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The AIPS Summer Research Grant enabled me to spend two months in Pakistan conducting preliminary archival research for my dissertation. As this was exploratory in nature, I visited a number of archives and organizations in both Lahore and Islamabad to assess the nature of their holdings and documents available. Most important for my research were the holdings at the National Documentation Wing (NDW), which houses declassified cabinet records for the period I am interested in. Looking through the NDW catalog, I was able to ascertain specific ministries and files that will be useful in my research - especially from the Economic Affairs Division, Planning Commission, and Education Ministry. Although I am still waiting to receive copies of the microfilms I scanned, once I do these will be an invaluable starting point in my research. While in Islamabad I also visited the National Archives, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), and a few other organizations to establish contact for future research and collect relevant material. I spent my time in Lahore focusing on hunting down records for the Home Economics College, which will tentatively be a chapter of my dissertation. I spent a few days scouring through old records to find useful materials, and was also able to conduct a few oral interviews with alumni of the college in the 1960s.

Although my research is still in its preliminary stages it attempts to show contested visions of development in Pakistan, and their subsequent politicization. My larger aim is to bring this history in conversation with the larger historiography on development, and rethink Pakistan's place in the global. The Summer Research Grant was pivotal in helping clarify the possibilities and limits of conducting archival research for my project in Pakistan.