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Executive Summary

In preparation for a consultancy on adolescent fertility in Thailand, Johns Hopkins University/Population Communications Services consultant Robert S. Griffin visited the Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP) March 8, 1985 in Tokyo, Japan, en route to Thailand. Mr. Griffin participated in briefings on Japanese programs for adolescents and international perspectives on adolescent fertility problems.

Robert S. Griffin has had over twenty years' experience working for a variety of international organizations on population and development activities with nine Asian governments. Fluent in Thai, Mr. Griffin has collaborated with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Ford Foundation, and others in evaluating and planning population communications programs in Thailand.

Mr. Griffin had briefings and discussions with the following people:

Mr. Chojiro Kunii, Executive Director of JOICFP

Mr. Kunii provided an overview of the history of the voluntary family planning movement in Japan and described the roles of the various organizations involved.

Mrs. Sumie Yamaguchi Ishii and Miss Machiko Yagishita, JOICFP Program Staff

These two women are responsible for JOICFP programs in Thailand and provided a briefing on these activities. JOICFP is interested in adolescents and is contemplating production of a film dealing with adolescent problems.

Mr. Haruo Konagai, Japanese Family Planning Association (JFPA) Specialist in Information, Education and Communication Programs

Mr. Konagai provided an excellent briefing on the JFPA activities for Japanese adolescents. Examples of booklets for parents of adolescents were presented and discussed; the operation of a hotline for adolescents was observed; and a video production on pregnancy aimed at newly-weds was viewed and discussed. A visit was also paid to the adolescent clinic in the JOICFP building.

Miss Rissa M. Stella, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
consultant to JOICFP

Miss Stella is one of IPPF's experts on adolescent problems and programs. She provided a cross-cultural briefing on adolescent fertility issues and problems and supplied copies of IPPF studies and reports on these subjects.

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