FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY-ETHNOLOGY Provenience: Australia, North East Arnhem Land, Yirrkala 268321 Region, Birrlung Country. People or Culture: Manggalilji Clan, Jiridja Moiety Field No. Duwala (linguistic group). Object: Bark Painting "Opossym Tree Myth" YINR-14 Material: Eucalyptus Tetredontus ("stringy bark"), indigenous paints Description: Painting by Naridjin of the opossum tree myth. Guwarg, the night bird, atop Waligul, a stylized tree with Marngu, the opposum climbing up each side. 4 cicadas at top; 2 crabs at bottom. Background wavy stripes dots, & cross-hatching; colors white, dark yellow, black Neg. No. & red. Naridjin, artist, b. 1922. 102468 [See Collection Notes.] Dimensions: Height: 116; Width: 65 (in cm.)

Collection: Gift of Mr. Louis A. Allen, 11/19/76

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SEE p. 261, 176-7 in TIME BEFORE MORNING: ART & MYTH OF THE AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES by Louis A. Allen. New York: Crowell, c 1975. GR 365 A56

pp. 17-20; Fig. 38 in AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ART: ARNHEM LAND by Louis A. Allen. Chicago: Field Museum Press, 1972. Exhibition [catalogue] held at FMNH, Chicago [Hall 27 Feb. - Sept. 1972.] GN 666.3 .A7 A56.

p. 38, Fig. 43: ART OF ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIA by Dick Roughsev Goobalathaldin.

