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2-72-73	R. M. BUCKNALL	S. E. LAVANGAI & S. W. -- jacket
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8-72-73	Missing	
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19-72-73	G. W. O'BRIEN	South West LAVANGAI C/D

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p.o.Box 2396,
ONEDOBU.

J.W.Kent
CK.

12th March 1973

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
p.o.Box 103,
KAVIENG

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 1 of 1972/73

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of the KANDAS Census Division, as submitted by Mr.P.R.OWENS, Assistant Patrol Officer.

I note that one of the objects of the patrol was to "check up Cargo Cult". As the existence and current situation in respect of Cargo Cults is of vital interest to Headquarters Mr. Owen's investigations should have the subject of a Situation Report.

Please bring to the attention of your officers the requirements in respect of submitting Situation Reports.

C. G. S.
C.G.Littler,
s/Secretary.)

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1 of 1972/73 PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: ~~22 of 1971/72~~ OBJECTS OF PATROL: LAND INVESTIGATIONS AND CHECK UP CARGO CULT.
 DISTRICT: NEW IRLAND STATION: NAMATANAI
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: P.R. OWENS SUB DISTRICT: NAMATANAI
 AREA PATROLLED: KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION DESIGNATION: A.P.O.
 DURATION OF PATROL: 8 DAYS PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: CONSTABLE WANGI
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 7/2/72 NUMBER OF DAYS: 5 DAYS
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 1073
 MAP REFERENCE: COUNCIL AREA: NAMATANAI
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: NAMATANAI

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,

In respect of this Patrol, I attach:

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL FOLIOS	TO 1	(✓)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,		(✓)
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,		(✓)
AREA STUDY,		()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,		()
SITUATION REPORTS NO.'S 1 -		()
PATROL MAP		(✓)

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

DATE: 29/8/1972

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

In respect of this Patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY,	()
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY	()
SITUATION REPORTS NO's 1 -	()



DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF
 PATROL & REPORT . . .

ABOVE AVERAGE
AVERAGE
BELOW AVERAGE

DATE / /19

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District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

67.9.22

Report number: No. 2 of 72/73	Objects of patrol: TIMBER PURCHASE
District: NEW IRELAND	Station: NAMATAIAI
Patrol conducted by: P.R. OWENS	Subdistrict: NAMATAIAI
Area patrolled: KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION	Designation: A.P.O.
Duration of patrol: 14 days 14 - 18/9/72	Personnel accompanying: P. WHITEHEAD, D.O. LANDS
Last D.D.A. patrol: August, 1972	M. KASHKOV, Forestry Officer
Last O.L.G. patrol:	A. JACKSON, Forestry Officer
Map reference:	Total population of area: 1073
	Council area: NAMATAIAI
	House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATAIAI

The District Commissioner,
District,
NEW IRELAND

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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

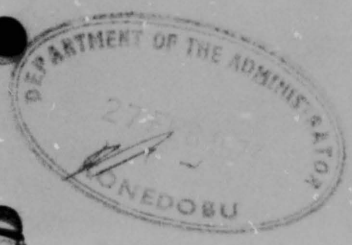
DATE: **2 / 10 1972**

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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



Date: / / 19

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District Commissioner

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KONEDOBU.

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J.W.Kent/1k

12th March, 1973

The District Commissioner
District Office
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 2 - 1972/73

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of the KANDAS Census Division, as submitted by Mr. P.R. Owens, Assistant Patrol Officer.

C.G.L.
C.G. LITTLER J
a/Secretary

PATROL REPORT

67-9-23

Report number: NAM 3-72/73
District: New Ireland
Patrol conducted by: M. Lorenz
Area patrolled: Amir Island
Duration of patrol: 31st Aug. - 9th Sept.
Last D.D.A. patrol: June, 1972
Last O.L.G. patrol:
Map reference:

Objects of patrol: Landwork, Roadwork Supervision,
Station: Political Education
Subdistrict: Tanga Base Camp
Designation: Patrol Officer
Personnel accompanying: Nil
Number of days: 29
Total population of area: 1,200
Council area: Namatanai L.G.C.
House of Assembly Electorate: Namatanai Open

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
RAVING

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios 120 To 126, (x)
- Patrol Instructions, ()
- The Report and my comments, (x)
- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Reports No's 1- , ()
- Patrol map, ()

DATE: 3 / 10 1972

(R.E. MEIER) 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
Patrol & Report.....
Above average
Average
Below average

Date: / / 19

District Commissioner



P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU.

67-9-23

J.W.Kent

12th March, 1973/ik

The District Commissioner
District Office
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO.3 - 1972/73

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of ANIR ISLAND Census Division, as submitted by Mr. M. LORENZ, Patrol Officer.

A patrol of twenty-nine days duration should have resulted in the submission of at least one Situation Report, especially as Political Education was one of the objects of the patrol.

Please bring to the attention of your field officers the requirements in respect of the submission of Situation Reports.

C.G.L.
C.G. LITTLER J
a/Secretary

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PATROL REPORT

Report number: **NAM 4-72/73**
 District: **NEW IRELAND**
 Patrol conducted by: **G. W. O'BRIEN**
 Area patrolled: **LAK CENSUS DIVISION**
 Duration of patrol: **16/10/72 to 23/10/72**
 Last D.D.A. patrol: **March, 1971**
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference:

Objects of patrol: **Census Revision, Political Education, Investigate Famine.**
 Station: **NAMATANAI**
 Subdistrict: **NAMATANAI**
 Designation: **PATROL OFFICER**
 Personnel accompanying: **N11**
 Number of days: **13 ~~21~~ days**
 Total population of area: **1,588**
 Council area: **NAMATANAI L.G.C.**
 House of Assembly Electorate: **NAMATANAI OPEN**

The District Commissioner,
~~NEW IRELAND~~ District.
KAVIENE

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 1 B	(x)
Patrol Instructions,	(x)
The Report and my comments,	(x)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	(x)
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Patrol map,	(x)

DATE: **17/12 1972**

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

[Signature]



In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
Situation Report No's. 1—	()
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.....	()

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

Above average
 Average
~~Below average~~

Date: **28/12/1972**

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
20/10/72	BAKOP	17	23	22	27	1	-	11	1	102
24/10/72	BAKUM	20	26	38	30	-	-	11	2	127
21/10/72	BERIOTA	24	15	22	19	1	1	2	1	85
24/10/72	KAMBILAL	10	18	18	18	-	1	1	1	67
26/10/72	KAMLIANG	5	20	21	15	1	-	1	-	63
25/10/72	TARON KAMPARUM	20	21	28	20	2	-	3	-	94
18/10/72	LAMBOM	93	87	66	85	10	8	46	19	414
25/10/72	LAMORAN	11	17	18	11	1	2	1	1	62
26/10/72	LENAI	19	18	18	16	-	-	-	-	71
23/10/72	MALIDUM	9	10	11	8	-	-	2	-	40
23/10/72	MATKUMLAGIR	8	16	15	22	6	1	5	1	74
26/10/72	MIMIAS	3	4	16	9	-	-	-	-	32
26/10/72	MORUKON	27	26	41	23	-	-	4	1	122
27/10/72	REI	28	10	19	17	-	-	2	1	77
24/10/72	SIAR	35	29	44	40	-	-	9	1	158
		329	340	397	360	22	13	98	29	1588

JJT:LM

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26th January, 1973

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
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NAMATANAI PATROL NO.4 OF 1972/73

Reference your Minute of 28th December, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study Amendment Report arising out of the above patrol of LAK Census Division, as submitted by Mr. G.W. O'BRIEN, Patrol Officer.

SJP
S.J. PEARSALL
a/Secretary

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- (a) Exchange
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AREA STUDY

LAK CENSUS DIVISION

UPDATED OCTOBER, 1972

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A. INTRODUCTION

(a) Village population and other statistics.

(a) Unchanged data had. The other road less not extend

(b) Unchanged the other side of the road.

(c) Unchanged the were walking at various points around

the territory. Usually a number of young men would have

been about on each side of the road, however, the

number of standing usually less than that of men.

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B. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

- (a) Village population register attached.
- (b) Patrol map attached. Vehicular road does not extend more than two miles into LAK at the moment.
- (c) Most absentees were working at various centres around the Territory. Normally a number of young men would have been absent on short trips to Rabaul, however, the absence of shipping recently has kept this group at home.

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C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) Unchanged
- (c) Unchanged
- (d) Unchanged
- (e) Unchanged

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D. LEADERSHIP

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) Unchanged
- (c) The traditional pattern of leadership has broken down in most parts of LAK. Unfortunately, nothing has replaced it. The lack of forceful village leaders was among my strongest impressions of this area. **TODAVE** at LAMBOM was a notable exception. He has maintained his influence through forcefulness, and the fact that he is one of the most prominent and able local businessmen in the Sub-district. Unfortunately, there is nothing to hold the younger, better educated, men in their village if they have any ambition at all, and until this situation changes, I cannot see a more cohesive leadership pattern emerging.

(14)

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

(a) Traditionally, land inheritance was matrilineal, i.e. land inherited from the mother's brother. However, with the planting of cash crops, many people are showing a preference to hand land directly down to their children. This trend is much more pronounced in other parts of the Sub-district where demarcation is more advanced. DAVE, Chairman of Demarcation for Southern Lak, has done much work in his own village in Lambon, however, access to the other villages is difficult, and this fact is inhibiting his work. The rest of the census division is well behind

SOUTHERN LAK.

- (b) Unchanged
 - (c) Unchanged
- (d) No significant change
- (e) Unfortunately, Lak does not seem to attract its better educated children back to their area. The situation is unchanged.

P. LITERACY

(a)

	Lambon Primary "T" Standard School - Government		Silur Primary "T" School - Roman Catholic Mission		Morokon Primary "T" School - Roman Catholic Mission	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	-	-	6	9	1	6
2	24	11	6	3	5	8
3	-	-	1	7	-	-
4	8	24	9	9	-	-
5	-	-	9	9	-	-
6	14	14	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	46	49	31	37	6	14

English is taught in all three schools.

Truancy at the MOROKON School is high. The enforcing of the council truancy rule should rectify this, however, it is far too late in the school year now.

(b) No significant change

(c) Unfortunately, LAK does not seem to attract its better educated children back to their area. The situation is unchanged.

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) Unchanged
- (c) Their ^{of the} womens clubs are at LAMBOM, BAKUM, KAMPARUM, LAMAKON, BAKOK and MATKUBLAGIK.

A welfare assistant permanently stationed at Lambom has been granted patrol allowance by the council.

This allows her to work through both the east (LAK) and west (KANDAS) coasts.

H. MISSIONS

I. AIR STATIONS

(a) METHODIST MISSION

A mission station is situated in Lambem village. Its sphere of influence ends at MAKOK.

(b) ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION

The Catholic mission complex at SILUR consists of airstip, school, church and trade store. The Catholic mission extends its influence from MATKUMLAGIR north. The mission provides another school at MOROKON.

(c) ANGLO-AMERICAN MISSION

(d) ...

I. NON INDIGENOUS

(a) Unchanged

(b) Metlik Plantation could employ anything up to 80 local workers if this number were willing to work, however this is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future. At the moment it employs only five local men. This number includes mainland labour who have married and settled in BAKOK Village.

(c) Maritzoon Plantation employs 33^{LAK} people.

(e) Unchanged

(d) Nil

J. COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) SEA - Good anchorage exists at SILUR Mission, METLIK Plantation and MATHEMAGIR, although all can be affected by bad weather. An excellent deep water harbour at LAMBOM provides shelter in all weather.
- A wharf at LAMBOM is in a bad stage of disrepair at the moment.
- (c) A private airstrip suitable for light planes is situated at SILUR. A mission plane permanently based there, gives quick access to Rabaul. Although at the time of my patrol this plane was undergoing repairs in Australia, it was expected to return soon.

X. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

- 6 carpenters**
- 1 small ship's captain**
- 15 seamen**
- 8 store clerks**

The council is another group. The people of the area are becoming a little more organized with the council. The fact that most of the land area has been without shipping for over 3 months tends to be blamed on the council head, Mr. Miller. This attitude will however, when shipping becomes more regular.

L. STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

LAK is the most isolated and probably the least patrolled area in the sub-district. For this reason, it is politically backward compared with the rest of the sub-district. The function of the central Government and House of Assembly, self Government and independence, except on odd occasions, fails to generate much interest.

The council is another story. The people of LAK are becoming a little disenchanted with the council. The fact that most of the LAK area has been without shipping for over 6 months tends to be blamed on the council boat, M.V. PINCO. This attitude will improve when shipping becomes more regular.

(1) Exchange

(2) LAK people are employed as plantation labourers at the present, mainly in the plantation. This is a good source of income for the area, especially in the absence of other employment opportunities.

(3) People for 14 fortnights @ \$11.00 per fortnight = \$154.00

(4) Exchange

(5) Exchange

(6) Exchange

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

- (a) The latest figures for the LAK census division are for June, 1971 and are:

Immature Coconuts	-	65,650
Mature coconuts	-	103,180
Immature cocoa	-	3,766
Mature cocoa	-	793

- (b) Estimated total copra production - 387 tons
Estimated total cocoa production - $\frac{1}{2}$ ton

- (c) The total production for copra could be more than doubled if plantation were properly attended, and more important, if regular shipping could be arranged to Rabaul.

- (d) Unchanged

- (e) 40 LAK people are employed as plantation labourers at the moment, mainly MARITZOAN plantation. This figure could increase as managers in the area expressed a preference to employing local people.

40 people for 14 fortnights @ \$11.80 per fortnight = \$6,608

- (f) Unchanged

- (g) Unchanged

- (h) Unchanged

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(i) In the past, response to tax collection teams has been good. However, I was told by several LAK people that many people would not pay tax this time due to:-

- (i) lack of money due to no ship in over 6 months;
- (ii) dissatisfaction in council.

Recently I heard that the M.V. ELENA was on route to LAK so this may improve the situation considerably.

(j) Wage earnings - \$6,608	\$ 6,608
Copra, 387 tons @ \$105 per ton -	40,635
Cocoa $\frac{1}{2}$ ton -	250
	<u>47,493</u>

Population - 1,588

Per capita income - \$29

(k) The nearest marketing facilities are at Rabaul.

A problem exists with irregular shipping from producer to market. This is holding back development in the area.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

- (a) There is enough unused, arable land to fulfil the people's needs for the foreseeable future. An idea of acreage would be almost impossible to assess, as large areas of plateau and valley land have not been surveyed to assess their suitability for agriculture.
- (b) There is almost no outlet for market garden type produce. Any outlet at all would have to be local, and the possibilities there are almost nil, i.e. 1 mission station and 4 plantations.
- (c) Plantations are getting a large part of their labour requirements locally. However, I feel that if copra prices increase and/or shipping to Rabaul becomes easier, the local people would prefer to cut their own copra.

0. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A certain amount of hostility to the council was expressed through various LAK people. This was mainly due to:

- (1) Failure of any ship to collect LAK copra (the people feel it is the responsibility of the council boats);
- (2) Lack of assistance of any kind over the last year when drought, floods and heavy seas made life difficult for the LAK people;
- (3) Other small things such as lack of medical patrols and lack of medicine in the TAROM aid post, which, although in no way connected with the council, has served to harden slightly the people's attitude to anything "Government".

P. ATTITUDE TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The people of LAK, through their isolation, are shy, reserved and fearful of any change. They are pro-government as far as the Australian administration is concerned, but they are fearful of the rapidly approaching self government.

Unfortunately, this area has not been patrolled by D.D.A. in the last 19 months, and therefore, there has been little political education in that time.

More political education would help, however, only time and experience will allow the people to completely accept Papua New Guinea being ruled by its own people.

DM 67-9-9

PATROL REPORT

Report number: **NAM 5-72/73** Objects of patrol: **Census and Political Education**
 District: **NEW IRELAND** Station: **NAMATANAI**
 Patrol conducted by: **P.R. OWENS** Subdistrict: **NAMATANAI**
 Area patrolled: **KINSAL Census Division** Designation: **Assistant Patrol Officer**
 Duration of patrol: **5 days - 30/10/72** Personnel accompanying: **None**
 Last D.D.A. patrol: **to 3/11/72** Number of days: **5 days**
 Last O.L.G. patrol: **25/1/71 to 8/2/71** Total population of area: **586**
 Map reference: Council area: **NAMATANAI**
 House of Assembly Electorate: **NAMATANAI**

The District Commissioner,
~~New Ireland~~ District,
~~KAVIENG~~

In respect of this patrol, I attach

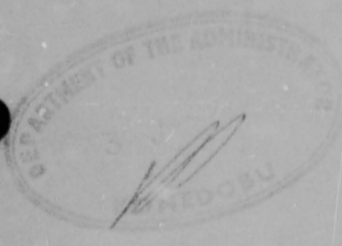
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The Report and my comments,	(X)
Area study,	()
Updating of area study,	(X)
Situation Reports No's X	(X)
Patrol map,	(X)

DATE: 5 / 12 1972

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner
 (R.E. WEBER)

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

[Signature]



In respect of this patrol, I attach

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

Date: 28 / 12 / 1972

J.A. Holmes. B.
 District Commissioner

JJT:RW

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU

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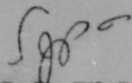
26th January, 1973

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

NAMATAHAI PATROL NO. 5 of 1972/73

Reference your minute of 28th December, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study Amendment Report arising out of the above patrol of KINSAL Census Division, as submitted by Mr. P.R. Owens, Assistant Patrol Officer.


S.J. PEARSALL
a/Secretary

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ...
- (d) ...

AREA STUDY

KINSAL CENSUS DIVISION

UPDATED OCTOBER, 1972

A. INTRODUCTION

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) Unchanged
- (c) The cargo cult which has SURALIL Village as its centre, and has affected the two villages of PALABONG and KALIL, is now almost entirely dormant. All people have returned to the villages with the exception of one fanatical old lady from Kalil, and two old men from Palabong. Life is back to normal in Palabong, and copra is once again being harvested.

B. POPULATION - DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

Census Figures are attached

- (a) Unemployed
- (b) Unemployed
- (c) Unemployed
- (d) Unemployed

C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) Unchanged
- (c) Unchanged
- (d) Unchanged

D. LEADERSHIP

Unchanged

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

Unchanged

F. LITERACY

- (a) The S.D.A. school at PALABONG has closed down and the teacher has moved further down the coast to SIAMAN to assist with the running of the S.D.A. school there. There was sufficient interest and numbers for the school, but the teacher was not over-enthusiastic, and spent more time fishing than teaching.
- (b) There are no villagers who speak English, but everyone without exception, speaks Pidgin.
- (c) There are no people in the area who have received higher education at present. Those people who have attended high school previously have all moved out of the area to find work.

(d) Palabong

None

Kalil

Robin Tusery, Mangai High School, Kavieng, M.

Rebehen

Manuel Pranis, Mangai High School, Kavieng, M.

Kabanut

Bulu Karup	Mangai	M
John Timot	Utu	M
Ben Borupula	Utu	M
Bua Taran	Mangai	M

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F. LITERACY (cont.)

Kabanut (cont.)

Ruth Tatu	Mangai	F
Boas Tomaden	"	M
Elsa Tomi	"	F
Tabar Sokin	"	M
Koronar Sail	"	M
Bung Borapuna	"	M
Marton Kubur	Rabaul	M

(e) There is no one in any of the villages who shows any interest in papers or bulletins. Literature which had been handed to Councillor Aisoli in Kalil Village at the recent political education school, was still sitting in his house, although there are many people capable of reading. I ensured that they were distributed. There are some 23 radio receivers in the 4 villages.

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

(a) Unchanged

(b) Unchanged

(c) Unchanged

(a) Unchanged

(b) Unchanged

H. MISSIONS

- (a) The area is predominantly United Church, and the church owns large tracts of ground in Kalil Village. The United Church runs the school at Kabanut with 3 teachers. The S.D.A. Mission at Palabong has folded up and the teacher cum Missionary has moved further down the coast.
- (b) Unchanged
- (c) Unchanged

I. NON INDIGENOUS

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) There are no villagers employed on any of the 3 plantations.
- (c) Laba and Donop buy dri's and some green copra.
- (d) Matop Plantation is slowly returning to the bush. The Manager has been absent in Rabaul for 2 months, and the labour line of 15 contracts, have been without food and pay for this time. The Labour Office in Rabaul have been advised of the situation.

J. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) The Namatanai Local Government Council has just spent \$5,000 upgrading the West Coast road, and the grader has gone as far as Laba Plantation. It has now returned to Namatanai. The people of Kalil Village are not too happy as they were told the road was to be upgraded as far as Kalil; however the Council's money ran out. The road at present is excellent, however as soon as it begins to rain, it will return to its previous condition. There is little coromus in the vicinity, and therefore the road is merely dirt. There is coromus at Kabanut Village, but the people are not prepared to give it to the Council, and have requested payment for it.

- (b) Unchanged
- (c) Unchanged
- (d) Unchanged

(8)

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Any persons from the area with technical and clerical skills are employed elsewhere.

L. STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

This patrol was really a follow up of a Political Education Seminar held in the area during the previous week. With the exception of Palabong Village, the people's knowledge of politics and the party systems, is far superior to many other areas of the Sub-District.

The people understand the meaning of Self Government, and its implications, although they are far from happy with the pace at which it is arriving. Their knowledge of the Government and how it is composed, and the purpose of the opposition, still require more clarification, but it is hoped that the literature that was distributed both prior to the patrol, and during it, will go a long way to solving these problems.

The Namatanai L.G.C. is not as popular as might be expected. This is due to a weak Councillor in the Rebehen, Kalil and Palabong ward. Councillor Aisoli, who was previously leader of the Mataungan Association in New Ireland, whilst a respected man, is not particularly forceful, and the people of Palabong Village in particular, suffer for this. They have no water tank, and despite repeated requests to the Councillor to request one, he has done nothing to help them. It is now Election time, and it will be interesting to see who stands up in opposition to him. Kabanut is in Councillor Apelis's ward, and is very pro Administration and go ahead, due in the main to the Councillor's efforts on the people's behalf.

M. ECONOMY OF THE AREA

(a) There is no village by village breakdown of economic trees available after 1962, but there are 1971 totals for the whole area and these are as follows:

	<u>Mature</u>	<u>Immature</u>
Coconuts -	17,805	9,784
Cocoa -	4,680	7,976

(b) Total copra production 80 tons per annum
Total cocoa production 4 tons per annum

(c) The R.D.O. Namatanai, estimates that total production for the known number of trees could be twice its present amount. This is allowing for a figure of 10 cwt./acre/year instead of 5 cwt./acre/year, and 8lbs dry beans/tree/year instead of 4lbs dry beans/tree/year for cocoa.

(d) Unchanged

(e) At present there are no people residing in the villages who can be termed locals who are employed on any of the 3 stations in the Division. The only people employed are 2 Menyamya's in Kalil Village and one Tolai in Rebehen.

(f) The Namatanai Co-operatives Society operates in the area, but there are few members on the West Coast. In most cases, those people who previously had share capital, are now selling direct to Rabaul, but the other villagers still expect a dividend. I have explained that to obtain rebates, they must be a member.

M. ECONOMY OF THE AREA (cont.)

At present there is a West Coast Cocoa Growers Association being set up, they are using the fermentary at Pakinsela. There would be roughly 20 men from Kinsal who are in the Society, but share capital at present has not been collected. The output of the Society will be in the region of 8 tons per annum.

(g) Entrepreneurs

Joseph Morong of Kalil has a trade store and number at C.M.B.. He would be producing approximately 8 - 10 tons of copra per annum.

Mica of Rebehen also has a trade store and sells approximately 8 tons of copra direct to Rabaul.

(h) Bank Account

Approximately 30 people have banking accounts spread evenly through the Division.

(i) Tax Collection

No difficulties have been apparent when tax has been collected.

(j) Average Income

Average per capita income would be approximately \$50 per annum.

(k) Marketing

Unchanged.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

- (a) Unchanged
- (b) Unchanged
- (c) Unchanged
- (d) Unchanged

0. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The people of Kinsal feel that the L.G.C. should be giving them more than they are actually getting, mainly in terms of the roads. All villages have water tanks, with the exception of Palabong, and there are Aid Posts at Kalil and Kabanut, both well run. However, the people are disappointed with their road, as they too appreciate that without a coronus surface, it will quickly disintergrate and return to its former condition. However, tax collection has caused no problems, and I feel the people of this area are slowly beginning to realise that they won't get something for nothing.

P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Due to the number of radios in the Division, the people very well informed about the everyday happenings of the House of Assembly. However, they are pessimistic about the amount of power that the Chief Minister seems to have accumulated, and in one meeting in particular at Rebehen Village, he was rubbished. The reasons for this are that they feel he is rushing headlong towards Independence, and they are not overconfident regarding their own ability to handle this situation. They also feel that being a New Guinea man, New Ireland will receive short shift from a Government run by a Sepik. Also, whenever they open a newspaper or any type of Government literature, the Chief Minister's face is almost inevitably staring back at them. It is somewhat difficult to dispel these fears.

Q. ACCOMMODATION AND SERVICE FACILITIES

Unchanged

PATROL REPORT

67-9-24

Report number: NAM 6-72/73	Objects of patrol: Timber Rights Purchase
District: NEW IRELAND	Station: NAMATARAI
Patrol conducted by: R.J. WEBER	Subdistrict: NAMATARAI
Area patrolled: Part KANDAS C/D	Designation: Assistant District Commissioner
Duration of patrol: 6/11/72 - 14/11/72	Personnel accompanying: M. KARAKOFF, Forestry Officer
Last D.D.A. patrol: 18/9/72	Number of days: Five
Last O.L.G. patrol: -	Total population of area: 1,073
Map reference:	Council area: NAMATARAI
	House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATARAI

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
RAVILEG.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 15 To 16 ,	(X)
Patrol Instructions,	(-)
The Report and my comments,	(X)
Area study,	(-)
Updating of area study,	(-)
Situation Reports No's 1— ,	(-)
Patrol map,	(-)

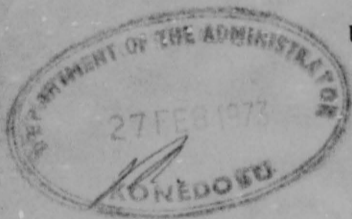
DATE: **20 / 11 / 72 .**

R.J. Weber
 Assistant District Commissioner
R.J. WEBER

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
	Below average

Date: / / 19 .

.....
 District Commissioner

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU.

67-9-24

J.W.Kent/ik

12th March, 1973

The District Commissioner
District Office
P.O. Box 103
KAVIRINGI.

NAMATANI PATROL NO.6 - 1972/73

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of part of the KANDAS Census Division, as submitted by Mr. R.E. WEBER, Assistant District Commissioner.

C.G.L.
C.G. LEITNER
a/Secretary

PATROL REPORT

67-9-24

Report number: NAM 7-72/73	Objects of patrol: Political Education
District: NEW IRELAND	Station: NAMATANAI
Patrol conducted by: P.R. OWENS	Subdistrict: NAMATANAI
Area patrolled: ANIR ISLAND	Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer
Duration of patrol: 14/11/72 - 23/11/72	Personnel accompanying: M1
Last D.D.A. patrol: 11/8/72 - 9/9/72	Number of days: 10 days
Last O.L.G. patrol:	Total population of area: 1200
Map reference:	Council area: NAMATANAI I.G.C.
	House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATANAI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
NEW IRELAND District,
KAVIENG

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios **6** , (**x**)
- Patrol Instructions, (**x**)
- The Report and my comments, (**x**)
- Area study, ()
- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Reports No's 1— , ()
- Patrol map, ()

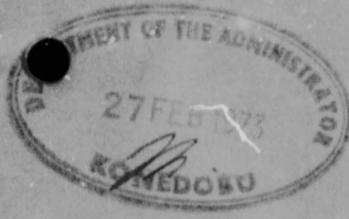
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[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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- Updating of area study, ()
- Situation Report No's. 1— ()
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- District Headquarters assessment of Above average
- Patrol & Report..... Average
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Date: / / 19

District Commissioner

P.O. Box 2396
KONEDOBU.

67-9-25

J.W.Kent/1k

12th March, 1973

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
P.O. Box 103,
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO.7 - 1972/73

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of the ANIER ISLAND Census Division, as submitted by Mr. P.R. OWENS, Assistant Patrol Officer.

A ten day patrol mounted for the specific purpose of conducting political education discussions warranted a Situation Report as this Headquarters is vitally interested in the current situation relating to this subject.

Please refer to my remarks contained in my comments on Namatanai P.R3 of 1972/73 in respect of the necessity to submit Situation Reports.

C. G. L.

C.G. LITLER J
a/Secretary

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67-9-26

PATROL REPORT

Report number: 8-72/73
 District: NEW IRELAND
 Patrol conducted by: M. LOHME
 Area patrolled: LAI, MANDAS, ANIR, TANGA and LIHIR
 Duration of patrol: 20/11/72 to 12/12/72
 Last D.D.A. patrol: September, 1972
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference: FOUR-IL: NAMATAHAI TANGA FERU

Objects of patrol: Council Elections
 Station: NAMATAHAI
 Subdistrict: NAMATAHAI
 Designation: Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: Mr. R. Weber, A.D.C. M.R. Pirang, S/I J. Kopi TPO Ezekial
 Number of days: 20 LORAWL 6 WEBER 6 EZEKIAL
 Total population of area: 11,000
 Council area: NAMATAHAI
 House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATAHAI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
 New Ireland District,
 KAVIRIG

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 139 to 149, (x)
 - Patrol Instructions, (x)
 - The Report and my comments, (x)
 - Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, ()
 - Situation Reports No's 1—, ()
 - Patrol map, (x)

DATE: 3 / 1 1973.

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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



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 Patrol & Report.....
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Date: / / 19

District Commissioner

p.o.Box, 2396,
KONEDOBU

67-9-26

J.W.Kent
CK.

12th March 1973

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
p.o.Box 103,
KAVIENG

NAMATANAI PATROL NO.8 of 1972/73.

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of the NAMATANAI Local Government Council Area as submitted by Mr.M.LORENZ, Patrol Officer.

C.G.L
C.G.Littler,
a/Secretary. :)

67-9-27

PATROL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
 KAVIENG
 NEW IRELAND DISTRICT
 PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Report number: **9-72/73**
 District: **NEW IRELAND**
 Patrol conducted by: **G. COWPER**
SCHIRIK, PATPATARA, KINSAL,
 Area patrolled: **NAMATANAI, SUSUHUNGA,**
TANGLIMAT & KONGHALA C/Ds
 Duration of patrol: **21/11/72 to 12/12/72**
 Last D.D.A. patrol: **-**
 Last O.L.G. patrol: **-**
 Map reference: **FOURMIL - NAMATANAI**
NILINCH - ULAPAIUR
DOLAMAKAS and
MULIAMA

Objects of patrol: **Council Elections - 5 JAN 1973**
 Station: **NAMATANAI**
 Subdistrict: **NAMATANAI**
 Designation: **Patrol Officer**
 Personnel accompanying: **S. Severin, T.P.O.**
B. Hagor, Council Rules Inspector
 Number of days: **19 COWPER**
14 SEVERIN
 Total population of area:
 Council area: **NAMATANAI**
 House of Assembly Electorate: **NAMATANAI OPEN**

The District Commissioner,
 New Ireland District,
 KAVIENG

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios 9 To 10, (X)
 - Patrol Instructions, ()
 - The Report and my comments, (X)
 - Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, ()
 - Situation Reports No's 1- , ()
 - Patrol map, ()

DATE: 2 / 1 1973 .

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
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Date: / / 19 .

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 District Commissioner

P.O. Box 2396
KONIDOBU.

67-9-27

J.W.Kent/ik

12th March, 1973

The District Commissioner
District Office
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO.9 - 1972/73

Reference your undated minute.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of the NAMATANAI Local Government Council Area, as submitted by Mr. G. GOWPER, Patrol Officer.

It would be appreciated if you would ensure that the minute section of the Patrol Report Jacket is signed, dated and has a District Headquarter assessment of the patrol and report before it is forwarded to this Headquarters.

C.G.L
C.G. LITLER J
a/Secretary

H-Q. KONE

PATROL REPORT

Report number: NAM 10-72/73
 District: NEW IRELAND
 Patrol conducted by: G. O'BRIEN
 Area patrolled: TANGA CENSUS DIVISION
 Duration of patrol: 4/1/73 to 1/2/73
 Last D.D.A. patrol: -
 Last O.L.G. patrol: December, 1972
 Map reference:

Objects of patrol: REVISE CENSUS, UPDATE AREA STUDY, LAND WORK
 Station: NAMATANAI
 Subdistrict: NAMATANAI
 Designation: Patrol Officer
 Personnel accompanying: S. SEVERIN, T.P.O.
 Number of days: 29
 Total population of area: 3,562
 Council area: NAMATANAI
 House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATANAI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
 New Ireland District,
 KAVIENG.

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

DATE: 30/3 19 73

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

[Signature]

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
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 - Updating of area study,
 - Situation Report No's. 1-
 - ~~PATROL MAP~~
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District Headquarters assessment of
 Patrol & Report.....

Above average
 Average
 Below average

Date: 15/5/19 73.

[Signature] DDC1
 District Commissioner

POPULATION

Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
11/1/73	AMBABA	33	35	38	31	-	-	10	2	149
12/1/73	AMBISUMNE	16	18	26	26	4	4	9	4	107
5/1/73	AMFA	33	28	51	49	11	5	11	9	197
17/1/73	ANSAWE	37	56	61	52	-	-	2	-	208
9/1/73	BALANWARANSAU	26	22	33	20	-	-	4	3	108
8/1/73	BALAMFAR	27	22	29	31	1	2	5	1	116
12/1/73	BIL	27	24	19	27	1	1	9	6	114
8/1/73	FANGWEL	17	17	24	23	-	-	6	1	88
16/1/73	FONLI	81	67	89	81	5	1	12	6	342
9/1/73	GARGARIS	24	26	31	27	3	2	4	4	121
17/1/73	KAMUNASEO	41	46	47	42	-	1	11	2	190
8/1/73	KITKITA	35	17	24	23	1	2	7	2	111
8/1/73	PUT	36	46	35	28	1	1	3	-	150
15/1/73	LAUNKE	51	59	55	47	1	2	15	1	231
11/1/73	SASA	81	56	59	66	3	1	12	4	282
9/1/73	SINAUDO	24	14	21	25	1	0	7	-	92
12/1/73	SUNKIN	31	48	30	51	2	2	14	7	185
16/1/73	TAUBIE	37	26	31	27	-	-	4	1	126
13/1/73	TAUNSIP	110	73	113	102	9	1	-	-	408
8/1/73	TEFA	24	30	24	19	4	-	8	1	110
15/1/73	TIRIWAN	23	24	35	34	1	-	9	1	127
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The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

4th July, 1973
67-9-40
R.G. Cowin
a/d.D.S.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 10 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 10th May, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of TANGA Census Division, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. G. O'BRIEN, Patrol Officer.

I regret the delay in acknowledging this Report.

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

No other release is required.

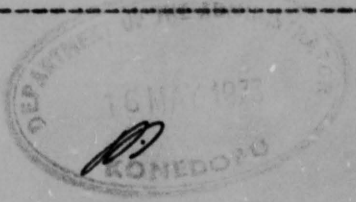
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DISTRICT OFFICER

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

Forwarded herewith please are 2 copies of Patrol Report Jacket and 2 copies of Area Study amendments. For your information.

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Namatanai 10 of 72/73
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Department of the Chief Minister and
Development Administration,
District Headquarters,
KAVIENG.

10th May, 1973.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
NAMATANAI.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO 10 OF 1972/73 TANGA CENSUS DIVISION

Copies of Report and attachments compiled by Mr. SEVERIN SIPIAN,
Training Patrol Officer and updated Area Study by Mr. G. O'BRIEN,
Patrol Officer are acknowledged.

Your comments are comprehensive and applicable. Mr Sipian has
acquitted himself well in his first effort at reporting.

Your Situation Report following your recent visit to Tanga is
looked forward too with interest.

I.A. HOLMES,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

cc: The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister and
Development Administration,
P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded herewith please are, two copies of updated Area Study,
2.copies of Patrol Map, Patrol Report Cover. A photocopy of Assis-
tant District Commissioner Namatanai's comments are attached for
for your information.

No other comment is required.
I.A. Holmes
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

would probably occur only when population pressure forces some people to shift to the larger islands and take up land which they own, is very true. Mr. Sipian himself lives on Lif Island.

Social

Previously the Namatanai Local Government Council employed a Welfare Worker to carry out activities in the Tanga group. She is recently married, and unfortunately is no longer interested in carrying out her former duties. Consequently, as Mr. Sipian says, "everything has come to a standstill". However, the Council does employ two other Welfare assistants. These are presumably under the guidance of the Social Development and Home Affairs Community Development Officer based at Namatanai, but as far as I can see, these two Council employees do very little. It will be suggested to the Executive Committee that the Council take greater interest in these two girls, and that the Council itself gives closer supervision and direction to their work.

AREA STUDY

Mr. O'Brien's updating of the Area Study is satisfactory, although in some places a little more attention to detail could have been made in order to give the Study more "meat". This document calls for a few comments only.

Communications

Mr. O'Brien mentions that on Boang Island there is a need for a road linking between the north-western portion of that Island and the wharf at Amfa. This would open up large areas of land not yet under cultivation. If this suggestion is proved feasible, the task could be undertaken by the Council through the assistance of Rural Development Funds. At the same time, this could provide a relief for some of the overcrowded areas at Boang. As stated above, I feel that if more use was made of the available land already on the Tanga Islands, there would be little need for a lot of talk about resettling the Tangas, and the considerable expenditure which would necessarily follow if such a scheme was undertaken.

Only two weeks ago the Navy patrol boat H.M.A.S. MADANG visited the Amfa area and inspected the reef with the view to establishing whether it would be feasible or not to blast the reef and open a passage to the wharf. Their subsequent report was favourable, and the job has been listed for the Navy Diving Clearance Team some time during the next financial year. Once this passage has been cleared, greater safety will be guaranteed for ships.

Crowley's Airways now operate a twice weekly service flight linking Islands with Kavieng, Namatanai and Rabaul. The second service operates on a Friday, and commenced 30th March, 1973. This will greatly improve communications within the area, and will allow for more regular visits of Administration Officers and other personnel who wish contact with the Tanga people.

Stage of Political Development

In Mr. Sipian's report, he stated that the Tanga people were concerned about the fact that their Member does not visit them. However, it will be noted that Mr. O'Brien points out "When Julius Chan and Obad Boas visited the Island, very few people from the top ward were willing to make the 1½ hour walk down to the air field to see and talk with them". He goes on to say "Tanga shows a marked lack of interest in anything that does not concern it directly". The people should not expect to sit down and wait

for things to come to them. They are not prepared to make a conscientious effort to develop themselves in all directions. The mountain will not come to them, they must come to the mountain. They must go to the mountain.

The Economy of the Area

Section (k) lists the four methods the Tanga people use to market their copra. The first and most frequently used method, direct sale to either the Mission or Amfa Plantation, is the most popular because the producers are not burdened with the expenses associated with the infrequent shipping service to the Islands. Should the people adopt either of the other three methods of marketing, then these shipping worries become manifest.

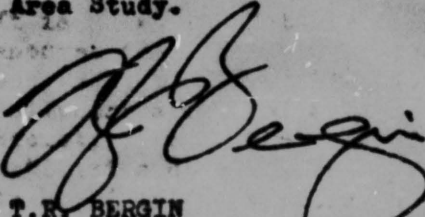
Possibilities of Expanding the Economy

I do not know whether Forestry Department have ever had a close look at Malendok Island to ascertain whether or not the quantity of timber there is large enough to sustain an economical logging sawn timber venture. I intend to discuss this with the District Forestry Officer at the first opportunity. Should such a venture prove possible, the opportunity would then exist for a new development scheme within the Islands offering employment to the local people and possibly create the incentive for some of the Boang Islanders to resettle themselves at Malendok.

GENERAL

The Boang airstrip Land Investigation Report has been forwarded to the District Officer, Lands. The Tanga resettlement file number 35-2-11 cannot be located in this office, nor has it been seen since Mr. O'Brien's transfer to Taskul. I am endeavouring to contact Mr. O'Brien for information as to the whereabouts of this file and also Mr. Weber who originally wrote the patrol instructions to find out exactly what was required in this matter, as patrol instructions shed no light in this respect. This will be the subject of a subsequent letter.

Could some prints please be made of the accompanying map so that adequate copies are available to accompany the report and the Area Study.


T.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Mr. G.W. O'Brien,
Patrol Officer,
TAKSUL

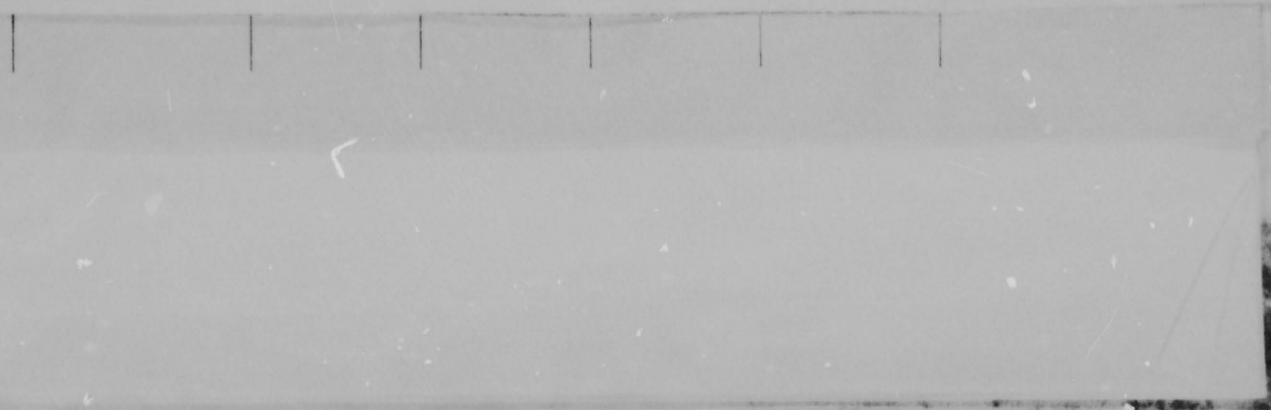
Mr. S. Sipian,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
LIHIR



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INTRODUCTION

(a) Exchanged

(b) Exchanged

(c) unchanged

AREA STUDY

TANGA CENSUS DIVISION

UPDATED JANUARY, 1973

HAMATRAWA PATROL HD10 of 12/73

A. INTRODUCTION

B. POPULATION - DISSEMINATION AND FIELDS

- (a) **Unchanged**
- (b) **Unchanged** Population Register attached. The
- (c) **Unchanged** increase of 3% is normal for this area.
- (d) Roads linking all villages in Seng, were being upgraded at the time of this patrol. A P.F.D. register maintained by the Hamatani Local Government Council is assisting with this work.
- (e) All consent required.

U. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

B. POPULATION - DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

(a) Unchanged.

- (a) Village Population Register attached. The
- (b) natural increase of 3% is normal for this area.
- (b) Roads linking all villages on Boeng, were
- (c) being upgraded at the time of this patrol.

A P.W.D. tractor maintained by the Namatanai Local Government Council is assisting with this work.

(c) Nil comment required.

C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

- (a) **Unchanged.** EPA Village is the only new leader to
- (b) **Unchanged.** WOT is approximately 25 years old, has
- (c) **Unchanged.** education, however he has worked in
- (d) **Unchanged.** he picked up a fair knowledge of
- (e) **Unchanged.** was elected councillor for the
 Halaudak Ward in the last Council election and
 has proved so far to be an energetic councillor.
 He is pro-Administration. His only hobby is
 his youth.

(c) Since the advent of Local Government Councils in
 Tangga the traditional system of leadership has
 broken down. This trend is more noticeable on
 the relatively more advanced Boeng Island. In the
 last Council elections two councillors, Sings of
 Suez and Panket of Suez were elected who, if they
 continue as they are now, should fill the leadership
 gap to some extent.

D. LEADERSHIP

- (a) PANKUT of TEFA Village is the only new leader to & emerge. PANKUT is approximately 25 years old, has
- (b) a standard 2 education, however he has worked in Rabaul where he picked up a fair knowledge of English. He was elected Councillor for the Melendak Ward in the last Council election and has proved so far to be an energetic Councillor. He is pro-Administration. His only handicap is his youth.
- (c) Since the advent of Local Government Council on Tanga the traditional system of leadership has broken down. This trend is more noticeable on the relatively more advanced Boeng Island. In the last Council elections two Councillors, Kinge of Sasa and Pankut of Tefa were elected who, if they continue as they are now, should fill the leadership gulf to some extent.

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

- (a) **Unchanged.**
 - (b) **Nil.**
 - (c) **Unchanged.**
- Unfortunately this patrol was undertaken during the school holidays when enrolments were not to hand. Later, however, I did obtain complete enrolments for Ponli and Taunepi Schools and total number of students for the latter School.

PONLI PRIMARY SCHOOL

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Standard 2	22	11
Standard 4	35	17
Standard 6	15	14
	<u>75</u>	<u>42</u>

TAUNAPI PRIMARY SCHOOL

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Standard 2	15	11
Standard 3	14	7
Standard 4	21	18
Standard 5	14	13
Standard 6	16	13
	<u>80</u>	<u>62</u>

F. LITERACY

(a) All schools on the island are Catholic Mission. Unfortunately this patrol was undertaken during the school holidays when enrolments were not to hand. Later, however, I did obtain complete enrolments for Fonli and Taunsip T School and total number of students for the Amfar T School.

FONLI PRIMARY T SCHOOL

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Standard 2	22	11
Standard 4	35	17
Standard 6	19	14
	<u>76</u>	<u>42</u>

TAUNSIP PRIMARY T SCHOOL

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Standard 2	15	11
Standard 3	18	7
Standard 4	22	18
Standard 5	14	13
Standard 6	16	13
	<u>85</u>	<u>62</u>

F. LITERACY (cont.)

Total numbers of students at AMFAR PRIMARY T SCHOOL - 250.

On Malendok Island there are Primary T Schools at TEFA and PUT Villages. However at the time this area was patrolled, both schools were closed due to the Christmas holidays and the teachers were on leave.

- (b) Most adults under the age of 40 have had at least some elementary education and are therefore literate or semi-literate.
- (c) Although many Tanga people have received higher education, none are residing in their home village.
- (d) 105 students from Tanga are receiving secondary education at various centres.

Blaise Mem/Sumsum has completed his Matriculation at Sogri High School and will study Law at the Papua New Guinea University this year. Blaise is the son of the Sumsum of Rabaul general strike fame.

- (e) Radio receivers are common on Tanga. Usually two or three can be found in each village. As a general rule, at least one of these is working at any given time.

F. LITERACY (cont.)

People take an interest in news items and political education programmes.

No newspapers or bulletins were encountered by me on Tanga

European style cooking and eating implements are scarce in every house.

(b) A general diet on Tanga consists of native vegetables and occasionally rice. Meat and fish is purchased when financial permit and when gardens fail. A high incidence of malaria would reflect on the diet.

(c) Many Tanga centres socially around the Catholic Mission station. Sport is played by school children only. An effort by the Father is shown as being to increase the adult population of the island and with the participation and education and social uplift of the masses of the islanders being attempted.

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

(a) Housing is generally bush material, some bush material housing using galvanised corrugated iron as roofing. The Tanga Islands houses is built approximately seven indigenous owned permanent material houses exist on Boeng, however a vast majority of these are more monuments to present or past prosperity of the owners, than living quarters.

European style cooking and eating impliments are common in every home.

(b) A normal meal on Tanga consists of native vegetables and occasionally rice. Tinned meat and fish is purchased when finances permit or when gardens fail. A high incidence of anaemia would reflect on the diet.

(c) Boeng Island centres socially around the Catholic Mission station. Sport is played by school children only. An effort by the Father in charge at Boeng to interest the adult population in soccer, ended when the participants and spectators had a brawl which resulted in a number of Tanga Islanders being arrested.

H. MISSION

- (a) Unchanged.
- (b) Unchanged.
- (c) The population of the Tanga Islands profess to be Roman Catholic to the man. A certain amount of resentment was felt against Father Vavreau when he was doing the bulk of copra burning. However, since Ted Ravenswood has arrived on the scene, this resentment has eased considerably.

S.V. ANDREAS.

- (a) Fatuous Plantation employs approximately 10 local labourers. It could employ up to 70 if the people were willing to work regularly.
- (b) Andrus employs 10 local labourers and intends to increase it to 27, the full labour force, in the near future.
- (c) No local market exists on a large enough scale to warrant attention. Soil and climate are not suitable for market gardening on such a scale as to compete with other suppliers to Karatonu or Pabau.

I. NON-INDIGENES

(a) The Roman Catholic Mission on Boeng operates a trade store and buys copra.

Amfar Plantation is being leased by Mr. Ted Ravenswood who buys local copra and operates a trade store.

Putnono Plantation is owned by C.P.L. and also has a trade store.

The Mission also owns a small work boat, the M.V. ANDREAS.

(b) Putnono Plantation employs approximately 10 local labourers. It could employ up to 70 if the people were willing to work regularly.

Amfar employs 10 local labourers and intends to increase it to 17, its full labour force, in the near future.

(c) No local market exists on a large enough scale to warrant attention. Soil and climate are not suitable for market gardening on such a scale as to compete with other suppliers to Namatanai or Rabaul

J. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) ROADS

A road suitable for four wheel drive vehicles and tractor links all villages on Boang. On Malendok a road links Put Plantation to Put Village.

On Boeng Island there is a need for a road to link the northwestern portion of the island to the wharf at AMFAR. This would open up large areas of land not yet under cultivation. As there is no anchorage on this side of the island, a road is the only way to open it up.

On Malendok a road is being constructed from Put Plantation to Nono Plantation. This road will require 150 yards of cementing on a steep hill and the blasting of a point stone to make a causeway. Malendok would benefit greatly from a road linking villages to a central shipping point, however the rugged terrain would make this a very expensive undertaking.

(b) SEA

On Boeng Island a good anchorage exists at Amfar. A wharf there is in a state of disrepair. 50 bags

J. COMMUNICATIONS (cont.)

of cement are waiting at the Mission for the purpose of wharf repair work, and work should get underway after a Navy team completes blasting of the reef to open up the passage early in March. On Malendok good anchorages exist at Put and Tefa.

(c) AIR

An airstrip at Amfar on Boeng Island is 620 metres long and caters for Aztec aircraft.

An alternate site for an airfield was investigated at Taunsip, however as land is fairly short, the people were reluctant to sell.

Crowley's charters operate a regular weekly service to the island on Tuesday, linking it with Namatanai, Rabaul and the other islands.

(d) RIVERS

Nil.

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

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L. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Tanga is backward where general political development is concerned.

Lack of progress in this field is due mainly to a lack of interest on the part of the people. When Julius Chan and Ubad Boas visited the Island, very few people from the top ward were willing to make the 1½ hour walk down to the airfield to see and talk with them. Tanga shows a marked lack of interest in anything that does not concern it directly.

No real friction exists between the Tanga People and the small expatriate population. Squabbles do occur but when they do it has little to do with race.

The Mataungan Association is gaining a foothold on Tanga. Fawel/Bidlik is the man who seems to be leading the movement. Fawel has spent a number of years in Rabaul and is married to a Tolai girl. Tomai/Selep of Ampisu and Bernard of Bil are also prominent in the movement. The membership fee is 10¢ per head initially; it assumed that they will pay more later, however nobody could tell me exactly how much.

On Malendok Pius, the Society clerk, also attempted to collect Mataungan "tax". A meeting was held in which

L. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Councillor Pankat allegedly discouraged the people, including Pius, from going ahead.

The two Boeng Councillors seem to be sitting on the fence making no strong move to either spread or discourage Mataunganism. Councillor Ringe was involved in a past move to bring the Mataungan Association to Tanga.

- (a) Nil.
- (b) Total of 25 people earning an average of \$500 a year - \$12,500. Two locally owned speed boats are occasionally hired out. They would earn in an average year \$700 each. 4 native owned boats would earn average of \$400 per month.
- (c) Unchanged.
- (d) Unchanged.
- (e) Total deposit held in Savings Bank accounts \$11,000.
- (f) Considerable difficulty in paying school fees was experienced by the Tanga people. A little under half of the people were able to pay fees. Reasons

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

- (a) Coconuts (bearing) - 116,671
Coconuts (non-bearing) - 54,106
- (b) Total copra production for the area is approximately 600 tons.
- (c) This figure should at least be doubled if proper plantation hygiene and utilisation was employed. Lack of shipping also cuts down on the actual production.
- (d) Nil
- (e) Total of 25 people earning an average of \$300 a year - \$7,500. Two locally owned speed boats are occasionally hired out. They would earn in an average year \$700 each.
4 native owned trade stores would earn average of \$400 per annum.
- (f) Unchanged.
- (g) Unchanged.
- (h) Total amount held in Savings Bank accounts \$11,000.
- (i) Considerable difficulty in paying Council tax was experienced by the Tanga people. A little under half of the people were able to pay tax. Reasons

for this are that school fees fell due at the time of tax collection. \$4,725 was paid out in High school fees alone.

(j) Annual copra production 600 tons.

Average price received by native per ton \$80 - \$48,000

Wage earnings - 7,500

Speed boats - 1,400

Trade store profits - 1,600

TOTAL - \$58,500

Population 3,562

Per capita income \$16.00

This figure would be higher on Boeng and lower on the more isolated Malendok.

(k) Marketing is by four methods:-

- . Sale of wet or dry copra to either Amfar Plantation or the Mission. (Method most frequently used).
- . Sale to either Malendok Co-operative or Boeng Society. (Neither of these organisations are well supported).
- . Use of C.M.B. number. (A majority of the copra numbers on the island are not used often.)
- . Accompany their copra to Rabaul and sell either to private tenders or C.M.B. If this method is used, very little money reaches Tanga.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

(a) On Boeng Island there is a land shortage. Large areas of arable land are available on the northwest side of the island. A road will have to be constructed in the near future to open up this area if hardship is to be avoided.

On Malendok very little development has taken place. Large areas of extremely fertile plateau land remain unused. Land short Boeng Islanders do have land rights on Malendok, however they prefer the better amenities and shipping of Boeng.

(b) Insufficient outlet for market gardening.

(c) Opportunity does exist for Tanga people to work on Putnono Plantation, however I doubt whether they would be willing to work through the entire year. On Boeng most of the labour requirements are from local sources. In the near future, all labour will be recruited locally.

(d) Both cocoa and coffee have been introduced to Boeng with little or no success. The people are not capable or willing to follow up and harvest these new crops. In the case of cocoa, a ready market exists at Amfar Plantation, however when the Manager asked the people to bring down their wet beans on a certain day, they

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY (cont.)

could only manage one small basket when there were at least four bags on the trees.

Fishing on a commercial scale would raise a difficult problem of finding a market of sufficient size.

Timber in large quantities exists at Malendok Island. If commercially feasible to log, it would be a boom for an area where development has been practically nil.

The main barrier to development is infrequent shipping. During the time of my patrol, a ship had not called for a month.

The Council is maintaining the U.S.D. tractor as the island's asset in road work. As can be seen the area has not been ignored by the Council. The new Commissioners Peat and King say improve the situation if they continue with the drive they are displaying now.

O. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Tanga people pay their Council tax not through any regard for local Government, but to stay out of gaol.

Some time ago, a Council General meeting was held at the Council. Approximately 8 people came as spectators during the 2½ days of the meeting.

Council projects on the Islands are Aid Post and cement tank at Put. Cement tank at Amfar; the catchment had fallen down some time ago and it now leaks.

Fibreglass tanks at Ampisu and Taunsip. The Taunsip tank is leaking badly from its base and will not hold water for more than a day.

The Council is maintaining the P.W.D. tractor on the island to assist in road work.

As can be seen the area has not been ignored by the Council. The new Councillors Pankut and Ringe may improve the situation if they continue with the drive they are displaying now.

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P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

The people are pro-Government to a large extent although understanding of how it functions is poor. Things have moved a little too fast for the average Tanga person to comprehend. The National Coalition Party, approaching Self Government and eventual Independence are too much for the Tanga people to digest at one time.

The resultant attitude is that the people are pro-Australian Administration, but ignorant and therefore a little suspicious, of the role of the National Coalition Party.

Q. ACCOMMODATION SERVICE AND FACILITIES

On Boeng Island kerosene and fuel can be purchased at the Catholic Mission.

At the base camp a permanent material house is equipped with kerosene refrigerator, gas stove, beds and mattresses.

On Malendok fuel and supplies can be purchased at Putnono Plantation.

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Division of District Administration
NAMATANAI, N.I.D.

23rd February, 1973

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
P.O. Box 103,
KAVIENG

NAMATANAI PATROL NUMBER 11-72/73 - KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION

Forwarded herewith is the report of the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr. G. Cowper, Patrol Officer, accompanied by Mr. Pallin Towo, Trainee Patrol Officer, to the Kandas Census Division. The patrol was Mr. Towo's first, and as a training exercise, he was instructed to write the patrol report section, whilst Mr. Cowper undertook a complete recompilation of the Area Study covering the Census Division.

Mr. Towo's report is a satisfactory first attempt, and it calls for little comment. The report, however, does once more bring to light a perennial problem hampering economic development within the area, namely transportation to marketing outlets for any cash crops produced. The Plantations within the area are fairly regularly serviced by coastal vessels from Rabaul, however the smaller villages very rarely are favoured by similar visits from those vessels. Without suitable roads linking the villages to the plantations, the people are reluctant to carry any copra produced to the shipping points which do exist on the plantations.

The other problem, of course, is that there are no storage facilities on the plantations for village produced copra. Ship owners are reluctant to call in at the unsheltered anchorages found at most villages, to uplift a few bags of copra.

The Political Education Seminar held at Lambom was adequately covered by Mr. Cowper's report, forwarded to the District Government Liaison Officer on 6th February, 1973, under my reference 19-1-1.

The Section 15 application in relation to the disputed land at Under Plantation, together with accompanying documents, was forwarded to your office on 12th February, under my file reference number 35-6-10. The land investigation report and survey of the Siaman Aid Post is on my desk at present, and after checking for any inaccuracies, will be forwarded shortly to your office.

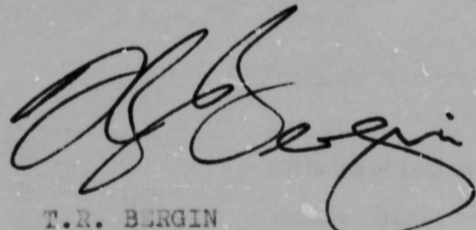
The Area Study is clear and concise and presents an accurate picture of the prevailing situation within the Kandas Census Division.

... The report on tax collection and tax payers' meetings included herewith, should be attached to the Area Study as mention is made of this report in the document.

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T.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

Report number: NAM 11-72/73

District: NEW IRELAND

Patrol conducted by: G. COWPER

Area patrolled: KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION

Duration of patrol: 8/1/73 to 24/1/73

Last D.D.A. patrol: NOVEMBER, 1972

Last O.L.G. patrol: NOVEMBER, 1972

Map reference: FOURMIL: RABAU
MILINCH: RAMBAKAR
KING, LAMBOM

Objects of patrol: CENSUS REVISION, LAND WORK,
POLITICAL EDUCATION, COLLECTION
OF COUNCIL TAX

Station: NAMATANAI

Subdistrict: NAMATANAI

Designation: PATROL OFFICER

Personnel accompanying: P. TOWO, T.P.O.

Number of days: 17

Total population of area: 1,117

Council area: NAMATANAI L.G.C.

House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATANAI OPEN
NEW IRELAND REGIONAL

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 14 To 16,	(✓)
Patrol Instructions,	(✓)
The Report and my comments,	(✓)
Area study,	(✓)
Updating of area study,	(—)
Situation Reports No's 1—	(—)
Patrol map,	(✓)

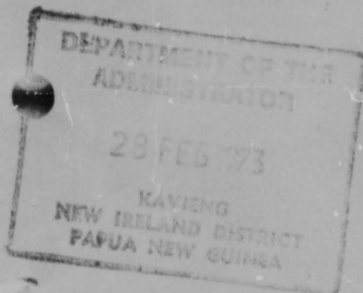
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Assistant District Commissioner

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—	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average
	Below average



Date: / /19

[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.	
19/1/73	KABAMAN	27	24	16	12	12	11	4	5	111
17/1/73	KAIT	21	32	13	13	5	3	6	3	96
16/1/73	KING	55	46	28	27	2	-	3	-	161
20/1/73	LAMASSA	79	69	44	42	6	2	12	2	256
18/1/73	NASKO	18	19	18	18	-	3	4	3	83
13/1/73	SEMALU	23	24	17	14	11	4	3	2	98
12/1/73	SIAMAN	13	14	30	14	6	12	9	6	104
11/1/73	SURALIL - HITUNG	20	11	23	21	4	4	16	11	110
15/1/73	WATPI	28	25	15	12	3	3	9	3	98
		284	264	204	173	49	42	66	35	1,117

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The request for assistance with school buildings at King and Kait should receive sympathetic consideration, if only to bolster the self-help attitude. Schools, Aid Posts, Rural Agricultural centres all appear within the scope of RBF as now proposed. Further project can be submitted as suggested and not held back until December. I see no reason why RBF applications should not be made for tanks destroyed by earthquakes.

I.A. HOLMES,
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

cc: Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

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Namatani Patrol Report 11/72-73

PGW/et

P.O. Box 103,
KAVIANG.

5th MARCH, 1973.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
NAMATANI.

NAMATANI PATROL REPORT 11/72-73

Transport isolation appears to be the major problem. The call for separate Council is most likely a result of this.

Any further calls for a separate Council should be firmly re-buffed. The people should be advised that because of overheads clerk, housing chambers etc. most tax payments from such a small separate Council would be consumed with even less results in the village.

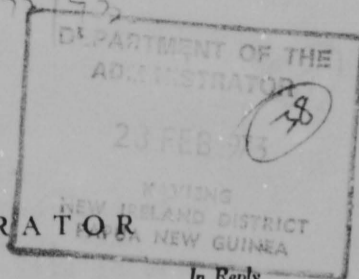
Regarding copra shipment, I doubt if road access to existing shipping point (plantations) would solve problem, as the producers are disinclined to sell to plantations. Even if the Council, say, could lease a small area of land and build a shed at each point the producer would most likely not be present when the ship calls.

The possibility of building a road system to the port of LAMASSA ~~exists~~ if the people made the construction of such a road (with or without RBF assistance) a condition of any future timber sales. The main problem here is that timber sales are apparently piecemeal, so that no overall road system can be demanded. The feasibility of building low level fords across the rivers should not be decided without having an engineer give his opinion first from discussions with the local Government engineer I suspect if may be feasible. The road would only be dry weather, but would be a vast improvement on the present situation.

In the meantime I cannot see why the Council vessel should not call regularly at LAMASSA and possibly KABAMAN/KAIT (weather permitting) at least, as there taxpayers helped pay for the vessel. One would think the locally owned small craft at KAIT and HITUNG cannot be called upon as required.- if there is a sufficient load.

The attitude towards the Council and the Government appears reasonable, but could deteriorate if the feeling of neglect continues. I presume the Tax Payers Meeting report has been passed to the Council - the Councils attention should be drawn to the feeling of neglect of these people.

The daily attendance figures for the Demoke Aid Post should be obtained before any consideration is given towards re-opening it. Possibly a low level service as was provided by Medical Tuifuls should be considered, as Aid Posts are expensive to construct and maintain.



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Division of District Administration,
NAMATANAI, N.I.D.

23rd February, 1973

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
P.O. Box 103,
KAVIENG

NAMATANAI PATROL NUMBER 11-72/73 - KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION

... Forwarded herewith is the report of the abovementioned patrol conducted by Mr. G. Cowper, Patrol Officer, accompanied by Mr. Pellin Towo, Trainee Patrol Officer, to the Kandas Census Division. The patrol was Mr. Towo's first, and as a training exercise, he was instructed to write the patrol report section, whilst Mr. Cowper undertook a complete recompilation of the Area Study covering the Census Division.

Mr. Towo's report is a satisfactory first attempt, and it calls for little comment. The report, however, does once more bring to light a perennial problem hampering economic development within the area, namely transportation to marketing outlets for any cash crops produced. The Plantations within the area are fairly regularly serviced by coastal vessels from Rabaul, however the smaller villages very rarely are favoured by similar visits from those vessels. Without suitable roads linking the villages to the plantations, the people are reluctant to carry any copra produced to the shipping points which do exist on the plantations.

The other problem, of course, is that there are no storage facilities on the plantations for village produced copra. Ship owners are reluctant to call in at the unsheltered anchorages found at most villages, to uplift a few bags of copra.

The Political Education Seminar held at Lambom was adequately covered by Mr. Cowper's report, forwarded to the District Government Liaison Officer on 6th February, 1973, under my reference 19-1-1.

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The Section 15 application in relation to the disputed land at Under Plantation, together with accompanying documents, was forwarded to your office on 12th February, under my file reference number 35-6-10. The land investigation report and survey of the Siaman Aid Post is on my desk at present, and after checking for any inaccuracies, will be forwarded shortly to your office.

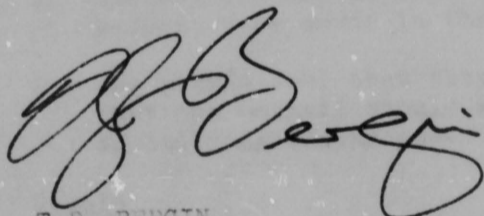
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T.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

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REPORT ON TAX COLLECTION AND TAX PAYERS' MEETINGS

TAX COLLECTION

During the course of the patrol, a total of \$964 was collected in Council tax from all the villages and plantations in the Kandas area (Wards 22, 23 and 24). The Tax Review Committee was comprised of Councillors TAMRONG of Watpi and KOPAN of Hitung, who accompanied the patrol for the whole period involved, and who had full responsibility for the granting of exemptions. At the conclusion of the patrol, there was a total of 97 defaulters for whom Informations were written out, and given to the Council Clerk for his further action.

TAX PAYERS' MEETINGS

Tax payers' meetings were held in each village, and everyone present was encouraged to make suggestions as to what the Namatanai Council should do to help the area. The suggestions put forward are as follows:

Suralil

The rate of Council tax should be lowered to \$4 per annum as the current rate of \$8 per annum is too hard to earn.

N.B. - Most of the men from the village (including AKUNG, the cult leader) were in Namatanai attending court at the time of the meeting. Perhaps if they had been present there would have been a few more suggestions put forward.

Hitung

The Council should build a water tank as the present water supply (a creek at the back of the village) gets very muddy during the wet season.

Siaman

1. The Council should build a water tank because the creek water becomes very muddy in the wet season.
2. The people feel that they should have a school in the area and that the Council should make some contribution towards the cost of building classrooms.

Semalu

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission established a small bush materials Aid Post between Semalu and Watpi Villages, which was closed down recently because of a lack of staff and finances. The people suggested that the Council could allocate some money to pay an A.P.O. (there is an ex-A.P.O. living in the village who would be prepared to fill the position) and also arrange for P.H.D. to supply the Aid Post with medical supplies. The reasons given for having an Aid Post there are that during the wet season the flooded rivers and rough seas make it impossible for the people to get to either Siaman or Kait Aid Posts.

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Watpi

The people backed up the suggestion put forward by the Semalu people to re-open the Aid Post mentioned above. They also went on to suggest that in years to come the Aid Post should be rebuilt of permanent materials and a water tank should also be built as the water supply there suffers from the same complaint as those at Hitung and Siaman (i.e. becomes muddy in the wet season).

King

1. The people are in the process of building new classrooms for their school and would like Council assistance for same. They want the Council to supply the timber and roofing iron and they will supply the rest (they have already laid the foundations and have borrowed a brick machine from the Catholic Mission in Rabaul).
2. A young man stated that the people are definitely not anti-Council and that they want to pay their tax, but all their recent earnings and efforts have gone into the building of the new classrooms and they have no money at present. He suggested that the tax collection be deferred until the school is finished and the suggestion appeared to meet with the approval of the rest of the villagers.
3. Several people spoke out strongly on the subject of the Karias airstrip. They still feel that it would be a great asset to the area and also since they have put a good deal of work into the clearing of the site (without being paid) the Council should finish the project as soon as possible.

Kait

1. The people have bought enough iron frames for a new classroom, but then they ran out of money and now want the Council to contribute \$400 so that the project can be completed.
2. Mr. Simon Pangas (a teacher) stated that as the people had spent their money on the materials for the classroom, they could not afford to pay their Council tax and he suggested that the Council should send another tax team in April. This idea appeared to meet with the general approval of the villagers.

Nasko

1. The Council should build a new water tank to replace the one which collapsed during the last big earthquakes in the area. The people are adamant that the new one should be built of bricks and cement as they feel another fibreglass tank would also collapse.
2. TOWIN KASALONG (the Demarcation Committee) suggested that as the Namatanai Council has done very little for the area, the people from the Kandas Census Division should join forces with the people from the Lak and Kunomala Census Divisions to form a separate Council. No other comments were forthcoming regarding this suggestion.

Kabaman

1. Council should complete the building of the copra drier for which the iron has already been sent.
2. The Council's ship should make regular visits to pick up copra and take it to Rabaul

Lamassa

1. Council should build a classroom for the school.
2. The Council's ship should call in regularly to pick up copra. It has called in only once despite numerous requests.

PATROL REPORT

Report number: NAM 12-72/73
 District: NEW IRELAND
 Patrol conducted by: I.G. MCSWEYH
 Area patrolled: LIHIR
 Duration of patrol: 15/1/73 - 25/1/73
 Last D.D.A. patrol: June, 1972
 Last O.L.G. patrol:
 Map reference:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE
ADMINISTRATOR**
 Station: NAMATANAI

Subdistrict: 73 NAMATANAI
 Designation: PATROL OFFICER
 NEW IRELAND DISTRICT
 PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Stamp Collection
 Mining Authority
 Ezekiel Tuamanil, T.P.O.
 Number of days: 10
 Total population of area: 5,000
 Council area: NAMATANAI L.G.C.
 House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATANAI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
 New Ireland District,
 KAVIENG

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios 1 To , (✓)
- Patrol Instructions, (✓)
- The Report and my comments, (✓)
- Area study, (—)
- Updating of area study, (—)
- Situation Reports No's 1— , (✓) (3 copies).
- Patrol map, (✓)

DATE: 20/6 1973.

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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

Below average

Date: 3/17/1973.

[Signature]
 District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

30th July, 1973.
67-9-46
R.C. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

HAMATANAI PATROL NO. 12/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 3rd July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of LIHER Census Division, as submitted by Messrs. I.C. McSWEYN, Patrol Officer and E. TUAMANIL, Trainee Patrol Officer.

Your comments adequately deal with matters raised.

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

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DEPT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 103,

NAM 12/72-73

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3rd July, 73.

Assistant District Commissioner
NAMATANAI

NAMATANAI PATROL NO 12 of 72/73.- LIHIR CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol reports and Situation Report submitted by Mr. I.G. McSweyn P.O. and Mr E. TUAMANIL, T.P.O., together with copies of your instructions and comments refer.

The reports are five months overdue and much of their value has been consequently lost. Please impress on reporting officers the Secretary's instructions in this respect.

Mr. TUAMANIL has compiled a good report for his first effort and has made generally informative observations. He could be advised when programmed to full solo and routine patrolling, to expand the narrative considerably.

Mr. McSweyn's report and Situation Report submitted and read in conjunction with the above is well presented and is an adequate coverage of the patrol objects and other observations.

I agree that the management and programming of the M.V. NAMATANAI bears scrutiny by the Council. As it is understood here however it would appear that the losses incurred in running the ship are basically due to accumulated bad debts, by local users of the vessel. Some arrangements have probably been made to cater for the shipping needs of LIHIR producers by this time but it would seem that a system of prepayment for freight might have to be invoked.

Have Dampier Mining Company actually commenced any prospecting activity on LIHIR as yet.

The attitude of the T.P.A. to payment of Council tax is a welcome change to that held by them in previous years. I would be interested to know what underlying reasons you ascribe to this change.

Since Mr. Sasimua's election to the Area Authority, has he altered his stand with regard to tax and fault-finding with the Namatanai Council. I agree with your remarks concerning his 'radical' approach and have noted his alignment with persons of similar approach in the Area Authority.

The reports have been filed here as contents are of essentially District value.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister
& Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

... Patrol Report Jackets and copies of comments for your information and records please.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES District Commissioner

The Government vessel M.V. BAKAN based at Namatanai was sent to Lihir and the other off-shore islands, to help overcome the shipping problem. All the Lihir copra which had accumulated awaiting shipment was brought to Namatanai within a matter of days. Department of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries officers at Namatanai assisted in the marketing of this copra through Namatanai and Kavieng. Unfortunately, quite a number of bags of copra were not up to standard, and were rejected by the Copra Marketing Board.

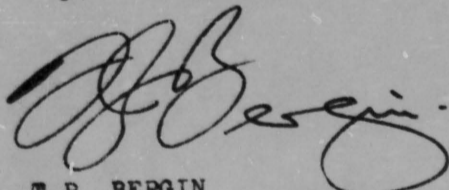
I feel the Council should take a good look at the running of the M.V. Namatanai, and if feasible, have the ship based here and provide a better service to the tax payers. Politically this would be a wise move, however economically it may be out of the question. The Council is losing money in running the ship at present, and the time is right for a thorough investigation into its management.

It is pleasing to note that the T.F.A. have co-operated in the establishment of Lihir Patrol Post. The stronghold of the T.F.A. at Lihir is Londolovit Village, which, as you know, is situated adjacent to the new station.

Dampier Mining Company have been granted a permit to prospect over the Lihir Islands, and this fact is being advised to all land owners concerned.

I have discussed the Aid Post Orderly situation for Masahet with Dr. Maliaki at Namatanai. He advises me that the former Aid Post Orderly at Masahet was withdrawn for reasons unknown to him, and that the people at Masahet Island are now cared for in the health field by the Aid Post Orderly based at Mahur, and this Aid Post Orderly regularly visits Masahet by outboard motor-powered canoe. I am not particularly happy with this arrangement, as this necessitates the Aid Post Orderly travelling 10 miles over open waters between these two islands, and during both the north west and south east seasons, these waters can become particularly rough. However, until Public Health Department can find their way clear to station another Aid Post Orderly at Masahet, they are doing their best to provide a service to these people.

... Forwarded herewith is the map, for what it's worth, submitted with this Report. Could you please have some prints made of this map, if required, for record purposes.



T.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. O.I.C.
Londolovit Patrol Post,
LIHIR

PATROL REPORT

Report number: **NAR 13-72/73**

District: **NEW IRELAND**

Patrol conducted by: **F. B. OWEN**

Area patrolled: **KAVIENGA**

Duration of patrol: **20/2/73 to 23/2/73**

Last D.D.A. patrol: **March, 1972**

Last O.L.G. patrol: **December, 1972**

Map reference:

Objects of patrol: **Advise on Constitutional Planning Committee. Timber purchase.**

Station: **NARATAPAI**

Subdistrict: **NARATAPAI**

Designation: **Assistant Patrol Officer**

Personnel accompanying: **OSWALD SIMON, F.P.O.**

Number of days: **4**

Total population of area: **409**

Council area: **NARATAPAI**

House of Assembly Electorate: **NARATAPAI SECTOR**

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENGA

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios **10, 9** (✓)
- Patrol Instructions, (✓)
- The Report and my comments, (✓)
- Area study, (✓)
- Updating of area study, (✓)
- Situation Reports No's 1- (✓)
- Patrol map, (✓)

DATE: **3/15/1973**

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Area study, ()
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 Patrol & Report.....
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Date: / /19

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 District Commissioner

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The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
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30th July, 1973.
67-9-17
R.G. Orwin
a/d.D.C.

NAMAPANAI PATROL NO. 13/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 3rd July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of Part of EAST NAMAPANAI Census Division, as submitted by Mr. P.R. OWENS, Assistant Patrol Officer.

I have no further comments to add.

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

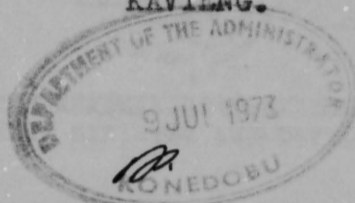
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DEPT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 103,
KAVIENG.

NAM 13-72/73

CAT/mc



3rd July, 1973.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI

NAMATANAI PATROL NO 13 of 72/73.
KONAPALA EAST NAMATANAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Report of the above patrol and map compiled by Mr. P.R. Owens, A.P.O. together with your instructions and comments refer.

Because of the special purpose nature of the patrol and the fact that the report is now 5 months late there would not now be scope for comment.

Mr. Owens shows ability to clear and informative reporting and it is apparent that he carried out his task in relation to the DANFU timber purchase to your satisfaction. The Department of Forests will need to exercise closer supervision over the activities of loggers who in the generally more isolated Namatanai coastal areas appear to have operated at will.

Claim for camping allowance has been certified for payment.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

c.c.
The Secretary
Dept of the Chief Minister and
Development Administration
KONEDOBU

Patrol Report Jacket and copy of comments for your information and records please.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner



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DEPARTMENT OF THE
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- 6 JUN 73
KAVIENG
NEW IRELAND DISTRICT
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

31st May, 1973

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
P.O. Box 103,
KAVIENG

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 13-72/73 - KUNAMALA AREA

... Forwarded herewith is the original and one copy of the report submitted by Mr. Owens covering the purchase of timber rights in the Danfu Timber Purchase area.

The report is concise, well written and calls for no comment at this late stage.

I apologise for the late submission, as it was recently discovered under a pile of pending correspondence in this office.

... Claim for camping allowance is attached.

F.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

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F.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

PATROL REPORT

Report number: HAN 14-72/73	Objects of patrol: Timber purchase
District: NEW IRELAND	Station: HAMATANI
Patrol conducted by: P.A. GORDON	Subdistrict: HAMATANI
Area patrolled: KABANAN	Designation: Assistant Patrol Officer
Duration of patrol: 9/1/73 to 9/5/73	Personnel accompanying: P. KASAROV, SPO, S.I.C.
Last D.D.A. patrol: January, 1973	A. SMITH, SPO, S.I.C.
Last O.L.G. patrol: December, 1972	Number of days: 5 M. HAN, Tech. Officer
Map reference:	Total population of area: 1,117 Kerevat
	Council area: HAMATANI
	House of Assembly Electorate: HAMATANI

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAYLING

- In respect of this patrol, I attach
- Field Officers Journal Folios **20**, **8** (✓)
 - Patrol Instructions, (✓)
 - The Report and my comments, (✓)
 - Area study, ()
 - Updating of area study, ()
 - Situation Reports No's 1— ()
 - Patrol map, (✓)

DATE: **9/5/1973.**

[Signature]
 Assistant District Commissioner

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

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- Area study, ()
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Date: / /19

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 District Commissioner

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

30th July, 1973.
67-9-48
R.G. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

NAMATAHAI PATROL NO. 14/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 3rd July, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket and documentation arising out of the above patrol of Part of KANDAS Census Division, as submitted by Mr. P.R. OWENS, Assistant Patrol Officer.

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

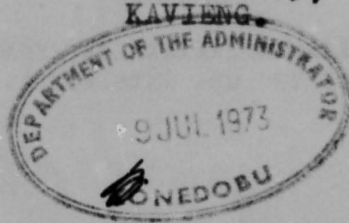
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DEPT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
P.O. BOX 103,
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3rd July, 1973.

~~The Assistant, District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.~~

NAMATANAI PATROL NO 14 of 72/73
KABAMAN AREA OF KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION

Report and map compiled by Mr. P.R. Owens, A.P.O. together with your instructions and comments refer.

Mr. Owens has submitted a satisfactory account of his activities in relation to the timber purchase. No doubt future purchases by the Forestry Department in the area will be subject to hard bargaining by landowners, following the crashing of their financial aspirations. It is to be hoped that a more appropriate method of payment for timber in commercial logging areas can be worked out and the concept of private dealing and individual payments appears the most promising.

The report, although received late, has no information of value to Headquarters and will be filed here.

Camping Allowance claim has been certified for payment.

I. A. Holmes

I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister
and Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.

... Patrol Report Jacket and copies of comments for your information and records only please.

I. A. Holmes

I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner



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31st May, 1973

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
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NEW IRELAND DISTRICT
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 14-72/73 - KABAMAN AREA, KANDAS CENSUS DIVISION

... Forwarded herewith is the original and one copy of a report submitted by Mr. P.R. Owens, A.P.O., covering his work involved in the purchase of timber rights at Kabaman.

This report is brief, self explanatory, and calls for no comment at this late stage.

Once more I apologise for its late submission, as it was inadvertently overlooked, having found its way under a pile of pending correspondence held in this office.

... Claim for travelling allowance is attached.

T.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

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H.G. KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT

Report number: **HAH. 15-1972/73**

Objects of patrol: **CRISIS REVISION**

District: **NEW IRELAND**

Station: **HAMATANAI**

Patrol conducted by: **L. EKOHIA -**

Subdistrict: **HAMATANAI**

Area patrolled: **HAMATANAI CRISIS DIV.**

Designation: **PATROL OFFICER**

Duration of patrol: **12/4 - 24/5/73 (Broken)**

Personnel accompanying: **33 Const. J. Yombai
ROD Der. Thomas**

Last D.D.A. patrol:

Number of days: **32**

Last O.L.G. patrol:

Total population of area: **9027**

Map reference: **Attached**

Council area: **HAMATANAI**

House of Assembly Electorate: **HAMATANAI OPEN**

The District Commissioner,
NEW IRELAND District,
KAVIENG.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Field Officers Journal Folios **32** To **37**, (✓)
- Patrol Instructions, (✓)
- The Report and my comments, (✓)
- Area study, (✓)
- Updating of area study, (—)
- Situation Reports No's 1-2, (✓)
- Patrol map, (✓)

DATE: **19/7 1973.**

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

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

[Signature]

In respect of this patrol, I attach

- Area study, (✓)
- Updating of area study, ()
- ✓ Situation Report No's. 1-2 (✓)
- ()
- ()

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

Average

Below average

Date: **31/7/1973.**

[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.	
13/5/73	...	32	30	41	33	-	-	10	3	143
12/4/73	...	40	38	43	46	-	2	5	2	164
14/5/73	...	29	23	56	30	2	4	16	7	134
14/5/73	...	16	43	58	39	8	7	19	13	247
15/5/73	...	17	13	21	18	-	-	10	3	100
18/5/73	...	11	38	53	50	4	3	24	9	256
21/5/73	...	20	27	40	27	1	3	2	7	169
22/4/73	...	20	20	37	26	5	2	3	1	116
6/5/73	...	18	13	12	18	-	-	3	-	51
2/5/73	...	37	40	48	41	3	1	6	3	176
19/5/73	...	19	30	27	23	-	-	9	3	133
1/5/73	...	22	23	28	24	2	3	2	3	115
11/4/73	...	16	12	11	10	-	-	2	1	56
1/5/73	...	16	17	14	13	1	-	11	3	143
26/4/73	...	24	19	33	40	-	-	3	-	169
30/4/73	...	37	73	37	45	4	7	23	20	294
1/5/73	...	41	36	47	40	1	-	18	4	179
11/5/73	...	30	17	26	30	-	3	1	4	143
25/5/73	...	17	19	16	18	1	-	-	-	85
15/5/73	...	16	20	24	44	-	-	14	3	204
18.5.73	...	16	27	27	22	-	-	12	-	136
7/5/73	...	37	43	43	47	-	3	4	-	178
17/5/73	...	42	37	63	34	1	-	12	1	194
6/5/73	...	13	12	25	18	1	-	4	1	76
14/5/73	...	36	19	33	31	2	2	11	8	152
4/5/73	...	40	44	37	44	-	-	3	3	206
11/5.73	...	29	33	24	26	1	3	11	6	146
12/4/73	...	16	48	21	27	-	4	13	1	206
21/4/73	...	52	40	56	41	1	2	16	3	198
14/5/73	...	30	37	43	33	-	-	1	-	141
22/5/73	...	14	21	33	23	2	2	7	2	112
16/4/73	...	14	18	20	17	3	1	7	1	81
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The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIENG

27th August, 1973
67-9-52
R.G. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 15 - 1972/73

Reference your minute of 1st August, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 and 2 arising out of the above patrol of NAMATANAI Census Division, together with the appropriate assessments and also the Area Study recompilation, as submitted by Mr. I. EKONIA, P.O.

A good Report by Mr. Ekonia and well covered by A.D.C.'s comments.

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

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

DM 67-9-52

c.c.
The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister,
& Development Administration,
P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

The above refers.

.. Patrol Report Jacket, Situation Reports 1 and 2 (two copies)
.. and Area Study and map (two copies) are forwarded herewith.

The Area Study is acceptable within your requirements and
is certified accordingly.

I A Holmes J.

I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner.

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District Headquarters,
KAVIENG.

1 Aug 73

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO 15 of 1972/73
NAMATANAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Receipt of Patrol report, Area Study, Journals, and Situation Reports 1 and 2 compiled by Mr. I. Ekonia, Patrol Officer, following his visit to the above census division together with you patrol instructions and comments is acknowledged.

Your five pages of comments cover the patrol report and Area Study adequately and a copy of these has been forwarded to the Secretary.

POLITICAL.

Recent intelligence reporting suggests increased interest by the Mataungan parent body in the Mataungan cell and although visits by leaders apparently advocated a more conformist attitude towards local and central government, it will be interesting to note its degree of acceptance. Attitudes towards tax will provide a fair indication as you suggest.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Road development in the area ought to be stepped up now that the Council has acquired the heavy equipment ex Public Works. The latter Department would co-operate in any blasting requirements not of a major nature.

The recovery of the copra and cocoa markets has no doubt stimulated a greater processing activity and interest in new plantings in these crops and if higher prices persist a concomitant reaction will no doubt be demands for improved communications and services.

The Area Study is a competently compiled document and will be certified as such.

Mr. Ekonia has carried out a valuable patrol and displayed considerable ability in reporting.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner

c.c. The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister &
Development Administration,
KONEDOBU.



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NAMATANAI PATROL 15-1972/73 - NAMATANAI CENSUS DIVISION

Enclosed herewith is the report covering the above patrol conducted by Mr. Israel Ekopia, Patrol Officer Namatanai, and also a full recompilation of the relative Area Study.

As you know, the former Census Divisions of Sokirik, Patpatara and Kinsal have been amalgamated in the new Census Division now called Namatanai. There are 32 villages within this Census Division which have been subjected to a full Census recompilation and are now listed in alphabetical order as required by the village directory.

I am pleased with Mr. Ekopia's effort. His Field Officers Journal is brief, concise and adequate; his patrol report to the point and presents a clear picture of the prevailing situation; his situation reports cover matters which lend themselves to reports of this nature, and the area study is extremely well compiled and contains a lot of useful information. A few comments follow:

COMPLAINTS

Complaints against Councillors of the Namatanai Council are not always justified. Many of those people who become vocal during the course of a patrol, never attend a Council meeting to hear and observe just what their representatives do during the course of such meetings. Naturally followers of the Mataungan Association will voice such complaints against their Councillors. Unless the people have cases which can be backed up by substantial evidence against the Councillors are lacking in their responsibilities, then they should not take a great deal of notice of their blanket criticisms. With the Mataungan elements in the villages, the Council representative has an unenviable job, and I feel that most members are doing their job to the best of their ability, under the present trying conditions.

Councillor Apelle, a member of the Area Authority, from Pakinsela Village, has always been and continues to be a very pro-Government and Council member of the community. His particular Ward is split

by the Mataungans, however through his own personality and drive maintains good rapport with most constituents within his area.

Mr. Ekonias's explanations to the people about the difficulties the Council is experiencing in the running of its affairs, were sound and to the point.

Mataungan Association activities are not as disturbing as they were before. As Mr. Ekonias points out, this decline may have been brought about by recent visits from leaders of the M.A. Gazelle Peninsula, also Mr. M. Saliman, leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Chan, Minister for Finance, during recent months, who have actively pointed out to the people that the Mataungan Association can work side by side with the Council and that the people are obliged to acknowledge the Council by paying their taxes to that body. Also the recent events on the Gazelle Peninsula in the formation of the Likun must, I feel, have taken the sting out of the Local Mataungan radicals.

Although the Mataungan Association has conducted some sort of census amongst their followers during recent months, the people must be made to see that there is no lawful backing for that particular census and that the annual revision of census carried out by staff of our Department is the one that must be legally recognised.

Mr. Ekonias says "although Matakani Village is dominated by Mataungans, I was assured by the people there that whatever society, association or party they joined, the Government and the Council would always be their first consideration, anything else being secondary". This appears to me to be either fence sitting or a case of "telling the Government officers what they think he wants to hear". Their genuineness of the statement will be able to be gauged during the forthcoming Council tax collection.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The West Coast road which is negotiable as far south as Kalil, needs a certain amount of attention. There are two rocky spurs which need blasting, and the road reformed. At the present time these sections are negotiable by Toyota stout-type vehicles and a wheel drive, but progress is difficult. It is hoped that Public Works Department and the Local Government Council will see fit to improve these sections and then push the road further to Pakinsela and Suralii in the near future. Producers of cash crops will then make greater use of this marketing outlet.

Pakinsela Cocoa Growers Co-operative Limited is going from strength to strength. About a month ago I was down at Pakinsela talking with their Directors, and they were extremely pleased when I advised them that after my visit a Co-operatives officer would once again be stationed at Namatanai full time. This gentleman has now arrived and is actively engaged in taking an interest in the Co-operatives.

One of the difficulties being expressed by the cocoa growers is the lack of transport on the West Coast, and I have advised the Directors that if they care to approach me during the shortages of transport, I will approach the Department of Agriculture to see if they can assist, and if they are unable to do so, I would make one of the tractors and trailers from the transport pool Namatanai available to assist them in overcoming their difficulties.

Namatanai Marketing Co-operative Ltd. was experiencing transport difficulties because their truck had broken down through lack of spare parts, and this effected production. This truck is now being repaired by New Ireland Motors at Kamiraba.

Production for the month of March was 21 tons 7 cwt. This was the second consecutive month that production had exceeded 20 tons following the reorganisation of the truck working schedule. Namatanai Marketing Co-operative deals only in copra. This society has made application for a block of land in the township of Namatanai and if successful the intend erecting their Headquarters and store on this site. Money is in hand to commence work on this project.

EDUCATION

Mr. Ekonia states that most schools in the area suffer from lack of communication with Namatanai and that it also takes a long time to receive supplies. At the present time Education supplies are held in the D.D.A. store Namatanai, awaiting distribution. I feel it only requires a little co-ordination and regular requisitioning for vehicles by the Education Inspector at Namatanai to overcome any such problems. The area and all schools are well linked by trafficable roads.

AREA STUDY

Population, Distribution and Trends

This section is not quite as full as I would have liked it to have been. The natural increase of 2.572 per 100 is a healthy sign.

Social Groupings

An informative section well laid out. It shows that Mr. Ekonia spent a great deal of time in compiling the information and that he has a flair for this type of work.

Literacy

The area is well served with primary schools. Approximately 95% of school age children attend these schools. The area could be better serviced in this field if a high school ever eventuates for the Namatanai area.

It is pleasing to note from Mr. Ekonia's findings that the people take an interest in current events, which must obviously eventuate from their regular listening to news broadcasts received through the high number of radios located in the villages.

Standard of living

A number of permanent material European style houses have been built throughout the area, and are increasing year by year. Namatanai village is a typical example. There are at least seven such houses of good design and in an excellent state of repair located in that village. Apart from these houses having a certain prestige value, they also afford for the occupants permanent catchment areas for potable water.

Missions

As well as the United Church and the Roman Catholic Missions being represented in the area, there are a group of Jehovah Witnesses camped in a slum type ghetto on the road linking Bo Village with Ulaputur. Their following is extremely small and the local people do not appear to take them very seriously.

Communications

Mention of the air service provided by Crowleys and Airfast of

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Rabaul should have been made under this heading. ~~It does~~ now operate in and out of Namatanai on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. T.A.A. Twin Otters maintain services Monday and Thursday. These are regular passenger transport and cargo services. Airfast of Rabaul periodically fly in and out of Namatanai on special charter work.

Technical and Clerical Skills

This section would have been of more value had Mr. Ekonia listed the names and villages of all persons with certain technical skills and at the same time made note of each particular skill in which they are proficient.

Economy

Copra and Cocoa production throughout the area, not only on expatriate owned plantations, but also at the village level, has increased dramatically over the last few months. Naturally this has been brought about by the high prices now being obtained for both these products on the world market, namely \$250 and \$1,000 per ton respectively.

Attitude towards Local Government

It will be noted that the people in this area still look upon the development of a road system throughout the area as one of the most important ways in which the Council can assist them. It is hoped that under the new Rural Development plan, the projects to be carried out at village level will indicate to the people that there are more ways than one that their Council can assist them in their felt wants. Sometimes the people cannot see further than roads and bridges and it is only at times when new projects are established that the people suddenly realise that there is also a need for these for an improvement in their standard of living.

Attitude towards Central Government

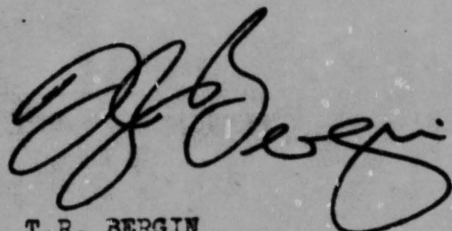
It is interesting to note that it has been reported that the old people are still suspicious of Self Government and Independence. We know that this is not only found amongst the older people, but also amongst some of the younger uneducated villagers as well. Mr. Ekonia notes that "the fear of attack by the outside world, tribal fighting and the hope of automatic takeover of large firms, plantations, etc. from expatriate and Chinese businessmen for nothing, exists".

We will be very busy at Namatanai in the forthcoming months in talking with the people in an effort to dispel these fears and rid them of many such misconceptions.

Accommodation, Services and Facilities

It is noted that only 5 villages in the area have rest houses, i.e. 5 rest houses amongst 32 villages. The times have certainly changed. This situation does tend to make it difficult for patrolling officers to camp in villages as much as they may wish. I think the people's attitudes towards Government patrolling has changed over the years, probably brought about through better road communications which allow for quick day trips between the various villages and the Sub-District Headquarters. Patrolling officers these days are forced to make use of partly completed houses, Welfare Centres, Women's Clubs or vacant Council Aid Posts in their efforts to maintain overnight contact with the people.

Mr. Ekonia's claim for camping allowance is forwarded herewith for your signature please. I have changed this claim from 30 nights to 24 nights camped out as a check of his Field Officers Journal will reveal that 24 nights only were actually spent camped out in the villages.



T.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

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(a) The area is a small, isolated settlement... The district covers an area of 116 square miles. It is bounded by the coast to the north and east, and by the mountains to the south. However, considerable natural barriers exist around the settlement in most directions.

(b) The area is: **AREA STUDY**, history and location. Descriptions are provided, including a sketch map which are linked to the main road by a continuous line. **NAMATANAI CENSUS DIVISION** map. Distance is approximately one and a half hours walk from the main road (1911).

MAY, 1972

(c) The statistics of the people in the area of the census are definitely good. It was described by previous reports as dependent on the exchange of goods and services. A number of recent visits by the Administration and other representatives to Namatanai and the vicinity of the island have shown people in general to have increased the exchange of goods. In the area, this has been achieved by the use of the motor vehicle. Only the old tracks of the island are still available for transport.

A. INTRODUCTION

- (a) As previously mentioned the Namatanai Census Division was formerly three separate Census Divisions including Patpatara, Sekirik and Kinsal. The division covers an area of 216 square miles. It encompasses Namatanai Station and stretches to both the east and west coasts. The topography of the area is not as rugged as the south. However, formidable natural barriers have proved a hinderence in road building.
- (b) The area is linked by road from Kavieng and Namatanai. Exceptions are Mapantah, Nabumai, Rapontamon and Kurusut which are linked to the main road by a vehicular track suitable for four wheel drive only. Palabong is approximately one and a half hour walk from the main road (Kalil).
- (c) The attitude of the people in the area at the moment is definitely good. It was described by previous patrols as dangerous by the Mataungan Association influences. A number of recent visits by the Association leaders and other Parliamentarians to Namatanai and the re-unity of the divided Tolai (groups) people in Nabaui seems to have lessened the supporters stronghold in the area. Cult-like activities in the area are also dying out. Only the old people of Palabong are still residing at Surailil.

B. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

(a) Village population register is attached.
Birth Rate - 3.462 per 100
Death Rate - 0.490 per 100
Natural Increase - 2.972 per 100

G. SOCIAL GROUPING

(a) Similar to the Tolais, there are two distinct clans in the division which are called "TARAGO" (or small pisin) and "PAKILABA" (or big pisin). These clans are then split up into sub-clans which they call "HUNTUNAW" which means smaller parts of the main clan or sub-clans. In this case it was found to be 86 sub-clans altogether in this area along, and they are as follows:-

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DISTRIBUTION OF SUB CLANS (cont.)

SUB CLANS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	CLAN LEADERS					
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DISTRIBUTION OF SUB CLANS (cont.)

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EXHIBIT

DISTRIBUTION OF SUB CLANS (cont.)

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SARUAI			
DADA			
LOT			
PAKINAROHU			
MAHAMAGULGULAI			
HANIGULE		

"BIG PIG" "BARKIBAT"

KEY TO VILLAGES

1	BISAPU	21	RAPITO
2	BO	22	RAPONTAMOH
3	BOM	23	RASESE
4	BURAU	24	RASIRIK
5	HUMABOHE	25	RABASU
6	KABUNUT	26	REBENEN NORTH
7	KALIL	27	REBENEN SOUTH
8	KISELA	28	SELIMUN
9	KURUMUT	29	SOEUN
10	LABUR	30	SOPAN
11	MATAKAN	31	UMUDU
12	MATANDIDUK	32	WANAWANA
13	KSTANANGAS		
14	NABUMAI		
15	NAMABODU		
16	NAMATANAI		
17	NAPANTAR		
18	PAKINSELA		
19	PALABONG		
20	PIRE		

Obviously there are no leaders for the two distinct clans. However, each individual sub clan does have a leader who assists and advises them in their land problems and customary ceremonies.

- (b) The social unit in the area resembles the extended family.
- (c) Every village in the area is linked by better roads which enable them to travel easily from one village to the next. Communication is no longer difficult and therefore social prejudices have broken down.

D. LEADERSHIP

- (a) No one in the area could be regarded as a leader. and Several men exert influence within their own area,
- (b) however, these men have obtained their influence through being Councillors. Most of these Councillors exert influence inside their own ward area.
- (c) The pattern of leadership in the area is changing but not to any significant degree. The people still regard leadership as something belonging to the big men in the village.

In a position of Councillors, the people turn more to old traditional leaders rather than young educated men. In a position of Committeemen, however, young men are appointed. It gives them a good chance to learn the tasks of leadership as they handle most local matters in their village.

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

- (a) Most land in the area is clan owned with land inheritance on the matrilinealline.
- (b) There is no one in the area who holds lease from the Administration and the Crown.
- (c) Cash crop plantings in the area are mainly in individual areas. Coconuts planted by great great grandfathers on clan land are usually held by an existing clan leader who in most cases has the power to allow or disallow his clan members to use it.

The above subjects were provided by various sources in the area including the Government and the United States and the Administration.

P. LITERACYPRIMARY SCHOOLS

<u>NAME OF SCHOOL</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>STD I</u>		<u>STD II</u>		<u>STD III</u>		<u>STD IV</u>		<u>STD V</u>		<u>STD VI</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
SORUN	ADMIN	11	13	-	-	16	6	14	13	15	5	20	10	123
HALIS	U/CHURCH	-	-	12	11	-	-	7	14	29	23	19	13	128
PIRE	U/CHURCH	7	12	11	6	-	-	9	11	-	-	-	-	96
LABJR	ADMIN	14	13	26	31	18	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	123
KABANVT	U/CHURCH	12	15	12	20	-	-	14	11	11	8	-	-	103
TUBITANA	ADMIN	11	9	-	-	14	11	14	16	-	-	-	-	75
ULAPUTUR	CATHOLIC	-	-	15	7	10	7	9	7	12	11	-	-	78
ST MARTIN NAMATANAI	CATHOLIC	17	8	14	10	16	11	14	14	23	16	11	13	167
TOTAL		72	70	90	85	74	56	31	86	30	63	50	36	853

The above schools are provided by various Missions in the area including the Catholic Missions and the United Church and the Administration.

- (b) Approximately 75% - 80% of the adult population in the area is literate or semi-literate in pidgin english. This percentage is gradually increasing as primary school students return to village life.
- (c) Nearly everyone with some higher education is employed elsewhere by various Government Departments and Missions.
- (d) Below is a list of students who are attending institutions either in the Territory or in Australia receiving higher education:-

<u>HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS</u>			
<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>HOME VILLAGE</u>
SAMUEL TULASOI	M	VUDAL AGRIC COLLEGE - RAHAUL	KISELA
HUN HUS	F	UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - LAE	SOPAU
TOMATE	M	POLICE COLLEGE - PORT MORESBY	RAPITO
HINASOI REMAN	F	TEACHERS COLLEGE - GOROKA	NAMATANAI
WASESE REMAN	F	ADMIN COLLEGE - PORT MORESBY	NAMATANAI
TINGKUM TURHARUS	F	ADMIN COLLEGE - PORT MORESBY	NAMATANAI
DION MALAWA	M	ADMIN COLLEGE - PORT MORESBY	SOHUN
BEN KIANGUGU	M	AUSTRALIA	SOHUN
TOPIDIK SAULO	M	BOYS GRAMMAR SCHOOL - QUEENSLAND	SOHUN
TOWAIRA BURAHALA	M	ADMIN COLLEGE - PORT MORESBY	BISAPU

- (e) Throughout this division, questions were asked about most of the things that had been in the news lately, such as

things about the French Nuclear Test in the Pacific. Some things which were broadcast at night were brought up the following day during our discussions. This shows that the people in the area are very interested in listening to their radio receivers. However, there is no indication of interest in newspaper media as they rarely receive newspapers.

Listed below is the number of radio receivers in each village:

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NO. OF RECEIVERS</u>	<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>NO. OF RECEIVERS</u>
KUNABORE	2	REBEHEN SOUTH	6
BISAPU	-	PALABONG	2
RASESE	15	NAPANTAN	4
RAPONTANON	3	NABUMAI	2
BO	10	NAM-TANAI	23
RATABU	4	RASIRIK	3
MATAKAN	7	RAPITO	4
PAKINELA	6	SOPAN	-
KABANUF	9	MATANDIDUK	1
UMUDU	3	KISELA	7
METANANGAS	4	WANATANA	3
PIRE	6	BURAU	12
EOHUN	11	HANARODU	7
BOM	2	SALIMUN	-
KURUMUT	-	LABOR	7
KALIL	9	REBEHEN NORTH	9

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

- (a) Practically all people in the area have at least some & European artifacts in their houses. Housing in the area
- (b) is gradually changing from kunai grass type to semi-permanent material roofs. The number of permanent buildings at Namatanai Village is more than any other village in the area. This is possibly because the village is the nearest to the township of Namatanai and it is easier for them to get the first jobs available and transportation of building material from town is cheaper.
- (c) There is only one Community Centre in the area which was located at Sohun Village. It comprises one bedroom with two beds, one large room for social activities and a canteen. Visiting occupants are charged at the rate of \$2 per head per night. The Centre is run by the Sohun Women's Club who also supply meals for the occupants. The only organisations in the area are Women's Clubs and Soccer Clubs.

H. MISSIONS

- (a) The only missions of any influence in the area are the Roman Catholic Mission and the United Church. There are no district boundaries to separate them and no conflicts of any kind between them.
- (b) These Missions provide only educational services in the area. Health services in the area are provided by the Council and the Administration.
- (c) The general attitude of the people towards Christianity is good. The most influential Mission in the area is the Catholic Mission.

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Some of these plantations are operated under license and have

licenses. Tobacco plantations are being licensed by the Government

and the large local firms are also operating a number

of them.

(d) All of these plantations are licensed by a Government authority

and their operations are supervised by the Government.

I. NON-INDIGENOUS

(a) There are sixteen plantations altogether in the area and they are as follows:-

ESPIRE - Burns Philp

(b) **HALIS** - R. Sesto

RAHUSE - Sesto Kau

NAMARODU - Sesto Kau

(c) **HAGEN** - Plantation Holdings

SAHANGA - Plantation Holdings

RABULUT - T. & A. Han

KURUMUT - Burns Philp

ULAPUTUR - Ching Wai Seu

HALANSIRIK - Lee Tai Sei & ors.

NAGOGO - Lee Tai Sei & ors.

BOM

MATAKAN - F. Chin

LABA - Lee Kam Yin

KUNOP - F. Chin

KABAKAIS - M.O.M.T.A.

Most of these plantations operate trade stores and buy copra. Ratubu Plantation is being leased by Mr. Chee Fatt who buys local copra and cocoa and operates a trade store.

(b) All of these plantations are linked by a Kavieng/Namatanai road which extends throughout the area.

J. COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Roads - All villages with the exception of Palabong are linked by vehicular roads. In the meantime, four wheel drive vehicles are commonly used along the west coast road.
- (b) Sea - Although there are anchorages in the area, they are unserviceable in both south and north east wind seasons.
- (c) Air - The only airstrip is situated at Hamatanai, and only suitable for Twin Otter aircrafts. At present there are two Twin Otter services to Rabaul and numerous charters.

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Any persons from the area with technical and clerical skills are employed elsewhere.

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L. STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

The people in the area seem to have a fair knowledge of politics. This was indicated during Political Education discussions by the way they talked, argued and asked questions. It is obvious that most of these people have spent some time in Rabaul while on a copra sale trip, or have actually worked in Rabaul and have therefore increased their political knowledge. Frequent listening to radio receivers seems to have contributed a lot in this aspect. However, the people are still suspicious of having Independence soon after Self Government.

The area patrolled is politically divided into two groups, the pro-Council and the pro-Mataungan.

H. ECONOMY

- (a) There are no village by village breakdown of economic trees available. In fact there are no latest figures for coconut trees for the area, but there are 1972 cocoa census totals and 1964 coconut census total figures for the whole area and these are as follows:

	Mature	Immature
Coconuts - 1964	183,706	142,705
Cocoa - 1972	30,575	25,604

- (b), According to D.A.S.F. records, the total copra production
 (c) is 735 tons per annum and the total cocoa production
 &
 (d) is 11.45 tons per annum. Market gardening is in small scale. A small amount of produce is sold at the Council market place, but this is negligible.
- (f) The Societies are active in the area and from all reports are functioning effectively. However, people prefer to sell their produce to Chinese traders in many occasions.
- (g) No prominent entrepreneur could be pinpointed. Generally most of the people are progressive and moderately hard working.
- (h) Not done.
- (i) The people of this area gain more from the Council than any other area. Availability of land and marketing are far better than the rest of the Sub-District.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

- (a) Much land in the arable area surveyed is as yet undeveloped. No land shortage can be envisaged in the foreseeable future.
- (b) In my view, market gardening is not a large scale economic proposition for the area. Before market gardening is expanded, a market for the produce must be found. A possibility could be Rabaul, however a regular supply would have to be arranged before large scale customers would be interested.
- (c) The people generally are not interested in jobs offered on plantations. A small number of locals are employed as drivers, domestic servants and shopkeepers.
- (d) Both fishing and timber hold possibilities for the future, but at the moment the people are fully occupied with copra and cocoa.

O. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The people of this division feel that the L.G.C. should be giving them more than they are actually getting, mainly in terms of the roads. Most villages have water tanks and there are Aid Posts at Matandiduk, Sohun, Kabanut and Kalil and they are all well run. However, most people in the area, especially in the east coast area, own some coconut trees further inland and it is hard for them to go to and from these places without better roads which would make transportation of copra easier and quicker. Some of these queries have been brought up in Council meetings but nothing has yet been done to meet their request. The situation does not seem to create any attitude against the Council. On the other hand, Rebehen, Kabanut, Matakan, Munabore, Son and the other villages to the north of the West coast area are generally positive in their attitude. The Nataungan influenced villages claim to have been getting very little for their support to the association. I feel that the people of this area are slowly beginning to realize that they will not get something for nothing.

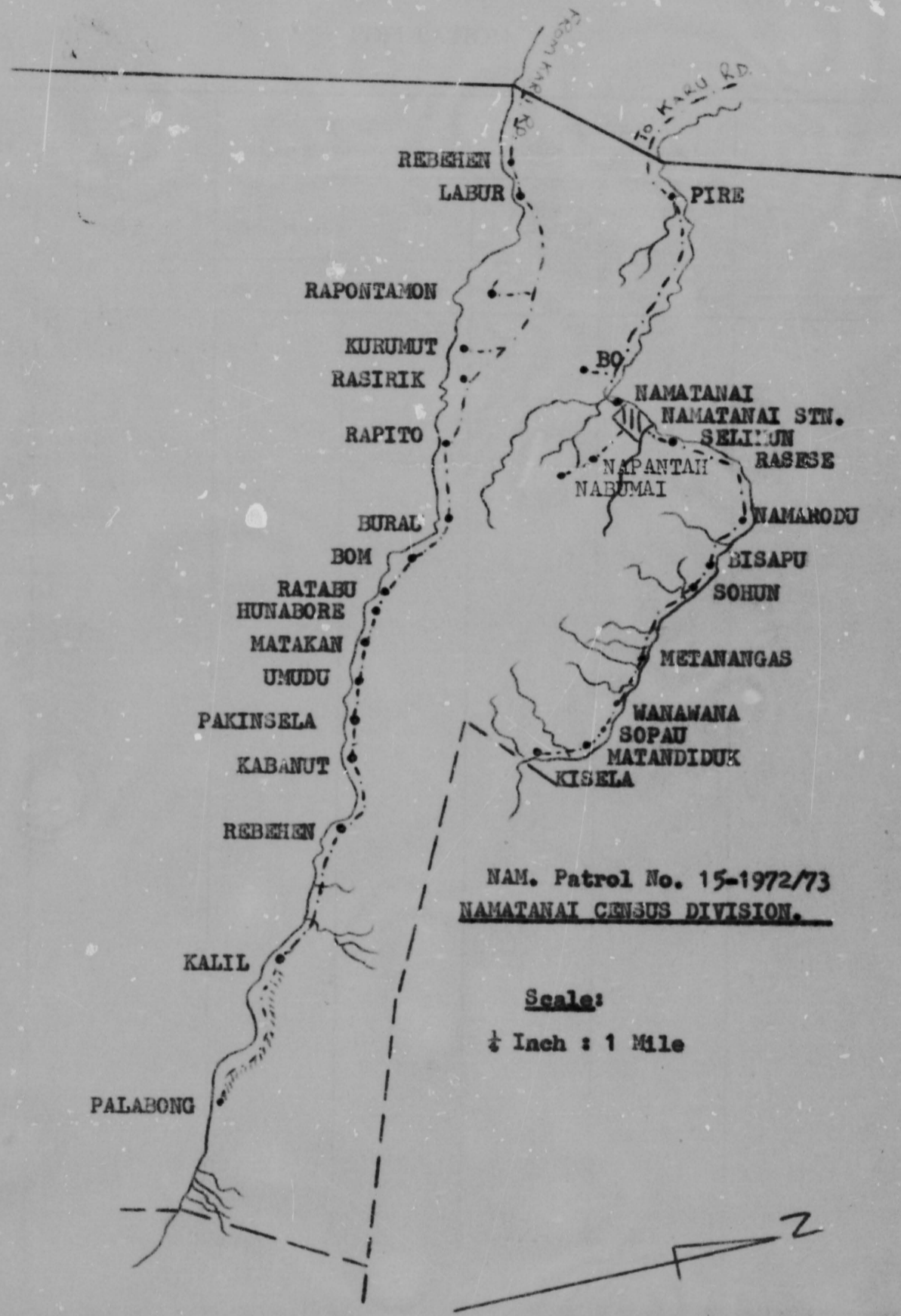
P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Due to the number of radios in this division, the people are very well informed about the every day happenings of the House of Assembly. However, at this stage of Papua New Guinea's proceedings towards Self Government, a question of what system of government Papua New Guinea is going to have after Self Government and Independence is commonly asked.

In answer to their doubts, the formation, functions and the importance of the Constitutional Planning Committee was stressed to them. Old people, especially, are still suspicious of what Self Government and Independence would bring to Papua New Guinea. The fear of attack by the outside world, tribal fighting and the hope of automatic takeover of large firms, plantations, etc., from expatriate and Chinese businessmen for nothing, exists. It is somewhat difficult to dispel these fears and ideas.

9. ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Only five villages in the area have rest houses. The others provide accommodation in their own private houses or Mission houses. As most of these villages are not far from the township of Hamatanai, there does not appear to be any need for them at this stage.



NAM. Patrol No. 15-1972/73
NAMATANAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Scale:
 1/4 Inch : 1 Mile

- Census Division Boundry
- Patrol Route
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PATROL REPORT

Report number: NAM 16-72/73	Objects of patrol: Census Revision
District: NEW IRELAND	Station: LIHIA PATROL POST
Patrol conducted by: I.G. McGINN	Subdistrict: NAMATANAI
Area patrolled: LIHIA CENSUS DIVISION	Designation: PATROL OFFICERS
Duration of patrol: 6/6/73 - 9/5/73 20/6/73 - 25/6/73	Personnel accompanying: Mr. Sevorin Sijian, P.P.O.
Last D.D.A. patrol: January, 1973	Number of days: 10 days
Last O.L.G. patrol:	Total population of area: 5,000
Map reference:	Council area: NAMATANAI L.G.C.
	House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATANAI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
RAVILENI

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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

DATE: 23/8 1973.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

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

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Situation Report No's. 1—	()
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District Headquarters assessment of	Above average
Patrol & Report.....	Average ✓
	Below average

Date: 24/9 /19 73.

[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.	
	BAJAM	39	29	36	32	1	1	1	1	140
	BILAMI			NO FIGURES						
	HUNIRO	6	9	3	8	0	0	0	0	31
	KOMAT	41	44	58	52	0	0	5	1	201
	KUSLAM			NO FIGURES						
	KUNAIS	65	56	81	80	3	2	16	5	308
	LAMBOA	40	56	69	59	0	1	2	2	235
	LINTAUL	51	43	64	57	0	1	11	4	231
	LISUKO	15	22	28	30	1	0	9	1	106
	LIENSIL	10	6	21	19	0	0	3	0	59
	LIMBAL	7	6	5	6	0	0	0	0	24
	LISEL	32	26	37	43	1	0	5	3	147
	LONDOLOVIT	58	43	71	58	1	0	10	4	245
	HALAL			NO FIGURES						
	MALI			NO FIGURES						
	MATAGINIS	59	54	74	69	0	0	11	2	269
	MATATUKUM			NO FIGURES						
	MENOI			NO FIGURES						
	PANGOH	46	42	53	51	1	4	13	7	217
	PERAPISLIK			NO FIGURES						
	PUPUT	54	38	62	65	3	1	21	7	261
	SALI	5	3	27	18	1	1	1	2	58
	SANO	47	62	68	71	1	0	10	1	260
	SIANUS	23	25	24	28	0	1	2	2	105
	SUEN	29	27	39	35	0	0	4	0	134
	TALIS	25	19	28	35	1	0	5	0	113
	TERITARI			NO FIGURES						
	POMBOVIL	20	15	26	19	0	0	2	2	84
	TON			NO FIGURES						
	WERTOL	41	34	36	32	0	0	6	2	151
	TOTAL	723	659	915	867	14	12	143	46	3,379

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
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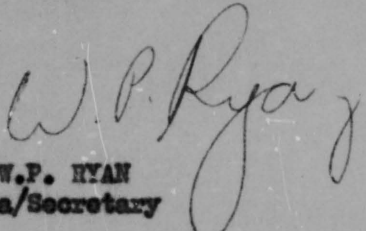
9th October, 1973.

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B.J. Maume
District Officer
(Projects)

NAM.16/72-73
24th September, 1973.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 16 OF 1972/73

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Area Study arising out of the
above patrol of LIHIR Census Division, as submitted by Mr. I.G.
McSWEYN.


W.P. RYAN
a/Secretary

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DEPT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

P.O. BOX 103,
KAVIENG.

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24 Sep 73.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NAMATANAI.

NAMATANAI PATROL NO 16 of 1972/73 LIHIR CENSUS DIVISION.

Receipt of Report and Area Study compiled by Mr. McSweyn Patrol Officer following his above patrol is acknowledged together with copies of patrol instructions and your covering comments.

The Area Study and the Report contain some valuable information but Mr. McSweyn has not attempted to follow your clearly stated instructions in presenting the complete requirements. The incompleted census, continuously referred to and unsupplied Situation Report, lack of maps and overall late submission would seem to display a carelessness of attitude and lack of interest by this officer.

The Area Study is reasonable enough to receive my certification as the Master Area Study but, in view of Mr McSweyn's departure from the District, it will need to be updated in its shortcomings as soon as practicable, namely, complete census statistics and provision of maps. Would you please instruct Mr. Ekonia accordingly.

The T.F.A. in encouraging group economic activities has had reasonable success. It is to be hoped that as the organisation increases its interests there will not be any break down in management. Even in its present scope the need for advice and guidance can be clearly seen but any departmental involvement in this respect should be by request only. Mr. Ekonia should certainly approach Fr. Burns and other T.F.A. principals to indicate government's interest in the organisation. He should also furnish regular reports on its activities and internal developments.

The Council should ensure that the M.V. Namatanai provides reliable shipping movements to Lihir as soon as it is back in service. This requirement was after all the major reason for the purchase of the vessel. I would not like the Council to extend its sympathetic attitude towards T.F.A. to the extent that Lihir producers escaped freight charges and it is realised that this could well be a delicate area, in relationships between the two. Whatever shipping arrangements eventuate for servicing Lihir there would appear to be need initially for meaningful dialogue and mutual understanding between T.F.A. and the Council to prevent conflict.

Please request Mr. Ekonia to supply maps and census detail to complete statistics as soon as possible. The action need not be part of a programmed patrol.

I. A. Holmes
I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner
c.c.
The Secretary,
Dept of the Chief Minister &
Development Administration, KONEDOBUBU.

Forwarded please are 2 copies of Area Study and Patrol Report Jacket. The Area Study is certified as meeting requirements and supercedes Namatanai Patrol Reports 7 of 68/69 and 1 of 69/70 (mentioned in your 67-1-0 of 14th August, 1973) as the Master Area Study. Additional Census detail and maps will be forwarded in due course. Photocopy of Patrol Report is attached and can be read as appropriate in lieu of Situation Report mentioned through Area Study.

I. A. Holmes

I. A. HOLMES
District Commissioner



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Division of District Administration,
NAMATANAI, N.I.D.

23rd August, 1973

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
P.O. Box 103,
KAVIENG

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of this officer's office are in reality
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NAMATANAI PATROL NO. 16 OF 1972/73 - LIHIR CENSUS DIVISION

... Forwarded herewith is the Report covering the above Patrol submitted by Mr. I.G. McSweyn, Patrol Officer, and copies of a recompilation of the Area Study relative to this Census Division.

The Report was received on the 31st July, 1973. This patrol was of 10 days duration only and is incomplete. Unfortunately Mr. McSweyn suffered an accident during the course of this patrol which incapacitated him for 10 days. My comments on the Report are as follows.

The objects of the patrol were not fully completed, nor were the patrol instructions complied with in toto. It will be noted that the census figures are incomplete. The villages for which no figures are shown, are located on the outlying islands. No reason is given in the Report for this omission. It could be assumed that lack of suitable transport at Lihir was a contributing factor here, however no request was made for the use of the M.V. Bakan.

Dates of the census have also been omitted. With these omissions the census figures supplied are meaningless. I will endeavour to have Mr. Ekonia, the present officer in charge of Lihir Patrol Post compile these omitted figures so that the combined censuses result in something worthwhile.

The Field Officers Journal is brief in the extreme and gives little insight into actually what was undertaken each day during the course of the patrol. F.O.J. folios 10 and 11 are not particularly clear in indicating just when the patrol commenced and when it was completed.

... It was requested in the patrol instructions, copy attached, that a Situation Report on the present activities and following of the T.F.A. be compiled. Mr. McSweyn has submitted some interesting and valuable information on the T.F.A. in the body of his Patrol Report, which does not constitute a Situation Report. This may, however, be overlooked and the point need not be laboured.

It appears that the T.F.A. is a viable organisation and is in a reasonably healthy financial situation. It does appear that it is an honest attempt to create business opportunities amongst its followers, and for this reason the organisation's efforts are to be commended.

It is noted that Father Tom Burns, Priest in charge of Palie Catholic Mission, is listed as an adviser. It is my hope that the T.F.A. will freely discuss its activities and problems with officers of our departments and approach them also for advice and assistance as and when required. This, however, will necessitate close liaison and free and open discussion between the Officer in Charge, Lihir Patrol Post and Father Tom Burns of the Mission. I do not wish any friction or conflicting attitudes and/or advice to cause ructions and disharmony within the T.F.A. on Lihir.

It is pleasing to note that the people are capable of running an Association of this nature on profitable businesslike lines, and it is hoped that this venture will continue to progress in the years to come.

It will be necessary for the Council to adopt a sympathetic attitude towards the Association and also to avoid any untoward friction which could put the Council "off-side" with the Lihir peoples.

The programme worked out for the use of the new Council tractor based at Lihir appears to be working. Mr. Ekonia will be requested to keep a close eye on this and to assist the people in getting the maximum benefit from the unit.

Mr. McSweyn mentions that at present the M.V. Namatanai is not providing a regular or reliable service to Lihir Island. I agree whole heartedly with this comment. As you know, the ship is still undergoing its annual survey in Rabaul. It is hoped that it will be on a regular run shortly, servicing the off-shore islands and New Ireland ports, and that the venture proves more profitable than it did last year.

It has been suggested that set pick-up points around Lihir Island be established to facilitate the marketing of the Island's copra production. I have discussed this with both the Council and the Council adviser. I am advised that the Council has discussed this at several meetings and that any scheme to simplify the collection of copra on Lihir would be welcome. At present this is one of the Island's greatest problems, i.e. the difficulty in getting their produce to market. Apparently the Council would like to see the Namatanai calling at certain points. Ideally there should be no more than three pick-up points around the Island. This would need the co-operation of the people who would have to pay in the first instance for shipment of their copra by outboard powered canoe to these pick-up points. Copra storage sheds would also be needed at each of these points. The Council adviser has suggested to the Executive Committee that the Council build storage sheds at Palie, PutPut and at a suitable anchorage on the West Coast of the Island. He has also suggested that Council might purchase two inboard diesel powered boats of 19' length, similar to the one which is now being build for the Tanga Islanders and that these boats be used on regular services to bring the villager's copra to the pick-up points. It is highly likely that the money outlaid on these two boats would quickly be recouped in time saved by the M.V. Namatanai. These boats could possibly carry copra free as a service to the people and at other times be available for charter for other work. Income derived from the charters would go a long way towards covering the cost of running the boats. However, at present the Council is not very interested and it has not been seriously considered. The total outlay would be approximately \$6,000.

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At the present time the only boat that is servicing Lihir Island on any sort of regular pattern is the M.V. Yampi Lass, and this vessel will only involve itself in collecting Mission or Plantation copra from two or three points. It is not interested in collecting village produced copra as the Company has had great difficulty in extracting payment for freight from the producers.

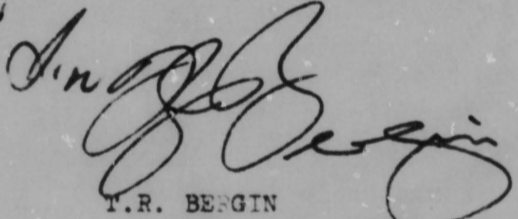
Contrary to patrol instructions, no map was submitted with this report.

The Area Study has been completely recompiled. What has been written presents a fair picture of the prevailing situation within the Census Division, however there are gaps which will need to be filled. It appears that Mr. McSweyn does not realise that Area Studies are filed separately from Patrol Reports. For example, under Section B, Population - Distribution and Trends, he refers to "attached Appendix A". I assume he means the incomplete census statistics which are listed on the inside of the Patrol Report jacket. Also under Section J, Communications, sub-heading Sea, he refers to "attached Situation Report" on two occasions and again under Section L, The Stage of Political Development, reference is made to "the attached Situation Report". This again occurs under Section M, The Economy of the Area paragraph (e). There are no Situation Reports attached to the Area Study and the next officer compiling an up-dating of this Area Study will be requested to supply the required information in order to make the document more complete.

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Both the Patrol Report and the Area Study indicate that Mr. McSweyn needs further instruction in the compilation of such documents and it should be pointed out to him that this facet of his work should not be treated lightly. The usefulness of a patrol can be completely marred by the submission of incomplete and ambiguous reports.

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T.R. BERGIN
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. I.G. McSweyn,
Patrol Officer.

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

PATROL REPORT No. 16-72/73

Station LIHIR PATROL POST Officer Compiling I.G. McSWEYN, P.O.
 District NEW IRELAND Subdistrict NAMATANAI
 Census Division LIHIR L.G. Council NAMATANAI

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub-district or District level, and of value to succeeding officers. No copy is required at Headquarters.)

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INTRODUCTION

The main purposes of this patrol were:

- (a) Census revision
- (b) Political education
- (c) Encouragement of road construction

During this patrol I was accompanied by Mr. Severin Sipian, T.P.O.

According to Circular 67-1-0 of 18th October, 1971, this report will contain only information that I feel may be of interest to succeeding officers or District Office.

POLITICAL

As the date for Self Government draws near, there is a genuine interest displayed by the people in all discussions of a political nature.

Political discussions usually followed the following format:

- (a) Members of the House of Assembly
- (b) Explained how the House of Assembly is formed, sources of income, the House of Assembly as the co-ordinating body of Papua New Guinea, the process of law making and rule making, and the House of Assembly as the ultimate power in the land when Self Government is achieved.

Despite the amount of pamphlets delivered around Lihir and the Political Education Seminars conducted, some sections of the community still seemed worried about the concept of Self Government believing that when it eventuates, all the Europeans will be leaving. Quite a considerable time was spent explaining the concept of Self Government opposed to Independence, and I feel that the people as a whole now distinguish between the two.

The cheap taster was made possible by the establishment of a portable sawmill at Lamassong Mission and the half price transport was supplied by T.K.A. trucks now operating in the New Ireland District.

It was pointed out that when Self Government arrives, the House of Assembly will be sovereign, except in such matters as defence and foreign affairs.

The functions of Councils in society were discussed.

T.F.A. - TUTORME FARMA ASSOCIATION

As the above Association has been a subject matter in all my monthly reports for the last twelve months, I will confine this report to a resume of my previous comments, coupled with a brief statement of their financial position and actual business endeavours on Lihir.

Firstly a brief rundown on the T.F.A. hierachy on Lihir.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VILLAGE RESIDING</u>	<u>POSITION HELD</u>
MR. BRUNO SASA	MATAKUES	MANAGER
FR. TOM BURNS	PALIE MISSION	ADVISOR
ARAU	LONDOLOVIT	PRESIDENT
BEKTAU	KCMAT	SECRETARY
PHILIP TANGOR	PANGO	VICE PRESIDENT
PESUS	LONDOLOVIT	TREASURER

The only change in the last twelve months is that Father Burns, previously the accountant and one of the signatories to the bank account, now acts purely in an advisory capacity.

Of the above mentioned, the only one to receive a salary is Mr. Bruno Sasa, whose responsibility it is to maintain the financial records for the Association.

Mr. Joseph Ailikap, a village board member residing in Wurtol Village, is along with Mr. Sasa, a signatory to the Association's bank account.

In addition to the above office bearers, there are 45 board members and as the total T.F.A. membership on Lihir is 1,351 this works out at one board member per 30 ordinary members. It is the duty of a board member to represent his 30 members and also advise them of any decisions made on their behalf by the office bearers.

These board members represent every T.F.A. Village on Lihir and are required to attend area meetings every six weeks.

The above is, in fact, a rundown on the actual functioning of the T.F.A. on Lihir.

This now leaves us free to concentrate on the actual financial position of the Lihir T.F.A. and to do this, we must utilise last year's financial records (last accurate estimates).

At a meeting in Ngavalus in early May, 1972, attended by representatives of the Lihir group, it was resolved that Lihir would break away from the New Ireland movement. It was discovered, however, that by removing their funds (approximately \$7,400) it would present a financial burden on the New Ireland movement.

A compromise was finally reached whereby Lihir would withdraw half of its funds (leaving \$3,700) and in return would receive cheap timber and half price transportation in New Ireland.

The cheap timber was made possible by the establishment of a portable sawmill at Lamassong Mission and the half price transport was supplied by T.K.A. trucks now operating in the New Ireland District.

The \$3,700 was to be repaid at an undetermined rate of interest.

Since that meeting in May, 1972, various events have transpired in the New Ireland Association with the result that Lihir now wishes to affiliate itself more closely with the New Ireland movement.

These events are principally the acquisition of a section of the Kaut timber project and the successful negotiation for Mr. Bob Roberts' timber establishment and machinery at Konos.

The T.F.A. on Lihir has recently loaned \$2,000 to the New Ireland movement to help them meet the payments for Mr. Roberts' establishment. This \$2,000 is to be repaid over a six monthly period and once again no fixed rate of interest has been agreed upon.

The most recent joint project (still in its infancy) is the establishment of a copra house at Karu. This project is designed to help both the Lihir movement and the West Coast members of the New Ireland movement.

The basic aim of this venture is to provide a central storing house for copra which will then be transported by T.K.A. vehicle to the C.M.B. in Kavirang. The reason behind this is the remoteness of the two areas and the unavailability of reliable shipping.

77. The Lihir group will hire the Mission ship M.V. Robert based at Palie to transport their copra to Karu whilst the West coast members will utilize the association's four wheel drive vehicles to transport copra to Karu via the Karu-Konogogo crossing.

With the exception of one (\$5) share in N.I. Islands produce the above represents Lihir's outside investments.

We will now deal with the T.F.A.'s investments within the Lihir group. Most notable of these is the leasing of the two plantations Hunibo and Londoilam.

The owner of Hunibo, Mr. Phill Band, has agreed to allow the T.F.A. to work Hunibo plantation for a year with no rent. At the end of the year the actual production will be tallied up and a percentage of this will then be paid to Mr. Band in the form of rent. Having established an annual output, Mr. Band and the T.F.A. will then calculate the lease price. Labourers for this plantation are employed on a roster system whereby every T.F.A. village in the near vicinity is required to provide a line of men for a stint of two weeks. Remuneration for these labourers amounts to \$5 per fortnight. At present the plantation has a production figure of approximately 10 - 15 bags per month.

In addition to Hunibo, the T.F.A. are also leasing the C.M. Plantation known as Londoilam which is situated near Putput Village. The T.F.A. pay the Mission \$35 per month for the plantation which yields approximately 20 bags per month.

Recruitment and remuneration for the work force is the same as Hunibo.

The T.F.A. is at present engaged in the purchase of native copra for which it pays the owner 3 cents per pound. This copra is then forwarded to Rabaul C.M.B. under the Association's own number. I would estimate that the T.F.A. purchases approximately 150 bags per month of native copra.

The only point left to discuss re the T.F.A.'s financial position is their bank accounts.

The T.F.A. run two accounts, a savings account and a cheque account. As at the 30th June, 1973, their cheque account balance stood at \$136.00 and their savings account balance stood at \$1,565.46.

In the past, every venture initiated by the T.F.A. would appear not only to have been successful, but indeed to have had the Midas touch. At present, however, there appears to be undertones of dissention developing within the actual ranks of the T.F.A. itself.

This dissatisfaction with the way the T.F.A. is being run was first expressed by the women of Matakues, Libuko and Londolovit when it was decreed by the T.F.A. hierarchy that all females would be required to pay an additional tax of eight dollars. They justified their reaction on two grounds:

- (a) That they had been assured that they would only have to pay \$2 (opposed to males \$10) and that no further dues would be required from them; and
- (b) that they have failed to receive any return from that \$2 initial tax, certainly not the material benefits guaranteed by the leaders of the T.F.A. at the time of its inception.

Their grounds for dissatisfaction were endorsed by the males of Londolovit Village with the result that the President of the T.F.A. Arau, who has for the last four years resided in Londolovit Village, was asked to leave his house and go and live with Mr. Sasa at Matakues. Londolovit Villagers, not content with evicting the President Arau, have now declared that if their membership fees are not returned to them they will take action to retrieve this money themselves.

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full circle.*
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The above situation has been conveyed to Mr. Ekonia, O.I.C. Londolovit, and he will need to keep a careful eye on this in the future to prevent any flare ups occurring between Londolovit males and the T.F.A.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION

One aspect of this patrol was to inform people of the recent purchase by the Namatanai Local Government Council of a tractor and trailer.

A programme was worked out between myself and the Lihir villagers for the operation of the tractor and is as follows:

- (a) The tractor will work for one week in each village with the people from that village providing the labour.
- (b) Males will work a full day, however females will finish at noon to enable them to prepare the evening meal, etc.
- (c) All maintenance will be undertaken by Father Burns at the Catholic Mission (he has already agreed to this).
- (d) Starting point for road construction will be Komat Village and continue towards Londolovit.
- (e) The tractor will be available for charter on Saturdays at the charter rate of \$4 per full load. All monies received for this to be forwarded to N.L.G. Council.

There are, I realise, a few points in the above programme which leave something to be desired, notably policing of charter rates and ensuring that the labourers do work a full day, however since the Council are prepared to entrust its operation to the Lihir Councillors, I can see no alternative to the proposed mode of

operation. The big factor in favour of this programme is that it received the support of the Councillors and the people, however, as is so often the case, only time will tell if it is effective.

One subject I feel worthy of comment, although not a specified object of this patrol, deals with the operations of the Council ship M.V. Namatanai. At present the "Namatanai" is not providing a regular or reliable service to Lihir Island. I still maintain that the only way for this ship to provide a service and to make money for the Council is to establish set pick-up points around Lihir. Due to the number of motor canoes on Lihir, there would be no trouble in transporting village copra to a series of central depots. Below is a list of harbours of Lihir with my comments:-

This is the great shortcoming for either arrangements to carry to form; which has frustrated any past developmental effort on Lihir

- (a) Palie - excellent all weather harbour, however Council would need to negotiate with the Palie mission before operations began.
- (b) Samo - is good in the s.w., however not useable in the n.w. No outside reef to protect it and low tide results in dry reef stretching from the shore for about 200 yards, therefore not suitable for loading copra.
- (c) Lakakot - excellent all weather harbour. Cement supports for a wharf already there and a permanent manager to help with arrangements. There is also the possibility that Mr. Leung, the Manager, would be prepared to send his copra and cocoa by Council ship. Strongly recommended.
- (d) Banam - once again excellent passage - fully protected in all seasons - strongly recommended.
- (e) Sali - not recommended due to hazardous reefs and lack of protection.
- (f) Suen - not recommended due to hazardous reefs and lack of protection.
- (g) Kunaie - not recommended due to hazardous reefs and lack of protection.
- (h) Londolovit - In the s.e. season there are times when it is not approachable, however at all other times affords excellent protection.
- (i) Putput - excellent all weather protection.
- (j) Matakues - accessible in s.e., however not accessible in n.w.
- (k) Lataul - not recommended due to lack of protection.
- (l) Tonbaull - not recommended due to lack of protection.

Should be adequate

From the above I would recommend that central collecting points be established at Palie, Lakakot, Banam, Londolovit, Putput and Matakues.

TRENDS OF THE ECONOMY

Native copra for Lihir is in the vicinity of an estimated 500 tons per year, long term estimates issued by D.A.S.F. indicate that in 7 years Lihir will have increased its production from 500 to 1,000 tons per year. They also forecast that various places, particularly Putput, Lataul and Matakues, will be suitable for cocoa interplanting.

SOCIAL

Education - There are eight Catholic Primary Schools on Lihir which cater for approximately 900 pupils. This is more than adequate for the present population.

Health - In addition to a relatively new hospital at Pale Mission, there are five aid posts on the Island. Regular Mission patrols look after maternal and infant welfare.

As can be seen the people are well catered for in both the educational and health fields.

Law and Order - The only disputes brought to the notice of this patrol were marital, all of which were settled by arbitration.

CONCLUSION

The healthy financial position of the T.N.A., coupled with the estimates of economic growth issued by D.A.S.P., plus the establishment of a permanent Administration station on Lihir, should lead to a state of stability and economic growth.

All in all, a pleasant and satisfying patrol amongst not unfriendly people.

(Sgd.) I.G. McSweyn

O.I.C. LIHIR ISLAND

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AREA STUDY

LINER CENSUS DIVISION

JUNE, 1973

A. INTRODUCTION

(a) The Lihir Census Division consists of Lihir Island some 30 miles N.N.E. of Namatanai and three smaller islands north of Lihir Island.

Most of the South and West of Lihir Island has a coastal strip up to a mile in width. The North and Eastern coasts consist of mountainous terrain with sheer cliffs fronting the ocean. The villagers on this coast are located near small inlets. The hinterland of the island is mountainous and uninhabited. Mahur, Masahet and Mali are mountainous islands with narrow coastal strips.

Vegetation on all islands is of the tropical rainforest type. Rainfall figures for Lihir indicate approximately 200 inches per year.

(b) Lihir is 30 miles north of the Sub-District Headquarters at Namatanai. The closest part of Lihir to Namatanai is the Palie Catholic Mission, some 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 hours sailing time from Namatanai.

An airstrip (category J(c)) is situated next to Londelovit Plantation.

(c) Between Lakakot and Putput Village there is approximately 20 miles of vehicular road suitable for four wheel drive vehicles.

The wharf in the area is located at Palie Catholic Mission and will accommodate vessels up to 100 ft. in length. The other all weather anchorage is at Luise Harbour.

- (d) The area was first contacted during the time of the German administration. The Government patrol station which is situated at Londelovit was established in July, 1972.

B. POPULATION - DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

- (a) Attached Appendix A
- (b) There are 20 miles of vehicular roads between Lakakot and Putput which lines all the villages between. All villagers on the northern and eastern side are able to use walking tracks to connect the villages.
- (c) The outward flow in labour is not sufficient to warrant comment.

C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

- (a) Each lineage in the area is a separate social group.
& The members of different lineages have houses in the
- (b) same village and will accept leadership from the Councillors when they undertake communal projects, e.g. schools, churches, roads, etc. Most lineages also have huts inland on their own clan ground and work together on gardens, cash crops and maintenance.
- (c) The Lihir language is used by all villagers in the area.
- (d) see (a)
- (e) Lineages and villagers will combine on community projects in their area. Most people marry within their own area although there is some inter-marriage between the Lihirs and the Tabars, Mali, Kasahet and Mahur and the north coast villagers on the main islands have clan ties with Tabar.

D. LEADERSHIP

1. KIAPLAM of KUELAN. Approximately 49 years old. Former Councillor and luluai of Mahur.
2. LUSEM of MALI. Approximately 45 years old. Local Government Councillor.
3. LAKEBAN of PUPUT. Approximately 45 years old. Ex Councillor - former police constable - visited Australia during the war. Large number of coconuts interplanted with cocoa.
4. SIANBODO of LATAUL. Approximately 30, former police constable and luluai. Ex Councillor, Chairman of the Demarcation Committee. Large coconut plantings and owns outboard motor. Spokesman for his area. Was very helpful in acquiring the block of ground for the patrol post at Londolevit.
5. ASIKA of PANGO. Age 35, educated to Standard 9. A former co-ops inspector and local government clerk. A progressive leader.
6. SASA of MATAKUES. Age 30. Previously trained in a seminary. Was employed as a D.D.A. clerk. Second to Julius Chan in both 1968 and 1972 House of Assembly elections, Namatanai open which included a block Lihir vote. Manager for the T.F.A. Association on Lihir and Local Government Councillor.

7. HUHAYEL of LANBOA. Approximately 60. Ex

Councillor, catachist, influential within his area.

8. PHILIP TANGOR of PANGO - Catachist, vice President of the T.F.A. Association.

9. KIHANAN of KUNAIE - Aged 45 years. Ex Councillor, large land and coconut holdings. Very influential within his area.

(b) There is no one in the area surveyed holding land on lease from the Administration.

(c) Cash cropping was previously worked on a seasonal effect, however with the advent of despatch, many individuals are branching out on their own.

E. LAND TENURE AND USE

- (a) Traditionally no individual on Lihir owns land because all land belongs to the clan. The individual member of the clan is only allowed to use the land on the basis of permissive usufructuary right. Now with the advent of cash economy it is becoming necessary to relax the traditional rule regarding land so as to enable individuals to own land which could be passed on to their children. Inheritance is matrilineal, and on Lihir it is customary for a formal feast to be put on by the would-be inheritor.
- (b) There is no one in the area surveyed holding land or lease from the Administration.
- (c) Cash cropping was previously worked on a communal effort, however with the advent of demarcation, many individuals are branching out on their own.

F. LITERACY

Catholic Mission Schools

<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Lukupien Primary T School

1	15	19	34
2	10	15	25
3	14	8	22
4	10	13	23
5	8	16	24
	<u>57</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>128</u>

4 Teachers

English taught

Sekunkun Primary T School

1	9	9	18
2	12	13	25
3	14	14	28
4	4	10	14
5	8	8	16
6	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>
	<u>60</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>129</u>

5 teachers

English taught

Lakasis Primary T School

2	12	13	25
3	21	15	36
4	10	16	26
5	8	21	29
6	<u>13</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>31</u>
	<u>64</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>147</u>

5 Teachers

English taught

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Malie Primary T School</u>			
3	5	11	16
4	-	8	8
	<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>24</u>

1 Teacher, English taught

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Palie Primary T</u>			
2	11	11	22
3	12	17	28
4	13	10	23
5	13	11	24
6 A	15	14	29
6 B	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>27</u>
	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>150</u>

6 Teachers, English taught

<u>JEULAWKA - HIGH SCHOOL</u>			
Form 1	15	16	31

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Magus Primary T School</u>			
3	10	9	19
4	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>17</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>29</u>

1 Teacher, English taught

High school at Malie of the Kingdom of Hawaii and
 located at Malie (Hawaii). The two high schools are
 situated on the main road in the Kingdom of Hawaii
 and are run by the Kingdom of Hawaii.

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Kinami Primary I School</u>			
3	3	8	11
4	4	10	14
6	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>27</u>
	19	33	52
2 Teachers, English taught			

Methodist Mission

Sano School

1	10	12	22
2	7	10	17
3	14	8	22
4	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>23</u>
	41	43	84
3 Teachers, English taught			

Suen School

Prep.	6	9	15
Mission catechist acting as teacher, Pidgin English taught.			

When students at the various village schools on Lihir complete Standard 6, the successful ones either attend the Skulaska High School at Palie or the Nongop High School (Boys) and Lamakot High School (Girls). The two high schools are situated on the East Coast road in the Kavieng Sub-District and are run by the Catholic Mission.

Students from the Methodist School at Sano go on to complete their education at Hali School-Namatani.

- (b) Nearly all adult men and women in the area can speak Pidgin English. About 25 - 30% of the adults can write in Pidgin English and the local language.

A large number of young men and women can speak or understand simple English as they have attended the Mission schools over the last 10 years.

- (c) At present there are two young men from Kunaie Village & undertaking tertiary education. Namund Kilahun aged

- (d) 21 is studying at Port Moresby university and Bakus Kugas aged 24 is studying under a bank scholarship at Sydney University. Another youth from Kunaie, Leo Glaglas aged 24 attained a Department of Civil Aviation scholarship and is presently learning to fly at Bankstown airstrip, Sydney.

- (e) There is at least one radio receiver in every village.

The popular radio station is Radio Rabaul.

(1) A small ... is ... in the ... - ...

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

- (a) The standard house in the area is built on stilts about 5 feet off the ground. Walls are made of bamboo and the floors of split timber or bark of the buai tree. Nails are used in the construction of most houses. These houses generally contain beds, a table and some chairs made out of bush materials. Apart from the water tanks on the Island, drinking water is obtained from nearby rivers. All villages have some pit latrines although the majority of the people appear reluctant to use them, preferring the sea. Some European cooking and eating utensils are owned and used by all families. During the week most men wear laplaps although shorts are becoming more popular. Women wear smocks and laplaps. For church services, Government patrols, etc. men wear shirts.
- (b) The typical New Ireland vegetables make up the staple diet of the area, i.e. yams, kabe, manne, sweet potato, with protein coming from fish, pigs and poultry. The average family is growing more inclined towards trade store goods, i.e. rice and tin fish. Lihir is also abundant in such tropical fruits as pineapples, pawpaws, tomatoes, etc.

(c) A small Women's Club is active in the Samo - Siang's area.

(a) The Samo Catholics and the Siang's Catholics are the two distinct groups in the area. All villages on Saiboto, Hall and Baker Islands are Catholic. Catholic villages on the mainland are Sasaivatu, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000. The Protestant villages are ... Small conflicts do arise in cases of mixed religion marriages and other minor matters in dispute, however these conflicts are usually settled amicably. List of Catholic parishes is provided to extend to ...

(b) The Catholic priest at this has a Father and three Sisters. One nurse is employed at this hospital and 15 teachers are employed at the various Catholic schools in the area. The Mission also provides a pastor for the N.V. School and a driver-teacher for the ...

H. MISSIONS

- (a) The Roman Catholic and the overseas Mission are the two missions operative in the area.

All villages on Masabet, Mall and Nahur Islands are Catholic. Catholic villages on the mainland are Londolevit 70%, PutPut 90%, Libuke, Matakues, Lisel, Lataul, Tambairi, Linnel, Pango, Kemat, Talsu, Lembon, Salie and Kunaie 90%. The Methodist villages are Bartel, Sianus, Same, Huniho, Sazan, Suen and Kunaie 10%, Lienbil, Londolevit 30% and PutPut 10%.

Four fifths of the population are adherents to the Catholic Church, the remainder being Methodist.

Small conflicts do arise in cases of mixed religion marriages and neither partner wishes to convert, however these conflicts are usually settled amicably.

A lot of Catholics find it convenient to convert to the Methodist religion if they wish to violate church rules, e.g. re-marry while their spouse is still alive or commit bigamy.

- (b) The Catholic Mission at Mlie has a Father and three Sisters. One nurse is employed at Falie hospital and 27 teachers are employed at the various Catholic schools in the area. The Mission also employs 4 boatscrew on the M.V. ROBERT and a driver/mechanic for the mission Toyota and speedboat. Casual labourers and carpenters

are employed as needed.

A mission catechist is employed in each Catholic village. The Mission along with Government Aid Posts provides the general health and infant welfare services for the area. The M.V. Robert is used for medical patrols and general mission work. It also picks up native copra and can be chartered.

The mission has a trade store at Palie and at their schools on Marahet, Mahur and Mali Island.

The Methodist mission has a native minister at Sano and employs catechists for their churches. They have a school at Sano and a small one at Suen. The Women's Club at Sano was formed and run by the wife of the minister.

- (c) All the indigenous people in the area claim to be adherents to one of the two missions. There are semi-permanent or native materials churches in all villages. The Catholic Mission is by far the most influential Mission. They have the majority of the adherents and a much larger supply of services and facilities than the Methodists.

and the V.P. will provide outlets for locally produced goods and services. All plantations are worked by hand labor in all villages of the district.

- (d) The relations between indigenous and non-indigenous are satisfactory and comparable to most other areas within the district.

I. NON INDIGENES

(a) Plantations in the area - Lakakot Plantation
(Yip Brothers Co.) currently being leased to Mr.
J. Leung - mixed race.

Londolovit Plantation (Ball Plantations Ltd.) -
European Manager, Native foreman.

Hunibo (P. Bond) currently being leased to the
T.F.A.

(b) Londolovit currently employs 40 casuals and Lakakot
19. Hunibo employs labourers for a two week period
approximately 10 at the one time (refer attached
situation report for additional information on
T.F.A. Management of Hunibo).

It is unlikely that Londolovit Plantation would be
prepared to employ any more casual labourers and in
fact are in the process of replacing casual labourers
with contract labourers due to the reliability of the
latter compared with the casuals.

(c) The terms of Lakakots lease prevent the leases from
purchasing copra and cocoa. Londolovit, Pallie Mission
and the T.F.A. still provide outlets for locally produced
copra and cocoa. All plantations are linked by road
or sea to all villages on the mainland.

(d) The relations between indigenous and non-indigenous
are satisfactory and comparable to most other areas
within the Sub-District.

J. ROADS

- (a) Lihir has about 20 miles of vehicular road between Lakakot Plantation and Patput village. The Namatanai L.G.C. has recently purchased a tractor and trailer and it will concentrate on the above mentioned sector of road (refer attached situation report for further details re work roster for new tractor and trailer). There is approximately 6 miles of vehicular road connecting Londolevit Plantation with the airstrip. A further network linking this road to the government patrol station is presently under construction. All villages between Larboa and Suen on the West coast are connected by a walking track. The terrain on this side of the Island is extremely rugged making a vehicular road a difficult and impractical proposition.

SEA

- (b) For a list of harbours and prevailing weather condition on Lihir, refer attached situation report.
- The M.V. Yaspi Lass picks up plantation copra from Lakakot, Londolevit and Palio Mission. The Yaspi Lass is prepared to uplift native copra provided it is based at the above mentioned ports however is not prepared to tour the Island collecting locally produced copra.

(For a report on the M.V. Namatanai owned by the Namatanai Local Government Council refer attached situation report).

The M.V. Robert based at Palie trades and provides shipping service around the Island and to Namatanai.

ALL

- (c) The only airstrip in the area is situated between Landlovit Plantation and Kunaie Village. Crowley's aircraft will call at Lihir on request on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. See attached schedule for further details re price, freight rates, etc.

1. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Refer to comments under the Political Situation, on the attached Situation Report. In 1951, the data available...

Country	1950	1951	Total
ALGERIA	2550	2000	4550
ARGENTINA	2500	1500	4000
AUSTRALIA	2000	2000	4000
BELGIUM	2500	2000	4500
BENIN	2000	2000	4000
BURUNDI	2500	2000	4500
CAMBODIA	2500	2000	4500
CANADA	2500	2000	4500
CENTRAL AMERICA	2500	2000	4500
CHINA	2500	2000	4500
INDONESIA	2500	2000	4500
JAPAN	2500	2000	4500
KOREA	2500	2000	4500
LAOS	2500	2000	4500
LIBERIA	2500	2000	4500
NETHERLANDS	2500	2000	4500
PHILIPPINES	2500	2000	4500
RUSSIA	2500	2000	4500
SENEGAL	2500	2000	4500
SINGAPORE	2500	2000	4500
SOUTH AFRICA	2500	2000	4500
THAILAND	2500	2000	4500
UNITED STATES	2500	2000	4500
WEST GERMANY	2500	2000	4500
YUGOSLAVIA	2500	2000	4500
Total	77,000	62,000	139,000

Therefore the latest available figures show that there were 77,000...

There is a total of 139,000... differences between the 1950 and 1951 figures... the difference of 15,000...

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

Below is the latest coconut census for the Lihir mainland.

These figures were compiled in 1964 and are the latest available.

Coconut Census - Lihir Island

	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
SAMO	2968	3964	6932
SIANUS	4567	1989	6556
WUNTOL	3952	2698	6649
TALIS	2789	3896	6685
PANGO	4539	3299	7838
KOMAT	3984	4257	8241
TOMBAUL	3130	6727	9857
LISEL	4554	7853	12387
LATAUL	3564	7619	11183
MAKAKUE	6515	3468	9984
LINUKO	3695	2967	6662
PUPUT	4794	5752	10546
LONSOLVIT	3767	1963	5730
KURAI	4968	5967	10935
SUM	3958	7439	11397
LINBIL	2964	1896	4860
SALI	1786	2894	4680
BAHAM	2964	1349	4313
HUNHO	1498	1269	2767
LAMBOA	2896	1349	4245
	<u>77832</u>	<u>78615</u>	<u>156447</u>

Therefore the latest census figures taken in 1964 indicate that there were 77,832 bearing palms and 78,615 non-bearing palms.

Using a 3% rate of increase per year (calculated from the difference between the 62 and 64 figures) and adding the difference of immature palms in 1964 not accounted for in this 3% increase, we get at least 167,000 bearing palms for 1973.

Production from these palms would be approximately 625 tons.
If average value of copra is \$120 per ton the value of production equals \$75,000.

There are approximately 10,000 to 15,000 immature palms.

(b) Cocoa

D.A.S.F. figures based on 1971 census are as follows:

Nature trees 5,000

Immature trees 2,400

5,000 mature trees at 5lbs per tree per annum is 25,000 lbs per annum, which is 11.16 tons per annum - wet beans. The percentage return of dry beans from wet beans is approximately 40% which means 4.46 tons dry beans per annum.

(c) Market gardening on Lihir is not sufficient to warrant comment.

(d) A reasonable estimate of wage labour would be as follows:

Londolevit - 40 men employed @ \$1 per day for 200 days	= \$8,000
Lakaket - 15 men employed @ \$1 per day for 200 days	= 3,000
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	\$11,000

(e) The only active co-operative in the area is the T.F.A.

(for full details on this association refer attached situation report).

(f) AMOI of KOMAT - Substantial plantings of copra and cocoa.

Amoi owns a speedboat and outboard motor to transport produce to shipping points. He holds a C.M.B. number and a licence to purchase copra. Employs casual labourers from the village.

SIANDODO of LATAUL - Large number of coconut palms. Has an outboard engine to transport copra to shipping points. Also charters outboard canoe. Employs relatives and villagers as casual labourers.

LAKETAN of PUTPUT - Has large areas of coconuts interplanted with cocoa. This cocoa should commence bearing in the very near future and Laketan has plans for establishing a fermentary.

- (g) There are 169 Commonwealth Savings Bank accounts on Lihir from the Palie Mission agency. I would estimate approximately 45 other savings accounts with various banks held on Lihir.
- (h) Last year the people did experience some difficulty in paying Council tax. This difficulty was occasioned by the severe drought coupled with an increase in school tax.

(i)

Copra	\$ 75,000
Cocoa	2,230
Wages	21,600
(teachers and nurses)	
wage labour	<u>11,000</u>
	<u>\$109,830</u>

Average per capita income per year is therefore \$21.86

This figure is not realistic as there is significant difference between individual producers, teachers and nurses (not paid by Administration) and the average villager.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

(a) There is some shortage of land on the outer islands, i.e. Masahet, Mahur and Mali. All arable land on Masahet is being utilized and most of the arable land on the other two islands has been developed.

Many of the people from Masahet have planted up large areas between Suen and Kunaie on Lihir.

Between Londolovit and Sano there have been large areas planted up with new palms over the last few years. It is estimated that when these palms are fully producing the villagers will have a full time job maintaining their groves and preparing copra marketing.

From Lamboa to Kunaie there is more than adequate arable land although much of this land is undulating too mountainous and in some cases several miles from reliable shipping.

(b) The big drawback to market gardening in the area is lack of market facilities.

(c) It is natural that to expect increased plantings will lead to increased employment. It is, however, unlikely that Londolovit Plantation will recruit any more casuals in preference to contracts because of the unreliability of casual labour.

(d) Cocoa would be the most suitable cash crop to encourage in the area. These trees can be interplanted with coconuts and hence even areas that are fully planted with coconuts may be utilized.

(e) An effort was made last year to encourage people to try fishing as a means of increasing their economy. This is not as unrealistic as it sounds because with the new Crowley's flight schedule operating, it could open up markets in Kavieng, Rabaul or Namatanai. The effort was not successful due to lack of interest displayed by the villagers.

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C. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Refer to Political section of the attached situation
report.

Trade goods are available at the stores in the area.
Retail and other goods are generally purchased from the
stores, Loshkovskaya Station and White Station.

P. ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

There are no accommodation facilities in the area.

Radio transmitters are located at Lakakot Plantation, Londolovit Plantation and Palie Mission.

Trade goods are available at the stores in the area.

Petrol and oils can generally be purchased from Lakakot Plantation, Londolovit Plantation and Palie Mission.

PATROL REPORT

DISTRICT OFFICE
KAVIENG.

Report number: NAM 17-72/73

Objects of patrol: Publicise Prospecting Authority

District: NEW IRELAND

Station: NAMATANAI

Patrol conducted by: S.T. SURAKA

Subdistrict: NAMATANAI

Area patrolled: KANDAS, WEST COAST

Designation: ASSISTANT FIELD OFFICER

Duration of patrol: 23/6/73 - 30/6/73

Personnel accompanying: Nil

Last D.D.A. patrol: January, 1973

Number of days: 7

Last O.L.G. patrol:

Total population of area: 4,793

Map reference:

Council area: NAMATANAI

House of Assembly Electorate: NAMATANAI OPEN

The District Commissioner,
New Ireland District,
KAVIENG,

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION

KAVIENG
NEW IRELAND DISTRICT
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios 7 To 10 ,

(✓)

Patrol Instructions,

(✓)

The Report and my comments,

(✓)

Area study,

(—)

Updating of area study,

(—)

Situation Reports No's 1— ,

(—)

Patrol map,

(✓)

DATE: 20 / 7 1973.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner

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

In respect of this patrol, I attach

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District Headquarters assessment of

Above average

Patrol & Report.....

Average

Below average

Date: / /19

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District Commissioner

Grand Total

The District Commissioner
New Ireland District
P.O. Box 103
KAVIRINGI

31st August, 1973.
67-9-57
R.C. Orwin
a/D.D.C.

NAMAPANAI PATROL NO. 17/1972-73

Reference your Minute of 20th August, 1973.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Patrol Report Jacket arising out of the above patrol of Part of WEST COAST Census Division, as submitted by Mr. S.T. SURAKA, Assistant Field Officer.

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

MA 67-9-57



P.O. BOX 103, KAVIENG.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
NAMATANAI.

20 Aug 73
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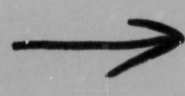
KANDAS AREA: WEST COAST.

Report of the above patrol and map by Assistant Field Officer Suraka and your covering memorandum are acknowledged with thanks.

Owing to the special nature of the patrol little comment is called for.

Mr. Suraka appears to have carried out a useful patrol and has reported on it well.

I.A. HOLMES.
District Commissioner.



c.c. The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister and
Development Administration,
P.O. Box 2396,
KONEDOBU.

Patrol Report Jacket and copy of comments for your information and records, please.

I. a. Holmes
I.A. HOLMES.
District Commissioner.

Grand Total