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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for January 1972

Problems

The closing of Vang Vieng ENI because of security is the most serious problem this month. The young men who are being trained as teachers are assisting during the day with Refugee housing and doing guard duty during the night. The twenty-eight (28) girls enrolled in the school have been sent home. The Ministry will decide where and when the school can be put into operation again. The local authorities have stated that no male can leave the area.

The main water pump at Dong Dok was taken out of service early in the month because of mechanical failure. An emergency order was sent to Bangkok for parts which were at the site of the well on the last day of the month. Installation will begin immediately. The back up pumps have made it possible to keep the school in operation. Each month the main pump continues to require major repairs. The long range solution of furnishing water to Dong Dok and making it possible for the Lao to operate the campus without USAID is to pipe water from Vientiane water system.

Progress

The farm tools at Dong Dok were transferred to ORA for their utilization. This completes the recommendation of the past audit.

The physical work by the contractor at Dong Dok is nearing completion.

The work includes grating installed on certain buildings, side walks connecting buildings and general grading. The work is 90% complete and the contract has greatly improved the appearance of the ESP area.

The conference of SEAMEC Ministers in Vientiane involved most educators. The conference was a success and I am sure the week of preparation and the week of conference was a valuable experience for all educators.

Plans are being put into an Activity Plan (AP) to offer training to teachers who are not teaching because of security problems. The schools in some areas have been closed. When the teachers can be made available for training in one location, in-service training should be given. Teacher Training will assist in conducting needed primary training programs.

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