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Abstract: Mike Abadie, former insurance manager for Hoechst Celanese Corp., recently moved to Vietnam after spending the last several years becoming proficient in Vietnamese and compiling an electronic learning program containing more than 12,000 of the most common words, phrases, and idioms in English and Vietnamese. Abadie had informed Hoechst Celanese management that his career goal was to move to Vietnam with his Vietnamese-born wife, but the company concluded there would be no transfer. He then contacted Jardine Insurance Brokers Inc., which has a Vietnamese office and was intrigued by Abadie's capabilities. Abadie started Jardine as an account representative in Ho Chi Minh City in January 1995.