

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Conference with Rector Thong and Chief Advisor  
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This meeting lasted only from 2:40 until 3:00 p.m., August 25th. Rector Thong opened the meeting by saying he wanted to take up three subjects: (1) the transfer of the Duy Tan apartments to the NIA; (2) Donoghue's sociology course; (3) the first EROPA meeting.

1. Duy Tan apartments. With respect to the Duy Tan apartments, Mr. Thong said that as long as Michigan State wishes to use the apartments there will be no question on the NIA's part. But if MSUG does not need the apartments, and is going to vacate them, the NIA would like to have them. Musolf said that MSUG has always recognized the right of NIA to have the Duy Tan apartments when MSU vacated them, but he said that other agencies need to be "educated" regarding this right. There would be a meeting tomorrow (Friday, August 26), Mr. Musolf said, between representatives of USOM and himself to discuss the apartments. He said he hoped to have a decision after the meeting. He added that MSUG was ready to leave the building by November 1st at the earliest and December 1st at the latest. He anticipated the assumption of the apartments at that time by the NIA, and reiterated he hoped to have something to say after the Friday meeting.

2. Donoghue's course. At present students are having difficulty in following Donoghue's lecturers. Miss Phuc has been translating each sentence after Donoghue speaks, and students are not able to follow the main thoughts. Mr. Thong suggested that Professor Donoghue distribute an outline of each lecture a few days in advance; then during the class it would be advisable for him to complete a paragraph or a major idea before Miss Phuc translates. Such a method was followed by previous MSUG professors and was found effective.

3. Mr. Dienes' call. At this juncture Mr. Dienes called to request that Mr. Thong meet with him regarding proposed changes in our in-service training project.

4. EROPA meeting. Mr. Thong announced that the first general assembly of EROPA would be held December 4-10 in Manila. Fourteen or fifteen countries would be represented. The NIA will send members to the

conference but it is not known yet how many persons will attend. In answer to Mr. Thong's question as to whether or not MSUG would send representatives, Musolf said that he was not certain what MSUG's role should be, and he was not certain that MSUG representatives should attend. Mr. Dang said that the EROPA questionnaires have now been sent out and Mr. Musolf said he had received the NIA's answers to the three local government questionnaires.