

March 6, 1956

Mr. Paul H. Katzenburg
Officer-in-Charge
Viet Nam Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Katzenburg:

On our I.C.A.-college contract with the Government of Viet Nam we have with us at Michigan State a Mr. Buu Nghi who has asked me to write you for certain information. Mr. Nghi is Director of Radio-Dalat and has been with his government for eight or nine years. In addition to his work in the U.S. in propaganda and public information techniques he is concerning himself with problems of public administration. He has become aware of the training program that the State Department conducts for its personnel specializing in certain areas. Is it possible for him to find out anything about that program and its content? There is a possibility that he may be in Washington this coming summer for four to six weeks. Would it be possible for him to spend some time observing that program? Or do considerations of security preclude this kind of activity?

Mr. Nghi is one of our more earnest and capable participants. I am particularly anxious to accommodate him in whatever way we possibly can while he is in the U.S. Needless to say, I would greatly appreciate whatever consideration you will give to this query. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum

SKS:ebc

March 6, 1956

Mr. Dale I. Partle
Viet Nam Services
Voice of America
Room 2731
330 Independence Ave.
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Partle:

Mr. Bui Nghi is a participant on our I.C.A.-college contract with the Government of Viet Nam. He is currently in the United States while on leave from his position as Director of Radio-Dalat. The purpose of his stay in the United States is to develop his background in the area of communications, propaganda techniques, public information, etc. Here at Michigan State we have been able to offer him good facilities in the techniques of radio and TV programming and broadcasting as well as substantive work in international relations and public administration. However, we are limited in the ability to offer him what he really should have close contact with: that is, the actual organization and diffusion of propaganda.

Mr. Nghi arrived here in November and will be in the U.S. until August. Our current expectation is that he will remain with us at Michigan State until June taking course work, a certain amount of laboratory work in radio and TV, and spending some time with Governor Williams' press secretary at the Michigan State capitol. We feel that to really round out his work here the ideal solution would be to intern him with an organization such as yours for about a month during the summer. Is such a relationship possible? Do you have any sort of program for this kind of activity already established? If not with V.O.A. could you suggest someone at U.S.I.S. we might write relative to the same matter?

Needless to say, I would greatly appreciate any consideration you might give to this matter. Mr. Nghi is probably the most capable and earnest of the group we have from Viet Nam; I am particularly anxious to satisfy his needs here. Let me know if there is any further information you might want for further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum

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VOICE OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1956

Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Vietnam Project - Office of Coordinator
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Sheinbaum:

The Voice of America will welcome Mr. Nghi. Last November Mr. Nghi spent one day with us. We were impressed with his grasp of what he wanted to learn. Past experience with grantees had shown that they did not know exactly what they wanted to gain from the Voice.

We do not have a fixed program, but we can arrange conferences and visits with both government and commercial radio and television personnel in the Washington area.

Please extend to Mr. Nghi my greetings and those of the Vietnamese staff. We will look forward to having him with us during the summer.

Very truly yours,

Dale I. Purtle

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Chief, Vietnamese Service
Voice of America

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330 Independence St.
Room 2731, NEW Bldg.
Wash.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 29, 1956

Dear Mr. Sheinbaum:

Please forgive my delay in replying to your letter of March 6, but attempting to obtain answers to the questions you raised has taken a little time.

We were glad to learn of Mr. Nghi's interest in special area training but regret that only official Americans can be admitted to the programs which the Department conducts for its own personnel. The reason is security, as you supposed. No training program for foreign nations is now contemplated, except possibly for diplomatic personnel sponsored by their own governments. Even in that case, we seem to be limited by the availability of money, space, and personnel.

However, if Mr. Nghi should care to drop in on me when he visits Washington this summer, I would be most happy to receive him.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Kattenburg

Paul Kattenburg
Officer in Charge
Viet-Nam Affairs

Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum,
Viet-Nam Project - Office of Coordinator,
Michigan State University,
East Lansing,
Michigan.

April 11, 1956

Mr. Buu Nghi
413a Butterfield Hall
MSU
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Nghi:

The cashier's office has asked me to remind you that you still owe to them the amount of \$114.00 which you received as an advance before the TVA trip.

I trust you will clear this matter up as soon as it is convenient for you to do so.

Sincerely,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

SKS:jb

April 20, 1956

Mr. Dale I. Rartle
Chief, Vietnamese Service
Voice of America
330 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 2731, HWW Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rartle:

I appreciate receiving your letter concerning Mr. Bui Nghi. I was also pleased to learn that your estimate of him is about the same as our own. He has proved to be the most capable and the most earnest of the group we have with us. In light of this I am most appreciative of your willingness to take him into your office for some time during the summer.

Mr. Nghi will be through with his course work at Michigan State University on June 20. Could it be arranged that he visit you on the 25th of June and continue to observe the practices of the Information Agency until about the end of July? His work here has borne some fruit, but I do not think it would compare to the opportunity of observing your practices for a considerable period of time, in this case about a month. Let me add that funds are available for Mr. Nghi to travel should you think that there might be things of value for him to see in New York or elsewhere. He is scheduled to return to Vietnam towards the end of August.

Again let me express our gratitude for your interest.

Sincerely,

S. K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant
Program

SKS:jeb

May 25, 1956

Mr. Buu Nghi
413a Butterfield Hall
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Nghi:

Dr. Nguyen Quang Trinh, Rector of the University of Vietnam is going to be on campus next Wednesday, May 30th. He is anxious to meet all of the Vietnamese on campus, and I know you would like to spend sometime with him. I have arranged for you to have lunch with him and Mrs. Trinh at the State Room of Kellogg Center at 1:30 p. m. on Wednesday.

Please call Mrs. Bell in Dr. Weidner's office by noon Monday if you cannot come to the luncheon. ED-2-1511, extension 2459.

Sincerely,

S. K. Sheinbaum, Director
Participant Program

SKS:jb

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE • EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

June 15, 1956

To: Wesley R. Fishel
From: Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Subject: Request for extensions for Mrs Tan Thi Thanh and Mr. Buu Nghi.

1. Following the procedure set forth in Dorsey's memo to Sheinbaum of April 20 I am enclosing the two documents called for: the letter from Ed Weidner to Mr. Phan Van Tao, Assistant Director, Director Generale du Plan, requesting Mrs. Thanh's extension; and the letter to Mr. Tao from Mrs. Thanh herself. Sorry these took so long to obtain; we were awaiting Salter's approval which finally came yesterday.
2. Buu Nghi's work has been of such exceptional quality that it has been felt that an extension for him is certainly warranted. I'm enclosing a copy of Weidner's request to Salter which states the case:

I am requesting an extension of training in the US for Mr. Buu Nghi until June 1957. Mr. Nghi's work thus far at Michigan State has been of an exceptional quality. His primary area of interest is in mass communications media; he was director of Radio Dalat in Vietnam. The radio and TV institute on campus have served as an excellent laboratory for him. In addition, however, Mr. Nghi has developed a rather profound interest in current problems of international relations and international organization. The faculty under whom he has worked in these fields have been overwhelmingly impressed with his grasp and his ability. Certainly his approach and attitude warrant the opportunity for a more complete development; more important, the opportunity of completely integrating in this one person both the substantive matter and the techniques of public information is one that should not be foregone. The additional time will enable him to undertake new training in press relations and propaganda techniques as well as to continue to deepen his background in the substantive fields. I am convinced that with extended training he will return to Vietnam not only as a definite asset to his government, but also as a very positive indicator of the value of this kind of program.

Salter approves providing we can get clearance from the proper Vietnam Govt channel

I would appreciate a cabled response in both cases, Thanh's and Nghi's.

July 6, 1956

Mr. Buu Nghi
Abbott Hall
MSU
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Nghi:

I am enclosing a copy of the application blank that you must fill out for graduate study. It is assured that you can work at least for a Bachelors Degree and it is almost definite that you will be able to work toward a Masters Degree. You will have to obtain whatever records of your college experience in Vietnam that is possible. I urge you to do this at once. Further I have received the following memo from our Saigon Office: "The Commission on Foreign Study of the Vietnamese Government has been informed of the extension of the training of Mr. Nghi and seem inclined to accept the proposal. However, they have requested that Mr. Nghi submit his own request for an extension of his leave of absence from official duties. This request may be addressed to the Commission and then sent to us and we will see that it gets into the proper channels." I urge you to immediately send the request asked for and to give me a copy of that request. Also fill out the application over the week end.

Sincerely,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

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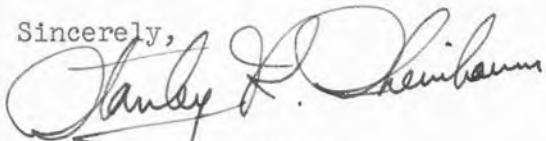
July 11, 1956

Dean H. J. Wyngarden
College of Business and Public Service
114 Morrill Hall

Dear Dean Wyngarden:

I am recommending that Mr. Buu Nghi, one of the participants on the Vietnam Project be accepted for candidacy toward the Master of Arts Degree in Political Science. His work here has been exceptional and in his file we have letters of commendation from some of the faculty who have worked with him. I am asking for your approval of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

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Director, Participant Program

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July 11, 1956

Mr. Dale Purtle
Voice of America
330 Independence Avenue, S. W.
HEW Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dale:

My hunch on Mr. Huan was wrong. He wanted to see me about another matter than returning to Michigan. I think the best thing to do with Huan is to keep him there and around the 6th of August you might send him up to New York for whatever it was that you had in mind for him and then he can leave as scheduled on the 18th from New York. I think he should be useful to you and I also think he will get a lot out of it.

Mr. Nghi will be through here on the 24th of August so you can count on him within a few days after that. The fall session will start around the 20th of September so in all he will be with you slightly less than a month. I hope that short of period will be useful.

It was good to see you. I hope you are less harried.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum

SKS:jb

July 16, 1956

Mr. Dale Purtle
Vietnamese Desk
Voice of America
330 Independence Avenue, SW
HEW Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dale:

Mr. Nghi's status has changed again and he and we have decided that he should return to Saigon in August. I am therefore recommending that he leave almost immediately for your office and stay with you until August 15. By immediately I mean this coming Monday, the 23rd. I hope that this latest change meets with your satisfaction. If I don't hear from you on this I will follow this plan and he will be in your office on Monday.

Sincerely,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

SKS:jb

July 18, 1956

To: Richard W. Lindholm
From: Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Through: John T. Dorsey, Jr.
Wesley R. Fishel
Subject: Buu Nghi

Buu Nghi is returning to Saigon rather than staying here. It seems he is under some pressure from his family to do so. This is to an extent fortuitous inasmuch as we were unable to arrange for him to obtain a Masters Degree candidacy which he had originally wanted.

Relative to the diplomas they should be ready in about a week or ten days. Attached to them will be letters with more details on their training here. These too will be made to look very formal. We have a suggestion. It might be an idea to have President John Hannah make the awards in a very formal ceremony.

SKS:jb

July 18, 1956

re: Sailing permit for
Mr. Buu Nghi

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Buu Nghi is in the United States under the authorization of a contract between the Michigan State University and the International Cooperation Administration - State Department, United States Government. He arrived in the United States on November 25, 1955 and is scheduled to depart from New York on August 20, 1956. During the period of his stay Mr. Nghi has been training in the field of public administration. He has received no pay for any work done; he has simply been a student and an observer. His expenses were covered by the Michigan State University - ICA Contract on a per diem basis. Those payments are in no way to be considered income received for work done.

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

SKS:jb

MAXWELL HOTEL
20TH & G STREETS, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Washington D. C. July 22, 1956

Dear Mr. Sheinbaum,

I arrived here at 2pm today, after a 3-hours fly and a break of about one hour at Detroit airport.

I was picked up at Washington National Airport by a friend of mine working in the WCC of America (Mr. Chan).

Thanks to him, I could find a hotel comfortable enough, at moderate prices.

Here is my definite address during my stay here:

Brumby
Maxwell Hotel, Room 212
20th & G Streets, Northwest
Washington D. C.

Will you please send all my
mail (letters, cheque, ticket
etc...) at this address, from
today on and up to August
10 or 15, so that I can pick
them up earlier.

Mr. Sheinbaum, when the
plane took off from Lausanne,
I deeply felt sad - you
certainly know why.

Before you leave Michigan
State for Standford, please
let me know your address
in California so that
I can write you from time
to time.

Yours very sincerely,

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July 26, 1956

Mr. Buu Nghi
c/o Vietnamese Embassy
Sheridan Circle
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nghi:

I am enclosing a break down of the shipping costs of the personal goods and the books. I believe this is self-explanatory and as it works out you owe me \$12.15. Needless to say, I would appreciate receiving it. I mentioned this amount to Mr. Purtle when I spoke to him on the phone this morning so you may have already arranged to send it to me.

I hope you are finding your stay in Washington of value and I know you will be looking forward to your return anxiously. I think you know that we are pleased to have had you with the program. Both Mr. Dorsey and myself wish you much success at home.

Please give my very best regards to Thein and apologize to him for my poor writing habits. I think you may be able to explain to him that I have been busy.

Have a good trip.

Sincerely,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

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Washington D.C. July 27, 1956

Dear Mr Steinbaum,

I learn from Mr Purle today that you have agreed with him about my departure for New York City. According to the new schedule, I will leave Washington D.C. on the 12th of August instead of the 15th as previously fixed.

As far as my tickets are concerned, I already have the ticket for N.Y. City. I hope to receive my N.Y.-Saigon ticket before leaving Washington D.C., i.e. before the 12th of August.

I also hope that my second per diem check (while I'm away) for the period of 1st to 20th of August be sent to me before the

12th too.

Can you take care of those things for me, Mr. Steinbaum, so that I can get them before I leave Washington? If I have to wait for them from New York, it is quite possible that they will reach me too late, because of the question of forwarding.

I will be very glad to hear from you on those matters.

Yours very sincerely,

Brunghi