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AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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Dear Art:

Appropo of one of your early letters and reminders, both in your letter to Paul and the recent Staff minutes, I talked to Vic and Paul about getting something in to you with regard to their future plans. They both indicated they would. As I recall your earlier letter, you asked for information from us out in the field to be sent to you around the first of the year.

As you will learn from their letters, Vic is very much interested in a leave of absence, job experience, and a start on his Ph.D. Paul was a little let down by some of the indefinite aspects of your letter, but I pointed out your position and he indicated he understood it. However, I believe he would like something more definite before he leaves here.

As far as my own plans are concerned, I can't be too specific about dates, for I do not know what you have lined up for various staff members for the coming years. Naturally, I'll be interested in teaching some courses, plus helping to develop a new one on comparative police systems. I would also be interested in a tour in Taipei, if and when this develops. Then there is the matter of finishing writing up the Viet Nam project. This probably should be the first order of business and might require one or two terms without additional work assignments. Also, I'm reminded of the fact that in '61 or '62 I will be eligible to make application for a sabattical leave. This I would coordinate with your total staff plans. Also, upon returning, I want to get back into my work in the area of alcohol education and research.

I do not know how helpful this is, but it is the best I can do right now, not knowing your schedule for next fall, and also not knowing much about the climate and personalities of the PLA staff. Send me your reactions as soon as possible, and a tentative program for '61-'62. We'll work something out then, for I, too, would like to have

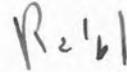
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my schedule firmed up before I leave. It may have some bearing on what I would do out here during the last few months, and also what I may do on the way home through Europe as far as collecting teaching material, etc., is concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Ralph F. Turner in cursive script.

Ralph F. Turner, Chief
Police Administration Division

RFT:pp

Dorsey

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Dear Art:

Many thanks for your letter of December 28. The mail service has been most peculiar the last several weeks and also very light, so we all welcome news from home.

I have received a copy of Dorsey's memorandum re the NIA police course and will pursue the matter with Joe when he gets out here. I agree that if the NIA staff and the MSU group is reluctant to introduce a new course or two we should pursue the matter of a research man appointed to the staff.

My letter of December 30 regarding my plans for 61-62 apparently crossed yours. I will wait until I receive your draft of the 61-62 schedule before requesting the fall term off. I think this is a good solution for I would want to get as much as possible written about the Vietnam project while it is still fresh in my mind. Depending upon how things go, it may require some additional time in the winter quarter.

Both Vic and I will be awaiting your reply to Vic's long letter about the participant program. If German follows through his proposals, it looks as though the Vietnamese will not get much of a program at Long Beach.

Thank you for your comments on my memo about the minutes of the Vietnam Advisory Group. I hope that we can do a little missionary work for Joe while he is out here.

It appears from recent cables that the potential problems regarding travel home have been worked out and we have not had to release any bad news to the staff.

It was with a certain amount of nostalgia that I read about the activities of the staff members during the Christmas holidays -- traveling, visiting families, etc. The most that we had out here was one extra day of holiday, and as you might suspect the New Year's Eve invasion of Laos was the Number One topic for gloomy discussion.

January 3, 1961

If I would have known you were interested in a car, you could have had our Dodge for about \$150. We checked out a Volkswagon yesterday and found that with a roof carrier it will accommodate all of our baggage and while the family may not be too comfortable we think we can survive a few weeks of touring in Europe. So it looks as though our second car will be a VW.

The news about Handville is as funny as a crutch. New Year's Eve, so he tells us, he was completely sober and about 9:00 he went down to the Floating Resturant to have a little dinner prior to joining us at the Fox's New Year's Eve party. Well, it seems that with the vagaries of the tide the gangplank pulled away a little bit from the shore. As Bud was leaving, cold sober so he tells us, he didn't notice this little gap and consequently fell through with one leg all the way up to his hip. It hurt and he was skinned up a little bit so he went home and went to bed. He stayed in bed Sunday and when Dale Rose looked at it Monday and saw the condition of the leg he took Bud over to the dispensary, whereupon he was put to bed immediately with what looks like a bad case of phlebitis. I checked with the doctor this afternoon and he says he will keep Bud under observation for several days before he decides whether or not to send him to Clark. Bud's leg is completely black and blue and swollen up to the groin but he is resting quite comfortably. We will keep you posted on developments. Please advise Jack and Joe. *6H-124 R.*

While Lloyd was in Dalat for a little vacation over the holidays I had my hands full working on plans for Jean Woodruff's emergency departure for medical treatment in the States. We had things all set and at 9 o'clock this morning had to change everything completely. There were a number of things I couldn't do because of Lloyd's absence, however, by this afternoon it looks as though we have again gotten things under control and Jean and Woody will probably be leaving January 10. Lloyd is filling Ruben in on the details.

Our current problem is tied up very closely with the Laos situation, namely, the departure of dependents. We understand ^(or report) that some forty families of USOM are leaving rather quickly. As you know, Mrs. Child and Mrs. Maynard left last week and quite a number of MSU wives are getting a little nervous. Vic is planning to send Barbara home the end of this month, and Lloyd and I are getting prepared for the possibility that unless there is some drastic change in Indo-China in the very near future MSU will probably have very few wives out here in a short while. As you might expect, this will cause one big problem with regard to housing, another in the shipment of household goods, etc, so it looks as though we'll have a busy time the next few months assuming that nothing develops which causes all of us to get out in a hurry.

Aside from this, things are going along pretty much as usual. We all were out at a big ceremony, cocktail party and cabaret entertainment at Camp des Mares yesterday in honor of President Diem's birthday.

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It really was quite a show. There is nothing new to report on USOM/PSD with the exception that they are still working on several alternate ProAgs. Walton told me last night that he was getting a little discouraged with the Ministry of Interior insofar as negotiations with them are concerned. We will be concentrating on getting final reports written and the files tidied up during the last few months before the fellows leave. Adkins is leaving tomorrow on a field trip to try and get preliminary work done for expanding the ID card program. So you see, we are still trying to keep things moving as usual; however, the uncertainty of the Laos situation makes the job that much more interesting.

We all had a very pleasant Christmas and equally nice New Years. Arnella and the children are all back in school and are looking forward to the final three months. I have just had confirmation on my ship reservations out of Copenhagen July 19 and hope that nothing serious occurs to change our plans for the trip home.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Turner

Ralph F. Turner, Chief
Police Administration Division

RFT:pp

Barbara S. is leaving Jan. 14. Going to stay with relatives in Milwaukee.

The rumor about Urom dependent departures is still unfounded, but a number of families are going very soon. Arnella reports that a number of children are being taken out of school also as their families return to the U.S.

January 5, 1961

Mr. Ralph F. Turner, Chief
Police Administration Division
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San Francisco, California

Dear Ralph:

Enclosed is a copy of my most recent letter to Vic Strecher. I shall try to remember to send you a copy of the letters I send to Paul or Vic in order to keep you informed. I believe you have a greater appreciation of the scheduling problems than they do. Trying to work the schedule out for the academic year 1961-62 is the most complex scheduling problem we have faced to date. At this moment, I frankly do not know how it will work out, but I shall do the best I can to accommodate everyone's wish. I have given your request for released time from teaching fall quarter highest priority. I am also approving Ryan's request for sabbatical leave fall and winter quarters. The dean has not acted on either of these requests and I proposed to bring them to his attention within a week. If there are negative reactions, I shall inform you immediately. For the purpose of keeping you informed, I shall enclose a copy of the teaching schedule as we have planned it for the coming academic year. It includes Strecher, as you will note, and I plan to revise this schedule next week, developing one which will not include Strecher. I would like to approve his request for a two-year leave of absence, unless it presents too many problems for us.

Most of the faculty have submitted a statement of their future plans to me. My request has obviously stimulated a great deal of thinking and I believe the results are good. Obviously, some of the faculty need to give additional thought to their future plans. Generally, I am satisfied and I propose to meet with each member of the staff, individually, and discuss their plans with them. I also shall extract some of the general ideas proposed by some and discuss them at a staff meeting in order to get some reaction from the staff regarding some ideas which concern the entire department. With respect to Paul Shields, I believe before he leaves Vietnam, I can give him definite ideas of what his responsibilities will be next year.

Regarding the proposed course on comparative police administration, I am very much interested in developing this course and suggest that you continue to gather material that can be used for this project both from the Far East and while you are travelling in Europe this summer.

I have been corresponding with Bob Sabolyk who is the Provost Marshal of the Berlin Command; his address is Lieutenant Colonel Robert Sabolyk, Headquarters Berlin Command, Office of the Provost Marshal, APO 742, U.S. Forces. He has invited

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me in each letter to visit him if I should be in Europe. Recently, I informed him of your proposed plans to travel while in Europe and he urged me to suggest that you visit him in Berlin. Following is an excerpt from his most recent letter:

"When you write Ralph Turner tell him, space is available at the Sabolyks' if he comes to Berlin, we poor peons here (Lt Col's) only have 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths, so I believe we can squeeze him in."

I know that Bob is sincere in his invitation, as he is a very generous host; I hope you will be able to accept his offer.

The letter addressed to both Ryan and myself dated December 30 is most interesting and significant. Ryan assures me that he will answer directly and offer some suggestions regarding the National Identity Card Program. I am pleased to learn the program is doing so well in Saigon. I hope Adkins does not travel to the northern provinces unless security conditions warrant it. I do not think the program is sufficiently important to warrant any risk to his safety.

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~~ings~~ In an attempt to help regarding the plastic lamination process and the forgings that are resulting, is there anything we can do at this end to determine whether there is a plastic material or case that is less subject to forgery? Not being familiar with the process or the materials used, my mind is a blank, but if you think of something, let me know and we will pursue the idea in the United States. Perhaps the information about the Malayan operation will be helpful; I hope so.

So much for the official business. Michigan State got clobbered in the recent Los Angeles basketball classics. They lost three games, losing to Stanford, U.C.L.A., and Minnesota. The game with Stanford went into a double overtime. The prospects for a good basketball team are very, very dim this year. The Big 10 Conference season starts this coming Saturday with Wisconsin as our opponent. Perhaps we will do better in the conference, although I do not think so.

I got a response to my inquiry to the Fulbright Commission officially known as the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils; a copy of it is enclosed for your information. I shall write our Chinese friends in Formosa and suggest they get in touch with Mr. Shen. I do not propose to do anything further about the Taiwan exchange program until I have heard from all the people to whom I have written. In any event, I shall keep you informed.

So far, we have 341 students enrolled this term; 22 of these are in the graduate program. A year ago, our enrollment was 346, 28 of whom were in the graduate program.

Best regards to you and the staff.

Yours sincerely,

A. F. Brandstatter
Director

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cc: Dr. Austin
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Dear Art:

Nothing much new has transpired the past week, except to report on Bud's condition. You know from my previous letter that Bud was taken to the dispensary January 2 and has been under observation ever since. Dr. McIntyre still is of the opinion that he does have a case of phlebitis. X-rays showed that there are no broken bones. Bud's condition has been up and down during the past week. Secondary infection developed twice but was controlled with large doses of penicillin. The doctor is still concerned about the eventual outcome and therefore is keeping him in the hospital, and at least as of yesterday it looks as though Bud may remain there for the better part of this coming week. At first his morale was a little low; however, now that he is aware of the seriousness of the condition I believe he is resigned to stay in the hospital as long as necessary. His leg is still highly discolored from ankle to groin although the swelling has gone down.

Georgia has been in the dispensary since Friday with infection in her left hand. As yet we do not know the cause, whether a broken bone, insect bite, or something else. She too required a huge dose of penicillin to check the infection which developed very quickly on Friday. However, she seems to be fairly comfortable at the moment.

Tommy was in the Dalat province last week doing some preliminary work for the National Identity Card Program and will be leaving tomorrow for BanMeThuot and Hue to do the same thing up there. In spite of all our pushing it still looks as though nothing active will get started until after the elections.

We have had several meetings with the Director of the Central Prison in Saigon and are making arrangements for USOM/PSD to visit the installation this week. This is all preparatory to the possibility that USOM/PSD may support some kind of a project for the Prison. They have two people on their staff who have had a little prison administration experience. If I recall and interpret previous statements correctly,

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Ryan and Hoyt left me with the impression that they never were able to establish much rapport with the prison operation and it was my experience that General La was not too receptive to our visiting the prisons, etc. The present Director of the Central Prison in Saigon is Major Nhon, who used to be at Rach Dua and has been most friendly and cooperative as far as we're concerned. If something develops from these visits it could become an interesting project.

There are still no new developments with regard to USOM/PSD's activities; however, Frank told me last week that they are just about ready to submit several proposals to the Minister of Interior.

This past week has been relatively quiet insofar as incidents are concerned and anxiety and tension does not seem to be as high as in the past.

Paul, Vic and myself are beginning work on final reports and I hope that we will be able to have these fairly well along within the next few months.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Ralph F. Turner, Chief
Police Administration Division

RFT:pp

Monday, January 9, 1961

2:40 PM

P. S.

Immediately after dictating this letter this morning we heard from the dispensary and learned that Bud had taken a turn for the worse. It seems that gangrene developed during the night and the doctor wants him evacuated to Clark Field. This notification came through about 9:00 o'clock this morning and it looks as though a new record was set for at 12:15 PM Bud was in the air on his way to Manila. Arrangements were made for a special flight to take him over. A Corpsman accompanied him on the trip. The doctor indicated that the leg would have to be cut in order to expose the gangrenous area. Bud said he would notify his next of kin immediately on arrival at Clark Field, even though we offered to write to them from here for him. You and Jack may wish to write to him; his address is:

U.S.A.F. Hospital
A.P.O. 74
San Francisco, California

It appears as though he will be there for some time if they have to go through with this surgery.

R. F. T.

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Dear Art:

As you know from my last letter, Bud was evacuated to Clark Field on January 9, 1961. We received a letter from him dated January 12, wherein he reports that the trip over was quite comfortable. The Corpsman kept him doped most of the way. He is in the orthopedic ward at Clark Field. He states that they were able to check the gangrene which had spread as far as the ankle. As far as the phlebitis is concerned, they tried to drain off some of the clotted blood; however, this was not possible so he says he will be kept in bed for at least a week during which time they will try and dissolve the clots through medication and treatment. If this doesn't work they will have to operate to remove the clots. All in all it looks as though Bud will be over at Clark Field for several weeks and probably will have several weeks of recovery back here in Saigon.

There is no important news about new developments at USOM/PSD; however, talking with Frank on Saturday he indicated that they have prepared a proposal which will include just about everything but the kitchen sink. In other words, they plan to develop projects for the police and security services, fire department, prisons, highway patrol, and rural police. This proposal has been completed and Jim Howe of the Program Office, USOM/Saigon, is presently in Washington discussing it with ICA/W. Presumably, if ICA/W approves of this the idea will be presented to GVN for consideration.

Unless there is a dramatic change in routine, I do not expect that this plan, if approved, will get under way before another one to three months, which means it probably will begin just about the time that most of us will be leaving out here. From the standpoint of benefit to Vietnam, I think this is working out quite well for we will have time to acquaint the PSD people with the people they will be working with in the police and security services. Inasmuch as they do not have an identification man on their staff, Adkins will be able to continue his work in the normal fashion and undoubtedly will be relieved of a great deal of the paperwork insofar as procurement of commodities is concerned.

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While I am hoping that everything works out well for Bud, I am prepared for the possibility of his being confined to the office and depending upon his general health condition we might even want to see how he feels about an early departure. So at present it looks as though there will be no great difficulty in having an orderly transfer of the police program over to USOM.

As mentioned earlier, Paul, Vic and myself are working on final reports and trying to get the records in some kind of presentable shape.

Sincerely yours,

R. F. T.

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cc: Dr. Austin
Dr. Musolf

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Dear Art:

Thank you for your letter of January 5 and all of the enclosed information. Vic was very pleased with your earlier letter indicating that you will try and present a favorable case for his request to Dean Seelye. Vic informs me that he just received a letter from St. Louis indicating that he can begin work on July 1, which means there will be no problem as far as his departure from Saigon is concerned and that he will depart on schedule. In the event that you have difficulty convincing Seelye about granting Vic a leave of absence I think you should be prepared for the possibility that Vic may resign from MSU if the request is not granted. He feels very strongly about the desirability of taking advantage of this opportunity and is seriously considering resignation if a leave of absence is not granted. He told me that he did not wish to leave MSU with any bitter feelings; however, in view of all the pressure for advanced degrees and considering the nature of this opportunity, he feels he should take advantage of it at this time in his career. I know that if he would resign you probably would lose one staff position, probably something which you would not like to have happen. Vic will write further about this when he receives word of Seelye's decision.

Paul was very pleased with his teaching assignments as outlined in the tentative '61-'62 schedule and naturally hopes that he can follow through with this program. I, too, am well satisfied with what you have scheduled for me. If it is any help in scheduling, I would prefer to teach 310 from 4 to 5:30 on Monday and Wednesday and 4 to 5 on Friday, and 311 from 2 to 3 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, both winter and spring terms.

Thank you for the information from Sabolyk. I will drop him a note and if I have an opportunity would certainly like to get into Berlin.

We have confirmed our sailing reservations July 19 from Copenhagen and are beginning to work on an itinerary to Europe. Last week I bought a Volkswagon for delivery in Munich. It will be a little cramped; however, we tried Vic's out and can get all of our luggage in the car with the help of a roof carrier.

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Things still continue to be rather quiet with the exception of routine or normal Viet Cong activities; in other words, no major incidents have been reported, although it is my impression that I have seen more troops and convoys coming in and out of Saigon, with battle equipment, than I have in the past.

Paul is going up to Danang with some of the fellows from the NIA this week and plans to do a little more work on studying the village police operations.

Looking forward to hearing from you and Jack, I remain

Sincerely yours,

R. F. Turner

Ralph F. Turner, Chief
Police Administration Division

RFT:pp

Paul just came in the office to report that he has the measles and is going home -- feeling lousy.

*Good
Self
Ref. Loggia*

January 16, 1961

Mr. Ralph F. Turner, Chief
Police Administration Division
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San Francisco, California

Dear Ralph:

There is very little to report in East Lansing since the receipt of your last two letters dated January 3 and January 9. Needless to say, we are very much concerned over Bud Handville's condition and both Ryan and I shall write to him, immediately. Please keep us informed of his progress.

I am sorry to hear about Georgia's illness, but apparently she is doing well after the dose of penicillin. Has Arnella got the amoeba under control? I assume no news about her is good news.

I had a brief opportunity to visit with Ryan regarding the prison liaison work going on between the Central Prison officials and MSUG and USOM/PSD. According to Ryan, your information is not accurate and he shall write and give you his recollection of the reasons for not developing a close relationship with the administration of prisons in Vietnam.

How is the history of the police project coming along? If I recall correctly, you were going to have Vic follow up the work done by Sloane on this assignment. I hope you have been able to do this, as it will be a very valuable reference in the years ahead.

We got official word on Barbara Strecher's return to the States. I suppose with more and more dependents leaving, the wives, especially, are beginning to get itchy feet. I hope some of the women plan to stay, as I would not want a completely bachelor community left in Saigon. Are any other members of the MSUG staff considering sending their dependents home, other than those you have mentioned?

Nothing is new in the department. We are still trying to finalize the fall term teaching schedule for next year. Once we get it completed, we will continue to work on the winter and spring quarter schedules. The way it is shaping up, I am not certain we will be able to grant the leaves of absence and released time some of the faculty are requesting. By the way, what is your E.T.A. in Lansing next summer?

John is going to Detroit today for his final physical, and if he passes--and there is no reason why he shouldn't--the following Monday he reports to the Philadelphia Navy Yard for a two-year tour of duty. This is the only change facing any member of the Brandstatter family in the immediate future. If he does not go into

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the navy, I am going to get him a job in an open hearth furnace of a steel mill because he has been doing very little, except loaf, since last fall.

Lee Traywick left the university on a leave of absence, recently, to accept a position with an economic research activity in New York City. Last Friday, the newspapers announced that he had accepted the presidency of Southwest Missouri State College. I also received information via a memo from Seelye, today, that David Moore asked to be relieved as department head in order to return to teaching and research responsibilities in the Department of Personnel and Production Administration effective February 1; his replacement is Dalton McFarland.

Give our best regards to everyone and advise our staff to stay away from gangplanks.

Yours sincerely,

A. F. Brandstatter
Director

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