

EDU Staff Meeting
Monday, March 19, 1973

Present: Everyone except Colman and Costantino

1. New Provisional Government of National Union is expected to be formed by March 23.
2. PRO will get out instructions and guidance for the Director's Spring Review very soon. Steve Shapley will coordinate. Two review sessions are planned: one in late April and one in late May and early June. We will hope EDU can be part of the first session.
3. SMD says there is a 10 percent increase in ocean freight charges for SE Asia.
4. Mr. Mann said Dr. Hannah's visit was a "success".
5. We have requested approval for Bob Douglass to come to Laos on TDY, March 25 - April 7, to work with Mr. Khamphat on Vo Ed planning.
6. We will plan to request approval in the Spring Review to support construction of one building by self-help at the Vientiane Technical School. Priority should be for a teacher training facility for training industrial arts teachers at the second cycle (Grades 11-13) level. Tom will collect all necessary information. Hopefully, Mr. Khamphat will get support from the Development Budget for Kip expenditures for this project.
7. Training for Business Education teachers should be at the Grade 14-15 level and should include Lao, French, and English office procedures. Decision needs to be made whether the training should be at the ESP or the Vientiane Technical School. The training is planned to begin in October, 1974.
8. Participant Training for vocational teachers and teacher trainees can probably be handled under normal SE and TT programs next year, assuming we avoid any new starts in the academic areas.
9. Norm plans to go to Pakse with Mr. Bounthavy and Ah Chong Zane next week to settle problem of trees, introduce Ah Chong to AC, etc.

Tentative dates are March 27-28, depending on Bounthavy's schedule.

10. Norm and Hunter plan to visit Houei Sai the first week of April. Jim and someone from RLG/TT may wish to accompany. It is probably not useful for Mr. Khamphat to go to Houei Sai at this time.
11. The directors of all secondary schools are meeting at the Ministry this week.
12. Dick is in Pakse and Savannakhet this week.
13. Distribution of books from the Technical Reference Library has been stopped pending review of the situation by Mr. Chandler.

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