

TO : Mr. John W. MacQueen, AD/RA Date: 8 November 1972

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SUBJECT: Food For Peace Branch Monthly Report - October

I. Commodity Summary - Metric Tons

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Bangkok</u>		<u>Field</u>		<u>Vte</u>		<u>TA-2608</u>
	<u>Transit</u>	<u>Km-14</u>	<u>Diversions</u>		<u>Issues</u>		
	<u>Storage</u>	<u>Storage</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>FY 73</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>FY 73</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Flour	1,102	269	--	---	288	1,130	2,715
Cornmeal	--	392	--	---	500	1,709	1,026
CSM	--	68	29	29	135	408	900
WSB	--	230	--	--	110	360	154
Bulgur	--	---	--	--	---	333	2,100
NFD Milk	8	462	--	--	13	43	443
Veg. Oil	--	438	--	--	24	95	400
Totals:	1,110	1,859	29	29	1,070	4,078	7,738

Received at Bangkok Port during the report period were 399 MT's of non-fat dry milk and 1,102 MT's of flour. We expect 500 MT's bulgur wheat, 500 MT's soy-fortified cornmeal and 300 MT's CSM to arrive during November. Additional call forwards of 1,200 MT's flour and 1,000 MT's soy-fortified bulgur wheat have been approved by FFP/W and are expected to arrive in December.

FFP/W has approved our ammendment request for an additional 1,500 MT's flour. Included in the revised PROP covering the expanded PL-480 50% rice replacement program is a request for an additional 9,500 MT's of food. This food will be sufficient to maintain the present PL-480 feeding program through the first quarter of FY'74. The revised PROP has been submitted for AID/W action.

PL-480 foods included as rice replacement in the October air drop operations from Vientiane totaled 262 MT's of cornmeal/CSM mix and 18 MT's of noodles. November air drops will include approximately 300 MT's of PL-480 foods.

II. Recipients

PL-480 food was distributed at an overall 31% rice replacement rate to the following area refugees and indigents during October:

Ban Houei Sai	22,289	47%
Ban Xon	130,077	15%
Luang Prabang	26,692	45%
Paksane	9,669	47%
Pakse	21,141	43%
Sayaboury	3,711	47%
Savannakhet	13,232	50%
Thakhek	3,275	47%
Vang Vieng	13,246	41%
Vientiane	<u>34,168</u>	<u>47%</u>
Total:	277,500	31%

We expect a substantial reduction in the amount of refugee food support required as harvests are completed during the next two months. For example, all Vientiane and most Paksane recipients are being dropped from food support rolls November 1. However, short crops of rice in some areas means that many of these recipients will eventually require supplemental food as their own rice supplies become exhausted.

### III. Noodle Production

At the beginning of the month the stock on hand at the Km-4 Noodle Factory was 29 MT's. Noodle production totaled 353 MT's and shipments to refugee centers totaled 349 MT's. Stock on hand at the end of the month was 33 MT's.

### IV. Clothing Project

Enemy attacks in the Nam Thone Area prevented cut cloth from being distributed to refugee sewers in the Thakhek Project. Sewing will resume as soon as security permits.

Ban Houei Sai reports 2,046 pairs of men's pants completed during September and October. Currently 2,000 sets of men's clothing are being prepared for shipment to MSW Vientiane for distribution.

During the report period PL-480 Sewing Project Activity No RR-1-005 was completed. To date 140,000 pieces of clothing have been fabricated from PL-480 cloth for distribution to refugees. Cost of cutting and sewing was less than 100 kip per piece. In addition to the income earned by refugee women and war widows the project has resulted in an offshore procurement saving of approximately \$93,000. The sewing project will be continued in Ban Houei Sai and Thakhek under the new AP number RR-3-002.

### V. PL-480 Refugee Food Demonstrations

PL-480 Food Preparation Demonstrations continued at most refugee centers. A total of 25 sessions with 508 refugee participants were completed during the report period. Demonstrations continue to play a vital role in the PL-480 refugee feeding program. The AP ammendment providing for a 100% expansion

of the present program has been approved, and will be implemented as required.

VI. Field Trips

The Food For Peace staff made field trips to Savannakhet, Thakhek, Ban Houei Sai and Sayaboury during the report period. A planned trip to observe discharge and handling of PL-480 shipment at the Bangkok Port was postponed by delay of the AID Continuing Resolution. The trip has been rescheduled for the arrival of the next PL-480 food shipments.

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