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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Leonard Maynard

Meeting with Rector Thong

Present: Jap, Maynard, Thong

1. The Rector said that when he was in Washington he spoke with Gus Hertz of ICA. Hertz said that ICA did not need a justification for the NIA's request for additional aid and that the oral discussion he was having with the Rector was sufficient. However, Fox pointed out that USOM did need this justification in order to help it prepare its opinion on the question of aid renewal. Therefore, a response to Murtha's letter commenting on the initial request should be made. The Rector will give MSU an advance look at his answer to Murtha's letter.
2. Fox, regarding maintenance of the new building, said MSUG will be severely criticized for providing maintenance. No university contract group in the world does this and, in addition, USOM never provides maintenance after giving a building to the GVN. Fox will try to justify short-term maintenance on the grounds that it would be a demonstration of preventive maintenance, which would be an innovation in the GVN. The Rector stated that he would try again to obtain adequate maintenance staff and the necessary finances, but he did not feel there was much chance. Fox urged that the concept of preventive maintenance be tried as an experiment on at least a one-year basis to convince the Budget Direction of its usefulness. The Rector was in agreement but again he was pessimistic about the NIA's chances. He did point out that the NIA, at the very least, should have an electrician.
3. The Rector said there will be a probable increase in the NIA budget of about \$VN 2 million. The NIA will take over the librarians but their rate of pay must follow the GVN regulations. This will mean a reduction in salary for the librarians when they shift from the MSU to NIA payroll.
4. Suu and Hanes will take up the question of space in the new building. However, Fox pointed out that Ping should be located with Le Ba Do and Tai, MSUG typing specialist, should be located with Cong, the NIA typing specialist. The Rector agreed to this.

5. Fox said the forthcoming sociology course should be taught by Phuc rather than Mr. Thuan, who is going to England to complete his dissertation and receive his Ph.D. The Rector said that he had talked with Mr. Thuan, who will return in January and begin teaching at that time. The Rector was inclined to favor Miss Phuc as the teacher for an introductory course in sociology, but before he could make a firm decision he would want to discuss the matter with the academic council. It was agreed that Thuan would receive a travel grant under the MSUG participant program. MSUG and the NIA will begin processing him immediately.
6. Fox said that at a more appropriate time there should be a serious discussion about a proposed course entitled "The Administration of Justice" which is suggested because it relates closely with the overriding problem of security facing all administrators in Vietnam.

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