbors threw a Tahitian party, you can see the pictures of everybody with there head pieces toria made. ~~Sat~~ Sunday evening we went for dinner for the SS MARIPOSA which is in. LOLITA, (the girl turning the ~~grilled~~ fish in picture) works for Donalds of TAHITI and had us and the Marches. Monday was a real treat. - One of the other girls works for TAHITI VOAGES, and a travel service. We ~~use~~ were invited to there TAHITIAN FEAST AT 20 1/2 Kilometer. They had about

60 people off some Italian ship that was in.
We got to it at 9 in the morning so we
would be able to get pictures of preparing
the earthen ovens. Hope they came out good.
THEY had dancers also, which you will see
plenty of on this roll. They were really
good. So then last nite the Marches had
dinner at their house and a nice cake
for Linda. Well be back from Borabora
Saturday morning and as soon as we get
back we're going by out-rigger with a bunch
of other people to a little island to stay
over nite and fish Sunday morning.

Well, we gotta start getting ready
now - write often to us.

Thank you for the nice card, I had a
nice birthday. Linda baked me a big fish
with carrots and bread fruit.

Will write later.

Love

George

and Linda

P.S. The weather is perfect here. Warm
every day and pleasant at nite - we sleep with
no covers. The water is nice and warm also.
It rains every so often, but that's warm too!

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Read THIS ONE
SECOND

MARCH 21, 1964

Dear Mom + Dad,

We got your letter today dated MARCH 15th which tells about getting our first roll of film from here. Glad to hear that you're all fine, because we are. The reason you're getting these two letters and rolls of film together is cause I've waited to mail any more film till I found out if you were getting it O.K.

One roll of film is our trip to the Islands that we took last week. It was really a good time. The ship you see so much is our "delux passenger liner". Passengers include pigs, dogs, cows, chickens, crabs, bananas (more kinds than you've ever heard of), taro, fruits, the crew, and paying travelers. All in that order. Most of the people sleep on deck, some have beds that can afford it, like us. In the sky line of the islands you can tell Bora Bora - its the prettiest with the huge mountain. Actually we went to Bora-Bora but stayed our longest time at Raiatea. They had more to load there. We also stopped at Tahaa to pick up some cows. I met the chief of the

Dark How + DHD
3600ng
3600ng
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village
that we stopped, he's a shark hunter. He's the man, with a hat, standing by himself on a dock. Anyway the whole trip was a lot of fun. hope the pictures came out good. We're going back in a few weeks to Huahine and Raiatea with our motor scooter and tour around these two islands. Oh yes, we've had a scooter for several weeks now, Lolita is letting us use it cause she has no use for it since she's got a car. Really nice. Oh yes, last Sat. we ~~we~~ spent on a little Island off of Tahiti - it with Lolita and the girls and a Tahitian family. Sure was fun, - didn't take the camera, but were going again.

You ask if we've gotten any fish? well we buy most of our fish at the market, most of the baking fish are caught outside the reef, and we can't get out in our canoe. Just about everytime we go sumpin' I take the spear gun and get enough fryers for our lunch.

Time difference? heck, I don't know, 99% of the people don't even own a clock, who needs it, all you have to do is look at the sun! Most the time we have to ask the March's what

our group... you & your young... How...

day of the week it is, and most the time they don't know.
I'm glad you were able to get most our money back, - when I get back I'm going to convert ~~the~~ them to one dollar bills and shove them and the plans down the big lions throat. Him and your buddy Colin should do business together.

Anyway were having to good a time to let that bother us. Snail Stew is delicious, we've had it a few times since then. The correct name is MĀĀĀ. Good roast also.

Well, I'll quit for now, - were going to a little party tomorrow so we better go to bed early. By the way - the travel log you saw - I believe me - you saw just as much of Tshite on T.V. as the average tourist who comes down for a week sees. Honestly it makes us sick to hear people talk who have been here a week or two on what they think of this or that ect. ect. - They ought to stay home and leave the islands to us CONA CAS (natives).

~~Love~~ Love from all of us,
George

P.S. If we came home and Lin right now we would have so many stories to tell we'd talk a week straight!! (over)

DAD - let me know how the sunset pictures ~~is~~ in HAWAII AND THE ones by our house here in TAHITI came out.

If you find anything wrong with the pictures let me know.

When the tax money comes back buy a projector that has the cartridges the you encase each slide in - a cartridge hold maybe 20 or 30. Then you put the cartridge in projector and run in through, never actually touching a slide.

Buy a good one (brand name), I expected to \$80 to \$100 for one.

SECOR

(over)

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