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SUBJECT: Food For Peace Branch Monthly Report - August

I. Commodity Summary - Metric Tons

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Bangkok Transit Storage</u>	<u>Km-14 Storage</u>	<u>Issues</u>		<u>TA-2608 Balance</u>
			<u>From VTE Aug</u>	<u>FY 73</u>	
Flour	83	854	325	517	1,117
Cornmeal	518	1,109	249	552	2,526
CSM	47	260	83	162	928
WSB	246	196	82	141	854
Bulgur	-	87	139	246	1,100
NFDMilk	119	-	2	15	831
Veg. Oil	170	417	29	58	400
Totals	1,183	2,924	909	1,691	7,756

During the report period 1,657 MT's of PL-480 commodities arrived at the Bangkok Port and are being shipped to Vientiane. An additional 430 MT's are scheduled to arrive during September.

Heavy war damage to the S/S London Statesman off the coast of South Viet Nam has delayed the arrival of some CRS PL-480 commodities, and those badly damaged, notably cornmeal and rolled oats, are being disposed of in Singapore. FFPO ORA will loan CSM and WSB to CRS for use in the refugee feeding program until replacement stocks are received.

PL 480 foods included in the August airdrop operations totaled 197 MT's of cornmeal/CSM mix and 67 MT's of noodles. In September, 350 MT's of PL 480 foods are planned to be utilized as rice replacement in airdrop feeding operations.

II. Recipients

PL-480 food was distributed as a rice replacement to the following area refugees and indigents during August:

Ban Houei Sai	7,763
Ban Xon	129,911
Luang Prabang	10,436
Pakse	20,435
Sayaboury	2,000

Savannakhet	8,859
Thakhek	4,618
Vang Vieng	12,345
Vientiane	33,780
Total.....	230,147

During the report period, the Mission again reviewed the refugee feeding program and decided to establish the goal of a 50% PL-480 rice replacement ration. A field survey by the Food For Peace Branch staff found that with no shipping disruptions and given adequate storage and transportation support, the goal can be met within two months for all areas outside of MR II where a goal of 25% substitution remains in effect. However, in order to maintain this rate of substitution for more than the next 5 months, AID/W approval of an Amendment to the current TA must be secured.

#### Noodle Production

Noodle production at the Km-4 Noodle Factory totaled 369 MT's and stock on hand at the end of the report period was 23 MT's. Shipments of noodles were made to most refugee centers in the country for use in the rice replacement feeding program.

The second boiler and additional steam pipe and fans have been installed and production reached 13 MT's per day by September 1. With the onset of the dry season at hand, production can easily be maintained at the required 13-15 MT per day level as previously programmed.

#### IV Clothing Project

The Ban Houei Sai Sewing Project has resumed and 1,500 pieces of men's clothing were completed during the report period. Production is expected to increase during the next month.

Thakhek has distributed 4,000 yards of cut denim to refugee sewers and completion of these pieces is expected shortly.

A new PL-480 Sewing Project AP has been completed and submitted to the field for approval. The AP is designed to provide funds to complete refugee clothing fabrication from the remaining 400,000 yards of PL-480 cloth. The sewing project continues to be a very popular and productive program with the refugee women.

#### V. PL-480 Refugee Food Demonstrations

A three-day retraining course was held in Luang Prabang by AGR home economists. Four refugee PL-480 food demonstrators and 2 RLG/AGR/LP home agents attended the sessions.

Upon completion of this course, the girls immediately began planning training courses for the Luang Prabang refugee centers

Courses continued to be held at Pakse, Savannakhet, Thakhek and Vang Vieng. The demonstrators refugee girls reported that 300 refugees attended the training sessions in these areas. The refugee women who attend the training sessions in turn become trainers of refugee women in their own immediate area

#### VI. Field Trips

The Food For Peace staff made field trips to Ban Houei Sane, Luang Prabang, Sayaboury, Vang Vieng, Paksane, Thakhek, Savannakhet and Pakse during the report period. The primary purpose of these field visits was to explain mission plans to expand the PL-480 feeding program to 50% of the refugee ration. Quantities and kinds of foods required as well as warehousing, transportation and distribution problems were discussed. A final report of this survey is being prepared for the Director.

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