

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 9, 1973

TO : Miss Lee Engler, CEA/Program
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 1973

Problems

No new significant problems.

Accomplishments:

Refugee education supplies were distributed in Luang Prabang and Ban Houei Sai for use in summer programs. Additional amounts are being shipped to the Primary School Inspectors in advance of the opening of school in September.

The IVS Summer Work Program has assigned 15 students to teach in refugee schools in Xieng Khouang. Students were also assigned to teach in Ban Houei Sai, Vientiane area, Phone Hong and Pakse.

The villagers at Pak Sob indicated that they wanted to complete their school before September but the location of the school was still being debated by some of the Nai Bans. The Tasseng seemed to be more interested in taking care of the colonel's farm at Dong Dok than taking care of the village problems.

CRA school projects at Ban Pak Sum and Ban Na Chik were visited in the Paksane Area. It appeared that more supervision of CRA projects is needed as one school placed the columns in the middle of the classroom and the other one had three porches and looked more like a wat than a school. The PSI followed up on these projects and plans to check CRA projects more closely in the future.

The students in Borikhane province were experiencing the same problems of continuing their education as were students in other areas. There were 560 grade six students in the province of which 387 passed the CEP. Of the 387 students, only one was able to get into the College of Paksane. Some 150 students took entrance exams to schools in Vientiane, however, the PSI anticipates that only 10-15 will be accepted. There were 112 girls in the total of 387 and they predict that only 4-5 will be able to continue their education.

The majority of the school construction projects on the Vientiane plain have been completed. Lumber is currently being purchased for a furniture project in Phone Hong.

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The month of July will be spent in the field assisting with the summer in-service teacher training program, and working with Koua Lia PSI/Xieng Khouang, who recently returned from Singapore.

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