

UNITED STATES AID MISSION TO LAOS - OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Hunter Fitzgerald, CEA/National      DATE: July 30, 1972

FROM : Larry Woodson, CEA/Refugees *LW*

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for **July**.

Problems:

Construction of permanent refugee schools in North Lam Ngum area is off schedule due to the delay in receiving commodities from Vientiane.

CEA has given ETA arrival of commodities August 4, 1972. *117*

Majority of temporary refugee classrooms in **the Vientiane** Plain will have to be repaired and used for one more school year.

W&A at W&A request issued order to PSI's to survey schools and obtain requirements. CEA/Refugees is drafting AP's as information is available. It appears temporary schools will be ready for opening in September. *N.F.*

Project Progress:

Construction on the schools at Long Tieng has been resumed. Lumber is due to be shipped up this week from 272. The group school building at the site suffered some minor damage during the occupation by General V.Pig soldiers. This consisted of some broken windows, loss of some desks and benches and the breakage of some door handles and. The general area was left in a very filthy condition and will require considerable cleaning before classes get underway.

General V.P. has sent a message to the school the day and indications are that he plans to build a college at the site. There has been no request for assistance with this project to date.

Textbooks that were prepared for the refugee students have arrived at the Ministry of Education warehouse and a recommended distribution is being prepared by CEA/Refugees based on enrollment and textbooks available. These books should be ready for shipment prior to the opening of the primary schools.

Workshops for the training of GRPC and refugee teachers were conducted during the month of July. These workshops are now in the final stages and the students will begin returning to their schools during the month of August. The workshop participants are expected to receive an average of 100 hours of training. The workshop participants are expected to receive an average of 100 hours of training.

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Activity Plans that were drafted earlier for permanent classrooms in the Wieslans plain are being revised to include recommendations per FWD suggestions. These activity plans will be finalized when up dated plans are received from FWD.

The attached refugee education statistics reflect only minor changes as schools are closed for the summer and current statistics have **not** been finalized.