

**The Administration of Hill Tribe Development and Welfare
Programs of the Department of Public Welfare**

ABSTRACT

This study begins with a discussion of the reasons for the Hill Tribe Development Plan. Among the reasons considered are the following: 1) hill tribesmen are likely to destroy forests and harm watersheds; 2) many hill tribesmen grow and trade in opium; 3) hill tribes may be infiltrated by communists and made hostile to Thailand. The study then provides a description of the government's hill tribe activities and of the administrative apparatus responsible for the hill tribe programs. In the Department of Public Welfare, committees have been created in order to: 1) establish the Tribal Research Centre in the North of Thailand; 2) recruit and train personnel to work with hill tribe people; 3) create mobile units for hill tribes; and 4) establish self help land settlements for hill tribes. The aim of all these projects is the social and economic development of the hill tribesmen and the strengthening of their loyalty to Thailand.

At the conclusion of the study several suggestions for improving the government's hill tribe work are made. A major suggestion is that the Division of Hill Tribe Affairs in the Department of Public Welfare should be reorganized and placed under the direct supervision and control of the Director General of the Department. Problems of budget, personnel, coordination, and communication are also commented on and suggestions are made for improvement.

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