

April 30, 1973

To : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division
Contract Representative, USAID/Lacs

From : Lucius Butler, Chief of Party
University of Hawaii Contract Team

Subject: April, 1973, Monthly Report



PROBLEMS: School Maintenance

The discussion of school maintenance during the Spring Budget/Program Review included the question concerning the appropriate "level" of maintenance which can be expected when, indeed, the maintenance responsibilities are turned over entirely to the Lao school directors.

Monthly reports by U/Hawaii administrative advisors (SEA's) indicates that this problem includes the need for Lao school personnel to develop a concept of maintenance upon which to base their daily maintenance activities.

Mr. Rantala's report provides additional specific details on this problem as it is currently being handled.

PROGRESS:

1. Annual Spring Review - April 27, 1973

The review of FY74 and FY75 budgets for the Secondary Education project included the following:

a. <u>Dollar Budget</u>	FY74	FY75
Hawaii team personnel	11	30
Budget figure	440,000 (FY73)	420,000 (FY74)
Participants	156,500 (50)	163,000 (61)
U.S. (no. in parentheses)	110,000 (19)	97,000 (17)
Third country	46,500 (31)	66,000 (44)
Commodities	236,700	255,000
Other Costs	108,000	108,000

b. <u>kip</u> Budget	FY74	FY75
Laos staff	3,400,000	3,800,000
Commodities	7,300,000	7,300,000
Other Costs		
Textbook Printing	9,000,000	9,500,000
Textbook Writing	2,000,000	2,000,000
Editorial Assistance	2,000,000	2,000,000
MRO	2,000,000	2,000,000
In-service Training	1,700,000	2,700,000
Operational Travel	3,000,000	3,000,000

It must be pointed out at this time that the amounts budgeted for Hawaii team personnel is not sufficient in the opinion of the campus coordinator. The discussion of a TEFL advisor was postponed until January, 1974, and considerable interest was expressed toward obtaining a testing-guidance advisor for the Hawaii team project.

Generally, the budget support will permit an orderly development toward project objectives.

2. H.E. the Japanese Ambassador to Laos referred Mr. Shigeharu Okuda, director in charge of Indo-China of the Society for World Peace to Dr. Butler to discuss plans of this organization to establish a Royal Laos College, perhaps in Luang Prabang or Vientiane. Mr. Okuda was accompanied by Mr. Shinichi Ito of the Tokyo Menba Co, 165 Rue Chacancu, Vientiane, Laos (P.O. Box 112, Telephone PTT 2007) and the discussion was conducted mainly in the Japanese language.

General items were discussed including the need for water and electrical facilities, the number of secondary school graduates each year, the French language of instruction in many secondary schools and related factors. The proposed language of instruction for this institution is English.

I recommended they visit Mr. Green, USAID/Education upon their arrival in Laos for a second visit as well as the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of the Plan.

3. A brief article on "The Fa Ngum Comprehensive High School" appeared in the SEAMEO (South East Asian Ministers of Education) INNOTECH NEWSLETTER Vol 1 No. 7, April, 1973, which was edited from previously published materials. The article adds to the regional educator's knowledge of the project and it is unfortunate that two items of mis-information are included. "Academic" is listed along with practical arts "majors" when, in fact, there is no curriculum designed for an "academic track." The term "major" is used to designate the practical arts choice of each student in grade eight (2nd year) when, in fact, each student has an "academic major" of 16 hours per week.

A "practical arts minor" of 6 to 8 hours per week and a "language minor" of 8 to 6 hours per week throughout the seven years of study. At any rate, it is pleasing to know that the efforts of the Lao Ministry of Education are being recognized by the SEAMO regional centers.

4. During the month of April, the development of plans for a curriculum and textbook system has been completed and discussions with Ministry of Education officials are currently underway. It is anticipated that implementation of this system will take place during FY74 after discussion with Dr. Robert Martin, the new University of Hawaii chief of party. Attached are three charts which visualize the proposed system.

5. Work was completed on the Secondary Education Project Design during the month with the Director of Secondary Education Phou Rasphone, the University of Hawaii chief of party and Evaluation and Program Management (EPM/USAID) staff. Copies are available from EPM.

6. The Lao Home Economics Practice House, constructed under an Activity Proposal under USAID/FWD direction, was dedicated on April 26th. Several supplementary items will be added through student self-help as was envisioned when the original AP was drafted.

7. The current (1972-73 school year) enrollment in schools under the director of secondary education (see attachment) shows that of a lower secondary (grades 7-10) enrollment of 7,418 students, 1,116 or 19% are in Fa Ngum schools. The upper secondary (grades 11-13) enrollment of 1,304 students includes 119 or 9% in Fa Ngum school, Vientiane. These percentages will increase each year so that by 1976 there should be about 35% of secondary school enrollment in Fa Ngum schools.

The percentage of total students in each grade for 1972-73 is shown below.

Grade (French)	(Lower secondary-1st cycle)					(Upper secondary-2nd cycle)			Total
	Pre-7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Students	6eB	6eA	5e	4e	3e	2e	1e	Term	
	1157	1919	1723	1478	1111	519	429	356	8722

Percent in each grade: 13.4 22.1 20.2 17.0 12.1 6.0 5.1 4.1
 Percent of total in lower secondary: 84.8%
 Percent of total in upper secondary grades: 15.2%

STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GRADE AND SCHOOL
LAO SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR 1972-73 SCHOOL YEAR

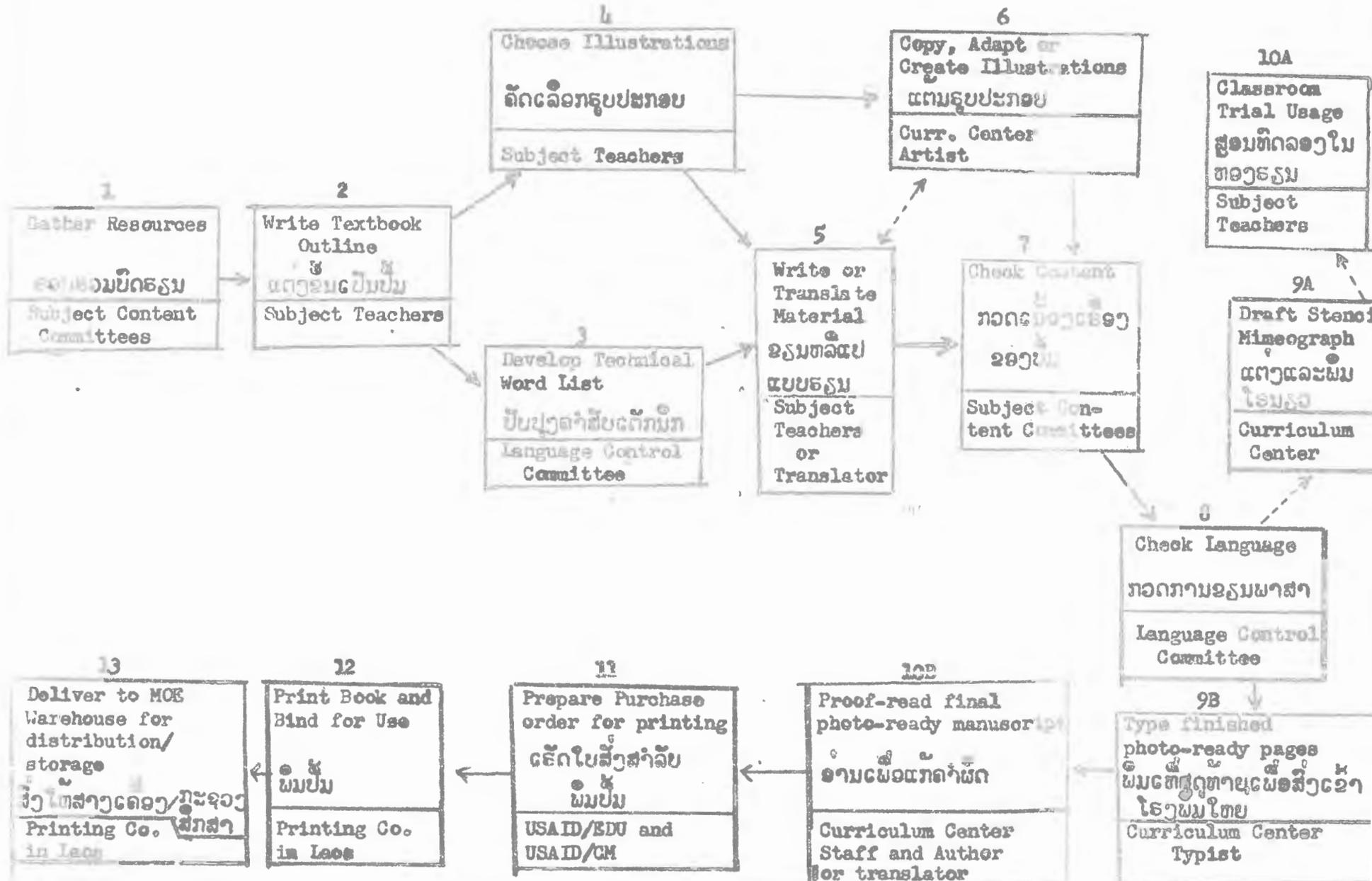
Grade	Pre-7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
LYCEE (Grades 7-13)	(6eB)	(6eA)	(5e)	(4e)	(3e)	(2e)	(1e)	(Term)	
Vientiane	248	423	418	401	413	266	237	356	2762
Luang Prabang	99	139	108	105	93	54	48	0 ^b	646
Savannakhet	149	188	172	156	110	70	46	0	891
Pakse	108	143	107	97	90	63	45	0	653
Sub-Totals	604	893	805	759	706	453	376	356	4952
FA NGUM (Grades 7-13)									
Vientiane	-	144	116	125	102	66	53	0 ^b	606
Phou Hong	-	105	106	106	98	-	-	-	415
Savannakhet	-	107	111	94	0	0	0	0	312
Luang Prabang	-	108	94	0	0	0	0	0	202
Sub-Totals	-	464	427	325	200	66	53	0	1535
COLLEGE (Grades 7-10)									
Khammouane	71	99	67	71	35	-	-	-	343
Saravane	38	40	44	38	28	-	-	-	188
Vang Vieng	50	42	33	27	29	-	-	-	181
Paksane	42	36	36	26	21	-	-	-	161
Kengkak	34	32	33	31	40	-	-	-	170
Khong (Island)	39	30	32	15	17	-	-	-	133
Sayaboury	32	36	35	33	31	-	-	-	167
Samthong	34	31	28	25	0	-	-	-	118
Champassak	33	31	32	27	18	-	-	-	141
Attapeu	36	36	35	34	0	-	-	-	141
Bankeun	38	42	41	35	16	-	-	-	172
Houei Sai	34	39	36	32	0	-	-	-	141
Khongsedon	37	41	39	0	0	-	-	-	117
Paklay	35	27	0	0	0	-	-	-	62
Sub-Totals	553	562	491	394	235	-	-	-	2235
LYCEE (4)	604	893	805	759	706	453	376	356	4952
FA NGUM (4)	-	464	427	325	200	66	53	0	1535
COLLEGE (14)	553	562	491	394	235	-	-	-	2235
Grand Totals	1157	1919	1723	1478	1141	519	429	356	8722

SOURCE: Royal Lao Government, Ministry of National Education Director of Secondary Education Report for School Year 1972-73. Table II (Enrollment as of 15 November 1972). (French language) Format adapted and figures corrected, unofficial translation.

NOTES: a. a dash (-) indicates no students because no grade is planned
b. a zero (0) indicates no students in a planned grade at this time

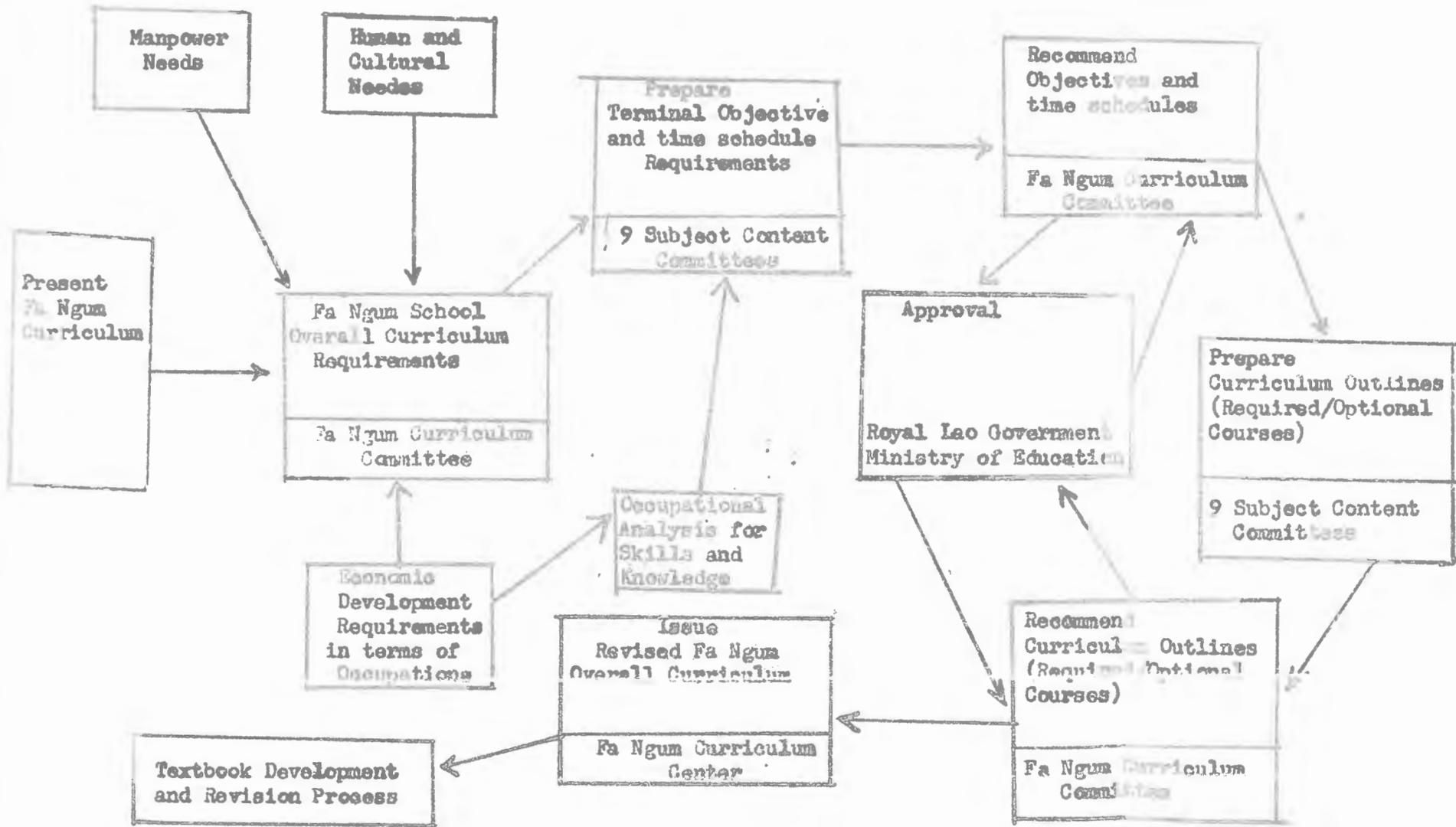
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