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TO : Mr. Don Cox, Teacher Education Advisor

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for March 1971

Problems:

As a result of lightning striking one of the transformers for the water pumps and the subsequent failure of the water system, school was dismissed for two days from March 5th to March 15th. A replacement was returned to TY from Power Section and installed by EDL and water service restored after four days.

2. The efficiency of the office has greatly improved. Lack of local personnel in type, file and so forth. Also the lack of a jeep for this office caused some inconvenience. One of the two vacancies in the office has now been filled and a new jeep has promised by MGS.

Progress:

As a result of the electrical failure of water pumps, a program was written up to do several things to make the whole water system more foolproof. This involved a new road to the main well so that the well rigs can get to the well during the rainy season. An activity plan has been written and has been approved. The road construction should begin sometime near the middle of April according to MGS. Another activity plan is being written to drill a new well at a place where the well drilling expert expects there might be a good supply of water. This pump, when installed, will have a gasoline powered generator capable of driving the pump in case of failure of the city power. New light poles have been purchased to hook up the present school emergency generator to the water system. The Ministry of Education is working on the City Electricity Department to remove one damaged transformer from the pole so it can be sent to Bangkok for repair.

On March 29 the pump for Well number 5 burned out. This caused some reduction in the water supply. The pump was pulled from the well by the school staff and is presently being repaired. This should be reinstalled the first week in April. A new cement storage tank was built by the school staff to be used for water from the shallow wells which will be suitable for bathing from students in case of another complete failure of the water system.

2. Work has been progressing on the KVI roof repair. The major problem was with the roof hips. Several buildings have had them replaced and this job should be finished as soon as more new hips, which have been ordered through ESB, are delivered.
3. The work of the ESP Maintenance Foreman has been picked up by having him send a report every day to the Director ESP and Dr. Buechler of the work completed for that day. He is now working much more effectively.
4. Three batches of furniture have been completed and delivered to the school. One set of 100 new chairs was poor work and the price is now being renegotiated with the contractor by ESB. Two contracts for dining room tables from Lao Wood Industries were very well done.
5. Commodities for two Teacher Training Workshops that were to be held at Luang Prabang have been delivered to K-9 warehouses. These will be carried to the workshop by the participants when it is established where and when the workshop will take place.
6. Distribution of supplies to be used in the summer work program at the **outly**ing schools has begun so that the supplies will be there in time.
7. Commodities for the practice teaching have been procured, some from Comsom Tea and some from local purchase, for the San Thong, San Trum and Thachone K/V's.
8. My former Lao Cominternist Mr. Bona Promchit has gone to Australia on Scholarship for six months and has been replaced by Mr. Onsy Inthavong, formerly a teacher at the Luang Prabang EHL. We have a good working relationship.
9. About 70% of my time this month has been used in typing, requisitions, receiving reports, purchase requests and other documents.