

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

October 6, 1971

TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, Education Division

FROM : Lactus Butler, Chief of Party, University of Hawaii Team

SUBJECT: Secondary Education Monthly Report, September, 1971

Problems:

Continuing problems under consideration during the month were:

1. Fa Ngum, Phone Hagg water supply.

As of October 1, 1971 the requested temporary hand pump had not been installed by PWD. With more than 300 students arriving on October 11, unless some priority is given this request a critical health problem may develop.

2. Fa Ngum, Sanyochiwi building delays.

Inasmuch as the contractor has been on site since April, 1971, I feel an investigation as to why the September 15, 1971 deadline for two buildings and toilet facilities was not reached is needed. A great deal of effort on the part of the Hawaii Team went for naught because they serve only in an advisory, observation role. I need to know who is the person responsible to "bite dog" Fa Ngum contractor for projects to which I can report the close-up work of Hawaii Team advisors and expect action.

3. Va Ngum, Luana Fencing water supply.

City water for Luana school area is possible only after the water supply system is completed. I should report to the PWD on the status of the water supply system and the delay in the completion of the system.

measures to provide drinking and sanitation water for the 100-plus students coming on October 11, 1971.

Summary

1. The direct positive correlation between a water supply for drinking and sanitation at Fa Ngum school sites and the instructional program at Fa Ngum schools would appear to be one of the "touch points" in adequate support for the project from USAID.
2. The direct relationship between an electric supply and the water supply also indicates a "touch point" in adequate support for the project from USAID.
3. Selection of school sites and opening of schools must be dependent upon the ability of USAID/RLG to provide electrical power and water. The present conditions at Phone Hong, Savannakhet, and Luang Prabang indicate lack of long range plans and/or follow through in matters of electricity and water by respective USAID action divisions and by the University of Hawaii Team.
4. It is my conclusion that the opening of Fa Ngum, Pakse, should be delayed until both electricity and water are actually on site and operating properly. Past experience indicates this may delay the opening until October, 1971, unless some changes in operation are effected.

Program Progress:

1. Curriculum advisors are continuing to work on a variety of textbooks and resource materials as follows:
 - Agriculture - ten mimeographed segments completed
 - Commerce - three mimeographed units completed
 - Home Economics - reviewed/evaluated HS curriculum

Program Progress: (continued)

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| Industrial Arts | - Grade 8 text illustrations completed |
| Language Arts | - several library books ordered |
| Mathematics | - classroom visual aids planned |
| Science | - Grade 8 text awaiting illustrations by CM |
| Social Studies | - supplementary books purchased |
| English (TEFL) | - supplementary texts ordered |

1. Hawaii team organization of job roles and functions resulted in third draft being duplicated in English and Lao for discussions planned on October 7-8. Lao language study continues.
2. Secondary education advisors continue to work with their respective school directors in preparing for the opening of school on 11 October.
3. Field visits by Butler, Santala and Blake were made to Phone Hong, Luang Prabang, and Savanakheth for various advising in construction and agriculture program development.
4. Translation of textbooks for grades 11, 12, 13 is being planned. Several translators and the Universal Translation Service have been contacted for prices and availability. Curriculum advisors and the Lao counterparts are giving careful consideration to the various possible texts for translation.

Quarterly Summary:

The first three months of 1971 have passed almost in a very busy and productive

Quarterly Summary: (continued)

assume the responsibilities of Chief of party of the University of Hawaii Contract Team.

During this period the major thrust of my activities have been in orientation to the tasks at hand and re-organization of the resources available to accomplish the objectives of the contract.

As reported under "problems" above I have observed the frustration of the Hawaii Team secondary education advisors in their futile attempts to secure necessary buildings, water and electricity for the instructional programs at Wa'Ngam schools in time for the opening of school on 11 October 1971.

The next three month period should see results of orientation and organization toward completion of several interim objectives of the contract.

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