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TO: Mr. Charles A. Haco, Director DATE: November 14, 1970  
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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - October 1970

FEDERAL

I. Refugee Assistance

The peak number of refugees receiving support for calendar year 1970 continued from the end of September until early October. A decline in the number of people being supported began during the latter part of October as refugees started to harvest their rice crop; this decline will continue as the current year's rice crop is harvested from their upland fields.

Refugee movements during the month have been minimal; the largest single factor contributing to increases in total refugee population has been the addition of old refugee groups requiring partial support prior to harvest. The number of people requiring partial support turned out to be surprisingly low considering the large refugee movements during the last dry season. The present estimates of this year's refugees who will become self-sufficient is encouraging. This reflects the Mission's efforts to assist refugees in achieving self-sufficiency. Timely delivery of rice seed and tools for land preparation plus inputs from technical divisions have contributed greatly to self-sufficiency on the part of the refugees. A recap of refugee population by Military Regions as of October 31, 1970 is attached.

The Mission Director; His Excellency Keo Viphakone, Secretary of State for Social Welfare and Labor; Mr. Houmpheng Prathumwan, Director General of Social Welfare and Mr. Manh Trammy, Director of Relocation and Resettlement visited all relocation villages on the Vientiane Plain and at Paksane Villages were inspected to determine progress during the past few months and to review problems related to relocation.

Office of Refugee Affairs personnel visited the Vang Vieng/Muong Kassy area to develop with local Royal Lao Government officials a policy for refugee assistance with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency by allocating adequate land to the old and more recent refugee groups

In the Luang Pratang area two refugee movements from the vicinity of Pak Ou occurred; 77 families totalling 358 people were involved. During the month, however, 5,967 people became self-sufficient.

...the situation became generally stabilized. The migration in Stoumouk Province where relief operations were begun to assist refugees from Laos by providing rice to care for their immediate needs. Current procedures are extremely difficult due to inaccessibility, hence, the number of refugees requiring emergency relief is not known as of the end of the month.

Mr. Sanford J. Stone, Area Coordinator, Savannah, has, following discussions with ORA, assigned the responsibility for refugee assistance to Mr. Robert N. Wolff, CDAA. Mr. Wolff will be responsible for the supervision of FIC Social Welfare commodities in collaboration with the Provincial Ministry of Social Welfare's representative, in accordance with approved procedures, in addition to his responsibility for supervising the Seno Relocation Project.

## 2. Refugee Relocation

In the Seno Relocation Project the 102 refugee families who were still housed at the Seno military camp on September 30th were moved to the project during the middle of October 1970. Classes are now in session in the first school, 237 refugee pupils between the ages of 5 to 14 years of age are now attending school. There are 2 PLS teachers and 2 village teachers conducting classes. The second school is under construction. To date 300 hectares of agricultural land have been surveyed and staked out. The morale of the Seno refugees is reported to be good. The American Ambassador and Director Mann visited the project on October 21st.

Currently land classification has the highest priority in the Vientiane Plain relocation program. During October base maps for 4 relocation areas were being worked on. Two field trips were made by personnel of the Agriculture Division for the purpose of making soil analysis; access, to the relocation areas by road and helicopter continued to be difficult because the rice crop was not ready for harvest. Progress during November is expected to be on schedule.

The construction of irrigation canals in the Houei Nam Phak project in the Pakse area has been postponed until FY 1972 because of higher priorities for equipment and funds during the current dry season program. It is reported that 170 new refugee families are temporarily housed in the vicinity of the Public Works Division camp. Refugees who have been relocated in the Houei Nam Phak project area are making vegetable gardens. They will also clear land for an upland rice crop.

## 3. Other

Messrs. John W. Greenough, CDAA, Pakse in charge of refugee operations, Wayne Johnson, Operations Officer Ban Houei Sai and Gerald J. Butler, DI/Vientiane were given an orientation on ORA and Ministry of Social Welfare operations and functions.

The monthly inventory report for various commodities was submitted during the month.

#### PERSONNEL

Mr. Roger G. Dronke, Food for Peace Officer, arrived at post on October 25, 1970.

Mr. Ernest Gossin, Operations Officer, NR II, returned to post from leave on October 3, 1970.

Mr. Ellsworth M. Arundson, Jr., Operations Officer, Vientiane Plain, arrived at post on October 15, 1970 on a mid-tour transfer from Viet Nam.

Mr. Wayne Johnson was employed on a personal service contract on October 5, 1970 and was assigned as an Operations Officer at Ban Houei Sai.

Mr. Westcott Burlingame III was employed on a personal service contract on October 22, 1970 and was assigned as Assistant Logistics Officer, OBA, in Vientiane.

Mr. Hugh W. Brady, Relocation Officer departed on emergency leave in the U.S. on October 13, 1970.

#### COMMODITIES

PL 480 and World Vision commodities continued to arrive; the following quantities are in Bangkok:

Bulgar Wheat	10 M.T.
Soybean Oil	254 M.T.
Wheat-Soye Blend	78 M.T.
Corn-Soya-Milk	79 M.T.
World Vision Commodities	53 M.T.
Total	<u>545 M.T.</u>

PL 480 commodities stored in Vientiane are as follows:

Bulgar Wheat	86 M.T.
Wheat Flour	122 M.T.
Dry Milk	<u>66 M.T.</u>
Total	<u>274 M.T.</u>

Deliveries and shipments were made to the following locations:

Boeng D'Veang	290.0 M.T.
Ben Houei Sai	1.5 M.T.
Boyabouy	95.0 M.T.
Fakse	4.0 M.T.
LS-272	248.9 M.T.
Paksane	2.6 M.T.
Vientiane Area	456.9 M.T.
Vang Vieng	67.0 M.T.
ATOG	<u>2,553.5 M.T.</u>
Total	<u>3,719.4 M.T.</u>

Air and surface deliveries were made from:

Ben Houei Sai

Air-dropped	Rice	121.84 M.T.
Air-landed	Rice	257.76 M.T.
Truck	Rice	44.40 M.T.
River	Rice	46.00 M.T.
Combined deliveries	Salt	17.80 M.T.
Combined deliveries, Protein Supplement		<u>11.02 M.T.</u>
Total		<u>498.82 M.T.</u>

Vientiane

Air-dropped to DZ	Rice	1,493.8 M.T.
Air-dropped to DA , Rice and protein Supplement (meat)		729.6 M.T.
Air-landed	Rice	324.2 M.T.
Air-landed, Protein Supplement (meat)		2,336 Cases

All October quotas for air-dropped and air-landed shipments were completed. Due to the fact that approximately 24,000 people are harvesting their rice crop it will be possible to reduce the November rice air-drops by 410 metric tons. These refugees will be picked up again on the air-drop schedule within the next four months because their rice crop will not carry them for more than four months. All commodities for Ban Non (LS-272) were delivered by surface shipment in October.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Monthly Recap of Refugee Relief and Resettlement  
Status Report for October, 1970

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