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**General**

- Timing of visits
- Involvement of local authorities in preparing **and announcing** the visits
- Attitude towards local population
- Motivation of respondents and officials (recognition of identity, explanation of goals, payment)
- Interviewing techniques based on knowledge of local codes of social interaction

Finding good informants

- Local authorities that have lived long in the region and have information on recent developments
- Official persons (religious officials, mayors, public notaries, postmasters)
- Local population widely traveled over the area, shopkeepers

Problems encountered

- Accessibility of local authorities
- Officials being young, ignorant, not native to the area
- Timid population
- Language problems
- Accessibility of respondents
- Outdated and/or incorrect maps

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