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HEADQUARTERS.
PATROL REPORT

Report number: NO. 2 of 1973-74. Objects of patrol: Council Tax Patrol & routine Administration.
 District: West Sepik. Station: Green River.
 Patrol conducted by: J. Randorop. Sub-district: Amanab.
 Area patrolled: Kuri Census Division. Designation: Patrol Officer.
 Duration of patrol: 7.8.73 - 14.8.73. Personnel accompanying: David Gwanisok Health Education Orderly, P. Kawai Health Inspector.
 Last D.D.A. patrol: 1972-73. Number of days: 7.
 Last C.I.G. patrol: Total population of area: 1069.
 Map reference: Council area: Green River D.C.C.
 House of Assembly Electorate: Bowani.

The District Commissioner,
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, ()
 Situation Reports No's 1- ()
 Patrol map, ()

DATE: / 19

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,
 Department of the Administrator,
 Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, 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: / 19

District Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU
Papua New Guinea

Ref.:
Date: 67-35-2
1st February, 1974.

The District Commissioner

Wahl '60' 1st District
P.O. Box 42
WANDU

RE:.....~~ORIN RIVER~~.....PATROL NO.....2.....OF.....1713/74.....
CONDUCTED BY MR. J. F. JONES.....
TO.....JURI.....CENSUS DIVISION(2).

... I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- . Situation Report Nos.....1 and 2.....
together with assessments. These have been distributed
to appropriate Headquarters' Branches for information
and any action required.

- . Area Study amendments/recompilation.
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s/Secretary

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District Office,
P.O. Box 42,
WANING, N.S.W.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
AMANS, N.S.W. P.N.G.

14th January, 1974.
67-3-7
F.J. Walsh
A.D.O.
67-1-1
27/9/1975.

GREEN RIVER PATROL NO. 2 - 1973/74.

1. Receipt of the report for the abovementioned patrol is acknowledged.
2. The claim for camping allowance has been funded.
3. The delay in the onforwarding of this report is explained by the inadvertent filing of the report upon its receipt here. You will be pleased to know that this office's filing system is now having a long overdue overhaul.
4. Attached please find my assessments of the Situation Reports 1 and 2.
5. A well reported patrol.

J. Apini
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J. APINI
AS/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Officer in Charge, Green River.
c.c. Mr. J. Rendorop,
Patrol Officer,
Green River.

c.c. Secretary
Dept. C.M & DA
Kondoku ←

HEADLINES

DDA 67.16.35

PATROL REPORT

Station: EMERY RIVER Population: 1673
 Subdistrict: WAPUAB Council Area: NO
 District: WEST SIBIN House of Assembly Electorate: EMERY
 Report No: 3 OF 1973-74 Map Reference:
 Conducted by: C. KONEBOBU Last Patrol: 1970/11
 Designation: PATROL OFFICER Objects of Patrol: CENSUS REVIEW, POLITICAL SITUATION AND AREA STUDY
 Duration: 6-11-73 to 16-11-73
 No. of Days: 11
 Census Division: PART EMERY WAPUAB

The District Commissioner,
 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, ()
 Situation Reports Nos 1- , ()
 Patrol map, ()

DATE: / 19

Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,
 KONEBOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach
 Area study, ()
 Updating of area study, (✓)
 Situation Reports Nos 1-3 (✓)
 ()
 ()

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

Average
 Below average

Date: 17 / 1 / 1974

C. Konebubu
 District Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. Box 2396
KONEBOBU
Papua New Guinea

Ref.: 67-35-2
Date: 1st February, 1974

The District Commissioner
Tara District
P.O. Box 42
VARDIMO

RE:..... GREEN RIVER..... PATROL NO. 3 & 4..... OF.....
CONDUCTED BY MR. J. KANDROP AND MR. J.M. KOIKOI
TO:..... IDAM..... CENSUS DIVISION (3).

... I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- Situation Report Nos. 1-3
together with assessments. These have been distributed
to appropriate Headquarters' Branches for information
and any action required.
- Area Study ~~Amendments/~~ ~~Records~~ ~~Division~~

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P. BOURAGA
a/Secretary

67-3-7



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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:
TELEPHONE:

Sub-District Office,
AMANAB,
West Sepik District

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The District Commissioner,
West Sepik District,
WANIMO.



Date: 11th December, 1973
Reference: 67 - 3 - 4
Action Officer: R.W. Press
Designation: A.D.C.

Green River Patrol No 3 of 1973/74 IDAM Census Division - J. KENDOROP (P.O.)

Forwarded herewith in triplicate, the abovenumbered report submitted by Johannes Kendorop (Patrol Officer).

My comments are as follows:-

Patrol Report.

The area is blessed with an aid post and the good health of the people indicates that they patronise it quite well. An amount of \$240.00 has recently been made available under Minor New Works for upgrading of this aid post. An officer from P.H.D. accompanies all patrols in the Amanab Sub-district.

It is pleasing to note the satisfactory law and order situation.

It is also pleasing to note that the people co-operated freely and openly with patrol.

Village in the Census Division

The recently compiled Village Directory seems to have some errors.

The village "KAUMIFI" does not appear to exist but could possibly be in the AMA Administrative area.

The village "WOKUMD" is in fact KOBARU, as listed in the 1968 directory.

The village "SEIAWI" appears to have been duplicated and is included in the ROCKY PEAK Census Division (AMA area) as "SIAUT". It appears it would be more convenient to patrol this village from Green River.

In the Village Directory "YASIERU" is included in the YAPSIEI C/D. I will request the D.I.C. at Green River to offer any suggestion in this village.

The village of "UMURITA" should be listed in the ROCKY PEAK C/D. The village "NIGYAMA" (not listed in either census division) should be listed in the ROCKY PEAK C/D.

Area Study

B. (c) Population

At present the only avenue for income is for the able bodied men to offer their services as labourers to coastal plantations.

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E (C) Land Use

I feel cash cropping especially rice, should be introduced. The reasonably non personable goods could be taken downstream by canoe to Green River for milling (rice) and distribution.

Should a regular air charter be organised fresh vegetables could be flown from Idam to Vanimo and sold at a reasonable price, both to the vendor and receiver.

F. Literacy

The Administration has approved the establishment of a primary school at Idam and initial classes will be enrolled for the 1974 school year.

J. Communications

Funds will be sought for regular maintenance at the Idam airstrip. Once the strip is up to satisfactory standard it is hoped a regular charter will be organised, possibly taking in YAPSEI Base Camp.

K. Political Development

With regular patrolling and steady educational and financial development of the area, political awareness will increase.

N. Possibilities of Expanding Economy

As communications improve, cash cropping will become a viable avenue for much needed revenue. The area is quite fertile and could play a significant part in the development of Papua New Guinea in accordance with the eight point development programme.

O. Attitude toward Local Government.

The fact that the area has a low per capita income, and membership to a council usually involves the payment of a head tax could be the main reason why the people do not wish to come under the council banner. I feel however, every effort should be made to include them within the boundaries of the Green River Local Government Council. The tax rate could be low (e.g. the people of the Madina Gowanda Census Division of the Walse Local Government Council contribute a token rate of 10¢), but at least the people would have representation and an avenue to voice their grievances and suggestions.

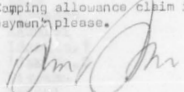
Situation Reports

Assessments attached herewith.

General

Mr. Kendorop has submitted a satisfactory report and area study. The map however, is rather scruffy. The slightest effort would be all that is required.

Copping allowance claim is appended for your signature and onforwarding for payment please.


R. M. Press
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Mr. J. Kendorop
Patrol Office.,
GREEN RIVER.

c.c. Officer in Charge,
Patrol Post,
GREEN RIVER.

GREEN RIVER PATROL POST
WEST BEK DISTRICT

29th. November 1973
67-3-4

Assistant District Commissioner
Sub-District Office
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P.O.

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PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1973/74 IDAM C.D.

Enclosed are four copies of Mr. Kendorops report on his recent patrol to the Idam Census Division. This is the first time that the area (IDAM) has been censused as a separate division and not as part of the Idam Yapsiei C.D. It is unfortunate that there was such a long delay in forwarding the 1973 Village Directory as this would have saved the confusion over which villages were to be included.

Villages Censused by Mr. Kendorop.

- Amto
- Bisiabru
- Idam No.1
- Idam No.2
- Kobaru
- Seiawi
- Yasieru

Villages shown in the 1973 Village Directory

- | | |
|-----------|--------------|
| IDAM C.D. | Yapsiei C.D. |
| Amto | Agweisa |
| Bisiabru | Baita |
| Kaumifi | Imnai |
| Idam No.1 | Namauwe |
| Idam No.2 | Watrabenabi |
| Seiawi | Wauru |
| Umurita | Yaseiru |
| wokuro | |

Recommended breakup of Idam/Yapsiei Census Division from Green River Patrol No.1 of 1970/71 conducted by I,J,Smitmanis.

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|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| IDAM C.D. | YAPSEI C.D. | Watrabenabi |
| Amto | Agweisa | Wauru |
| Bisiabru | Baita | Yaseiru |
| Kaumifi | Berubi | |
| Idam No.1 | Ileis | |
| Idam No.2 | Imnai | |
| Nigyama | Namauwe | |
| Seiawi | Rafin No.1 | |
| Umurita | Rafin No.2 | |
| wokuro | Ura | |

As maps of the area do not show all of these villages and include a number that no longer exist or never have, (see comments re. place names in Green River Report No1 of 70/71 Smitmanis) it is not possible to clarify the position.

My copy of the Smitmanis patrol report does not have a map attached.

The following discrepancies are apparent.

Mr. Kendorop censused Kobaru village, this does not appear in the new village register nor is it included in Mr. Smitmanis's recommended breakup.

Yaseiru village is in the Yapsiei Division.

Umurita was not censused but does appear in both the 1973 Village Directory and the Smitmanis report, however a village of the same name is listed in the Arai May Census Division No. 55 East Sepik.

Nigyama recorded by Mr. Smitmanis does not appear in the new Directory and a check of the three WMA Patrol Post CENSUS divisions bordering Idam and Yapsiei does not show a village of similar name.

In the Yapsiei C.D. Barubi, Ileis, Rafin No.1, Rafin No.2, and Ura have not been included as recommended.

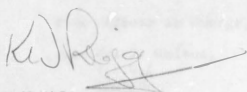
Rafin Nos. 1&2 and Ura are recorded as part of the West Mianmin C.D. Telefomin Sub-District in the New 1973 Village Directory.

If the sub-District and Census Division boundaries could be plotted on Army Survey 1:250,000 maps Aitape and May River and forwarded to this office future patrols will not have the trouble of trying to decide which Division a particular village belongs to.

Mr. Kendorop commences leave in seven days time so it will not be possible for him to return to visit the villages not included.

A good report has again been submitted by Mr. Kendorop however I feel that the attached map could have been given a little more attention.

For your information please.



K.W. HIGGINS
O.I.C. GREEN RIVER

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District Office,
P.O. Box 42,
VANIMO, N.I.D.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ARAHAB, N.I.D.

14th January, 1974.
67-5-7
A.J. Malshe
A.D.O.
67-5-3
10/12/1973.

GREEN RIVER PATROL NO. 4 - 1973/74.

Receipt of the report for the abovesentioned patrol is acknowledged.
The claim for camping allowance has been funded.

As stated by yourself, Mr. Koikoi has done a good job for a first patrol.

J. Apini

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Secretary, C.A. & S.A., SOREDOBO. | ←

c.c. Officer in Charge, GREEN RIVER.

c.c. Mr. S. Koikoi,
T.P.O.,
ARAHAB.

District Office,
P.O. Box 42,
VARING, W.S.D.

14th January, 1974.
67-3-7
F.J. Walche
A.D.O.
67-3-4
11th December, 1973.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
ARABAB, W.S.D.

GREEN RIVER PATROL NO. 3 - 1973/74.

1. Receipt of the report for the above-mentioned patrol is acknowledged.
2. Claims for camping allowance has been funded.
3. Attached find my assessments for the Situation Reports.
4. Your comments regarding the Village Directory are noted. "UNIRITA" is administered from AMA Patrol Post and is included in the ARABAB Census Division (55). "NIGLANA" is a hamlet of the BORI group which is also included in the ARABAB Census Division.
5. A satisfactory effort by Mr. Kendorop.

J Apini

J. APINI.
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

- c.c. Secretary, G.N. & D.A., BOK-DOBE. ←
- c.c. Officer in Charge, GREEN RIVER.
- c.c. Mr. J. Kendorop,
Patrol Officer,
GREEN RIVER.

GREEN RIVER PATROL NO.3 OF 1973-74:

INTRODUCTION:

Green River Patrol NO. 3 of 1973-74 was mounted from Green River Patrol Post on Tuesday the 6th November 1973.

The main object of the Patrol was for the purpose of carrying out routine administration, annual census revision and also to compile an area study for the area patrolled.

The Patrol was also to concentrate on Political Education which the Patrol considered to be very important.

Two members of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary had accompanied the Patrol, in addition to these a medical personnel had joined in as well, for the purpose of checking on the general health conditions as well as giving the following injections: T.B., small pox, and whooping-cough in the area studied.

This was my first visit into the area so it also served as an familiarisation Patrol.

All the objects of the Patrol were carried out successfully. No shortage of fresh food and water was experienced. There was no difficulty when obtaining cargo carriers.

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AREA STUDY:

" A" INTRODUCTION.

(a) The area covered by this study is bounded to East by the Rocky Peak Census Division, to the South by the Telefomin Sub-District and to the North by the Sepik River. The Western boundary is the Yapsei River.

The area studied is a part of the Idam Yapsei Census Division. The average height of the mountain ranges is 5000 feet although all the villages visited are situated above 500 feet. The two main rivers are IDAM river and Northern branch of May river. The whole area is drained into these rivers by numerous small streams and creeks. These two rivers eventually join in the Sepik River.

The Southern portion of the area is part of the West Landslip Range. The Northern part is mainly river flats and swamps. The whole area is covered by tropical rainforest. In the Southern sector this is always untouched however in the Northern sector it has large area of secondary growth.

There are no records kept for the rainfall figures in the area. The figures shown are taken from Green River Patrol Post.

January 1274, Feb. 1248, March 2755, April 1402, May 47, June 185, July 433, Aug. 352, Sept. 519 and Oct. 586 points for November and December the figures are not known as yet.

(rainfall in the, These should give fairly accurate idea of the rainfall in the Northern sector (plains area) however the figures for the southern sector would be slightly lower. These figures indicate that there is dry season from the months of May to September. There no temperature figures kept in the area but here are the figures taken from Green River Patrol Post which will be slightly high for the southern sector but accurate for the Northern sector, will enable an idea to be formed. The average temperature for Green River is in the high 80s during the day dropping to the low in the early morning. The southern sector will perhaps be 5 to 10 degrees colder.

Owing to the high rainfall and the high daily temperatures this makes the area quite humid.

The soil appears to be fertile, this is seen clearly from the gardens that are made nearby the villages. There are large stands of trees in the mountains but owing to distances involved and the size of these stands it is doubtful whether investigation with a view to milling is warranted.

(b) Access to the Census Division linking with District and Sub-District Headquarters is limited. Access at present can be gained either by walking or canoeing down to the Idam river and then to the Sepik river. This only applies to Green River Patrol Post. The exception of 1500 feet (or even more) airstrip at Idam NO.1 (not used very often) there are no roads, road heads, shipping points or wharves within the Census Division.

(c) Although the Administration contacts were in 1950s. The initial census patrol was conducted in 1960s. Contact with IDAM NO.1, IDAM NO.2 and Misaburu, Kobaru, Yasieru, Amto and Siaul (part Idam Yapsi Census Division) has been maintained by regular patrolling since the initial patrol. Due to the distances involved the only regular contact the Administration has with the people of the area is through patrolling as the people do not visit Green River Patrol Post or Sub-District Headquarters quite often. The attitude of the people towards the Administration is quite good. The Administration influence is not as strong as within the area closer to the station (Green River Patrol Post) This is due to the short period of contact the Administration has had with the people of the area. No cargo cult and other movements were seen at the time of Patrol.

"B" POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS:

- (a) Refer to the attached Village Population Register.
- (b) Refer to the Map.
- (c) Quite a large number of abscontees were recorded in most of the visited villages, this only applies to indentured labourers who are out working on the plantations in other centres. The grown up males can be expected in any one time.

"C" SOCIAL GROUPINGS:

(a) Distinct Social Groups. Each village consists of one or more sub-clans.

(b) Functional Social Unit. The extended family is the functional social unit.

(c) Language Pattern. Here are the only three languages spoken in the area studied. SIMAIAE, DJAROK and KENGERERE languages. The SIMAIAE language is spoken mainly in AMTO and KOBARU villages. The DJAROK language is spoken in the villages of IDAM NO. 1, IDAM NO. 2, HISIABURU and YASIERU. The SIMAIAE language is spoken by the villagers of AMTO and KOBARU villages. This seems to be strictly local dialect which also extends to May River Administrative area to some degree.

The DJAROK language is spoken by the villages named above and also spoken by the people of the YABALHAI Census Division. These are villages situated on the banks of the Sepik River. This particular language is spoken by the following Census Divisions. Green River Local, Yabalhai and Idam-Yapsel.

(d) The component social groupings in the Census Division have main ties with other groups within their language group. Within the Census Division there are three main groups. These come under the three main (groups/language) groups and day today language used in the area. The people from Hisiaburu, Idam NO. 1, Idam NO. 2 and Yasieru (Djarok speakers) have ties with Amto villagers, as well as Kobaru people (SIMAIAE speakers) where as Siau villagers have ties with Amto, Kobaru and furthermore to May River Administrative area.

(e) Although the people of four villages of the Idam river area have ties with Amto villagers, they too have ties in villages which are in the Yabalhai Census Division. For instance, Rina, Iaburu, Mukuasi and so forth.

"D" LEADERSHIP:

There is no outstanding leaders in the area. Here are the names of the present group leaders and brief comments on their ability to work and influence over their people.

(a) FEINO WARKU of Bisiaburu village. Potential.

YOKORE FIKOMO of Idam NO.1. Actual.
TEROEMA YOUNAWI of Idam NO.2. Potential.
URAPA BOBSIK of Kobaru. Potential.
BEGE FIANO of Amto. Actual.
FALAI BANO of Siani. Actual.

(b) FEINO WARKU of Bisiaburu village.

Date of birth. 1928.
Education. Nil.
Employment. He has holding this particular office (tutul) for almost 10 years.
Convictions. Nil.
Influence. Appears to be considerable in Bisiaburu village only.
Attitude. Pro-Administration.
Remarks. An intelligent and helpful on patrol.

YOKORE FIKOMO of Idam NO.1.

Date of birth. 1925.
Education. Nil.
Employment. He worked as an indentured labourer on a three year contract at Kavieng.
Convictions. Nil.
Influence. Has influence in Idam NO.1 perhaps in Idam NO.2 as well.
Attitude. Pro-Administration.
Remarks. A dignified person respectful to and co-operative with Administration officers.

TEROEMA YOUNAWI of Idam NO.2.

Date of birth. 1930.
Education. Nil.
Employment. He worked on the plantation in Rabaul for two (2) years.
Convictions. Nil.
Influence. Nil.
Attitude. Pro-Administration.
Remarks. Leadership hereditary. Keen above average speaker.

URAPA BOBSIK of Kobaru village.

Date of birth. 1938.
Education. Nil.
Employment. He worked as an indentured labourer on a two year contract at Buka.
Convictions. Nil.
Influence. Nil.
Attitude. Pro-Administration, as well mission.
Remarks. An intelligent personality. Very helpful to patrol.

BEGE FIANO of Amto village.

Date of birth. 1930.
Education. Nil.
Employment. He worked on the plantation as an indentured labourer on a three year contract. at Buka.
Convictions. Nil.
Influence. Nil.
Attitude. Pro-Administration.
Remarks. An intelligent and helpful on patrol.

FALAI BENO of Siau village.

Date of birth.	1940.
Education.	Nil.
Employment.	He work ed as an indentured labourer on the plantation on a three year contract.
Convictions..	Nil.
Influence.	Nil.
Attitude.	Pro-Administration.
Remarks.	Accepted leader and makes all decision for group as a whole.

(c) Changes in the pattern of Traditional Leadership. There have been no apparant changes in the traditional leadership patterns since lulias and tutuls were appointed. There is no educated younger generation and not likely to be one for a long time yet.

"2" LAND TENURE AND USE:

(a) Throughout the area studied it seemed that the same land tenure system existed. Gardening land, sago rights and so on are inherited from the father by the individual, the eldest son getting the best land hunting and fishing rights are shared by all the male members of the family or sub-clan over all the land owned by the family or sub-clan. It seemed that land owning groups are sub-clans.

(b) Administration land leased to individuals. No individual hold land other than by customary tenure and tenure conversation is unknown.

(c) Cash cropping. No cash cropping has been introduced or practised as yet in the area studied.

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"F" **LITERACY:**

(a) There is only one school in the area studied situated at Idam NO.1 operated by the Christain Mission in Many Lands mission. It is staffed by two local teachers and they teach religious instruction and literacy. There are 40 students including females as well. Most of them are 15 or more years old. There is an Administration school at Green River Patrol Post but only one boy from the area is attending the school at Green River Primary School.

(b) Quite a large number of people are literate in Pidgin language most of these are ex-Idam NO.1 Pidgin School.

(c) High Education, there are no people in the area surveyed who had received Higher Education.

(d) Receiving higher education away from the area. Nil.

(e) News Bulletins and Radion Receiver. Nil were seen in the whole area surveyed.

"c" STANDARD OF LIVING:

(a) The standard of living in the area studied is quite good. All the houses are erected on stilts raised off the ground about 3 to 4 feet. This is just because of the flood during the rainy season. All the houses are constructed out of bush materials. Sago fronds are used for walls and leaves for the roof. The floors are made out of liaboms. The apex of the roof is about 10 or 12 feet from the floor. Houses are of a fairly standard two room design and are approximately 20 by 30 feet in plan. There are generally fire places in each room. The two rooms are then divided one is used for sleeping and the last one is for cooking purposes. The sanitation in the area studied is quite adequate with one pit latrine for each family.

In the area surveyed european type shorts were worn by about 90% of the male population. The small ones are still walking around naked. On the other hand only 80% of even less women are wearing laplaps, a l the rest are still wearing grass skirts. Most family in the area studied own an axe, bush knives, pots, spoons, plates and cups.

(b) The staple food is sago. This is supplemented by cooking bananas, sweet potatoes, and so on. The people do eat taro and tapioca which are also fairly common. The people do eat pig meat quite often for their dinner.

Canned food stuff is seldom used by the villagers but this is not from lack of interest but mainly from lack of money. The people themselves are fairly robust and lively, which perhaps be put down in their varied diet and also to the fact they live in comparatively cool climate.

(c) Community Organisation and Sports. There is no community centres and sports played in the area.

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"H" MISSIONS:

There is only one Mission operating in the area. This is the Christain Mission in Many Lands (CHML), this Mission operates School in the area (Pidgin School situated at Idam NO.1). The influence of the Mission is very strong in the area surveyed. The relations between Mission and the public is quite good, there does not seem to be any form of friction apparent.

There is no public service provided by the Mission in the area by using the airstrip.

The nearest administrative unit is the Idam River Patrol Post. This is situated 18 miles from Idam and is 1300 feet or 200 feet above sea level. It is reached either by water transportation (canoe) or walking from the Idam camp to the nearest airstrip mentioned above.

PHYSICAL AND CLIMATE DATA:
Not applicable.

"I" NON-INDIGENES: Not applicable.

" J" COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) Road. There are no vehicular roads in the area surveyed.

(b) River. The main route access to the area is from the Sepik River coming up the Idam River can be used by powered canoe as far as Idam village but still can not be done during the dry season because of the danger of striking sub-merged or semi-merged logs.

(c) Air. There is 1500 x 100 feet airstrip in the area studied situated at Idam NO.1 village previously maintained by the mission in the area but to date it has been stopped. The people are willing to extend the airstrip with the assistance of the officers of Green River Patrol Post. There is no regular service provided by the Mission in the area by using the airstrip.

The nearest Administration operated aerodrome is at Green River Patrol Post. This is category "B" classification and is 2300 feet by 200 feet wide, this is miles travel either by water transportation (canoe) or walking from the area concerned to the nearest airstrip mentioned above.

"X" TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.
Not applicable.

"I." THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT:

In the area studied there has been fairly regular patrolling since about 1957. However the people still seem to follow their traditional ties and affiliations. The Mission in the area is trying its best to break down their traditional ties by conducting Bible School and courses at Green River Patrol Post and even to Amasab Sub-District with many other young men from Other Census Divisions in Green River Administrative area. As a result it seems to be breaking down traditional apprehensions and its fostering better relations between villages that were traditional enemies. There is a certain sense of unity in the area (could be regarded as traditional one). It is felt that regular patrols stressing Political Education should bring out a more unified atmosphere in the area. The area is not in the Local Government Council. The distances and financial need involved are problems. There was no interest seen from the people of the area as far as the inclusion of the area into the Local Government area is concerned.

With reference to comprehension of the form of Government this can be described as very slight. The only answer to this is regular patrolling, Political Education and actual participation in functions wherever possible.

"M" THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA:

(a) There is no economic development in the area studied.
(b) There is no market gardenings in the area. However all the villagers grow foodstuffs on a subsistence level and the surplus is sold to the Administration patrols and Mission personnel.

The following are estimated amounts under the sub-heading cash earnings.

Administration Patrols.	\$ 20.00
Mission Patrols.	\$ 15.00
Aid Post (Staff).	\$ 5.00
	<u>40.00</u>

The above estimates cover estimates for the purchase of wild pigs and wild fowls.

(d) Wage earning. The Aid Post Orderly receives an annual income of approximately \$ 120.00.

The Mission teachers (2) receive \$ 100.00 per year. The people from Idam NO.1 and Idam NO.2 are responsible for the maintenance and the extention of the airstrip, however they do not get even a penny for work done. Previously the Mission concerned paid them some one hundred dollars depended on the work done, this has been stopped for a year or two.

The people from Bisiaburu village worked on the crocodile skins and earned money which actually entered the area some years ago but it has been abandoned completely. The people were encouraged to renew the project all over again.

There is a total of 33 able bodied men absent from the area working as indentured labourers on the plantations. It is estimated that more than a half of these able bodied men will return from the plantation beginning of next year. This will mean that approximately \$ 400.00 will come into the area.

(e) There is one trade store in the area for which nearly every village contributed some money for it. This can be regarded as co-operative Society I think.

(f) There is no indigencous entrepreneurs in the area studied

(g) Savings Account. There are no Commonwealth Savings Bank Accounts seen in the area even though many male populations had been working on the plantation away from their area.

(h) Tax, the area is not a council area so this sub-headin does not apply to the people of the area.

(i) The average per capita income would be as follows:-

Patrol carriers-	\$ 96.00.
Money brought back from other areas	\$400.00.
Income from trade store.	\$100.00.
Purchase of food while on patrol	\$ 40.00.
Aid Post Orderly	\$120.00.
Two mission teachers	\$100.00.
Total.	<u>\$856.00.</u>

Of the above figures approximately \$ 300.00 would actually enter the area, as cash. The area studied has a total population of:- part Idam -Yapsei Census Division = 1073. Thus \$856.00 divided by 1073 = \$0.80 per head per year (approx.). On the figure of \$ 300.00 this gives \$0.27. The money is given out to other Divisions as a gift to their relatives quite often so the actual cash could be much lesser than the figure shown above.

"N" POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY:

(a) The average figure of the people to the square mile in this area would be in the vicinity of 4 to 5 miles. There is no shortage of land, however owing to the topography of the area, i.e. high mountains and swamps, it is difficult to estimate the acreage that would be arable. Should cash cropping be introduced, it is felt that there be no shortage of arable land.

(b) Market gardening can be introduced but the thing is that access is the problem. The area is situated at about 3 days walk from Green River Patrol Post. Furthermore all the foodstuffs cannot be bought by the station personnel at Green River because they are less in number and one can imagine all the people of the five Census Divisions in the Green River Administrative area bring their foodstuffs to the very small market at Green River Patrol. Many will not get what they expected to be so there is no chance in promoting market gardening.

(c) Wage earnings, as can be seen in foregoing paragraphs there is very little potential for promoting the wage earning for the people of the area.

(d) The introduction of new activities. The pepper and rice have been introduced to Green River Local Census Division Iuri and Yabalhai Census Divisions as well but the people didn't continue to grow rice especially, whereas pepper plant was not suitable for the soil I think. When rice become imminent possibly this area could be incorporated in the project as well. However this will be considered seriously for some years to come.

"O" ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Although great number of the male population had been to the plantation or advanced areas of some parts of Papua New Guinea and had seen Local Government at work, they have no interest in joining their area into the council area. Most thoughtful men said that their area won't be a council area unless there must be some form of economic development ~~into the area~~ introduced into the area.

Owing to the distances involved and the relative backwardness of the most people it would be very hard to include these people in the council as it exists at this very moment.

"p" ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT:

The attitudes of the people towards the Administration is quite good. The people of the area still regard Administration as a centre Government. The people of the area are still in luluai and tultul era. This will remain for years to come I think.

" Q" ACCOMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES:

- The rest houses are erected in every visited village.
(b) There is an private airstrip at Idam NO.1 owned by the Christain Mission in Many Lands but nil services are provided by the Mission named above.
(c) Facilities, there is a trade store in Idam NO.1, where one can see stample food lines usually available including ~~staple~~ clothes and implements.

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POPULATION

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Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Residence outside F. State)				Grand Total
		Under 18 years		18 years and over		Under 18 years		18 years and over		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
14-11-73	AMBO	34	23	70	46			14.		195.
7-11-73	BISTARU	24	16	19	30			4.		93.
11-11-73	EDAN NO.1	36	54	92	77			3.		312.
10-11-73	EDAN NO.2.	59	46	62	70			1.		257.
9-11-73	KORANU:	11	5	9	11					36.
13-11-73	SELANI	21	22	40	42			0.		133.
10-11-73	MASIRU	4	4	24	12			3.		47.
	TOTAL:	238	170	344	288			33		1073.