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1.0. Introduction. The period comprised by the months of November and December of 1963 and January of 1964 constituted the second quarter of operations by members of the Department of Anthropology at Cornell University under Contract AID/csd-296 with the Agency for International Development research division. This second quarter was again one of expansion of personnel and activities. In terms of product, this quarter saw the staff of the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change begin transmitting to AID more or less finished scientific papers in mimeographed and multilithed form.

2.0. Field Research. The process of collecting new information in the field for purposes of comparison with data already on file continued in Thailand, India and Peru. A restudy of ten rural areas on the island of Puerto Rico began field operations.

2.1. Thailand. Principal contract investigator Professor Lauriston Sharp continued his research into the present state of hill tribes and neighboring Thai

in northern Thailand. He worked with Dr. Lucien Hanks, Dr. Jane Richardson Hanks, Mrs. Ruth Sharp, and a Thai anthropologist holding an M. A. degree from a British university.

2.2. India. Mr. Partap Aggarwal, Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at Cornell University, carried on his research in India during this quarter. Dr. Rudra Datt Singh continued part-time data collection from his vantage point in the Government of India.

2.3. Peru. Data collection and analysis in Peru was carried on by three investigators working on the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change.

(a) Dr. Mario C. Vazquez, Cornell Peru Project Field Director at Vicos completed his collection of genealogical information about Indian families there mentioned in the first administrative report. The U. S. consul in Lima did not grant Dr. Vazquez a visa in time for him to present the paper he prepared for the American Anthropological Association annual meeting late in November. He did, however, arrive on the Cornell campus the second week of December to begin a period of intensive analysis and writing.

(b) Mr. Oscar Aiers, a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Cornell University, carried on his restudy of Vicos values during this quarter. He supervised his local interviewers during November and early December in

completing the greater part of the interviews of individuals in his sample. Returning to the University late in December, Mr. Alers began to analyze his material in January. He was supported by contract funds all three months.

(c) Dr. Eileen A. Maynard was added to the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change staff on 20 December. After visiting Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador on an AID contract feasibility survey trip in May and June, Dr. Maynard began field investigation and analysis of data in mid-June in connection with the Cornell Department of Anthropology evaluation of Peace Corps program impact in Peru. This study involves data collection from a number of Andean rural communities where deliberate programs of directed cultural change are underway. The Comparative Studies of Cultural Change staff deemed it wise to include Dr. Maynard in its effort in order to insure the rapid flow of information resulting from research carried out for the Peace Corps into the broader comparative study. Dr. Maynard's primary activity during late December and January was the translation and editing of Spanish community studies into English, and the supervision of the Peruvian office staff processing and filing the basic field notes upon which the reports are based for future and additional analysis.

2.4. Puerto Rico. Mr. James R. and Dean Dorothy Dulles Bourne arrived in Puerto Rico on 8 November. They found a house to live in which also affords them office space. They employed a secretary who had been secretary to Mr. Bourne when he was director of Puerto Rican Emergency Relief Administration. During November and December the Bournes interviewed some thirty-five persons and carried out much additional work by telephone. They put together a field staff from candidates suggested by the Public Welfare Bureau of the Department of Health, from the general studies program and the College of Social Sciences and School of Social Work of the University of Puerto Rico; by the Department of Labor; by the Puerto Rican Employment Service, and individuals.

(a) The Bournes secured the services of Sra. Mercedes Velez de Perez as assistant director beginning in January. She was a social worker engaged in the original 1931-1932 study of ten rural areas, and later was director of child welfare. She brings to the study the perspective of wide travel in Latin America and Europe as a social worker.

(b) The Puerto Rican restudy also obtained a commitment from Mrs. Angelina Roca to spend a week training its field staff early in January.

(c) The further development of the questionnaire to be employed in the restudy was aided by numerous individuals in Puerto Rico. They included eight of the original social workers who carried out the original study; Dr. Howard Stanton, researcher in the Department of Health with foundation grant funds; Raul Muñoz, Director of Research of the Department of Health; Israel Plannell, Deputy Secretary of Labor; Radames Collazo of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Puerto Rico; Harris Bunker of the College of Education of the University of Puerto Rico; and Pablo Roca, statistician for the original study.

(d) Seeking prestige local sponsorship for their study, the Bournes obtained affirmative responses from the Hon. Jaime Benitez, Chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico; Mr. Rafael Durand, Economic Development Administrator; and the Hon. Luis Rivera Santos, Secretary of Agriculture.

(e) During January, the rural area restudy schedule called for the two directors and assistant director to study government programs and begin field trips to the ten areas under restudy. Four staff members spent a week in each community beginning during January. Following the week's training in Santurce, field work began in Bayamon -- Hato Tejas -- on 17 January, work began in Loiza on 24 January and in Juncos on 30 January.

(f) An additional investigator for the Puerto Rican study was added toward the end of this quarter in the person of Mr. Jack Brown. An anthropologist with considerable graduate study at the University of California at Berkeley, and field experience in Mexico and Bolivia, Mr. Brown formally began work on the Cornell University campus on 14 January 1964. He started familiarizing himself with extant social science literature on cultural change in Puerto Rico in preparation for selecting and studying five small communities to compare with the ten rural areas being restudied by Dean Dorothy Dulles Bourne.

3.0. On-Campus Analysis. During this second quarter of contract operations, on-campus analytical activity continued to accelerate. The data processing activities initiated during the first quarter continued, but at a slower pace as writing and report reproduction became the dominant activities of the full-time project staff. The physical locations of project activities remained the same during this quarter as those previously mentioned.

3.1. Comparison. The project coordinator began an extended period of intensive writing early in this quarter which continued through to the end of January. A significant portion of this period was spent in productive interaction with Dr. Mario C. Vazquez.

(a) Editorial work proceeded during this period. Prof. Lauriston Sharp and Dr. Jane Richardson Hanks reviewed her manuscript on maternity customs in Bang Chan during the initial quarter, and forwarded it to the University for reproduction as a Cornell University Southeast Asia Data Paper. Mr. Warin Wonghanchao prepared a glossary on campus. Mr. Dobyms proofed the manuscript, and Mrs. Cartier typed it on multilith masters. It was then reproduced and bound.

(b) Graduate research assistant Joelle Adlerblum prepared with Dobyms's supervision an exhibition on the Cornell Peru Project for the University's undergraduate Uris Library. This was put up on 11 November 1963. It remained on exhibit until the first weekend in January. Then Miss Adlerblum transferred it to the Mann Library of the New York State School of Agriculture where it was on view throughout the rest of that month. The staff in both libraries remarked on high student interest, and expressed appreciation for the exhibition. Miss Adlerblum continued her analysis of her own data from Guatemala City, and added to the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change bibliography of community studies.

(c) Mr. Robert McDougall prepared several maps and charts for the principal investigators during this quarter, including several for Dr. Vazquez's Vicos analyses.

3.2. Thailand. Graduate research assistant Delmos Jones worked on an index of tribal names in northern Southeast Asia. Names are being crossfiled so any minor name will provide a reference to the more commonly used name. At the same time, Jones is collecting as much information on population, economy, social structure as possible. Mr. Jones also worked during this period on a review of the literature on ideology in order to develop conceptions of ideology to permit systematic comparison of belief systems of widely differing societies.

3.3. India. The routine of data processing settled down to a steady pace by the end of this quarter.

(a) Mrs. Patricia Allan had to cease working on 19 November for health reasons, having spent most of her time typing manuscripts. She was replaced by two part-time workers, both with secretarial skills and anthropological experience or training. Mrs. Lucile Opler began part-time work on 1 January. Mrs. Rhondda Osborne began part-time work on 6 February 1964.

(b) Research graduate assistant Srinivasi Mani continued to translate proverbial materials from Senapur and Rankhandi, aided by Professor Opler's Indian teaching assistant from time to time.

3.4. Andean Region. Mrs. Kay Hanna continued as Prof. Holmberg's secretary, maintaining project financial records, and performing a wide variety of secretarial tasks. Holmberg spent such time as he could during this quarter working up his manuscript report on Viru.

(a) Graduate research assistant Ann Bodine worked long and hard during this quarter translating Vazquez's manuscripts on Vicos from Spanish to English.

(b) Mrs. Sarah F. Stone, research assistant, carried on her re-organization of the Vicos primary data files. Mrs. Cartier and Mrs. Lizbeth Ibarra continued typing duplicate sheets as time permitted.

4.0. Scientific Papers Read. Personnel participating in the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change took part in the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association held in San Francisco, California, near the middle of this quarter on 21-24 November 1963.

4.1. When the contract between the University and AID was signed, Professor Morris E. Opler was serving as President of the American Anthropological Association. He therefore delivered the Presidential Address at the San Francisco meeting on the evening of 23 November. The title was "The Human Being in Culture Theory" and it will be published in the American Anthropologist.

4.2. The coordinator of the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change, Dr. Henry F. Dobyns, delivered a paper "Methodological Limits to Cultural Relativism" in the session on Ethnological History and Theory on 21 November. Data utilized were collected with foundation grant funds, and preparation of the paper carried out with contractual funds.

4.3. A consultant to the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change, Dr. Cara E. Richards, delivered her paper "Women Use the Law, Men Suffer From It: Differential Acculturation Among the Onondaga Iroquois," in the session on Law and Society Control on 21 November.

4.4. The Research Coordinator for the Cornell Peru Project in Lima, Dr. Paul L. Doughty, read on 23 November his paper "The Peace Corps Volunteer as an Agent of Change in the Peruvian Sierra," in the session on Culture Change: The Anthropology of Development. Mr. Doughty is a contract representative for Cornell University under its contract with the Peace Corps of the U.S.A. The data he and others working under that contract are now collecting enters into the cumulative store of information of the Cornell Peru Project and hence the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change. For that reason, his paper is here mentioned.

4.5. Dr. Jane M. Murphy forms part of the staff of the Program of Social Psychiatry at Cornell and is scheduled to serve as a consultant in the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change. She delivered a paper on "The Role of Women in Two Changing Cultures: The Eskimo of St. Lawrence Island and the Egba-Yoruba in Nigeria" in the session on Ethnological Problems of North American Indians on 21 November. She joined with Dr. Charles C. Hughes of Michigan State University and Mr. David B. Macklin of Cornell in presenting another paper on "Domestic Family Composition Among Rural Egba Yoruba" in the session on Domestic Groups and Kinship on 23 November.

4.6. On 27 December 1963, the project coordinator, Dr. Henry F. Dobyns, presented a paper at the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. "Social Solutions for Real and Perceived Aridity in the Andes" was the title of the paper read in a symposium on Arid Lands of Latin America: Their Problems and Approaches to Solution, organized by the AAAS Committee on Desert and Arid Zones Research.

5.0. Scientific Reports Transmitted. During this second quarter of project operations, four scientific reports were transmitted to the Agency for International Development research division, and six others were in

some stage of reproduction at the end of the quarter.  
(Mimeographing proved to be an unexpected bottleneck.)

(a) Social Solutions for Real and Perceived Aridity in the Andes by Henry F. Dobyns was transmitted on 13 January to Dr. Harry L. Naylor. The social sciences division of the Pan-American Union requested a Spanish version of this paper for publication in Ciencias Sociales and one was furnished that organization.

(b) Maternity and Its Pitfalls in Banz Chan by Dr. Jane Richardson Hanks was transmitted on 30 January to Dr. David Tilson. It is in the form of a multilithed Cornell Southeast Asia Program Data Paper, a long-standing series of reports issued at Cornell in small numbers for the use of scholars.

(c) Dine Bitch: Navajo Water Use by Dr. Cara E. Richards was transmitted on 31 January to Dr. David Tilson. It will presumably be published in a scholarly journal.

(d) Methodological Limits to Cultural Relativism by Henry F. Dobyns was transmitted to Dr. David Tilson on 31 January 1964.

6.0. Scientific Reports Published. During this second quarter of contract operations, the following

scientific reports were published by participants in the project.

6.1. Jane Richardson Hanks. Maternity and Its Rituals in Bang Chan. Ithaca: Cornell Southeast Asia Program Data Paper. No.51.

6.2. Henry F. Dobyns.

(a) Review, Cycles of Conquest: The Impact of Spain, Mexico, and the United States on the Indians of the Southwest, 1533-1960, by Edward H. Spicer. American Anthropologist 65:5 (October) 1139-1143.

(b) "An Outline of Andean Epidemic History to 1720," Bulletin of the History of Medicine, 37:6 (Nov.-Dec.) 493-515.

(c) Review, Cycles of Conquest by Edward H. Spicer. Arizona and the West, 5:4 (Winter) 361-363.

7.0. Public Service Activities. The participants in the Comparative Studies of Cultural Change were called upon for public service activities again during this second quarter of contract activities.

7.1. Allan R. Holmberg.

(a) 13-14 November, lectures on community development at Civil Affairs School, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

(b) 2 December, lecture in area studies, Peace corps Volunteer training program, Cornell University.

(c) 4 December, lecture, Modernization in Latin America, North Syracuse Community, in North Syracuse, New York, high school.

(d) 9-10-11 December, meeting, Latin American Science Board, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

(e) 13 December, meeting, Scientific Advisory Committee, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.

(f) 14 December, meeting, Columbia-Cornell-Harvard-Illinois University Summer Field Studies Program, New York.

(g) 16 December, meeting, Steering Committee on Agricultural Development, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

(i) 6 January, lecture, Women's Club, Ithaca, N.Y.

(j) 7 January, Cornell University Forum, discussion, Problems of Underdevelopment, Ithaca, N.Y.

(k) 9 January, lecture, Westminster Club, Buffalo, New York, on "Vicos Program."

(l) 16 January, lecture, Latin America and the Alliance for Progress, Darien Community Association, Darien, Conn.

(m) 17 January, meeting, Advisory Committee on

Latin America, Institute of International Education.  
New York.

(n) 21-22 January, meeting, Research Advisory  
Committee, Agency for International Development,  
Washington, D.C.

7.2. Morriss E. Opler. Presided over meeting  
of Board of the American Anthropological Association,  
20-24 November, and the Council of Fellows, 23 Novem-  
ber.

7.3. Henry F. Dobyns. 12 December, area studies  
lectures, Peace Corps Volunteer training program,  
Latin America, Cornell University.