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Pleiku,
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LAND DEVELOPMENT: Vietnamese-sponsored Land Development projects -
Province of Pleiku.

FIELD REPORT NO. PS 2964

With regard to the memorandum dated Jan. 30, 1958 from
Mr. Louis Peak of Agriculture Division, individual visits have been
made during the week March 10 - 15, to the projects under reference
and specific reports will be submitted separately later.

There are up-to-date 6 of such projects which are being carried
out in the province of Pleiku namely:

1. Center of Thanh Binh for re-orientation of released
political prisoners, is located on National Road
19, thirty five kilometers South West of Pleiku city.
2. Center of Thanh Binh for Civil Guards, is located on
National Road # 19, thirty eight kilometers South West
of Pleiku city.
3. Center I, at Pleibang Yang, is located on Provincial
Road # 4, thirty kilometers West of Pleiku city.
4. Center II, at Plei Hong, is located on Provincial
Road # 4, thirty five kilometers West of Pleiku city.
5. Center III, at Pleiya Cham, is located on Provincial
Road # 4, forty kilometers West of Pleiku city.
6. Center IV, at Pleihuong, is located on Provincial
Road # 4, forty five kilometers West of Pleiku city.

With the exception of Agricultural Center of Thanh Binh for re-
orientation of released Political Prisoners which is supervised by the
Vietnamese Army, all the above centers are under the responsibilities
of Civil Guard authorities.

According to information obtained from the office for Civil-Guard-
Land-Development in Pleiku, headed by Civil Guard Captain Nguyen Ngoc Tu,
these projects are considered as preparatory projects for settlement of

retired Civil Guard personnel or voluntary dependents of Civil Guards.

Labor and finance provided so far for the above program are mostly Civil Guard self-help. It is reported that the Civil Guard elements who are now working on the projects are active refugee Civil Guards originary of Thanh Hoa, Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Binh and Quang Tri, over the 17 th parallel. They are all voluntary pioneers for creation of such agricultural centers in Pleiku. The term of assignment is said to be 2 years, after which they would be moved to other areas in the delta and then, administration or completion of the centers would be turned over to the jurisdiction of CGALD. However, if they are any people of the groups, either discharged Civil Guards or dependents, who would like to establish themselves in any of the centers, they would be allotted some land for making a living.

All the work achieved to-date both in house building and land clearing is entirely by hand and by the Civil Guards' own efforts.

No aid of any kind have been received thus far for these projects except that CGALD has given for 3 months, a monthly-ration of 18 kilograms of rice to each of the civil guard family members living in the camps and that, a lot of hand tools and cattle has been provided sometime ago.

It was also reported that before moving the above civil guards to Pleiku, the Gov't has promised an allocation of VN\$ 1,000 to each, as initial support for starting the land development work, but these civil guards were later informed that the above allocation has been used for procurement of the hand tools and cattle mentioned above.

The self-help being displayed in all of the above projects is highly appreciable, in-so-far as the work is done by hand and at very little cost.

But, according to the project implementation, there are now 3 most serious problems which handicap progress of the subprojects. These problems are especially lack of medication, drinking water supply and adequate hand tools.

The Chiefs of center stated that for nearly 4 months they have not received any further deliveries of medicines after a small quantity of drugs for current ailments was received at the beginning.

The Civil Guards working on land clearing claim that the hand tools distributed are almost all broken and no replacement have yet been made available.

Most of the camps need wells for drinking purposes. The water available now is obtained from springs which are in general too far away from the camps. The Civil Guards Land Development Head Office in Pleiku

pointed out the fact that the Civil Guards concerned often complain of the inequity in benefits received under USOM-sponsored projects and those received under Vietnamese program.

It is a common wish of the Civil Guards now assigned to the above projects in Pleiku, that some emergency aid be made available by USOM so as to relieve them from the hardships described above and in order to boost their spirit of devotion to the success of the program.

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VN-sponsored
Agri. Center IV
PLEIKUMONG

for Civil Guards

TO SONG KRONG

VN-sponsored
Agri. center
III
PLEI CHAM

VN-sponsored
Agri. Center
II
PLEI HONG

VN-sponsored
Agri. Center
I
PLEIRANG YANG

Provincial road # 4

PLEIKU

VN-sponsored
Agric Center for
Civil Guards

VN-sponsored
Agri. Center for
Ex political prisoners

THANH BINH

THANH BINH

National road # 19 extended

TO CAMBODIA
BORDER

VIETNAMESE ARMY

B A S E

National road # 19 extended (Pleiku to Cambodia)

School ground

Public garden

Dispensary-maternity

House block

Info
hall

House block

House block

Market place

House block

House block

House block

House block

House block

House block

Public toilet

Public toilet

Public toilet

House block

House block

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House block

Randall V. Frakes, Act. Chief, Field Service

Fleiku
March 18, 1958

John P. Thelen, Field Representative, P.M.S.

LAND DEVELOPMENT: Thanh Binh Civil Guard Land Development Center -
A VN-Sponsored Project - Province of Fleiku.

FIELD REPORT No. FS - 2965

The subject Agricultural Center is one of the 5 VN-sponsored projects supervised by Civil Guards in the province of Fleiku. This Center was started in March 1957 and is being developed by a Company of 206 active Civil Guards originary of Quangtri and Quang Binh, over the 17th parallel. This number of Civil Guards are among the first group of Refugee Civil Guard elements who are volunteers for land development assignment in Fleiku.

This Center was visited March 12, under the guidance of Civil Guard Lieutenant Bui van Khon, Chief of the Center.

Location -

38 kms. SW of Fleiku City, on National Road No. 19 extended.

Population -

Beside the 206 active Civil Guards on duty in the camp, there are 410 dependents who live now in the Center and help the Civil Guards in developing the land. It is reported that 85 percent of the Center population are Catholics.

Land Clearing -

The Center has cleared to-date about 80 hectares of land, all by hand. The program for clearing includes an area of at least 2 hectares per family, which means that about 1,000 more hectares of land are still to be cleared.

Cultivation -

It is reported that during the last season, the resettlers here have cultivated 6 hectares which yielded about 6 tons of various crops including rice, corn, bean and white potato.

There will be ready for the next season about 70 hectares of land to increase the above mentioned crops which could contribute a great deal

to the camp's requirements.

There is also included in the Center Agricultural Program, a Community garden covering some 10 hectares which is to be grown with industrial plants such as Castor-oil and fibers.

Construction -

The Center has built as of this date:

- 1 Office and warehouse
- 3 quarters for single Civil Guards
- 1 Watch-tower
- 125 Individual houses.

All the above buildings are of wood and bamboo and were constructed by voluntary labor.

In addition to these constructions, the inhabitants in the Center have built a Church of cement blocks and wood with tin roofings. The Church would cost normally VN\$ 150,000 but in contributing free labor in masonry, carpentry work and procurement of materials, it has cost the Center only VN\$ 30,000 for purchase of cement and roofings.

This shows that the self-help afforded by the inhabitants in this Center is very much appreciable.

Water Supply -

Water supply for drinking purposes is rather a problem here because the spring which affords potable water is 2 klm. far away from the camp and the inhabitants have to haul buckets that distance, travelling up and down hills in order to get drinking water.

Health -

The Center has adequate medical personnel but medical supplies are lacking so that it becomes very expensive for the settlers to seek treatment in Pleiku, having to travel a distance of over 35 kilometers.

The Center up-to-date Death and Birth records shows;

- 11 children died of Pleuresy
- 4 adult died of pernicious malaria
- 5 stillbirths
- 16 live births.

Education -

The Center has organized a Primary school for about 100 children.

The school is handled by teachers available among the Civil Guards on duty in the camp, but teaching materials, especially class books are still lacking.

Subsistence -

No subsistence allowances are provided for the Civil Guard dependents who are now helping in developing the land. According to the Chief of Center, the question has been brought up before Comical and USOM representatives during a conference held last September in Saigon.

Tools -

Hand tools including shovel, spade, pick, coupe-knife, hand-saw, sickle, axe etc. have been distributed but in very little amounts, relative to the needs.

Animals -

The Center has received 60 heads of cattle, of which number 55 are cows and the rest castrated oxen.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT: Possibilities for Wet Rice Cultivation in
VN-Sponsored Agricultural Center at Plei-Khumong -
Province of Pleiku.

FIELD REPORT No. FS - 2986

It has been ascertained from a recent survey of the above mentioned agricultural center that there exists in this location a vast area suitable for cultivating wet rice.

This is a large valley lying on both sides of a deep stream which connects with a large river so-called Song-Krung. The area available covers about 500 hectares. The soil is said to contain substantial alluvium and not cultivated so far.

According to Civil-Guard Lieutenant Vo Heng, Chief of the Center, the people now settling in the center are very much interested in having facilities for making this land a rice-field. They wish that surveys be made by appropriate technicians in view to determine the possibilities for such farming purposes.

Civil-Guard Lt. Vo Heng further stated that the land can afford for 2-crop cultivation if an irrigation system consisting of pumps and dike construction is provided.

It is estimated that the wet rice cultivation contemplated above could secure yearly 2,000 tons of wet rice which is the most appreciated of crops in the P.M.S.

So far, most of the rice available in the P.M.S. is dry mountainous rice. As the people who have migrated from the delta generally prefer wet rice, such supplies are now very expensive in Pleiku, in comparison with the rice grown locally.

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Randall V. Frakes, Act. Chief, Field Service
Division

Pleiku,
March 31, 1958

John P. Thelen, Field Representative, P.M.S.

LAND DEVELOPMENT: Plei Bang Yang Civil Guard Land Development Center -
A VN- Sponsored Project - Province of Pleiku.

FIELD REPORT NO. FS 3014

The subject Agricultural Center is one of the 5 VN-sponsored projects supervised by Civil Guards in the province of Pleiku. This Center was started in March 1957 and is being developed by a Company of 150 active Civil Guards originary of Quang Binh and Quang Tri, over the 17th parallel. This number of Civil Guards are among the first group of Refugee Civil Guard elements who are volunteers for land development assignment in Pleiku.

This Center was visited March 15.

Location -

30 kms. East of Pleiku city, on Provincial Road # 4.

Population -

There are settled in this center some 150 families composed of 150 active Civil Guards on duty in the camp and about 200 dependents who help the Civil Guards in developing the land. It is reported that 90 percent of the Center population are Catholics.

Land Clearing -

The Center has cleared to-date about 20 hectares of land, all by hand. The program for clearing includes an area of at least 2 hectares per family which means that about 280 more hectares of land are still to be cleared.

Cultivation -

No cultivation has yet been started to-date but the resettlers stated that various crops such as corn, sesame, pecan-ut and wet rice will be grown by the coming rainy season with the 20 hectares of ready land.

There is also included in the Center Agricultural Program, a Community garden covering some 10 hectares which is to be grown with industrial plants such as castor-oil and fibers.

Construction -

The Center has built as of this date;

- 1 Office and warehouse
- 3 Quarters for single Civil Guards
- 90 individual houses

All the above buildings are of wood and bamboo and were constructed by voluntary labor.

Water supply -

The Center has no problem regarding water supply as there are nearby the camp 2 abundant springs with good water for both drinking and sanitation purposes.

Health -

The Center has adequate medical personnel but medical supplies are lacking so that it becomes very expensive for the settlers to seek treatment in Pleiku, having to travel a distance of over 30 kms.

The Center health records were not available but according to the nurse responsible, these are not alarming.

Education -

No school facilities are as yet available for about 60 children.

Subsistence -

No subsistence allowances are provided for the Civil Guard dependents who are now helping in developing the land. According to the Chief of Center, the question has been brought up before COMIGAL and UNRM Representatives during a conference held last September in Saigon.

Tools -

Hand tools including shovel, spade, pick, coupe-knife, hand-saw, sickle, axe etc., have been distributed but in very little amounts relative to the needs.

Animals -

The Center has received 50 heads of cattle.

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Randall V. Frakes, Act. Chief, Field Service
Division

Pleiku,
March 31, 1958

John P. Shelton, Field Representative, P.M.S.

LAND DEVELOPMENT: Plei Ya Tran Civil Guard Land Development Center -
A VN-Sponsored Project - Province of Pleiku.

FIELD REPORT NO. FS 3015

The subject Agricultural Center is one of the 5 VN-sponsored projects supervised by Civil Guards in the province of Pleiku. This Center was started in March 1957 and is being developed by a Company of 193 active Civil Guards originary of Quang Binh Quang Tri Thanh Hoa Nghe An, over the 17th parallel. This number of Civil Guards are among the first group of Refugee Civil Guard elements who are volunteers for land development assignment in Pleiku.

This Center was visited March 13, under the guidance of Civil Guard Lieutenant Tran Hua Phuong, Chief of the Center.

Location -

40 kms. East of Pleiku city, on provincial road # 4.

Population -

There are settled in this center some 193 families composed of 193 active Civil Guards on duty in the camp and 333 dependents who help the Civil Guards in developing the land. It is reported that 90 percent of the Center Population are Catholics.

Land Clearing -

The Center has cleared to-date about 35 hectares of land, all by hand. The program for clearing includes an area of at least 2 hectares per family which means that about 350 more hectares of land are still to be cleared.

Cultivation -

No cultivation has yet been started to-date but the resettlers stated that various crops such as corn, sesame, pea-ant and wet rice will be grown by the coming rainy season with the 35 hectares of ready land.

There is also included in the Center Agricultural Program, a Community garden covering some 10 hectares which is to be grown with industrial plants such as castor-oil and fibers.

Construction -

The Center has built as of this date;

- 1 Office and warehouse
- 3 Quarters for single Civil Guards
- 1 Watch tower
- 1 School building
- 90 individual houses

All the above buildings are of wood and bamboo and were constructed by voluntary labor.

Water supply -

The Center has no problem regarding water supply as there are nearby the camp 2 abundant springs with good water for both drinking and sanitation purposes.

Health -

The Center has adequate medical personnel but medical supplies are lacking so that it becomes very expensive for the settlers to seek treatment in Pleiku, having to travel a distance of over 40 kms.

The Center up-to-date Death and Birth records show;

- 12 children from 4 to 15 years old,
died of Fleuriay.
- 10 still births
- 20 live births

Education -

The Center has organized a Primary school for about 100 children. The school is handled by teachers available among the Civil Guards on duty in the camp, but teaching materials especially class books are still lacking.

Subsistence -

No subsistence allowances are provided for the Civil Guards dependents who are now helping in developing the land. According to the Chief of Center, the question has been brought up before Comigal and USOM Representatives during a conference held last September in Saigon.

Tools -

Hand tools including shovel, spade, pick, coupe-knife, hand-saw sickle, axe etc.. have been distributed but in very little amounts relative to the needs.

Animals -

The Center has received 60 heads of cattle.

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Field Service Division

April 2, 1958

John P. Thelen, Field Representative, P.M.S.

LAND DEVELOPMENT: Plei-Kumong Civil Guard Land Development Center -
A VN-Sponsored Project - Province of Pleiku.

FIELD REPORT NO. FS 2889

The subject Agricultural Center is one of the 5 VN-sponsored projects supervised by Civil Guards in the province of Pleiku. This Center was started in March 1957 and is being developed by a Company of 200 active Civil Guards originally of Quang-Binh and Quang-Tri, over the 17th parallel. These Civil Guards were among the first group of Refugee Civil Guard elements who were volunteers for land development assignment in Pleiku.

This Center was visited March 15, under the guidance of Civil Guard Lieutenant Vo-Hong, Chief of the Center.

Location -

45 kms. east of Pleiku city, on Provincial Road # 4.

Population -

There are settled in this center about 200 families composed of 200 active Civil Guards on duty in the camp and 221 dependents who help the Civil Guards in developing the land. It is reported that 90 percent of the Center population are Catholics.

Land Clearing -

The Center has cleared to-date about 31 hectares of land, all by hand. The program for clearing includes an area of at least 2 hectares per family, which means that about 370 more hectares of land are still to be cleared.

Cultivation -

It is reported that during the last season, the resettlers here have cultivated 18 hectares which yielded about 20 tons of various crops including corn, sesame, pea-nut, manioc and vegetable.

There will be ready for the next season about 25 hectares of land to increase the above mentioned crops which could contribute a great deal to the camp's requirements.

There is also included in the Center Agricultural Program,

a Community garden covering some 10 hectares which will produce industrial plants such as castor-oil and fibers.

Construction -

The Center has built as of this date:

- 1 Office and warehouse
- 3 quarters for single Civil Guards
- 1 Watch tower
- 76 Individual houses
- 1 School building.

Water supply -

The Center has no problem regarding water supply as there are 2 abundant springs with good water for both drinking and sanitation purposes located near the camp.

Health -

The Center has adequate medical personnel but medical supplies are lacking so that it becomes very expensive for the settlers to seek treatment in Pleiku, having to travel a distance of over 45 kms.

The vital statistics records show the following since establishment of the center:

- 2 men died of old age
- 7 children died of pleurisy
- 10 livebirths
- 0 stillbirths.

Education -

The Center has organized a Primary school for about 70 children. The school is handled by teachers available among the Civil Guards on duty in the camp, but teaching materials, especially class books, are still lacking.

Subsistence -

No subsistence allowances are provided for the Civil Guard dependents who are now helping in developing the land. According to the Chief of Center, the question has been brought up before COMICAL and USCM Representatives during a conference held last September in Saigon.

Tools -

Hand tools including shovel, spade, pick, coupe-knife, hand-saw, sickle, axe etc. have been distributed but in very little amounts relative to the needs.

Animals -

The Center has received 60 head of cattle.

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April 2, 1958

John P. Thelen, Field Representative, PMS

AGRICULTURE: Fishing Possibilities in Plei-Kumong
Agricultural Center - Province of Pleiku

FIELD REPORT NO. FS-2990

Information has been recently gathered to the effect that there are good possibilities for canal fisheries at Plei-Kumong Agricultural Center, province of Pleiku, which, so far, have been neglected.

According to the resettlers in the above center, which is one of the VN-sponsored projects located 45 kilometers west of Pleiku City, there is a deep canal which connects with a large river called Song Krong where fish are plentiful but where no fisheries have been organized.

The canal starts at a location called Plei-Lau, about 35 kms. from Pleiku City, it crosses the Plei-Kumong valley before joining the Song Krong River at about 5 kilometers from Plei-Kumong center. Its current is reportedly slow and the stream is wide enough to permit small fishing craft to manipulate without difficulties.

No waterway is available for shipment of fishing products from the above location to the City of Pleiku but transportation is feasible by Provincial Road No. 4.

In view of the fact that present supplies of river fish in Pleiku come from Saigon and other distant provinces, it might be of interest to explore the above mentioned fishing possibilities.

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Randall V. Frakes, Act. Chief, Field Service
Division

Fleiku,
April 2nd, 1958

John P. Thelen, Field Representative, P.M.S.

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LAND DEVELOPMENT: Plei Hong Civil Guard Land Development Center -
A VII-sponsored project - Province of Fleiku.

FIELD REPORT NO. PS 3016

The subject Agricultural Center is one of the 5 VII-sponsored projects supervised by Civil Guards in the Province of Fleiku. This center was started in March 1957 and is being developed by a Company of 185 active Civil Guards originary of Quang Binh, Quang Tri and Nghe An, over the 17th parallel. This number of civil Guards are among the first group of Refugee Civil Guard elements who are volunteers for land development assignment in Fleiku.

This center was visited March 13, under the guidance of Civil Guard Lieutenant Mai Xuan Tho.

Location -

35 kilometers East of Fleiku city, on Provincial Road # 4.

Population -

There are settled in this center some 183 families composed of 183 active Civil Guards on duty in the camp and 373 dependents who help the Civil Guards in developing the land. It is reported that 90 percent of the center population are Catholics.

Land Clearing -

The center has cleared to-date about 40 hectares of land, all by hand. The program for clearing includes an area of at least 2 hectares per family which means that about 350 more hectares of land are still to be cleared.

Cultivation -

No cultivation has yet been started to-date but the resettlers stated that various crops such as corn, sesame, pea-nut and wet rice will be grown by the coming rainy season with the 40 hectares of ready land.

There is also included in the center Agricultural Program, a Community garden covering some 10 hectares which is to be grown with industrial plants such as castor-oil and fibers.

Construction -

The Center has built as of this date;

- 1 Office and warehouse
- 3 Quarters for single Civil Guards
- 1 school building
- 64 individual houses

All the above building are of wood and bamboo and were constructed by voluntary labor.

Water supply -

The center has no problem regarding water supply as there are nearby the camp 2 abundant springs with good water for both drinking and sanitation purposes.

Health -

The center has adequate medical personnel but medical supplies are lacking so that it becomes very expensive for the settlers to seek treatment in Pleiku, having to travel a distance of over 35 kms.

The center up-to-date Death and Birth records show;

- 5 adults died of various diseases
- 4 children died of various diseases
- 12 still-births
- 8 live-births

Education -

The center has organized a Primary school for about 80 children. The school is handled by teachers available among the Civil Guards on duty in the camp, but teaching materials especially class books are still lacking.

Subsistence -

No subsistence allowances are provided for the Civil Guard dependants who are now helping in developing the land. According to the Chief of Center, the question has been brought up before COMICAL and USOM Representatives during a conference held last September in Saigon.

Tools -

Hand tools including shovel, spade, pick, coupe-knife, hand-saw, sickle, axe etc., have been distributed but in very little amounts relative to the needs.

Animals -

The center has received 50 heads of cattle.