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WEST SEPIK DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971 - 1972

TELEFOMIN

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-71-72	B.H. FISCHER	Part Atbalmin, Part West-Mianmen, and Part Upper-August River C.D.
2-71-72	M.L. WATKINS	Eliptamin C.D.
3-71-72	----	Report at District HQ only.
4-71-72	A.J. HAZELWOOD	Part West Mianmin C.D., Part Upper August C.D.
5-71-72	P. SIREH	Part Urapmin-Tifalmin C.D.
6-71-72	P. SIREH	Telefomin L.G.C. C/D

OKSAPMIN

1-71-72	H.H. MILNE	Part Bak Valley to Lake Kopiago Patrol Post.
2-71-72	D. McCOMBE	Tekin-Teranmin and Bak-Bimin C.D.
3-71-72	M.L. WATKINS	Tekin, Bak, Bimin C.D.

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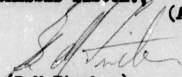
PATROL REPORT.

R. ORG. NUMBER :- TELEFOMIN NO. 4 of 1971/72
 DISTRICT :- WEST SEPIK.
 SUB-DISTRICT :- TELEFOMIN STATION :- TELEFOMIN
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY :- B.M.FISCHER DESIGNATION :- A.D.G.
 AREA PATROLLED :- PART ATRATAMIN, PART WEST-MIANMIN and PART UPPER-AUGUST RIVER CENSUS DIVISIONS.
 DURATION OF PATROL :- 11 DAYS. FROM 11.12.71 TILL 6.4.72
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING :- CONSTABLE 1/C KALAI (part)
 CONSTABLE 1/C MEI "
 CONSTABLE TORIA "
 CONSTABLE KORDAE "
 CONSTABLE GAMBARI "
 CONSTABLE SONGUL "
 HOSPITAL ORDERLY SUMENGIM
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL :- JULY/AUGUST, 1970.
 LAST O.I.G. PATROL :- NOT APPLICABLE.
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA :- ATRATAMIN C.D. = 2,109 WEST MIANMIN = 346
 UPPER AUGUST = 800 EST. UNCENSUSED = 150
 TOTAL = 3,405.
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE :- UPPER SEPIK OPEN.
 MAP REFERENCE :- BORDER SPECIAL SHEETS 3 & 4.
 OBJECTS OF PATROL :- 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF BASE CAMP
 2. LAND INVESTIGATION COVERING BASE CAMP
 3. SURVEY SITE FOR POSSIBLE AIRSTRIP.
 4. SUBMIT REPORT ON HEALTH EXTENSION FOR AREA.
 5. SUBMIT REPORT ON AGRICULTURE EXTENSION REQUIREMENTS.
 6. ADVISE PEOPLE OF POLLING TIME TABLE FOR 1972 ELECTORS.
 7. SUBMISSION ON CABLE BRIDGE OVER SEPIK RIVER

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANUATU.

In respect of this Patrol I attach
 FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL, folios 30 to 48 (Att.)
 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS (N/A)
 THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS (Att.)
 AREA STUDY (N/A)
 SITUATION REPORTS NOS. 1 to 2 (Att.)
 PATROL MAP (N/A)
 COPIES OF ACTION DOCUMENTS ADDRESSED DISCOM.,
 P.H.D. and D.A.S.F.. (Att.)

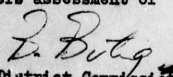
Date 18.4.72


 (B.M. Fischer)
 Assistant District Commissioner.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
MEDOBUBU. Papua.

In respect of this patrol I attach
 AREA STUDY (N/A)
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY (N/A)
 SITUATION REPORTS NOS. 1 to 2 (Att.)
 District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report (ABOVE AVERAGE
 AVERAGE
 BELOW AVERAGE)

Date 15/1/1972


(District Commissioner)

JAW:ME

P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDORU.

67-16-29

29th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

TELEPHONE PATROL NO. 2-1371/72.

Reference your minute of the 15th May.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of part of the Atbalmin and other Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. B.M. Fischer, Assistant District Commissioner,

Both the establishment of the base camp and construction of the airstrip have been taken up in separate correspondence prior to receipt of this report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

① **STRIKE OFFICE**

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED:-

.....
9th May, 1972.....

Basic aim of the patrol was to establish that the UPPER SEPIK River Base Camp site selected in 1968 was feasible and, if not, examine other sites. A suitable site was located on the North bank of the AUGUST River (local name YAPSIEI) - the UPPER SEPIK site being most likely subject to flooding at high water season and certainly subject to be eroded if cleared. Establishment of a Base Camp in this area will enable economic patrols to be carried out in the WEST MIANMIN and ATBALMIN areas, drastically reduce the cost of containing the serious influenza epidemics which annually sweep the ATBALMIN, reduce cost of patrols of the AUGUST from GREEN RIVER, and reduce the cost of supplying a Border Watching Station by utilising aircraft instead of helicopters. On completion of the Base Camp the Police Post at ATBALMIN will be transferred to the AUGUST. ATBALMIN will be staffed by P.H.D. and supplied by road from the new Base Camp which will be supplied by R.P.T. service.

① WEST MIANMIN people have been contacted only sporadically in the past. Use of the Base Camp by both GREEN RIVER and TELEFOMIN staff will have a most desirable effect on these remote groups. Mr. Fischer has carried out very valuable work in this remote area and is to be commended.

ACTION TAKEN:-

P. Steel
SGD

DATE 15th May, 1972.....

① **HEADQUARTERS**

DATE RECEIVED:-

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DATE

DISTRICT OFFICE

DATE RECEIVED:-

9th MAY, 1972

MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR COMMISSIONER.

The selected site is approximately the same distance from ATBALMIN as the unsuitable site on the UPPER SEPIK. There is a water stretch used by an AMPHIBIAN for Miss' on purposes immediately to the North. Evacuation of Mr. Fischer's patrol was made using the Amphibian. Mr. Hazelwood is at the site currently constructing bush material houses. Submissions are being forwarded to Lands to investigate and purchase a suitable area, including the land strip to Lands for the Base Camp. The site is based on the North bank of the clean flowing AUGUST, which provides adequate drinking water - a rarity in these parts. Access to the South is at present over cane bridges which will be replaced by wire suspension foot bridges. Provision of permanent bridges will greatly facilitate movement by the people.

ACTION TAKEN:-

SGD. *P.S. Hall*
15th MAY, 1972
DATE

HEADQUARTERS

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DATE

along the middle reaches of the August River nearby to the Base Camp. The possibility of resettlement has been outlined to both the Health and Agriculture Departments and if their co-operation is given I think such a Resettlement Scheme could be a success. Owing to a very high mortality rate which has existed in this Census Division over recent years many Mianmin clans appear to have died out : those that remain have adopted a very flexible land tenure system whereby an individual from the extreme eastern sector of the Census Division could resettle on land claimed by a second Mianmin clan in the western sector as long as permission is sought and granted. The possibility of a Resettlement Scheme was put to the people and all gave me to understand they were in favour.

- (e) Future Green River patrols to the Upper August Census Division would be able to fly into the Base Camp then raft or canoe back down the August River to Green River contacting all August River groups en route. The duration of this patrol could be halved and a substantial saving made in costs.
- (f) An airstrip/Base Camp complex in this area would open up the region to Army Civic Action patrols. At the present time communications along the border are hampered by the necessity to regularly repair very lengthy cane bridges : I visualise that the Army would be interested in replacing some of these native-material bridges with wire-cable type bridges if the Administration could make materials available.

Housing being established at the Base Camp is as follows:-

- (i) Rest House/Office. Will be utilised by Officers carrying out Atbalmin, West-Mianmin and Upper August Census Division patrols. Will also no doubt be regularly utilised as base for the patrols mounted to combat epidemics which annually sweep area.
- (ii) Aid Post/Residence. The posting of two Orderlies to this area has been promised by the Ministerial Member for Health.
- (iii) Two (2) Married Police Residences. As mentioned above in the past morale and discipline problems have been experienced with constables posted to the remote Atbalmin Rural Police Post on three months rotation. It is recommended that only married constables be posted to the Base Camp site in future. The Base Camp is sited on good gardening land and consequently living here would be much cheaper than at Telefomin where the poor soil does not permit gardens. Future rotation of constables could be for periods of six months or longer depending on whether or not an airstrip is constructed.

For at least the past eight (8) years patrols traversing the Atbalmin Census Division have surveyed all possible airstrip sites and it seems that the people of this area were lead to expect the establishment of a Patrol Postsome years back. In the first instance the people of the area exhibited disbelief that the Administration intended doing anything about establishment of a Station to serve their area but when it was realised that this patrol was not going to follow the pattern of past patrols and flit fleetingly through their area the people of all three tribal groups flocked in willingly to assist in clearing the site and erect the housing. The people of the three tribal groups worked cordially together and it is obvious that the establishment of an Administration Station at this site will go a long way in breaking down the animosities which have existed between these groups in the past.

Once the clearing of the Base Camp site itself was completed only a restricted number of people could be efficiently utilised in constructing the four houses. By and large the people could not understand why all the effort was being put into the construction of housing while no work was being done on constructing the airstrip site nearby. It was explained to them that while money had been provided by the Administration for the construction of four houses no money had yet been provided for construction of the airstrip; it was explained to them that the men working on the houses could be paid for their work but no money could be paid for any work performed on the airstrip. At this time approximately one hundred men and women were idle after having completed clearing of the Base Camp site and these people reached a consensus of opinion that they would clear the strip site of vegetation in preparation for the Administration to finish construction at a later date when money became available. The men of this area are all keen axe-men and the area of 2,000 feet by 200 feet was cleared of all vegetation within three weeks.

For your information, please.

B. M. Fischer

 (B.M.Fischer)

DATE:- 20th. April, 1972.

STATION :- TELEFOMIN OFFICER COMPILING : B.M.FISCHER
DISTRICT :- WEST SEPIK SUB-DISTRICT :- TELEFOMIN.
CENSUS DIVISIONS:- PART ATBALMIN, PART WEST-MIANMIN & PART
UPPER-AUGUST CENSUS DIVISIONS.

SUBJECT:- SURVEY UPPER AUGUST RIVER AIRSTRIP SITE.

A survey of a possible airstrip site was carried out from 13.1.72 till 16.1.72 on a site adjacent to the Atbalmin/ West-Mianmin Base Camp area.

The survey revealed a suitable airstrip site having the dimensions of 2,200 feet by 200 feet : the alignment giving this maximum length of 2,200 feet was restricted to a one-way approach from the east. A slight re-alignment from 117½ to 113½ degrees cuts the effective length down from 2,200 to 1,800 feet but allows for a 2 way approach.

The site is situated on the north bank of the August River approximately 7-8 feet above the average level of the river. As the catchment area of the river system is not extensive it is not considered that flooding will present a danger to an airstrip at this site.

The vegetation cover of the site is 10% garden and secondary growth and 90% primary growth.

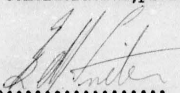
Soil consists of a sandy type silt of 3-4 foot depth over stone and gravel. The entire area is almost perfectly level and will require next to no cut and fill.

I estimate the following work will be required to construct a 1,800 x 150 foot airstrip at this site:-

- (i) Clearing of Bush and Felled Timber:-
100 men x 30 work days.
- (ii) Grubbing out of Stumps and Removal:
100 men x 30 work days.
- (iii) Removal of Humus, Preparation of Surface & Cutting Approaches:
100 men x 40 work days.

It is my consideration that the people would be willing to undertake construction of this airstrip either for trade-goods (axes, bush-knives, small knives, canoe-axes, shorts, lap-laps, mirrors, matches, salt etc.) or on the basis of Rural Development Funds costing. The present wage laid down for casual labour in the Telefomin Sub-District is \$1-08 per day however I am certain that the people would be more than willing to work for 50¢ per day. On the figures given above cost of the airstrip would be only \$5,000. Considering that \$12,000 was recently spent on hiring helicopters to reach this remote area for the 1972 House of Assembly Elections, that at least \$50,000 has been spent on hiring helicopters to position health-teams to combat influenza outbreaks in the Atbalmin and West-Mianmin Census Divisions over the past three years and that it takes approximately \$7-8,000 to mount patrols to both the Atbalmin and West-Mianmin Census Divisions I fail to see how this project has not been given a high priority by Headquarters.

For your information and consideration, please.


.....
(B.M. Fischer)
DATE:- 24th. April, 1972.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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West Sepik District,

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13th June, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Post Office Box 2396,
K O N E D O B U.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1971-72

Your memorandum 67-16-28 of 20th May, 1972,
refers.

Comments in the second paragraph of your
memorandum have been noted.

It would appear that the late submission of the
Report was due firstly to the House of Assembly elections
at Telefomin, and to the pressure of other work at this
office.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
TELEFOMIN.

JAW:MD

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Division P.O. Box 2396,
KOFEDOBU.

67-16-28

30th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WANISO.

TELEFONIN PATROL NO. 2 - 1971/72.

Reference your 67-3-4 of the 5th May, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of the Mliptamin Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. M.L. Watkins, Patrol Officer.

Situation Report No.1 provides a good coverage of the role and position of Councillors in the Mliptamin area. Quite obviously there is an immediate requirement for some intensive political education work in this area and your staff at Telefonin should be directed to this.

I note that this patrol was conducted in January, 1972, the Situation Reports were dated January, 1972, the Assistant District Commissioner's assessments were made in March, 1972 and finally you forwarded the report to me in early May with no explanation of this 3 month delay. The new system of reporting is designed to reduce the amount of documentation and to speed up the reporting of information picked up during patrols. This does not seem to be the case with this report. Do you have an explanation for its lateness?

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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

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No. 67-3-4

5th May, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Post Office Box 2396,
KORORUA.

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 2/71-72

I refer to my Patrol Report memorandum on the above report, dated 2nd May, 1972.

I now enclose a map of the patrol area which was inadvertently omitted with this memorandum and Report.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 2 of 1971/72 OBJECTS OF PATROL: Various
DISTRICT: West Sepik STATION: Telefomin
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: M.L. Watkins SUB-DISTRICT: Telefomin
AREA PATROLLED: Eliptamin Census Division DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer
DURATION OF PATROL: 6/1/72 to 19/1/72 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: (1 RP & G.C. (1 interpreter).
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: No.8 of 1970/71 NUMBER OF DAYS: 14
LAST OLG PATROL: No. 10 of 1970/71 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 1879
MAP REFERENCE: COUNCIL AREA: Yes (Telefomin L.G.C.)
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: Upper Sepik Open.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

In respect of this patrol, I attach
FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 4 TO 6/71-72 (1)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, (2)
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (4)
AREA STUDY, (-)
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, (-)
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S 1 - 2 (4)
PATROL MAP, (1)
CAMPING ALLOWANCE CLAIMS (2)
.....
.....

DATE: 15.3.72

D. H. Fisher
.....
Assistant District Commissioner.

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach
AREA STUDY, (-)
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, (-)
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S 1 - 2 (2)
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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF
PATROL & REPORT

DATE: 2/5/72

D. H. Fisher
.....
District Commissioner. ABOVE AVERAGE
AVERAGE
BELOW AVERAGE

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION: Telefomin OFFICER COMPILING: M.L. Watkins

DISTRICT: West Sepik SUB-DISTRICT: Telefomin

CENSUS DIVISION: Eliptamin L.G. COUNCIL: Telefomin

SUBJECT: COUNCILLORS AND GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE IN THE ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION.

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED: 12.3.72

In respect of Situation Report No. 1, the lack of interest in Council activities is disappointing although in a primitive area such as Telefomin with a low level Council, attitude towards local Government has not matured chiefly through lack of involvement both on the part of the Councillors and constituents.

Since Mr. Watkins was appointed as part time Adviser, I have noticed a distinct improvement in the attitude of the Councillors and if this can be continued, in time it will flow to the local people.

It is not uncommon for young men or ineffectual persons to be nominated for Councillor as older men who are traditional leaders cannot reconcile their traditional position with the demands of the new and hence will not nominate. Coupled with this is the fact that in this area, younger men are not as independent of their elders as is the case in other areas, relying on the older men heavily for land, women and wealth. Once the cash level increases, the younger, more educated men will not be so dependant on their elders and manifest this through the council. I am not surprised that older men do not interest themselves in the Council when they have not seen the council effect any real beneficial effect in the lives of the local people...

I agree with Mr. Watkins that one of the best ways of improving the attitude of the local people towards council is to actively publicize it on patrol in the form of Political Education. I also consider that community projects such as village roadbuilding instigated by the Council can bring the people into more contact with Council activities with a corresponding lift in the awareness of Local Government and its purpose.

ACTION TAKEN:

NIL

Signed: *B. A. Fisher*

Date: 15.3.72

DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATE RECEIVED:

15.3.72

The practise of Councillors being continually elected unopposed is quite a common practise in this District and not necessarily indicative of apathy towards the Council. As pointed out by the Assistant District Commissioner the apparent lack of interest would certainly appear to be due to the fact that this is still a comparatively primitive area and the people have not, as yet, been sufficiently educated in the Local Government system to determine its worth or observe its benefits. Communications difficulties and lack of any cash economy do not assist. Rather than using the patrolling 'lecture-type' approach to improve the situation I would prefer to see more practical remedies involving the people, such as adult education courses and perhaps the problem census approach in the village.

ACTION TAKEN:

Signed.....

Date: 2.5.72

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PROJECT OFFICER.....

DATE.....

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

STATION	<u>TELEFOMIN</u>	OFFICER COMPILING	<u>M. L. WATKINS</u>
DISTRICT	<u>WEST SEPIK</u>	SUB-DISTRICT	<u>TELEFOMIN</u>
CENSUS DIVISION	<u>ELIPTAMIN</u>	L. G. COUNCIL	<u>TELEFOMIN</u>

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or action. Information is required on matters of political significance, important trends in economic and social structures, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report to be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate.)

SUBJECT Councillors and General Local Government Influence in the Elistamin Census Division

1. The Elistamin Census Division has been sub-divided into five wards for Council administration, each of which is represented by a local Government Councillor elected by the residents of the ward. To date the people of this Census Division have taken part in three Local Government Elections. The statistics for the last elections held in March, 1971 reveal that in two wards of the Census Division the Councillors were elected unopposed. This trend does indicate that not much interest is being shown by the people in nominating for the elections and that the position of Councillor is an official status that the majority of village people do not want.
2. This trend has been further exposed just recently in ward 14 of the Census Division. The Councillor for this ward FRBENGEM SARUKIM of TERAPDAVIP census unit, who was elected unopposed last elections has resigned because of health. The by-election for this ward was held on 25th January, 1972, after the completion of this patrol. The by-election resulted that the new Councillor was also elected unopposed. Inside 12 months two elections have been held in this ward and both times the successful candidate has been elected without a ballot being held.
3. In ward 13 Councillor BOB SONPAGAHENG of AGUNTAVIP census unit has not attended any of the last three council meetings. Councillor BOB has been away from his ward for the last four months, working for the Mining Exploration Company, Capenteria, at the Freda River Project in the Sub-district. This was the second term of office for this Councillor to have been elected to represent this ward on the Teleformin Local Government Council. From discussions with the ward committee member from ABUNKAMIN census unit, Councillor BOB had stated publicly prior to the March elections that he did not want to be a Councillor for ward 13 and if elected would not go to Council meetings. To date he has missed three consecutive monthly meetings without a valid excuse, therefore his present position of Councillor should be revoked by the Council under section 26(c) of the Local Government Ordinance 1963 (amended) and a by-election held for this ward at an appointed date in the future.
4. All the Councillors elected to represent the various wards of the Elistamin Census Division are fairly young and ineffective in carrying out their role as Councillors. The feeling that one gets from talking to them is one of frustration and apathy and having been elected to the Council has placed a burden upon their heads and has restricted their movements as far as leaving their ward to seek employment outside their area.

5. The social structure to be found in the Eliptamin Census Division at present can be divided into two distinct age groups viz: the under 35 years and the over 35 years age groups. The over 35 group are not interested in the aims of the Telefomin Local Government Council and to a certain extent are not interested in fostering economic development of local labour and food crops. The obligations of paying Council tax and helping the Council with its Council projects in the area does not appeal to this age group. They are contented to keep their traditional outlook on life and tend to keep to themselves as a separate community in the "house man", which is the most dominating structure of every village or hamlet throughout the Census Division. They want to keep their gardens, looking after their pigs and to maintain their prestige as hunters of wild pigs and cassowaries.

6. To the under 35 age group these customary activities are not so important. Most of this age group has had a taste of the outside world as casual labourers and have become used to depending on money while away from the area, to buy food and to dress in European cloths. This group is not interested in the activities of the senior group, but have to partake in order to conform, but when the chance comes will leave to get money either working on mining exploration projects locally or farther afield in the coastal urban towns or plantations.

7. The burden of paying Council tax falls on this younger age group, for themselves and also for their fathers and uncles in the census unit. To the returning worker, the satisfaction of having money in his pocket and the ability to spend it as he pleases is short lived on his return to the village. With his obligation to pay council tax and donations to the elders of his family for duties carried out by them on his behalf in his absence, very little is left for his own use and enjoyment. After their first experience of being in employment away from the area and having to more or less hand over their saved wages over to the senior group to meet their obligation while away at work, the returned worker tends to become dissatisfied and will either return to his employment as soon as possible or stay in the village and tend not to conform to the wishes to the older group.

8. The Telefomin Local Government Council have estimated to expend a total of \$1,306.00 in the wards of the Eliptamin this financial year. This expenditure has been planned for the construction of a teacher's house at the Eliptamin School project and wells for the TERAPDAVIP and KONDAVIP census units. There is the possibility that this amount will be increased to \$2,456.00 when the second revised estimates are drafted in March in order that the teachers house be completed this financial year. The area will not get a great deal of money in the form of wages from this Council expenditure because all the cost will go to the purchase of materials and artisans in the construction and installation. At the most only \$200.00 of the total expenditure can be estimated that the people of the area will earn in direct wages from being employed on the projects.

9. It can be said that the people of this census division are not interested in the Local Government Council. In order that the people of the area become aware of the potential and advantages of belonging to a Local Government Council, more intensive patrolling must be carried out in the area by both the Office of Local Government and by District Administration Officers. The present stage of political development is one of having reached a stage of Local Government and a member to represent them in the House of Assembly, but no understanding of the functions and objectives of these developments and the institutions which have been established to carry these developments out.

What must be done in the next year or so is an intensive political education campaign in the Ekiptamin Census Division and throughout the Telefomin Council Area, in order to educate the people in the work of the Council and to stimulate interest and sense of achievement by developing their own area from their own resources viz. labour and capital. At the present this sense of achievement does not exist and apathy is the dominating factor that governs their motivations.

10. For your information and consideration, please.



M. L. WATKINS
Patrol Officer

25th January, 1972.

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

STATION: Telefomin OFFICER COMPILING: M.N. Watkins

DISTRICT: West Sepik SUB - DISTRICT: Telefomin

CENSUS DIVISION: Eliptamin L.G. COUNCIL: Telefomin

SUBJECT: MISSION INFLUENCE IN THE ELIPTAMIN CENSUS DIVISION

SUB DISTRICT OFFICE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

DATED RECEIVED:

12.3.72

Situation Report No. 2 covers religious activity of the Baptist Mission and indicates that the actual Mission work is left to a large extent to the evangelists, although advice and instruction is constantly being given to the Mission appointees by expatriate personnel.

In respect of paragraph 4 of the report, I consider Mr. Watkins to have deduced the reason for lack of interest or effective Mission influence; particularly when he pointed out earlier that a large percentage of the younger men are absent. Traditional thinking would still figure highly on matters most important to the local people such as gardening which occupies such a long period of the year. But even so, it has been noted in more sophisticated areas where Mission activity is more intensified, that local people persist with traditional practises.

More active patrolling in the Council area would improve both Administration and Mission influence, as the more the local people become involved with each body, the greater the awareness and more mature their attitude becomes.

ACTION TAKEN:

Signed *B. M. Funder*

Date..... 15.3.72.....

DISTRICT OFFICE

S. OF TOWN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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There is no harm being done by the people in carrying out their traditional garden planting ceremonies, and particularly as stated by Mr. Watkins, as this is such an important activity in their lives. If the Baptist Mission is, in fact, interfering with these practises then it will have to desist.

As there appears to be the staple crop the situation could perhaps be improved, both from a ceremonial and health point of view, by encouraging the planting of sweet potato. This will be taken up with the Department of Agriculture.

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ACTION TAKEN:

As above: The letter has been forwarded to the Department of Agriculture for their consideration.

Signed: *B. B. [Signature]*

Date: 2.5.72

HEADQUARTERS:

DATE RECEIVED:

Forwarded.....Section.

15.3.72

PROJECT OFFICER.....

DATE.....

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

STATION	<u>TELEFOMIN</u>	OFFICER COMPILING	<u>M. L. WATKINS</u>
DISTRICT	<u>WEST SEPIK</u>	SUB-DISTRICT	<u>TELEFOMIN</u>
CENSUS DIVISION	<u>ELIPTAMIN</u>	L. G. COUNCIL	<u>TELEFOMIN</u>

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SUBJECT Mission Influence in the Eliptamin Census Division

1. The Australian Baptist Mission Society is the only mission body that operates in the Eliptamin Valley. Its influence can be said to be found in every census unit of the Census Division. At the time of the patrol the mission had three indigenous pastors stationed in the area. These pastors were found at TERAPDAVIP, ABUNKAMIN and INABITGIN. Their work is solely mission, preaching and counselling; but provide no social services such as health and education. At the mission airstrip near TERAPDAVIP census unit, a child welfare clinic is held every month by a European nursing sister from Telefomin. This centre caters for all the mothers interested in the Eliptamin Census Division.
2. The following the mission has in the area would be by the age group under the age of 35 years, very little interest is shown by people over the latter age group. With the present migration of young men out of the area to seek employment with Mining Exploration Companies, their attendance at church would be spasmodical and mission following in the area would be dominated by women and children.
3. Very few of the older generation would have any contact with the mission and its teachings, their lives are still dominated by the activities of the men's house and the worship of the ancestors. Every men's house in the area visited by the writer still had remnants of deceased in the form of skulls and various bones kept in net bags hanging up in these houses. Their whole lives are pivoted on these relics which they believe is the key to better and more productive gardens.
4. The recent reports that more ceremonies are being held to propitiate the ancestors in order that good gardens will result is easily explained by their garden planting cycles and the natural increase to be found of 2% per annum in the population of the area, through better health services and a much more protein diet in the young children from infant welfare services provided by the mission. From enquiries in the area the people are continuously working new gardens. New gardens are required because of the long growing period for taro at high altitude. The growing period between six and nine months and one garden would last a group for about two months at the most. Therefore these garden ceremonies would be a regular occurrence in the area.
5. These gardening ceremonies involve the planting in the garden the bones of their ancestors which are kept in the men's house along with certain magical stones. These are left in the planted garden until the taro stems are firmly established

in the soil and are then removed and taken back to the men's house for safe keeping.

6. Since there is no economic development in the area and therefore no regular supply of money to buy trade store goods to supplement the subsistence diet of taro, gardening would be a very important activity to these people. With the beliefs that they hold that the planting of their ancestral bones in the gardens that yields will increase and until such time that the mission can provide a better substitute, I do not think that ~~any~~ any harm is being done in carrying out these ceremonies. What is required is that another mission should establish itself in the Telefomin area. At present the Australian Baptist Mission seems to not allow these ceremonies and this may have resulted that the people are fostering them more as a result of this attitude. It is only going to die out by more people leaving the area through employment and more avenues to earn money inside the Census Division.

7. For your information, please.



M. L. WARKINS
Patrol Officer

25th January, 1972.

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 PATROL REPORT → 67. 16. 50

Report number: TELEFOMIN NO 4 - 71/72
 District: WEST SEPIK
 Patrol conducted by: A.J. HAZLEWOOD
 Area patrolled: PART WEST MIANMIN C.D.
 PART UPPER AUGUST C.D.
 Duration of patrol: 120 DAYS 6/4/72 - 11/1/72
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 11/12/71 to 6/4/72
 Last O.L.G. patrol: NOT APPLICABLE
 Map reference: BORDER SPECIAL 3 & 4.

Objects of patrol: AS PER ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS
 Station: TELEFOMIN
 Subdistrict: TELEFOMIN
 Designation: PATROL OFFICER
 Personnel accompanying: 3 POLICE & 2 A.P.O's (PART)
 Number of days: 120 DAYS
 Total population of area: PART UNCENSUSED - EST 800
 Council area: NON COUNCIL AREA
 House of Assembly Electorate: UPPER SEPIK OPEN

The District Commissioner,
 West Sepik
 PNG

District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 7 To 5/72-73 (2)
 Patrol Instructions (2)
 The Report and my comments (2)
 Area study, (-)
 Updating of area study, (-)
 Situation Reports No's 1-3, (4) 3
 Patrol map, (-)

DATE: 5/19/72

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONEDOBUBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study, (-)
 Updating of area study, (-)
 Situation Report No's. 1-3 (2)
 District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report..... Above average
 Average
 Below average

Date: 10/10/1972

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

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SITUATION REPORT No.

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU

67-16-50

4th December, 1972.

The District Commissioner
West Sepik District
P.O. Box 42
VANIMO

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 4 of 1971/72.

Reference your Minute of 10th October, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 3 arising out of the above patrol of Part WEST MIANMIN and Part UPPER AUGUST Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. A.J. HAZLEWOOD, Patrol Officer.

Reports indicate a very pleasing state of affairs in the establishment of YAPSEI Base Camp. Headquarters action on matters raised by Mr. Hazlewood will be dealt with under separate correspondence. An excellent piece of work by Mr. Hazlewood.

S. J. Pearcall
S.J. PEARCALL
a/Secretary

Date:.....

SITUATION REPORT No. ONE

Station.....TELEFOMIN.....Officer Compiling.....A.J. HAZLEWOOD
 District.....WEST SEPIK.....Subdistrict.....TELEFOMIN
 Census Division.....WEST MIANMIN/UPPER AUGUST.....L.G. Council.....NON COUNCIL AREA

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Govt. Print.—1792/46,000.—5.72.

Subject:.....UPPER SEPIK BASE CAMP + YAPSEI.

1. It would appear that the Base camp, which has now been completed at DAGENA (name of ground), is causing confusion by its many names. I would suggest that this camp be called YAPSEI BASE CAMP, and gasetted as such. Names such as Upper Sepik, which was the old proposed site, Mianmin and Atbalmin should be dropped, and the name of Yapsiei be substituted. Yapsiei being the 'local' name for the river, which is commonly called August, by less informed people.

2. As stated by District Officer, E.M. Fischer, in his Patrol Report number '3', the Base Camp site is located on the northern banks of the August (Yapsiei) River, being approximately two weeks walk from Telefomin Sub District Office, and approximately one weeks walk from Green River Patrol Post. Actual mileage would be comparable, although the terrain between the Base Camp and Telefomin accounts for the greater walking time.

3. The area is centrally located to the West Mianmin, Upper Yapsiei and Atbalmin Census Divisions, and with the inclusion of the Upper Yapsiei (August) village groups in the Telefomin Sub District, a letter under separate cover covers this proposal, the Yapsiei Base Camp will administer approximately 3,000 persons. Which will comprise of two linguistic groups, as the persons who are now living in the area which I call Upper Yapsiei, are West Mianmins, who moved down from the mountains, after the Administration established contact with them, and brought relative law and order to the area.

4. Since my arrival at Yapsiei, the following has been accomplished:-

- a) Combined Aid Post and residence built.
- b) Two married type Police houses built.
- c) Twin storey building, top = residence, bottom = office/store,
- d) Large cook house for each house.
- e) Separate pit latrine for each house.
- f) Large pit for rubbish etc, this is covered over, with roof.
- g) One 44 foot outboard motor canoe.
- h) One large, and one small paddle canoe, plus paddles for same.
- i) Volley ball court, plus net made of jungle vines.

Sgd:.....

Date:.....

5. The Aid Post has a resident section of two bedrooms, which are 10'x10', a living/dinning area of 10'x13', and a separete cook house of 12'x9'. The clinic section is as follows, treatment area, with shelving and table, 15'x7', store room of 5'x10', and a partitioned section for injections or examinations of 5'x3'. This house is set close to good drinking water, and several houses for accomodating patients, and relatives, are situated one hundred yards away. All materials used on the Aid Post are of native material, the roof is made of sago palm leaves, flooring, and the walls, are of the local tree called 'limbum' - all being condusive to a very strong and sturdy house.

6. The two houses built for housing the Policemen that it is proposed to station here, on a rosta system, similar to that used for the Atbalmin Rural Police Post, are of similar construction. Both have two bedrooms of 10'x10', living area of 10'x13', and veranda's of 10'x7', and have separate cook houses, similar to the Aid Post, and individual toilets.

7. The Administration residence is twin storey, with the bottom section having a 15'x10' office, and a 10'x10' store. The top storey is the residence, it has two 10'x10' bedrooms, a 7'x5' shower-room, dining room of 7'x10', and veranda come lounge of 13'x15'. Again built mainly of materials purchased locally, although a roll of sisalation was used for lining the floor section between the upper and lower levels.

8. Large sections of the Base Camp living area have been cleared of secondary growth, and tree stumps, and a beautification scheme has been started. Over forty coconuts have been planted, along with over four hundred banana stumps, and gardens of taro, sweet potato, sweetcorn, and other local native foods. It is hoped that staff stationed here will keep up this planting, as if this is adhered too, it will be possible to have fresh food all the year round, from these gardens, as the soil is very fertile.

9. A connecting road, with bridges, suitable for a motor cycle, has been built to the airstrip. This road connects to the Aid Post, and the two police houses.

10. The paddle canoes are used for crossing the Yapsiei x River, as the Atbalmins, and a large proportion of the Mianmins are non-swimmers. The large outboard canoe could be utilized for transportation up or down the Yapsiei, although this would depend on the depth of the river. But it was built mainly for the transportation of gravel for the surfacing of the proposed airstrip.

11. It can be seen from the above that the Base Camp has reached a stage where it can be utilized for the administration of the areas in close proximity. Mainly the West Mianmin, Atbalmin and Upper Yapsiei (August). All of these groups are still very primitive, and have seen little, if any, regular patrolling, or had any close contact with the outside world. I feel that the Yapsiei Base Camp may well help to broach this communication gap, and make the administration, and development of this area, a little easier.

12. With good housing available, it is hoped that the Department of Public Health will see fit to authorize that Yapsiei Base Camp be permanently manned, even if it is on a six monthly rosta basis. Married accomodation is available, and with a wife and family present, it is envisaged that the morale of any Public Servant posted here would benefit. This would deter any of the morale/discipline problems experienced at the isolated Atbalmin Rural Police Post. The above facts will be quoted in my submission, under separete cover, to Public Health, asking that an Aid Post Orderly be made available for the now completed Aid Post.

13. Health and Police appear to think of this area as a 'hardship' area, this is far from the case, as good gardening ground is available on Station ground. There are large fish in the Yapsiei and Sepik Rivers, and game is rife, since this area has no shotguns. It could be classed

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as isolated; but all the Public Servants that have served with me, whilst at Yapsiei, have hardly suffered any hardships.

15. Mr. Fischer, whilst Assistant District Commissioner at Telefomin, thought to man the Yapsiei Base Camp with married Policemen. I tend to agree with this suggestion, as married accomodation is available, and is equivalent, if not better, than some of the accomodation available on some of the Border stations in this District. Good gardening ground is available, and once the airstrip, which has been granted \$5000-00 on Minor New Works, is completed, the words 'isolation' and 'hardship' will not be applicable. Constabulary members could be posted here with their families for terms of six to twelve months.

16. With two officers being in the area for something like five months, the area has seen a great change in attitudes towards the Administration. I feel that many of the animosities that existed between the groups of this area have been broken down, and it is felt that once the airstrip is completed, a natural re-settlement will take place. This will probably be very noticeable in the Upper Yapsiei groups, and to a lesser degree with the West Mismin groups. Possibly it will not affect the Athbalmin groups, as until such time as the bridge over the Sepik (submision for Army Civic Action has been made) is made more permanent, these people will tend to centralise around the Athbalmin Rural Police Post.

17. This all goes to prove that Yapsiei Base Camp has been accepted, what was once just a foraging area, has now materialized into a meeting point. Two village groups have moved into close proximity, and a third is talking of it. The Christian Mission of Many Lands from Green River has set up a 'pidgin' literacy school, which is attended by a total of thirteen males. The school teacher has also opened a store, hence Yapsiei has all the 'ingredients' of a small station.

Sgt. A. A. [Signature]
Date 15

SITUATION REPORT No. 1 - 4/71-72

Station..... TELEFOMIN S.D.H.Q...... Officer Compiling..... A.J. HAZLEWOOD, P.O.
 District..... WEST SEPIK..... Subdistrict..... TELEFOMIN
 Census Division..... WEST MIANMIN/YAPSIET..... L.G. Council..... NON COUNCIL AREA
 Subject..... YAPSIET BASE CAMP

Subdistrict Office
TELEFOMIN, WS.D.


Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

3rd September, 1972

1. A good report on the present state of the completion at the YAPSIET (Upper Sepik) Base Camp.
2. Departmental headquarters has now approved that the Base Camp be officially designated as the YAPSIET Base Camp. Could action be taken to have it referred to by the approved name in all official correspondence, including the staff postings list.
3. The construction of the camp has progressed well and the officer deserves to be commended for his work to date. Housing is of bush materials but excellent design and construction and should have a life of about five years. The garden areas are extensive and the general environs attractive and utilitarian. Good drinking water is available at a nearby stream.
4. I envisage the base camp as a part time administrative centre for the ATBALMIN, WEST MIANMIN and YAPSIET (Amanab sub-district) Census Divisions. The post is central to these three areas and it has now been proven (See Telefomin Patrol No. 1 -72/73) that patrols can be carried out without difficulty once regular air access becomes a reality. Providing staff is maintained at Telefomin at it's present level I will be able to post an officer to the camp for a total of six months per annum. His operations would be to fly into the base camp; attend to routine maintenance of airstrip and station; carry out routine/census patrols of the above census divisions; return to Yapsiet and then fly back to Telefomin. Each such visit should take approximately 3 months thus ensuring a field contact of about 180 days a year at a tremendous saving in current patrol and air support costs.
5. Staffing for the post will initially be from Telefomin. However there may well be a case for bringing the administrative area covered by the camp into a Green River sub-district based

Action Taken:

Sgt. 
 (D. van B. Claasen) D.O.-A.D.C.
 Date 14th September, 1972

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

2/10/72

Mr. Haslewood has done an excellent job in the establishment of this base camp.

Would you please take action to have the name referred to as Yapsiel in all official correspondence.

I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner's recommended use and staffing of the Camp. Appropriate recommendations as to staffing will be made to the Police and Health Departments in Vanimo;

It is recommended that the Base Camp remain with the Telefomin administrative area for the present.

The whole administration of this area is now better and more economically shaped.

Action Taken:

Sgd. A. D. Stevens

Date 10/10/72

Headquarters

Date Received

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Date.....

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on administrative and logistic, if not ethnographic, reasons.

6. I concur with the necessity of staffing the completed aid post on a full time basis. The post is in close proximity to the border and also serves in excess of 1000 persons within two days walk of the centre.

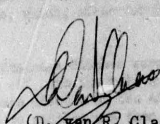
7. Police posting of two constables would appear to be adequate especially as they are trained in the use of the radio and have daily contact with Telefomin. Conditions for improved morale should be better than the mountain stations and certainly much better than the Atbalmin Police Post which is extremely isolated.

8. I consider that the Yapsiei Base Camp could be a viable administrative unit. I submit that it should be permanently staffed by two constables and an aid post orderly on a 6 months rotation basis as from the date the airstrip becomes operational. That an officer of patrol officer rank and above only, should be posted to carry out administrative duties for a period of not less than 6 months each year.

9. In addition I recommend that the West Mianmin Census Division be altered so as to include all that part of the YAPSEI Census Division south of 4 degrees 20 minutes South latitude thus bringing the West Mianmin linguistic groups of NAMAUWE; URA; RAFIN 1(FUBIN); RAFIN 2; and BARUBI (SERAWANIA) into the West Mianmin division. All these groups may, at their furthest extremity, be reached by 2 days walk from the base camp as against 7 days from the Green River Patrol Post. Contact from the latter station is further hampered by swamp terrain and 'white water' rapids on the lower reaches of the August River. A separate submission arising out of my Telefomin patrol No. 1-72/73 is being prepared on this subject.

10. For your information, please.




(D. van R. Claassen)
Assistant District Commissioner

14th September, 1972.

SITUATION REPORT No. TWO (2)

Station.....TELEFOMIN..... Officer Compiling.....A. J. HAZLEWOOD
 District.....WEST SEPIK..... Subdistrict.....TELEFOMIN
 Census Division.....WEST MIANMIN/UPPER AUGUST..... L.G. Council.....NON COUNCIL AREA

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Subject: YAPSEI AIRSTRIP CONSTRUCTION

1. The airstrip site for the Yapsiei Base Camp runs virtually parallel to the stretch of Yapsiei (August) River, which is used by the Mission Aviation Fellowship Cessna 165 amphibious light aircraft, which is used, when ever quick access is required into the Upper August river area. At the present moment, a total area of 1800 feet, by 200 feet, has been cleared.
2. All trees and secondary growth have been felled, and the ground has been dug, cleared of tree roots, suckers and limbs. It was deemed necessary to pull out all roots etc., as these could have re-grown at a later date. This, as might be expected, was time consuming, and resulted in more cut and fill than was at first expected.
3. Then followed a period of levelling, which again took longer than expected. The resulting surface proved unsatisfactory, as it was found that the river silt, which covers the entirety of the airstrip, drained very slowly, and tended to sink where large tree roots had been extracted. It was also found that a form silty sediment formed on many areas, which, after further rain, held, or stopped water from draining away.
4. Approximately one hundred drainage ditches were dug, forming a cross network over the airstrip, these led off into the main drains, which were dug either side of the airstrip. The drainage ditches on the airstrip were filled with large river stones initially, allowed to settle, and then filled with a layer of gravel. This proved to be a very effective means of drainage.
5. However, the surface of the airstrip still proved to be of a very poor quality, and unsatisfactory for the impact to be expected from the landing of any light aircraft in the category 'D' rating. Work was then started on carrying gravel from the river, a very tedious and time consuming process, especially as the large river stones had to be forcibly removed, and gravel scraped out from underneath them. This proved a very unsatisfactory method, and the frequent floods, caused by excessive rain, hampered progress, and made the conditions of work unpleasant. As might be expected, my work force decreased to a rather meagre proportion.

Sgd:

Date:

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6. Better surfacing material was sought, and found. An outboard motor was requested, and finally obtained. Meanwhile a 44 foot canoe had been built, and gravel had been stock piled, ready for the arrival of the motor. Unfortunately, although the motor was received, and at a later date, the tank, fuel lead and petrol/oil; only five hours use was obtained from it before the spring, and pull start rope snapped.

7. Replacements were not available, plus it was time for me to return to Telefomin Sub-District Office, via the Atbalmin Census Division, with Assistant District Commissioner, D. van R. Claassen.

8. The situation is as follows at Yapsiei Base Camp. On my return, once the growth has been cleared on the airstrip (it is presumed that there will be a minimal amount in my absence), there will be approximately six weeks work left, before the airstrip is ready for the first landing. This is presuming that the outboard motor is made available, as carrying the gravel by individuals, is very time consuming, especially as the distance to be covered is very lengthy, and climatic conditions are not conducive to the energetic work that is required. At 500 feet, the midday sun drains one of the seat to work, and even though the people of this area are very enthusiastic about completing the airstrip, a certain amount of this enthusiasm is being drained out of them.

9. It is hoped, once I arrive back, to recruit a limited work force from the local Miammin villages, and complete the surfacing of the airstrip. All that will remain then is the felling of certain prominent trees in the approaches, and the cleaning of the flyover area of tree stumps.

10. A total of fifteen carriers were recruited from the West Miammin area, and walked back through the Atbalmin Census Division. Whilst at Telefomin, they were able to see aircraft, and study the airstrip. It is felt that they now have a greater understanding of the requirements of an airstrip, and their recent visit will have given them an incentive to have their own airstrip completed.

11. Their enthusiasm is to be commended, many having spent up to three months working on this project. No mention of remuneration has been made, although it may be expected at a later date. But I have been informed by Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. D. van R. Claassen, that the Minor New Works submission for \$5000-00 has been accepted, and funds will be made available somewhere in the near future!

12. It is felt by the writer that, accepting the afore said, and the problems that have had to be faced, satisfactory progress has been made on this project, and with the continued support of the Miammin and Atbalmin population, the Yapsiei Base Camp airstrip will soon be operative.

Signed *A. J. Anderson*

Date *2/9/72*

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SITUATION REPORT No. 2 - 4/92-93

Station.....TELEFOMIN S.D.H.Q...... Officer Compiling.....A.J. HAZLEWOOD, P.O.
 District.....WEST SEPIK..... Subdistrict.....TELEFOMIN
 Census Division.....WEST MIANMIN/YAPSEI..... L.G. Council.....NON COUNCIL AREA
 Subject.....YAPSEI AIRSTRIP CONSTRUCTION

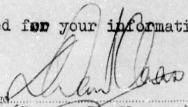
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TELEFOMIN, W.S.D.
 Date Received

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

3rd September, 1972

1. The officer give a good account of the work carried out by the people. The major problem remaining is the consolidation of the air strip surface. The river silt covering is not packing down well and has a tendency to remain soft even after periods of dry weather. A clay gravel mix found near the airstrip site has proved suitable surfacing and this should be suitable for the impact area. The completion of the surfacing should take about two months, possibly more as the task will be carried out during the wet season.
2. As Mr. Hazlewood points out the provision of a reliable outboard motor is imperative. As the major task is surfacing and the gravel is not close enough to carry by hand the use of a power canoe will cut down time, and cost, considerably.
3. The allocation of \$5000 on Minor New Works for the improvement of minor aerodromes is a welcome boost for the people of the area. It means that the Yapsei airstrip construction project will come to an early fruition thus giving a lift in the morale of the people who have voluntarily worked on the project.
4. I intend to send an officer down to Yapsei again in November to complete the construction of the Base Camp and the airstrip.

Action Taken: 1. As above. Forwarded for your information. The project is continuing


 (D. von B. Claassen) D.O.-A.D.S.
 Date.....14th September, 1972.....

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

2/10/72

Mr. Hazlewood and the people have worked conscientiously on the construction of the airstrip. It will be possible to provide a replacement outboard motor from here within the next two or three weeks.

Action Taken:

Sgd. *P. D. Stinson*

Date *10/10/72*

Headquarters

Date Received

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Project Officer.....

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SITUATION REPORT No. THREE (3)

Station..... TELEFOMIN Officer Compiling..... A. J. HAZLEWOOD.
 District..... WEST SEPIK Subdistrict..... TELEFOMIN
 Census Division..... WEST MIANMIN/UPPER AUGUST L.G. Council..... NON COUNCIL AREA

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Subject: 'DAGENA' LAND DISPUTE

1. When the Yapsiei Base Camp site was decided upon, Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. B.M. Fischer, made enquiry's as to what persons had ownership of the marked ground. The Wemei group of West Mianmin origin, from the hamlet of Imeiystemahi, claimed ownership. A land investigation report was then made out in there favour.
2. However, just prior to Mr. Fischers departure, and me replacing him, a group of young men from the Imai group, made claim to the same area of ground. Thus the land ownership was in dispute.
3. A letter, reference 35-87-7, of the 15th May, requested that this matter be looked into. This coming from the District Commissioner at Vanimo, addressed to the Assistant District Commissioner Telefomin, and passed on to me with a request for action.
4. After several request for the Imai people who wished to make claim to the ground to come forward, a meeting was held on Friday, June 30th. It was explained to them what information I required, and since the whole hamlet of KIBUHU, en block, were making a claim to ownership, I advised them to return on Sunday, with their family genealogy.
5. They returned at 1130, on Sunday, July 2nd, a very lengthy ancestral history of the Imai group took place, which in short was as follows. Their forefathers came from area where the villages of Idam '1' and '2', and Bisiabru are now situated (in the Miam Census Division, about one days canoe and walking distance from Green River Patrol Post).
6. One of their forefathers, a man named ARABIAN, accompanied by several other men, moved from the Idam River area, into the Yapsiei River area. They then commenced to fight their way up the river, fighting against the Mianmin groups. During the ensusin years they fought their way to the ground called 'DAGENA', which was owned by the Wemei group.

Sgd:.....

Date:.....

SITUATION REPORT NO. THREE (3)

7. Fierce fighting resulted, and the Wemei group moved further up the Yapsiel River. However, the Immai's, as they are now called, under the leadership of ARABIAN, and his son MORRU, established a hamlet called EIBUHU, about half a days walk from the ground called DAGENA.

8. DAGENA then became a sort of buffer zone, used by both groups as a hunting area, but being settled on by neither, as it was considered to be too dangerous. The ground was still reputedly Mianmin ground, but they never enforced their ownership, because the ground was in close proximity to the EIBUHU's, who were their enemies, and a larger group.

9. The Eibuhu's never gardened on this ground, only using it, like the Mianmins for hunting. The ground was never given a name, as it was never used by anyone. Thus it had no individual owner, and accounts for the fact that all of the descendants of the Eibuhu hamlet are claiming joint ownership of the ground.

10. In the early '60's, Administration patrols moved into the area, and contacted the scattered hamlets to be found in the area, many of which regrouped at EIBYUN, which is approximately in the middle reaches of the Yapsiel River. This move took place, as it brought the people to the Patrol Post at Green River, EIBYUN is now the village referred to as Immai.

11. Hence, by their own admission, the Immai's agreed that DAGENA was owned by the Wemei's in the first place, that they never gardened, or had complete ownership of the ground, in fact, during their 'warring' days, it was a buffer zone. That ~~was~~ they moved back downstream, the Mianmins back, and built gardens, claiming ownership by usufructuary right.

12. This was all explained to the Immai's, and they accepted my comments and findings. It would appear that it was the old 'try on', by a much more sophisticated group, against the very primitive, and uninformed Mianmin group. Although, in this instance, unless the matter is taken further by District Office (my letter of July 7th covers same, to the A.D.C. Telefontin), I feel that the matter will have come to a satisfactory conclusion, and the land investigation report of the Wemei group should be processed.

Signature

..... Allan Howard

Date

..... 3/9/72

SITUATION REPORT No. 3 - 4/71-72

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Station TELEFOMIN S.D.H.Q...... Officer Compiling A.J. HAZLEWOOD, P.O.
District WEST SEPIK..... Subdistrict TELEFOMIN
Census Division WEST MIANMIN/YAPSTEL L.G. Council NON-COUNCIL AREA
Subject LAND DISPUTE - DAGENA

Subdistrict Office
TELEFOMIN, W.S.D.

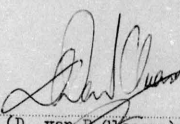
Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

3rd September, 1972.

1. The situation as described is accurate. From personal discussion with the parties concerned it is apparent that the parties were not serious about their claim to the portion of the land DAGENA but were attempting to impose their superiority over the rather more reserved WEMEI group. The land has always been used as hunting and later gardening land by the Wemei but never by the Imnai.
2. The Imnai do not lay claim to the land DAGENA but do profess ownership to large tracts further downstream (approx 4-5 hours walk downstream) along the August (Iapsiei) River. The land is at present occupied by the Refin and Namauwe people.
3. The land investigation report of the ground should stand and will be forwarded for processing.

Action Taken: For information only.

Sgd. 
(D. van R. Claassen) D.O.-A.D.C.

Date 14th September, 1972

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

2/10/72

I recommend that a land investigation report favouring the Wenei group, be forwarded for purchase of the ~~same~~ Camp land.
Base

Action Taken:

Sgd. *A. D. Stewart*
Date. *10/10/72*

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....



Ans 67-16-40

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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District of West Sepik Report No. 5 1971/72

Patrol Conducted by P. SIREH T/Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Urapain - Tifalmin Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Two (2) Members R.P.N.G.C. and D.D.A. Interpreter

Duration—From 19/5/1972 to 24/5/1972

Number of Days Five (5)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 19/2/1972

Medical N/A / / 19

Map Reference Urapain - Tifalmin Census Division

Objects of Patrol Investigation of Complaint of Non Co-operation of the People of the Medical

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

9 attachments
SITUATION REPORT NO. (2)
MAP (1)

*The Secretary,
Dept. of the Administrator,
KORORUA.
17/8 1972*

A. J. Stevens
District Commissioner
ASSESSMENT - ABOVE AVERAGE

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

DDA 67-16-40

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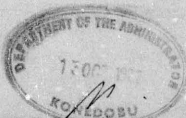
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

67-3-4 (Part 9)
JND:lt

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
VANIMO. W.S.D.

10th October, 1972.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Post Office Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.



TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 5/71-72

J.F.S

Your memorandum 67-16-40 of 30th August, 1972, refers.

I attach, for your information, a copy of my memorandum to the Assistant District Commissioner, Telefomin, as a result of your above memorandum, together with a copy of his reply.

A.D. Steven
(A.D. STEVEN)
A/District Commissioner

*Notes
No further action required
J.F.S. 2/11*

~~... and time when the Welfare Nurses visited the area~~

67-3-4

MEMORANDUM REPORT NO.

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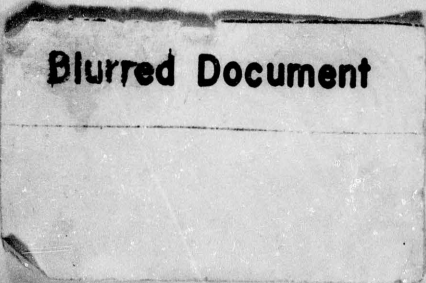
The Assistant District Attorney,
Sub-District Office,
TELEPHONE.

TELEPHONE

I attach a copy of Memorandum 10-10 of 1972, from the secretary, concerning the above.

My interpretation of the last part of Mr. Sireh's situation report was that the women for the allegations in the people's release to the aid post) by the nurses that the nurses and people did not help the women in the aid post because previously raped by a suspect, but Mr. Sireh's result of his investigation of the matter was not to fact the object of Mr. Sireh's action was to prove the men's refusal to help the women in the aid post, proven and Mr. Sireh thought that the women had been partly to blame.

Would you please advise if my interpretation is correct and if a matter was charged against the suspect charged for the rape of the women.



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Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
TELEPHONE. W.S.D.

25th September, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
VARIED.

TELEPHONE PATROL REPORT NO. 5/71-72.

1. Your 67-3-4 of 13th September, 1972, refers.
2. Your interpretation is the correct one.
3. The alleged rape occurred in 1970 when an employee of Kennecott Exploration was charged and brought before the Court. He was acquitted by the Supreme Court in 1970.

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D. van R. Claasen,
Assistant District Commissioner.

JWK:MD

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P.O. Box 2396,
KORSDOBU.

67-16-40

30th August, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
YALHO.

TELEPHONE PATROL NO. 5 - 71/72.

Reference your minute of 17th August, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report 1 arising out of the above patrol of the URAIMIN and TIFALMIN Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. P. SIRS, Trainee Patrol Officer.

I am uncertain just what information was false - the alleged rape of the woman, the refusal of the people to assist her to the Aid Post or both. Please clarify and if there are grounds for believing rape did occur, investigations should be instituted with the view of charges of some description being laid.

(S.J. PEARSELL)
s/Secretary.

SITUATION REPORT No.

Page 1. (4)

Station TELEFOMIN. Officer Compiling P. SIREH.
 District WEST SERIK. Subdistrict TELEFOMIN.
 Census Division TELEFOMIN LOCAL. L.G. Council TELEFOMIN.
 Subject: SPECIAL REPORT - MEDICAL.

Subdistrict Office TELEFOMIN. Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received 8th June, 1972.

General talks to people are all right but emphasis should be on what is good for the people and not what is best Administration and Council Communication. It is always better to approach problems from the point of view of how things will be better for themselves if they adopt a certain course. Lecturing people rarely causes them to change their thinking.

I am inclined to feel that the incident of the woman was whitewashed by the people. That they covered up their lack of assistance. Nurse Tastok pointed out a blank refusal to assist by BAIK and other men. However the people now know our attitude towards this.

Health Education Programmes should be more intensive, especially in this area where delays in treatment of colds, flu etc can lead to pneumonia or death.

Action Taken: No further action required.

Sgt. D. van R. Blaauw

Date: 25th June, 1972. ll

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received,

4th July, 1972.

A comprehensive Situation Report. I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner in that it appears that the people have covered up their omissions. The situation, however, was clarified with the people by Mr. Sireh and they should now be more aware of their obligations to assist those who are sick. This investigation was the main purpose of the patrol.

Action Taken:

Sgd. *A. D. Sireh*

Date. 17/8/72

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded..... Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....

SITUATION REPORT No. 1
PATROL REPORT NO-1

STATION Telefomin OFFICER COMPILING P.Sirch
 DISTRICT West Sepik SUB DISTRICT Telefomin
 CENSUS DIVISION Bart Urapmin - Tifalmin L.G.COUNCIL Telefomin

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub District or District level, and of value to succeeding officers.

No copy is required at Headquarters).

(For further pages, use foolscap blanks).

SUBJECT: Special Report.

The main purpose of this patrol was to investigate a complaint brought to this office by the Infant Welfare Sister of the Baptist Mission Telefomin while one of her Welfare Nurse was on a routine visit to Tifalmin and met a woman on the track. The woman had pneumonia and could not stand up properly, let alone walk. Nurse TASIPOK asked some men to help carry the patient to the Aid Post including the Village committee. The men refused to do so and nurse Tasiok had to carry the woman herself.

I arrived at Okbilip on Saturday 20th May and told the council that I will speak to his people on Monday the 22nd May. Also asked him to send wards around to all the villages and meet on Monday morning at the Upper Tifalmin rest house.

At the rest house I met the council of the Upper Tifalmin and also told him to send a message to all the villages to come on Monday morning and meet me at the rest house.

On Monday all the people of the Lower and Upper Tifalmin gathered at the Upper Tifalmin rest house. I spoke to them about the aid of the Administration in the area. They were told that the Government is trying to help all the people and if they need help in such things as Economical crops or other things the Government could try to help them.

It was said that if the people ignored the work of the Administration in the area and sit back as their ancestors before, this went bring much co-operation between the people and the Government. It was also said to the people that the Administration is here to hear the views of the people and to solve the problems of the people in the area in all cases.

In the gathering I told the two councillors that if they don't carry the work of the councils in the area, the people will not listen to them. Instead of them ruling the villages, it will be vice versa. Also the communication between the council and the people will cease. The Administration patrol who goes into the area wouldn't distinguish whether the council is running the place or the people are doing their normal day to day activities as they are still adopting the luluai's and tultul's system. The two councillors were told that, they are supposed to be looking after the people and running the place and not the people running the place.

The people are supposed to listen to the councils as the councils are nominated and elected by the people. In the gathering, it was also stated that if the people disobey the council, communication and work of the councils in the area will cease and if this carries on the Administration will have to take actions.

Apart from all this talk on councils, I discuss with the people the work of the Welfare Nurses in the area. I actually based all my facts referring to the Tifalmin area as the people there needs more improvement in their health. The people were told that the nurses, aidpost orderlies and the Hospital Orderlies are here to improve the health of the people. If the people ignored them this might cause to stop the aid post at Tifalmin.

The councillors were told that the aid post needs repair and it should be done immediately.

Prior to my investigation, I found that the whole matter was groundless. The woman who had pneumonia, once upon a time was raped by a European employed by the Kennecott Company in 1970. The Welfare Nurses thought that this might be the reasons why people didn't want to help her to the Aid Post. But from the information I gathered this was false.

During the time when the Welfare Nurses visited the area

During the time the Welfare Nurses visited the area most people were absent hunting and gardening in the bush. Only the committee and about two or three old age left in the village. The nurses were told by the committee, BAIK that was one woman sick in the hamlet. So the nurses to the hamlet where the woman was and asked her to follow them to the aid post.

The committee told his wife to accompany them to the aid post. On their way to the aid post the woman collapse. This is because the woman had phuenemia and also she has just reached the stage of menstruation period. The fact that the woman fell on the way was due to the loss of blood during the menstruation period and also she had phuenemia.

It was three days after she got sick when the father and mother arrived from the garden. It was the stupidity of the father who thought that his daughter only has a minor sickness. So he told her to go to the aid post by herself and the father and mother departed for Telefein.

At the time of the nurses visit the committee also was sick and he can't help very much. So he told his wife to help the nurses take the woman to the aid post.

It was partly the fault of the father and the woman herself. She was sick while working on the airstrip and didn't bother to go and see the Aid Post Orderly. She came straight home so the sickness got bigger. She didn't even tell her father that she was badly sick so the father could take her to the aid post. She stayed at home for four days just after she got sick without any treatment at all.

P. Sireh

P. SIREH
T/PATROL OFFICER

DDA 67.16.53.

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 6 of 1971/72
 District: West Sepik
 Patrol conducted by: P. SIREH
 Area patrolled: Telefomin L.G.C. C/D.
 Duration of patrol: 22/6/72 - 24/7/72
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 19/2/72
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference: See attached

Objects of patrol: See attached list
 Station: Telefomin
 Subdistrict: Telefomin
 Designation: Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: 2 Police, 1 Interpreter
 Number of days: (33) Thirty Three Days
 Total population of area: 5,012
 Council area: Telefomin L.G.C.
 House of Assembly Electorate: Upper Sepik

The District Commissioner,
 WEST SEPIK District,
 VANIMO

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 49 To 55, (3)
- Patrol Instructions, (3)
- The Report and my comments, (3)
- Area study, (3)
- Updating of area study, (-)
- Situation Reports No's 1-3, (3)
- Patrol map, (1)



DATE: 19/11/72

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
 KONE DOBU, Papua New Guinea.

[Signature]
 Stationer



- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study, (2)
- Updating of area study, (-)
- Situation Report No's. 1-3 (2)
- M.A.P. (2)
- COPIES COVERING MEMBERS RECORDS. (1)

District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report.....

Above average
 Average
 Below average

Date: 8/11/1972

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

POPULATION

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.	
11-7-72	ABUNKAMIN	19	38	39	27	10	13	24	12	182
7-7-72	AFOGAVIP	15	25	35	30	9	7	10	7	138
11-7-72	AGUMTAVIP	14	26	32	27	3	4	13	11	130
24-7-72	ANKEVIP	22	22	25	40	8	4	21	6	148
29-6-72	ATEMKIAKMIN	12	20	18	15	3	3	3	3	77
10-7-72	BILTEVIP	18	23	27	30	13	9	13	10	143
22-7-72	BOGALMIN	14	22	44	35	1	44	11	2	129
7-7-72	BOLVIL	35	36	55	48	2	2	14	-	192
28-6-72	BUPOLMIN	75	89	134	111	6	5	15	9	444
19-7-72	FAMUKMIN	32	24	68	61	6	1	14	5	211
24-7-72	FERAMTIGIN	3	18	14	13	3	-	7	2	60
3-7-72	IGINFUMAVIP	7	7	19	22	4	1	2	1	63
5-7-72	INANTIGIN	14	16	36	20	2	-	5	1	94
5-7-72	IUATIGIN	7	6	24	12	3	2	4	1	59
18-7-72	KIALIKMIN NO.1	40	38	113	91	10	5	25	5	327
24-7-72	KIALIKMIN NO.2	38	48	38	62	12	11	26	2	237
12-7-72	KOBRANMIN	36	37	62	48	12	5	10	7	217
6-7-72	KOMDAVIP	36	42	115	71	2	1	15	6	288
20-7-72	KORBORENMIN NO.1	34	39	46	44	3	10	15	9	200
22-7-72	KORBORENMIN NO.2	24	21	43	37	2	4	12	5	148
3-7-72	MISINMIN NO.1	11	14	26	15	5	2	5	5	83
5-7-72	MISINMIN NO.2	20	7	40	30	3	1	1	2	104
4-7-72	OFEKAMIN	15	15	24	19	1	-	3	2	79
20-7-72	OKSIMIN	33	21	48	42	2	2	25	6	179
27-6-72	OKSIVIP	27	25	31	29	4	5	14	12	147
31-6-72	SEPKIALIKMIN	2	2	18	12	4	5	1	-	35
10-7-72	TAGATEMTIGIN	16	15	29	31	8	3	22	10	134
22-7-72	TELEFOLIP	37	24	61	42	3	-	7	7	181
13-7-72	TERAPDAVIP	14	14	33	31	7	8	8	3	118
30-6-72	TIKAMIN	2	3	12	5	-	2	1	1	26
23-6-72	URAPMIN	67	78	102	84	2	3	14	10	360
10-7-72	UTEMTIGIN	14	6	26	24	4	-	5	-	79
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P.O. Box 2396
KONIMDOBU

67-16-53

4th December, 1972.

The District Commissioner
West Sepik District
P.O. Box 42
VANIMO

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 6 of 1971/72. (34)

Reference your 67-3-4 of 7th November, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 3 arising out of the above patrol of TELEFOMIN Local Government Council Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study, as submitted by Mr. P. SIREH, Trainee Patrol Officer.

It is noted that action required is being taken at a local level.

Mr. Sireh should sign his Situation Reports.

S. J. Pearsall
S.J. PEARSALL
A/Secretary *ms*

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Post office Box 42,
VAHIO. N.S.B.

7th November, 1972.

~~The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
VAHIO.~~

TELEPHONE PATROL REPORT NO. 6/1971-72

Receipt of the above Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. Copies of my assessments of the Situation Reports are attached.

PATROL REPORT.

Experience generally shows that people who do not know how to use toilets are better off without them. This would appear to be the case in this area.

AREA STUDY

In spite of some deficiencies this revised Area Study is a marked improvement on the previous one, which consisted of 1 1/2 foolscap pages.

As you state the Study could have been improved by naming some of the influential leaders and those possessing technical and clerical skills.

Mr. Biren appears to be under the mistaken impression that Political Education Officers will be appointed to sub-districts. This work is carried out by field staff such as himself.

This is generally a good report by Mr. Biren although at times incomprehensible. Camping allowance claims are being processed.

B. Bunting
(B. BUNTING)
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KORORUA.



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Division of District Administration,
Sub District Office,
TELEFOMIN. W.B.D.

19th October, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

PATROL NO. 6 - 1972/1973
TELEFOMIN L. G. COUNCIL AREA

1. Attached please find a report by Mr. P. Sireh, Trainee Patrol Officer on an area study/census revision patrol of the Telefomin Local Government Council Census Division. I apologise for the lateness in submitting this report. The reasons for the delay are as follows:

(a) Mr. Sireh was late in submitting the report. It reached my desk on the 23rd August, 1972. The officer has been informed that in future he should strive to place a report in my hands within two weeks.

(b) When I received the report I had just returned from the ATBAMIN on a 33 day patrol. On the 29th August, 1972 I had to depart for Vanimo to attend the Assistant District Commissioner's Conference. Subsequent to that, and with your concurrence, I had to have some extensive dental work carried out and I did not return to the station until 12th September. I thus had some 2½ months backlog of correspondence, patrol reports, as well as station duties to carry out.

(c) On 25th September I received word from Mr. Gall, D.D.O. to proceed to Oksapmin to carry out a station investigation. I proceeded to Oksapmin on Tuesday the 26th. As you know news of Mr. Watkins' death reached me that afternoon. From Wednesday the 27th September to 9th October, I was occupied with the Coronial inquiry into the incident.

The report is thus submitted late through lack of opportunity to process it as well as attend to other matters.

2. I have the following comments on Mr. Sireh's report and area study. Generally the Situation Reports, and Area Study are marred by the officer attempting to go beyond his capabilities in English expression—an erroneous idea that he should use "big" words. There is a tendency to ramble when he could use concise, clear, factual statements. There is no need to say, "Even though there are some possibilities of roads linking the areas, there is some problems that will be faced, as to the west of Telefomin, a problem of the Sepik River which is most difficult natural hazard which could be encountered...". The same thing can be said concisely, using short sentences, as, "Road construction will encounter problems. The Sepik river is the most difficult natural barrier to be encountered". The officer's last report (L.L.5-71/72) is much better in this regard.

There is need for him to be definite in his reporting. Terms such as "I feel" are not necessary. It is far better to give a definite statement.

2. PATROL REPORT.

A good effort compared to the more verbose particular reports. The officer restricts himself to short statements which makes the report a useful source of information.

The officer should not use the Pidgin terms like 'kaukau' but its English equivalents, "sweet potato".

The request for developmental cash crops are frequent but cannot be entertained because of the marketing costs and difficulties.

3. AREA STUDY.

There has been little change in development or social conditions since the last area study. Apart from grammatical considerations the officer has made a good ~~attempt~~ ^{attempt} to cover the area.

I would have liked to see more figures on absent labourers and those possessing technical or clerical skill throughout the area. The officer also misunderstood the query on the number of C.S.B. accounts. I will direct future patrols to upgrade these sections of the study.

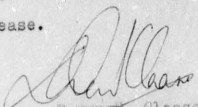
✓ Note that Telefoam airstrip is 5000 feet x 300 feet and is an "X" category landing ground capable of accepting all traffic to C-130 Hercules Transports.

The work of the mission is not just "bible literacy training". Their infant welfare programme, the sawmill, their emphasis on quick air communications, and the fact that they provide the only, well stocked, retail store in the area gives them a considerable social and economic position in the area outside their purely religious activities.

4. CONCLUSION.

A good piece of field work by this officer marred only by his reporting standards. I will pay particular attention to this aspect of his training over the next few months.

5. For your information, please.


D. van H. Claasen,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. F. Birch,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
TELEFOAM.

TELEFOMIN PATROL NO. 6 OF 1971/72.

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Objects of Patrol.

1. Census Revision
2. Area Study Compilation
3. Routine Administration

Situation Report attached on the following:

1. Political
2. Economic
3. Social

SITUATION REPORT No. ONE (1)

Station TELEFOMIN Officer Compiling P. SIREH
 District WEST SEPIK Subdistrict TELEFOMIN
 Census Division Telefomin L.G.C., G.D.L.G. Council TELEFOMIN

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Subject: POLITICAL

The Telefomin Local Government Council consists of Fourteen Wards and Three Census Divisions. There are fourteen council wards throughout the division which serve a population of 5009 people.

Since the establishment of the Telefomin Local Government in June, 1968 the reaction of the people towards the Local Government Council which I feel is a lack of understanding of the purpose of the Council's function in the Area. This of course, is noticeable when talking to few people from the villages. In most of the villages the amount of work should be done during the working day set by the council which is supposed to be the council working period is I feel very little progressed. This lack of understanding of council work in all villages could be the fact that the people at present do not realise that this is their own council. It was also noticeable during the patrol in all Census Divisions that most councillors are weak in playing their role in the village, as it seems to some extent that people lack co-operation between themselves and their elected councillor.

As discussing few things with quite a number of people of the villages throughout the areas about the function of Local Government Council, they seem to be uncertain and I felt only a minor percentage of the people are interested to the discussions. Although the young people are understandable and I predict that those are the people who will co-operate and are interested and will look forward to the purposes of Local Government Council but on the other hand the elder people lack understanding and are not too interested in the Council. This I feel is only the feeling of the people, after all they have some ideas of the function of the Local Government Council as they all contribute to pay their council tax but they are lazy and are not trying very much.

In all villages brief talks were given on the House of Assembly and the way that the last House has been changed from this present House and this I feel throughout the area people doubted it very much as they all were at a loss. This is because lack of understanding

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and to some people the system changed in the House is not so important to them as they have their own Council which will achieve more in their eyes than would the House of Assembly. Almost in all areas, a question was brought to the attention of this patrol as to whether who is their present member of the Upper Sepik Open Electorate and also the Regional Member. Although quite a percentage of the population didn't know their Member some have seen him during his last visit to the Telefomin Station. A percentage of the people at this stage are abuse of the House of Assembly as Administration patrol have been into the area and brief discussion of Political Education matter was given. Even though most of them are aware of the House of Assembly, this I feel only the literate men and women who understand but the illiterate ones still lack understanding.

Throughout the areas the Luluais and Tultuls blame the councillors of their part in the villages as they said the elected Councillors are not doing what they supposed to be doing and I feel to some degree they are right but the whole problem is the people are not too co-operative. However I spoke to the people and explain the whole system to them and told them that how can they develop their area if they don't assist the Councillors. This lack of understanding which may be caused by inadequate explanation of the function of the Council in the area. However, my discussion with the people might clear any doubts by trying to give some better understanding of the function of the Council.

Although it appears that people have lack of understanding of the Political with discussion on the development of the area on such development as Road construction, the people are prepared to carry out any developmental work if it is introduced into the area. Situation, this can be changed as more regular patrols into the area and can give assistance to the Councillors.

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 District WEST BELUK Subdistrict TELEFOMIN
 Census Division TELEFOMIN L.G.C. L.G. Council TELEFOMIN
 Subject POLITICAL

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District CommissionerTELEFOMIN

Date Received

23rd August, 1972.

1. Delay in processing this report is regretted but has been explained in my covering memorandum 67-2-1 of 19th October, 1972.
2. It is unfortunately true that the function of the Council is not understood. A perennial problem is that councillors do not publicise council activities nor is a council education programme being carried out by this department. As soon as my part time advisor returns ex ADCOL I will direct him to carry out patrol with that in mind.
3. Councillors are weak because traditional leadership is still very much in control and the elders are not ready to relinquish some.
4. The officer should note what he is saying. In one instance he states a lack of understanding, in another he suggests they should understand because they pay tax. This is of course a legal requirement and does not necessarily indicate any understanding.
5. The people are not "lazy". They just do not see the necessity to work regular hours.
6. The blame for non-advancement placed on the Councillors by the old village officials indicates the perennial misunderstanding of the Councillor's role. It should indicate the need for a village administrative/police arm in conjunction with a "peoples" representative. Otherwise Councillors will continue to be looked on as ~~xxx~~ replacement luluai's.

Action Taken: 1. To be noted for future education patrols.

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Date 19th October, 1972.

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This lack of understanding by the people in their Council has been discussed before. As pointed out by the Assistant District Commissioner there is a tremendous need for adult education and Councillor training to teach the people that they must play a far greater part in the running of their own affairs.

As has been stated previously political education in this area at present should deal with the more basic concepts of government in the village and immediate area.

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SITUATION REPORT No. TWO (2)

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Subject: ECONOMIC.

Throughout the Telefomin Local Government Council Census Divisions, no economic development has taken place. In most parts of the area such as the Urapmin and the Eliptamin valley, which I feel, has some Agricultural potential, but the problem of road into the area is as a great degree. Eventhough there is some possibilities of roads linking the areas, there is some problems that will be faces, as to the West of Telefomin Station, a problem of the Sepik River which is most difficult natural hazard which could encountered the Construction of Road into the Tifalmin-Urapmin Census Divisions and to the South East of the Telefomin Station the rugged terrain will be most difficult and which could encountered the construction of Road into the Eliptamin Census Division. Although there is problems in Road Construction, which I feel, if the people try to work for the Community, this will come to the conclusion but I feel that people are not willing to do it as they want Administration to do the work for them or they only work if they are paid for it.

The Telefomin Local Government Council set up a marketing System which is established at the Telefomin Station to try and give the people as well as other areas, a source of cash income and also to give them improvement in the Agricultural Out put of the area. Eventhough the Local Market has been set up by the Council, only a small number of village people come to sell their produce in the market and these consist of taros and sweet potatoes and only small amount of European introduced crop is sold.

AGRICULTURE: The Agricultural Development thought the area is improving but the people laced of understand to treat their crop. As their main diet is taro and KAUKAU, these can be maintained by them easily but such european introduced crop as beans, carbaggas, lettuce etc, I doubt very much if the people knows how to treat them and give them a good yeild of their products. However, these people who went to work as labourers in other districts had some idea of maintaining these crops and have succeed in producing some very good vegetables. However if the people are shown the method to improve this introduced crop, I feel this will be of great help to them.

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With the Construction of Road into the area especially the Eiptamin Census Divisions and Urapmin Area, a good percentage of vegetable will be sold in the Local Market at Telefomin Station but the problem of rugged terrain hinder the situation.

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Station TELEFOMIN Officer Compiling P.SIREH - T.P.O.
 District WEST SEPIK Subdistrict TELEFOMIN
 Census Division TELEFOMIN L.G.C. L.G. Council TELEFOMIN
 Subject ECONOMIC.

Subdistrict Office

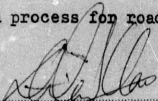
Assessment Assistant District CommissionerTELEFOMIN

Date Received

23rd August, 1972.

1. Delay in processing this report is regretted but has been explained in my 67-2-1 of 19th October, 1972.
2. Enough has been written on the economic desolation of this sub district. I wont re-iterate except to say if 'it is true'.
3. There is some potential in temperate vegetables but not without a sound idea of market outlets in Wewak etc. Until some market research is carried out it is not politic to encourage any such activity. There may be a future outlet if TABUBIL is ever exploited as a copper mine.
4. Road development under rural development will be pressed during the next five years. However these will be purely social/administrative benefit roads as there will be no economic justification or return at this juncture.

Action Taken: 1. R.D.F. Submissions are in process for road construction throughout the Council area.

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Little can be done to improve the economy of this area, and road construction will be limited due to the nature of the terrain.

It is hoped that the Department of Agriculture will assist people with the planting and harvesting of European vegetables, as this is one avenue with limited potential at present.

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Station Telefomin Officer Compiling P. Sireh
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Subject: SOCIAL.

EDUCATION: Education throughout the Council area is carried out by the two Administration Primary School, one situated at Eliptamin and the other at Telefomin Station. Although there is two Administration Primary School set up in the area, the mission carry out a Bible School through the area by placing one representative in the villages. Eliptamin Primary Schools provide students from Eliptamin area to attend the school and the Telefomin Primary School provides the students from villages nearby and the Feramin Areas and Urapmin and Tifalmin areas. The mission serve quite a good purpose, in so far as they are directed, I feel, to Adult education. With the two Administration Primary Schools and the mission Literacy Class, this I feel, has improve the Social Condition of this people.

HEALTH: The health of the people throughout the area is of an average standard, although the deaths rate is high. This can be reduced if the people try to clean themselves and realise the cleanliness of the area can keep them healthy but in other case this has not been done properly. The mortality rate is not too high as the mission welfare nurses visits all areas periodically. Although the Aid Post Orderlys are stationed at various villages, this feel that they are not carrying out their duties thoroughly, as they are supposed to remain most of the time at the Aid Post. In such places where the Aid Post Orderly comes from that area, I believe that most of their time is spent hunting or gardening.

At KOMDAVIP and AGUMTAVIP the Aid Post is not very good as it is made of bush material and I feel that a permanent material Aid Post be built there. The two Aid Post serves nine villages and the medicines which I feel must be placed in a proper house and this also applies to the Aid Post at Tifalmin. As these local material is destroyed very quickly and insects bite the wood and thus damaging the medicine. Also in villages where the Aid Post are, the out patient ward is not very good. The Feramin, Aid Post hasn't got an Out Patient Ward and Terapdevip Out Patient Ward is of a pigs sty. There's another problem which encountered during the patrol and I think it must be considered. The Telefomin Local Government Council Census Division really needs a

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Health Education Officer as the condition of the villages is very poor.

The village at the present situation can be changed if someone from the Health Department goes to the villages and give talks on the cleanliness of the village as I feel this people lack understanding.

LAW AND ORDER: As the Administration has been in the Area for about 23 years, the people in general are quite aware of Law and Order. They are aware of it as in the past those people who Committed Crimes were put in prison.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Throughout the area in all villages there is a Women's Club, set up for every women and the girls who didn't have any chance of going to school attend. The women's Club is supervised by a Council Welfare Assistant, stationed at Telefomin. The women are taught of making addresses cooking, and looking after their family. At this stage the women also learn to play basketball and other activities that the women are involve in.

Apart from the Women's Club there is no youth activities ~~xxx~~ as there is no one at Telefomin who is interested in Organizing it and I feel if there is someone who is prepared to do it, most young men and women are prepared to join in.

As a result of the Women's Club set up in the villages, I feel that the women have learnt a lot from it and this also will progress in the future.

MISSION: Mission activities throughout these areas is directed mainly to infant and maternal Welfare. The mission provides Welfare Nurses to go on their routine visit to some Aid Posts where there is an Airstrip and this, to some degree has reduced the Infant Mortality rate as in the past. Apart from the Welfare Nurses there is a Bible school established by the Baptist Mission at Telefomin. The mission invited people as far as Mianmin and ~~xiii~~ villages around Telefomin Council Area to attend the Bible School. This of course not inviting all the people but only taking representatives from each village and later when they returned home they spread christianity in the villages. The teaching of Bible reading and learning of pidgin English to some degree ~~xxx~~ is an Adult Education.

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CONCLUSION: Although the people lack understanding, it is hoped that any patrols into the area to give advise and this will help improve the situation throughout the area.

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P. Sireh,
Patrol Officer.

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D. van R. Claassen
Date 19/10/82

SITUATION REPORT No. 3-6:71/72

Station..... TELEFOMIN Officer Compiling P. SIREH - T.P.O......

District..... WEST SEPIK Subdistrict..... TELEFOMIN

Census Division..... TELEFOMIN L.G.C. L.G. Council..... TELEFOMIN

Subject: SOCIAL

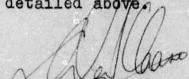
Subdistrict Office TELEFOMIN Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date received

25rd August, 1972......

1. Delay in processing this report is regretted but has been fully explained in my 67-2-1 of 19th October, 1972.
2. There is an extremely poor spread of education facilities throughout the Council area. Only two schools for 1500 children spread over a wide area. Schooling is barely adequate. There is need to assess school centres and future expansion.
3. The mortality rate is quite average and not as a alarming as the officer makes out. The work of the Mission Infant Welfare programme under the guidance of SR. CROUCH, M.B.E., has been largely responsible for this. Nevertheless constant vigilance is necessary to prevent dysenty and influenza taking their toll.
4. I concur that there is an urgent need for continued Aid Post Orderly training. The closure of the schools was a premature and short sighted policy. The present standard of orderlies is very low and they need a boost in standards. It is to be hoped that the new A.P.O. training scheme will at least instil the need for hygiene and cleanliness into them. The fact that it can be done is manifestly obvious when one sees the high standards achieved by Sr. Crouch in her Infant Welfare training schools, using standard VI girls, at Telefomin.

Action Taken: NIL Required except as detailed above.

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Existing services appear to be generally adequate.

Mr. Sireh's Report on the general cleanliness of the villages varies considerably between this Report and the Patrol Report. The latter report states " all villages were inspected and were found to neat and tidy with the exception of few villages which is not good at all."

It appears that Aid Post Orderlies could be more closely supervised and there is also a need for refresher training courses.

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AREA STUDY

TELEFOMIN PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1971/1972.

A. INTRODUCTION

(a) The Telefomin Local Government Council Census Division is divided into three divisions. The Urapmin-Tifalmin Census Division, Eliptamin Census Division and Telefomin Local Census Division. Urapmin - Tifalmin Census Division, which is part of the Telefomin Council Area, situated South-West of Telefomin station and is approximately 15 to 20 miles. The Eliptamin Census Division, which is also another part of Telefomin Local Government Council Area, situated North-East of Telefomin Station, approximately 20 to 25 miles. The Telefomin Local Census Division, includes Feramin Area, is in the South West Corner of Trust Territory of New Guinea, with boundary contact with West Irian and Papua. The topography throughout Telefomin Local Government Council Census Division is extremely rugged. The climate of this area is wet and dry season. During the wet season this does effect the movement throughout the area as most walking tracks get muddy and slippery.

In some parts of the area, especially the area between Komdavi and Bolvil received a great land slide and also the track from Eliptamin to Telefomin following the headwater of Tol River. The average rainfall annually is approximately 135 inches, although it does vary. The wet season falls between August to December and dry seasons falls between January to July, although it does vary but sometimes it does vice versa. During the dry season most of the hunting grounds are dried and people burnt quite a few bushes for the purpose of catching game. The vegetation throughout the area is of Savanna type land. In the Urapmin-Tifalmin Census Division, most area is KUNAI grass, with very small forest scattered around. Although most part of the area has a Secondary growth vegetation, in few areas especially around Eliptamin and Feramin Areas where rivers and Creeks flow through, there's quite a dense tropical canopy occurs. Most Secondary growth throughout the area only follows up the shifting cultivation form of gardening. In most part of the area especially around Urapmin-Tifalmin Census Division Kunai grass is found predominantly along the slope and few hill tops but most part throughout the area varies from Secondary growth to dense jungle. To the East the vegetation is quite dense and thick jungle occurs.

(b) The main access throughout the Sub District is by walking track, although there are four airstrips in the area, one at Eliptamin (Mission) about 15 minutes flight, Feramin (Mission)

about the same flying time as Eliptamin, Telefomin Station and the one at Tifalmin (Mission) which the people are still working on the walking track is used most often by the people when gardening.

(c) The duration of Administration contact in the Area is approximately 25 years, although the Administration has had early contacts with the people. Although most people have been contacted by the Administration and other patrols by private persons, (KENNECOTT EXPLORATION COMPANY) quite a few people are ignorant of the Administration influence in the Area. The people are still flowing their own little groupings such as each relatives gardening on their own land for a period of one month or two. These are the people who doesn't do the Council work in the village. They spend all their lessures gardening and doing their own activities. The general attitudes of the people is friendly throughout the area. The mission at Telefomin had a greater influence throughout the Area. As the Baptist Mission at Telefomin has been here for about 22 years, this has changed the characteristics of the people from the past to a better life. Although the mission has been operating in here for many years it didn't started a proper school of its own. It only teaches the people to speak pidgin English and read and write in pidgin English. Even though the mission teaches the people to read and write pidgin English, this is not a full learning. It takes the people in for the course for approximately 2-3 weeks and send them back home.

This literacy class also consist of bible reading and teaching of pidgin English as I've said above.

B. POPULATION - DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

(a) See village population register attached on patrol jacket for the whole area.

(b) The villages throughout the area are not linked by road although tracks are used commonly linking all villages in the area. (see the attached map)

(c) Over the past years the outward flow of labours within the area was less. This is because the managers of plantation and other companies didn't want to recruit more man. They only get certain number of labourers but this year, there has been a lot of eligible labours gone out to the other Districts to work in plantation and other company. Even though a lot of people had gone out of the Districts few of them were not seen as they are out in the bush gardening.

Quite a number of labourers are working for the KENNICOTT COMPANY at OK-TEDI in the Western District and some people have gone to the CARPENTERIA EXPLORATION COMPANY at Frieda River.

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C. SOCIAL GROUPING.

(a) Throughout the area is approximately thirty main groups. In the Urapmin-Tifalmin Area, there is only three main group, Telefomin Local Consist of Ten groups, Feramin area only consist of Four groups and the Eliptamin area consist of thirteen groups. Although there are thirty main groups, the people live in separate hamlets apart from each other.

The people were at some stage Originated from Telefolip village, after sometimes the people have disputes between them and this broke the Component Social groups into thirty.

(b) The functional Social unit throughout the Telefomin Local Census Division is moreless an extended family group but to some extent the Social united through marital ties. Each family group live in one house. There might be three married men with their families living in just one house. This seems an unhealthy way of living. Although few men from the Telefomin Area have married some women from Albalmin Area and others adopted two or three children from Atbalmin as their adopted child. At present a woman can get married to a man from another village but then these will mean that the women's relatives will have to marry another woman from the man's relatives. This is somehow is exchanging woman between the two groups.

(c) The people throughout this area speaks "Telefol" language. Apart from the Telefomin, Eliptamin and Feramin, the people of Tifalmin have different accent in their tought. They speak the language similar to the Atbalmin people, however they still can speak the "Telefol" language.

(d) The relationships between the various component social grouping is followed by the marital status. Marriage amongst these people do extend beyond their social groups and this is noticeable in the Census Statistics. The married couple who have more children might want to give one of their children to another person who comes from the same group. These system can be seen throughout the area. Although in most places when the husband dies the women get all of the children and the men's relatives can't look after any of the children. But in some places when these happens and the women get married, she gave some of the children to the man's family as their adopted son or daughter.

(e) The system as above adopted throughout the area.

D. LEADERSHIP.

(a) The older man could be regarded as leaders as they are respected in the area and in one or two places this could be ~~me~~ acquired but majority of the villages is hereditary.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) The traditional pattern of leadership is changing slowly to a significant degree. As the establishment of Telefomin Local Government Council began in 1968, this has changed quite alot from the traditional leadership to the present elected Councillor, responsible for one to two villages. Few of these Councillors have very small education which enables them to read and write in pidgin. This significant degree of the council throughout the area will gradually change the traditional leadership as in the past the people only select the Older man as their leader. These are the men who were brave in the tribal fighting or are respected in some forms of traditional activities.

E. LAND TENURE AND USE.

The traditional system of Land Tenure of these people throughout the council areas obtain their land through inheritance by the matrilineal system. Throughout the area the gardening is still on a subsistence bases in small plot which is mostly for their own family need.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

F. LITERACY.

(a) There are two Administration Primary Schools operating in the area:

- (1) Telefomin Primary School
- (2) Eliptamin Primary School

Both primary schools are for the Administration. The Telefomin primary school is graded from standard One which is called modified class one up to standard six, however this has been changed through the Education Department and this year only modified class one to standard five. The Eliptamin Primary School is graded from standard one up to standard two and any school children pass his/hers standard two in their yearly examination is sent to Telefomin Primary School to complete the rest of his standards. Eventhough this system is going on, it might changed in the future as more students enroll to school in the years to come. As they are an Administration school English is taught in both.

Following are the numbers of pupils in each class, dividing the number into male and female categories:-

TELEFOMIN PRIMARY SCHOOL:

<u>Standards</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	23	14	37
2	24	4	28
3	14	4	18
4	17	8	25
5	10	8	18
	<u>88</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>126</u>

ELIPTAMIN PRIMARY SCHOOL:

<u>Standards</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	34	2	36
2	35	-	35
	<u>= 69</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>71</u>

(b) An approximate idea of the percentage of the adult people who are literate in pidgin english is about 10%, although quite a number of people as I would say are semi-literate. Some adult people in the area speaks broken English but this is very rare. Most people are illiterate but those who went to the Mission Bible College at Bainz can speak English. Quite a number of students in the area are attending Aitape High School and one or two attending the Brandi High School in the East Sepik District. Other students who failed their standard six have gone to the Vocational School at Vanimo, This of course is only the male students and the female students, some of them are attending the Nursing school held by the Baptist Mission in Telefomin but the rest are still at home. Most of the people who have been attending the mission literacy class, which consist of teaching

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of Bible reading and reading and writing in pidgin English have shown abit of interest in reading our news which is obtained from the council chamber in Telefomin. The Telefomin Local Government Council gave fifteen radios to the villages where there is a councillor residing but few people in the area have their own radios. They normally listened to the Radio Station throughout Papua New Guinea but especially radio Wewak.

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G. STANDARD OF LIVING.

(a) The standard of living in general is very level. In all the villages the housing is of the same style except few people who have saved a bit of income bought themselves Galvanized iron for their house. Toilets in the villages are quite good and few villages have only two toilets shared between men and women. People don't seem to use the toilets very often as waste products are thrown in the scrubs or grass. Most men and women wear Modern type dressing with the exception of few men who still used to the traditional clothing wearing penis guard and women are very rare wearing grass skirts.

The use of European artifacts does not exist in the area and will take time unless the people prepared to build a modern house.

(b) Taro is the staple diet of this people. Even though taro is the staple food these are few European introduced food crops grown in the area. Such introduced food crops as beans, lettuce, Cabbage, corn, tomatoes, pumpkins, sweet potatoes and onions.

Most of these crops are grown mainly in the Eliptamin valley and the area around Urapmin however this is grown only for their need. People also buys tin fish and Rice from the Mission Trade Store which gives them a bit of a change in their diet.

(c) Throughout the area there has been a Community Centre set up and this only comprise of Women's Club. The Welfare Assistant in Telefomin does go to each villages and show the women how to cook better food and care for the family. As there are not many people who owned sewing machine some women out for Telefomin wouldn't know how to use the machine. The women near the station new a little on how to use machine as people purchased quite a few. Apart from the Women's Club there is no other Organisations beside it. The people throughout the area are very interested in Sports. The men plays soccer mainly and a bit of basket ball and the women plays basket ball mainly and very seldom played baseBall.

H. MISSION.

(a) The only mission in the area is the Baptist Mission, which has its headquarters in Telefomin. Its services mainly conducting of bible school and also few people in the area have purchased goods from their trade store and made their own trade store. Although these people purchased the goods from the Mission, they only made little profit, As most of the profit goes back to the mission. The mission activities has influenced the Social Situation throughout Telefomin Area to a degree.

I. NON-INDIGENES.

(a) Kennecott Exploration personnel spent approximately TEN to eleven months in the Tifalmin Area also the Beureau of Mineral Resources spent approximately six months in the area. The relationship between the people and the Companies were good throughout the period the Companies stay. The people were employed to work with the Company and are much interested to assist the Company's Search of minerals, unfortunately the prospecting in the area stoped.

(b) Although these companies loose interested in the area, the mining company at Ok-Tedi would get a number of people from the area to work there. As this has been going on when the prospecting started. This applies to the mining company at Frieda River which also employed more workers from this area.

(c) The only problem thasepeople are facing is lack of roads. Once the road links the places, the possible outlets or markets for primary produce will begin. At present there is no other means of primary produce in the area and this will take long time for some years to come.

Unless there is some sufficient labour volunteer to work on the road, no produce will be sold in large quantity throughtout the area.

(d) Not Applicable

J. COMMUNICATION.

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Roads: There's no main or secondary roads which link the area as a whole to other parts of the Sub District and District although there is walking tracks linking the village to another village. The walking tracks are used very often for gardening. There is some possibilities for a road to exist in the area unless people are willing to work. Otherwise there will be no roads establish in the area for a very long time.

SEA: not applicable.

AIR: The following are the list of aerodromes which have been established in the Telefomin Sub District.

TELEFOMIN STATION - ~~2000' x 450'~~ 5000' x 300' - *category x*

(a) ELIPTAMIN AIRSTRIP - The Eliptamin Airstrip is about 1600ft x 60' and it is a category "C" strip. It is a Mission Airstrip which allows only M.A.F. (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) planes to land there. These planes only services from Telefomin on a mission charter.

(b) FERAMIN AIRSTRIP - The Feramin Airstrip also is the Mission airstrip and it only allows mission planes to land there.

(c) TIFAMIN AIRSTRIP - This is also another mission airstrip and the people are still working on it.

(d) TELEFOMIN AIRSTRIP - It is about 5000' long and a Category "A" airstrip which allows planes from DC3 types to land there. (*See above*)

The Telefomin Airstrip a Commercial Airstrip which is used publicly but there are three only which are used privately by the Mission. Although two of which are used the other one is still under construction.

Airstrip owned by the Mission only do the Mission business such as taking the mission nurses to the area for hospital routine and clinic work.

RIVERS: not applicable.

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

Throughout the Council Area there are few people working as Carpenters working out of the area and some people are employed by the Baptist Mission as painters and Carpenters. These people are employed as Casual labourers for the mission. Few men are Administration drivers working in the Sub-District and out of the area in District Headquarters. Although the school started in the area recently, people have some ideas of building a permanent house only for their family and few people in the area owned a trade store which the goods are obtained from the Mission Store in the Telefomin Station. The people in the area who goes out to other districts as labourers on plantation have seen some form of trades in other area and have tried in building their of skill. As most or few of the children have gone and some have been to Boys Vocational School at Vanimo learnt a fair bit on trade. With little bit of knowledge from the Vocational School in Vanimo they can develop their skills in trade. Eventhough not very many people received Technical and Clerical Skills these will develop in some years to come.

I. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

As the political development throughout the area has reach the stage of Local Government Council being introduced few literate people can understand the system of Government of the Country. Although the Local Government Council has been in the Area about three years the people still lack understanding, however, this will gradually come into being as the people will have to realise what body the Local Government is playing part for. The people throughout the area eventhough have Council representatives, which I feel they are using this as a vocal outlet for a number of problems which have ocured in this society. The present form of Government in the Country which most people do not understand the system. As these is no politidal Education Officer for the Sub District the people would not comprehend the machinery of the present form of Government and I feel that people lack quite a great amount of understanding. Sooner or later if the Sub District have a Political Education Officer this might clear any doubts in the people's mind or for those people who doesn't know might get a bit of idea about it. As the ex-upper Sepik Open Electorate Member is from the Telefomin Area, the people have a bit of idea about the House of Assembly but this is not very much as they only knew they have a House of Assembly Member but they don't know who their Regional Member is..

M. THE ECONOMIC OF THE AREA.

- (a) No economic trees grown throughout the area.
- (b) not applicable.
- (c) not applicable.
- (d) There is no market gardening enterprises although people work in their own garden and any vegetables sold from their garden is very limited. The vegetables are sold in the local market held every Wednesday and Saturday. Although not very many vegetables sold through this local market and the amount earned is very small.
- (e) not applicable.
- (f) not applicable as Co-operatives do not function in the area.
- (g) There is no outstanding entrepreneurs in the Area or any other business men.
- (h) The only Commonwealth Savings opened in the Area is the one at Telefomin Station, but apart from it there are no other Savings Account besides it.
- (i) The people pay Council tax even though most people pay tax some finds it difficult to pay.
- (j) An average per capita income pay would work in Dollars and Cents but this is evenly realistic in all areas,
- (k) Marketing facilities can be access only by Air but this won't be effective as there are no market gardens in the area. Unless the people are prepared to work on it.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

(a) In some areas there is available land for increased plantings for permanent tree crop and this would be around 6 to 7 acres. Some areas would be possible 30 to 35% of land area would be utilised for planting of cash crops but as mentioned earlier, most parts of the area is rugged.

(b) Marketing could be increased if the people are shown how to grow the crop and treat them. At this stage there are quite a few people who is willing to work on some cash crop that has been introduced in the area and these crops are grown in small quantities.

(c) The wage earnings within the census divisions is increasing as most of the labour requirements comes from the local sources. As potential amount of labour from the area have gone out to other districts to work. Most people come to the station to look for jobs but the Administration or the Mission can only accept their requirements unless there is need for more labourers to do the work. Most people have shown interest in the mining companies performing their research in the area but these mining companies are fruit less but for those who have shown more interest in it have gone to work in other mining companies as the KENNICOTT Mining Company in the Ok-Tedi and CARPENTARIA EXPLORATION Company in the Freida River Area.

(d) There are possibilities of introducing such activities as timber as these people have been cutting logs from the bush to provide Baptist Mission with timber but this is just cutting a log and dragging it out to the road for the tractor to cart it away to the mission station. The log which the people cut is not a good quality for timber as they chop all different types of trees but if they are shown or told of which tree is good for timber and the seedlings of this particular trees could be obtained and planted. This can take some few years to grow up to a mature tree but people would realise that an increase involves change and more hard work but latter it would achieve better result.

O. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(Peoples attitudes towards Local Government in some instant didn't realise that the people themselves form the Local Government. As most people would think and infact most of them having in mind that the Council Adviser and the elected councillors are the local government.

Talks were given in all villages about the functions of Local Government Councils. Because lack of co-operations in the villages this leads to a lack of development in the area and talks were confined solely to telling the people about what kind of work the Telefomin Local Government Council was doing in the area, what help will it assist the people in the council area and what it hoped to achieved in the future.

In the Feramin villages the people wouldn't listened to their councillors in ever what type of work the councillors give them to do. Only those people who are willing to do the work come to do it. Throughout the areas in all villages the people do not follow the Local Government Council working day correctly. This working day is held every monday but the people worked only a couple of hours and the rest of the day is spent gardening. This makes the work of the council very slow in all villages. The village improvement is advancing well but slow.

P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

The Central Government to the people doesn't mean much at all, although the Administration has been in the area for approximately twenty two years. Few elder village people thought the central government is the Telefomin and those Officers that have patrolled into the area, but those people who are about 30 years of age have few ideas of the central government as most of them have been into other districts to work. Those who remain in the village will understand the system of the government as those people who went out to other districts have been talking to them and apart from this almost every villages have at least one to three radios to listen to the news broadcast.

To some extent there has been a great number of people who have ~~been~~ gone to work either in the two mining companies, the KENNIGGOTT EXPLORATION COMPANY or the CATPENTARIA EXPLORATION COMPANY and others are employed as plantation labourers in other districts and few people are working for the Administration.

Apart from the village people, there are students who are attending school at the Eliptamin primary school and the Telefomin Primary School. Some of these students have passed their standard six examinations and some are attending Aitape High School and one or two are attending the Brandi High School. These are the people who will one day come back to their villages and explain the system of Government to the villagers and this will give great help in assisting the Administration Officers in the future.

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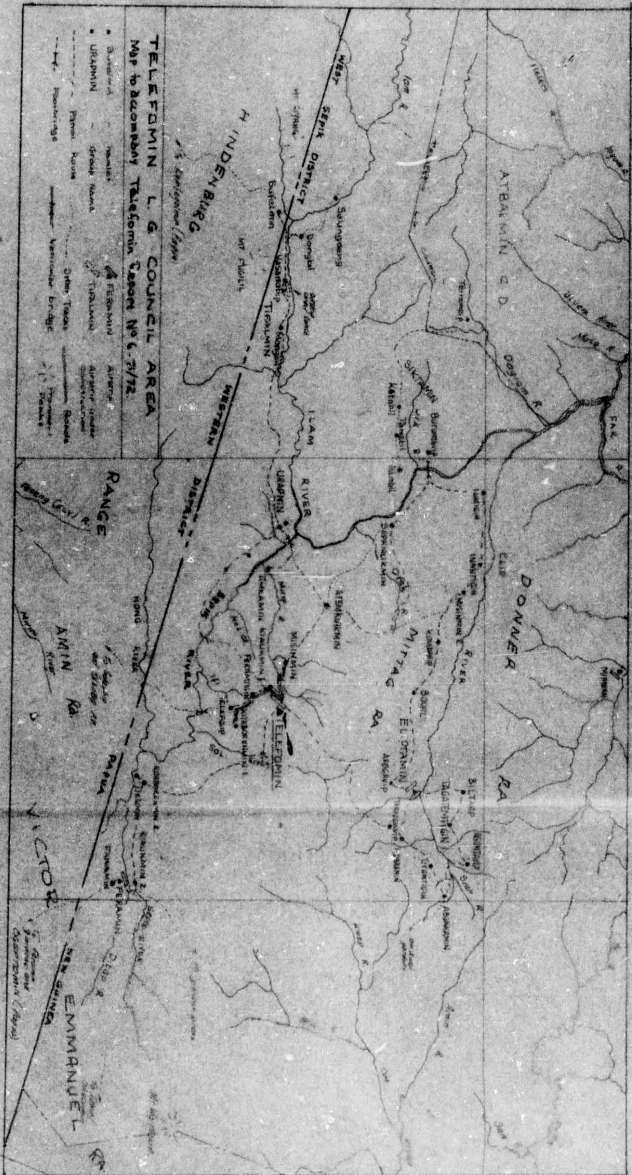
Q. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

Accommodation:- Throughout the area there are quite a number of several Rest House had been built. Few of these Rest Houses are in a very bad conditions, especially in the Tifalmin area Komdavi, Aguntevip, Terapdavi and there is only one Rest House in the Feramin area. The patrol has to put up tent when conducting census in the Oksimin and Korbremain villages in the Feramin area. If these rest houses are well looked after and maintained, it will last as long as 4-5 years but as the people are lazy and within their own carelessness, the rest houses rotted out very quickly.

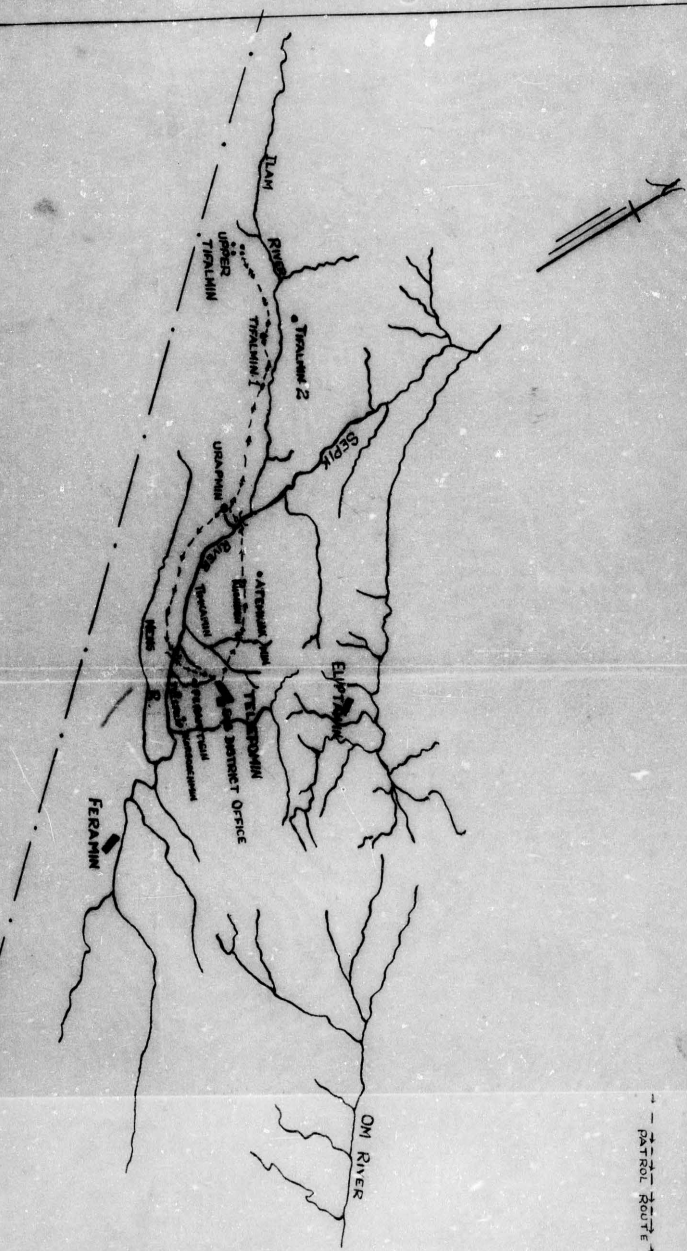
Services and Facilities:- At present there are six Aid Post set up in the area which links with the Central Hospital at Telefomin Station. Within the six Aid Post, there are enough supplies of medicines available but still people get sick don't bother about going to the Aid Post when the sickness just started, until the sickness gets worse, then at this stage the patient is brought to the Aid Post. In all areas I feel that the people expected the Aid Post Orderlys to go around and tell them to go to the Aid Post or to go to the hospital.

Apart from the Aid Post Orderlys and Hospital Orderlys, the Mission sent out two nurses into these villages to carryout clinics, and these nurses go out to visit the villages every fortnight.

As it was seen by the patrol, most of these Aid Post Orderlys worked from 0800hours till 0930 hours and departed into the bush gardening or hunting and as a result some men and women even children who gets sick during the hours of his absent were not treated until when he returns from the bush. The Aid Post Orderlys at each Aid Post has a duty to check the cleanliness of the villages in which he is responsible for and if he does his duties, I feel this will stop the decease and minor sickness in the area.



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