

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, EDU DATE: August 30, 1973
FROM : James Colman, Teacher Training Advisor
SUBJECT: Teacher Training Monthly Report for August, 1973

Problem:

Nothing significant

Progress:

This has been a month of turning over the responsibility of Teacher Training from the old staff to the new. Even though this action has been taking place, the work has been going forward. Some meetings with new directors, Pakse and Vientiane, have made it possible to orientate and make some new plans for this year's work.

During this time, the Pakse school received special assistance to help the up-grade physical facilities to the campus. The work progress at Pakse has been very satisfactory. The Lao are doing all the needed work by themselves. Supervision and materials are furnished in order to keep the work progressing. Students employed under the summer work program and refugees are the laborers. One cement specialist from Dong Dok has made a major contribution to the correction of drainage and sewage problems on the entire campus. The Ministry had allowed his working at Pakse until August 29. Since cement work is approximately 40% completed, the director will request two additional months of his services to complete the work.

Thai training began in the Local Training Center for possible participants to Thailand. Teacher Training has utilized three Thai teachers from Dong Dok, at no cost, to operate this training program for about 8 weeks. Throughout next year, the participants will take additional classes in needed subjects after their teaching hours. This will give RIG one more year of the participants service before he is gone for two more years. Twenty four (24) trainees are attending this training. If all were to become participants, it would represent 24 years salary saved for RIG.

On August 17, 1973 a trip to Ban Nan Mo made it possible to make final plans for altering the existing hospital for the Samthong ENT. Originally, an additional building was programmed. This trip eliminated the necessity for any extra building. The alteration to the existing buildings are not major and can be carried out as soon as permission from the Ministry of Public Health transfers the hospital building to the Ministry of Education and FWD approves the A.P.

Three APs have been approved this month. Eight more are awaiting approvals. These eleven APs were written in order to carry out the year's work of Teacher Training. Several special APs will be processed as the dry season review approves the work to be done. Also, the dry season review has been prepared and coordinated with ACs during the month of August.

During the month of August, 8 staff members from different ENI schools have entered Maintenance Training in Vientiane. Also, there are 8 women staff members taking part in the Home Economics Training in Vientiane. Maintenance and Home Economics are both important parts of the teacher training program. The training received will contribute to the improvement of education.

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