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FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY—ETHNOLOGY

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Field No.

Provenience: Tonga Is., Tongatapu I.,
Hihifo District, Kolovai Village

People or Culture: Tongans

Object: TAPA (cloth)

Material: Paper mulberry bark (*Broussonetia papyifera*), native dyes, native glue (*Manihot* sp.)

Description: Large tapa cloth has light brown dyed background except for short sides which are natural and numbered 30, 32 and 34. Dominant design of flying foxes; other designs of myriad geometric shapes; also lettering such as "Solomone" etc. Designs are dark brown. Made by women working together. Tapa is torn on some edges.
(Cf. Collector's notes in Acc. File)

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Dimensions: L. 410.0; W. 231.5
(in cm.)

Acc. 3605

Collection: Gift of Jeff Bowen, 8/24/84. Given to Mr. Bowen by Tongans, 1969.