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PARTICIPANT REPORT / CONTACT LETTER

Project No. 30-79-120-1-70491

Date: Feb 14, 1958

FROM: DOAN NGOC THACH

REC'D JUL 14 1958

ADDRESS: 1310, 24th Street N.W. Washington D.C.

About my journey to U.S.A.

Before addressing my purposes of studying in USA, I first introduce, in a few words, my background and my duty in my land.

After 6 years in Primary School and 6 years in High School I graduated in 1951. I left school then, engaged to the Police department. At first I worked at Hue, the central town of Vietnam. My office is a regional Headquarter of Police. My duty from 1951-1954 was at the Police Administration division. Here we delivered passports, circulation permits, licenses to carry arms and ammunition etc. This division is one of 7 divisions of my headquarters, and I specialized in one of its jobs, so I cannot describe the whole organization of the Police Department.

From 1954-1957, I was transferred to Nhatrang, a province to the South. My duty there was I had the duty to collect all the reports from 6 districts (or provinces) and condense into a daily report, and monthly report.

These reports emphasized lay special emphasis on politics.

At the time, my office was a subdivision of my regional Headquarter at Hue. My view could not extend as far as the whole organization, but limited in small details.

So, as to the organization of my Police department, I'm sure that my friends in General Headquarter will describe

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it for me. But I must add that, in my country, the police function or in other words, the function of public safety is more complicated than it is as said. There are four organisations for the job. Police in uniform take in charge of traffic and patrol affairs, they have duty to put down riot, gambling and control the prostitution. Ununiformed Police is called Security which is in charge of detective affairs, but the main problem is politics: inside politics, party politics and so on. Because my country is faced with the communist subversive activities. It has other affairs as to arrest criminals, to control foreigners, to deliver census cards etc... But beside these two organisations, there are gendarmes and civil guard which perform the duties of public safety too. They were created in war time as semi-military service. Gendarmes shared the traffic problem in city and town with uniformed Police. Civil Guard shares the detective affairs with ununiformed Police in country.

The police department of my country is, of course, different in many ways from yours.

I want to visit USA with 2 main purposes:

1. in my own interest: I would have opportunity to make the acquaintance of a big nation, its citizens, its customs, its culture and its beautiful sights too, to enlarge my knowledge, my view. I'd have time to learn English, to perfect my second language.

2. in my official interest: I'll learn how the American police manage their job well, how they solve their problems of traffic, politics, gambling, homicide, and above all, how they make people love police. In short, I'll observe their management, their conduct and select what I should be able to put to use in my country.

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FROM:

ADDRESS:

I was designed to specialize in criminal research, that is in the detective division. I find that it is an interesting thing to learn, ^{in field} but I have had no little experience about it that I'm afraid that I'll not ~~be~~ fit for the job.

The first thing I want to learn is the organization of Police as a whole, and if I must choose a specialized field, I'd like to major in Police Training, a Public relation, or second section. It's my own idea, but up to you to decide.

May I suggest that before we pursue our specialized field, it's necessary for us ~~to~~ to look over some technical books which describe the organization and the function of Police department, so we can get accustomed with the technical vocabulary.

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Received by: FBI / 9-2-79-1241-7229
Date: Jan 26, 1958

PROB: ~~DOAN~~ NGOC THACH

ADDRESS: In U.S. Hotel Osborne New York Rochelle, New York
In VIETNAM Ty Long An Huo Trang

Specified Subject: Criminal investigation

Date arriving in U.S. Jan 31, 1958

Period of report: From Jan 31, 1958 to June 24, 1958

1. My chronological activities.

- Jan 31 - Feb 1, 1958: In Seattle: Visit the Police Headquarters
- Feb 3, 1958: Presenting at Washington International Center
at International Cooperation Association
- Feb 5, 1958: Pass through the test at American University
(Language Center)
- Feb 6, 1958: Introduced to International Association of Chiefs
of Police by Mr. Thorston (sponsor at ICA)
- Feb 10 - Feb 15: Frequenting Washington International Center
of the American Council on Education
- Feb 17 - Jan 28: Attending the course at International Police
Academy, 1223 M St Washington,
including:
 - March 6, 1958: Visit the Metropolitan Police Department
 - March 7, 1958: Visit the U.S. Park Police
 - May 4, 1958 - May 7: Visit New York Police Department
 - May 8 - May 9: Visit Trenton Police Department
 - June 2: Visit Narcotic Bureau in Washington
 - June 3: Visit the Treasury Department and the Secret Service
 - June 17: Visit the Laboratory of Narcotic Bureau (Wash.)

2. My contact with American people:

- A. At the International Cooperation Association:
 - Mr. Robert D. Thorston, Technical Assistance Training Staff
Office of Public Services, ICA
 - Mr. Daniel Van Buxkirk Public Safety

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FROM:

ADDRESS:

E. Bureau of Narcotics

Mr. O. Carroll

Mr. Nickell

Mr. Lee Spiser

F. Private relations:

Mr. Royal W. Givens, LU 2-9003.

3. WHAT I HAVE LEARNED

A. At Washington International Center:

- American Customs
- Physical and economic resources of the United States
- Social changes in American History
- Music in America
- American Government and Politics
- Health and Welfare
- Religious life in America
- Trends and problems in the American Economy
- American Education
- Civil liberties and Race Relations

B. At International Police Service Academy

- Jurisdiction and Functions of Federal Investigation Agencies
- U.S. Constitution and its limitations on Police Power
- Jurisdiction and Functions of State Police
- Organization of Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Anti-Subversive Legislation in U.S.
- Jurisdiction and Function of Municipal Police
- Police recruits: Examination and Training
- The Patrol Functions
 - Types of Patrol used by State Police
 - Purposes of Patrol
 - Elements of good patrol
 - Observation programs
 - Standard description of persons, of buildings

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ADDRESSES:

- Police organization and administration
- Police Reports and Records
- Traffic Control and Regulations
- Accident Prevention
- Police Communications
 - Police Radio System
 - Technical Aid to Surveillance and General Investigation
- Public relations in Law Enforcement
- The questions of juvenile delinquency
- Espionage and Sabotage
- Security Control
- Civil disturbances (Riot Control)
- Criminal Investigation
 - Interview and Interrogation
- Fingerprints
- Foot prints, tire marks, glass fracture
- Police photography
- Crime Reporting
- Surveillance
 - Types of surveillance
 - Qualifications of the good surveillant
 - Preparations for surveillance
 - Tricks employed by the subject
 - Counteracting the tricks used by subjects
 - Note taking during surveillance
- Undercover assignments
- Contacting suspect
- Informants
 - Five classes of informants
 - Motives of informants

INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNISM

- Numbers of informants
- Developing informants
- Payment of informants
- Internal Security
- Techniques of German Espionage
- Communism
 - What is Communism
 - Face of Communism
 - Roots of Communism
 - Seven basic points of Communism
- Subversive investigation
- Arson investigation
- Police firearms

C. To improve my English Language

- By carefully listening to the instructors
- By talking to American people
- By reading newspapers, magazines, and good books
- By watching TV
- By listening to the radio
- By taking notes in English

WHAT I HAVE SEEN

A. In the Police field:

- Dozen of moving pictures about:
 - Communism
 - Espionage and Sabotage
 - Undercover assignments
 - Narcotics
 - Patrol function ..

Lincoln Memorial

- The Aquarium
- The Botanic Gardens
- The Renitworth Aquatic Gardens
- The Zoo

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- Out of Washington D.C

Suitland High School (Md)

- Mount Vernon
- Pentagon
- Arlington Cemetery
- Naval Academy in Annapolis
- Glen Echo Park
- Chesapeake Beach
- North Beach
- Bay Ridge Beach

- In New York

Empire State Building
Hayden Planetarium
Radio City
St Patrick's Church
Chinatown

5. Some Observations in the Police Field

A. What can be adapted in my country -

- Record System
- Fingerprint System
- Recruit System
- Public Relations
- Communication System

B. How to adapt them -

To begin with, by the Record system:

to keep track of the trend of crimes
of accidents
of subversive acts

to define the strong point and the weak point

to control the situations

to regularize the organization.

As to fingerprint system

we have started to use Henry system
Keep using it.

As to Recruit System

we have one but because of lack of instructors
of equipments
of text books

So we try to train more instructors
to purchase more equipments
and to write more text books -

As to Public Relations

We will try to adapt some principles after
carefully studying (Now, I just have some ideas
about it)

As to the communication system.

We don't have equipments such as: teletype,
photospeed. All office mail must go through Post
office. Very few two way radios and telephones,
that often handicaps our duty.

To improve our communication system, we must
have more equipments. This is very important,
specially in emergency cases.

C - The result expected

depends upon many elements such as:
the cooperation of the higher ups
the budget of Police department
the political conditions
the time permitted

G - Conclusions

We shall try with our best

We are eager to improve our Police Department

We shall make Police a profession by its real name

So far we are thankful to American Government
to American People
To the officials of ICA
IACP
B. In Polse

we appreciate the program and keep on
learning and thinking about the law
enforcement of America