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Dear Glen:

Thank you for all the time and attention you gave to me during my brief visit to Michigan State. I especially appreciated the opportunity for an informal session with you, John Useem and others Sunday evening following your long drive from Utah.

Monday morning Wilbur Brookover and I had an informal session regarding the Pakistan Academy training project. We are sending him additional information. After lunch I spent an hour with Stan Andrews who is a dynamic, creative man. Although I lack a clear-cut idea of the content of his Communications Project it should have some applicability in community development. Stan's concept of community development, as well as ideas expressed by other staff members at MSU, suggests there is still thinking and talking to be done before a common understanding is reached.

Touched base with Dean Harper of Social Services who is acquainted with the U.N. and ICA definitions of community development. He appreciates the differences between community development and social work, community organization practice and theory. He mentioned the need for university interdepartmental coordinating machinery to plan participant training programs. He cited the case of two U.N. sponsored fundamental education men from Burma who, although they came to the University under the banner of social welfare by way of the International Office of the Social Security Administration, require a program broader than that offered by the School of Social Services.

To be discussed

Also discussed with Harper the decision to ask Phil Hauser of Chicago to pick up on Abdul Darpi whose major interest is population rather than social welfare. I am sorry that in our initial inquiries regarding Darpi and Horacio Borroneo we failed to provide adequate background information. Ralph has a bio-data

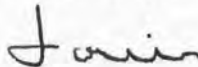
sheet on Borrromeo. His primary interest is an across-the-board look at supervisory techniques. The focus should not be on agriculture per se, or any one subject-matter field. If Borrromeo measures up to the other two Presidential Assistants (there are four) now in the country he will be quick, intelligent and eager to learn. I believe that a "tailored" academic quarter at MSU would be profitable. The other men from the Philippines who are remaining in the country longer are spending a semester under the guidance of Polson at Cornell.

As now planned, Borrromeo's program will include study and observation of supervisory techniques in both Jamaica and Puerto Rico. We hope that MSU can take him for either the winter or spring quarter. We would appreciate a decision soon as we are obliged to send a tentative program to our Mission in Manila before his departure about January 2.

May we use your office as the contact and focal point for our limited number of community development participants? I believe that such an arrangement would facilitate the work of both MSU and this office as these people cannot be serviced by any one discipline or specialist field and require carefully "tailored" programming.

It was encouraging to find a patient, understanding group in East Lansing. After seeing Harper I spent an hour with Walt Freeman and had an opportunity to speak to Charles Loomis on the phone. Please share this letter with Ralph. A copy is being sent to Dean Harper. I would appreciate it if you would thank Useem and others with whom I met. The time at MSU was well spent.

Sincerely yours,



Louis Miniclier, Chief
Community Development Division

3 December 1957

Louis Miniclier, Chief
Community Development Division
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Dear Louis

Thank you for your letter of 21 November. We appreciated your being on campus and enjoyed the informal sessions we had with you. They were very stimulating and I am sure increased our understanding with regard to the whole concept of Community Development as related to the international program.

We will appreciate your sending us any materials you may have that will tend to continue the enlightenment. We are sure this is a concept and a process that we need to understand if we are to work effectively in our project in Pakistan, and of course in dealing with some of the students and professors from abroad who come to our campus for training.

I shall be glad to have you use our office as a contact point for training in Community Development. I am sure we will be able to work with Mr Borromeo in the development of his program. We would appreciate your letting us know what his schedule will be - whether he will be arriving here for the Winter or the Spring Quarter.

Sincerely

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Dr. Glen L. Taggart
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Dear Dr. Taggart:

Because Mr. Miniclier is out of town attending a conference on community development and national change, I am answering your letter of December 3.

I hope I am not sending you material which you have already, but thought you would be interested in the attached copies of the Community Development Review. Issue Number 3 contains both the ICA and UN policy statements on community development. Issue Number 6 presents three case studies of national community development programs in India, The Philippines, and Pakistan. There is also attached the First Annual Report of the Philippine Community Development Program.

We are very pleased that we will be able to use your office as contact point for training in Community Development, and that you will be able to accept Mr. Borromeo for training. We are thinking in terms of the Spring quarter. We would appreciate your letting us know of the tuition and other fees which will be connected with his program, outside of the regular per diem and travel provided by ICA.

I will share your letter with Mr. Miniclier when he returns.

Sincerely yours,

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