

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GROUP
POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION - REPORT FOR AUGUST 1957

SYNOPSIS:

A. The MSUG Police Program in Viet-Nam was discussed in detail with President Diem. Several meetings were held at the Ministry of Interior in an effort to increase the general progress of the Program.

B. Six (6) field trips were made during the month to eight (8) provinces.

C. Seventy (70) hours of teaching were handled by MSUG Police Division staff members - thirty (30) hours at the Participant School and forty (40) hours at the Civil Guard Officers' School.

D. An expanded training program for the Civil Guard was developed which will include two hundred twenty (220) hours of instruction by MSU Police Division staff members. This training will be given at the new Civil Guard Officers' School located at Cap St. Jacques about September 16.

E. An In-Service Training Program was planned for the VBI, to include one hundred five (105) hours of instruction by MSUG police staff. This program will begin in early September.

F. Fourteen (14) VBI agents completed the revolver course, bringing the total graduates to ninety-eight (98) in the VBI.

G. The second class of six (6) Vietnamese police officers completed the three-week training program at MSUG in the use and care of audio-visual training aids.

H. Fifteen (15) Dodge personnel cargo carriers were delivered to the Civil Guard. Audio-visual equipment was delivered to the Saigon Police Department, the Civil Guard, the VBI and the National Police Academy.

I. A comparison microscope and auxiliary equipment was installed at the VBI Crime Laboratory in Saigon.

J. Pedestrian "zebra" crosswalks were painted in the vicinity of the Saigon Market and in front of Police Headquarters. Studies were begun of proposed signalization of twenty (20) intersections in Saigon-Cholon.

K. Fifty thousand (50,000) safe driving pamphlets printed at American expense are being distributed by the Saigon Police Department.

I. TRAINING:

A. During the month of August 1957, the Training Division held numerous conferences with command officers of the Vietnamese Police Agencies relative to increasing the amount of instruction at the several schools which are being conducted by this division.

B. A program of instruction to a participant group who will depart Saigon for the United States date in November is continuing. This instruction is in the English language in an effort to improve the comprehension of this language by these students. To the present time, these people have been given 30 hours of instruction by Police Division personnel. This program will be continued until the end of the month of November.

C. The plans for a program of instruction for high command personnel of the Surete or VBI has been completed. This program, covering many phases of police work, will begin early in September. The schedule will be for 2 hours of instruction each day, 5 days a week. The total program is for 105 hours of instruction by division personnel.

D. A new and expanded program of instruction has been planned and scheduled for the Civil Guard. This program to be presented at the new Civil Guard School at Cap St. Jacques. This program is scheduled to begin September 9 and will consist of 10 hours of instruction given on 3 days of the week and will end February 14. During the month of August, division personnel have continued to give approximately 40 hours of instruction at the present Civil Guard training school which ended August 31, 1957. A total of 220 hours of instruction is scheduled.

E. At the present time, preliminary plans are being formulated for instruction in revolver shooting for at least 4 groups in Viet-Nam. These programs of instruction will include Municipal Police, Civil Guard, Surete and Palace Guards.

F. The personnel of the Police Division has also given some instruction at the National Police Academy for Municipal Police. Members of the Training Division have held many conferences with the Director of this Academy in an advisory capacity.

G. Members of the Training Division have made field trips to as many cities and provinces as possible in an effort to determine their needs for training. Several trips have been made to Cap St. Jacques to advise on the establishment of the Civil Guard School and the National Police Academy in that city.

H. On August 17 fourteen (14) men were graduated from a Surete class in revolver shooting. The total number of men trained in revolver shooting for this agency is now 98.

I. On August 31, twenty (20) men were graduated from the first Civil Guard Instructors' School.

J. A second class of six (6) police officers and VBI agents completed a 3-week training course in the use and care of audio and visual training aids.

II. CIVIL GUARD:

A. The Civil Guard Officers' School will be transferred to Cap St. Jacques early in September 1957. It is anticipated that the second class will begin on or about September 16.

B. Studies were conducted for the purpose of developing a driver training course which it is hoped will be established at the Civil Guard Enlisted Men and Non-Commissioned Officers' School, located between Baria and Cap St. Jacques. Figures furnished by the Civil Guard indicate that approximately four hundred ninety (490) Civil Guardsmen have completed driver training courses either in the French Army or in the Vietnamese Army. The present training program conducted by the Vietnamese Army graduates twelve (12) Civil Guardsmen per month. An accelerated program is necessary.

C. Civil Guard installations were visited in approximately seven (7) provinces in the southern region of South Viet-Nam during August.

D. The Civil Guard is now responsible for the internal security in all of the provinces except five (5). It is expected that the responsibility for these five (5) provinces will be transferred to the Civil Guard before the end of the year.

E. Mr. Vu-Tien-Huan, Assistant Minister of Interior, in charge of internal security, is still Acting Director of the Civil Guard. No indications were given during the month as to the appointment of a Director on a permanent basis.

III. MUNICIPAL POLICE:

A. Ten (10) Land Rovers arrived in Saigon during the month of August 1957, for proposed delivery to the Saigon Police Department.

B. A program for training the police officers in those two (2) precincts which have not yet been assigned revolvers was worked out. A re-training program was also developed for the entire police department.

C. Visits were made to several city police departments in several provinces in southwestern Viet-Nam.

D. A survey was completed regarding the use and maintenance of American Aid equipment issued to the Saigon Police Department. It was found that this equipment was being maintained in excellent condition, in spite of lack of suitable maintenance gear.

E. Mr. Gilbert Shelby completed his tour in Viet-Nam as advisor to the Municipal Police. He was tentatively replaced by Mr. George Kimball.

IV. TRAFFIC:

A. Pedestrian "zebra" crosswalks were painted in the vicinity of the Saigon Market, and in front of Police Headquarters. Photographs were furnished to the Mayor and to Mr. Tu of this improvement.

B. Mr. Jerome D. Franklin, Traffic Engineer, was elected Secretary of the ICA Association of Saigon.

C. "No-Parking" areas in front of the Alhambra Theatre was arranged for, as requested by MAAG.

D. Conference was held with the Mayor and the Police, with regard to the proposed one-way streets.

E. A study was begun of proposed signalized intersections - 20 in all - as intersection plans were received from the Department of Public Works.

V. V.B.I.:

A. A preliminary draft was completed of a report regarding Central Record Bureau Services.

B. An inventory was completed of all photographic equipment purchased on the order for FY-56. Preliminary plans for the distribution of this equipment were begun.

C. A comparison microscope and auxiliary equipment was installed at the Crime Laboratory of the VBI in Saigon.

D. Several meetings were held with Colonel Chieu, Director General of the VBI, regarding the distribution and maintenance of equipment, training programs for the VBI and Municipal Police, and the renovation of buildings at the Camp des Mares.

E. Reconstruction of the buildings at the Camp des Mares for use as arms and ammunition depots progressed satisfactorily. Administrative delays in the Department of Public Works prevented the beginning of the renovation of the building at the Camp des Mares which will house the Identification Division.

F. Transfer of the old fingerprint cards and other records which are now located in the same building as the Crime Laboratory to the Camp des Mares is being delayed until the selection of adequate space can be made.

G. VBI units in several provinces of southwestern Vietnam were visited within the month.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Installation of twenty (20) radio sets and four (4) base stations for use during the coming Colombo Powers Conference was begun.

B. Plans were developed for the beginning of surveys to be made in outlying areas dealing with communications needs.

VII. GENERAL:

A. The MSUG Police Program in Viet-Nam was discussed in detail with President Diem. Professor Ralph Turner exposed the necessity for a modern Crime Laboratory, a modern Identification Division, as well as a Central Criminal Records Bureau. President Diem expressed a great interest in these types of police services. He indicated his understanding of the need for such services and further indicated his approval of the MSUG Program pertaining thereto.

B. The meeting with President Diem was followed by several meetings at the Ministry of Interior, in an effort to increase the progress of the Civil Police Program. The basic problems which had impeded the progress of the Civil Police Program with the Minister of Interior and his staff. Minister Chau agreed to furnish MSU with a written outline of the steps which the Vietnamese Government proposes to take, in order to solve these problems.

C. Eight hundred (800) pairs of Peerless handcuffs arrived in Saigon. Distribution is being delayed pending arrival of four hundred (400) additional cuffs.

D. Several conferences were held with USOM personnel regarding the FY-58 equipment program. A study was begun of the Vietnamese Government's requests for American Aid for the civil police during FY-58.

E. A study of the proposal for new identity cards for Vietnamese citizens was begun.

F. Messrs. Ryan and Turner made a trip to Phnom-Penh and Bangkok to discuss mutual problems and their solutions with police advisors in those cities.

G. Mr. Lyman M. Rundlett, Communications Advisor, arrived back in Saigon from the United States on August 20, where he had been expediting the shipment of communications equipment to be installed for use during the Colombo Conference.