

TO : Mr. John W. MacQueen, AD/RA Date: December 11, 1972
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 SUBJECT : Food For Peace Branch Monthly Report - November

I. Commodity Summary - Metric Tons

Commodity	Bangkok		Field		VTE		NA-2608 Balance
	Transit Storage	Km-14 Storage	Nov	FY 73	Nov	FY 73	
Flour	38	994	-	-	344	1,474	1,515
Cornmeal	-	6	-	-	509	2,218	1,026
CSM	-	6	-	29	61	469	900
WSB	-	151	-	-	78	438	154
Bulgur	-	-	-	-	-	333	1,500
NFD Milk	-	444	-	-	25	68	443
Veg Oil	-	399	-	-	40	135	400
Totals	38	2,000	-	29	1,057	5,135	5,938

The arrival of 500 MT's bulgur wheat and 72 MT's CSM at Bangkok Fort has been delayed by bad weather off the Thai coast. We now expect these foods to arrive at Pakse, Savannakhet, Ban Houei Sai and Vientiane by mid-December. The arrival of 500 MT's cornmeal has been delayed by the U.S. shipping strike. Shipment of our approved call forwards of 1,000 MT's bulgur wheat and 1,200 MT's flour may also be delayed by this strike.

We continue to await action by FFP/W on our revised PROP requesting an additional 9,500 MT's of PL-480 food for the expanded rice replacement refugee feeding program. PL-480 food stocks will be in limited supply until the revised program is approved and new shipments of food are received.

PL-480 foods included as rice replacement in the November air drop operations from Vientiane totaled a record 406 MT's. Included in this total were 288 MT's cornmeal and 118 MT's noodles. December PL-480 food air drops will be limited to approximately 200 MT's because of the delayed arrival of cornmeal noted above.

II Recipients

PL-480 food was distributed at an overall 30% rice replacement rate to the following area refugees and indigents during November:

Ban Houei Sai	22,289	47%
Ban Xon	136,889	18%
Luang Prabang	32,200	47%
Paksane	2,214	47%
Pakse	29,233	33%
Sayaboury	3,663	47%
Savannakhet	13,634	44%
Thakhek	3,275	47%
Vang Vieng	11,575	42%
Vientiane	0	-
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Total:	254,972	30%

Although overall refugee figures are little changed from the previous month, the number of recipients of PL-480 food was reduced because new refugees receive a complete 15 Kg rice ration for up to ninety days. While a number of old refugees have been removed from food support, new refugees have been generated by enemy activity in many sections of the country. Those new refugees who still receive food support after ninety days will be included in the 50% PL-480 rice replacement program.

III Noodle Production

At the beginning of the report period stock on hand at the Km-4 Noodle Factory was 33 MT's. Production totaled 483 MT's and 487 MT's were shipped to refugee centers for distribution. Daily noodle production averaged 13.8 MT's with a record 16 MT's produced on December 1. Stock on hand at the end of the report period was 29 MT's.

IV Clothing Project

Thakhek reports 10,000 pieces of hospital clothing cut during the report period. However distribution of this clothing to refugee sewers continues to be delayed by enemy occupation of the Nam Thone area. An attempt will be made to organize a new sewing center for these Nam Thone refugees.

Ban Houei Sai shipped 2,000 sets of men's denim clothing to Vientiane during November. This clothing was turned over to MSW Vientiane for distribution.

V PL-480 Refugee Food Demonstrations

Thirteen PL-480 food preparation training sessions with 255 refugee participants were completed during the report period. These demonstrations will continue as new recipients of PL-480 food are added to the rolls and whenever other recipient areas request additional assistance.

VI Field Trips

The Food For Peace staff made field trips to Pakse, Luang Prabang and Ban Houei Sai during the report period.

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