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From D. O. T. P. (D.A.N.T.)

To : Mr. H. Kadoorie,
K.A.A.A. Hong Kong.

Ref: T.P. 505/54

Date 5th March, 1956.....

Dear Mr Kadoorie

I have mentioned briefly to you an idea which has been in the air for some time about a ferry service to Kat O.

As you know there are some three thousand people who live on Kat O, apart from several hundred who live at Ap Chau or Robinson Island, Lai Chi Wo, Sho Lo Pun, Yeung Shu Au. All these villages are readily accessible by sea but very difficult to get at by land and the Village Representatives are now ready to consider forming themselves into a Co-operative Society in order to raise a loan to buy a large motor-boat to operate as a ferry between the various villages and Sha Tau Kok.

At the moment the only way of getting from Kat O to Sha Tau Kok is through casual trips by fishermen. There is no regular ferry service, legal or illegal. From the other villages people sometimes walk to Kuk Po and take a sampan across or occasionally take a boat direct from the village to Sha Tau Kok. In all villages communications are extremely difficult and I have no doubt that not only would a ferry be of great service to the people living in these villages totalling in all 4364, but that this service would pay and pay well enough not only to cover running expenses but also for the repayment of a loan. It was suggested that the loan should be made for a period of three years. The sort of thing the villagers are thinking about is a motor-boat capable of carrying thirty to forty people. I am enclosing with this letter a map showing the various villages and Sha Tau Kok and listing the population of each village.

There are of course many details of the scheme yet to be worked out but I am writing to you in case you think there is any possibility of raising a loan for these people or on the off-chance that you hear of a suitable boat which might be going.

Government proposes to build a pier at Kat O, the villages are building one at Lai Chi Wo, Sho Lo Pun could very easily have a pier if there was a ferry service there and there is already a suitable landing place at Yeung Shu Au. The villagers at Ap Chau, being mostly fishermen, will doubtless have their own sampans for ferrying people to and from the shore.

It is very kind of you to suggest that I should write to you about this idea and I know it is a thing which the villagers have been keen on for some years now.

Yours Sincerely

Dennis Bray

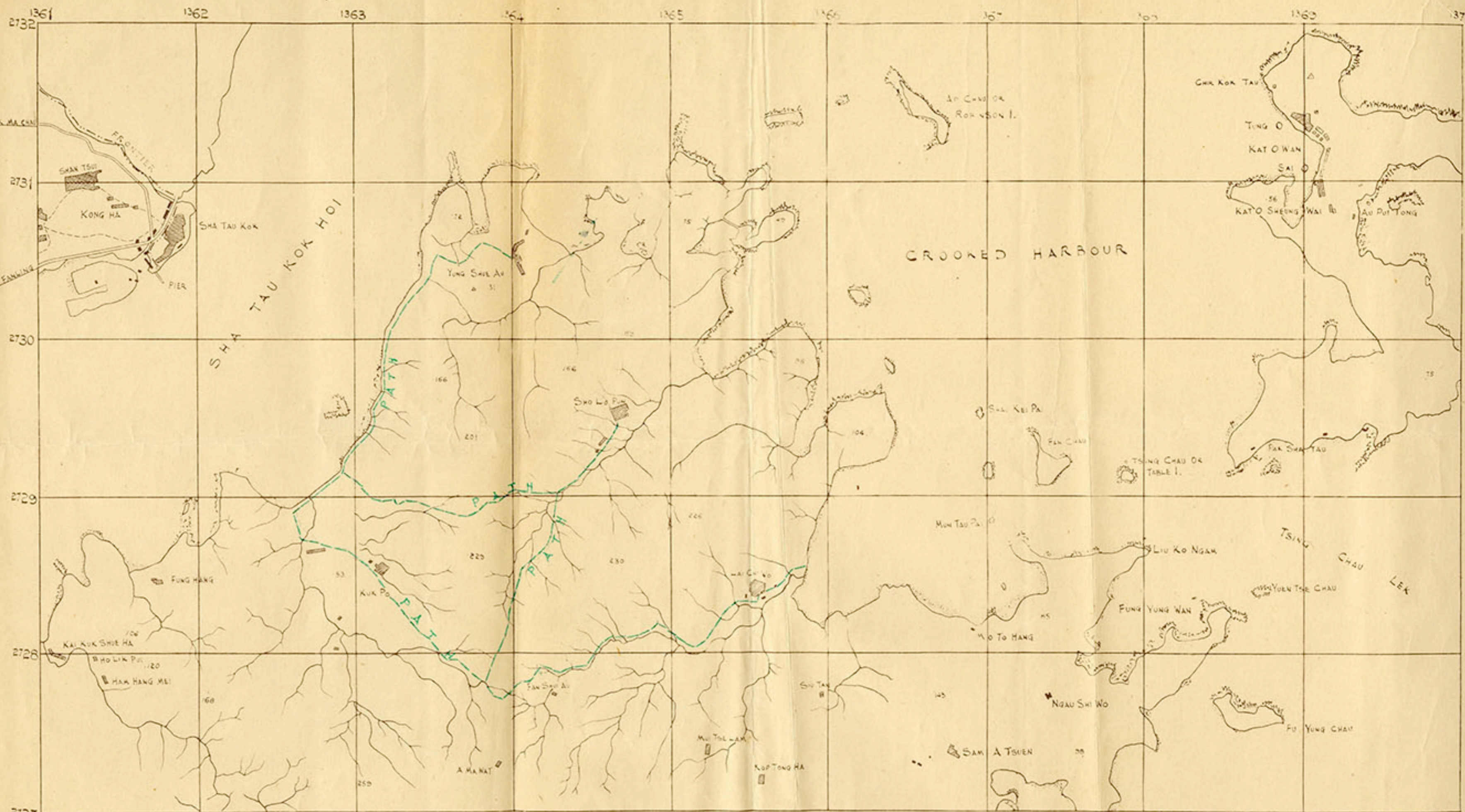
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Population:
Kat O: 2868
Ap Chau: 646
Lai Chi Wo: 448
Sho Lo Pun: 167
Yeung Shu Au: 248
Total: 4364

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SHEET NO 7 AND 8 KEY PLAN



SCALE 1:20,000.

Population:

Kat O :	2868
Ap Chan :	646
Wai Chi Wo :	443
So Lo Pun :	167
Yung Shu O :	240
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