

MSU POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1959

1. Situation:

2. Operations:

a) Personnel.

1) Mr. Melvin E. Handville departed for home leave on September 15, 1959.

2) Messrs. Hemmye, Shields and Turner of the Police Administration Division and Mr. Milton Taylor of the Public Administration Division completed a field trip, including visits to Surete and Municipal Police Department chiefs in Dalat, Nhatrang, Quinhon, Danang, Hue and Quangtri, September 21-29, 1959, inclusive.

b) Training.

1) Riot shotgun and revolver training was given to the members of the VBI Command School class, September 3, 10, 17 and 24. This consisted of lectures and range shooting.

2) Firearms instructors from the Saigon Municipal Police continued to receive advanced training two days per week in the use and care of the revolver.

3) The MSUG staff lectured at the VBI Command School on September 4 and 18.

4) The MSUG staff lectured to the English-language participant training class on September 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. These lectures consisted of various phases of law enforcement in the United States.

5) A field trip was made to the National Police Academy at Rach Dua to confer with the administrative head and faculty of the school.

c) Security Services.

VBI (Surete)

1) One week after the national elections, the National Identity Card Program mobile teams moved to Tay Ninh Province to resume work.

2) Statistical information relative to fingerprint cards received by the Identification Bureau was not available at the time this report is written.

3) Several meetings have been held with Mr. Chanh, Director of the Crime Detection Laboratory, at which time the plans for the renovation of the present detention center at Camp des mares were reviewed. Mr. Chanh was apprised of the fact that the plans submitted by the Department of Reconstruction were incomplete with regard to details of electrical, water and gas services. Both General La and Mr. Chanh were informed by letter of the urgency for an early start on this work if MSUG is to maintain its schedule for providing consultant services during the summer of 1960.

4) The VBI has provided MSUG with a detailed inventory of all vehicles turned over to the Surete wherein each vehicle is identified by license number and engine number and showing its allocation to provinces within Vietnam.

Municipal Police

1) During the month, several meetings were held with Mr. Tran Van Tu, Director of the Saigon Municipal Police, and several precinct stations were visited.

2) Two returned Municipal Police radio participants, assigned to temporary office duties pending the building of a communications center, were reassigned and will work closely with the MSUG communications advisor. Director Tu stated that he would assign every participant returned to the specific area in which he had been trained.

3) At Director Tu's request, the Municipal Police advisor inspected a concrete bunker located at the police outpost adjoining the Binh Thoi firearms range in Cholon, for its adequacy for storage of ammunition, grenades, etc. The bunker was in very good condition and bone dry, making an ideal storage warehouse. A method of storing ammunition boxes was suggested, which will provide air space between each box. Director Tu approved of this method and will adopt it.

4) A survey was made of all American Aid traffic equipment ordered and received for the City of Saigon. A recently received shipment of traffic signal equipment to signalize twelve previously selected city intersections is being stored in a city warehouse pending the installation of this equipment by the power company (CEE). The Director of the Saigon Police states that he is pressing for immediate action on the installation of these signals. MSUG will work closely with the City Public Works Department, Engineer's office, and the power/^{company}to carry out the recommendations made by the former MSU traffic engineer.

d) Communications.

1) During the past month an intensive study of the complete communication program for the Civil Police agencies of Vietnam has been instigated. While this work has not been completed, some revisions in the overall planning

are called for. To date, this study has resulted in a complete revision of the original report by Rundlett, dated July 1958. Upon approval, this revision will be published through regular channels.

2) As of the close of this reporting period, all of the equipment landed in Vietnam has been installed and is operative. The installation of the radioteletype equipment in Hue has been completed as planned. It is anticipated that there will be a period of orientation and training in the use of this equipment during which difficulties in operation will be encountered. Training material in the adjustment of this equipment has been distributed and on-the-job training in maintenance for several technicians has already made some progress.

e) Participant Training.

1) During the month, 42 participant candidates received 40 hours of formal English instruction and 20 hours of police orientation lectures offered by the staff. The candidates will undergo a final English examination on September 30, encompassing both written and oral competence. Instruction in mathematics and radio terminology continued for the radio technician participants. All participant candidates have received a total of 168 hours of English instruction since the beginning of July. Departure of the participants now awaits their achieving a passing grade in the final English examination, final approval of the PIO/P's by ICA/W, and the signing of a modified Arrete at the Presidency. Satisfaction of these conditions may reasonably be expected by the end of October.

f) Commodities.

1) Commodities as listed on the attached Annex II were received during the month of September and turned over to the VBI.

ANNEX I

(Date of Report)

CIVIL POLICE TRAINING

September 1959

Place, Type of Training Dates and Hours	Entered Tng this Month	Total in Training	Completed Tng.this Mo.	Completed Tng. to Date	Remarks
<u>USA</u>	0	2	0	21	
				From Jan.1, 59 thru Sept.30, 59	
				5 High Officials 5 MSU 11 USOM	
<u>Third Country</u>					
Visits of Observa- tion					
Special Courses					
Criminal Records				2 (Malaya)	
Reserve Unit Course				4 (Malaya)	
Instructor's Course				13 (Malaya)	
Special Branch				7 (Malaya)	
Observation Tour				6 (Singapore)	
<u>Local</u>					
Basic Courses					
Class No. _____					
Intermediate Courses					
Advanced Courses					
Specialist Courses					
On-the-job Training					
Audio-Visual & Photo- graphy Training				135	
Command Officers' Sc.VBI		60		148	
Command Officers' Sc.Mun.				148	
Driver Training Sc.				317	
Firearms Training		56		8,005	
Fingerprint Training VBI ²				924	
National Police Academy (VBI, Municipal)		280		2,863	

Comments:

Signature

Chief, Public Safety

ANNEX II p.

CIVIL POLICE COMMODITIES RECEIVED

ITEMS	PIO/C	QUANTITIES		57 Commodity Dollar value	Condition and Disposition
		This Month	To Date		
Police field kits	80440	Sept.15,59		\$ 651.34	Good condition
Identification comparer LRP	"	"			
Search fingerprint camera	"	"		232.50	- " -
Projection screen with carrying case	"	"			
Reloader 38 cal.	70606	Sept.17,59		755.94	- " -
18 cases pf spare parts for Ford F 600 Trucks	70458	Sept.14,59			- " -
3 cases Radio Com. Equip. and Acc.	70480	Sept.19,59		4,541.33	- " -
13 boxes of voltage generators and others parts.	70498	Sept.19,59		120,000.00	- " -
1 lot of hand tools	80415	Sept.19,59		2,998.96	- " -

MSU POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1959

1. Situation:

a) See field trip report of Turner, Hemmye and Shields, September 21-29, 1959, for Provinces Tuyen Duc, Khanh Hoa, Binh Dinh, Quang Nam, Thua Thien, and Quang Tri.

2. Operations:

a) Personnel.

1) No change in personnel status.

b) Training.

1) Several meetings were held with Mr. Huong, Chief of the VBI Training Bureau. Plans for an audio visual center and a library at VBI Headquarters were reviewed.

2) The second VBI Command School, begun on July 6, 1959, was graduated on October 3, 1959. Of the 60 district chiefs who started the course, 48 graduated. MSU police personnel presented 34 hours of lecture in this school.

3) Arrangements were made with USIS to train two men from the VBI Training School in the use and maintenance of audio visual equipment.

4) Work continues on the translation of English-language sound tracks to Vietnamese language for selected police training films.

5) While on a field trip in the PMS area of South Vietnam, Mr. Sloane gave a 1 1/2 hour lecture to 45 Surete and police personnel at Banmethuot, and a 1 1/2 hour revolver demonstration to 60 members of the Surete and police personnel at Pleiku.

c) Security Services.VBI (Surete)

1) Messrs. Shields and Turner made a field trip to Tay Ninh Province, October 8, 1959, to observe the National Identity Card Program. All features of the program were discussed with Lieut. Cam and several security measures were reviewed with a view toward improving this aspect of the program.

2) Mr. Borreson and Mr. Wade of the Controller's Office, USOM, were introduced to Lieut. Luan of the VBI, and arrangements were made for Mr. Wade to begin the audit of American Aid equipment supplied to the Police and Security Services. On a subsequent visit, Mr. Wade left with Lieut. Luan, spread sheets and instructions for the submission of the required information. Lieut. Luan indicated that he hoped to have the requested information available to Mr. Wade on or about November 3, 1959.

3) It was reported to us by Lieut. Luan that all contracts had been let for the construction of new communications buildings and the renovation of the old detention center for new laboratory quarters.

4) Lieut. Cam of the Identification Bureau reported the following data on fingerprint cards, received, classified, and filed:

	<u>Sept 1-30, 1959</u>	<u>Oct 1-28, 1959</u>
Judiciary criminal	6,947	5,515
Political criminal	1,104	3,170
Other (applicants, etc.)	1,081	3,170
Identity forms (old system)	16,984	26,700
Immigration cards	10,638	19,170
Classified	22,595	22,019
Checked	43,945	47,070
Filed	39,686	38,346
Unclassifiable (bad prints)	63	20
Plastic identity cards issued	23,442	28,719

Municipal Police

1) Several Saigon Precinct Stations were visited and police practices, procedures and methods were discussed with Precinct Commissioners.

2) On October 12, 1959, the Municipal Police advisor left Saigon on a field trip with Mr. Ryan, Chief of the Police Division and advisor to the VBI, and Mr. Strecher. Municipal Police officials at Banmethuot, Pleiku, Kontum, Quinhon and Nhatrang were visited, as well as the National Police Academy at Rach Dia, returning to Saigon the afternoon of October 21. During visits with Municipal Police officials, various police problems were discussed and questions relative to police procedures and methods were answered. All police departments visited were especially interested in having in-service training instituted by teams from Saigon.

3) Continued to delve into problem of installation of American Aid traffic equipment supplied for a number of Saigon street intersections.

d) Communications.

1) The construction of the four communications buildings, which was delayed because of contract renegotiation, has begun. These buildings are the Saigon Municipal Police communications building, the Headquarters communication building for the VBI, the transmitter building, and receiver building also for the VBI. Since the VBI buildings are the key portion of the police communication system, their completion will contribute much to the implementation of the overall communication program.

2) With the exception of a field trip planned for next month, the detailed planning for the communication system for the southern area of Vietnam has been completed. Much of the planning has been based on data supplied by the using agency (VBI) and the trip is planned to provide a check on the accuracy of the information supplied and to insure adequate, but not excessive, facilities.

3) Work toward the completion of plans for the Central and Highland area communication system has begun.

4) Procurement of communications equipment totaling 1.7 million dollars has been suspended by USOM for the last two months. NSUG radio technician is reviewing the original proposals and will be prepared to present revised PIO/C's at a forthcoming meeting to be called by USOM.

e) Participant Training.

1) On October 14, 1959, an accelerated English-language training program for current participant candidates was inaugurated. This followed the October 1 final examination in which 9 of 41 participants achieved passing scores. During the month of October, the participants received 112 hours of English instruction, bringing their total to 280 hours since July 1.

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Ryan, Chief, PAD

DATE : October 30, 1959

FROM : Mr. Sloane, Municipal Section *le DE*

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for October, 1959

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Monthly report for October
Communications section

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Notes { A meeting is planned for November with ~~xxx~~ several USOM officials so that the controversy relative to the procurement of material may be resolved. There ~~has~~ been no major items ~~of~~ the communication program procured for several months, some 1.7 million dollars of commodities have been suspended. The future of the police communication program depends on the outcome of this meeting.

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TO : Jack Ryan, Chief, PAD

DATE : October 30, 1959

FROM : Victor G. Strecher

SUBJECT : Monthly Report Insert - Participant Program.

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*Added
to O.C. monthly report.*

TOTAL OF FINGERPRINT CARDS RECEIVED
from September 1st to 30th 1959

1 - Judiciary criminals	:	6.947
Political criminals	:	1.104
Others (applicants forms drivers licenses)	:	1.081
2 - Identify forms issued (old system)	:	16.984
TOTAL	:	26.116
3 - Immigration cards	:	10.638
4 - Fingerprint cards have been classified	:	22.595
Fingerprint cards already classified have been checked:	:	43.945
5 - Fingerprint cards have been filed in cabinets	:	39.686
6 - Fingerprint cards unclassifiable because of bad print	:	63
7 - Identity cards in plastic have been issued	:	23.442

36.754 (Total)

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from October 1st to 28th 1959

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Political criminals	:	3.170
Others (applicants forms drivers licences)	:	3.170
2 - Identity forms issued (old system)	:	26.700

TOTAL	:	38.555
3 - Immigration cards	:	19.170
4 - Fingerprint cards have been classified	:	22.019
Fingerprint cards already classified have been checked	:	47.070
5 - Fingerprint cards have been filed in cabinets	:	38.346
6 - Fingerprint cards unclassifiable because of bad print	:	20
7 - Plastic laminated identity cards have been issued	:	28.719