

February 1, 1956

TO: Field Administration Staff

FROM: Walter W. Mode

SUBJECT: Additional Questionnaire; Revision of Field Trip Schedule

1. Mr. Ernst, Agriculture Division, USOM, sent us a list of questions which should be asked wherever possible. These questions are as follows:

1. Are there any youth activities available to rural boys and girls such as the 4-T organizations? If so, explain.
2. Are the villagers interested in learning about new methods of farming?
3. Are the villagers interested in buying, on a cooperative basis, small power machines to replace hard labor as in:
 - a. Threshing rice
 - b. Pumping water
4. Are the villagers interested in the development of an agricultural advisory service to replace some of the present agencies?
5. What transportation is available to village people who want to contact agriculture agents?
6. Are the village people interested in attending meetings with agricultural agents in the village? Would they like to see movies of better farming techniques?
7. How can agricultural agents be of more service to the people? Please add the above questions to the list of questionnaires as V-5, Special Questionnaire on Agriculture

2. The interview schedule has been revised as follows:

Mr. Cole will spend the first week - February 20 to 26 - in Huế and Mr. Sanderson second. Also, Mr. Cole will replace Mr. Snyder on all trips.

The interview schedule for South Việt-Nam has been revised to the extent that an extra week has been added for field trips. It is hoped that, in this way, the interviewers will have adequate time to complete their reports following each trip. The revised schedule:

February	2	Thu-Dau-Mot	Cole, Gregory, Hien, Tin, Phuc
	4	Thu-Dau-Mot	Cole, Gregory, Hien, Tin, Phuc
	6	Thu-Dau-Mot	Cole, Van, Gia, Hien
	7	Tan-An	Gregory, Hien, Gia, Tin
	8	Ba-Ria	Cole, Van, Phuc
	9	Tan-An	Gregory, Hien, Gia, Tin
	9	Vung-Tau	Cole, Van, Phuc
	20	Bien-Hoa	Sanderson, Hien, Tin
	21	Go-Cong	Gregory, Van
	22	Bien-Hoa	Sanderson, Hien, Tin
	23	Go-Cong	Gregory, Van
	24	Bien-Hoa	Sanderson, Tin
	25	Go-Cong	Gregory, Van, Hien
	27	Tay-Ninh	Cole, Van, Hien, Tin
	28	Tay-Ninh	Cole, Gregory, Van, Hien, Tin
March	1	My-Tho	Cole, Gregory, Van, Hien, Tin
	5	My-Tho	Cole, Quan, Hien, Tin
	5	Gia-Dinh	Sanderson, Hoc, Hanh, Hoanh
	6	Gia-Dinh	Sanderson, Hoc, Hanh, Gia
	6	My-Tho	Cole, Quan, Van, Phuc
	8	My-Tho	Cole, Van, Hien, Tin
	8	Gia-Dinh	Sanderson, Hoc, Hanh, Hoanh
	9	Gia-Dinh	Sanderson, Hoc, Hanh, Gia

Each of you will receive an individual schedule of the field trips that you will be making during the next 5 weeks. Included on this schedule are the names of the villages you will be visiting as well as the names of the persons who will be accompanying you.

3. On Monday, February 6, a trip will be made to the province of Bien-Hoa to visit two refugee villages. Those going on this trip are:

1. Dean Milton Muelder
2. Dean Clifford Erickson
3. Walter W. Mode
4. Roland Haney
5. Vu-thi-Tin
6. Mr. Chu of the Refugee Commission

Please edit the questionnaires as follows:

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Add questions which will give the answers to the following:

Explore with the Chiefs of Province the programs relating to the four departments under study. Try to find out what the CP thinks the actual programs are. Also, and most important, we would like to know what his ideas are on the programs.

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4. What reactions to the programs at the various levels are evident? (In this question, any problems or criticisms should show up in the answer.)

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February 18, 1956

FROM : Mr. Sanderson
TO : All Field Personnel
SUBJECT: Conduct of Interviews

The questionnaires completed during the first week of our field study have been completely reviewed. This review indicates that an excellent job is being done by all of you. Naturally, since so many different personalities are involved there will be minor differences in our answers. I cite below a few examples which will have to be corrected in future.

1. All questions must be answered if possible. If the interview does not know the answer to your question, write "I do not know" after the question. For example question was asked "What is total area of village". The answer was "No". It should have been "I don't know".

2. The question of teachers salaries must be answered. On many questionnaires it was not answered.

3. In some cases questions about relationships are not being answered properly. When we ask "What are your relationships with the Province Chief" we want to know, what contacts he has with Province Chief and how he gets along with him. A good answer would be: "I meet with him frequently and he supports me in every way he can. He has assisted me at all times".

4. If a man answer "Yes" or "No" to certain questions which are of interest, don't go on until you have obtained more information. For example in V-3 question 12 we ask if the farmer thinks the village Agricultural Officer is qualified. If answer is "No", find out why. He is not qualified.

5. In general, we must insure that the questionnaires are complete and in good English. If you wish to write answers in Vietnamese, there is no objection provided you use separate paper and fill in the questionnaires in English after the interview.

It is desired that more village persons (V-4) be interviewed since we find we are getting much good information from them. Don't hesitate to enlarge the interview if you find a good source.

6. In view of the fact that elections are to be held soon we are interested in the administration of the election rules. All interviewers will report on a separate piece of paper any information about the conduct of the campaign. However do not create the idea that we are prying into politics we are only interested in how the Presidents decree is being carried out. For example, we would like to know.

- a. What kinds of parties are running candidates;- Pro-Gov't; opposition, Independent, etc..?
- b. Are all candidates given fair and equal treatment?
- c. Does the "Committee to Campaign for Candidates" operate properly?
- d. Is any candidate spending private funds on his campaign.
- e. Are propaganda material or speeches being censored?
- F. Is any pressure being put on voters by government?
- g. Any intimidation or force being used.

Don't allow the above questions to interfere with your basic job but any information well be of value if you can get it.