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INTRODUCTION

This report is being provided at the special request of AID/OIT. Only 12 participants from Laos received exit interviews at DETRI from July 1968 through December 1970. The responses of these 12 participants to the items contained in DETRI's profile report series for USAIDS are presented in this special report.

Comparative data for the participants from the geographic region and world-wide data are not presented because the small number of Laotian participants would make such comparisons unreliable and possibly misleading. Responses are given in terms of the number of participants rather than percentages for the same reason.

As the questionnaire for Academic and Special participants was revised during the reporting period, not all questions were asked of all participants. Consequently, the total number of responses in each table does not always equal 12. There is no narrative explication in the report, as the tables are self-explanatory.

Table 1

Q. How many participants had Academic training programs and how many had Special training programs?

<u>TYPE OF PROGRAM</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Academic	8
Special	1

Special training is being provided at the special request of

Table 2

Q. In what fields of training were the participants?

<u>FIELD OF TRAINING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Agriculture	1
Health & Sanitation	1
Education	5
Public Administration	1

Table 3

Q. How many years of education did the participants have before beginning their A.I.D. training programs? (Item 169)

<u>YEARS OF EDUCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
7-11	0
12	2
13-15	6
16	1
17-18	2
19 and over	1

Table 4

Q. What were the ages of the participants? (Item 164)

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
27 or less	9
28-30	1
31-34	2
35-39	0
40-45	0
46 or more	0

Table 5

Q. What was the sex of the participants? (Item 165)

<u>SEX</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Male	10
Female	2

Table 6

Q. How long were the participants' sojourns in the United States? (Item 182)

<u>LENGTH OF PROGRAM</u> (Months)	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>	
	<u>Academic</u>	<u>Special</u>
1-4	1	0
5-6	0	1
7-11	2	1
12-15	0	0
16-24	0	0
25 or more	3	0

Table 7

Q. How satisfied were the participants with their total experience as an A.I.D. participant? (Item 162)

<u>SATISFACTION RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely satisfied)	1
2	8
3	2
4	1
5	0
6	
7 (Not at all satisfied)	

Table 8

Q. Overall, how satisfied were the Academic participants with the total technical training they received? (Item 84A)

<u>SATISFACTION RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely satisfied)	0
2	3
3	5
4	0
5	0
6	
7 (Not at all satisfied)	

Table 9

Q. Overall, how satisfied were the Special participants with the total technical training they received? (Item 81S)

<u>SATISFACTION RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely satisfied)	1
2	1
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	
7 (Not at all satisfied)	

Table 10

Q. How welcome and accepted did the participants feel in the United States? (Item 143)

<u>WELCOME/ACCEPTED RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely welcome)	2
2	5
3	3
4	0
5	0
6	
7 (Not at all welcome)	

Table 11

Q. How did the interviewers rate the participants' feelings about the U.S. society?

<u>FEELINGS ABOUT U.S. SOCIETY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Became more positive	2
Stayed the same	3
Became more negative	0

Table 12

Q. How did the interviewers rate the participants' feelings about the American people?

<u>FEELINGS ABOUT AMERICAN PEOPLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Became more positive	4
Stayed the same	2
Became more negative	1

Table 13

Q. How satisfied were the participants with the planning in their home country of their training program? (Item 49)

<u>SATISFACTION RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely satisfied)	3
2	0
3	3
4	1
5	0
6	0
7 (Not at all satisfied)	0

Table 14

Q. How satisfied were the participants with the orientations they received in their home country about the United States? (Item 51)

<u>SATISFACTION RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely satisfied)	0
2	3
3	3
4	0
5	0
6	0
7 (Not at all satisfied)	0

Table 15

Q. How suitable did the Academic participants feel their technical training program was to their home country conditions? (Item 83b)

<u>SUITABILITY RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely suitable)	1
2	2
3	1
4	0
5	0
6	0
7 (Not at all suitable)	0

Table 16

Q. How suitable did the Special participants feel their technical training program was to their home country conditions? (Item 80b)

<u>SUITABILITY RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely suitable).	0
2	1
3	1
4	0
5	0
6	0
7 (Not at all suitable)	0

Table 17

Q. At the time of their selection, were the participants working on a project in their home country on which A.I.D. technicians were also working? (Item 3)

<u>WORKING WITH A.I.D. TECHNICIANS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	2
Yes	3
Don't know	1

Table 18*

Q. Before the participants finally knew they would be a participant, did they have any formal discussions with any government officials about their qualifications to take part in the A.I.D. training program? If so, who were these officials? (Item 4 & 5)

<u>GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
None	4
A.I.D. representatives	5
Other U.S. government representatives	1
Representatives of home country government	3

Table 19*

Q. Before they finally knew they would be a participant, did the participants have to pass medical, English language, or other special examinations to qualify to take part in the training program? If so, which examinations? (Items 6 & 7)

<u>EXAMINATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
None	0
Medical	7
English language	8
Other	1

*The number may be more than 12 because participants were allowed more than one answer.

Table 20

Q. Was the time between when the participants finally knew they would be a participant and when they were notified of their departure date adequate to make necessary arrangements? (Item 9)

<u>ENOUGH TIME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	4
Yes	8

Table 21

Q. Was the time between when the participants were notified of their departure date and the actual day on which they left their home country adequate? (Item 11)

<u>ENOUGH TIME</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	7
Yes	5

Table 22

Q. Did the participants attend any formal planning and orientation meeting(s) in their home country before they left? (Item 19)

<u>ATTENDED MEETING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	3
Yes	5

Table 23

Q. Who else attended the participants' planning and orientation meeting(s) in their home country? (Item 20)

<u>PEOPLE ATTENDING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Supervisor	0
Representatives of home country government	1
A.I.D. representatives	5
Former A.I.D. participants from home country	0
Other A.I.D. participants going to the United States	0

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Table 24*

Q. What did the participants hear about at their planning and orientation meeting(s) in their home country? (Item 21)

<u>TOPICS DISCUSSED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
General objectives of joint home country/AID development projects or programs	1
Specific objectives of technical training program	1
Relationship of objectives of technical training program to a development project or program in home country	2
Outline of the proposed plan for technical training program	2
A.I.D. administrative policies and regulations	0
Relationships between major cultural aspects of my home country and those of the United States	2

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Table 25

Q. Did the participants receive a copy of their PIO/P for their training program before they left for the United States? (Item 18)

<u>RECEIVED PIC/P</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	0
Yes	8

Table 26

Q. At the time the participants left their home country, were there any aspects of the proposed plan for their technical training program with which they disagreed or were not clear to them? (Item 26)

<u>ASPECT UNCLEAR OR DISAGREED WITH</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	3
Yes	5

Table 27*

Q. Which of the following aspects of their proposed plan did the participants disagree with or were unclear about? (Item 27)

<u>ASPECT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Objectives of training program	3
How training was planned to be used upon return to home country	2
General content of training	4
Training facility(ies)	1
Overall length of training	0

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Table 28

Q. Prior to their departure, did the participants have an opportunity to make suggestions about the proposed plan for their technical training program? (Item 22)

<u>OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	6
Yes	1

Table 29

Q. How adequate was the participants' personal participation in the planning of their proposed technical training program? (Item 24)

<u>ADEQUACY OF PARTICIPATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Very inadequate	3
Somewhat inadequate	0
• Adequate	2

Table 30

Q. How adequate was the participants' supervisors' participation in the planning of their proposed technical training program? (Item 25)

<u>ADEQUACY OF SUPERVISORS' PARTICIPATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
Very inadequate	1
Somewhat inadequate	1
Adequate	2
Don't know or not applicable	2

Table 31

Q. Were any changes made in the participants' technical training program after they reached their first training facility? If so, who suggested these changes? (Items 77A, 72S & 78A & 73S)

<u>SUGGESTED CHANGES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
None	6
Officials of home country government	0
Representatives of A.I.D. in home country	0

* The number may not add to 12 because not all alternatives in the item are listed.

Table 32

Q. How useful did the participants find the English language training they received in their home country? (Item 16)

<u>USEFULNESS RATING</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
1 (Extremely useful)	2
2	2
3	2
4	1
5	1
6	0
7 (Not at all useful)	0

Table 33

Q. Did the participants know the job they will have when they return to their country after completing their training program? (Item 152)

<u>KNOW JOB</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	2
Yes	10

Table 34

Q. Will the participants' jobs involve training others in specific work skills or teaching students? (Item 156)

<u>TEACH OTHERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
No	0
Yes	7

Table 35

Q. How much of their A.I.D. training will help the participants in training or teaching? (Item 157)

<u>TRAINING WILL HELP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
A little	0
Some	3
A great amount	4

Table 36

Q. To what extent did the participants think the following difficulties may be true for them in using their training when they return home? (Item 158)

<u>DIFFICULTY</u>	<u>NOT TRUE</u>	<u>SOMEWHAT TRUE</u>	<u>VERY TRUE</u>
Lack of equipment, tools, or facilities	2	4	6
Lack of money	0	8	3
Lack of qualified staff	2	6	4
Lack of help from immediate supervisor	0	8	2
Lack of support from higher officials	2	7	3
Resistance by people to changing ways of doing things	4	5	2

Table 37*

Q. Do the participants expect to call on the A.I.D. Mission in their home country to help them use their training in their home country? If so, what ways may the Mission help? (Items 159 & 160)

<u>HELP EXPECTED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
None	2
Provide technical advisors	3
Provide equipment, tools, or facilities	6
Provide professional magazines, journals, and other printed material	5
Conduct seminars, meetings and conferences	3
Provide U.S. training for fellow workers	4
Help A.I.D. participants keep in touch with each other	6

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