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TO: Stanley K. Sheinbaum, Coordinator

THROUGH: Wesley R. Fishel, Chief Advisor *WRF*

FROM: David C. Cole *DCC*

SUBJECT: Participant Program - Current Status

1. Program for the Coming Year - We are going ahead with planning and preparations for the current year's program on the basis of 20 men-years of training.

*Nov 14 (6) MSU
 10 May USOM (3 to NW) 30 Pol Inst
 30th 6 leaders USOM
 3rd 3rd*
 a. We will send four policemen with MSU funds to study at MSU. In addition we will be sending ten regular trainees and we hope six leaders under USOM funds. Two of the regular USOM trainees go to Northwestern, the others to MSU.

August
 b. We hope to send two Institute staff members in August, Mr. Tran Van Dinh for six months of observation and research and Mr. Ton That Tieu for one year of study. (Possibly working on a Masters degree). We will send you more details in the near future.

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 c. We hope to recruit two or three Institute or Law School graduates for PhD training. This part of the program is still very much in the discussion stage and we must obtain government approval on a number of matters.

November earliest
 d. We hope to send seven or eight regular trainees and several leaders from one particular government department. At present we are suggesting the "fonction publique." We have no assurance that this will of the service, but hope to settle this question soon.

e. As to the expected time of arrival of the above group of participants, my best guess is as follows: the two police trainees for Northwestern and one leader for Southern Police Institute must arrive in September. The other regular police trainees may reach East Lansing in November. The first group of two to three police leaders may arrive in October, and a similar group in the Spring of 1958. The Institute staff members we hope will arrive in August. As for PhD trainees and the other regular trainees we are not at all sure but we guess around the end of the year.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sheinbaum, Thru Mr. Fishel, dated May 15, 1957

2. Participant Salaries - We have received indirect word that Mr. Pham Gia Thinh is finding his funds insufficient to meet what he considers to be his necessary obligations. I do not see where we can do anything about this from here but suggest you look into the matter there and see if special arrangements can be made. As a leader trainee is he supposed to receive more per-diem than the regular trainees? Also who is paying for his program, MSU or ICA/W?

On the other participants who have not received their salary differential, we are notifying the Direction of Planning about the problem, we doubt that at this late date much can be accomplished. We had thought that this year the salary differential problem had been straightened out, but gather that this is not so. We tried to have each participant establish with his department or service the amount of differential which he should receive and the procedures for receiving it. Obviously Mr. Nhuy did not do the former and Mr. Dai the latter. For all future participants we will try to obtain written statements concerning their salaries and differentials, in the hope that this will minimize future problems.

3. We noted your recommendation of May 6, that participants travel on exchange visit visas rather than student visas, and we shall follow your recommendation.

4. Miss Pham Thi Khanh Trang - Miss Trang is from Hue, is a good friend of the governor of the National Bank, and probably knows the President's family in a casual way; also she is a bit strange. Your question on her status may have been resolved by this time, but since she stated on her application blank for the MSU scholarship that she was "celebataire", we suggest that you simply refer to her as Miss Trang, and see if that will not help to keep her under control.

cc: Dr. Fishel, Dr. Fox