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3rd February, 1975

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## SITUATION REPORT No. 1 of F/R NO.6-74/75

Station NOMAD Officer Compiling P.LUOMA (P.O)  
 District WESTERN Subdistrict LAKE MURRAY  
 Census Division TOMU & WAWOI FALLS AREA L.G. Council NIL  
 Subject: TOMU RIVER CENSUS DIVISION

Subdistrict Officer  
LAKE MURRAY.

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

2nd January, 1975.

This report covers a lot of topics really which should have been dealt more properly under separate headings if warranted for Headquarters notice.

RESETTLEMENT AT WAWOI FALLS - BERUA, USUMA & WAGALIMI

Customarily the people (as Nomads) moved about a lot and so now have settled at Falls. GOIYOBOM have move down to the Strickland within the administrative boundary of Lake Murray. The moves are always caused by numerous deaths which are all salted down to soccer. Seeing that there are now 444 people altogether living at Falls, it is worth visiting by the Government patrols. Although the area is within the administrative boundary of Lake Murray Sub-District, the patrols ex Balimo would be in better position to visit it as it can be easily reached by river trucks rather than trekking from Nomad through uninhabited country. (It is obviously time consuming).

VILLAGE DIRECTORY '73

Census Division No.9 in Balimo Sub-District lists KASIGI. This patrol however censused 123 people from hamlets - WASUMA & KESEGI. The report from ADC Balimo should clarify this point whether the KASIGI people from his area have moved.

VILLAGES CONSTABLES

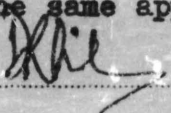
As noted Village Constables have been appointed for KOMULA people. This again will be confirmed on the question of administration of the area as to whom the responsibility lies.

FALLS WITH TOURISM POTENTIAL

The area as have been reported is an excellent site for tourism. River trucks with outboard motors can reach the Falls easily and trawlers can navigate as far as possible. In addition, the airstrip has been marked out by this patrol and if R.I.P fund is granted it will provide an access to the area.

Action Taken:

Letter been sent to ADC Balimo by OIC Nomad to clarify the administration point re Falls and KASIGI & KESIGI. The same applies to the question of appointment of VZCs.

Sgd. 

Date 2nd January, 1975.

District Office - DARU

Assessment District Commissioner  
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Date Received

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The two groups namely KESIGI and WASUMA make up a total of 123 people have settled around the Wawei Falls. It is suggested that the two groups be included in the Balimo Sub-District and be administrated from the Emeti Patrol Post. The report indicates that Wawei Falls can be reached much easier and quicker on outboards via the Wawei River than walking from Nomad which takes 8 to 9 days through a large inhabited area.

It is most likely that the village KESIGI as registered in the 1973 village Directory for C.D. 9, Balimo Sub-District in KESIGI at Wawei Falls. However this is yet to be confirmed with the ADC Balimo.

Another patrol will be mounted in the Wawei Falls, in early 75/76 presumably from Balimo to supervise the work on the proposed strip once the money becomes available from the F.R.A.A.  
Action Taken:

Sgd.....

Date.....

*[Signature]*  
27/1/75

Headquarters Comment (if any)

Date Acknowledged.....

Further Action on File.....

## SITUATION REPORT No.

S/R 1, P/R 6-74/75

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| Station.....         | NOMAD      | Officer Compiling..... | P. Lubma    |
| District.....        | WESTERN    | Subdistrict.....       | Lake Murray |
| Census Division..... | TOMU RIVER | L.G. Council.....      | Nil         |

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Govt. Print.—7858/10,000.—3.74.

Subject: TOMU RIVER CENSUS DIVISION.

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Previously, Komula people were not included in the reports on this C.D. since they were all thought to be resident in the south, under the administration of Balimo Sub-District. This patrol, however, visited Wawoi Falls because three Kabasi groups, Bubua, Usama and Wagalibi have resettled in that area - at the request of the Komula landowners. Degaboa Woliti has been appointed Village Constable of Kesegi; he reports that his group formerly stayed at Uriaba, a short distance south, but avoided census (mainly) because they feared that the lecherous carriers from around the Emeti area would lure the Komula women away. Reportedly, patrols ex Balimo have not gone to Wawoi Falls as the Komula men had told officers (ie. I. Kelly, '71) that the area was totally devoid of food as well as people. Mr. Middleton, out of Balimo in '72, however went to the Falls in '72 to meet Mr. Weintjes (Nomad Patrol No. 2-72) for exploratory work in the area. During that time Mr. Middleton was informed he had censused all Komula people left. The Village Directory, '75, lists Kesegi - which probably is Kesegi, the village at Wawoi Falls - in C.D. 9, Balimo Sub-District; but it has not been straightened out if the Wawoi Falls area should be administered to by Nomad (H.Q. now Lake Murray) or by Balimo. Further, a group of Komula men from Konaite, a hamlet about ten miles south west of Kesegi came to visit the patrol at Kesegi claiming that patrols do not come their way and asking if they could have a local government Council, or at least a Village Constable appointed. The group's spokesman, Atalooa Sika was appointed V/C. He says that Balimo has not been made aware of the move back to traditional ground by this group. As near as we could determine - with the communication difficulties - the group, numbering, he says, over one hundred, lived with the Bainapi people at Pikiwa until a little over a year ago but departed after a dispute over sago places (Pikiwa is about twenty miles north west of Balimo, above the Aramia River). Understandably, Balimo patrols do...

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Date:.....



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A copy of this report will be posted to A.D.C. Balimo for his action. P.I.P. \$ of \$2,800 has been applied for -and likely will be granted- for an airstrip at the Falls. When work on the strip begins, perhaps it would be a good idea for a Joint Nomad/Balimo patrol to participate - if resources permit. Without an air strip there, the easiest access is via the Wawoi River, rather than the eight or nine day trek from Nomad through mainly uninhabited land. We would like to continue administering to the Kabasi now in the Falls area -the Komula people as well (a very pleasant group) - however patrolling there is too time-consuming, at the moment. Finally, the people report that missionaries ('Maboto' Mission? Likely A.P.C.M.) dropped in at the Falls by helicopter a few months back (evangelizing is easier nowadays) and promised to set up a mission station there next year. The groups were pleased about this -to a lot of them, especially Kabasi, all outsiders are the same - rich. Particulars on the two new Komula V/C's will be forwarded when the question of administration is sorted out.

*P. Luoma*  
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