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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for August, 1971.

Problems

No significant problems this reporting period.

Program Progress

In a four-day visit South, the CIA observed demonstration teaching at the training course for groupes scolaires directeurs in Pakse, conferred with FBIs in Bangkok and Savannakhet on summer in-service training, and reviewed other project activities, including urban groups school construction. Itinerary and other arrangements made by Richard Constantine, CIA South, facilitated a successful visit.

Three students in the Summer Work Experience Program completed summarization of a study of vocabulary in Lao language textbooks, grades 1-6. Tables of words, frequency, and totals for each subject matter and each grade have been prepared as a reference for textbook revision and systematic vocabulary development. SS has begun translation of the words to consider them as basic vocabulary for first year secondary textbooks.

Seven PIOs were drafted to train (1) three specialists in language arts and Social Studies to complete the curriculum text planned for the supervisory staff of the National Director of Primary Education, and (2) four in Testing and Guidance, Planning and Statistics, and Budget and Fiscal to strengthen the administrative staff. Justification papers were prepared on two FBIs, one nominated for a Leadership Grant and the other for "Success Story."

Final planning of the mathematics and history seminars has been temporarily postponed; committee members have been unable to come to Vientiane because of flood conditions. A handbook on modern mathematics concepts has been drafted for consideration in development and implementation of the new course outlines. The contents include objectives in terms of skills, attitudes and appreciations; the modified program; philosophy, principles, and methods; new math concepts, mathematical terms, and symbols.