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Subject : Monthly Report for February 1973

### Problems

No new significant problems

### Local In-Service Training

1. A final report in English on the fifteenth National Annual Conference of Primary School Inspectors has been completed by CE and approved by the Ministry of Education. The report includes transcriptions of the address by the Minister of Education and talks by other leaders, curricular activities in science and youth movement, a report on educational status by each primary school inspector, also a complete conference agenda, introductory statements by the Director of Primary Education and the OEA/National, and evaluative comments on the curricular work. The report is being duplicated for limited distribution by MoE and EDU.
2. An activity proposal to train 1047 CREC and Setages teachers has been drafted for review with the MoE. Courses are to be conducted at twenty centers for twenty six days in July. This year the Ministry project to qualify CREC teachers will offer all four levels of training.
3. The attached summary report on FY72 local in service training was prepared for HRDD/IT. It is worth noting that (1) local education leaders are increasing their ability to organize and conduct training programs and (2) they are training higher level personnel.

Note: Summary report removed and attached to division chief's report.

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### Participant Training

1. Of four candidates selected for training in educational administration two have been withdrawn as approved by MoE— one because of ill health and the other because of job demands and inadequate progress in pre-academic courses conducted by HRDD/IT. The nominees for Budget-Fiscal and Testing-Guidance are improving very satisfactorily in math, Thai, and English courses.
2. Two candidates for study in language arts (one for minority groups) are being considered for final clearance with MoE. Training of these participants is part of a plan to staff a curricular team of eight subject matter specialists in the MoE; the final candidate will be programmed in FY74 in the field of social studies.

### Educational Statistics

1. The translation and completion of the 405 annual statistical report on primary education for the close of the 1971-72 school year was completed. Information includes number of public and private schools in each province, total pupil enrollment in public schools beginning with school year 1942 and in private schools beginning in 1952, number and types of public and private schools and enrollment in each, number of teachers in public schools and their classification, number of pupils passing the sixth grade final test in each province, and the number of pupils passing entrance examinations to secondary level schools. More information was obtained by NCS on private schools operating during school year 1971-72 than during previous years. A separate report on private schools will be completed next month.
2. The Primary Education Department has steadily improved its collection and presentation of statistics, a vital factor in sound educational planning, in particular for teacher assignment, expansion of facilities, equitable distribution of textbooks and other school supplies, in-service training projects, curriculum reform, and budget accountability.

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