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Meeting Today with Mr. Bounthong

1. Mr. Bounthong, Dr. Vee, and Mr. Khamding approved Ly Keu and Miss Iom for two CE BA participant slots in Thailand, Soukane, is doing letter for Mr. Khamding's signature on official request from MoE to USAID.
2. We went over CR&C AP. He agreed to everything in principle. CE will resubmit to MoE with Lao translation. I told him USAID would not be able to provide large scale transportation for 3rd and 4th year participants. Miss Engler is finishing up final details and translation.
3. Mr. Bounthong wanted to know how many Urban Schools USAID would approve for FY74. I told him we could not say now but we would include his ideas in Director's Spring Review for planning purposes. Tentatively, he will ask for about twelve eight room schools: Four in Vientiane area, one in Phone Hong, one in Wapi, two in Pakse, one in Sithandone, one or two in Savannakhet, one in Luang Prabang, and one Champassak. I also told him we planned on submitting a provision for a self help warehouse for PSI Sithandone but that it would be at a much lower priority than the Urban Schools.
4. We had a long discussion on the MoE Budget submission which is due the fifteenth of this month. I suggested the following be considered for inclusion:
 - A. Positions for supervisors.
 - B. More money for a better school maintenance program.
 - C. Increase the coolies assigned to large groups scolaires.
5. Mr. Bounthong is concerned about having Wapi schools ready for September, 1973. I told him the AC has plans for complete reconstruction and Education facilities are included in this master plan.

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