

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. Norman W. Green, Chief, EDU
FROM : Dan Cox / Teacher Education Advisor
SUBJECT: Monthly Report, October 1970

Problems

1. Although the general appearance of the Dong Dok campus is greatly improved, we still seem to lack a feeling of permanence in the maintenance system.
The new maintenance systems and newly trained maintenance personnel are functioning satisfactorily but need, and will receive, full project support.
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2. The recent project audit revealed that improved property control measures are required. Project personnel have begun building an accurate non-expendable property file.
We have set a January 1 deadline for the completion of a card file of all TT non-expendable property.
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3. It appears that higher priority A and E Work is pushing the design work for the three-story multi-purpose building for the Luang Prabang ENI so far back that the facility will not be ready for use for the opening of the 1971-72 school year. Obviously, this will be quite disastrous to the school program.
Science rooms and additional class space are badly needed at the ENI/LP. After the years of re-planning and re-financing these facilities, we hope that we can proceed with the construction in order to meet a completion date of Oct. 1, 1971. FTD has been so informed.
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Progress

1. All nine teacher training schools enjoyed a successful first month's operation of the 1970-71 school year. A number of re-take examinations taken this month by last spring's failures have prevented

accurate statistics from being taken for this school year, however, the gain is expected to be about 225 over the 3,036 of last school year. We are also expecting that the results of two project efforts to significantly enhance the quality of instruction this year. The first is the writing, printing and distribution of eight professional education textbooks and possibly five more to be completed before the school year is out. The use of these books should provide another qualitative dimension to the program. The second is the benefits of the short term training in Thailand by 24 teacher training administrators and faculty members during the summer months that will be shared with the prospective teachers throughout the school year.

2. The termite damage to the language laboratory equipment which was listed as a problem last month was quickly corrected by the FAIR language school experts and the RLG laboratory technician. The laboratory was fully operational for the 5 October school opening.
3. Delivery of 10,000 copies of the textbooks Geography for Teacher Training was made by the printer. This is the eighth title of the current Activity Plan for the publishing of textbooks.
4. The Morris Williams visit to the Dong Dok campus for a tour and briefing by the Inspector General and the Directress of the English Section seemed fruitful for both the school and for Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams gained personal insight into the job for which he is recruiting an advisor to work with the Directress of the English Section. Other visitors to the campus included Mr. Charles Rushing (EMB/POL), and Mr. Gerald Butler (USAID/MGT).
5. The project's counterpart, Inspector General of Education, Dr. Somphon, has been named as chairman of the MoE exhibit for the Thai Laang Fair. The exhibit is to be in keeping with UNESCO's International Year of Education. Each department of the MoE will prepare a display of department highlights and submit to Dr. Somphon for coordinating and arranging into a meaningful and attractive exhibit. Dr. Somphon has directed the Department of Teacher Training's Logistics and Maintenance Director to direct the work on the exhibit hall.
6. Dr. Veeravah, Director of the ESP benefited from a two week

UNESCO training program in Ceylon this month. The conference was on "School Facilities".

7. The project received a copy of the AG's draft audit, prepared extensive comments and returned to AG. The project is expecting an almost complete re-write of the final audit report.
8. A PIO/T was drafted which provides graduate training for a College of Education expert on teaching English as a foreign language.

Construction

1. Contract No. 63008-7000-0204 for the construction of a science and demonstration school for the Pakse ENI is now 59% complete and ahead of schedule.
2. OICC expects to complete the working drawing for two dormitories and two classroom buildings for the Dong Dek campus by 15 November and the multi-purpose building for the Luang Prabang ENI 15 December.

Contract No. AID/ea 89

1. The volunteers have been particularly active in extra-curricular activities. Last month it was a collective assault on improving the appearance of the living quarters; this month it was, with equal drive, the development and implementation of a plan to improve the offices and teachers' lounge.

Other Donors

1. Accurate figures of the French Government's contribution to Teacher Training staff for the current school year are not yet available; however, the number is less than the 63 on board last year. Complete figures for staff from all other donors will be reported next month.

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