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### Memorandum

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From: James R. Recknet 

Subj: Discussions with Vietnamese Government Delegation

1. On the recommendation of the Director of the Fulbright International Program, who has been much impressed with the Vietnam program at Texas Tech University, I have been invited to take part in five days of discussions with what the State Department has described as the "most important" delegation ever to visit the United States from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The American Center for International Leadership, the organizers of the discussions which will occur June 18-23, have waived the \$1,000 registration fee in order to permit me to attend. A listing of the Vietnamese delegation and the program of the discussions is attached.

2. This meeting, which includes daily workshops, offers an ideal opportunity to highlight the Vietnam program at Texas Tech University, and to establish contacts which might be useful in a wide range of disciplines. In preparation for these meetings, I request the recipients of this memo consider areas or projects within their own disciplines where some dialog with the Vietnamese might be relevant.

3. Some thoughts that come to my mind initially are:

a. Possible exchange of information between the Archive of the Vietnam Conflict at Texas Tech and Vietnamese Archives.

b. Possible connections for the acquisition of published materials from Hanoi for the Archive.

c. Programs, plans for exchange of faculty or other types of cooperation.

d. Vietnamese participation in future conferences hosted by the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict at Texas Tech.

4. I will be pleased to table any area of interest in the planned discussions; however, unless I receive input from faculty/staff concerning these issues, I will limit my discussion exclusively to the area within the direct interest of the Vietnam Center: Vietnamese participation in future conferences at Texas Tech.

encl: List of Vietnamese Participants  
Program of Discussions

## VIETNAM DELEGATION

1. **Mr. Nguyen Quang Tao**  
President of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO).
2. **Mr. Vu Xuan Hong**  
Deputy Secretary General of VUFO  
Executive Vice-President and Secretary General of the Vietnam-USA Society  
Deputy Secretary General of the Vietnam Olympic Committee  
Deputy Head of the delegation.
3. **Mr. Hong Cong Thuy**  
Member of the National Board and Member of the Secretariat of the Vietnam-USA Society.
4. **Mr. Nguyen Van Phuc**  
Senior Official, the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organization
5. **Mr. Pham Dung**  
Member of the National Board of the Vietnam-USA Society  
Deputy Director of the Vietnam MIA office
6. **Mr. Bui The Giang**  
Director of the People-to-People Relations Department, Commission for External Affairs of the ruling party
7. **Mr. Le Luc**  
Director of the Department for Propaganda of the Central Commission for Propogating and Training of the ruling party
8. **Mr. Nguyen Phuc Ung**  
Director of Department for General Economics
9. **Mr. Nguyen Van Hoa**  
Vice-Director of the Department for Social Sciences of the Central Commission for Sciences and Education of the ruling party
10. **Mr. Nguyen Thiet Son**  
Deputy Director of Center for North America Studies (CNAS)
11. **Mr. Luc Dinh Bon**  
Staff Officer of PAVN General Staff
12. **Mrs. Le Phuong Thuy**  
Previous Head of the Information Department, Ministry of National Defense

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- 13. Mr. Vu Dung**  
Director of the Department for External Affairs, President Office
- 14. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Son**  
Dean of Faculty for International Affairs, the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Political Science
- 15. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Vinh**  
Cameraman

**Vietnam program**

**June 14**

Arrival in Los Angeles KE 18  
9:50 AM

12:00 noon  
Check-in at Hyatt Regency in Los Angeles

Remaining schedule to be announced.

**June 18**

8:00 am Departure from hotel

Departure LAX  
10:48 am  
United Airlines 748Q

Arrival  
2:01pm Denver International Airport\*

2:45 pm Press Conference at Airport

4:30 pm Arrive at hotel

6:00 pm Chancellor's reception and dinner \*

**Opening Address**

Suggested speaker: Senator McCain, Robert McNamara to open.  
US Chair and Vietnam Chair have opening remarks

Supper sponsored by: Chancellor Dan Ritchie, University of Denver \*

**June 19 Monday**

Speaker: Tim Wirth

Morning workgroups

Workshops in Dupont Room, International House, and Cherrington Hall \*

Lunch hosted by: Vietnam Student Association, International House

Meetings at School of Social Work (Dean John Jones, host) \*  
Graduate School of International Affairs (Dean Tom Rowe, host) \*  
University College

Evening host:

**June 20 Tuesday**

**Morning workshops \***

**Lunch hosted by Governor**

**Meetings at State House  
International Trade Offices  
Center for Public Policy**

**Evening host:**

**June 21 Wednesday**

**Morning workshops in Colorado Springs**

**Lunch hosted by: El Pomar Foundation**

**Meetings at US Olympic Committee  
El Pomar Foundation  
US Air Force Academy**

**Evening supper hosted by:**

**June 22 Thursday**

**Mountain Excursion at Rocky Mountain National Park**

**Afternoon meeting at the Economics Institute, University of Colorado at Boulder**

**Evening supper hosted by: University of Colorado**

**June 23 Friday**

**Morning dialogues \***

**Lunch sponsored by Vietnam Veterans**

**Closing Ceremonies**

**Evening Supper hosted by:  
Note this should be of some official formality.**

**June 24**

**Depart for Dulles Airport**

**Lunch on plane**

**Supper hosted by the McConnells and host families in Orange County, Virginia \***

**June 25**

**Tour of area, Monticello (home of Thomas Jefferson), Montpeller (home of James Madison, principal author of US Constitution), and a look at our own civil war battlefields. Meals will be hosted by area leaders. Supper will include area leaders and ACIL board members. \***

**June 26**

**Meetings in Washington with various branches of government**

**June 27**

**8:00 am Breakfast with selected Congressmen\***

**Host: Bill Sweeney, Director for Governmental Relations, EDS and  
Chairman of the Board, ACIL\***

**Remaining schedule to be announced**

**June 28**

**Depart DCA for JFK**

**June 29**

**Day to be organized by John McAuliffe\***

**Evening hosted by Children's Aid Society\***

**This is nation's largest urban child welfare program**

**June 30**

**Morning meetings with selected foundation representatives (Ford, Luce, Starr, etc.)**

**Luncheon will be at the UN hosted by the Spokesman for the Secretary General of  
the United Nations. Guests to be invited are the Vietnam and US ambassadors to the UN.\***

**Free afternoon.\***

**8 pm Departure to JFK\***

**1150 pm Departure to Seoul on KE 27\***