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Problems:

No significant problems were noted during this reporting period.

Program Progress:

A four-month training course for ten teaching counselors is in progress at the Teacher Training Center at Dong Dok with three Thai and two Lao instructors. Emphasis is presently on educational methods and materials with demonstration and observation. A PIO P providing the counselors six months further study and practice in Thailand is being processed. The counselors -- twelve more to be trained next year -- will be assigned to Primary School Inspectors to plan and conduct in-service training and other supervisory projects to improve classroom instruction.

A joint report on recommendations to reform the testing program was prepared by the five Ministry officials, who recently made a brief study of the testing system in Thailand. The report will be presented at the National Annual Conference of Primary School Inspectors in Champasak Province in January. The agenda for the conference also shows that the Director of Secondary Education will participate in the discussions, thus confirming MoE interest in coordinated reform of sixth-grade final examinations and secondary entrance examinations.

Content analysis of three textbooks in Geography and six in Arithmetic was completed for consideration of minor revisions before reprinting the books for refugees. Lesson sequence outlines for arithmetic textbooks, grades 1-6, are being prepared to guide the final study and revision of the texts and to lead to a balanced and systematic presentation of subject matter content in a graded series, based on specific objectives and course outlines.

Candidates for university study in Thailand as curriculum specialists in each of five subject matter areas have been designated by MoE with the CEA (National) PIOs for arithmetic and science have been drafted and those for Home Economics, Crafts and Basic Agriculture in preparation.

Furniture was completed and moved to the MoE for setting up the curriculum library. The furniture, constructed at the MoE warehouse under the direction of Ken Myers, PhD, is attractive and of good quality.

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