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Dear Howard:

Thank you very much for having kept us posted as to activities enroute to East Lansing. Each of us found your cards most interesting.

Things have been moving along at such a hectic pace since your departure that I am somewhat at a loss to marshal my facts in an orderly manner. However, I shall make a serious attempt.

With the addition of Turner, Shield and Strecher, our staff here has taken on a very definite professional posture. Each of these individuals is becoming acclimated and is easily adjusting to conditions. We have recently taken another look at the overall program and have developed a fairly complete look-ahead covering the next six months in keeping with discussions we had on the subject with the Minister of Interior, as you will recall. A copy of this particular status report was forwarded to Stan Gabis as well as to Art.

In the meantime, what with the coming elections on 30 August, we have been unable to meet regularly with any of the officials of the Police and Security Services. This is very understandable in view of the responsibilities which they all have relative to this business of the elections. We anticipate an increased tempo in our activities after the first of September. In a recent meeting with the Minister of Interior, we brought up the matter of field trips. Mr. Trinh declared that he could see no inconvenience whatsoever in our staff making trips throughout the provinces. We expect to begin to do so in September providing, of course, that Mr. Trinh's statements reflect the government's attitude on this subject. It will be

interesting to see how General Ia will react to this. I have adopted the policy of making requests for field trips by letter addressed to General Ia in order to build up a documentation of his reactions. As a matter of fact, we have one in the mill right now, asking for authority for a visit next week to the National Police Academy by our new arrivals. Ia has already readily acquiesced to this request so I do not anticipate any difficulty on that one.

Well, it appears as though an undetermined number of congressional investigators and perhaps some members of Congress will be in Saigon sometime this fall. Mr. Gardiner recently reported at a USOM staff meeting that in the overall, they came out of the hearings in Washington in rather good shape. The House apparently gave the Mission here a clean bill of health. This was not particularly so in the Senate, however. It appears as though certain matters still remain to be clarified completely, involving radio towers, disappearance of funds in the refugee program, missing vehicles, etc. With the exception of a couple of items which I will not relate here, MSU was not involved in any way in the hearings. Thank heavens for that!

According to a letter recently received by Jerry Hemmye from Rundlett, it appears as though the latter is about to submit his letter of resignation in order to accept a position with the Westrex Corporation in Beirut. Meanwhile, a State Department investigation is now underway regarding possible conflict of interests on the part of Rundlett in his handling of PIO/C's. I am sure you will know what I am talking about here. We have taken the position of cooperating fully with the State Department people and we are wondering just how this little item is going to end. Could be that Rudy saw the handwriting on the wall somewhere. As a result of his possible resignation, we have undertaken a full-scale review of the communications program from one end to the other. I have no doubt but what Hemmye is capable of concluding the work which was begun by Rundlett. We are looking at the various projects in terms of commodities delivered, ordered, and yet to be purchased, as to dollar commitments, counterpart support, GVN budget support, additional American technical assistance, delivery schedules, participant training, etc. This involves determining our needs in relation to FY-59, 60 and 61 funding. The job is a tremendous one and I have made available the entire staff to Jerry in accomplishing this task.

As you know, Jerry Franklin has accepted a position up in Grand Rapids. We were notified yesterday by Mr. Thuan at the Presidency that the GVN has decided that the services of a traffic engineer will not be necessary at this time. How naive can they be? Our position has been made adequately clear to Smuckler and it is up to him to thrash this one out.

General Ia has advised us that the breaking of ground on all of the remaining buildings, either to be built or remodeled, will begin in September. He anticipates completion of all such construction to be accomplished before next March. I certainly hope that he is correct.

The GVN continues to block the USOM audit which has caused considerable consternation at USOM. There is a strong possibility that Mr. Gardiner will order all commodity and counterpart assistance to the Police and Security Services stopped until GVN authority for the audit has been granted. What with Mr. Gardiner's recent Washington experience, plus the thinking there, this is certainly not the time for GVN to become frisky on this matter. You may be interested to know that GVN is engaged in the same tactics relative to the audit of the Civil Guard project. Mr. Fruit apparently thought at first that the government here was blocking only the audit of the Civil Police Program and not that of the Civil Guard. He is most unhappy with this particular situation.

All of us are highly pleased with Frank Walton. He is obviously a man who has had considerable experience and whose feet are flat on the ground. He is also fast becoming aware of the fact that although certain things may well be said during the course of orientations in Washington, there is always much to be learned once having arrived on the scene. Frank is moving slowly and is trying to gather all of the facts before arriving at any conclusions. I do not anticipate that any major difficulties will arise in the future relations between MSU and the PSD at USOM. In the meantime, we are preparing to transfer nearly all of our PIO/C's files to Walton and they will henceforth be responsible for following up on commodity orders and so on. This will greatly alleviate some of the technicalities with which we have been involved in the past. Actually, it will make for a much cleaner operation.

I am enclosing a letter which arrived here last week addressed to you from Colonel Snook. It must have come by slow banana boat. I have addressed a brief letter to Snook advising him that you are now in East Lansing and that he undoubtedly will hear from you in the near future.

Janine had a very nectic return trip to France in view of the fact that little Cathy was not particularly overjoyed at what was going on. She even yet continues to look around for her amah. I certainly hope that this will not last long since it causes considerable difficulties with Janine. Meanwhile, Janine is planning to join me in East Lansing next June and is undertaking to take out her first papers in the near future. My parents are enjoying a very pleasant stay in France and anticipate returning to the States early next month.

We have received frequent cards and so on from Manopoli who appears also to be enjoying his leave. We have had nothing whatever from Updike or any of the others.

I see that I have rambled on here at some length, therefore, will bring this one to a halt. In order not to have to repeat all that I have included in this letter, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a separate copy to Art.

You may be interested to know that we have received very glowing reaction to our Police Training Manual from both Jeter Williamson and Carl Betsch. We have authorized Jeter to go ahead with modifying the manual somewhat to suit conditions in Thailand, and also to have it translated into Thai. Betsch expects to make use of the manual in his program in the Philippines. Jack Munroe was also very favorably impressed with the manual. He and his wife will be here for two or three days at the end of the week and we are looking forward to their visit.

Please give my best regards to Blanche and say hello to my friends in Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

JACK E. RYAN, Chief
Police Administration Division

Enclosure

cc: Art Brandstatter



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

August 17, 1959

Mr. Jack E. Ryan, Chief
Police Administration Division
MSU-USOM, c/o American Embassy
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your very kind letter of August 11, 1959, transmitting an English copy of the basic "Police Training Manual" developed by the Police Division, Michigan State University, Vietnam Advisory Group, and issued at Saigon 1959.

I am referring this manual to Mr. Robert H. Whitmer, Support Specialist (Public Safety), who arrived for duty with USOM/Philippines on this Mission's public safety project on July 17, 1959.

Bob Whitmer served in the Berkeley, California City Police Department 1951-59, and has done undergraduate and graduate work in police administration at Contra Costa Jr. College and at the University of California.

His area of assignment here is in the local police training area, as conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation, this Mission's counterpart Philippine Government agency in our Police Improvement Project.

I am sure he will find this 529-page manual of real benefit in his advisor duties. I will appreciate your forwarding a second copy of this manual, so that we may loan same to the NBI Academy library, for use of the Academy's staff.

Acting Director Jose G. Lukban of the NBI continues to lead our project in his aggressive, capable, and cooperative manner. He has, several times, expressed to me his pleasure in having conferred with you and Howard Hoyt during our visit with you in Saigon April 23-26, 1959.

My wife and I continue to enjoy excellent health, and I feel that our program here is moving forward satisfactorily.

I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter of August 11, 1959, along with a copy of this letter, to Mr. Theo E. Hall, Chief, Public Safety Division, ICA/W, so that Theo may be aware of your very fine cooperation in furnishing the mentioned manual for this project's use.

Best personal regards. Let me know of any service that I may be to you here in Manila.

Sincerely yours,

Carl A. Betsch
Chief Public Safety Advisor

cc: Mr. Theo E. Hall, Chief
PSD, ICA/W (Encl: 1 a/s)

August 25, 1959

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VIA AIR POUCH

Mr. Carl A. Betsch
Chief Public Safety Advisor
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Manila, Philippines

Dear Carl:

Thank you kindly for your letter of August 17. Two additional copies of our manual are being forwarded to you under separate cover. We sincerely hope that they may be of some assistance to Mr. Wittmer in the development of additional training material by the staff of the National Bureau of Investigation.

I am happy to learn that you and Mrs. Betsch are in the best of health and also that your program is moving ahead as you expected. In the same vein, everything here appears to be under control although our progress at the present time is being materially impeded by virtue of the pressures resulting from the coming elections next Sunday. Our counterparts are so tied down that it is virtually impossible to meet with them at the present time. We are looking forward to resumption of normal activities in September.

The Communist invasion of Laos continues to generate more and more concern on the part of Vietnamese Government as well as foreign observers here. One is inclined to wonder just where all of this is leading us. The whole world is certainly becoming an increasingly complicated affair.

As you know, we are constantly on the prowl for appropriate lecture material in the police field. We are continuing to assist the Vietnamese in the development of their training resources. We would certainly appreciate receiving from you any available copies of such material which you may have. Meanwhile, as we develop additional outlines, etc., we will be only too happy to furnish copies to you. I quite agree with your thinking that close cooperation between the various FSD organizations can result in

the general upgrading of the program concerned. No one FSD has a corner on all the available ideas, training aids, resource materials, etc. A lot can be done in the field through exchanges of this type.

In closing, I should like to express my appreciation for your very kind and welcome comments in your last letter and I am looking forward to corresponding with you during the remainder of my stay in Vietnam and also following my return to the campus at the end of the year. Please extend my best regards to Mr. Lakhan.

Let me know whether or not we can be of any further help to you and Mr. Whitner.

Sincerely yours,

JACK E. RYAN, Chief
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International Cooperation Administration

United States Operations Mission to Thailand

American Embassy.

Bangkok, Thailand.

20 August 1959

Mr. Jack E. Ryan, Chief
Police Administration Division
M.S.U., USOM
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Jack:

I received today the copy of your group's Police Training Manual. While I have not yet read it, I have scanned through it and am tremendously impressed.

I believe we can use it to advantage here by making only a few minor changes. For the record, I should like your permission to make such use by having it translated into Thai. We would of course indicate proper credit in the translated version.

Thanks again for the book as well as the other material you have sent to us and I would appreciate copies of any other material you might develop.

Please give our best regards to all.

Sincerely yours,

Jeter L. Williamson
Chief
Public Safety Division

August 25, 1959

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Mr. Jeter L. Williamson
Chief, Public Safety Division
USOM/Thailand
Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Jeter:

Your welcome letter of August 20 arrived this morning and I should like to respond immediately, granting you our authority to have the copy of the Police Training Manual which we recently forwarded to you translated into Thai for use as you see fit in your program.

We are continuing the process of gathering various available lecture materials from all sources with the view of making them available to our Vietnamese counterparts. If such material is available, would it be possible for you to send extra copies to us here in Saigon? We hope to assist the Vietnamese during the phase-down portion of our project in the development of adequate resource materials. Anything you can do to give us a hand in this, either in the way of advice or suggestions, will certainly be appreciated. As you know, the translation of textbooks involves considerable sums of money and considerable time. We are not in a position to afford either at the present time.

You may rest assured that from time to time as other material is developed by our people here, copies will be forwarded to you directly.

Please extend my best wishes to Mrs. Williamson and to the members of your staff.

Sincerely yours,

JACK E. HYAN, Chief
Police Administration Division

cc. Brandstatter