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II. The ~~entire~~ entire police advisory program would seem to lend itself to a case study with particular attention to:

A. Early problems in technical fields.

4. ~~Q.~~ ^{Overcoming the} Lack of advanced technology (i.e. ^{no} radio networks, variety of electrical power throughout host country, paucity of local commodities essential to modern law enforcement, etc).

3. ~~Q.~~ Developing suitable counterpart relationships.

1. ~~Q.~~ Defining areas of assistance and delimiting commodity contributions accordingly.

2. ~~Q.~~ Determining to what degree Western technology and administration can be transplanted or ^{modified} to the host country law enforcement organizations.

~~Q.~~ B. Continuing assistance techniques, meeting changes in conditions, dealing with time-lags (i.e. ordering commodities which finally arrive months after condition changes make their best use more difficult).

C. An exploration of the political and social climates within which the advisory program operates.

1. Uniformity of cooperation within all levels of government and within all counterpart organizations.

~~2x~~ 2. Limitations placed upon participation by advisors because of rising nationalistic feeling and other factors.

3. All of those areas of inquiry ~~mentioned~~ mentioned in the previous outline.

This is admittedly an open-ended kind of proposal, with no limits placed upon scope or subject matter. The material ~~however~~ for a case study, however, resides in the records of the MSUG Police Administration Division. A systematic presentation of the manifold considerations, difficulties and achievements might prove valuable as a resource for future advisory missions, as well as a historic documentation of the mission's work.