

July 25, 1961

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WYOMING TEAM USOM
AMERICAN EMBASSY
KABUL AFGHANISTAN
HAPPY TO HAVE YOU WITH US BEGINNING AUGUST 6.

Guy H. Fox, MSUG, Saigon, Vietnam, en compte

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KABUL, AFGHANISTAN
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*She has a lot of
work today*
Dr. Guy Fox, Chief
MSUG, Box 34
Saigon, Viet Nam.

Dear Dr. Fox:

Some time ago I wrote Dean Taggart requesting the names of MSU's chiefs in Saigon, Formosa, and Okinawa, so that I might write you before leaving Kabul on our trip back to Michigan State. Only yesterday a letter from Horace King brought the needed information. However, the addresses given were the San Francisco APOs, which I felt made the trip of a letter to long to reach you. Consequently I am using an international mail address, which I hope will reach you.

Mr. Elliott, our two teen-age daughters, and I are leaving Kabul July 28th to start our trip home through the Orient after having been in Kabul for the past two years where I have served as Project Advisor for the University of Wyoming's technical cooperation project with the Faculty of Agriculture, Engineering, and Veterinary Medicine. Our plans are to stop in Saigon for a short visit, and we would appreciate it if someone of the MSU staff could brief us on things which should be seen while there. Also, I should appreciate it if it would be possible for me to see something of MSU's project there, for I have heard so many good things about it during the past years. We have reservations at the Majestic Hotel, and if air line schedules are maintained are due to arrive, via Air Vietnam from Bangkok at 0920 PM on August 6th. We are scheduled out on the 8th at 0130 pm via PanA, for Manila.

Our stay in Afghanistan has been a most interesting one, and I have found the experience of working at the Faculty quite worthwhile.

We sincerely hope that it will be possible for us to see some of the MSU people during our short stay in Saigon.

Yours very truly,

Jack C. Elliott
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Wyoming Team: USOM/A
American Embassy
Kabul, Afghanistan.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

June 19, 1961

Dr. Jack C. Elliott
Wyoming Team USOM/A
American Embassy
State Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I am writing in response to your recent letter to Dean Taggart dated May 26, 1961 as the Dean has been out of the office more than usual lately and I am sure you are anxious to receive a reply.

In regard to the proper people to contact with our MSU Projects in Vietnam, Taiwan, and Okinawa I have listed below their names and addresses:

Dr. Guy Fox, Chief
MSUG, Box 34
APO 143
San Francisco, California

Prof. Howard F. McCollly, Chief
MSU Advisory Group
c/o ICA/MSMC to China
APO 63
San Francisco, California

Prof. Frank Roop, Acting Head
MSU Advisory Group
USCAR, APO 331
San Francisco, California

I would suggest that you write directly to the above men who will be able to answer your specific questions. The military entry permit is no longer required on Okinawa and I suspect that short stopovers would not require any special permission in the way of a visa or tourist card. You will want to check on this though with your nearest U.S. Consulate.

From earlier correspondence as well as Dick Niehoff's comments when he was visiting at MSU earlier this spring, we had heard of the plans to meet at Kabul. I was pleased to hear that you and Mrs. Elliott had the opportunity to spend some time with the members of our Pakistan Project.

From time to time I have the opportunity to visit with people who either know of your work with the Wyoming Team or have visited with you directly in recent months. I was in India last January and February and at that time heard of you and your work on several occasions. I regret that it was not possible for me to visit Kabul University and your project activities, but our schedule was too overcrowded to permit this.

Dr. Jack C. Elliott
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We all look forward to visiting with you upon your return to learn more of your assignment during the past two years. Dean Taggart will be especially interested in seeing you.

Sincerely,

Horace C. King
Assistant to the Dean

HCK/dld

cc: Mr. Frank Roop
Mr. Howard McColly
Dr. Guy Fox

May 26, 1961.

Dr. Glen L. Taggart
Dean of International Programs.
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Dr. Taggart:

We are in the final months of our assignment with the University of Wyoming's project with the Faculty of Agriculture, Engineering, and Veterinary Medicine of Kabul University as project advisor. Consequently thoughts turn to plans for our trip eastward and home. Our itinerary, if all goes well, has us leaving Kabul on July 28th. Enroute, we have planned to stop in Saigon for a couple of days (August 4-5), Taipei two days (August 15-17) and Okinawa (August 17-20). In addition to seeing the sights of Saigon and Taipei we would also like to visit with the Michigan State people there if possible. We have asked our travel agent to book us into hotels at these places, however I wasn't certain about the accommodations of the Ryukyuan hotel so didn't ask for reservations there. In Okinawa we would not only like to visit with the MSU people, but also renew acquaintances and see the progress made at the University since we left in 1957. If it would be possible for unofficial guests to stay in government quarters, I would appreciate knowing what arrangements I might make for the stop in Okinawa. I would also appreciate knowing whom I might contact in Saigon, Taipei, and Okinawa. Needless to say, if such arrangements are impossible we shall forget the plans. I have also completed forms for military entry permit and sent them direct to Col. Harbison as I didn't know whether or not this was still required of tourists.

The afternoon of May 8th saw a Michigan State reunion at Kabul airport. A letter on May 1st from Dr. Brembeck informed us of the planned arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Schuler, enroute to Pakistan. We went out to meet their flight and found Mr. and Mrs. Doan, with Mrs. Neihoff(?) from Rawlpindi there also. They came in for dinner that evening, after which we all went to see the amateur production of Guys and Dolls. It was a pleasant interlude, and we were sorry that they had to start their return trip early the next morning.

This assignment has been a very interesting and rewarding one. I remember when on Okinawa that Naha elected a communist mayor and we felt that the red influence was really high, however it was exceedingly mild as compared with our every day contact with "our neighbors to the north" here in Afghanistan.

Thanking you for your cooperation in helping with the information needed for visits in Saigon, Taipei, and Okinawa, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Jack C. Elliott
Wyoming Team - USOM/A
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