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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

A main objective of this preliminary bibliography is to provide scholars and researchers concerned with Southeast Asian affairs an idea of the diversity of the source materials available. Some of the funds for its preparation were provided by the Mekong Seminar of the Southeast Asian Development Advisory Group, sponsored by the Asia Society of New York. As such, a focus in this compilation is on problems of Mekong River development, broadly conceived.

This bibliography concentrates on Laos because there are other bibliographic sources available for South Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. In no sense is it intended as complete in its present form.

Particular attention is paid to what American librarians call "fugitive documents", that is, mimeographed, dittoed and occasionally printed materials which are issued for a particular conference or for a limited circle of technicians, scholars or administrators and yet which have much wider interest.

Many organizations are concerned with Southeast Asian documentation, with various degrees of effectiveness. In Laos are the National Library and the Ministry of the Plan. In Thailand, in addition to the National Library and various offices of the Thai government, is the Mekong Committee operating as an independent unit within the framework of ECAFE. The reader's attention is called to bibliographical efforts of the
Mekong Committee itself as well as to supporting organizations such as the Engineering Agency for Resources Inventories, Washington, D.C. Some of these efforts are referred to in the section on Bibliographies. Also of note is the forthcoming Bibliography of Southeast Asian Bibliographies, compiled by Professor Donn Hart of the Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, New York.

Most of the references cited can be found in the Southeast Asian sections of the libraries of Yale University, Cornell University and the East-West Center in Hawaii. Obviously, our compilation is not intended to represent a Southeast Asia inventory of these libraries. In this connection the reader is referred to periodic listings such as the Southeast Asia Accessions lists compiled by Cornell and Yale universities.

As specialists in Southeast Asia, the authors are also concerned with long-range scholarly utility. In respect to Laos our approach has tried to be a comprehensive one, with topics as diverse as engineering and archeology. Although the concerns of the Mekong Committee are formally non-political, they do have important political implications. One can hardly discuss Laos and adjacent areas without reference to the present political and military conflict, and this bibliography has a section on politics which includes some Pathet Lao publications.

Earlier bibliographies on Laos exist. Among these are J. Halpern's, which appeared in mimeographed form in 1961 as part of his Laos Project publications series (no. 5 and 22), based in part on the earlier Embree and Dotson Bibliography of the Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia, Yale University, 1950. To date the most complete bibliography on Laos is that of P.B. Lafont, issued as volume I in the publications of the Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient. (Most of the publications cited here are not found in the Lafont volume).
That partially-annotated 269-page volume is the most thorough documentation up to 1964, the year it appeared. In no sense does the present working paper replace Lafont's finished scholarly effort. No bibliography on a complex and evolving subject can really be complete, and in addition to this obvious limitation the Lafont bibliography reflects the views of its author and his cultural context. His emphases are on historical, natural science and ethnographic materials, with only occasional references to modern conditions. His section on history does, however, include a sub-unit dealing with contemporary affairs. As is natural in a semi-official French government publication by a scholarly organization which was closely related to the French colonial administration, a main concern is with French publications on Indochina from the late 19th century. Similar attention is not accorded the culturally related areas of North-east Thailand. Lafont does give references to publications in Lao, Thai, Vietnamese, Russian and Japanese (the latter mostly on ethnography). The Russian publications include newspapers and are mainly political, as are the post-Independence ones from Hanoi. A few Lao publications are cited. Lafont, however, neglected to solicit information from the national libraries in Bangkok and Tokyo at the time he contacted libraries in Moscow, Taipei, Peking and Hanoi. These comments on the limitations of the valuable and painstaking work of Lafont (even bearing in mind the partial coverage of and errors in citation of English language sources) are all by way of illustrating difficulties which confront the bibliographer in an area as complex as Laos.

A future comprehensive bibliography on Laos must deal with publications appearing in Canada, India and Poland, the powers represented on the International Control Commission in Laos. For those unable to read Lao, Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, German, Russian and Polish, the translations of the Joint Publications Research Service series of the U.S. Government (now numbering over 50,000 items), should be of interest.
These are on file at the Library of Congress but as yet lack an adequate index. A partial index of those pertaining to North Vietnam is given in Jane Godfrey Keyes' publications cited in our Bibliographies section.

Fugitive documentation, especially that associated with efforts of various agencies of the Royal Lao and U.S. governments, is a real problem. The Royal Lao government has lacked both the funds and the interest to provide for formal publication and archiving in its National Library. The case of the U.S. government is quite different. The ways in which publications are issued by its various agencies in Laos and to some extent those in Washington as well reflect lack of attention to matters of documentation. In the American domestic political context, the formally temporary nature of the Agency for International Development (to mention the source of many of the documents cited in the following pages) and its annual appropriations problem has prevented A.I.D. from giving serious thought to the archiving of documents produced, especially after the documents' original operating functions have passed. However, since many economic and technical assistance programs of the U.S. government in Laos in fields such as agriculture, community development, education and public health have operated in a largely open way, documentation pertaining to these has circulated freely. To a lesser extent this has been true of various United Nations efforts in Laos. These, then, are the major sources of the fugitive documents.

Numerous as these are, and despite their open availability, they make up only the iceberg tip of the documentation existing on Laos. Detailed information pertaining to American diplomatic, military and certain aspects of economic activity in Laos remains largely classified. Although presently concealed from researchers, the fact of its classification may hopefully contribute to its preservation and future use by
scholars.

As the war in Indochina increases in intensity the volume of publication of various opposition groups grows, especially in the United States. As with some of the official publications, it is partly propagandistic, but a significant portion is valuable from a scholarly viewpoint. Citations of some of these materials are included.

What must be an enormous documentation, especially of the pre-war period, possessed by the French government will hopefully be available one day, as certain historical materials now are. One is less hopeful with regard to the papers and records of the Soviet Union, the Peoples Republic of China, North Vietnam and the Pathet Lao. Those of the latter two and the Mekong riparian countries will probably be less fully preserved than those of the great powers, but there is no doubt about their potential interest.

A large portion of the publications cited in the following pages are from American sources. This is in part a reflection of the fact that the compilers are American but it is also a reflection of the increasing U.S. government involvement in Indochina and the correlated rising concern among American scholars.

This bibliography is made available, with its unavoidable errors, inconsistencies and partial coverage, on the premise that imperfect scholarly communication is better than none at all. Hopefully within a few years a more complete version will be issued.

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The following list of abbreviations has been used throughout:

AGR - Agricultural Division, USAID, Laos.
AID - Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.
ARD - Accelerated Rural Development.
B.E. - Buddhist Era.
CINFAC - Cultural Information Analysis Center.
DDC - Department of Defense Information Center, Washington, D.C.
EARI - Engineer Agency for Resources Inventories, Washington D.C.
ECAFE - Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, United Nations.
FAO - Food and Agricultural Organization, United Nations, Bangkok.
FBIS - Foreign Broadcast Information Service, Washington, D.C.
ICA - International Cooperation Administration, Washington, D.C.
IND - Industry Division, USAID, Laos.
ILO - International Labor Office, United Nations.
IVS - International Voluntary Services, Laos.
HOUSE - House of Representatives of the United States, Washington, D.C.
JPRS - Joint Publications Research Service.

Mekong Committee - Committee for Coordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin (Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and the Republic of Vietnam); a division of ECAFE.


OB - Operation Brotherhood, Laos.
OEA - Office of Economic Affairs, USAID, Laos.
RDD - Rural Development Division, USAID.
RLG - Royal Lao Government.
SEADAG - Southeast Asia Development Advisory Group of the Asia Society, New York City.

Sample listing - Only a type citation from a serial is given.

Senate - Senate of the Congress of the United States, Washington D.C.

SEATO - Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.


USAID - United States Agency for International Development in Laos (formerly known as USOM/Laos).


USBR - United States Bureau of Reclamation (Feasibility Study Group for the Pa Mong Dam Project).

USIS - United States Information Service.

Vte. - Vientiane.

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