

# MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN  
FROM : A/SZDAD  
SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report - July 1970

DATE: 04 August 1970

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## GENERAL

No significant incidents of hostile activity were reported during the month of July. However, there has been a generalized increase in overall security measures in the DaNang area and increased enemy activity for the early part of August has been forecasted by several sources.

The early part of the month brought an increase in the number of Southern Air Transport flights transiting this station. All were substitute service Stars & Stripes missions scheduled as a result of the World Airways flight crew walk-out.

Traffic and Operations had been geared to handle seventeen SAT flights during July. However, an agreement was reached after only six flights were operated and the remaining unflown missions were cancelled.

An agreement has been reached with the Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron - 16, of Marine Air Group 16, to remove from their supply area Helicopter and aircraft parts that they are unable to use.

To date we have received approximately 3,000 pounds of aircraft parts and miscellaneous supplies. The most noteworthy being a bell 204 tail boom assembly and four main rotor mast assemblies.

As Hand MS-16 continues to weed through the supplies they have on-hand, they will call us whenever they run across something they feel we may be able to utilize.

There is no way of projecting the monetary value possible from this project.

## LEGAL

Payment of the rent for the former SZ residence was paid on 11 July. The Agent for the landlord expressed great disappointment due to the fact his request for a rent increase was not approved.

## FACILITIES

The Area Paving and Drainage Ditch Completion project was at a stand-still for better than a week due to the non-availability of a cement mixer.

On the 15 July a mixer was obtained and the project has moved along swiftly. There should now be no problem meeting the 15 August completion date.

FACILITIES (CONT'D)

The major portions of the Hostel Renovation project were completed during the last week in July. All that remains is minor clean-up and small touch-up jobs that will be handled in-house.

Plans for the Passenger Terminal Renovation project have been received from Saigon and they have been reviewed with the local customer and his approval was received.

The project is still frustrated by a lack of materials and the apparent reluctance on the part of the contractor to submit a bid.

FISCAL

Per diem expenses for the station showed a decrease the second half of July with the return of the Hostel Renovation team to Saigon.

██████████ payroll for the month totaled: 1,012,010\$VN

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 103,255\$VN

OPERATIONS:

Total flight time for this reporting period reflects a decrease of 35+58 over the month of June. This decrease is attributable to the reduction of the additional C-46 RCNs.

The reduced Sunday flight schedule continues and only minor personnel scheduling problems were encountered when the customers programmed last minute early departures or late arrivals.

Following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station during July:

VN-70/AID	_____	755+53
VN-70/Embassy	_____	194+34
VN-70/RDC	_____	5+00
C/0069	_____	0+25
TOTAL	_____	955+52

There were no controllable revenue losses during July.

The hostel occupancy factor for the period 01 July through 09 July was 90%. For the remainder of the month it dropped to 64.5%. This decrease is the result of our utilizing the additional rooms and beds as they became available.

OPERATIONS (CONT'D)

Non-availability certificates for a total of 124 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel. During the month 2,400 piastres were disbursed to provide hotel accommodations for flight crew personnel. This amount is a drastic reduction over the amount disbursed in June (13,280\$VN) as a result of the completion of the Hostel Renovation project.

COMMUNICATIONS

It appears that we still are experiencing problems with the Motorola Remote HF/VHF system. Numerous trips had to be made to the remote site [REDACTED]. The system was off-the-air two days during the month and was not repaired until the Motorola maintenance manuals were received from CMD/SGN. Overall HF operation was normal with only minor interference encountered.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1331 and 1563 respectively.

TRAFFIC

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month of July are as follows:

	<u>PAX IN</u>	<u>PAX OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-70/AID	2,662	2,328	138,255	118,112
VN-70/Embassy	379	602	1,900	5,801
C/0069	12	12	0	0
AF/0030	5	5	0	0
AAH	88	109	7,495.7	4,149.4
TOTAL	<u>3,146</u>	<u>3,056</u>	<u>147,650.7</u>	<u>128,062.4</u>

SECURITY

There were no major problems encountered in this area during this reporting period. The VNAP Security Office continues to validate Company Travel Orders for a limited time in lieu of requiring the processing of temporary air base passes.

PERSONNEL

Station Manager, Winston C. Cambre, departed on Home Leave on 10 July. The undersigned assumed the duties of Acting Station Manager on that date.

The personnel breakdown for this station at the close of business, 31 July 1970, was as follows:

PERSONNEL (CONT'D)

[REDACTED]

Permanent	3	13	17	70
Pre-Process	0	0	0	1
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (104)	3	13	17	71

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 544 arriving and 544 departing flights, as compared with 569 arrivals and 554 departures in June. There were no delays which resulted in a revenue loss chargeable to maintenance. Three number 1 services were performed on 204B aircraft and 2 number 2 services were also accomplished on same type.

There was one engine change performed during July. This was accomplished on VTB, N9956Z, after the pilot reported the LH engine torque indication was progressively decreasing. The reason for this low torque was believed to be internal since the engine showed no evidence of an oil leak in the external torque system components. Other volpars transiting this station presented only minor problems which involved only minor adjustments and not incurring any revenue loss.

RGMD expended a total of 870 manhours of which 576.80 were utilized at the Hostel. With the completion of the Hostel Renovation project, RGMD will now divert it's attention to the painting of the nose hangar.

The final invoices from Danang Naval Support Activity were paid on 28 July and 3 August respectively. No further word has been received regarding our procurement of supplies from the Army Support Command.

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