

Notes from Population Program Retreat

Date: February 5-6, 1966

Place: Blockade Runner Hotel, Wilmington, North Carolina

Present: Dr. Graham (Chairman), Dr. Freymann, Mrs. Stephens, Drs. Abernathy, Adams, Arnold, Blalock, Butler, Chipman, Coulter, Flowers, Gentry, Greenberg, Gulick, Lachenbruch, Morris, Siegel and Udry.

The discussion first dealt with general organizational aspects, then with geographic interests and special project interests, and finally with budget and general matters.

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A preliminary draft note on organizational aspects was presented and discussed. The group agreed on a general pattern which includes the Population Program Board, Population Center, Program Study Groups, Departmental Projects (and interdepartmental task forces for special projects), and Field Study areas. The revised discussion note summarizing the composition and functions of the different elements of the total program is attached. The diagram illustrating relationships between these groups is also attached.

The Board at present is more or less covering the functions which will ultimately be covered by the Board, the Center and the Study Groups. Ultimately, the Board will focus on advisory and policy guidance for the program. It may be reconstituted after Dr. Freymann arrives, with this in view.

The Center will help to stimulate different aspects of the total program, will support and assist the Study Groups, will undertake interdisciplinary projects that are difficult to handle wholly within departments, will develop relationships with Study Areas, and will serve to generate financial support and coordinate the budgeting of funds for the program. The full-time staff of the Center should represent different disciplines, and serve as "bridges" between the Center and concerned departments of the University.

The Study Groups will be organized in six technical areas (as earlier developed in the Ford Foundation proposal). The need for such Study Groups seems clear in this complex field, as a means of bringing to bear the insight and tools of various disciplines. Otherwise, it may be impossible to pin down relevant variables. Each group will have a chairman and a secretary. The secretary may where feasible be a staff member of the Population Center. Dr. Freymann can be an exofficio member of each study group.