

# MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN

FROM : A/SZDAD

SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for June, 1969

DATE: 03 July, 1969

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## GENERAL

During the month there was one occasion in which the DaNang Air Base received hostile fire from enemy rockets. On the night of 6 June at least nineteen 122mm and 140mm rockets impacted within the confines of the air base causing minor damage to military installations. Five U.S. military fatalities were rumored but not officially confirmed as a result of this attack. Several satchel charges were exploded in the City of DaNang but no casualties were reported. Company personnel and property were not directly affected by these actions.

The DaNang city curfew was extended one hour and is now in effect from 2100 to 0600 hours daily. The air base curfew remains from 1900 to 0600 hours for indigenous employees. No serious curfew incidents were reported during the month with the exception of a short term detention of one Filipino employee by Vietnamese authorities. This type of problem results from police insistence that Third Country National personnel should have their passport in their possession at all times. Such a requirement is completely untenable since employee passports are usually held by the Saigon Passport and Visa section for visa and extension of stay processing. Individual letters of identification have so far sufficed to remedy the problem but employees are still subject to minor harassment.

The number of Southern Air Transport flights declined from the previous month for a total of six. No problems were encountered in the ground handling of these flights, but the possibility of utilizing a local ground handling service is being investigated. Authorization from VNAF security to permit two Vietnamese utility personnel to remain on the air base overnight to assist in the handling of the SAT round trip flights scheduled to arrive during the curfew has been requested, but no reply has been received to date. Seven such flights are already scheduled into DaNang during July.

A Per Diem rate survey was conducted during June, the results of which indicate that the DaNang rates should be raised significantly, especially for Third Country National personnel who may not utilize U.S. Government messes. Use of these messes by American civilian personnel was nearly curtailed as the result of a MACV directive which was to be effective 1 July. This directive stipulates that civilian personnel must have Field Ration Mess privileges authorized on their MACV privilege cards, but the effective date was extended to 15 July. No company personnel presently have such an authorization, and since most crew members utilize one of these messes located close to the Old Hostel, serious problems may result if a solution is not reached by the above suspense date.

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LEGAL

The lease on the Station Manager's residence [REDACTED] was renewed for another year. Although the lessor had requested an increase in the lease price, a supplemental agreement was negotiated whereby the painting clause in the lease contract was deleted but the rent remained constant. This agreement also provides for two subsequent one year renewals at a twelve percent increase in annual rent.

The possibility of letting the lease on the New Hostel [REDACTED] expire is under consideration. This hostel has a very low occupancy factor but alternatives to relinquishing this building must still be determined. The rent on this property is pre-paid thru 09 August 1969.

A proposal was received from Barclay & Co., a private concessionaire, concerning the assumption of the station snack-bar operation. Certain problem areas will have to be resolved, primarily those of electric power supply and an account with the NSA commissary, but a first class type of operation, with a complete redecorating of the snack bar interior is proposed if an agreement can be reached. The service presently provided by the USAF NCO Club can only be considered less than satisfactory.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

No significant problems were encountered in this area during the month.

FACILITIES

Construction of the Nose Hangar Lean-to is progressing at a fairly rapid rate. The project is nearly fifty percent complete and the contractor estimates it should be ready for final acceptance by the end of July.

The station continues to be plagued with electric power failures. A fourth 100 KVA generator was installed by USAF, but it seems to be no more reliable than the previous three. The problem is very intermittent and rarely occurs when service personnel arrive. Fuel contamination is suspected but unconfirmed.

A series of unseasonal rain showers have pointed out the strong need for paving the unsurfaced areas of the station facility, particularly that portion between the Operations/Administration building and the Supply warehouse. This area was previously at least graded fairly smooth, but with the lack of drainage, and the heavy vehicular traffic experienced, rather large pools of water and mud have been created which frustrate any efforts to keep the interiors of the adjacent buildings clean.

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FISCAL

The station time clock was shipped to Japan for conversion to sixty cycle operation. Implementation of a timekeeping system based on this piece of equipment must be deferred until it is received.

██████████ payroll for the month totaled: ██████████

Petty Cash expenditures for the month totaled: 78,529\$VN

OPERATIONS

Total revenue flight time declined slightly from the previous month, although 4395 and 0005 contract flying increased. Revenue losses were 8+00 hours as compared to 5+30 hours during May.

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

AIE/VH-41	-----	786+11
4395	-----	335+14
0005	-----	9+59
Non-revenue	-----	7+12
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Total	-----	1,138+36

Revenue losses for the month are broken down as follows:

Maintenance	-----	2+00
Customer Cancellations	---	6+00
Weather	-----	Nil
Other	-----	Nil
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Total	-----	8+00

COMMUNICATIONS

The Motorola remote VHF/UHF was only out of service twice during the month. Although several actual communication difficulties were reported, these problems have been attributed more to weather phenomena, terrain and other radio interference than equipment discrepancies.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 2114 and 1399 respectively.

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TRAFFIC

 resigned as Traffic Manager and was replaced by . This changeover of personnel was accomplished smoothly and with a minimum loss of continuity.

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>
AID/VN-41	2,851	2,896	191,833	281,285
4395	618	635	1,800	39,084
0005	7	7	Nil	Nil
Perry	59	59	Nil	Nil
AAM	107	107	20,270	14,699
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,642</b>	<b>3,704</b>	<b>213,903</b>	<b>335,068</b>

16 Continental Air Services flights were handled by this department during the month.

SECURITY

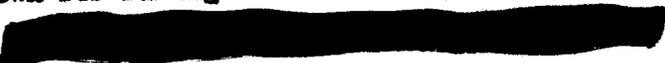
No information has been received from the VN-41 customer regarding the upgrading of two ground services utility slots to Guard positions. It was originally requested that their support for this recommendation be communicated directly to Saigon. The status of this proposal will be confirmed when the VN-41 Air Operations Officer returns from leave.

Additional high intensity lights are being installed to illuminate potential pilferage areas within the facility. This lighting, when complete, should aid the airport security guards in maintaining surveillance over the entire compound.

PERSONNEL

The processing of employee extension of stay and visa applications continues to be a time consuming procedure, but the Saigon Passport and Visa section has been able to support the most urgent requirements on a timely basis.

The personnel breakdown for DaNang Station during June was as follows:



Permanent	5	31	14	105
Pre-Process	0	0	0	12
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily Hire	0	0	0	0
<b>Total (167)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>117</b>

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TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 616 arriving and 617 departing flights, of which seven of the latter were delayed due to maintenance. There were two engine changes and no propeller changes during the month. A total of nine heavy services performed, including two 204B number 2 services which were supported by personnel TCS from Saigon. In the future, only number 1 services on PC-6 and VTB aircraft will be performed at DaNang.

RGM expended a total of 1360 manhours, of which 262 were utilized in hostel maintenance and painting.

The substantial credit expected on the May NSA invoice was not received, but coordination was effected with the concerned offices to delay payment pending the receipt of credit on the June invoice. Overall, NSA has been very cognizant of this problem and appears to be making a serious effort to resolve their internal accounting problems.

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