

MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director      October 26, 1971

FROM : Jack L. Williamson, AAD/RA *James C. Lusk*

SUBJECT: Office of Refugee Affairs Monthly Report, September 1971

I. General

The overall total of refugees increased during the month by 4,147 persons. This was due primarily to reviews of eligibility for assistance and adjustments of previously reported totals. Enemy activity remained low key during the month which resulted in only minor movements of new refugees reported. The Pakse area received the bulk of new refugees with the arrival of 1,437 refugees from the Paksong area. A total of 13,098 refugees have been recorded to date since commencement of hostilities in that area. Savannakhet also reported a continued influx of refugees due to fighting in the Muong Atsaphone area, however, the bulk of the increase was composed of 2,983 Dong Hene refugees who were previously dropped and then added to the rolls when they returned to their original home sites and commenced rebuilding.

II. Resettlement

Attached is a listing of current and proposed refugee relocation projects. This listing will be published at quarterly intervals indicating changes in basic data.

III. Personnel

Robert L. Worley returned from home leave on September 24 and has been assigned to Xieng Khouang Province as Refugee Relief Officer.

IV. Food for Peace Program

The status of the Food for Peace Program is attached.

V. Logistics and Supplies

With the reopening of the Watlay Airport, logistics operations were reestablished in Vientiane on 17 September following temporary removal to Udorn RTAFB because of flooding.

Commencing with this report, logistics data will be presented in a different format and will in some instances include information not previously reported. Additional data is now being developed and will be included in subsequent reports. It was felt that previous data, although significant, did not lend itself to meaningful comparisons or reflect nationwide support provided to refugees and dependents.

Food Support Provided Refugees

| <u>Commodity</u> | <u>September<br/>Metric Tons</u> | <u>August<br/>Metric Tons</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rice             | 4,263.0                          | 4,642.3                       |
| Meat             | 380.4                            | 580.0                         |
| Salt             | 158.3                            | 56.4                          |
| Cornmeal         | 117.5                            | 106.3                         |
| Noodles          | 245.3                            | 174.7                         |
| Salad Oil        | 24.5                             | 42.9                          |
| Dry Milk         | 12.3                             | 16.5                          |
| Bulgur           | .6                               | -0-                           |
| WSB              | 4.7                              | 5.1                           |
| CSM              | 10.3                             | 5.1                           |
| Total:           | 5,216.9                          | 5,629.3                       |

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Attachments: FFP Mthly Rpt  
Mthly Refugee Status Rpt  
Refugee Relocation Projects

DIST: D, DD, AD/M, AD/FIN, AD/FO, AD/PE, AAD/RA(5), ESD(2),  
SMB(2), FFPO, C&R(3), AC/Vta, Sby, L. P., B. H. S., Svt,  
Pkse, XK, All Division Chiefs, Laos Desk-AID/W



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MONTHLY REFUGEE STATUS REPORT

FOR SEPTEMBER, 1971

Population Breakdown By Region

| Denotes Reloca-<br>tion Project | REFUGEE RECEIVING FOOD AND<br>REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE |             |              |             | REFUGES<br>RECEIVING<br>REHABILITATION<br>ONLY |             | Population Breakdown By Region |                   |               |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                                 | FULL SUPPORT  |             | PART SUPPORT |             | For<br>Aug                                     | For<br>Sept | Total<br>For Aug               | Total<br>For Sept | Net<br>Change |
|                                 | For<br>Aug  | For<br>Sept | For<br>Aug   | For<br>Sept |  |             |                                |                   |               |
| AREA                            |   |             |              |             |  |             |                                |                   |               |
| REGION I                        |   |             |              |             |  |             |                                |                   |               |
| W. Houei Sai                    | 19,415  | 20,131      | 3,164        | 3,164       | 4,439  | 4,061       | 27,018                         | 27,356            | + 338         |
| Muang Prabang                   | 32,978  | 35,901      | -            | -           | 1,756  | -           | 34,734                         | 35,901            | +1,167        |
| Sayaboury                       | 5,288   | 5,376       | 1,327        | 1,401       | -  | -           | 6,615                          | 6,777             | + 162         |
| REGION II                       |   |             |              |             |  |             |                                |                   |               |
| H. Rim PDJ                      | 12,821  | 12,591      | -            | -           | -  | -           | 12,821                         | 12,591            | - 230         |
| LS-25 Area                      | 8,259   | 2,868       | -            | -           | -  | -           | 8,259                          | 2,868             | -5,391        |
| NE Rim PDJ                      | 9,562   | 10,362      | -            | 683         | -  | -           | 9,562                          | 11,045            | +1,483        |
| Central 272                     | 117,206   | 116,249     | 3,733        | 5,933       | -  | -           | 120,939                        | 122,182           | +1,243        |
| REGION III                      |   |             |              |             |  |             |                                |                   |               |
| Mueh                            | 1,338   | 1,371       | 942          | 982         | -  | -           | 2,280                          | 2,353             | + 73          |
| PS - Nnakhet                    | 8,302   | 11,975      | -            | -           | -  | -           | 8,302                          | 11,975            | +3,673        |
| REGION IV                       |   |             |              |             |  |             |                                |                   |               |
| Wokse                           | 4,465   | 5,200       | 13,004       | 13,699      | 6,080  | 6,115       | 23,549                         | 25,014            | +1,465        |
| S. Mandone                      | 1,150   | 259         | -            | -           | 83   | 992         | 1,233                          | 1,251             | + 18          |
| REGION V                        |   |             |              |             |  |             |                                |                   |               |
| *V. Plain                       | 27,593  | 26,996      | 497          | 780         | -  | -           | 28,090                         | 27,776            | - 314         |
| *S. Sane                        | 8,268   | 8,520       | -            | -           | -  | -           | 8,268                          | 8,520             | + 252         |
| Vang Vieng<br>Muong Kassy       | 6,783   | 6,991       | -            | -           | -  | -           | 6,783                          | 6,991             | + 208         |
| T O T A L S                     | 263,428   | 264,790     | 22,667       | 26,642      | 12,358   | 11,168      | 298,453                        | 302,600           | +4,147        |

Remarks

**BHS:** Enemy harrasment in the Ban Dong (PB-6089), Ban Thanoun (QB-6094), Xieng Kheng (PD-9460), and Ban Ho-Khet (PC-6143) areas forced a number of Yao, Meo and Lao families to seek refuge in RIG areas.

**LP:** Increases resulted from scattering of refugees seeking farmland. They were previously carried at LS-25 but have been switched to LP administration. Fighting in the Pha Kung area (RB-077714) caused movement of people to secure RIG havens. 1,756 refugees previously carried under rehab assistance were reclassified as self-sufficient, since they are harvesting rice and no longer require USAID assistance.

**SBY:** Due to PL activities in the Houei Chia (QB-7556) area 162 Meo moved to Ban Nam Phoui (QA-6594).

**REGION II:** A movement of refugees out of the LS-25 area into the LP, SBY and Central 272 areas reportedly was caused by bad spirits in the area. Other changes were due to completion of rice reserves and eligibility review. Total number of refugees in MR II 151,581.

**TKK:** Nine families escaped from PL controlled areas in Muong Khamkeut. Their stated reason for moving was that they dislike living under PL administration.

**SVKT:** Continued fighting in the Muong Atsaphone area (WD-32657) and a steady filtering in of Muong Phalane refugees account for most new refugees. The 2,983 Dong Hene refugees are receiving full food support from USAID while reconstructing their village.

**FKE:** Major increases in new refugees continue to result from the influx of Paksong Road area refugees (total at the end of Sept: 13,098).

**SDN:** 909 people were switched from full support to rehab assistance as the result of an eligibility review.

**VIE & PSN:** Changes resulted from recount and eligibility review.

**VV/MK:** Due to military activity in the area, 467 Lao Theung moved from Phou Vieng (TG-4958) to Muong Kassy. However, eligibility review resulted in an overall decrease in the number of refugees in the area.