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PLACE: KAUTOKEINO

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: Around 120 in village
1549 in municipality
Dec. 1950

Province: Finnmark

Date of Observation: 25 Mar. '51

and subsequent dates.

General Description:

Lapp village on bank of river with same name. Linked by road to Alta. Winter sledge and snowmobile links with Finland, Sweden and Karasjok. Wooded surroundings, local farming in clearing. Reindeer pastures on mountain tundra. One of two main Lapp centers in Finnmark.

Geographic Description:

Interior Finnmark plateau here modified by lower altitude of valley. Latitude as Tromsø, but climate more continental.

Occupations:

| <u>Agricultural</u> | <u>Fishing</u> | <u>Industrial</u> |
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| Some small scale farming including sheep and horses. Reindeer main livestock. | River fishing important for food in Summer | None except minor local repair. |

Natural Vegetation:

Birch with reindeer moss in favored locations. Tundra above tree line.

Land Forms and Geology:

Kautokeino River has striking series of terraces nearby. Otherwise broad river valley with rounded slopes of plateau as background.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Lapp plus some Kwain (Finnish) plus some Norwegian officials. Contact with Finland and Sweden gives linguistic diversity.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures: Low of -6°C not rising above 0C

Precipitation: None. Two feet or more snow on ground.

Clouds: Clear sky or frequent Alto Stratus. Wind east.

Other: Aurora borealis

Electric Power:

Source: Local diesel but plans exist for hydroelectric plant.

Voltage: 230 Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Local in town, cut off at night.

Telephone Yes _____ Telegraph As phone Radio _____ TV _____
to Alta and Karasjok.

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Kautokeino To: Alta)

Railway: None

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #905

Surface Type: Gravel

Width : one or two way

Seasonal Use: Closed in Winter but snowmobiles used.

Underpass : Good bridges there. Bridge across river at Kautokeino has permanent piers and girders but temporarily super structure.

Note plans exist for re-routing #905 from Alta so as to avoid high land over Baeskades Plateau. Route will probably begin at #904.

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Ferries: None

Location:

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules:

Steamers: None

Routing:

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules:

Bus Routes:

Summer: Daily bus schedule from Kautokeino to Alta.
On completion of planned road to Karesuando bus will undoubtedly continue through to Sweden.

Winter: Snowmobile on regular schedule to Alta, Karasjok, and Karesuando.
(1951-52)

Other Transportation:

Note introduction of snowmobile in 1950-51 has revolutionized transportation in the interior of Finnmark.
River boats using outboard engines are useful for local journeys in Summer.

MAPS

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Scale</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Publisher</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| German Army Military Maps | 1:300,000 1:100,000 | up to 1944 | |

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Guide and Other Books:

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Publisher</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
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PERSONAL DATA:

Date of travel to this place: 25 Mar. '51 Arrived: 16 hrs.
 Starting Point: Alta Departed: 27 Mar. '51
 Distance traveled (in kms): _____
 Vehicles Used: Snowmobile

Where stayed: Local hotel Comments: Good but simple

CONTACTS:

25X1X6

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>T.ph.</u> | <u>Comment</u> |
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: Few post cards

Taken: Numerous views of settlements, Lapps, details of sledges, etc.

Sketches Made:

Location

Description

Kautokeino

Scale sketch of village

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

Type

No. of Workers

Products

Power

None (Reindeer skin tanning, non-commercially)

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KAUTOKEINO
SEAPORTS:

General Comments: INLAND

Cargo Handling:

Wharves:

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Depth</u> |
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Lighters:

Cranes:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Tonnage</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
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Repair Facilities

Machine Shops:

Foundries:

Dry docks:

Salvage gear:

Supplies Available

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| Water _____ | Coal _____ |
| Provisions _____ | Oil-Fuel _____ |
| Engineering _____ | Diesel Fuel _____ |
| Deck _____ | |

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