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TO: Mr. Charles E. Ryan, Director, USAID (10-100-1000)

FROM: Mr. Robert Thompson, AID/Lao Desk

SUBJECT: Office of Refugee Affairs Monthly Report - November, 1970

GENERAL

1. Briefing materials were prepared for Mr. Federico L. O'Connor Assistant Administrator, AID/Viet: Asia. Arrangements were made for the Royal Lao Government (RLG) officials to accompany Mr. O'Connor on his inspection of refugee areas.
2. In connection with Mr. O'Connor's trip, Mr. Robert Thompson, AID/Lao Desk Officer was given an orientation of the refugee program and visited refugee camps to gain insight on the actual situation.

Refugee Movement

The steady trend of October continues. Small groups of people were able to escape from communist controlled areas either on their own or during the confusion of military activity.

Note that some 50,000 refugees have become self-sufficient and are no longer receiving rice support. Surveys of rice harvests are set to be completed for Vientiane Plain, Vang Vieng and Sayaboury.

RESETTLEMENT

1. Vientiane Plain

With the advent of the dry season and the availability of the Bell 205 helicopter the land classification and soil survey being conducted by Mr. Stanley E. Snyder of the Agriculture Division is proceeding in good order. Land classification field work and laboratory work completed and final reports written on three refugee resettlement areas in the Vientiane Plain. These are:

Nong Sa	1,577 hectares
The Ngou	5,370 "
Phone Sai	2,440 "

The Ministry of Social Welfare is now planning new village layouts utilizing the land classification maps in these three areas. Additionally a new list of areas in order of priority has been forwarded to AGR for Mr. Snyder to continue his work. These new priorities are:

- a. The Dong Kalume Resettlement Reserve (Area 5) and the areas of the Dong Kalume Plain Development project area (proposed).
- b. The Ban Keun Resettlement Reserve (Area 3).
- c. The Ban Veun Kham Resettlement Reserve (Area 3) which was formerly the area reserved for the French Agriculture School north of Tha Ngon.
- d. The Ban Hat Deua Resettlement Reserve located near Ban Talat.

Additionally, in coordination with the Director of Resettlement, Ministry of Social Welfare priorities have been established with the Public Works Division for road construction and land clearing by the two complements of Public Works Division heavy equipment.

Summary of work in progress as follows:

Area No. 1, Hat Deua Resettlement Reserve. Irrigation has completed topography maps of parts of this reserve. Social Welfare's bulldozer is clearing village sites and tractors are developing garden plots. Access is utilizing Japanese constructed road.

Area No. 2, Ban Keun Resettlement Reserve. Survey work and soil classification is scheduled for December. Tractors are working on vegetable garden plots. Bulldozer is scheduled to clear village sites.

Area No. 3, Tha Ngon Resettlement Reserve. Complement No. 2 under George W. McClatchey, FWD will construct a 9.5 km road in the Tha Ngon area; clear 6 meters for new villages; construct dikes and improve drains within the area. A promising land reclamation project may open up approximately 1,000 hectares of land. Surveys will need to be completed.

Area No. 4, Phone Sai Resettlement Reserve. Equipment complement No. 1 under Paul M. Rosal will construct a STOL strip at Ban Phone Sai and a 7 kilometer road in the area, plus a 4 kilometer road from Ban Vang Pho to Dong Kalume. One village site cleared. Three more to be surveyed.

Area No. 5, Dong Kalume Resettlement Reserve. Work to be tied into Agriculture Division's Dong Kalume Development Project.

Area No. 6, Ban Na Tham Resettlement Reserve. Access road from previous project utilized. Survey work scheduled for first of year.

Area No. 7, Nong Sa Resettlement Reserve. Land classification has been completed. Office of Refugee Affairs survey crews are surveying village sites. A tractor is assisting in clearing of village sites.

2. Seno Relocation

The Seno project is proceeding on schedule. All village streets and roads are complete. Reservoir dam No.1 is complete. Reservoir No. 3 will be complete in early December. Approximately 400 hectares of farm lots have been surveyed and staked. Distribution to villagers will be made in late December or early January in coordination with RIG Khoueng and Ministry of Social Welfare officials.

Houei Nam Phak

Clearing of village site No. 2 is underway. The survey team is involved in laying out a series of fish ponds in the project area and survey farm lots in the already cleared area. As soon as village site No. 2 is cleared they will lay out the home lots. Water pumps have been provided to refugees in the camp site areas to provide water for vegetables during the dry season.

Kieng Khouang

Approval for a modest livestock program in Kieng Khouang Province was approved. This is a start on a base for building up livestock in these refugee areas.

PERSONNEL

Laurence J. Berger, (Personal Service Contract) entered on duty on November 6, 1970 and is assigned to the Kieng Khouang Province as Operations Officer.

Hugh W. Brady, Resettlement Officer returned from special annual leave in the U.S. on November 7, 1970.

Royal Lao Government Ministry of Social Welfare Province Chiefs were conducted on a tour of the air facilities at Wattay Airport and the USAID Supply Management Branch on November 18, 1970. This orientation was a part of a short training program to broaden the province field workers' understanding of complex efforts involved in support of refugee programs. Office of Refugee Affairs extends thanks to the staff of Air America and Supply Management Branch for their cooperation and efforts in conducting the tour.

LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

Foodstuffs and supplies were moved to the following locations:

LS-272	914.0 MT (includes roofing sheets)
Luang Prabang	105.5 "
Sayaboury	100.1 "
Paksane	100.0 "
Vientiane Area	401.2 "
ATOG	<u>1,819.8 "</u>
Total	<u>3,440.6 MT</u>

Air and surface deliveries were made from:

Ban Houei Sai

Air-dropped	Rice	102.0 MT
Air-landed	Rice	288.5 MT
Truck	Rice	44.0 MT
River	Rice	46.0 MT
Combined transport- ation	Salt	20.8 MT
Combined Transport- ation	Protein	25.7 MT
	Total	<u>527.0 MT</u>

Vientiane

Air-dropped	Rice	1,272.9 MT
Air-dropped	Protein-Rice	418.6 MT
Air-landed	Rice	268.7 MT
Air-landed	Protein	27.8 MT
Air-landed	Salt	13.2 MT
	Total	<u>2,001.2 MT</u>

The rice contract with ADO at Paksane was cancelled in November due to the contractor's inability to deliver. The rice requirement is presently being sent from Vientiane.

MONTHLY REFUGEE RECAP

Attached is our recap for the month of November, 1970. During November 1,550 refugees have left enemy controlled areas in Laos. This brings the total number of refugees who have received food support at one time or another during 1970 to 282,526. Of this number, 230,096 are currently receiving full subsistence support, the balance (52,430) have become self-sufficient during the past two months following rice harvest, but continue to receive assistance other than rice.

Total Refugees: 282,526

		<u>Percent of Total</u>
Total Refugees Receiving food support:	230,096	81.3
Total Refugees Receiving rehabilitation support	52,430	18.7
Total Refugees in Relocation Project Areas	37,852	13.4

Attachment:

Monthly Recap and WFP Report

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**RECAPITULATION
REFUGEE RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT
STATUS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1976**

Area	1976: Numbering Refs Receiving		Total Month Change	National Percent	**Refs Receiving Re/Hab Assistance From October 15th	REMARKS
	Since Previous Month	Since Current Month				
B.P.S.	25,477	28,181	-7,416	LT-40; LU-30; Goney-10 E-Kav-20	7,886	BRS: 131 new refs ARR BRS area. 7,886 villagers receiving partial support (i.e. 10000) is sufficient. L.P. increase following... MTC: 100 new refs ARR Satebury during...
V.P.	17,314	18,337	+1,373	LT-33; Lan-25; Lu-22 Meo-22	5,961	
BYBI	6,355	6,676	-111	Meo-43; Poxi-37 LU-10; Other-0	-	
II						
A. NSE 902	24,185	22,811	-1,374		1,977	Figures indicate by area the distribution of refugees and the total number that have become self-sufficient, but continue to receive rehabilitation support.
SE 110-901	14,337	9,720	+4,617	Meo-70; LT-30	4,311	
110-902	204,315	100,000	+2,280		27,000	
B						
WVH-2	2,519	0	-2,519	Lao	2,519	Stakhek: 36 new refugees ARR Stakhek. 2,519 refugees have become self-sufficient.
BYBI	3,031	2,331	-	Lao-75; Phu Kham-15 LT-10	-	
III						
HAISI	16,408	3,084	-11,416	Lao	1,830	Pakow: 1,880 Saravane and Astopen Refs have become self-sufficient. 464 refs ARR Pakow. 71 Refs ARR Khong.
Thung	571	682	-111		-	
IV						
YIP (KAT)	25,943	25,943	-	Lao	-	Faksane: 745 refugees arrived Faksane area from northern Khammouane Province.
Bokeo	7,737	8,512	+ 775	Lao-80; LT-15 Meo-5	-	
WANG V. 300 M. BASS	4,201	4,201	-	Lao-85; Meo-8 LT-6 Yao-1	-	
TOTALS	247,154	230,000	-17,094		52,430	

Total Dec 15 275,994 High 71 70
 Total Jan 1 240,609 Low 70 70
 Total Nov 258,215 High 71 60

*Relocation Project Areas,
 these refugees are no longer receiving relief,
 however, they are receiving other rehabilitation
 support.