

January 5, 1961

TO: Frank Child

FROM: Larry Fitzpatrick

SUBJECT: Purchase Orders for French Periodicals

Thanks for the information in your December 23 memo. We are preparing an invoice voucher so that Librairie Sirey will be paid at long last!

LKF;jer

JANUARY 6, 1961

TO: FRANK CHILD  
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT: PO'S FOR FRENCH PERIODICALS

THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MEETING OUR  
OBLIGATIONS ON THIS FRENCH ACCOUNT.

RVA:sf

C O P Y

THRU: James B. Hendry  
Acting Coordinator  
L.D. Musolf  
Ralph F. Turner

27 January 1961

Magazine Subscription

It would be appreciated if you would arrange to obtain three one-year subscriptions to the magazine, "Police", published by Charles C. Thomas, 301-327 East Lawrence Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. This magazine costs five dollars (\$5.00) per subscription. We plan to distribute this magazine as follows:

One to Saigon VBI Headquarters

One each to Central Highlands and  
Central Lowlands Headquarters,  
respectively

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Please arrange to have the journals sent to MSUG in care of E.H. Adkins, who will distribute them.

February 3, 1961

TO: Ralph Turner  
FROM: L. K. Fitzpatrick  
SUBJECT: Subscription to Police Magazine

Attached is a copy of our requisition for the subscription to Police. If you will send this copy to us upon receipt of the first issues, we will process their invoice for payment.

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# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Dr. Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator

DATE: March 16, 1961

FROM: Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor *LDM*

SUBJECT: Microfilmed copies of Vietnam Press

Nguyen Thai, Director General of Vietnam Press, has informed me that Vietnam Press has microfilmed all its daily bulletins in French from March 1952 through 1960. Details on this arrangement are in the attached thermofaxed copies of correspondence between Thai and my friend, George Kahin of Cornell.

If the University is interested in following up on this arrangement, it may be best that the University librarian correspond directly with Thai. I stand ready to give any assistance needed, of course.

The thermofaxed attachments are the only copies in my possession, but I forward them because they will be of more use on campus.

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MARCH 22, 1961

MR. RICHARD CHAPIN  
LIBRARY

DEAR MR. CHAPIN:

WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM LLOYD MUSOLF IN SAIGON THAT THE VIETNAM PRESS HAS MICROFILMED ALL OF ITS DAILY BULLETINS IN FRENCH FROM MARCH OF 1952 THROUGH 1960. THE DETAILS OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE, SHOULD BE SELF-EXPLANATORY.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING THESE, IT MAY BE BEST FOR YOU TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH:

MR. NGUYEN THAI, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY  
P. O. Box 181  
SAIGON, VIETNAM

DR. MUSOLF HAS INDICATED HE WILL BE HAPPY TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JUDITH RATHBUN  
SECRETARY TO DEAN AUSTIN

JR  
ATTACHMENT

CC BRANDSTATTER  
DORSEY  
FISHEL  
SMUCKLER  
TOWNSEND

NSA/Saigon

March 23, 1961

Follow


Mr. Lloyd D. Musolf  
M.S.U.G.  
Box 34, APO 143  
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Musolf:

I have your memorandum of March 13 regarding the publication BULLETIN DES AMIS DU VIEUX HUE which you sent to Ruben Austin. May I urge you to tie this publication up for the M.S.U. Library as soon as possible? We will be willing to pay the 50,000 piastres at the exchange rate of 70 piastres to one dollar. The important thing is to get this reserved in our name before somebody else gets ahold of it. The details of the financing we can work out at a later time. I have discussed this with Dr. Smuckler, and he agrees that we should take immediate steps to be sure we acquire this.

I will look forward to hearing from you soon that we will receive this publication. Your continued cooperation in assisting us to develop resources in the M. S. U. Library is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Richard E. Chapin  
Director of Libraries

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*copy to Dr. Mowat*

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

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THE LIBRARY

March 24, 1961

Mr. Ruben Austen  
Assistant Dean  
College of Business and Public Service  
Campus

Dear Ruben:

In response to your letter of March 22, Michigan State University Library is pleased to know that the VIETNAM PRESS has finally been microfilmed. We have been negotiating, through our Vietnam office, for this type of activity. You will be pleased to know that we have sent inquiries to Mr. Thai regarding the cost of this to us. I would hope that we would have the microfilm copy in the Library sometime in the next fiscal year.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Chapin  
Director of Libraries

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CC: Brandstatter  
Dorsey  
Fishel  
Smuakler  
Townsend



cc: Coordinator ✓

March 30, 1961

Mr. Thomas J. Barnes  
American Consul  
Hué, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Barnes:

When Dr. Jason Finkle of the Michigan State University Group was in Hué recently, he conversed with you about a complete set of the Bulletin Des Amis du Vieux Hue which is for sale by a nearby monastery, as I understand it. I have now received word from the MSU campus that the University wants to purchase this set.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to pass on this information to the present owners of the set. If you would also inform me of the identity and address of the owners, we can take steps to arrange for details of the sale on behalf of the University.

I hesitate to ask more of you, but if it proves to be convenient, you might inquire as to 1) the price (50,000 piastres was the earlier estimate, I understand); and 2) the inclusion of the two separate indexes (1914-23 and 1914-41) in the set.

With much appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Lloyd D. Musolf  
Chief Advisor

IDM/dw

cc: Dr. Jason Finkle



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April 21, 1961



Mr. Richard E. Chapin  
Director of Libraries  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Chapin:

Enclosed you will find a letter from Mr. Thomas J. Barnes, the American Vice Consul at Hué, giving information about publications in the hands of a monastery near Hué. Because Mr. Barnes' letter was somewhat ambiguous I made a point of inquiring further about the publications when I was in Hué earlier this week. I learned that the monastery is not interested in disposing of its one complete set of the BULLETIN DES AMIS DU VIEUX HUE but would be glad to sell extra copies (the word "sell" is not quite accurate, because the monastery prefers to think of receiving contributions, or donations of publications). I am sorry to have sent you incorrect information previously about the availability of a complete set of the BULLETIN, but Mr. Barnes apparently was under a misapprehension when he talked to Jason Finkle earlier.

I was uncertain as to whether the Library would be interested in a partial set of the BULLETIN and, therefore, made no commitment while in Hué. You will see from the enclosed sheet that entire years are missing, assuming that the complete set runs from 1914 to 1944. You will notice, too, that certain issues are missing for years listed. If you wish us to follow up on acquisitions of the incomplete set we shall see what we can do.

You will note from the enclosed letter from Brother Mora to Mr. Barnes that the monastery also has a partial collection of the REVUE INDOCHINOISE. In addition there are certain brochures which are listed on the same sheet as the BULLETIN and the REVUE. Some of these so-called brochures are apparently quite interesting, though I do not know how rare they are.

The monastery seems to have an oversimplified notion of the microfilming process. At any rate, I enclose also a list of the Imperial Annals which they have available for microfilming. It should be noted that there is already a project underway at Hué University to microfilm many of the documents of the Nguyen dynasty and that the project suggested by the monastery would involve considerable duplication of the University's effort.

Sincerely,

Lloyd D. Musolf  
Chief Advisor

LDM/dw

cc: Messrs. Austin, Fishel, Taggart, Townsend, Smuckler