

**KDU Staff Meeting
October 2, 1972**

Present: Green
Fitzgerald
Colman
Liston
Butler
Engler
Levy
Woodson

Absent: Costantino

1. The Senate and House have passed separate AID Authorization Bills which are now in conference. The House has passed an Appropriation Bill. Various amendments of interest relate to narcotics, access by journalists to military bases financed by the U. S., and Foreign Service retirement benefits for AID.

Meanwhile, a new Continuing Resolution has been signed for the period to October 14. Congress is expected to adjourn October 15.

2. Mr. Mann returns on Friday.

3. Personnel from the Technical Assistance Bureau, AID/W, are available for TDY consultations if services are requested, apparently at no cost to the mission.

4. The U. S. contribution to the That Luang Fair will include sky diving, stunt pilot exhibitions, and the Young Internationals.

5. Steve Shepley is new Planning Officer in OP/E

6. AD/M: "Everyone should tighten up on household security."

7. Malisene will be out for the week. Lee and Elsie to arrange for some flowers from the Division while she is in the hospital.

8. Mr. Khamkhing is visiting Japan before going on to the UNESCO General Conference in Paris.

9. Liston and Green will meet with Mr. Khamtanh on Tuesday (1600), visit urban school projects with Fitzgerald Wednesday morning, and probably go to Phone Hong for first "final" inspection of Fa Ngum Phone Hong on Tuesday.

Green to invite Mr. Khamtanh on trip to Phone Hong. Butler to do same for Mr. Phou or his deputy.

10. The project to build Fa Ngum 6 was discussed briefly. A number of alternative possibilities were mentioned. Butler to discuss with Mr. Phou.

11. TT is reviewing support for kitchen and dining room operations at the ENIs, with the thought of possibly eliminating this assistance next year.

12. Dong Dek is having water problems again, probably due to corrosion of pipes.

13. Mrs. Plakham has been named acting Assistant Director of the ESP. She has also applied for the position of Inspector General for English language instruction in secondary schools.

14. Mr. Phone will be Director of Studies for the English Section. (This information was received after the meeting.)

15. 146 new students entered Fa Ngum Vientiane today. The Australian Ambassador is sending his two daughters to the school (whereas someone in the Russian Embassy is sending his children to the That Kao Groupe Scolaire).

16. Dr. Butler is going to Bangkok Wednesday to accompany Susan for medical tests.

17. TT is getting Fa Ngum texts out to the ENIs.

18. CE reports good cooperation from Public Safety Division on planning on safety campaign for children in Vientiane. CE has also been working with Dr. Mumm in revisions of the hygiene curriculum. Hopefully this will lead to closer coordination between the ministries of education and health.

19. If anyone plans to take annual leave during the rest of this calendar year, please inform Elsie of the dates. Some adjustments in leave plans may need to be made to assure that responsibilities are covered.

20. Local employees have a leave ceiling of 240 hours. Elsie will make a list of those employees who are near to or over this ceiling. Project managers should work out leave schedules for their staff. (Item: Kongkham is well over the ceiling and should take leave. We will discuss a substitute for him.)