

UNITED STATES AID MISSION TO LAOS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director *NW Green*

FROM : Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division

SUBJECT: Education Division Monthly Report November, 1972

Teacher Training

Current year statistics for the teacher training schools show a total enrollment of 4,096 students, of which 926 are at the ESP and 3,170 are at the eight ENIs. A total of 1,711 students are attending the three schools at the Dong Dok campus (the ESP, ENI Vientiane and ENI Sam Thong). Detailed enrollment figures are attached to this report. These figures are an extract from a more complete compilation of statistics, including projections for the next three years, recently prepared by the Teacher Training project.

Jim Colman reports on a development of some significance at the Savannakhet ENI. The staff of the school has requested permission to conduct afternoon classes for sixth grade graduates who were not admitted into secondary schools. The students could work towards a tenth grade "diploma" but would have no obligation to teach. The proposal is for these students to pay tuition, half of which would go to teachers' salaries and half to campus maintenance and operations. Besides the obvious benefit of providing more educational opportunities for Lao youth, the plan would also establish a budget for the school and supplemental income for teachers. The Chao Khoueng of Savannakhet and the Director of Teacher Training have already approved the proposal. If it receives final approval by the Minister, we expect other ENIs to make similar proposals.

Mr. Cornelius Keur, IVS Maintenance Advisor, has done some excellent staff work in compiling a thorough report on the water system at Dong Dok. The report, which is being distributed to interested persons, includes eleven recommendations for correcting deficiencies and avoiding future breakdowns in the water system. Mr. Colman, Mr. Liston, and PWD will evaluate the recommendations and use them as the basis for planning present and future work and budget requirements.

Also at Dong Dok, a great deal of work has been done during the past month to grade and widen the roads in readiness for surfacing them during December. In addition, fallen trees have been removed, fence areas are being cleaned, and various areas of the campus have been cleared and leveled. A good job by all concerned.

Mr. Thanh Phromasavanh completed his contract with USAID and returned to work with the Ministry, from which he had been on leave after his defeat in last year's elections for the National Assembly. His time with USAID was exceptionally productive, especially in his leadership in revising the curriculum for the two-year teacher training program and introducing the Fa Ngum textbooks at that level of instruction. He is now working full-time at the Ministry on revision of the elementary science curriculum mentioned below.

Larry Levy has prepared a well-reasoned paper, "The Library and the University", which will be distributed with his next bi-monthly report. Other aspects of library development have occupied his time. In addition, a preliminary proposal and drawings have been made for the construction of a College Auditorium at Dong Dok.

Dr. Levy and Mr. Bounlieng Phommasouvanh have been collaborating on the preparation of a bibliography relative to their joint interest in the development of the ESP. Mr. Bounlieng departed in early December for nine months' study towards a Ph. D degree at Southern Illinois University. His thesis will be concerned with the training of teachers for secondary schools in Laos.

Mr. Le Xuan has been named Chief Technical Advisor for the UNDP Team at the ESP, replacing Mr. Nolte who departed from Laos a few months ago.

EPM's work on project designs with the Lao directors of Elementary Education and Teacher Training has been productive. The CE design has been printed and final work is being done on the TT document. Discussion regarding the TT design helped to clarify plans for the transfer of the first cycle of ESP to the Vientiane ENI and for the training of practical arts teachers in a two-year program to be established at the ESP.

Secondary Education

Dr. Teruo Ihara, campus coordinator for the University of Hawaii contract,

visited Laos from November 22 to December 5. He travelled to all of the Fa Ngum schools, held personnel conferences with the team members, and had several meetings with various offices of USAID. Two procedural changes are being initiated as a result of these meetings:

- (1) It was decided that the Mission will reimburse Hawaii Team members directly for authorized local expenditures (local travel, R & R, etc.) and then bill the University for these expenditures. Among other advantages, this procedure simplifies the administrative requirements placed on Dr. Ihara's office. A related unresolved question concerns procedures for the shipment of contract employees' household effects from Vientiane. We are going to discuss this matter with Edna Boorady during her next visit to Vientiane.
- (2) Some modification was made in project organization by giving Jane Fultz supervisory responsibility for curriculum and editorial work and John Rantala supervisory responsibility for logistics, procurement and construction. This arrangement allows Dr. Butler more time to work on planning and long range requirements for secondary education with his counterpart, Mr. Phou Rasphone. In another assignment, Mr. Hartwell Blake was designated to work with the principal of the Fa Ngum Vientiane School on general administration and maintenance in addition to his work as agriculture curriculum advisor.

Secondary Education construction activities:

Vientiane: Work has just started on the new ten-classroom building which will be used as a curriculum center and temporary location for the Sam Thong College; construction is also underway on the Lao house for home economics practice and demonstrations.

Savannakhet: The contractor finished the basic construction but will be authorized to put in some sidewalks, culverts, curbs, and other refinements.

Luang Prabang: Documents are being processed to provide the final funding required to complete this project, including provision for additional gutters and culverts to handle drainage and erosion conditions.

Pakse: Plans for the construction of Fa Ngum Pakse are moving ahead on schedule.

Community Education

Mr. David Harper, a science advisor from the SEAMEO Regional Education Center for Science and Mathematics (RECSAM) at Penang, was in Vientiane for several days to work on procedures for revising the elementary science curriculum. Five Primary School Inspectors then went to RECSAM for a ten-day workshop. The five PSIs have the responsibility of presenting an outline of a revised science program to the PSI Conference, which will be held in Phone Hong in January.

A visit to Houei Sai to investigate possibilities for expanding literacy activities for hill tribes in the area was made by Mr. Bounthong, Director of Primary and Adult Education, and Mr. Ali Hamadache, UNESCO Literacy Expert.

Larry Woodson and the CE staff have put together some statistical reports and analyses on refugee schools, both nationally and for MR II, where 45 percent of the refugee students are located. Two of the tables are given in Attachment No. 2 to this report.

Because of security problems, the PSI for Nong Bok has moved to a temporary office in Thakhek. The Deputy PSI remained in Nong Bok.

A report on recent damage to educational facilities in Kengkok is being compiled.

Educational Materials

Educational Materials completed this month:

SE	Industrial Arts, Forging & Welding, Gr. 10	3,000 copies
SE	Lao Language, Grade 10	6,000 copies
CE	Geography, Grade 2	8,000 copies
CE	Geography, Grade 3	5,000 copies
CE	Science, Grade 3	4,000 copies
CE	Science, Grade 5	3,000 copies
CE	Science, Grade 6	2,000 copies
CE	Bamboo Playground Equipment	1,000 copies

Educational Materials being printed:

SE	Business, Accounting, Grade 11	2,000 copies
SE	Lao Language, Grade 9	6,000 copies
SE	Social Studies, New Zealand, Grade 9	6,000 copies
SE	Lao Literature, Lao Calendar	5,000 copies
CE	Lao Fables, Grades 4-5-6	8,000 copies
AWC/CE	Civics, Grade 4	25,000 copies
AWC/CE	Civics, Grade 5	19,000 copies
AWC/CE	Civics, Grade 6	15,275 copies

Other Donors

The French Cultural Mission has completed printing Books I and II for teaching French in the fourth and fifth grades. These books are provided to teachers who have participated in special training courses sponsored by the Cultural Mission. No provision has been made for copies for the students.

The International Rotary Club of Vientiane plans to build three classrooms and a small dispensary at Y-Lai refugee village No. 1. Construction is expected to start before the end of the year.

Attachments: Teacher Training Statistics
Refugee School Statistics

Reporting units: School Maintenance and Supply Advisor
Teacher Training
Secondary Education
Community Education

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ENROLLMENT IN TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOLS 472 3 SCHOOL YEAR

Grade Level	Program	ESP	Vientiane	Luang Prabang	Pakse	Savannakhet	Vang Vieng	Kenel	Samthong	TOTALS
7	1-year		210	40	40	40				330
	2-year			31	15	35	70	70	35	350
8	4-year		98	164	144	39				645
	2-year			34	25	39	4	51	5	383
9	4-year		98	24	15	22				599
0	4-year English	58	79		14	12				563
	French English	272								272
	French English	82								82
	French English	28								28
	French English	19								19
	French Lac	28								28
	French	10								10
	French	31								31
	French	0								0
	French	13								13
MPA		92								472

3-year Programs	731	French Section:	635
4-year Programs	2437	English Section:	281
	3168		10
			3273

Table No. 1 Enrollment of Refugee Students, by Grades, 1972-73 School Year

Grade 1	18,176
Grade 2	7,652
Grade 3	5,552
Grade 4	2,796
Grade 5	1,790
Grade 6	<u>1,551</u>
Total	<u>37,517</u>

Table No. 2 Enrollment of Refugee Students, By School Districts, 1972-73 School Year

<u>School District</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
<u>MR V</u>		
Vientiane/North	1,522	4.1%
Vientiane/South	1,486	4.0%
Phone Hong	3,943	10.5%
Ban Keun	727	2.0%
Vang Vieng	2,233	6.0%
Borikhane	1,150	3.1%
<u>MR I</u>		
Luang Prabang	2,317	6.1%
Houei Sai	1,772	4.7%
Sayaboury	1,183	3.2%
<u>MR III</u>		
Savannakhet)	970	2.5%
Khammouane)		
<u>MR IV</u>		
Sedone)	3,368	8.9%
Sithandone)		
Wapikhamthong)		
<u>MR II</u>		
Xieng Khouang	14,183	37.8%
Houa Phan	<u>2,663</u>	<u>7.1%</u>
TOTAL	<u>37,517</u>	<u>100.0%</u>