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Research

The library holdings have increased to more than 9000 volumes during this period.

A reference collection in public administration and the social sciences has been made built up in order to give more and more reference service. A start has been made to extend the reference service of the library and to make government officials aware of the resources and service of the NIA library, with the preparation of a pamphlet which will be distributed to government agencies, provincial and local government officials. It is hoped that they will avail themselves more and more of the services of the library.

A course has been started in reference for the library personnel. A great effort will be made during the next year to give extensive training in this field so that the staff will be prepared to answer the increasing number of reference questions without the aid of the library advisor.

During this period, Mr. Richard E. Chapin, Associate Librarian of MSU was in Saigon for two months of consultation.

The NIA Librarian departed for professional training in the Philippines, and it is expected that upon her return she will be able to assume full responsibility of the NIA library as MSU phases out. Meanwhile there has been a problem of personnel shortage which is partly being met by the addition of an extra typist.