

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN

DATE: 05 September 1969

FROM : SZ/DAD

REF. No. SZDAD/69/092

SUBJECT: DANANG Station Monthly Report for August 1969

GENERAL

Hostile activity remained at a relatively low level during the month. There were a few occasions when rockets were launched against the DaNang Air Base, but none of these attacks were large and no damage or casualties were reported. A USMC guard has been positioned at the side entrance to the U.S. Consulate, which is adjacent to the Old Hostel, but this situation may only continue for the duration of a large construction project being performed on the main access road to the Consulate.

The DaNang City and Air Base curfews remain unchanged, and no curfew incidents concerning company personnel were reported.

The anticipated volume of Southern Air Transport flights did not materialize, but sixteen of these flights were handled, a decrease of ten from the previous month. On one occasion, a SAT flight arrived nearly two hours ahead of schedule, at 0440L, and consequently no company personnel were on hand to handle same. The flight departed without undue delay, but MAC personnel were a little disturbed about it. It should be realized that it is impossible to inform the concerned personnel of such early arrivals during the night.

LEGAL

Further progress on the proposal from Barclay and Company to assume the operation of the Terminal Snack-Bar is pending the receipt of a formal agreement from SLC. Should this agreement be acceptable, efforts will then be directed towards obtaining a commissary account from the Naval Support Activity. The VN-41 Air Operations Officer has indicated that CORDS will offer all possible support in this endeavour. It is conceivable but unlikely that the snack bar could be under new management by October.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

VN-41 has shown strong interest in several facilities improvements, and has indicated that efforts will be made to secure the required funding from Saigon. The main projects under consideration are the renovation of the passenger terminal area (including making more space available to the snack-bar) and paving the unsurfaced areas of the facility. This customer interest in the latter project (action on a pro-forma AR to accomplish same was deferred in July for an indefinite period due to lack of funds) has interrupted efforts to obtain sufficient gravel to cover these areas in exchange for cement presently on hand. Overall relations with AID/VN-41 remain satisfactory.

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The permanent Embassy Air Operations Officer has been on temporary assignment to SCN, but continued excellent relations with his replacement have been maintained.

FACILITIES

An Engineer from SCN, with the assistance of RQND/DAD, prepared a working drawing for the proposed passenger terminal renovation. A cost estimate is now being formulated based on supplying a contractor with all materials obtainable from NSA. It is anticipated that bids for this project will be solicited in September.

The RMD Lean-to project is all but completed. For unknown reasons the contractor has failed to install a stair to the upper storage area which would effectively permit a final settlement.

Only minor in-house work remains on the City Power Project, all underground cables are in place and the company 75 KVA generator (in need of overhaul) has been moved to the new generator pad. S.I.P.E.A. has completed the installation of the 100 KVA transformer so that only two terminal splices and the relocation of the USAF 100 KVA generator are required to make the system operational. Fortunately, the USAF generator's reliability has been quite high during the past few weeks.

FISCAL

With the exception of a few minor difficulties, such as power failures and adjustments, the station timekeeping system based on a time clock is working satisfactorily. The use of attendance rosters for personnel punching time cards has been discontinued.

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

Petty cash expenditures for the month totaled: 41,945\$VN

OPERATIONS

Total revenue flight time increased 8+30 hours as compared to the previous month. Customer requirements seem to have stabilized and little variation is anticipated in the future. Unlike other locations, very few special or VIP flights are operated out of Danang. Revenue losses were the lowest of any reporting period to date and resulted from a Volpar Fuel Control Unit change.

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

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VN-41/AID	-----	812+07
VN-41/Embassy	-----	230+52
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Non-Revenue	-----	9+52
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Total	-----	1,060+28

Revenue loss for the month was as follows:

Maintenance	-----	1+30
Weather	-----	Nil
Customer Cancellations	-----	Nil
Other	-----	Nil
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Total	-----	1+30

In order to more equally balance the flying between the two assigned 204B aircraft, an agreement was reached between AID and Embassy whereby AID would fly the Embassy helicopter on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. AID will now pay half the maintenance ferry cost involved when it is necessary to perform services at Saigon on the Foxtrot Helicopter.

Hostel occupancy factors were 75% and 24.7% for the Old and New hostel respectively.

COMMUNICATIONS

No problems were encountered with Motorola remote VHF/UHF during the month. ARSU has commenced preliminary work on transferring the station radio transmitters to their new location in the RMD Lean-to.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1985 and 1527 respectively.

TRAFFIC

Aside from the inauguration of two additional weekly C-46 passenger flights from Saigon, workload has remained fairly constant. A new conditions of Contract form was initiated during the month which requires a few more entries than that used previously, but no real problem in this regard has been experienced. A total of 637 departures were handled during the month.

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month are as follows:

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	<u>Passengers In</u>	<u>Passengers Out</u>	<u>Cargo In</u>	<u>Cargo Out</u>
4101	2,972	3,213	241,754	293,105
4102	486	604	1,477	10,998
CO05	9	15	Nil	Nil
CO69	8	9	Nil	Nil
AAK	81	116	6,459	29,635
Total	3,556	3,957	249,690	333,738

6 Continental Air Services flights were handled during August.

SECURITY

No problems were encountered in this area during the month; the Blink Time Clock system is working very effectively. No further action will, therefore, be taken to provide separate guards for the USAID warehouse.

PERSONNEL

Extension of stay approvals are again being delayed, apparently due to a problem concerning work permits for TCM employees. As a result, a few planned leaves have had to be deferred.

The personnel reduction accomplished in July has had no noticeable affect on the overall station operation, and further reductions are being considered for September.

The personnel breakdown at DaNang station at the close of business, 31 August, was as follows:

Permanent	5	14	22	96
Pre-Process	0	0	0	3
Temporary	0	0	0	0
Daily Hire	0	0	0	0
TOTAL (140)	5	14	22	99

TECHNICAL SERVICES

ASD handled a total of 650 arriving and 652 departing flights during the month. There were a total of five delays of which only one

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involved a revenue loss. Two outstation recoveries were necessary but only minor maintenance was required in each case. Seven heavy services were performed, all on 204B aircraft, three of which being number 2 services required maintenance personnel support from Saigon. No engine or propeller changes were required.

EGMD expended a total of 1277 manhours of which 136 were utilized in hostel maintenance. The old hostel air conditioners and water pump have been particular problems. Due to four air conditioners being out of service, it was necessary to remove one unit from the new hostel to support the old.

A substantial credit was received on the July NSA invoice, and a further credit for some previous double billings is expected in September. No other problems with NSA account were experienced.

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