

Saigon, February 16, 1960

TO: The Director General for Public Works
FROM: The Secretary of State for Public Works
SUBJECT: Application of Program Accounting

Please find enclosed decree No. 60/033-ND/CC dated Feb. 16, 1960 authorizing application of "Program Accounting" by your Direction to begin with F.Y. 1960 with request that you give instructions for immediate application.

According to specialists of the Budget and Foreign Aid Direction, the old accounting method (operation and statements according to the nature and object of expenditures) is no longer adequate with the more and more expanding activities of the government.

We need to assign to each expenditure of each government agency in a realistic purpose so as to evaluate it. For this the budget has to be divided into programs and activities to permit easy control by executives their progress within their credit limitations in budget execution.

This year will be the first phase of application of "Program Budgeting" for our Department. It may said to be a trial phase. During this phase, only one agency will be picked out to apply the new accounting method, but not all agencies of the Department.

The reason for the specialists of the Budget and Foreign Aid Direction General to choose your Direction General for the test is that they have judged that such a new method will create additional work and many efforts which only your personnel, with their existing zeal and good will, can furnish with satisfactory results.

I concur with their view and hope that you and all your personnel will pay special attention to this job - Your gained experience will benefit the other agencies of the Department and, perhaps, other Departments.

During this first phase, I would suggest that the application of the new accounting system be limited to the central agencies of your Direction General and a Public Works area with its office in Saigon, like the Northern Area, in order to avoid greater difficulties.

I hope that arrangements will be made to start the new accounting method as soon as possible.

/S/ TRAN LE QUANG

cc to: -The Secretary General for
Public Works
(1 copy of decree attached)
-The Director General of Budget
and Foreign Aid.

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Public Works Department

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Decree No 60/033-ND/GC on
Application of Program Budgeting

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The Secretary of State for Public Works
and Communications

Considering the Presidential Decree No. 4-TTP dated October 29, 1955 and subsequent documents on the composition of the government;

Considering the Presidential Decree No. 60-CC dated Aug. 9, 1951 determining the authority of the Secretary of State for Public Works and Communications;

Considering the Presidential Decree No. 58-TC dated December 24, 1955 appointing "Ordonnateurs";

Considering Decree No. 53/15-CAB/ND/BCC dated March 7, 1953 on the organization of the Public Works Direction General;

DECREES:

Article I.- Starting F.Y. 1960, a new type of accounting called Program Accounting will be applied by the Public Works Direction General.

Article II.- During the trial phase, the new Accounting method will be applied exclusively for the central agencies of the P.W. Direction General and to the P.W. Northern Area of South Vietnam during F.Y. 1960.

General application for all agencies depending on the Department of Public Works and Communications will be decided later.

Article III.- The Director General and Secretary General for Public Works and Communications will, each within his functions, execute this decree.

It will be published in the Vietnam Official Journal.

cc to:

- P.W. Secretary General
- P.W. Director General

"for Execution"

- All agencies depending on the Department
- Budget and Foreign Aid Direction General
- All Departments

"for Information"

- Presidency's Secretariat General (Official Journal)
- Department's Files.

Saigon, February 16, 1960

/S/ TRAN LE QUANG

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