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In order to avoid duplication I will only report on the operation of 3 approved projects in C.V.N.

- 2.11 The malaria control project continues to justify itself by local popular and professional approval and support. The criteria of effectiveness is based primarily on clinical evidence. The greatest need is more careful professional supervision.
- 2.12 The trachoma control project continues to justify itself. From a clinical standpoint, Aureomycin ophthalmic ointment is very good in trachoma control. The main defects are lack of personnel and facilities for the collection of scientific data and establishment of absolute cures, percentage of recurrences or relapses and a lack of sufficient popular education to make the people aware of the chief methods of spread and ~~home~~ methods of prevention.
- 2.43 The Health Education project has been ineffectively pushed during this period. The chief reasons are lack of enthusiasm on the part of local official and lack of personnel to push the program.

The writer has worked with about 64,000 refugees during the last 2 months in North, Central and South Vietnam. The emergency medical care of these refugees is fair but the environmental sanitation in the various camps is bad. The chief reasons for the defects are lack of adequate professional engineering personnel and facilities.

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There is nothing that I can report from Laos this month.

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