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## INTRODUCTION

Southeast Asia is a critical area of the world, one in which the United States has had intensive involvement. Humanistic scholarship on Southeast Asia, recognized as integral to our understanding of and ability to deal with this area, depends to a large extent on the availability of appropriate research materials. To make these materials more easily accessible to the scholar, reference tools such as indexes, guides, bibliographies, and dictionaries are needed. For years the Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA) of the Association for Asian Studies had received requests for financial assistance for the production of research tools. The requests, amounting to much more than the limited CORMOSEA budget could support, clearly indicated a need for a systematic approach to the production of such tools. The Southeast Asian Research Tools Project was formed by CORMOSEA in 1977 to organize that approach. For the first time a national committee of Southeast Asian specialists attempted to establish a systematic and comprehensive plan for identifying and developing research tools crucial to the encouragement of scholarly research on Southeast Asia. The Project was conceived of in two phases:

(1) evaluating the totality of existing tools available to the scholarly community in order to identify existing gaps and (2) filling those gaps. The first phase of the Project was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities; funds are now being sought to conduct the second phase.

The evaluation of existing research tools, which was seen as a necessary first step in deciding what important tools were lacking, turned out to be a large project on its own. The evaluation resulted in the production of bibliographic surveys of considerable range and scope, up-to-date, useful to researchers and bibliographers, and worthy of publication. They comprise collectively a revision and expansion of Donald Clay Johnson's A Guide to Reference Materials on Southeast Asia (New Haven, Yale University Press, 1970). They are now published here in the series Southeast Asia Papers as Number 16, Parts I through IX.

These inventories of existing research tools were prepared by seven highly qualified Country Specialists, selected by CORMOSEA. They, and the countries of their responsibility, were:

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The bibliographic inventories to specific countries are all published here under the title Southeast Asian Research Tools. In addition, the general report, which summarizes the history of the Project and the various recommendations that emerged, is published as Part I of the series. Not issued in this series is the bibliographic survey of Southeast Asia as a region. This survey will be published separately by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

Every effort has been made to bring this product of the first phase of the Southeast Asian Research Tools Project into published form as rapidly as possible. Our hope throughout has been to make accessible a timely inventory that will aid and encourage viable research in the Southeast Asian area. I am most grateful to Dr. Walter F. Vella, editor of the Southeast Asia Papers series, University of Hawaii at Manoa, for his vital role in editing and facilitating the publication of the reports of the Project.

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## I. BIBLIOGRAPHIC STATUS REPORT FOR LAOS

In an effort to identify needs for research tools for scholarly work on the cultures and societies of Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand, I have made a systematic search of the literature for these three countries. From this search, I have identified 271 sources for Cambodia, 311 sources for Laos, and 521 sources for Thailand which I have considered to be, in some way, research tools for use in the study of these countries. Since I am relatively at ease in using sources written in English, French, Thai, and Lao, I feel that I have identified many of the relevant sources in these languages. Sources in Khmer (Cambodian), Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and other European languages are most certainly underrepresented.

In addition to my own search of the sources, I have benefited greatly from the comments and suggestions for additions and revisions made by Professor David K. Wyatt of Cornell University. Professor Wyatt served as a consultant for the project. I also appreciate the suggestions offered by Mr. Michael Cotter, another of the participants in the project.

The questionnaires sent out through Khosana and directly to a number of "in-country" specialists elicited responses from a total of twenty scholars and librarians residing in the United States while seven (all in Thailand) in-country specialists responded. Most of the respondents concerned themselves with Thailand or with Southeast Asia in general. Only three people addressed themselves to needs for the study of Cambodia and five referred to Laos in their responses. These responses are indicative of the almost negligible scholarly attention given to Cambodia by English-speaking specialists and of the rather minimal attention given to Laos.

## A. REFERENCE TOOLS BY FORM

*Guides and Manuals*

There are a number of guidebooks which have been issued for Laos, beginning with one by Baudenne, published in 1911. See also the following, which are listed in chronological order: About; Madrolle's *Indochine* and his *Indochine du Nord*; and Indochina, French, Service Fédéral de l'Information. No recent guidebooks, other than one by Gagneux specifically for Luang Prabang were identified, although there probably are more recent general guidebooks. All other general guides are subsumed with other general works under Annuals, Handbooks, Directories.

*Bibliography*

There are a number of general bibliographies for Indochina or Southeast Asia which include items on Laos (Auvade; Boudet; Cabaton; Cordier; Embree; Harvard University, Widener Library; Indochina, French, Direction des Archives et des Bibliothèques; Johnson, Tregonning; Asian Bibliography; U.S. Library of Congress, Reference Dept.; and Nunn). However, these are not so useful as Lafont's *Bibliographie du Laos*, which is very comprehensive for Western-language materials through to the early 1960s. Lafont's bibliography is also better than a number of others which concern Laos, e.g., Kéne; McKinstry; Mogenet; and Laos (Kingdom), Ho Samut haeng Sat. Lafont's bibliography, again mainly for Western-language materials, was updated in 1973 by Mogenet. A national Lao bibliography has been published several times: Laos, Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale, Comité Littéraire; Laos (Kingdom), Bibliothèque Nationale; and Laos (Kingdom), Ho Samut haeng Sat. There is no bibliography which does justice to Thai sources about Laos.

There are a number of more specific bibliographies. Several exist which provide guides to literature on geographical, ecological, and scientific subjects (Anglemyer; Halpern and Hafner; Halpern, Hafner, and Haney; Noyer; Carlson). For Laos, the most useful of these are the ones connected with the Mekong River development project, i.e., by Anglemyer and by Halpern and Hafner. Bibliographic materials on the ethnic groups of Laos are contained in several general bibliographies for Southeast Asia (Embree and Thomas; Halpern; and LeBar, Hickey, and Musgrave). However, there is a need for one which specifically concerns the ethnic groups of Laos. There are two bibliographies which concern biographies and writers for Indochina (Barquissau; Brebion) and another which deals with travellers' accounts by Westerners in Indochina between the 9th and 19th centuries. These bibliographies have some utility for Laos, but most of the material in them is contained in Lafont's bibliography.

### *Periodicals and Newspapers*

There are a number of guides to Lao periodical literature: Asia Library Services; U.S. Information Service, Vientiane; Nunn; and Yale University, Library, Southeast Asia Collection. Of these the most useful are the union list by Nunn et al. and the more recent compilation relating to the period from 1973 to 1976 issued by the Asia Library Services.

### *Encyclopedias*

Teston's encyclopaedic account for the whole of Indochina, published in 1932, provides an administrative catalogue and economic overview of Laos. There does not appear to have been any subsequent encyclopaedia concerning Laos.

### *Annuals, Handbooks, Directories*

There are a number of annuals, directories, almanacs, chronologies, and other compendia of information relating to Laos. There are a number of annuals and other general reports published during the period of French rule (see under Indochina, French: *Annuaire de l'Indo-Chine*, *Annuaire des Etats Associés*, *Annuaire général*, Institut d'Emission, and Résidence Supérieure au Laos), all of which concern Indochina generally. Among the first general compendia of information about Laos, de Reinach's *Le Laos*, still remains a valuable source (see also Gosselin and Picanon). Maspéros's *Un Empire Colonial français: l'Indochine* contains excellent sections about Laos for the late colonial period when they were written. The comprehensive survey of what was known of conditions in Indochina just prior to World War II made by the British Naval Intelligence Division contains much valuable material for Laos.

There have been a number of "handbooks" about Laos prepared in the United States (in chronological order: Hickey; LeBar and Suddard; Roberts, et al.; Whitaker, et al.). Each provides a general overview and compilation of data for the periods for which they apply, the early 1950s to 1970. All but the first of these have limited utility because they do not indicate sources other than in a bibliography at the end. The *Area Handbook for Laos*, by Whitaker, et al., the most recent handbook (published in 1971), was prepared under U.S. Army contract and like its immediate predecessor by Roberts, et al. is reported to have been associated with a classified part. The classified parts of these volumes were not available for examination.

Also of general use is a volume put out in French and Lao by the Comité Littéraire which gives official names for all government divisions. The volume in Thai by Bunchuai Sisawat is particularly

useful for its detailed descriptions of the characteristics of each of the provinces of Laos.

There have been a number of background guides prepared by the Lao, United States, and British governments (U.S. Dept. of Defense, Military Assistance Institute; Laos, Embassy in Washington; Great Britain, British Information Service; U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Public Affairs, Office of Media Services). But these works are not of scholarly value in comparison to the handbooks and other sources.

By far the best general background work for the culture, history, language, literature, etc. of Laos is the volume, ed. by René de Berval, entitled *Kingdom of Laos*. This volume, which was first published in French, does not, however, treat in any adequate way with the transformations of the Lao tradition wrought by colonial rule and by the sociopolitical and socioeconomic changes since 1954. To some extent, this lack is rectified in the volume, *Laos: War and Revolution*, edited by Adams and McCoy.

The volume, *Ethnic Groups of Mainland Southeast Asia*, by LeBar, Hickey, and Musgrave provides sketches of each of the ethnic groups of Laos (as well as of ethnic groups elsewhere in mainland Southeast Asia) based on existing materials as of the early 1960s.

Of other general works, there is one by a Lao author, Ukham Phomvongsa, two by a Thai author, Uthai Thepsittha, and several others by Deydier, Marchand, and Nhouy Abhay which might be noted, although these are of less utility than other works listed above.

### *Dictionaries*

There are a number of excellent dictionaries for Lao, those by Reinhorn for Lao-French and Kerr, et al. for Lao-English being extremely useful research tools. There is also a standard Lao-Lao dictionary: Laos (Kingdom), Kasuang Su'ksathikan haeng Sat replacing Laos, Ministère de l'Education Nationale, Comité Littéraire. Other dictionaries include an English-Lao dictionary by Boon Thom Boonyavong, an English-Lao-English dictionary by Marcus, a French-Lao, French dictionary by Nginn, and a Vietnamese-Lao dictionary by Le Duy Luong. There are also dictionaries, one in French and the other in English for Hmong (Meo) by Bertrais-Charrier and by Heimbach. Two useful specialized glossaries are those for plants in Laos by Vidal and for geographical terms by the U.S. Army Map Service.

### *Biography and Genealogy*

Although there is a need for a general biographical index for Laos, there are a number of significant biographical and genealogical sources. There have been efforts to list and provide biographical

materials for members of Lao royal and princely families as well as provide genealogies of kings of Laos (Khamman Vongkottrattana; Pramuanwichaphun, Phraya; and three works by Yim Panthayangkun). There are two works which include biographical information for Laos for the late colonial period (Brebion; Indochina, French, *Souverains...*) and another general source on Indochina which provides some information on nationalist leaders who emerged during World War II (U.S. Dept. of State, Office of Intelligence and Research Analysis). For the post-World War II period, there are a number of sources by de Willemereuil (two works); Laos (Kingdom), Kasuang Kantangpathet, Kom Phithi Kanthut; Haight; Halpern; Laos, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Direction du Protocole; "Personalities in Laotian Politics;" Sithat Sithibourn; "Who's Who in Laos;" and Kittti Ratasaphong. The last work is best for current biography. Also worthy of note is "Who's Who in Laos," which was published in 1960 in *World Today* and was based on an earlier work published in Laos by Sithat Sithibourn.

#### *Statistics and Census Compendia*

There is no comprehensive guide to statistics about Laos and, thus, one must go to less general sources for what statistical data is available. There are a number of sources for Indochina as a whole, the one by Brenier, published in 1914, being the earliest. In addition there are statistical annuals for Indochina (Indochina, French, *Annuaire de l'Indochine* and *Annuaire général...*; Indochina, French, Service de la Statistique Générale; and Indochina, French, *Annuaire des Etats Associés*) and statistical retrospectives for the period between 1913 and 1940 (Indochina, French, Inspection Générale des Mines et de l'Industrie and Indochina, French, Direction des Services Economiques). All of the above sources are listed more or less chronologically. There are also periodical statistical reports issued by the Lao government (Laos, Ministère du Plan et de la Coopération, Service national de la statistique, *Annuaire statistique du Laos* and *Bulletin de statistique*) from 1950 and an official Lao periodical publication of commercial statistics (Laos, Ministère du Plan et de la Coopération, *Bulletin du Commerce extérieur*) from 1955. The United States Operations Mission to Laos issued periodical statistical reports on Laos from the late 1950s (see under U.S. Dept. of State, Agency for International Development). Economic statistics are contained in Lao government development plans (Laos, Ministère du Plan et de la Coopération, *Plan de développement...*, *Plan Cadre 1969-1974*, and *Plan Cadre de Développement...*). There is also a compilation of statistics from the 1950s by Halpern.

Population data for Laos are notably unreliable. Pietrantoni has attempted to analyze population data for the colonial period between 1915 and 1945. The census of 1956-1959 (see the two population reports by Laos, Ministère du Plan et de la Coopération, Service de la statistique) is the only systematic general census

for the post-World War II period. (See also Halpern's *Population Statistics...* and Haight for other presentations of population data based on this census.)

#### *Government Documents*

There is no adequate guide to the government documents of either the Indochinese government or of the Lao government. Some listing of Indochinese government documents relative to Laos are available (France, Ministère des Colonies, Bibliothèque; Indochina, Directions des Archives et des Bibliothèques; Indochina, French, Institut d'Emission; and Indochina, French, Résidence Supérieure au Laos, the latter specifically on Laos). (For other listings of Lao government documents, see Law and Political Science below.) There is also a listing of documents generated by the Mekong Committee of the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. There is no listing of U.S. government documents relevant to Laos.

#### *Dissertations*

There is no bibliography of dissertations which concern Laos specifically, but most of the dissertations on Laos have been listed in more general sources. The most comprehensive bibliography is that by Sardesai and Sardesai, but it is worth checking the specific bibliographies for the U.S. by The and van der Veur (updates and replaces the work by Stucki) and for the U.K. by Bloomfield. Updating of all these bibliographies has been undertaken by Shulman.

#### *Inventories of Archives*

There is no adequate general inventory of manuscripts or archival materials for Laos, although there are some specific inventories relevant to literature and religion (see below). Some materials relevant to Laos might be found in Great Britain as listed in Wainwright, *et al.*, but this has not been checked out. There is a very great need for inventories of Lao archival and manuscript materials as they exist in Laos, in France, and the U.S.

#### *Atlases and Gazetteers*

Laos has been included in a number of atlases which were produced during the colonial period. Of these, those by Pavie, Chabert and Gallois (appears to be the same as by Gallois above), Brenier, and the Geographical Service of Indochina all remain of

value. A more recent atlas produced in conjunction with the Mekong River Development Project is a truly excellent resource (Engineering Agency for Resources Inventories and the Tennessee Valley Authority).

Several Gazetteers have been produced for Laos (*Guide toponymique laotien*; U.S. National Security Agency; U.S. Army Map Service; U.S. Office of Geography; U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, Topographic Center), of which one issued by the United States Defense Mapping Agency is the most recent and comprehensive. The U.S. Department of State has also issued a set of pamphlets on the boundaries of Laos which are of value.

## B. REFERENCE TOOLS BY SUBJECT

*Anthropology*

The anthropological study of Laos is here construed to include studies of the ethnography of Laos, studies of ethnic groups (including tribal groups), and studies of Lao culture. Prehistory is included with History, and studies of aspects of society (including village studies) are included under Sociology. For cultural sources, also see Religion. There are several works which have reviewed the state of ethnographic or ethnological studies in Laos (Mansuy, published in 1931; Lévy; Lafont; and Wilder, given in chronological order). There is a need for a review which would cover all studies up to 1975 when the change in government effectively brought such studies to an end. The best bibliographical source on the ethnic groups of Laos remains that included in LeBar, Hickey, and Musgrave's *Ethnic Groups of Mainland Southeast Asia*, although the older bibliography by Embree and Thomas is still of some value (also see Halpern). An updated survey of ethnographic research should also include an updated bibliography.

There are a number of compendia which include information on the ethnic groups of Laos. These include the volumes of the *Mission Pavie* in the *Géographie et voyages* series as well as the more recent volumes by Kunstadter and others and the LeBar, Hickey, and Musgrave volume.

The best guide to Lao culture is to be found in the general volume edited by de Berval and in the works of Charles Archaimbault. Perhaps the two best studies of tribal groups in Laos are those by Izikowitz on the Mon-Khmer-speaking Lamet and Lemoine's study of the Green Hmong (Meo).

*Archaeology*

For the archaeology of Laos, there exists a rather dated guide to archaeological monuments in Indochina, including Laos (see L'Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient) and a more recent bibliographical guide on the archaeological researches carried out in Laos as well as elsewhere in Indochina by Bezacier. There also exists a brief survey of archaeological remains in the Vientiane Plain by Gagneux and Pfeiffer. There is no general compilation of the inscriptions of Laos although some are given in the *Mission Pavie* as well as in the Coedès compilation of the inscriptions of Cambodia. Clearly, there is a need for more adequate guides to the archaeological remains and inscriptions.

### Arts

There do not appear to be comprehensive guides to the art of Laos, although there is a guidebook to art found at Vat Phra Kéo in Vientiane by Gagneux. Parmentier's *L'Art du Laos* would appear to be the most general work on iconography and religious art in Laos (also see Deydier; Phou; and Gagneux). Again the articles on art (by Marchal and Karpeles) in de Berval's compendium are very useful. For the music of Laos, see the book by Danielou plus the article by Prince Souvanna Phouma in de Berval. There also exist catalogs of Indochinese stamps and coins which include those of Laos (see *Catalogue de timbre-post* and Daniler).

### Business and Economics

Guides and bibliographies of studies relating to business and economics appear to be totally lacking. For the colonial period there were a few early studies (Vitrac; Malpuech), and some economic data on Laos can be found in annuals, bulletins, compendia, and other reports issued by the Indochinese government (see under Indochina, French (1) *Annuaire général*; (2) Direction des Service Economiques; (3) Résidence Supérieure au Laos; (4) *Bulletin de l'agence économique*; (5) Direction de l'Agriculture et du Commerce; (6) Institut d'Emission, *Statistique économiques...*, *Bulletin économique hebdomadaire*, and *Etudes et documents*; (7) Service de la Statistique Générale, *Bulletin économique* and *Indices économiques*). The six volumes of the catalog of Indochinese products produced by Crevost and others also contain data on Lao production during the colonial period. For the post-colonial period there are some government bulletins on economic topics (Laos, Ministère de l'Economie Nationale; Laos, Ministère du Plan et de la Coopération, *Bulletin du commerce extérieur*) as well as economic development plans (Laos, Ministère du Plan et de la Coopération, *Plan Cadre 1969-1974* and *Plan Cadre de Développement...*), which have some utility. The best general source is a volume by Halpern which is quite dated in that it applies only to the period of the late 1950s and early 1960s. Particularly needed for the period between 1954 and 1975 is a guide to U.S. government reports on foreign aid since Laos was a major recipient of such aid. I have only been able to identify a brief report on U.S. foreign aid to Laos (U.S. Dept. of State, Agency for International Development). Guides to foreign aid given by France, the U.N., Japan, and other countries would also be useful.

### Education

There exist some basic sources on Lao education, including an annotated bibliography by Haney and several studies made during the colonial period (Indochina, French, *La pénétration scolaire...*), at

the outset of the period of an independent Laos (Bolidéau), and a couple of studies made since 1954 (Laos, Ministère de l'Éducation Nationale; Wilder). For an overview of education, also see the articles in the de Berval volume.

### *Geography*

For the geography of Laos, there are a number of bibliographies which list much of the relevant literature, although few of these are specific to Laos alone. The most comprehensive are those produced with reference to the Mekong River development project (by Anglemyer and by Halpern, Hafner, and Haney--the latter replacing the work by Halpern and Hafner). There is a specialized bibliography of scientific work carried out in Indochina in the period 1939-1941 by Noyer and a bibliography specifically dealing with the geology and mineralogy of Laos by Khamtanh Chantala. There are several general geographical works produced during the colonial period which still are of considerable value. These include the early study by Pavie, a study by Bouault published in 1932, and of particular significance, the volume on Indochina produced by the Naval Intelligence Division of Great Britain. A couple of geographies of Laos have also been produced since independence in 1954 by Hugary and by L'École Espérance Mission Catholique, Vientiane. Also of value are studies of the climate and vegetation of Laos by Nuttonson and by Vidal, the latter being an excellent work in two volumes.

### *History*

While there are no general guides to the history and historiography of Laos, there have been periodic state-of-the-art papers on Lao prehistory by Mansuy; Lévy; Malleret; and Saurin, with those by Malleret and Saurin subsuming much of the material in the previous papers. Useful as guides for those interested in the history of Laos are a rather dated listing of historical monuments in Indochina, including Laos (see L'École française d'Extrême-Orient), and an official Thai publication on the political-administrative structure of French Laos (Thailand, Krasuang Kalahom, Krom Yutthasakan Thahan Bok). There is no specific bibliography on the history of Laos, although most Western-language sources can be found in Lafont's general bibliography.

For historical chronologies, there is one for pre-modern Laos by Matheiu published in the de Berval volume and one for the period between 1945 and 1966 published by the British Central Office of Information.

For basic histories of Laos, the main sources include articles by Coedès and Katay in the de Berval collection, Lafont's

dated *Histoire du Laos français*, a rather brief volume by Lévy, and the somewhat traditional and rather uncritical studies by the Lao historians, Sila Viravong, Ukham Phonvongsa, and Khamman Vongkottrattana (also see Lafont; Manich; and Khamphae Phonekeo, which are of lesser value). There is a definite need for a general scholarly history of Laos.

There are some histories of specific periods which are of considerable utility: those by Pavie and Tournier for the colonial period, the latter being especially useful (also see Nguyen Van Que), and Thompson for the late colonial period. Sisouk na Champasak's *Storm over Laos*, although told from the perspective of the Lao right-wing, is still useful for the period between 1945 and 1961.

For historiography, the best general source is the compilation of the results of a seminar held in Laos in 1971 (Sammana pavatsat Lao...). There is a discussion of the terms Lao, Tai, etc. by Briggs and another on the ancient names of Luang Prabang by Coedès.

For biographical and genealogical sources, there are a number of works on Lao royalty and princely families (Indochina, French, *Souverains...*; Khamman Vongkottrattana; Pramuan wichaphun, Phraya; and three works by Yim Panthayangkun). Of value for those interested in the events of the 1940s and 1950s are the autobiographies of two Lao very much involved in these events, Cao Phetcharat and Oun Sananikone. For more recent biography of Lao political leaders see the volume by Kitti Ratsaphong. (Also see Sociology for other biographical sources).

There are a number of sources which bring together primary documents or provide guides to such documents. A volume by Raquez, published in 1902, is particularly good on unpublished manuscripts, and the *Mission Pavie* includes many traditional sources. There is a volume which has appeared in many bibliographies, *Annales du Laos*, but no copy of this exists, at least in American collections. For sources for more recent history, see the compilation by Adams and McCoy.

### *Language and Linguistics*

For languages in Laos, there are discussions of the languages and language families of Laos contained in more general sources (Benedict; Savina). The bibliographies by Shorto, et al. and by Bounlieng provide good introductions to the sources on language in Laos.

A number of texts exist for the study of the Lao language, the two standard ones for English-speakers wishing to learn to

speak Lao being those by Roffe and Roffe and by Yates, et al. For those interested in learning to read Lao, Reinhorn's text is still quite useful. For the study of the 'dhammic script' (*tua tham*) in which traditional religious texts were written, there are a number of study guides in Lao (Khamphun Philavong; Luang Mahasena (Phui), Phanya; and Vajirananavisuddhi). There is also a study guide in Lao for learning Hmong (Meo) (Khana Sasana Thut Khao Prasoet nai Prathet Lao).

Of grammars of the Lao language, that by Nginn appears to be the best (also see Hospitalier).

### *Law*

For *law* in Laos, there are at least two works which provide some guidance to traditional and customary law (Laos, Ministère de l'Education Nationale, Comité Littéraire and Phouvong Phimmasone), although considerably more work needs to be done in this field. For the transformation of Lao law in the early colonial period, see the works by Michel and Mongeot. The best guide to laws promulgated during the colonial period is a work published by the Indochinese government for the whole of Indochina (Indochina, French, Laws, Statutes, etc. (Indexes)). There are many other works in which laws are published, but these are not included here. Also for law during the colonial period, see work published under official Thai auspices in 1941 (Thailand, Krom Aiyakan). There is no adequate guide or compendium of Lao law since independence, although compilations of laws have been published (listed below under Laos, Laws, Statutes, etc.) as have the various constitutions (Laos, Laws, Statutes, etc.; France, *Constitution du Royaume Laos*; Laos, *Laos*). For an introduction to the transformation of law in Laos, see the brief article by Westermeyer. There needs to be a good index to the laws of Laos both for the colonial and post-colonial periods.

### *Libraries*

Libraries in Laos have not been developed to any great extent. Traditionally, manuscripts were kept in temple-monasteries (*vat*) and only with the onset of colonialism did Western-style libraries begin to make an appearance. One of the earliest of these was the royal library at Luang Prabang, described in a 1913 article by Meiller. A guide to the national library as it was in 1958 also exists (Keoulouanghot). Perhaps the best guide to library collections is still to be found in Finot's study published in 1917. (Finot's catalogue was republished in 1958 by Kéne.) There also exist two useful catalogues of collections in temple-monasteries by Lafont and by Kéne.

### *Literature*

For Lao *literature* there exists a brief bibliography of major manuscripts of Lao literature (Ratsabandit Sapha Lao), and other bibliographies can be found in inventories of collections as well as in the index to Finot's study. For general introductions to Lao literature there are the articles in the de Berval volume, a brief overview by Bernard Thierry, and a study in Lao by Khamphaeng Ketvong. By far the best work on Lao literature, focussing primarily on religious literature, is the study by Finot. This superb work provides a systematic guide to the traditional literature of Laos, a summary of the contents of many of the works (together with translated extracts), and an analysis of the history and development of the Lao literary tradition. For other guides to traditional Lao religious literature, there are articles by Phovong Phimmasone and Lafont, the latter dealing specifically with works in Pali. Lavong and Saveng Phinith have published good guides to more contemporary literature, with Lafont emphasizing political literature.

There are a number of guides to collections of Lao literature in manuscript form (Raquez; Finot; Coedès, Kéne; Lafont; and Wenk, given in chronological order). However, there needs to be a union list for such materials plus a guide to the archival collections in France. Some Lao literature has been translated, at least in part, beginning with those pieces appearing in the Mission Pavie collections and Leclère's compilation. (Also see Senny and Berval).

### *Political Science*

For the political scientific study of Laos there exist guides to political-administrative structure of both French Laos as of 1941 (Thailand, Krasuang Kalahom, Krom Yutthasuksa Thahan Bok) and of Laos in the 1950s and 1960s (Guerrini). Also useful as a guide is Lafont's review of the political literature of Laos since World War II. There is no general bibliography of works in Lao politics, but there is a specialized bibliography dealing with the period of the early 1970s by Cawley.

The British Central Office of Information has published a chronology of events in Laos (as well as in Cambodia and Vietnam) from 1945-1966. There is a need for an updated chronology covering the period between 1966 and 1975. For general background on Lao political structure and political processes for the period from World War II and 1970, the study by Halpern and the compilation of articles and documents edited by Adams and McCoy are the most useful. There are a number of sources of biographies of political leaders. For the late colonial

period there is an official publication by the Indochinese government (Indochina, French, *Souverains et notabilités...*) and a publication by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Intelligence and Research Analysis. Of the several sources for the post-colonial period (Sithat Sithibourn; "Who's Who in Laos;" "Personalities in Laotian Politics;" and Kittī Ratsaphong), that by Kittī Ratsaphong is the most current. There also exist sources on the members of the Lao National Assembly and the Lao diplomatic corps (two works by de Willemereuil and Laos (Kingdom), Kasuang Kantangpathet, Kom Phithi Kanthut), but there is no adequate guide to the membership in these Lao political and bureaucratic bodies or to those who have filled other official positions.

The autobiographies by Prince Phetcharat and of Oun Sananikone are particularly useful as background sources for the period of the 1940s and 1950s since these two had important roles in the events of the period.

There is no general listing of Lao government publications, although a selection of documents has been published by the Australian Department of External Affairs along with documents generated by other states and international bodies on questions dealing with Laos. There is a need for a union list of all Lao official publications and of all other official documents dealing with Laos.

For guides to works on the events during the end of the colonial period, Lancaster's study, *The Emancipation of French Indochina* still remains the best source (also see the works by Katay and Sisouk for discussions of events of this period). Roger Smith's article, "Laos," remains the best general source for the period between 1954 and mid-1960s (also see Modelski; Sisouk; Fall for other materials on this period). For political events up to 1970, Dommen's study, *Conflict in Laos* is the best background study (also see Gettleman; Toye; and Langer and Zasloff), while Stevenson's study, *The End of Nowhere* is particularly good for the same period regarding the American role in Laos. For discussion of events leading to the coming to power of the Pathet Lao, see the various works written or edited by Zasloff. There is no good source on Lao government and politics since 1975.

### *Religion*

For Lao religion, or more specifically the religion of the Lao people (tribal religion has been subsumed under Anthropology), the best general source is Marcel Zago's *Rites et cérémonies en milieu bouddhiste Lao*. Also good as a basic source for religious practices are the articles contained in the de Berval volume. Condominas' study of popular religion in Laos and Archaimbault's focused studies of specific rites and practices also provide good guides to Lao religious beliefs and practices. For introduction to Buddhist

iconography, see Gagneux's study of the Buddha image, and for guides to Buddhist literature there are the studies by Lafont and Phouvong Phimmasone.

Inventories of manuscripts containing Buddhist texts also exist (Kéne; Lafont; Coedès). However, the best guide to Buddhist literature and Buddhist texts remains Finot's superb, "Recherches sur la littérature laotienne." This work and Zago's study provide the best guides to the Buddhist tradition as it is expressed in texts and rituals in Laos.

### *Sociology*

For the sociology of Laos, the best general guides are the now rather dated studies by Halpern based on researches and published materials from the 1950s and early 1960s. To some extent the area handbooks on Laos (Whitaker's being the most recent) have provided the updating of the Halpern studies. The demography of Laos is in a parlous state given the paucity and unreliability of population statistics (Laos, Ministère du Plan et de la Coopération, Service de la Statistique, *Population officielle du Laos* and *Population statistiques*). There is a brief study of the population of Laos for the period of 1915 to 1945 by Pietrantoni, and Halpern analyzed some population statistics from the 1950s. However, there is a need for a critical assessment of population statistics from Laos together with reference to reports (such as those made by U.S. officials in Laos) on population movements during the period of the 1960s and 1970s.

There have been no good studies of elites in Laos, although some biographical material exists (for example, Sithat Sithibourn; "Who's Who in Laos;" Haight; and Laos, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Direction du Protocole). Lao rural society, particularly in the Vientiane Plain, has been rather well studied, although there is no one single basic source nor any comprehensive village study (see Kaufman; Gaudillot and Condominas; and Condominas-- works on tribal peoples are listed under Anthropology).

The study of health in Laos is best approached by first consulting the work by Breakey and Voulgaropoulos. (Also see U.S. Department of Defense, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.)

For other works on Lao society, see under Anthropology, Economics, and Political Science.

## II. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEEDED REFERENCE TOOLS TO BE PRODUCED

As with Cambodia, the production of new research tools for the study of Lao culture and society is particularly difficult given that little or no cooperation can be expected from scholars and librarians within Laos. (This situation is not quite so acute as for Cambodia and some cooperation might be effected if proper approaches were made.) Lao refugees could be particularly helpful in the production of such tools.

### FIRST PRIORITY

1. Guide to archival and manuscript materials.

While there are some guides to archival and manuscript material, there is no composite listing which would make it possible to assess the range and type of Lao texts. It would be essential that materials in France, the U.S., the U.K., and Thailand, as well as those in Laos itself, be inventoried.

2. Union catalogue of Lao-language materials.

The need here is to identify all Lao government documents produced since Laos became an independent country to the present. It would be hoped that this project could include holdings in Laos as well as in collections outside Laos.

3. Bibliography of French (Indochinese) documents relating to Laos.

This tool should probably be created in conjunction with bibliographies of French (Indochinese) documents relating to Vietnam and Cambodia as well as Laos.

4. Bibliography of U.S. government documents relating to Laos.

The intensive and massive U.S. involvement in Laos during the period from the late 1950s until 1975 generated a very large number of reports, evaluations, and assessments by American officials and contract personnel in Laos. There is a need for such documents to be systematically identified, declassified if not already available, and listed in a comprehensive bibliography.

5. Catalogs of censuses and statistical materials.

There is a need to combine in a single listing all references to statistical and census data for Laos, together with a critical evaluation of the utility of the data included in the compilations. Reference to U.S. official reports on population movements in Laos during the 1960s and 1970s should also

be included in this source.

6. Survey and bibliographical guide to ethnographic research in Laos.

There needs to be an updating of the materials given in LeBar, Hickey, and Musgrave, *Ethnic Groups in Southeast Asia*, specifically for Laos, together with a critical evaluation of the studies on ethnic groups in Laos which have been completed.

7. Basic history of Laos.

There is a need for a new basic history of Laos to supplant Le Boulanger's work. This work should include a critical analysis of the sources for Lao history.

#### SECOND PRIORITY

1. Historical atlas for Laos.
2. Bibliography of dictionaries and grammars about Tai languages, including those of Laos.
3. Bibliography of Thai sources about Laos.
4. Biographical listing of leaders in Laos from ca. 1939 to the present together with an index to all biographical sources available on Laos.
5. Comparative Tai dictionary and grammar. To be undertaken in conjunction with work on Thailand.
6. Compilation of political documents for Laos for the period between 1954 and 1975 and for the period since 1975.
7. Compilation of all constitutions of Laos. Perhaps to be undertaken in conjunction with a larger project on the constitutions of all of Southeast Asia.
8. English-Lao comprehensive dictionary.
9. Guide to inscriptions and archaeological remains in Laos.
10. Guide to religious beliefs and iconography of Laos. This is not so pressing as it is for Cambodia, but should be undertaken in conjunction with a comparative guide for all the Buddhist countries of Southeast Asia.
11. Source book of selected historical readings on Laos.

## ABBREVIATIONS OF SOURCES IN ANNOTATIONS

- COTTER: Michael G. Cotter, Country Specialist for Vietnam; *Vietnam: A Guide to Reference Sources*. Boston: G.K. Hall & Co., 1977.
- HART: Hart, Donn V. *Thailand: An Annotated Bibliography of Bibliographies*. DeKalb, Illinois: Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University (Occasional Papers Series #5), 1977.
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- LAFONT: Lafont, Pierre Bernard. *Bibliographie du Laos*. Paris: Ecole française d'Extreme-Orient, 1964.
- NUNN: Nunn, Raymond G. *Asia; A Selected and Annotated Guide to Reference Works*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: M.I.T. Press, 1971.
- THROMBLEY & SIFFIN: Thrombley, W. C. and W. J. Siffin. *Thailand: Politics, Economy and Socio-Cultural Setting: A Selective Guide to the Literature*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1972.
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III. BIBLIOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF EXISTING REFERENCE TOOLS

A. REFERENCE TOOLS BY FORM

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Baudenne, M.A. "À Travers le Laos: Guide à l'usage des voyageurs," *Bull. Économique de l'Indochine* (1911), pp. 285-330. Also published as a pamphlet, Hanoi: Impr. d'Extrême-Orient, 1911. 45 p., map.

Gagneux, Pierre Marie. *Luang Prabang: Guide des principales curiosités*, par Thao Boun Souk [pseud.]. Vientiane, n.d. 33 p., map.

Indochina., French. Service Fédéral de l'Information. *Visitez le Laos, pays du Million d'Éléphants*. Vientiane, 1947. 27 p.

Madrolle, Claudius. *Indochine: Cochinchine, Cambodge, Annam, Tonkin, Yunnan, Laos, Siam*. Paris: Éditions Géographiques, Maritimes et Coloniales, 1939. (Also published in English in Paris, 1939).

A general guidebook.

Madrolle, Claudius. *Indochine du Nord; Tonkin, Annam, Laos, Yunnan, Hongkong, Koung-tcheou Wan*. 3d ed. aug. Paris: Société d'éditions géographiques, maritimes et coloniales, 1939, 384 p.

*Guides and Manuals*

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Savina, François Marie. *Guide linguistique de l'Indochine Française.*  
Hongkong: Société des missions-étrangères, 1939. 2 vol.

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Anglemyer, Mary, Janet G. Gee, and Michael G. Koll, Jr. *Selected Bibliography, Lower Mekong Basin*. Washington, D.C.: Engineer Agency for Resources Inventory, Department of the Army, June 15, 1969. 2 vols., 293 pages, 222 pages (loose-leaf).

THROMBLEY & SIFFIN: "Volume I deals with the Lower Mekong Basin region as a whole and with Thailand; volume II, with Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. These sections are, in turn, subdivided by subject matter: agriculture, climate, education, electric power, fisheries, forestry and vegetation, geology, health, industry, minerals, population, and soils. For the most part, the entries represent material available in the Washington, D.C. area. Entries are not annotated. (In English and French.)" p. 122.

*Asian Bibliography*. Bangkok: U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. Published semi-annually.

THROMBLEY & SIFFIN: "Issued in June and December of each year since 1952, this is actually the accessions list of the ECAFE library. Indexed by area; items are classified by topic. Non-English titles are translated into English. The scope and relevance of the ECAFE library's collection make this a useful source." p. 123.

Auvade, Robert. *Bibliographie Critique des Oeuvres Parues sur l'Indochine Française: Un siècle d'histoire et d'enseignement*. Paris: Maisonneuve, 1965, 153 p.

Barquissau, Raphaël. *L'Asie française et ses écrivains (Indochine-Inde) avec une bibliographie indochinoise*. Paris: Vigneau, 1947, 246 p.

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COTTER: "Contents: Vol. I, 1913-1926 (Hanoi, 1931); vol. II, 1927-1929 (Hanoi, 1931); vol. III, 1930 (Hanoi, 1931); vol. IV, 1931-1935: *Ordre alphabétique* (Hanoi, 1943, 496 p.); vol. IV, 1931-1935: *Matières* (Paris, 1967).

Alphabetical subject index with author index in section two of vols. 1-3. Each work listed under relevant subjects and is not restricted to one listing per title. Includes books and articles, government publications and periodical volumes, mostly in French or with French or Indochina imprints. Vol. I duplicates some of the books listed in Cordier's *Bibliotheca indosinica*, but includes periodical articles only if published after 1913. Some annotations. Vols. III and IV include publications in indigenous languages published in 1930 and later, particularly valuable for locating Vietnamese-language publications on Buddhism, Caodaism, "Langue annamite," "Littérature annamite," and "Périodiques." Entries in Vietnamese have titles translated into French. Vol. IV includes publications in Russian and some other European languages."

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Brebion, Antoine. *Dictionnaire de Bio-Bibliographie Générale, Ancienne et Moderne de l'Indochine Française*. Paris: Société d'Éditions Géographiques, Maritimes, et Coloniales, 1935, 446 p. (Académie des Sciences Coloniales. Annales. Tome 8).

Cabaton, M.A.R. *Bibliotheca Indosinica: Index*. Paris: Publications de l'École Française d'Extrême-Orient, 1932.

Index to the bibliography compiled by Henri Cordier.

Carlson, Alvar W. *A Bibliography of the Geographical Literature on Southeast Asia, 1920-1972*. Monticello, Illinois: Council of Planning Librarians, 1974, 127 p.

COTTER: "Subject arrangement of over 1300 books, articles, reports, and unpublished masters' and doctoral theses in English, of which about 90 are on Indochina. Scope includes human geography, agriculture, medical geography and physical geography.

Contents are limited to English-language publications, therefore omits basic bibliographies for Vietnamese studies.... Also omits *Area Handbooks* on North and South Vietnam...."

Cordier, Henri. *Bibliotheca Indosinica: Dictionnaire bibliographique des ouvrages relatifs à la péninsule indochinoise*. Paris: Leroux, 1912-1932, 4 vols. (Publications de l'Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient, vols. 15-18).

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- v. 6 Vernacular monographs: Cambodia
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Embree, John F., and Lillian Ota Dotson. *Bibliography of the Peoples and Cultures of Mainland Southeast Asia*. New Haven: Yale University, Southeast Asia Studies, 1950. 821 p. + addendum.

Still an important reference for ethnographic and cultural research.

THROMBLEY & SIFFIN: "Pages 461-558 of this monumental compilation deal with Thailand and the Thai people. 'No attempt is made to include political history, economics or welfare although all of these fields are partially included in various contexts. Human geography is largely included in the ethnology sections and some material on education is included under cultural history' (p. xiv). A valuable tool for social and cultural research." p. 125.

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COTTER: "Contains the publications printed in Indochina and sent to the *Dépot légal*. Includes periodical and non-periodical publications; entry includes full bibliographical description. Subject and author indexes are in each issue. From 1923 to 1935 provided the basis for Boudet and Bourgeois' *Bibliographie de l'Indochine française*."

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A major reference tool for anyone wishing to carry out any kind of research on Thailand, Laos, or Cambodia.

Kéne, Thao [Kēn, Thāo]. *Bibliographie du Laos*. Vientiane: Edition du Comité Littéraire, 1958. 68 p. + 7 leaves.

A compilation of Western (basically French) sources. Not nearly as useful as Lafont's *Bibliographie du Laos*.

Kéne, Thao [Kēn, Thāo]. *Catalogue des manuscrits de la littérature lao des provinces du Laos*. Vientiane: Comité Littéraire, Lao, 1960. 43 p.

Lists by title in Lao and in Romanized form 553 texts or segments of the Buddhist canon which are found in manuscript form in the libraries of Luang Phrabang, Vientiane, Savannakhet, Pakse and Champasak. Each title is identified as to which of these libraries contains a copy.

Lafont, Pierre Bernard. *Bibliographie du Laos*. Paris, Ecole française d'Extrême Orient, 1964. (Publications de l'Ecole française d'Extrême Orient. v. 50). 269 p.

NUNN: "Includes 1867 books and periodical articles published from 1800 to 1962, mostly in French. There are, however, a few English and German titles, and a short section with Laotian, Vietnamese, Thai and Russian entries. 39 periodicals were surveyed. The bibliography is arranged by broad subjects, and one sixth of the entries are annotated. This bibliography is much more comprehensive than Thao Kene *Bibliographie du Laos* (Vientiane, 1958. 68 p.) and John McKinstry *Bibliography of Laos and Ethnically Related Areas* (Berkeley, 1962, 89 p.) both of which are arranged alphabetically by author and title and have a much smaller number of entries." p. 77.

"This is a superior bibliography compiled by a French anthropologist and delegate de l'Ecole Française d'Extreme Orient. Not only is it comprehensive for Western languages, but also it includes sources in Russian, Thai, Japanese, Chinese, and Lao. It is well indexed and the breakdown of categories are very logical and usable so that it is easy to find all the references on a single topic.

Contains 1867 sources, of which 48 are in Lao, 6 in Thai (Siamese), 48 in Vietnamese, 78 in Russian and a few in Chinese. The remainder are mainly in French, with some English and German sources."

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Mogenet, Luc. *Bibliographie complémentaire du Laos (1962-1973)*. Vientiane: Bibliothèque nationale, 1973. 85 p.

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Tregonning, Kennedy G. *Southeast Asia: A Critical Bibliography*. Tuscon: University of Arizona Press, 1969.

Not a very useful reference source except as a supplement to other bibliographies.

COTTER: "Arranged by country, then by era or by subject, with a section on Southeast Asia in general. Mostly English-language books, with some periodical articles. Short descriptive annotations, omits pagination of books. Inconsistent in entries...."

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Moon, Brenda E., comp. *Periodicals for South-East Asian Studies: A Union Catalogue of Holdings in British and Selected European Libraries*. London: Mansell, 1978. 632 p.

"Compiled under the auspices of the South-East Asia Library Group, this catalogue lists periodical publications published in, or relating to, the countries of South-East Asia. Periodicals of all frequencies are listed, including daily newspapers, and both current and extinct publications are included. Entries give place of publication, dates of first and last appearance, alternative titles and locations in contributing libraries in the United Kingdom and Europe." (from prospectus).

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COTTER: "Alphabetical listing by author or title of 3,748 serials in the Yale University Library, of which over 100 are on Vietnam. Includes many references to government publications, society publications, and limited editions of materials published before 1945 in all languages. Includes serials on microform as well as printed works. ...Some Russian periodicals on Asia are included in the bibliography, but are not listed in the "Index by country of origin." Lists individual titles of monograph series and holdings in the library of most series."

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