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

signed in draft

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Subject: Monthly Report for October, 1973

I. Accomplishments and Activities:

A. The school was opened as scheduled on October 1, 1973. The classes are now operating in the Ag-Home building. The school started with only 3 teachers. For the first three weeks the teachers taught double periods to keep the school from being bored without any teachers. To date, all 8 teachers are on the job. There is only one shortage at present, the teacher for Physical education. This position is provided for by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

There are at present 309 students of which there are 122 boys and 17 girls.

The staff at present is as follows:

1. Mr. Khamsaitha ----- Secretary
2. Mr. Khamsaitha ----- Student Supervisor
3. Mr. Samly ----- Agriculture
4. Mr. Nonnong ----- Socio-Economic
5. Mr. Dornnith ----- English
6. Mr. Khamsaitha ----- Math
7. Mr. Phasong ----- Science
8. Mr. Kinghob ----- Industrial Arts
9. Miss Sin ----- Home Economics
10. Mr. Balr ----- French
11. 2 janitors on the staff
12. Teacher for commercial -----
13. Physical education teacher ----- available at Ministry of Youth and Sports

- B. The first year text books have been distributed to the students. Each student was required to deposit a fee for the books.
- C. The contractor provided a bell made out of an old brake drum. It sounds great!
- D. I went to Vientiane on October 9 to 12 for the monthly UN meeting. After the meeting, I drove my PW truck through Thailand to Pakse. Thomas Linton and Shozun Yamauchi accompanied me on the trip.
- E. On October 2, John Ahl, OIGC Chief, Earl ... PWD, and OIT Director, inspected the project and recommended the contractor to repair all the defects that were found on the ...
- F. On October 17, the furniture contractor ... 20 student tables, 20 chairs and 1 dining table. The contractor is expected to complete this first phase furniture contract ... number 30. So far, the furniture has been good. I have rejected ... and they are now being re-done.
- G. We have checked the availability of ... supplies and available with ADO. However, the result here is ... Contractor Limited.
- H. We borrowed 10 Lao type tires and 5 ... out the ... They would ... from SMD/VIS.
- I. On October 23 & 24, ... Blake, ... assist in the planning of the agriculture ... good supply and variety of seeds for the ... program, there is a ... amount of ... and good ... is important.
- J. The agriculture students have started ... and have planted a variety of vegetables ... The garden ... has been very good.
- K. Through USAID/Pakse, ... to get ... to store water for the agriculture program ... irrigation system ... still on paper and will be months before ... will be completed.
- L. A shopping trip was made through the ... Home Economics teacher ... what is ... was found that the prices are high as ... there is enough materials and supplies to ... operate the program on an unsophisticated ... were purchased by the ... because ... from common use and ... that were ... Vientiane.
- M. The students are enjoying the volleyball ... PE classes. The students are organized by ... games because there is ... PE teacher ...

- O. The janitors have cut all the tall weeds and grass around the old cottage on the school campus. The place is looking neater.
- P. Mr. Samly, agriculture teacher, has moved into one section of the cottage. It is important that an ag teacher lives on campus to take care of the ag program. As I have said before, that the ag program is going to take a great deal of work to develop and working only during the regular class hours is not going to do it.
- Q. The office has been moved from the Ag-Home Economics building to the regular office in the classroom building. This move gives us more room for storage in the ag storage section.
- R. I have been working with Mr. Bounmy, Director on the mechanics of using the various USAID forms for procurement of supplies. I have explained to him the National Supply Activity Plan concerning the use of funds for supplies and materials. I will continue to work with him and assist him on this matter until he can take over.
- S. Bounmy has now set up a clean up schedule for the classrooms. Once the students learn to do this work, I am confident that the classrooms will all the work going on, it is difficult to keep the place clean.
- T. On October 24, Director Bounmy, gave a welcoming party for the new teachers at Col Savang's residence which is near the school. It was a very cordial affair with good Lao food and drinks.

## II. Problems:

- A. The contractor had men working in the Ag-Home Economics building repairing the defective cabinet doors and chipping on the concrete work table during class time. This caused disruption of class and left the place in a mess. However, I told the contractor and the OICC Inspectors that the agreement made when we moved into this building was to work on the classroom building to get it ready for the classes to move in. After this, they can work and finish the Ag-Home Ec. building. They have agreed to comply with the agreement.
- B. The students are still using the temporary toilets. There has been a design change for the leaching field and this has delayed the use of the toilets.
- C. The shortage of GFM has slowed down the work. The important items like window hardware, glass louvers, ridge caps and paint have not arrived. In all, there are some 23 items short for this project.
- D. There is a need for a fence soon because the cows and buffaloes are grazing on the school property. Without the fence to keep the animal out, there will be a problem to start any landscaping or agriculture projects. After discussing the problem with Mr. Griffin/PWD, it is hoped that the work on grading and tamping will start sometime this week.

- E. The electrical outlets for the power machines in the woodshop were not exactly in the proper position. I requested the OICC inspector to make this change which was not difficult because the conduits were still exposed and the floor not poured. The contractor has made this change.
- F. Mr. Boumy, Director, has not moved to his quarters on the campus. The MOE has not given him authorization to buy furniture for the house. The old cottage is in need of repairs and painting. A water line has to be brought in. The electricity is there but has been turned on by MOE.

The director's new house is not finished. It was built on this building several months ago and no one knows why. It is highly recommended that the Director of Secondary Education, Mr. Boumy, be informed of these events and take appropriate action to solve the problem.

- G. It has been very slow getting materials from SMD/USA. This may be due to the company's truck plant on the border recently. For a while the borders were closed.
- H. Gasoline was rationed to 20 liters per day for the 20 tanker trucks from Thailand. However, the Fa Ngum operations side west, where the rationing has been lifted.
- I. Much money has been spent to build the school. It is easier. However, I have noted that the classrooms are painted stark white which will use of a different color paint would be better. It is hoped that other buildings will be completed.

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cc Robert Zimmerman, etc.