

MEMORANDUM

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

Date: December 2, 1971

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SUBJECT : Food For Peace Branch Monthly Report - November, 1971

I. Commodity Summary - Metric Tons

	TA 0606	Loaded or Enroute	Bkk In Transit Storage	KM-11 Storage	Diversion to Field Nov. Cum.	Vientiane Issues Nov. Cum	TA Balance
Flour	2,000	1,984	-	571	- - -	134	1,413 16
Cornmeal	3,500	2,009	-	-	- 460	-	1,049 1,491
CSM	578	319	-	48	- 1	5	155 259
WSB	578	304	-	125	- -	4	148 274
Bulgur	900	400	5	114	- 126	14	155 500
NFD Milk	360	360	-	-	- 6	10	334 -
Veg. Oil	540	540	-	185	- 11	20	347 -
Totals:	8,456	5,916	5	1,043	- 593	187	3,601 2,540

Within the next two weeks, 500 MT cornmeal and 115 MT of CSM are expected to arrived at the Port of Bangkok. The U.S. dock strike has seriously delayed the shipping schedule for the balance of TA 0606 food.

II. Noodle Production

The KM-4 Noodle Factory produced 200 MT<sup>0</sup>s of enriched noodles during the reporting period. The factory has begun renovation of the four drying rooms damaged by the October fire. Despite the reduction in drying room space during this period, production has not been drastically reduced.

November noodle deliveries included 104 MT<sup>0</sup>s to Vientiane Plain area refugees, 8 MT<sup>0</sup>s to Ban Long and 88 MT<sup>0</sup>s to ATOG for the air drop program.

On November 24, Director Mann and party including Dr. Charles Weldon, Chief/PHD, Mr. Joseph Ruane, Chief/SMB, Mr. John MacQueen, AD/RA, Mr. Wade Chubbuck, AFFPO/CRA and the writer made an inspection trip to the noodle factory. Processing and handling methods were observed and discussed with relation to contract sanitary specifications. It was the consensus of the group that the contractor is meeting all basic sanitary requirements. Dr. Weldon again pointed out that the noodles are sterilized during the drying process and are immediately sacked following removal from the drying ovens.

III. Clothing Program

CRA Thakhek reported that 6,323 pieces of clothing were completed during the period September 1 to October 31. A total of 15,598 pieces have been completed by this sewing project since July 1. Presently, about 15,000 pieces of cut cloth are checked out to 200 refugee sewers for completion.

During the reporting period, 17,102 pieces of completed clothing from Thakhek were received at the RIG Social Welfare Warehouse at That Khao. Distribution of these clothes will be primarily to Xieng Khouang area refugee sites.

The Thakhek sewing project has regained momentum after some reorganization, and we plan to ship additional PL-480 cloth to the project.

At Ban Houei Sai, work begun on November 1, continues on 5,000 large denim suits. Finished clothing not planned for distribution in the Ban Houei Sai are will be forward to RIG/MSW That Khao to be distributed as needed in other refugee areas.

IV. PL - 480 Food Demonstrations

Favorable field reports from the FFP staff and other mission personnel continue to be received regarding the PL-480/AGR Refugee Food Demonstration Program. Village level training sessions continue at Savannakhet, Paksane, Vang Vieng and the Vientiane Plain. The demonstration leaders at Ban Xon have worked closely with local hospital personnel to develop nutritional recipes acceptable to local tastes. In Pakse, demonstration leaders have entered a nutrition course at the Pakse Hospital to complement their PL-480 food preparation skills.

V. CY 72 Feeding Program

Final AID/W approval has not yet been received for the PROP submitted in October. AID/W advises the CY 72 proposal is being held in abeyance pending resolution of the recommendations made in the recent AG/OAS audit report.

CRA/WChubbuck/RCS/PLs:ch:12-2-71