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FIJI WAVERIDER PROJECT

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Tuesday, 16 February 1993

Left Nausori airport at about 9.30 am arrived in Vunisea at about 10: 15 am. A privately owned utility vehicle for me at the airport to take me to Muani village to see the owner of the boat, this was organised by James Goodman and the District Officer.

Went to the chief of the village and present him my sevusevu and explained to the villagers the reason of my trip. I then organised with the boat driver for us to leave early in the morning at about 4:30am.

Wednesday, 17 February 1993

Woke up at about 4:00 am and the winds was really strong, went down to the beach to check on the condition of the sea and saw that even inside the harbour it was really rough. Went up to the boat driver's house and he told me that there is a cyclone coming straight at us -Cyclone Oli. Stayed in house and could not do anything because of the heavy rain and strong winds.

Thursday, 18 February 1993

Checked the sea again this morning and it was still rough. Phoned Jim to tell him about the weather problem.

Friday, 19 February 1993

Left Village at 4:30 am. Went inside the harbour and went out near Nabukelevu-i-ra.

We went out using the GPS Nav-5000 to direct us to the location -:

Lat -1~ 18' 37"S
Lon-177° 57' 40"E

Lat -19018' 54"S
Lon-177° 57' 42"E

Searched the area for another half hour but still could not see the buoy came back to the village arriving there about 2:10 pm.

Saturday, 20 February 1993

Went by boat from Muani village to Vunisea because the bridge at Wailevu was damaged during the cyclone. Left Kadavu at 10.00 am arriving at Nausori 10:35 am.