

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. James A. Colman, Teacher Education Advisor Date: May 5 '72
FROM : Myron C. Thomas, Maintenance Advisor *Myron C Thomas*
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for the Month of April 1972

Problems:

There were no serious problems during the reporting period.

Progress:

Progress during this month was minimum due to school holidays, the death of the Business Manager of the ESP which required extensive time off for all hands for the funeral, and the trip of Mr. Onsy (my counterpart) to Bangkok with the school swimming team.

The burned out switch for the water pump has been repaired by The Lao German Technical School and we now have a spare.

Two more sections of the floor of the plumbing shop were laid with cement. During this process fittings are being sorted out and new shelving made. The place has been thoroughly sprayed with DDT for termites, including the pad under the new cement floor.

Work is continuing slowly on refurbishing the old water system. The supply tank has been cleaned out and the necessary lumber for building a shed over it has been delivered to the school.

On April 10, I went to Luang Prabang for the day with OICC and PWD officials to inspect the new three-story classroom building and toilets in the older dormitories because of allegations of poor design, construction and inspection. The report of the inspection has been written by the Public Works Division.

Personnel

On the morning of 3 April, Mr. Bounta Nanthanavone, the Econome of the ESP, was found dead in his bed. The cause of death was not ascertained. With the help of U.S. Embassy Security Branch the school safe was opened up in the presence of Dr. Veo, Director ESP, and Mr. Khamphay, Chief Finance of Teacher Training, Ministry of Education. Mr. Bounta Nanthanavone was the only person at the school with the combination.

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