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Submission of data for Recurring Report U-418, "Returned Participant Follow-Up Activities Report for FY 61."

Although MSUG has been quite active in non-degree participant programs for selected persons in such fields as police administration, budgeting, and taxation, our current activities in the participant field are almost exclusively in two areas, i.e., the in-service training area, and programs for doctoral candidates in public administration and economics. Currently we are planning to be active in the in-service training field only in providing participant grants for members of the NIA faculty. If this later change occurs, the in-service training programs for administrators of the Vietnamese government would be handled exclusively by USOM.

Many of our files, specifically those relating to police administration, have already been submitted to the appropriate divisions of USOM. In addition, we currently have only two employees remaining who in the past were actively involved in participant programs, i.e., Mr. Adkins and Mr. Maynard, although Mr. Fox and Mr. Donoghue have also been involved in such programs.

At present I am the participant coordinator for MSUG. This particular task involves: first setting our existing files concerning past participant programs in order and, secondly, handling of

applicants for the MSUG NIA PH.D. Participant Program. After the departure of our in-service training specialist this week, I shall also handle the remaining MSUG in-service training participant programs.

Although it is impossible to provide an accurate quantitative summary of the personal contacts our technicians have had with returned participants, it is of importance to note that there have been daily contacts between the in-service training specialist, the police administration specialist and myself with certain of the returned participants. The in-service training specialist has been in constant contact both with participants who are members of the NIA faculty and with returned participants in the central and provincial offices, especially in reference to his advisory role relating to the setting up of provincial training centers. The police administration specialist also has had almost daily contact with returned participants in his activities in reference to the Surete and the National Identification Card Program. I have had daily contacts with returned participants affiliated with the NIA library and EROPA as well as with certain NIA faculty members.

MSUG has cooperated with the NIA in sponsoring numerous conferences and special classes for in-service training. Many of these meetings have been attended by both former NIA participants and former Vietnamese governmental administrators who were once participants.

It is impossible for us to provide an estimate of the number of returned participants who are now members of American professional

societies.

I hope that this information is of use in your participant follow-up activities. Please feel free to call upon me if you have need of additional information.

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VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Guy H. Fox

DATE : 22 January 1962

FROM : Charles A. Joiner

SUBJECT : Meeting with Col Lien re participants

Today Mr. Tu and I visited with Colonel Lien, the Director of Personnel of the Ministry of Defense. We received certain quite interesting information. The Department of Defense itself, with the exception of the Minister, favors abiding by a previous arrete relating to sending participants abroad for study. According to this arrete a person, although between the ages of 20 and 33, can go abroad if he has received a bona fide scholarship from an American agency and of course if he is approved for security and other obvious purposes by Plan. Colonel Lien was quite emphatic in stating that his people in the Department in the Ministry were more than willing to abide by this arrete because, as he put it, there was ample human material available in Vietnam for officer training.

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Domestic)

However, Mr. Thuan, the Minister at the Presidency and the Minister of Defense has personally intervened. Mr. Thuan refuses to abide by the previously mentioned arrete. It appeared obvious during our conversation that Mr. Thuan was fearful of criticism relating to prejudice in selection of persons to be sent abroad.

This does clarify the situation. Mr. Diem, the Director of Plan, and his staff have deferred to Defense for approval. Approval for persons such as Tran Quang Thuan has been stopped it appears not by Plan and not by Defense, but by Minister Thuan's personal rulings.

Next Tuesday there is to be a meeting between the Minister of Defense and the Director of Plan. This meeting will concern future policy regarding sending Vietnamese participants abroad. It appears that Mr. Thuan does feel that there is some necessity for training engineers and other physical scientists. The meeting will determine priorities for sending participants abroad and will base these priorities upon several factors. The Direction of Plan, for example, is to provide priorities concerning what it considers essential for the entire nation throughout the coming years in such

fields as economics, administration, and social work. Plan's priority list is to deal with the country as a whole. Defense is to present a priority list it considers essential for national defense both currently and for some programs throughout the years. If it is decided in this meeting that it is essential for Defense and the general growth of the country that 40 engineering students be sent abroad each year, then this number will be approved. Similarly, if it is decided that two political scientists or sociologists are needed each year, then this number will be approved.

Lien's concern

It is obvious that only a limited number of positions in the social sciences will be given high priority at this Tuesday meeting. From our standpoint, of course, we can argue, as Col. Lien himself agreed today, that it is essential to work now toward the development of administrative cadres 20 years hence. Our additional argument (and this applies directly to Thuan) relates to the valuable work that some of the social sciences participants could provide both for the national defense and the national growth. For example, as I mentioned to Lien concerning Tran Quang Thuan's case, we have a researcher and scholar who is experienced in the general problem area of the Montagnard; a person whom we can assume would provide locally a great deal of the research capability that is being sought by Americans and Vietnamese. I feel that this Montagnard pitch is a very good one in Thuan's case and at least displays the type of valuable services returned participants can provide both for national defense and national growth.

I recommend that we prepare an argument to present before Minister Thuan prior to the Tuesday meeting. It also would be quite advantageous if Wes Fishel could present this case orally before the Minister prior to his departure on Thursday. *(or you?)*

Mr. Tu has given me the set of credentials he has for the 10 applicants now residing in the United States. I shall list these tentatively as possible persons to be selected. I would appreciate receiving your views concerning the necessity for having another participant selection meeting as early as next Friday.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Guy H. Fox

DATE: 30 January 1962

FROM: Charles A. Joiner *C.A.J.*SUBJECT: Research Program

Mr. Thuan and I will begin our preliminary investigations on our research study of municipal administration of the Prefecture of Saigon Thursday, February 1, and will continue on a more systematic basis immediately after Tet. This study involves a very significant political science topic which we should not leave unattended before our departure.

As this study will take some time, I would appreciate our deciding upon the details of publication as soon as possible. Perhaps we should make our decisions on this matter now in order to anticipate the expenses and clerical and administrative details.

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FEBRUARY 2, 1962

TO CHARLES A. JOINER
FROM JUDITH RATHBUN
SUBJECT MSUG PARTICIPANTS

SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR DECEMBER 5 MEMO, BUT IT WAS QUITE AN UNDERTAKING TO CHECK OUT OUR RECORDS AND TRY TO VERIFY THEM WITH YOURS. HOWEVER, I THINK I NOW HAVE THE INFORMATION IN TACT AND WILL PROCEED TO EXPLAIN WHERE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE NO RECORDS ON 3D COUNTRY TRAINEES, SO THERE CAN BE NO VERIFICATION ON THAT PORTION OF YOUR REPORT--WE DO APPRECIATE HAVING THIS INFORMATION FOR OUR FILES THOUGH AND THANK YOU FOR SENDING IT.

FOR 1956, WE HAVE A LAN KIM TU (POLITICAL SCIENCE), WHOM YOU DO NOT SHOW ON YOUR RECORDS. SIMILARLY, WE HAVE VU THIEN VINH (FINANCE) IN 1957; LE QUE CHI (BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING), PHAM VAN THUYET (ECONOMICS), TRINH VAN XUAN (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION), AND TRAN NGOC HANH AND NGUYEN CONG HAU (BOTH BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING) FOR 1958; NGUYEN VAN TI, NGUYEN VAN TINH, DO QUANG TRI (ALL BUDGET MAJORS), NGUYEN NHU CUONG (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION), AND NGUYEN QUY VY (LEADER PARTICIPANT) FOR 1959; AND TRAN THI KIM SA (LIBRARY SCIENCE) IN 1960.

OTHERWISE (HA!), GUESS WE ARE PRETTY MUCH IN AGREEMENT; I DO NOT HAVE FOLDERS ON SOME OF THE LEADER PARTICIPANTS, BUT DR. HENDRY RECALLS THEIR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND THERE IS MOST LIKELY A COMBINATION FOLDER SOMEWHERE IN THE WADS OF PAPER WE HAVE AROUND HERE.

JR

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : James B. Hendry, Coordinator DATE : 21 February 1962
FROM : Charles A. Joiner *C. A. J.*
SUBJECT : Information on Participants

USOM has agreed to assume responsibility for financing our participants currently residing in the United States, and also to finance those participants we select in the spring.

Because of the length of time necessary for processing our participants, it is quite important that we receive the following information quickly.

1. Our books do not show what has happened to the round trip tickets issued to participants. USOM must have this information. We don't know whether the tickets were taken by your office and cashed in at their one-year expiration date or whether these tickets were renewed. *(Only one way ticket issued)*

2. USOM also must know the June or July final payment date which we have committed to our participants.

Last pay check for June processed on or about 5/15/62.

We will continue the processing here. USOM will provide the forms which our participants must fill out for their change of sponsor.

As our participants probably have been informed through one channel or another of our oncoming departure from Saigon, I would greatly appreciate your sending each of them a word of encouragement and assuring them that they will continue to be subsidized next year.

CAJ/rbm

FEBRUARY 28, 1962

TO CHARLES A. JOINER
FROM JAMES B. HENDRY
SUBJECT INFORMATION ON PARTICIPANTS

IN REPLY TO YOUR FEBRUARY 21ST MEMO ON PARTICIPANTS, THE FOLLOWING APPEARED TO BE THE BEST AVAILABLE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS:

1. OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED ROUND-TRIP TICKETS WHEN THEY CAME TO THE U.S. PAN AMERICAN SUBMITS INVOICES FOR ONE-WAY FARES FROM SAIGON TO THE U.S., AND OUR DIRECT PAYMENT VOUCHERS SHOW PAYMENTS FOR ONE-WAY TICKETS ONLY. THUS, WE DO NOT HAVE ANY UNUSED RETURN TRIP TICKETS TO EXCHANGE OR CASH IN. PERHAPS USOM HAS FOLLOWED A PRACTICE OF ISSUING ROUND-TRIP TICKETS TO ITS PARTICIPANTS, BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH MSUG HAS NEVER DONE THIS.
2. WE WILL PAY PER DIEM FOR THE PARTICIPANTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 1962; THE VOUCHERS FOR THIS FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUSINESS OFFICE ON OR ABOUT MAY 15.

I AM FORWARDING A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NIA REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF NGUYEN HUU CHI'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, CHI HAS DONE EXTREMELY WELL HERE AT MICHIGAN STATE THUS FAR, AND I THINK THAT HIS EXTENSION IS WELL DESERVED. PLEASE PASS THE LETTER ON TO DIRECTOR THONG, ALONG WITH YOUR OWN RECOMMENDATIONS, AND WE WILL SEE THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER IS SENT TO THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

ON THE MATTER OF NOTIFYING THE PARTICIPANTS OF TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT AND GIVING THEM ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL BE CONTINUING THEIR WORK, WE ARE WAY AHEAD OF YOU. I SENT OUT LETTERS TO EACH OF THEM LAST WEEK, STATING THAT I HAD BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCE BY USOM WHEN I WAS IN SAIGON THAT THEIR EDUCATION WILL BE CONTINUED EVEN IF THE CONTRACT WERE TERMINATED, SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO THE CONDITION THAT THEIR ACADEMIC WORK AND PROGRESS TOWARD THEIR DEGREE CONTINUE TO BE SATISFACTORY. NOW THAT YOU HAVE SENT WORD THAT USOM HAS ACTUALLY AGREED TO THIS, I WILL MAKE A MUCH MORE POSITIVE STATEMENT TO THEM IN ANOTHER LETTER. THANKS FOR YOUR QUICK WORK IN GETTING THIS SET UP.

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VIETNAM PROJECT

Jim Hendry

March 1, 1962

Charles Joiner

Participant clearance

The following information relates to the steps for participant clearance by GVN. This clearance is necessary if they are to remain in the United States for their regular 12-month appointment.

This clearance can be processed through the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington. The MSU participants will remain under USOM and AID sponsorship as they have always been. The only real change involves the agency handling the participant program; thus, they can at least claim that there is no real sponsorship change.

The following is from a memorandum received from Gardiner.

"The GVN military draft decrees apply to all male Vietnamese citizens of 20-33 years of age regardless whether they are at present abroad receiving training under AID/W's sponsorship or other financial arrangement, or actually living in Vietnam.

"Due to these decrees, extension of the program of training of all male Vietnamese participants in the U.S. must be first approved by the GVN Department of National Defense and subsequently by the Directorate General of Plan (DGP). The latter is the only GVN agency that shares with the Mission the responsibility of obligating PIO/P's, and gives to each extension its final approval.

"Due to the fact that DGP cannot approve any extension or PIO/P prior to receipt of the participant's application for an extension and the participant's clearance from the Department of National Defense, and since it takes considerable time for the latter to clear the participant, it is requested that all male Vietnamese participants in the U.S. be advised that they, if they desire an extension, submit their applications to DGP sufficiently in advance for consideration by their Government.

"The GVN Presidential Arretes are usually issued to authorize them to go abroad for a period of time not to exceed 12 months no matter how many years' training may be planned. The PIO/P itself is usually initiated for 12 months.

"Consequently, all Vietnamese participants, whether male or female, whose programs were arranged for more than one year must apply for an extension to the DGP at least 3 months prior to the termination of their currently approved training.

"The procedures above should be explained to all long-term Vietnamese participants presently studying in the U.S.

"If the Vietnamese Government does not receive the extension request from the participant in adequate time the Mission and the Vietnamese Government will have no alternative but to authorize AID/W to return that participant at the conclusion of the current program or the exhaustion of funds under the most recent PIO/P, whichever is sooner."

I would appreciate your making the above information available to the participants.

MARCH 26, 1962

TO CHARLES JOINER
FROM JAMES B. HENDRY
SUBJECT PARTICIPANTS

THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOW ALL BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY SHOULD APPLY IMMEDIATELY FOR EXTENSION OF THEIR ARRETE³, AND ALSO THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR VISA AND PASS-PORT EXTENSION WELL IN ADVANCE OF THEIR PRESENT EXPIRATION DATES.

WHILE I WAS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, THE TRAINING DIVISION PEOPLE OF AID TOLD ME THAT THEY COULD NOT GIVE ME ANY FIRM INFORMATION ON PARTICIPANT MATTERS UNTIL THEY HAVE SEEN THE PIOP'S WHICH WILL TRANSFER PARTICIPANTS FROM MSU TO AID. I AM WRITING THIS TO SIMPLY RAISE THE QUESTION: IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER THAT HAS TO BE DONE AT THIS END? IF THE PARTICIPANTS APPLY FOR EXTENSION OF ARRETES, I ASSUME THAT YOU WILL BE MAKING THE NECESSARY APPLICATION TO SHIFT THEM TO USOM OR AID AT THAT END.

ANOTHER KIND OF PROBLEM HAS COME UP WITH RESPECT TO CAO TOAN AND TRAN QUI THAN. BOTH MEN NOW HAVE WIVES WITH THEM IN THE U.S., AND BOTH ARE DUE TO RETURN TO VIETNAM SOMETIME THIS SUMMER OR FALL. CAO TOAN, IN PARTICULAR, HAS SAID THAT HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO BRING HIS WIFE AND CHILD BACK TO VIETNAM AND HAS APPEALED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE PROJECT. I TOLD HIM THAT AID RULES PREVENTED MAKING ANY TRANSPORTATION PAYMENTS FOR DEPENDENTS, AND SUGGESTED THAT HE TRY THE NIA OR THE VIETNAM EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE. I AM RAISING THIS WITH YOU IN THE HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT TAKE THIS UP WITH THE NIA PEOPLE, POINTING OUT THAT ANY ADVANCE WHICH THEY MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE TO CAO TOAN WOULD BE REPAYABLE, IF NECESSARY, OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, AND THAT THIS KIND OF ASSISTANCE MAY BE A LARGE MORALE BOOSTER TO A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OF THE FACULTY. IF YOU HEAR OF ANY ORGANIZATION THAT MIGHT HAVE MONEY FOR THIS PURPOSE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT I CAN PASS THE WORD TO THAN AND TOAN.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Guy H. Fox ✓
Mr. Dale Rose

FROM: Dr. C. A. Joiner C.A.J.

SUBJECT: Participants Ky and Nang⁺

DATE: May 2, 1962

Jim Hendry's memorandum of April 20 concerning Mr. Ky and Mr. Nang outlines a quite disturbing situation. I think we should make some token attempt to intervene on behalf of both gentlemen. This, no doubt, would simply take the form of a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other interested parties. Such a letter would first recommend extensions in the case of both gentlemen and, second, once again condemn the policy whereby our participants are denied the possibility of becoming NIA faculty members. In the case of Mr. Nang, there obviously is little hope. However, with respect to Mr. Ky, I fully agree with Jim that his situation is exceptional. Regardless of whether he returns to the NIA or to Foreign Affairs, it is quite ludicrous to pull him out at this stage. If, as Mr. Ky claims, he could complete his thesis in the three month period after the completion of his current grant, it would be extremely unwise and uneconomical for him to be recalled too early to complete his degree. I strongly suggest that we (MSU & USOM/PAD) make as urgent and as pressing a request on behalf of Mr. Ky as possible. I also suggest that we make the strongest possible suggestions to the Rector that he also write such a letter. I don't know the extent to which our "persuasive talents" mentioned by Hendry can possibly be effective. However, if any American aid in the form of a participant program is to make any sense, a situation such as that of Ky can never go unattended.

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