

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 4, 1971

TO : Mr. Norman Green, Chief, EDU

FROM : Dan Cox, Teacher Training Branch

SUBJECT: Teacher Training Monthly Report, February 1971

Problems

No special problems.

Project Progress

1. February seems to have been quite unusual for the Teacher Training project, particularly for the smooth and uninterrupted operation of all nine institutions.
2. A considerable amount of time was spent this report period in the preparation of the FY 72 budget submission. This planning began with a Ministry level meeting which was called and chaired by the Director General. A special effort will be made by project officials at the mission review to obtain sufficient funds to pave the principal roads of the campuses at Dong Dok, Pakse, and Luang Prabang.
3. ESP officials called two meetings this report period and invited USAID/Education participation. One of these meetings included all of the English Section administration and faculty. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing the educational program of the school and making plans for the immediate future. The second meeting involved the various functionaries in a question and answer session regarding logistical support procedures and practices. Both meetings were extremely helpful and were highlighted by the great amount of free discussion.

4. The project office received a final report of the ENI Directors Conference that was held in December. The CE project office has consented to translate the report.
5. Personnel of the project's maintenance staff seem to be playing musical chairs. Mr. Thomas returned to duty after approximately two months of surgery and convalescence from back surgery. At about the time of Mr. Thomas's return, his counterpart Mr. Don Phommachack departed for five months of Community Development training in Australia. However, the Ministry acted swiftly and detailed a person to replace Mr. Oasy from the Luang Prabang ENI as substitute for Mr. Don.
6. The project manager had two meetings with Mr. Sang, Director of the Materials Production Center, planning for the ten-day Instructional Skills Workshop that will be held in Luang Prabang in April and which Mr. Sang will direct.
7. The MoE project officials continued their participation in international conferences by Dr. Somphou traveling to Tokyo to attend a conference on secondary school science teaching sponsored by UNESCO and the National (Japanese) Institute of Science from February 11 to March 4.
8. Construction of the demonstration school and the science laboratory at the Pakse ENI was completed this report period. Final inspection is scheduled for 3 March.

The construction of the chain length fence at Dong Dok is on schedule at 15% complete. The dormitory and classroom construction at Dong Dok is now 20% complete. Construction of the multi-story building at the ENI/LP is 5% completed.

9. Costantino reports from Pakse that security units have forced the student teaching program to three schools within the Pakse city limits. His report also repeats the Pakse request for paved roads and sidewalks. These items are cranked into the project's FY 72 submission.

10. Luang Prabang reports no Teacher Training problems this month and that both the instructional and construction programs are proceeding well at L.P.

Contract No. AID/ea- 89

The trial transition period of the contract under the new agreement that expired in June seems to be moving quite well in some respects however some grey areas have also developed particularly in administrative approval of vouchers. This point will require some thought and final decision in the near future.

Contract AID/csd 2859 (Task Order No. 4

This particular contract is between the Agency and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. A copy of the Task Order was received this report period and is for the recruitment of an advisor for the English Section of the proposed College of Education

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