

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. John W. MacQueen, AD/RA

Date: January 7, 1972

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SUBJECT : Food for Peace Branch Monthly Report - December, 1971

I. Commodity Summary - Metric Tons

Commodity	Landed	BKK In	Transit	RM-14	Diversions		Vientiane		TA
	TA	or			to Field	Issues	Dec.	Cum.	
	0606	Enroute	Storage	Storage	Dec.	Cum.	Dec.	Cum.	
Flour	2,000	1,984	-	307	-	-	264	1,677	16
Cornmeal	3,500	2,508	6	480	-	460	-	1,049	992
CSM	578	319	-	56	-	1	-	155	259
WSB	578	304	-	121	-	-	-	148	274
Bulgur	900	400	5	94	-	126	11	166	500
NFD Milk	360	360	-	28	-	6	-	334	-
Veg. Oil	540	540	-	184	-	11	1	348	-
Totals	8,456	6,415	11	1,270	-	593	276	3,877	2,041

During this reporting period 499 Metric Tons (MT) of cornmeal arrived at Bangkok and has been forwarded to Vientiane. Cornmeal will be incorporated into the air drop program beginning January to replace the noodles which will be discontinued at that time. Noodles will continue to be supplied to Vientiane Plain refugees until remaining flour stocks are exhausted. At the current rate of distribution of about 100 MT per month noodles should remain in supply for 3 to 4 months.

II. Noodle Production

AID/W has approved our request for the immediate call forward of 1,000 MT of flour under the new PL 480 program proposal. The shipping strike continues to shade all bets but with a little luck noodle production should not be unduly disrupted.

There is sufficient flour on hand to maintain production for a period of 5 to 6 weeks, and hopefully flour should begin to arrive within 8 to 10 weeks. The situation has been discussed with the noodle contractor and he is fully informed of the possibilities of a temporary disruption in noodle production. He has been encouraged to purchase a continuous noodle drying machine and to use the down time due to lack of flour to install the equipment. This would replace the 4 drying rooms recently destroyed by Fire. The contractor is aware of the advantages of modern continuous drying equipment and has agreed to modify his plant accordingly. Major advantages of the drying equipment are the reduction in drying time during the rainy season and the reduction of human handling of the noodles once they leave the cutting machines.

The KM-4 Noodle Factory produced 225 MT's of enriched noodles during the reporting period. December noodle deliveries included 96 MT's to Vientiane Plain area refugees, 54 MT's to ATOG for the air drop program and 75 MT's stockpiled for Vientiane Plain requirements.

III. Clothing Program

During the period October - November, Ban Houie Sai produced 5,000 suits and 2,500 boys shirts from 10,034 yards of denim cloth. In December 10,000 pieces of completed clothing from BHS were shipped to the RIG Social Welfare warehouse at That Khao. These clothes will be distributed to refugees where required.

Thakhek reported 19,571 pieces of women's and children's clothing completed during November - December. They are preparing a small experimental project using empty Osnaburg flour sacks to make childrens clothes and underwear. If successful these sacks could provide the basic material for a substantial amount of this type of clothing.

IV. PL 480 Refugee Food Demonstrations

Refugee girls trained in PL 480 food preparation continue to demonstrate their talents in various refugee areas of the country. Vang Vieng reports three training sessions recently completed at Ban Hin Tid I, II, III, and IV with thirty participants selected from surrounding villages attending the first two sessions and 6 the third. Twelve more training sessions are planned for the Vang Vieng area. Mr. Mang Vongkhandeng of the ORA/FFP office helped supervise and assist with these cooking and training sessions and he reports high interest among refugee trainees. We continue to assist and support these training activities to the fullest possible extent.

V. QY 72 Feeding Program

Considerable time was devoted the first half of the month to preparation and submission of the Mission's response to the AG/OAS management review of the PL 480, Title II program in Laos. It is anticipated that the response will provide AID/W with information necessary to resolve the policy issue raised in the AG/OAS report relative to future levels of the Title II refugee feeding program.

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