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Problems

- A. There has still been no action by EDL to erect the power lines to the well sites at the Teacher Training School, Dong Dok. An attempt to obtain additional material for this job is being made; However, there is no wire available for the high voltage line from SMD. This wire will have to be obtained from Bangkok or other off shore sources.
- B. The connection for the raw-water line at the Fa Ngum School, Pakse, has been delayed. OICC was requested to make the necessary arrangements for the material through the contractor early in May. To date only information as to cost of material was requested, this information was not forwarded to Education so that a source origin waiver could be requested. The source origin waiver is being processed now. However, we have been informed that it will take 60 days for delivery of material after we are permitted to place the order.

Progress

- I. The design for the ground water storage tank for the Fa Ngum School, Vientiane has been completed. Construction will be initiated very shortly. this facility should be available for use during the next dry season.
- II. The demonstration of exposed aggregate at the CE Groupe Scolaire, Thadeua was completed during this reporting period. The PTA and other officials liked this type of finish very much; However, there was not enough money available to make this application on the entire building. This will reduce maintenance costs considerably. Therefore, it is recommended that this type of wall finish be included in the specifications for new construction.
- III. The Summer Work Program at Dong Dok has started. Mr. Casy Keur of IVS has worked on developing a schedule of this work and priorities for the various

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jobs to be accomplished by this program. This program should improve the appearance of the grounds and remedy many of the problems that have been occurring in the buildings. A new chief for maintenance has been appointed, he has demonstrated that he recognizes the problems that must be surmounted to maintain the buildings and grounds of this institution.

- IV. Insulators for the high voltage power line for the Fa Ngum School, Savannakhet have been obtained from the USAID Power Section. These insulators will speed the installation of this line and permit the use of the various electric pumps for water, shop equipment etc. which have been installed at this school. Insulators which were ordered from the U.S. on a PIO/C will be returned to the USAID Power Section when they arrive in country, probably late August or early September.
- V. A ten inch (10") water line has been installed in front of the FNI Pakse. This water line will be connected to the school water system, thus eliminating the chronic problem of pump failure and water shortages on this campus. Work is continuing on the drainage system for this campus. This work will take several more months but progress is being made.

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