

THE COMMISSION ON THE COMBINATION OF THE UNITED STATES
 AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET-NAM
 AN AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
 AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET-NAM

The above-named parties hereby mutually agree to carry out no activity in accordance with the terms set forth herein and the terms set forth in any other related agreement.

This Release Agreement is further subject to the terms of the exchange of letters between the two governments dated August 15, 1962 and August 22, 1962 on the matter of closed places purchased by the U.S. as outlined and implemented.

1. AGREEMENT NO. 5

2. ORIGINAL ☒

REVISION NO.

3. ACTIVITY TITLE

Kien Hoa Province Rehabilitation

{FY 63 }

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS:

U. S. Special Account

5. US OWNED L/C FINANCING	PREVIOUS TOTAL (a)	INCREASE (b)	DECREASE (c)	TOTAL TO DATE (d)
	--	17,212,600	--	17,212,600

PROVISIONS OF THE RELEASE AGREEMENT:

Copy of Provisional Release Agreement for Kien Hoa Province

DATE OF ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

November 3, 1962

DATE OF THIS REVISION

FOR THE COMBINATING AGENCY

Colonel Hoang Van Lee
 Special Commissaire Chief of
 the Permanent Bureau of

FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR, AID

Joseph L. [Signature] Director USOM

Rufus C. Phillips, Asst Director
 Rural Affairs

I. Objectives of the Activity

The purpose of this activity is to rehabilitate the Province of Dien Hoa by assisting in the establishment of strategic hamlets for the rural population in that province. Specifically, this activity will support all phases (November 1962 through March 1963) of an extensive operation which provides for the establishment of 120 new strategic hamlets, 8 combat hamlets, and the improvement of 38 strategic hamlets already in existence according to the strategic hamlet plan established by the Chief of the Province.

As part of the provincial strategic hamlet plan a continuous program of hamlet activities is necessary if community interest and community spirit in the hamlet is to be developed. To assist in the development of this spirit in the hamlets and for the growth of local self-government, a program of hamlet self-help projects is proposed for those hamlets in which elections have been completed. These projects will consist of hamlet improvements, simple in nature, such as market places, meeting halls, access roads, small bridges, fish ponds, fruit tree planting, etc. The hamlet will be given materials by the Province for the construction of these projects for which the hamlet will furnish the labor. The hamlet will decide by democratic means what particular project it wishes to undertake and will then apply to the Province for the material support. Hamlet self-help projects will only be financed after hamlet councils have been elected in free elections by secret ballot. Self-help funds may not be used for the construction of new schools and dispensaries, which will be handled by separate programs. Before receiving self-help assistance each hamlet must meet the six points set forth in Document No. 0192 LB/ACL/TV/3 of 19 July 1962.

The request for assistance in road rehabilitation contained in the provincial strategic hamlet plan will be handled by separate programs worked out by the Ministry of Public Works and the RVNAF with the participation of USOM, MAAG, and the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Hamlets. Concerning the construction of schools, reference is made to pages 30 and 31 of the "Proces Verbal No. 22" of the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Hamlets in regard to the principles which must be followed by the province. Schools will not be constructed until a provincial school plan has been worked out and agreed upon between the province and the Ministry of Education with the participation of USOM. The miscellaneous category of funds may be spent for the following types of activities: local transportation (barbed wire, steel posts, food, etc.), training aids and supplies, urgent propaganda needs not supported by the Ministry of Civic Action, Information and Youth or by RVNAF Psywar, bounties for weapons (No payment will be made for enemy dead.) according to the tariff set forth in document 625/LB/ACL/TK/3 of September 5, 1962, (Expenses for bounties

I. Objectives of the Activity (Continued)

for weapons with this miscellaneous category of funds will only be authorized after the funds allocated by the Director of Cabinet at the Presidency and the Ministry of Interior to the Province for the same purpose have been used up), and for other expenses which, in the considered judgment of the GVN/US Provincial Committee, will contribute to the success of the provincial operation.

II. Responsibilities

A. Of AID

1. USOM will furnish technical advice in the training of cadres, in the establishment of hamlet communication, education and health services, and in hamlet administration, in the establishment of combat hamlets and in the resettlement of people in the hamlets. USOM will also furnish assistance in kind in support of this project, types and quantities to be determined at a later date.

B. Of the Government of Viet-Nam

1. To designate the Province Chief of Kien Hoa Province as Activity Manager for this operation. The Activity Manager will be responsible for the development and implementation of the activity.
2. The Activity Manager will submit to the Permanent Bureau of the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Hamlets, monthly reports of the status of the activity including a statistical reporting of progress in the training, equipping and disposition of cadre and in the establishment (by name and numbers) of hamlets. One copy of these reports will be forwarded to USOM.
3. A committee shall be appointed by the Chief of Province to be responsible for certifying expenditures as reasonable and in accord with the release agreement. The Activity Manager, such provincial authorities as he may designate, the local American military Sector Advisor, and the local USOM representative shall be represented on this committee.

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1. AGREEMENT NO. 3

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III. Work Plan for CY 1962 and 1963

Items	CY 1962 CY 1963	
	4th qtr	1st qtr
1. Relocation of 2800 families.....	x	x
2. Training of Strategic Hamlet Construction Teams..	x	x
3. Hamlet Self-Help Projects.....	x	x
4. Training of Hamlet Youth (Militia).....	x	x
5. Training Hamlet Chiefs and Committees.....	x	x

IV. Local Currency Budget (in 000's of piastres)

Table 1 - ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES OF LOCAL CURRENCY BY ACTIVITY

(Control of obligations will be maintained in terms of the Activities listed in this table. Annual variations of up to 20% of the budgeted amounts for each activity are authorized without amendment to this Agreement so long as the total budget is not exceeded. Increases in individual activities must be compensated for by equivalent decreases in other activities.)

Activity Number and Description

Total

Total.....	<u>17,212.6</u>
01. Relocation of 2800 families. Distribution of goods provided under this activity shall be made on the basis of actual requirements, not on average number of families per hamlet).....	<u>10,400.6</u>
Rice, 252 tons @ 6,000 VN\$.....	1,512.0
Bulgar Wheat, 252 tons (to be furnished in kind)	- -
Dried fish, 67,200 kg @ 30 VN\$.....	2,016.0
Salt, 8,400 kg @ 1.5 VN\$.....	12.6
Nuoc Mam, 16,800 jugs @ 25 VN\$.....	420.0
Housing, 2800 families @ 2,000 VN\$.....	5,600.0
Set of 4 tools, 2,800 families @ 300 VN\$.....	840.0
02. Training of Strategic Hamlet Construction Teams.....	<u>636.8</u>
16 Teams of 8 men each for 15 days @ 25 VN\$/day...	48.0
Allowance of 1000 VN\$/man for 128 men.....	128.0
Per diem - 128 men @ 30 VN\$/day for 120 days.....	460.8
03. Hamlet Self-Help Projects.....	<u>3,480.0</u>
158 hamlets @ 20,000 VN\$.....	3,160.0
8 combat villages @ 40,000 VN\$.....	320.0
04. Training of Hamlet Youth (militia - key leaders and unit members) 20 men each for 166 hamlets for 15 days @ 20 VN\$/day.....	<u>996.0</u>
05. Training Hamlet Chiefs and Committees - 166 hamlets 4 men each for 15 days @ 20 VN\$/day.....	<u>199.2</u>
06. Miscellaneous.....	<u>1,500.0</u>

RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ACTING
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V. Special Provisions

1. A piaster imprest fund (caisse d'avance) will be established under the jurisdiction of the Province Chief for which he will be accountable to USOM. He will be relieved of accountability upon (1) presentation to USOM of vouchers for expenditures initially authorized by the US/GVN Provincial Committee described in paragraph II - B - 3, above and (2) refunding to USOM any balance in the revolving fund after the purpose for which such fund was established has been accomplished.

The initial amount of the fund (caisse d'avance) will be determined by the US/GVN Provincial Committee based upon its best estimate of average requirements for three months. The Office of the Assistant Director for Rural Affairs/USOM, will inform the Controller, USOM, of the amount so determined and the latter will arrange to provide that amount to the Province Chief.

Each month the Province Chief will give to the USOM representative on the committee, vouchers covering expenditures for that period. Such vouchers should contain or have attached an acknowledgment of payment (receipt) from the payee. The USOM representative will examine each voucher to determine that the expenditure was authorized by the Committee and will initial each voucher, if correct. He will then transmit all approved vouchers to the Controller/USOM.

In the event that the expenditure rate is greater than was first contemplated, the caisse d'avance will be increased by the same process that established it initially. This applies also to an exceptional requirement on a one-time basis.

After the purpose for which the fund (caisse d'avance) was established has been accomplished and all bills have been paid, the final vouchers and the balance in the fund will be delivered to the USOM representative for transmittal to the Controller, USOM. The latter will acknowledge receipt of the vouchers and funds by letter to the Province Chief.

2. Regular reports should be made available by the USOM representative to the USOM Controller's Office on the last day of each month and at such other times as may be required by USOM showing total funds received pursuant to this agreement, total obligations, payments made, and balance of cash on hand.

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V. Special Provisions (Continued)

3. The unit cost estimates set forth in this agreement are considered to be estimates only and are not intended to restrict the US/GVN Provincial Committee from approving for payment whatever it determines to be a reasonable cost. The US/GVN Provincial Committee will have to buy material and food at local prices at the moment of purchase.

CONCURRED IN BY:

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Lt Col Tran Ngoc Chau, Province Chief
Kien Hoa Province

29 November 1962
Date