

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN

DATE: 08 March 1971

FROM : SZ/DAD

REF. No. SZDAD/71/029

SUBJECT: DANANG Station Monthly Report for February 1971

GENERAL

Hostile activity in the Danang area increased significantly as compared to the previous few months. On the morning of 21 February approximately ten 122mm rockets impacted on the west side of the Danang air base. One USAF C-130 aircraft was destroyed by a direct hit.

On the morning of 8 February, 204B N1307X received eight hits from automatic weapons fire approximately 7 miles west southwest of Hoi-An. Only one crewmember was injured, a minor ankle cut caused by shrapnel. Several major components of the aircraft, including the engine, were replaced either as a result of damage or as precautionary measures.

Both main landing gears of VTB N3674G collapsed on landing at Danang on 13 February. USAF crash recovery did an excellent job of lifting the aircraft from the runway and transferring it to the company ramp. No further damage was caused by this operation. Temporary repairs were made on the aircraft at Danang to permit a gear down ferry to Saigon.

The Danang city curfew has been reduced one hour, from 2200 hours to 2300 hours (until 0600).

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

Both Danang customer representatives have been most cooperative in assisting the company in reducing dislocations resulting from published flight time limitations. Most of the problems concerning the scheduling of 204B aircraft have been temporarily resolved.

LEGAL

Payment for the new SZ residence is still being deferred pending repair of minor discrepancies.

FACILITIES

The work request submitted to Base Civil Engineering for resurfacing the 204B touchdown pads on the company ramp has been basically approved. A cost estimate has been prepared and materials programmed, but work has not commenced to date.

FISCAL

Attendance rosters are still being utilized to record time and attendance. ~~As necessary to ship the timeclock to Japan for operation.~~

FISCAL (Cont'd)

██████████ payroll for the month totaled: 1,078,459\$VN

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 33,540\$VN

OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time decreased only 4+03 hours as compared to January. Revenue losses remained high but were mainly due to uncontrollable causes.

The following is a breakdown of revenue flight time generated by this station in February:

VN-91/AID	642+01
VN-91/Embassy	181+14
Total	823+15

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Weather	19+30
Maintenance	5+15
Crew rest	2+00
Damage repair (N1307X)	9+00
Total	35+45

It is understood that the request to survey the two station micro-busses may be approved in the near future. Detailed plans are now being made pertaining to specifications for replacement vehicles.

HOSTEL

The hostel occupancy rate declined somewhat as compared to previous months. More effective rotation of flight crews and fewer additional BOM aircraft are the primary reasons. Of a total of 506 beds available, 393 were utilized, yielding an occupancy factor of 77.9 per cent.

Certificates of non-availability for a total of 10 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS

The remote VHF/UHF Motorola system operated fairly well during the month but minor problems continue to be encountered. It was off the air for two days due to a main power failure at the ██████████ site. The overall reliability of this system still leaves much to be desired.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1195 and 651 respectively.

TRAFFIC

The Berkel cargo weighing scale was installed in the USAID Warehouse but is inoperative due to some broken steel ribbons which support the balancing mechanism. These items were apparently damaged in shipment.

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

	<u>PAX IN</u>	<u>PAX OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-9101/AID	2,735	2,581	249,948	36,423
VN-9102/EMB	298	645	400	8,641
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AAM	43	117	6,884.7	3,361.6
Total	<u>3,081</u>	<u>3,344</u>	<u>257,232.7</u>	<u>48,425.6</u>

SECURITY

1971 Air Base passes for all [REDACTED] employees were received and should remain valid for the remainder of the calendar year providing updated residence authorizations continue to be received from Saigon.

PERSONNEL

Difficulties in obtaining exit/re-entry visas have caused the cancellation and/or deferral of several leave plans for TCM personnel. Not only does this situation cause inconvenience to the concerned employee, it frequently results in payroll deductions since revised leave requests do not always reach payroll in time to make the necessary adjustments.

The personnel breakdown for Danang Station at the close of business, 28 February 1971, was as follows:

	[REDACTED]			
Permanent	3	11	15	64
Pre-Process	0	0	0	1
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily-Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (94)	3	11	15	65

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 450 arriving and departing flights as compared to 437 in January. Heavy services were limited to 204B aircraft (three number 1 services and one number 2 service). One engine change was required (VTB) and four aircraft were grounded for parts (2-VTB, 1-PC6 and 1-204B).

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TECHNICAL SERVICES (Cont'd)

RGMD expended a total of 520 manhours, of which 86 were utilized in maintaining the hostel. Two airconditioner compressor motors burned out during the month. Only one PEMD mechanic has been on duty since 5 February due to a resignation and a delay in returning from leave due to illness, but he has managed to keep all powered equipment operating.

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