

# MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN

DATE: 05 January 1970

FROM : SZ/DAD

REF. No. SZDAD/70/002

SUBJECT: DANANG Station Monthly Report for December 1969

## GENERAL

Hostile activity in the Danang area was negligible throughout the month. During a few evenings explosions were heard, but these were attributed to outgoing artillery fire.

Only two Southern Air Transport flights transited Danang in December, one of which operated the scheduled World Airways Stars and Stripes mission.

No information has yet been received regarding an authorization from the local Customs Directorate to permit the loading and offloading of company cargo on international flights transiting this station. Apparently the matter has been referred to Saigon for approval.

One local national sustained a severe head injury at An-Hoa on 27 December when he entered the tail rotor arc of 204B N1307X. The victim was evacuated to the Danang/USAID hospital but died shortly after arrival. According to the physician, the brain damage was so extensive that it was doubtful he would have lived regardless of the treatment facilities available.

## CUSTOMER RELATIONS

Both AID and Embassy had TCS Air Operations Officers assigned at Danang during December but no significant problems have resulted during their assignments.

Numerous flights were cancelled due to weather, but with the exception of certain Volpar flights, difficulties in this regard were minimal. AID voiced some generalized complaints concerning the long block times experienced when Volpars were filed IFR. ATC departure delays in excess thirty minutes are common and extensive holding time is not infrequent for approaches, but AID would not make a clear cut decision as to whether or not flights should be dispatched IFR. In most instances, it was necessary to obtain their approval for the flight on the basis of the number of passengers manifested.

## LEGAL

The lease on the New Hostel [REDACTED] will expire on 9 February. Due to the low occupancy rate at this facility it is doubtful that renewal of the lease will be recommended. Alternatives

LEGAL (Cont'd)

to relinquishing this property through either leasing another building to combine both hostels or leasing rooms in a local hotel are being investigated.

FACILITIES

The GSD shipping and receiving warehouse located adjacent to the ramp area was recently transferred to CORDS for operational control. Considering the long delay being experienced in obtaining approval for the Terminal Renovation Project, AID is exploring the possibility of renovating this warehouse for use as a passenger processing facility and to relocate flight operations so as to give this department visual access to the flight line. All work on this warehouse project, if approved, would be performed thru customer channels utilizing their GSO capability. The primary company expense and effort entailed in such a move would be the relocation of the station radio receivers and intercom system.

The station eighty foot antenna mast was erected on 11 December. A 204B was utilized to lift the mast into position which required 10 minutes flight time. Four poles are in the process of being installed to provide supports for the antennas. It is anticipated that this antenna may be operational by the end of January.

The USAF generator was almost one hundred per cent reliable during December. Commercial power was only required when scheduled maintenance was being performed on the unit.

FISCAL

██████████ payroll for the month totaled ██████████ (includes year end bonus payment)

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 20,530\$VN

OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time increased 74+57 hours as compared to the previous month. Although weather was responsible for several flight cancellations, there were days when unrestricted flying was possible. On these occasions, additional flights were scheduled which tended to compensate for previous revenue losses.

The following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station during December:

VN-70/AID	-----	764+56
VN-70/EMB	-----	220+19
0005	-----	8+22
0069	-----	Nil
Non-Revenue	-----	0+10
Total	-----	<u>993+47</u>

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Weather - - - - -	49+45
Maintenance - - - - -	Nil
Customer Cancellation - - -	Nil
Other - - - - -	Nil
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Total - - - - -	49+45

The station weather teletype and autowriter circuits were reactivated during the month by USAF personnel. NOTAMS are transmitted over the same circuit as the weather but these are usually transmitted at night. Presently, the teletype is being operated between 2230 and 2400 hours to receive the daily NOTAM summary. The night security guards turn the machine on and off at the above times.

Hostel occupancy factors were 78% and 43% for the Old and New Hostels respectively. The use of TCM flight mechanics and an increase in TCS RMD personnel are the primary reasons for the above distribution.

Mr. E.A. Clay, OM/SGM, arrived on 28 December to replace SOR/DAD who is on home leave.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone communications capability was doubled during the month with the installation of one additional Class A and Class C line. The Class C telephone is connected to an instrument in the passenger terminal for passenger use only. The remaining three telephone circuits are connected to the station intercom/telephone system. Unfortunately, there are no provisions for having two of these lines ring on incoming calls. Ground radio is attempting to connect the one ringer available to sound when any incoming call is received.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1581 and 1433 respectively.

#### TRAFFIC

The PCS transfer of TM/GS SGM to DAD was approved, and with the arrival of Mr. Clay, TM/DAD has been relieved of responsibilities in Flight Operations.

Utilizing paint and materials supplied by the Embassy customer, the passenger processing area was repainted and rearranged and now presents a very attractive facility in comparison to the previous layout.

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month are as follows:

	<u>Passengers In</u>	<u>Passengers Out</u>	<u>Cargo In</u>	<u>Cargo Out</u>
VN-70/AID	2,393	2,581	372,963	298,404
VN-70/EMB	520	603	3,070	20,529
0069	5	2	-	-
0005	11	9	-	-
AAM	104	114	9,729.6	52,060.5
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Total	3,033	3,309	385,762.6	370,993.5

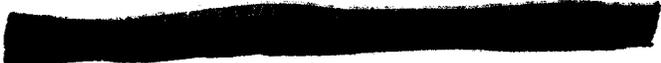
SECURITY

Due to internal administrative difficulties, VNAF Base Security announced that 1970 base pass processing dates would be extended. Seventeen TCN personnel have yet to receive an extension of stay so it would not have been impossible to process new passes for these employees if it had been necessary to submit applications on 31 December as originally scheduled.

PERSONNEL

An employee representatives election was conducted on 8 December in compliance with Vietnamese Labor Law. Even though most indigenous employees participated, there was little interest displayed in the affair. One employee, elected as an alternate representative, formally resigned from the position.

The personnel breakdown at Danang station at the close of business, 31 December, was as follows:



Permanent	3	18	14	83
Pre-Process	0	0	0	0
Temporary	2	0	1	0
Daily Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (121)	5	18	15	83

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 625 arriving and 624 departing flights, a slight increase as compared to November. There were no flight delays which resulted in a revenue loss attributable to maintenance during the reporting period. Four heavy services were performed during the month, all on 204B aircraft, two of which were Number 2 services. Only one aircraft was placed on AGP status.

RGMD expended a total of 740 manhours, of which 325 were consumed by leased properties. The main completed project was the installation to two high intensity lights to illuminate the PC-6 parking area.

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No problem in the realm of NSA procurement was experienced, but a detailed reconciliation of those requisitions on back order status was requested.

Original Signed by  
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MONTHLY REPORT

MHA - TRANG

DECEMBER 1969

GENERAL

All U.S. Military facilities on our side of the airport are now closed. Eating facilities have vanished in this area. Breakfast is now being taken at the "Neptune" MCC Club and we have obtained refrigerators for Sodas, Sandwiches and Doughnuts sold to flight crew for lunch when desired. The only remaining alternative would be to transport crewmembers to the other side of the airbase for these meals. Presently we are investigating the possibility of having someone operate a Snack-bar in the area. More will be known by the next report time.

No military incidents occurred this month.

TRAFFIC

Another slight decrease in revenue flying time this month due to the CHRISTMAS schedule, inclement weather, and loss of one 204B from this station. (See statistics)

STATISTICS

<u>Passenger</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>1968</u>
Departing	4135	4092	2982
Arriving	<u>3757</u>	<u>3561</u>	<u>1083</u>
TOTAL	7892	7656	4065

CARGO

1. GROUND SERVICES (Lbs)

Departing	387,329	357,686	376,971
Arriving	<u>307,630</u>	<u>262,744</u>	<u>203,065</u>
TOTAL	694,959	620,430	580,039

2. CAMPAIN CARGO (Lbs)

Departing	5,239	3,488	5,804
Arriving	<u>11,758</u>	<u>3,337</u>	<u>4,876</u>
TOTAL	16,997	6,825	10,680

3. GRAND TOTAL (Lbs) (1+2)

Departing	392,568	361,174	382,778
Arriving	<u>319,388</u>	<u>266,081</u>	<u>207,941</u>
TOTAL	711,956	627,255	590,719

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

Customer relations continue to remain good to excellent with few problems occurring.

OPERATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS : VHF and HF are still causing problems. Our Motorola unit has been out due to a burned out blower fan motor. We are unable to "Jury Rig" a suitable replacement as yet and must depend on the back-up unit until the new unit arrives. The new 60' OMI-directional antenna will be completed in January and should resolve most of our communication problems.

B. FLIGHT EFFICIENCY (See attached)

C. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE COMPARISON

	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>1968</u>
Arrival	514	528	643
Departure	515	531	654
RCN	262	271	354

D. DELAYS

Percentage on time	98%	98%
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SECURITY

No major problems.

PERSONNEL ( See attached)

FISCAL : No major problems

LEGAL : No major problems

TECHNICAL SERVICES

	<u>DEC.</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>1968</u>
1. Transient overnight	252	258	289
2. Overnight services	262	270	354
3. Engine changes	2	0	1
4. Propeller changes	1	0	2
5. No. I services	0	1	6
6. No. II services	0	0	1
7. Delays Maint/Mech.	2	3	22
8. Intermediate services	0	0	0
9. ACP	5	4	12
10. Outline recoveries	2	2	2
11. Accident report (A/C)	1	1	0
12. Accident report (INL)	0	0	0

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