

SUBJECT: REPORT OF TRIP OF DEANS C. E. ERICKSON AND MILTON E. MUELDER
TO JAPAN AND OKINAWA. 10 JANUARY 1956 TO 27 JANUARY 1956.

INTRODUCTION:

PURPOSE OF VISIT

TRIP OF DEAN ERICKSON AND DEAN MUELDER TO JAPAN AND OKINAWA WAS PERFORMED UNDER CONTRACT #DA11-1009-QM-24933 BETWEEN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY. THIS REPORT WILL CONFINE ITSELF LARGELY TO OBSERVATIONS AND MATERIAL SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE REGULAR QUARTERLY REPORTS OF THE MSU MISSION. OUR VISIT, WE BELIEVE, RENDERED RECIPROCAL BENEFITS TO BOTH MSU AND ITS MISSION ABROAD. BECAUSE OF THE FACTORS OF GREAT PHYSICAL SEPARATION AND THE NECESSITY TO DELEGATE MANY RESPONSIBILITIES TO MISSION MEMBERS, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SUPPLEMENT WRITTEN REPORTS WITH A PERSONAL VISIT IN ORDER TO REVIEW ON THE SPOT PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PRESENT PROGRAMS, AND FUTURE PLANNING. OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THESE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUISITES IS THE NEED THROUGH SUCH VISITS TO DEMONSTRATE CONVINCINGLY TO THE STAFF ABROAD THAT MSU IS MAINTAINING A SINCERE INTEREST IN THEIR WORK, PROBLEMS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ALSO IT IS FREQUENTLY POSSIBLE FOR PERSONS REPRESENTING MSU TO DO THINGS FOR THE MISSION WHICH THEY CANNOT DO SO EASILY FOR THEMSELVES, SUCH AS CLARIFYING FOR IMPORTANT LOCAL AUTHORITIES, BOTH NATIVE AND AMERICAN, THE PURPOSES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MSU GROUP, CALLING ATTENTION TO SPECIAL NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE, AND INDICATING THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS THE SINCERITY AND INTEREST OF MSU IN ITS MISSION ABROAD.

VISIT IN JAPAN:

SIGNIFICANCE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND OKINAWA

JAPAN WAS INCLUDED AGAIN ON THE ITINERARY FOR SEVERAL REASONS. THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE FAR EASTERN COMMAND IS IN TOKYO AND IS HEADED BY GENERAL L. L. LEMNITZER, WHO IS THE GOVERNOR OF THE RYUKYUS ISLANDS.

THE OLDER EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL TIES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE RYUKYUS STILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE AND IT IS WELL TO TRY TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SOME OF THE LEADING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN.

RYUKYUANS ARE STILL SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO JAPAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO A VERY LARGE EXTENT IF THEY HAVE ANY MEANS AT ALL. JAPANESE PROFESSORS IN EDUCATION HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED IN OKINAWA TO ASSIST WITH SUMMER WORKSHOPS AND INSTITUTE PROGRAMS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. IN JAPAN THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. ALSO THE TEXTBOOKS USED IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE PRINTED IN JAPAN AND MUCH OF THE MATERIAL FOR THE LIBRARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS OF NECESSITY COMES FROM JAPAN.

CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL L. L. LEMNITZER AND HIS STAFF

IN OUR CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL LEMNITZER WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE MSU PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS WHICH HE REGARDS AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT U.S. PROJECTS IN OKINAWA. HE SEES CLEARLY THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF THE UNIVERSITY IN INFLUENCING A BROAD SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION THROUGH ITS TRAINING OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS FOR THE ENTIRE ISLAND. HE AGREES STRONGLY THAT ANY TRANSFER OF THE MSU MISSION TO GRI (GOVERNMENT OF THE RYUKYUS ISLANDS) AT THIS TIME WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO A DEFEAT OF THE MSU PROGRAM. THE GRI, TO HIS MIND, IS TOO WEAK AND TOO INEXPERIENCED TO ACCEPT SUCH RESPONSIBILITY. HE IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS AND IS TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY AT HIS DISPOSAL TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION IN JAPAN ON THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS IN ORDER TO HELP GIVE THE UNIVERSITY STATUS AND RESPECT. THERE IS APPARENTLY A DELIBERATE POLICY OF THE JAPANESE PRESS TO PLAY DOWN OR TO THROW A VEIL OF SILENCE ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS.

WE WERE KINDLY ASSISTED, AS USUAL, BY DR. ARTHUR K. LOOMIS OF GENERAL LEMNITZER'S STAFF IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE EDUCATORS. WE MET WITH THE NEW HEAD OF J-5, MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL STRICKLER, WHO IS A SUCCESSOR TO MAJOR GENERAL TRAUB. WE CONFERRED BRIEFLY WITH CAPTAIN WEBSTER, USN, OF J-5. LT. COLONEL REYNOLDS, FORMERLY AT MSU, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RELATIONS BRANCH, IS READY AND EAGER TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE THE MSU PERSONNEL WHO COME TO TOKYO. HIS LIST OF GREETINGS BACK TO STAFF IN EAST LANSING IS A VERY LONG ONE.

JAPANESE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

VISITS IN TOKYO INCLUDED CONFERENCES WITH PRESIDENT YANAIBARA OF THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY AND WITH PRESIDENT OHAMA AT WASEDA UNIVERSITY WITH WHOM WE ENJOYED A LUNCHEON. TOKYO UNIVERSITY, THE OLD IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY, STILL IS REGARDED AS THE FOREMOST UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN AND HAS AN ENROLLMENT OF ABOUT 7000 STUDENTS. WASEDA UNIVERSITY IS A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY AND HAS AN ENROLLMENT OF ABOUT 30,000 STUDENTS. WE HAD CONFERENCES WITH RYOKUN TAKASATO, LIAISON OFFICER OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, AND HIS STAFF. THIS IS THE OFFICE WHICH MAKES ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTACTS AND VISITS WITH OTHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN. IT WAS THROUGH THE SERVICES OF THIS OFFICE THAT DR. LOOMIS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR US TO VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOKKAIDO.

OUR VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HOKKAIDO WAS PROMPTED BY THE INFORMATION WE HAD RECEIVED THAT THIS UNIVERSITY, MORE THAN ANY OTHER IN JAPAN, UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED THE FUNCTIONS AND PURPOSES OF A LAND-GRANT INSTITUTION IN AMERICA. WE FOUND THAT THE CONCEPT OF SERVICE, IN ADDITION TO RESEARCH AND TEACHING, WAS PRESENT PARTICULARLY IN THE FACULTIES OF AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION. THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE EMPHASIZED ITS INTEREST IN STRICTLY FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH YET WE FOUND THEM VERY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR

PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS. THEY SUGGESTED, IN FACT, AN EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORSHIPS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS. PROFESSOR MAKINO, A WORLD AUTHORITY IN GENETICS, WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL ON THIS POINT. THE FACULTY OF LITERATURE APPEARED TO BE INTERESTED ONLY IN ITS IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING. DR. HIDEYASU NAKAGAWA, PROFESSOR OF RELIGION AT HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY, WHO HAS HIS DOCTOR'S DEGREE FROM THE YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL, ACTED AS OUR INTERPRETER. WHILE IN HOKKAIDO WE ALSO VISITED WITH PROFESSOR T. FUJINO, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE HOKKAIDO TEACHERS COLLEGE. THIS COLLEGE IS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH TRAINING TEACHERS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION. FROM PUBLICATIONS OF THE STAFF, HOWEVER, THERE IS A REAL INTEREST IN FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH, AT LEAST IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES. PROFESSOR FUJINO IS ONE OF THE JAPANESE EDUCATORS WHO HAS ASSISTED WITH ONE OF THE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS IN OKINAWA. HE APPEARED COOPERATIVE, CAPABLE, WELL-BALANCED, AND WELL-POISED.

CONFERENCES WERE HELD WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION, IWAO NISHIMURA, AND WITH DR. HALL OF THE ASIA FOUNDATION. THE ASIA FOUNDATION IS INTERESTED IN HELPING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT ASIA. WE SAW DR. HALL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER HIS VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS. HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND WITH OUR MISSION MEMBERS. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE ASIA FOUNDATION COULD AND WOULD ASSIST WITH A CONFERENCE OF ASIAN UNIVERSITIES AT WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS WOULD BE THE HOST. THIS WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF GIVING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS FACULTY A REAL PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST AS WELL AS TO HELP PUT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS "ON THE MAP" IN THE ASIAN WORLD. FINALLY, IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF OUR TIME, DEAN MUELDER VISITED THE NEW AND VERY IMPRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL CENTER IN TOKYO WHILE DEAN ERICKSON VISITED SOME OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS ONE OF THE TEACHER TRAINING UNIVERSITIES.

IN ORDER TO BROADEN THE BASE OF CONTACT WITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF IMPORTANT JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTERS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IN THE FUTURE KYOTO BE INCLUDED ON THE ITINERARY.

OKINAWA

CONCERN OVER "RESIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY"

A MAJOR AND INCREASING CONCERN OF THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ON OKINAWA IS THE QUESTION OF "RESIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY" OVER THE RYUKYUS, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO JAPAN IN ITS TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES. WHILE NO TIME LIMIT WAS PLACED ON THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF THE RYUKYUS, THERE HAS BEEN INCREASING AGITATION AMONG THE JAPANESE IN THEIR EMPHASIS THAT THE RYUKYUS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO JAPAN, THAT JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY HAS BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED, AND THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RYUKYUANS THAT THEY ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF JAPANESE LAW AND ADMINISTRATION.

THE RYUKYUANS REFER TO THEMSELVES AS BEING A "LAWLESS PEOPLE" ENJOYING NEITHER THE FULL BENEFITS OF JAPANESE LAW NOR AMERICAN LAW. INDEED, AS NATIONALS THEY ARE ORPHANS AND ARE DE FACTO WARDS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE BASE OF OUR AUTHORITY RESTS UPON CONQUEST. UNDER THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION THE RYUKYUANS HAVE BEEN TREATED GENERALLY WITH A GREAT DEAL OF CONSIDERATION, GIVEN THE LIMITATION OF MILITARY NECESSITY IN CERTAIN MATTERS SUCH AS THE LAND QUESTION WHICH REMAINS AN OPEN NERVE FOR THE RYUKYUANS AND AN ACHILLES' HEEL FOR US.

SEVERAL FACTORS, GROWING OUT OF THE "RESIDUAL SOVEREIGNTY" QUESTION, IMPINGE UPON THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. IF THE ACCENT IN JAPAN IS INCREASINGLY TOWARD EXTREME NATIONALISM AND IF THEIR TEXTBOOKS EMPHASIZE, IN A MANNER OFFENSIVE TO US, THE JAPANESE RIGHT TO RULE THE RYUKYUANS, THEN THE QUESTION ARISES FOR USCAR WHETHER SUCH JAPANESE TEXTBOOKS CAN BE USED (PRESENTLY JAPANESE TEXTBOOKS ARE USED) AND IF THEY ARE NOT USED FROM WHAT

SOURCE TEXTBOOKS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION WILL BE OBTAINED. ALSO, ONE OF THE BASIC POLICIES WHICH MUST BE CLARIFIED IS WHETHER IN THE EDUCATION OF THE RYUKYUANS THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED THROUGH POSITIVE STEPS BY US FOR AN EVENTUAL REVERSION TO JAPAN OR WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE HELPED IN THE DIRECTION OF A BETTER AND CLOSER UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN PROGRAMS AND POLICY.

AN INCREASE HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE NUMBER OF JAPANESE COMING TO OKINAWA TO PARTICIPATE IN WAR MEMORIAL AND DEDICATION SERVICES OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER. A PHYSICS INSTRUCTOR IN ONE OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS INFORMED US THAT INSUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY THE AMERICANS BUT THAT THE JAPANESE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS FOR THE OKINAWANS (QUESTION AS TO EXACT TITLE) IS PROVIDING FUNDS FOR NEEDED LABORATORY EQUIPMENT IN HIS DEPARTMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE RYUKYUANS LACK, AS A "LAWLESS PEOPLE," A NATIONAL SYMBOL IT IS BELIEVED BY SEVERAL OF THE IMPORTANT AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN JAPAN AND OKINAWA THAT THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS HELPS FILL, IN PART AT LEAST, THIS EMOTIONAL GAP AND NEED.

THE PROBLEMS REFERRED TO ABOVE ARE MATTERS WHICH CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. WE HAVE ASKED THE MSU MISSION MEMBERS TO CONFINE AND TO CONSERVE THEIR ENERGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS, AN ENORMOUS TASK IN ITSELF, AND TO AVOID POLEMICAL DISCUSSION OF SENSITIVE POLITICAL MATTERS WITH THE RYUKYUANS. THE MSU MISSION IS LIKewise TO STAY FREE OF ANY INVOLVEMENT IN PERSONALITY CONFLICTS THAT MIGHT ARISE FROM TIME TO TIME WITHIN USCAR ITSELF. OUR OBLIGATION IS TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS AND TO USCAR AND ON THE WHOLE WE HAVE HELD RATHER SUCCESSFULLY TO THIS COURSE.

VISITS WITH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN OKINAWA

OUR CONFERENCES WITH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH LT. GENERAL MOORE, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE RYUKYUS; BRIGADIER GENERAL BURGER, HEAD OF USCAR; MR. EARL DIFFENDERFER, HEAD OF CIVIL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION DIVISION OF USCAR; AND MR. STEEVES, CONSUL GENERAL.

MR. DIFFENDERFER HELD A RECEPTION AND DINNER IN OUR HONOR, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY ALL OF THE IMPORTANT HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND DIVISIONS OF BOTH USCAR AND OF GENERAL MOORE'S IMMEDIATE STAFF. BOTH DEAN ERICKSON AND DEAN MUELDER SPOKE ABOUT THE INTEREST AND WISH OF MSU TO BE HELPFUL BOTH TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS AND TO THE LOCAL MILITARY COMMAND IN THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST. BUT OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO US WAS GENERAL MOORE'S TALK IN WHICH HE PAID PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO THE FINE WORK BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE MSU MISSION. HIS SUPPORT OF THE MSU PROGRAM BEFORE HIS OWN STAFF WAS UNEQUIVOCAL AND, THEREFORE, TO US VERY ENCOURAGING.

WE FOUND ON THE PART OF BOTH GENERALS MOORE AND BURGER A WARM AND FRIENDLY RECEPTION WITH MANY INDICATIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK OF THE MSU GROUP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS. OF THE MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY THEY UNDERScoreD PARTICULARLY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXTENSION PROGRAM IN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN VIEW OF ITS RECIPROCAL ADVANTAGES TO BOTH RYUKYUANS AND THE MILITARY.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS REMAIN A MAJOR CONCERN. THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN OKINAWA. THE AVERAGE INCOME OF THE JAPANESE IS ABOUT \$216 PER YEAR AS OPPOSED TO THAT OF THE OKINAWAN AT \$143. TOTAL TRADE OF OKINAWA IN THE PAST YEAR WAS QUOTED TO US AT ABOUT \$60,000,000 OF WHICH \$50,000,000 WAS FOR IMPORT AND \$10,000,000 FOR EXPORT. THE IMBALANCE OF TRADE, OF COURSE, WAS MADE UP FROM MILITARY SERVICE SOURCES.

CHANGES IN OKINAWA

NUMEROUS CHANGES AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENTS NOTED IN PREVIOUS REPORTS, SUCH AS THE SETTING UP OF NEW HOMES AND BUILDINGS, ARE STILL ON THE INCREASE. THE CONTINUED EXPANSION OF NEW BUSINESSES SUGGESTS MORE THAN A TEMPORARY SHIFT FROM A PURELY AGRARIAN ECONOMY. WE DID NOT GET AN EXACT ESTIMATE AS TO HOW LARGE THE TOTAL ECONOMIC SHIFT HAS BEEN BUT ONE CAN OBSERVE CHANGES CLEARLY AND READILY. IMPRESSIVE TOO IS THE ERECTION OF MANY HUNDREDS OF NEW TOMBS. FAMILY TOMBS HOLD VALUES OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PRESTIGE AS WELL AS RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE IN THE RYUKYUAN SOCIETY. LOOKING AHEAD AS TO HOW THE NEW UNIVERSITY CAN BE OF FURTHER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE IT WOULD SEEM CLEAR THAT WORK IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. AS SOON AS OPENINGS IN THE MSU MISSION ALLOWS IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WE SEND AS ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES A PERSON IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

VISITS WITH RYUKYUAN EDUCATORS

A MEETING WAS ARRANGED FOR THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS TO MEET WITH DEAN ERICKSON AND DEAN MUELDER WHICH MEETING HAS NOW BECOME MORE OR LESS TRADITIONAL. INVOLVED IS A SPEECH OF WELCOME BY MR. ONAGA, THE BUSINESS MANAGER; THEN A SPEECH OF APPRECIATION AND A PROGRESS REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT, THIS YEAR PRESIDENT ASATO; AND THEN THERE IS THE INELUCTABLE EXCHANGE OF "PRESENTOS." THE DEPARTMENT OF ART AT MSU AGAIN MADE AVAILABLE A FINE SELECTION OF WORKS OF ITS STAFF TO BE PRESENTED AS A GIFT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ART AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS. TWO COPIES OF THE HISTORY OF MICHIGAN STATE BY MADISON KUHN, PERSONALLY INSCRIBED BY PRESIDENT HANNAH, WERE PRESENTED, ONE TO PRESIDENT ASATO AND THE OTHER TO THE LIBRARY. BRIEF SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY THE MSU VISITORS COMMENTING ON

THE PROGRESS TO DATE AND EMPHASIZING ANEW THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF A UNIVERSITY WHICH IS WILLING TO INTEGRATE THE IDEA OF SERVICE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

WE MET WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY; THE HEAD OF THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, MR. GOEKU; THE FOUNDATION'S SECRETARY, MR. NAKADA; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF GRI. PROFESSOR KUHN THOUGHTFULLY ARRANGED AN EVENING SOCIAL GATHERING AT HIS HOME FOR THE OFFICIALS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE MSU MISSION. THIS WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME THAT THESE VARIOUS GROUPS WERE EVER ASSEMBLED IN ONE ROOM AT THE SAME TIME.

OF THE OKINAWAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS VISITED, SPECIAL MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE FISHING SCHOOL WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE OF USCAR. IN VIEW OF THE REAL POTENTIAL WHICH THE FISHING INDUSTRY HAS FOR THE RYUKYUAN ECONOMY, WE WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE DEGREE OF PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. IT PRESENTLY HAS SOME 295 STUDENTS. THE CURRICULA IS ORGANIZED AROUND SUCH BASIC PROGRAMS AS NAVIGATION, FISHING AND FISH CULTURE, STEAMBOAT ENGINEERING AND THE PROCESSING OF FISH PRODUCTS. THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY ON THE SHORES OF ONE OF THE MINOR PORTS WITH READY ACCESS TO THE SEA. PRESENTLY IT ONLY HAS ONE SHIP OF THIRTY TONS, MUCH TOO SMALL FOR THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS. EMPLOYMENT ON COMMERCIAL SHIPS HAS BEEN WORKED OUT, HOWEVER, FOR TRAINING OF SOME OF THE STUDENTS. ALL GRADUATES OF THE SCHOOL HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED TO DATE. FURTHER ADVANCES AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SCHOOL ARE IN THE OFFING, SUCH AS THE ACQUISITION OF RADAR EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY BE USED BOTH FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES AND FOR THE DETECTION OF SCHOOLS OF FISH. FISHING CONSTITUTES ANOTHER FIELD IN WHICH THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD

CONSIDER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND POSSIBLY PROVIDE ADVANCED WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE FISHING SCHOOL AND THE NEW FISHING INDUSTRY WHICH IS GETTING UNDER WAY.

VISITS WITH MSU MISSION

PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE MSU MISSION IN OKINAWA INCLUDE:

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| BERNARD D. KUHN, CHIEF OF MISSION | AGRICULTURE |
| MARGARET HARRIS | HOME ECONOMICS |
| DAVID MEAD | ENGLISH |
| JACK ELLIOTT | BOTANY |
| TEXTON MILLER | VOCATIONAL EDUCATION |

PROFESSOR ROY ALEXANDER LEFT OKINAWA TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES THE DAY BEFORE OUR ARRIVAL. HIS WORK IN EDUCATION HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. IT WILL CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY MICHIGAN STATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS. THE WORK OF THE MISSION MEMBERS GENERALLY FALLS INTO THESE BROAD CATEGORIES:

- 1) TO GIVE SPECIAL COURSES AND SEMINARS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS STAFF,
- 2) TO HELP DEVELOP EXTENSION AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS,
- 3) TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON THE GENERAL ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY,
- 4) TO ASSIST WITH THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

THESE RESPONSIBILITIES CONSTITUTE A VERY BROAD FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH OUR GROUP OPERATES. THE MORALE OF THE MSU GROUP WAS EXCELLENT. EACH MEMBER IS MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION. THE AREA WHICH WE HAVE GIVEN THE STRONGEST EMPHASIS AND REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN EDUCATION, WITH THE CONSEQUENCE THAT THIS FACULTY HAS PROGRESSED RATHER IMPRESSIVELY. IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION TO MAINTAIN STRONG REPRESENTATION IN THIS AREA BECAUSE OF THE ROLE OF TEACHER TRAINING IN EXTENDING THE INFLUENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY THROUGHOUT THE RYUKYUS. THE QUARTERLY REPORTS GIVE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMS WHICH ARE BEING CARRIED OUT DIRECTLY OR BEING SPONSORED BY THE MSU MISSION MEMBERS AND WILL NOT BE REPEATED HERE.

ONE OR TWO ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST WILL BE MENTIONED HOWEVER.

THE MSU GROUP IS ACTIVE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN OF AN ASIAN UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE AT WHICH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS WOULD BE THE HOST. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHETHER THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN VIEW OF THE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED, BUT THE IDEA IS SOUND AND THE MSU MISSION IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR BOTH ITS IMAGINATION AND VIGOR IN PURSUING THE IDEA. ASSISTANCE MAY BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE ASIAN FOUNDATION TO HELP FINANCE AND PROMOTE THIS CONFERENCE.

THE EXTENSION PROGRAMS IN HOME ECONOMICS AND AGRICULTURE HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AND AN IMPORTANT PROGRAM IN THE EXTENSION OF THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH IS NOW SUCCESSFULLY UNDER WAY. THE BASIC ISSUE AS TO WHETHER AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION BELONG TO GRI OR THE UNIVERSITY STILL REMAINS UNRESOLVED.

WHAT THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE REPRESENTS ANOTHER MAJOR CURRENT PROBLEM. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR MANY RYUKYUANS, ACCUSTOMED TO ANOTHER TRADITION, TO GRASP THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNING BOARD WHICH HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AN INSTITUTION BUT THE FUNDS FOR WHICH ARE VOTED BY THE LEGISLATURE. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE REPORTED THAT LAST YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED 100% OF ITS OPERATING FUNDS FROM GRI.

THE NEW SHIKIYA LIBRARY IS COMPLETED AND IS A FINE ADDITION TO THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY. THE SHELL FOR THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING IS NOW FINISHED AND PLANS ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE ERECTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE USE OF NEIGHBORING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE USED AS LABORATORIES FOR TEACHING. THE LAND-USE SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED ABOUT 1 APRIL AND WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE IN

REVEALING INFORMATION CONCERNING FARM PRACTICES AND AREAS IN WHICH THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE OF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE. IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION FOR THIS SURVEY IT WAS NOTED THAT FARMERS ARE QUITE WILLING AND IN SOME CASES QUITE FLATTERED TO BE APPROACHED FOR INFORMATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNIVERSITY. THE REAL AND INITIAL FEAR OF THE FARMERS IS THAT SOMEBODY IS BEING SENT OUT TO SURVEY THEIR FIELDS WITH A VIEW OF TAKING MORE LAND FOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. IT IS HOPED WITHIN THE YEAR TO HAVE AN HERBARIUM ESTABLISHED. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING SPECIAL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO DEVELOP THE VERY BEST METHODS POSSIBLE IN LECTURE-LABORATORY INSTRUCTION FOR THE SCIENCE AREAS.

THE PRESENT ENROLLMENT IS APPROXIMATELY 1400 STUDENTS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ENROLLMENT NEXT YEAR WILL BE 1700 STUDENTS. THIS IS QUITE SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE UNIVERSITY MAY BE ESSENTIALLY THOUGHT OF AS A POOR MAN'S UNIVERSITY. MOST OF THOSE WITH ANY INCOME SEND THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO JAPAN.

HAVING OBSERVED SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES IN ASIA, THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS BEGIN TO COMPARE VERY FAVORABLY. ITS SITE, IN FACT, IS INCOMPARABLE. THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE PROBLEM IS THAT OF UPGRADING THE STAFF. THERE IS NEED TO DEVISE QUICKER METHODS OF UPGRADING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS STAFF. THE PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY PLACES SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THIS NEED WHICH WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE FOR SOME TIME TO COME. THERE IS LIKEWISE NEED FOR CONTINUED SELECTION OF VERY COMPETENT FACULTY TO SERVE ON THE MSU MISSION.

AN INFORMAL AND ORAL REPORT OF THE VISIT TO JAPAN AND OKINAWA WAS MADE AT THE PENTAGON IN COLONEL NORMAN KING'S OFFICE 23 FEBRUARY BEFORE OUR RETURN TO LANSING.