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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for July 1973

GENERAL

1. Director Wath has been accepted for graduate work at Northern Michigan University. His departure date has been tentatively set for 30 August. It seems that his family will accompany him - either Thelma has the savings or her parents will see the family through financially.

2. Acting Director Heng Dacvannary. The SRA has officially notified the Chao Khoueng/LP that Mr. Heng will be Wath's replacement. Heng has spent most of July with Wath. After his marriage on 5 August in LP and a short visit to Pakse with his bride, he plans to spend full time on his new assignment.

3. Vice Principal for LP. Fa Ngum LP may not be entitled to a vice principal/director of studies until it's fifth year, but because of the anticipated change in directorship and the obvious lack of trained and experienced replacements, a VP position was included in our request for the coming school year. We will need EDU backing to get this much needed administrative position.

4. Dr. Robert Martin, accompanied by Norman Green and John Rantala, made his first official visit to Fa Ngum LP on 20 July.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

1. Planning APs. It took a long time, over two months, to have our AP for school improvement approved in VTE. It was also disappointing to the field personnel when none of the APs for in-service workshops was approved before school closed. IT and CE prepare national APs for their summer improvement and teacher upgrading programs. IT should do the same!

2. AP: LP-4-004 School Improvement. Work started on schedule with 12 students and two supervisors on the payroll. Excellent progress was made during the month in replacing louver hardware, pouring concrete, fabricating PE equipment and bicycle racks and in performing urgent miscellaneous jobs.

An amendment to the AP is being prepared to perform additional permanent improvements which we hope to accomplish with minimum additional input. We are willing to take on the extra jobs because of the ready support of PWD/LP and the excellent attitude of the hardworking students and supervisors.

3. AgC Work Scholarship. Agriculture teacher Kheng and four students are on a separate work program to develop the school farm projects and to implement the campus beautification plans. They are on the same pay scale and working hours as those on the school improvement AP.

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CONSTRUCTION

1. Phase II. Only a skeletal crew is on the site for touch-up and clean-up work. We have asked CICC Inspector Pekson to arrange for the earliest possible preliminary and final inspection dates.

2. Custodian houses. In lieu of cash payments for the use of school electricity, Director Wath settled with the contractor for two 2 X 6 meter houses for the custodian-night guards who we feel should be strategically housed on the campus. The "laotype" homes were made of left over materials and will require considerable amount of dressing up to make them fit into the campus landscape.

3. AP: LP-3-014 Irrigation System. Two major mishaps occurred during the month but they were both corrected with minimum fuss and delay by PhD/LP. (a) A broken pump weal bearing evidently caused the drive shaft to freeze and burn the 10HP motor. Trouble compounded when the circuit breaker failed to trip. A replacement bearing was luckily found in LP and a local electrician rewound the motor and corrected the circuit breaker fault. (b) The top-heavy pump house built on six 50-gallon drums toppled over twice when the Nam Dong river water rose. It was replaced with a 22 feet aluminum pontoon. There is adequate space left in the pontoon to set it up as a convenient boathouse for a custodian or staff member willing to serve as the pump operator and guard.

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