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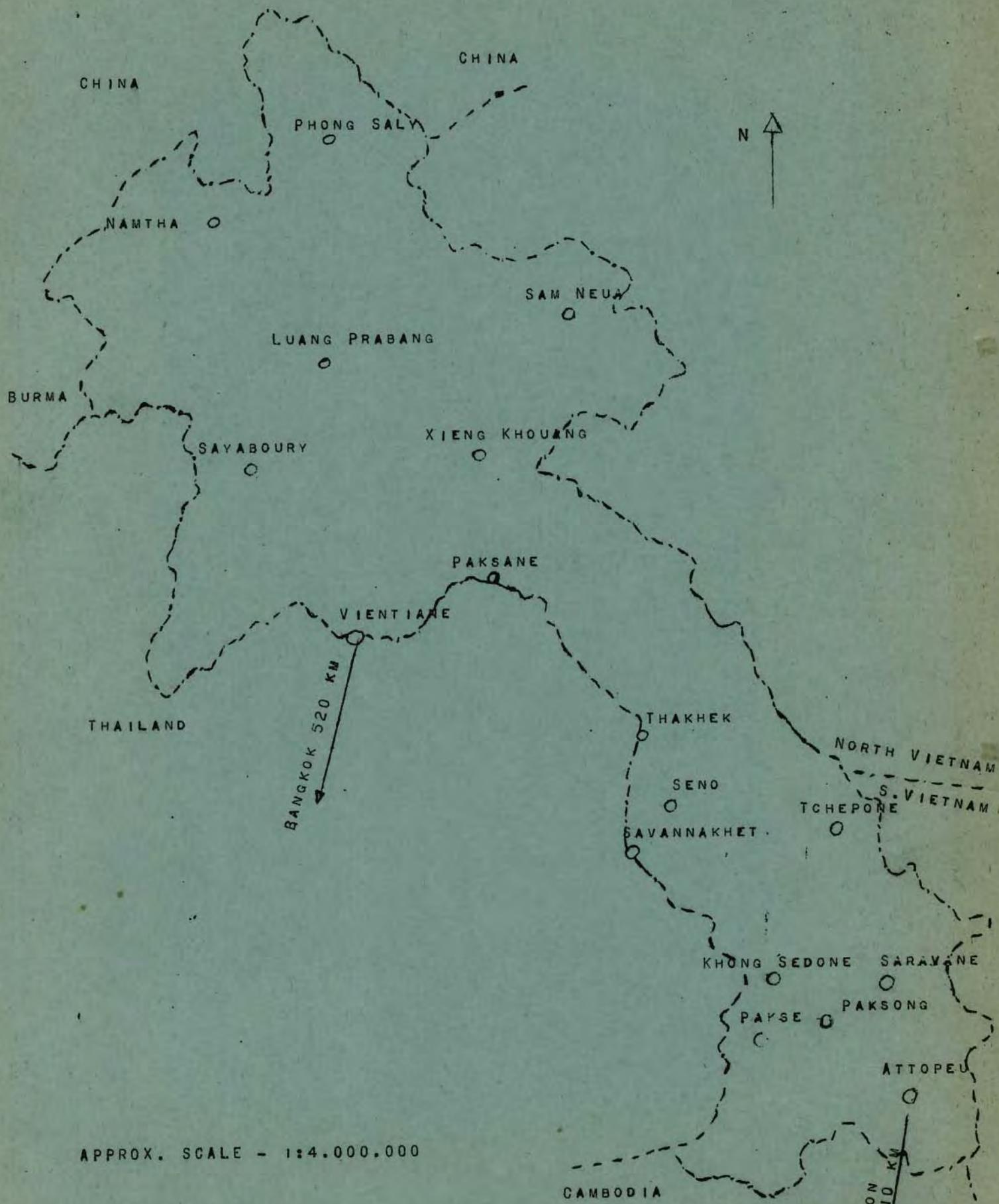
MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 1962

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**TELEVISION ASSOCIATES OF INDIANA, INC.
MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

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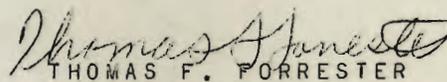
8 JUNE 1962

TO: THE DIRECTOR, USAID/LAOS

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF ENGINEERS, CONTRACT AIDC-1305
REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

1. FORWARDED HERewith IS THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS' LAOS OFFICE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1962.
2. YOUR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ADDITIONAL DELAYS IN CABLE SHIPMENTS REPORTED BY THE VENDOR.

TELEVISION ASSOCIATES OF INDIANA, INC.


THOMAS F. FORRESTER
PROJECT MANAGER-LAOS

ANNEX A
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ANNEX A GENERAL & ADMINISTRATION:

1. MR. JOSEPH SCHMITT, TELEPHONE OUTSIDE PLANT ENGINEER FROM SAIGON, WAS ON TDY IN VIENTIANE 16-23 MAY TO ASSIST THE LOCAL OFFICE IN EXAMINATION AND ORIENTATION OF THE NEWLY ARRIVED CONTRACT TECHNICIANS.

2. ENGINEERING COSTS

A. ENGINEERING COSTS TO DATE ARE
ESTIMATED AS APPROXIMATELY \$ 361,600

OR

111% OF THE CONTRACT LIMITATION OF \$ 328,361

B. DETAIL OF COSTS IS IN APPENDIX I TO THIS ANNEX.
THIS COVERS EXPENDITURES OF:

FIELD OFFICE TO 31 MAY 1962

REGIONAL OFFICE TO 30 APRIL 1962

HOME OFFICE TO 30 APRIL 1962.

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APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A. ENGINEERS' COST AS OF 31 MAY 1962

<u>CONTRACT</u> <u>ARTICLE No.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VI-1	FIXED FEE	\$ 17,778.60
VI-3-(A)	SALARIES: HOME OFFICE PERSONNEL	17,841.32
VI-3-(B)	SALARIES: RESIDENT FIELD STAFF	48,037.95
VI-3-(C)	SALARIES: POOL FIELD STAFF	13,932.98
VI-3-(D)	SALARIES: POOL PILOTS & CO-PILOT	4,507.63
VI-3-(E)	OVERSEAS DIFFERENTIAL	12,519.59
VI-3-(F)(I)	TRAVEL ENROUTE DUTY POST	6,863.75
VI-3-(F)(II)	TRANS. OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS	2,929.42
VI-3-(F)(III)	PER DIEM ALLOW. ENROUTE O.S.	1,347.88
VI-3-(F)(IV)	RETURN TRAVEL - TRANS. & PER DIEM	600.12
VI-3-(F)(V)	PER DIEM IN DUTY COUNTRY	7,258.05
VI-3-(F)(VI)	TRAVEL & PER DIEM IN U.S.A.	1,526.32
VI-3-(F)(VII)	FREIGHT, PACKING, CRATING	3,786.31
VI-3-(F)(VIII)	TRAVEL & PER DIEM: EMP. TO MICH. CITY	60.17
VI-3-(F)(IX)	TRAVEL & PER DIEM: H.O. STAFF O.S.	1,843.94
VI-3-(G)(I)	VACATIONS & SICK LEAVE: H.O.	1,706.68
VI-3-(G)(II)	SICK LEAVE: FIELD STAFF	456.07
VI-3-(G)(III)	HOLIDAYS: FIELD STAFF	1,325.60
VI-3-(G)(IV)	VACATIONS & SICK LEAVE: H.O.	363.97
VI-3-(G)(V)	HOLIDAYS: HOME OFFICE STAFF	308.98
VI-3-(H)	TRAINING & EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES & EXP.	359.41
VI-3-(I)	EQUIP., INSTRUMENTS & SUPPLIES	19,369.16
VI-3-(J)	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	17,320.12
VI-3-(K)	TRAVEL EXPENSE	8,845.39
	VEHICLE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	4,930.59
VI-3-(L)	QUARTERS ALLOWANCE	9,104.16
VI-3-(O)	SUBCONTRACTS & PURCHASE ORDERS	569.32
VI-3-(P)	INSURANCE - PREMIUMS	4,668.42
VI-3-(Q)	DIRECT OUT-OF-POCKET	15,084.01
VI-3-(S)	OVERHEAD - HOME OFFICE	22,979.02
VI-3-(T)	EMPL. OF SPOUSE	9.00
VI-4	SALARIES: LOCAL NON U.S. PERS.	68,978.17
XXXII-4-(B)	HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS	2,273.93
XXXII-4-(C)	OFFICE & STORAGE RENTAL & FURNISHINGS	19,924.89
XXXIV-3	PERFORMANCE & PAYMENT BONDS	3,000.00
	INTERCHANGE OF PERSONNEL	2,697.23
XXXX	EMERGENCY EVACUATION	7,511.69
	TOTAL REPORTED COSTS	\$ 352,619.84
	ESTIMATED UNREPORTED COSTS	9,000.00
	ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS	\$ 361,619.84

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ANNEX B ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS:

1. A LIMITED START ON ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WAS MADE DURING THE LAST WEEK OF THE MONTH. TEMPORARY MAIN FRAME VERTICALS FOR THE INTERIM SYSTEM WERE INSTALLED IN BOTH CENTRAL OFFICES. A GOOD START WAS MADE ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE CABLE BETWEEN THE OFFICES.

2. SOME OF THE CONTRACT TECHNICIANS, THE SENIOR IN EACH SPECIALTY, ARRIVED IN MID-MONTH. AFTER ORIENTATION AND BRIEFING ON PLANS, ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT ON BASIC MATERIAL FOR VARIOUS CREWS WAS MADE WITH THEIR HELP. INSTALLER AND CABLE SPLICER APPRENTICES WERE OBTAINED FROM THE P&T AND PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION WAS COMMENCED AT THE WAREHOUSE. LINEMAN APPRENTICES REPORTED ON 28 MAY AND COMMENCED WORK AND ON-JOB-TRAINING WITH THE TIE CABLE CONSTRUCTION. TWO MORE INSTALLER-REPAIRER TECHNICIANS ARE AWAITED.

3. IT WAS NECESSARY LATE IN THE MONTH TO HALT TRAINING AND PREPARATORY WORK AT THE WAREHOUSE. THE RLG COMMENCED MOVING IN RICE. ENGINEERS CLOSED THE WAREHOUSE AFTER 48 METRIC TONS HAD BEEN PUT IN. ALTHOUGH SPACE WAS THEORETICALLY AVAILABLE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSURE CONTROL AND SAFETY OF THE TELEPHONE MATERIAL WITH WHICH ENGINEERS ARE CHARGED. IT IS EXPECTED THE

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MATTER WILL BE ADJUSTED AND THAT THE WAREHOUSE CAN BE RE-OPENED SHORTLY. THE ENGINEERS HAVE, HOWEVER, ADVISED THE RLG THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT FURTHER RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATERIAL IF THE RLG SHOULD FORCE THE STORAGE OF ADDITIONAL RICE.

4. FURTHER DIFFICULTIES AND DELAYS WERE ENCOUNTERED IN GETTING P&T PERSONNEL ON THE JOB.
 - A. THE RLG HAD PROMISED TO PUT THEIR PERSONNEL ON A 5-DAY, 40-HOUR WEEK (WITH HALF HOUR LUNCH PERIODS). OFFICIAL WORKING TIME IS A $5\frac{1}{2}$ DAY, 37-HOUR WEEK, WITH A 3-HOUR LUNCH PERIOD. THEY HAVE NOW REFUSED TO PUT THEIR PERSONNEL ON A LONG WORK-WEEK IN ABSENCE OF PROJECT PAYMENT OF OVERTIME. WITH USAID APPROVAL, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE P&T CONSTRUCTION WEEK WILL BE $4\frac{1}{2}$ DAYS - 37 HOURS, WITH HALF-HOUR FOR LUNCH, STARTING 1 JUNE. WHEN HEAVY CABLE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES, HOWEVER, SOME ARRANGEMENT FOR A LONGER WEEK WILL BE NECESSARY.
 - B. IN SPITE OF A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT TO DO SO, THE P&T DID NOT FURNISH INSTALLER-APPRENTICES WITH DRIVING PERMITS, NOR WILL THEY FURNISH DRIVERS FOR VEHICLES. FIELD WORK IS HELD UP UNTIL DRIVERS TO BE PAID FROM PROJECT COUNTERPART

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FUNDS CAN BE RECRUITED. THESE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE, BUT THE RLG HAD NOT ARRANGED FOR THEIR USE. DRIVERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE ABOUT 6 JUNE.

5. IT IS EXPECTED SERIOUS WORK ON THE "INTERIM SYSTEM", PRINCIPALLY RE-WIRING OF SUBSCRIBERS, WILL COMMENCE IN EARLY JUNE. IF ALL TECHNICIANS ARE PRESENT, WORK SHOULD BE AT FULL TEMPO BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

6. PROCUREMENT

- A. VERY LITTLE MATERIAL WAS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH. SEVERAL SHIPMENTS ARE IN BANGKOK, SOME HAVING BEEN THERE SINCE MARCH. RECENT MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN THAILAND ARE REPORTED TO BE ADDING TO THE FREIGHT CONGESTION ON THE RAILROAD LINE TO LAOS.
- B. THE HOME OFFICE ADVISED THAT ALL ITEMS ON P.O. 20981, INCLUDING POLE TERMINALS, BACK-ORDERED SINCE NOVEMBER 1961, WERE SHIPPED ON 23 MARCH. THERE IS NO REPORT OF ARRIVAL, AND NO SHIPPING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH WHICH A TRACER CAN BE MADE.

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C. CABLE

- (1) CONFIRMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VENDOR OF THE SUBTERRANEAN CABLE THAT THE MANUFACTURER WILL NOT MEET THE CONTRACTED SHIPPING DATES. THE NEW SHIPPING DATES ALSO INDICATE THAT CABLE WILL NOT BE SHIPPED IN THE SEQUENCE REQUIRED FOR STARTING WORK.
- (2) ALLOWING FOR A TEN-WEEK SHIPPING PERIOD, FACTORY TO PROJECT WAREHOUSE, A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE BY PAST STANDARDS, CABLE REQUIRED FOR START OF CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE MID-AUGUST.
- (3) IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN THIS LATEST SCHEDULE IS NOT BEING MET. ACCORDING TO IT, SHIPMENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE FROM ENGLAND IN LATE MARCH, MID-APRIL, AND LATE-APRIL. SHIPS WHICH DEPARTED NORTHERN EUROPE IN LATE APRIL ARE NOW UNLOADING IN BANGKOK. NO SHIPPING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND THE FREIGHT OFFICE IN BANGKOK WAS CERTAIN, AS OF 30 MAY, THAT NO CABLE HAD ARRIVED.
- (4) IF NO FURTHER DELAYS OCCUR, DELAY IN THE EARLY SHIPMENTS WILL NOT EFFECT THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, EXCEPT AS IT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO FREIGHT CONGESTION.

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D. SPARE PARTS WERE REQUISITIONED FOR THE TELEPHONE SUBSETS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED UNDER FRENCH AID. A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE SETS HAVE BEEN IN USE IN THE MANUAL SYSTEM AND MUST BE REHABILITATED BEFORE USE IN THE AUTOMATIC SYSTEM. NO SPARE PARTS ARE ON HAND. THE COST, \$1,466, IS NOT REFLECTED IN APPENDIX I.

E. SEE APPENDIX I TO THIS ANNEX FOR DETAIL OF PROCUREMENT STATUS.

7. IT NOW APPEARS THAT ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE TO OBTAIN A MANUFACTURER'S TECHNICIAN TO OPERATE THE DIAL CENTRAL OFFICE DURING THE CUT-OVER AND CONSTRUCTION PERIOD. OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES ARE BEING CHECKED. PRESENT P&T CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF ARE POORLY TRAINED AND CANNOT OPERATE THE TEST DESK. SOME HELP MUST BE PROVIDED THERE.

8. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

A. A NEW SCHEDULE HAD BEEN PREPARED AND IS PRESENTED WITH THIS REPORT. THERE ARE SOME MINOR CHANGES IN RELATIVE VALUES OF SOME OF THE WORK, PRINCIPALLY IN SALVAGE AND POLE LINE REHABILITATION WHICH HAVE

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BEEN AFFECTED BY DESTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION DURING THE PAST YEAR AND BY ADOPTION OF JOINT POLE USE PRACTICES.

B. THE PRINCIPAL CONSTRUCTION COMPONENT, HAS BEEN RE-TITLED AND OUT OF IT HAS BEEN MADE A NEW SMALL COMPONENT TO REFLECT WORK AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

C. THE PRINCIPAL CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE TO REFLECT THE ADDITIONAL DELAY IN START OF CABLE CONSTRUCTION, BASED ON THE LATEST SCHEDULE OF SHIPMENT FOR CABLE. IF THIS SCHEDULE IS MET, A START OF CONSTRUCTION IS FORECAST FOR MID-AUGUST WITH A FEBRUARY COMPLETION.

9. LAOS - THAILAND TOLL LINK. A SUBSTANTIATION REPORT WAS SUBMITTED TO USAID RECOMMENDING RE-ACTIVATION OF THE COMPONENT TO PROVIDE A BROAD BAND RADIO RELAY LINK FROM VIENTIANE INTO THE THAILAND TOLL SYSTEM. EARLY ACTION WAS URGED TO PERMIT A CONTRACT TO BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE THAILAND SYSTEM. THE CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVE LATER ADVISED VERBALLY THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION, AS WELL AS AN EARLIER ONE TO PROVIDE A TOLL LINE TO THADEUA, HAD BEEN DISAPPROVED.

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10. USAID/LAOS ADVISED ON 22 MAY THAT, EXCEPT FOR FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE VIENTIANE TELEPHONE OUTSIDE PLANT COMPONENT, ALL THE REMAINDER OF PROJECT FUNDS WERE BEING DE-OBLIGATED. ENGINEERS WERE REQUESTED TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE SUCH ENGINEERING DATA AND REPORTS AS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PREPARED FOR OTHER PROJECT COMPONENTS.

11. DOLLAR COST SUMMARY

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>		<u>SPENT</u> <u>TO-DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
	<u>OR</u> <u>ALLOCATED</u>	<u>SUB-OBLIGATION</u>		
VIENTIANE TELEPHONE	\$ 365,000	P10/C 80136 \$ 300,000	\$ 297,035	ALL IMPORTED COMMODITIES (APPENDIX I)
		P10/T 80159 \$ 40,000		TECHNICIAN CONTRACT
		PRO-AG 2029 \$ 1,125*		LOCAL CURRENCY EXPENDITURES
ENGINEERING	\$ 328,361	P10/T 80110 \$ 328,361	\$ 361,600	DETAIL IN ANNEX A
SUSPENDED COMPONENT & ADDED ENGI- NEERING COST	\$2,563,639			
	<u>\$3,257,000</u>	<u>\$ 673,486</u>	<u>\$ 658,635</u>	

NOTE: * BALANCE OF PRO-AG HAS BEEN DE-OBLIGATED.

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APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX B

VIENTIANE TELEPHONE OUTSIDE PLANT
STATUS OF PROCUREMENT-PIO/C 80136

31 MAY 1962

TOTAL PIO/C \$300,000 100% ORDERED
PURCHASE ORDER

46% OF ORDERS DELIVERED
SHIPMENT

No.	DATE	VENDOR	COST*	No. OF ITEMS	SHIPPING FINAL DATE	FROM	ARRIVAL BANGKOK			DELIVERY VIENTIANE		
							DATE**	No. OF ITEMS	SHIP- PED	DATE	No. OF ITEMS	VALUE***
COMPLETED		VARIOUS	\$ 85,761.92	229		USA				VARIOUS	229	\$ 85,761.92
20981	20/7/61	AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC	\$ 47,280.78	185		USA			(6)		174	\$ 41,091.46
20994	22/7/61	INTER. STD. ELECTRIC	\$ 96,540.03	15	31/3/THRU 31/8/62	ENG.						
21003	24/7/61	J.S. OPPENHEIMER	\$ 4,238.29	27	31/12/61	USA	A5/3/62	27	(3)			
21039	3/8/61	INTER. STD. ELECTRIC	\$ 2,820.62	28	25/2/62	USA	A17/4/62	28	(5)			
21756	20/12/61	" " "	\$ 2,241.70	28	26/1/62	USA	A9/5/62	28	(4)			
1030	19/1/62	" " "	\$ 3,964.49	32	10/5/62	USA	E17/6/62 E9/7/62	4 28	(1) (2)			
1031	19/1/62	AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC	\$ 1,206.40	15	1/6/62	USA			(7)			
1166	6/3/62	" "	\$ 1,995.77	28	1/6/62	USA			(7)			
1275	23/4/62	INTER. STD. ELECTRIC	\$ 1,937.22	15	28/6/62	USA			(7)			
1277	23/4/62	" " "	\$ 362.84	16	9/7/62	USA			(7)			
70-TA/L	30/4/62	LINDETEVES(THAILAND)LTD.	\$ 22,836.00	3		BKK.						
72-TA/L	17/5/62	CALTEX OIL(THAILAND)LTD.	\$ 3,132.80	2		BKK.						
TOTAL ORDERED			\$ 274,318.86			TOTAL DELIVERED						\$126,853.38
AGENTS 5% COMMISSION			\$ 13,715.94									
RESERVED FOR FREIGHT - BANGKOK-VIENTIANE			\$ 9,000.00									
TOTAL AMOUNT COMMITTED			\$ 297,034.80									

SHIP NOTES: (1) JOHN C (5) STEEL TRAVELLER
(2) STEEL ADVOCATE (6) BACK ORDER ITEMS REPORTED
(3) STEEL ADVOCATE SHIPPED 23 MARCH
(4) STEEL ADMIRAL (7) ALL REPORTED SHIPPED

* LETTER OF CREDIT OR FINAL COST
** E = ETA; A = ARRIVED
*** W/O FREIGHT BANGKOK-VIENTIANE

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ANNEX C PERSONNEL:

1.	<u>PREVIOUS</u> <u>PERMANENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u> <u>TEMPORARY</u>
TOTAL U.S. STAFF REQUIREMENT	6	3
ON STATION*	3	3
IN PROCESS OR SCHEDULE	0	0
OPEN - UNFILLED	3	3

NOTE: * INCLUDES ONE TELEPHONE ENGINEER ASSIGNED TO THE BANGKOK OFFICE BUT COVERING THE LAOS WORK WITH TDY IN LAOS AS REQUIRED.

2.	<u>LOCAL</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
ON JOB FORCE		
MANAGEMENT	3	1
ENGINEERING	3	1
ADMINISTRATION	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>
	12	3

3. AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF SEPARATION ALLOWANCES TO THE PROJECT MANAGER AND TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WAS RECEIVED. PAYMENT RETROACTIVE TO START OF SEPARATION HAS BEEN CLAIMED AND APPROVAL HAS BEEN INDICATED.
4. LOCAL COST-OF-LIVING CONTINUES TO RISE, BEING ESPECIALLY SEVERE FOR THE LOW SALARIED WORKERS WITH A 35% RISE IN FOOD COSTS SINCE DECEMBER. THE MATTER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVE, WHO LATER ADVISED NO ADJUSTMENTS WERE COMTEMPLATED BY U. S. AGENCIES.