

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

January 21, 1960

Leonard Maynard, Acting Chief, PAD

Meeting with Rector Thong and Dr. Lloyd Musolf, January 21, 1960

1. Rector Thong inquired as to the anticipated arrival date of Mr. Ruben Austin. Dr. Musolf replied that no final word had been received on this matter. He added that Dr. Guy Fox is expected to arrive on Saturday, January 23, 1960.
2. Dr. Musolf pointed out that Pham Van Thuyet had been accepted by Duke University and that he was expected to arrive at the University no later than February 8 and preferably February 3. Accordingly MSUG was making travel arrangements. However, Dr. Musolf pointed out that the arrete necessary for Mr. Thuyet's departure had not yet been signed, and urged that the Institute expedite its issuance. Dr. Musolf added that he would be signing the MSU document formally accepting Mr. Thuyet as a participant in the interest of expediency. Normally East Lansing signs this form.
3. Mr. Thong stated that he had received requests for extensions from only one of the participants currently in the States, Mr. Buu Dich. Dr. Musolf pointed out that he had already cabled East Lansing to urge participants to submit their requests for extensions. Dr. Musolf then brought up the case of a potential Ph.D. participant - Mr. Nguyen Huy Long. Such background information as is currently available indicates that Mr. Long would be an acceptable participant. However, Dr. Musolf pointed out that there may be some question as to whether or not the GVN would permit Long to continue to remain in the States under the NIA-MSUG participant program. Mr. Long probably now is in the States under a grant from the VN Department of Defense, and he may be required to return upon its expiration. Rector Thong said that he would look into this question as soon as he received Mr. Long's dossier from MSUG.
4. Dr. Musolf raised the question of Jason Finkle's trip to Hue for the purpose of introducing the case study book there. Mr. Thong felt it would be an excellent idea for Dr. Musolf to accompany Finkle to Hue. It would serve no good purpose, the Rector added, if he should go since he already possessed close relationships with the University of Hue. Dr. Musolf pointed out that Guy Fox could profitably accompany him on the trip and that it would also appear appropriate to have an NIA faculty member make the visit also.

5. Rector Thong brought up Woodruff's proposed trip to India. Mr. Thong agreed that it would be an excellent idea if an NIA faculty member could join Woodruff on such a trip, adding that it would resound to the credit of Vietnam's role in EROPA. Mr. Thong said that he would get in touch with Mr. Thomas of the Asia Foundation and look into the matter further.

6. In connection with the EROPA Journal, Mr. Thong said that he looked forward to the reply of Mr. Thomas of the Asia Foundation to his letter asking assistance in establishing and maintaining the Journal. Dr. Musolf added that he was quite sure that Mr. Thomas would give serious consideration to the request made by the Rector.