

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 1971

TO : Mr. Hubert A. Fitzgerald, CEA/National
FROM : Miss Lee Ryker, CEA/Program
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for July, 1971

Problems

No significant problems this reporting period.

Program Progress

Training courses for 103 CREC teachers in Phnom Hong, Tha Mgeon, and Vang Pieng, as well as for 60 Kan Tri teachers in Vientiane were visited by the CEA/Program. Special course outline and examinations were utilized for CREC teachers in the MoE plan for qualifying them. The course for Kan Tri teachers from Vientiane and all provinces north, which was directed by Mr. Thach Phrasavanh, PSI/Vientiane/South, displayed considerable improvement over past years in organization and management of the training activity. The program of instruction presented specific topics by each instructor instead of the generalizations, formerly used — practical pedagogy, general pedagogy, and model lessons. In addition to regular subject matter, the program of instruction offered unusual variety, interest, and value in content, such as "The Importance of Grade One, Checking and Scoring Papers, Maintenance of School Buildings and Grounds, PTA, and Self-Help Development Projects." Besides their specific teaching duties, the instructors spent considerable time preparing teaching materials. A comprehensive objective type test was given to teachers to evaluate their learning. Copies of a report on the training, including materials prepared by the instructors, were distributed to all participants and their respective primary school inspectors.

Activity Plans, based on MoE and CE planning, to provide mathematics and history curricular seminars were drafted and are being considered with MoE.

Seven participants in supervision and three in testing departed July 21 for six months further study in Thailand. (See previous monthly reports.)

A participant training calendar, outlining CE activities proposed for FY 72, was drafted and submitted to HEED/PT.

Samples of objective tests, used this year for the first time in the MOEU grade level examinations, have been translated and are being analyzed.