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**Provenience:** Melanesia, Irian Jaya, Asmat Area

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**People or Culture:** Asmat**Object:** Ridge pole, 2 side roof poles, 1 ladder (for men's initiation hut).**Material:** wood, native paints, rattan, wire**Description:** A: ridge pole with gaping, toothless mouth crocodile holding drum like projection in mouth, crudely incised in red; 'drum' has 7 holed handle on each side, base with red and white alternating triangles. B&C: side roof poles with open, gaping, dentate mouth crocodile at one end, other is plain (as is ridge pole A). D: simple ladder with 6 rungs lashed on with rattan and wire

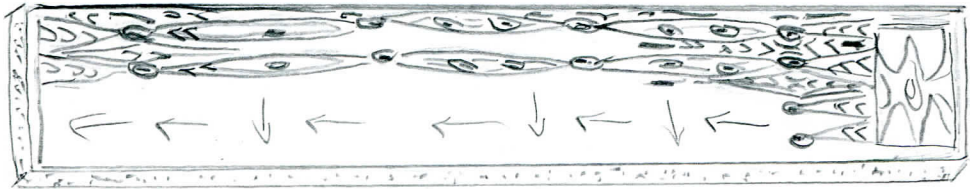
A: L:351cm Cir: 74cm B: L:244cm Cir: 19cm

**Dimensions:** C: L:241cm Cir: 21cm  
(in cm.)

D: L: 21cm W. of rungs: 58cm

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