

**EDU Staff Meeting
Monday, April 9, 1973**

Present: Green
Costantino
Engler
Levy
Woodson
Fitzgerald
Rantala
Colman

Absent: Butler
Liston

1. The Ambassador and Mr. Mann will go to Pakse and Savannakhet, Tuesday - Thursday. Farewells and many dedications are planned. They may also drive to LP on Saturday to attend the Pi-Mai festivities.
2. Mr. Mann extended apologies to all concerned for not being able to visit Fa Ngum Phone Hong with Senator Brooke.
3. The Ministry's complete statistics for 1971-72 have just been issued. One extra copy is in Norm's office. The statistics for elementary education differ from the end-of-year report recently issued by CE, probably because they used mid-year figures.
4. The Ministry is discussing a rather large curriculum project with the Canadian government. It is for mathematics only, for all grades, and would include in-service training. The proposal provides for 10 Canadian technicians (3 for elementary, 4 for secondary, etc.).
5. Norm requests to see the following papers before any Ministry employee is placed in pre-academic training:
 - a. Bio-data for the individual
 - b. A statement of the training proposal or draft PIO/P
 - c. A letter from the Ministry requesting the participant training and releasing the person for pre-academic classes.
6. Larry W. is supposed to go on leave Wednesday but his new contract is not yet ready. Oudone leaves for Australia on Friday. EDU party for them is Tuesday at 5.

7. Dick goes to Pakse and Savannakhet this week. Tom and Lu are on leave.
8. Larry L. is working with Hank Holmes on developing a research proposal for developing "humanities" materials and curriculum.
9. Mrs. Pinkham is proposing a summer course for the year's and last year's English/Social Studies graduates of the English Section. A course for the Science graduates is already being planned.
10. The Lao co-director of the Savannakhet Technical School (Mr. Souk?) has been appointed the new PSI for Sedone, replacing Mr. Souathong. A French-trained engineer will be assigned to the Technical School.
11. Plans are being made for students from the Sam Thong College to dig a drainage ditch at Fa Ngum Vientiane. The students would earn "credit" towards receiving food support this summer.
12. SE should check requirement to move project equipment out of warehouse next to Property Warehouse. A memo on the subject is being circulated.
13. Director Somsak is proposing to the Ministry that certain teachers be released from teaching assignments to spend full time on curriculum and materials development.
14. Bob Douglass' report on Vo Ed requirements is now available.
15. TT has worked up a detailed study of personnel requirements and budget needs which will be very helpful for future planning.

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