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CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM—ETHNOLOGY

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252550

(A, B, C, D, E, F)

Field No.

56-54 A

" B

" C

" E

" F

56-123 C

Neg. No.

Provenience: Western Caroline Islands ; Palau

+ G (container)

People or Culture: Palauan**Object:** blowgun darts and container**Material:** bamboo, metal, sting ray spine, rattan, mastic, betel-nut palm bark, hibiscus fiber, kapok**Description:** Native name: aulukput (dart). Used for hunting not for warfare. No known tradition of point poisoning. See reverse.**Dimensions:** approximately 54.0 long, but some (in cm.) shorter**Collection:** Presented by Roland W. Force; Collector, 1956. Tri-Institutional Pacific Program Ethnological Expedition to Palau, 1954-1956.

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- 56-54 A = 252550-A: new style dart with point of copper wire
and shaft of bamboo
- 56-54 B = 252550-B same
- 56-54 C = 252550-C wooden point and bamboo shaft
- 56-54 E = 252550-D all wooden shaft and point (one piece)
such darts called deleweichel.
- 56-54 F = 252550-E same as 252550-D but with different
carving of barbs on point section
- 56-123 C = 252550-F point of sting-ray spine and shaft of
bamboo; kapok wrapped

252550-G = the carrying case for the darts

The cotton from the pod of the kapok tree (Ceiba pentandra)
is used to wrap the ends of the darts. The carrying case is
made of the bark or sheath of the betel-palm tree.