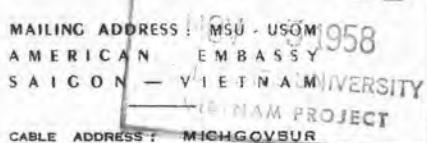


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TO : Elsie Cunningham  
 FROM : Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director *HW*  
 SUBJECT: No. 47 - Library Science Participants

I would like to comment on your memo of October 21 on the Library Science participants.

1. Miss Nguyen Thai Nguyet was a Librarian at USIS in Hue. Miss Loc worked in the same place and knew her, of course. I knew that she was scheduled to go to the States on a USOM grant but I had absolutely no idea that she was going to Western Reserve University. As a matter of fact, I can't imagine how she managed to pull it off.
2. I do not think it would be wise to consider a transfer for Miss Loc to a University offering undergraduate work in Library Science. While the work may be somewhat easier, this would not, in my opinion, compensate for the unsettling factors of another change of location.
3. At no time was Miss Loc ever told that she would receive a degree as the result of her work in the U.S. It was never mentioned, or intended, that she would do anything but spend one year in the U.S., returning at the end of that time to work at the University of Hue. On the other hand, the possibility was discussed that if Kim-Sa's work was satisfactory at Western Reserve that we consider the possibility of her spending a second year at the University of the Philippines to complete a degree before returning to Vietnam. She was, most definitely, informed of the tentative nature of this decision.
4. I think that the situation generally will be somewhat improved when Dick Gardner arrives at Western Reserve for the second semester. Gardner knows these girls well and should be able to keep them on the right track.

5. At Dr. Smuckler's request, I have spoken to Dick Chapin regarding the possibility of the library participants doing their on-the-job training at the library on campus in East Lansing. Chapin is interested in this but cannot be too definite on whether or not he can accept them for an extended period, until he returns to East Lansing and learns what the developments are pertaining to library participants from Pakistan. This may also be a help in solving this problem.
6. I can't help but have the feeling that these problems were intensified by the girls not being on campus. If all of this had occurred in East Lansing, rather than Cleveland, the experience of the Coordinator's office in handling these problems would have minimized the difficulties.

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cc: Mr. Richard Chapin