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Subject: Intransit Stocks Report

I. Community Inventory and Movement TA 0606

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Flour		1020	625
Gulgu	11		
Corn Soybean Mixture	30	77	140
Wheat Soybean Blend	7	32	139
MFD Milk	11	24	9
Corn Meal			
Soybean Oil	26		147

The all-purpose flour stock was recently reported has been moved to the Km 8 noodle factory for processing. None of the new flour stocks have been issued and will not be until the older flour has been processed. Approximately 400 Metric Tons (MT) of new flour, TA 0606 are expected from Bangkok during the next few weeks bringing the first shipment to nearly 1,000 M. T. Two additional shipments are due in Bangkok in February which will total approximately 800 M. T. A second shipment of corn meal consisting of 406 M. T. has arrived in Bangkok which brings the total there to 945 M. T. Forward shipment to Vientiane is scheduled to begin within the next few days.

Screened (16) M. T. of cow leg soy milk (LTO), 45 M. T. of Gulgu and 116 M. T. of soy bean oil are also in the Bangkok Intransit Warehouse and are expected to be shipped as availability of surface carriers permits.

II. Fumigation of PL 480 Wheat Flour

After opening trucks for inspection on January 2nd the fumigated flour was allowed to aerate before removal from warehouse #9 to the Km 8 noodle factory. As the palletized flour was broken down for loading onto trucks careful inspection revealed a small number of surviving weevils. Additional screenings confirmed a small percentage of weevils did survive which is estimated not to exceed 1.2 percent. It may be concluded that the fumigation

... performed achieved a high degree of success and if necessary similar operations can be conducted to control weevil infestation in future stocks of PL 480 food.

III. Noodle Fabrication

With approval by the Director of funding totaling 37,500,000 kip a Purchase Request has been drafted for submission to the Contract Services Officer and will be submitted as soon as an account is established. Counterpart kip will be needed and it is expected that the necessary HLG and USAID signatures will be obtained in the near future.

The noodle processing plant has received additional noodle machines, completed an in-and-out storage warehouse and is now in the process of completing noodle drying facilities. Once the drying facility is completed it is expected that all technical problems will have been solved.

IV. Feed Grains for Refugee Livestock Feeding

AID/Washington has indicated that some possibility exists for obtaining approval for use of feed grains for a refugee livestock feeding project. As soon as justification and implementation information is gathered a PROE will be drafted for submission to AID/Washington.

V. PL 480 Commodity End-Use

As a result of recent visits to several refugee sites on the Vietnamese Plain and in the Vang Vieng area to assess recipient end-use a number of tentative conclusions may be made.

1. There is a general need for extension workers to instruct recipients in the preparation and use of PL 480 foods.
2. Non-fat dry milk seems to present a problem to recipients in that it is reported to be a cause of indigestion amongst some adults. This should be overcome by instructions as to proper preparation and utilization.
3. Bulgur wheat is quite acceptable as it can be steam cooked in the same manner as glutinous rice, or boiled and eaten as a gruel.
4. Condensed soy milk for recipients who have in the past received corn meal is acceptable due to past experience in preparing corn meal.

