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TO : Coordinator
FROM : Howard L. Waltman *all*
SUBJECT: No. 150 - Public Administration Participant Program

I have been some what neglectful in keeping you informed on the 1959-60 Participant Program for Public Administration. Permit me now to recapitulate and to bring you up to date.

As you know in planning our budget for the 5th contract year we decided change the emphasis of our training activities in Public Administration, and to reduce their scope. While we are interested in the same substantive fields, we have aimed specifically at the departments in which we are rendering assistance. While this will result in a smaller program it will also ameliorate the most serious weaknesses in the program, which have been the participants lack of strategic professional placement and our inability to follow up on participants serving in agencies with whom we do not deal.

You can see on the attached list that the agencies contributing participants are the ones with whom we are regularly working. Each of the 10 has been nominated by the head of the agency concerned. This is not to be interpreted as passive concurrence, but nomination. There isn't a "Boursier" in the lot. In addition our technicians have been involved to a much greater degree with my role being as the catalyst rather than the agent.

The candidates average about 35 years of age and are all integrated into the higher administrative cadres, with the exception of the 2 Ph.D.'s being considered. There are 2 candidates with License en Droit, 3 N.I.A. Diplomas and 3 graduates of the L'Ecole National de Taxation in Paris. Each of the candidates now occupies a position of significance and substance from which procedures and people can be influenced.

The pattern of training in each case should stress academic work with a minimum amount of time given to short "look-see" visits. Mr. Le-Ba-Do and Mr. Tho will be the exceptions.

Mr. Tho, of course as Director General of Taxation will require special programming and consideration. You should have a file on him already. He is an extremely, cooperative, person who has embarrasses me on several occasions by coming to my office when his position clearly calls for my going to his. Treat him well.

The other exception is Mr. Le-Ba-Do. He is presently an MSUG employee, chief of the audio-visual section, who is to be transferred to the NIA to serve in the same capacity. Mr. Do is to concentrate on audio-visual technique and maintenance of equipment. The program at the University of Indiana is a possibility that has been proposed by Len Maynard.

The program has been a little slow in forming because of our insistence on gaining top level participation. Part of the group will be ready in September and the remainder in December. Those who are leaving in December will be held up because of their need for additional English training.

We are going to increase considerably, the efficiency of the public administration program by the approach taken this year. I wish that I could report the same optimism for our Police Participant program. That part of the program has its own complex of problems that must be resolved. I will discuss them shortly in a memo.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PARTICIPANTS

NAME	PRESENT POSITION	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	FIELD OF STUDY	DEPARTURE
HUYNH XUAN THO	Director General, General Directorate of Taxation	General Directorate of Taxation	Taxation	September
LE QUANG HUYNH	Ass't. to the Director	General Directorate of Taxation	Taxation	September
TRAN SONG HOC	Chief of Financial Service, Controller of Taxes	General Directorate of Taxation	Taxation	December
NGUYEN VAN TINH	Chief of Bureau, Directorate of Social Action	General Directorate of Budget & Foreign Aid	Budget & Accounting	September
DO QUANG TRI	Chief, Centralization of Program Office, Directorate General of Budget & F.A.	General Directorate of Budget & Foreign Aid	Budget & Accounting	December
LE DUY DUC	Deputy Chief of District	Department of Interior	Public Admin.	December
LE VAN HOI	Chief of Bureau of Economic Office of Province Chief	Department of Interior	Public Admin.	December
PHAM VAN THUYET		N.I.A.	Ph.D.	
DU PHUOC LONG		N.I.A.	Ph.D.	
LE BA DO	Chief of Audio-Visual Section - MSUG	M.S.U.G.	Audio-Visual	September