

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

(signed in draft)

From : A.C. Zane, SEA/Pakse

Subject: Monthly Report for November, 1973

I. Problems:

- A. The fence line grading job was started early this month, but due to a mechanical breakdown on the bull-dozer, the completion of the job has been delayed. A grader was brought in and used on certain portion of the job. Where the area was graded, the contractor is now in the process of digging holes for the fence posts. A bull-dozer is required to make the drainage ditch through one of the cattle guards.
- B. The cattle guards have been started simultaneously by the contractor. This has caused some difficulties in approaching the school. It was pointed out earlier that it made more sense to complete one cattle guard first before starting on the other, but the contractor and OIGC inspectors did not take this advise seriously.
- C. The shortage of GFM is still a major problem to be deal with. This matter is causing the completion of the buildings to be delayed and also preventing the classrooms from being properly set up for efficient utilization. At present, practically all phases of operations in the school are set up on a temporary basis. With the dry season here, and the buildings without windows, the rooms are extremely difficult to keep clean because of the dust blown in by gusty winds.
- D. Some of the galvanized fence posts embedded in the concrete are poorly installed and already loose. This defect has been reported to the OIGC inspectors for correction.

II. Accomplishments and Activities:

- A. The furniture contract for phase I, Fa Ngum/Pakse, has been completed and delivered to the school. The FSO/Pakse has completed the receiving report for 100 student tables, 220 chairs, 10 desks, 36 drafting tables and 4 dining tables. The report has been sent to SMD/VTE for processing.

- B. Director Boumy and SEA met with the Chackhoueng to discuss Boumy's housing problem. He was very cooperative and a week later work was started on the house. However, it will be months before the house will be finished. In the meantime, the Director has temporarily moved into the old cottage on the campus.
- C. The supplies that were ordered for the project from SMD finally arrived after a delay of over a month due to the misplacement of the orders.
- D. The students in the agriculture orientation program have dug up a fairly large vegetable garden plot. They have planted lettuce, peppers, eggplants, cabbages and tomatoes. The water supply is excellent.
- E. 1 1/2 bags of chicken manure were purchased from the poultry farm across the road from the school. It is much cheaper than commercial fertilizer. However, for instructional and experimental purposes, commercial fertilizers will be purchased at a later date when the program is further developed.
- F. Truck loads of rice hulls have been hauled to the school which was donated by a rice miller who was happy to get rid of it. The hulls will be used for making compost and mulching.
- G. Two chicken houses were constructed by the agriculture teacher, Mr. Sarly out of local materials and the cost was practically nothing. This sort of projects should be encouraged-for it can cut down the operational expenses.
- H. After a meeting with the Director of Youths and Sports, Boumy received a new volleyball net for the physical education program.
- I. The school is now receiving UNIS new bulletins in both English and Laotian. The bulletins are being used by the teachers and in the social studies classes.
- J. On November 14, Dr. Teruo Ihara, University of Hawaii Campus Coordinator, and Mr. Norman Green, USAID Education, Chief, visited Fa Ngum Pakse. Both were impressed by the progress and more so of the beautiful location of the school overlooking the Mekong River. The SEA hosted a luncheon for the visitors.
- K. On November 14 to 17, I went to Vientiane on TOY to attend the monthly University of Hawaii staff meeting.
- L. Fa Ngum/Pakse didn't celebrate the That Luang festivals and school was in session. Probably there will be some festivals down here that will even things out.

- M. Another teacher for social studies and English has been assigned to Fa Ngum/Pakse. His name is Kainthavone Bounphakhom and started to work on November 26. While in Vientiane, he was assigned to teach English at College De Saravanh in Pakse, but he refused to do so. He was then assigned to Fa Ngum/Pakse which he wanted in the first place. He is now teaching 4 hours of social studies at Fa Ngum, 6 hours of English at Lycee/Pakse and 8 hours of English at College De Saravanh. At present he is staying with Director Boumy.
- N. On November 27 to 28, Arthur Crisfield, UH Linguistic advisor, came on TDY to assist with the Lao language program and had meetings with Director Boumy and Lao Language teacher, Bouaphanh.
- O. On November 29 to 30, Dorothy Heiele, UH Home Economics Advisor, is scheduled to come here to provide technical assistance to the Home Economics program.

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