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SAIGON, Feb. 17.- A modern library has now been installed in the Vietnamese National Institute for Public Administration with the assistance of Michigan State University specialists.

The Library originally located in Dalat with a complement of 1300 volumes on Economics and Law, has been transferred to the new headquarters of the Institute on Duong Alexandre de Rhodes, in Saigon. It now occupies space formerly used as classrooms which contained a few borrowed chests that served as shelves and storage space.

Recently, however, under the sponsorship of Michigan State University, \$50,000 worth of new equipment consisting of metal shelves, desks and chairs were purchased from the Philippines. Installation was completed by Christmas and now a modern library is ready for use.

The creation of a Public Administration library for the Vietnamese government was a part of the original Michigan State University project which was authorized by the U.S. Operations Mission to Vietnam. It was designed to provide technical and informational materials in the fields of government and administration and to train specialists in library techniques.

From books supplied to the Popular Library of Saigon by the International Rescue Committee, 250 volumes were selected and given to the new library. In addition to this, Michigan State University ordered 500 volumes suggested by Institute professors.

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These have arrived and are being classified into special categories. Five hundred additional books are on order.

To enlarge the range of information material on subject matter pertinent to the National School for Administration, the subscription list of magazines, periodicals and reviews will be increased from thirty-five to fifty.

Miss Alubowitz, a Michigan State University librarian, is training Vietnamese in the American method of library cataloguing.

The Institute library is open to students of the school and all members of the ministries who have a legitimate reason for research in administrative problems.