

Rec'd Aug. 2

Nashville, July 31, 1956

Mr. John T. Dorsey, Jr.

Acting Coordinator

Viet Nam Project

Michigan State University

East Lansing Mich.

Dear Mr. Dorsey,

Your letter arrived here yesterday, with the bibliography on the presidency of the U.S. I am very glad to know that most of the books I need for the preparation of my thesis have been ordered. I wish that my work would be worth the precious help you gave me in so many ways. Meanwhile, I am most happy to have this occasion to convey to you my best thanks.

To-morrow morning, we shall leave Nashville for a field trip to the Mississippi Delta. The trip will last four days, with many planned visits to different kinds of farm, in order to give us a first-hand knowledge of the growth problems in American agriculture. The field-trip is very well

organized. So, this afternoon, the Director of the Institute, Prof. Selden, has made a detailed briefing, explaining the purposes, itinerary and other items concerning the trip. Besides, each of us received a kit containing maps, information booklets and statistical data related to the localities we will have to see.

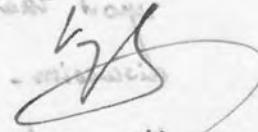
As for the seminar itself, I am glad to report that so far I actively participated in the discussion. In fact, it happens that the subject interests me and that most of the participants, who come from foreign countries, do not speak English better than I do. But also I had sometimes to disagree with certain lecturers whose point of view seems mainly based upon facts of the American economic life, without making any account of the characteristics of underdeveloped areas. For example, they emphasize the role of the entrepreneur and the virtues of the law of supply and demand, but I think that these factors are far less important in an underdeveloped country like Viet Nam than in the U.S. and so forth...

I am still eager to attend the national

convention of the Democratic Party, although the ~~inner~~  
nomination of Stevenson seems now almost certain,  
since Kefauver has withdrawn his candidacy. May I  
know right now whether the tickets will be available for  
us? And do I have some chance to meet you then?

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Dorsey.

Sincerely,



Young van Buren

Nashville July 27. 1956

dear Mr Dorsey

This is to tell you how much we are grateful to you to have devoted your last saturday to assist us before our departure

We are now based in the campus with all the participants in the Institute in Economic development, which is quite a "Tour de Babel", each people speaking beside a bad English their own language Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian, Peruvian, Braziliens... We learned many things in the Institute, technically from some of the professors who conducted the seminars, and on the human standpoint from the participant

But we are still and always looking forward to the activities of the MSO program - How about the meeting of the Democratic Convention at Chicago, where we have reservation for hotel already?

Anyway, we shall stay in Lausanne

from August 20 to September 3 - May I suggest some scheduled interview with Mr Lauder or someone in the Governor's office, in order to make out program for our third stay in Lansing? On the other hand, I think I would be ready for the workshop organized by Mr Hunter, but I would prefer to have the schedule right now, to prepare some work in time for it.

Since we shall go to Washington DC in early September, would you mind arrange some schedule for us with the offices at the Presidency: Budget, Civil Service, Economic Affairs or some other that you deem useful for our training - This stay could last four weeks or more -

I find here many of the books that you have ordered for me, so that it is not necessary to send me them, but Mr Bae would like to have some of the books on the American Government as soon as possible.

Mr Bae and I take advantage of this opportunity to extend to Mrs Dorsey our best regards -

Lincerely yours

William Daey

C. Kef

Rec'd Sep't. 12

Washington D.C. 9/10/1956

Dear Mr. Dorsey

We are now in the Capital of the United States of America, where we arrived yesterday in the morning - We took advantage of the fact that 9/9 was a Sunday, to look over this clean and relatively quiet city and to admire the Washington Memorial, the Capitol etc...

I said quiet because we had a tremendous busy week in Chicago, to go from Northwestern University to the Federal Reserve Bank, from our hotel to the P.A.C.H. from one station to another station, in this large city where we counted distance from home to home by mile or about ten mile - The two days' Institute on Banking techniques was very helpful for me, to understand these great financial problems in America and this admirable organization of the accounting systems in a great Bank.

The meeting we had with Mr. Stevens (P.A.C.H.), Mr. Donald Morrison (C.S.A.), and Mr. Corcoran (P.A.S) enable us to understand the thorough sense

of these corporation's operations - I wonder if the P.A.C.H have sent you a handbill about the Annual Conference on Public Personnel Administration, for commemorating the 50th Anniversary Civil Service Assembly. This conference which will be held in Statler Hotel Washington D.C. will last from October 7 to 12 - the fee is \$ 14.00 for non members. Although many subjects would interest us (Personnel Selection, Employee Training, The Scientist in the Public Service...), I think that will be useful for us only on condition that some of the M.S.O staff could help us for the understanding of the American system of public service.

Any way, we are planning with Mr Israel (ICA) this coming to spend our time here until October 6. I shall visit the Bureau of Budget, the Department of Treasury, the Department of Internal Revenue, the Council of Economic Advisors and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. During this period, I should also visit a small office of Regional Commissioners in Wilmington (Delaware) for four or five days.

Mr Israel promised us a desk in the ICA building, to work right there while waiting for appointments in the public agencies - on the other hand, an Embassy had made reservation for us for two small but comfortable single rooms in Alvaras Hotel 1509 Sixteenth Street N.W - so we don't have to worry about material problem here.

Since I am planning to go to Wilmington on about September 23 only I will be very glad if you could send me:

1) a round trip ticket from Washington to Wilmington - they don't have fund right here for these expenses - but with the ticket I could make reservation myself for the exact date -

2) a check for the per diem from September 15 to 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Israel recommended me also some books, that I hope you could order for me if you have funds enough:

- Arthur Smithies - The Budgetary process in the United States - The Graw Hill Book Co. Inc. New York (SMITHIES) 1955

- Joseph P. Crockett (CROCKETT) the Federal Tax system of the United States Columbia University Press 1955

Back to the problem of the Annual Conference on Public Personnel Administration, if you think that it would be of some interest for us, I could stay here until Friday October 12 and leave by train the same day at 5.10 p.m. If it would be better to go back M.S.O., ~~we~~ I will leave Washington D.C. on Sunday 6 - Mr Miller told us that he would take care of the reservation of the seats from Detroit to East Lansing out of the tickets for roomette from Washington to Detroit; would you mind order him in the sense that you deem the better for our training -

So much about us and our own affairs - I hope that after this stay in Washington D.C. I don't have to bother you anymore in East Lansing

With my thankfulness, please receive my best regards for you and Mrs Dorsey -

Sincerely yours

C. H. H.

Nghiem Dang

International Cooperation Administration  
Room 104 - 1624 H St., N.W.

Washington 25, D.C.

Rec'd 12 Sept.

Washington D. C., September 10, 1956

Dear Mr. Dorsay,

Mr. Dang and I left Chicago last Saturday at 3 p.m. and arrived at Washington on Sunday morning. Mr. Linh of the Viet Nam Embassy was at the station waiting for us. He took us to the Alturas Hotel, on 15th Street, where reservations have been made earlier. The rooms are suitable and charged at a reasonable price - 2.50 for each of us daily. So we expect to stay in this hotel until we will go back to Lansing.

Following is our present address:

International Cooperation Administration  
R. 104 - 1624 H Street N.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

I would like to ask you to inform Mrs. Bell of this, so that she could forward our mail to us in time.

Now, let us talk about our activities in Chicago and Washington - Mr. Dang left Morrison Hotel on Tuesday to go to the campus of Northwestern University in order to attend the Institute on Banking Techniques. As for myself, I have been trying to get in touch

with Dr. Gwodzins many-times but unsuccessfully. His secretary told me that he was on vacation. Upon the request of the latter, I had given my address to him. I waited for a call of Dr. Gwodzins during the whole day of Wednesday but nobody came - With the PACH, we were more successful - Thanks to your recommendations, we had the opportunity to visit not only the PACH, but also the Public Administration Service (sort of consulting firm, working on a non-profit basis) and the Civil Service assembly (in fact, an association dealing with the personnel management problems), both located in the same building, 1313, E. 60th St, Chicago where are the offices of PACH. We found the people there very friendly and very helpful. So we could have ~~one~~ instructive talks with them and get some interesting documents - Also we were the guests of Mr. Stevens of the PACH at lunch ...

This morning, we met with Mr. Thomas Israel who will be our advisor during our stay here - He said he had discussed with you last Friday about our schedule - I told him that:

- the main purpose of my visit to Washington is to see, on the spot, how the presidential system can work efficiently, especially how the President gets assistance from the different organisms of the Presidency.

- no limit of time has been set for my stay here, so, my schedule could be made very flexible in order to fit the purpose of my visit.

Mr. Israel was cooperative in setting up such a schedule ~~for~~ <sup>with</sup> me. However, he pointed out the difficulty to get an appointment with some member of the White House office. He said that a similar request has been turned down a few months ago. But I insisted on the necessity of having such an interview, for the White House <sup>office</sup> is getting now and more important in the general scheme of the Presidency. Mr. Israel promised to try again in this direction. Besides, he advised me to see the Library of Congress, the Library of Public Administration, the Bureau of Budget, the Council of Economic Advisors and the Office of Defense Mobilization. In the afternoon, he already succeeded in making an appointment for me with the Librarian of the Library.

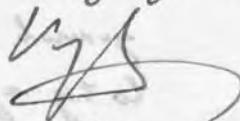
of longer. I am satisfied with this beginning.

Now, I would be very glad if I could have your own suggestions and advices in order to make the most of my stay in Washington for my thesis. Do you think that there are other agencies I should visit, other activities I should include in my schedule? Would it be very useful for me to attend an Institute on Public Personnel Administration which will be held at Washington on October 5? etc...

I take advantage of this occasion to

express once more to you my thanks for what you have done for me, and also to extend my best regards to Mrs. Dorothy.

Sincerely yours,



Vuong van Ba



FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.

Rec'd Sept 13

September, 11<sup>th</sup> 1956

Dear Mr. Dorsey

It happens some change in my program schedule, as you should know by Mr. Israel who already wrote to you.

I will go to Washington on a field trip on October 3, 4, 5 instead of Sept. 24, 25, 26, because I expect to see Mr. Van Gooe Blaeu, who will be in Washington at this time for a meeting in the International Monetary Fund.

I just see in H. Street the office of Baltimore and Ohio R.R. which stands across the street in front of the Public Administration Division. Could you ask Mr. Miller to take a ticket from this co. so that it will be easier for me to make reservations.

Mr. Israel has been very helpful and I do not find "adequat" words to express him my thankfulness!

I hope this will find you and your family happy and healthy.

Sincerely yours

Arthur

Another letter of same date sent to Mr. Bac —  
Essentially same, except for ref. to Wilmington  
trip + books. JTD

September 18, 1956

Mr. Nghiem Dang  
International Cooperation Administration  
Room 104, 162½ H Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dang:

Thank you very much for your two letters from Washington. I was glad to hear that your and Mr. Bac's programs are developing as they are.

For your trip to Wilmington, Mr. Miller suggests that the simplest arrangement would be for you to obtain your own ticket. Reservations probably will not be necessary, and because the trip is so short there is no need to handle this through the travel office. You can buy the ticket and after making the trip send the ticket stub to me with a receipt or your statement of the cost of the ticket. Also, please let us know the time and date both of departure from Washington and return to Washington. We will then send you a check to cover the cost of the ticket.

We shall order the two books mentioned in your letter of September 10 and will forward them to you as soon as they are received.

As to the meeting of the Civil Service Assembly in October, I will leave the decision on whether you should attend up to you. If you think that attendance at this meeting will be of use to you in your training, please go ahead and plan to attend. You should pay the fee yourself, and we will reimburse you when you return to East Lansing. Please let us know what you intend to do so that we will know when to expect you to return to East Lansing. If you wish to talk to him about it, I expect that Mr. Israel would be able to give you some advice about the value of this meeting for your training program.

At the moment there is a good bit of activity in the Viet-Nam Project. The group of twenty participants arrived here on the 13th of September, and we have enjoyed meeting them and are quite busy helping them get settled and planning their programs of study and training.

I hope that your experiences in Washington continue to work out satisfactorily. We are always interested in hearing from you about your activities.

Sincerely,

John T. Dorsey, Jr.  
Assistant Coordinator

JTD:jb

cc: Mr. Thomas Israel, ICA

Rec'd Oct 2  
Washington D. C. October 1<sup>st</sup> 1956

Dear Mr Dorsey

I must write long before to thank you for your check and your letter of September 18. 1956 but I would like to make sure that I will go to the field trip in Washington and attend the Civil Service Assembly - Furthermore I knew that you were kept very busy by the arrival of the new participants -

I am planning now to go to Washington for three days, from October 3 to 5, where I will spend most of my time in the District Director's Office of Internal Revenue -

Since the Civil Service Assembly will take place for the whole week, from October 7 to 12, I prefer use the week end in Washington to visit the remainder of these numerous monuments and museums which I am afraid that I will have no opportunity to see before my departure to Viet Nam. So I will leave Washington on Sunday 14 (instead of 12) by Pennsylvania train, which lead me to Detroit on Monday 15, at 8.20 a.m.

Would you mind ask Mr Miller to make a reservation <sup>for seat</sup> in the train from Detroit to Lansing and also a reservation for a roomette on the train of october 14 pm Washington to Detroit? Or would you prefer me to buy the ticket right here and make afterward a statement for reimbursement, as I will do with the field trip in Welvington and the fee for the Civil Service Assembly?

So much about the details of my material life to tell you how deep is my thankfulness for your obligingness to facilitate my work here - I will accomplish the most usefull stay in the U.S.A by talking with competent civil servants in Washington and by gathering materials for my study - I hope that the latest month I will spend with you will complete my period of observation, by systematizing of all these informations from so much different sources -

With my best wishes for Mrs Dooley please receive my best regards.

Sincerely yours

W. H. D. —

Acting

October 9, 1956

Mr. Nghiem Dang  
International Cooperation Administration  
1624 H Street, N. W.  
Room 104  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dang:

Thank you for your letter of October 1. I was glad to hear about your work and your plans for this last week in Washington. I hope you enjoyed the field trip to Wilmington, and that the Civil Service Assembly meetings are proving to be interesting.

I talked with Mr. Miller about your return transportation to Lansing. He says that since you have a round-trip ticket from Lansing to Washington, it would be simpler for you to make such reservations as you may need, and if there are extra charges we will reimburse you after your return.

Is Mr. Bac coming with you at the same time? I have not yet heard from him concerning his plans for returning, but I will assume that his plans are the same as yours unless he informs me otherwise. Would you please be so kind as to pass on to him the information I have given you about making the arrangements for the trip back here?

Best wishes to you both. We are looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

John T. Dorsey, Jr.  
Assistant Coordinator

JTD:jb

Washington, Oct. 11, 1956

Dear Mr. Dorsey,

I could read the letter you sent to Mr. Dang this afternoon. I am very sorry that I cannot inform you earlier about my going back to East Lansing. The reason of this delay is very simple: Mr. Israel and I have agreed to keep my schedule essentially flexible, so that until the beginning of this week, I still did not know what will be my last meetings here. I still have to see Mr. Morstein Mann, to visit the General Services Administration and the Advisory Committee on Government Organization. Besides, there are some readings I would like to finish in the Library of the Budget before leaving Washington. I will try my best to arrive at East Lansing on Sunday (at the same time than Mr. Dang) but I am not sure yet I could. At any rate, I will let you know the exact date of my arrival there whether by Mr. Dang or by a telegram. In the case I shall not be able to attend Mr. Weidner's party, please be my interpreter to express my regrets and excuses to him. Thank you very much in advance. Once more, I hope that I could arrive on time for the party...

If one excepts this contretemps, my stay in Washington has been exceedingly useful for me and I have no reason to complain about my schedule. Mr. Israel have done a fine job. Thanks to the arrangements made by him, not only it was permitted to me to visit the different agencies of the Executive Office (Bureau of the Budget, Council of Economic Advisors, National Security Council, Operations Coordination Board, Office of Defense Mobilization) but also I could spend one entire week at the Civil Service Commission, another week with the Civil Service Assembly. I also had the opportunity to talk with some people in the Brookings Institution about presidential elections and, above all, to work in the Library of the Budget which incidentally possesses a very complete collection of books and documents on the subject of

longer, U. S reports, U.S. do and so forth. Thus I has been  
able to make some progress in the writing of my thesis. I am  
satisfied with these results and I dare hope that you will, to.  
Last of all, may I express my best regards to  
Mr. Dorsey and to yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Vuong van Bac

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AIR LETTER  
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Mr. JOHN T. DORSEY  
90 VIETNAM PROJECT  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
EAST LANSING

MICHIGAN

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IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER  
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

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East Lansing October 22 1956

Dear Dr Dorsey

As requested by ICA, all my training materials, in two packages have been shipped express charges collect to Atlantic Forwarding Company, Inc 45 Pearl Street New York by Railway Express Agency (Receipt no 8280 October 22 1956)

Since ICA will not authorize shipment of these packages until lists of items shipped are received, I enclose here 2 lists to be sent to whom it may concern. I would suggest that you let him know also the date of my departure: November 10th from East Lansing and 26th from New York.

Sincerely yours  
Nghiem Dang

Rec'd 11/20/56

Pickwick Arms Hotel  
A KNOTT HOTEL  
230 EAST 51ST STREET  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

11/17/56

Dear Mr. Dorsey

I am now in the latest city and the latest week of my trip in the United States. In this clouded and rainy day, no plan could be made to get more acquainted with this world's largest town. I am quite sad, to be confined in a hotel room, to read some newspaper which fortunately bring some hope for our people to recover some freedom in North Vietnam.

But this loneliness constitutes for me an unexpected occasion to review the principal stages of my trip in the United States, to remember all these friends that I met everywhere to appreciate how sincere has been your desire to help us on studying in this country.

We were kept quite busy during

the last week, with the General Accounting Office, the Bureau of Public Debt and the Bureau of Customs. Since we don't receive from you any information about our visit to the Administrative assistant of the Mayor, and to the Institute on Public Administration, we are planning to see the United Nations, some monuments and buildings to fill out our time usefully for our instruction - Furthermore we still have some administrative duties to carry out before our departure.

Up until now, we don't receive yet our ticket for the plane - Would you care for us by calling up Mr. Miller, may be he could wire to P.A.A., in order to enable us to take directly the ticket from P.A.A. agent in New York? Mr. Miller forgot to reimburse me for the ticket from Detroit to Lansing too.

I will try to call you up Monday or Tuesday, but please receive right now my sincere thankfulness for yourself and Mrs. Dorsey.

Sincerely yours

Dang

Atter

November 20, 1956

Mr. Vuong Van Bac  
Pickwick Arms Hotel  
230 East 51st Street  
New York 22, New York

Dear Bac:

It was good to talk with you again yesterday. I hope that by now the ticket problem is solved and you and Mr. Dang have picked up your tickets at PAA. I'm sorry Mr. Miller's message to you in Washington didn't reach you before you left.

Enclosed is a receipt from Fireproof for the \$60.00 you left with me. Mr. Weidner has given me the remaining \$2.36 and I shall send it on to Fireproof, which will complete the payment for the shipment you made to Saigon.

Did you receive the records from Columbia? They came here last week with the invoice attached, so I just had the package forwarded to you in Washington. It might be a good idea to leave them your changed address before you leave New York, if you have not already done so. Otherwise they will continue to send records here.

Also enclosed is another copy of the picture of you and Mr. Dang which appeared in the paper here.

I hope you and Mr. Dang have had or will have time to go by the Institute of Public Administration and talk with Mr. Luther Gulick or one of his staff. I received a letter from him saying he would be glad to have you both visit the Institute.

In any event, enjoy your last days in New York and have a pleasant trip home. We all miss you both, and I hope you will carry my warmest greetings to everyone at the Institute, in the Presidency, and elsewhere in the government of Viet-Nam. It has certainly been a pleasure having you here, and we are looking forward to hearing from you again.

Best regards,

John T. Dorsey, Jr.  
Assistant Coordinator

JTD:jb