

Traffic Ban Eased At Tan Son Nhut

SAIGON (AP) — Commercial airline traffic at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport resumed on a limited schedule Saturday with an Air Vietnam flight to Hong Kong.

The resumption was somewhat tenuous, informed sources said, since any trouble at the airport could close it again, and because some airlines were not willing to risk their planes even though the airport was declared open.

Official reports earlier this week that the airport had resumed commercial operations proved incorrect.

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No Wait For Pay At AB

SAIGON (OI)—Air Force men and women arriving at Tan Son Nhut AB from the U.S. no longer have to wait several days to receive their travel and regular pay allowances.

The new system enables personnel arriving at Tan Son Nhut to collect almost instantly all of their back pay and travel allowances.

"This means the individual arriving in the morning will have his pay in his pocket by that same morning," said Maj. Ralph Law, 38, Wetumpka, Ala., accounting and finance officer. Law initiated the new system.

The system computes a new arrival's pay while he is being processed through the Central Base Personnel Office (CBPO). Upon completion of normal personnel processing at CBPO, the new arrival goes to an Instant Pay Service Section, and picks up his travel and regular pay at the same time.

Outgoing personnel are processed under the same system. They will obtain their pay records and advance pay or travel pay at CBPO, instead of the main finance office as in the past.

The new pay system allows new arrivals to begin work sooner by cutting down on the processing time.

The service also allows finance people to provide better service to its regular customers. "For example," Law said, "we now provide a pay as you wait service for all temporary duty travel vouchers; a first for Vietnam."