

New York October 13, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Partington District
MSU - Viet Nam Project
East Lansing Michigan

Dear Elsie

I just returned to New York and live at the same place. My trip to the South was enjoyable and very informative. I see that your country also has an immense possibility of economic and agricultural expansion. Your trouble is overpopulation, and hence a lot of things from them. For instance is a beautiful country. A British visitor told me that the landscape around Hanoi was as beautiful with that of in Switzerland. TVA shows to the world that the American economy which is predominantly capitalistic can succeed in a piece of socialism without going through a process of error and trials. Williamsonburg fascinated me in every way. These Americans who take the U.S. as a model should go there to see how their forefathers worked up their way to the present well being. I appreciate very much your involvement for my Southern trip.

Sincerely

Pham

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File: my report #7

October 16, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
154 Hicks Street
Brooklyn 1,
New York

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from October 16th through the 31st. It is now official that the per diem rate is being reduced from \$10.00 a day to a standard \$8.00 for all participants except those on travel status.

I am not surprised that you enjoyed your trip through Tennessee. It is one of the prettiest parts of the country, and you need only go a few miles out of Knoxville before you begin to see that beautiful countryside. Undoubtedly you had a much better chance to see the countryside than those of us who went from here to Knoxville and then only very briefly into the Smokie Mountains. I must confess that for all my traveling, I have never been to Williamsburg, but it certainly points up the fact that American homes were not always full of labor-saving gadgets and that people did not always have a car to take them to the store, etc.

I have given Doris your wife's address and I am sure that as soon as she has the opportunity she will write to Jane Erickson and ask her to visit your wife. Thoi has visited Chau's mother several times but has always missed finding her at home.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

October 21, 1959

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

Dear Pham:

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

Are you receiving the Wall Street Journal as you requested?
I put in the papers for the extension of your subscription,
but I do not know whether or not you are currently receiving
it.

Since I do not know how to reach you, I would appreciate
your calling my family the latter part of next week. I am
planning to leave on vacation either this weekend or next
weekend and will surely let them know in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:rm

October 21, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
154 Hicks Street
Brooklyn 1,
New York

Dear Pham:

We received your card today indicating that you have not received your per diem check for the latter part of October. Please find enclosed the thermofax of my letter to you dated October 16th in which I enclosed your check. This letter was sent by registered mail, and you should have received it by this time.

If, you still have not received this letter with your check, please let me know and I will try to put a tracer on your check.

Earlier today I sent out your per diem check for the period of November 1st through 15th - I hope you receive this in good time.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:rm

New York October 24, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
MSU, Viet Nam Project

Dear Elsie,

I already received two cheques: \$150
and \$120. Thanks.

With regard to the Wall Street Journal
I have presumed your silence to my request
a "no"; so when I received their bill
for a second time on October 12, I told
them ~~to~~ stop sending the newspaper and
they did. Please tell them to send
it again, since you have paid for it.

I'll call your parents on next ~~Thursday~~ ^{Friday}
evening around 6:30 PM about your arrival
in New Jersey. I wish to invite you to have
dinner with me at the New York Times Restaurant.

I look~~ing~~ forward to seeing you next weekend.

Sincerely

Pham

P.S. Please let your parents know when I call
meet you at the NY Times Building/main floor
for lunch or dinner.

November 5, 1959

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

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period
from November 16th through the 30th.

I have checked on your subscription to the Wall Street Journal
and the purchasing department here is going to check further
on this as you should be receiving it. I shall let you know
as soon as we hear further on this.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Maddalozzo
Secretary to Elsie Cunningham

November 10, 1959

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

Dear Pham:

I checked again yesterday on the Wall Street Journal and our records indicate that the order was sent out on October 3rd with the address indicated as Room 3 - 154 Hicks Street. In any case, I should hear in a day or two as I have asked them to write again regarding this matter.

I have just requested your travel from New York to Lansing and from here to Oregon and Tokyo. I suggest that you get a Japanese visa before you leave New York.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

November 12, 1959

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

Dear Pham:

College Travel just called to give me the total cost on travel from New York to Lansing by train. Since this travel would be first-class pullman, the cost is greater than that of air travel. Therefore, I am not in a position to send you by rail since this fare exceeds the air fare.

Please let me know what time of day you would like us to make your air reservations, unless you wish to travel by rail coach. I am very sorry and I hope you are not too disappointed by this change.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

THIRTY THREE LIBERTY STREET
NEW YORK 45, N. Y.

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
MSU, Viet Nam Project
East Lansing, Michigan

November 12, 1959

Dear Elsie,

I am enclosing the first part of my report #8
one the Foreign Department of the Fed of New York; the
last part will be fairly long, but it would be Henry's
last ordeal!

I went to the Consulate General of Japan
this morning in order to obtain my visa for Tokyo. The
Visa Office required me my airline ticket or the your
statement certifying that MSU will sponsor my visit at
the Bank of Japan for a couple of weeks, begin-
ning around ^{early} December. Please send your statement
to the Consulate General of Japan, Visa Office,
3 East 54 Street, New York, and advise me
accordingly.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely
Pham

New York November 16, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
MSU, Viet Nam Project
E. Lansing, Michigan

Dear Elsie,

Thank you for your letter informing the train ticket. In fact, when requesting my trip by train to Michigan I didn't have the idea to go by pullman. It's only a one-day trip (not a 10-day trip as my travel in Canada last Summer) and I want to enjoy the American rail coach for the last time. I'll ~~probably~~ take the night train in order to have more time in E. Lansing.

Sincerely
Pham

P.S. I've just received from my bank in Saigon a letter of introduction to the Bank of Tokyo. I hope I'll be able to arrive in Tokyo around December 5.

November 18, 1959

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

Dear Pham:

I have called College Travel and they will forward to you the necessary rail ticket by the end of the week. I have also reserved a room for you at Armstrong Hall. However, it will be necessary for me to pick up the key on the 25th as the dormitory will not have anyone on the desk on Thanksgiving Day.

Doris will not be here on Thanksgiving but has tentatively invited the pastor and his wife for dinner on Friday evening. She will leave her children with her mother in Grand Rapids on Friday as she intends to return there on the weekend. A lovely engagement ring officially announces an engagement which has been more or less secret since last September.

According to the current plan you will arrive in Eugene on the evening of the 30th and leave from Portland on the evening of the 4th. Please find enclosed a copy of my letter to the Lindholms.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

New York November 19, 1959

Dear Elsie,

The Japanese are so suspicious and stubborn. Your word "sponsorship" does not have a financial meaning to them; even my ICA papers do not imply that you'll cover my travel expenses!

Please state that you're holding my air ticket, and you'll pay my air travel from here to Japan and Viet Nam, and send your statement direct to me.

I'm sorry about that.

Sincerely,

Pham



THE SHERATON-PARK HOTEL

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

New York November 19, 1959

Dear Elaine,

I am waiting for your statement destined for the Consulate General of Japan in New York. This statement certifies that MSU will sponsor my visit to the Bank of Tokyo for approximately two weeks, beginning early December 1959, and MSU will pay for my airline ticket from the U.S. to Japan and from Japan to Saigon. I cannot leave New York without a visa for Tokyo.

You can send this statement directly to me.

Sincerely,

Pham

November 20, 1959

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

Dear Pham:

You should have received my duplicate copy of the letter I submitted to the Japanese Consul as per your request earlier this week. However, in case you need it, here is another original copy of this letter.

Please find enclosed a typed copy of your last report.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

November 23, 1959

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

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed the letter you need for the Japanese Consulate. I am sorry that this happened -- I really should have put this information in my first letter. However, it is enclosed and I hope you are not too rushed.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:rm

November 30, 1959

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
c/o Dean Richard Lindholm
School of Business Administration
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed the two letters that arrived here for you this morning. I presume that one of these is the one you were looking for.

Also please find enclosed the checks covering your book and visa expenses. I trust that you had a good trip.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:mm

Eugene December 1st, 1959

Dear Elsie,

If I was asked what person was most helpful to me during my stay in the United States and who deserve an award for a round trip to Viet Nam, I would choose you without hesitancy. Indeed, as a spoiled child, I obtained from you every thing I had requested, and in my letter sent to Dr. Gobis I told him that we would appreciate very much his providing an opportunity for you to ~~that~~ visit Viet Nam, and that we are looking forward to see him and you in Saigon.

My stay in your country was beneficial to me and my bank, and ^{will} provide a necessary basis to improve myself in investment banking.

At present I am having the feeling that the joyful prospect of being reunited with my family is mingled with the regret of leaving a soil where I found many friends and warm hospitality.

Please give my greetings ^{and thanks} to the Viet Nam Project staff.

Sincerely

Pham

P.S. The Lindholms didn't find me at the Eugene Airport due to weather conditions. We were dropped in Salem and transferred to Eugene by Limousine. There is no snow here and ^{it's} warmer than in Michigan.

January 4, 1960

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Pham:

Please find enclosed your compositions which I forgot to return to you before you left. I enjoyed reading them and would have kept them but it seemed much more appropriate to return them to you.

Also, please find enclosed a letter which evidently has been around the world and back again.

I trust that you had a pleasant trip home and that you enjoyed being with your family over the holidays. We are already tentatively making plans for the Vietnamese New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

Saigon January 29, 1960

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
US W, Viet Nam Project

Dear Elsie,

The days ~~has~~ passed by so quickly and I realize now that I get back ~~for~~ ^{from} one month without dropping a few lines ^{to you} about my stopover in Japan and my job in Saigon.

In fact I am ~~swamped~~ ^{swamped} since my return. I had only 3 days off and back to work. Since a person in my department will go to receive training in France, I have to keep abreast with all matters in the Foreign Department and this means that I have to bring files at home. I was promoted to be sub-manager of the Foreign Department: this means a little higher salary and much more responsibilities. In this connection, my training in your country was very useful to me.

The day after my arrival I called up Thoi and Jane Erickson. I saw Thoi twice in my office and on the eve of ~~Thoi~~ the Tet to hand over me a gift from Boris. So far I haven't any opportunity to invite Jane ~~for~~ to a dinner.

I met my wife in Tokyo in the 2nd week. We had a very good time.

I remember your country every day and hope I'll see you again in Saigon in the

near future.

By the way, I had a good time in Oregon. I was host of 12 people ~~for~~ⁱⁿ a Vietnamese dinner. The result was most of them want to go to Viet Nam.

I was a little ~~disappointed~~ disappointed in Japan. Except Nikko, the country is not so beautiful as I expected. And the Japanese bank employees can't talk in English or French with me. I was able to converse ^{only} with the Section or Department Head. On the contrary, the Japanese are very hospitable and courteous. Their big trouble was to make ourselves understood.

Please give my regards to your parents, Bob, the Gabis, the Higbees, the Adamsons, the Bams, Doris, Kim Châm and all people at Viet Nam Project.

Sincerely,

Pham

February 9, 1960

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
53/13 Ba Huyen Thanh Quan
Saigon,
Vietnam

Dear Pham:

Thank you for your recent letter. I certainly enjoyed hearing the news since your return. You will be pleased to know that the things you left at this office are now enroute to Saigon and should arrive by the first of March. I hope that your books will also arrive soon.

The Vietnamese celebrated Tet at the short-course cafeteria. Everyone enjoyed himself and helped out with the arrangements. When they discovered that the dishes could be left -- this added to their enjoyment! Also, Ban and Quy were able to invite all of the Vietnamese to their home the weekend after Tet.

Both Quy and Chau have recently heard from the Lindholms, who evidently enjoyed their trip to Europe very much. I gathered that you had stopped at Nikko from the note that Jerry sent me in his Christmas card.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

Saigon April 4, 1960

Dear Elsie,

The days slipped by and I'm back to Viet Nam since four months! I'm being swamped in the office as well as in my home. As you know ~~of~~ we are living in a transitory period as far as banking and exchange regulations are concerned, and this means frequent changes and permanent research. At home my boy sticks to me all the time and I'm afraid I can't finish my doctor's degree as I expected.

I still keep a vivid memory of your country and ~~the~~ people, who cause me to think with emotion and gratitude. I met Jane Erickson and once had a dinner with her at my

home. I was told that Doris
will leave Viet Nam Project
this month to get married.
I haven't met any one of the
former participants except Thoi. So
you see I'm living an American
life! Bob wrote to me regularly
and seems interested very much
in his religious works.

I still keep the hope
that you'll come here and
visit our home.

I've just called MSU
Office here about my suitcase
and books, but they don't
arrive yet.

Please give my greetings to
Bu Gabis, the Viet Nam Project people,
the Baus, the Higbee, the Adamsons,
your parents.

Faithfully
Pham

April 8, 1960

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
120 Le Van Duyet
Saigon,
Vietnam

Dear Pham:

I was very pleased to receive your letter, especially knowing how busy you are.

Doris left the Vietnam Project just a week after I returned from my vacation on March 14th, and was married last Saturday. I am sure that she will be happy in her new life. For the moment she will spend part of her time in Grand Rapids and part in East Lansing, but they are building a new home in Grand Rapids which they expect to move into late in August.

There have been many changes on the Vietnam Project including a new Coordinator since the first of the year -- Dr. Ruben V. Austin, who was in Saigon for five weeks during February and March. We have moved our offices to Morrill Hall and only the "participant director's" office is sans carpet and drapes. We do miss the intimate and congenial atmosphere of Wells Hall in our new plush surroundings.

Perhaps the saddest note of all is the very final decision that I will not be allowed to go to Vietnam. I had looked forward to a trip to Vietnam when I would have the opportunity of seeing you all again and meeting your families as well. However, I guess that what I do is not sufficiently important to rate such a trip!

It sounds as if you have even less time than you did while you were in training in New York City. I am glad, however, that you have been able to keep in touch with Bob.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

Saigon May 15, 1960

Dear Elsie:

Perhaps you heard about the death of Bob's father. I'm filled with sorrow because I know him very well and he was so good to me. I try my best to console him saying that he can imagine that his dad is traveling in a remote country and won't return before long. Poor Bob, he couldn't believe that his dad is passed away!

Bob told me that ~~you~~ this time you took your vacation in South America. It must be very interesting. Have you seen Brasilia the new capital of Brazil?

I'm swamped all the time. I must stay ^{now} in Saigon while my family is on the mountain for a vacation.

I've asked USDM and MSO in Saigon about ~~my~~ books and suitcase. But they don't arrive yet. Do you think it takes more than five months to get here?

I've seen Thor once more at this hotel. He is more optimistic now.

Remind me to the Baums, the Higbees, the Adamsons and all the folk at Viet Nam Project

Sincerely
Pham

May 24, 1960

Mr. Pham Quang Pham
120 Le Van Duyet
Saigon,
Vietnam

Dear Pham:

I had been unaware of the death of Bob's father until I received your letter and on the same day one from Bob. Although I did not know his father personally, I am sure it was a great loss, particularly as Bob is so close to his parents.

There also seem to be problems with his new boss and I am sure that this does not help the situation any. I can sympathize with his great concern over the current situation in his office under the new management as this, in effect, is what has happened to the Vietnam Project over the last eight or nine months. It seems almost as if the Project continues only through the momentum created under the leadership of Stan Sheinbaum, and that the ultimate end may be a slow dying out. Actually though, the work load is so much less that I have had lots of free time -- which I could have used last year. I would still prefer being busy, but know that you have little time or energy left for yourself in such a case.

Both the Bans and Chau are expecting to return to Vietnam at the end of the summer. The degrees they will receive at the commencement will range from a Ph.D. for Ban to an M.A. for Quy and a B.A. for Chau. Quy may go back to work at the bank after their return.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm