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THE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Refugee Reporting

1. Action News 71-06 of March 19, 1971
2. Action News 71-05 of September 1970

Referenced Action News define official policy relative to refugee assistance.

Purpose of this memo is to review the various categories of refugees and how each category is to be reported.

Refugees Receiving Rice Support

This category makes up the principal group of people requiring assistance. These are the people displaced directly or indirectly by enemy military actions and political instability in Laos who are unable, because of circumstances beyond their control, to provide their own basic requirements for survival. Full support (including rice, relief commodities, clothing, vegetable seed, hand tools etc.) is provided until the time the people can be permanently relocated and grow their own rice crop (or able to return to home village if security improves: e.g., Muong Phalane in Savannakhet Province). Officials are to report the total number of refugees requiring rice support in their respective areas via single teletype message to OSA each Thursday.

Refugees who move in with relatives and engage in non-farm work are supported for 14 to 30 days (special cases can be handled). If they move to Government relocation sites and begin farming, they can return to support.

Refugees and Widows with Children

Refugees are included in any large refugee movement. Widows and widows with families who have no relatives, and who are permanently relocated, till their own land is able to become self-sufficient. It is the policy of the Government of Cambodia to grant up to 90 days of rice support at the conclusion of the first 90 days this category of refugees is considered for an additional short period of support on a case by case basis depending upon the needs of each individual. This category of refugees is included with the number of refugees receiving full until their support is terminated.

Refugees Who Become Self-Sufficient in Rice

Refugees who harvest their own rice crop are to be removed from rice support rolls after crop harvest. Field stations report the number of people who are removed from this category (see Paragraph 1). Refugees who have a partial rice crop are returned to rice support category after their rice has been exhausted. As an example, a refugee harvests a crop and is removed from Category 1, however, at the next harvest (or whatever period of less than 1 year) he has his own stock of rice and is returned to the rice support rolls until the harvest of the next rice crop. This is specified in field reports, e.g. "returned to rice support rolls due to inadequate rice harvest".



Refugees located in any of the established relocation areas (e.g. Plain, Vong Vieng, Sano, Pakse, Pakse) who harvest a rice crop will when removed from the rice support rolls be listed by ORA as receiving "rehabilitation assistance" (see Form). Rehabilitation assistance is defined as all aid given to refugees, other than rice, in a designated relocation area and includes land clearing, road construction, storage dams, pump projects, land reclamation and any project that has been programmed specifically for refugees in relocation areas.

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B. Natural Disasters

- (a) A group of villagers will lose their homes because of the rice crop due to flood, drought, insects, etc.
- (b) Assistance. It is the policy of the RLG Ministry of Social Welfare to assist fire victims by issuing relief commodities such as mosquito nets, etc. and with rice for a period of 3 months. Victims of crop failures are usually issued PL-480 until the next rice crop is harvested. This category is to be reported separately from refugees who have been displaced because of direct or indirect enemy military action.

C. Unusual and Special Cases

- (a) Unusual cases can be reported to Vientiane for review by the Social Welfare Ministry.

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