

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To : Dr. Robert M. Martin, Chief of Party, UH Team

(signed in draft)

From : Francis K.C. Wong, SEA/SKT

Subject: Monthly Report for November, 1973

Problems:

1. The school is still in need of a Lao and Science teacher. At present these areas are hurting since the teachers present cannot handle the extra load.
2. The mimeograph machine is in need of two rubber rollers for the paper feeding portion of the machine. At present, it is operable only by feeding paper one sheet at a time.
3. The hot water heater for the Home Economics department has an electrical malfunction. The Shop Department is checking out the connections and will repair if possible.

Activities/Accomplishments:

1. Except for the purchase of a kerosene stove and a food cabinet, the Lao Kitchen is completed. A 200 watt transformer was purchased and installed under the hood for use with the exhaust fan. Both the concrete table top and hood were painted a bright orange to add a little color to the kitchen.
2. A cloth towel system has been implemented for use in the toilets in an attempt to cut down the overuse of paper towels. The Home Economics Department will wash the soiled towels.
3. AWC work scholarship students have worked three weekends getting the courtyards into shape. A mixture of dirt and sawdust have been spread over the courtyards in an attempt to make it level.
4. The submersible pump installed with temporary safety measures is working great. The recovery time of the well is very good and we may have sufficient water to even take care of the courtyards.
5. The Agriculture Department is really moving along well.
 - a. All seedlings have been transplanted.
 - b. Hybrid roses donated by the Yamauchis' are being given special care by Mr. Phonesay, Agriculture teacher.

- c. Cuttings of different decorator plants were acquired around town and are being propagated.
- d. Crops planted are as follows:
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| 1. Chinese cabbage | 9. Cucumbers |
| 2. Lettuce | 10. Watermelon |
| 3. Romaine lettuce (6700 plants) | 11. Bulb onions |
| 4. Green bell peppers | 12. Head cabbage |
| 5. Hot peppers | 13. Field corn |
| 6. Kale | 14. Sweet corn |
| 7. Peanuts | 15. Tomatoes |
| 8. Bush beans | 16. Radish |
- e. Thirty bags of buffalo manure were gathered by the students on November 17 with the use of a USAID truck. Since three terraces of crops have been planted, the entire stock of manure is gone and another trip will be necessary.
- f. Three bags of "special" duck manure were donated to the program, compliments of the Wongs' poultry farm.
- g. The gas engine generously carried down by Mr. Green has been adapted for use with the water pump. A water system using plastic hose and aluminum pipes has been implemented to transport water from the reservoir to the upper terraces.
- h. Sawdust has been spread onto the 4th terrace in preparation for plowing and the planting of sorghum and field corn.
- i. Cement flower pots are now being manufactured at a minimal cost (1 bag of cement for 20 pots). The Agriculture Department made the forms out of plywood and manufacture pots in their free time.

Miscellaneous:

1. The school was happy to see the arrival of the Commercial and Math teachers.
2. A showing of three TWA films from USES were shown to the student body through the generosity of Mrs. Ruth Stone of the LAA.
3. It was an honor to host Dr. Teruo Ihara with a reception at my home. The school had a Baci ceremony for Dr. Ihara that same afternoon.

Visitations:

1. Iwao Kimabe, Commercial Advisor, Nov. 13-15.
2. Dorothy Heise, Home Economics Advisor, Nov. 26-29.
3. Art Crisfield, Lao Language Advisor, Nov. 28-29.

Recommendation:

A strong effort should be made to implement the second cycle at Fa Ngum Savannakhet. Director Hongthong, who has been at the school almost four years and understands the problems and how to cope with them, will ask for a transfer unless the second cycle is implemented. A new Director could not fare as well as Director Hongthong with all his experience.

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