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1. Sub-Sector Advisors Imprest Fund. The four-month trial period for the MACV Sub-Sector Advisors imprest fund will come into effect later this month. An allotment of \$500,000 has been received from Washington to finance the teams through the trial period. This fund will be converted by the USOM Controller through the U.S. Disbursing Office, Manila. It is planned that 140 Sub-Sector Advisors will receive the equivalent of \$700 and ten Sector Advisors will receive \$1,400 each per month, with a reserve fund of \$52,000 to be held in Saigon. This trial period will terminate prior to the end of CY '65, which will dovetail with plans to have a complete '66 budget before the end of the year. USOM's concern is to ensure that the instructions published by GVN, MACV, and USOM regarding the use of this fund are essentially identical and that this fund will be used as a catalyst to induce the expenditure of GVN funds already existent for essentially the same purposes. The DGFPA has now sent out a letter to all province chiefs explaining the provincial unforeseen expenses fund and encouraging the province chiefs to use it. USOM continues to urge that the unforeseen expenses fund be transferred from the provincial budget to the rural reconstruction supplement.

2. Chieu Hoi. There has been a decrease in the number of ralliers in July as compared to May and June. There were 1,115 in May, 1,089 in June, and only 687 in July. It is too early to judge the causes for this decrease and it may only be a temporary phenomenon.

3. Summer Youth Program. The musical/cultural team departed Saigon to tour a number of Delta provinces. The students will perform at military installations as well as for the civilian population and Summer Youth campers. Arrangements are being made for this team to visit Region I in the near future.

4. Self Help. A special study on the Self-Help Program covering the first six months of CY '65 is under preparation. Statistics show that 1,600 self help projects were approved and 500 completed during this period. Only four provinces (Quang Tin, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Hau Nghia) had not begun a program as of June 30. The scope of the program is surprisingly broad. More than 80 different types of projects have been approved. The most popular projects in terms of numbers are (1) rice drying courts; (2) classrooms; (3) wells; (4) bridges; (5) privies; (6) culverts, and (7) roads. The hamlets themselves have contributed more than three million piasters in cash and 65,000 man days of labor. The final report will be forwarded as soon as available.

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