

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Guy Fox

Conference with Rector Thong and Chief Advisor, July 14, 1960

The meeting between Mr. Musolf and Mr. Thong lasted only 20 minutes.

1. Participants. Mr. Musolf advanced the idea that Ph.D. participants be obliged to sign an agreement that they would remain in the United States until they obtain their degree unless, of course, there was some legitimate excuse such as sickness, academic failure, or the like. Mr. Thong said that he believed it would be feasible to have new participants make such a pledge; participants already in the States could sign a similar agreement at the time their grant is renewed.
2. Donoghue's Sociology course. Since Miss Phuc is a student of Sociology with a M.A. degree, would it be possible, Mr. Musolf asked, for Mr. Donoghue to work closely with her in conducting the course in Sociology? Mr. Musolf proposed that Miss Phuc, acting under Donoghue's direction and instructions, do the actual talking in class. Twice as much time could be given to instruction this way than if someone translated Mr. Donoghue's remarks. Mr. Thong suggested that a satisfactory arrangement would be for Mr. Donoghue to distribute a summary in English of his lectures; if this were done, it would not be necessary for him to give his lecture in toto; rather he would speak generally in English on each topic, and Miss Phuc could, if necessary, clarify his remarks and receive questions from students. Mr. Thong said that he believed Mr. Donoghue should be the teacher. Perhaps it might be feasible somehow to have Miss Phuc as his associate; or some sort of seminar arrangement might justify the presence of Miss Phuc. Eventually the NIA may want to consider the possibility of using Miss Phuc as an instructor. Mr. Musolf pointed out that in view of the fact that Mr. Donoghue intended to attend the meeting in Korea, he may have to begin the course two weeks late. Fox said that the time of Mr. Donoghue's visit had been advanced by two weeks and that he might be able to begin the class on time. (After the meeting Fox checked into Donoghue's schedule. Although Donoghue is leaving July 20 instead of August 1 as originally planned, Musolf was correct that Donoghue will not return until two weeks after classes begin.)

3. Library. Since Mr. Le is resigning at the Library, Musolf said it may be necessary to appoint another man to keep the library open at night. Mr. Thong said that not many students attend at night but that he hoped it would be possible to replace Mr. Le. Mr. Musolf said that if the next NIA budget would permit the assumption of Mr. Le's replacement, MSUG would finance the position in the meanwhile. Mr. Thong said that perhaps the budget would permit the assumption of this position next year; the projected budget is already at the Presidency but he will try to include this position. Mr. Musolf said that he hoped the NIA could gradually assume the library positions. It would be a heavy burden if the NIA had to assume the financial burden of all the library personnel at one time. Miss Kim Sa, Mr. Musolf said, is still on the Michigan State payroll although it was his understanding that the NIA was to pay her salary a few months after her return. Mr. Thong said that he had mentioned this fact to the Presidency but had received no answer. Mr. Musolf expressed the hope that the NIA would begin to recruit a successor for Mr. Le and that the library could be kept open at nights. Provided the Government of Vietnam does not take over the position in the new budget, it is doubtful that MSUG can assume responsibility for the place.