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### GENERAL TRIP REPORT

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## I PURPOSE OF TRIP

The purpose of this trip was to make preliminary presentations of the draft Upper Volta analysis to USAID and Embassy staff as well as invited Voltaics from selected ministries. The ministries selected were Health, National Education, Rural Development, Social Affairs, and Economy and Plan. All presentations were made in the Recreation Center of the U.S. Embassy in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta. The RAPID presentation team consisted of Simon Fass (Consultant, University of Minnesota) and Charles Dana (Senior Research Associate, The Futures Group).

## II BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

The Futures Group made a Class I demonstration presentation in Ouagadougou during June, 1980. This presentation, made by Malcolm Donald and Karen Allen was well received and stimulated a request for presentation of a RAPID draft analysis for the fall or winter of 1980.

The nonviolent coup d'etat in Upper Volta early in December 1980, however, postponed indefinitely the draft presentation scheduled for the second week in December in Ouagadougou.

By February, 1981 the political climate had settled sufficiently for the U.S. Embassy Ouagadougou to request the RAPID draft presentation review. Tentative dates of April and June were discussed. By the end of May a presenter, Dr. Simon Fass, had been scheduled for the week of August 10-14.

## III PRESENTATIONS

The RAPID presentations began on Monday evening and were terminated on Saturday morning. Thursday afternoon and Friday were kept open for data gathering or special activities such as work sessions.

The duration of each RAPID presentations was approximately one hour. The elapsed time including questions and answers varied from an hour and one-half to over two hours depending on the audience.

The presentation sequence was designed to permit Simon Fass and Charles Dana to polish their presentation. The first presentation was to the top USAID and Embassy staff. Succeeding presentations were to U.S. and foreign program personnel with an increasing mix of Voltaics culminating in the Thursday morning presentation to the most senior (midlevel) Voltaic audience from the Ministries of National Education, Rural Development, Social Affairs, and Economy and Plan. Ministry of Health officials were engaged for the entire week in meetings with an international organization and were not available for a RAPID presentation during the work week. They did consent to a Saturday morning viewing which lasted approximately two and one-half hours.

The originally planned presentation was altered somewhat to respond to specific audience reactions, new data, and comments. More emphasis and explanation was given to demographics and population dynamics. There were changes in the order and specific assumptions used for the agricultural and educational sectors. The economy sector was presented using a more integrated approach.

The conclusion of the presentations evolved into a short monologue which summarized the major points of the problems facing Upper Volta and expressed a series of policy alternatives which would permit Upper Volta to attain its stated long-range goals. The question and answer sessions began at this point.

#### IV QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The audience was encouraged to ask questions during the presentation but did so only rarely. Most questions came at the end of the presentations. The questions can be grouped under three major headings, data, the presentation, and the computer. There were also several helpful commentaries given to the presentation team.

##### Data

Demographics -- different birth and death rates, life expectancy too long, migration not correct

Agriculture -- Grains -- many Voltaics felt production and consumption figures were too low, but could not suggest new figures. Others felt that new authority AVV would be able to increase agricultural production through irrigation but again no numbers were offered.

Reforestation -- CILSS felt that the costs for reforestation were very high -- noted that FAO is expensive -- felt that local agencies could do the job for 1/2 to 1/5 our estimates.

Water -- There were several questions on the type of water system The Futures Group had costed.

Education -- Planners for the Ministry of Education felt that 16,000 CFAF per primary school student was too high. Suggested that 7500 CFAF per primary school student as 1990-2000 was possible (1975 constant CFAF) as the goals of the Education Ministry had changed under the new administration. Also, 80 percent primary enrollment was unrealistic. Suggested 50 percent by 1990.

##### Presentation Format

Many people reacted by saying that they were overwhelmed with the economic development and population related problems for Upper Volta after viewing the presentation. This was ameliorated some by softening the presentation and exploring newly modified country goals which are more realistic and seek to expand services, particularly health and education, over the next 30 years or so.

A strong pitch to incorporate birth control for social, economic, and health reasons evolved. The Health Ministry official indicated that many women and even families (parents) were seeking his assistance as a doctor to help them limit families for health and financial reasons. The presentation incorporated this approach. Most of the audience for the later presentations supported this approach.

Several members of the audiences felt that the presentation could have tied the sector individual subjects and general sectoral analyses together in a more comprehensive manner. They felt that the presentation jumped around and tended toward confusion rather than clarity. This was particularly true of the educational section which alternates between A, C and A, B comparisons.

There was a strong objection to using the term high to describe Upper Volta's present level of fecundity. This was solved by using the term actual. This author would recommend the comparable terms for future RAPID presentations as it describes what is happening without the value judgement and the comparisons (B and C) make clear the fact that the client country has a "high" fertility level without saying so.

### Computer

There was strong interest generated by the computer. Its presence generated several questions on the technology, cost, training, and transferability of the technology.

The Ministry of Education planners requested a work session to use the computer and see how much of a planning tool it could be. The RAPID team tried to discourage this by saying the computer, although potentially useful for planning, was employed by RAPID for general policy scenarios and would

need extensive reprogramming for specific sector planning or sectoral analyses. This goal was achieved, but would have been more effective if the team had had a printer.

## V OTHER ACTIVITIES

Thursday afternoon and Friday had been left free for data gathering and conference activities. During this time Charles Dana visited the following:

CILSS - Mr. Abdou Salam Drabo discussions on the long term agricultural developments of Upper Volta. Received several new documents on agricultural plans for Upper Volta and the Sahel.

AVV - Mme. Josephine Ouedraogo discussions on the development of the three major river valleys. Unable to get documents as the director of the statistics division was on vacation.

PLAN - Mr. Sidiki P. Coulibaly - director of demography - discussions on the demographics for RAPID. Received several updates on basic demographics, including copies of the 1975 national census. Dr. Coulibaly indicated he will be in Washington at the end of August and wants to visit The Futures Group.

## VI CONCLUSION

The RAPID presentations were well received by USAID and Embassy staff and the members of the several Voltaic Ministries. Jay Smith, the USAID program coordinator, is very interested in further RAPID presentations and will continue to advocate another presentation.

## VII FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

1. Jay Smith will follow up presentation with Ministry personnel and get agreement on date and invitees to next RAPID presentation. He will also distribute the 100+ pamphlets advertising RAPID and the 35 Upper Volta draft papers.

2. Charles Dana will incorporate the changes into the RAPID database and presentation suggested by the Voltaics and foreign personnel.

3. Sidiki P. Coulibaly will visit The Futures Group in August and provide new data on migration and other demographics not in 1975 census to Charles Dana.

**NOTE:**

The RAPID team would like to thank Jay Smith for his assistance in making RAPID a success in Upper Volta. The RAPID team would also like to thank Jack Hogan (Peace Corps Director) and Linda Postle (AID - Human Resources) for urging the U.S. mission and Voltaic women's social unions to become aware of RAPID and its message.

## VIII PRESENTATION SCHEDULE AND PARTICIPANTS

8/10/81

20:00

Tony Dalsimer	Charge d'Affaires, USA
Dick Meyer	U.S. Embassy Staff
Emerson Melaven	U.S. Embassy Staff
Michael Rugh	U.S. Embassy Staff
Jay Smith	AID Program Officer
Rod Huff	Poly/Econ
Tom Hull	USICA Director
Jack Hogan	PC Director
Oliver Harper	Health Officer

8/11/81

09:00

Dr. Sabwa	UNFPA Res. Rep.
Dr. Samba	Oweho Div.
Mrs. Topsaba	Pres Assoc. Volt. Family
Josephine Ouedraogo	AVV
Claus Tameling	AG - Foreign Expert
Abraham Djibo	Staff - AID
Dr. Doumtabe	WHO - LOME
George Barwicke	Office of Fin. Man.
Larry Dominessy	AID - Rural Dev.
Fati Ouedraogo	Training Officer

15:30

Nigel Twose	OXFAM, Assistant Director W. Africa
Gay Morgan	AID - Soiar
Linda Postle	AID - Human Resources
Al Smith	AID - Ag./Econ. Human Resources
Dale Rachmeler	Formulation - Seed Specialist
Sue Rachmeler	CRS
Bob Hellyer	RLO - IPM
Medibo Djiga	RLO
Phil Carey	PCV
Laurie ---	PCV - Pest Management
---	PCV

8/12/81

09:30

Emil Pare	Rural Development - Ministry
Dave Spetka	Syracuse
Kefle Negash	MSU
Nilgin Gokgur	Syracuse
Bob Hall	Syracuse
Alionne Sall	CILSS
Pat Lerner	IDI
Gordon Bertolin	Program Office - Dir.
Tony Vollbrecht	Program Office - Asst.
Bruno Bambara	AID - Rural Development
Sally Huff	

15:00

Whit Garberson	PC - Assoc Dir.
Mme. Balima	FJA - Formation des Jeunes Agricultores
Alfred Sawadogo	FJA
Mme. Gansore	PC - Staff
Mme. Ovattara	PC - Staff
Abdon Salam Drabo	CILSS - Planning
Bernard Ouedraogo	OFM
Sham Suri	OFM
--- Zerbo	OFM
Gyams Kwabena	OFM
Isnore Ouedraogo	USICA
Chantale Ouedraogo	Condition Feminine
Paula Bertolin	CRS
Mme. Zongo	CRS
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8/13/81

09:30

Francois Zoungrana	Dir. National Accts.
Mathais Dakuyo	Asst. Dir. ODR
Koumassi Yago	Dir Nat. Seed Ser.
Sidiki Coulibaly	Dir. Statistics - Demo.
Francois Ouedraogo	INSD
Amidou Ouedraogo	Dir. Tech Coop, PLAN
Linda Demers	Stat. Plan. UNFPA

Mlle. Dera	Stat. Plan. UNFPA
Mlle. Dielbeogo	Stat. Plan. UNFPA
Michael Calya	Stat. Plan. UNFPA
Dale Rochmiller	Foundation - Seed Specialist
Celestian Bado	PLAN - A.T.
Cyril Nyameogo	Sec. Gen. Soc. Aff.
Luc Lompo	Dir. Ag. Services
Sidiki Traore	Ed. Ministry - Planning
Robert Nacoulma	Ed. Ministry - Planning
Gabriel Bamouni	Ed. Ministry - Planning
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8/14/81	(Working Session)
Sidiki Traore	Ed. Ministry Planning
Robert Nacoulma	Ed. Ministry Planning
Gabriel Bamouni	Ed. Ministry Planning
Priscilla Annamawthodo	AID
8/15/81	
10:00	
Maxim Ouoba	Dir. Ministry of Health
Dick Meyer	U.S. Embassy Staff
Jay Smith	U.S. Embassy, AID Program Officer

**Oliver Harper**

**U.S. Embassy Health Officer**