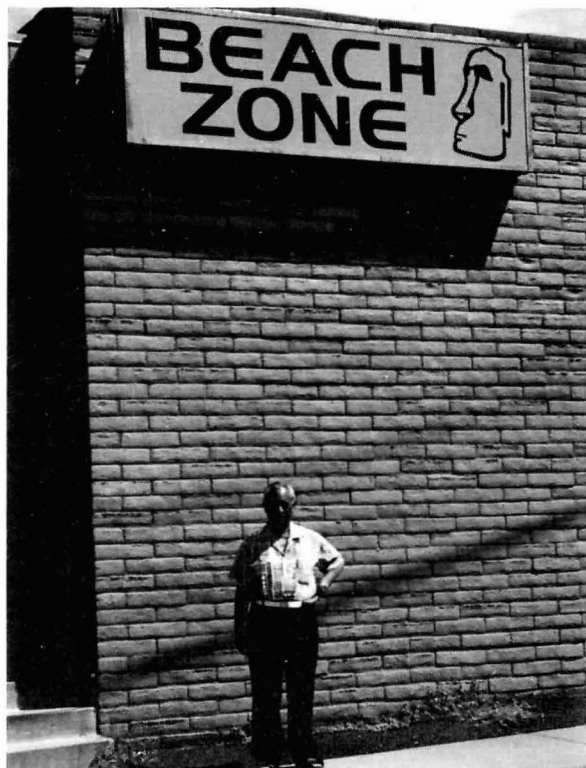


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- Independent expert S. Rjabchikov, now has the Rongorongo Home Page on the World Wide Web: <<http://www.kuban.ru/users/Rjabchikov/index.htm>> This site contains articles on the decipherment of *rongorongo*, by Rjabchikov. The associated WWW-site has the address <<http://www.kuban.ru/users/Rjabchikov/glyphs.htm>> and includes his readings of the *rongorongo* glyphs.