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Subject: Monthly Report for October, 1970.

Problems:

No significant problems were noted during this reporting period.

Program Progress:

A detailed work schedule and evaluation indicators were prepared for the curriculum activity. The Activity Plan for an MoE curriculum library facility, completed by the CEA(National), was approved; materials are being procured through Supply Management Branch and construction of furnishings being arranged with supervision by Public Works Division.

A scope and sequence chart of the revised arithmetic course outlines was reviewed with the Deputy Directors of Administration and of Supervision and is being further used to check the course outlines for selection, scope, gradation, and sequence of subject matter content. Objectives in terms of skills, understandings, and attitudes for the first three grades, to include concepts of new mathematics, were drafted.

At the request of the Ministry of Education, a program to study testing, in particular the final examination at the primary level, was planned with the Director of Primary Education in Bangkok for five Lao education officials. As agreed at the annual Community Education Planning meeting, these officials were appointed as a committee by the Director of Primary Education to prepare recommendations for reforming the sixth grade final examination (CFP) to present for consideration at the National Conference of Primary School Inspectors in January. The Director also cited major defects and deficiencies in the testing system and requested the Committee to seek improved procedures for preparing, administering, and scoring tests with particular attention to validity, justice, and economy.

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