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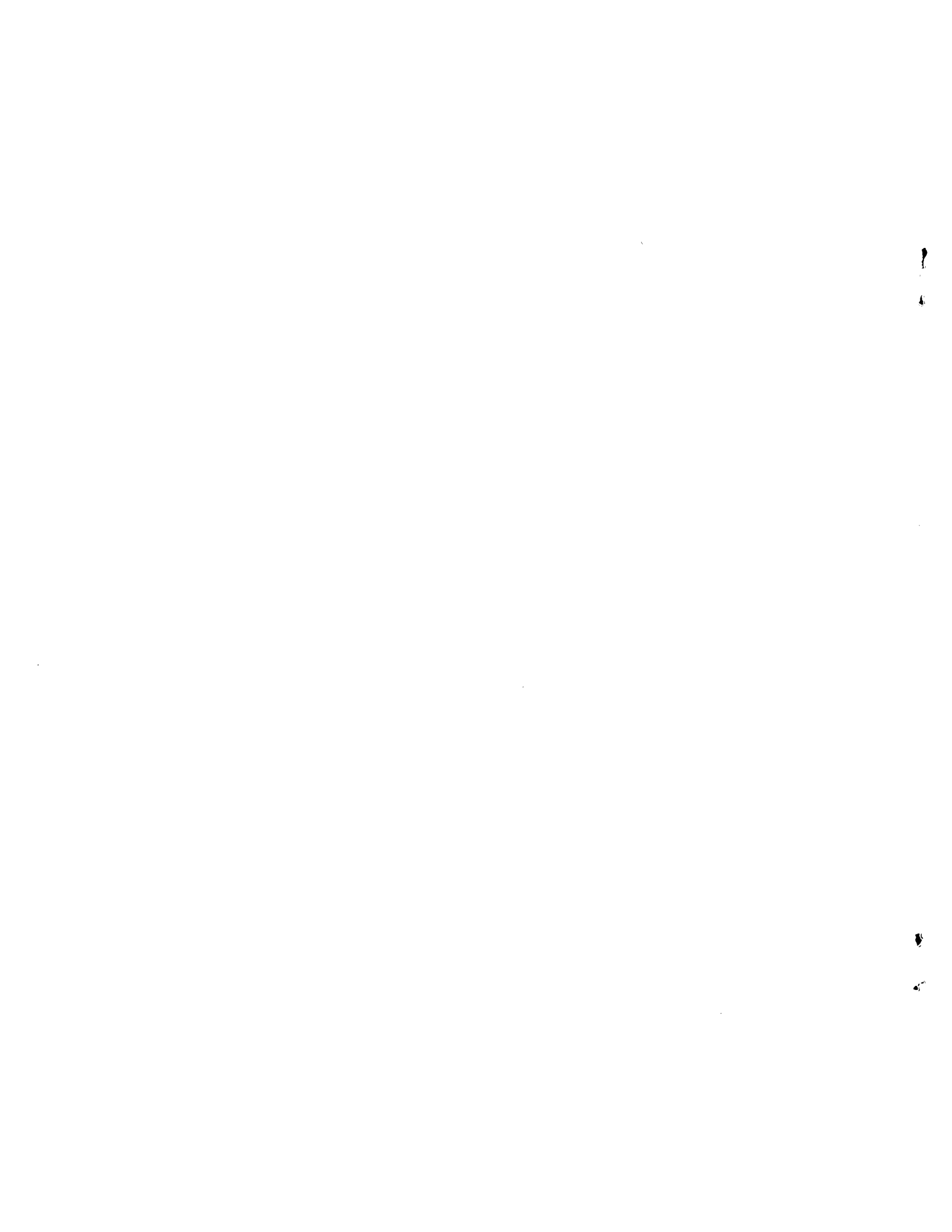
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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA  
Office for the Caribbean



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES  
OF  
PORT OF SPAIN OFFICE  
DURING  
MAY 1974

Contributions by Staff Members collated by Director



OFFICE FOR THE CARIBBEAN

Activities during May 1974

04.05.01 : Annual Economic Survey

(i) Country notes were prepared on economic performance in the West Indies Associated States for inclusion in the Economic Survey 1973. In addition revisions were made to the country notes and tables for Trinidad and Tobago.

(ii) Preparation of Tables and Text of the CARIFTA/CARICOM Overview of Economic Activity for 1973. Work on this project has been completed as far as possible. Further work is delayed because of the non-arrival of the Official Jamaica Economic Survey for 1973. It is anticipated that this document should be completed shortly after the middle of June.

04.06.01.05 : Quantitative Studies

(i) Collection, tabulation, etc. of data for the regular Statistical Series maintained in this Office.

(ii) Collection and submission of statistical and other data to the Statistics Division, Industrial Development Division, etc. at Santiago.

(iii) Work related to documentation, library, etc.

Participants in the above two projects: W. Whittingham, G.S. Rampersad, S. St. A. Clarke, and research assistants, H. Francis, P. Forde, M. Doughty.

04.05.03 : Social Aspects of Development

(No work is proceeding on sections (i) to (iii) of this project due to lack of resources)

(iv) Advisory services on Rural and Community Development

The Regional Adviser visited Surinam from 6 to 18 May to assist the Government in preparing a plan for development of Blantienland and some communities such as Bush Negroes and

Amerindians. As a result of meetings and discussions with various Officials of Surinam Government and visits to the interior, comments were offered to the Working Group indicating the necessity for certain changes and additions in the initial plan. A note containing the Adviser's views and suggestions is being prepared for consideration by the Government of Surinam.

In pursuance of the discussions with Officials of Dominica in the course of the last visit there for assisting them in organising and conducting the Local Government Seminar in April, a Memorandum on "Integration of Services for Local Development in Dominica" has been prepared and sent for consideration of the Government.

U.C. Ghildyal

04.05.04.01 : Inter-governmental Negotiations

- (i) Participating at Fourth Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of Caribbean Development Bank in Grenada, 2-3 May 1974, and preparation of report;
- (ii) Participation at Special Meeting of Ministers of Finance in Port of Spain, 5 May 1974 and preparation of report;
- (iii) Preparation of the report on participation at the Ninth West Indies Agricultural Economics Conference (held in Jamaica, 3-10 April 1974);
- (iv) Preparation of the report on participation in the Seventh Inter-American Meeting on Foot and Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control, (Port of Spain, 17-20 April 1974);
- (v) Attendance at and preparation of report on the Tenth Meeting of Officials on the Agricultural Marketing Protocol, Dominica, 6-8 May 1974.

Participants: items (i) and (ii) G.S. Rampersad;  
items (iii), (iv), (v) L. Smith

04.06.01.01 : Co-ordinated Agricultural Development

(i) Gathering and tabulation of information for the revision and improvement of the Digest of Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries. The draft was presented as a contribution of ECLA to the Ninth West Indies Agricultural Conference, Jamaica, 3-10 April 1974.

(ii) Continuation of the study on the Performance of the EECM countries under the Agricultural Marketing Protocol and Guaranteed Market Scheme.

L. Smith

04.06.01.04 : Monetary and Fiscal Studies

(i) Some assistance to EECM Secretariat in formulating policy proposals on Exchange Control regulations for EECM countries; and common policy on Foreign Investment. This assumed the form of extensive discussions with Mr. Francis Riviere and comments on policy drafts on the topics. Mr. Riviere at the time was in Port of Spain for the Ministers of Finance Meeting, 5 May 1974.

(ii) Briefing of Mr. A. Gertner, OPAS Fiscal Adviser to the Government of Grenada on 6 May 1974.

(iii) Up-dating data on National Taxation Structures, and preparation of outline for analysis is still in progress.

(iv) Appraisal of draft on National, Regional and Foreign Investment and on the development of technology, for CARICOM countries to be completed.

G.S. Rampersad

04.13 : Management, Administration, support

The activities of the Director, Mr. S. St. A. Clarke, were:

(A - mainly administrative)

(i) Preparation of notes on discussions at Meeting of Heads of ECLA Sub-offices (Santiago) for circulation to professional staff, and detailed briefing - two meetings.

(ii) Various consultations with Regional Adviser Ports and Harbours regarding preparations for meetings during the visit of Mr. Win Crowther to discuss International Intermodal Convention.

(iii) Numerous ad hoc personnel and financial items arising in correspondence with Division of Administration.

(B- mainly substantive)

(iv) Continuing discussions with Mr. L. Smith regarding project 04.06.01.01: particularly finalising the compendium of agricultural statistics of Caribbean countries; completing the study of the performance of CARIFTA LDC's under the Agricultural Marketing Protocol and the Guaranteed Market Scheme; and initiation of the land tenure sub-project.

(v) Various consultations with Mr. C. Plumlee, Regional Adviser Ports and Harbours regarding project 04.06.01.03 for finalising and editing the papers: "Proposal on collection and processing of regional Ports and Shipping Statistics", and "Survey of Intermodal Transport in the Caribbean Region".

(vi) Various discussions with Mr. W. Whittingham regarding projects 04.05.01 and 04.06.01.05 - in particular: statistical data required from Jamaica for completing the Overview of Economic Activity, and steps ECLA might take for assisting LDC's to speed up trade reports.

(vii) Consultations with Mr. U.C. Ghildyal, Regional Adviser Rural and Community Development, regarding his assignments at St. Vincent, Dominica and Surinam under project 04.05.03.

(C - External relationships)

(viii) Formal correspondence with area Governments on various subjects on behalf of the Executive Secretary, and transmission of documents including the draft annual report and the Note of Executive Secretary prepared for the Special General Assembly Session.

(ix) Discussions with host Government regarding the Sixteenth Session of the Commission, establishment of the Caribbean Integration Advisory Team and other matters.

(x) Discussions with CARICOM on a wide range of matters affecting the integration process including for example: Netherlands Antilles relationship to CARICOM; comments of CARICOM Secretariat on the paper FOS/INT 74/3 titled "Widening of the Caribbean Integration Process : Note on some institutional Procedures and Aspects"; orientation of the activities of the newly established Caribbean Investment Corporation; further work in the field of double taxation agreements within the CARICOM.

(xi) Discussions with staff members of other UN bodies regarding collaboration and exchange of information, e.g.  
(a) with Mr. De Wolfe (formerly of ILPES) regarding establishment of the ILO Employment Studies Group in Jamaica; (b) with Mr. Ovidio L. Martinez, Policy Adviser to the Secretary-General in the Integration Office of the OAS, regarding Caribbean integration and the present priorities; and (c) various consultations with Mr. Vyasulu, UNIDO's Senior Field Adviser in the Caribbean, regarding implementation of UNDP/UNIDO project for "Preparation of the Process List".

Papers Prepared during May

- ECLA/POS 74/4 - A Proposed Procedure for the collection  
and Processing of Regional Ports and  
Shipping Statistics (Plumlee)
- ECLA/POS 74/5 - Intermodal Transport in the Caribbean  
Region - 1973 (Plumlee)
- ECLA/POS 74/8 - Memorandum on Integration of Services  
for Local Development in Dominica  
(Ghildyal)
- POS/INT 74/4 - Notes on CARIFTA/CARICOM Meetings  
(Barbados, 22-26 April 1974)  
(Clarke)

In addition two papers previously drafted were finalized:

- ECLA/POS 74/7 - Memorandum on the Organizational set-up  
for Community Development in St. Lucia  
(Ghildyal)
- ECLA/POS 74/6 - A Model for Administrative Co-ordination  
for Rural and Community Development in  
Antigua  
(Ghildyal)



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