

EDU Staff Meeting  
October 24, 1972

Present: Green  
Fitzgerald  
Colman  
Engler  
Liston  
Woodson  
Levy

Absent: Butler  
Costantino

1. The Continuing Resolution for the period through February 28, 1973 has not yet been signed by the President.
2. The Szymington ceiling of \$375 million for expenditures in Laos in FY 73 does not include anti-narcotics programs.
3. A response to the draft EDU audit has been cleared by Program. A copy of the audit is being circulated in the division.
4. Mr. Mann has requested the next issue of the USAID telephone directory be cut down in volume by deleting many names.
5. Mr. Ken Whitbread is leaving Laos October 28.
6. The director has requested a list of places where dedication ceremonies might be held in the next few months.
7. Green commented on the dry season review held last week. The working papers are in his office; PRO will issue a report soon. All EDU proposals were approved except a project (from AC/Svk) to construct an administration building at the Svk Technical School. There was also a reduction in the number of new classrooms to be built in the Pakse area. See attached summary of elementary classroom approvals.
8. Jim Chamberlain and Pash Phomsombath are going to Houei Sai this weekend to see what they can find out about education levels of minority groups in that area. Mr. Mann has requested a go-ahead on finding crop and other substitutes for poppy growing. The divisions concerned need educated persons from the minority groups to work with.
9. Mr. Patrick, AID/W population backstop officer, and Mr. Rosenfield,

from Bangkok, visited EDU offices today with John Morse.

10. The question of common-use supplies and kip budgets was discussed. Tom Liston is working on revising the school supply catalog so it may be used by all three projects. He will draw up some criteria regarding what should be included in the catalog. (Is there a recurring need for the item? Is it available locally?) The catalog will aim towards the situation we expect two or three years from now when USAID inputs will be less and when there may be a common MoE warehouse.

Project Managers will write out their ideas about phasing down budgets for kip support, for common-use support (which need not be phased out completely), and for POL support between now and June, 1976. A letter to the Director General will be prepared informing him of future limitations on USAID support for these items and the need for increased RLG budgets for school materials.

11. Green, Colman, Liston, Butler, and Rantala are going to Pakse to check on ENI maintenance and to review the site plans for the Fa Ngum School. Costantino is already in Pakse.

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Approved Construction of Elementary Classrooms - FY 73

	<u>REFUGEE - NARCOTICS</u>			<u>OTHER</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Already Approved</u>	<u>New - Temporary</u>	<u>New - Permanent</u>	<u>Already Approved</u>	<u>New</u>	
Xiang Khouang	37	75	8	-	-	120
Houei Sai	9	2	8	-	15	34
Luang Prabang - Sayaboury	25	-	29	15	52 20 (repairs)	141
Vientiane	35	22	50	16	40	163
Savannakhet	-	10	26	31	69	136
Pakse	-	-	-	54	56	110
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>106</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>704</u>