

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Guy H. Fox

Conference with Rector Thong and Chief Advisor, July 21, 1960

Mr. Musolf said that he would like to discuss plans regarding the new NIA buildings. This discussion he hoped would lead to the meetings between Mr. Aschom and Mr. Suu. Mr. Musolf said that he had only the old plans for the new NIA buildings and asked Mr. Thong if he had the new ones. Mr. Thong said that Mr. Suu kept the NIA plans. Mr. Musolf asked if he could borrow these plans for a few days because he was not able to tell from the old ones how many offices would be available either for MSUG personnel or Vietnamese employees.

Mr. Musolf then asked whether the main NIA building would be finished in April. Mr. Thong said that it should be completed except for the installation of electricity and water; he hoped by May or June we would be able to move in. Mr. Musolf said that the move to the new building would entail a number of problems for MSUG; for example, we must notify GVN when we intend to vacate 137 Pasteur. There are three other problems concerning which Mr. Musolf said he had written the NIA; that is, regarding (1) automobiles, (2) equipment, and (3) Vietnamese employees. Mr. Musolf said that he would appreciate having the NIA's answer on the questions relative to these three matters as soon as it is convenient. Mr. Musolf said one of the questions which needed to be discussed was how much of the maintenance force should be maintained. Mr. Thong said that the NIA had its own maintenance force but some help could be used from MSUG. Mr. Musolf said that certainly MSUG is prepared to maintain its own quarters and facilities in the new building.

Another question is that of the locations for the car pool and the maintenance crew. How large a car pool is needed? Does the Institute plan field trips? Does it plan to take faculty to work? What is to be done about parking arrangements? Such questions as these need to be considered, Mr. Musolf said.

Mr. Musolf said that MSUG would probably keep the Duy Tan apartments but would have to give up the 137 Pasteur building when the move is made to the new NIA building. However, he did not want to announce the surrender of the Pasteur building until he knew definitely when MSUG could move to the new NIA building.

Mr. Musolf asked if he could get the new plans from Mr. Suu. Mr. Aschom would like to see these for several days, Mr. Musolf said, after which a meeting could be held between Mr. Aschom and Mr. Suu. At this time Mr. Aschom would return the plans. Mr. Thong said he would be happy to lend these plans to MSUG.

Mr. Musolf suggested that the NIA and MSUG should reach an agreement on many of the questions regarding the new campus, and then take them up with the Technical Committee. Mr. Musolf added that he would appreciate it if the NIA would let MSUG know which of the present MSUG personnel the Institute was interested in retaining, and which ones it believes ought to be released.

Mr. Thong asked how many persons were in the present MSUG typing pool. Mr. Musolf said that we are now dispensing with the typing pool; only three typists remain. Each Division is doing its own typing work. The translation pool is also being broken up.

Mr. Thong thanked MSUG for its help in preparing the EROPA questionnaires in final form. Fox requested that MSUG members be given copies of the final mimeographed questionnaires.

(The blueprints for the NIA building were brought to Mr. Thong's office from Mr. Suu's office, but they were the same ones which Mr. Musolf had.) Mr. Musolf said that he had seen some later plans designating the offices of MSUG personnel. Mr. Thong said that Mr. Suu would check on this matter and let MSUG know as soon as possible if the new plans could be located.