

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: July 7, 1959
SUBJECT: Participant Training Activities (#220)

Please find enclosed two copies of the participant training activities for participants 1957-58 and 1958-59 through Mr. Quynh and the police participants.

July 7, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 152 - Your memo No. 213

The form DSP - 66 is returned to the participants at the time of their receiving a visa.

July 9, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 154 - Buu-Vien Extension

We have received the decree authorizing a 6 month extension for Mr. Buu-Vien from January 1st to June 30th.

July 9, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 153 - Vinh-Tho Extension

Mr. Trach and the General Directorate of Plan have approved Vinh-Tho's short extension to attend the Personnel Management Conference in San Francisco.

An official decree will not be needed.

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: July 13, 1959
SUBJECT: Public Administration Participant Program (#222 --- Ref: Your memo #150)

To date we have received no applications for the ten persons you mentioned as potentially arriving in September and December. I urge you to have these completed and forwarded to us at the earliest possible date. It would be most useful also if we could have the academic records of these individuals.

TO: Howard Grider
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: July 14, 1959
SUBJECT: List of Participants

Please find attached the list of all participants under this program during the fourth quarter from May 1st to June 30th.

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TO : Elsie Cunningham *EW*
FROM : Howard L. Waltman *EW*
SUBJECT: No. 155 - Your memo No. 220

Thank you for the excellent compilation of on-the-job training activities engaged in by our participants during the past year, it will be helpful.

July 15, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 155 - Your memo No. 220

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July 17, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 158 - Your memo No. 146

I was not requesting Mr. Ba's immediate return after his dry cleaning course. I was merely attempting to get some information. Please go ahead with your plans.



July 17, 1959



TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 159 - Your Memo No. 216

Neither Marv. Murphy nor I have heard anything about an extension for the USOM sponsored budget participants.

Marv. Murphy has discussed Mr. Nguyen Van Suu's future with Mr. Lan, and has reported that Lan anticipates ~~Mr.~~ Suu being used in budget work rather than organization and methods work.

cc: Murphy

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: July 22, 1959
SUBJECT: Bio Datas New Participants -- Ref. #144 (#232)

You will be interested to learn that the copies of these bio datas, provided by ICA/Washington, were received in this office on July 15th, or a little over two weeks after we received the thermofax copies.

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: July 31, 1959
SUBJECT: Shipment -- Participant Excess Baggage (#240)

I have just received a letter from Mr. Hoang Van Loc in which he begins to worry concerning the arrival of his personal things in Saigon. He indicates that his wife has already contacted you regarding this shipment.

On checking with Fireproof Storage, they indicated that this shipment left New York June 25th on the Pioneer King.

This information might be useful if any other participants or their families inquire about goods shipped.

This does not include the excess of Kim Sa, Vinh Tho, or Pham Quang Pham.

August 3, 1959

TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 163 - Your memo No. 230

Mr. Duong Ngoc Cong has been rejected by the Presidency. As of this time he will not be going to the United States. His case is being appealed, so there may be a possibility of his going later. I will keep you informed.

cc: Van

*Dr. Hobbs:
Elsie has no
original needed.
Other*



TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: August 6, 1959
SUBJECT: Public Personnel Association Program (#249)

Please find attached the program for the Public Personnel Association conference. Although I do not have the earlier program they sent which I forwarded to you, I do not believe that there have been many changes.

August 10, 1959



TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 165 - Your Memo No. 240

We have ~~had~~ received a large box with 15 different items for the following people:

Nguyen Van Huong	1 suitcase
Nguyen Van Thoi	1 suitcase
Tran Van Ba	1 suitcase
Le Quang Cao	1 suitcase
Vo Hong Loc	1 suitcase
Pham Van Ngu	2 suitcases
Le Dinh Chan	1 boxe
Truong Duc Trieu	1 boxe
Nguyen Trong Ninh	2 boxes
Pham Quang Giau	1 boxe
Tran Anh Tho	1 boxe
Pham Duy Suu	1 boxe
Hoang Van Loc	1 boxe

15 Items

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: August 12, 1959
SUBJECT: Mail for Participants Who Have Returned to Vietnam (#251)

Enclosed are two letters for Tran Anh Tho and one letter for Nguyen Trong Ninh. Both of these gentlemen have left the United States. Perhaps you could see that they get these letters, or return the letters to the senders.

Would you also see that Mr. Le Quan Cao receives the attached mail.

August 18, 1959

TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 172 - M.S.U. Application

Attached are application forms for the Public Administration People coming in September.

Mr. Tinh's is still incomplete. I will forward the rest when he comes down from Hue.

The applications for the police participants will be coming shortly.

Att: Applications
Letters of Recommendation

Elsie has original



August 19, 1959

TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 175 - Your Memo 244

The General Directorate of Budget and Foreign Aid agrees to the budget participants returning 2 weeks early.

cc: Murphy



*for
Elsie
original*

August 24, 1959

TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 176 - Participant Extension

Attached is a statement on the procedure to be followed to extend a participant's period of training.

Three months should be allowed to complete the formalities.

Extensions for USOM financed participants should be arranged through their training office.

cc: Smuckler
Musolf
Turner



August 25, 1959

TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 179 - Your Memo No. 243

Attached is the application of Mr. Duong Ngoc Cong. He has not completed the medical examination. As soon as he does I will forward it to you.

Mr. Cong's application has not as yet been reconsidered by the Committee on Overseas Studies, although it appears that it will be. I will keep you informed.

cc: Mr. Van



August 27, 1959

TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 181 - Mr. Pham Van Ngu Promotion.

Mr. Ngu is going to be promoted to Chief of the Personnel Service in the Commissioner General of Land Development. This will represent an increase in responsibility as well as a significant increase in pay. Mr. Ngu ^{is} delighted with his prospects.

He has spoken to me several times about a report that he wrote for his Applied Management Course at the American University. The title of the report is "Application of Work Simplification to Vietnam." Do you have a copy of this report? If you do, would you please send it to me.

cc: Mr. Dale Rose



August 31, 1959



TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 182 - Lost Check of Mr. Van

There is nothing that we can do about Mr. Van's check, since it was not sent by registered mail. We cannot stop payment on the check because we did not issue it.

There is very little likelihood of it being cashed in Saigon if it is in the hands of a wrong party. Checks drawn for dollars are not common and ~~and~~ one cashing such a check would have to produce very good identification.

*File
Elsie has arrival
of*

August 31, 1959



TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman
SUBJECT: No. 183 - Participants Arrivals in September

Two participants under the public administration program will arrive in September. They are Messrs. Le Ba Do and Le Quang Huynh. Mr. Huynh will arrive in East Lansing on September 21. He is completely set procedurally and his itinerary is confirmed. Mr. Le Ba Do is still a question mark. We have requested the attached itinerary for him hoping that the visa listing will arrive and that he will be able to leave on September 10th. A cable was sent to Washington in mid August asking them to expedite processing. I will inform you if there is to be a change in his itinerary.

(Mr. Le Quang Huynh's position, as you know, is Secretary to the Director of Taxation (Mr. Tho). This position is significantly lacking in substantive content, especially considering Mr. Huynh's excellent qualifications and background. Mr. Huynh seems to be one of the bright young men of the General Directorate of Taxation. His English is good, as is his general educational background (1st certificate toward the license and two years at the National School of Taxation in France). Milt Taylor feels that after this year of training that Mr. Huynh will be ready to fill one of the top jobs in the Directorate that will certainly require filling in the future.

Milt discussed courses and instructors with Mr. Huynh and has suggested his possibly taking courses basic economics, the tax series, fiscal policy, and economic development. He is inclined to leave the selection of courses up to Mr. Huynh and whoever will be his advisor in the school of economics. Mr. Huynh should, however, be limited to a maximum

of 3 courses a quarter. Suggestions for his field training will be made later.

I beleive that you have sufficient information on Mr. Do to cover his entire program. If Len Maynard is on campus before he returns to Saigon, you might take this matter up with him and see if he has any additional ideas.

We had originally planned for Mr. Nguyen Van Tinh to leave in September. This morning, after talking with Messrs Lan and Tinh we have decided to delay his departure for the following reasons:

1. He has just been transferred from the Department of Social Action to the Directorate General of Budget and Foreign Aid. He will start work at the Budget in 2 weeks. Lan feels that renewed experience with the budget (he had worked there before) would be good for him before he leaves.
2. He did not have adequate facilities to study English while in Hue. Consequently he did not make any progress since our last meeting and has in fact regressed a little.
3. His future responsibilities with the Budget will be clearer within a couple of months.

cc: Murphy
Taylor
Musolf

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: September 2, 1959
SUBJECT: DSP 66 Forms for Do, Huynh and Tinh (#274)

Mrs. VanMeter has sent off the DSP 66 forms for Do, Huynh and Tinh to Dr. Smuckler. Please let us know sufficiently in advance the currently anticipated ETD's of the other participants.

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: September 15, 1959
SUBJECT: Mail for Participants who have Returned to Vietnam (#290)

Please find enclosed mail for Miss Tran Thi Kim Sa and Mr. Nguyen Van Thoi.
Would you please see that they receive this.

September 24, 1959

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Early Return of Participants (#302)

With respect to two of the participants recently returned to Saigon, the projected per diems did not agree with the actual itinerary they had to follow.

According to an urgent request from Saigon, we sent Miss Tran Thi Kim Sa immediately to the west coast and to Saigon. This meant she left the country on August 23rd rather than the middle of September as was originally anticipated. Her per diem had been paid until August 31st.

At the time that Kim Sa was on campus I did not request her to reimburse us for the difference between the per diem cheque until August 31st and her actual departure date of August 23rd. We are presently holding a cheque for \$9.50 plus a request for reimbursement of limousine expenses amounting to \$12.30--a total of \$21.80. Therefore, she would only need to reimburse us to the extent of \$74.20, the difference between 8 days @ \$12.50.

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