

MEMORANDUM

as prepared by 7DR 3rd.

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Subject: Opportunities in the Broad Field of Population.

1. Basic research relating to human fertility and the physiology of reproduction.
2. Development of a more effective, cheap and simple contraceptive, having in mind particularly the people of under-developed areas.
3. Studies concerning the motivational patterns relating to family size, and factors influencing them.
4. Assistance to improve the technical quality and effectiveness of selected operating programs or clinics in countries with acute population pressures.
5. An educational program.
6. Studies as to the consequences which would result from the finding of an ideal contraceptive.
7. Assistance to countries with population problems in the development of interest, research, and personnel in the population field.

Such assistance might take the form of grants to institutions working in the field, fellowships to assist individuals, and the making available of scientists and technical knowledge from abroad.
8. A study of the United States population situation with the objective of obtaining information which would make long-range planning possible.

Such a study would be helpful in arriving at the factors which would determine what the optimum population of a country is.
9. Serve as a focal point for facts and information on significant activities and developments relating to the population problem.

- ✓ 10. Serve, as requested, as a channel of contact between individuals and organizations in the United States and elsewhere for the exchange of ideas, information, and assistance.
11. Take leadership in basic thinking and planning in the broad field of population.
12. Studies of the population problem in a limited community where the factors involved can be considered together. (Etawah project in India.)

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