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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... SIMPUTEZ NO. 1-58/68

Subdistrict..... HUKA PASSAGE.

District..... BOUGAINVILLE

Type of Patrol..... STATION

Patrol Conducted by..... G.C. DEPT. PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled  
(Council and/or  
Census Division/s.) } PROP-SIMPUTEZ L.G. COUNCIL  
PROP CENSUS DIVISION (North of  
Manazon River)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol .....

Duration of Patrol—from 26./11./68 To 30/11/68

No. of Days..... FIVE

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... No. 3-67/68

Date..... 20/5/68..... Duration..... 25 days

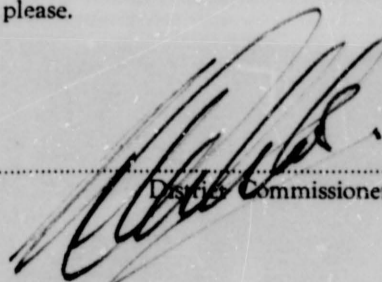
Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Familiarisation with Area; check on Council  
work in area.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1013

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.



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26th May, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
KIRIA.

PATROL NO. IINPUTZ 1/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-10 of 13th May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr. G.C. Dent, Patrol Officer to Part of Teop Census  
Division.

The late submission of this report detracts from  
its usefulness both to your office and this Headquarters.  
Reports must be submitted promptly in future.

Mr. Dent should ensure he spends the major part of  
his time in the field to overcome the present feeling  
of dissatisfaction with the Council which he has reported  
exists in the area.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
DIRECTOR.

cc:  
Mr. G.C. Dent,  
Patrol Officer,  
IINPUTZ Patrol Post,  
Bougainville District.

Please note that political education must be a  
continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the  
advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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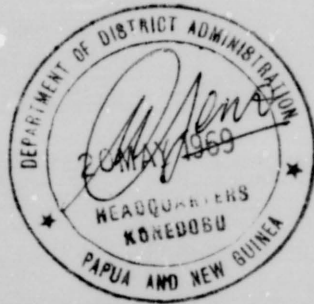
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Department of District Administration,

District Headquarters,  
Bougainville District,  
KIETA. BOUGAINVILLE.

13th May, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT: TINPUTZ: No.1 - 1968/69.

MR. G.C. DENT: PATROL OFFICER.

PART TEOP CENCUS DIVISION.

Even though the Tinputz Council has assisted these people by constructing Aid posts, providing water tanks, and allocation a tractor for roads, they are still dissatisfied with the Council's efforts. An appraisal of the proportion of dissatisfaction with the Council in other areas is not known because of the lack of reporting. In the past, however, the Council has had a good following

From the report these people appear to be the least productive in the Tinputz area. Sections of roads are in a poor state of repair and one village was described as dillapidated. In view of this the Council should not always be on the defensive as the efforts of the people apparently leaves much to be desired. Stern Administrative action is also required to brush away the cobwebs.

This is the first report received from Tinputz for 1968/69, and is four months late. The purpose of the patrol was familiarisation with the area concerned, yet it consisted of a fleeting visit of five days. Needless to say a big improvement is required.

D.N. ASHTON.  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office ,

HUTJENA .

9th. April 1969 .

The District Commissioner ,  
District Office ,  
KIETA .

PATROL REPORT TINPUTZ NO.1 - 1968/69 ,

MR. G.C. DENT, PATROL OFFICER ,

PART TEOP CENSUS DIVISION .

1. I attach original and one copy of the above report , which was received in this office on the 3rd. April 1969. I also attach two copies of the patrol map. I have the following comments ,

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT .

The people living between the RAMAZON river and BANIU Plantation are expressing dissatisfaction with the TINPUTZ Council and what it has done for them . The area is isolated in that the RAMAZON river cuts them off from TINPUTZ road development . Various P.W.D. engineers have surveyed this river and have agreed that a bridge , not a fording , is the only solution and that the potential of the area did not warrant the cost of the bridge .

As there are good shipping points at RAUA and BANIU , a trunk road from TINPUTZ , through the north RAMAZON , and on to BUKA PASSAGE is not warranted . What is needed is development of feeder roads from the inland villages to the shipping points .

To this end , the TINPUTZ Council located a tractor , trailer and blade in the area several years ago . Due to limited finance , it has not been able to do much more about roads . It has constructed two Aid Posts and has provided water tanks . These villages have suffered from projects that have appeared on the estimates and have been later discarded -: to name a few (a) Rural Health Centre TSISIKO (b) Community Centre TSISIKO (c) a spate of water supply projects estimated for in 1965/66 etc .

The TINPUTZ Council collects an average of \$6,000 in tax revenue . With five tractors and trailers , five drivers and five separate maintenance and repair bills , there was , little left of the tax monies to spend in the villages . A glance at recent capitalworks programmes verifies this . Now that the road maintenance contract has commenced , and will operate independently of tax monies , more will be done in the villages .

I doubt if explaining the aims of Local Government at this stage will have much effect . The people want to see value for their tax money and this means completed projects in the villages .

From an Administration point of view , we can channel some rural development funds into improving roads to the villages. If this report had been received promptly ,

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I could have included this in the 1969/70 Rural Development estimates . I have also recommended that consideration be given to establishing an Administration Primary 'A' school in the north RAMAZON .

3. AGRICULTURE .

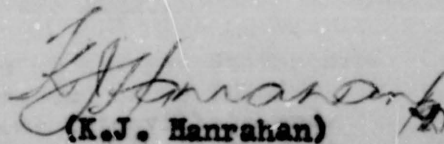
I think Mr. EVANS should pay a visit to the area.

4. GENERAL .

The report is the first I have received from TINPUTZ for the year 1968/69 , which is now in its 4th. quarter . It has also been submitted four months after the completion of the patrol .

I have already discussed these matters with the Officer in Charge and shall not repeat myself here . Suffice it to say that I expect a big improvement .

Forwarded , please .

  
(K.J. Hanrahan)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER .

c.c. Officer in Charge ,  
Patrol Post ,  
TINPUTZ .



DAIRY

26-11-68 : Departed Tinputz 1145 by motorcycle. Arrived at Ramazon river but no-one to assist so returned to Dios and elicited help in carrying the motorcycle across. Called in at RAUA plantation, saw councillor NANI and advised him of my movements. Thence on to CHINDPATS, crossing Chindpats river and arriving at BANLU plantation 1630. Road very bad in sections. Stayed night with manager.

27-11-68 : In morning carried out Police Investigation into alleged rape on plantation. Then to MAKIWI plantation and on to TETAKUTS village. Road not the best and deteriorates closer to the village. The village itself is very delapidated. Talked with a few people in the village and then returned to the plantation where I talked with remaining villagers. Also had talks with manager re storage sheds on beach. Departed 1330 to CHINDPATS where talked to people from CHINDPATS, WATCHBO and TENDU. For some time; especially in reference to roads and MAKIWI's storage of cocoa in villager's shed. Thence in late afternoon to RAUA where I slept the night.

28-11-68 : In the morning investigated case of alleged Statutory rape. Thence to REUGEN plantation and on to TSISIKO village. Waited for people to come into village and then had talks with them on various matters. No Rest House at village so returned to REUGEN plantation for night.

29-11-68 : To TSISIKO in morning, left motorcycle in Store and departed 0930 for LONSIS. Arrived 1045. First half of track badly over-grown. LONSIS end a road has been started and the remainder of the track well cleared. Talked with Councillor PASIMUHON and waited for villagers to come in from gardens. 1200 talked to villagers. Departed 1400 for ARAVIA, arrived 1500. Heavy storm hit as I arrived in village. As all the people were gathered I decided to talk to them. Slept night in Rest House.

30-11-68 : Departed ARAVIA 0845 and arrived TSISIKO 1015, over a little-used track. Then by motorcycle to REUGEN and on to NAWBRIQ. New road quite good but no drains have been dug, and one very slippery steep hill - only just managed to negotiate it after two tries. Talked with villagers about various matters, especially the new road. Decided to carry motorcycle through to KESPOHIT. Most of it was very easy except two very steep escarpments on either side of the RAMAZON river. The river was also rather difficult to cross. Had a short talk with Councillor and villagers at KESPOHIT and then departed for Tinputz arriving 1400. KESPOHIT road good but again needs drains.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was conducted to the villages situated north of the RAMAZON river, within the TROP Census Division. It was principally for familiarisation with the area and to see what work was being done on the roads and general development in the area. As only limited time was available, and also to see how trafficable the roads were, the patrol was carried out with a Honda 90 Trail motorcycle. It proved a most arduous way to travel in places. The conditions of roads covered are discussed in the narrative under ROADS.

POLITICAL.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

All villages visited are within the TROP-TIMPUTE Local Government Council. Some time previously the villages of CHINDPATS, TENDU and WATCHO were not within the Council but they finally joined and continue, only half-heartedly, to support the council.

One of the great topics of discussion at all the villages was how the Council has not helped the people of this region. When the records are examined this does not seem quite correct. There are two permanent materials and Posts within the area - at TSISEKO and TETAKUTS. A tractor with trailer, plough and terracer blade has been stationed within this area for over a year now and some quite good feeder roads have been constructed. Water tanks have also been supplied to most villages for drinking water. Unfortunately two other projects planned were forestalled due to various factors. A water supply scheme for ARVIA village has been held up for some time awaiting survey by the P.W.D. Water Resources Survey team. This has caused great dissatisfaction in the village. The Council had also wished to assist a Mission school at RUGEN but was prevented by Education Department policy. This has now been changed and the way open for Council assistance.

It would appear that in earlier years this area was rather neglected by the Council. In later years the Council activity has been stepped up but still the people keep up the constant cry that the Council is not helping them. On this patrol it was explained that these villages are receiving just as much assistance as any other village within the Council area. They were still adamant in their cry of no help. I feel that this is a train of thought which has built up through the years and is one they will not forget easily. I think only constant attention and interest by the Council and its officers and the Administration Officer will bring these people to a happier frame of mind. This has been lacking quite a bit in the past from the Council itself.

On the next patrol into the area it is hoped to try and re-awaken the peoples interest in the Council by explaining as thoroughly as possible the aims of all councils and how they can help the people. In this respect it would appear that this area needs more attention than any other within the Census Division.



ECONOMIC.

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

The general rural development of this area is below that of the remainder of the Census Division. Plantings of coconut and cocoa trees are nowhere as extensive as in other areas. They are generally newer and have not been tended as well. The area has not been visited by an Agricultural Officer for some time and there does not appear to be much enthusiasm for increasing production. Despite this there are some groups who are producing a steady amount of produce. With a little encouragement this could become greater.

New roads in the area should also encourage more production from existing crops and the planting of additional trees.

Plantings appear both individually and communally owned. Most villages also have their "unofficial" society which handles the communal crops. The actual operation of these societies is still hazy as the people are loath to give any information regarding them. It is hoped that by the next visit more will be known about their operation.

ROADS.

A considerable number of feeder roads have now been constructed allowing all the villages, except LOMIS and RAVIA, to be visited by vehicle. These roads are in various stages of repair from newly formed to badly rutted and broken. Some sections need reconstruction to make them all weather roads. As they are now heavy rain makes them almost impassable due to steep, greasy hills.

All these roads will be covered by the Council's road maintenance contract, when it finally comes into force. The roads will then be maintained and gradually up-graded to an improved standard. At the present the roads are at the following standards :

RAMAZON river to BANIU plantation - only fair, some sections very bad. Has two bad hills & two major river crossings, both of which are washed out rather easily. It needs a great deal of work to bring it up to a reasonable standard.

RAUA plantation to ESISIKO - reasonable, but has some hills which are almost impassable when wet. Only one major river crossing which is not very difficult. Only minimum work is needed on it.

REUGEN plantation to NANKERIO - a new road. Quite good but has one bad greasy hill which will need attention.

CHINDPATZ to TETAKUTS - only fair. It has been badly rutted by MAKIWI plantation tractor. The Manager of has said he is going to repair it with his own tractor and labour.

ROADS (CONT.)

All roads are badly in need of drains to carry the water away from the gutters.

Two new roads are being constructed by village people. One is from TSISIKO to LOMIS of which about 2/4 mile has been constructed on a route surveyed by the Local Government Engineer. The other is from TETAKUTS to ARAVIA. This has not been surveyed, but the village people say that they are following the sides of ridges and it does not climb any mountains.

As much encouragement as possible is being given to these people to help them complete their roads.

SOCIAL.

EDUCATION.

The only school serving the immediate area is a Catholic Mission school at REUGEN. It is only a small school catering to the lower standards. All other children attending school go to the Catholic Mission primary school at TINPUTZ. The school would appear to be adequate for the needs of this area for a while yet.

One disturbing fact which arose was the high number of children absent from school for various reasons. Talks were given at all villages encouraging parents to ensure their children remain at school.

HEALTH.

The area is well served by Aid Posts. There are two within easy walking distance from all villages. Generally they are reasonably stocked but they have run short occasionally due to the A.P.O. neglecting to order new supplies.

The people generally are in good health. There appear to be no serious illnesses within the area and anyone who becomes ill can be taken to TEAROUKI Mission Hospital.

There has been talk of establishing a Rural Health Centre in the area. P.H.D. officers have discouraged it as there is not enough population to warrant it. An alternative proposal was for a maternity ward at TSISIKO. This has been favourably received and it will now need to go before the Council for a final decision.



LAW & ORDER.

Whilst on patrol two complaints were made to the patrol and investigations were carried out. The first was at BANU plantation where the Manager had reported a case of alleged rape to the Police at RABAU and asked them to hold the alleged offender. The alleged offence was investigated, statements taken and a report sent to the Police Inspector at KIETA. It appeared that a case of rape could not have been charged.

The second was at RAUA plantation where a complaint of Stat Statutory rape was made. The complaint by a person unrelated to either party involved. The complaint was investigated and it was decided not to lay any charges. The girl involved appeared to be over the age of consent and had even in fact invited the attentions of the man involved. She is pregnant and the man is to marry her.

GENERAL ATTITUDE.

The people in some of the villages (eg. CHINDPAT, ARAVIA and LONSIS) do not appear to be completely pro-administration or Council. They have a past history of dissent and law breaking. The people at ARAVIA went to great length to explain how they had been wronged previously when they were accused of practising a cult with a baby garden. They assured me they never contemplated such a thing or ever will.

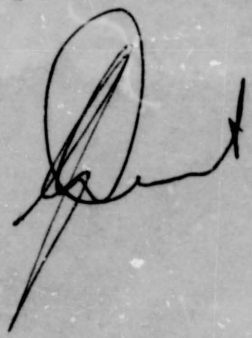
The people of ARAVIA and LONSIS complained long and bitterly about the lack of Council assistance in these villages. In the past ten years each has only received one water tank. To them this is all the Council has given them. They cannot see the ~~XXXXX~~ Aid Posts or the roads have anything to do with them even though they use them.


Despite lengthy explanations they continue to feel the same and I think they will remain this way for some time. Probably until the Council or the Administration give them something concrete that they can see within their villages.

The other villages are no-where as extreme in their views. They have roads; they see the the Council tractor working on the roads and they see the gradual development which is coming about. Despite this they too, to some extent complain.

From my attendance of Council meetings I feel that this has come about more through a lack of interest on the part of the councillors. Any talk by the councillors of this area is generally ignored by the other councillors.

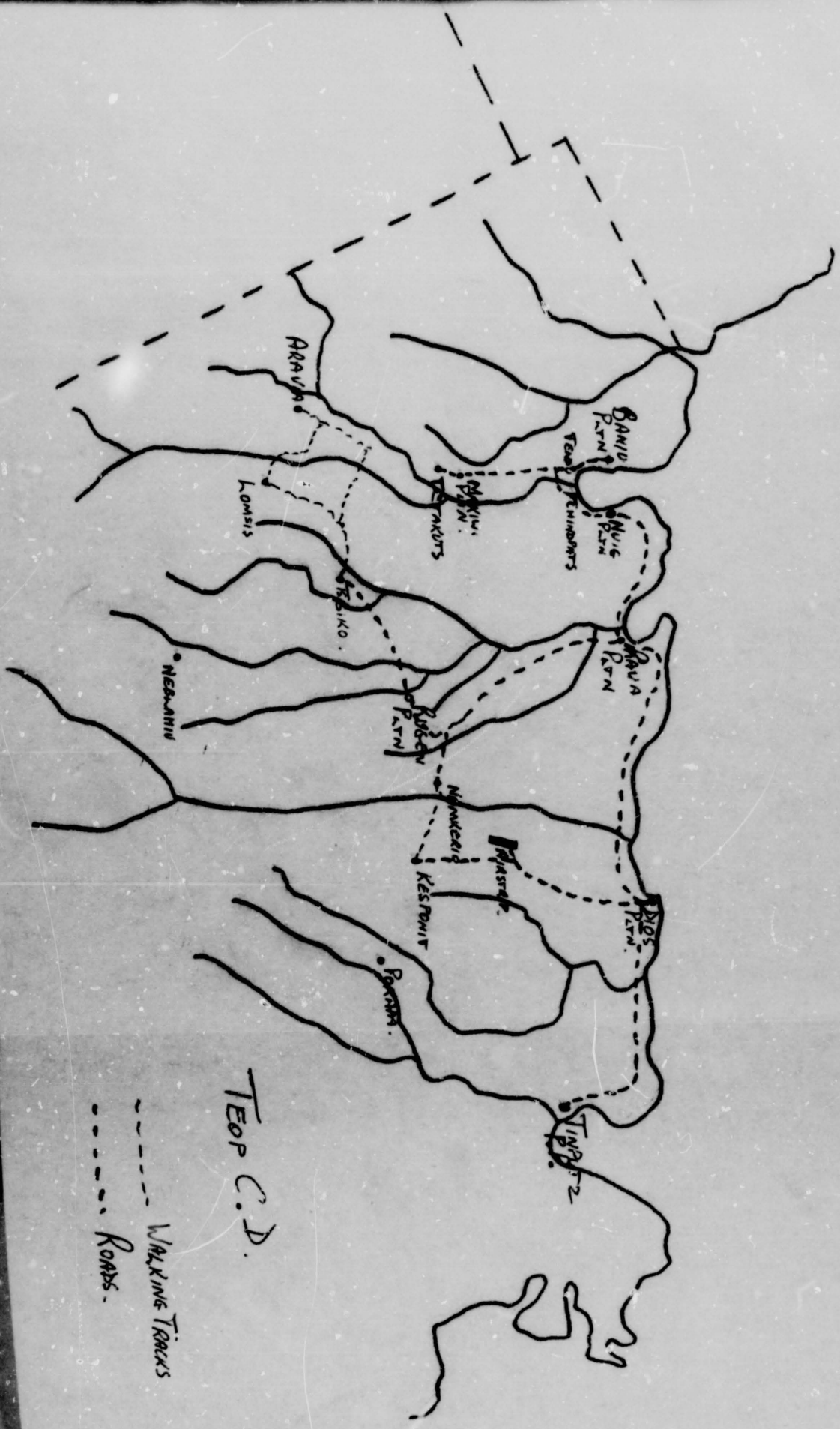
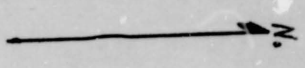
There appears to be a feeling of frustration and a lack of confidence in the Council. A lot of this could be overcome simply through more interest in the problems of this area being shown by the Council.



MAP  ACCOMPANY

TINPURTZ PATROL REPORT No 2-68/69

SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES.



TEOP C.D.

--- WALKING TRACKS  
- - - - - ROADS





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... STANDARD NO. 268/69.....

Subdistrict..... BUKA PASSAGE.....

District..... BOUGAINVILLE.....

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL.....

Patrol Conducted by..... G.C. DEW, PATROL OFFICER......

Area Patrolled	}	<u>TEOP-TINEPETA L.C. COUNCIL</u>
(Council and/or		<u>TEOP CENSUS DIVISION (North of Ramazon</u>
Census Division/s.)		<u>River.</u>

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

Duration of Patrol—from 9/3/69..... To 18/3/69.....

No. of Days..... ten.....

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... NO. 1-68/69.....

Date..... 26/11/68..... Duration..... Five days.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... INVESTIGATE ACTIVITIES OF MAHALI'S WELFARE SOCIETY  
IN AREA......

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1013.....

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

*16/5/69*

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
.....  
District Commissioner.

67-11-31

28th May, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
KIETA.

PATROL NO. TINPUTZ 2/68-69.

Your reference 67-1-10 of 13th May, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. G.C. Dent, Patrol Officer, to Part of Teop Census Division.

An informative report and it is pleasing to note that Mr. Dent is actively patrolling the area.

It is considered that planned follow-up action should be of great assistance in reinforcing pro-Administration feeling in the area.

*J*  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director.

c.c.  
Mr. G.C. Dent,  
Patrol Officer,  
Patrol Post,  
TINPUTZ.  
Bougainville District.

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Department of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
Bougainville District,  
KIETA. BOUGAINVILLE.  
13th May, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT: TINPUTZ No. 2. 1968/69.

MR. G.C. BENT: PATROL OFFICER.

PART TEOP CENSUS DIVISION.

The points which Mahalis leader, John Teosin, is reputed to have raised in support of the proposed collection of money by the Society do not stand up to any scrutiny. Furthermore, a collection rate of \$10.00 for each male and female is relatively high and so the scheme will probably have little support except by the die-hard "cargo" supporters.

If these people are prepared to gamble \$10.00 then there should be no quibbling with the payment of Council tax as the Tinputz Council has received more financial and technical assistance than any other Council in Bougainville.

Any money that is collected would most certainly be mis-used and eventually lead to the dis-satisfaction of Society members. Also, the possible re-introduction of Personal Tax would make it easier to sway those relatively neutral Society members over to Council support.

The follow-up action to be taken is outlined in the attached comments from the A.D.C., Hutjena.

This report is certainly an improvement on the reporting officer's previous report, Tinputz No. 1, 1968/69.

The report, in duplicate, together with a copy of the comments from the A.D.C., Hutjena, are herewith forwarded.

D. J. ASHTON.  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office ,  
HUTJENA .

9th. April 1969 .

The District Commissioner ,  
District Office ,  
KIETA .

PATROL REPORT TINPUTZ NO.2 - 1968/69 ,  
MR. G.C. DENT , PATROL OFFICER ,  
PART TROP CENSUS DIVISION .

1. I attach original and one copy of the above report , together with two copies of patrol map . I accompanied Mr. DENT to TSISIKO on the 9th. of March along with Mr. COOKE , President of the TINPUTZ Local Government Council . Mr. DENT then continued on a patrol of all north RAMAZON villages , specifically to gauge the extent of HAHALIS Welfare Society activities in the area. You are already in receipt of my C.I. of 1st. April 1969 , and weekly intelligence reports, which provide the background . I have the following comment on the report .

2. The reference to Sir Donald Cleland derives from a conversation that allegedly took place in PORT MORESBY after TEOSIN was released from gaol in 1962 . It is ofcourse , completely false . No reference is made to Mr. HAY as the two only conversed on one occasion , when Mr. HAY quite clearly said that the Administration supports Local Government Councils .

3. The report clearly describes in details, the present situation in each village . As yet no tax contribution have been made by any village to HAHALIS . It seems that CHINDPATS and ARAVIA villages may well defect and that LOMSIS is undecided . There is a considerable amount of pressure being brought to bear on these villages by HAHALIS . These people have a history of cult activity dating back to 1963 , which doesn't help the situation any .

4. Further action to that taken already , will be as follows :-

(a) more pidgin news - sheets to be distributed from TINPUTZ , utilising the Council duplicator .

(b) Mr. DENT to visit the area again in two weeks time .

(c) further broadcasts from Radio Bougainville.

(d) TINPUTZ Council to complete , as a matter of urgency , any outstanding capital works programmes .



5. For a general point of view , if rural development road funds become available in the 4th. quarter 1968/69 , these should be re-allocated to LOM SIS/TSISIKO/ARAVIA feeder road. An amount of \$2,000 would be adequate . I have also asked the District Education Committee to consider locating an Administration Primary 'T' school in the area . This will be discussed at the Committees' next meeting.

6. We can only match propaganda with propaganda . If the people want to give their money to MAHALIS , then there is no law to prevent them . . However , there is still a wealth of good will for the Administration at TINPUTZ and throughout the Sub-District and I feel there will be no further gains made by the society .

7. Forwarded , please . I attach some copies of recently distributed newsletters .

*K.J. Hanrahan*  
(K.J. Hanrahan )

**ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER .**

cc. Officer in Charge ,  
**TINPUTZ .**

Please take action as in para 4 above .

*K.J. Hanrahan*  
(K.J. Hanrahan )

**ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER .**

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PATROL DIARY.

- 9-3-69. Departed TINPUTZ 0715 by M.V.Hazel. Arrived RAUA Plantation 0815, waited for Council tractor which arrived at 1000, departed for TSISIKO Village - arrived 1115. Meeting commenced 1230. Talks given by various committee members associated with the HAHALIS tax collection. Talks also given by Mr.K.Hanrahan and Mr.G.Cooke on Administration and Council views on the subject. Meeting finished at 1430, remainder of party returned to RAUA. Self remained at village. Inspected Aid Post in late afternoon - talked with Aid Post Orderly about his work. Informal talks with some villagers during evening. Slept night TSISIKO Village.
- 10-3-69. Meeting with villagers at 0830. Discussions on many subjects. Completed at 1100. Assisted villagers to remove broken water tank from stand at Aid Post. Instructed villagers on how to construct a strong stand. Heard a number of individual complaints and queries. Departed village 1330 by tractor; stopped at RUGEM Plantation for short talk with Manager then on to RAUA. Arrived 1530. Informal talks with some of local villagers working at Plantation. Slept night RAUA Plantation.
- 11-3-69. Meeting at 0730 with all local villagers working on Plantation. 0930 walked with Mr.H.Cropp, Manager of Rava to NUIG. Investigated theft from trade store. Could find nothing conclusive. After lunch walked on to CHINDPATS Village and then to BANIU Plantation. Had a short talk with Manager re Hahalis then returned to CHINDPATS. Had informal discussions with a number of villagers. Slept night CHINDPATS Village.
- 12-3-69. Meeting with villagers commenced 0730 - completed 1145. Quite lively. Had further informal talks with various villagers for most of the afternoon. Slept night CHINDPATS Village.
- 13-3-69. Departed CHINDPATS by tractor at 0830, arrived MAKIWI Plantation 0845. Walked to TETAKUTS Village, arrived 0930. Inspected village and Aid Post and then held meeting with villagers present. Returned to MAKIWI at 1200. Meeting with local villagers working on plantation at 1600. Talked on all the usual subjects - one smart character continually annoying me. Completed at 1800. Slept night MAKIWI Plantation.
- 14-3-69. Raining heavily in morning. Departed MAKIWI at 0900, waited at TETAKUTS for carriers then departed at 0930. Arrived ARAVIA Village at 1050. Raining heavily again. Meeting with villagers 1500 to 1900. Slept night ARAVIA Village.
- 15-3-69. Further meeting with villagers at 0800 - finished at 1230. Informal talks with villagers in afternoon and heard various complaints and queries. Slept night ARAVIA Village.



PATROL DIARY (Continued).

- 16-3-69. Departed ARAVIA at 0930, arrived LOM SIS Village at 1015. Informal talks with Councillor and various men in afternoon.
- 17-3-69. Commenced meeting with villagers at 0800, completed at 1230. Informal talks with Councillor and others in afternoon. Heard various complaints and queries also. Tpl in at 1500 with message from Tinputz. Slept night LOM SIS Village.
- 18-3-69. Departed LOM SIS at 0730, arrived TSISIKO 0830. Heard a number of complaints and talked for a short while with villagers. Departed TSISIKO at 1030, arrived RUGEN at 1130. Had talk with a villager there re a complaint at Tsisiko. Departed RUGEN by Council tractor at 1240. Tractor bogged in creek at 1300 so walked remainder of distance to HANICERIO Village. Held meeting with villagers as all are present, including those from NEBLANIU. Completed at 1500 and as was raining heavily in the hills decided to return to Tinputz immediately to avoid being caught with the rivers flooded. RAMAZON River slightly flooded and difficult to cross. Arrived MATANRUS Plantation 1620, rested then departed at 1635. Arrived Tinputz 1715. End of Patrol.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was conducted for the purpose of assessing the extent of a move to collect "tax", by the MAHALIS Welfare Society, within the TROP Census Division north of the RAMASON river ; and of preventing this happening.

The proposal was for all men and women within the area to pay a "tax" of ten dollars ( \$10 ) to the MAHALIS Welfare Society. A number of villagers went to MAHALIS recently for a week and these have now become the "committee". They have gone to most of the villages and explained why the people should pay this "tax". A number of cases of twisted facts arose giving a false impression of this proposal to collect money. Because of this the patrol was mounted with a view to giving the people a different view to the proposal; enabling them to see the facts more clearly and so helping them to realise its unsound nature.

PROPOSED COLLECTION OF MONEY BY MAHALIS WELFARE SOCIETY.

At each village visited lengthy talks were given touching on the various points of the proposed collection of money. From these talks I gathered quite a number of points which JOHN TEOSIN is quoted as saying. they are as follows:

1: That JOHN TEOSIN has had talks with MR K. HANRAHAN and MR J. LEE and they have no objection to the proposed collection.

2: That SIR DONALD ERELAND told JOHN TEOSIN that his work was good and that no Administration Officer could say otherwise.

3: That this tax collection was to cover the whole of BOUGAINVILLE.

4: That JOHN TEOSIN has been educated by, and worked for the Mission and knows everything about the Mission and the Church. That he has worked for the Administration and so knows everything about the Government yet still has not the secret to the Europeans success, (materialistically etc.- more money, better jobs....)

5: Therefore that the Europeans are hiding something from the native people. (Re secret of success.)

6: That the money to be collected is to help all the people in BOUGAINVILLE find the secret of this success.- How, was not made very clear.

(the native people)  
7: That the Europeans cannot tell us what to do with our their money. That this is their country and their money so it is better to give it to JOHN TEOSIN than to put it in the bank where the Europeans can get it.

8: That BOUGAINVILLE should have its own Church because the Europeans have their own Church in AUSTRALIA.



9: That the customs of the people of BOUGAINVILLE were given to them by God and so they should not forget them. JOHN TEOSIN is going to study all the old customs and tell the people which are good and should be kept.

10: That the HAHALIS Welfare Society activities are only for HAHALIS and they should not be spread to all other villages.

Further points which came out in the discussions with the people and members of the "committee" are as follows:

1: That the people should not question the purpose for the money - they should simply give it and trust JOHN TEOSIN to look after it. They can always take it back if they are not happy.

2: Why should the Europeans bother about this thing. That it is their money and they can do as they like with it and the Europeans should leave them alone.

3: Where did all the engines and cars come from?

4: Which country taught all the others how to make all the things that we have now?

5: Why don't the native people who have been to European schools know as much as the Europeans?

6: If GOD put everyone on this earth why did the white people learn all they have but not the dark people?

7: That they have tried the Council for ten years and it has not done much for them. Now they would like to see if JOHN TEOSIN can do any better for them.

Most of these points were brought out at the majority of villages, and I attempted to answer them all, clarifying those facts that were obviously wrong and explaining ideas and facts which had become twisted.

My discussions at all villages were well received and many of the men seemed to have grasped some of the more important points. My main talk was on the three points against JOHN TEOSIN'S collection of tax:

1: JOHN TEOSIN refuses to state exactly what the tax is to be used for.

2: He will not issue receipts for money received.

3: Only he will manage the money. He does not want either the Councils or the Administration to join in the management of this fund.

Reaction to this talk varied from village to village. They are as follows:

Tsisiko Village: Talks were given by Mr. K. Hanrahan, ADC Buka Passage and Mr. G. Cooke, President of the Teop-Tiputz Council after a request by the Councillor of this village. Following discussions with me the villagers stated that they were against paying this tax as they did not want the HAHALIS movement in their area.

The Committee members present did not receive the Councillor's actions very favourably and after Mr.Hanrahan and Mr.Cooke left many angry words were spoken. Despite this the Councillor stood his ground.

Following the statement that the Administration did not favour the collection of this tax a number of the Committee members immediatly returned to Buka. They apparently consulted with John Teosin on what had been said.

Chindpats Village: A quite lively debate was carried on here. The Committee members who had seen John Teosin returned and accused me of lying. They stated that John Teosin had told them that the Administration knew about the tax and so it was alright to collect it. As far as I can tell they consider that X Teosin can do or say no wrong.

The villagers here appear to be for the Hahalis tax; only the Councillor, NAMI, was vocally against it. The general feeling after my discussions appeared to be along the line; "It would be better if we knew what the money is for but even if we dont know we ought to try it. If things dont work out then we can take back our money". It seems inconceivable to them that they might not be able to get their money back.

They have not paid any money as yet and apparently are going to wait until after a meeting with Teosin. The Committee men told me that John Teosin is going to come to SIAR Village and that anyone who had spoken against the collection of this money was to go there where he would explain what the money was for. I explained to the people that if they wanted me to hear what Teosin had to say they could invite me to a meeting if he was holding it within the Tinputz area. SIAR Village is outside the Tinputz and Buka Council areas.

In addition there was considerable talk of dissatisfaction with the Council. The men said that when they joined the Council they were told by Mr.Cooke that all the villages would receive cement, sawn timber and roofing iron for houses. They say they are still waiting for this. Many other villages are under this misapprehension.

I do not know what was said at that time but I know Mr.Cooke has an unfortunate ability to paint rosy pictures which can often be misconstrued. I suspect this is what has happened and it has had an unfortunate effect. I have explained that I am sure Mr.Cooke did not mean that the Council would give the villages these things but the people remain quite definite. I also explained that the Council's work was not that type of activity but more in the nature of community services.

Tetaluts Village: The people here said that they had had no discussions with the members of the Committee as yet. Hence they felt they could not say whether they were for or against the collection of the money. Because of their proximity to Chidpats and Aravia I suspect they will be more for the payment of the tax than against. It seems hardly credible that these people have had no discussions with the Committee. They are constantly back and forth through the village going to and from Aravia.

Aravia Village: Here the people have openly stated that they are ready to each pay their \$10 to Hahalis. Despite this they said that they would not pay the new Council tax of \$8 - only \$7 as they cannot afford to pay \$8! It was explained that the people would have to pay their Council tax but they still said they would not pay the full amount.



Following my discussions the people agreed that they wanted to hear what the money was being used for; but I have the impression that most would easily be persuaded to pay their ten dollars without a cause being given. None have actually paid as yet.

Their basic attitudes are the same as those of the villagers at CHINDPARE. The Councillor KIKEVIO has been to MAHALIS and is supporting the payment of the money. He told me that his own opinion of the use for the money was for the establishment of a bulk store at BUKA for the supply of goods to all the village societies. He seemed to think that this would mean cheaper goods. I explained why it would not. I do not think that this is the real purpose of the money as KIKEVIO said that he thought this out himself. How he arrived at this conclusion is not clear.

LOMSIS Village: The people here seem to be undecided. The Councillor PASIMOHIN went to MAHALIS to hear what JOHN TEOSIN had to say but he states that he does not necessarily support the collection of money. They do not want the MAHALIS Welfare Society in the area and they are worried that the payment of this tax means joining with the Welfare movement. They have been told that all of BOUGAINVILLE is to pay this tax. If this is true then they too will pay, but they want to know what the money is to be used for. They wanted me to advise them on whether the proposal is worthwhile.

At both ARAVIA and LOMSIS the people expressed dissatisfaction with the Council. They have been with the Council since its inception and all they have to show is a single broken water tank in each village. Admittedly these two villages just sat back, for many years, and waited for everything to come to them without doing a bit of work. Of course nothing has happened and now they see the rest of the area progressing steadily and wait to do the same. The remainder of the Councillors have no interest in these villages so that when they ask for something they are simply ignored. To some extent this is just action but, even so, encouragement must be given to them. They should be shown that they are not only financing projects to help other people.

There are opportunities for sound water supply schemes to be constructed at both villages. It is a matter of the Water Resources Survey Team examining the sites and putting forward their proposals. Unfortunately this team has not yet been forthcoming despite requests. In addition there has been a road surveyed from TSISIKO to LOMSIS. About ~~1000~~ 1400 has been expended on construction of parts of this road. The LOMSIS villagers have been gradually working on other sections and there is a total of about 5 miles roughly completed, including some moderately large earthworks. The Council, under its Road Maintenance Agreement is responsible for the completion of this road after the upgrading of all other roads in the Council area. This could take as much as four years. I feel that some Rural Development Funds should be made available as soon as possible to encourage the people to keep working on the road and not lose hope - which they will do if they have to wait four years. Completion of a rough road would be sufficient until the Council could get around to re-forming and upgrading it.

The people of ARAVIA have also begun a road. This has not been surveyed as yet but the people tell me that it has no excessively steep slopes in it. A Local Government Engineer will be requested as soon as possible to survey the road and to ensure that no mistakes are made. I feel that this road too should have some Rural Development Funds allocated to it; enough to encourage the people to keep waiting working on it and not to lose hope. At the moment they are dejected as they say that most other roads have funds allocated so why not theirs.

A show of interest by the Administration could help to keep these villages on side. I do not suggest that great sums should be allocated for the completion of these roads. Simply enough to keep interest going so that a rough road can be made.

Wankerio and Neblahiu Villages: Two small villages, both of which are completely against the payment of the Mahalis tax. Despite this the people asked me a number of questions related to many of the matters raised by the "pro Mahalis tax" villages. I feel these were asked more in ignorance of the facts than trying to catch me out. They were in no way anti Council or Administration.

#### POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Whilst in each village a short talk was given on the advantages of a unified Papua and New Guinea. Another talk was also given on the role of Local Government Councils in Papua and New Guinea.

The talks were favourably received but no one had much to discuss on either topic. They all appear to be for a unified Papua and New Guinea and are whole-heartedly against the local Members of the House of Assembly in their talk of independence. In regard to Local Government Councils their only comment throughout was: "Yes, all very well but what has the Council done for us". I have explained to all the villages that sometimes the advantages of the Council are not all material and that in time they will see and understand the development as the Council grows.

Obviously from the lack of discussion on the subjects the people have not thought too deeply. Future discussions will be aimed at maintaining the people's desire for unity and improving their understanding of the aims and workings of Local Government Councils.

#### SUMMARY.

The villages of CHINDPATS, ARAVIA and to a lesser extent LOMSES are definitely favourably considering the payment of "tax" to the Mahalis Welfare Society. ALL other villages within the area patrolled are against the payment of this tax. No money has been paid as yet. The villagers in the three places mentioned, following my discussions appeared to want to know what the money is to be used for before they pay; but I am sure many of them will pay in any case.

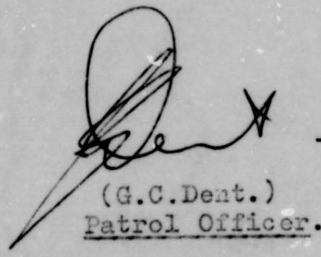
There is a feeling of dissatisfaction and frustration with the Council which is only partly deserved but which is definitely there. This is being used as an excuse to give this money to Teosin so that the people can compare what Teosin does with what the Council has done.

Teosin is apparently arranging a meeting at SIAR Village in the SAILO Census Division. Here he is apparently going to explain the purpose of the money collection. A number of villagers have asked me to attend this meeting but I have told them I will only attend a meeting if I am invited and it is within the Teop - Tinputz Council area.

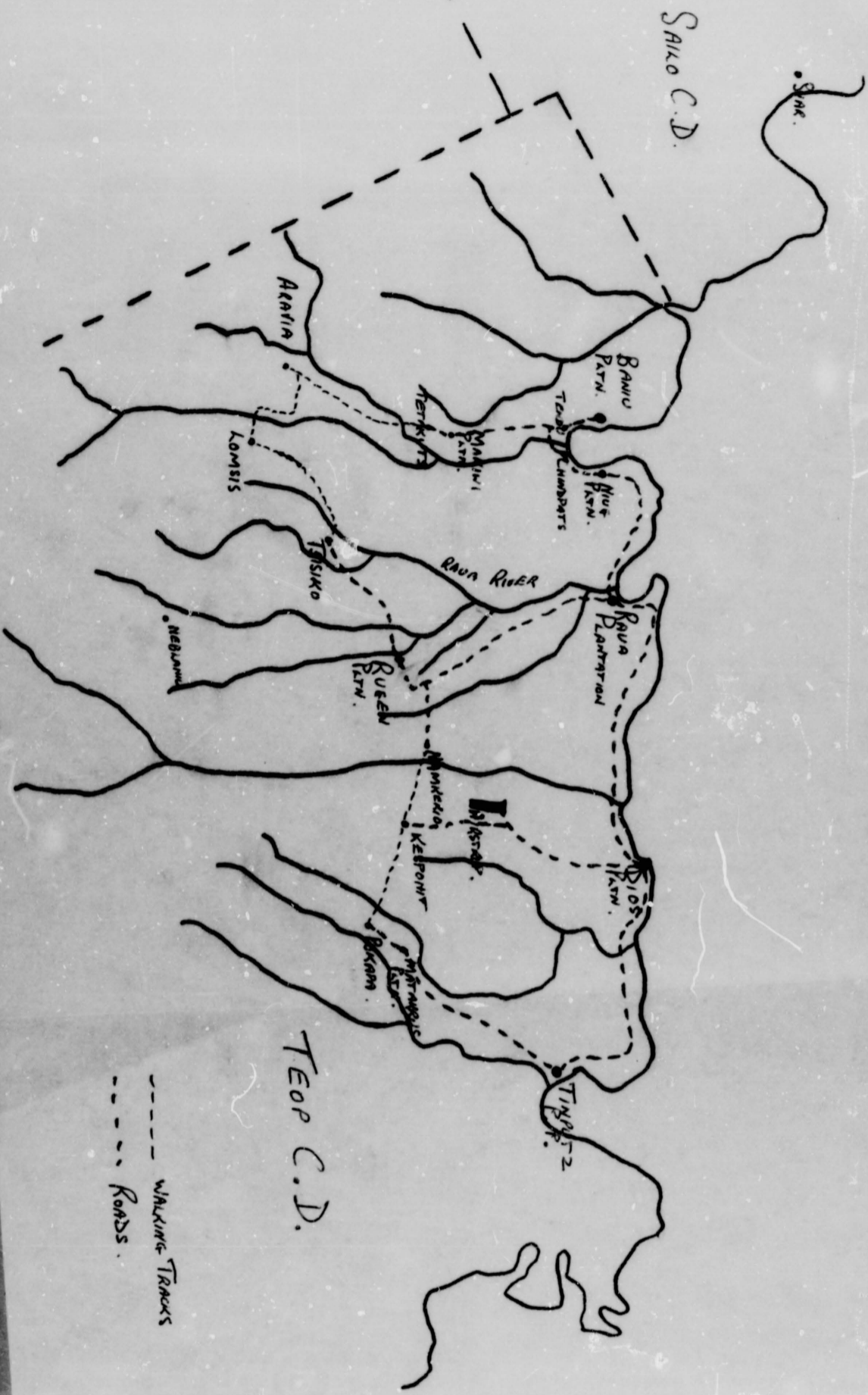


At the moment there appears to be only the intention to collect money. There has been no mention of any spreading of the actual Hahalis movement although there has been some emphatic talk against it. Many of the Villages against the collection of this money fear that if they pay this tax then they will be more or less pulled into the Hahalis movement. The Villages supporting the payment of the money went to great lengths to explain that John Teosin had stated that the Hahalis movement and it's practices were not to spread to other areas. The villagers stated that they were not in favour of cults etc., but from past records Chindpats, Aravia and Lomisis have all had some kind of cult at different times.

From the numerous questions asked it is obvious that a certain amount of thinking along a "cargo cult" lines is going on. I have done what I can to explain and counter this thinking. In addition it is very obvious that the people need some very elementary discussions on history and the development of our present society. I have already given them some talks on this subject and they were received reasonably well. I believe there should be more of it and will endeavour to continue these types of discussion where-ever possible.



(G.C.Dent.)  
Patrol Officer.



MAP TO ACCOMPANY  
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 SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES

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