

Research Division, NIA

October 29, 1956

David C. Cole

Proposed Research

I wish to propose that the research division undertake a study of the system of reporting economic information through governmental channels from the village up to the central government. The project would consist of collecting all report forms currently used in the various provinces for reporting such data, analysing these forms in terms of their usefulness, looking for breaks in the flow of data or places where consolidation and summarization are needed; and finally, proposing changes in the system.

This project could draw upon the services of the students who go to the provinces during the first half of the year. These students could collect the existing forms and learn how they work. Then when the students return to Saigon, they could break up into working groups to consider and suggest changes in the system of reporting different types of data. Various faculty members could direct the working groups. The proposed changes could be made in the name of the Institute. This project appeals to me as a highly useful Institute undertaking.

cc: Drs. Fox, Lindholm, Smuckler  
Mr. Mode

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO : Dean Guy H. Fox

DATE : November 23, 1956

FROM : David Cole *D.C.*

SUBJECT : Research Division Meeting

At the Research Division Meeting this morning several topics were discussed:

1. The Division requested that we submit lists of proposed research subjects for the 80 third-year students to work on during their six-months stay in the provinces. Such lists should be divided between administrative and economic subjects, and should be submitted at the Research Division meeting on December 7th. All faculty members are encouraged to cooperate.
2. None of the Research Division members were aware of the current study of provincial administration being made in My-Tho province by the Field Administration Division. From my limited knowledge of the project, I informed them of its general purposes, however, I thought it was the purpose of the much publicized integration to bring about such exchanges of information and cooperation.  
*Also we can at meeting Friday - 2:00*
3. I also informed the Division of our recent and forthcoming publications and said that we were developing two series: one is lectures in economics and finance which will include the class lectures of Lindholm, Hunter, Murphy, and Snyder; the other is the economic studies series, which would include Snyder's expenditure study, mine on taxation and Lindholm's study on commercial banking when completed.

cc: Dr. Lindholm  
Mr. Snyder  
Mr. Murphy

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO : Messrs. Lindholm, Cole, Murphy, ✓ DATE : November 29, 1956  
Snyder, Mrs. Alubowicz  
FROM : Dr. Guy M. Fox  
SUBJECT :

The institute has asked that we submit suggestions for economics, public administration research projects, which might be performed by 3rd year students during their field service training.

Please let me have any suggestions you may have for worthwhile student research projects.

I have no suggestion for Research, but could use a few girls to work on the untouched packages of United Nations material which has been sent to us thru the Bureau of Foreign Affairs. These come continually, and Mrs. Hieu made a small beginning which we could follow.

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TO : Messrs. Fishel, Higbee, Mode, DATE : November 29, 1956  
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FROM : Guy H. Fox *MR*  
SUBJECT : *Student research projects*

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①. Where decisions are made - While it is fairly apparent that a large percentage of decisions are made high up the hierarchical ladder, I think it would be valuable to document this hypothesis in a few departments.

General & specific subjects -

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TO : Messrs. Fishel, Higbee, Mode,  
FROM : Guy R. Fox ~~SWT~~  
SUBJECT : Student Research Projects

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analysis  
of  
communication  
system

Upward com-  
analysis of means  
of command  
coordination

Planning -  
Budget  
accounting

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Public administration project proposals:

1. Evaluation of in-service training programs as they take place.
2. Evaluation of NIA teaching programs, including interviewing students and graduates.
3. Survey for human factors which bring about honesty among government officials.
4. Study of motivations and values of government officials
5. Surveys of situations where new procedures have been tried and are being tried out, e.g., situation in Dalat where the mail delivery book is said no longer to be used.
- 5A. Development of a book of case studies of administrative improvement.
6. A comparative study of the working of the government's merit rating plan on which pay increases, effective 15 December, are said to be based.
7. Public relations projects.
8. Projects on the evaluation of various Department of Information campaigns and techniques.
9. Etc., etc.