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To : Dr. Robert Martin, Chief of Party, UI Team

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Subject: Monthly Report, October, 1973

Activities & Accomplishments

1. The ditto machine is working again after replacing the rubber rollers that fed paper into the machine. We ordered another set of rollers for the mimeograph machine as they will be needed pretty soon.
2. Lab Kitchen
 - a. The sink has been fitted into the lab by the students under the supervision of Mr. Whavistok. The next job.
 - b. The frame for the radio hood has been made and sheet metal will be attached next week.
 - c. Reinforcing rods for the concrete sink have been welded and the top will be placed in shortly.
3. With the help of John Whavistok, the following items were ordered:
 - a. Anvils were received and wood logs.
 - b. A welding table was ordered.
 - c. Shelves for the storage of metal were built.
 - d. On the job training in the use of mill, electric weld and techniques and acetylene torch technique was given.
4. The soccer field has been covered and painted.
5. The shop is making noise and parts for anchors in concrete and painted.
6. The shop has made power and oil pipes and a chain in front of the auditorium that area.
7. Agriculture
 Fa Ngum Savannakhet is extremely fortunate to have Mr. Kim as the Agriculture department head. Under the planned program he has organized the program. Mr. Kim has himself have given the program which is as follows:
 - a. Poultry
 1. Raising of 20 chickens and techniques.
 2. Raising of 10 ducks.
 3. Incubation techniques
 - a. Chicken incubator
 - b. Quail incubator

Necessary equipment for which the feed will be supplied.

b. Farming

1. Vegetable gardens
2. Fruit orchards - mangoes, papayas, limes, bananas
3. Fields crops - field corn, sorghum

If successful, the field crops can be used as feed for the poultry program since feed is now difficult to get.

Three terraces have been plowed and mixed with either rice hulls or sawdust in preparation for planting. Mr. Blake has provided 20 varieties of seeds for the garden projects. The biggest problem is water. We will need the water pump to draw water from the reservoir to the terraces, especially for those crops that require a large amount of water such as field corn. Manure will be acquired from outside sources as was done last year.

c. Fish farming

Bamboo will be used to enclose an area in which plants, manure and fertilizer will be placed to stimulate the manufacture of food (plankton) for the fish. Tilapia fish will be raised in the reservoir. The fish raised can also be used in the poultry feeding program.

d. Landscaping

Many trees have already been planted. The campus looks a lot more and different with this.

Problems

1. Ever since the gas engine for operating the water pump was stolen on October 10, the school has been having water difficulties. At present, water is carried daily in buckets, two days, depending on how hot the weather gets. I had expected that UNO would have been able to install the water pump in a week but it has not. I like temporary means of running the pump to be looked upon. In the meantime, water hauling will continue to provide water for drinking and toilet needs for our students.
2. The gas engine that was stolen before the agriculture program can be used for pumping water from the reservoir to the terraces. A replacement engine is needed as soon as possible if the agriculture program planned is to be planned.
3. The universal joint on the post hole digger broken and stopped while attempting to bore a hole for the foundation of the soccer field goal post. I'm negotiating with UNO for replacement of joints.

Other Donors

1. Joim Rantala and Mrs. Lucille Allan of UNO with the singing program from October 16 - 19.
2. Mr. Hartwell Blake helped with the singing program from October 25 - 26.
3. Dr. Jane Wells is visiting from October 27 - 28.

Miscellaneous

1. I accompanied Mr. Noster, Mr. Mann, Mr. Stone and company on a briefing tour of the Savannakhet region. I was able to take a few photos of the school from the helicopter prior to landing on the soccer field. Director Hongthong accompanied the group on a tour of the school's facilities. The school looks good from the air.
2. I will be looking forward to Dr. Ihara's visit on November 13.
3. The 11th year math and 11th history books arrived on October 26.

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