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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GROUP
POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1957

SYNOPSIS:

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B. Project Status Report was completed and furnished to USOM.

C. The Project Proposal and Approval (PPA) for FY-58 was prepared and submitted to USOM.

D. Assistance was furnished the Vietnamese Government and the American Embassy in the form of technical advice following the bombings of American military installations and personnel, as well as the USIS Library in Saigon on 22 October 1957.

E. A major effort was made in the review of available material for the proposed study of MSU effectiveness in VN.

F. Training programs in the Civil Guard and the Municipal Police continue: progress in this area for the VBI was restricted to planning because of lack of adequate classroom facilities. MSU Police Advisors provided 40 hours of instruction at the Civil Guard

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Officers School at Cap Saint Jacques. A total of 36 hours of lectures in English were given by members of the staff to the current Participant Class.

G. A master plan for training all of the police services for Viet-Nam is being worked out and a number of conferences with Viet-Nam police officials were held in this regard. Numerous problems were encountered in this effort but it is felt that progress is being made.

H. Staff visits were made to eight municipal police departments located in outlying provinces. Field trips were also made to approximately fifteen villages in several provinces in order to obtain accurate information as to Civil Guard and Self-Defense Corps effectiveness at this level of government.

I. The ammunition storage building and the weapons repair building at VBI Headquarters are nearly completed and should be ready for occupancy in November. Work has begun on the remodeling of the Identification Bureau Building and is approximately one-third completed.

J. A plan for the systematic development of a centralized fingerprint identification system was drawn up and submitted to the Minister of Interior for approval. A draft of a proposed government decree for distribution to all police agencies regarding the use of Henry System fingerprint cards was also submitted.

I. RESEARCH AND TRAINING SECTION:

A. Research:

1. A major effort has been study of available material for the proposed survey of MSU effectiveness in Viet-Nam.

- a) Preparation of rough drafts of visual charts covering many of the anticipated research activities.
- b) Compilation and study of material for proposed survey to evaluate effectiveness of various police organizations.
- c) Careful study of Field Survey Form now in use with a view toward revision and implementation.

2. Preparation of Rating Form for use in grading of interpreters.

3. Preparation of Guide for the use of interpreters.

4. Study of evaluation methods of technical assistance programs on a world-wide basis as they apply to Viet-Nam.

5. Arranged for showing 24 films from the Visual Aid Section Library for the benefit of the whole staff who have evaluated them for future use in training programs.

B. Training:

1. Municipal Police:

During the month of October operations were suspended at the National Police Academy. This was necessary because the students were needed to augment police manpower during the Colombo Conference. The 162 students were used to control crowds and handle traffic. The present curriculum consists of 550 hours of instruction. Up to the present time, 1375 men have been graduated. It is anticipated that in the near future some additional training will be started for command personnel in the municipal agencies.

Arrangements have been made with Director Tu of Saigon and Chief Le of Gia-Dinh, to train officers of the Gia-Dinh Department in Riot Control. This program will begin November 1, 1957.

Staff visits were made to the following Municipal Police Agencies during the month:

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| 1. Gia-Dinh | 5. Long-Xuyen |
| 2. My-Tho | 6. Chau-Doc |
| 3. Ben-Tre | 7. Ving-Cong |
| 4. Can-Tho | 8. Tra-Vinh |

Explanations and demonstrations were conducted with each department in the use of the following American Aid Equipment: tear gas, gas masks and filters, riot shot guns, handcuffs and .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolvers.

2. Surete (VBI):

The expected starting of a training program for command personnel in the Surete has been delayed by the failure of the local officials to equip classrooms. The curriculum and schedule of instructions has been arranged. The same or slightly modified curriculum has been planned for future use in training lower level command personnel.

A class of 34 fingerprint technicians was graduated from the school at Camp des Mares. From conferences held with Colonel Chieu and Mr. Lecan, a list of subjects to be covered by a curriculum was prepared. These subjects will cover the three levels of students (recruit, intermediate, and advanced). Lectures were given for the Civil Guard School at Cap St. Jacques and at the Participant School at the Institute.

A training program in counter-subversion techniques is being planned for a group of 15-20 Surete agents. This program should start in late November or early December and will include agents from all three Directorates.

3. Civil Guard:

Two training programs were instituted for this agency during the month. The command personnel training program was moved from Saigon to Cap St. Jacques (Vung Tau) during the month. The new school opened on October 7 with 50 students holding the rank of First or Second Lieutenant. MSU instructors provided 40 hours of instruction which, because of the distance, required 24 man-days.

At Cat Lo Civil Guard authorities opened a school for non-commissioned officers and there are currently 300 students in attendance. They are being trained as squad and section leaders by their own officers. The men are chosen by competitive examinations which are also administered by Civil Guard officers. Consideration is also given to their educational level. The Civil Guard is also planning to open six additional schools of this type in various sections of Viet-Nam.

During the month ARVN discontinued military instruction to the Civil Guard officers at Cap St. Jacques which left a void of six hours instruction per week. School authorities requested that we utilize this time for firearms instruction and this has been started. A survey and recommendations for facilities was made and 12 hours of instruction has been given.

At the present time the Civil Guard authorities report that there are the following trained specialists in the indicated fields:

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| Command officers Training | 20 |
| Accounting | 24 |
| Communications | 300 |
| Auto Repair | 35 |
| Nursing Training | 163 |
| Technical & Professional | 24 |

4. Participant Class:

A total of 36 hours of lecturing was given to this class during the month of October at NIA. These lectures were given in English to improve English language comprehension preparatory to leaving for the United States. Lecturing at this school terminates on November 15 and it is anticipated they will leave about December 1. Three of the 16 have been eliminated and the remaining 13 have only to pass an English test and receive their final permission to leave the country through an arrete, which we understand is practically certain.

5. General:

A master plan for training all of the police services of Viet-Nam is being worked out and a number of conferences with Viet-Nam police officials have been held to this end. Numerous problems have been encountered in this effort but it is felt that progress is being made.

The practicality of starting English instruction for officers, some of whom might later become participant students, has been discussed and is still under consideration by ourselves and the police officials.

II. CIVIL GUARD:

During the month many conferences were held with the Acting Commanding Officer of the Civil Guard, Colonel Le-Khuong. An effort was made to arrange an orientation meeting with the Civil Guard. After repeated conferences the writer was advised that such an orientation into the mission and duties of the Civil Guard would have to be authorized by the President. This could be arranged by a request from Dr. Fishel directly to the President. To date the orientation has not been scheduled.

The training school for high officers at Cap St. Jacques has continued during the month. A report on the school will be submitted by the Research and Training Section. On 14 October an article appeared in the Viet-Nam Press which stated in part that the Civil Guard had organized a training school for the Self-Defense Corps at Bien-Hoa. Conference was held with Major Tran-Van-Thuong, who stated that the Civil Guard was training members of the Self-Defense Corps in key sections of the country. An appointment was made to visit the Bien-Hoa school on the 30th of this month.

On 18 October at the request of Colonel White of MAAG, the Civil Guard Section of MSU visited the Civil Guard headquarters and observed the training of battalion of the Civil Guardsmen who were to participate in the Independence Day parade. The unit was well trained. Every effort was being made to improve the unit. At the invitation of Colonel Le-Khuong, Messrs. Hoyt, Ryan and members of the Civil Guard Section, and Colonel White of MAAG, reviewed this unit at their final drill. A great improvement had been made over the performance by the Civil Guard in the 1956 ceremony. On 25 October at the invitation of the Civil Guard, this Section attended the final inspection and review of this unit at their headquarters. This detail made one of the outstandings displays in the Independence Day parade.

Mr. Handville made 2 field trips during the month. One was to the Dalat area on 11 October. The second field trip was made by Mr. Handville to Long-Xuyen. Staff visits were made to approximately fifteen villages in several provinces in order to obtain accurate information as to Civil Guard and Self-Defense Corps effectiveness at this level of government.

From observation and discussion of the Civil Guard with members of the Police Advisory Group, it is very evident that an orientation of the Civil Guard's mission and duties should be arranged at the earliest possible date. Until the Police Advisory Group has some information on the reorganization of this unit, it is very difficult to plan training, equipment, etc.

III. MUNICIPAL POLICE:

Director Tu of the Saigon Police Department was charged with the drafting of the Security Plan for the Colombo Conference, and held responsible for providing sufficient personnel for the implementation. The Saigon Police Department Commissioners charged with its execution and personnel assigned to specific duties are:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Precinct</u> | <u>Personnel</u> | <u>Assignment</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Commissioner Buy | 2 | 100 men | Internal Security |
| Commissioner Phi | 1 | 200 men | Outside Security |
| Commissioner Quoi | Traffic | 150 men | Transportation |

1) Internal Security responsibilities are: Providing uniform and plainclothes men inside the Colombo Conference Building. To be stationed at all entrances and exists. To check all credentials. To make a security check of the Conference Room before and after each session.

2) Outside Security responsibilities: The stationing of personnel in strategic positions for the protection of those within. Control of traffic.

3) Transportation responsibilities: Providing transportation for all delegates. Supervising of one hundred-fifty cabs designated in a motor pool for delegates. The providing of officer mobile escorts for all delegates to and from the airport and hotels.

IV. TRAFFIC:

1. Project Implementation Orders for Commodities under FY-58 were prepared and submitted.

2. Technical advise was given to USOM and to the Saigon Police Department regarding a traffic problem in front of the Olympic Theater caused by the parking of American vehicles there.

3. Discussions were held with the Secretary of State for Public Works concerning the future operation of public busses in Saigon and vicinity.

4. Several conferences were held with police officials regarding the designation of four additional one-way streets.

5. An article was submitted to the American City Magazine regarding the Saigon-Bien-Hoa origin and destination survey.

6. A report was submitted to the Mayor of Saigon regarding a proposed parking ordinance.

7. Pamphlets dealing with the meaninf of Vietnamese traffic signs were distributed to all American drivers, while pamphlets on the rules of the road in Vietnamese were distributed to all chauffeurs of official American vehicles.

V. VBI:

Several meetings were held with Colonel Chieu, with Mr. Nguyen-Ba-Minh of the Identification Division, Mr. LeCan of the Training Section, as well as with Mr. Tong of the Crime Laboratory.

Although no new equipment was delivered during the month, some was ordered from the counterpart piaster fund. Five Polyjapy ditto machines for the training, records and identification sections were requested. Several metal and wooden files were ordered for the maintenance of the personnel classification files. Requests for file control cards were drafted. Two of the damaged Ford trucks were delivered frmm SCAMA.

Field surveys indicated that some jeeps which were turned over to the Surete for distribution to Municipal Police have not as yet been located. A form letter was drafted and sent out by Colonel Chieu, asking the Municipal Police agencies whether or not they had received their equipment.

Mr. Tong of the Laboratory submitted a request for re-quipment to examine handwriting and latent fingerprints. Much of the equipment may be purchased locally or has already been ordered on a PIO/C submitted by Mr. Turner.

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A plan for the systematic development of a centralized fingerprint identification system was drawn up and submitted to Colonel Chieu, who in turn submitted it to the Minister of Interior. A flow chart was started and an instruction sheet together with a draft of an arrete was made up to be distributed to all police agencies which will submit fingerprints.

Mr. Chanh was asked to submit a monthly report of all cases handled by the Laboratory so that their needs could be more easily determined. Also a request for an inventory of all Laboratory equipment was resubmitted.

Two meetings were held to discuss the reorganization of the Surete. At the first, Colonel Chieu, Colonel Tran-ba-Than, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Babineau, and Mr. Chamberlin were present. At the second meeting, the above with the exception of Mr. Kimball and Mr. Chamberlin were present. The meeting was held with Minister of the Interior Chau. Agreement was reached and conversion to the new system should start in a short time.

The activities of the Security Section followed along the same general lines as the previous month.

Mr. Jones is working very closely with the R&A Section of the Security Division in the reorganization of its files and records system; Mr. Smith is assisting the Security Section in setting up an effective physical security system and in developing its personnel screening program. Mr. Beed and Mr. Stein continue to provide on-the-job training to members of the Operations Section in the conduct of counter-subversion operations.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Work was started on the preparation of plans for a communications center at Saigon Central Police Headquarters.

Work was continued on the gathering of data and the preparation of a comprehensive report on the present and proposed communication facilities of all three branches of the Vietnamese Police. In this connection, several meetings were held with Colonel Chieu, Ray Babineau, and Everett Chamberlin, Mr. Babineau acting as interpreter.

Arrangements were made to enroll a Lieutenant and six radio technicians from the VBI at the English Language Laboratory. They commenced their classes on Tuesday, 22 October.

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5. American Aid Equipment arrived on PIO/C 30-79-120-5-60423 during the month of October 1957 as follows:

| ITEM | DATE ARRIVED | DESCRIPTION |
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| 1 | 10 October 1957 | 73 cases of auto spare parts for Dodge trucks and one crate re-assembly for Dodge Truck. |

Spare parts contained in these 73 cases are not being distributed to the various police services at this time. Mr. Updike and Mr. Chamberlin have been requested to ascertain from the police services with which they are concerned the facilities and trained mechanics available. When this information is secured a proper distribution of these spare parts will be made.

Four cases of spare parts for Land Rover trucks received during the month of September were distributed to the Municipal Police Saigon, due to the fact that all Land Rovers in this program have been allotted to this agency.

There also remains undistributed 500 shot gun riots 12 gauge, 50,000 clay pigeon targets, 60,000 rounds of shot gun shells, and 6 clay pigeon traps. This equipment will not be distributed until Mr. Clowers, Firearms Instructor, advises that proper instructions have been given to various police units.

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