

# MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN

DATE: 03 July 1970

FROM : SZ/DAD

REF. No. SZDAD/70/064

SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for June 1970

## GENERAL

An unconfirmed number of rockets impacted in the downtown area of the city of Danang during the early morning of 20 June. Several Vietnamese fatalities were reported but no injuries were sustained by company personnel. Hostile activity directed at the air base was of a minor nature.

Three Southern Air Transport flights transited Danang during the month. All were substitute service Stars & Stripes missions. No problems were encountered in their handling since no night arrivals were involved.

The NCO Club operated terminal snack bar was closed down on the evening of 19 June. The Secretary/Custodian of the club advised that repeated Public Health Sanitation discrepancies were the primary cause for this action, but various complaints by other agencies and patrons were a strong contributory factor. There is a possibility that either CORDS or the Vietnam Regional Exchange may be interested in setting up a beverage/cold sandwich type of service in the area vacated by the NCO Club.

## CUSTOMER RELATIONS

The arrangement with CORDS to billet excess flight crew personnel in their transient quarters is working out very well. To date no request for rooms has been refused. In fact, two rooms have been reserved for a one week period so that the hostel renovation can be expeditiously completed with a minimum of inconvenience. As construction proceeds through the hostel, those occupants involved can be temporarily transferred to CORDS billets.

## LEGAL

The agent for the landlord of the SZ residence received and acknowledged the renewal notice for an additional one year lease on this property. A substantial increase in rent was requested due to the rising cost of living. However, since under the present terms and conditions of the lease contract, the company is under no obligation to pay additional rent, it is anticipated that payment will be made as presently stipulated.

## FACILITIES

The contractor for the Area Paving and Drainage Ditch Completion project commenced work on 16 June. By the end of the month 216 cubic yards of ready mix concrete were poured, which constitutes over half the area to be paved. Ready mix concrete was purchased rather than bagged cement due to non-availability of the latter commodity. The estimated completion date for this project is 15 August.

### FACILITIES (Cont'd)

The Hostel Renovation project is underway and should be completed by 10 July. The installation of some air conditioners and commodes may be delayed since the source of these items is Hong-Kong. Fortunately, most of the basic materials required were obtainable from the Naval Support Activity just prior to its closing down operations. A higher capacity watt hour meter will be installed to handle the additional electrical loads.

The Passenger Terminal Renovation project is being frustrated by a lack of materials and insufficient funding. The AR and Form F for this project were predicated on a contractor bid submitted in September, 1969. This contractor has advised that as a result of local inflation, the bid is no longer valid and the cost would now be approximately fifty per cent higher. Very few of the materials needed for this project were obtainable from NSA so that expected cost savings from this source of procurement were not realized. Unless CORDS is able to supply materials at no cost, the project will probably be only completed on a scale far reduced from that originally contemplated. Another possibility is that this project will be revised to concentrate on the space vacated by the NCO Club Snack-Bar. A smaller facility would result, but by utilizing existing structures, the cost would be significantly reduced.

### FISCAL

With the closing down of the Snack-Bar, the station's primary source of electrical power is in jeopardy. The main justification for the 100 KVA USAF furnished, maintained and operated generator was to supply power for the Snack-Bar. Although USAF Power Production allows that Air America may retain the generator until a critical requirement for it elsewhere develops, it is still subject to being removed at any time. 100% operation on commercial power would result in monthly costs approaching \$1500.00. In addition, a source of back up power would also be required.

Per diem expenses for the station increased greatly during June as a result of the Hostel Renovation team being assigned TCS from Saigon and additional TCS replacements required to replace personnel on emergency and annual leave.

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

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 55,060\$VN

### OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time increased 70+19 hours as compared to the previous month. Most of this increase is attributable to additional C-46 RONs

required by CORDS to shuttle cargo between Danang and Cantho. Reduced flying on Sundays continues but personnel scheduling is somewhat frustrated by last minute customer requirements for early departures or late arrivals not originally envisaged as a problem.

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

VN-70/AID - - - - -	789+44
VN-70/Embassy - - - - -	202+06
Total - - - - -	<u>991+50</u>

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

Weather - - - - -	1+00
Maintenance - - - - -	12+30
Customer Cancellations	0+30
Other - - - - -	00
Total - - - - -	<u>14+00</u>

The hostel occupancy factor was 96.5%. During the month, 13,280 piastres were disbursed to provide hotel accommodations for flight crew personnel. Non-availability certificates for a total of 121 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Moderate reception problems were encountered from the UHF relay of the Monkey Mountain remote VHF system. It was necessary on several occasions to transmit position reports over HF. Overall HF operation was somewhat improved over last month.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1466 and 1658 respectively.

#### TRAFFIC

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

	<u>PAX IN</u>	<u>PAX OUT</u>	<u>CARGO IN</u>	<u>CARGO OUT</u>
VN-7001/AID	2,753	2,641	239,158	251,270
VN-7002/EMB	397	665	800	7,922
0069	0	0	0	0
0030	18	21	0	0
0005	0	0	0	0
AAM	89	103	9,771	28,887.6
TOTAL	<u>3,257</u>	<u>3,430</u>	<u>249,729</u>	<u>288,079.6</u>

SECURITY

The VNAF Security Office continues to validate company travel orders for a limited duration in lieu of requiring the processing of temporary air base passes. What was originally an arrangement to facilitate the entry and departure to and from the base for TCS flight mechanics is now being utilized for all TCS personnel and eight permanently assigned employees. Five of the latter personnel still require an extension of stay receipt before application can be made for a permanent pass.

PERSONNEL

The undersigned will depart on Home Leave on 10 July. SOR/DAD, Mr. D.P. Grace, will be assigned as Acting Station Manager in the interim.

The personnel breakdown for Danang Station at the close of business, 30 June 1970, was as follows:



Permanent	3	13	17	68
Pre-Process	0	0	0	2
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (103)	3	13	17	70

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 581 arriving and 581 departing flights, as compared to 590 in each category in May. There were a total of 4 delays which resulted in a revenue loss chargeable to maintenance. Number 1 services were performed on 1 PC-6 aircraft and 3 204B aircraft, and 1 number 2 service on 204B aircraft was accomplished. 2 aircraft were placed on AGP status. Extensive maintenance was required on transiting C7A #61-2392, enroute to TNN from VTE. Total ground time was four days; a cylinder change, engine change, and two propeller changes were required.

RGMD expended a total of 824 manhours of which 132 were utilized at the Hostel. Air conditioner failures are on the increase.

The final invoice from NSA is expected during the first part of July. Procurement from the ARMY Support Command is still pending the negotiation of an Inter Service Support Agreement.

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