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Community Education

School Repairs - Ban Chan Tai (roof and floor; 1 room): After an earlier visit by the CEA's and the PSI, we were presented with a strong request for help. The villagers picked up the roofing, nails, and cement 10 July. A fine job was completed on 14 July. The school had an enrollment of about 40 last term. The teacher is an SSU graduate.

Sengkhalok (fillers for 6 rooms): USAID had guaranteed cement-hardened and expendable - but the villagers had been remiss in providing sand and gravel, and manpower. USAID agreed to provide a mason each day that the tassing told the mason 10 men were ready to work. The fillers were finished about 21, July.

Achay G. S. roof and plumbin: was repaired by the contractor free of charge, although not legally obligated.

OIGG made the first year inspections of Ban Khod G. S. and Phou Luang G. S. (copy of report enclosed).

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In-service training - The participants arrived in time for the program. Those from Ban Houie Sai missed the opening ceremony the morning of 1 July. The 70 stagiers^{or 63} and the 8 instructors are energetic, serious, and happy. The administration of the program is good. The food is good. The relationships with the three Americans involved (Branfman, Harris, Gillespie) have been good. The facilities are not good. The dormitories and the classrooms are too crowded.

Concerning the transport for the participants from Ban Houie Sai, Mr. Phanh PSI there, is correct in feeling the USAID is responsible for providing this transportation. We are hopeful that the RIG will provide the transportation and pleased that Mr. Phanh took the initiative in solving this problem. (The participants from Houa Khong went on RAL to Ban Houie Sai 31 July by Chao Khoueng signature).
The CEA is quite pleased with the program.

Teaching Aids Workshop - The participants are indefatigable workers. The number of teaching aids produced is very impressive. The instruction is good and the 53 stagiers^{or 63} morale remains high. The CEA has heard some comment about the food, does not think it is plentiful, but it is on a par with teacher training institutions.

Kudos to Larry Woodson IVS/EDU for his direction during this program.

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Construction - All territory remaining behind schedule is about 95% completed. Estimated completion date is 1 September. Stated reason is slow transport of materials from Vientiane. OICC had roofing for Sayaboury G. S. barged 5 July. PDD checked school construction at Muong Nane and at Muong Phiang. Both areas are progressing well. (Sayaboury roofing not rec'd 31 July).

EDU Visitors: Andrus, Branfman, Brady, Hall, Harris, Thom, Woodson, Herwood and Thai EDU team.

Anticipate visit of Ambassador and Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. & Mrs. Farwell for closing ceremony of teaching aids workshop 29 July. Dr. Somphou will accompany them.

Comments - During 28 days TDY, the CEA has been impressed favorably by those in the field of Lao education in this northern area, especially the directors of groupes scolaires acting as instructors for the in-service training. One director, Mr. Bounchanh, was a participant to the US for nine months in 1964. The Chao Muong of Luang Prabang has been very cordial and helpful.

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