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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for Month of February 1972

Problems

There were no serious problems during the reporting period.

Progress

The main water pump was back in operation on 2 February after being out of commission during most of January. More spare parts for this well arrived from Bangkok on 16 February and we should now have the necessary parts to cope with the next breakdown.

On 8 February the writer went to Luang Prabang to inspect the new three story classroom building. Inspection was made with local (Luang Prabang) OICC inspectors, Mr. Varichat and Mr. Prasert. We were accompanied by Mr. Frank Dewetz of PWD and the Director of the ENI, Mr. Somlith Khanphanh. The work in general was good, but several minor items were to be taken care of before the building was to be accepted by USAID and MoE. On 23 February OICC notified Mr. Norman Green, Chief of EDU, that all deficiencies had been corrected and the keys had been turned over to the Director of the school. I do not know who checked to see if the deficiencies have actually been corrected. There is an Education representative and a Public Works representative in Luang Prabang.

Mr. Onsy has established a regular schedule for watering the roads and watering the plants, at KM-9. After about six weeks it is still continuing.

At present the government workers at KM-9 stand guard duty at night either at KM-9 or behind KM-6. They are on all night and then are allowed to take the next morning off. Three afternoons a week are used for Army Indoctrination and drill. This National Guard program has necessarily reduced the amount of work being done on the school grounds and in the school shops. Thirteen (13) people at the KM-9 school have been drafted into the regular army. The most serious loss has been our chief electrician, Mr. Deng.

A new sign has been painted at the intersection of route 13 and the KM-9 road.

A Contract has been let by SMB/PROC to determine the Main Building at KM-9. This is presently used by the English Section. The roof is also under repair on this building. Some difficulty has been experienced in buying the old

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fashioned type of tile used. We finally found a contractor who could make them for us.

Work on completion of the security grills and sodding of the area next to the new sidewalks at KM-9 has come to a virtual halt. OICC promises to find the contractor and get him moving on this job.

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