

UNITED STATES AID MISSION TO LAOS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Georges A. Mann, Director

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SUBJECT: Education Division Monthly Report for August 1971

Refugee School Programs

In spite of the long essential school supplies and textbooks have been delivered to refugee schools. Further progress on temporary classrooms in Pakxane and a few other locations. But most refugee schools began the new school year on September 1 as scheduled.

Mr. Mousa Lia, the British Inspector for Xiang Khouang, is making his base of operations in Long Tirog. A sub-office and the school supply warehouse for Xiang Khouang schools will be established at 277.

Atsopen College will move out of the Pakse ENR last year and into its own four-room building located on the airport side of Pakse.

Community Education

Attached is a table, prepared by Mr. Fungersin, which shows the activities, locations of 582 new elementary teachers and the normal schools from which these teachers graduated this year. Bangkok School leaders will receive 50 new teachers this year, in full short some 1000 new teachers staff new classrooms. We are working on the problem of the Ministry of Primary Education.

An urban group of 1822 in Pakse and another in Vientiane were coming in time for school opening. Activity Plans are being prepared for the construction of some more of these schools in NY 72.

Mr. Casterline accompanied by new groups conducted a study on 4 visits to Bangkok, Hanoi and Hanoi. The study group also visited some followed a short week followed by the new discovery. Mr. Casterline held the year in Hanoi.

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Curriculum seminars for New Math and elementary Lao history had to be delayed because of the flood. They will be held sometime soon, after schools get in full operation.

Secondary students in the summer work program completed a word count of the Lao elementary textbooks. Among its other uses, the 15,000 word list of Lao vocabulary should serve as a useful tool for the further development of secondary textbooks for the Fa Ngum project.

Teacher Training

Mrs. Pinkham Sammalayong, directress of the English Section of ESP, departed for the U.S. this month. She will be working on an M.A. in linguistics at Ann Arbor. Mr. Boudliang Phommaseouvanh will fill her position this year at Dong Dok.

Summer maintenance and improvement activities continued at all ENIs with many worthwhile projects being accomplished. Also, at the end of August, the water system at Dong Dok was functioning properly.

Secondary Education

Dr. Butler and the Hawaii Team are continuing a thorough and highly useful review of textbook production procedures. At the same time job descriptions are being drawn up and discussed in detail for the Curriculum Advisors and the Secondary Education Advisors.

Summer in-service training activities were concluded during the month. Of special interest was a field trip for the Fa Ngum agriculture teachers to the Nam Tan project and to Sayaboury and Luang Prabang.

Plans for the Curriculum Center building at Fa Ngum, Vientiane are presently being worked on by OICC. Classrooms needed for the opening of the Fa Ngum schools in Savannakhet and Luang Prabang should be

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ready by October 11, the first day of school. Work on the final phase of the Phone Hong school is progressing satisfactorily.

Educational Materials

Educational materials completed this month:

SE	Home Economics book, Grade 8	3,000 copies
CE	Arithmetic book, Grade 2	12,000 copies

Educational materials being printed:

CE	Reading book, Grade 2	6,000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 3	5,000 copies
CE	Reading book, Grade 5	3,000 copies

General

The IGA inspectors visited all of the Fa Ngum Schools, Dong Dok, some of the ENIs, and many of the schools at refugee locations during the past month.

The Student Summer Work Experience, organized by IVS, completed another highly successful summer program. Ministry of Education officials were well pleased with the activity and a large group of them attended the closing ceremony. The work done by some students on the preparation of literacy materials was singled out for special attention.

The Lao Teachers' Association (now called "L'association des enseignants du Laos") officially became a member of the World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession (WCOTF) during a meeting of the confederation held in Kingston, Jamaica, August 4-11. Laos was represented by Khamphao Phoukeo, Director of Primary Education.

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and Phou Rasphone, Director of Secondary Education.

Mr. Oute Khamvoogsa has been transferred from co-director of the Lao-German Technical School to director of the Lao Fine Arts School

Other Donors

A third member of the UNDP team, Mr. Gille Poirier, recently arrived in Laos. Two more team members are expected prior to the opening of the ESP on October 6. The team is composed of a chief of party, two science curriculum advisors, a mathematics advisor, and a pedagogy specialist.

Personnel

All vacancies in the Education Division existing patterns were filled with the arrival of the following new personnel in early September:

Mr. James Colman	Teacher Training Advisor
Dr. Lawrence Levy	AACTE Contract Advisor for the College of Education
Miss Dorothy Helein	Home Economics Advisor, University of Hawaii Team
Mr. Roy Dupuy	English teacher, Fa Ngum Phone Hong Personal Services Contract

Mr. George Hagiwara completed his contract with the University of Hawaii and departed post in August. Mr. Ah Chong Zao has replaced him as SL Advisor for the Fa Ngum School Phone Hong

Miss Lee Engler departed for home leave in early September

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All IVS positions for education programs have been filled. The new team members are now in full time Lao language studies.

Mr. Soulyha, who has been an outstanding employee in the Community Education program, resigned last month in order to return to his post at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has been on leave of absence for the last two years.

Reporting units

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Attachment

