

# MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN  
FROM : SZ/DAD  
SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for January 1971

DATE: 05 February 1971

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## GENERAL

Only minor incidents of hostile activity were reported in the Danang area during January. Increased security measures were undertaken by U.S. and Vietnamese military forces over the TET holidays. Scheduled flights to Quang-Ngai on 3 January, and all CORDS passenger flights within Military Region I on 4 January, were cancelled due to anticipated civil disturbances.

## CUSTOMER RELATIONS

The strict enforcement of company flight time limitations for flight crews has disrupted customer requirements somewhat. Not exceeding 8 hours flight time per day and complying with the crew rest provisions of these limitations have created the greatest problems. Both customer air operations officers have manifested discontent over the situation.

## LEGAL

No payment has yet been made regarding the lease of a residence for SZ DAD due to delays in accomplishing required improvements. However, the new residence has been occupied.

## FACILITIES

Nightly operation of the hostel generator has commenced. The noise level is considered high but not intolerable. The significant cost savings of this unit will probably not be realized until warmer weather results in increased air-conditioner operation.

A work request was submitted to the Base Civil Engineering Squadron (USAF) in an attempt to have the 204B touchdown pads, on the company ramp, resurfaced with concrete. The asphalt surface has deteriorated to the extent that they are only marginally usable and a potential FOD hazard is evident.

USAF plans to install a gate across the flight line access road, adjacent to the station facility, have been delayed due lack of required materials.

## FISCAL

Conversion of the station timeclock to 50 hertz operations is being undertaken at this time; attendance rosters are being submitted by each department in the interim.

FISCAL (Cont'd)

██████████ payroll for the month totaled: 954,102\$VN

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 31,965\$VN

OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time decreased 114+18 hours as compared to December. Adverse weather, reduced flying over the TET holidays, and fewer PC-6 requirements contributed greatly to this reduction. No revenue losses were incurred as a result of the enforcement of company flight time limitations in January, but such is not expected to continue in February.

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

VN-91/AID .....	607+29
VN-91/Embassy .....	215+42
0069 .....	4+07
TOTAL .....	<u>827+18</u>

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Customer cancellations ...	19+00
Weather .....	18+40
Maintenance .....	2+00
TOTAL .....	<u>39+40</u>

The station complement of GTD vehicles was reduced from 6 to 5 with the transfer of one Mitsubishi Jeep to SZ DAD to replace the previously utilized M-38 Jeep shipped to Saigon. No status has been received concerning a request to survey the two station micro-busses.

HOSTEL

Of 548 beds available at the hostel, 451 were utilized which yields a monthly occupancy rate of 85%. The total number of beds at the hostel was reduced from 22 to 21 as one room was considered too small to accommodate two beds. There are now 8 double rooms and 5 single rooms at the hostel.

Certificates of non-availability for a total of 16 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS

Difficulties continue to be experienced with the Motorola remote VHF/UHF system. Flight crews frequently report that Danang transmissions are unreadable. Although all receivers and transmitters

COMMUNICATIONS (Cont'd)

involved in this system were thoroughly checked and overhauled as necessary in December, its performance is far below previous levels.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1217 and 805 respectively.

TRAFFIC

The customer funded cargo weighing scale for the Traffic/USAID warehouse was received and should be installed in the second week of February.

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

	<u>PAX IN</u>	<u>PAX OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-9101/AID	2,356	2,216	190,906	56,854
VN/9102/EMBASSY	317	503	28	3,593
0030	02	04	-	-
0069	07	05	-	-
AAK	82	86	10,287	10,994.5
TOTAL .....	2,764	2,814	201,221	70,941.5

SECURITY

Approved, 1971, airbase passes have not as yet been received from VNAF security for any station personnel. Only minor problems have been encountered to date by those employees without a valid pass.

PERSONNEL

Leave plans for several TCN personnel are being modified due to difficulties in obtaining exit/re-entry visas. Much of the problem seems to result from the processing involved in new extensions of stay and work permits which requires the employee's passport as part of the supporting documentation.

The personnel breakdown for Danang Station at the close of business, 31 January 1971, was as follows:

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

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TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 437 arriving and departing flights as compared to 488 in December. 1 PC-6 and 4 204B number one services were performed during the month. Number 2 services were limited to 204B aircraft and totaled: 2. One engine change was required (VIB) and two aircraft were grounded for parts (VIB and 204B).

RGMD expended a total of 608 manhours, of which 49 were utilized in maintaining the company hostel.

Some hostel expendable supplies are now being stocked by RSD/SGM which will reduce considerably the payment of inflated prices for these items on the local economy (a box of soap powder costs 200 piastres and a can of insect spray from 260 to 400 piastres).

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