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POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Michigan State University

SUMMARY OF JANUARY MONTHLY REPORT, 1957

I. GENERAL:

a. The Michigan State University Plan for overall reorganization of civil police agencies in the Republic of Viet Nam still awaits action on the part of the Vietnamese Government. Surveys of Municipal Police in the cities of Phan-Rang, Nha-Trang and Qui-Nhon were completed. Demonstrations and lectures were given in these cities on the effects and use of tear gas.

b. Nine (9) additional surplus MAAG vehicles were received during the month of January, bringing the total of such surplus items to three hundred seventy-five (375).

c. The Malaria Spraying Program, involving the Civil Guard, has been postponed until about March 1st, pending final arrangements between the Vietnamese Government and USOM.

d. The American Aid Piaster Fund to be used in connection with American Aid equipment has been frozen pending amendment of the contract between USOM and the Vietnamese Government. Remodelling of certain buildings at the VBI Headquarters has, consequently, been delayed.

e. No progress has been made regarding the proposed scientific crime detection laboratory. The report submitted by Professor Ralph Turner of MSU is still under consideration by the Minister of Interior.

f. Mr. Douglas Beed and Mr. Jerome Franklin have arrived in Saigon.

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II. TRAINING:

a. The Vietnamese Government is currently considering the creation of a large Police Academy at Dalat. The proposed site consists of a vacant encampment capable of housing six hundred (600) boarding-in students.

b. The creation of an adequate library for the National Police Academy at Saigon is under consideration. The problems of copyrights and the hiring of translators is being considered.

III. CIVIL GUARD:

a. General Oai has put a thorough inspection service into effect, which requires his staff officers, themselves, to conduct inspection trips nearly every week.

b. Meetings have been held with Ordnance officers at MAAG under the command of Colonel Klanderma, with regard to seeking War Department approval in Washington, of the transfer to the Civil Guard of non-American made weapons and ammunition sufficient to fill the needs of this organization, at the 45,000-men figure.

IV. MUNICIPAL POLICE:

a. Constant contact was maintained with the Saigon-Cholon Municipal Police Department as it prepared for the Holiday Season, and the supervising of numerous social events, ceremonies, etc.

b. Plans for an extensive field trip in central Viet Nam all the way to the 17th parallel have been completed, in order to study existing conditions in the various Municipal Police organizations in this area.

V. IDENTIFICATION SECTION:

a. During the month of January, there were 1,536 sets of fingerprints received. These were classified and name and numerical cards typed for each of them and all were filed in their respective files.

b. The training program was temporarily discontinued due to the long TET Holiday. This is to be resumed during the month of February.

c. There were 400 fingerprints courses, consisting of approximately 30 pages each, translated into the Vietnamese language, including the necessary illustrations. These were mimeographed and assembled preparatory to the training schedule to start in February. We are, also, preparing 500 like courses in the standard report procedure, with multilithed illustrations that are to be used for instruction library and other purposes.

d. There has been no other activity at the Identification Bureau at Camp des Mares.

VI. VBI:

a. The reorganization of the VBI continues to be delayed by lack of decision on the part of the top officers in the Vietnamese Government.

b. Overall planning has been discussed with Colonel Chieu, the new Director General of this organization.

c. Twenty thousand (20,000) personnel inventory forms have been delivered to the VBI and paid for by American Aid piasters.

d. A new organizational plan for the Security Division of the VBI has been developed and submitted for approval. No reaction from

either Minister Chau or President has as yet been forthcoming.

e. The Microfilming Project is continuing.

TRAINING REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR
JANUARY 1957

During the first two weeks in January conferred with the newly appointed Director of the National Police Academy Tong-Ngoc-Chac, about conditions at the Police Academy, and about the proposed New Academy site in Dalat. The new Director of National Police and Security, having requested the Minister of Interior to procure the encampment adjoining the Military Cadet Training School, intends this to be used as a new Police Academy. It has been suggested that the new Academy site could accommodate as many as 600 boarding-in police students.

Jack Ryan has informed me that Huong, Assistant Director of Police Academy, has asked that MSU provide a Police Library for the Academy. Ryan is in favor of this. I am, also, in favor of providing this Library, but I made no request for such a Library, inasmuch as Huong has no one to translate books furnished him, into Vietnamese. Huong has asked me several times to try to get MSU, USIS or USOM to pay for the work of translating American Police books into Vietnamese, and I have told him that is something the Vietnamese should provide themselves. Unless written assurance can be obtained that competent Vietnamese translators will convert an American Police Library into a Vietnamese one, at Vietnamese expense, I feel that such a Library is a waste of money.

On January 14th, I accompanied Gilbert Shelby on a field trip to Phan-Thiet, Phan-Rang, Nha-Trang and Qui-Nhon. We returned by air on Sunday, January 20th.

At present, am working on Police Team article; rough copy is being typed.

CIVIL GUARD REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR MONTH OF
JANUARY, 1957

1. Nine additional surplus MAAG vehicles were received during the month, seven of which were passenger cars. This brings the total received to 375, including trailers and bicycles. 57 of these vehicles have been turned over to the VBI and Municipal Police. Of the remainder, the Civil Guard have repaired and are using about 150. They are having difficulty repairing the remainder due to lack of funds. Consideration has been given to selling some of the vehicles that are in the worst condition and use the funds to repair the others, but it was found that the proceeds from the sale of any vehicle must go into the general fund which means the Civil Guard would not benefit.

2. It was learned during the month that there is a quantity of radio communication equipment earmarked for the Civil Guard from MDAP excess equipment. After considerable searching, this equipment was located at Hanh Thong Tay Depot, building Dai Doi Trung Uong Ton Tru Truyen Tin. An inventory disclosed that there are 106 receiving and transmitting sets available. The excess property officers at MAAG stated the equipment was earmarked for the Civil Guard, but that it was necessary to have approval from the Department of the Army in Washington to release it. USOM was so advised.

3. The Malaria Program is moving slowly. Spraying has been postponed until about March 1st. The Civil Guard officers will complete their driver training February 7th. Arrangements are being made to give them motor maintenance training during the month of February. There are still several items that have to be worked out between the

Vietnamese Department of Health and USOM.

4. The English Training Classes have had considerable absenteeism during the month. Part of which is due to men being transferred out of Saigon. It has been decided to combine the two present classes after TET and start one new class. The school has agreed to this in order to keep the classes up to maximum.

5. Several meetings were held during the month on Civil Guard weapons and ammunition between the Civil Guard, MAAG and MSU. It has been decided to arm the Civil Guard with the following French weapons; 9 MM pistols, 9 MM Sub-Machine guns, 7.5 MM rifles, 7.5 MM automatic rifles, and 50 MM mortars. Arrangements are being made to turn in obsolete and non-conforming weapons to the Vietnamese Army and have the above weapons issued. This Program may take several months, but it is hoped to get it started during the month.

6. General Oai increased his inspection program considerably during the month. He is requiring his staff officers to make inspection trips nearly every week that cover most of Viet Nam. This gives the staff officers a knowledge of the field problems, as well as letting the field commanders know that their commands may be inspected at any time. This is a function that has long been neglected.

7. Meetings have been held with Ordnance officers at MAAG under the command of Colonel Klanderma, with regard to seeking War Department approval in Washington, of the transfer to the Civil Guard of non-American made weapons and ammunition sufficient to fill the needs of this organization, at the 45,000-men figure.

SAIGON-CHOLON MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1957

1. During the month preceeding TET, the police, especially of Saigon-Cholon, are occupied preparing for the festive season and supervising the numerous parties, ceremonies and installations that precede this event.

Constant contact was maintained with the police during this period.

2. The English Language classes were visited.

3. An extensive field trip was completed which represents the first half of a survey of the large coastal cities. Surveys were completed in the cities of Phan-Rang, Nha-Trang and Qui-Nhon. At this time, the MSU plans for the distributions of gas, weapons and vehicles were discussed with the Governmental officials of these cities and arrangements made for future activities in these fields. Based on these discussions, an arrangement was made with a local garage to make the necessary preliminary repairs on these vehicles so that they could be driven to their destinations.

4. In each of the above-mentioned cities, lectures were given on the effects and use of tear gas as a police weapon and an actual demonstration was staged in which each of the various type projectiles or grenades were detonated; and finally the students, on a voluntary basis, were subjected to a light exposure of the gases. All governmental and security levels were represented in the groups.

5. Plans have been made to extend this program to the 17th parallel during the following month. Arrangements have been made with MAAG by which 200 helmets are to be assigned to the police of Saigon-Cholon.

The helmets will be assigned to the riot control squad and will permit the expansion of this squad of properly equipped men by that amount.

JANUARY 1957 MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
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4. There has been no other activity at the Identification Bureau at Camp des Mares.

VBI MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY 1957

1. The reorganization of the VBI continues to be delayed by top officials of the Vietnamese Government. Colonel Chieu and his staff have worked out a reorganization plan which closely resembles that suggested by MSU. This plan was presented to the Minister of Interior early in January, but has not as yet been accepted.

2. In a meeting with MSU advisors, Colonel Chieu exposed his thinking regarding the problems confronting the VBI at the present time. He believes that reorganization of the VBI is necessary and that a Central Identification Division and a Central Criminal Records Division should be created at VBI Headquarters. He feels that an intensive training program must be developed and put into operation as soon as possible with the creation of a large police school at Dalat for new VBI agents and municipal police officers, as well as an in-service training program for VBI agents and VBI administrators.

Colonel Chieu expressed his intention of completing a study of personnel and space needs at VBI Headquarters, and he explained that he is fully aware of the overstaffing that now exists there.

He believes that the training program within the Security Division of the VBI should be accelerated in order that the operational efficiency of this Division be increased as soon as possible.

Colonel Chieu readily accepted the suggestion that a Manual of Rules and Regulations be written and made available to each VBI agent in order to standardize the administrative and operational activities of this organization.

3. 20,000 personnel inventory forms have been delivered to the VBI and paid for by available American Aid piasters. The actual inventory of VBI personnel is expected to begin during the first week of February.

4. Nguyen van Hay, former Director of the VBI for the PMS at Dalat, has been appointed as Director of Colonel Chieu's Cabinet. He replaces Mr. Tong Ngoc Chac, who is now Director of the National Police Academy. The Mayor of Dalat, Mr. Tran Van Phuoc, has been delegated the additional responsibility of the Directorship of the VBI for the PMS.

5. All expenditures involving the American Aid piaster fund made available by USOM have been suspended pending amendment of the contract between USOM and the Vietnamese Government. This is the result of misunderstanding as to the intent and purpose of this fund. As a result, the remodelling of buildings at VBI Headquarters for eventual use by the Identification Division, the Central Records Division and as a warehouse for American Aid firearms and ammunition, has been delayed.

6. The report on the scientific crime laboratory submitted by Professor Ralph Turner is still under study by the Minister of Interior. No further progress has been made in this matter.

7. Four (4) hours of lectures were given at the National Police Academy on criminal investigations by Mr. Ryan, who, also, gave oral examinations on the basic principles of police organization and administration to 24 students at the National Institute of Public Administration.

8. The usual feeling of uncertainty among subordinates which results from a change in leadership was evident throughout the month among the personnel of the Security Division. Captain Cac, who had felt quite confident and secure in his position under General Le, has some doubts as to his permanency in office under Colonel Chieu. The same uneasiness has also been evidenced by members of Captain Cac's staff, with a resulting loss of initiative on their parts.

9. A new plan of organization for the Security Division has been developed with the cooperation of Captain Cac and his staff. This plan has been forwarded for approval, but no indications have been received as to the reactions of Minister of Interior or the President. In this connection, it is entirely possible that the plan has not yet reached the ministerial level because of the Vietnamese New Year Holidays.

10. The Microfilming Project, continues involving the filming of the Vietnamese Immigration Department's records. It is estimated that this task alone will require several months.

11. Mr. Douglas Beed arrived in Saigon on January 27th, and has been assigned to the Security Division of the VBI as an advisor. Mr. Jerome Franklin arrived on January 29th, and will assume responsibilities as the advisor on matters dealing with traffic control and highway safety in Viet Nam.

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