

June 2, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Meeting between Rector Thong, G. Fox, and L. Maynard, 1 June 1961.

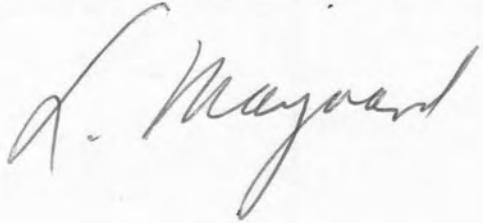
Rector Thong distributed a letter he had received from the Department of National Education advising of the coming of four U.S. visiting professors and asking that they be housed in the Duy Tan apartments. The urgent and abrupt request of the Super Ministry for Economic Affairs to take over 137 Pasteur was discussed. Fox urged that the NIA take measures to assure the retention of the equipment and furnishings of 137 Pasteur. Rector Thong mentioned the possibility of an immediate take-over of MSUG equipment by the NIA. He said that the equipment and furniture could be stored temporarily in the new NIA refectory. However, he said it would be necessary to first check with the Saigon security forces to arrange for the safe-guarding of the stored furnishings. Fox encouraged Thong to take immediate steps to take over the furniture and equipment from MSUG.

Thong then changed the subject and announced the receipt of a confidential letter from the Secretary of State for Interior concerning participant grants for participants from the security services. The Secretary of State for Interior wrote that in the past MSUG had not adequately discussed with the Secretary of State for Interior or his representatives the number, length, and type of participant grants, and he hoped that in the future such prior discussions would result in an improved participant program. Thong was advised that MSUG no longer carried on a police participant program. This program was now managed by the Public Safety Division, USOM. Thong should so advise the Secretary of State for Interior.

Thong announced his departure on 12 June for the U.S. to attend the International Congress on Local Administration. Fox suggested that Thong visit East Lansing while in the States and he stated his intention to immediately inquire into the possibility of obtaining funds for this purpose as long as Thong's trip is being financed by the GOV.

Fox advised Rector Thong of the resignation of John Dorsey and several minutes were devoted to extolling the virtues of our former colleague. Good luck John.

Hung, a potential USOM participant for a Ph.D. grant has written to Jack Murtha agreeing to work for the NIA for 10 years upon successful completion of his studies. Murtha has advised that he wants Hung to make this commitment directly to the NIA. Fox suggested that the Rector pursue this matter.



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