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Howard Waltman, Participant Director

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H.W. Hoyt, Chief, Police Administration Division

Trip to US by Lieut. Lien

You will recall that we originally proposed to the Director General of the VBI that Lieut. Lien, Head of the VBI Communications Section, be sent to the US on an observation trip for three months. The General verbally requested that this be extended to five months, to which we agreed. Recently, however, we noted by copy of his letter to the Minister of the Interior, that he requested the arrete and other routine procedures for a stay of three months.

In our conference of May 8, General La stated that he would like to have Lieut. Lien in the States as long as we would recommend and suggested six months. To this we agreed. He will take care of correcting the three month statement in his letter to the Minister; however, he stated this will be accomplished verbally rather than in writing.

General La specified that he would like to have Lieut. Lien receive training in the field of management and administration of an overall communications program, such as state police, large municipal police departments, etc. He pointed out he would not come back to be a radio technician, personally able to find troubles and repair them, but will have his training in the area of coordinating and administering police radio networks.

This division is now in the process of drawing up a recommended itinerary for Lieut. Lien's six months tour. This will be forwarded to you as soon as it is agreed upon.

cc: Coordinator
Chief Advisor
L.M. Rundlett

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Mr. Howard Hoyt, Chief
Police Administration Division

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Dr. Ralph N. Snodderly, Chief Advisor

Lien and Bundlett

After careful consideration, I feel it is very important that Lyman Bundlett not spend more than a maximum of ten days with Mr. Lien during Bundlett's forthcoming home leave in the United States. Aside from political considerations, we definitely need Bundlett's services in Saigon, and a period on duty status beyond a total of ten days would be unjustifiable.

I have also considered the question of automobile travel, and I would recommend that this be kept to a minimum in view of cost factors and the amount of time available.

I hope that in the near future you will be able to complete the itinerary for Mr. Lien and that we can get word to the Coordinator so that plans can be made at that end.

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cc: Mr. Bundlett
Mr. Walther
Coordinator

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TO: Elsie Cunningham
 FROM: Howard L. Waltman *Haw*
 SUBJECT: No. 134 -- Participant Lt. Do Thanh Liem

The Police Division has been planning on sending Lt. Do Thanh Liem, Chief of Communications at the Directorate General of Police and Security. Lt. Liem is the G.V.N. counterpart of Rundlett and Hemmye and is an extremely important person in the development of the communications program.

General La has agreed to a 6 month mission for Lt. Liem, beginning at the end of June. We are presently awaiting the decree making this official. All other formalities have been arranged.

The Police Division is presently considering the program to be followed by Lt. Liem in the U. S. Their general thinking is that he has sufficient technical competence, to be able to benefit by a complete observation program. They are considering a visit to Puerto Rico amongst other things.

As soon as the final aspects of the program are decided you will be informed. Attached is a copy of the Lt.'s bio-data.

More information will follow.

cc: Hoyt
 Rundlett

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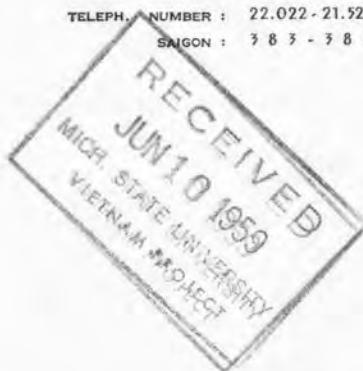
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TO : Elsie Cunningham
 FROM : Howard L. Waltman *HW*
 SUBJECT: No. 136 - Participant Liem.



Howard Hoyt's memo to me of 5/28, a copy of which was sent to the Coordinator, outlines the training recommendations for Lt. Liem's 6 month mission.

I would like to reiterate, and add several points for your guidance.

1. The objective of Lt. Liem's training is essentially to improve his competence as an administrator, and not as a technician. If, however, technical discussions, or training are felt to be necessary, they should be arranged, after discussion with the Lt.

Aug 3-7 — 2. The first 2-3 months of the training period should be spent in E. Lansing. Mr. Liem should study English part time and ~~observing~~ Police Communications at the Michigan State Police part time during this time. If Mr. Liem's schedule, and Mr. Rundlett's presence make the Puerto Rico trip advisable during this time you should feel free to adjust his schedule. The Coordinators office should take responsibility for making hotel and conference reservations for Rundlett and Liem at the APOC meeting in Denver. This visit should be coordinated with the communications people of the Michigan State Police who will be going.

3. The general pattern of observation visits during the remainder of the period following Puerto Rico, should seek to have Liem visit a few installations for longer periods of time.

4. We will arrange for the Honolulu stop enroute, and you should program him into Japan when returning.

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5. Lt. Liem will have had approximately 250 hours of English instruction by the time he leaves. He has made considerable progress but is still weak, especially in comprehension. English training during the initial period on campus is highly recommended.

cc: Hoyt

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June 10, 1959

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard L. Waltman *Haw*
SUBJECT: No. 141 - Participant Liem.

We have requested reservations for Lt. Liem of the General Directorate of Police and Security to leave Saigon on June 24th and to arrive in E. Lansing by the end of the month.

Howard Hoyt has recommended, and I agree, that it would be advisable to have Liem stop in Hawaii on his return rather than enroute, because of his difficulty with English as of this time.

We have encountered an administrative problem in GVN on Liem, that has caused us to officially agree to the trip being reduced from 6 to 3 months. However, we are assured that after his arrival in the U.S. we will be able to get a 3 month extension. You should proceed with his program on the assumption that he will remain for the full 6 months. We will be responsible for the mechanics of the extension.

cc: Hoyt
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TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: June 18, 1959
SUBJECT: Participant Liem (#204 - Ref: #141)

Please find attached a tentative itinerary I have worked out for part of Liem's stay in the United States. For the extended periods which we would presume Lt. Liem to spend at the State Police and the Detroit Police, I am contacting Gilbert Shelby to accompany him. All past experience points to the fact that anyone who is not accompanied will gain less from these visits, especially if they are longer than a day or two and are interested in going into some field in depth.