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Dear Dr. Fishel ,

I was at M.S.U. two weeks ago and had the pleasure of meeting with the staff of the Vietnam project and most of the students. I enjoyed it very much. Some of the students had spent the Christmas Holiday with us near Chicago.

We might have a joint meeting of the M.S.U. and the Chicago students sometime near Easter.

I recently brought to the attention of Mr. Tran Huu Phuong the case of some girls who have been granted scholarships in the States and cannot get their passport; in some instances (miss Vu Thu Huong, among others) the objection is directed against their field of studies.

I am writing to you about it because Miss Huong told me that Mr. Phuong referred her to you.

I understand that the Government would be reluctant to give passports to students who have not completed their military training; that is a matter of policy and it is their business. But when it comes to girls, I don't understand denials of passports except for reasons of security.

I heard that the Government is trying to reduce the number of students coming to the U.S.A. I don't know whether it is true or whether this is a popular interpretation and rationalization of some passport difficulties ; Others say that the Government would like to select the beneficiaries of all scholarships abroad . I am inclined to doubt that much interference .

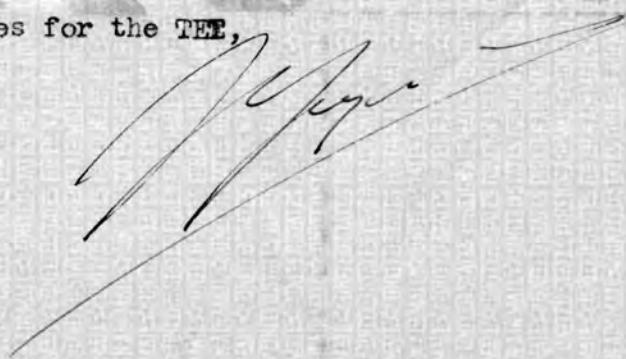
But if there is a definite policy in such direction I would like to know if possible, so that I could direct my activities in some other direction, or direct those scholarships towards people from other countries who might get them.

I really don't know what to do . If you have any suggestion I would greatly appreciate it . Thank you.

I heard that some of our returnees might come back to the U.S. for a Ph.D. ; I think that in many cases it would be fortunate, especially with a view to training University Professors.

Please give my greetings to your family,

with my best wishes for the TEE,
sincerely yours,



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