

TRAN-VAN-LAM
17, BA HUYEN THANH-QUAN
SAIGON

SAIGON 4th January 1969.

Ref

Professor Wesley R. FISHEL
Michigan State University
EAST LANSING - MICHIGAN

Dear Dr FISHEL,

It is my plan to conduct a good will tour to the United States in the immediate future. The tentative date of my arrival in the area has been scheduled for January 31 to February 2, although I will depart from Saigon as early as January the 12th.

May I solicit your kind assistance for arranging one or several conferences on the VietNam issue to the American public. Any organization of your preference, business or academic, private or governmental, would be, I am certain, an excellent audience. I will contact you upon my arrival in the city.

May I call your special attention on the fact that the delegation is non-governmental and is composed of political party leaders and members of both the House and Senate. It is a People to People delegation, and will be, in a way, the voice of the people of VietNam.

Enclosed herewith, for your information, please find a list of the delegation members and their personal histories.

With my sincerest regards.

Tran Van Lam

TRAN-VAN-LAM
Senator

Encl/As stated.

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BIOGRAPHY OF Mr. NGO KHAC TINH

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Born in Phan Rang (VietNam) May 1st, 1923.

Married : 2 sons, 4 daughters

1954 : Graduated from Faculty of Medicine and
Pharmacy of Toulouse University (France)

1957 : Elected at the National Legislative Assembly

1959-1963 : Selected at the National Legislative Assembly
Chairman of the Health, Social Welfare and
Labor Committee

1968 : Central Committee of new founded political
party, VN Social Humanistic revolutionary
party

Member of governing Committee of the Pacific
Institute

Other activities:

- 1959 : Founder and President of Saigon Lions Club
- 1960-63 : President of Pharmacists Union
- 1968 : Member of Pharmacists Association.
- 1959-68 : President of VietNam-Germany friendship
association.

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Biographical data
of Dr. NGUYEN QUANG LUYEN, Representative
Constituency I, Gia Dinh
Leader of the Independence Bloc

- Born in May 11, 1927 in Thai Binh, North Vietnam.
- Religion : Buddhism
- Former student of the Law Faculty, Saigon.
- Doctor in Medicine
- Has served in the Medical Corps of the Republic of Vietnam's Armed Forces from 1951 to 1967:
 - Treatment Physician at: the Quang-Trung Military Training Center,
the Recruitment and Drafting Center,
the Central Dispensary.
 - Chief Physician at : the Ca-Mau Sector Hospital
the Infantry Regiment 37
the Light Division 13

NOTICE BIOGRAPHIQUE

- Nom et prénoms : NGUYEN QUANG LUYEN
- Date et lieu de naissance : 11-5-1927 à Thái-Bình (Nord Việt-Nam)
- Circonscription électorale : GIA-DINH
- Religion : Bouddhique
- Etablissements fréquentés : -Faculté de Droit (Université de Saigon)
-Faculté de Médecine
- Diplômes universitaires : -Licence en Droit
-Docteur en médecine
- Profession antérieure : Médecin
- Profession actuelle : Député
Leader du Bloc des Indépendants de la
Chambre Basse.
- Etat des services : 1951-1967 : Médecin du Service de Santé Militaire de
l'A. R. V. N.
Médecin traitant au Centre d'Instruction
Militaire de Quang-Trung, au Centre de
Recrutement et au Dispensaire Central.
- Médecin Chef de l'Hopital militaire de Cà-Mau
-- du Régiment d'Infanterie 37.
-- de la Division 13

ABBREVIATED PERSONAL HISTORY of Mr. NGUYEN XUAN OANH
Former Acting Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister
for Economy and Finance, Republic of VietNam

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Date and Place of Birth

July 14, 1921
Bac Ninh, North VietNam

Education

1945-49

Kyoto Imperial University, Kyoto,
Japan, B.A.

1950-52

Harvard University, Mass., USA,
M.A. in Economics

1952-54

Harvard University, Mass., USA,
Ph.D in Economics.

Experience

a. Teaching 1954-60

Harvard University, Cambridge,
Mass., USA
Wesleyan University, Middletown,
Conn., USA
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., USA

b. International Organization : 1960-63

International Monetary Fund, Washing-
ton, D.C. USA

c. Government: 1963-65

1963-65

Governor, National Bank of VietNam

1964-65

Deputy Prime Minister for Economy
and Finance, Republic of VietNam

1964 and 1965

Twice Acting Prime Minister, Repu-
blic of VietNam

d. Political and Professional Organizations. 1966 - present
President, National Institute of Eco-
nomic Development, Saigon

Feb. 1968 - present. Secretary General,
National Salvation Front, Saigon

May 1968 - present: Member, Presidium,
Alliance for Social Revolution, Saigon

Short biography of Mr. TRẦN VĂN AN

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Birth : 28.1.1903 An Giang South VietNam.

Family : Confucianist farmer's family.

Studies : Secondary French Lycee Chasseloup Laubat- Philosophy-France.

Religion : Buddhist-Caodaist

Profession : School-teacher. Journalist.

Activities :

- 1927. Promoter and Deputy Chairman of the 1st National Congress of the Indochinese Students in France.
- 1929 Attended the Kuomintang 3rd National Congress Nanking.
- 1939 Promoter of the People Nationalist Party.
- 1945 Promoter of the National Front Opposing the Communist Việt Minh.
- 1945 Promoter of the Việt Nam National Independence Party.
- 1947 Promoter of the Socialist-Democratic Party.
- 1953 Promoter of the National Congress Saigon.
- 1955 Political Counsellor of the National Forces Front opposing Diêm's regime.
- 1957 Sentenced to death by Diêm's Court. Kept the reclusion jail until 1964.
- 1965 Minister of Chiêu hồi (Open Arms).
- 1966 Chairman of the Committee for Drafting Const. Electoral Laws.
- 1966 Civilian Member of the National Leadership Committee.
- 1967 Speaking tour in Scandinavia-West Germany-London-India-Japan
- 1968 Minister of Information.

Editor of the daily Duoc Nha Nam. Tribune Indochinoise chief editor of the daily Dân Mới - Weekly Magazine Doi Moi (New Life) (best seller) etc.

Books written by Mr. Trần Văn An :

- First Steps in Politics
- Democracy - ONU.
- Democracy and Constitution.

BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR TRAN VAN LAM

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Born in Saigon, VietNam July 30, 1913

Married - 6 daughters - 3 sons

- 1939 : Graduated from Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy Hanoi University.
- 1952-1954 : Elected President Saigon City 3rd District Council.
- 1953-1954 : Board Member of National Coalition and Peace Front
- 1953-1955 : Chairman VietNam Citizens League.
- 1954-1956 : Governor of South Viet-Nam
- 1956 : President Constituent Assembly
- 1957 : President National Legislative Assembly
- 1957-1958 : Leader of Majority Group at the National Legislative Assembly.
- 1959-1961 : Reelected at National Legislative Assembly
Member Constitutional Court, Member Special Court of Justice.
- 1961-1964 : Ambassador of the Republic of Viet-Nam to Australia and to New Zealand
- 1967 : Senator of the Viet-Nam Congress
(Chairman of the Interior Committee)
(Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee)

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Chairman of the VietNam Council on Foreign Relations
- President of Commercial and Industrial Bank of VietNam
- Past President of Saigon Rotary Club.

Party: Xa Hoi Dan Chu (Doc Dem Party)

("Bloc" originally, under law, then a "group")

[Set on left - preempt position of Communists, who will surely participate in next Senate election in 1970.]

Senators - incl. Dang Van Dung, Phan Huy Quet,

Deputies - "Dan Dien" group, Dr. Luysa, Ngo Khac Tinh

Personalities - incl. Tran Quoc Bui, Tran Van Thuyen

Lam Thanh Nguyen (Hh of Chau Doc)

Ng. Bui Dien (2nd VP) (Cath)

Sung - Pres - but will become Sec Gen

Lam - 1st VP - " " " Pres.

[Lam + Sung principal financial backers]

Group has put three laws:

- 1) Agrarian Reform - urban + village
- 2) Social Security
- 3) Land reform - 2nd stage

ask for for texts & translations

Wants eventual contact + relay of Soc Dems of Germany + Japan (DLP = Shimpei Fujimaki)

~~Thien~~ 3 ~~laws~~? ~~Thien~~? ~~Thien~~? ~~Key~~?

Personal rels: Law has had no contact w/ Thien

Polit rels: w/ TV Don, Ng Xuan Oak - but not serious

There is also alliance of New (Tan) Dai Viet, under Ng Ton Hoan, supported Dzu

Thien knows of Lam's group, but keeps hands off policy

In Senate now have 32 followers

In House about 50

Lam insists he is not considered a Real Democrat, Never Can Lao

Too outside, influential but not active

Has too fast - trying