

MEMORANDUM

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TO: ~~Mr. Charles A. Mann, Director~~

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FROM: Jack L. Williamson, Acting AD/RA

SUBJECT: Office of Refugee Affairs Monthly Report - July 1971

I. GENERAL

As NVA/PL forces assumed their rainy season posture, military activity took a down turn with subsequent reduction in refugee movements throughout the country.

Enemy forces generally have withdrawn in the north allowing refugees an opportunity to return to their homes, notably in Luang Prabang and Xieng Khouang Provinces. However, in southern Laos, stiffer enemy resistance has, thus far, precluded any large return of refugees to their homes. In view of this situation ORA is proceeding with plans to open additional resettlement areas in Pakse (Phone Thong area) and Savannakhet (an area 15 kms. north of the city).

Work is proceeding on providing roofing material for home reconstruction and materials for rebuilding of 34 classrooms in the 12 villages destroyed in the Luang Prabang area during the NVA attacks of last spring.

In addition, activity plans have been processed for rebuilding of the Rural Police Office, market, school, and the Chao Muong's office in Dong Hene. These were destroyed by the NVA earlier this year.

The Office of Refugee Affairs published to all interested Mission activities a plan for logistics operations in event of a flood. This plan insures an uninterrupted flow of food commodities to refugees in the event that local air and warehouse facilities are inundated.

II. RESETTLEMENT

In order to resolve land pressures in Luang Prabang area, surveys are being conducted on feasibility of relocation area between Xieng Ngeun and Muong Nan.

Additional land areas in the Vientiane Plain area are in various stages of being processed. This includes preliminary surveys on Ban Done Valley and seeking Cabinet approval on additional reserves north of the Nagum. All of these projects are moving on schedule. Land clearing at Seno is proceeding with 52 hectares cleared in July.

The basic agreement for staffing and operation of the "Land Development Center" was completed and a letter outlining the parameters of USAID support for the project signed by Director Mann was sent to the Secretary of State for Social Welfare, H. E. Keo Viphakone. The MSW has begun recruitment for the additional personnel to staff the organization. The building to house the organization and to serve as the maintenance center at Ban Amone is now complete with the exception of the electrical wiring which will be installed in August. An activity plan for the security fence is in process. A prefabricated warehouse building is on order which, when erected, will provide storage for spare parts and for additional office space

Hugh Brady and Mahn Traymany, RLG Director of Resettlement visited both areas in July and in meeting with the Chao Khouang and other provincial officials discussed the projects in detail and received assurances from the Khouang's office as to the availability of the land and their support for the project.

III. PERSONNEL

MacAlan Thompson departed for home leave and RTP July 29. Prior to his departure, the Mission Director presented him with a Meritorious Honor Award in recognition of his efforts in improving logistics operations.

Edwin T. McKeithen departed July 4, for home leave and long-term training.

Thomas L. Xerri terminated his contract with the Mission on July 8, and returned to the U. S. to resume his education.

Wade Chubbuck commenced work on a Personal Services Contract July 26. Mr. Chubbuck is in the Food For Peace Office.

IV. FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM

The complete report of the status of the Food For Peace Program is attached.

V. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLIES

Inclement weather conditions during July hampered, to a certain extent, the air drop and air landed program. In spite of the poor weather, however, all but five of the scheduled C-46 drops were made.

As per the new Mission C-46 Air Support Contract, Continental Air Services assumed responsibility for providing C-46 aircraft. The transition from Air America aircraft to CASI aircraft on July 15, was carried out smoothly in terms of the rice drop program.

In view of the annual flood threat, initial steps have been taken by ORA to assure that the logistics operation will proceed with minimum disruption in the event of flooding.

Commodity shipments by truck to Luang Prabang and Ban Xon were made on schedule in spite of poor road conditions following heavy rains. FHWA, PWD and TP have done an admirable job in maintaining RLG 13 and the Houei Pamone Road to the extent that continued usage of the roads throughout the rainy season is probable.

Air and surface deliveries were made from: (in metric tons)

	<u>Commodities</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
<u>Vientiane</u>			
Air Dropped	Rice	1,439.0	1,335.4
Air Dropped	Protein & Rice	610.1	543.8
Air Landed	Rice	420.5	425.5
Air Landed	Protein	17.5	13.2
Air Dropped & Landed	Salt	12.6	19.5
Air Dropped	Cornmeal	191.1	128.8
		<u>2,690.8</u>	<u>2,466.2</u>
<u>Ban Houei Sai</u>			
Air Dropped	Rice	72.9	38.3
Air Landed	Rice	217.4	251.2
Truck	Rice	59.2	37.9
Boat	Rice	31.3	17.4
Air & Surface	Salt	17.1	15.4
Air Landed & Dropped	Cornmeal	36.6	66.1
Air & Surface	Protein	18.2	16.5
Air & Surface	Salad Oil	1.7	1.9
		<u>454.4</u>	<u>444.7</u>

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Surface shipments, in metric tons, were made from Vientiane for month of July as follows:

	<u>VTE</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>VV</u>	<u>SBY</u>	<u>PN</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>SVT</u>	<u>BHS</u>	<u>PSE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Rice 100 kg	381.5	444.4	42.6	50.0	122.4	-	-	-	-	1040.9
Rice 40 kg	-	120.0	-	-	-	1.2	-	-	-	121.2
Salt 40 kg	13.7	25.0	-	-	-	50.4	-	-	-	89.1
Beef	-	-	-	-	-	84.0	-	-	-	84.0
Commodities	<u>94.9</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>10.6</u>	-	<u>0.3</u>	<u>76.7</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>5.8</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>198.0</u>
Total (July)	490.1 (445.6)	597.2 (960.0)	53.2 (54.7)	50.0 (270.6)	122.7 (191.0)	212.3 (579.8)	1.3 (6.6)	5.8 (3.5)	0.6 (3.2)	1,533.2 (2,515.0)

The KM-4 bagging plant delivered the following commodities to ATOG:

40 kg Rice	1,299.8 MT
40 kg Rice/Meat	490.2
45.5 kg Cornmeal	<u>118.7</u>
Total	1,908.2 MT
(June)	(2,499.9 MT)

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Attachment: FFP Monthly Rpt.

DIST: OD, A/DD, AAD/M, AAD/FIN, AAD/FO, AD/PE, AD/RA(5), ESD(2),
SMB(2), FFPO, C&R(3), AC/Vte, Syby, L. P., B. H. S., Svkt, Pakse
XK, All Division Chiefs, Laos Desk-AID/W

Area Relocated Project	REMARKS (TAFON)				Initial		Final		
	1975		1976		Pop	Pop	1975	1976	Change
	Pop	Area	Pop	Area	1975	1976	1975	1976	Change
HOUEI	17,677	18,997	3,104	2,427	2,004	4,714	26,342	28,135	1,793
Phu Phabeng	30,099	32,393	-	-	1,756	1,756	31,853	34,149	2,296
January	5,277	5,255	1,327	1,327	-	-	6,604	7,931	1,327
REGION II									
Mim Ph	10,074	12,821	-	-	-	-	10,074	12,821	2,747
Phu Phabeng	30,099	32,393	-	-	-	-	30,099	32,393	2,294
Mim Ph	9,120	9,762	-	-	2,184	-	11,304	11,762	458
January	10,134	10,152	-	2,138	12,104	14,190	22,238	24,342	2,104
REGION III									
Phu Phabeng	30,099	32,393	-	-	-	-	30,099	32,393	2,294
January	10,134	10,152	-	2,138	12,104	14,190	22,238	24,342	2,104
REGION IV									
Phu Phabeng	30,099	32,393	-	-	-	-	30,099	32,393	2,294
January	10,134	10,152	-	2,138	12,104	14,190	22,238	24,342	2,104
REGION V									
Phu Phabeng	30,099	32,393	-	-	-	-	30,099	32,393	2,294
January	10,134	10,152	-	2,138	12,104	14,190	22,238	24,342	2,104
TOTAL									

LP: Increase due to stepped-up enemy activity in the 13-147 area. Depletion of rice reserve at LS-305 necessitated switching 30 people from rehab to full support. LP: Increase due to an administrative transfer of Houei Phat refugees from Kieng Khouang to LP. Survey indicated 75 refugees have returned to their villages north of the area; however, they will continue to require support. BY: Decrease result of male refugees returning to their homes.

Region II: A total of 10,074 refugees in the Ph. Phabeng and Mim Ph areas. An additional 2,184 refugees in and around Mim Ph.

RK: Increase due to 21,000 refugees in the area. SVK: 2,138 refugees return to their homes. The Cao Khouang area taken off the survey reported in refugee.

IXE: Decrease due to a slight increase in the amount of rice taken off the survey.

VIE: Small increase in the amount of rice taken off the survey.

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