

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

July 11, 1959

Robert G. Scigliano

Meeting with Rector Thong July 9, 1959

Present: Messrs. Smuckler, Scigliano, and Thong

1. NIA Building. The Rector reported that the file for the building is now at the Presidency in the controle des Depense Agregees, Budget Directorate. It is expected that the file will be approved in less than ten days.

2. Ph.D. Program. The Chief Advisor said that he would present a list of all persons studying for the Ph.D. in the United States along with their grades and evaluations made of their work. At this point the Chief Advisor gave a brief review of the performance of these candidates. The Rector said that he has undertaken to write letters to all Ph.D. candidates and has also notified the Cultural Affairs Advisor at the Embassy in Washington to maintain contact with these persons.

Chief Advisor suggested that the Rector may wish to consider having Mr. Nghiem Dang return from his conference in Europe by way of the United States in order to give him an opportunity to meet and to talk to all of the Ph.D. candidates.

3. EROPA. The Rector said that he has not yet received any word from Mr. Ramos concerning EROPA. He also stated that he did not recall having received the revised draft which Mr. Scigliano prepared for him on the research, documentation, and distribution center. Mr. Scigliano said he would provide the Rector with an additional copy. (Note: This copy has been furnished Mr. Thong.)

The Rector said that the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration is providing \$5,000 to EROPA. The circular which made this announcement from the EROPA Secretariate indicated that credit for obtaining the grant should go to Mr. Thong and Mr. Thong asked Mr. Scigliano if he would prepare a letter to the United Nations unit on this. Mr. Thong said that he would first furnish Mr. Scigliano with the necessary information.

RGS/je