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IMPROVED RICE SEED DISTRIBUTION PLAN

In order to achieve a practical and effective nationwide distribution of improved rice seed to all paddy-rice farmers in Vietnam so as to increase their rice production, the following plan is proposed:

1. Improved rice seed will be collected from the rice improvement stations and packaged in two-kilogram quantities in plastic bags attractively printed in the national colors bearing a description of the Improved Rice Seed Program and planting instructions.
2. These two-kilo bags of improved seed will be distributed to all paddy-rice farmers in the country through their Strategic Hamlet Committees together with adequate program publicity and planting instructions as part of a national "Increase Rice Production" promotion effort.

Two-kilos of improved seed is sufficient for growing in the farmer's seed-bed, fifty kilos of improved seed for his next crop which, in turn, will be sufficient for seeding one hectare of paddy field.

These two-kilo bags of improved rice seed should be distributed free-of-charge by the Strategic Hamlet Program, financed perhaps from fertilizer sales proceeds or other sources to be determined later. (Total estimated cost of program is VN\$20,000,000)

This plan envisions preparation of 2,000,000 bags of improved seeds to provide for all paddy farmers in all parts of the country. The Rice Service will adjust its production of improved seed varieties now so as to have sufficient quantities of the best-suited seed varieties available for undertaking this program throughout 1964.

This plan has the potential for increasing national rice production by about 10 percent in two years.