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TO: Elsie Cunningham
THROUGH: Chief Advisor *WHS*
FROM: Milt Taylor
DATE: October 9, 1959
SUBJECT: Messrs. Huynh Xuan Tho and Le Quang Huynh

Referring to your two memoranda of October 2, 1959 concerning the above two participants:

(1) I believe that it is a mistake to schedule Mr. Tho's visit to Puerto Rico immediately, but it appears that it is too late to do anything about it. Mr. Weinger had a good idea in avoiding the Christmas and New Years holidays, but scheduled a worse time -- that is, before Mr. Tho is ready for Puerto Rico.

(2) Mr. Huynh's future responsibilities with respect to the property tax is news to me. Apparently, this is an assignment that he has been given by Mr. Tho recently. In view of this, and because Mr. Tho is insistent that educational programs should be adapted to the particular needs of participants, I am sympathetic with the idea that Mr. Huynh be given the Spring Quarter off for field work in the property tax. However, I do not see any reason why he should leave Michigan. He could live on the campus and do field work in Lansing, East Lansing, Okemos, and Detroit, learning all the principles and practices involved in property tax assessment and collection. As you point out, we have all the contacts in Michigan for productive field work which we would not have in other states.

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TO: Elsie Cunningham
THROUGH: Ralph Smuckler
FROM: Milt Taylor
DATE: October 13, 1959
SUBJECT: Mr. Huynh Xuan Tho



I assume that your Memo of October 6, 1959 is in answer to mine of October 1, 1959, but I do not see a direct connection. In my Memo of October 6, 1959, I merely made some suggestions as to Mr. Tho's itinerary in the hope that they might be helpful, but realizing that all final plans were your responsibility. So my policy conclusion is merely do the best you can under the circumstances.

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TO: Milton C. Taylor
THROUGH: Ralph Smuckler
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: October 20, 1959
SUBJECT: Mr. Huynh Xuan Tho - Ref: Your Memo 10/13 -- (#329)

I am sorry that my memo of October 6th was so blunt and perhaps I was just a little bit harried the day I wrote it.

Outside of the fact that Oldman at Harvard found it more convenient to meet Tho on November 9th, we are pretty much on schedule and should be able to even arrange additional time in East Lansing if it seems he has become pretty well exhausted by his travels. Needless to say, he is the easiest of persons to work with and we have received very fine cooperation to date from all the people we have contacted.