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TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director

FROM : Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division *NW Green*

SUBJECT: Education Division Monthly Report for July 1971

Several significant changes in Ministry of Education personnel were made recently:

- Mr. Khamphat Sihanadh has been made Director of Technical Education, replacing Mr. Maurice Camsing. Mr. Khamphat was formerly proviseur of the Lycee of Luang Prabang. Mr. Camsing has been transferred to the Direction of the National Museum.
- Mr. Sod Seimany, who recently returned from Canada as a licencie in natural sciences, has been appointed to replace Mr. Khamphat at Luang Prabang.
- Administration at Dong Dok has also changed hands. Dr. Veovanh is the new director of the ESP, replacing Dr. Tenh Teso, who has been transferred to the Law School (IRDA), and Mr. Fany Abhay, director of the ENI/Luang Prabang, has changed places with Mr. Boun Nhang, director of the ENI/Vientiane.

Progress in maintenance activities at Dong Dok is described in the attached reports by Dan Cox and Myron Thomas. We expect the above mentioned changes in administrative personnel at the ESP and ENI to have a strong beneficial effect on the appearance and upkeep of the buildings and campus.

Six new Volunteers for the IVS Education Team arrived. En route to Laos, the group stopped for two weeks of training in the teaching of English as a foreign language at the regional English center in Singapore.

The English Section at ESP has been further strengthened by the arrival of Dr. Jerry Carlson, Assistant Professor of Education at the University of California, Riverside, who began his assignment as a Fulbright-Hays grantee at Dong Dok in the area of pedagogy.

Dwane Collins returned from home leave during the month and Mr. Stanley Yoshimoto arrived on assignment as the Hawaii Team advisor for Fa Ngum at Savannakhet. We are also glad to report that the problems of land jurisdiction at Savannakhet have been settled and that we are proceeding with a contract for the construction of the new school.

Dr. Collins's monthly report describes a combined in-service training course and study tour to Thailand which has just been completed for 21 secondary education personnel not previously associated with comprehensive type schooling. It was a pleasure to see Mr. Phou, Mr. Khamsay, and other ministry officials working with this group on evaluation and plans for Lao secondary education. We believe the course has greatly helped ministry personnel to formulate their thinking and to project plans towards the development of a more coordinated secondary school system for the country.

Other training programs of interest which are underway or which were recently completed include the following:

- A course in health education for 30 primary teachers from Vientiane and Sayaboury Provinces. It is significant that the Ministries of Education and Public Health are cooperating on the sponsorship of this program.
- A course in school statistics for 45 Ministry personnel being given under the direction of Mr. Kao Outsama, Director of Educational Planning.
- Two courses in methods of teaching French, sponsored by the French cultural mission. One course was for 44 teachers of upper elementary grades and the other for 40 secondary school instructors.
- One-month training courses for 140 teachers of refugee students in the Vientiane Plains and 272 areas.

In refugee affairs, EDU has been sponsoring work programs this summer for a total of 90 secondary school students from the colleges of Attopen, Saravane, and Sam Thong. The main project for these students has been to construct replacement classrooms and living quarters for their own use when schools open in October. Students from the Sam Thong ENI have been engaged in similar activities. The Sam Thong ENI will be

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nically relocated next year at the former demonstration school at Dong Dok.

Large quantities of school supplies are now being shipped out to the 22 school inspectors, prior to the opening of the new school year. The shipments include over 100 tons of notebooks, slates, and other Colombo Plan materials recently received by the Ministry of Education from Australia.

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