

February 25, 1960

Honorable Ngo Dinh Diem  
President of Vietnam  
Saigon,  
VIETNAM

Dear President Diem:

In view of your scholarly interest in American political institutions, particularly those that contribute to the survival of freedom and effective leadership in the United States, and because of my association with a university that has had the privilege of serving your Government, it is a pleasure to present to you a copy of a Brookings Institution study just published: The Politics of National Party Conventions.

As you know, our national party conventions are complex and dramatic events. I hope that the research findings and policy recommendations in this study may not only give you further insight into our system, but also suggest approaches to the development of those of Vietnam, whose interest we all seek to further.

Respectfully yours,

Ralph M. Goldman  
Executive Director

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Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf  
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Dear Lloyd:

May I ask you to make a presentation to President Diem on behalf of The Brookings Institution, Michigan State University, and myself? The David-Goldman-Bain Study of The Politics of National Party Conventions has just been published. Wes Fishel and I agree that President Diem would undoubtedly be pleased to receive a copy and that all concerned would be happy with the favorable publicity.

I have asked Herbert C. Morton, Director of Publications at Brookings, to send you a copy for presentation. I also have asked him to alert USIA and USIS people in Washington that a presentation would be made shortly.

Wes is alerting the American Friends of Vietnam.

Enclosed is my letter to President Diem, to be read or presented at the time of delivery of the book.

Would you, therefore, kindly do the following:

- Arrange a time at which you could make the presentation.
- Have USIA and USIS photographers on hand to take shots.
- Have prepared a simple press release covering the presentation, using my letter and pertinent material from the enclosed Brookings press release (especially pages 1 and top of 2 and page 9 at the bottom).
- Since President Diem may wish to make a response that could be included in the release, I expect that it would be easier for all that it be prepared in Saigon.

Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf

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I hope this will not impose too great a burden on your time. Since we had so little opportunity to see you here, it will be good to have another chance via the photos of the presentation.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Goldman  
Executive Director

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Enclosure