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EAST LANSING, Mich.--Ten Vietnamese officials studying at Michigan State University will get a close-up view of American history and technology during a three-state tour this month.

The ten will observe atomic energy development, water power installations, housing, agriculture and Civil War history in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee beginning March 23. They will return to the campus about April 1.

Under agreements with the Vietnamese government and the International Cooperation Administration, a U.S. agency, the group is receiving instruction in public administration and related fields at M.S.U. This is one phase of a large-scale program of assistance to Vietnam in non-military affairs.

A 30-member team of Americans, headed by M.S.U. specialists, is providing on-the-scene help in Vietnam to reorganize many of Vietnam's government services.

Highlights of the trip will be visits to Tennessee Valley Authority projects and Atomic Energy Commission installations. Water power and atomic energy are of particular importance to Vietnam, according to Stanley K. Sheinbaum, director of the participant program of the project, who will accompany the group.

Vietnam's coal mines were in North Vietnam, now under Communist control, Sheinbaum explained. The present government is interested in attempting to harness some of the country's completely undeveloped water

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power. A hydraulic engineer from Vietnam, Vo Ba Thuoc, now studying at the University of Minnesota, will join the M.S.U. group to observe engineering aspects of the T.V.A. system.

Similarly, the Vietnam government is exploring the possibilities of using atomic energy for peaceful purposes. This interest has been heightened by President Eisenhower's statement that uranium will be exported for peacetime uses.

With more than a million homeless refugees who left Communist-controlled North Vietnam, the country also is studying large-scale housing. The Vietnamese will tour some of the T.V.A. housing projects.

Another member of the group, Buong Nguyen, will be particularly interested in studying the agricultural cooperatives of the T.V.A. area. He was director of the cooperative movement in Vietnam. The government now is studying the further extension of such economic organizations.

Also accompanying the group will be James B. Hendry, instructor in economics at M.S.U. Hendry will discuss public utility organization and operations with the officials.

On leaving the campus March 23, the group will visit a modern grain elevator in Maumee, Ohio, and stop overnight at Dayton, Ohio. They will be guests of the University of Kentucky on March 24, and will visit historical points of interest before proceeding to Knoxville on March 25 for the T.V.A. and A.E.C. tours.

On the return trip, the officials will stop at various historical sites, and visit one or more factories or other business operations. The entire trip will be made by chartered bus.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The Vietnamese group will be available in your area for interviews or photos according to the following schedule:

FRIDAY, MARCH 23	9 a.m.	Leave East Lansing.
	12 Noon	Arrive Maumee, Ohio. Tour of Anderson Grain Elevator, Maumee, as guest of Tom Anderson.
	4 p.m.	Leave Maumee.
	9 p.m.	Arrive Dayton, Ohio. Overnight at Dayton Biltmore Hotel.
SATURDAY, MARCH 24	9 a.m.	Leave Dayton
	2:30 p.m.	Arrive Lexington, Ky. Arrangements made by Joe Duncan, Experiment Station Bldg., Public Information Services, University of Kentucky. Guests of university. Visits to historical points of interest. Overnight at Lafayette hotel, Lexington.
SUNDAY, MARCH 25	9 a.m.	Leave Lexington.
	6 p.m.	Arrive Knoxville for T.V.A. and A.E.C. trips. Overnight at Andrew Johnson hotel, Knoxville. Visits to T.V.A. installations on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Arrangements by William Shafer, Director of Information, T.V.A., Knoxville.
		Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic energy plant visit on Wednesday, March 28. Arrangements by Edwin Stokely, Director of Information, A.E.C., Oak Ridge.
SATURDAY, MARCH 31		Leave Knoxville.

Michigan State University faculty members Stanley K. Sheinbaum and James B. Hendry will be in charge of the group.

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Participant Program Field Trip, March 23⁵ to April 1, 1956⁹.
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1. HENDRY, Dr. James B., Department of Economics, MSU, will be in charge of the participants. Dr. Hendry is a specialist in the economics of public power utilities.
2. DIEN, Nguyen. Mr. Dien's interests are in banking and finance. In Vietnam he was active in regional administration and served for two and a half years a clerk of the tribunal at Dalat.
3. NGUYEN, Duong. Mr. Nguyen is primarily concerned with agricultural co-operatives. In the Ministry of Economic Affairs his work involved distribution of controlled products and raw materials.
4. GIAU, Truong Ngoc. Upon return to Vietnam Mr. Giau will join the faculty of the National Institute of Administration to teach Political Science and Public Administration. Before leaving Saigon he was Bureau Chief in the General Inspectorate of Administrative and Financial Services.
5. NGHI, Buu. Mr. Nghi is Director of Radio-Dalat, the Government station. He is particularly interested in public relations and public information techniques.
6. HUAN, Hoang The. Mr. Huan has been a field interpreter for the U.S. Mission to Vietnam. His interest lies in the area of public administration.
7. DO, Nguyen Thanh. Mr. Do was Chargé de Mission, Ministry of the Plan and Reconstruction. He is primarily interested in investment for economic development of Vietnam.
8. LAN, Nguyen Quoc. Mr. Lan has been an inspector in the customs service. He is interested in international financial problems.
9. THANH, Tran Phuoc. Lt. Thanh of the Vietnam National Army is assigned as Bureau Chief to the Police and Sureté in Saigon. At Michigan State he is working in problems of police administration.
10. THANH, Than Thi. Mrs. Thanh was an administrative assistant to the U.S. Mission in Saigon working on refugee affairs. She is an adept mathematician and is particularly concerned with statistical problems.
11. LEM, Truong-Hoang. Miss Lem is concerned with personnel problems of public administration.
- 12.*PHAN, Thu Ngoc. Mr. Phan is a graduate student in Economics at Michigan State University.
- 13.*PHAN, The Ngoc. Mr. Phan is a graduate student in Civil Engineering at Michigan State University

*Both Mr. Phan and Mr. Phan are not regular Participants in the Vietnam Project. The others are studying and doing field work under the guidance of Michigan State University faculty. They are in the United States under the auspices of the technical assistance contract between the University, the International Cooperation Administration (I.C.A.) and the Government of Vietnam.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
East Lansing

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March 19, 1956

Participant Field Trip Schedule, March 23 to April 1:

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- 8:15 a.m. Bus leaves Mason Hall to pick up off-campus residents and then proceeds to Butterfield Hall.
- 9:10 a.m. Bus leaves Butterfield Hall and East Lansing.
- 12 noon Arrive Maumee, Ohio. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Tour of Anderson Elevator Company as guests of Mr. Tom Anderson, graduate of M.S.U. The grain elevator there is probably the largest and most modern installation of its type in the country.
- 4:00 p.m. Leave Maumee (Dinner en route)
- 9:00 p.m. Arrive Dayton, Ohio (Dayton-Biltmore Hotel)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- 9:00 a.m. Leave Dayton (Lunch en route)
- 1:30 p.m. Arrive Lexington, Kentucky (Hotel Lafayette)
Mr. Joseph Duncan, Public Information Chief of the Agricultural Extension Division of the University of Kentucky has arranged a tour with the aid of the local county agent, Mr. Charles Gulley, and the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. Firstly, there will be a horse farm tour (the Kentucky blue-breeds are the most famous in the U.S.), and secondly, a tour of the University and the historic places around Lexington. This will include a short stop at Transylvania College, which is the oldest institution of higher learning west of the Alleghenies. In the 1820's, because of its law and medical departments, Transylvania ranked with Harvard as one of the foremost universities in the United States, attracting many persons who later became nationally famous such as Jefferson Davis, Confederate (Southern) leader in the Civil War. Nearby are some famous old mansions, including one in which Lafayette was entertained as well as the General John Hunt Morgan home. Old Christ (Episcopal) Church is also on the tour; this is where Henry Clay and Mary Todd Lincoln worshipped. On Main Street is the home in which Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of the President, lived. We may also get time to visit the Henry Clay home.

5:30 p.m. Return to Hotel Lafayette. No evening schedule.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

- 9:00 a.m. Leave Lexington for leisurely photogenic trip through Kentucky and Tennessee countryside. Lunch en route.
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive Knoxville, Tennessee (Hotel Andrew Johnson).
Dinner. No evening schedule.

Participant Field Trip Schedule (Con't.)

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MONDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 a.m. Visit to the Tennessee Valley Authority starts under the guidance of Mr. William A. Shafer, Director of Information. Assemble in TVA conference room and view TVA films. Explanation of the over-all work of TVA by a representative of the General Manager's Office, followed by a question period.

afternoon - Visit TVA Forestry Division at Norris.
Visit Norris Dam.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 a.m. Discussions with TVA staff members. Possible topics: agriculture, budget activities, public relations, etc.

afternoon - Visit test-demonstration farm, accompanied by a representative of TVA Division of Agricultural Relations.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 a.m. One day visit to the Atomic Energy Commission as guests of Mr. Edwin E. Stokely, Assistant to Manager, Oak Ridge Operations. The visit will include a motor trip through the housing development of Oak Ridge, a drive through the area in which the production plants and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory are located, and a stop at the American Museum of Atomic Energy. The participants will be guests at luncheon. Most of the afternoon will be devoted to discussions of topics of interest to the group.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 a.m. Return to TVA and further conferences with TVA staff. Suggested areas for discussion: engineering activities, labor relations and training, electric power operations.

afternoon - Field trip to Fort Loudoun Dam and Kingston Steam Plant.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Morning period may be devoted to further discussions of TVA activities not already covered, or a general question period. Part of the time can be used to view TVA films on dam construction, agriculture and forestry work.

1:00 p.m. After lunch the group departs for home.

10:00 p.m. Arrive Ashland, Ky. (Hotel Henry Clay)

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 a.m. Leave Ashland, Ky.

12 noon Arrive Columbus, Ohio. (Hotel Deshler-Hilton). Afternoon has been left open for your own interests.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 a.m. Leave Columbus, Ohio.

12:30 p.m. Arrive Toledo, Ohio. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Leave Toledo

5:00 p.m. Arrive Lansing. Welcome home!

MONDAY, APRIL 2 - Registration commences.

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March 20, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO : Vietnam Project Participants

FROM : S. K. Shoinbaum

SUBJECT : Field Trip to TVA and AEC, March 23rd to April 1st.

1. Meeting in my office, 105 Wells Hall "C", Thursday afternoon, March 22nd at 3:00 P.M. If you have an exam at that time please let me know in advance. We will discuss last-minute arrangements and we will get a travel advance from the Cashier's Office for your expenses on the trip.
2. For the 9 and 1/2 days that you will be away from the campus you will all receive per diem at \$12 per day. (Total: \$114). Out of this amount you will have to pay all your expenses on the trip, e.g. hotel rooms, meals, etc. (The university is supplying the bus so there is no transportation expense to you.) Therefore for the period from March 16 to 31 where you would have received checks in the amounts of \$108.91 or \$124.91 (depending on whether you live on or off campus) you will receive instead on April 2nd checks in the amounts of \$152.66 or \$159.91 respectively.
3. On this Thursday afternoon you can pick up from the Cashier's Office an advance on the April 1st check in the amount of \$114.00. (We'll go over there together from my office.) This is similar to the arrangement made for the New Year's trip to Washington and New York. When you return to campus and pick up your check in the full amount (above) for the March 16 - 31 period you will then have to repay from that check the \$114.00.
4. Let me urge you to limit your expenses as carefully as possible therefore while you are on the trip. When you register for Spring Quarter's work those of you who are living in the dormitories will have to pay \$30.00 for your room and board in advance. Those of you who are living in off-campus housing will have financial obligations as well. A little simple arithmetic indicates that there won't be much of a margin to work with.
5. As indicated we will return to campus late Sunday afternoon April 1st. Registration starts Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. and continues till late Wednesday afternoon stopping at 4:30 p.m. Each of you will register by yourself at the times indicated on page iv of the Spring Quarter Schedule of Courses. If you don't register at the time indicated according to the alphabetic listing of your name you may then register late Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 p.m. I urge you not to wait until the last minute inasmuch as many of the courses close by then and you may not be able to get into the particular courses you want. (It is for this reason also that we are not going through the registration process as a group.) If you have any trouble with the registration procedure there are people who will be wearing special arm-bands. Seek them out for assistance; they are there to help you. In addition, I will try to be in my office as much of the three days as possible. My extension there is 2222. Don't hesitate to call me if you want my help.

6. By the time of the meeting this Thursday afternoon I hope to have talked with as many of you as possible and helped you arrange your schedules for next quarter. With some of you this is already accomplished. It may be that for one or two of you we may not be able to do this until your return from the trip. Let me urge you not to become too concerned inasmuch as I have been thinking carefully about your work and your schedules and that we will have sufficient time to carefully plan your Spring Quarter work when you return from the trip. I am deliberately doing this more slowly than last quarter so that I can work with each of you individually rather than as a group.

7. Days and time of registration according to the Schedule (p. iv.)

Miss Lem	Monday, April 2,	11:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Mr. Lan	" "	1:00 - 1:15 p.m.
Mr. Huan	" "	2:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Mr. Giao	Tuesday, April 3,	8:15 - 8:30 a.m.
Mr. Dien	" "	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Mr. Do	" "	" "
Mrs. Thanh	Wednesday, April 4,	9:15 - 9:30 a.m.
Lt. Thanh	" "	" "
Mr. Nghi	" "	3:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Mr. Nguyen	" "	" "

If you fail to register at the allotted time you may do so Wednesday afternoon from 3:45 to 4:30, but let me remind you again that many classes may be closed by then.

8. As soon as you have finished your enrollment please arrange to send a copy of your schedule to me, c/o Vietnam Project, 15 Morrill Hall.

9. Relative to the field trip again:

If any of you are planning to leave the group after noon Friday, March 30 to make special side trips of your own please let me know as soon as possible.

10. Hotel reservations have been made en route and for the five nights in Knoxville. I have arranged for double rooms. Will you please indicate to me on a small slip of paper with whom you would like to share a room. These are the hotels and the rates insofar as I have them at this date:

In Dayton, March 23,	Hotel Dayton-Biltmore	@ \$12.50 double
Lexington, " 24,	Hotel Lafayette	@ \$ 8.00 double
Knoxville, " 25 thru 29,	Hotel Andrew Johnson	@ 9.25 double
Ashland, " 30,	Hotel Henry Clay	@ _____
Columbus, " 31,	Hotel Doshler-Hilton	@ _____

11. Very unfortunately I will not be able to make the trip with you. This is a strong disappointment for me. I have asked Dr. James B. Hendry of the Department of Economics faculty to accompany you on the trip. I am quite sure that you will find him an interesting and enjoyable companion for the trip. Incidentally, he is particularly informed on matters of public power; this should be useful in discussions about TVA and AEC. On the return trip Dr. Hendry will have to leave you in Columbus, Ohio so for the last evening you will be 'on your own'. I have also asked Mr. Phan to assist Dr. Hendry in whatever way possible.

I think I have given you all the information you may need. Don't hesitate to question me or Dr. Hendry about any further questions or problems you may have. Have a very good trip. It sounds good. I regret I cannot go.

M E M O R A N D U M

March 2, 1956

TO: The Viet Nam Project Participants
FROM: S. K. Sheinbaum
SUBJECT: Spring Vacation trip to the Tennessee Valley Authority

Examinations for the Winter term begin March 16th and end March 22nd. I am arranging a bus trip for all of us to leave here Friday morning, March 23rd and take us to the T.V.A. project and to the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. These represent the two largest undertakings by the United States Government in the field of power development and resource utilization. Both from the point of view of public administrative problems and from the developmental aspect the value of the visit should be extremely worthwhile. Tentatively the plan is to take a bus from M.S.U. and make a stop at Maumee, Ohio where there is one of the most modern and technologically efficient grain elevator installations in the country. We will also stop off at Lexington, Kentucky where we will be able to visit the famous Kentucky blue-grass horse farms as well as the University of Kentucky. The two states of Kentucky and Tennessee not only represent one of the most beautiful parts of the United States, but they are both extremely important from the point of view of our historical background. Both in the American Revolution and the Civil War were Kentuckians and Tennesseans particularly active; we will be able to visit historical points of interest that will give us insights into these important phases of United States' history. The advantage of going by bus is that we will not be pressured into making railroad and airplane connections and that we will have the mobility and flexibility to adjust our time table to a great extent to doing the things we want to do as we want to do them. I foresee a comfortable and leisurely trip. This is the tentative schedule:

Friday, March 23, 9:00 A.M. Leave Lansing
12:00 A.M. Arrive Maumee, Ohio (lunch en route)
4:00 P.M. Leave Maumee
9:00 P.M. Arrive Dayton, Ohio (dinner en route)
Saturday, Mar. 24, 9:00 A.M. Leave Dayton
2:30 P.M. Arrive Lexington (lunch en route). We will stay
in Lexington overnight having spent Saturday
afternoon as guests of the University of Kentucky
and visiting various historical points of interest
Sunday, March 25, 9:00 A.M. Leave Lexington
6:00 P.M. Arrive Knoxville, Tennessee after a slow, leisurely
photographic trip through exceptional countryside.
Knoxville will be our headquarters for the
duration of our stay at T.V.A. and A.E.C.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be spent visiting T.V.A. installations
Wednesday will be spent at the Atomic Energy plant.
We'll leave Knoxville probably Saturday morning, March 31st. The return trip
has not yet been planned, but I hope to schedule one or more of the following
stops: The Mammoth Caves of Kentucky, a coal mine operation, a timber
installation, and possibly the Proctor and Gamble Soap factory in Cincinnati.

If any of you want to leave the group you will be free to do so after Friday evening, the 30th, but any travel expenses incurred will have to be paid by yourselves. For instance, some of you may want to visit New York, Washington, Chicago, etc. While travelling with the group you will receive \$12 per day with which you will have to pay for meals and hotel rooms and incidental expenses. The Viet Nam project, of course, will supply the bus. Should you know of other Vietnamese who might want to make the trip with us please let me know. There may be room, but they will have to pay their own hotel and food bills. Tentatively, we can expect to return to M.S.U. on or about April 2 or 3 in time for registration. I think it will be a good time and an interesting one.