

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

October 6, 1958

Mr. Alexander D. Calhoun
Vice President
The First National City Bank of New York
Wall Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

We have recently been discussing with Mr. Pham Quang Pham his program during the year he will be in the United States as a participant under the sponsorship of the Vietnam Project. He has indicated that the Governor of the National Bank of Vietnam wishes him to spend approximately nine months of this period in training at your bank.

Mr. Pham is the Assistant of Mr. Le Phat Dat, Foreign Department, Banque Nationale du Viet Nam, Saigon, and met you while you were in Saigon. Since he is presently enrolled at the University I would like to suggest that Mr. Pham start training in Investment Banking at your bank either around December 16th or 17th or else after the first of the year.

Any suggestions you might have regarding suitable places where Mr. Pham might seek accommodations for this period would certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

October 16, 1958

TO: Howard Waltman, Participant Program Director

FROM: Elsie Cunningham

SUBJECT: Mr. Pham's Training at the First National City Bank of New York

Please find attached a letter from Mr. Rodgers which I believe is self explanatory. Also please find attached my answer.

The First National City Bank of New York

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55 Wall Street, New York 15, N.Y.

October 14, 1958

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Miss Elsie Cunningham, Administrative Assistant
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Cunningham:

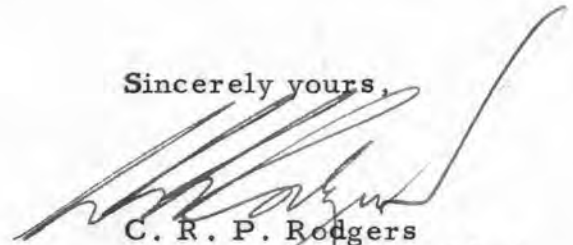
I have your letter of October 6 addressed to Mr. Alexander D. Calhoun, Vice President, regarding Mr. Pham. From time to time we take in training young men from our correspondent banks abroad. As a matter of fact at the present time we have in training a fellow countrymen of Mr. Pham's, Mr. Vilte Gy.

As a rule we like to receive from the sponsoring bank an indication of its desire to have young men placed in training with us. We do this in the best interest of that bank. We will be perfectly happy to write the Banque Nationale due Viet Nam, Saigon and tell them of your suggestion and ask them if they would like to have us do this or, if you would prefer to write them directly, we will be pleased to hear from them. We shall be happy to do this in any way you think best.

I notice that you say that you would like to have him start training in Investment Banking. Certainly we can help him along on commercial banking lines. We will be looking forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. P. Rodgers
Assistant Vice President
Overseas Division-Personnel

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October 16, 1958

RE: CRPR

Mr. C. R. P. Rodgers
Assistant Vice President
Overseas Division-Personnel
The First National City Bank of New York
55 Wall Street
New York 15, New York

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Thank you for your letter of October 15, 1958 regarding training for Mr. Pham.

I am requesting Mr. Howard Waltman, the Director of our Participant Program in Saigon to contact the Banque Nationale due Viet Nam, asking them to write to you requesting this training for Mr. Pham.

Sincerely yours,



Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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cc: Howard Waltman - Director
Participant Program
Saigon, Vietnam

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Elsie
Pham's file

October 31, 1958

Mr. Tran Huu Phuong, Governor
National Bank of Vietnam
17 Quai Chuong Duong
Saigon, Vietnam



Dear Mr. Governor:

We have recently received a request from our Vietnam Project Coordinator's office at Michigan State University concerning the participant training of Mr. Pham-Quang-Pham, a staff member within the Foreign Banking Department of the National Bank of Vietnam. Mr. Pham, who is now studying economics at Michigan State University under our participant program, is beginning to plan the portion of his training which will be non-academic. In making arrangements for this portion of Mr. Pham's study, we find that it becomes necessary to request some assistance from you.

We are informed that a letter directly from you to the First National City Bank of New York is needed. This letter should request the First National City Bank as a correspondent bank to arrange training for Mr. Pham. Your letter should be addressed to Mr. C. R. P. Rogers, Assistant Vice President, Overseas Division - Personnel.

A similar letter would also be useful to the International Monetary Fund and the National Bank for Reconstruction and Development. I am not at this time able to give you the exact dates that Mr. Pham will visit these organizations. However, a general request for training will, I believe, be sufficient. Would you please send me copies of the letters you write to each of these organizations so that I can inform our Coordinator in East Lansing.

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I believe you would be pleased with Mr. Pham's work as a participant. During the period of English training, prior to departure, he demonstrated a sincere desire to learn and to broaden his professional competence. The National Bank of Vietnam has in Mr. Pham a very fine representative in the United States.

I will keep you informed of his progress while he is away, and I hope that you will feel free to make suggestions or comments on the training he is receiving.

Please accept, Mr. Governor, the assurances of my high esteem.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph H. Smuckler
Chief Advisor

cc: Wattman

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November 13, 1958

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Miss Elsie Cunningham, Administrative Assistant
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Cunningham:

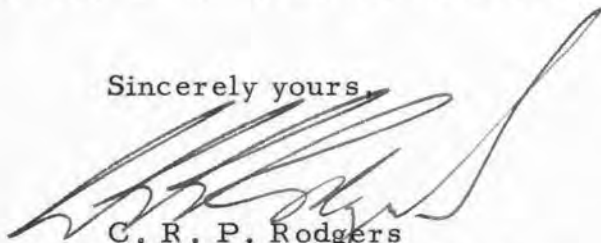
Re: Mr. PHAM QUANG PHAM

Further to our correspondence regarding Mr. Pham, I am happy to advise you that in the course of our discussion at luncheon today that Mr. Nguyen Huu Hanh, General Manager of the National Bank of Viet Nam looked with favor upon Mr. Pham spending some time with us in New York.

He pointed out certain questions which he felt should be answered and which we would like to discuss with him before any final arrangement is made. I would like to know when Mr. Pham will be through his curriculum at Michigan State University. Also, how much longer his visa would allow him to stay in this country and what specific plans Mr. Pham might have.

Once we have this information we will then be able to determine what sort of training will be best for Mr. Pham. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. P. Rodgers
Assistant Vice President
Overseas - Personnel

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November 26, 1958

C. R. P. Rodgers
Assistant Vice President
Overseas - Personnel
The First National City Bank of New York
55 Wall Street
New York 15, New York

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

With regard to Mr. Pham's work here at the University -
the term will be completed December 12th.

At present I am hoping that Mr. Pham may be able to spend a week or two at the offices of the International Monetary Fund and the Bank for Reconstruction and Development in Washington, D. C. However, if it is not convenient for him to visit these organizations at this time I shall let you know and perhaps he could start immediately with your bank.

Mr. Pham's visa is good until September 1959 and will only require extension of the entry permit following the first six months period of his stay.

He, therefore, will be at the Bank from January 5th onward if this is convenient. The specialization that we have been requested to seek for Mr. Pham is in Investment Banking. In your talk with Governor Hanh and Mr. Pham, after his arrival, perhaps a more ideal training program can be set up than through the vague idea of Investment Banking.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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December 11, 1958

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Miss Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

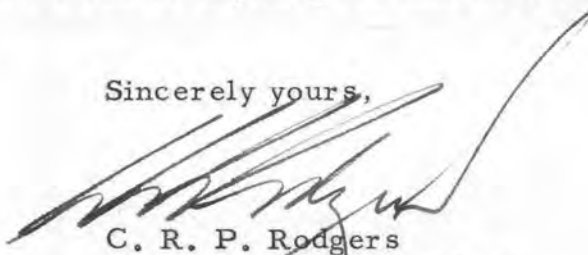
Dear Miss Cunningham:

This is in response to your letter of November 26 regarding Mr. Pham.

As we have not heard from you since November 26, I presume that we may expect Mr. Pham in the Bank on January 5. We look very much forward to having Mr. Pham with us.

Would you please give him the enclosed copy of this letter and ask him to get in touch with us if we can do anything for him here in New York, prior to his arrival.

Sincerely yours,



C. R. P. Rodgers
Assistant Vice President
Overseas Division - Personnel

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CC: Mr. Pham Viet Gy

Enclosure