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SUBJECT **Description of Roads in Northern Sumatra**

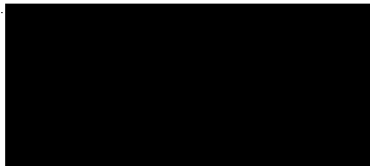
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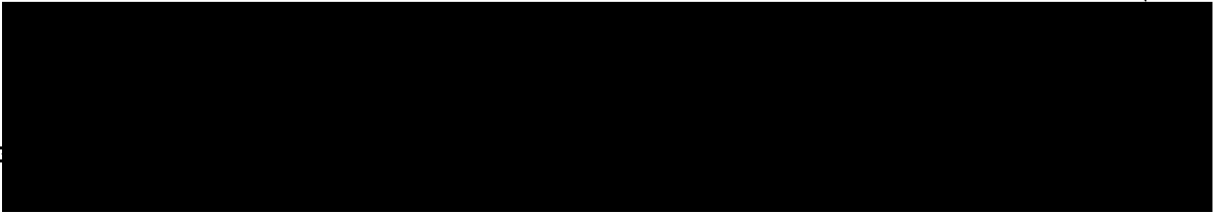
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A. The Siantar - Rantauparapat Road goes through the following towns:

(a) Pematang - Tanahdjawah

(b) Dolokmadjawa

(c) Goenoengmariah

(d) Limapoeloh - where it joins the main road from Medan. in ink on the map. It is impassable several times a year after a heavy rain between Siantar and Limapoeloh. Surface - some asphalt, some packed dirt.

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2. Q. Please estimate in terms of fact the width of the roads described in this report.

A. No figures, but the average width permits two Plymouths (1951) to pass each other with about six inches to spare. When meeting a truck or bus, most US cars would have to get partially off onto the shoulder.

3. Q. What is the surface of the road between Sibolga and Padang?

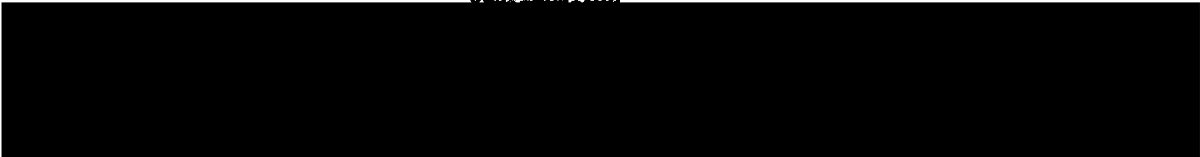
A. Not known - have heard it is passable most of the year.

4. Q. Please indicate (on the enclosed WAC #920) which of the lateral roads running between the Medan - Rantauparapat Road and the Siantar - Rantauparapat Road are clay surfaced.

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(a) Road through: Laras Estate, Pematangbandar, Limopoeloe - has dirt surface supplemented with crushed rock. A good part of it runs through Laras Estate and is well maintained. There is one steel bridge recently built (one-way width). The road is passable year-round except after an unusually heavy rain. It is the quickest way to Rantauparapat from the Sorbalawan area, circled in ink.

(b) Road through: Bahbajoe - some asphalt but supposedly in worse shape than road I marked in ink.

(c) Road through: Boentoesialong, Hoetabosar, Prapatdjangji - comparable to Road (b).

Conclusion: For transportation from Siantar to Rantauparapat the only foolproof route is to join the main route (Medan - Rantauparapat) at Tebingtinggi. This is an "all-weather" road and well kept up.

On file at the CIA Library, World Aeronautical Chart #920, Nias Island (Indonesia/Malaya) showing routes described above.

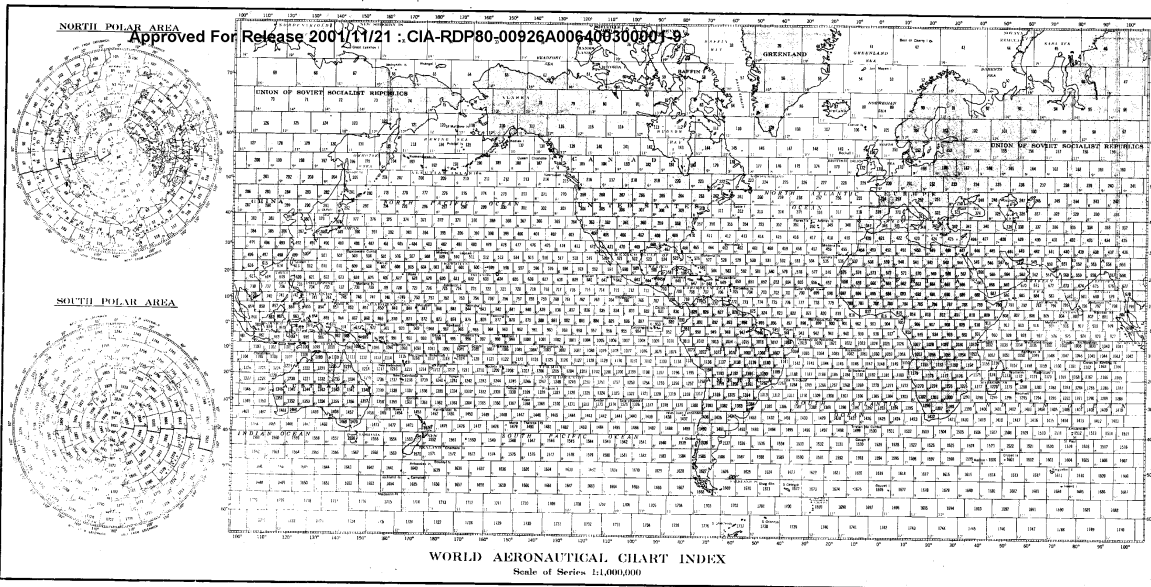
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