

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, Education Division Date: July 28 1972
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for Month of July 1972

Problems

A serious problem was created when on the night of July 8, a severe windstorm ripped through the ESP Campus and caused considerable damage to the roofs of two buildings and minor damage to several other buildings. 300 Ferro-concrete corrugated roofing sheets were replaced. Twenty-three trees were also uprooted. The roofs have been repaired but trees are still scattered over the grounds. Some electric wires were down at the Sam Thong ENI and three light poles were snapped off. New poles were purchased from the Trust Fund and EDL made the repairs.

Progress

Most of the thrust of work during this month has been directed to the Summer Work Program. Work has gone very well. The former girls dormitories now being used for classrooms, are being painted inside and outside, except the work for the shutters is nearly finished. Ceilings in the English Section are being replaced and the floors have been cleaned and varnished in the classrooms. Several ditches have been enlarged and constructed around the grounds to control the flow of surface water.

The school at Pakse has been visited by technicians from the staff of ESP Vientiane to assist and direct the former and students work program at this school. The same technicians also spent three days at Savannakhet assisting there. The first week of August they will visit the ENI at Luang Prabang.

On 18 July, Mr. Onsy and myself visited the school at Kene-Thao to pay the students and inspect the work done so far.

One section of the pipe line in the new water system at KM-9 was removed and a new piece of pipe was welded into place by the welder from USAID maintenance. At the same time a booster pump, no longer necessary, was removed.

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Two switchboards and one generator are still at the ENI Luang Prabang awaiting shipment to Vientiane. I have been told that there is quite a backlog of cargo waiting to be shipped down from there. Hopefully, they will be shipped to Vientiane during the coming month. One of these generators will go to Savannakhet ENI and the other will go to the Ban Keun ENI. Before shipping out to the field again USAID Power Section will check them out.

At the request of the MoE Teacher Training, an activity plan was written to train secretaries from the various Teacher Training Schools and the Ministry in typing. The facilities of the Fa Ngum School Vientiane are being used.

Mr. Sithonh of this office has been to the ENI at Pakse and Savannakhet to check out the inventories at these schools with Mr. Sangkhane, Chief of ESP warehouse, MoE. He will go to Luang Prabang during August.

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