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TO : Mr. Hunter Fitzgerald, CEA/National

FROM : Miss Lee Engler, CEA/Program

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for October 1972

### Problems

No new significant problems not reported previously.

### Project Progress

#### Local In-Service Training

1. An activity proposal to provide a national conference of primary school inspectors is being processed for approval.
2. A review of the CREC teacher in-service training project has continued with MoE to evaluate accomplishments and to draft activity proposals to offer four levels of training to CREC teachers in July 1973. Locations, course directors, instructional programs, and number of participants are being determined.
3. Reports on the activities and benefits derived from the Home Economics Training Course, conducted at Fa Ngum High School Vientiane, were submitted to the Primary Education Department by its two participants. Copies of the reports were given to the course directors with a brief analysis.

#### Participant Training

1. Four participant nominees, designated for two-year training in Thailand in educational evaluation and guidance, statistics and budget-fiscal have continued pre-academic training conducted by HRDD/LT.
2. Applications are being studied with the CEA/N, HRDD/PT, and MoE to select three candidates for four-year training in Language Arts, Social Studies, and Language Arts (Minority Languages) to prepare them as subject matter specialists in primary education curriculum development.

#### Curricular Materials

1. Planning by the CEA/N with MoE has continued in order to provide special study at RECSAM for five Primary School Inspectors to draft objectives, course outlines, and sample units of instruction with simple teaching aids in science for primary grades 1 - 6.

2. Population Education activities in the school system and suggestions for reinforcement and expansion were explored with Mr. Patrick, AID/W Population Backstop Officer; Mr. Rosenfield, USOM/BKK; Mr. Morse, MID; CEA/N, and other EDU advisors.
3. The geography book for grade four is being revised by the Materials Production Center to provide a complete Lao language edition. The manuscript and illustrations for revised history texts for grades one and two are complete.
4. Plans by MoE to celebrate International Book Year at That Luang Fair were considered with Mr. Sang of the MPC and Mr. Hardy, CAO/USIS. Lao language books will be featured, particularly textbooks developed with USAID for Primary and Secondary Education.
5. Complete results of the sixth grade final examination were compiled as part of a study with recommendations being prepared on test reform in primary education.

#### Personnel

Tiao Vannitha, Deputy Director of Primary Education, departed October 11, under UNESCO sponsorship, for three months study and observation of adult education activities in France, Iran, Afghanistan, and Thailand. He was accompanied by Mr. Bone Liemthepha, Administrative Officer, and two others from Primary Education.

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