

26 Aug 67

MEMORANDUM FOR: OIC, AFVN

SUBJECT: Trip Report

The undersigned departed Saigon for Hue in the company of LTC JONES, Mr. BAUER and Mr. KREIS at 0730, 21 Aug 67. Purpose of my visit was to survey the engineering progress at Hue (Det 5) and Danang (Det 2).

Lt NOVAK reported in Hue that since the reactivation of channel 11 the station has had only 1 hour of down time. This was caused by generator problems. One of the 45 Kw generators is inoperable as it does not have a water pump. The foundation has been poured for the AFVN studio but the seabees need money before they will begin construction. Materials are also available for extension of the GVN TV studio.

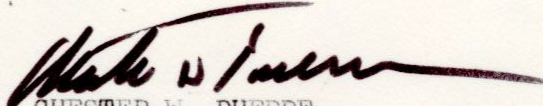
The GVN television station did not begin programming on 22 Aug as planned. Minor problems cropped up at the last minute and a new target date has not been designated. Most of the problems concern generators, gas tanks, and fuel lines.

AFVN programming circuit J105 is terminated at the MACV Compound in Hue. It is not retransmitted. There is no AFVN radio in Hue.

Upon departing Hue on 22 Aug a stop was scheduled in Danang to visit Det 2. The steel is ready to go up at Red Beach. Guy anchors are in and the bases are poured. One of the two 10 Kw transmitters at Red Beach is in operable.

On Monkey Mountain Cpt Leach reported one of his 45 Kw generator is down. Cpt Leach is considering moving all gear out of the TV van into the permanent studio facility. Det 2 needs another processor to give them a 2 camera studio capability. They also need a 35mm lense for their large studio camera. They feel they could make good use of a video tape recorder.

The undersigned returned to Saigon on 23 Aug 67.

  
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