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Subject: Monthly Report for January 1973.

Problems

None of any significance that have not been previously reported.

Project Progress:

Construction on the permanent Refugee Schools on the Vientiane Plain can be resumed with the delivery of the remainder of the lumber required to complete the furniture. The Seng Aloun Sawmill had been in default for over 5 months. It is estimated that all of the furniture can be completed by the end of February.

A preliminary survey of the Thakhek refugees at Paksab showed 60 school age children and one CREC teacher. The Primary School Inspector is currently checking the situation and will make recommendations next week.

An activity plan for refugee school furniture is being circulated for signatures which will provide furniture for permanent refugee schools constructed in the north Nam Ngum area.

An activity plan was drafted and is also being circulated for signatures for the construction of a 6-room permanent refugee school at Nong Phen. Construction scheduled for March if a road is constructed between the main road and the village.

The tasseng at the Tat Xang Refugee village has requested assistance in building a 4-room temporary school. Work is scheduled to commence on February 4th.

A 4-room temporary school was rebuilt at Veun Khene and is in use. Primary school Inspectors for Vientiane/N and Vientiane/S are checking to see what other schools will require rebuilding to make it through the school year.

The French Cultural Affairs Officer and his assistant were taken to the Ban Xon area to acquaint them with the refugee education situation, specifically the shortage of French language books. Correspondence received yesterday indicates that the French Government will provide 700 books immediately to the refugees in the LS-272 area.