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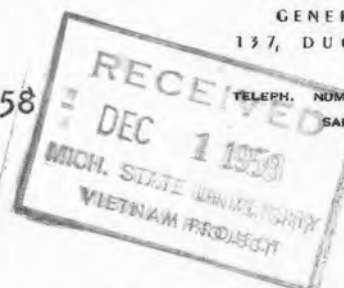
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TO : Elsie Cunningham

FROM : Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director

SUBJECT: No. 68 - Re Your Memo of November 10, 1958  
Arriving Participants

The following participants are tentatively scheduled to leave for the United States in December:

	<u>Fields of Study</u>	<u>English Test</u>	
		<u>Written</u>	<u>Oral</u>
3 ✓ Mr. Van Dinh Tho	O and M	85	73
✓ Mr. Pham Sung Lu	"	80	67
✓ Mr. Nguyen Van Suu	"	77	68
✓ Mr. Nguyen Ung Chung	"	Not yet tested	
- ✓ Mr. Buu Dich	Ph.D	80	65
- ✓ Mr. Bui Quang Khanh	"	Not yet tested	
ok ✓ Mr. Luong Nhi Ky	"	80	91
✓ Mrs. Le Thi Bach-Lan	"	no test necessary	
- ✓ Mr. Tran Ngoc Phat	"	84	93
✓ Mr. Nguyen Van Son	Hotel Management	78	72
3 ✓ Mr. Nguyen Thanh Khiet	Economics	90	53
✓ Mr. Buu Vien	"	No test necessary	
✓ Mr. Vu Quang Van			
WASH WASH { Mr. Le Qui Chi	Budget	58	70
Mr. Nguyen Cong Hau	"	75	80
Mr. Tran Ngoc Hanh	"	58	75
Mr. Nguyen Dinh Lien	"	79	75
3 ✓ Mr. Tong Huu Quang	Records Management	70	70
(Police Science)			
3 ✓ Mr. Nguyen Giao	Crime Laboratory	84	71
✓ Lt. Nguyen Van Bai	"	82	70

## Organization and Methods

By now you should have my memo No. 62 covering background information and program recommendations for the O and M participants. As I mentioned in that memo, Mr. Quang Quoc Cung will not leave in December, but probably sometime after the beginning of the year.

### Ph.D.s

The departure of the five Ph.D. candidates is contingent on their being accepted into the graduate schools of their choice. I hope that we will have some definite word on this before the end of December. All of them will work for a Ph.D. in Political Science.

#### 1. Mr. Tran Ngoc Phat

Mr. Phat was a member of the last class to graduate from the NIA. Since then he has been working in the General Directorate of Budget and Foreign Aid.

Phat is young, 23, and the father of two children. He is, in many ways, our best candidate. Mr. Phat has an excellent grasp of English, a good background in Political Science, and a very strong desire to improve himself. He is "hungry" for the degree and is going to work his head off to get it.

In addition to the NIA degree, he has his license in Law. Phat's primary interest within Political Science is Public Administration.

Mr. Phat worked with Dr. Fox on several projects during his stay in Vietnam.

#### 2. Mr. Luong Nhi Ky

Mr. Ky is presently the Deputy Director of the Economic Section of the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Ky is 33 years old and single. He comes to us very highly recommended.

He has a good educational background, mostly gained in Europe, and has demonstrated along with intellectual ability a sincere desire and respect for learning. I think Ky is a good risk and should do extremely well, even though he still needs work in English. However, his progress in English during the past months has been excellent, reflecting the effort that he has made. Mr. Ky's primary area of interest will be International Affairs.

### 3. Mrs. Le Thi Bach-Lan

I am aware of your negative feelings about Mrs. Bach-Lan. I'm not going to try to dissuade you from these feelings, but allow me point out that Mrs. Bach-Lan was an honor graduate from Oxford, has worked very successfully for Montgomery on the NIA case program, speaks excellent English, and knows, beyond any doubt, what she wants and what she must do to get it. This kind of single-mindedness, which I suspect is the basis for many of the uncomfortable feelings people have concerning Bach-Lan, can be limiting to an individual. However, it can also provide the necessary drive and ambition that become the basis for significant accomplishment. Mrs. Bach-Lan's major field of study will be in Public Administration.

Mrs. Bach-Lan is a widow with a 10 year-old daughter, who will accompany her to the States, and remain with her during her course of study. Mrs. Bach-Lan understands that she must bear all costs in connection with her daughter's stay in the United States and that the University has no responsibility for supporting her daughter.

### 4. Mr. Bui Quang Khanh

The MSUG interviewing committee and the representatives of the NIA felt at the time of selection that Mr. Khanh was the outstanding candidate. Mr. Khanh is Chief of the Research and Documentation Service of the Department of Reconstruction and City Planning. He is older than the other candidates, 43, and the father of four children.

Mr. Khanh has a good educational background in addition to extensive government experience. He has also written a book entitled "I Chose Freedom." Khanh is also the brother-in-law of Mr. Vu Quoc Thong. His major area of study should be in Public Administration.

We have had some difficulty in getting Khanh to work on English due to his very heavy work commitments. His English, however, is fair, and he understands that he must to make a really concerted effort to gain proficiency.

### 5. Mr. Buu Dich

Dich was a member of the last graduating class at the National Institute. He has recently been assigned to the Institute staff as an assistant to Rector Thong.

He is 30 years old, married, and the father of three children. His English is fair, but improving constantly.

Serious questions have been raised about Dich's candidacy, both by the NIA and members of our staff. It is possible that we may withdraw our support for his candidacy. However, I am not certain at this time, but I will advise you as soon as we make a final decision.

#### Hotel Management

##### Mr. Nguyen Van Son

Mr. Son is the third of the Hotel Management Participants. He is the Assistant Manager of the Lam Vien Palace Hotel in Dalat. Mr. Son was nominated by the National Office of Tourism.

You should plan for Mr. Son to follow a program similar to the one arranged for Thoi and Ba. He needs work in English and should not be programmed too heavily during the first quarter. He has made good progress, however, and should be functioning well in a short period of time.

#### Economics

##### Mr. Buu Vien

Mr. Vien is the Chief of Cabinet of the Province of Long An and a recent graduate of the NIA. He has impressed us as being a good man, although he needs work on English. He understands and comprehends much better than he speaks at this point.

He was originally designated to study Budgeting, but his interests are somewhat broader. John Dorsey suggested, and I tend to agree, that his program should consist of a combination of budget, public finance and economic development.

##### Mr. Vu Quang Van

You will notice that attached to the application of Mr. Van are documents supporting his application for admission to the graduate school of Economics. It has been decided that Mr. Van, who is presently employed by MSUG, should be permitted to engage in academic work in Economics leading to a Master's Degree. I believe that all of the supporting documents are in order so that you can submit his application immediately. His English is excellent and he has a good background in Economics. It is possible that Van will return to join the staff of EROPA as a Research Assistant.



### Budget Participants

The four Budget Participants will be going to the States under the same arrangements as Mr. Thuan and Mr. Phuong, that is, the cost of their training will be covered by ICA, but responsibility for the program will be shared by ICA and MSU. Attached is the PIO/P which states the basic division of responsibility. As you can see, ICA will have responsibility for the first part of their training and MSU will have them for the balance of their time in the States. I will have more specific program recommendations on them in the future. When they leave Saigon they will proceed directly to Washington and you will probably not see them in East Lansing until they complete their seminar at ICA. The Budget Participants speak fairly good English, and with the possible exception of Mr. Chi, will get along well. By the time they arrive in East Lansing they should all be functioning extremely well.

### Police Participants

Two of the Police Participants (Giao and Bai) were originally scheduled for a September departure, but were not permitted to go because of possibly active cases of T.B. They have since been cleared medically, as I have informed you. I believe that you have their bio-data and MSU applications.

Their field of specialization is, as previously stated, Crime Laboratory. Both of them get along fairly well in English.

The third Police Participant, Mr. Quang, is somewhat of a mystery. We had originally proposed that the Government nominate several people to study Records and Archival Management under the Public Administration Participant Program. Mr. Quang was designated for a grant under this program, *although a member of the Surete.*

To resolve this, I suggest that Mr. Quang be considered the same as our other Police Administration Participants and be given the same type program with special emphasis on Police Management ~~Administration~~ *Records Mgt.*

The English test scores are the result of an examination administered by the Vietnamese American Association. They use their test for the USOM participants. A grade of 75/75 is usually considered as the minimum, but USOM regularly sends people with lower scores.

Attached are the MSU applications and bio-data forms for all the participants except Mr. Chung. As soon as I receive his application I will send it to you. Mr. Son is also missing his medical.

cc: John Dorsey