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SUBJECT : Food For Peace Branch Monthly Report - July

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 July</u>	<u>FY-73</u>	
Flour	454	808	192	192	1,117
Cornmeal	454	854	303	303	3,046
CSM	-	117	79	79	1,200
WSB	-	278	59	59	1,100
Bulgur	-	226	107	107	1,100
NFD Milk	-	2	13	13	950
Veg. Oil	-	23	29	29	900
Totals	908	2,308	782	782	9,413

During the report period 992 MT's flour and 454 MT's cornmeal arrived at Bangkok and are currently being shipped to Vientiane. An additional 1,600 MT's of PL-480 commodities are scheduled to arrive during August.

Bad weather conditions limited airdrops of PL-480 foods during July. A total of 185 MT's of Cornmeal/CSM and 39 MT's of noodles were airdropped to refugee sites in the rice replacement program. Weather permitting, 350 MT's of PL-480 foods are planned for the August airdrop program.

II. Recipients

PL-480 food was distributed as a rice replacement or supplemental ration to recipients in the following areas during July:

Ban Houei Sai	9,660
Ban Xon	121,623
Luang Prabang	3,000
Pakse	1,000
Savannakhet	8,654
Thakhek	3,691
Vang Vieng	12,314
Vientiane	33,780
Total	193,722

The one-third PL-480 rice substitution program implementation directive from the RLG MSW has still not been received by Provincial Chiefs of Social Welfare. Until this directive is forthcoming, across the board 33 1/3% substitution of PL-480 foods in the 15Kg per person rice ration for refugees and dependent refugees will be delayed in some areas. Lack of storage space, notably in Savannakhet, Ban Houei Sai, and Pakse, is being remedied. Approval for extension of the Ban Houei Sai warehouse is expected shortly, and additional storage space is expected to be obtained in Pakse and Savannakhet.

III. Noodle Production

Noodle production at the Km-4 Noodle Factory totaled 253 MT's and stock on hand at the end of the report period was 12 MT's. Deliveries included 153 MT's on the Vientiane Plain, 15 MT's to Pakse, 29 MT's to Vang Vieng, 12 MT's to Ban Xon, 9 MT's to Savannakhet and 42 MT's to ATOG for airdropping.

Renovation of the two new noodle drying machines has been completed. Drying capability of the machines has increased to more than 5 MT's per day; however, this is still below the contractor's original estimates. A second boiler is being installed with additional steam pipe to further speed the drying process. Production exceeded 10 MT's per day during the last half of July. It is expected that production will reach 13-14 MT's per day upon installation of the additional boiler and steam pipe. This level of production will meet all planned program requirements.

IV. Clothing Project

The Thakhek Sewing Project resumed under the supervision of CDAA Tom Ly. A total of 20,640 pieces of men's and boys' clothing were completed during the report period and are being readied for shipment to Vientiane.

V. PL-480 Refugee Food Demonstrations

A new AP has been submitted by AGR to continue PL-480 refugee food demonstrations throughout the country. These food preparation training courses have received an enthusiastic response from refugee groups in most areas and will be continued as use of PL-480 foods is expanded in the feeding program throughout the country.

VI. Field Trips

The Food For Peace staff made field trips to Luang Prabang, Pakse, Savannakhet and Thakhek during the report period.