

August 5, 1959

Miss Vo Hong Loc
Stratford Hotel
San Francisco,
California

Dear Loc:

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter I received from the University of California at Los Angeles. This confirms their agreement to your visit.

We shall send you a copy of your report after it has been typed. However, I would like to point out that these reports should contain more information. It is all well and good to know which libraries you recommend other participants visit, the physical setting of the library, and the attitude of the personnel, but for a more meaningful report I would appreciate some comments of a more specific nature. As you probably know, these reports will be circulated to the relevant person in the M.S.U. Group in Saigon. This is the only way Saigon has of knowing what you are gaining from these visits.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

August 6, 1959

Miss Vo Hong Loc
Stratford Hotel
San Francisco 2,
California

Dear Loc:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from August 16th through the 31st.

Also enclosed is the necessary paper you need to clear with the Internal Revenue Bureau. The procedure in this case is to go to the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the last week or two before leaving the United States and obtain the necessary clearance.

I might also remind you that if you have not had a Cholera shot, you will need this to complete your immunization record before leaving the country. You can obtain the inoculation at no expense from the U. S. Public Health Service in San Francisco at 15th Avenue and Lake Street. They will probably request some identification such as your ICA identity card.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:mm

August 14, 1959

Miss Vo Hong Loc
The Stratford Hotel
San Francisco 2,
California

Dear Loc:

I received your note of August 12th indicating the limousine and taxi expenses during your field trip. Frankly, I was surprised at the amounts of these fares. Particularly in the cases of Chicago and Washington where I have had occasion to travel between the airport and the downtown district. Even if this amount includes taxi fare from a central point to a particular hotel, the taxi drivers must have given you a sightseeing tour enroute. I am sure that these fares would be questioned by the business office in the light of the amounts we have paid to other people for the same cities. We are holding this pending further word from you.

I have received your certificate and will forward it to you today. In addition, I am wondering if we should include Gardner's book on classification with those books which have arrived since you departed when we send them to Saigon.

I am glad you are enjoying your stay in San Francisco and I am sorry I didn't think to warn you how cool it is. I had the same experience myself during my stay there last year.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Program Director

EMC:nm

P.S. Elsie co hoi Ch. ve tien taxi, le tat nhien la Ch. chua di den dau thi biet sao ro duoc, nhung so sanh tien L. da tra voi tien cua can ong "participant" khac da tra cung nhung chuyen di ay thi co le L. da bi tui lai xe taxi no bip the nao nen dua di loanh quanh moi phai tra nhieu the. Business Office hoi nay ho can than lam, neu co gi hoi khac la ho gui tra lai giay lam "reimbursement" va hoi ro ret. L. lieu the nao cho tien thi tra loi ngay de ho lam giay cho chong.

S. Fr. August 26. 57

Dear Elsie

I think that you had good time last few weeks, because ^{of your} many old friends went back to East Lansing and you had tasted good vietnamese food too, didn't you?

I would like to add some specific thing to your cooking in sending you some chicken fancy noodle which I didn't find in East Lansing. I hope you will like it. I had the occasion to cook the fancy noodle with chicken ^{here} gizzard and my friends like to

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eat that very much. Ask Chan
to prepare ^{some fish} for you.

I ~~will~~ finish my internship
here on Friday. Today I went
having a yellow fever ^{shot} at Public
health service ^{but} not the Cholera shot.
They said that I have to see my
private doctor! I don't know
any, here they don't give Cholera shot.

I was informed that I have
to have Japanese, and Philippine
visas. So I think I will go to
The Consulate of those nations
some day before leaving.

Tomorrow I will go to
visit Berkeley library. ~~which~~
This visit

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was arranged by Mr. Donald
Dawson at the Cataloging Dept
of SE State College. I think that
I must not miss that, so I asked
them to arrange for me this
visit. I had visited the Asia
Foundation ^{library} too.

I have forgot to ask you
last time about Gardner's
classification. Does that
book belong to me? ~~the~~

~~the~~ any books belonged
to me, please send them
to Saigon.

I have heard that ~~Dorsey~~
Dr. Dorsey is back to East
Laos now, is ~~at~~ that true?

I just received a letter from
home ^{waiting} that my mother is in
Saigon now and waiting for
me there, I am very anxious
to get home, ^{and} ~~I intended~~ ^{not}
to stop in Manila, but I think
I will, so would you write to
(mrs) Ty and ask her to meet me there,
but meantime, I would like to have
her address ^{too}, would you send it to
me soon as possible, I will write ^{to} her
*. If you have any suggestion about
where to stay in Hanoi, please don't
hesitate to send to me. I will be very glad to
hear from you about that.
I must close for now -
my best regards -
Vohongbe

August 26, 1959

Miss Vo Hong Loc
The Stratford Hotel
San Francisco 2,
California

Dear Loc:

Please find your last per diem check enclosed. This is for September 1st through the 11th.

I suggest that you try and get an accommodation at the Islander Hotel in Honolulu. If that is not possible, the Beach Walk Inn, where I stayed several years ago, is also a relatively inexpensive hotel.

Ti has just moved and her address is now:

Miss Tang Thi Ti
c/o Dr. Eleanor Elequin
T. 1, Area I
Diliman, Rizal
The Philippines

I have written to her giving her your arrival date and time in Manila.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Program Director

EMC:mm

Saigon Sept 24. 59

Dear Elsie,

I have changed my schedule when I arrived in Tokyo. I was tried to travel, so I shorted my trip. I got home a week earlier.

I was so happy to see my family again. There also Mrs Heyman and Mr. Sine at the airport too.

Saigon is in the raining season, but it's sometimes hot. The climate is uncomfortable and because of the change of the weather I got sick a week ago.

After one year, Saigon has many changes: many new and modern houses were built, and there are many progress in the handicrafts which are very beautiful.

When I was in Tokyo, I met Thi. I didn't know that I took the same plane with him to go to Saigon.

he went on just class!

I was sorry that I couldn't see Mr Watman because he's back and left Saigon the morning when I saw Mr Smuckler.

I ate dinner with Miss Hayman last Monday. She said that she will leave Saigon within five weeks (from now). Kim Sa started to work the next day of my arrival here. She said ^{that} she is the "director" of N.I.A. ^{Library}

I am still in Saigon, waiting for leaving from Father Duam!

I ~~was~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ sick a ~~week~~ ~~ago~~, so I felt sad and I missed the States very much, I wish I could go back to the states!

I hope to hear from you something
Best regards

Vahonghor

October 7, 1959

Miss Vo Hong Loc
9 Dinh Do Linh
Hue,
Vietnam

Dear Loc:

Thank you for your letter of September 24th which was very welcome. I am sorry that you were so tired that you felt unable to go to Manila and Hong Kong, but I know you were anxious to see your family once again.

Just after everyone left I finally was forced into moving and can now easily entertain more than three people at a time. In fact, either the living room or kitchen of my new apartment is as big as the whole apartment at 335 Linden Street. In another few weeks we should be finally settled and have found a place for everything. I am sharing this apartment with Ann Allen, one of the girls who works at College Travel, and we are both pleased to be within a few blocks of our respective offices.

We received a distinct shock when the World Bibliography of Bibliographies that you ordered arrived. The cost was world shaking, but we have no alternative except to accept them as the company has refused to take these four volumes back. This will teach me in the future to investigate the cost of things before ordering.

I hope that by the time this reaches you you will have heard from Father Luan and the University of Hue.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

Saigon 18. 4. 60

Dear Elsie,

I got your letter long time ago but I have been so busy lately that I could not keep up my correspondence. Thousand apologies.

First I have to tell you that I am staying in Saigon and am interested in a special library at the University of Saigon. This is a small library but does not have any librarian since two years ago.

Please don't be surprised or think that I have changed my mind as Mr. Watman after thought so about me.

I want to be useful to my country and since all libraries here belong to the government, it does not matter too much where I should work. Furthermore, the University library seems to have a very adequate staff (including Miss Nguyen in the near future), so I decided to work for this library in Saigon which needs a librarian badly.

I am still waiting for the employment procedure to go through, for these usually take long time.

Now how have you been since you got the new apartment? I bet you had good time with Vietnamese cooking and new participants. This reminds me of Mr. Thoi whom I saw one day getting off the car and entering the hotel with a majestic manner without looking at me. He seems to be very important and busy with his job. So I guess he has no

time to see his friends. Have you often heard from him?

I just received your "letter to participants", dated December 8, 59, you sent me to the University of Hue. I got it late because I have changed my address. Please write or forward my mail (in case I have any) to the following address:

V. H. Lo

41 Bui Thi Xuan, Saigon VN.

I was very glad to be informed of every event of Vietnam Project at M.S.U. Thanks to the letter I learned that you got a Volkswagon, you are lucky, I would ~~be~~ love to see you in your new car!

I hope you will forgive my long silence, please write me whenever you can.

Affectionately yours

Vohary

May 12, 1960

Miss Vo Hong Loc
41 Bui Thi Xuan
Saigon,
Vietnam

Dear Loc:

Thank you for your letter of April 18th. Although Chau has mentioned from time to time that she has heard from you, in the near future she will no longer be able to relay such information as she expects to leave M.S.U. after her graduation in June.

Ti has graduated from the University of the Philippines and will soon return to Vietnam. Kim Sa will probably now be sent to the Philippines to complete her degree.

I just heard that Julie Heymann is expected in East Lansing over the weekend. I am not at all sure that I shall see her though, as this is the weekend for International Festival, and in addition I have about two or three other things I must do. Chau and several others are going to sing a Vietnamese song for the Festival in addition to a booth.

We had spring weather for a few days but it is presently rainy and dreary out again. I understand it has been very hot in Saigon and those who have recently returned home seem to wish that they were still enjoying the cool climate of Michigan.

Best of luck in your job.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

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