

EDU Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 1972

Present: Green
Fitzgerald
Colman
Eagler
Levy
Butler
Liston

Absent: Castantine
Woodson

1. A telegram informing of the death of Dona Butler's father was received today. Dona is leaving immediately.
2. Mr. Mann plans to visit each division soon, "to see where you work, meet new arrivals, hear what's happened during the summer." He's going to inspect the KM-9 management complex on Thursday (MTB is now all moved) and tour the Vientiane Plain on Friday.
3. Mr. Mann mentioned that during his meeting in Washington with Dr. Hannah the AID Administrator expressed interest in the Fa Ngum School program. Dr. Hannah may possibly visit Laos.
4. The meetings with the Pathet Lao representatives are to be held at the Law School (IRDA).
5. The continuing resolution expires October 14. PRO wants to obligate all second quarter items this week. John Woods will be seeing Project Managers.
6. The AGs will be in Vientiane for the Dry Season Review, October 19-21.
7. Green plans to visit Dong Dek campus on Thursday, October 12, with Colman and Liston. Will decide about storing Fa Ngum textbooks at KM-9, among other things.
8. Green plans trips to Savannakhet and Pakse October 26-27 and November 2-3. Plans depend in part on OICC readiness for final inspection of Fa Ngum Savannakhet and progress in planning Fa Ngum Pakse.
9. Information was received after the meeting that Dr. Ihara's next visit to Laos will take place after November 24.

10. Statistics being compiled on refugee schools for Dry Season Review might be put together for a report to the Lao Desk. Green-Fitzgerald to review.
11. Green requested Project Managers to submit any suggestions they may have for retaining and converting Mr. Thanh's position. Colman to check on when Mr. Thanh will actually be leaving EDU.
12. Mr. Boualiong will be offered the use of the spare room in Mr. Green's house for his research headquarters for the next two months. He returns from Tokyo this weekend.
13. Fitzgerald to arrange visit with Listen to MoE/CE warehouse.
14. Fitzgerald told of contacts that have been made with RECSAM regarding planning for elementary science curriculum revisions prior to PSI conference in January. A visit here by a RECSAM staff member may have to be financed by the mission. Green suggested LNI science teachers be included in work on elementary science curriculum revision.
15. Dr. Levy was requested to provide a list of the assignments of last year's graduates of the English Section, particularly those who went to RELC & RECSAM.
16. Dr. Butler was requested to make a similar list of the assignments of SE participants who returned during the past year.
17. The EDU Sector Audit is almost completed and should be received this week.
18. Mr. Sang is responsible for a rather large display to be made at That Luang Fair (November 9-20) related to International Book Year. Miss Engler is to arrange a meeting with Mr. Sang and Mr. Hardy, CAO, regarding possible USIS support for exhibit. Green has offered EDU assistance to Mr. Sang, if needed.
19. Miss Engler has compiled a review of the Sixth Grade Leaving Exams which shows a great deal of progress has been made in the past few years in improving this important examination.
20. Mr. Costantino is visiting PSIs in the north this week.

21. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested we invite other service organizations (SMB, etc.) to come to an EDU staff meeting, as was done with HRDD. It was agreed this would be useful.
22. CE reports progress in plans for making elementary textbooks available for sale.
23. Butler and Colman reported on problems and progress in the opening of schools this year.

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