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TO : Mr. James A. Colman, Teacher Education Advisor

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for Month of March 1972

Problems:

There were no serious problems during the reporting period.

Progress:

From March sixth to March ninth the writer was in Luang Prabang with Mr. Case Keur, IVS/EDU, to assist Mr. Frank Welsh and ENI Officials in reactivating the floor drains in all the dormitory washrooms and toilets. An air compressor was borrowed from USAID/PWD and all stopped up pipes in the school were opened. The second major problem at the ENI was the septic tank that was full and not leaching. Again USAID/PWD came to the rescue by loaning a trash pump which was used to pump out the tank to a split trench where it leached into the ground. When we left on the ninth Mr. Welsh was still pumping. Pipe was provided so that a connection could be made to the bottom of the tank so that in the future if the tank is filled it can be drained by gravity. A survey was made regarding the broken sinks and it was decided that all the porcelain sinks would be removed and two cement troughs would be built, during the summer work program, for each wash area. All OICC mirrors will be removed and wood framed mirrors will be secured directly to the walls. It is also planned to remove all of the overhead Viagra tanks and install faucets for flushing in all the toilets.

On March 17 Mr. Onsy, RII Liaison Officer, Mr. Case Keur and myself drove to Ban Keum ENI to discuss with the Director of the school his plans and needs for the summer work program. Previously bought well rings will be installed and a cement pad constructed around the wells. About 200 meters of sidewalks will be built between buildings and some interior painting will be done. Sand, gravel, cement and paint requirements were established. The school will get the sand and gravel and paint and cement have already been ordered.

On the night of March 22 the Control circuit became overloaded, possibly by lightning, to the main pump at K-9. A new switch was ordered from Bangkok and the pump resumed operation on 30 March. Again the back-up pump and water delivery by school staff kept everyone in water. Certain senior students of ESP missed classe: one day - primarily because they felt the the girls and ENI students were getting more water than ESP students.

The Main Building ESP has been completely treated for termites. Trench dug around inside and outside of the building and chemically treated. All termite mounds under building leveled and treated.

Watering of roads, and new trees still continuing. OICC still has not set up final final-inspection to determine if security grills are properly attached to buildings.

Roof repair of Main Building completed but some windows not yet replaced.

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