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Counter-Insurgency Status Reporting

1. Page One - IV A. 1. of the proposed USOM Order calls for "description, piastre and dollar costs for each Self-Help and Village/District Works Project to be undertaken." Since we expect to carry out 33,000 self-help projects alone, plus a large number of Village/District and Provincial Works Projects, and the purpose of this whole program is to decentralize authority and minimize reporting, Rural Affairs feels it would be impossible with existing personnel, as well as self-defeating to project purpose, to report in the detail requested for each individual project. Rural Affairs will list number of projects undertaken and completed and total costs in piastres plus U. S. commodities used, if such information is available.

2. Page Two - IV B. Procedures. Since we do not wish to add additional personnel in Rural Affairs to carry out the reporting requested, we propose merely to turn over to the AD/PE statistician our current reporting forms and summaries in one copy from which the statistician can make up any report desired. Our current reporting provides most of the project information requested, and where other additional information is requested, we will attempt to add that to our provincial reporting requirements met by our Provincial Representatives.

3. Page Three - A. Commodity Reports (PA/PR Commodities)  
We do not believe that this reporting should be the function of AD/RA. Rather, it should belong either to the AD/PE or the Controller. We also think that value reporting is unnecessary and would, at best, be very inaccurate and would require several additional persons to develop.

4. Page Three - B. Public Law 480 Title II  
Here we are informed by Mr. Von Seggern that AID/W has now combined our Title II Human Feeding Programs into one Program. Again, we feel that reporting dollar value would be valueless since there are no specific values set for Title II commodities by AID/W. We

can report tonnages. As to reporting problems in transport of these, or PA/PR commodities moved by AD/RA, we think this can be omitted since no problems have arisen; this narrative requirement has been laid on apparently due to continuing Washington fear that we have problems despite our repeated denials.

5. Page Four - D. Hamlet Construction

We already cover the U. S.-financed hamlets in our regular reporting on a monthly basis plus all aspects of Action Plans affecting such. We are not in a position to report on GVN supported hamlets, and any information reported would probably be inaccurate.

6. Page Five - VII Quarterly Province Report As mentioned in 5, above, we already prepare a Monthly Province Report which we feel should take the place of the Quarterly Province Report, as well as Action Plan Reporting concerning Hamlet Establishment and Hamlet Development activities.

7. Annex A. The reporting requirements suggested herein indicate that the requirement developer had little understanding of the actual Action Plans. However, we will provide such information as is requested and practical for the Action Plans indicated, except as follows:

Action Plan

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| A-A-1 | Information requested is already being reported except that soon this will be completely GVN financed and probably of little concern to Washington.  |
| A-A-2 | We don't know what is meant by rice and value of such. We purchase some rice in the provinces as part of overall support but don't keep local breakdowns on its cost or distribution amounts month by month. We cannot satisfy this impractical request. |
| A-A-5 | Every hamlet is supposed to have an elected Committee which is supposed to be trained so these figures should be the same as the number of hamlets planned.  |
| A-A-6 | See 1, above.  |
| A-A-8 |  |

A-A-14            Suggest this requirement be eliminated since reporting burden would be tremendous both on USOM/Saigon and our Provincial Representatives. Important point is that we are meeting emergency needs wherever they arise quickly and practically throughout the whole country.

99-AB-5           Suggest this be combined with A-A-4.

In summary, Rural Affairs is already preparing and forwarding to Mr. Stoneman very detailed reports covering most of and much more than the information requested above, much of which is from our point of view more valuable than what USOM Order 37-1 proposes. We now suggest that these reports be made available to the AD/FE statistician who can excerpt whatever available information is required for this new report. We hesitate to increase reporting requirements which will require additional personnel or diversion of attention of field personnel from their operational duties.