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C O M P O S I T I O N

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My personal history.

I was born on July 15th 1922 in the northern part of Center Viet-Nam.

I am graduated from Balang Seminary in 1944. It is a High School of Thanh-Hoa Catholic Vicegerency.

In 1945, I joined my native village where I was organizer and leader of cathokic Young Men Association. I taught in Bao-Tinh High School at the same time.

In 1947, after several catholic movements against Ho-Chi-Minh Government, I was arrested with several of my partners.

But two months later, I was released because my detention caused unrest among the other Cathokic intellectuals who had been cooperating with the Viet. The Cathokic association constituted a strong influence in the region.

A few months after my release, I fled to Phat-Diem in 1948, and to Hanoi in 1950.

In the beginning of 1951, I joined French Infantry to serve in Mobile Troops until 1954.

After Geneva Agreement, I enlisted in the Civil Guard. I thought that there was no occupation more appropriate for me than service in it.

Successively, I was commanding officer of two brigades, which had to be make straight. And at this time last year I was affected to Instruction Center as an Instructor. I taught about Investigation and Intelligence Service.

Why I would like to go to the U.S.

I was selected for the studies in the United States.

Several times I heard tell about the United States whose wealths are known by every one.

I would like to visit all the famous cities in the United States: NewYork with its Empire State Building and other skyscrapers

Philadelphia and its historical interest, Boston with its Revolutionary history, Washington D.C. and its monuments, Detroit, this commercial and industrial Center, San Francisco, the City of Hills and Los Angeles, the Movie Capital of the World.

But, chiefly, I would like to go there in order to know how well are American Investigation and Intelligence Service organized. It would be the most important purpose of my next trip.

I would like to know how most people in the United States really live. The United States is the most typical country of the Free World.

I would try to study as seriously as possible to be more useful to my countrymen. I would be able to protect them, to free them from the Communist yoke.

During my school year, I would remember this thing: "The population expects a great deal of services from me when I shall have completed my education in the United States.