

April 7, 1959

TO: Howard Waltman - Participant Program Director
FROM: Elsie Cunningham - Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Request for Recommendations (#148)

Please send me the necessary recommendations letter that should accompany MSU applications for Messrs. Chi, Hau, Lien, and Hanh.

EC:ms

April 20, 1959

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Materials for former participants (#154)

There are several packages of books remaining for Messrs. Son, Dong, and Hung. Since these are only a few, we are mailing them directly to you with the mark for each particular participant.

I am wondering how these participants are currently making out.

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April 21, 1959

TO: Howard Waltman - Participant Program Director
FROM: Elsie Cunningham - Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: MSU applications (#157) REF: Your memo #120

Please find enclosed two copies of the MSU application form. At the same time I have requested Cora Van Kuiken to send you 50 more forms from her office.

May I remind you that we must have more health certificates and MSUG's letter of recommendation for all participants. Transcripts, etc., are necessary as well for any degree candidate.

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Enc: (2) appl. form sets

April 22, 1959

TO: Howard Waltman - Participant Program Director
FROM: Elsie Cunningham - Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Vis-a-vis future participants (#159)

It would be very helpful if we had some idea of the composition of the next group of participants. To date the only information I have is two bio-data forms which I received from ICA/W on Mr. Vu Van Thua of the Ministry of Finance and Mr. Do Thanh Lien of the Police. It would be very helpful indeed if we had a fairly homogeneous group. Additionally, of course, I have noted that there are some 40 prospective participants undergoing preparatory language training. I also note that USOM will send participants to American University for English language training. Since this problem has certainly not been resolved to our satisfaction on the MSU campus, we are hopeful that Dr. Geist's return next fall will improve this situation. His experience on Okinawa plus his former teaching of English to Vietnamese participants should be helpful.

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TO: Howard Waltman - Participant Program Director
FROM: Elsie Cunningham - Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: In service training (#161)

1. NGUYEN VAN SUU: Mr. Nguyen Van Suu has just begun a period at the budget department in Michigan. Given the debatable state of Michigan finances and consequently the frequent demands upon the budget department it is going to be something less than a routine year as far as Landers and Wilden are concerned. In fact, I am sure that they have burned more than their share of midnight oil seeking a solution for Michigan's dilemma. In any case, Mr. Suu has begun to do some work with the budget department. It is indeed unfortunate that New York state does not feel that it is possible for them to accept any additional ICA participants as visitors. I guess I shall have to look for another outstanding budget department.

2. NGUYEN QUANG QUYNH: On Tuesday morning I took Mr. Quynh down to the Youth Division of the State Corrections Board. During his conversation with Mr. Scott, head of the Youth Division, Mr. Scott suggested several places and organizations in the state that Mr. Quynh would certainly like to visit. I am enclosing a copy of this list. In addition, Mr. Scott suggested that he attend the conference this week on The Role of Elementary School Teachers In Preventing Juvenile Delinquency. He has had several conferences with Dr. Smucker already and we feel sure that he will benefit from meeting the other members of this department.

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Enc. Listing

May 4, 1959



To: Elsie Cunningham
From: Howard L. Waltman
Subject: Budget Participants (Ref. your memo 160)

My last communication from the budget participants was a short note from Mr. Lien, in which he promised to keep you informed of plans and activities. I suggest that you write directly to him if you want additional information.

Why doesn't the training office of ICA/w keep you informed? Isn't it their responsibility? These men are, after all, USOM financed participants who are being programmed by ICA/w at the specific request of USOM, Saigon. They should keep you informed without your having to chase after information and dates.

May 4, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 124 - Pham Van Ngu (Reference cable EL 39)

PAA has informed our Administrative Services Division that a cable was sent on April 30th to College Travel, authorizing the issuance of a ticket for Mr. Ngu's return trip.

cc: Pierce



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MAY 5, 1959

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137, DUONG PASTEUR

TELEPH. NUMBER : 22.022-21.528
SAIGON : 383-384



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 127 - your memo No. 159

The next group of participants coming to MSU will most probably arrive in September. It will be composed of 8 police officers, 2 tax administration men, possibly one or two men from the budget, and perhaps one or 2 PhD candidates.

The "40 perspective candidates" you refer to in your memo who are undergoing English training are, in fact, 65. They are all police and are competing for a total of 40 available training slots. Thirty-two of the slots will be on USOM funds and 8 on contract funds. These are the only perspective candidates now undergoing English training.

As you know the public administration phase of the program will be reduced significantly in line with our resolution to be more selective, and to insist on active GVN participation in the identification of candidates. We have identified 2, and possibly a 3rd, candidate in the tax field in this way. The possibility of a 3rd, is the Director General of Taxation who may be able to get away for 6 months. This is still in the formulative stage and I will keep you informed as things develop.

We have interviewed several budget people, and may take one or two of them, but we have not made a final decision, pending an expression of interest by the Budget.

We have also interviewed 13 PhD candidates for a possible 3 slots, but again, have not made a final decision. We have reduced the 13 to 3 but questions still remain before we will support any of the 3.

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Participants 59-60

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May 11, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 128 - Participant Tho (Ref. my memo No. 88)

Have you been able to find out any of the details of the conference that Mr. Vinh-Tho wants to attend early in October?



Mr. Trach is anxious to have him attend some PA conference in California in October. RAS

May 11, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 129 - Participant Tran-Van-Ba.

Dr. Phuoc, Director of the National Office of Tourism, has requested that Mr. Ba be permitted a 3 week extension to attend Dry Cleaning School.

We have approved the request and the question is now at the Directorate General of Planning. I am certain that G.V.N. will approve the extension, so that you can go ahead and make any arrangements necessary to register Mr. Ba at the school.

May 19, 1959

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Participant Programs #176

Please find attached a thermofax of the special institutes being offered at American University on records management and archival administration. I am enrolling Mr. Pham Sung Lu and Tong Huu Quang in the Institute on Records Management, since this seems to be related to their particular positions in Vietnam. The topics to be discussed in the Institute on Preservation and Administration of Archives does not seem as pertinent. Given the fact that these classes meet all day I am hopeful that by sending two participants they might be able to get most of what is presented.

During the Summer Session at American University I expect to enroll Mr. Lu and Mr. Van Dinh Tho in the Organization and Management course. If possible, I am hoping to arrange some field work for Mr. Cung with the Michigan Highway Dept. in O & M. Since he will be here through the fall semester at American, I shall be able to send him for one or two courses at that time.

Mr. Ba, of course, will go to the Dry Cleaning School. If I can find a suitable course, I propose to send Son and Thoi to Cornell for at least part of the summer session. Thoi has requested that he be allowed to attend The Culinary Institute of America. This seems a reasonable request and a useful subject.

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May 25, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 133 - Buu-Vien, Nguyen Cong Chanh, La Van Hung,
Extensions.

The Department of the Interior has agreed to the 3-6 month extension for Mr. Buu-Vien to work on an M.A. They have instructed the Directorate General of Planning to make the necessary arrangements for the extension. I will let you know as soon as the final statement is received. You can, I believe, safely proceed on the assumption that Vien will be granted the extension.

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We have received ~~arrete~~ authorizing 3 months additional training for Mr. Chanh beginning June 1st.

We have also received the arrete for a one year extension for Mr. La Van Hung beginning August 1st, 1959 and ending August 1st, 1960.

cc: Dorsey
Hoyt

June 8, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 139 - Participant training activities.

I have recently been through our files trying to fill in some gaps in my evaluation study. I have a summary statement of the in-service-training activities engaged in by the 1st two groups. In your report on their activities you not only listed the agencies, but the amount of time spent at each.

Would it be possible for you to do the same with all of the participants since Tran Van Dinh, including those who are presently there. My records, consisting of your reports and memo's, and the participant's reports leave gaps especially as to the length of time of the visits.

It would also be helpful, if you could review the courses taken by each and the grades received. Any additional information you have that I might not, would also be welcomed.

Thank you very much for your help. I shall await your reply.

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SKS

June 10, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 142 - Extension, Pham Quang Pham

The request for a 3 month extension for Pham Quang Pham that we conveyed by cable on June 10th came from the Governor of the National Bank. ~~They~~^{He} suggested that the schedule for the 3 month extension be:

September 15 - 30 : Investment Policy of the International Monetary Fund.

Oct. 1st - Dec. 1st: Federal Reserve Bank in N.Y.

Dec. 7th - Dec. 19th: Foreign Business Dept., Bank of Tokyo

In view of the specific nature of the request and our knowledge of Mr. Pham, we will agree providing E. Lansing does.



TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: June 12, 1959
SUBJECT: Mail for Vietnamese (#198)

Enclosed are two letters which we received long after these participants had left the United States for Saigon. Would appreciate your handling.

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: June 12, 1959
SUBJECT: Reports (#197)

Please find enclosed copies of Mr. Pham Van Ngu's last reports sent to us just before he left Washington and Mr. Pham Duy Suu's report from his field trip to Florida, Washington, New York, Detroit and Rochester. Also enclosed is a copy of Hoang Van Loc's program with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

I have noted your request for a complete breakdown of agencies, length of time of visit, etc., for each participant but I am delaying this "job" until after my vacation and after resolving several other problems left over from the auditor's past and current visit.

There is, in addition, a long report from Mr. Pham Quang Pham which we hope to complete by the middle of next week.

June 16, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 143 - Participant Chanh (Ref. your memo No. 190)

I was surprised to see that Mr. Chanh left E. Lansing on June 13th. Your memo to Howard Hoyt was the first indication we had that he was not going to stay for the recommended period of training. As far as I know the Directorate General of Police and Security did not change the length of the training period. In my memo No. 133 I reported receipt of the decree authorizing a 3 month extension from June 1st.

Can you please fill me in on the details concerning the decision for him to return home at this time.

cc: Hoyt

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June 22, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman *HLW*
SUBJECT: No. 144 - Bio-Datas New Participants

Attached are five bio-datas of participants presently being processed for a September departure. Two are budget participants, two will study tax administration and the fifth is the six months training grant to Mr. Huynh Xuan Tho, the Director General of Taxation.

More information will follow.

Attachments

Participants 58-59

June 26, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham

FROM : Howard L. Waltman

SUBJECT: No. 146 - ^{Pham Duy Suu}~~Tran Van Ba~~



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1. He said that some participants are cashing in transportation tickets for cheaper means of transportation. He said also, that a group of them will return to Vietnam with as much as \$1500.00 American money. I have known for some time that they save money but this figure absolutely floored me.
2. He referred to an incident that developed as a result of Mr. Ba's relationship with an employee of the Vietnam Project office. Would you elaborate?
3. He mentioned the attitudes of certain participants as being one, of how best to escape attending classes. If you have been having discipline problems, I would like to know. Please elaborate, names, incidents, etc...



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June 30, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 148 - Participant Phuong

Mr. Hoang Dinh Phuong has asked that we check into his membership in ASPA. He was promised it by Mr. Robert L. Barnes of the Training Division ICA/W. Would you check into this please.

cc: Phuong

