

*David R. Page*

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
East Lansing

---

Vietnam Project . Office of Coordinator

March 13, 1957

To: Vietnam Project Participants

From: Stanley K. Sheinbaum, Assistant Coordinator

Subject: Spring Quarter Field Trips

1. I am sending each of you a letter outlining the arrangements that have been made so far. In some cases (which will be indicated) the arrangements are not yet definite; as soon as final approval is received we will let you know.
2. As you are aware, in most cases, the programs are not exactly as we originally discussed. There are many reasons for this, e.g. the particular bureau requested expected to be too busy at the desired time; some bureaus were not available because of security reasons; etc. The final decisions were based, firstly, on the positions to which you are expected to return in Vietnam; secondly, on your stated interests and desires; thirdly, on your requests to arrange your program to coincide with that of another participant. Where it was possible to fit all these factors together we did so. In some cases it was impossible to avoid changes, and these changes were made in consultation with the bureaus handling the training.
3. We will try to have the schedules completed before April 1st. If this is not possible we will keep you informed by mail.
4. You must remember to send us your addresses wherever you are so that we can send you necessary information and checks.
5. I have already told some of the participants that we would like all of them to return to East Lansing when their field work is completed on May 29th. We feel it necessary to discuss with each of you your experiences in the field so that the program can be evaluated and improved for the next year's participants. We want your criticisms and hope that you will be thinking of them during the course of your time in the various offices and bureaus. However, in light of the fact that some of you have expressed a desire not to return to East Lansing Dr. Smuckler and myself are arranging to go to New York so that we may have discussions with each of you there. We will have one or two general meetings and then individual interviews with each of you. Do not plan to leave New York for Europe before June 4th. The week-end of May 30 to June 2 (Thursday to Sunday) is a holiday. And, Dr. Smuckler and myself will set up a schedule during the latter part of that period and for Monday and Tuesday, June 3rd and 4th. The exact details are still to be

Spring Quarter Field Trips, March 13, 1957, page 2

worked out, and we will send you them as soon as we can. Actually, not much of your time would be consumed during this period so that you'll have a good opportunity to see New York.

6. I am sending to Mr. Miller of the College Travel Office, 130 West Grand River Avenue, East Lansing, copies of your schedules so that you may receive from him, as soon as possible, the necessary tickets for your various field trips. When you see him you should also start discussions of your return trips to Vietnam. Plan on leaving the U. S. on or about June 5th for Europe.

SKS:jb