

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GROUP POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1958

1. General.

a) Civil Guard equipment orders for FY-57 are still being withheld pending top level agreement between GVN and American authorities. No American Aid equipment arrived during this month.

b) Colonel Pham-Xuan-Chieu, Director General of the Surete and Police Services, was promoted to Brigadier General ARVN and assigned to the office of the Chief of Staff. Colonel Nguyen Van Ia, formerly assigned to the Presidency, was promoted to Brigadier General and nominated as Director General of the Surete and Police Services, GVN.

c) Tentative approval has been received from the President of Vietnam for trips to the United States by leadership participants of various police services, for approximately two months. These leadership participants include the higher ranking officers in each of the three police services.

d) Mr. Robert Ruppert, Director of the Office of Public Services, ICA/W, was briefed by the Division Chief and the section heads of the Police Division and was given a general review of the accomplishments and the direction of the Police Division program.

e) The directors of the three police services have been requested to select personnel for regular participant training in the United States or third countries so that advanced English language and other orientation seminars can be given and PIO/Ps prepared for these participants.

f) Deans Glen Taggart and John Ryder, MSU, East Lansing, made a physical inspection tour of the two Civil Guard Training Centers and the National Police Academy at Cap St. Jacques and observed police staff members in the conduct of lectures.

g) Mr. Jack Munroe, CPA, USOM, Phnom Penh, and two high Cambodian officials were received at Saigon. They were conducted on a tour, inspection and orientation at Municipal and Surete Headquarters in Saigon and Dalat in company with GVN police officials and police advisors of the MSUG staff.

h) A joint two week field survey trip was made by police advisors of the Research and Training, Civil Guard, and Municipal Police Sections. Nine provinces and fourteen cities of the Central Vietnam region were covered.

1) Cordiality of relationships with counterparts in all police services remains on a high level. This has resulted from an increase in official contacts during this month; and the increase in social contacts during this month of the Tet festival season.

2. Research and Training.

a) Research.

1) Work is continuing on the technical aspects of the national census as requested by the Department of Interior. However, during this month the responsibility for developing such a system was reassigned to the Director General of the Surete which will involve a new GVN review of the progress to date.

2) Work has continued on the development of a Vehicle Code for GVN in cooperation with the traffic engineer of the MSUG police staff and the GVN Department of Public Works.

3) A lecture in narrative form has been completed on a central record system, awaiting only requested advice from the FBI (US) relative to an adequate but simplified system. Development of a glossary of police terminology is being continued.

4) A paper on administration guides has been prepared and submitted to GVN police officials for distribution.

b) Training.

1) Sixteen hours were devoted to lectures at the VBI High Officers' School. On February 25, at the request of their Training Director, a staff member assisted in the final examination for 26 students. Graduation will take place on March 4.

2) One hundred ten hours of lectures were delivered at the Civil Guard Commissioned Officers School at Cap St. Jacques. This class which was suspended for a week during the Tet holiday, is due to end on March 8 with 48 graduates. Plans are underway for a new class of 200 commissioned officers to commence sometime in March.

3) English language classes for prospective participant trainees for Surete, Civil Guard and Municipal Police officers are continuing.

4) All lecture outlines have been translated and are being distributed to students following lectures at all schools. A review of these lecture outlines is being made on a continuing basis to insure their adequacy and the absence of conflict in teaching.

5) Questionnaires for the evaluation of instructors and interpreters were also utilized in the current schools and the results tabulated and delivered to the Chief of the Police Division for staff review.

6) Fingerprint training of 175 students, including military and Civil Guard personnel, is continuing at the VBI.

7) Firearms instruction at Municipal Police and Surete Headquarters is continuing. Plans for remodeling and enlarging the present Municipal Police firing range have been formulated.

3. Civil Guard.

a) It appears from observations and conversations with the Director General of the Civil Guard that a definite reorganization of the administrative and field personnel of this police service is underway. This is borne out by the transfers and promotions which have taken place since the appointment of the new Director General.

b) The reply to the new concept of the Civil Guard as prepared by GVN November last, which has been the subject of many conferences with MAAG and GVN officials, has been completed and agreed upon by the Country Team. This reply and proposal by the Country Team will be submitted to GVN during the early part of March.

c) Police advisers completed a field survey trip to Central Vietnam during this month. This field survey trip will be the subject of a report to the Chief of the Police Division and will greatly assist members of the section in appraising the Civil Guard situation as a whole, particularly in the areas of training, operation and equipment requirements.

d) The committee for the appraisal of training sites for the Civil Guard, which includes a member of this section, will be formalized by GVN during the month of March. Trips for the inspection of such training sites will then commence.

e) At the request of the Chief Advisor, MSUG, a member of this section made an extensive survey of the two training sites at Cap St. Jacques. This survey was for the purpose of detailing the costs for the repairs of buildings at these two locations. A conference has been arranged for the first week of March with the Director General of the Civil Guard to determine the amount of money allocated in its budget for construction and repair of buildings at these locations, having in mind some assistance from the Counterpart Piaster Fund for the construction of new buildings and repair of old buildings.

4. Municipal Police.

a) This section conducted a two week field survey trip to fourteen cities in the Central Vietnam region. Police departments in these cities were resurveyed and explanations and demonstrations were given in the use and maintenance of recently issued American Aid ordnance equipment.

b) MSU and USGM staff members assisted in a Boy Scout and Girl Scout Jamboree. These scouting activities under the auspices of the Saigon Municipal Police Department were conducted on 9 February 1958 at Municipal Police Headquarters. The various scout troops consisted of 700 sons and daughters of Municipal Police members.

5. VBI.

a) The operations manual for the Identification Bureau of the VBI is being reviewed by the Chief of the Identification Service and is being translated into Vietnamese. It delineates the procedures of the Bureau's thirty stations. It also clarifies the various positions, furnishes proper

supervision and control, and establishes a system of priorities and routing of material.

b) As yet, a Navy ship has not delivered the fingerprint files from Hue, but at last report a ship has been given orders to proceed to Tourane where it will pick up the files being sent from Hue by rail. Upon the receipt of these fingerprint files from Hue the consolidation of all Surete fingerprint files in Vietnam will be completed.

c) The Central Identification Bureau in Saigon is now giving 1-1/2 to 2 days' service to fingerprint inquiries from Dalat, indicating a tremendous improvement of such service.

d) A survey of the Immigration Service of the VBI by the Consulting Section of the Public Administration Division and members of the VBI section, has been completed and recommendations drawn up for submission to the Director General of the Surete.

e) The Gendarmerie Headquarters of ARVN was visited by section members for the purpose of locating fingerprint and criminal records for transfer to the Surete. The inspection indicated that no records of such a nature were being maintained by the Gendarmerie.

f) A fire in the garage area at Camp des Nares destroyed a building, some pieces of minor equipment, and files and records. The location destroyed was the site of a proposed garage to be constructed from the Counterpart Piaster Fund. The project for such construction has been received and will get underway shortly.

6. Traffic.

a) Several tours of the City of Saigon, for the purpose of

inspecting locations having traffic problems, were made with Saigon Municipal Police officials and engineers.

b) An inspection tour of the Saigon-Bienhoa highway was made with government officials.

c) A meeting of the Inland Transportation Committee, ECAFE, UN, Bangkok, on highway traffic safety was attended in conjunction with a staff member of Research and Training.

d) A conference was held with the Commanding Officer of the Gendarmerie with regard to the proposed traffic control bureau.

e) Various conferences were held with the Director of the Saigon Municipal Police and his Traffic Commissioner concerning "Tet" traffic control measures.

7. Communications.

a) The planning work for the joint VBI/Civil Guard radio teletype system was continued.

b) PIO/Cs for equipment for the VBI and Municipal Police portion of this system are being prepared.

c) In conjunction with VBI communications counterparts, inspection trips were made to potential transmitter and receiving station locations in the Saigon area.

d) Several meetings were held with VBI counterparts but the general working schedule was disrupted by "Tet" activities.