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15 September 1967

MEMORADUM FOR: Mr Clyde Hess, JUSPAO

SUBJECT: Monthly Report on Television

1. I have looked over the attached draft report, and since it appeared to be quite non-objective. I gave it to Mr John Scales for comment.
2. As you can see from his memo to me, attached, his reaction was one of disagreement, to say the least.
3. I would suggest the entire report be rewritten, and offer John Scales remarks as a basis for a factual account.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Comments to USIA letter to Washington, 11 Sep. Hue subjects only.

TO: John Scales.

1. Reference to Hue Studio: Urgency was placed by JUSPAO on an announcer booth with a 25'x25' studio construction to follow. The hall-way booth is approximately 6'x10' and it is more than adequate for announcing and interview purposes.

2. Regarding the use of the building by AFVN. This was definitely a serious problem; first, the AFVN crew were informally reluctant to give space down-stairs, Second, because the up-stair rooms were not available for storage, much electronic equipment had to be moved and removed throughout the installation period. It is worthy of mention that I and all others sympathized with the AFVN crew as they had been permanently situated in the house and had no other sleeping or living quarters available.

3. About the use of harmonic filters and the sideband filter. This equipment was supplied; however, the Jampro schematic for the installation showed use of only one harmonic filter and the sound/visual diplexer; deleting our intention originally to use all the equipment supplied; unfortunately, fittings of the Jampro equipment were not compatible with the RCA fittings and difficulty was encountered in just getting the minimum equipment configuration possible for transmission fitted together.

4. Delays caused by transmitter wiring errors. I know nothing about this; however, I anticipated problems with the interconnections between the transmitter control console and the TT-25-BH transmitter as the console was originally designed for the older TV-transmitters. Note that the basic letter states that it was not until after the transmitter was on with test pattern that the wiring discrepancies were discovered. This indicates that the errors could not have been serious and probably were related to the polarity control of some of the motors.

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HUE Project Engineer

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TO: OIC, AFVN, LTC Jones

1. This report is not objective in nature and does not describe the basic problems impeding the installations of GVN-TV at Hue. Further, it contains untrue statements.

2. AFVN convoyed the entire Site Y BOM from Sacramento to Hue on 1 May 1967. The AFVN installation crew was dispatched to Hue arriving on 3 May. Mr. Kelly would not permit installation in the building at the OCO Annex in spite of agreement between JUSPAO and AFVN for such use. Further, no one in JUSPAO would accept accountability for the equipment. In view of the fact that our installation crew could not function because of these restrictions, I instructed them to return to Saigon on 5 May.

3. The occupancy and accountability problems were not resolved by JUSPAO until 28 July. On 29 July the AFVN crew was back in Hue and began construction of the station. However, 86 days elapsed between the time we were prepared to install and the time we were permitted to begin.

4. It is further noted that this is not a pre-assembled station such as the AFVN TV Vans but was shipped entirely fragmented in major and minor components requiring complete assembly and each unit had to be individually wired.

5. The AFVN crew worked an average of 16 hours per day in an effort to meet the desired on-air date of Aug. 15. This gave an unrealistic time of 18 days to completely install the station.

6. The installation was 95% complete in this remarkably short time, but due to lack of power, it could not be checked out and tested.

7. Fourteen days, from Aug. 15 to Aug. 30 were lost in efforts to get fuel to the generators as described in the subject monthly report. This was not the responsibility of AFVN even though we assisted to the limit of our ability.

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8. The statement that "On September 1, two men were sent from JUSPAO, Saigon with a portable diesel generator" is completely fallacious. The truth is that I dispatched four AFVN engineers and an AFVN generator to Hue on 1 September.

9. The wiring difficulties and errors and intermittent troubles subsequent to test pattern transmission on 3 Sep are considered minimal and normally expected in the initial shake-down of an installation of this type.

10. While highly desirable in the interest of the complete installation, the absence of the vestigial side band filter and harmonic filter in no way degrade the picture quality. Fittings for these were ordered immediately upon discovery of the shortage and will be installed upon receipt.

11. The comments of Sam Geise, AFVN Project Manager for the Hue installation are attached.

JOHN SCALES
Dir of Eng