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Indonesia in general is "hostile" and a camera crew traveling around over the island would probably get into trouble unless previous arrangements had been made. I remarked that we have two or three RF fellows in movie making who are now back in Indonesia, as well as a number of agricultural fellows and that perhaps we could work through them.

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Dr. Efferson says that Colombia is a very interesting rice country where the crop is grown in high mountain valleys, and where harvesting and seeding can be found in certain valleys in almost any month of the year.

On the ceremonial and religious aspects of rice culture there is no single good reference. Dr. Efferson will send us his 16 page pamphlet on the story of rice and will see if he can find some references when he returns home. He also mentioned Grist's book on rice, published for Longman's as a possible source.

Mr. Douglas Overton of the Japan Society and the Asia Society knows a good deal about rice and might advise us about ceremonial and religious use.

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long been conducted on rice as a deterrent to heart disease. This might be an interesting point in the presentation of the importance of rice in the human diet.

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Indonesia is generally a "rice" area and a common crop throughout the island would probably not make a very interesting picture. I remember that we have two or three rice experiments but none have been made. I remember that we have two or three rice experiments but none have been made. I remember that we have two or three rice experiments but none have been made.

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