Month of September report from Police Group

The month of September filled out our police group to the allotted 8 as predicted in our August report. Our traffic engineer and construction engineer are in the field getting acquainted with the officials as well as working with the existing facilities and the conditions that exist in Viet Nam.

Ten police officers completed the 12 week course in English on September 24th. This group was selected at our suggestion and financed by our team. They are all of the secretarial and clerk level selected with the intention of being useful in the various offices as interpreters and translators.

Twenty selected police officers started another 12 week course of English. These were selected with the view of sending them to the U.S. or other English speaking countries for specialized training. They presumably have bright futures with their enforcement agencies.

We have made careful plans for a thorough research study of the Municipal Police organizations of Saigon and Cholon.

We have been assured of funds being made available to underwrite certain equipment. The Minister of Interior has encouraged this thorough survey. He proposes to include in next years budget funds to carry out such items as remodeling headquarter buildings and possibly relocating precinct stations, etc.

Six members of the NSU will be working part or full time on gathering background information before we embark on any drastic recommendations for changes.

The remodeling and construction work on the National Police Academy buildings
is near completion. The instructor staff has been selected and are completing teacher training courses. The director of the Academy is assuming his responsibilities well. The 120 students are being selected thru a screening process guided by our team but conducted entirely by Vietnamese officers from the Ministry of Education.

Progress is being made in developing an inventory for technical equipment for the National Crime Detective Laboratory. Advice has been secured from qualified experts in the U.S., after they had received our reports on conditions and needs.

The process of screening individuals for responsible positions is being perfected and is in operation.

3000 Garde Civile police officers are in training at a Military Camp. The last two weeks of this course will be devoted to police subjects entirely.
Dr. Edward Weidner

Howard W. Hoyt

Monthly report

1. Teacher training has been conducted during the month, in which teachers for both the police academy in Saigon and the Civil Guard police short course at Quang Trung were trained. Besides covering the subjects they are to teach and to help them to reduce this material to writing, they were also taught the value of visual aids, conference type training, breaking up the classes, into small groups, etc.

2. A fingerprint class of 21 students has completed its third week. All Students are progressing in more than satisfactory manner. Five are women. This technical training is done personally by Corey Dymond. All this has to be done thru the use of an interpreter. This class will be ready in the next week or two for the fingerprint equipment and files that have been on order for sometime from the states.

3. In screening students for the police academy, Vietnamese educators, under the direction of Fred Wickert and Charles Sloane, prepared a general intelligence test. This was administered by Vietnamese and produced satisfactory results. To our knowledge this was another first in Viet Nam.

4. The surveys in progress, both on Municipal Police and National Police, have been impeded somewhat because of the Referendum and subsequent reorganization of the government.

5. During the month of October we received notice of Washington's approval of the recommended expanded police program submitted August 29th. We started immediately to implement this program.
Lansing, our personnel needs for this new program, in order of priority.

(2) Orders have been placed thru channels in USOM for equipment and supplies for the Saigon-Cholon Police totaling approximately $125,000.00.

(3) Royse Williams, communications engineer, has begun a survey for overall communications system that will serve, not only all police services, but other government agencies.

6. Conferences were held at USOM, on September 10th and the Embassy on October 23rd and 24th, trying to coordinate Internal Security operations in Viet Nam, in which our government has an interest.
MONTHLY REPORT
POLICE ADMINISTRATION GROUP.

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December 1955.

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TO : Ralph SMUCKLER, Chief Advisor
FROM : Howard W. HOYT, Deputy Advisor

Unfortunately it was necessary to medically evacuate Royce WIL- LIAMS, our communications engineer to Clark Field during the past month. Our staff will lose his services permanently in view of the fact he is being sent home from there. Before leaving he had worked out the minimum needs for the radio communications for the Saigon-Cholon Police Department.

MUNICIPAL POLICE :

1.- Approval has been secured from appropriate authorities to appoint a full time counterpart to work with Mr. Shelby, of our staff. The appointee is assistant to the Director of Police and will be of great value to us in working out the reorganization plan for the Municipal Police and the eventual implementation of the plan.

2.- Two schools were started with members of the Saigon-Cholon Police Force, with a total of 125 students studying English. One is an advanced class being handled by a member of our local staff. The purposes of this school are to train the student to speak and understand English, particularly police terminology so that when our modern method and equipment are injected into this operation they will better understand the spoken word and written instructions.

CIVIL GUARD :

1.- During December, 12 additional instructors completed their teacher training course at the National Police Academy, had one week of practice instruction and are now serving as full time instructors at the Quang-Trung Civil Guard School. This will enable them to cut the classes from 250 to 125 students each.

2.- We secured and delivered two public address systems to be used with these larger classes and one Vietnamese typewriter for the instructor staff at the Civil Guard school.

3.- On December 25th, those completing the course, brought to a total of 5,000 Civil Guard policemen who have completed the six weeks training course.

The Civil Guard Headquarters staff is encountering difficulties securing the 500 new men every week for the school. Province-Chiefs of
the more dangerous provinces are reluctant in releasing men for six weeks training.

V.B.I.:

1. Fingerprint training for the 21 students has progressed satisfactorily and now they are prepared to start in with actual operations.

2. The equipment, ordered October 3rd, has arrived. The students will be assigned in teams to start fingerprinting. First, all police-officers of the Saigon-Cholon Police Force will be printed, then all members of the V.B.I. and every week the 500 new students entering Quang-Trung will be fingerprinted.

3. Jack Ryan made two field trips during December, inspecting the V.B.I. facilities in four additional provinces.

4. He lectured a total of 3-1/2 hours at the National Police Academy on Criminal Investigation.

5. He has completed a number of interviews and inspection of headquarters staff and offices and is preparing a final report.

NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY:

1. Four police training films were shown during the month to the Police Academy students.

2. Mr. Sloane, is preparing four other films that have been received from America for presentation to local audiences.

3. Mr. Sloane's staff at the Academy prepared and conducted the teacher training program for the twelve Civil Guard instructors referred to above.

   All members of our staff contributed one hour or more as instructors in this training.

4. On a 24 hours notice, the Academy staff prepared five hours of training for 50 men who had been selected by the Vietnamese Government to go into the provinces and enforce market regulations during the rice harvesting season. Most of them had no police experience. The efforts of the Academy instructors in putting together this hurried training course for a Saturday forenoon was much appreciated by the Government and was satisfying to us to realize they are looking to their Police Academy for such services.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

Joe Marlow has prepared a proposed organizational chart for a city traffic department with a Traffic Advisory group. This will be presented to the Vietnamese Government for approval and implementation. He conducted a lengthy interview with Nguyen-Phuoc-Hai, Prefect (Mayor)
of Saigon-Cholon.

Following are some interesting facts, figures and the opinions of Prefect Nguyen-Phuoc-Hai of Saigon-Cholon traffic.

I.- STATISTICS AND FACTS:

A. The following figures give the reasons for our present problems:

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<td>5. Non-motorized vehicles (including cyclos, bikes, animal drawn vehicles)</td>
<td>9,988</td>
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<td>6. Population before the war</td>
<td>450,000</td>
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B. Roads Department. - (Under the Prefect)

1. Has responsibility of maintenance and improvement of all Prefect streets.
2. There are 420 streets needing improvement, widening, resurfacing.
3. Only the most urgent works have been carried out.
4. Has responsibility of installing and maintaining signals and signs, on request of proper authorities.

C. The Traffic Commission. - (Commissariat de la Circulation).

1. Was established by the Prefect, December 1952, because of increase in traffic problems.
2. Is in charge of studies in traffic, proposes steps and measures for bettering traffic.
3. Screens and sends to the Roads Department, all requests for physical improvement and maintenance.

D. Police Traffic Assignment.

1. There are 390 traffic officers, including staff.
2. They cover 39 important intersections, including the seven signalized.
3. Their coverage is from 6:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
4. They used to have some Sundays and all holidays off but experience indicates in some cases more traffic than on week days. Now they work seven days per week.

II.- PROGRESS:

A. Because of limited finances progress or improvement of traffic must be accomplished by other means such as:

1. Education of drivers.
a. Has been quite limited thus far.

2. Change of regulations, examples:
   a. Prohibiting animal drawn vehicles in certain areas.
   b. Permitting right turns on red lights at certain intersections.
   c. Prohibiting left hand turns at certain intersections.
   d. Encouraging the use of lanes of traffic.
      1) Thus permitting passing on the right.
   e. Creating some one-way streets (not without tremendous pressure on his office by opponents).
   f. Permitting parking on one side of street on even days other side on odd days.

3. Some capital improvements, examples:
   a. Have built some (few) roads.
   b. Have connected some roads (linking Rue Mayer to Bd de Paris).
   c. Have built lanes for bicycles and cyclo-pousses.
   d. Have paved some streets.
   e. Have signalized seven intersections, the first in September 1953, rue Thai-Lap-Thanh and Bd. Chasseloup-Laubat. (Five more units are on order).
   f. Have built some parking lots.

III.- BUDGET.-

A. During the past years they have spent the following amounts:

1. Maintenance of streets .......................... 7,000,000.$
2. Signals and Streets Signs ....................... 1,000,000.$
3. Maintenance and building "new patch in blocks of thatch houses" ...................... 3,000,000.$
4. Maintenance of storm sewers ..................... 3,000,000.$
5. Equipment (all kind) .......................... 12,000,000.$
6. All kinds of new works ........................ 13,500,000.$

7. Total ........................................ 39,500,000.$

8. Three quarters of this work has been done.

IV.- OUR CONCLUSIONS ARE:

A. The traffic demand in Saigon-Cholon has increased to the point of warranting the creation of a new department in the city government. Who's responsibility is meeting present and future traffic needs.

B. We are recommending and working toward:
   1- A traffic department to be established in Saigon-Cholon.
   2- That the staff for this department be selected from existing city agencies engaged in some aspect of traffic control.
   3- That assistance be given the Vietnamese Government regarding a- Organization of this new department,
      b- Office and field instruction in modern methods of traffic Control and planning procedures,
      c- Modern traffic control equipment.