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POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1957

SYNOPSIS:

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Nothing has been received since that date. As a result, in addition to the retention of all equipment orders, the preparation of a proposed Project Agreement for FY-58 is being delayed.

B. An initial research program was outlined within the Research and Training Section. Continued progress was made in the development of materials for the Civil Guard and VBI Schools. Specialized training in the use of firearms was given to members of the Palace Guard, Municipal Police and Surete (VBI).

C. Forty-five (45) hours of lectures were given to the participant class by MSUG police advisors.

D. Visits were made by members of the Police Administration Division staff to Civil Guard School sites and to the site proposed for the National Police Academy - all of which are located in the Cap St. Jacques area. A starting date of the Civil Guard Officers' School has been set for October 7. Visits were also made to the Civil Guard installations at Long-Xuyen and An-Giang, and to the VBI Province Headquarters at Vinh-Long.

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F. Installation of police radio equipment for the Colombo Powers Conference was completed. Mobile equipment was installed in thirty-one (31) jeeps and three (3) sedans in Saigon, and in one (1) jeep at Dalat. Three (3) base stations were installed in Saigon, while one (1) was installed at Dalat. Two (2) field trips were made to Dalat with respect to the installation of equipment there.

G. Excellent progress is being made with the renovation of the arms and ammunition depots of the VBI at the Camp des Mares.

H. Plans have been developed and submitted to the Vietnamese Government with regard to changing over to the Henry System with respect to taking and classifying fingerprints. Studies were made with regard to the problem of integrating criminal files from all Viet-Nam into one system at the Camp des Mares.

I. RESEARCH AND TRAINING SECTION:

This Section was activated on the 25th of September 1957. Previous to its inception, there was no research function identified as to the work done in the training function. It was as follows:

During the month of September, members of the training section made 1 field trip to Cap St. Jacques for the purpose of inspecting the proposed sites for 4 different schools which are planned for location in that city.

45 hours of lectures were presented to the participant group at the Institute. This group is expected to depart for the United States in November 1957, and these lectures were given in English.

Plans and the development of materials are progressing for a school for Surete command officers. This school will be for approximately 100 hours.

Also plans and materials are being developed for a Civil Guard Officers' School consisting of 220 hours.

In the furtherance of the research effort, several conferences were held during the month with Dr. Scigliano and Mr. Hoyt, explaining the basis upon which such a program might be projected. Generally, the ideas advanced for areas of study were as follows:

1. Establish the requirements in training, facilities, material, supervision and administration to provide a "standard" police officer.

2. Evaluate the status of the police service in this regard at the time MSU began its effort in Viet-Nam, and estimate the degree of variance as to the components referred to in 1 above.

3. Provide through record, observation and interview the status of the police at the completion of the work in 1 and 2 above and continuingly at intervals in the future.

The reports regarding population of cities and salaries of police officers in Viet-Nam were requested and made available to MAAG.

Specialized training in use of weapons:

Palace Guard - 18 men of this organization were given a total of 7 hours of instruction in revolver shooting.

Civil Guard - Plans are being formulated for the training of 10 men as firearms instructors in this organization as soon as a suitable range can be obtained for this purpose.

Municipal Police - Efforts are being made with this organization to obtain a site for a firearms range in or near the city of Saigon, which we may use at all times for this type of instruction

V.B.I. - Instruction is being given in this unit in the handling of certain types of firearms. This is being done in preparation of security for the Colombo Conference.

Fingerprint Training - Orders for 80,000 cards and camera training have been instituted.

II. CIVIL GUARD

Several conferences were held during the month between MSU officials, Deputy Director Colonel Le Khuong and various members of his staff. New equipment, Lisbon Program equipment and training programs were discussed. Good relations continue to exist between the two groups.

Field trip to Cap St. Jacques by MSU officials to study progress at Civil Guard training sites. The trip included inspections of present classroom facilities and the driver training program field course. One non-commissioned officer school is in progress with 200 NCOs present. The Officers' High Command School is scheduled to start in October, with approximately 50 officers. In attendance at this school will be 1st and 2nd lieutenants.

Attended graduation ceremonies at Gia-Dinh for 24 Civil Guard officers that completed their first training school.

Delivered 225 pairs of peerless handcuffs.
500 - .38 caliber revolvers.
200,000 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition
to the Civil Guard during the month.

Delivered 11 Ford trucks, Model 600 and 9 Dodge personnel and cargo trucks to the Civil Guard during the month.

Delivered 2 hand-operated pumps, complete with attachments and 42 feet of pipe for additional water supply at the Cap School Training site.

A conference was held with MAAG officials regarding the whereabouts and the securing of surplus equipment from them for the Guard.

Field trips were made to Civil Guard Provincial Headquarters in Long-Xuyen and An-Giang.

Two members of the Section attended the graduation ceremony of the Gendarmerie Training School at Cap St. Jacques on September 31, 1957.

III. MUNICIPAL POLICE.

This is a part-time report, as the writer has just recently been assigned to the Municipal Police Section.

Eight (8) new Land Rover vehicles (Pick-up) were assigned to the Saigon Police Department on September 4, 1957.

Three (3) new portable traffic signals with trailer were assigned to Traffic Division of Saigon Police Department and are in operation in the Saigon Market area.

Other American Aid equipment distributed to the Municipal Police Departments during the month are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cities</u>	
Revolver .38 caliber	800	Saigon	470
		Hue	20
		Nha-Trang	20
		Dalat	20
		Tourane	20
		Gia-Dinh	20
		Can-Tho	20
		21 other cities	
		10 revolvers each	210
		Total -	800
Ammunition .38 caliber	160 cases 2,000 rds. per case	Saigon	94
		Hue	4
		Nha-Trang	4
		Dalat	4
		Tourane	4
		Gia-Dinh	4
		Can-Tho	4
		21 other cities	
		2 cases each	42
		Total -	160
		2,000	220,000 rounds at
Handcuffs Peerless	487 pairs	Saigon	220 pr.
		Hue	20 "
		Nha-Trang	20 "
		Dalat	20 "
		Tourane	20 "
		Gia-Dinh	20 "
		Can-Tho	20 "
		21 other cities	
		7 pairs each	147 "
		Total -	487 pr.

The techniques of arrest and the use of handcuffs were explained and demonstrated to the Saigon Municipal Police Headquarters.

A pistol training program was established at both the 5th and 7th Precincts.

Three (3) conferences were held with Director Tran-Van-Tu, of the Saigon Municipal Police. Subjects discussed were as follows:

1. Conference was held to find a suitable piece of city property for a range - close in - for training in the pistol, rifle, machine gun and skeet shooting. Mr. Norman Clowers is following up on this program.

2. Conference was held regarding the construction of a Communications Building at Saigon Police Department Headquarters. An engineer from the city engineering office will be assigned shortly to work with Lyman M. Rundlett, Communications Advisor for MSUG.

3. Conference was held regarding the selection and installation of 15 power generators to various Saigon Police precincts and posts. Lyman M. Rundlett follows up on this program.

Miscellaneous: Eight (8) hours of lectures were given to the group of participants at the Institute. These lectures were given in English, and covered the fundamentals of investigation, homicide, narcotics and robbery.

Two (2) new sets of PIO/Cs for FY 56-57 were prepared, following a meeting with the Program and Requirements Section of USOM.

A demonstration and lecture was given to the Riot Squad on the new shotgun.

IV. TRAFFIC

1. "Portable" traffic signals were received. The Saigon Police were instructed in their use, and two (2) have since been used continuously at the Market Area. Trailers were also received to make the units completely mobile.

2. Contacts were kept up with the Capitol Engineering Company. The right-of-way for the Bienhoa-Saigon highway was reviewed on the site.

3. Continued studies for the proposed installation of twenty intersections in Saigon. Plans were completed, and contacts were made with the Mayor, the Police and the CEE (Power Company).

V. V.B.I.

Regular and frequent meetings were held with Colonel Chieu, Nguyen-Ba-Minh, of the Identification Division, and with Mr. Chanh, of the Crime Laboratory.

Training: A school to train fingerprint technicians in the Henry System is now in progress at the Camp des Mares, under the direction of Captain Minh and his staff. There are 34 men of the original starting class of 37 still enrolled. They are from 27 of the 36 provinces. When it is necessary to change over to the Henry System, these men can be used in zone schools to train others to take good prints and fill in the new cards. There will also be a five-day course in latent fingerprints which will be given to the same men during the last days of the school. The graduates will be given brushes, latent fingerprint powder, mounts, etc., so they will have the materials available when it is needed in their areas.

A school for high-ranking VBI officers has been planned by the Training Section and will start after the Colombo Powers Conference. It will include 88 hours of instruction. Later, a school for lower ranking officers will be conducted.

The National Police Academy site at Cap St. Jacques was inspected and found to be in need of many repairs (water and electrical supplies).

A school to train VBI agents in the use of the camera and in crime scene photography is planned by Mr. DO. At the completion of the course, 100 cameras will be distributed to the graduates for their departments.

Equipment: During the month, slide projectors, adding machines, Balopticans, handcuffs, etc. (see Equipment Report) were given to the VBI for distribution to the various police agencies for whom they were ordered.

Mr. Chanh was advised to place a box with a light bulb over the comparison microscope to protect the bellows from mold. The order was put in, but as of this date, the box has not been installed.

The supply of Henry System fingerprint cards have dwindled to 4,000. An order has been placed with a local printer to print 80,000 cards, index cards and to supply dossier folders. The small order was placed so that the quality of the work can be controlled and to prevent the job from being sub-contracted. It was also requested that the tax on the job be deferred. This is being worked out by Mr. Minh.

Mobile equipment is also being delivered to the VBI including Ford and Dodge trucks (See Equipment Report)

Reorganization: An order for the Minister at the President's signature advising all agencies to submit fingerprints on the Henry System cards has been prepared and is pending his approval.

An inventory of the equipment at Filippini Street and at the Camp Des Mares is being prepared to determine the needs for the next year, and the disposition of the supplies already turned over to the VBI.

The Identification and Laboratory Sections are being prepared.

Measurements of the floor space occupied by the fingerprint files at Filippini Street, including the desks, chairs and other facilities, was also made to determine how much space will be needed at Camp des Mares to house the files, etc. It is estimated that 350 square meters will be needed for these files, exclusive of the Henry System files and employees.

A list of all employees of both record bureaus was made. It includes the positions and responsibilities they now hold. This is needed to determine whether there are enough employees to handle the integration of the files.

A personnel questionnaire for the VBI is being used to classify the employees as to their special abilities and this job will soon be finished so that the files can be set up.

Mr. Minh is to go to Dalat and Hue, and later to the southern district headquarters of the VBI, to survey the fingerprint files so that a means of transporting them to the Camp des Mares may be worked out and the files can be centralized.

Studies are being made with respect to the possibility of utilizing microfilm equipment with regard to the problem of integrating the old fingerprint system with the new.

Mr. Daniel Smith was assigned to the Security Section, and is assisting that Section in its personnel security program.

Mr. William Jones was assigned to the Research and Analysis Section and is assisting in the organization of its filing methods.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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2. Two (2) field trips were made to Dalat to install radio equipment and the second trip to make necessary adjustments. Mr. A. Y. Cottrell assisted on both trips.

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10. Considerable progress has been made at the operating levels of the Municipal Police, the VBI, and the Civil Guard. It is absolutely necessary that decisions be made within the Vietnamese Government, regarding basic considerations presented by MSUG in order for the overall Civil Police Program to meet with the success desired.

11. Listed below are the American Aid equipment arrivals on PIO/C 30-79-120-5-60423 and PIO/C 30-79-120-5-60243 for the month of September 1957:

ITEM	DATE ARRIVED	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	3 Sept 1957	10 Boxes Traffic Equipment Containing Traffic Signal Equipment.	3 Portable Traffic Signal Lights with Trailer. (To Municipal Police, Saigon)
2	7 Sept 1957	.38 Caliber S&W Revolvers	2,000
3	8 Sept 1957	400 pairs of Peerless Handcuffs.	1,200 pairs <u>total</u>

ITEM	DATE ARRIVED	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
4	8 Sept 1957	Shotguns, Riot 12 Gauge	500
5	8 Sept 1957	500 cases .38 caliber ammunition.	1,000,000 rounds
6	20 Sept 1957	4 boxes spare parts (Land Rovers)	4 boxes (To Municipal Police, Saigon)
7	22 Sept 1957	3 boxes expert traps	6
8	22 Sept 1957	Clay Pigeons (Targets)	50,000
9	22 Sept 1957	12 Gauge shot shells (00 buck)	10,000 rounds
10	22 Sept 1957	12 Gauge shot shells (target)	50,000 rounds

Item 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, above have been fully issued to the three (3) police services of Viet-Nam.

Item 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 are in storage at the Camp des Mares and have not been issued. The MSU Range Officer is endeavoring to find a suitable skeet range for necessary training with the shotguns (riot) before issue is recommended.

12. Reorganization of the Police Administration Division was accomplished during the month of September, including the affixing of responsibilities and the development of programs for each Section. Re-allocation of office space was also accomplished.

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