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February 29, 1956

Professor Wesley Fischel  
Department of Political Science  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Professor Fischel:

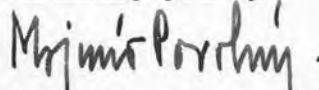
I appreciated very much that Allen Whiting introduced me to you during my short visit to Michigan State University recently. During the conversations I had in the Foreign Students Advisor's Office about different national groups Mrs. Carpenter mentioned that you worked especially closely with Vietnamese students. We would be very much interested in having some of them in our seminars next summer. Therefore, I enclose with this letter a 1956 announcement of our program so that you may use it, should some of them inquire about different summer opportunities for foreign students in this country, or should you think some of them could make a valid contribution to our seminar program as well as benefit from it themselves.

Possible candidates may write either to our regional office in Columbus (1301 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio) or directly to me at the above address in Philadelphia. Should you like to give us some names yourselves, please write also to me.

I know that this request comes in the middle of your preparation for the work with your Mission in Vietnam and I shall all the more appreciate your suggestions.

With my best wishes and regards, I am,

Cordially yours,



Mojmir Povolny, Assistant Director  
International Student Program

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Office of Chief Advisor

March 23, 1956

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Mr. Mojmir Povolny, Assistant Director  
International Student Program  
American Friends Service Committee  
20 So. Twelfth Street  
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Povolny:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 29, which has been forwarded to me here in Vietnam.

It was very pleasant chatting with you, even though briefly, when you were in East Lansing last month, and I wish I were back there at the moment so that I could more actively encourage our students to participate in the summer seminar program.

Since at this distance it is terribly difficult to do anything of this character, I am taking the liberty of forwarding your letter and its enclosures to Dr. Edward W. Weidner, Head of the Department of Political Science, who is simultaneously East Lansing Coordinator for the Vietnam Project. Perhaps he will be able to work with you on this program.

Sincerely yours,

Wesley R. Fishel  
Chief Advisor

WRF/dcm  
cc: E. W. Weidner

March 26, 1956

Dr. Richard Seldon  
Department of Economics  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Seldon:

Mr. MacDonald Salter has advised that I contact you directly concerning the details and arrangements for the five Vietnamese participants I recommended to him and Mr. J. Russell Andrus for the Vanderbilt Institute this coming summer.

1. DANG, Nghien. Mr. Dang is Associate Director of the National Institute of Administration. He is due to leave Saigon momentarily for this campus where he will broaden his background in the fields of economics and public administration. (Second Session)
2. BAC (first name unknown at this time). Like Mr. Dang, Mr. Bac is also Associate Director of the National Institute of Administration and has the same purpose in coming to the U. S. (Second Session)
3. DIEN, Nguyen. Mr. Dien's interests are in the field of banking and public finance. In Vietnam he had been assigned to regional administration in Huế. He is tentatively scheduled to enter the Ministry of Economic Affairs upon his return to Saigon. Exceptional leadership ability and motivation. (First Session)
4. DO, Nguyen Thanh. Mr. Do was confidential assistant to the Minister of the Plan and Reconstruction of Vietnam. Particularly interested in the investment problems of economic development. As a graduate of the Faculty of Law in Paris he probably has the best formal training in economics of the five being recommended. (First Session)
5. LAN, Nguyen Quoc. Mr. Lan was an inspector in the customs service before coming to the United States. Here he has shown a keen interest in the problems of governmental budgeting and

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Professor Edward W. Weidner  
Head of the Department of Political Science  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Professor Weidner:

Professor Wesley R. Fishel wrote me recently from Vietnam that he had passed on to you the correspondence we had about inviting Vietnamese students, now enrolled in American Colleges and Universities, to participate in one of our International Seminars this summer. He suggested that your advice and help could be most useful to us as we try to engage the interest of this particular group of students and, therefore, I am taking the liberty of asking for your kind suggestions.

Since Professor Fishel gave you all the information about our program, I enclose with this letter merely our 1956 announcement which deals with the main objectives of our International Student Program and some practical details of our plans for this summer. We hope that Vietnamese students would have a significant contribution to make to the Service Committee's seminars and would benefit from the experience themselves as well. Therefore, we would be very thankful for any suggestions of names and addresses of students who you think may be interested and also well qualified. The students can also write directly to me in Philadelphia or to our regional office in Columbus, Ohio (Ralph Cooper, College Secretary, American Friends Service Committee, 1309 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio) if this procedure is more convenient to you and the interested students.

Looking forward to your kind reply, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Director  
International Student Program

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May 23, 1956

Mr. Mojmir Povolny, Assistant Director  
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American Friends Service Committee  
20 So. Twelfth Street  
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Povolny:

Dr. Weidner has forwarded to me the letters which you sent to him and to Dr. Fishel in Saigon. Much as we would like to send our students to some of your seminars, we find that the pressure of time that they have been allotted by ICA precludes the opportunity. I am particularly regretful inasmuch as I, myself, attended one of the Quaker meetings in Yugoslavia in 1954. I fully recognize the value of what you are doing and hope that our next group of participants who will arrive in September will be able to take advantage of your meetings.

I regret that our response has been so delayed. The problems of communication between here and Saigon slow us down considerably.

Sincerely,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum  
Director, Participant Program

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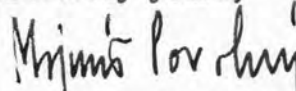
Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum, Director  
Participant Program  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Stanley Sheinbaum:

I appreciate very much your letter of May 23d. It was good to learn your new address, and especially of your new job and the fine work which you are doing. I regret very much that I did not meet you when I was at Michigan State University in February. Unfortunately at that time we did not know that you were there.

I am sorry that this year we can work out no arrangements as far as the participation of the Vietnamese students in our program is concerned. However, we shall keep in touch with you and we hope that we will come out better next year.

Sincerely yours,



Mojmir Povolny, Assistant Director

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