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SUBJECT: Form for Peace Branch, North Vietnam Report

Commodity Inventory and Movement - 14 000

See 474 Warehouse and Field Diversions: (Metric Tons)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Available</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Flour	70	Nil	70
CSM	Nil	88	88
WCB	54	1	53
Core Meat	Nil	38 1/2	38 1/2
Sugar	10	50	40
WED Milk	7	0	7
Salt L	11	16	25
	<u>151</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>224</u>

- 1/ Includes 47 1/2 tons diverted to home use and used in airdrop.
- 2/ Diverted to the Red Sea.

The above report, Form for Peace Report, is based approximately 1300 tons of Bangkok working capacity shipment in Vietnam or directly to field stations. As of this reporting period, 475 1/2 or 37 percent of the PL-480 commodities for refugees feeding have been received in Bangkok.

II. Noodle Production

SME/FRGO has conducted contract negotiations with the Firm's Noodle Factory and the contract is ready for signature upon formal notification of the HLG that the factory is in process of obtaining a business license. The issuance of a business license is rather complicated and time consuming. For example, the owner of the factory has been engaged in the process more than three weeks and has not yet been able to obtain the official license application form. We have requested the Ministry of Social Welfare for a letter to document the factory's legal status in order to temporarily suspend HLG procurement regulations.

Daily production of noodles is currently around 40 MT. Significant progress has been made in upgrading the operation and in meeting sanitary standards as stipulated in the contract. With currently increased production, 95 MT of noodles have been programmed for April distribution on the Vietnamese Plain. Remaining noodles will be distributed to other areas by surface and air/rail operations.

### III. Refugee Clothing Project

Clothing manufacture utilizing PL-490 cloth continues at a brisk rate in both Thakhek and Ban Houei Sai utilizing existing stocks of cloth on hand. No advance notice of new cloth shipments has been received.

### IV. UNICEF and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Title II Programs for FY 1972

Mr. Roger J. A. de Bock, UNICEF Regional Supply Officer from the East Asia Regional Office in Bangkok recently visited this office. The purpose of his visit was to submit the UNICEF PL-490 Title II nutritional Child Ration milk feeding program for FY 1972. During the course of our conversation Mr. de Bock indicated that UNICEF was interested in transferring its milk feeding program if CRS were willing to take it over as part of the CRS program. He explained that it was UNICEF's feeling that the program was small (approximately 3,700 recipients) and difficult to administer from Bangkok. He was of the opinion that UNICEF could better assist the RLG in other ways, for example, with medical equipment, vehicles or with pharmaceuticals. Discussions have taken place between UNICEF, CRS and RLG health officials and it appears that CRS will incorporate the UNICEF program into its FY 1972 program. CRS has submitted a draft of its FY 1972 Title II program and it is being discussed prior to final draft.

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