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Provenience: Upper Guinea Coast and Cameroons, Village of Bijante, Island of Bubaque, Portuguese Guinea

Field No.

People or Culture: Bijago

Object: boat model

Material: wood

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Description: Prow has a cow's head in black with horns and ears in black and red and a triangular patch on the brow. Cow has red, horizontal, diamond-shaped eyes and open, red lipped mouth. Boat is natural wood color with carved black designs. Center of each side has cross-hatch design bordered by Xs which are bordered in turn by 2 vertical lines. On upper edges, pattern of slanted lines surrounds central zig-zag pattern. Red and black beehive shape on stern holds detachable red and black flag (). (OVER)

Dimensions:

(in cm.)

A: l., 77.5; h., 22.6; w., 15.4

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Collection: Gift of Dr. & Mrs. R. H. Strotz, July 19, 1974; collected by Michael Strotz, 10/72--5/73.

Flag is painted on one side only. Raised platform in prow has 2 unpainted flags (and). Wooden figure () seated facing forward in stern holds rudder paddle in his outstretched hands. He wears a carved black hat and loincloth. His eyebrows, pupils, and ~~mu~~stache are black; his beard, black-striped. He has a pointed nose and pursed lips. 2 paddlers sit on each of 3 benches attached to sides of boat. They have black brows, pupils, hair, and black breechcloths and each wears a red-edged black hat. Each paddler holds a black-handled paddle with a red and black X pattern on the blade. A peg braces each paddle against the paddler.

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