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Subject: January Monthly Report

### Textbook Production

Attached to this report is a page on the Status of Textbook Production which provides an overview of where we stand in text production. General input in time and effort among curriculum advisers and Lao counterparts is represented in the following: 2 books published, 7 at the printers, 2 at USAID/CM, 8 at the Ministry of Education and several at the curriculum center.

The long delay of manuscripts at the Ministry of Education has been of much concern to curriculum advisers. Three manuscripts have been there since last September and October. Mr. Srasak and I conferred with Mr. Sulang, Secretary of the Lao Royal Academy, on this matter. We are hopeful that some measures will be taken by the Ministry of Education to minimize delays.

However, in spite of the many difficulties related to textbook and other curriculum materials production efforts, curriculum advisers are progressing steadily within various stages of textbook development.

### Curriculum Implementation and Development

Curriculum advisers are also involved in many other activities which are necessary in curriculum implementation and development.

#### Science & Mathematics

Work is moving along on the Biology Glossary, Chemistry 11 text and laboratory manual for Grade 7. Algebra texts for grades 10 and 11 are almost completed. A revision of mathematics books for the first three grades is being discussed.

#### Social Studies

Progress has been slow in revision-writing because of additional administrative duties. However, curriculum directives and materials developed during the holiday workshop and other resources materials were distributed to other Va Ngum schools.

Miss Inkiane and adviser visited with Ambassador Gonsalves of India regarding assistance for the development of a unit text on India.

### Laos Language & Literature

Textbooks for the first cycle are available and (partial) guide materials are being written and tried out in classes at the moment. Several Lao literature materials for the second cycle are at the Ministry of Education.

Considerable interest in Lao language has been generated among students as it was demonstrated at the special after-school assembly initiated by the Lao Language Club at Pa Tzei, Phongsavan.

### English

All classes are moving along smoothly. Missions' books were administered and returned to Miss Long. Each West Campus graduate student. Purchase of additional supplementary readers with 125 words has increased our resources in teaching of English.

### Home Economics

Micrographed form of the 3000 grade home economics book was distributed to those schools needing it. Mrs. Tuotthong, is translating captions of several home economics manuscripts. Students and teachers went on field trips to the Handcraft Center and evening classes.

At Phons Hong home economic teachers demonstrated their capabilities on two occasions - Mr. Phou's luncheon and Primary School Inspector's dinner.

### Agriculture

Farm Mechanics, Poultry Production and Animal Husbandry are in their final stages of book development at the Curriculum Center. A poultry project is in the planning stage at Phons Hong where vegetable growing activities continue but water supply problems remain.

### Business

Office Practice and Business Organization books are getting their finishing touches and plans for the writing and translating of other business books continue. Maintenance of operations is a perpetual necessity.

### Industrial Arts

Professional assistance to teachers has been provided with demonstrations and teaching aids such as additional books for libraries and film projects. Development of teacher education in industrial arts at Dong Dak was discussed with Dr. Long.

Editorial Staff

Practical and editorial services to the staff were provided by:

William Beckin, Industrial Arts - Long Beach, Jan. 8-11.  
Dorothy Blake, Home Economics - Long Beach, Jan. 21-25.  
Hartwell Blake, Agriculture - Long Beach, Jan. 29-30.

Visitors

Curriculum Center visitors were J.S. Bowler, State Inspr.,  
former Education Chief Mr. Hart and Mr. Barbara DeLong of Penn State  
whose specialty is in instruction.

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Printings Completed

- 01/08 1. Soviet's 21st Accounting 1, 200 pages
- 01/21 2. Law-Calendar, 150 pages

At Printers

- 12/19 1. English 5: Ten-Cay Adding Machine, 85 pages
- 12/27 2. Agriculture: Horticulture 25 pages
- 01/17 3. Advanced Law Typing, 71 pages
- 01/17 4. Industrial Arts 10: Machining, 100 pages
- 01/22 5. Science 10: Biology, 200 pages
- 01/22 6. Industrial Arts 15: Shop - 100 pages
- 01/22 7. Industrial Arts 10: Shop - 100 pages

At USAID/21

- 01/19 1. Social Studies: Handbook, 100 pages
- 01/29 2. Business Accounting, 2, 250 pages

At NCE

- 09/25 1. Industrial Arts 11: Fire, 100 pages
- 09/25 2. Law 11: 1st of September, 100 pages
- 10/30 3. Law 11: Hebrew, 200 pages
- 01/08 4. Industrial Arts 11: Welding, 100 pages
- 12/11 5. The Soviet Literature 7
- 01/09 6. Industrial Arts 11: Shop, 100 pages
- 01/05 7. Mass Education: Handbook, 100 pages
- 01/23 8. Mathematics 10: Algebra, 200 pages