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THE AN GIANG EFFORT

OBJECTIVE:

To help the GVN carryout immediately the REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT of the An Giang Area concentrating material & spiritual resources for maximum productive use by & for the people:

SITUATION: 95% Secure

Area : 1851 sq. km.
Population : 440,000 people in
80,000 families

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: 4 Districts
38 Villages
257 Hamlets

TOPOGRAPHY:

- Low lying delta
- Many fresh water canals + Mekong and Bassac Rivers
- Several Granite Peaks breakthrough plains in Southwest

RESOURCES:

Human:

- Hardworking, receptive people
- Relatively effective government administration at high levels
- Considerable entrepreneurial talent available.

Physical:

- Fair water and road communications
- Good soil and abundant fresh water year around
- Outstanding rock quarrying potential

OBSTACLES TO RAPID DEVELOPMENT:

- Land tenure - 75% of farmers are tenants
- Local vested interests
- Lack of coordination of Ministerial Programs
- Drafting of local technicians & teachers
- Officialdom's traditional Mandarin Outlook

EXISTING PROGRAMS:

- No overall goals!
- Min. of Revolutionary Development
 - 1965 Budget
 - Gen. Thang authorized carryover for completion in 1966 of unfinished portions
 - 1966 Budget
 - 101,646,000 qs. - largest in Vietnam
 - province can carryout quickly if rapid commodity support insured. 49,172,396 reported spent on March 15, 1966

PROGRAMS OF OTHER MINISTRIES:

- Uncoordinated in Saigon and Province
- Details unknown in Province
- Funding and supply procedures very slow main reason Saigon Pre Audit Requirement

THE PROPOSED AN GIANG REVOLUTIONARY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

GOALS:

- . A Land Reform Program which will carry out within 2 years all outstanding reform measures under existing laws and develop further ways to secure some land ownership for remaining tenants.
- . Increase real per capita income 30% in 2 years
- . Improve educational opportunities to provide
 - elementary education for all children in 2 years
 - vocational high schools in each district in 1 year
 - an A & M college
- . Improve local administration to promote honest inspired government for the people.
- . Maintain and improve existing security conditions.

ACTION AREAS:

LAND REFORM

Status and Proposed Activities 1966-1967

A. Rental contracts (Ordinance # 2 Jan. 1955)

- . No. existing to be investigated 48,352
- . No. already renewed 2,419

B. Land redistribution (Ordinance # 57 Oct. 1956)

- . Farmers Title Status
 - No. with Provisional titles 7,452
 - No. with Final titles 297
 - Waiting for Final titles 7,155
- . Expropriation Status
 - Area expropriated 1,360 Ha.
 - Area awaiting expropriation 11,580 Ha.
- . Distribution of former French lands
 - Annexed to Cai San 1,988 Ha.
 - To be distributed 5,720 Ha.
- . Distribution GVN Land to Squatters
 - No. cases identified 994 for 19150 Ha
 - Claims made to GVN 410 for 2396 Ha.
- . Distribution Land Titles at Cai Son Status
 - No. awaiting 4530 of which 3000 ready

Actions on above can be completed in 2 years at estimated cost 25,000,000ps.

- C. Explore additional ways to redistribute land since large majority An Giang farmers will still be tenants after action B above are completed, i.e. purchase, law revision, etc.

AGRICULTURE

- . Extend secondary crops production by 10,000 ha in two years soybeans, melons, corn, vegetables, etc.
- . Double hog production increase sheep, beef and poultry production 50% in two years.
- . Extend farmers organizations to all villages in one year.
- . Improve processing of agricultural products, especially rice and sugar milling; encourage through loans new processing facilities, feed mills, etc., by private investors + farmers groups.
- . Strengthen farm handicraft production.
- . Ensure that agricultural supplies are freely available in the market to farmers at fair prices.
- . Ensure fair prices to farmers for rice and other crops.
- . Carry through Kien Tan Project and complete Kien Ha Project study.
- . Coordinate with Mekong Committee concerning effect of Mekong development on An Giang.
- . Study and implement new ways to increase floating rice productivity as well as double cropping with paddy and floating rice.
- . Select 200 local farmers, provincial workers and artisans for 3rd Country Training, predominantly short courses.

EDUCATION

- . Extend Hamlet School Program to all school-age children.
- . Establish vocational schools in villages.
- . Establish vocational high schools in Districts extending secondary education.
- . Help establish A & M College - possibly Hoa Hao sponsored.
- . Provide mobile science exhibits.
- . Institute a hamlet literacy program.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Increase present quarry production 500% in 60 days Provide for sale 50 M/T of dynamite - drill rod, bits, etc.
- Open new quarries in next 45 days (Hue Duc)
- Increase Prov. Govt. Public Works personnel.
- Rural electrification - light 38 villages.
- Add extra generator for NREC Program to cover 15,000 extra families.
- Build more roads moving PW equipment from provinces where security precludes use & coordinate national & Provincial road programs, i.e. use national bridge beam plant.
- Procure & assign 2 dredges to the Provinces for canal digging, cleaning and reclamation.
- Effect technical study of canals and develop long-range water conservancy plans.
- Improve ferries.

GENERAL:

- * Need to extend program to contiguous provinces.
- * Program requires direct Field Opns. backstopping.
- * Involve Third Countries, volagencies and people-to-people support.
- * Establish complete program understanding with Hoa Hao, utilize the youth.
- * Employ maximum self-help project efforts.
- * Initiate Food For Peace Work Programs including possible support of Land Reform, substitute for relief.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:

- * Establish position of Permanent Village Secretary to provide continuity in village administration.
- * Rectify acute disparities in pay scales at village level.
- * Improve Ministerial coordination.
- * Seek solution of problem posed by draft of civil officials.
- * Reform postal service.
- * Train and utilize revolutionary development cadre for overall Program support.

PUBLIC HEALTH

- . Strengthen, complete and staff existing facilities.
- . Deploy MILPHAP Team to District

PUBLIC SAFETY

- . Bring Police up to strength-formula for Pacified Areas and improve mobility.
- . Prepare for transfer of security responsibilities from military to civil.

- . Institute effective police public relations.
- . Insure an effective resources control program

INDUSTRY, HANDICRAFT AND COMMERCE

- . Promote private enterprise.
- . Provide local loan funds for improving equipment and financing new industries.
- . Have Chinese technicians make small industry and handicraft study.
- . Revive sericulture program.
- . Assist Fisheries.
- . Insure CIP permits sufficient stocks of farm machinery, pumps and agricultural chemicals, etc. in commercial channels.

INFORMATION

- . Keep the people fully informed about the Program and its progress
- . Make them realize it is their program.
- . Place a full-time JUSPAO Rep. to support the program.

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

- * Additional Assistant Province Representative.
- * Four young, experienced men - perhaps IVS - to serve as District Representatives.
- * Twelve Chinese Rural Development technicians eight working at district, village, and farmer level on secondary crop extension program, and four at province level on farmers organization, small industry, etc.
- * Six Filipino and/or Korean technicians at district level, four working on program information, with two mechanics backstopping village electrification and water works plans.

ALL ABOVE TO BE IN PLACE BY APRIL 1.

ESTIMATED - 1966 SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

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<u>Commodities</u>		<u>Grant</u>	<u>Loan*</u>
5000 M/T	Cement	80	20
500 M/T	Re - Bar	60	15
100000 sheets	Alum. Roofing	120	30
4000 M/T	Fertilizer	100	300
	Insecticides, raticides	20	80
	Seeds	25	25
	Machinery, dredges	200**	500**
	tools	50	50
	Vehicles, boats	50	50
	POL	20	
	NREC Generator augmentation	1200	
	Misc.	200	200
		1825	1270*

* Mostly from CIP

** May be from 3rd Country Aid