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FROM : The Chief, Technical Education Division

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - June 1971

Problems

1. The attempt to recruit 50 applicants for entry into the English Section in October fell far short of expectations when only 27 met the exam and only 13 passed. This forces cancellation of the SP for an intensive English Training course scheduled for this summer session.

2. The apparent leak in the King John water system continued with a major break down of the Highfield pump. The recently installed automatic control was untried and was still setting the water pump on after breakdowns at the end of one month while waiting for parts to arrive from England.

The slow rate of loss in English translations of education textbooks by Universal Services Company is becoming a problem. We have only received two of the three translations that were sent 2 March and none of the six that were sent on 26 May.

The report was made to the committee of investigation and the particular pump is completely unsatisfactory and is producing a danger of explosion to the manufacturing...

<u>Program</u>	<u>Number Graduated</u>	<u>Comments</u>
2 year	400	
4 year	300	
First Cycle	55	25 of these will continue their education into the 2nd cycle.
Second Cycle	20	All 20 of these will study in France for one year. However, the 20 now in France will return. Ten of these will enter the new third cycle and the remaining ten will enter teaching.
<u>Total</u>	<u>775</u>	

4. A considerable amount of time was spent this report period at finalizing plans for the various summer activities. These include the summer work program and will involve 130 needy students who will perform various plant maintenance tasks; a Student Teacher Workshop for 60 teachers and principals who work with the off-campus students of the Savannakhet ENI; a typing course for 20 students from the nine teacher training institutions and the ministry teacher factory office; a Lao language methods course for 34 students from the Buddhist Institute who will be assigned to teach Lao in the secondary and teacher training schools and five of the ENI students who will participate in a science summer workshop sponsored by the Secondary Education Project.

5. A very productive meeting was held with the COP officials to review the space utilization plans for the coming school year. This meeting resulted in recommendations that are receiving and will continue to receive action until school opens in October. The school officials presented a well justified case for a gift of a dining room/auditorium but no funds exist for this building at the present time. It is understood that OPE suggested this as a possible activity for the British to consider.

6. In a fine act of leadership and faculty cooperation, the English Section continued to work after the closing of the school year until all student assignments were completed and all class scheduling for the 1976-77 school year was finished.

7. The long awaited Activity Plan to build a multi-story classroom building for the Vang Vieng ENI was vigorously activated and construction should be completed within the next 30 days.

8. As a follow-up of the recent project audit, we have completed and reconciled non-responsible property inventories at the Sao Thong, Nam Huen, Vang Vieng and Pakse ENIs. It is hopeful that we will have all nine institutions inventoried in the next 30 days.

9. Construction of the two dormitories and the 12 classroom buildings at Dong Dok is ahead of schedule and are now 75% complete. The multi-story building at the Luang Prabang ENI campus is now 21% complete, which is a little behind schedule.

6. Contract No. AID/ea - 89

The Dong Dok Home Economic volunteer and counterpart staged a very successful style show in which the students modeled items of clothing that they made during the course of the year. The clothing, refreshments and the dry Lao models merged into a perfect performance.

An equally strong production was the Photo Club Contest. The volunteer sponsoring this extra-curricular activity reported that the over-all quality of the entries were numerous and of extremely high quality.

Other Donors

The RSP English Section directors Madame Pirkhaw and Assistant Director Mr. Boongliong attended RELC meetings at Singapore. It appears that RELC will not be able to meet its oral obligation of paying the tuition and fees for the English Section 1973 graduates to attend a special three month English course at the Center next July, August and September.

Mr. Henry Aklay, Director of the Vietnamese INI returned from a six month regular training course in Paris. The course was sponsored by the Government of France. Mr. Oudom Virattasarakom Director of the B-46 INI attended the same course and is scheduled to return in July.

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