

September 1, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
154 Hicks Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed the refund check for your rail travel for your last trip to Canada. Also find enclosed a copy of your last report.

Also, we have recently received word from Saigon indicating that your extension has been approved.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

September 8, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
154 Hicks Street
Brooklyn,
New York

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed Mr. William Shafer's reply to my letter.

As suggested, I am including a round-trip rail ticket from Knoxville to Chattanooga for your use in visiting the electric power operations.

Please find enclosed the tickets for your trip.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:zm

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 4, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Program Director
Vietnam Project, Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan


Dear Miss Cunningham:

Thank you for your letter of August 26 concerning the TVA visit in October of Mr. Pham Quang Pham of Vietnam.

We will be happy to arrange a schedule for him, and we will be expecting him at this office about 9:00 or 9:30 Monday morning, October 5. If he is particularly interested in TVA's electric power operations, he should have a travel request or adequate cash to travel by train, plane, or bus to Chattanooga for a day or two.

We hope you will find occasion to visit Knoxville again one of these days.

Sincerely,


William A. Shafer
Information Staff

September 11, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
154 Hicks Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed your per diem check. I hope that you will have a pleasant trip to Washington and the South. Where do you expect to stay - just in case we need to reach you.

You might not be surprised to learn that "Thoi" received a complementary hotel room and also a space on the first jet flight from Honolulu to Tokyo - he will get back to Saigon broke no doubt but feeling as if it were worth every cent - perhaps that is a better way.

I shall be moving shortly and am only sorry that so many people have left already and will not be able to enjoy my spacious new apartment (with roommate from the College Travel Office).

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

New York September 14, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Program Director
MSU, Viet Nam Project

Dear Elsie,

I have received the tickets for my trip and your post card from Upper Peninsula. Thanks. I visited your father on Labor Day and learnt that you were in vacation there. Your father and step-mother were very interested in the customs and economic conditions of Viet Nam. I promised them to come back again once more before I go home.

Please find enclosed my report #5 on the FNCB. I guess that you have sent all my preceding reports to the National Bank of Viet Nam.

Incidentally, have you requested an extension for my air ticket? It expires on September 19.

I'll send you a big package of books - mostly novels - because they are too heavy to carry. Please have it kept until my return to East Lansing.

I am deeply concerned about the military developments in Laos, and hope that

the recent UN intervention will make
Communist China and North Viet Nam
reconsider their policy.

I received Thoi's letter from
Los Angeles. He seemed eager to go home.

Sincerely,

Pham

P.S. I am enclosing a proforma invoice of the
Wall Street Journal, for subscription beginning
October 10, 1959. I wonder whether or not I
may get the extension of this subscription
until November 25.

September 17, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
c/o Vietnam Embassy
2251 R Street, N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

Dear Pham:

I inquired at ICA about the rumor that returned to campus with the returning participants concerning the elimination of the area differentials in the per diem rates. Although this has not yet been made official, they felt that probably beginning November 1st, all participants will receive \$8 a day when on resident-status, no matter what city is involved. The \$12 a day travel rate would still be in effect.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

Washington DC September 18, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Training Program Director
MSU, Viet Nam Project

Dear Elsie,

I have been with the Fund since September 18. They give me a lot of material to read and discuss. Unfortunately I was requested by the National Bank of Viet Nam to serve the Vietnamese Delegation as secretary during the Meeting of the governors of the Fund and the Bank; so my training is reduced to 8 working days, and Mr Liang said that I can stay here for one or two years! Perhaps a few years later I'll apply for 6-month training under the sponsorship of the IMF.

I am waiting for your cheque.

Sincerely,

P. Q. Pham

Hotel Clyde
714 17th N.W.

Room 11

September 22, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
The Clyde Hotel
711 1/2 - 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed a copy of your latest report.

Doris mentioned yesterday that you expected to be in East Lansing for Thanksgiving. I presume that this is enroute to the west coast before going to Tokyo.

I am sorry that you do not have more time to devote to working at the Fund, but I hope you will have sufficient time to make the trip to TVA and Williamsburg before returning to New York.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:rm

September 25, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
The Clyde Hotel
714 - 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from October 1st through the 15th.

Also enclosed is a participant memorandum. Although I know that ordinarily in New York you have little contact with the other participants, there has been quite a fuss raised by Mrs. Bach-Lan concerning participant travel. There is no difficulty in my eyes to justify your trip to TVA, but I would appreciate your not necessarily advertising the fact. The same is true for your Canadian trip. Unfortunately, we have people asking for the moon as if it were a right!

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:rm

Washington DC
October 3, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
MSU, Vietnam Project, E. Lansing

Dear Elsie,

I am enclosing my report #6 on foreign investments in Asia and the Far East. I read documents and articles on the organization, background of the organization and functioning of the Fund, and discussed with the Fund experts on these questions. I would be a very long report to write about the Fund. So I had rather concentrate on a particular subject although it is still ~~very~~ superficial.

I am terribly sorry not ~~being~~ able to study the method of collecting and computing data. At the present time no one in Viet Nam can do ^{properly} this job in accordance with the Fund and Bank's pattern. Specifically I was in charge of ~~data~~ gathering and calculating the monetary and exchange reserves of Viet Nam for the Fund. At any rate, I could not get everything in such a short time in Washington. My last week in Washington was very tiring owing to the Viet Nam delegation's activities.

As I told you previously, I intended to be with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from October 13 to November 27. But since November 26 is Thanksgiving Day, I prefer cutting short one day, and take the early train for Lansing on that holiday and will arrive in the evening. So I'll celebrate Thanksgiving on the train although a family in New York has invited ^{me} to be with them on Thanksgiving.

Miss Elsie Cunningham, page 2

I would like to stay in MSU for four days, and then take the plane for Oregon on December 1st and stay at the University of Oregon until Dec. 4 inclusive. My last trip will be from Oregon to Tokyo and visit the Bank of Japan for a couple of weeks (until December 19)

The reason why I want to visit the University of Oregon is this: Dr. Richard W. Lindholm, dean of the School of Business Administration was in Viet Nam for two years and I had collaborated with him in studying the fiscal system of Viet Nam. Now I hope to see him and discuss with him on a few subjects such as: Taxation and investment banking; Taxation and central banking, etc... I'll write to him to get his green light.

But another fact beyond my control just happened! The Managing Director of my Bank who participated in the Fund and Bank's Meeting last week expressed his desire to take me with him during the Consultation between the Vietnamese delegation and the IMF on the exchange regulation of Viet Nam, for a week beginning around mid-December. I reluctantly promised him to ask you if it is desirable and recommendable to extend my overseas stay so that I will be able to visit the Foreign Department of the Bank of Japan for at least 2 weeks. If so, my boss shall send to you an official request. Otherwise I prefer to stick to the foregoing schedule and visit the Bank of Japan for two weeks until December 19.

My wife will certainly be glad to see Doris' friend. She is staying now ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ my mother's house.

LE VAN DUYET

120 Le van Duet, Saigon.

I'll let you know my new address as soon as I return to New York city.

Sincerely
Pham

P.S. I already received your cheque thanks.