

To: Mr. James H. Green, Director, U.S. Office of Education
Contract Representative

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PROBLEMS:

There are no major problems in 1973.

PROGRESS:

1. Curriculum and Textbook Developments

During the month several national studies were conducted in the discussion of the various curriculum and textbook developments. A separate report on these activities is being prepared. The involvement of Lao staff to a greater degree in a long-range development of the design and implementation of these plans was given the highest priority meeting the objective.

Dr. Palts's report includes the details of work completed with the printer and other relevant data at the end of this report.

2. Project Schools

Vientiane. AID Administrator General visited the school campus school in Vientiane on March 15 accompanied by Director General. Dr. Hannah emphasized the need for Laos to be the first country of the host country in his discussion with Deputy Director General and Secondary Education Director Phou.

Construction progress continued with the completion of the building and the Lao staff. The motor/electronic equipment is being installed.

Phou Hong. There is a need for a school director to be in the field operated electrical generator systems and the Lao staff. The Lao staff expertise beyond the ability of the Director of Education. Other power and tank repairs and maintenance are also needed. The question of overall school maintenance needs to be out of the way of the school daily involvement during the next school year by the University of Hawaii Field Director.

The first graduating class of grade ten (first cycle) will be taking the Lao Diploma leaving examination in June, 1973. Prospects for upper secondary (second cycle) continued education are discussed in item 3, of this report.

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3. Fa Ngum School Directors Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Fa Ngum school directors with the director of Secondary Education, Mr. Phou Naphone, was held from 0900 to 1315 hours on 21 March 1973 at the Ministry of Education conference room. The deputy-director of Secondary Education and the Chief of Party/Project Manager were also invited to attend the meeting.

The agenda included the following topics or questions for discussion:

- a. Automatic promotion of those Hmong grade 10 graduates with a 2.80 grade point average when they enter the grade 11 (2nd cycle) at Vientiane on the same basis as Vientiane grade 10 graduates
- b. Grade 10 leaving, "Baccalaureate" examination for Hmong students to be the same examination as taken by Vientiane students in academic subjects.
- c. Inclusion of practical arts "minor" on the diploma certificate for Fa Ngum graduates. At present there is no indication on the diploma.

was requested to do so in order to be able to do so. The following is a list of the examinations which schools are to be given:

Name of Examination	Grade Level	Language	Comments
Diploma	Grade 10	French	
Brevet	Grade 10	French	
Diploma	Grade 10	Law	
French Bac	Grade 13	French	
National Bac	Grade 13	French	
Law Bac	Grade 13 (June 1978)	Law	

These examinations are to be given on the 15th day and approved by the Ministry of Education "Order". The Law Bac will reflect the curriculum emphasis.

d. A report was given on the progress of the curriculum development progress of Dr. Butler.

e. The "career ladder" participants and the curriculum development was discussed along with the report of 22 returning participants to Laos teaching in October, 1973.

g. A revision of the 12 high school curriculum will be discussed at a separate meeting of directors on April 30, 1974.

h. The matter of the grade 7 entrance examination procedure and problems were discussed. It was apparent that there is a need to revise the procedure which now takes considerable teacher time (in the absence of teaching time) to formulate, administer and correct the examination. Dr. Butler was asked to investigate the possibility of utilizing a computer system and to request USAID funding to set up a new system for administering this examination. It was pointed out that the new system and system could also be used for any objective multiple choice examination, including grade 10 leaving examinations, grade 13 leaving examinations and any other nationwide examinations needed.

i. Dr. Phou Phasavan closed the meeting with an appreciation of the work done by the Ministry of Education to the University of Laos. The Director of the Ministry of Education, Dr. Butler and the U.S. Mission staff were commended for their cooperation during the past year. He also asked if there were any other matters Dr. Butler thought needed improvement. Dr. Butler responded with appreciation for the opportunity which he and other have enjoyed, and his wish to help for the improvement of secondary education in the Lao language. He also indicated that if there were a Ministry of Education "Order" upon which to base the new system of curriculum planning and textbook production, that cooperation would be greatly improved. Dr. Butler also indicated that he would be leaving Laos to return to Honolulu to teach in the College of Education and that Dr. Robert Martin has been selected to be the new Chief of Party of the University of Laos.

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