

MEMORANDUM

TO : John W. MacQueen, AD/RA Date: March 3, 1972  
 FROM : Roger G. Sprowls, FFPO/ORA  
 SUBJECT: Food for Peace Branch Monthly Report - February 1972

I. Commodity Summary - Metric Tons.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>TA</u>		<u>Transit Storage</u>	<u>KM-14 Storage</u>	<u>Field Diversions</u>		<u>Vte Issues</u>		<u>TA Balance</u>
	<u>0606</u>	<u>Landed</u>			<u>Feb-Cum</u>	<u>Feb-Cum</u>			
Flour	2,000	1,984	-	-	-	-	74	1,984	16
Cornmeal	3,500	2,945	434	680	-	553	169	1,278	555
CSM	578	584	268	147	-	1	8	168	-
WSB	578	578	237	175	-	-	8	166	-
Bulgur	900	900	505	82	-	126	8	187	-
NFD Milk	360	360	-	35 <sup>1/</sup>	-	1	1	335	-
Veg Oil	540	540	-	144	-	11	17	385	-
Totals	8,456	7,891	1,444	1,263	-	692	285	4,503	571

1/ Includes 11 MT's borrowed from CRS.

During the report period shipments of PL-480 food arriving at the Bangkok Post included: 505 MT bulgur wheat, 303 MT WSB, 263 MT CSM and 814 MT Cornmeal. In addition, 1000 MT flour is expected to arrive by the end of March. This is the initial shipment of food under the new TA #2608.

Because of the lack of available aircraft and restricted flights due to bad weather cornmeal airdrops totaled 82 MT during February. We expect a return to the 200 MT per month schedule in March.

II. Recipients:

PL-480 food was distributed to 90,000 refugees as a supplemental or rice replacement ration during the report period. Primary distribution centers were the Vientiane Plain, Vang Vieng, Paksane and the Ban Xon area.

III. Noodle Production:

The Km-4 Noodle Factory produced 113 MT of enriched noodle during February. 104 MT were delivered to Vientiane and Vang Vieng area refugees and 9 MT were stockpiled for future requirements. The present stock of processed noodles is 187 MT.

Twenty-five tons of flour previously loaned to CRS was returned at month's end. This stock will allow the noodle factory to operate for an additional week. A small labor force has been retained for this task and to assist in preparing the factory for the installation of the two continuous process noodle machines scheduled to arrive in March or early April.

The machines should be installed by the time the new flour shipment arrives.

IV. Clothing Project:

Thakhek reported 8,780 pieces of women's and children's clothing completed during January. Approximately 30,000 pieces of clothing have been readied for shipment to Vientiane and will be available for distribution to refugees within a few days.

V. PL-480 Refugee Food Demonstrations:

Home economic extension agents and refugee girls trained in PL-480 food preparation reported training sessions held at refugee centers in Phone Hong, Ban Keun and Vang Vieng during the report period. Trainers report that one hundred fifty refugees participated in the sessions. The trainees will in turn train other refugee women in the area to prepare these foods. New training programs are being planned at Savannakhet, Luang Prabang and Ban Houei Sai.

VI. Field Trips:

The Food for Peace Officer and staff made field trips to Paksane, Thakhek, Ban Houei Sai, Luang Prabang and Vang Vieng during the month of February.

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