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March 25, 1994

Prof. Eric H. Robinson
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Dear Prof. Robinson,

This is the report on my evaluation of nine articles on matters related to Vietnam and the Vietnam War, written by Mr. David Hunt and sent to me for evaluation.

Based on these nine items it cannot be said the Mr. Hunt is a serious scholar of Vietnamese history. There are three chapters from edited books, two journal articles (neither from mainline academic history publications), a book review and two of what might be termed "op-ed" articles. This is thin gruel for coming to judgement.

None of the materials can truly be considered contributions to the literature of the field. Neither are they what could be called serious intellectual engagement but neither of these judgements should necessarily be construed as criticism since none of this material appears intended for either of these two purposes.

Mr. Hunt is fairly well known among those of us in Vietnam area studies although not for his writings/scholarship so much as for his efforts to encourage research, writing and, especially teaching, in this field, and as an academic activist engaged in supporting various causes related to U.S.-Vietnam relations.

For the record, to the best of my recollection I have never met Mr. Hunt. I believe we have attended Association for Asian Studies annual meetings and I may have listened to him reading a paper. I am familiar with his work at the Joiner Center and his editorship of the Vietnam Studies Bulletin (of the AAS) about which we have had some correspondence.

For the record these are the items evaluated:

Writings by David Hunt (received):

- 1) "Peasant Routes in France and Vietnam," Peasant Studies, Vol. 17, N. 2 (Winter 1990).
- 2) "Village Culture and the Vietnamese Revolution," Past and Present, No. 94 (1982).
- 3) "From the Millennial to the Everyday: James Scott's Search for the Essence of Peasant Politics," Radical History Review, No. 42, 1988.
- 4) "Prefigurations of the Vietnamese Revolution," essay for Rayna Rapp and Jane Schneider, eds., Articulating Hidden Histories: Anthropology, History and the Influence of Eric R. Wolf (Berkeley, U.C. Press, forthcoming, Nov. 1994).
- 5) "Freedom and Illusion in Vietnam: Weighing the Balance of Forces," a review of Gabriel Kolko's Anatomy of a War for Radical History, March-May 1986.
- 6) "U.S. Scholarship and the National Liberation Front," chapter for book Hunt co-edited with Jayne Werner, The American War in Vietnam, published by the Southeast Asia Program of Cornell University, 1993.
- 7) "US, Vietnamese Historians Meet to Analyze the War," Radical Historians Newsletter, Feb. 1989.
- 8) "A Meeting with Vietnamese Historians," Radical Historians Newsletter, Feb. 1986.
- 9) "Hanoi Renaissance," Indochina Newsletter, May-June 1989. Essay on the works of northern novelists Le Quang Vu (pen name Le Luu) and Nguyen Huy Thiep.

Sincerely,

Douglas Pike
Director

Department of History
University of Massachusetts/Boston
March 1994

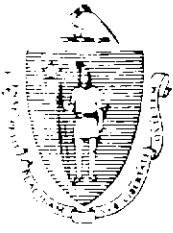
Criteria for Promotion to Full Professor in History:

For promotion to full professor from associate professor shall be required a substantial body of published scholarship separate from these works, published or unpublished, that were taken into account for promotion to associate professor. This body of new scholarship shall normally take the form of a published book (or a completed manuscript, accompanied by a letter of acceptance, and a copy of the contract with the publisher). In specially meritorious circumstances a body of published work such as articles in professional journals, comparable in their impact to that of a book, may be accepted in lieu of a book. This body of work must have gained "substantial recognition on and off campus from professionals in the field and must show significant potential for continuing professional development."

Academic Personnel Policy of the University of Massachusetts at
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March 14, 1994

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Dear Mr. Pike:

We are most grateful to you for consenting to provide us with your assessment of Dr. Hunt's scholarship and, if possible, your view of its relationship to our departmental and university criteria for promotion to full professor, which I am enclosing with this letter.

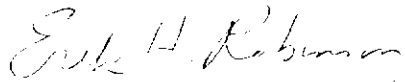
The materials selected by the candidate as those most relevant to his application for promotion, and not added to or taken away from by us, are as follows:

- 1) Dr. Hunt's curriculum vitae,
- 2) Dr. Hunt's statement of his qualifications for promotion to full professor,
- 3) a list of Dr. Hunt's publications selected by him, and
- 4) the publications.

I am obliged by our university regulations to ask you whether you have had any previous personal or professional contact with Dr. Hunt, and, if so, what was the nature of it.

Once again, thank you for your help. Please let us have your report not later than 1 May 1994 or as soon before that date as you can conveniently manage. When submitting your report, please include a copy of your c. v.

Yours sincerely,



Eric H. Robinson
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Eric H. Robinson
Chairman, Promotions Sub-committee