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Harvard Univ.
Indian population

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COMMENTS:

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SUBJECT:

There are current three general opinions about population control: First, that a balance between population and resources be reached by reduction of births; second, to increase resources of food and necessary goods; and third, to allow deaths to increase.

"Control of births alone conceivably could solve the situation. Increasing production alone could never achieve such a solution, because there would always be more people to feed, clothe and keep well. Up to now the world has given attention almost exclusively to the possibility of an increased production. The biological nature of our physical existence makes it possible to balance the situation only by giving attention to both - natality and production." (Part 2, page 3 of attached report)

The attached proposal from Harvard University is a preliminary approach that represents a real and unique opportunity for The Rockefeller Foundation. If I were free to use my own judgment, I would support it with ample funds.

May I have your comments?

A. M. W.

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Attachment

(Interview DR. 9/30/53)

1. Avoid intrusion - Indian home life?
2. Basic assumption that policy decision is an Indian decision?
3. Is coercion and pressure to be used?