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Problems:

1. The Ministry of Education discovered gross irregularities in the screening examination given to the prospective student of the Kene Thao EML. The Ministry immediately dispatched a delegation to Kene Thao to conduct a public hearing in the presence of the Chao Hong, justice official, police chief, school officials, parents and students. The delegation also administered, scored and posted the results of re-test.
2. Additional duties which have been assigned to the RUC counterpart of the Project Maintenance Advisor is impeding the development and implementation of the project's maintenance program.

Progress:

1. The printer made delivery of 10,000 copies of the fifth professional education textbook, Pedagogy, AP 69/3 during this report period. Deliveries to the various RUCs will be made shortly. Nine more titles are included in this AP.
2. A significant beginning was made to create renewed interest into the Dong Dok maintenance program and problems. This was in the form of a meeting called and chaired by the Inspector General of Education. The Inspector General related his irritation with the shoddy appearance of the buildings and grounds and charged each of the 25 participants with doing all each one could to restore function and appearance to the campus. Amplification of the program is reflected in Mr. Thomas's report.

3. High marks of acknowledgment go to the BPK officials and trainees for having cleared the campus of approximately 50 fallen trees and other trees that are threats to campus buildings. However, this work is not yet completed.
- 4a. The summer student work program which involves 162 needy students is on schedule.
5. ENI and staff members began reporting back to their respective campuses from vacations and training to begin readying their materials for the opening of school in early October.
6. About half of the projects' 24 short term participants returned from training in Thailand.

Construction:

1. Contract No. 63008-70 C-0201 for the construction of science building and a demonstration school for the Pakse ENI is now 35% complete.
2. Contracts 0237 and 0239 for a 12 room classroom building, men's dormitory, demonstration school, and an agri/maintenance building at the Savannakhet ENI are now 90% and 72% complete.
3. Active design work by OICC for the project includes:
 - a. Three story structure for the Luang Prabang ENI.
 - b. Six classroom building for the ENI Vientiane.
 - c. Two dormitories and a six classroom building for the ESP.
 - d. Cyclone fence estimates for the Dong Dok campus.
 - e. Change orders to include landscaping, sidewalks and window bars for contract No. 63008-70 C-0239 at the ESP.

Contract No. AID/ea - 89 (formerly AIDc-1110)

The new contract, a copy of which was received this month, effective July 1 extends until June 30, 1972 includes 25 Education volunteers, nine Agriculture and four staff.

Recruitment status for the education group indicates that we will begin the school year with 22 of the 25 volunteers.

Six of the new recruits arrived in country August 6, another August 26 and one more is expected in September. The ACOP for Education arrived August 22.

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