

Staff Meeting
October 5, 1973

1. Mrs. Daveler will take Miss Bea Perez's place while she is on home leave.
2. Mr. Mann canceled his trip to Washington.
3. No Change on political side. Mr. Mann has talked to Pathet Lao socially. *Novel Sai - 272 AREA*
4. Mr. Nooter, Asst Admin. for Southeast Asia will be here Oct. 21-24.
5. Mr. Mann covered funding levels. Senate Bill less than House Bill. They will come to a compromise. 500-550 million for Indochina. Aid/Laos 6-7 million cut. Four million easy because of Vientiane dike. Priorities are:
 1. Economic Stabilization
 2. Refugees
 3. Resettlement

Maybe postpone - hospitals, Fa Ngum, construction. Maybe no new equipment. PL480 will be OK this year - already approved. Costs of rice will be important. Expects division chiefs to review projects and cut out low priority. He has already asked IVS to move English language teachers to other higher priority areas. We have to assume tight money and cut out low priority items.
6. RO gave briefing - two ceasefire violations in last period.
7. Mr. Mann introduced new Chief of PWD, Mr. Donnelly.
8. October 15 - 55 wives of MIA's will be here to meet at Lane Xang. Aid will assist if asked.

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