

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Dr. Guy H. Fox

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FROM : Dr. Frank Child *FB*

SUBJECT: Conversation With Nghiem Dang Re Phase-out Plans
For The Library.

This conversation took place October 28, 1960. I reminded Mr. Dang of our obligation to formulate plans for the NIA to assume responsibility for operation of the library. The following matters cover the topics discussed, although they are not in the order discussed.

1. Present library personnel consist of the NIA librarian and five Vietnamese, plus Mrs. Robb. (Mrs. Robb left for the United States 31 October for approximately one month in answer to a death call.) MSU finances the payroll of all personnel except the librarian. In addition, MSU underwrites the purchase of virtually all publications and all supplies acquired by the NIA library.

2. Given the present rate of acquisition of the library, which is actually increasing under the aegis of Miss Ti, the NIA library will have continued need for the services of those personnel, possibly excepting Mrs. Robb, up to and two or three months beyond the end of the MSU contract in July 1962.

3. As for the possibility that the NIA might accept gradually increasing financial responsibility for the library, Mr. Dang said he preferred to discuss this matter directly with you.

My own views on these matters are that there can be no question of reduction of personnel prior to the end of our contract. Moreover, I would foresee continued outlays by MSU at the present rate to the end of our contract. As for meeting the library payroll, I would recommend a gradual transfer of personnel, thus avoiding a sudden shock to the NIA budget. *W. S. ...*

hidden shock to the NIA budget. The same is true of the cost of supplies, binding, etc.