

June 8, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting between Rector Thong, G. Fox, and L. Maynard, 8 June 1961.

The Rector stated that he was leaving Saigon on 12 June for Washington DC, via Paris and New York. He will arrive in Washington on Monday, 12 June 1961 at 1 a.m. to attend the International Congress on Local Administration. While in Washington he will probably stay at the Ambassador Hotel. The Rector has also been charged by his Government with the mission of having contact with Vietnamese students in the U.S.

Since the Rector will be visiting East Lansing, Fox asked him to stress to President Hannah the urgent need to augment the MSUG staff working at the NIA. He pointed out that Finkle leaves in less than two months, Donoghue leaves in June, Jumper doesn't come until January, Hendry stays in East Lansing as the Coordinator, and there are no recruits on the horizon.

The next subject discussed was the letter which the NIA received from Murtha commenting on the NIA's submission for continuing aid after June 1962. Murtha requested that more precise information be given on how the NIA would make use of technical assistance offered by MSUG and what benefits might be expected from a renewal of the aid program. The Rector announced that the NIA had already drafted a reply to Mr. Murtha's letter; however, he asked for suggestions and comments from Dr. Fox. Fox said that we would offer to the NIA a work plan from which the Rector might abstract some ideas for incorporation in the NIA response to Murtha.

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