

April 6, 1959

Mr. Hoang Van Loc
c/o Mr. Robert J. Middleton
Program Analyst
Bureau of Program Evaluation
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of Administration
Governor's Office
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loc:

It is unfortunate that you did not inform either this office or Mr. Middleton in sufficient time to cancel the reservation he had made at the YMCA for your stay in Harrisburg. He called this morning wondering what had happened to you and evidently had not received your notification concerning the delayed arrival. I feel that I am very responsible since you evidently had great difficulties obtaining a reservation from Chattanooga to Harrisburg a problem I did not anticipate.

I have just been to the post office regarding a parcel which you mailed before going to Tennessee. Evidently this was received in San Francisco in damaged condition and they ascertained that the contents therein were not as described on your declaration sheet. The gentleman at the post office informs me that you will need to list every article in the parcel including the kind of material that it is made of and indicating purchase and current value, etc. He mentioned that they had found things other than clothing in this parcel and that it was not acceptable by them for shipment under these conditions. To further identify this package the postage paid was \$4.69. I shall bring this to the office and await your instructions concerning its disposition. Also please find enclosed a letter for you which arrived today and a reminder that I forwarded some mail to you on Friday, care of the YMCA in Harrisburg.

Please find enclosed also copies of the remainder of my letters to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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Y. M. C. A. Hotel
Harrisburg, Pa.
April 7 - 1959

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I came here yesterday afternoon after a very intolerable flight from Chattanooga. Because I am always very sensitive to airsickness - so this trip was a genuine fortune for me - During 4 hours I did not cease to vomit for many times, and to day, I am still feeling the disastrous consequences of this airsickness which became real sickness - in short -

May I take this opportunity to suggest you to send me, in the future, exclusively tickets for Greyhound bus, for my next trips in every place until my returning home?

I am planning to leave Harrisburg next Saturday but I am not sure whether I will stay in Philadelphia or Willow Groves so please, Miss Cunningham, wait for my next letter which will inform you about my future location, before sending or forwarding any mail for me.

By the way, I do not think that it would be necessary henceforth to ask anyone to make arrangements for housing for me, even at the Y. M. C. A. hotels - It is very easy for me to find out by myself the convenient and proper place to stay.

Sincerely yours
Hoangvanhae

Ymca Hotel
Harrisburg - Pa -
April - 18 - 1959

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Thank you very much for these last two mails - I think that you realize now, that I have taken the precaution to inform you and Mr. Middleton, by air-mail, of this delay which was completely independent from my will -

About the post parcels, I must avow to you that, before leaving Fort Lauring, I have sent many of such a parcel containing mainly used clothes. Indeed I have put inside some trifles without any value under the declaration:

"Box containing used clothes and miscellaneous without any commercial value"

In any case, I haven't shipped any unlawful or prohibited items; besides it was practically impossible for me to enumerate exactly the complete list of contents with their value -

I am very annoyed because I expect

that they will return to you, by the same way, many other and similar packages.

And I am very sorry, Dear Miss Cunningham, for this disturbance caused to you. Please, accept my found apologies.

Now, may I propose you 2 following suggestions for the settlement of this pending matter?

First - Will you, Miss Cunningham, accept, to ship all my packages refused by the Post Office through the channel of the Michigan State University Advisory Group at Saigon for me? Naturally, I engage myself to pay any extra charge for the shipment of all exceeding load of 22 pounds you promised to ship free to Saigon for all of us.

Second: In the case of the reject of the first proposition, may I ask you to put this package and the others one, if any, in some closet or warehouse depending on your office, awaiting for my eventual return to the Campus in order to settle

the problem by myself -

Next July, when going from Toronto to Chicago I think that I may have a stopover in Detroit - By the way, may I ask you, Miss Cunningham, a favour? I would like profit of this opportunity to come back again to East Lansing in order:

1st - To bid good-bye to you to Dr. Steinbaum, to Mrs. de Koning, to Pastor Williams and many other good friends

2nd - To settle definitely the question above-mentioned.

I do like to make this farewell visit to this very nice and lovely place where I lived during these last 6 months and whose souvenirs still remain precious and profound for me.

In these conditions, may I hope, dear Miss Cunningham, that you do not see any objection to this second proposition?

I am very anxious of receiving your favorable answer. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours
Hoang Tran Lee

London Hotel
Philadelphia - Pa
April 13 - 1959

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I have just contacted Mr. Evans in his office at Willow Grove - and I will spend this week with him. Mr. Evans has especially urged me to stay at Philadelphia and to go each morning here by train and to be back in the afternoon. Because of the shortage of good hotels in this locality, it seems to be the best solution to choose. So do I.

Then from now until the 24th of this month, please, Miss Cunningham, send or forward my mails to this address:

Hoang - van - Loe
London Hotel - Room 47
106-108 North 15th Street -
Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours

Hoangvan Loe

P.S. They have made some reservation for me at the Y. M. C. A. But because of the fact that I was given a room in the 13th floor; I had to move quickly because, as you know, I was sick with these rapid elevators.

London Hotel is located in the same block. And I am lodged in the 2nd floor.

April 14, 1959

Mr. Hoang Van Loc
London Hotel -Room 47
106 - 108 North 15th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loc:

Thank you for your letter of April 13th regarding your stay in Philadelphia. Now that I have your address I am able to send your per diem check and mail from home (under separate cover). I am also enclosing our latest memorandum.

I am sure that part of the difficulty in Harrisburg was due to the necessity to compress your program to fit into four days rather than five. It is not unusual for participants to realize once they have left campus that it is much more difficult to speak English and be constantly with people during the average work day. I believe that you can now see, that in themselves - field trips are more wearing than work here on the campus.

As to the solution for the things that have returned from San Francisco, I agree with you that the second solution would seem to be the best. Please find enclosed copies of my letters to Albany including a recommendation that you stay at International House in Albany. I am also enclosing a thermofax copy of Mr. Hoff's answer to my request for one week's program at the Civil Service Commission. In addition, please find several more labels should you accumulate a sufficient quantity of books and documents - so that you can send these directly to Vietnam rather than have them mailed to East Lansing.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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Enc: Sales slip
 (2) thermofax ltrs
 (2) cc ltrs
 (1) memo
 Mailing labels

April 14, 1959

Mr. Hoang Van Loc
London Hotel - Room 47
106 - 108 North 15th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loc:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from April 16th to the 30th, and three letters from home which I was unable to forward until I received your present address.

Another letter with mailing labels, a memorandum, and copies of business letters is on its way to you in the regular mail.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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