

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN

DATE: 04 March, 1969

FROM : A/SZDNG

REF. No. SZDNG/69/019

SUBJECT: DANANG Station Monthly Report for February, 1969

The month of February proved to be another productive month in the area of facilities improvements. Much of the work in the operations/administration building has been completed - the most significant outstanding project is the installation of signs. A few have been received from Saigon and installed, however many more remain on order and their arrival is expected within the month of March.

Continued emphasis has been placed on preparing the ground in the area of the nose hangar for concreting. Excavation to the desired depth was accomplished by the USAF grading (after their normal duty hours) and dirt removal by the Civic Action Group who were in need of dirt fill. Forms have been laid for concreting approximately 120 ft X 13 ft which will extend from the present ramp to the nose hangar. On completion of this section the process will be repeated until area is completed to the edge of the perimeter drainage ditch. Actual pouring of concrete is expected to begin about 5 March and construction will continue through this reporting period.

Painting of walls and ceilings in the old hostel continues. To date all rooms in the main building have been painted, but one complete room and the walls of a second in the back rooms remain to be done. Following this, planned are: interior woodwork painting, tiling floors in all back rooms, painting showers, hanging curtains (in back rooms), hanging pictures, tiling floors in back showers and painting dividers. Target date for completion of the above had been set for 15 March 1969, but due to the first day of TET falling. On Monday several workers failed to report for duty on the following Friday & Saturday, and presumably planned a full week of holidays, thus causing project completion date to be slipped. Work schedules were further hampered due to the airfield being closed to Vietnamese personnel on both Sunday and Monday (24 & 25 February), as results of the recent attacks on the city and Airbase.

While hostile activity was unexpectedly quiet during the TET season the anticipation became a reality on the night of 20 February. Action that night throughout the area resulted in a 24 hour curfew on the Airbase which was later revised to 0700L to 1800L (for VN personnel) with in town curfew being revised to 0600L to 1900L. While Danang curfews do not normally pertain to US & TCN personnel, it has been highly recommended that only essential travel be conducted, until the situation improves, by these category of personnel after curfew hours.

Deadline for the renewal of the Company NSA credit account was set at 1 February. This was accomplished in a timely manner, after the approving authority had ascertained the Company's authorized participation and emphasized the Company's responsibilities in prohibiting illegal transactions of these duty free products, and reminded that NSA procurement would be authorized only for items to be used in South Vietnam.

Due to the TET holidays, and the local activity which followed, there were fewer opportunities for visiting personnel to observe the station under normal operating conditions. Still, quite a few visitors did arrive and we hope they benefited from their visit with us as we profited by our visit with them.

One significant change which transpired during this period was the assignment of CM Jack Burton, on the 28th. This is Jack's second tour of duty at Danang and we have every reason to believe that we will experience the same fine performance that he displayed during his first tour.

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