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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

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State: Puerto Rico
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Rio Manati to the
Ancoelo St. No. North
Crest of Porto Rico

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This sheet extends from the Rio Macate to Arecibo Light House forming sheet No. 2531 on the East and No. 2536 on the West.

The shore line consists mainly of coral cliffs with short stretches of intervening sand beach. Landing is difficult all along this part of the coast because of the heavy surf. Breakers are seen off the coast from 1/4 to 1/2 mile distant.

The outline of a large swamp is shown on this sheet, which is shown on the published chart as a lake. It can scarcely be called so, however, as a large portion of this area has been re-claimed and planted in sugar cane. It is possible that part of this swamp might be called a lake and covered with water during the rainy season.

The Arecibo Light House is on the high bluff at the entrance to the Anchorage of Arecibo about one mile from the town of Arecibo. This anchorage is very poor - large vessels have to lie quite a distance from the coast and then they remain only long enough to receive a cargo of sugar and it is frequently so rough & dangerous from the heavy
swell, that they are unable to load and are forced to put off without loading. This frequently happened during the last season, with the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company.

When it is possible to take on or carry cargo, lighter boats have to be used, as there are no docks. The bar at the mouth of the Arecibo River makes it impossible for boats of size to come in; and navigation at this point is dangerous except for experienced boatmen.