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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... NO. 2 OF 1971/72.  
 Subdistrict..... VANIMO.  
 District..... WEST SEPIK.  
 Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL PURPOSE.  
 Patrol Conducted by..... N. L. MITCHELL. PATROL OFFICER.  
 Area Patrolled..... PART KILIMERI AND IMBIC CENSUS DIVISIONS.  
 (Council and/or..... PABEI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA.  
 Census Division/s).....

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....  
 HOSEA WURA. D.D.A. Cnst. 1/c. YAMBU.  
 CORNELIUS MAI. D.D.A.  
 1450. Cnst. 1/c. JAP JAP.  
 Duration of Patrol—from 3/8 / 71. to 6 / 8 / 71.  
 No. of Days..... FOUR (4) DAYS.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:.....  
 Date 4/5/71 - 12/5/71. Duration NINE (9) DAYS.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. INVESTIGATE OGSIMA - IMBICINIS CATTLE PROJECTS.  
 2. POLITICAL EDUCATION.  
 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 443.

Director of District Administration,  
 KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

2 / 10 / 1971

B. Bunting  
 District Commissioner.

FJM/EN

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU

67-16-2

14th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
District Office, VANIMO.  
WEST SEPLIK DISTRICT

PAGEI PATROL NO. 2 OF 1971/72

Your reference 67-3-11 dated 31st August, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by Mr H.L. Mitchell, Patrol Officer, to the OSSIMA and IMBRINIS  
Areas.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-16-2

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
District Headquarters,  
VANIMO,  
West Sepik District.

August 31, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KORONADOBU, PAPUA.

PAGEI PATROL No. 2 of 1971/72

SPECIAL PURPOSE

Forwarded herewith is the original and one copy of the report covering the above patrol conducted by Mr. N. L. Mitchell, Patrol Officer, Pagei. The main object of this patrol was to investigate and report upon progress in the OOSIMA-IMBRINIS cattle projects.

I have no further comments to add to the report. The Cattle Industry Development project, which is the subject of appendix "A" of the report will be commented upon in a separate memorandum and you will be kept fully advised.

*B. Bunting*  
.....  
(B. BUNTING)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
VANIMO.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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 M. van RO/INW :  
 D. van RO/INW :

Department of the Administrator,  
 Division of District Administration,  
 Sub-District Office,  
 West Sepik District,  
 VANIKO.

25th. August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 Division of District Administration,  
 District Headquarters,  
 West Sepik District,  
 VANIKO.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 2 - 1971/72.  
SPECIAL PURPOSE.

1. Attached please find three (3) copies of a Report by Mr. M. L. MITCHELL, Patrol Officer, to the COMINA - INBAINIS area of the IMBIC and KILIMBI Census Divisions. The patrol carried out tasks in developmental, political education and administrative fields.

2. The Cattle scheme seems to have met with enthusiastic response by both the people and the Mission. I am still inclined to think this would best be run under the auspices of the PAGEI Local Government Council but will comment under separate cover on the Memorandum. It is pleasing to see M. LANGRO's interest.

3. Political education during Patrols is being continued.

4. All other matters seem to be well in hand.

5. Claims for Camping Allowance for Messrs. MITCHELL, WURA and MAL are attached.

A competently conducted Patrol.

*[Signature]*  
 (D. van B. CLAASSEN).

Atts.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

JAA

Telephone

Telegrams..... 67/1/4 :

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for D.VRO/LHW :

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

29th. July, 1971.

Mr. N. L. Mitchell,  
Office in Charge,  
Patrol Post,  
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 2/1971-72 - OSSIMA  
IMBRINIS CATTLE PROJECTS.

On receipt of these instructions please prepare to depart on a Patrol to OSSIMA, and IMBRINIS if required, for the purpose of discussions on the above projects with the people concerned.

Gain such information as required for submission to the Department of Forests and collate the material into a submission requesting permission to use part of the Timber Lease.

Prepare a list of the people who are interested in small scale cattle grazing projects. Include a map showing the exact location of the area with reference to the forestry lease and state the approximate area involved. Mr. HOSEA WURA, Assistant Field Officer, will accompany you to assist in this facet of your task.

Submit a Situation Report on the Patrol as well as a separate submission as regards the proposed cattle scheme.

For your action, please.

*A. S. Wright*  
(A. S. WRIGHT)

a/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1971/72.

DIARY OF PATROL :

AUGUST 1971 : Same with the attached patrol instructions

Tuesday, 2nd :

0950. Departed PAGEI for OSSIHA. Track reasonably dry and walking conditions good.  
1300. Arrived at ISI No. 1. Changed carrier line. Paid carriers.  
1345. Continued on to OSSIHA. Track good. Arrived 1530.  
1545. Paid carriers.  
1600. Radio schedule with Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO. Remained the night.

Wednesday, 4th :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.  
0840.)  
1200.) Commenced preliminary land investigation for cattle projects in the OSSIHA area.  
1300.)  
1600.) Continued with investigation.  
" Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.  
1615.)  
1730.) Discussions with individual villagers. Remained night.

Thursday, 5th :

0800. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.  
0840. Mr. H. WURA, Assistant Field Officer, sent to IMBRINIS to investigate land availability in that area.  
0845.)  
1200.) Continued with investigation in the OSSIHA area.  
1245. Mr. PAUL LANGRO, R.H.A. arrived OSSIHA. Discussion with Mr. LANGRO about cattle projects.  
1500.)  
1600.) Political Education discussions with OSSIHA people.  
1600. Radio Schedule with Assistant District Commissioner.  
1615.)  
1730.) Discussions with villagers from IMBRINIS concerning the availability of land in their area. Remained the night.

Friday, 6th :

0800. Radio schedule with the Assistant District Commissioner.  
0850. Departed OSSIHA. Track reasonably dry, walking conditions reasonable.  
1030. Arrived at ISI No. 1. Changed carrier line. Paid carriers (old line).  
1045. Departed ISI No. 1. Track reasonable. Arrived PAGEI at 1330. Paid carriers. Equipment returned to store. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

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PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1971-72.

INTRODUCTION :

In accordance with the attached Patrol Instructions from M. A. S. WRIGHT, Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO Sub-District, a patrol was mounted as a Special Purpose Patrol and departed from PAGEI on 3rd. August, 1971.

The specific objects of the patrol were :-

1. Investigate the GSSIMA - IMBRINIS cattle project.
2. Political education.
3. Routine administration.

A separate report regarding the cattle project has been forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO. (Please see this Office's 6/1/6, dated 4th. August, 1971, which is attached as Appendix "A").

SITUATION REPORT :

A. POLITICAL :

(a). Local Government :

The OSSIMA - IMBRINIS area forms part of the PAGEI Local Government Council area. The people of this area have a reasonable knowledge of the Council's activities and have fully accepted the recently introduced full time Council Administrative Advisor system.

(b). Local Government Councillors :

The Councillors met during the course of the Patrol appear to hold a reasonable amount of influence within their particular area. The Councillors of OSSIMA and IMBRINIS are both particularly keen to see the expansion of the cattle project in their areas, and generally they have the full support of the majority of the people in this area.

(c). House of Assembly Members :

On 5th. August, 1971, Mr. P. LANGRO, the local Member of the House of Assembly, briefly visited OSSIMA. Mr. LANGRO was keenly interested in the cattle project in the area, and he held discussions with Catholic Mission staff, the local people involved in the cattle project and the reporting Officer.

It is felt that Mr. LANGRO will give his support to the development of this project.

(d). Political Education :

A Political Education discussion was held with people from OSSIMA and adjacent villages.

The theme of the discussion was the forth coming House of Assembly Elections, electoral procedures, responsibilities of Members of the House of Assembly and the proposed new BEWANI Electorate.

A large degree of interest is now centered on the forthcoming elections, and at least one candidate is expected to be nominated from the PAGEI area. Mr. BEWA TOU of KRISA Village has intimated that he is considering standing and it appears that he has a considerable amount of support throughout the area.

B. ECONOMIC :

(a). General Rural Development :

Rural development in the OSSIMA - IMBRINIS area is now centered on the expansion of a cattle industry and its development (Please see Appendix "A" for detailed information concerning this subject).

Otherwise there has been little or no change in rural development from that reported in this Station's Patrol Reports Nos. 7 and 10 of 1970/71.

(b). Non-Indigenous Development :

The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA is actively encouraging rural development in the OSSIMA - IMBRINIS area. Their cattle project and training of students in cattle husbandry have created a large amount of interest. (Please see Appendix "A" for specific details).

There is no other non-indigenous development in the area.

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C. SOCIAL :

(a). Education :

The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA runs a Primary "A" School and an Agricultural Training Vocational school.

The Primary School teaches all Standards up to VI and has an enrollment of 200 children. Boarding facilities are provided for 180 students. All instruction is in English. The Agricultural school is currently training 36 students in cattle husbandry.

(b). Health :

The health standard of the people in the OSSIMA - IMBRINIS area is reasonable. The people have easy access to the FAGBI Council sponsored Aid Post at OSSIMA. This Aid Post is staffed by a male nurse from the Catholic Mission. Infant and Maternal welfare services are also provided to the people of this area by a Catholic Mission Infant welfare Sister.

(c). Law and Order :

The people of the area are generally law abiding and nothing was reported to the writer during the Patrol.

(d). Missions :

Two (2) Missions operate within the OSSIMA - IMBRINIS area. They are the Catholic Mission based at OSSIMA and the S.D.A. Mission based at MAPRIK in the West Sepik District. An S.D.A. Pastor from MAPRIK pays irregular visits to the area and there are a number of S.D.A. indigenous teachers in the area.

There is no evidence of friction between the adherents of either faiths but there is a mutual animosity between the principals of the two faiths.

(e). Cult and Unrest :

The writer did not find any sign of cult activity during the course of the Patrol.

There has been a certain amount of dissatisfaction in the area over the lack of development of a Timber Industry and the question of using Timber Lease land for cattle projects. The situation was fully explained to the people and it is hoped that Timber Lease land will be made available for the cattle projects. It is felt that if the land is not made available the Administration will be hard pressed to justify such a decision to the people of the area and that a certain amount of unrest could develop in the near future.

(f). Community Education :

A recent welfare Patrol to OSSIMA has revived a certain amount of interest in Womens' Club activities. It is felt that there should be further Patrols to foster interest in community development.

CONCLUSION :

The routine Administration aspects of the Patrol were :-

1. Inspection of Trade Store and Shotgun Licences. Dealt with at Village level.
2. Inquiries regarding N.M.T.W. Timber payments. Dealt with at Village level.
3. Persons seeking employment. They were advised of the necessary qualifications and assisted wherever possible.

The Patrol was well received. No problems were experienced in obtaining carriers.

All objects of the Patrol were carried out.

(N. L. MITCHELL). PATROL OFF.  
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

APPENDIX 'A'

6/1/70 :

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration  
Patrol Post,  
PAGEI. WEST SERRIN DISTRICT.

9th. August, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner, by reference to the  
sub-District Office, with the clearing of individual students  
of the District, VANING.

DEVELOPMENT OF A CATTLE INDUSTRY - PAGEI AREA.

XOCR 67/1/4, CROSS REF. 6/1/9 of 23/7/71 REFERS :

INTRODUCTION :

The history of the proposed development of small  
scale cattle projects in the Goolina - IMBINIS area has been  
fully documented in this station's 6/1/6 of 27th. February,  
1970. Subsequent correspondence from the Rural Development  
Officer, D.A.S.F., VANING, his 30/1/1/ of 4/5/70, your Office's  
6/1/9 of 3/4/70, the District Commissioner's 42/67/13 of 20/4/70  
and the minutes of the Land Development Board Meeting held on  
27/10/70, all refer to the above subject.

Therefore it is not proposed to go over the  
background of this project again, but to concentrate on the  
appraisal of the present situation.

PRESENT SITUATION :

(a). Catholic Mission :

On the receipt of written Patrol Instructions from  
the Assistant District Commissioner, VANING, I carried out the  
preliminary investigation into the present situation regarding  
the development of a cattle industry in the Goolina - IMBINIS  
area.

The Catholic Mission at Goolina commenced train-  
ing selected students in animal husbandry in 1969. The  
Mission Training Centre was recently designated as an approved  
Agricultural Vocational school and currently has a total of 36  
students. These students have been drawn from not only the  
PAGEI area but also from other centres in this District.

The Mission now has a herd of 83 head of cattle  
of which 37 head are actually owned by students.

The Mission has a lease of 100 acres, all of  
which has been cleared and 25 acres have been planted with  
improved pasture. The Mission plans to continue with fencing  
and further planting of improved pasture. Further improvements  
by the Mission in the near future consist of the construction  
of a freezer unit capable of holding two slaughtered beasts,  
and the building of a slaughter floor. The plans for the  
slaughter floor have been approved by D.A.S.F., and the floor  
and freezer unit should be operating within the next twelve  
months.

The Mission estimates that their financial  
commitment in the cattle project to be in the vicinity of  
\$1,5000.00. This is broken down as follows :-

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- (a). Agricultural equipment. \$7,000.00.
- (b). Lands, clearing, fencing and improving pastures. \$2,000.00.
- (c). Housing, food, clothing for students. \$2,000.00.
- (d). Freezer Unit. \$2,500.00.
- (e). Slaughter floor. \$1,500.00.

The Mission also plans, (and in some instances already has), to assist the local students by fencing five (5) acres of land then helping with the clearing of individual blocks of land and providing further technical assistance as the students establish their own projects.

As can be seen from the above the Mission is heavily committed to the project. They estimate that it will be at least five (5) years from the introduction of cattle to individual blocks before the brief needs of the Diocese of VANIMO could be met. The estimated usage of the Diocese is 35 head per year and for this a breeding herd of 130 cattle would be required. The beef cattle would be killed at the age of between two or three years and the estimated return to the local cattleman would be between \$120.00 to \$150.00 per beast.

(b). Local Involvement :

At present there are three (3) groups of persons who have actually acquired land in the OCSIMA area and are engaged in establishing small scale cattle projects.

GROUP ONE :

This group consists of eight (8) OCSIMA trained students, four of which have completed D.A.S.F. Animal Husbandry courses of three months. The name and Villages of this group are listed below :-

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>VILLAGE.</u>
Phillip Sei.	Imbrinis.
Robert Sobak.	Imbrinis.
Domenic Mak.	Imbrinis.
Ignatius Pik.	Songbui.
Anton Wait.	Amoi.
Luke Dati.	Apwambo.
Gerald Al.	Imbic No. 2.
Luke Siapa.	Imbic No. 1.

They have recently purchased approximately 88 acres of land from OCS-115 of OCSIMA Village. The land was purchased in accordance with local custom for the sum of \$300.00. Approximately 25 acres of this land is secondary forest and old gardens. The group are now clearing the secondary growth area. They have commenced fencing a five acre paddock and expect to stock the fenced paddock in the near future. The remainder of this land is low lying rain forest. The land is adjacent to the Catholic Mission (Please see attached map for locality).

This group owns a total of 17 head of cattle. It is estimated that it would be possible to run up to 70 head of cattle (breeders) if the whole of the 88 acres were cleared and put under improved pasture. This in itself is not an economic proposition. The group will require a further 250 acres for herd expansion before they will obtain a reasonable individual income.

GROUP TWO :

This group consists of two (2) persons, SEMA TOU, PANGI Local Government Council Vice-President of KILISA Village and LUKE OUAL of KILISA who is a student at the Agricultural school at OCSIMA. LUKE has also completed a three (3) months D.A.S.F. animal husbandry course.

BWA has purchased approximately 45 acres of land in accordance with local custom in the COSIMA area (see map). The cost of this land was \$200.00. Approximately 15 acres of this land, which is old gardens and secondary growth, has been partially cleared. The remainder is rain forest. Five acres of the cleared land have been fenced. A stock yard has been constructed and 6 head of cattle are actually in the fenced area.

As this is only a two man venture there is sufficient land to make the project viable, if the remaining land can be cleared and put under improved pasture.

GROUP THREE :

This group consists of ANTON SIKWALI of COSIMA (Agricultural student) and several relatives from the COSIMA area. This group has marked out approximately 50 acres of their own land which is situated adjacent to the Group 2 Block. Approximately 15 acres of this land is partially cleared old garden sites and secondary growth. The remainder is rain forest. A three acre paddock has been fenced, temporary stock yards erected and the paddock stocked with 7 head of cattle.

This group have sufficient land available in the immediate area for expansion if they are given permission to clear the land. It is estimated that a further 100 acres would meet all their foreseeable needs.

FUTURE EXPANSION :

The further expansion of the cattle project is being curtailed by the limited availability of land in the COSIMA area.

Two other students from the Agricultural school are at present negotiating to lease approximately 76 acres of land from OSI-LIB of COSIMA. This block is adjacent to the Catholic Mission and is marked Group 4 on the accompanying map.

These students are LONGA BOGG of MOGI Village and ANN WANE of ISI village. Between them they own 3 head of cattle.

The land they are negotiating for is approximately two thirds rain forest and one third garden sites and secondary growth. No clearing or fencing has been carried out as yet. If their negotiations are successful and if they are allowed to clear the remainder of the land they would have sufficient to meet their needs.

There are another 5 students who are interested in setting up their own cattle projects but as yet have not been able to acquire land. They are :- MASUA WISA of APWABOC village, who owns 2 head of cattle. IMABUS WABAG and LAMBO MAK of IMBAMOC village. IMABUS owns 2 head of cattle and plans to form a partnership with LAMBO. BEN DANBO of SARAKANU village, who has not been allocated any cattle as yet. WIPA BANG of COOL village, who also has not been allocated any cattle as yet. These students would require at least 40 acres of land each to set up viable cattle projects.

LAND AVAILABILITY :

As stated above there is only a very limited amount of land available in the COSIMA area. It should also be noted that the 20 mile Quarantine Zone from the International border restricts most of the students from the PAGEI and KILLIMBI Divisions from setting up cattle projects in their own areas.

IMBRINIS AREA :

The situation regarding the availability of land in the IMBRINIS area remains unchanged from that reported in this station's 6/1/6 or 27/2/70. The IMBRINIS people are still willing to sell the land to the Administration and are eager to establish cattle projects in this area. They have commenced to construct a road from ABELI Creek and this will give tractor access from OSSIMA to the area.

The area in question consists of approximately 1,000 acres of which 250-300 acres is secondary growth. The remainder is rain forest.

If this land could be made available for clearing and designated for development of small cattle projects, the problem of insufficient land for such projects would be alleviated.

The whole question of Administration Leases and Council sub-leases appears rather premature at the moment, but if the area could later be sub-divided in this manner it would appear to be the ideal solution.

CONCLUSION :

The people of the OSSIMA-IMBRINIS area, and in fact a large percentage of the people throughout the PAGEI area are firmly in favour of the establishment of a cattle industry. The older generation realise that they do not have the expertise to manage cattle but they are actively supporting the younger generation. It is expected that they will continue to encourage their children to attend the Agricultural School at OSSIMA. The people can see the prospects of a viable economic venture in the proposed cattle projects.

The major consideration now would appear to be, will the Department of Forests allow the clearing of sufficient land within the Timber Lease area, to promote the establishment of a cattle industry. The people realise that their land was leased for 40 years, but as there has been little progress towards the development of a Timber industry, to date, the people now feel that they should be allowed to carry out some other type of economic development.

In view of the above and with regard to the tangible progress to date, I feel that consideration should be given to encourage the cattle projects in the OSSIMA - IMBRINIS areas. In point of view, I feel that if permission to clear land is not given, it will be very difficult for the Administration to justify such a refusal to the people of the area.

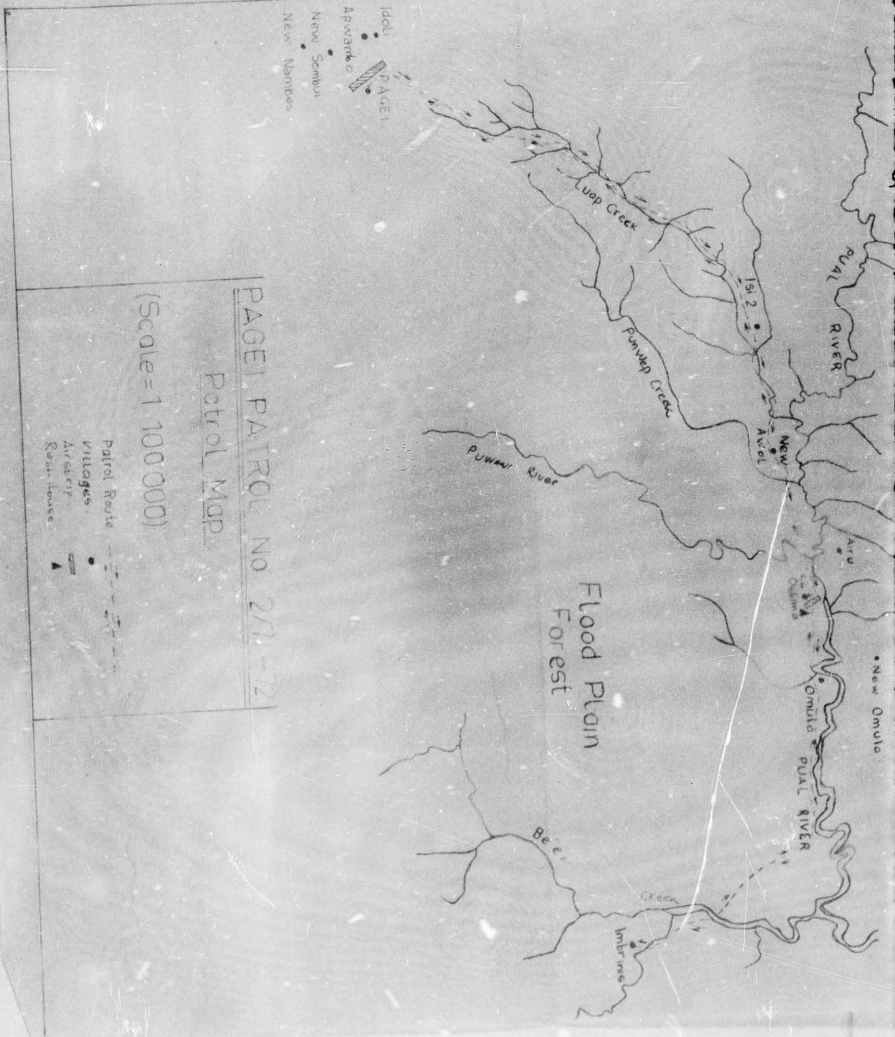
For your information and further action, please.

*W. L. Mitchell*  
(W. L. MITCHELL)

OFFICER IN CHARGE.







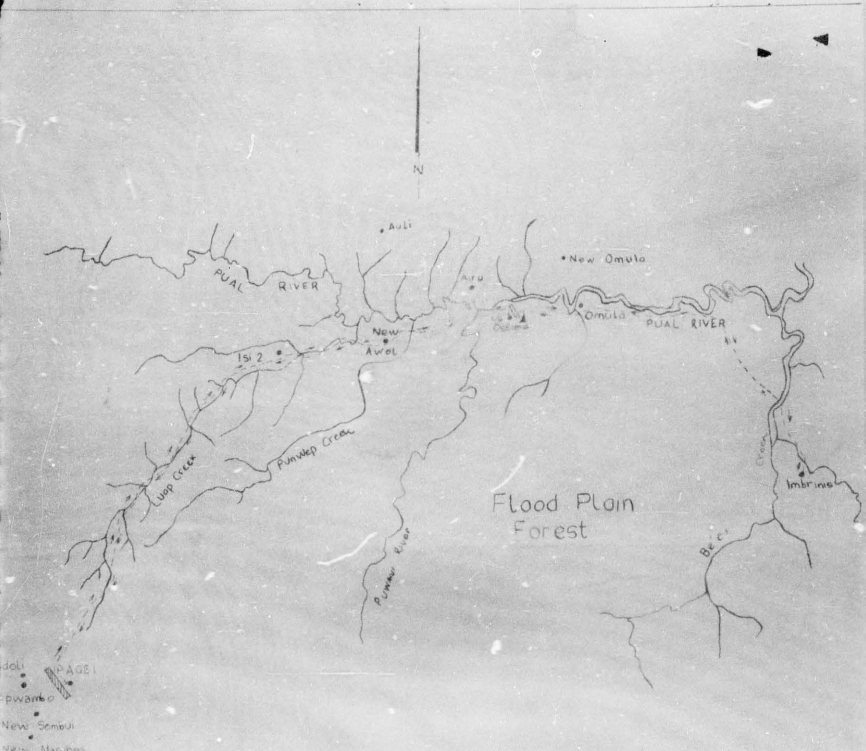
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Patrol Map

(Scale = 1 100 000)

Patrol Route  
 Village  
 Market  
 School house

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PAGEI PATROL No 2/71-72  
 Patrol Map  
 (Scale = 1:100,000)

Patrol Route ———  
 Villages •  
 Juvu •  
 Rest House ▲



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number PAGEI PATROL NO. 4. of 1971/72.

Subdistrict YANIMO.

District WEST SEPIK.

Type of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Patrol Conducted by I. E. LEWIS. PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled PAGEI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA.

(Council and/or PAGEI CENSUS DIVISION.

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

CONST. 1/c YAMEU. (Part) CORNELIUS MAI. P/INTERPRETER.

CONST. 1/c MATAGA (Part) (Part)

CONST. 1/c BARAMUN (Part)

Duration of Patrol—from 12/10 1971 to 23, 10, 1971 (Broken.)

No. of Days Seven(7).

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 3.12.1970 to 6.1.1971. (Broken.)

Date As Above. Duration Twelve (12) Days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. CENSUS REVISION.

2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

3. POLITICAL EDUCATION.

4. Area Study Revision.

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDORU.

*Max Sing Dew*

Forwarded, please.

12 / 1 / 1972

*for submission 14/10*

*B. B. B. B.*  
District Commissioner.

OA:MG

P.O. Box 2396,  
KUMEDJEL.

17-1-72

25th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
WANIM.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 4 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-1-4 of 12/1/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. I Lewis, P.O. of the PAGEI Census Division.

Area Study updating would be simplified if a separate heading for each folio was introduced.

(S.J. PEARSELL)  
s/Secretary.

DBA 67-16-20  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
17 JAN 1972  
KOMEBOBU

Division of District Administration,  
West Sepik District,  
VAHIMO.

67-1-4

12th January, 1972

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
VAHIMO.

Subject: PAGEI PATROL No. 4 of 71/72

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of the report arising out of the above patrol together with your covering comments, 67-1-4 of 23rd December, 1971.

2. In addition to your comments I wish to add:-
  - (i) That every encouragement must be given to the people of SONBUI and NARBES to not only continue, but if at all possible, to increase their copra production. I quite agree that should these two villages have success then interest will be rekindled in those villagers who have withdrawn from the venture.
  - (ii) The reasons for the proposed move to return to old Aimbai should be thoroughly investigated. Any antipathy towards the Administration and reasons should be discovered and efforts made to reverse such a trend. It would be a pity if the future progress of this group was retarded because of movement away from their present village site which includes some source of economic revenue and other social benefits including schooling.
3. For your information and necessary action please.

B. Bunting  
(B. BUNTING),  
District Commissioner.

67-1-4  
MINUTE TO:  
The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KOMEBOBU.

Attached please find two copies of the above report.

VAHIMO.  
12/1/72

B. Bunting  
(B. BUNTING),  
District Commissioner.

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
PAGEI.  
West Sepik District.  
28th October, 1971.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 4. of 1971/72.

STATION : PAGEI Patrol Post.  
SUB-DISTRICT : VANIMO.  
DISTRICT : WEST SEPIK.  
PATROL NUMBER : 4 of 1971/72.  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : I. E. LEWIS. Patrol Officer.  
AREA PATROLLED : PAGEI Census Division.  
PAGEI Local Government Council Area.  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING  
PATROL : Const. 1/c 1890 YAMBU. (Part)  
Const. 1/c 0561 BARAMUN. (Part)  
Const. 1/c 1454 MATAGA. (Part)  
CORNELIUS MAI. P/Interpreter.  
DURATION OF PATROL : 12/10/1971. 15 - 16/10/1971.  
18/10/1971. 20 - 23/10/1971  
NUMBER OF DAYS : Eight (8) Days.  
LAST PATROL TO AREA : 3/12/1970 - 6/1/1971. (Broken)  
Twelve (12) Days.  
OBJECTS OF PATROL : 1. Census Revision.  
2. Routine Administration.  
3. Political Education.  
MAP REFERENCE : Border (Special) Sheet No.1.

For your Information, please.

*I. E. Lewis*  
( I. E. LEWIS. )  
Patrol Officer.

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INTRODUCTION.

As per written Instructions from the Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO, (67-1-4 of the 7th October, 1971) a patrol was prepared by the writer to cover the PAGEI Census Division.

The main objects of the patrol were as follows :

1. Census Revision.
2. Routine Administration.
3. Political Education.

Due to the present situation at PAGEI the patrol was unable to spend as much time as it would have liked in the Villages. This was regretted both by the writer and the Villagers, but could not be helped.

The patrol was interrupted several times during its course, but again these could not be helped.

The PAGEI Census Division is one of three Census Divisions within the PAGEI Administrative Area. It covers the area immediately around PAGEI Patrol Post, with only three out of the eight Villages being over half an hours walk from the Patrol Post. The Population of the Census Division is relatively small compared to other areas.

The people lead a day to day sort of existence with only a few individuals attempting any sort of cash income business. As a result of a talk given by the writer, I have endeavoured to get the people involved in a combined economic venture, which may or may not prove successful. This is discussed further under the Economic Development Section later in this report.

The Census Division covers a large flat area, with only an occasional small rise. It consists mainly of Tropical Rainforest with large areas of Sago swamp which makes walking difficult when going to NEW SEKTOCHIAU Village. The other villages are easily accessible by walking tracks and partly formed roads.

The area is bounded in the west by the PAPUA NEW GUINEA/WEST IRIAN Border, the south by the BEWANI Mountains, the north by the KILLMERI Census Division and the east by the IMBIO Census Division.

DIARY.

Tuesday, 12th October, 1971.

0830	Departed PAGEI Patrol Post by tractor.
0852	Arrived AMOI Village.
0900	Census Revision commenced.
0940	Census Revision completed.
0945	Political Education talk given followed by a question period.
1115	Departed AMOI Village.
1138	Arrived PAGEI Patrol Post.

I proceeded at 0830 hours for AMOI Village by tractor as there is a partly formed road leading from the Patrol Post to the Village. The road has deteriorated considerably over the last twelve months to a stage where much of the hard work put in by previous Officers has been wasted.

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Friday, 15th October, 1971.

1330 Departed PAGEI Patrol Post by tractor.  
 1340 Arrived IDOLI Village.  
 1355 Census Revision commenced at IDOLI.  
 1425 Census Revision completed.  
 1430 Departed for APWAMBO Village.  
 1435 Arrived APWAMBO Village.  
 1440 Census Revision commenced at APWAMBO.  
 1510 Census Revision completed at APWAMBO.  
 1520 Both APWAMBO and IDOLI Villagers gathered for Political Education talk.  
 1525 Extremely heavy rain commenced falling.  
 Departed for both IDOLI and APWAMBO Villages by tractor along a fairly well formed road. Census Revision was conducted in both Villages satisfactorily.  
 At 1520 hours both Village group were gathered for a Political Education talk. Shortly after the talk commenced extremely heavy rain began to fall, continuing until late in the afternoon. The Political Education talk was then abandoned and the people were informed that I would return the next day to complete the discussion.

Saturday, 16th October, 1971.

1015 Departed PAGEI Patrol Post.  
 1025 Arrived IDOLI Village.  
 1040 Both IDOLI and APWAMBO Villages gathered and Political education talk given followed by question time.  
 1215 Political Education discussion completed and departed for station.  
 1225 Arrived PAGEI Patrol Post.  
 Walked to IDOLI Village where both village groups gathered and Political Education discussion conducted. Numerous questions put forward by village people.

Monday, 18th October, 1971.

1315 Departed PAGEI Patrol Post by tractor.  
 1335 Arrived SONBUI Village.  
 1350 Census Revision of SONBUI Village conducted.  
 1420 Census Revision of SONBUI Village completed.  
 1425 Census Revision of NAMBES Village conducted.  
 1450 Census Revision of NAMBES Village completed.  
 1500 Both SONBUI and NAMBES Villages gathered and Political Education discussion commenced.  
 1615 Political Education discussion and questions completed.  
 1620 Departed SONBUI/NAMBES Villages for Patrol Post.  
 1635 Arrived Patrol Post by tractor.

At 1315 hours I departed PAGEI Patrol Post for both SONBUI and NAMBES Villages were Census Revised. A Political Education discussion was conducted and questions answered.  
 The road to these Villages has deteriorated also in the past twelve months, with no maintenance work carried out by the villagers. Large pot-holes are not uncommon.

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Tuesday, 19th October, 1971.

Remained at PAGEI Patrol Post to attend to the testing of the Police Radio Network.

Wednesday, 20th October, 1971.

0730 Departed PAGEI Patrol Post on foot.  
 0750 Arrived SONBUI/NAMBES.  
 0810 Departed SONBUI/NAMBES.  
 0945 Arrived AINBAI/ELIS.  
 1000 Census Revision conducted at AINBAI/ELIS.  
 1035 Census Revision completed.  
 1040 Political Education talk given and general discussion held.  
 1245 Political Education discussion completed.  
 1345 Departed AINBAI/ELIS for proposed new site of Village.  
 1530 Arrived proposed new site.  
 1545 Departed proposed new site.  
 1805 Arrived AINBAI/ELIS.

Departed from PAGEI Patrol Post for SONBUI/NAMBES were cargo loads left the previous night. After carriers organised departed for AINBAI/ELIS along the PAGEI-AINBAI/ELIS road. Road in fairly good condition but all bridges have either been washed away or rotted away. With the reconstruction of the bridges and the clearing of one small section of bush, the road would be fully useable by tractor and trailer. After the Census Revision and Political Education talk, I walked to the proposed new site of AINBAI. The track is constantly going up and down hills with sheer drops occasionally on both sides. Considering that no rain had fallen during the previous three days, the track was extremely wet and slippery. At one stage we crossed a river up to our necks, if in flood it would be impossible.

Slept the night at AINBAI/ELIS.

Thursday, 21st October, 1971.

0630 Departed AINBAI/ELIS for PAGEI Patrol Post.  
 0832 Arrived PAGEI Patrol Post.  
 Departed AINBAI/ELIS early in the morning to arrive at PAGEI in time to get the Police ready for an inspection visit by the District Police Inspector and his replacement.

Friday, 22nd October, 1971.

1015 Departed PAGEI Patrol Post for NEW SEKOTCHIAU.  
 1245 Arrived NEW SEKOTCHIAU Village.  
 1630 Conducted Census Revision of NEW SEKOTCHIAU.  
 1700 Census Revision completed.  
 1710 Political Education discussion conducted.  
 1900 Political Education discussion completed.

Departed PAGEI Patrol Post at 1015 hours after being delayed waiting for the arrival of a new member of the Police Detachment to arrive. Census Revision conducted at 1630 hours after consultation with the Luluai. It was decided that due to the fact that the sun was extremely hot and no shade was available, it would be more convenient to wait

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Friday, 22nd October, 1971. (Continued).

until later in the afternoon.  
 Later in the night a number of Villagers inquired if it would be alright for their children to attend the school at PAGEI. I told them that I could not see why there would be any objections, and that I would look into it more closely. Slept at NEW SEKOTCHIAU.

Saturday, 23rd October, 1971.

0705 Departed NEW SEKOTCHIAU.  
 1010 Arrived PAGEI Patrol Post.

Departed NEW SEKOTCHIAU for PAGEI Patrol Post at 0705 hours. The track is reasonable with the first three quarters of an hour through Sago swamp.

END OF DIARY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS:

Out of the eight (8) Villages within the PAGEI Census Division, seven (7) are represented by Councils.

Since the last patrol in this area, the Councils have held one election, in which only two (2) Councilors were re-elected.

The Councilors for the Census Division are as follows:

Councillor **WAI WAI** of the **AFWAI** Village.

**WAI** was one of the two re-elected Councilors. He has been giving praise during the short period of his term. It is felt that he does not have a great deal of influence amongst his people, but should promote the fact that he is not afraid to speak out during the holding of meetings.

Councillor **WAI WAI** of the **AFWAI** Village.

**WAI** would probably have the most influence of all the Councilors from this area. He appears to be anxious to further his knowledge of the Councils' activities and of bettering his area.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

The villagers within the PAGEI Census Division are fortunate in the fact of their proximity to the PAGEI Local Government Council Chambers. There is absolutely no reason what so ever why any villager cannot attend any one of the councils monthly meetings, and further his knowledge and awareness of the councils methods, procedures and activities.

Despite this fact, a great deal of interest is not shown at all by the villagers. Only a few attend the councils meetings as spectators, and these are usually the same people all the time. Most of these spectators are ex-councillors themselves. The villagers would rather let the Councillor attend to all matters and inform them after the meeting, than go themselves and hear everything firsthand. This attitude should be overcome, and is very slowly, but it is an extremely slow process.

The Council is still thought of as an agency of the central government, but in lesser terms than before. With a continual political education scheme, this also will be overcome.

The system of a separate Council Advisor has made improvements to the council, as well as the Councillors themselves. The fact that the Officer in Charge attends the Council meetings as an observer and not as the Advisor, has encouraged the Councillors to voice their opinions more regularly.

Further talks on this subject in latter patrols will further the Villagers knowledge of their Council.

The SEKOTCHIAU Village group are well behind the other PAGEI Census Division Villagers in their awareness of the Council. At present this is the only Village within this Census Division which is not a member of the Council. It is hoped that at the next Council elections in 1973/74, this Village will become a member of the Council.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS :

Out of the eight(8) Villages within the PAGEI Census Division, seven(7) are represented by four(4) Councillors.

Since the last patrol in this area, the Council has held new elections, in which only two(2) Councillors were reelected.

The Council ors for the Census Division are as follows :

Councillor EWI DABIRI of the APWAMBO/IDOLI Ward.

EWI was one of the two re-elected Councillors, and has been showing promise during the short period of his second term. It is felt that he does not have a great deal of influence amongst his people, but shows promise in the fact that he is not afraid to speak out during the course of meetings.

Councilor SAMI YIBI of the AMOI Ward.

SAMI would probably have the most influence out of the four(4) Councillors from this area. He appears to be always trying to further his knowledge of the Councils activities and ways of bettering his area.

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Councillor NIP WILLI of SONBUI/NAMBES Ward.

NIP is always trying to better his area, but has on occasions gone out of his depth and found himself in difficulties. He is subject to internal pressure from within the people in his Ward. This was evident a week ago when he brought one of his Villagers before the court for breaking a council rule. Prior to the court hearing, he was prepared to act as a witness for the prosecution, at the hearing when he gave evidence he reversed his story completely. Subsequently the defendant got off free.

Councillor TEO POU of the AINBAI/ELIS Ward.

TEO has very little influence within his Ward, and as yet has not made any effect at Council meetings. It is believed that he was elected for the sake of having a Councillor.

Apart from the Councillor for AINBAI/ELIS Ward, all Councillors are making progress and their presence known at meetings. With further education and assistance they could become a driving force in the PAGEI Census Division.

#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The presence of the House of Assembly is known to a certain extent by the Villagers in this area, except for SEKOTCHIAU Village which knows very little about the PAGEI Local Government Council, let alone the House of Assembly.

The House of Assembly is still thought of as the main agency of the central government.

A lengthy talk was given to all villages within the area on the House of Assembly. Subjects such as the method of passing a Law, debating, the connection between the Australian Government and the House of Assembly and a general discussion on the forthcoming House of Assembly elections were covered. Special emphasis was placed on the formation of the BEWANI Open Electorate.

Numerous questions were put forward by the villagers, and on the whole it is felt that they are more aware of the House of Assemblies presence.

#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS :

The opinion of the people from the PAGEI Census Division towards their members is not very high. The Open Electorate Member is yet to make an official visit to this area, and it is believed that he will not before the elections. This area will move out of the West Sepik Coastal Electorate and into the Bewani Open Electorate. So there is basically no need for their present Open Member to worry at all with this area.

The Regional Member has made one or two visits only to this area, and although the opinion of him is slightly higher it is nothing outstanding.

Due to the small amount of population in this area, both members consider it a waste of time to visit PAGEI. This is a pity as the people lose all faith in the House of Assembly.

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## POLITICAL EDUCATION :

A political education talk was given to all villagers during the course of the patrol. The talks became quite lengthy due to the number of subjects discussed and questions asked.

The following topics were covered during the course of the patrol :

1. The role and functions of a Local Government Council.
2. The role and functions of the House of Assembly.
3. The rule of Law.
4. Forthcoming House of Assembly elections and formation of new Rewani Open Electorate.
5. Self-Government and Independence.

The first three(3) topics were for the purpose to refresh the minds of the people. These three(3) have been the basis of nearly all political education talks within this area. A continual process of repeating the same subject over and over, with the addition of several new points, is felt to be the only way to educate the people on these topics. Improvements have been made using this procedure, for the people were asking more detailed questions.

The fourth subject was for the purpose of informing the people that they would no longer be in the West Sepik Coastal Electorate after the elections.

The people showed great interest in this subject, and the fact that they would be voting in a new Electorate, which includes other areas with similar problems to them. They then began discussing about who they would select for their candidate. It was pointed out that it was up to the individual to decide to stand for election, and that after all nominations were received they could select their member at the polls.

It was also pointed out that any person deciding to stand would have to pay a nomination fee before doing so.

The fifth subject was not planned for discussion, but it became apparent that it was necessary after the first Village had been visited.

The majority of the people voiced their fear of self-government and independence, as they felt that they were far from ready for these. I told them that self-government would probably come within the life span of the new House of Assembly. Independence, they were told, would come when the majority of Papua New Guinea wanted it.

They were warned that now was the time for them to build some form of economic development, and not to wait until it was too late.

An interesting point that cropped up in each village during the above talk was, that they could not have self-government or independence until they had factories to build guns and bombs. It was pointed out that it was not necessary to have factories for these items prior to a country gaining self-government or independence. I then went on to explain that items such as these are obtained through trade with another country.

It is felt that the proximity of the West Irian border may have prompted this question.

ECONOMIC.

There is very little economic development in this rather depressed area. The fact that cash crops have been introduced and then later found uneconomical has disillusioned the people somewhat.

CASH CROPS :

Copra as far as can be seen, is the only possible source of economic income that can be derived from this area at present.

The people themselves do not and have not gone out of their way as yet to develop this industry, although the potential is there.

I spoke considerably to the villagers about the possibility of developing this industry, and got them to a stage where they were all in agreement to do something about it. I put the idea to them that the seven(7) Villages with coconut stands should get together and construct one(1) copra dryer between them. The idea was that this could be done for a trial period and if successful more dryers could then be constructed.

When it came to the time to construct the dryer, only the Villagers from SONBUI and NAMBES appeared. These two(2) Villages have gone ahead by themselves and at present have half completed the dryer. The interest shown by these two(2) Villages is encouraging.

I have informed the District Rural Development Officer, VANIMO, of this move, and have received a very good reply. He is willing to come to both PAGEI and OSSIMA every month to purchase all copra produced. They will be paid the same price as in VANIMO with a small amount deducted to go towards the air freight costs to move the copra to VANIMO at a later date. Later if successful, more regular buying trips will be made. This I feel is an excellent opportunity for the people in this area, and they should take every opportunity to benefit from it.

The fact that the other Villages have lost what interest they had, should not deter SONBUI/NAMBES from proceeding ahead. If SONBUI/NAMBES are successful in the venture, I am sure that the others will follow suit.

This attempt to encourage copra should be encouraged as much as possible, despite the fact the copra prices are not at their highest. I am sure that the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries will lose interest in this group if they fail.

Pepper is the only other cash crop being encouraged in this area at present. The people have complained that they have not sufficient vines or education to look after this crop. The length of time between planting and eventually picking the crop, is considered to long and the people lose interest. D.A.S.F. do not appear to be encouraging pepper as much as would be expected, this gives the opinion that they may have decided that this type of crop is also uneconomical.

The people themselves give you the impression that they want a crop that entails the least amount of work, the least amount of care and the biggest turnover. This of course is impossible.

TIMBER :

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The people complain that they cannot develop any economic business due to the fact that they are prohibited from clearing the land. This point affects the people in the KILLMERI Census Division more so than the PAGEI Census Division. But they have a point, and it must be discouraging in a small way.

It is hoped that the timber industry can be started and begin production in the very near future. If this is possible it will open up this area considerably.

#### SOCIAL.

##### EDUCATION :

There is only one(1) school serving the PAGEI Census Division, this being the PAGEI Primary "T" School at PAGEI.

The school is teaching four(4) standards this year, these being, standards 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Enrolment figures are :

Standard one	=	24	Pupils.
"	two	=	25 "
"	three	=	27 "
"	five	=	29 "

Total 105 Pupils.

Out of the total enrolment of 105 students, 58 are male and 47 are female.

The local people are not over keen for their girls to attend school, for once the girls become educated they oppose the local marriage custom. This custom is a sister exchange system, and all the young girls are promised to a male at least 20 years their senior.

##### HEALTH :

A high standard of health exists within the Census Division, with only minor illnesses occurring. The fact that there is a small hospital at PAGEI insures the people of medical treatment. Any major cases are referred to the VANIMO Hospital for treatment.

A monthly infant welfare service is run by the Catholic Mission in VANIMO, their visits to PAGEI are received well by the local population.

##### LAW AND ORDER :

The people in the PAGEI Census Division are generally law abiding, although the last month has seen a series of adultery cases being committed. The main two(2) crimes committed within this area are adultery and riotous behavior.

Recently the PAGEI Local Government Council has begun prosecuting under its Road Maintenance Rule, Truancy Rule and Village Hygiene Rule. This has had an effect on the people and they are now following the council line.

##### MISSIONS :

There are two(2) Missions operating within the PAGEI Census Division, these being the Catholic Mission based at OSSIMA and the Seven Day Adventist Mission with its base at MAPRIK in the East Sepik District.

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Out of the eight villages within the PAGEI Census Division, five(5) are SDA, two(2) are Catholic and SEKOTCHIAU Villages are Lutheran.

The Seven Day Adventist Mission is consolidating its influence within the area, more so than the Catholic Mission who previously had the whole area under their influence.

The Catholic Mission appears quite content to run their Mission Store at PAGEI and keep lay preachers at both AMOI and APWAMBO Villagers without trying to regain lost ground. They also hold a church service near their trade store every Sunday, this is attended by nearly all the station personnel.

The Seven Day Adventist Mission has lay preachers at SONBUI/ NAMBIS, AINBAI/ELIS and IDOLI Villages. They have also constructed a building on native owned land which is used by the SDA Pastor and European Lay Missionaries when they visit the area.

They have one(1) American Lay Missionary and his wife at PAGEI at present, they plan to remain in the area until late December. The principals of the two(2) Missions have a mutual dislike for each other, but this does not apply to the adherents.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

At present both the AINBAI clan group and the ELIS clan group are both living in the one village on the bank of the PUWANI River. Map reference(Grid) WB 159581, marked NEW AINBAI.

The AINBAI clan group now wishes to move to their previous village site. Map reference(Grid) WB 180548, marked OLD AINBAI.

The ELIS clan group wishes the AINBAI clan group to remain in their present place of residence, and have stated that if the AINBAI group does move, then they themselves will also move to their old village site. Map reference(Grid) WB 121630.

If these moves take place it will not be of any good to the Villagers. The AINBAI group claims that their saga stands are near their old village site, and they wish to move closer to these stands.

I went with the Councillor of AINBAI/ELIS to inspect their old village, and personally would not wish to go their again. Their old site is a two and a half(2½) hour walk in the direction of IMONDA. The track was very windy and wet, despite the fact that no rain had fallen for the previous two(2) days. Two(2) Mountain ridges had to be crossed, and the one(1) river crossed three(3) times. At one of the river crossings the water was chest deep, and would be impossible to cross if in flood. Carriers would have very little show of making the distance, for the track is near vertical in several places.

If the AINBAI group does move, they will be leaving behind quite a large coconut stand, a road leading to their present Village, their Mission, the PAGEI Primary "T" School, which is at present within distance for their children to attend, and numerous other benefits.

From information received from other village groups, the main reason why this group wishes to move is so that they will not have as much to do with the government. This may or may not be true.

#### CONCLUSION.

Overall this area has very little future, unless the people show more willingness to develop what economic possibilities they have. This unwillingness could possibly be contributed to

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the continual swapping and changing of cash crops that has taken place within the area. But some of the blame must ly with the people themselves.

The only forseable other possibility is the development of a timber industry within the area, which is believed to be going to be developed within three(3) years.

The political awareness of the people can only be developed with a continual political education program, which is at present being done.

The patrol achieved its aims.

For your information, please.

*I. E. Lewis*  
( I. E. LEWIS. )

PATROL OFFICER.



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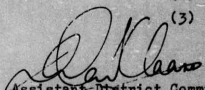
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REPORT NUMBER: PAGE 5 OF 1971/72. PATROL OBJECTS: ROUTINE - SEE ATTACHED.  
 DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK. STATION: PAGEI.  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: N.T. ROBSON, P.O. SUBDISTRICT: VANIMO.  
 AREA PATROLLED: KILIMERI C.D. DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER.  
 DURATION: 12 DAYS. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: TWO POLICE.  
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: FEB- MARCH 1971. NUMBER OF DAYS: TWELVE.  
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: APRIL 1971. TOTAL POP. OF AREA: 2211  
 MAP REFERENCE: FOURMIL VANIMO. COUNCIL AREA: YES, PAGEI L.G.C.  
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: BEWANI.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
 FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL, FOLIOS 6A TO 12 (1)  
 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS (1)  
 THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS (1)  
 SITUATION REPORT NO.1 (3)

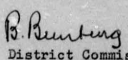
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Assistant District Commissioner.

→ The Secretary,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
 SITUATION REPORT NO.1 (2) ✓  
 DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF  
 PATROL AND REPORT..... ABOVE AVERAGE  
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District Commissioner.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

STATION : PAGEI. OFFICER COMPILING : N.T. ROBSON. P.O.  
DISTRICT : WEST SEPIK. SUB-DISTRICT : VANIMO.  
CENSUS DIVISION : KILIMERI. I.G. COUNCIL : PAGEI.

SUBJECT : ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KILIMERI CENSUS DIVISION.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE. ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Market gardening is a sound idea for the KILIMERI area. It lies in close proximity to VANIMO and will have easy access once the roads have been constructed. It is expected that a road will link OSSIMA and VANIMO by 1974 at the latest, passing through the heart of KILIMERI en route. The actual expertise must be passed on by DASF.

2. Forestry has agreed to release such areas as 'will not affect the timber' and subject to their inspection. This is politically suspect at present. There is no guarantee that Forest's Officers will be available on call and no guarantee that the timber area will not remain idle for another 5 - 10 years. Disillusionment is already setting in and the people cannot understand why they are unable to utilise their land when it was never purchased

3. I support Mr. ROBSON's final paragraph.

ACTION TAKEN :

Road development is already undertaken under R.D.F. proposals. The matter regarding market gardens training is under discussion with the D.R.D.O. (D.A.S.F.). The Department is already fostering copra production but I will request further D.A.S.F. help particularly to encourage this aspect.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
A.D.C.  
25/12/71

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P.O. Box 2396,  
MINNESOTA.

67-16-19/33-2-16

26th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
West Soudk District,  
YANDE.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 3 OF 1971-72.

Your unrefereed memorandum refers.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by  
Mr. H. Robson, Patrol Officer, of the Killisnoo Census Division.

I will take up the matter of the utilization problems in  
the timber area and advise you further.

(S.J. THARSALL)  
S/Commissioner.

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PAGEI PATROL 5 OF 1971/72.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

STATION : PAGEI	OFFICER COMPILING : N.T. ROBSON, P.O.
DISTRICT : WEST SEPIK.	SUBDISTRICT : VANIMO.
CENSUS DIVISION : KILIMERI.	L.G. COUNCIL : PAGEI.

SUBJECT: Economic development, Kilimeri C.D.

The Kilimeri C.D. has the potential for a very sound farming economy, but so far virtually nothing of this has been realised. The area lies in the hills behind Vanimo, and is quite level with good soil and climate. The twenty-mile border quarantine zone line divides the area, and the western section is therefore restricted to certain types of farming only. However, even there the people have two rewarding crops at least to cultivate, copra and market gardens. Despite the old planters' maxim that coconuts thrive only within sight or sound of the sea, palms in the area thrive, and bear quite well enough to support commercial activity. This is not simply a layman's view, but has been acknowledged for years by D.A.S.F. Market gardening can also be a very large money-earner: even at this stage Vanimo can absorb large quantities of fresh produce, and as the town grows with the wood-chip industry will require a great deal more.

In all the discussions I had with the Kilimeri people I ~~xxx~~ found them to be very cash-conscious and impatient to start money-earning activities, not only copra and market gardening but, east of the quarantine line, other types of farming, notably cattle-raising. Two factors at present hold them back, lack of road access to the area, and the timber lease agreement, which prevents the people from clearing any new land.

The problem of road access will soon be solved: \$10,000 has been sought in Rural Development subsidy for the 72/73 financial year, and the project is sufficiently high in priority to be certain of inclusion; the Goldore Timber road already exists to a point half-way between Vanimo and Sosi, the nearest Kilimeri village; so the project is off to a flying start. The people are most enthusiastic about the project and will work willingly, because they are aware of the business opportunities that it will bring.

The people are therefore in the regrettable position of having an imminent road outlet and vast tracts of good land with which to take advantage of it, but, acting perhaps on poor advice, having signed away their right to clear any new land. It is idle to suggest that they clear any untimbered sections they may find: what untimbered land there is is unsuitable for any form of agriculture.

During the patrol I was asked by many people when the timber contract would be given and work start, and whether in the meantime they could clear some areas. A number of men have completed their training at the thriving cattle project at Ossima mission, and are ready to start their own stations; many people ~~xxxxxxxx~~ from the cluster of villages around Isi and Oool are keen to plant coconuts now that the possibility of a road outlet has become a reality; and as soon as the road is within striking distance many men want to start market gardens. All I could tell them was that at present they had no right to cut down any timber, but that we were aware of the problem and that efforts were being made in Vanimo to arrange a solution. This gave them little cheer.

The matter is brought to Headquarters attention so that the Forestry Department may be approached regarding some concessions in the matter. In my view it ~~is~~ requires urgent action - the people are already impatient with the Administration, and the matter will come to a head at the latest when work on the road gets under way. The Kilimeris are an energetic group who no longer wish to remain subsistence forest dwellers. Their area has the potential to play a very useful part in the Territory's economy, and it is essential that the people now be given the opportunity to start clearing some land. The effect on

the huge area of the Vanimo timber purchase will be negligible.

(N.T. ROBSON)  
20/12/1971.

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 6 of 71/72. OBJECTS OF PATROL: As attached.  
 DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK. STATION: PAGEI.  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: I.E. LEWIS DISTRICT VANIMO.  
 AREA PATROLLED: IMBIO. C.D. DESIGNATION: PATROL OFFICER.  
 DURATION OF PATROL: 13/1/72 to 20/1/72. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: W. MASON. TPO.  
 LAST D.A.A. PATROL: 2 POLICE.  
 OCT/NOV 1970. NUMBER OF DAYS: EIGHT.  
 LAST C.I.L.G. PATROL: APRIL, 71. TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 661  
 MAP REFERENCE: COUNCIL AREA: YES. PAGEI L.G.C.  
 BORDER SPECIAL SHEET. 1. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: BEWANI.

The District Commissioner,  
 West Sepik District,

VANIMO.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, folios *64 to 66*, (1)
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, (3)
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (1)
- AREA STUDY, (-)
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, (3)
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - (3)
- PATROL MAP, (-)

DATE *21/2/1972*

*[Signature]*  
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 Division of District Administration,  
 KINEDOU, Papua.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY, {
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, {
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S 1 - ..... {
- To bring Report Mr. Mason TPO*
- ..... {
- DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF
- PATROL & REPORT .....

ABOVE AVERAGE ✓  
 AVERAGE  
 BELOW AVERAGE

*[Signature]*  
 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE / / 19....



POPULATION.

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DATE OF CENSUS	VILLAGE	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				GRAND Total
		CHILD (under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
18.1.72	IMBIO.1.	33	30	29	38	2	3	10	3	148
18.1.72	IMBIO.2.	26	18	28	26	4	3	3	2	110
14.1.72	IMBRINIS	35	32	43	38	-	-	5	1	154
17.1.72	SAMARAU	5	6	9	5	4	2	11	5	47
15.1.72	SUMUMINI	27	19	37	24	-	-	-	-	107
16.1.72	YO	16	15	29	28	1	-	5	1	95

DDH 67-16-25

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
Division of District Administration,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

Telegrams  
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Mr. GALL

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 67-3-11

10th May, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 6 - 1971/72

Your memorandum 67-16-25 dated 10th April, 1972,  
refers.

The map to accompany the area study amendment is  
enclosed.

*B. Bunting*  
(B. BUNTING)  
District Commissioner.

*Map on Area Study file.*

*Mrs. Shirley Dene*

P.O. Box 2396,  
KOHEDOHU.

67-16-25

10th April, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VAHIMO.

PAGEU PATROL NO. 6-71/72.

Reference your minute 67-3-11 of 28th March, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of the IMBOD/Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. I.E. Lewis, Patrol Officer.

The matter of the proposed cattle project at EGRINE is being taken up under separate memorandum.

Please note that copies of the patrol diary and Patrol Instructions are not required at this Headquarters. No map accompanied the Area Study amendments.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION  
5 APR 1972  
KORNEGAN

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in this respect.

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*B. Bunting*  
(B. BUNTING)  
District Commissioner.  
*BB*

Minute To:

→ The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KORNEGAN

The above refers.

Two copies of the relevant parts of the report are forwarded herewith.

*B. Bunting*  
(B. BUNTING)  
District Commissioner.  
*BB*

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,  
TRAIL.

Mr. J. E. Lewis,  
Patrol Post,  
GREEN RIVER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION  
5 APR 1972  
KOROROE

DM 67-16-25

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(B. BUNTING)  
District Commissioner.  
*PLS*

c.c. ~~Office-in-Charge,~~  
PAEL.

Mr. I. B. Lewis,  
Rural Post,  
GREEN RIVER.

Division of District Administration,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

CALL

67-3-11

28th March, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

P. GBI PATROL REPORT NO. 6-1271/72 HOBLO  
GENUUS DIVISION

Documentation arising out of the above patrol is acknowledged with thanks.

My comments are as follows:-

- 1) When commenting upon situation reports, please follow the format accompanying Headquarters Circular memorandum 67-1-0 dated 25th November, 1971. In many cases a situation report becomes an action document and comments thereon should not be included with *given report* patrol report comments.
- 2) Thank you for the training report, submitted by Mr. Hanson. One omission in his report was a signature at the end.
- 3) Apart from the timber development tie - up of land, draw backs to development in the Fagel area are (a) guidance in agriculture cash cropping and (b) transport of produce to Vanimo. Concerning (a) please liaise with the District Rural Development Officer, Vanimo, and the Fagel Local Government Council, with a view to 1 *and 2 now now* being trained in Agricultural work to overcome the lack of Departmental staff in this District. Then under the guidance of the District Rural Development Officer, they can assist with Copra Drier construction, coconut plantation spacing and clearing, copra production and quality and its preparation for market.

Concerning point (b) until the Fagel/Vanimo road is constructed and in use, can copra be moved from Imbrinis and Ossina to Vanimo by canoe during the South East season. I would refer to the up-graded area study accompanying the report at section "Communications"

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Department of the Administrator,  
 Department of the Administration,  
 West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

Station: PAGAII  
 District: WEST SEPIK  
 Census Division: IMBIO, PAGAII LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Officer compiling: I.E. LEWIS P.O.  
 Sub District: VANIMO

Subject: PROPOSED CATTLE PROJECT - IMBRINIS

District Office,  
VANIMO.

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received:  
 22nd February, 1972.

The PagaII area provides a developing political situation and concern by the local people at the static nature of the proposed timber industry development which ties up their land and precludes its use for other fields of economic development in cash cropping (copra, pepper) and cattle.

They also view with concern and disfavour the twenty mile border quarantine zone, the implications of which they do not fully appreciate.

At Ossima Catholic Mission, there is an established agricultural training centre which emphasises the management of cattle.

The Imbrinis people (Imbio Census Division) are prepared to sell adequate land from their considerable holdings (outside the quarantine zone) to the PagaII Local Government Council, for use by local persons trained through the Ossima Mission in cattle management. This would enable people living within the quarantine zone to participate in the development of the area cattle industry. The Catholic Mission, Ossima, are not interested in the business management of these projects, as they are concentrating their resources on the training aspect.

By dint of Council proprietorship of the land in the first instance 4  
 important factors evolve.

1. There would not be the time consuming delays (viz Pes Aitape 6 years) caused by individual blocks being advertised through the Land Board, giving cognisance to other Territory Land development priorities, time and costs of surveys etc and the far more sophisticated nature of this type of exercise and transaction.
2. The land, blocks and cattle development would be controlled by PagaII people and not by outsiders.
3. There would not be the minimal time limitation on land holdings (eg 30 years) which advertised blocks by the Land Board might carry and which at the time of maturity might jeopardise a family's established holding, investment and development when the original land owner is given the option to resume ownership.
4. The status of the council would be enhanced; it would be an exercise in the local delegation of authority to select applicants and control their activities with respect to the land; and the Imbrinis people wished it to be handled through the council to ensure that usage of the land was retained unto PagaII people and not "foreigners".

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This original proposal was apparently stymied by conflicting views of what was "Departmental Policy" within Agriculture Department as to local government participation in this type of venture.

Subsequently it was suggested that an Administration panel select applicants for blocks prepared in accordance with Land Board determination under full survey etcetera. This of course precluded local delegated authority of control; the Mission refused a suggestion that they control the scheme, and the Imbrinia people were perturbed that "foreigners" would acquire access to their land contrary to their desires, intentions and interests.

Then later again it was suggested that direct contractual arrangement for use of land be negotiated between land owner and applicant. Whereas this satisfied Development Bank requirements for loan approval, it did not accord with Territory Land Laws.

Thus the situation has remained in a state of flux 3 years since the idea was originated.

Another restricting feature has been the limitations in land usage imposed by the proposed timber development. It would appear that this has now been overcome and that by application to the Director of Forests, permission can be gained to utilise parcels of land for developmental purposes other than timber.

This is a most important concession which will considerably improve area/administration relations, and its application with respect to this long sought cattle venture, would be a very sound move.

It would appear the Council will approach the Director of Forests to gain permission to use this land for cattle production.

Could you support this please? And could the Commissioner of Local Government and the Director of Agriculture liaise with a view to overcoming the deadlock with respect to what lines the cattle industry development will follow. In most respects it would appear the peoples wish and proposal that it be done through the Pagei Local Government Council would be the most desirable in the various facets it covers.

*B. Bunting*  
(B. BUNTING)  
District Commissioner.

29th March, 1972. *P35*

c.c. District Local Government Officer, VANIMO.  
Assistant District Commissioner, VANIMO.  
Officer-in-Charge, PAGEI.



SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

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STATION : PAGEI. OFFICER COMPILING : I. E. LEWIS. P.O.  
DISTRICT : WEST SEPIK. SUB-DISTRICT : VANIMO.  
CENSUS DIVISION : IMBIO. L. G. COUNCIL : PAGEI L. G. C.

SUBJECT : PROPOSED CATTLE PROJECT - IMBRINIS.

For quite some time now the idea of setting up a cattle project near IMBRINIS Village in the IMBIO Censu Division has been struggling to get off the ground.

It is proposed to purchase approximately 750 acres of land near IMBRINIS, which the people are willing to sell, and divide the land into blocks for use by successful students from the OSSIMA Agricultural School. The OSSIMA Agricultural School is run by the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA with Brother JAMES of the Mission in charge. The school trains suitable boys from the PAGEI Administrative Area, of which five(5) are from the IMBIO Censu Division, in the successful business of the cattle industry.

The whole of the IMBIO Censu Division, and especially the proposed cattle project site, is outside of the twenty(20) mile Quarantine zone. Thus making the area suitable for cattle.

The idea is that the Administration could purchase the land and either lease it to the Catholic Mission or to the PAGEI Local Government Council as a council project.

At present the cattle industry at OSSIMA is unable to expand due to land shortages near OSSIMA. The IMBRINIS people own a considerable amount of land and in selling the proposed site to the Administration, no land shortage would exist.

Cattle appear to be very successful at OSSIMA and with D.A.S.F. and Mission assistance, the IMBRINIS project could and probably would be a success, thus opening up this area.

The project is presently being hampered by Administration red tape.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.

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D. van RC/lmw :

Division of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

21st. January, 1972.

Mr. I. E. Lewis,  
Patrol Officer,  
Patrol Post,  
PAGEI.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 6 - IMBIO C.D.

1. Please depart as soon as practicable on a Routine Administration and Census Patrol to the IMBIO Census Division.
2. Take time to ascertain the general thought trends of the people and advise them on any matters that may cause concern.
3. Pay all outstanding N.M.T.A., timber and other payments. Do not carry out any Political Education as this Patrol is too near the Election period and we do not want discussion on political subjects to be misconstrued.
4. Mr. W. MASON, T.P.O. will accompany you for training purposes. On your return have him submit a Patrol Report as under the old format for assessment by Headquarters. Your own Report will follow the new format as recently laid down.
5. For your information, please.

(D. van R. CLAASEN).

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

AREA STUDY REVISION.

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(b) POPULATION.

(i) Village Census Register is attached.  
No neo-natal deaths were recorded during the course of the patrol.  
The migrations out of SURUMINI to the IMONDA Patrol Post area are official. These people are now included in the IMONDA Census books.

(ii) All villages are connected by a good system of walking tracks. No roads have been constructed within the area.

(iii) There are now approximately 1000 people within the village division, with at least the 1:1 ratio in each village.  
The most popular religion is undoubtedly Hinduism which is widely heard and a considerable proportion of the population are converts.  
The only interest shown in newspapers is for working purposes. School children are occasionally given books when these are available.

(f) LITERACY.

(i) Mission catechists run village schools IMBRINIS, and IMBIO No.1. Both these schools are run by the Catholic Mission based at OSSIMA, and teach standard one. The Seven Day Adventist Mission had previously run a small school at SUMUMINI Village, but this was closed down earlier this year when the mission pulled out of the area. Approximately fifty-five(55) students from this area are attending the Catholic Mission school at OSSIMA which is presently teaching all standards. Three(3) students are attending the S.D.A. School at AMBUNTI, but with the mission pulling out of the area this figure may drop even further. Five(5) young men are attending the OSSIMA Agricultural Centre.

(ii) There are now approximately thirty(30) young adult males who are literate in Pidgin English, and two(2) mission catechists literate to a certain degree in English.

(iii) No-one has received higher education and none are absent at such schools at present.

(iv) There are now approximately ten(10) radios within the Census Division, with at least one(1) radio in each village. The most popular station is undoubtedly Radio Wewak which is widely heard and a reasonable reception exists. The only interest shown in newspapers is for smoking purposes. School children do occasionally read books when these are available.

(g) STANDARD OF LIVING.

(i) Housing standards are reasonable with some rebuilding being carried out, there are a few houses which should be replaced at IMBIO No.3. as there condition is not of the highest standard.

Sanitation is fair except for both IMBIO No.3. and SAMARARU Villages which have numerous flies, with IMBIO No.1. as well.

Clothing is clean and are in a plentiful supply, with only small children preferring to go naked. European artefacts such as saucepans, pots, spoons and cups are in a plentiful supply. Other, more expensive items, are not in existance due to the low income of the area.

The staple diet of the people is sago, with wild pigs, birds and cassawory meat also being consumed when available. Gardens consisting of sweet potato, Taro and bananas are also keep.

(ii) There are no community organisations within the area.

The SAMARARU people received a check from the S.S.A. Mission in 1964 for the area. An additional sum was contributed by the villagers for nearby the S.S.A. District affairs, but this has not reached a stage where it is of any importance.

(h) MISSIONS.

- (i) All villages with the Census Division, except SUMUMINI, adhere to the Catholic Mission with its base at OSSIMA. SUMUMINI Village up until this year had a Seven Day Adventist catechist living with them. At the start of this year the S.D.A. catechists was pulled out of the area and transferred to AMBUNTI in the East Sepik District. No replacement has been sent by the S.D.A. Mission and it is now certain that no replacement will be sent. There has been rumours that SUMUMINI Village may change over and follow the Catholic Mission religion.
- (ii) IMBRINIS, IMBIO No.1. and YO Villages have local catechists who run prep schools and church services. There are no european personnel based in the census division, but visit are made regularly by the Father based at OSSIMA.
- (iii) The services provided by the Catholic Mission at OSSIMA are excellant and well received by the villagers of the area. Educational, Agricultural and medical facilities are supplied by the mission.  
 The SUMUMINI people received quite a shock when the S.D.A. Mission decided to pull out of the area. An airstrip was constructed by the villages for use by the S.D.A. Mission aircraft, but this has now reached a stage where it is of no further use. The strip was originally 400 feet long and was built for S.D.A. aircraft.

(j) COMMUNICATIONS.

(i) Roads :

There are no roads to date within the Census Division. All patrolling has been on foot across well cleared tracks. The low population of the area would make any road building uneconomical at this stage. The only chance of any road construction within the area relies on the Timber Industry going ahead.

(ii) Sea or Water :

The present river system within the area allows for canoe travel to VANIMO from IMBRINIS, SAMARAU, OSSIMA and in times of a high river level possibly IMBIO No.1. and IMBIO No.3.

The villagers at SAMARAU are the only group in the area who possess a canoe and outboard motor. Their outboard motor is presently in VANIMO for repairs. The canoe can carry a maximum of twelve(12) persons, and when repairs are completed a small charter service will be available.

(iii)

Air :

The only airstrip that was in operation in the Census Division was at SUMUMINI. The strip is now unoperational due to erosion taking place at the western end. The strip was originally 1400 feet long which was below DCA standards.

(1) THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

The people of the area are aware of the House of Assemblies presence but are not aware of its function and place in the government system. The still consider that the House of Assembly, whilst having members elected by them, is controlled by the big District Commissioner in PORT MORESBY.

The Census Division is incorporated in the PAGEI Local Government Council area. The knowledge of the Councils functions and workings is a lot better known by the villagers than the central government is.

Only by further Political Education can this be overcome.

(12) There are no representatives in the area... (13) The village... (14) The village...

There were 10 families:

- LESLIE
- MURPHY
- SMITH

An increase of approximately 25% could be allowed on top of this rate for increase in income.

- (15) The present council tax rate is 10%... (16) The average tax... (17) The village... (18) The village...



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(90) There are no administrative arrangements in the area. The first of these is the absence of a local council. The second is the absence of a local court. The third is the absence of a local police force. The fourth is the absence of a local health service. The fifth is the absence of a local education system.

(91) The area is a very remote one and is the only one of its kind in the Territory. It is a very small area and is very sparsely populated. It is a very primitive area and is very backward. It is a very poor area and is very dependent on the Government for its needs. It is a very isolated area and is very difficult to reach. It is a very important area and is very valuable to the Territory.

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An increase of administrative services could be allowed on top of this if the Government is prepared to do so.

(93) The present average per capita income is 1000 per year which is 250 cents per year. This is a very low income and is very dependent on the Government for its needs. It is a very poor area and is very dependent on the Government for its needs. It is a very isolated area and is very difficult to reach. It is a very important area and is very valuable to the Territory.

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(m) ECONOMY.

(i) There are only one(1) type of economic tree growing in the area at present, these being coconuts. These are still being used as a source of food. No copra is being produced by the people. Some pepper plantings have been made by D.A.S.F. but these are not producing at this early stage.

(ii) No production at present.

(iii) Wage earnings :

Carriers payments.	\$200 app. per year.
Labour at PAGEI Station.	500
Payment of six(6) monthly interest on timber lease payment invested.	3520
	<u>\$4220</u>

Total cash earnings per year \$4220 approximately.

(iv) There are no outstanding entrepreneurs in the area. YANI YAFI at SURUMINI Village is being a trade store owner, but as yet he has not shown very much success. The SAMARARU Villages have a name for being great savers of money, and are presently putting this money to use.

(v) No accurate record of bank accounts in the area could be obtained, as a great majority of the people from SAMARARU, IMBIO No.1. and IMBIO No.3. were in VANIMO. Several villagers from IMBRINIS were at OSSIMA at the time of my visit. It is estimated that the figures given in the 1970 Area Study would still be accurate, with only a possible increase having taken place.

These were as follows :

IMBRINIS	67.00	} Individual accounts.
SURUMINI	24.00	
SAMARARU	274.00	
	+715.00	
	+125.00	
IMBIO Nos. 1&3.	89.00	
	<u>\$1292.00</u>	

An increase of approximately \$200.00 could be allowed on top of this figure for increases in accounts.

(vi) The present council tax rate is \$5.00 for male adults and .50 cents for adult females. This is an increase of \$2.00 for adult males since 1969. There were only four(4) Tax Defaulters brought before the court, but all these managed to pay their fines within the specified time.

(vii) The average per capita income figure is \$6.50. The figure per capita in SAMARARU Village would be greatly higher, whilst at YO Village the figure would be lower. Most villages except SAMARARU spend their money at the local trade store.

(viii) Marketing facilities are at OSSIMA and VANIMO. The Catholic Mission at OSSIMA will purchase vegetables and other vege-

(m) ECONOMY. (CONTINUED).

(viii) tables and market goods can be taken to VANIMO. SAMARARU and the two(2) IMBIC Villages sell quite a bit of produce in VANIMO at the WATERSTONE Village market. If the SAMARARU motorised canoe becomes operative again a greater amount of produce will be sold in VANIMO.

The people are pleased to have their canoe and to have an outlet for their produce. The people of SAMARARU and the two IMBIC Villages are pleased to have their produce taken to VANIMO. The people are pleased to have their produce taken to VANIMO. The people are pleased to have their produce taken to VANIMO.

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(n) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING ECONOMY.

- (i) Market gardening is slowly making ground within the Census Division.  
The people are growing Pawpaws, Bananas, some Sweet Corn, and Sweet Potatoes. These are being sold in VANIMO, but the people are reluctant to go into market gardening on a larger scale.
- (ii) Within the Sub-District wage earnings cannot be increased. The people have complained in the PAGEI Local Government Council about people from the LUHI Sub-District coming to VANIMO and taking all the jobs. Little can be done about this, as you cannot restrict a persons movement, unless by court order. The people are reluctant to leave their area and go and work as contract labourers, therefore cash from wages will not increase.
- (iii) Copra will continue to remain the only type of economic crop that has a chance of succeeding with in the area. Pepper has been planted by D.A.S.F., but as yet this has not been successful in producing. A good Teak stand has grown at YO Village, and should be kept in mind if reforestation takes place after the Timber Industry moves in.
- (iv) An effort concentrating on copra should continue to be encouraged within the area. Several copra Dryers have been constructed, but as yet have not been used. If the SAMARARU canoe comes into operation again a means of transporting the copra to VANIMO will exist, therefore meaning the people will have no excuse for not producing. D.A.S.F. have also stated that they are prepared to fly to OSSIMA Mission Station, at least once a month to purchase any copra which the villagers wish to sell. Pepper should also continue to be encouraged as an economic crop. Only the above ~~is~~ should be encouraged as the people would be unable to cope with any more.  
The cattle small holding scheme at IMBRINIS is still under consideration and has been for the last three(3) years. If the project ever gets of the ground it will give a further source of income to the area, and possibly the most successful.
- (v) The people are prepared to work hard on any project which offers them a source of income. However concentration should be only on Copra, Pepper and Cattle, rather than the swapping and changing of crops which has previously existing.

(o) ATTITUDE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The people appear to have completely accepted the presence of the PAGEI Local Government Council. The council exists on a low income and the people realise that it is restricted in the projects that it can undertake.

The council has now constructed a second council chamber at OSSIMA, with the view of alternating between council chambers every second meeting, thus giving villagers in a wider area a chance of attending a council meeting as an observer.

The system of a permanent council advisor has had a good effect on the council, and is now accepted by the villagers.

(p) ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

The people are slowly understanding the Central Government, but only to a certain extent. They still accept their theory that the Central Government ends in VANIMO and that the House of Assembly is a meeting place for their members, who receive a briefing from the Administration on what policies they are to follow.

The degree of awareness varies according to the person speaking. Some villagers who have left their area to work in other Districts have a slightly greater awareness of the Government than the normal villager. This has become evident through discussions with individuals when they visit the station.

A continuing process of Political Education appears to be the only answer, but this was deleted from the patrol due to the closeness of the House of Assembly elections.

Department of Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
PAGEI.  
West Sepik District.  
24th January, 1972.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1972/73.

STATION: PAGEI.

SUB-DISTRICT: VANIMO.

DISTRICT: WEST SEPIK.

PATROL NUMBER: 6 of 1972/73.

AREA PATROLED: IMBIO Census Division.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: I.E. LEWIS Patrol Officer &  
W. MASON Trainee Patrol Officer.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: Const. 1/C 1454 MATAGA  
Const. 1/C 0733 KHALBI.

DURATION OF PATROL: 13/1/72 to 20/1/72.

NUMBER OF DAYS: 7 1/2 days.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: 4/5/71 to 12/5/71.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL: 1. Routine Administration.  
2. Census Revision.  
3. N.M.T.A. Payments.

MAP REFERENCE: BORDER (SPECIAL) SHEET NO. I.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6, OF 1972/73. (2)

PATROL DIARY.

January 1972.

Thursday 13th

101. Departed Fagei on a tractor for Amoi cillage. Arrived in Amoi at 1045, met the carries and left for Imbrinis, 1225. Arrived at Amoi old garden site, 1245 departed the old garden and arrived in Taro at 1340 after being met by heavy rain, set up tents and camped there for the night.  
The track from Amoi to Taro was bushy and some parts swampy.

Friday 14th

Departed Taro for Imbrinis 0725. Arrived Imbrinis 1140. met by the committee. 1425 Census Revision was carried out and completed by 1600. From 1630 to 1800, had discussion and heard complains from the people.  
From Taro the road was generally reasonable.

Saturday 15th

0745. Departed Imbrinis for Sumumini. Arrived Sumumini at 1140. 1425 Census Revision was conducted and was completed by 1600. Discussions and heard complains from 1630 to 1800 with the people.  
The road was quite reasonably good. The village was tidy and clean.

Sunday 16th

Left Sumumini for Yo, 0740. Arrived Yo at 1010 after a hard walk up a mountain. 1345 Carried out Census Revision, 1450 Census Revision completed, 1500 Discussions with the people and heard a complain about marriage. Slept.

The road very mountainous but clean.

Monday 17th

The patrol departed Yo for Sumaruru, 1005 had a short rest at a creek. At 1029 left the creek; with the road in good condition the patrol left the carriers behind and arrived in Sumaruru by 1210. The carries arrived in Sumaruru by 1405. 1600 Census Revision was conducted, 1620 Census Revision completed. From 1630 to 1700, had discussions with the people of Sumaruru. Slept.  
Track from Yo was reasonable.

Tuesday 18th

0740. Departed Sumaruru and arrived in Imbio No.2, 0825. 0900 conducted Census Revision and 1005. completed Census Revision. 1010 Discussion until 11200. 1220 Departed Imbio No.2. and walked to Imbio No.1. The patrol arrived Imbio No.1. and carried out Census Revision 1600. 1650 Finished Census Revision. 1700 to 1830 discussions and heard complains with the people. Slept.

Village and tracks good.

Wednesday 19th

0715. Departed Imbio No.1. for Ossima. Arrived and was met by the council of Imbrinis where the Imbio and Imbrinis tracks met 0920. Left the tracks junction at 0953. and arrived in Ossima by 1225. At 1700 the patrol paid the people their money from the Native Money Trust Account. 1900 talked with the Catholic Mission Brothers, then slept at Ossima.  
The road from Imbio and Imbrinis was reasonable.

Thursday 20th

0635 Departed Ossima for Fagei, arrived Awo village 0745 met by the council, told the council to change carriers when they arrive. 0750 Left Awo village and arrived Isi village 0835. The patrol departed Isi village at 0850 and with the road in good condition from Isi we were able to get to Fagei by 1135.

The road condition from Ossima to Awo village was very swampy and wet almost all the way but from Isi village to Fagei was reasonably good.

The End of the Patrol.



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Department of Administration,  
Division of District Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
PAGEI,  
West Sapik District.  
24th January, 1972.

PAGEI PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1972/73

Introduction.

The patrol was led by Patrol Officer Ian Lewis and the objects were to carry out Census Revision, pay the people their money from the Native's Money Trust Account and Routine Administration. It is also to give me more training on the job.

Census & Health.

It is very bad that one of the main reasons why the population in the area is very low is because of poor health conditions. In some villages after counting, the number of people have either decreased or ~~decreased~~ very lightly. (eg. In Iu the population only increased about 2 people from the last Census Revision). One of the cause of this happenings, I think is because of sick dogs being around in the villages instead of being killed. In Imbio No. 2, the Census Revision showed 6 deaths in one year which is very high and in Sumararu the population have decreased, that I think is either because of people migrating out or people dying. The other reason I think which caused high deaths rates in the area is that the diet of the people is not right, they seem to have more starchy food than mixed food. This I suggest that the Administration should send an health officer with any patrol that goes to the area to advise the people to have proper diet.

So far the only village which is more densely populated in the area is Imbrinis.

Routine Administration.

During the patrol I also looked into other things. From my own view I think that education has had a small progress because in almost every village in the area there is a classroom where classes are held. The teacher (whom the people called KATIKIS) teaches the children, this I don't think is very formal classes. There are very few children from the area attending Primary School at either Pagei or Ossima.

The patrol also took the money from the Native's Money Trust Account to pay the people, this was not the real aim of the patrol but it was to make it easy for the people from walking to Pagei. The payments were made to the following villages: IMBRINIS, SUMARARU, IMBIO No. 2, IMBIO No. 1., and OSSIMA.

There were only few complains, minor ones were settled and serious were told to come to Pagei.

The villages were almost all tidy and clean, road tracks were generally reasonable.

Conclusion.

To conclude I would like to stress the points that health condition in the area is very poor because of the fact that of sick dogs and diet not right and very little progress in education.

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 8 of 1971/72      OBJECTS OF PATROL: House Of Assembly Elections.

DISTRICT: West Sepik.      STATION: Pagei.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: N.L. Mitchell.      SUB-DISTRICT: Vanimo.

AREA PATROLLED: Pagei Admin. Area.      DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer.

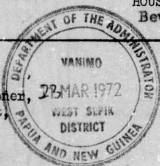
DURATION OF PATROL: 22/2 - 5/3/72.      PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: Admin. Teacher, Pagei L.G. Council Clerk, 2 Policemen.

LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 12 - 20/1/72.      NUMBER OF DAYS: 13.

LAST O.L.G. PATROL: 14 - 24/4/71.      TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 3580.

MAP REFERENCE: Border (Special) Sheet 1.      COUNCIL AREA: Pagei L.G. Council.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: Bewani.



The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,

VANIMO

- In respect of this patrol, I attach FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, folios 55 to 87, (1)
- PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, (-)
- THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (3)
- AREA STUDY, (4)
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, (4)
- SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 2 (3)
- PATROL MAP, (4)
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DATE 22/3/1972

*[Signature]*  
Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOFU, Papua.

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- AREA STUDY, ( )
- UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, ( )
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- DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF PATROL & REPORT .....

ABOVE AVERAGE ✓  
AVERAGE  
BELOW AVERAGE

DATE 1/4/1972

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

JAW:MG

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDORU.

67-16-26

3rd May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VANUATU.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 8-1971/72.

Reference your 67-3-11 of the 11th April.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above Patrol of the Pagei Administrative Area, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. N.L. Mitchell, Patrol Officer.

The proposed Pagei Local Government Council project is currently being examined by the Commissioner for Local Government and will be taken up in separate correspondence with you.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

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Minute



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→ The Secretary,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 KOREA.

The above refers.

Two copies of the relevant parts of the report are forwarded herewith.

*B. Bunting*  
 (B. BUNTING)  
 District Commissioner  
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c.c. Officer-in-Charge,  
PAEPI.

Division of District Administration,  
West Sepik District,  
VANUATU.

GAIL

67-3-11

11th April, 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
West Sepik District,  
VANUATU.

PAGE PATROL REPORT NO. 8 - 1971/72 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
ELECTIONS

Your 67-1-4 dated 23rd March, 1972, refers.

Thank you for the documentation arising out of the above mentioned patrol.

The patrol was well conducted, objectives achieved and the election concluded without incident.

Your covering comments on general and situation reports are noted.

*B. Hunting*  
(B. HUNTING)  
District Commissioner.

*RSB*

Division of District Administration,  
West Sepik District,  
VANIMO.

GAIL

87-3-11

11th April, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

District Office: VANIMO                      Assessment      District Commissioner  
Date Received: 23rd March, 1972.

SUBJECT: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - 1972

No further action is required and the Assistant District Commissioner, Vanimo, in his 67-1-4 dated 23rd March, 1972 has adequately commented on the elections.

The disposition of the four polling booths for the Tabei area and three thousand people is inadequate.

*B. Buning*  
(B. BUNING)  
District Commissioner.

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11th April, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

District Office: VANIMO Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received: 23rd March, 1972.

SUBJECT: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - 1972

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*B. Bunting*  
(B. BUNTING)  
District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT NO.8/71-72.SITUATION REPORT NO. 1.

STATION.....Pagei.....OFFICER COMPILING N.L.Mitchell.....  
 DISTRICT.....West Sepik.....SUB-DISTRICT.....Vanimo.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION.....Pagei,Kilimeri.....L.G.COUNCIL.....Pagei.....  
 & Imbio.

SUBJECT: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - 1972.

The 1972 House Of Assembly Election Patrol for the Pagei area of the Bewani Open Electrate was conducted from the 19th February to the 5th March, 1972. Polling was carried out at Pagei Patrol Post, Ossima, Imbio No.1 and Summini villages.

Approximately 65 percent of all the eligible voters in the area attended the poll. The percentage was slightly lower than expected, but it was pointed out to the writer that a large number of people, particularly from the Kilimeri Census Division were absent, working in Vanimo. Of the voters attending, approximately 48 percent were females. A keen interest was shown in the Elections and a large proportion of the eligible younger voters attended. Although the greater majority of the people required assistance to vote, they were fully aware of the issues involved and were decisive in naming the candidates of their choice.

In all instances, throughout the area, polling was quiet and orderly. There were no untoward incidents.

Signature.....  
 Date.....20th March, 1972.....



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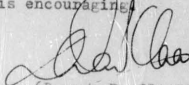
The District Commissioner,  
District Headquarters,  
VANIMO. N.S.D.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 8 - 1971/72.  
SITUATION REPORT

NO. 1.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 1972.

1. No further action is required.
2. The figures are of interest. The slightly lower poll could be due in part to the low number of polling booths, i.e., four for the whole area of three thousand people.
3. Female interest was lower than that shown in VANIMO.
4. The political awareness of the people in the local electoral situation is encouraging.



(D. van R. CLAASSEN).

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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11th April, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

District Officer: WANIMO. Assessment District Commissioner

Date received: 23rd March, 1972

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic development in the Papei area is a matter of some concern.

With respect to the three areas of activity mentioned in the situation report:

- (1) A second Field Staff Officer is posted at Papei with the specific aim of ensuring that full <sup>time</sup> guidance of road extension and construction work is available within the financial availability of rural development funds.
- (2) The Papei area cattle projects are deadlocked with respect to lines along which the cattle industry development will follow. My comments to you covering situation report No. 1 of Papei patrol report No. 6 - 1971/72 refers, and your advice is awaited.
- (3) Development of the Wanimo/Papei area timber industry is, of course, out of our hands.

*B. Bunting*  
(B. BUNTING)  
District Commissioner

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PATROL REPORT NO.8/71-72.SITUATION REPORT NO. 2.

STATION..... Pagei .....OFFICER COMPILING N.L.Mitchell.....  
 DISTRICT..... West Sepik .....SUB-DISTRICT Vanimo.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION..... Pagei,Kilimari .....L.G.COUNCIL..... Pagei.....  
 & Imbio.

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

During the course of the Patrol the writer was constantly reminded of the need for economic development within the Pagei area.

The three main topics on the minds of the people at the moment are;

1. A road linking Pagei and Ossima to Vanimo.
2. Expansion of the small scale cattle projects in the Ossima - Imbrinis area.
3. Some form of development in the long awaited and promised Timber Industry for this area.

All the above topics have been fully documented in recent Patrol Reports and follow up reports. Therefore it is not proposed to duplicate previous efforts. But it should be noted that the people are becoming increasingly disenchanted with the whole situation.

It should also be noted that now Mr.Bewa Fou of Krisa Village has been elected to the House Of Assembly as the Member for the Bewani Open Electorate, it can be anticipated that the whole question of economic development within this electorate, will be brought before the House in the very near future.

Signature .....

Date ..... 20 th. March, 1972.....

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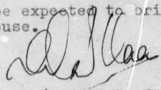
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VANIMO. W.S.D.

PAGEI PATROL NO. 8/1971-72.

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

1. This subject has been fully documented both under my 6/1/9 file and Patrol Reports. Comments on the PAGEI area. The question has also been laid fully before the Economic Intelligence Unit survey.
2. It may be expected that the PAGEI Local Government Council will take steps to foster the embryo cattle projects in the OSOIMA/IMBRINIS area with active assistance in settling land ownership/distribution problems.
3. The road project VANIMO-OSOIMA-PAGEI is already planned for under a Five Year Rural Development Programme. The initial VANIMO-OSOIMA Section has received a high priority rating for next year's programme.
4. The Timber Development Project must perforce, wait upon a suitable developer.
5. Mr. BEWA TOU may be expected to bring the above matter before the House.



(D. van E. CLAABEN).

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.