

M.S.U. POLICE

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

April, 1956

During the month of April agreements were made with the President after several conferences, with various Vietnamese Police officials and MSU Police Team for the transfer of the former French military Camp des Mares to the Civil Police forces of Viet Nam. This camp is to be used as general headquarters for the Vietnamese bureau of identification, National Police Academy the central fingerprint and record files, the crime laboratory and central motor pool. Actual transfer of the property took place April 30, 1956.

It has been suggested and accepted by General Le, that a committee be set up to organize the use of the property and to regulate the transfer of the various VBI offices to this location. The MSU Police Team have requested representation on the committee. It is estimated the actual moving of equipment and reorganization will take from three to six months.

Reports were submitted during the month on the organization of the VBI headquarters and field offices at Can Tho, Tan An. Work is progressing on the possible reorganization of the VBI. Sixteen hours were spent on English conversation with the former Minister of Interior Bui Van Think.

In the field of Municipal Police, two schools have been arranged for with the Vietnamese army and the Minister of Information. One school is to train Saigon-Cholon, police officers in repair and maintenance of weapons, the second school to train a small group of police officers in radio maintenance and repair. Both of these schools should begin operations in the next two weeks.

An extensive study of the traffic situation has been made by members of the MSU police team with Vietnamese police officials. The purpose of these studies has been to devise a training film for traffic instruction to police officers to produce uniform traffic handling signals by these officers and to generally improve the manual handling of traffic on the streets of Saigon-Cholon.

The training of commando squads in riot control formations has continued during the month. It is believed they have advanced sufficiently to be able to make efficient use of this training in case of necessity.

A report is nearing completion which will be translated into Vietnamese and submitted to the Municipal Police on the subject of riots and unlawful assembly. This report will cover anticipated and preventing riots, mob psychology, elements of the mob, quelling riots and dispersing unlawful assemblies and general police tactics regarding riots.

In cooperation with the economic people of the MSU group a report has been submitted to the President regarding price control legislation necessary and necessary organization to enforce price control regulations.

From April 6 to 8, the Civil Guard of the Republic of Viet Nam, celebrated their first year's activities at which time the President presented to the Director of the Civil Guard an official flag for this organization. At the same time several members of the Civil Guard were decorated for outstanding work performed during the year.

On April 13th, a platoon of the Civil Guard arrested the bandit-rebel BA CUT. This platoon had just recently finished basic training at Quang Trung and their Captain had completed the leadership course. They received considerable publicity for the efficient way in which the arrest was conducted. It was found necessary during the month of April to discontinue the basic training course at Quang Trung, temporarily, to train Vietnamese Army personnel. More than 10,000 men have been given this basic training so far. It is urgently hoped it can be resumed about July 1st, 1956.

During the month of April a Civil Guard English class was organized and is being sponsored by the MAAG program. Several student applications were turned in for training in police science at MSU.

Two public address systems were installed at Petrus Ky camp to be used by the training classes of the school.

A condensed fingerprint classification course is being written and translated into Vietnamese to be used as a manual for fingerprint training courses and for fingerprint classification work in the field. It is hoped that this manual will be able to be printed with adequate diagrams to enable the men working in this field to better carry out these functions.

On April 20th 8 fingerprint cases (file) were received from the U.S., making a total of ten in use at this time. 8 more are still on order.

The intersection of Đại Lộ Trần Hưng Đạo and Đại Lộ Nguyễn Thái Học was chosen as a more or less typical intersection in Saigon-Cholon to be studied for traffic paint making. A local company furnished the paint and the intersection was partially marked under the supervision of the MSU team. Arrangements have been made to purchase additional traffic paint to finish this intersection and also paint center lines on several main thoroughfares. During the month traffic counts have been made at several intersections listed by Vietnamese officials as requiring traffic

signals. As soon as this data has been correlated and diagrams of the various intersections completed recommendations will be made for the installation of traffic signals.

Several meetings were held with representatives of USIS to organize a traffic training film. Some work has already been done photographing street intersections and congested traffic conditions. A traffic training course has been organized for the Saigon-Cholon traffic officers and will start May 8th. The course has been organized for command officers with the rank of Captain and above which will begin May 7th. More than one half of the lectures of this course will be given by the MSU team. They will cover such subjects as police organizations, promotion procedures, supervision and command, crime investigation, fingerprint, police discipline and other command subjects.

During the month the final draft of the recommended police organization report of the Republic of Viet Nam has been completed. It is now in the process of being translated into French and will be available for distribution in the very near future.

Working with the Public Administration office of USOM sub-contracts have been drawn up for the purchase of police equipment for the various police agencies. These contracts have been signed by the necessary Vietnamese officials and the head of the MSU police team and have been returned to USOM.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
VIETNAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. Ralph Smuckler, Assist. to the Chief Advisor      DATE : June 4, 1956  
FROM : Mr. Howard W. Hoyt, Chief-Police Program Division  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for May, 1956

A. GENERAL

1. On May 3, 1956, I met Professor Arthur Brandstatter, Director of Police School of Administration and Public Safety of MSU, in Hong Kong. He had come over for a fifteen day inspection trip. I had made arrangements previously with the Hong Kong police authorities to have him shown through their headquarters and training facilities. We also met and discussed security problems with the officers of the American Consular Services in Hong Kong.
2. Here in Saigon, Professor Brandstatter was shown all of the operations that our police team has developed, met our Vietnamese counterparts and was taken on a two day inspection trip to Hue and the 17th parallel by General Le.
3. Arrangements were made with the police authorities in Bangkok to meet him at the airport and show him as much of their facilities as possible during his six hour stop over.

4. A former French permanent military camp, ~~known as~~ Camp de Mares, <sup>now</sup> has been partly taken over by the Civil Police agencies of Viet Nam. This will provide the police with a central location for ~~everything from their~~ <sup>now</sup> administration offices, ~~through to~~ national communications, national records, crime laboratory, training personnel and recruitment. The buildings are being renovated, some remodeling will have to be done, but some of the buildings are actually <sup>now</sup> in use already. *occupied and used by police*
5. Considerable time has been spent by the staff in drawing up specifications for ~~the~~ ordering of equipment ~~before the end of the current fiscal year.~~ <sup>not</sup> This list will be given to USOM within the next few days. *not*

6. Certain radio spare parts, recently ordered, have arrived and are in use. These enabled <sup>us</sup> to put some radio services back on the air. *the Vietnamese police*

B. TRAINING

1. Twelve students are attending a concentrated English class through the Vietnamese-American Association. This course, is sponsored by MAAG since some of these Civil Guard officers are to be sent to the U.S. for military training. Others will be on MSU participant programs.
2. Five applications for MSU participant program were submitted, apparently four have been cleared.

## B. Training continued:

4. 3. Basic training for Civil Guard at Quang Trung has been started again and are going full force.
5. ~~4.~~ The National Police Academy graduated its third class and conducted the entrance examinations for the 4th class, which ~~started~~ <sup>began</sup> on May 14th. ~~These classes~~
6. 5. Evening training classes for high level police officials were started with 45 students enrolled. ~~They are conducted on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday evenings with two lectures each evening.~~ Vietnamese magistrates have both lectures on Monday. Tuesday and Friday classes are divided between the magistrates and lectures by MSU staff members. Charles Sloane lectured on "Selection of Police Personnel for Promotion" on May 22, 25, and 29th.
7. 6. On May 8, a class of five students, from the Municipal Police Department, started a training period in police radio and maintenance and repair, conducted by the Communications Division of the Ministry of Information. The class is progressing very well and the Minister of Information is quite pleased that his division of communications have been called on to render services to another Ministry.
7. Our staff is conducting two classes per week of one and one half hours each, giving English lessons to high ranking police officers of Saigon-Cholon.
8. Arrangements were made with USIS to loan a projector screen and films to the Municipal Police of Saigon three days each week, to be shown to officers and their families. Films showing the progress being made by the government of Viet Nam and the help being given them by the government of the United States, are being shown.
8. <sup>In the traffic field,</sup> 9. ~~A~~ series of meetings were held with the top traffic officials of the Saigon Cholon police, which resulted in a new plan of supervision for traffic officers and a school three days a week for ~~the~~ traffic officers, where they are taught traffic regulations, uniform hand signals in directing traffic and what is expected of a traffic officer. These classes ~~have~~ <sup>began</sup> been in operation for two weeks. <sup>in the middle of May.</sup>

## C. TRAFFIC

1. Experimental traffic laning by paint, has been completed at one intersection and about 1000 ft. of Norodom Blvd.
2. Several articles were <sup>used by</sup> ~~prepared for~~ the Prefect ~~to use~~ in the newspapers, and arrangements were made for a radio broadcast explaining the use of traffic lanes.
3. Plans are in progress to conduct future experiments in channeling traffic through some of the complicated intersections.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Special division activities in the VBI are progressing nicely. 832,000 frames of microfilm were completed during the month. 3000 documents were processed. The greater share of the offices in this division have already moved to Camp de Mares and are in operation in the new quarters.
2. The fingerprint, or identification bureau, is moving in. The new files that have arrived have been stored. They will occupy one of the buildings and operate from there while certain changes are being made, such as removing partitions, installing better lights, etc.
3. An emergency mobilization plan and a program in riot control has been completed. It is being translated at the present time and will be presented to the proper police authorities for implementation within the next few days.

## MONTHLY REPORT

July, 1956

### I. GENERAL

1. Service and advice of the Police Program Division are being used in an effort to set up a Safety Council for Vietnamese. The Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club are sparkplugging this move.
2. We were asked to brief Major-General Earl C. Berquist, Deputy Chief of MAAG on the organization and operation of the Police of Vietnam and discuss with him the capabilities, as well as the problems, of the police.
3. Our group was asked to set in on the graduation ceremonies of the Gendarmerie class at Tu-Duc on June 30.
4. The M.S.U. Group has been asked by the Director General, Nguyen Ngoc Le, head of the Vietnamese Bureau of Investigation, to assist him in preparing their 1957 budget. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Snyder have been assigned this task.
5. On August first, Jack Ryan was appointed Deputy Chief of the Police Program Division. He will continue as advisor to the Surete. The other advisors in the Surete, Corey Dymond, Identification, George Boudrias, Special Investigations Section, and Professor Ralph Turner, Crime Detection Laboratory, will report directly to him.
6. A Candidate has been selected by the Vietnamese government to study at MSU in crime laboratory work, starting this September. He is now in the English and special orientation course.

### II. TRAINING

1. The fourth class of the National Police Academy graduated on July 12 with 145 men.
2. On July 17 entrance examinations were given at the Academy for the students of the fifth National Police Academy class. This class started on July 23.
3. At the faculty meeting on July 25th, the need for reevaluation of the present courses on the basis of four classes of experience was discussed. As a result the course has been moved to a full 8 week course. The following subjects have been added. Courses in morale, ideas on politics, Vietnamese history and geography.

Mr. Ro, Chief of Cabinet for the Ministry of Interior, is to

handled two of these subjects.

4. Mr. Ro has prepared a plan that has been forwarded to Mr. Chau, Secretary of Interior, suggesting a one year police cadet training course for about 200 youths. The purpose of the course is to give foundation training, both physical and class room, for a lifetime service with the police.

5. A questionnaire is being prepared to be sent to the graduates of the Police Academy and to their chiefs, requesting suggestions for the betterment of the Academy courses and general opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy training.

6. A resume of the training in progress and the number of graduates of the four courses that have been offered at Quang Trung for the Civil Guard is as follows:

	<u>Graduated</u>	<u>In-training</u>
Basic Military and Police course (six weeks)	9,988	1,228
Advanced Officers and N.C.O. course (six weeks)	787	88
Platoon Leaders course (six weeks)	44	45
Armament course (six weeks)	112	
Total trained	10,931	1,361
Total in training		1,361

7. Mr. Shelby is continuing his courses in English twice a week for the high police officers in the Municipal Police Department.

8. Training in gun maintenance and repair is continuing in a military camp by the airport. 20 Civil Guardsmen have graduated from this and 20 Municipal Police are still in training.

The class in radio repair continues. We were able, through American Aid, to provide each of the students with a tool kit, necessary for not only the class work but eventual maintenance work.

9. Our staff continues with a lecture series at the night classes of the National Police Academy, for higher level police administrators.

10. Classes in traffic direction, traffic laws, and accident investigation are continuing at the Municipal Police headquarters. The training film is pretty well completed that is being developed by USIS.

11. The riot squad of about 150 men that have been in training at



Municipal Police headquarters has now adopted the rifle instead of the sub-machine gun, as its basic weapon.

✓ III. MUNICIPAL POLICE

1. Vietnamese Municipal Police are conducting traffic counts at problem intersections, with a view of justifying the purchase of traffic signal lights. This information will be necessary in ordering the equipment.
2. At the request of the Municipal Police Director of Traffic we have drawn up a uniform accident report form, designed for both local and National use and it will be presented to General Le and Director Tu. It should provide all the basic statistics necessary in analysing traffic accidents.
3. The Prefecture has completed the construction of a traffic control tower. It was made from a blueprint of the ones in use by the Hong Kong police. It will be put into service shortly at a prominent intersection and if acceptable, ten more will be built.

✓ IV. IDENTIFICATION AND CRIME DETECTION

1. Fingerprint section moved into the new quarters at Camp des Mares. They are now typing index cards of the 9,000 prints and are filing the prints according to the modern method.
2. The new type were obtained from American Aid funds and assigned to this section.
3. Files and filing materials, ordered through USOM, will arrive in the near future and be put to use in this division.
4. Professor Ralph Turner has made a thorough survey of the crime detection laboratory facilities, has interviewed the present personnel, reviewed their monthly and annual reports, and studied some of their cases. He is well pleased with the efficiency of this section, considering the equipment they work with and the training they have had. He has prepared an interim report with recommendations calling for definite decisions by the top Vietnamese officials. This report has been presented to Mr. Chau, Minister of Interior for these decisions.

There are two alternate choices of facilities: One, remain where they are after remodeling and add to the present laboratory. Two, would be to move into the buildings at Camp des Mares and build up from scratch the photo and crime laboratory.

V. CIVIL GUARD

1. Considerable time was spent during the month on developing a reorganization to be presented to the Civil Guard Director General. Several of the recommendations previously made informally by MSU and philippine advisors in 1955, have been implemented.

VI. V.B.I.

1. We have participated in two meetings with Nguyen Huu Chau, Secretary of Interior on reorganization of the VBI and the operation of a crime laboratory within the VBI.

These written reports were completed and delivered to Mr. Chau on July 5th.

2. Mr. Chau has appointed a well represented committee to study this report and come up with the plan that will they will put into effect. This committee has not met as yet.
3. We participated in a survey of the empty buildings at Camps des Mares and made a written report to the VBI on how we felt these buildings should be assigned.