

Soh and Fasia Kolia, Fandewo, Amara (27 Mar 08, Tei)

Consultants: Soh Kolia, Fasia Kolia, Fandewo, Idrissa Amara

Team: AT, HS, TC

Audience: Joe Peku, occasional others

Venue: between health center and annex (relatively out of wind)

Conditions: Wind, helicopter, birds, outburst of Coverage and surrounding argument – chickens had been sequestered far away

Other comments: Audience involved and listening as could be discerned by the interruptions – at least Amara had been drinking, probably all, but he showed the most effect

These are the names of the files in the directory containing all of the recordings from this date (“08 03 27 Soh Kolia, Fasia Kolia, Fandewo, Idrissa Amara Tei”) – the original wav files have all been backed up and archived – still not able to save as mp3 files

Each blurb contains: File name, consultants, source, length, and a brief characterization

1 Intro TC.wav

Excised from original 1002.wav (1001.wav was deleted – a practice track)

Soo and Fandewo

19 sec

Introductory identifier track by TC

2 Intro Fandewo.wav

Excised from original 1002.wav

Soh and Fandewo

1:58 sec

Fandewo introduces himself.

3 Intro Soo Kolia.wav

Excised from original 1002.wav

Soo and Fandewo

30.5 sec

Soo Kolia introduces himself

4 Soo Kolia 1.wav

From original 1003.wav

Soo and Fandewo

2:08

5 Fandewo .wav

Slightly edited from original 1004.wav

Soo and Fandewo

9:27

Basically Soo talking with some questions, clarifications, and interruptions from Fandewo and other consultants

6 Intro Fasia Kolia.wav

Slightly edited, excised from 1005.wav

27.5 sec

Fasia introduces herself – some portions excised

7 Fasia Kolia 1.wav

Slightly edited, excised from 1005.wav

46 sec

Fasia and Fandewo

May be some continuation of introduction, Fasia begins her peroration

8 Fasia Kolia 2.wav

Excised from 1006.wav

1:45

Fasia and Fandewo

Mostly Fasia talking with some comments by Fandiwo and other audience members

9 Fasia Kolia 3.wav

From 1007.wav
Fasia and Fandewo
3:18

10 Fandewo 2.wav
From 1008.wav
Fasia and Fandewo
6:36
Fandewo talks (very animatedly) about drumming with active participation by others

11 Fasia Kolia 4.wav
from 1009.wav
Fasia and Fandewo
3:57
Fasia talks mostly about dancing, active participation from others

12 Idusa Amara intro.wav
from 1010.wav
Soo and Idusa
16.5 sec
False start at an introduction, full introduction in 13

13 Idusa Amara 1.wav
from 1011.wav
Soo and Idusa
5:50
Bulk of Idrisa's contribution, some interruptions from audience

14 Soo Kolia.wav
from 1012.wav
Soo was asked to speak about the old days vs. the new, whether it was hard to find food, etc.
Others participated in the conversation freely, esp Idrissa
2:14

15 Idusa Amara final words.wav
from 1013.wav
46 sec

16 Soo Kolia final words.wav
from 1014.wav
57 sec

17 Fandewo final words.wav
from 1015.wav

18 Fasia Kolia final words.wav
from 1016.wav

Post-mortem on recordings 25 and 27 Mar

Universally felt that the second set of recordings was handled better than the first, part of which was due to the nature of the personnel, esp the involvement of Moiwo – much also due to our experience

Accommodations handled well

Prepping consultants would have been handled better if done in chunks – at the same time breaking up the recording

Tucker praised Alie's cheerleading session and also commented that everyone should give the speakers as much encouragement as possible during their recordings

On the technical side, the recordings were of high quality but we have still not achieved perfection

Striking the proper balance between isolation and having an audience a difficult goal

Four people definitely too many and three may even be too much, esp given our presently limited recording and transcribing equipment – may be helpful for Tucker to help out rather than work independently

Fasia was the star – her very personal and sometimes intimate accounts valuable – also fairly voluble and a willing transcriber – Joe was the weak link in those sessions

Fandewo and Baji Gbombi were probably the two others who were good – Tommy Bassei became bored too easily – Soh was probably somewhere in the middle and Arthur will not be called upon again

Later: Joe Peku returned to say that the people very much appreciated our hospitality and that others said they want to come now