

September 30, 1973

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

(signed in draft)

From : A.C. Zane, SEA/Pakaa

Subject: Monthly Report for September, 1973

### I. Problems:

- A. The standard of workmanship on the buildings, especially the finishing work, has deteriorated as pressure was applied to have the buildings finished on time to open school on October 1, 1973. Much detail work on the cabinets in the 3-home economics building will have to be done over to meet the inspection standard.
- B. The shortage of GFM delayed construction for which the contractor cannot be held responsible.
- C. The furniture contractor worked almost day and night to meet the deadline of October 1. Here again, some of the pieces that were delivered have been rejected and will be made over. The contractor was given only a month to do this work. Not enough lead time was given and rushing of work only complicates the process.
- D. The Director, Bounny Koukbanith, arrived September 29. This gives me very little time to work with him on school matters. It is ridiculous to send a new director to school and have him come back two days before school begins.
- E. September 30, I have actually seen only one teacher for the school, IVS, Doran Butts, English teacher. I have been assured that teachers have been assigned to the school.
- F. Come hell or high water, the school will open on October 1, 1973.

### II. Accomplishments and Activities:

- A. On August 29, my wife and I arrived in Pakaa. Our household effects came in record time which made it possible for us to set up housekeeping immediately.

The AG, Robert Zimmerman, and Acting FSO, Carl Nowland, were very cooperative in expediting housing facilities once we got here.

- B. On September 5 to 7, I went to Vientiane on TTX to attend the monthly University of Hawaii staff meeting.

- C. A meeting was held on September 13, with Mr. Souala Chanthathiraj, Director of Lycée Paise, concerning the opening of Fa Ngum School on October 1. He was appointed by Mr. Phou Kasphone, Director, Secondary Education, MOE, to assist with the opening in the event that Mr. Bounny Soukbandith, appointed Director, did not appear on time.
- D. On September 19, a meeting was held at the school site with the OICC inspectors and the contractor to expedite the construction of the required buildings for October 1. It is hoped that the buildings will be ready minus the government furnished materials. (GFM)
- E. On September 21, Thomas Linton, USAID/ODD, and Datu, OICC, came to inspect the construction. It was decided that a temporary toilet be constructed because the toilet building will not be ready by October 1. There is now a temporary water line from Nam Pa Pa. The water is potable and the pressure is excellent.
- F. On September 25 to 26, Robert Martin, GDF/MI, and John Rantala, PLO/UH, came on TDY to inspect the school and met with Mr. Souala concerning the opening of the school.
- G. The logistic support has been very good. The beginning school supplies, text books for 7th grade, ditto machine and office typewriters are here in Paise.
- H. On September 28, Thomas Linton and Datu, came to inspect the buildings and found many signs of your workmanship.
- I. A temporary flag pole has been erected and three road mud scrapers were made for the students to clean their shoes before entering the classrooms.
- J. The Ag. storeroom is temporarily the office and storeroom. The windows have been made secure by having wooden slats nailed to the frames.
- K. On September 30, USAID provided a truck, but had to pay the driver overtime because it was Sunday, to haul the furniture to the school. The 120 chairs and 61 tables were placed in the Ag-Home Economics building.

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