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Mr. Arthur Z. Gardiner
Director, USOM

1 September 1961

Mr. Guy H. Fox
Chief Advisor

Tokyo EROPA Conference

This is to inform you, in conformity with the terms of the contract between the United States Government and Michigan State University, of our plan to send Dr. John D. Donoghue and myself to the conference of the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration, to be held in Tokyo during October 23 - November 5. The conference will be held on the subject of municipal government and metropolitan problems.

Both Dr. Donoghue and I speak Japanese and have studied municipal government in Japan. I have studied the subject from a political and administrative viewpoint, and Dr. Donoghue from a sociological and economic viewpoint. Our presence at the conference will be of value in assisting the Vietnamese delegates. Rector Thong and Professor Nguyen Quang Quynh, a sociologist, and two other NIA members are expected to be there; moreover, other Vietnamese will attend. Rector Thong has expressly requested me to be at the conference and, while in Tokyo, to accompany him to the Tokyo Institute for Municipal Research, the Bureau of Social Science Research at Tokyo University, and the Local Government Institute (a national government school for training local officials). I am intimately acquainted with officials at these organizations. Dr. Donoghue, who upon his return to the United States next summer will be in the Institute of Community Development of Michigan State University and be assigned to municipal problems, is well acquainted with Japanese academicians and practitioners who are interested in urban sociological problems.

An even more cogent reason for our making the trip is that the formal and informal discussions from the viewpoint of representatives of various developing countries should further our understanding and enhance our competency as technical advisors at the NIA. The meeting will afford us a valuable insight into the mental processes, the values, biases, prejudices, and frames of reference of the delegates from emerging nations such as Indonesia, Taiwan, the Philippines, India, and Pakistan, as well as Viet-Nam. I may add that now that our group is a small compact body, I myself shall be devoting an increased amount of time to advisory functions with NIA personnel.

September 1, 1961

Mr. Nguyen Dinh Thuan
Secretary of State at the
~~Presidency~~
Independence Palace
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Secretary of State:

In conformity with the contract between the United States Government and Michigan State University, I have the honor of informing you of the travel of Dr. John D. Donoghue and myself to Tokyo to attend the conference of the Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration. The conference is from October 23 to November 5.

Please, Mr. Secretary of State, accept the assurance of my highest esteem.

Yours sincerely,

Guy H. Fox
Chief Advisor

Ngày 1 tháng Chín, 1961

Kính gửi Ông Nguyễn Đình Thuần
Bộ Trưởng tại Phủ Tổng Thống
Dinh Độc Lập

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Thưa Ông Bộ Trưởng,

Thật theo những điều-khoản của bản hợp-đồng giữa Chính-phủ Hoa Kỳ và Đại Học Đông Tiểu-bang Michigan tôi trân trọng báo tin quý Ông Bộ Trưởng về chuyên đi của Giao-sứ John D. Donoghue và tôi sang Tokyo để tham dự Hội-nghị của Tổ-chức Đông-phương Hạnh-chánh (EROPA). Theo chương-trình dự-định thì Hội-nghị sẽ họp từ ngày 23 tháng 10 cho đến ngày 5 tháng 11, năm 1961.

Trân trọng xin quý Ông Bộ Trưởng nhận nơi đây lòng tôn-kính của tôi.

Guy H. Fox,
Trưởng Phái Đoàn