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SUBJECT : Monthly Report August 1973

Problems

- A. As reported in July the electric power line at the Teacher Training School, Dong Dak has not been erected by EDL. This could become a major problem in the coming dry season if there is no power for the pump in the new water well which PWD completed in June. All material for this work is on hand.
- B. There is still a shortage of aluminum roofing nails and ridge cap which is causing some delay in completing the first buildings at the Pa Ngum School, Pakse. An attempt is being made by the Hawaii team to obtain the necessary nails from Hawaii in order to complete these buildings prior to the beginning of school.

Programs

1. The design of the ground water tank for the Pa Ngum School, Vientiane has been completed by PWD. The connections to the well and city water system are being designed at present. PWD states this project will be completed by December 1st, 1973. This will be in time to help overcome the water shortages which have developed each dry season in the past.
2. The first trial of the lawn mower which is being constructed of locally available material was conducted during this reporting period. Some additional modifications must be made. However this machine should be completed and in use by the 15th of September. Additional mowers for the Pa Ngum Schools and the ENI Schools will be constructed after the prototype has been thoroughly tested.

3. Completion of the Curriculum Center at the Fa Ngum School, Vientiane was being delayed because of a shortage of the correct color of paint. This situation was remedied by obtaining the same type of paint from SMD, which was white in color; a tinting agent (lamp black) was added and the correct color was obtained. The building has been painted and is ready for the final inspection.
4. Completion of the electric line to the Fa Ngum School, Savannakhet has been delayed due to a shortage of pin type insulators. The quantity (180) requested by EUL was shipped to Savannakhet; However, this proved to be 48 less than actually need. An addition fifty (50) insulators has been obtained and shipped. The electric line should be completed prior to the opening of school.
5. 125 arm chairs for the Curriculum Center Fa Ngum School, Vientiane were completed and delivered during this reporting period. Tables and teachers desks are almost ready for delivery. The Vientiane Technical School which constructed this furniture completed it on schedule and the work is of superior quality.
6. The campus rehabilitation work at the ENI School, Pakse is progressing very satisfactorily. Drainage, building repair and painting work has been going on for two months. The results have begun to show in a very positive manner, the campus look much better than it has in a long time.
7. The maintenance training program for maintenance employees of the ENI Schools and the Fa Ngum Schools started on August 27, 1973. There are 13 employees in the program, eight (8) ENI and five (5) Fa Ngum. The training is being conducted at the Fa Ngum School, Vientiane in the Lao language. The program will be completed September 21st 1973.

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