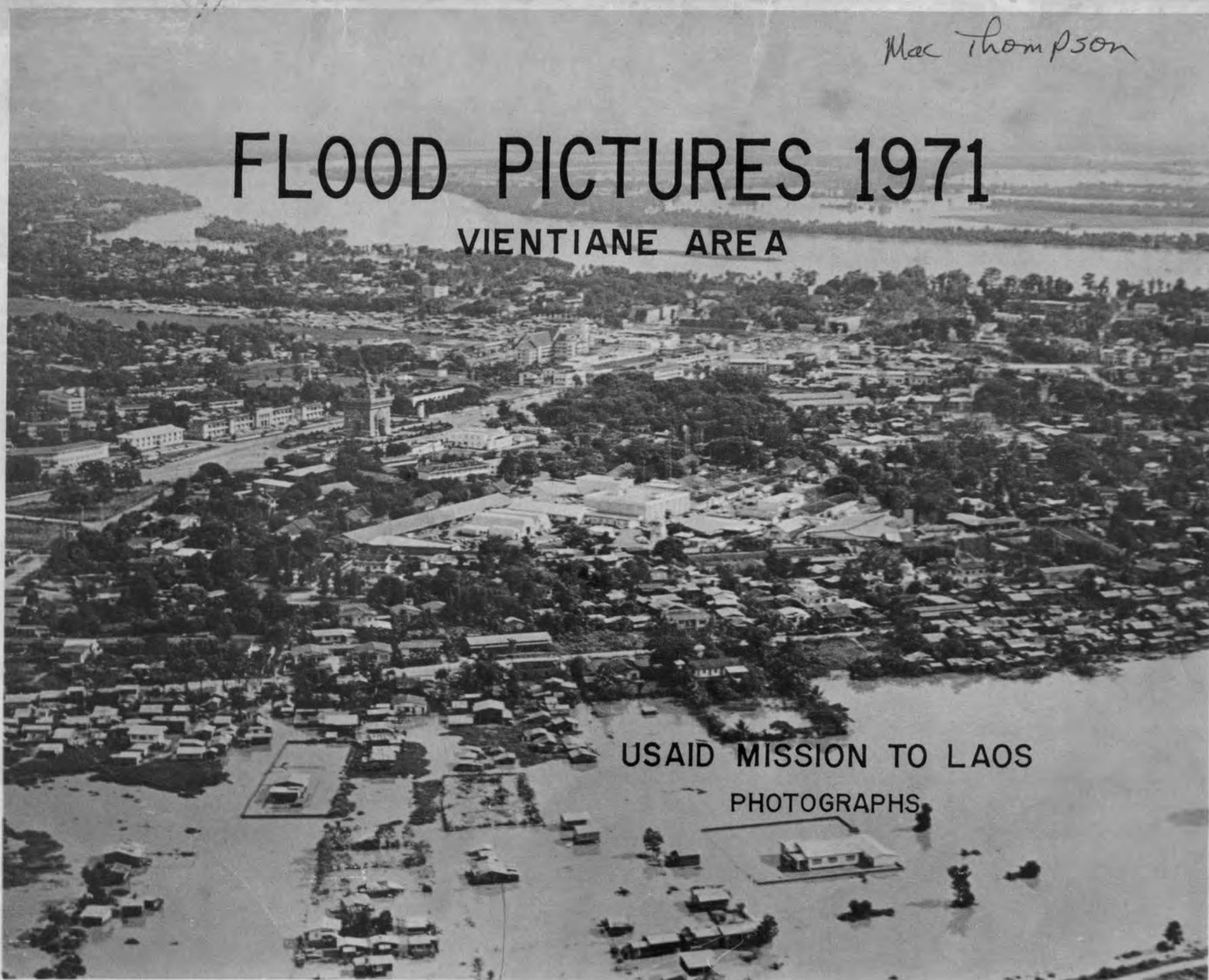


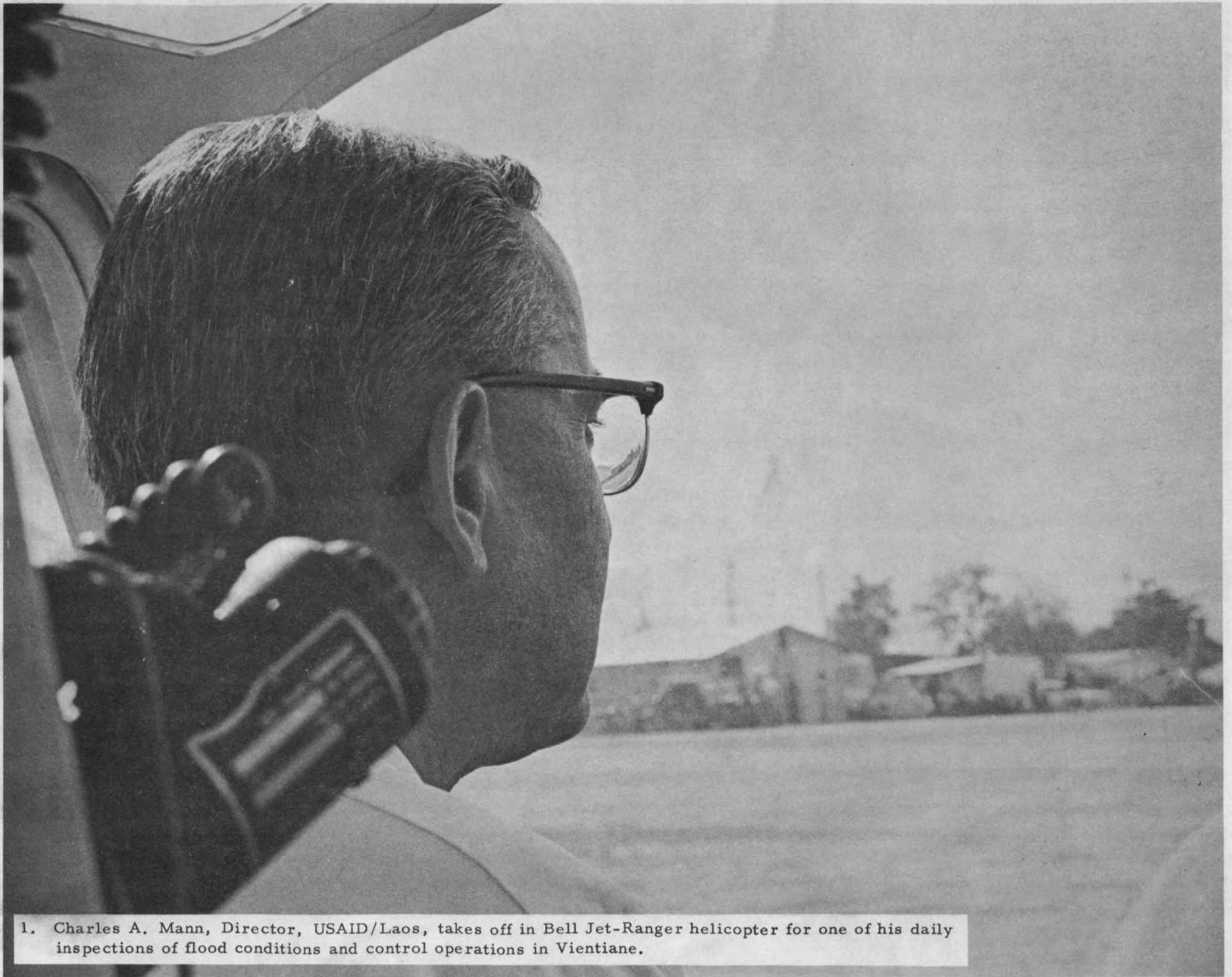
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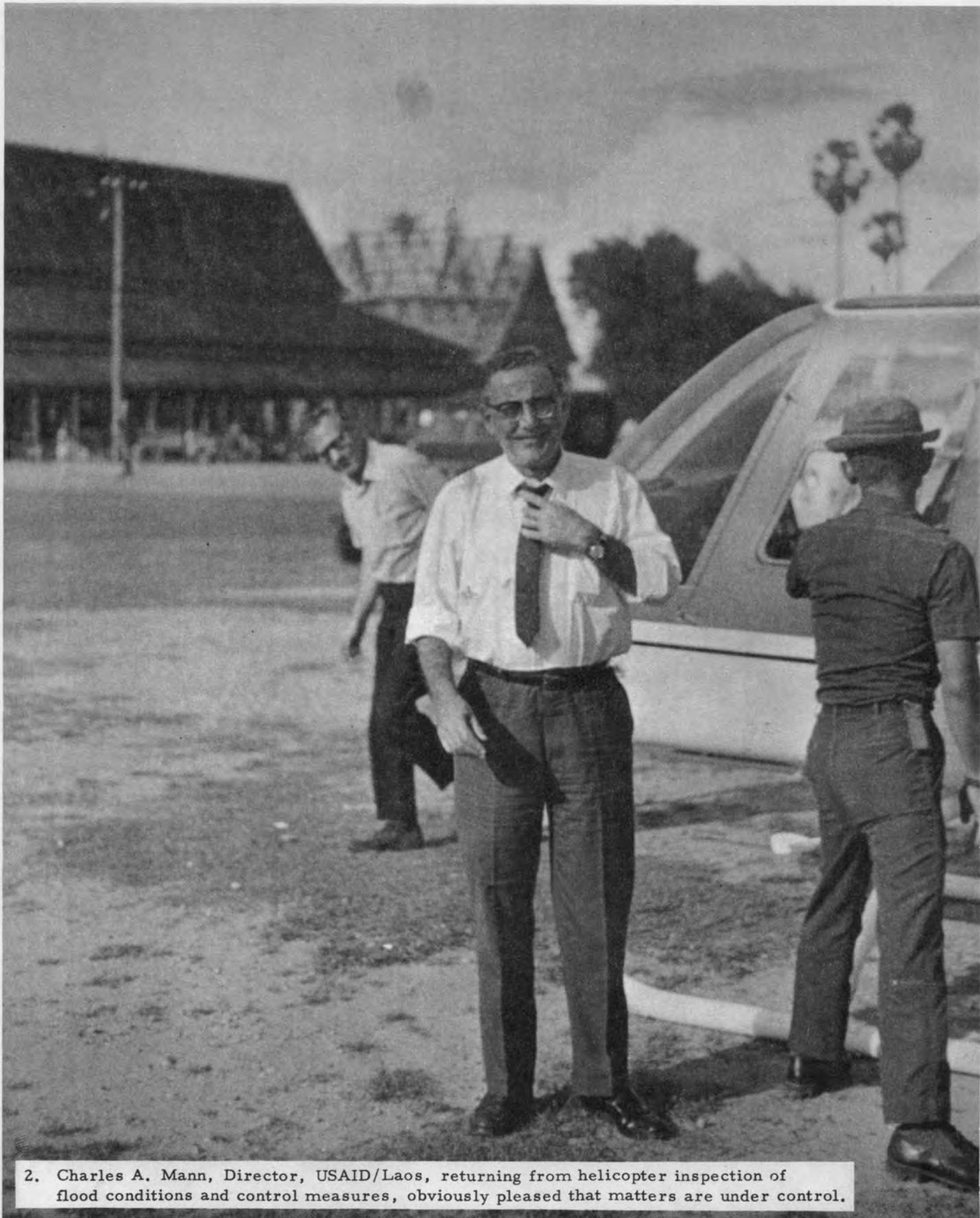
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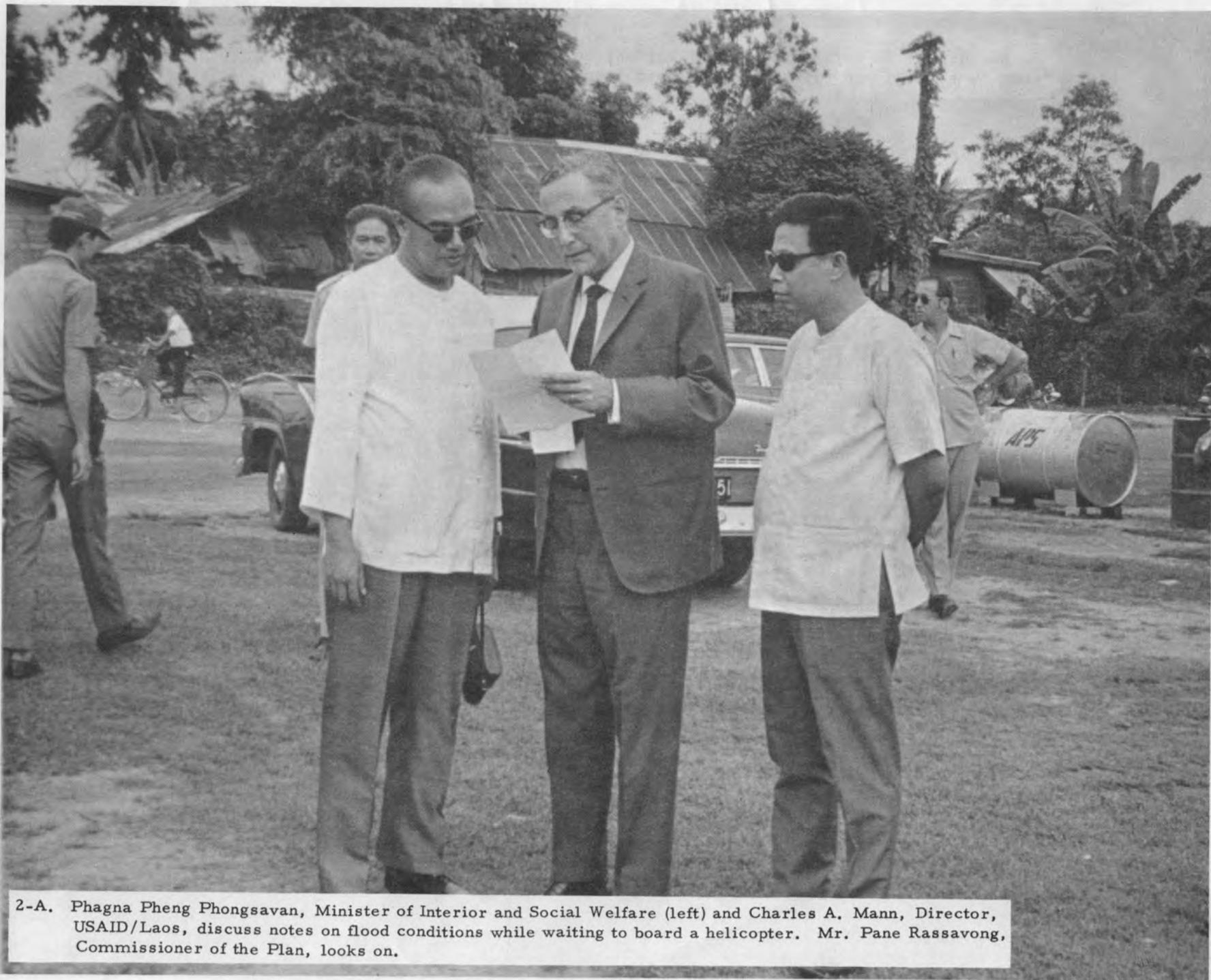




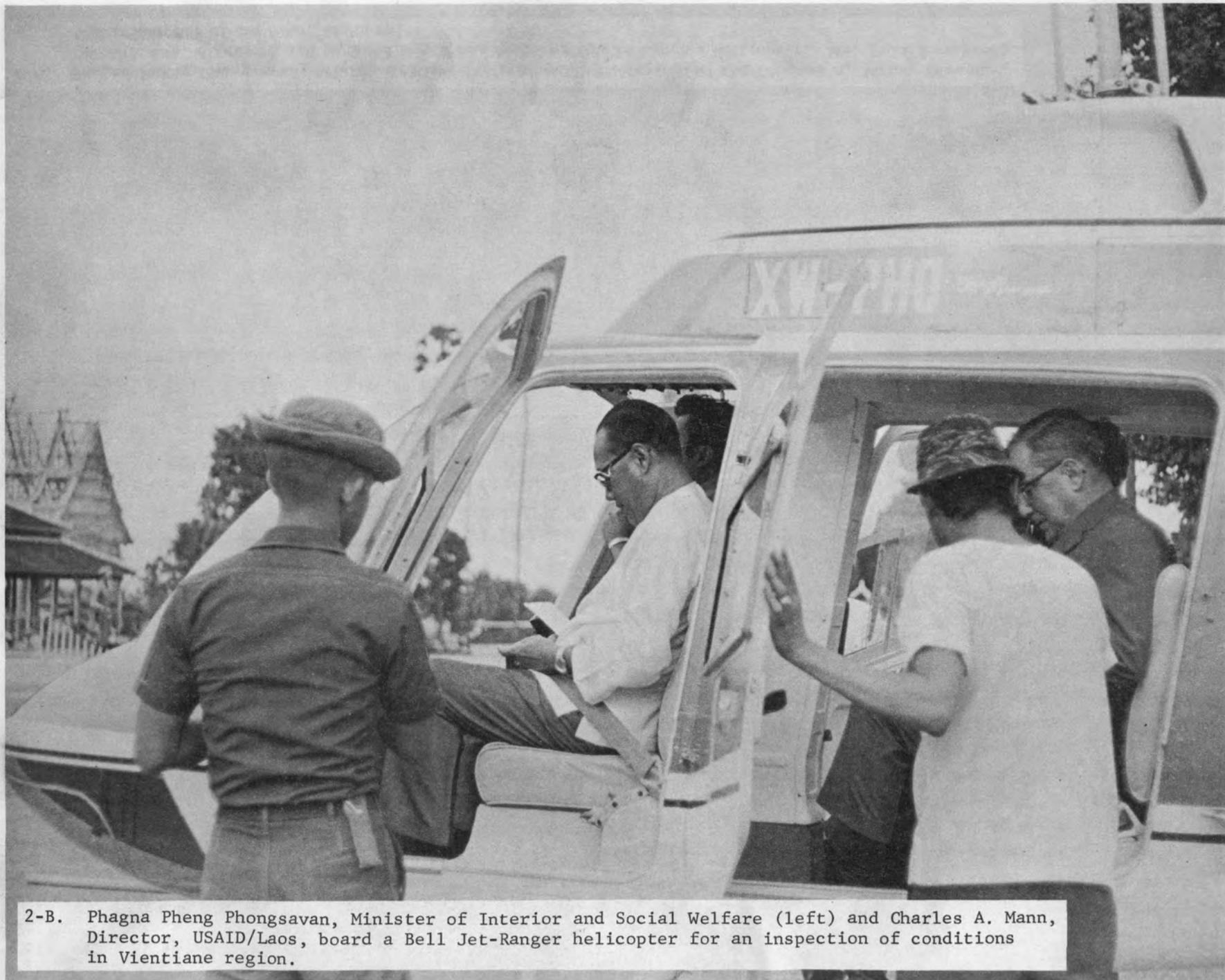
1. Charles A. Mann, Director, USAID/Laos, takes off in Bell Jet-Ranger helicopter for one of his daily inspections of flood conditions and control operations in Vientiane.



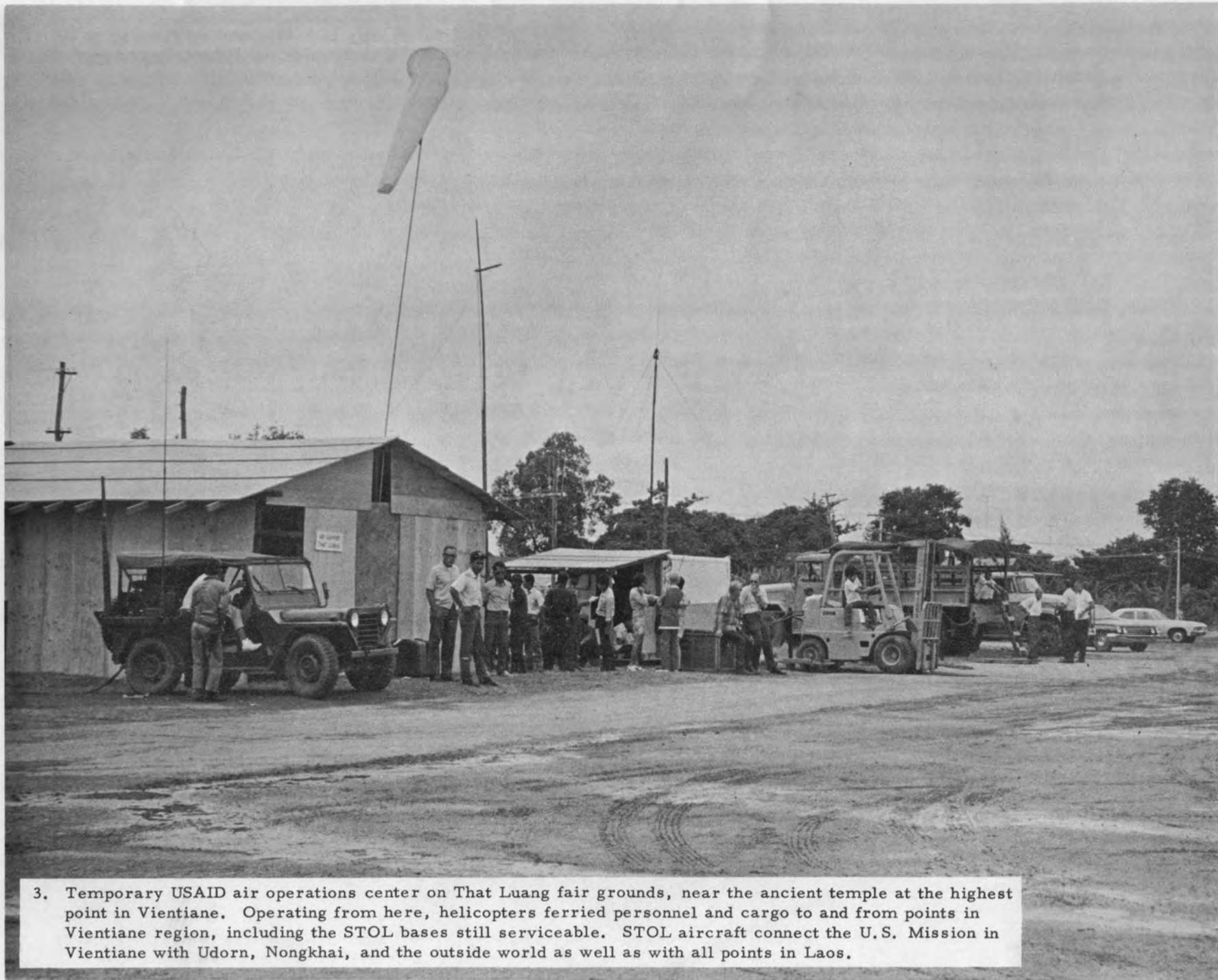
2. Charles A. Mann, Director, USAID/Laos, returning from helicopter inspection of flood conditions and control measures, obviously pleased that matters are under control.



2-A. Phagna Pheng Phongsavan, Minister of Interior and Social Welfare (left) and Charles A. Mann, Director, USAID/Laos, discuss notes on flood conditions while waiting to board a helicopter. Mr. Pane Rassavong, Commissioner of the Plan, looks on.



2-B. Phagna Pheng Phongsavan, Minister of Interior and Social Welfare (left) and Charles A. Mann, Director, USAID/Laos, board a Bell Jet-Ranger helicopter for an inspection of conditions in Vientiane region.



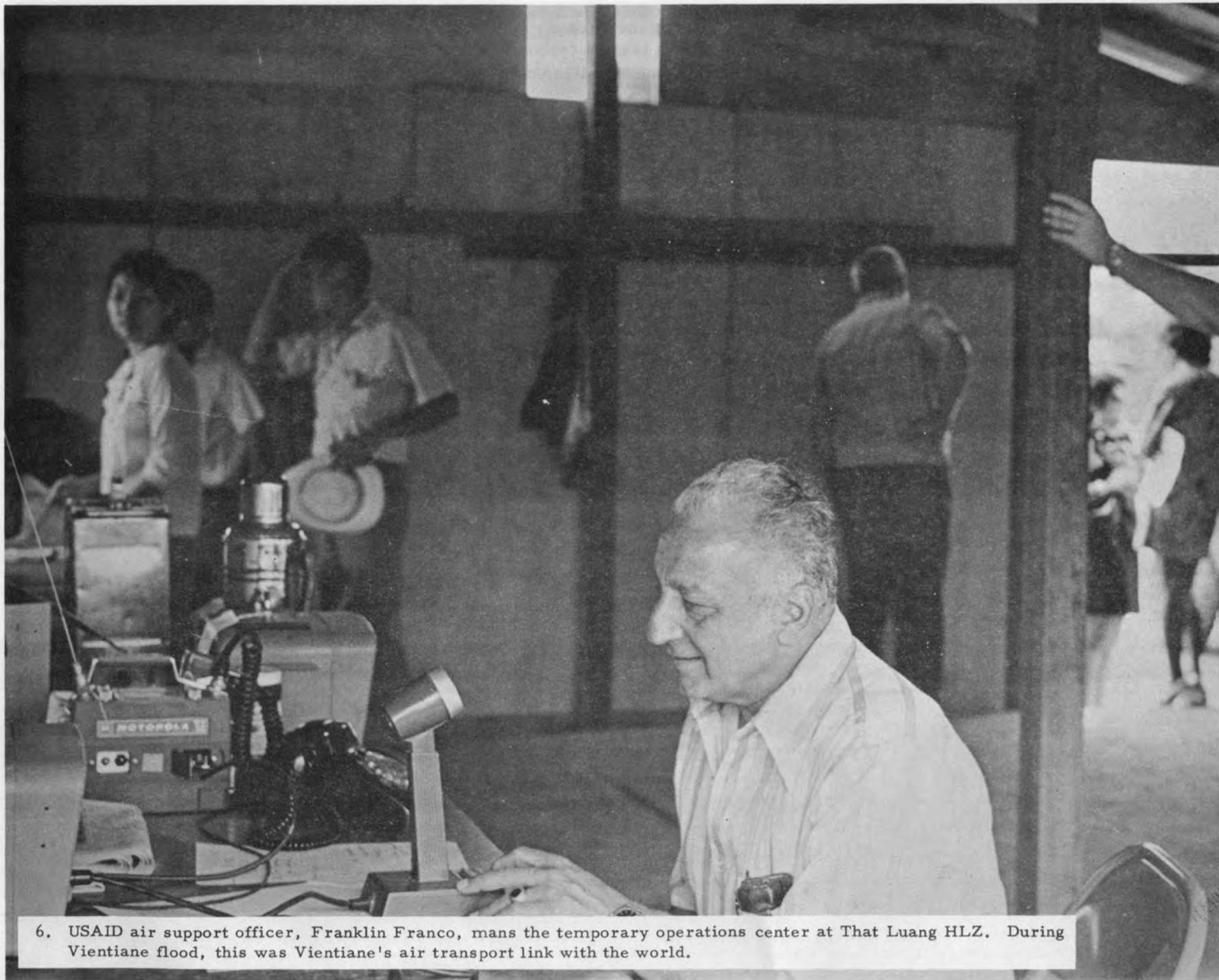
3. Temporary USAID air operations center on That Luang fair grounds, near the ancient temple at the highest point in Vientiane. Operating from here, helicopters ferried personnel and cargo to and from points in Vientiane region, including the STOL bases still serviceable. STOL aircraft connect the U.S. Mission in Vientiane with Udorn, Nongkhai, and the outside world as well as with all points in Laos.



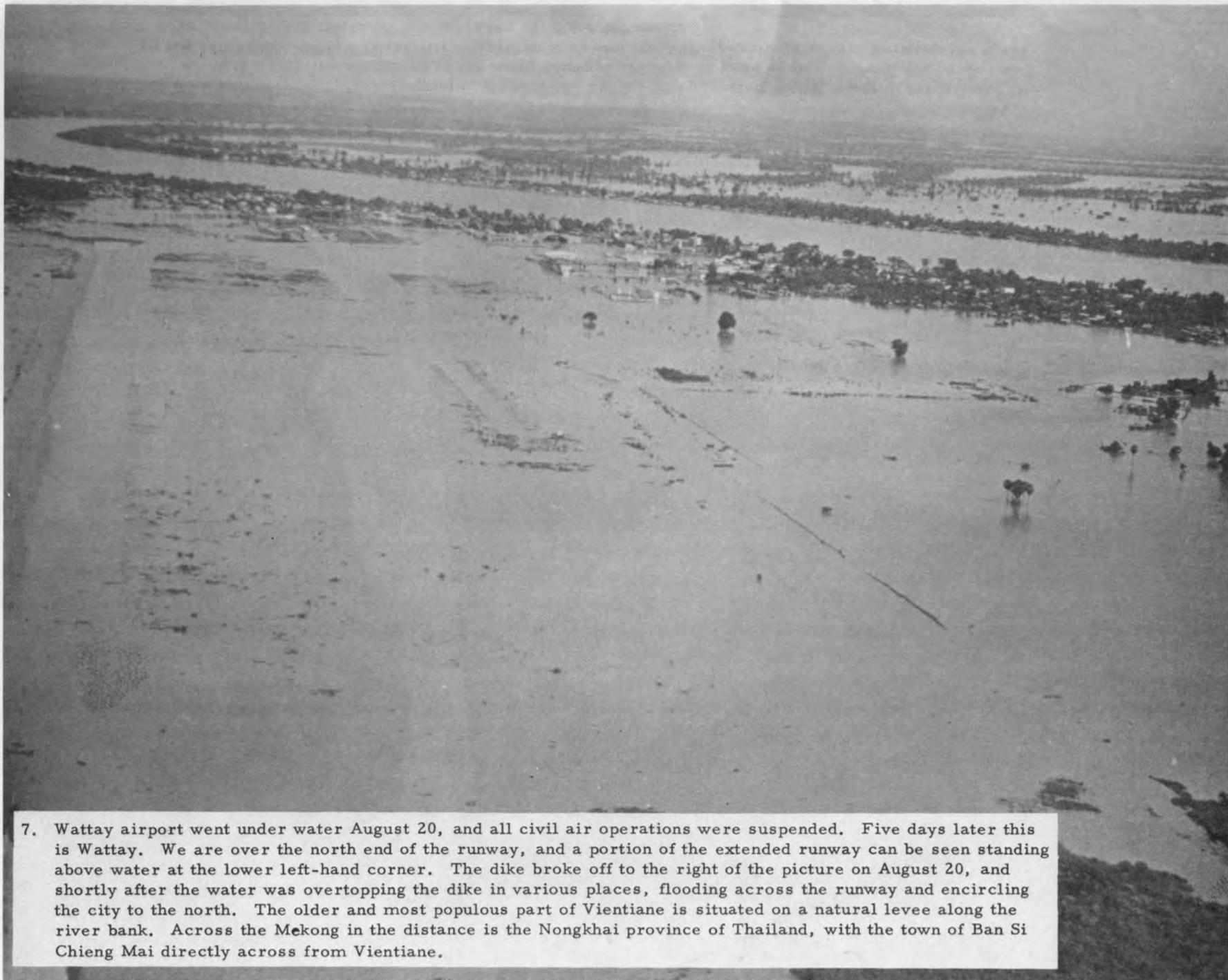
4. An H-34 lands its passengers at That Luang.



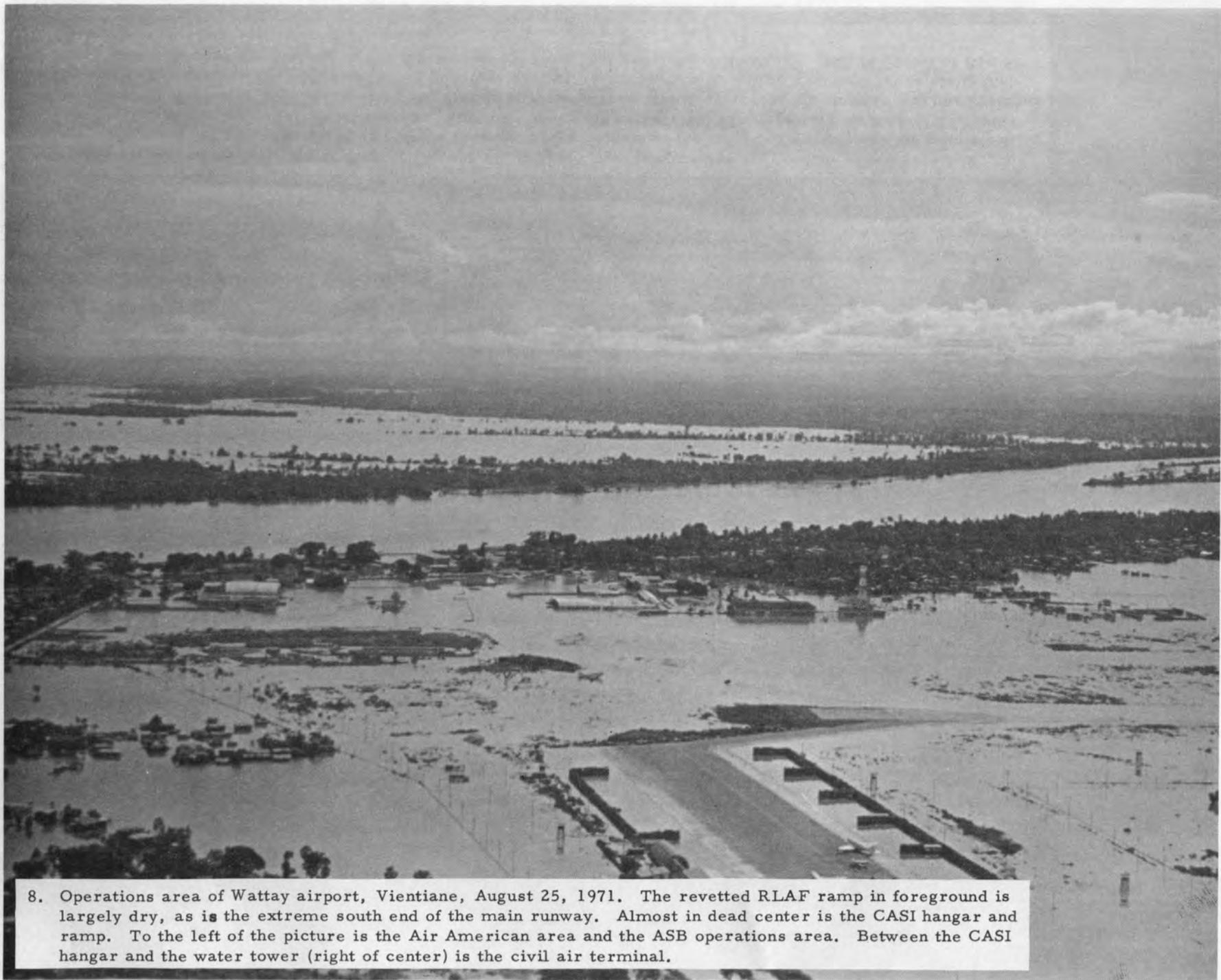
5. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Connick arriving by H-34 helicopter at That Luang temporary HLZ during the Vientiane flood. He is the new area coordinator for USAID in Pakse, Laos.



6. USAID air support officer, Franklin Franco, mans the temporary operations center at That Luang HLZ. During Vientiane flood, this was Vientiane's air transport link with the world.



7. Wattay airport went under water August 20, and all civil air operations were suspended. Five days later this is Wattay. We are over the north end of the runway, and a portion of the extended runway can be seen standing above water at the lower left-hand corner. The dike broke off to the right of the picture on August 20, and shortly after the water was overtopping the dike in various places, flooding across the runway and encircling the city to the north. The older and most populous part of Vientiane is situated on a natural levee along the river bank. Across the Mekong in the distance is the Nongkhai province of Thailand, with the town of Ban Si Chiang Mai directly across from Vientiane.



8. Operations area of Wattay airport, Vientiane, August 25, 1971. The revetted RLA ramp in foreground is largely dry, as is the extreme south end of the main runway. Almost in dead center is the CASI hangar and ramp. To the left of the picture is the Air American area and the ASB operations area. Between the CASI hangar and the water tower (right of center) is the civil air terminal.



9. Vientiane, August 25, 1971, from the north. The American Embassy's Na Hai Diao compound, where USAID headquarters is situated, is the large triangular group of buildings in dead center. Lane Xang Avenue runs transversely across the picture beyond it, through the Monument to the Dead.