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 Subject: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Attached is a report which summarizes school statistics recently received from the ministry for the first six months of the 1967-68 school year. The report compares these figures with figures for the close of the 1966-67 school year.

Enrollment in public elementary schools increased by 14% during this six-month period. (However a slight decline in enrollment figures can be expected towards the end of the school year because students are taken out of school to help with rice planting, because some CREC schools close before the end of the school year, etc.)

The increase in the enrollment of the upper elementary grades averaged about 20%.

78% of the students are in the first three grades and 44% are in grade one. The comparative figures last year were 80% and 46%.

15 new groupes scolaires, 10 new demi-groupes, and 76 new primary schools were established this year. The number of CREC schools declined by 54.

There was an increase of 123 teachers qualified to teach grades 4-6, 192 qualified to teach grades 1-3, and 24 unqualified CREC teachers.

As of March, 1968, the public elementary schools of Laos had:

177,838	students
2,096	schools in operation
5,299	teachers and administrators

Summary of Elementary School Statistics

Column (1) figures are for the close of the 1966-67 school year (June, 1967)

Column (2) figures are for the first six months of the 1967-68 school year (March, 1968)

<u>ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>June, 1967</u> (1)	<u>March, 1968</u> (2)	<u>Per cent Increase</u>
Public Schools			
Kindergarten	342	322	-
Grade 1	71,929	79,194	10%
Grade 2	30,743	35,243	11%
Grade 3	22,354	25,781	15%
Grade 4	13,497	15,913	18%
Grade 5	9,330	11,185	20%
Grade 6	8,286	10,200	23%
Public Schools - TOTAL	156,481	177,838	14%
Private Schools - TOTAL	18,382	20,072	
1. Elementary Schools - TOTAL	174,863	197,910	

ENROLLMENT BY TYPE OF SCHOOL

Public Schools

Groupes Scolaires	60,076	71,327
Demi-Groupes Scolaires	21,974	25,267
Primary Schools	51,142	58,851
CREC Schools - in wats	6,259	6,882
CREC Schools - Village	16,688	15,189
Kindergartens	342	322
Public Schools - TOTAL	156,481	177,838

Private Schools

Lao Private Schools	2,327	1,969
Chinese Schools	5,540	5,960
Vietnamese Schools	1,669	1,924
Catholic Schools	8,846	10,219
Private Schools - TOTAL	18,382	20,072

	June, 1967 (1)	March, 1968 (2)
<u>NUMBER OF TEACHERS (Public School only)</u>		
Civil Service Employees		
Xan Eck	15	17
Xan Tho	912	1,035
Xan Tri	2,958	3,150
CREC - Monk	80	60
CREC - other	748	792
Daily Hire	37	-
Auxiliary	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>
Civil Service Employees - TOTAL	4,774	5,054
Teachers paid by the Army	<u>246</u>	<u>245</u>
TOTAL - Civil Service and Army	5,020	5,299

ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL (Public Schools)

Administration	310	302
Classroom teachers - TOTAL	4,314 *	4,678 *
(Civil Service)	(3,240)	(3,581)
(CREC teachers)	( 828)	( 852)
(Teachers paid by Army)	( 246)	( 245)
Fundamental Educators	116	98
Craft School and Home Economics Teachers, Substitutes, others	<u>280</u>	<u>221</u>
TOTAL	5,020	5,299

\* GRADE ASSIGNMENTS OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Teachers of Kindergarten	11	8
" " Grade 1	1,100	1,123
" " Grade 2	380	447
" " Grade 3	331	393
" " Grade 4	377	422
" " Grade 5	282	322
" " Grade 6	274	307
" " combined Grds. 1 and 2	324	348
" " " Grds. 2 and 3	352	253
" " " Grds. 1, 2, and 3	881	942
" " " Grds. 3 and 4	34	31
" " " Grds. 4 and 5	41	44
" " " Grds. 5 and 6	<u>27</u>	<u>38</u>
TOTAL	4,314	4,678

	June, 1967 (1)	March, 1968 (2)
<u>NUMBER OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS *</u>		
Public Schools		
Groupes Scolaires	181	196
Demi-Groupes Scolaires	157	167
Primary Schools	1,014	1,090
CREC Schools - in wats	184	211
CREC Schools - village	508	426
Kindergartens	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
Public Schools - TOTAL	2,051	2,096
Private Schools		
Private Lao Schools	13	12
Chinese Schools	10	11
Vietnamese Schools	12	12
Catholic Schools	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>
Private Schools - TOTAL	63	67

\* Figures are only for schools which are actually in operation. The Ministry of Education's March, 1968, report shows 776 additional public schools which are on the ministry's records but which are presently closed, mostly because of security reasons.