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WEST SEPIK DISTRICT

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	<u>YANGKOK</u>	
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AITAPE

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2-72-73	G. J. SMITH	SISSANO Census Divison
3-72-73	D. PERMAZEL	Parts SIAU Census Divison
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14-72-73	J. TAWE	Part BATAI C.D. - jacket

HARS. KANAKEN.

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 1 of 1972/73
 District: West Sepik
 Patrol conducted by: F.J. Waringian
 Area patrolled: South Wapei
 Duration of patrol: 19/8/72-29/9/72
 15/10/72 to 16/11/72.
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 1972 July.
 Last O.L.G. patrol: -
 Map reference: Enclosed.

Objects of patrol: Census Revision and General Administration.
 Station: Edwaki
 Subdistrict: Lumi
 Designation: Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: 1 Interpreter & 1 member R.F.N.G.C.
 Number of days: 38
 Total population of area: 4,718
 Council area: Nil
 House of Assembly Electorate: Upper Sepik

The District Commissioner,
 WEST SEPIK District,
 VANIMO

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 8, 10 To 12, (✓)
 - Patrol Instructions, (✓)
 - The Report and my comments, (✓)
 - Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, (✓)
 - Situation Reports No's 1-7, (✓)
 - Patrol map, (✓)
 - Campy allowance sheet (3)* (✓)

DATE: 23/3 1973

A. S. [Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

Mrs. Sney [Signature] ✓

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, (✓)
 - Situation Report No's. 1-7 ()
 - ()
 - ()

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

- Above average
- Average ✓
- Below average

Date: 27/4/1973.

B. B. [Signature]
 District Commissioner
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The District Commissioner
West Sepik District
P.O.Box 42
VANIMO

5th July, 1973
67-16-32
R.G.Orwin
a/DDC

LUMI PATROL NO. 1/1972-73.

Reference your Minute of 3rd April, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 7 arising out of the above patrol of SOUTH WAPEI Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments and also the Area Study recompilation, as submitted by Mr. F.J.Wafingian, Patrol Officer.

Your comments adequately cover the subject matter contained in the Situation Reports and Area Study.

I regret the delay in acknowledging this Report.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN ~
a/Secretary

67.16.32.

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... 6. Copies of comments on situation reports are attached.

I agree with your comments on the quality of the report, and look forward to this continual improvement from Mr. Safingian.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.

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Minute to :

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The above refers.

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

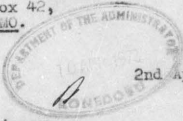
B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.

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West Sepik District,
P.O. Box 42,
VANIMO.

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2nd April, 1973.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
LUMI.

LUMI PATROL NO. 1-1972/73 : SOUTH WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

Your memorandum 67-2-3 dated 15th March, 1973, with attachments, refers.

Thank you for this report on which the following comments are made :-

1. Please ensure Mr. Wafingian submits future reports as soon as possible after the completion of patrol.
2. The area study is shown as being a re-Compilation. Once a master area study is established, subsequently updating is required only, and this affects only those sections of the study which require amendment. The attachment to your memorandum 67-1-1 dated 15th December, 1972, does not list the patrol report and master area study for the South Wapei. Please advise.
3. Please inform Mr. Wafingian that non-indigenes are not institutions. (page 11 area study).
4. At page 16 of the area study (possibilities of expanding the economy) mention is made of earlier successful experiments in rice plantings. Can you provide me further details on this. Current developments create the feasibility of the South Wapei being far less remote in the future than at present, in which case cattle, rice and coconut plantings referred to could be investigated with a view to implementation. I allude to (a) use of the Sepik river for the movement of cargoes to Green River once the Imonda-Sepik River road is completed; (b) the transfer of South Wapei to Ambunti administration where work boat supply to Ama could be backloaded with produce (if wewak shipping does not supply Ama direct); (c) the Awaki-Tipas road. I look forward with interest to your advice on this matter.
5. A patrol report was not submitted. Some of the matters raised in situation reports should have been the context of the patrol report. Please discuss with Mr. Wafingian the distinguishing features between patrol report (matters of local interest which terminate at District Headquarters, Vanimo) and situation reports (matters for Departmental Headquarters, Konedobu, concern).

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: 2 of 72/73

Census Revision, Update Area Study,
Objects of patrol: Political Education.

District: West Sepik

Station: Lumi

Patrol conducted by: W. D. Swan

Subdistrict: Lumi

Area patrolled: West Wapei Census Division

Designation: Sub-District Office *Patrol Officer*
C. Fisher, A.P.O.

Duration of patrol: 25/9/72 to 9/10/72

Personnel accompanying: A. Hela Projectionist D.I.E.S.
1 member R.P.N.G.P.C.

Last D.D.A. patrol: Nov. 1971 (Routine Census)

Number of days: 15

Last O.L.G. patrol: Oct. 1971 (Council Elect.)

Total population of area: 2,462

Map reference: Aitape SA5A Army

Council area: Wapei Local Government Council

1:250,000 Series T504

House of Assembly Electorate: Wapei Nuku Open
West Sepik Regional

The District Commissioner,

West Sepik District,

VANTMO

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 5 To 12, (X)

Patrol Instructions, (X)

The Report and my comments, (X)

Area study, ()

Updating of area study, (X)

Situation Reports No's 1-2, (X)

Patrol map, ()

Camping allowance Claims

(W. Swan, C. Fisher)

DATE: 13/11/72

A.S. Wright
A.S. WRIGHT
Assistant District Commissioner

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

*Area Study & Sitrep Copies
submitted to*

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study, ()

Updating of area study, ()

Situation Report No's 1-2 ()

..... ()

..... ()

District Headquarters assessment of Above average

Patrol & Report..... Average

Below average

B. Bunting
District Commissioner

11/11/72

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.	
27-9-72	ALKULA	31	22	38	32	-	-	3	-	126
29-9-72	GARA	22	19	31	20	-	-	5	-	97
27-9-7	IMEBU	75	79	116	99	1	1	8	1	380
30-9-72	KABORI NO. 1	30	24	26	25	2	4	13	5	129
30-9-72	KABORI NO. 2	15	26	34	23	-	-	9	1	108
7-10-72	KAKOI	27	31	37	35	2	3	17	2	154
8-10-72	KALWUM	27	23	24	32	-	1	13	3	123
7-10-72	KUATIM	12	11	16	11	-	-	4	-	54
7-10-72	KWATUM	22	17	14	16	-	-	4	-	73
5-10-72	MAUMIL	18	22	16	28	1	-	21	1	107
2-10-72	MOLMO	52	45	75	57	2	-	15	2	248
4-10-72	PELAMA	32	32	43	29	1	-	19	-	157
28-9-72	PIAKO	25	29	42	32	2	-	8	1	139
3-10-72	SIAMA	11	11	19	17	-	-	16	-	74
8-10-72	TIMENI	15	16	16	17	2	-	6	-	72
8-10-72	URUTEI	6	9	17	17	-	-	6	-	55
8-10-72	YEBIL	68	56	79	81	8	1	24	4	321
4-10-72	YOKOMA	10	6	10	11	-	-	8	-	45
	<u>TOTALS</u>	498	478	653	582	21	10	199	21	2462

Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner

JJT:SU

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU

67-16-19

1st February, 1973

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

LUMI PATROL NO. 3 of 1972/73.

Reference your Minute of 19th January, 1973.

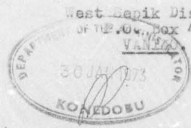
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of West Wapei Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. W.D. Swan, Patrol Officer.

Your average rating is noted. An informative report.

C.C. LITTLER
a/Secretary

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(21)

67-3-5
PSG:lt



19th January, 1973.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
LUMI.

LUMI PATROL NO. 2 - 1972/73 : WEST MAPIK CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for your memorandum 67-2-1 dated 13th November, 1972, and the attached report on which I have the following comments.

1. I do not appear to have received lumi patrol report number 1 - 1972/73.
 2. There appears to be no patrol map.
 3. It will be necessary to watch the increasing exodus of males as labour. This will reach a point at which all sorts of village economic and social disorders arise and once the community breakdown occurs it takes a number of years to retrieve a balance again (page 2 area study).
 4. What is the situation and cause for non production of rice in this area (page 5 area study).
 5. With respect to local government it is important, in this period of depressed economy for the census division, that the Council takes a sympathetic approach to tax prosecutions and that the Council Tax Review Committee is seen to be sympathetic in order that the community can more better understand its (the committee) function and in order to retain good Council/Lumi/Community relations. It would appear that when the Sitape/Lumi/Aewak road is operative that this census division has the basis and potential on which economic development can be generated. What are the departments of Agriculture and Business Development doing and planning (if anything) for this?
- ... 6. Copies of my comments on situation reports are attached. Mr. Swan has presented a neat and informative report.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.
PSS

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.

Minute to :

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

The above refers.

Two copies of relevant aspects of the report are attached.

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

WEST WAPET CENSUS DIVISION

A. INTRODUCTION

Para. 4.(b)

After "Delivery March, 1972."

Add "The bulldozer and grader were 'walked' from Wewak along the Sepik Highway route, and arrived in Lumi in June 1972. These machines are currently upgrading the Lumi to Karaitem section of the proposed road to link Aitape. The Public Works Department is providing an operator for this equipment."

Para. 7.

Add "The Christian Mission in Many Lands at Kabri has also cut back on staff. At present, staff consists of two female Europeans (1 teacher and 1 infant welfare sister). The Mission is also visited, every two months, by one time resident Missionary, Mr. G. Wumsch who is now living at Vanimo."

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.B. POPULATION, DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDSPara. 11. (a) Delete and Add.

1972 Census sheets are attached.

Para. 13.

Delete
Change to:-

"For absentees see population register. The West Wapei Census Division has been a source of plantation labour for many years. Of the 251 people absent from the area 199 absent males are working outside the electorate, mainly on plantations.

This means 23½% of the total adult male population of the area is absent outside the electorate. This is an increase of 2½% on last years figures."

Para. 15.

Delete and Add.

"Mauvil Village has been heavily recruited. 56% of adult males are absent working on plantations. Of the 16 males left in the village, approximately 8 are fit enough to act as carriers.

Other absentee male figures are:-

SIAMA = 46% of adult males are absent.

KALINGUM = 35% of adult males are absent.

KABORI = 33% of adult males are absent.

KAKOI = 31% of adult males are absent.

PELAMA = 30% of adult males are absent.

Para. 16.

Add.

"This situation was not experienced in October, 1972."

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AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

No change.

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AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

D. LEADERSHIP.

No change.

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

Para 14

Add

"Production of rice has ceased. D.A.S.F. figures reveal no sales of rice from the area for 71/72.

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

F. LITERACY

Para 42 Delete whole paragraph.

Add. "The following are schools currently operating within the Census Division.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>MISSION ORGANISATION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PUPILS</u>	
			<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>KABORI</u>	Christian Mission in Many Lands - P.T.S.	Standard 6.	11	-
		Standard 5.	15	-
		Standard 1.	25	2
			51	2
<u>Staff</u> 1 European E.O.I. with a combined Standard 5 and 6. 1 Indigenous teacher, Grade 1.				
<u>YEBIL</u>	Christian Mission in Many Lands - P.T.S.	Standard 3.	14	6
		Standard 2.	10	3
		Standard 1.	34	5
			58	14

Staff 2 Indigenous Teachers, Grade 1.

The Vocational Centre at Kabori has now closed down and all equipment has been removed to the Christian Mission in Many Lands Station at Angugansk.

Para 45 Add after "Pelama."

"The Bible Literacy School at Pelama has met with Opposition from the people. The teacher has been twice convicted of adultery and has all but lost the support of the people."

Para 49 Add "During 1972, at the time of patrol, only FOUR radios were operating in the area.

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

Para 53 Delete and Add.

"The only trade stores operating with any stock are those owned by the C.M.M.L. at YERIL and KABORI.

Indigenous owned stores at DIEBU, KABORI and KAKOI are without stock."

Para 56 Add

"all Aid Post Orderlies were attending a refresher course held at Lumi during the 1972 Patrol.

A new Aid Post and Aid Post Orderly's house has been constructed at PELAMA and is at present awaiting the arrival of the A.P.O.

Two babies suffering from malnutrition were noticed and the parents requested to accompany them to the Lumi Hospital.

Health is generally good."

ABRA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

H. MISSIONS

Para 60

Delete and Add.

(1) The Kabori Mission consists of an airstrip, trade store, infant welfare clinic, P. T. School, and cattle project. Staff consists of two female Europeans (a teacher and an infant welfare sister) and one indigenous teacher. Mr. G. Wunsch, a one time resident Missionary now stationed in Vanimo, visits Kabori once every two months for a week or so.

The Vocational School has ceased operations.

(2) The Yebil Mission (C.M.M.L.) consists of an airstrip, trade store and P. T. School.

(3) It appears that the Christian Mission is cutting back on its operations - not only in the West Wapei but the whole of the Lumi Sub-District.

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AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

I. NON-INDIGENOUS

No Change.

The people of British Columbia have developed a strong sense of identity and a feeling of pride in their province. This feeling is based on the fact that the province is one of the most beautiful in the world.

The people of British Columbia are no longer working as hard as they used to.

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

J. COMMUNICATIONS

Para. 65.

Add

"L.A.R.D.A. (Lumi Aitape Road Development Authority) has purchased a bulldozer and grader and is at present upgrading work on the Lumi to Karaitem section of the Lumi to Aitape Road."

Para. 69.

Add

"The people of Pelama are no longer working on a landing ground at Pelama."

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AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

I. STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Para. 76. Add Comment.

"I feel that short Political Education Programmes could be undertaken in Lami to educate Councillors.

Perhaps a short lecture the afternoon before Council Meetings."

Para. 80 Delete and Add.

"Very little is known of the fundamental concepts of government. Knowledge of the workings of the House of Assembly and the meaning of self government is virtually non-existent. In short, the people of the West Wapei are at a low stage of political development."

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

M. ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

Para. 81. Add.

"There were no sales of rice to D.A.S.F. Luml during 1971/72. Rice production has all but ceased except for a couple of individuals who claim to be planting again this year."

Para. 82. Add.

"As yet, no coffee has been sold from gardens at Inebu.

The people of MOLMO have cleared land and are intending planting with coffee.

There is no other coffee production in the area."

Para. 86. Add.

"The purchase of Copal gum by D.A.S.F. has ceased, due to lack of an economic market. However, D.A.S.F. Luml has stated that they are at present investigating the possibility of discovering a new market. During 1971/72, D.A.S.F. (Luml) purchased 5553 pounds of Copal gum at 5¢ per pound, returning \$277.65 to people in the Kabori Area."

Para. 87. Add Comment.

"This is no longer significant due to cut backs in staff and Mission activities in the area. However, a small amount is still paid out in maintenance to the two C.M.M.L. airstrips in the area."

Para. 89. Delete reference to Vocational School. This school closed in December 1971.

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AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

No change.

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

C. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Para. 104

Delete. " I feel..... " to the end of the paragraph.

Substitute.

" I feel that the people's attitude towards the Wapei Local Government Council has been good, however, should the West Wapei people be neglected further, this could easily change.

The people generally believe that the Lumi-Aitape Road will assist them. This, however, does not solve their immediate problem; that is, the obtaining of money to pay Council tax.

Most people have not paid their Council tax and are facing prosecution for the year 1972/73.

Little work has been available at Lumi, or on the Lumi - Aitape Road, during recent months. Apart from returning plantation labourers there is little in the way of a 'source of income'.

Materially, these people have benefitted little from being in the Wapei Council. Council projects are now non existent. The three village water supplies at YEBIL, KABORI #2, and Inebu, are completely un-serviceable. (Storing no water what so ever.) It was reported in Lumi Patrol Report No.8 of 71/72 that these tanks were in a state of disrepair.

The people appear to be becoming frustrated with their situation. Councillors and respected men are beginning to seek answers to their problems.

There is now a movement amongst the people to "push" for the establishment of a Patrol Post at KABORI. They see this as a prospective source of income.

A rumour, that D.A.S.F. intends to establish Agricultural Extension stations at MOLMO and YEBIL to assist them has spread throughout the area. The village of MOLMO has even cleared approximately 5 acres of bush for this purpose.

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AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS cont.

P. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES / FACILITIES

No change.

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.	
17-12-72	BULAWA	11	10	10	15			2		48
17-12-72	GALGATU	14	15	9	12			4		54
16-12-72	GILLIATO	23	17	15	22			5	1	83
18-12-72	GUTAIYA	28	27	30	24			7		116
18-12-72	KAMNUM	21	27	22	33			13		116
13-12-72	KERNAM	25	24	22	39			22		132
11-12-72	KWIEPTIM	19	16	18	20			15		88
13-12-72	MAUROM	36	27	36	35			17		151
18-12-72	PARISKO	21	19	19	16			6		81
18-12-72	TUBUM	8	7	9	12			9		45
18-12-72	WIUP	14	12	9	17			4		56
15-12-72	WOKIEN	22	21	17	21			6		87
15-12-72	YUKILO	46	51	54	62	1		13		227
	<u>TOTALS:</u>	288	273	270	328	1		123	1	1284

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P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU

67-16-19

1st February, 1973

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

LUMI PATROL NO. 3 of 1972/73.

Reference your Minute of 19th January, 1973.

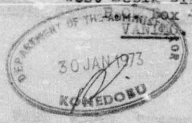
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 3 arising out of the above patrol of South West Wapei Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. A.S. Wright, Assistant District Commissioner.

C.G. LITTLE
a/Secretary

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West Sepik District,
P.O. Box 42,
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19th January, 1973.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
IUI.

LUMI PAPER NO. 3-1972/73 : SOUTH WEST WAPEN CENSUS DIVISION

Your memorandum 57-2-2 dated 21st December, 1972, with attachments refer.

Thank you for this report on which the following comments are offered :-

- Your comments at page 13 and 14 of the area study amendments does not raise much hope for economic improvement of these people.
- I agree with your comments on further Council attentions to these neglected constituents (page 15 area study amendment)
- Surely the Council has a sympathetic attitude towards these people through its Tax Review Committee (page 16 are study amendments).
- • Copies of my comments on situation reports are attached.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.

Minute to E

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUN.

The above refers.

- • Two copies of relevant parts of the reports are forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING
District Commissioner.
SSG

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LUMI PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1972/73

SOUTH WEST WAPET CENSUS DIVISION

LUMI SUB - DISTRICT

1972/73 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY

- MASTER AREA STUDY - LUMI PATROL REPORT NO. 11 - 1969/70
- AMENDED BY - LUMI PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - 1970/71
- AMENDED BY - LUMI PATROL REPORT NO. 14 - 1971/72

LUMI FILE : 67-4-2

LUMI REPORT NO. 3. - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

A. INTRODUCTION

No Change.

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LUMI REPORT NO. 3. - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

B. POPULATION - DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

There are now a total of 123 adult males absent from the electorate and almost all of these are working on coastal plantations as incidental labourers. This figure is much the same as last year and represents 31% of the total adult male population.

Delete comment in Lumi Patrol No. 7 - 70/71 re the number of boys attending recognised schools, and

Substitute Only three (3) boys are attending recognised schools. A number of others are attending Pidgin Literacy village schools organised by the C.M.M.L. Mission.

IUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

No change.

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LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

D. LEADERSHIP

No Change.

IUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAFFI CENSUS DIVISION

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

... the number of students attending
... the Census Division. There are three
... of the villages of SWISSIE, MASAK, MASIMA,
... of the Census Division, SWISSIE, MASAK, MASIMA,
... MASIMA. No change.

There are a total of eight (8) villages in the area
and of these (5) are inhabited. The most
populated village is MASAK.

... the number of students attending
... There are only three (3)
... which were attending schools were English in
language.

There are written applications for which are in
the Census Division and they have little chance
of being a handful of men and women.

LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

F. LITERACY

There are currently nine (9) low level Bible and Pidgin English literacy schools functioning throughout the Census Division. These are located at the villages of KWIEPTIM, KERNAM, MAUROM, YUKILO, WOKIEN, GILLIATO, GALGATU, GUTAIYA, and KAMNUM.

There are a total of eight (8) radios in the area and of these (6) six are functioning. The most popular station is Radio Wewak.

Delete the comment in Lumi Patrol No. 7 of 7970/771 re the number of students attending recognised schools. There are only three (3) such boys attending schools where English is taught.

Very few written publications find their way into this Census Division and they have little impact as only a handful of men can read.

LUMI PATROL NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

No change.

LUMI PATROL NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEL CENSUS DIVISION

H. MISSIONS

No change.

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LUMI REPORT no. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPET CENSUS DIVISION

I. NON INDIGENOUS

There are no vehicles roads within the Census Division. The sparse population severely limits the possibilities of future road development as does the terrain.

None - no change.

There are no other roads within the area and it is not to be developed.

LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

J. COMMUNICATIONS

No Change. There are no vehicular roads within the Census Division. The sparse population severely limits the possibilities of future road development as does the broken terrain.

KWIEFTIM airstrip remains the only operational airstrip within the area and is used by M.A.F. Cessna aircraft.

LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Add There is one Policeman, originally from GILIATO Village.

There is also an Aid Post Orderly from WOKIEN Village who mans the Aid Post at YUKILO Village.

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LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPAI CENSUS DIVISION

I. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The stage of political development remains at a low level. The scattered groups of population remain divided by distance and different languages.

Although the area has formed part of the Wapai Local Government Council since 1967 the Council has had little impact on the area and its people apart from obliging them to pay annual tax. As a result the people have no sense of identity with the Council and are, on the whole, disenchanted with the Local Government system.

Political developments throughout P.N.G. are of little interest to these people as such developments do not affect their day to day shifting subsistence hunting and gathering life. Very little information filters into these isolated communities and the people are generally apprehensive of any changes that they are told about.

Political education is disseminated by patrolling Officers, Local Government Councillors and partly literate Mission teachers. It is thought that the activities of these people is bringing about a very gradual improvement in the level of political awareness.

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LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION.

M. ECONOMY OF THE AREA

As mentioned on page 2. there are 123 adult males absent from the area and almost all of these men are indentured plantation labourers. On completion of their two year contracts they bring with them an average of \$40-00 to \$50-00 to their home villages.

A small amount of money is earned by men obtaining casual labouring jobs at Lumi from time to time.

The sale of smoked meat to the Lumi area is a gradually increasing source of income for the area.

Some difficulty is experienced in all villages by individuals in earning the annual Council Tax of \$5-00 per male person.

On the whole the economy of the area is static.

LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

The possibilities of expanding the cash economy are limited. There is no vehicular road outlet and most villages are several days walk from the nearest centre, Lumi. Because of the sparse and scattered population I cannot foresee a vehicular road system being feasible within the near future.

Thus any cash crops would need to be light as the produce has to be carried out. Crocodile skins are a good possibility but the people are not familiar with skinning and preserving techniques. D.A.S.F. will be approached again on this matter.

The people at GILLIATC are keen to try pepper. This too will be taken up with D.A.S.F. as assistance will be required.

The sale of smoked meat is increasing and this could be a good money earner as the area is endowed with plenty of game whereas the more heavily populated areas near Lumi have very little game. It is probable that these Lumi people and station people will have an increasing demand for smoked meat.

LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

0. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Refer comment, paragraph 2., page 12.

Membership of the Wapei Local Government Council has brought these people very few material benefits. The only visible Council projects are an Aid Post at YUKILO complete with water tank, and water storage tanks at KERNAM, YUKILO and KAMNUM. The tank at KERNAM is unserviceable and requires a new vinyl liner. This information has been passed onto the Wapei Council for action.

The people cannot appreciate the need for the Council to concentrate its resources on high priority projects such as the Lumi - Aitape road. Attempts to explain this need were not accepted by the people. They expect to see a direct material return from their tax contributions.

It is true that this area has been somewhat neglected by the Council and through its Adviser, I hope to rectify this situation to some extent by suggesting further water supply projects etc.

UNMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AGENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAFEI CENSUS DIVISION

P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The general attitude towards the Central Government is one of acceptance of its role as the administering authority. The people of this area are not over enthusiastic towards the Central Government. They feel that the Government has let them down by not bringing about the development of their area.

Technical departments such as D.A.S.F. have shown no interest in this isolated area. Consequently the people feel that they have been neglected.

At one village, people expressed the opinion that District Administration Officers had "tricked" them into entering the Council system. As a result of their membership of the Council they had derived little or no material benefits but have had to meet increasing tax rates. It is hoped that the Council will act positively to improve its image.

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LUMI REPORT NO. 3 - 1972/73

AREA STUDY AMENDMENTS

SOUTH WEST WAPEI CENSUS DIVISION

Q. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

No change - none exist.

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HEAD QUARTERS, KONEDOBUBU

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 4 of 72/73
 District: West Sepik.
 Patrol conducted by: G.J. ATKINSON.
 Area patrolled: Somoro Cencus Division.
 Duration of patrol: 21/3-27/3 & 3/4-12/4/73
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 16 days.
 Last O.L.G. patrol: 19/6/72
 Map reference: -

Objects of patrol: General Administration,
 Cencus Revision,
 Political Education.
 Station: IUMI.
 Subdistrict: IUMI.
 Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer.
 Personnel accompanying: 1 member REFGC.
 Number of days: 16
 Total population of area:
 Council area: Wapei L.G.C.
 House of Assembly Electorate: Wapei-Nuku Open.

The District Commissioner,

West Sepik
VANIMO

District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios To ()
 Patrol Instructions, ()
 The Report and my comments, ()
 Area study, ()
 Updating of area study, (X)
 Situation Reports No's 1-2, (X)
 Patrol map, ()

DATE: 4/5/73.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

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

[Signature]

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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

Date: 28/5/1973.

[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.	
5/4/73	Amsitem	20	21	16	18	5	3	11	4	98
28/3/73	EREPEI No 1	42	50	77	68	7	10	34	20	308
28/3/73	FLOBUM	15	12	22	22	1	1	8	1	82
9/4/73	KALAU	7	6	11	9	6	7	12	6	64
22/3/73	KARAITEI	42	21	21	21	9	3	23	9	119
5/4/73	KARAITEI	31	20	43	47	-	-	7	1	149
22/3/73	KUMNATEI	25	20	27	33	6	3	9	3	226
23/3/73	KUPOAM	11	7	34	38	54	26	100	67	282
5/4/73	MAIWETUM	31	21	31	34	5	2	11	7	142
4/4/73	MIMBITEI	15	20	22	26	4	7	13	6	113
4/4/73	MINATEI No 1	47	47	68	66	4	5	20	7	264
4/4/73	" " No 2	11	12	22	17	-	-	1	-	163
26/3/73	MIWAUTETI	51	54	46	67	16	28	67	41	370
6/4/73	MOKAI	20	14	35	36	-	-	13	1	119
5/4/73	PAI	29	32	36	37	4	1	15	4	158
27/3/73	RAUWETEI	32	35	52	62	2	7	26	16	232
26/4/73	SARBOTEI	7	9	28	21	11	5	26	15	122
27/3/73	SEGAI TEI	24	23	33	47	6	1	27	6	267
27/3/73	SIBOITEI	28	19	29	23	1	1	8	4	113
4/4/73	SUGOITEI	26	12	36	27	3	2	5	4	115
28/3/73	TAUWETEI	17	10	22	23	2	1	5	1	81
5/4/73	TOFUNGU	11	13	17	17	-	-	5	1	64
24/3/73	TOLGETEI	18	11	33	40	11	10	33	15	171
26/3/73	WABUTEI	48	38	46	58	5	4	22	9	226
27/3/73	WAGOITEI	15	18	21	18	9	3	24	17	125
5/4/73	WAI'ELI	45	10	12	12	-	-	1	-	49
9/4/73	WANTIPI	9	8	9	21	-	-	8	-	55
24/3/73	WIGOITEI	56	45	59	85	22	21	87	52	427
26/4/73	WILBEITEI	22	31	34	40	14	13	25	15	194
23/3/73	WILLUM	34	37	69	62	36	27	103	56	424
6/4/73	WAGUBLI	23	9	18	23	7	3	7	3	93
4/4/73	YONGITEI	29	34	62	51	5	6	25	11	223
		781	715	1081	1149	235	200	780	399	5340

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

10th July, 1973
67-16-47
H.G. Cravin
a/S.D.C.

LURU PATROL NO. 4 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 24th May, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of SOMORO Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. G.J. ATKINSON, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Your covering comments have been noted.

W.F. RIAN
a/Secretary

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4. Was there any specific purpose for the patrol being broken from the 28th March to 2nd April? It is desirable where possible for patrols to proceed uninterrupted.
5. What is the position with respect to the road survey marks and surveyed route clearance along the Lumi/Aitape road. Has that in fact been maintained by villagers?
6. It is interesting to note (section B patrol report) that Councillors are themselves initiating prosecutions with respect to road maintenance. This should be encouraged where it is necessary.
7. I am more than concerned at the go slow road work policy by the Karaiten people commensurate with their pay. Their pay under the rural development scheme excludes that portion which is the self-help component by which the Wapei Council received its rural development grant. By the same token if machinery is used (the efficiency of this is unquestioned) where does the self-help component prevail. Again, who buys the machine? Self-help, or Administration rural development. Rural development grants only go so far, and will go to deserving projects where the people are sufficiently genuinely interested to stand by their promises and help themselves. In this case, what steps have Wapei Council taken to sufficiently raise their taxes (or consider other avenues) to find the cost of this machine. It cannot be purchased from rural development funds.

As to the Wigotai/Fatima road and the mercenary attitude of the Kapoum community, and whereas a rural development grant has been sought for this road for 1973/74, I require the Wapei and Nuku Councils to present to the District Co-ordinating Committee a list of the area developmental roads which they feel should be the subject of future rural development grant assistance listed by priority. Once this has been considered and a list approved by the District Co-ordinating Committee Village communities can be made fully aware that any other roads they may wish to establish are fully their own responsibility to be constructed by their own resources (including Council). The points which must be made are:-

- (a) that the flow of rural development grants has a limit; and
- (b) that the people must learn to help themselves.

Please make this perfectly clear to both Councils and forward the required ultimate Sub-District system of proposed rural development roads (including those and sections already constructed under this process) adequately documented as soon as convenient.

... Enclosed are copies of my comments covering the situation reports.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING 7 934
District Commissioner.

c.c.
The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KORORUA.

→
... The above refers. Two copies of relevant parts of the report are forwarded herewith.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING 935
District Commissioner.

West Sepik District,
VANIMO.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
LUMI W.S.D.

24th May, 1973
67-3-5
P.S. Gall
a/u.D.C.

67-2-4
4th May, 1973

LUMI PATROL No. 4 of 1972/73
SOMORO CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for this report on which the following comments are made:-

1. The patrol diary (Field Officer's Journal) should not be typed. The original of the FOJ is forwarded here monthly covering a total month. An additional copy (one only) is written for those days on which patrol is carried out and this copy accompanies the District Headquarters' copy of the patrol report.
2. The spelling of a number of village names varies throughout the report. Spelling must be consistent and accord with the Village Directory. Note the excessive variants in the Field Officer's Journal alone. This is sheer carelessness.
3. I note that the patrol took 15 days and covered 32 census units. Admittedly 8 units have less than 100 persons, and undoubtedly others are situated in close proximity. But nevertheless I would consider that this patrol was rushed. Political education, local government discussion, area development matters, rural development projects require leisurely consideration with each community apart from the normal patrol administrative tasks. On the 23rd March (FOJ) Wilium (population 424) had census (spelt with an 's' not 'c') at 10.00 a.m. and Kupoom (spelt Kupoom inside the report cover) at 10.50 a.m. Slick work for a census of 424 people even under the "simplified" system and considering the usual spate of queries which arise at census. Again 30 minutes for the Kupoom census of near 300 (I cannot reconcile his compilation here mathematically and/or due to over-typing figures) reaches greyhound speed. Similarly for the combined census of Tolgetei (171 people) and Wigotei (spelt Wigotie in report cover, population 427) one hour twenty minutes was required on the 24th March. And so on through the diary with respect to Village names spelling and census times.

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PATROL REPORT Headquarters

Report number: 5
 District: West Sepik
 Patrol conducted by: C. J. Fisher
 Area patrolled: Part of Au West C.D. & Part of S.W. Wapei C.D.
 Duration of patrol: 19/3/73-20/3/73 & 26/3/73-31/3/73
 Last D.D.A. patrol: October 1972 Au West
 Last O.L.G. patrol: December 1972 S.W. Wapei
 Map reference: Milinch Lumi
 Aitape Formil

Objects of patrol: Local Govt. By-Election
 Station: Lumi
 Subdistrict: Lumi
 Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: Mr. T. Kawa Poll Clerk
 1 Member R.P.N.G.C.
 Number of days: 8
 Total population of area: 1284
 Council area: Wapei
 House of Assembly Electorate: Wapei-Nuku

The District Commissioner,
 West Sepik District,
 VANIMO

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 41 T.43 ,	(x)
Patrol Instructions,	()
The Report and my comments,	(x)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	()
Situation Reports No's 1-	()
Patrol map,	()
Camping allowance claim	(x)

DATE: 17/4/1973

B. Bunting
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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

Date: 20/4/1973

B. Bunting
 District Commissioner

B. Bunting
 B. BUNTING 986
 District Commissioner.

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

29th June, 1973
67-16-38

R.G.Grwin
a/DDC

LUMI PATROL NO. 5/1972-73.

Reference your Minute of 30th April, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of parts of AU WEST and SOUTH WEST WAPEI Census Divisions, as submitted by Mr. C.J.Fisher, Assistant Patrol Officer.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

DDA 67.16.38

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

File: 67-3-5

District Headquarters,
West Sepik District,
WANING.



30th April, 1973

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
LURI.

LURI PATROL No. 5 of 1972/73
PARTS AU WEST & SOUTH WEST WAPET CENSUS DIVISIONS

Your memorandum 67-2-2/67-2-7 dated 16th April, 1973, refers.

Thank you for this report on which I comment as follows:-

1. The election statistics and summary have been passed to the District Local Government Officer.
2. The report number on the jacket should include Station, Patrol number and year.
3. Field Officer's Journal should not be typed. One additional copy is written for submission with the report. The original of the Field Officer's Journal is forwarded at the end of the month as a composite submission of patrol days and non-patrol days.
4. The objects of the exercise appear to have been effectively achieved.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING *DB*
District Commissioner.

MINUTE TO:
The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

The above refers.

Two report jackets are forwarded for your records.

Report 4 covers a patrol still in the field and will be submitted in due course.

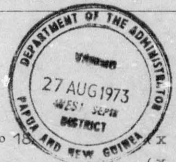
B. Bunting
B. BUNTING *DB*
District Commissioner.

67-16-65

PATROL REPORT

Report number: Lumi No. 7-72/73 Objects of patrol: Political Education, Census
 District: West Sepik Station: Lumi Road Work
 Patrol conducted by: M. Kaalund Subdistrict: Lumi
 Area patrolled: Lumi Local Census Div. Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer
 Duration of patrol: 26/6/73 - 11/7/73 Personnel accompanying: J. Kasinca T.P.O.
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 1972 Number of days: 13 1 Member R.F.H.G.C.
 Last O.L.G. patrol: Total population of area: 4813
 Map reference: Aitape Fourmile Council area: Wapei
 House of Assembly Electorate: Wapei - Nuku

The District Commissioner,
 West Sepik District,
 VANIMO.....



- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 17 To 18 (x)
- Patrol Instructions, (x)
- The Report and my comments, (x)
- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, (x)
- Situation Reports No's 1- , ()
- Patrol map, ()
- Camping Allowance claims..... (2)

DATE: 21 / 8 1973 .

A. S. Whitt
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- ✓ Area study, ()
- ✓ Updating of area study, (-)
- ✓ Situation Report No's. 1- 2 (-)
- ()
- ()
- District Headquarters assessment of Above average
- Patrol & Report..... Average ✓
- Below average

Date: 26 / 9 1973.

B. Bunting
 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.	
26.6.73	ALI	36	30	32	41			10	3	152
27.6	BIN	28	31	28	33			24	2	146
3.7	BURU'UM	25	34	21	24			16		120
4.7	ERSTEI NO.2	34	33	22	44			51	6	192
30.6	KARATEI	51	38	50	61			48	12	260
28.6	KEIBAM	72	61	39	64			30	4	270
28.6	KLELUP	10	6	28	36			14	8	102
3.7	LAU'UM	22	17	24	26			23		112
3.7	LINGI	16	15	21	33			19		104
5.7	LUMI	29	18	25	33			19	1	125
4.7	MAMBEL	13	16	19	15			8		71
8.7	MAUI	49	48	52	56			10		215
8.7	MILICM	18	33	18	23			15	2	107
2.7	NAREITEI	42	56	60	64			7		229
2.7	ORUTEI	26	25	33	32			11		127
2.7	OOTEI	61	51	56	65			17		250
5.7	OTEMGI	21	19	33	28			10		111
29.6	SABTEI	10	12	22	28			3		75
29.6	SAINDEI	38	48	43	43			23		195
29.6	SEINAM	27	30	40	40			6		143
30.6	SIBITEI	40	44	63	51			19		217
4.7	TALBIFI	54	48	80	75			5		262
29.6	TANGEI	40	36	52	47			17		192
4.7	TAUWETEI	41	53	59	54			12	2	221
27.6	TEBALI	48	38	58	50			13		207
27.6	TELOTEI	39	38	48	48			5		178
4.7	TWATEI	19	26	31	30			3		109
3.7	WABUF	32	31	46	42			4		155
3.7	WILKILI	31	32	28	33			30	2	156
		<u>352</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>426</u>			<u>486</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>4813</u>

absenteeism of able bodied males
probably exceeds 30%

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

11th October, 1973.

67-16-65

B.J. Maume
District Officer
(Projects)

67-3-5

26th September, 1973.

LUMI PATROL NO. 7 OF 1972/73

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of LUMI LOCAL Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. M. KAALUND.

Situation Reports have been distributed to appropriate Headquarters' Branches for information and any action required.

W.P. Ryan
W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

DDA 67.16.65

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3. Mr. Kasinga should have included a copy of his Field Officer's Journal with the submission and also a patrol report covering his own observations with respect to the area visited.
4. I can only describe the patrol report as very sketchy. With a substantial population and a large number of groups I would have considered that more information might have been forthcoming in the report than actually was provided.
4. The area study is brief and sketchy. I do anticipate concentration on social and economic aspects, with an appraisal of the current situation, and recommendations for development proposals. This requires liaison with your Agricultural Officers.
5. Is the WABNF cattle project a communal or individual enterprise? For reasons of viability communal cattle projects should be discouraged and this should be referred to your Agricultural Officer.
6. Comments under '(0) Local Government' (area study) are indicative of a dialogue gap between people and the Council; to be overcome by Field Staff and Council. What does the Council President propose for this?
7. Comments on situation reports are enclosed.
8. I do not appear to have received Lumi report No 6 - 19/2/73. Please supply. I would assume this might cover the Mafingian/Moore patrol of the South Wapel, for which A.P. Moore (Ambunti) has submitted a report. As Mr. Mafingian was the senior officer for the patrol I assumed he would have submitted the official report, with Mr. Moore's report combined, as a supplementary.

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING / 324
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
→ EGWEDOBU.

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

B. Bunting
B. BUNTING / 323
District Commissioner.

West Sepik District,
VARIMO.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
LUMI. S.S.D.

26th September, 1973

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F.S. GALL
D.D.O.



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21.8.73

LUMI PATROL REPORT NO. 7 of 1972/73
LUMI LOCAL CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for this patrol report on which the following comments are made:-

1. The patrol encompassed some 29 census units in 13 days. The patrol had overnight stops at some 10 of these units according to the Field Officer's Journal. While it is a fact that this census division is in the immediate vicinity of Lumi Station, it is a fact that such areas are often comparatively administratively neglected. Judging from the not 'vigorous' or 'progressive' attitude or situation prevailing in the area - as presented in the report - I feel that more time should have been spent in the field:
 - (a) to give the people more than a 'greyhound glimpse' of administration;
 - (b) to ascertain what might be viable development proposals for census divisions and enterprising individuals;
 - (c) to propose a rehabilitation process for the increasing number of repatriated labour returning to permanent domicile at home;
 - (d) to ascertain the aspirations of the people;
 - (e) to elaborate on political education and understanding (this give and take process of discussion together with other commitments requires at least a day with each group; and
 - (f) to analyse the dialogue gap between people and Council.
2. What development proposals does the Department of Agriculture have for the area? Is assistance or encouragement being given the owners of unpicked coffee referred to in the report, with respect to harvesting and marketing? While I fully appreciate the fact that the Lumi outlet consists in the Sepik Highway when complete, what are the statistics on Lumi Local Census Division mature and immature coffee trees, and would current production exceed capacity of outgoing aircraft to transit to Wewak?

B POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

M. KAPLAN

486 Absentee workers. Villages reflect the absence of young and strong men.

(c) SOCIAL GROUPINGS

nil report

D LEADERSHIP

(c) The people are not turning to younger leaders as there is a net outflow of young males, and the ones remaining are not interested in "partying along el comiti".

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

(c) Work is proceeding on a cattle enclosure for Wabuf village. The area cleared and being planted is approximately ten acres.

F. LITERACY

(a) The construction by the people of a High School is proceeding. To accommodate 80 students 1974.

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

(b) There were very few village pigs especially near Lumi station. The diet of the people is poor.

The size and quality of gardens is poor and sac sac and tulip remain basic.

H. MISSIONS.

No changes.

I. NON-INDIGENES

No change.

The health of the Negro patients is very poor and a hard
to maintain. It is likely that only the occasional nursing
staff will be able to give the effort that can be reserved for other
patients.

J. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Roads - The Wabuf-Talbifi road is very poor and a hard road to maintain. As there is only the occasional nursing sisters motor bike over it, effort can be conserved for other projects.

Since the road is in such a poor state, it is not possible to have any vehicles on it. The only vehicles that are available are the ones that are used for the occasional nursing sisters.

The hospital is operating well and meeting all needs.

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K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Local carpenters are employed on Minor new works projects at Iumi. Also the Catholic Mission has an effective building team now gathered. Tank makers and carpenters are available.

The Wapei sawmill is operating daily and meeting all orders.

Lumi Patrol No. 7 of 1972/73
Area Study Amendments
Lumi Local Census Division.

L. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Political Development is low even though quite a number of the villages have workers commuting daily to Lumi Station.

The organs of government are faced with resignation and with no feeling of being able to participate in them.

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M. ECONOMY OF THE AREA

Cash crops and large gardens are non-existent. The steep terrain and heavy rainfall puts these people at a great disadvantage as to cash cropping.

Surviving coffee plots are small, bearing well, but unpicked.

A sharp decline in demand for Lami's as plantation labourers, due to reduced opportunities and a reputation for desertion, will sharply curtail income from plantation workers.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

The Council has an amount of \$600 to buy wine and give freely to new cattle projects. Possibly this will stimulate further projects.

Supervision of the distribution would seem critical.

O. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government Council support is low. The government, the "kiap", is blamed for introducing the Council before the people knew what it was. The Council is seen as a taxing system with no optimism for benefits from Council projects.

P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The attitude towards the Central Government is good. Police and patrol officers are wanted as arbitraters and enforcers.

Q. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Rest Houses throughout are poor or non-existent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Ref.: 67-16-59
Date: 26/11/73

The District Commissioner
~~West New Guinea District~~
P.O. Box 42
TARU

RE: ~~.....~~ PATROL NO. ~~.....~~ OF 1972/73
CONDUCTED BY MR. ~~.....~~ TARI
TO: ~~.....~~ WEST PALUXI CENSUS DIVISION.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- . ~~Situation Report~~
~~together with~~
to appropriate heads of
and any action required.
- . Area Study amendments/~~.....~~

W.P. Ighay
a/ Secretary.

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11. Matters the subject of situation reports are commented upon separately.

A good, interesting report.

B. Bunting

B. BUNTING / *BB*
District Commissioner

Minute to:

Chief Minister.

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

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District Commissioner

The Secretary

→ Dept of the Chief Minister & Development Administration
Kowsool

[Signature]

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District Headquarters,
VAINIMO,

Assistant District Commissioner,
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LUMI.

31st August, 1973

67-3-9

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NUKU PATROL REPORT No. 8 - 1972/73 - WEST PALEI CENSUS DIVISION:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-3-2 dated 18th July, 1973 with attachments, on which the following comments are made:

1. I do not appear to have received Nuku patrol report No. 7 - 1972/73. Please supply.
2. Some information is contained both in the very comprehensive Field Officers Journal and in the patrol report or situation reports. Duplication should be avoided. Likewise some matters, detailed in length (eg. para 100, 103, 110) are not Field officers journal material.
3. Are the Departments of Education and Health aware of the proposed new school and aid post discussed at paragraph 109 of the field officers journal? Otherwise considerable embarrassment will be caused both at the local administrative level and also to the departments concerned.
4. The frankness of discussion in political education talks is heartening and obviously much more of this type discussion will be required before prevailing fears are overcome.
5. Action on the matter outlined at paragraph 157 (F.O.J) has been instigated through the Labour office, wevak. Please advise me of the result.
6. Patrol Officer Fazi has written a more than adequate field officers journal the main point in which have been discussed above.
7. Extension of the Sepik Highway will considerably change the economic situation of the Palei area and people. Rice, coffee and cattle appear to be the main items to be considered in the economic development of this area.
8. The inability of the Aitape Local Court Magistrate to visit areas other than Nuku is not a matter of jurisdictional limitation as one of self motivation.
9. Where a topic is the subject of comment in the patrol report there should not be an additional situation report concerning this matter. The criterion governing its selection as an patrol report or situation report topic is whether or not the matter has value at departmental headquarters level or not.
10. The updated area study has been methodically and thoroughly revised.