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TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director 16 March 1972

FROM : John W. MacQueen, AD/RA *John W. MacQueen*

SUBJECT : Office of Refugee Affairs  
Monthly Report - February 1972

I. GENERAL

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Region I

The Ban Houei Sai area of Region I experienced minor movements of refugees during the month and these groups were absorbed into already existing villages.

Kiokacharn (LS-4) fell on 31 January precipitating the displacement of nearly 7,000 refugees to the Kio Nja (TG-0582) area. Civilian refugee movements away from skirmishes north of Pak Ou were noted. To date, more than 2,500 old refugees have moved from poor land areas where they were being supported to the Xieng Ngeun-Muong Nane Relocation area.

Sayaboury reported the arrival of small groups of refugees who fled from the vicinity of Phou Chia (LS-25) due to an enemy buildup in that area.

Region II

Aside from the loss of sites located in the SE Rim PDJ area and the subsequent movement of that area's inhabitants to Paksane, the loss of LS-25, and the movement of refugees from LS-272 to Vientiane and Phone Hong, decreased enemy pressure on Long Thieng permitted a period of relative stability in the central 272 area. Of those refugees who left Ban Xon (LS-272), more than 1,000 are receiving food and relocation assistance at Hin Heun. Development of this site is moving forward to

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include access roads, village site clearing, medical assistance, and classroom construction.

### Region III

The Thakhek area remained stable with no change in numbers of refugees reported.

In the Savannakhet region, Dong Hene was captured by enemy forces on 7 February. Small groups of refugees continue to trickle into Savannakhet from the greater Dong Hene area. Almost 2,000 refugees from Ban Lam Chan (WD-3030), a village burned by North Vietnamese forces in late January, were added to support rolls.

### Region IV

Refugee movements reported during February in the Pakse area resulted primarily from stepped up enemy activity northeast of Pakse in the Keng Gnao (XB-0595) area. As the month wore on, the threat of hostile action to populated areas increased as clashes were reported along the Paksong Road.

A new refugee relocation site was established in February at Phou Pa Chieng, a relatively large uninhabited area situated 10 KM east of Pakse.

### Region V

**Vientiane Plain:** A temporary relocation site was established at Ban Hin Heup for refugees from the Xieng Khouang area. The site counted 1,300 persons already in place with additional ones arriving daily. These are primarily persons who fled to the area during the December 1971 attacks in the Region II area.

Paksane and Vang Vieng during the month continued to count additional refugees moving into the two respective areas. Commodity support is being provided and where necessary plans are under way to assist these refugees to become relocated.

The overall net decrease of refugees country-wide was caused primarily by the temporary relocation of certain groups of Region II refugees with relatives in Region V. It is expected that a substantial number of these people will shortly enter the relief rolls as they wear out their welcome with their relatives.

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## II. RESETTLEMENT

The following is a current status of projects at refugee relocation sites:

<u>Activities</u>	<u>No. Units Approved</u>	<u>No. Units In Process</u>	<u>No. Units Completed</u>
Houses	7, 729	557	3, 614
Village Sites	128	8	71
Land Clearing(MSW)	350	290	60
Roads (KM)	264	67	88
→ Classrooms	170	12	38
Dispensaries	16	1	5
Drilled Wells	54	0	17
Dams/Reservoirs	4	0	0
Sawmill	3	2	1
Office/Buildings	8	1	0
Village Survey (ha)	800	0	300
Farm Survey (ha)	5, 420	0	700
Wat Construction	4	1	3
Garden Projects	3	0	3
Bridges	9	1	1

A review is presently underway to determine priority areas and essential projects to be pursued immediately in view of the past months movement of refugees to new locations.

## III. PERSONNEL

Changes in assignment of duties of ORA Personnel in Vientiane are noted as follows:

William C. Luken, Admin Officer (Returned from home leave 2 February 1972).

Ernest Kuhn, Refugee Relief Officer (vice George Cosgrove).

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George Cosgrove, Relocation Officer (vice Hugh Brady, who departed post).

The Land Development Center at Ban Amone has the following assigned contract officers:

Loren Wille, Acting advisor to the Center, vice Robert McClymonds who departed on home leave 22 February.

Patrick Hunt, Shop Foreman, (TCN), new assignment.

IV. FOOD FOR PEACE

See attached report.

V. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLIES

Complete reports have not been available from all field points. Information relative to commodity support will be provided in the March report.

Attachments: (2)

- 1) Monthly Refugee Status Report
- 2) FFP Monthly Report

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REFUGEES RECEIVING FOOD AND  
 REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

REFUGEES  
 RECEIVING  
 BEHAVIORAL  
 TREATMENT ONLY

MONTHLY REFUGEE STATUS REPORT

FOR FEBRUARY 72

Population Breakdown By Region

REG REGION	FULL SUPPORT		PART SUPPORT		REFUGEE RECEIVING BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT ONLY		Total for Jan	Total for Feb	Net Change	Remarks
	For Jan	For Feb	For Jan	For Feb	For Jan	For Feb				
...	16 746	16 820					16 746	16 820	- 74	
...	37 107	37 936					37 107	37 936	+ 829	
...	1 947	2 080					1 947	2 080	+ 133	
...	12 091	9 925					12 091	9 925	2 166	
...	2 000						2 000		2 000	
...	3 376						3 376		- 3 376	
...	98 467	91 402	2 200	531			98 663	91 933	- 6,730	
...	740	740	88	88			828	828		
...	11 104	10 354				3 953	11 104	10 307	+ 2 003	
...	11 84	9 841	2 416	2 545			11 84	12 386	+ 545	
...	328	340					328	340	+ 12	
...	28 480	28 480					28 480	29 780	+ 1,300	
...	8 728	10 988					8 728	10 988	+ 2,260	
...	9 788	11 652					9 788	11 652	+ 1 864	
...	243,227	203,378	33,184	31,644		3 953	243,227	217 975	- 5,252	