

March 4, 1959.

Dear Miss Elsie Cunningham,

I would like to thank you for the last week's suggestion. The "First International Conference" held at Shoreham Hotel the 27th and 28th February, was a very interesting one. There were been developed many subjects (as: Causes of Success and Failure in Technical Assistance Projects; Balance in Economic Development; Selection and Training of Personnel for Cross-Cultural Work; What Do Less Developed Countries Want From More Developed Ones?; The Role of Development Banks...).

I chose for the first day the Discussion Panel "Causes of Success and Failure in Technical Assistance Projects" and for the second day the other one: "What Do Less Developed Countries Want from More Developed Ones?"

My country is directly interested in those subjects, and I was very glad to draw out a great benefit from such an exchange of ideas.

Besides, during the first Discussion Panel I had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Wiedner's report. I found through his statement a lot of judicious thoughts. I should be very much

obliged...

Obliged to you if you could give me a copy of Dr Wredner's Report for my personal documentation.

This morning, I saw again Dr McKee Rosen about my training. He told me that he had studied this question with the State Department officials of his friends. But, in consideration of the international situation, they are not able to manage anything for me before April. So, Dr Rosen advised me to come back during the first week of April. Meanwhile, he lent me some books which would help me to acquire precise ideas about State Department's activities.

As I telephoned last Thursday, I am very busy. I have to work hard in order to make the most benefit from my courses. With my home works and my readings, I can't even find enough time to enjoy the beginning spring in Washington.

By the way, I hope to have the pleasure, next April, to offer you a copy of a paper I am preparing now, about "Executive Development".

Does Mr Sheinbaum write to you regularly? I suppose his mission in Saigon an very important one, focused on the improvement of the training of my fellow-countrymen.

Sincerely yours
[Signature]

VINH THO

P.S. - Here are 2 receipts about my attendance

to the: "Second Annual Conference on International Administration" at New York (Fee: \$4.00)
where I have been for 3 days

- First Annual International Conference - Washington (Fee: \$5.00)

March 6, 1959

Mr. Vinh Tho
714 - 17th St., N. W. (The Clyde)
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tho:

Thank you for your letter of March the 4th concerning the meetings of the First International Conference. We will process the receipts for reimbursement and presumably you should get these within a few weeks.

I need a signed application blank for the American Society for Public Administration at your earliest convenience. They will hold their annual conference in Washington from April 1st to the 5th and I hope that you may be able to attend some of the sessions.

I understand that you are planning to attend a conference next October. Is this the Public Personnel Administration Conference to be held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco from October 4th to the 8th? Saigon is requesting further information on this particular conference.

I have asked Dr. Weidner to send you a copy of his speech but unfortunately he did not speak from a prepared speech. However he will send you a letter summarizing what he said. When you have the time I would appreciate a more detailed report than just the naming of the sessions you attended.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

March 10, 1959

Dear Miss Elsie Cunningham,

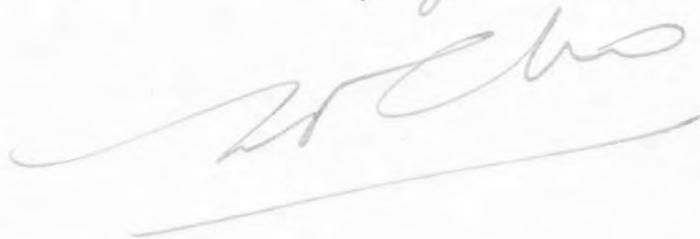
Thank you for having asked Dr Weidner to express for me on paper the faint difference of his admirable speech.

It would be a precious document that my Government, at Saigon, would particularly appreciate.

By the way, I would inform you that I have filled in the application for the "American Society for Public Administration" and send it with 5 dollars fee to Chicago, last week.

I think that I'll receive my member card soon.

Sincerely yours,



VINH THO

Registered Return Receipt

March 11, 1959

Mr. Vinh Tho
714 - 17th St., N. W. (The Clyde)
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tho:

I was obviously in a very generous mood when I worked out the per diem for the period of March 16th to the 31st. For some reason I translated \$160. to \$192. At the moment I can't figure out what the reason was. I am left with no alternative but to deduct this additional present from the next per diem. I trust that this does not put your budget all askew!

Also please find enclosed some bad news. It was after much correspondence and Mr. Sheinbaum's discussion about your program with the MSUG people while he was in Saigon that finally resulted in my being authorized to ship the 22# difference from here via surface freight to Saigon.

Perhaps you were aware of this problem before Mr. Hung departed. It was obvious that some arrangement had to be made in order not to unduly penalize the participants.

Messrs. Khanh and Phat are planning to come to Washington on March 30th and remain until the end of the American Society for Public Administration Conference. I have requested accommodations for them at the Lee House which is very close to the Statler Hotel. As I understand it both Mr. Gabis and Mr. Sheinbaum intend to go to the Conference and perhaps you will have an opportunity to see them at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

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Participant memo dtd 3/10/59

Vinh Tho
The Clyde Hotel
714 - 17th Street (N.W.)
Washington D.C.

March 17, 1959

Dear Miss Elsie Cunningham,

NO

May I ask you to manage a travel to Miami for the next Easter vacation (from March 26th to April 1st).

It would be for me a good opportunity, after these hard work months, to enjoy the warmer climate of that magnificent City.

I shall very much appreciate to be introduced to the Civil Commission of Florida State and to get some ideas about it's Personnel Organization.

I am very glad to know that Mr. Sheinbaum and Dr. Galois will attend the next ASPA meeting, in Washington. Certainly, Mr. Sheinbaum will with pleasure give me the latest Saigon's news.

As indicated in your letter, I send enclosed here, my Air Ticket. I am sorry that this question had stirred up so much troubles for Viet Nam Project and MSUG at Saigon.

Thank you
and Sincerely yours

Vinh Tho

March 23, 1959

Mr. Vinh Tho
714 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Vinh Tho:

Please find enclosed a check for \$9 to cover the registration fees paid at the annual conference on International Administration in New York, and the First Annual International Conference in Washington.

Since you are in Washington I would very much appreciate your handling the group registration for the Vietnamese who will be attending the ASPA conference. I am enclosing our check for \$55 and an indication of what these fees are for.

In addition I am enclosing a completed application form of Mr. Chan. I presume that the other participants will complete application forms during registration. I would be very willing to cover the fees as soon as we are sure of the exact amount involved.

If you have the opportunity to come to TVA I am sure that you would enjoy the program.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:ddl

Enc: 2 checks (\$9; \$55)
1 dp vcr
1 app.

March 20, 1959

The Clyde
714 17th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tho:

Thank you for your letter and your return ticket to Saigon.

The time is too short to arrange a program in Florida, and I would like to suggest that you join us in Knoxville for the few days that we shall spend at T.V.A. and to visit the Great Smoky Mountain Park. We are planning to arrive there the evening of March 26th and will be staying at the Kingston Pike Motel. The arrangements have already been made but I am sure that we would be pleased to have you join us.

I am enclosing an open air ticket for your use should you decide to come to Knoxville.

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from April 1-15. This does not include an allowance for any of the days you will be away from Washington, but should you decide to join us, I shall make an adjustment on your next check.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

Check No. 72854

April 13, 1959

Mr. Vinh Tho
714 - 17th St., N. W. (The Clyde)
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tho:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from April the 16th to the 30th. You will note that there is an adjustment for those days that you spent in Knoxville. In addition, I am enclosing our most recent memorandum on the subject of books and limousine expenses.

Please find enclosed also a letter that arrive in this office addressed to you.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

Enc: ck # 77051 - MSU
memo

April 23, 1959

Mr. Vinh Tho
714 Seventeenth St., N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tho:

Please find enclosed your per diem cheque for the period from May 1 to 15. Also, I am enclosing the insurance letter for the new coverage IGA is now furnishing to all participants.

I am rather anxious to know what your plans are for the summer. I do not believe that we discussed whether or not you would stay on in Washington during the summer session, or if you would plan to visit other supplemental agencies. I am hopeful that I shall be able to take two weeks vacation at the end of May. I would very much like to feel that all the necessary arrangements have been made before I left.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

Encl.: Cheque No. 79481
Insurance letter

Washington Dc, May 2, 1959

Dear Miss Elsie Cunningham,

First of all, I would like to express to you my best wishes for a good vacation at the end of May. I suppose that you would have a necessary relaxation after several months of hard task, and at the same time, spend your birthday in your family.

By the way, may I have the address you will use during your next vacation, for I would like to be among the friends of yours who would not miss their warm congratulations on your birthday's occasion.

In Washington now, whether is growing warmer, and I have the strong feeling that Saigon's climate would not be better.

My Spring term will end on June 15. As scheduled, I just finish a long report on "Executive Development in Vietnam" whose copies will be sent next week to you and Mr. Steinbaum, as a grateful dedication and as testimonial of my continuous efforts here.

On the other hand, I hope
that...

that from here to there, Mr Kotzen (ICA) will set up my training program in State Department, which would last one or two months (from June to July). Between whiles, I'll see Mr Hoff and ask him to match my training period at Civil Service Commission with that established by Mr Kotzen.

So, after July 15, I would be disposed for the field trip until the end of my sojourn in United States.

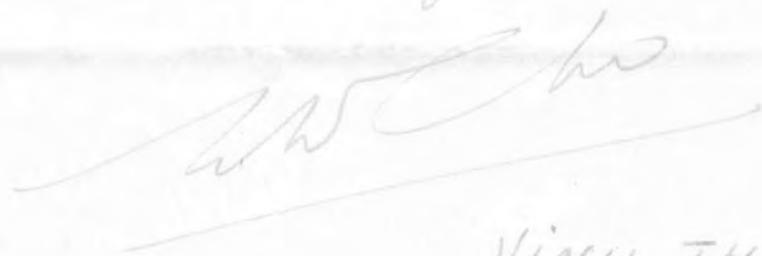
To this purpose, may I hereafter make some suggestions which would be profitable for my training:

- \$ 359.60
(my way)
From July 12 to July 29: Montreal or Quebec via New York and Ontario (visit at Niagara Falls): Canadian Civil Service
- \$ 378.45
(his way)
From July 29 to August 15: Florida (Miami)
- " 40 Chi - LA
(Saving of 50 on Thrust Montreal - Miami)
From August 15 to August 22: Alabama (Montgomery)
- " 40 Chi - LA
From August 22 to August 31: East Lansing and Chicago
- From September 1 to Sept. 18:
Los Angeles
- From Sept. 18 to October 8:
San Francisco (Civil Service Commission of California - and Conference on Public Personnel Administration)

Of course, I am convinced that you would add to the above time table, other suggestions you estimate more profitable for my training.

Relating to my participation to the San Francisco Conference, I shall be very much obliged to you for all arrangements you would make about the extension of my sojourn in U.S.A. (my passport validity will end on September 1).

Sincerely yours



VINH THO

The Clyde Hotel
714 - 17th Street NW
Washington D.C.

May 15, 1959

Mr. Vinh Tho
The Clyde
714 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tho:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from May 16-31.

I have given careful consideration to the schedule that you suggested in your letter of May 2 and I would like to raise several questions that immediately come to mind:

Neither Montreal nor Quebec is the seat of the Canadian Government (Ottawa is the national capital) and Toronto, the local capital in Ontario province which is the one in which Niagara Falls lies on the Canadian side.

If you would like to plan the remainder of your trip through the South (we have mixed reports on Miami - Mr. Hung had a good program there but Mr. Ngu not a very good one), it would seem more logical to come to East Lansing and Chicago and then continue South. The program arranged by the area Civil Service Office in Chicago for Mr. Son and Mr. Dong was a very good one.

I presume that you expect to spend at least a week at Sacramento as well as San Francisco visiting the State Civil Service Commission.

Should I ask College Travel to set up a tentative itinerary on the basis of my schedule from July 12 through October 8 and then directly to Saigon? When will your Washington schedule be finalized?

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

Enc: Check #82309

May 27, 1959

Mr. Vinh Tho
The Clyde
711 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tho:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from June 1-15.

I imagine that you are in the final stages of your course work for this semester. There will be several participants attending American University on the Institute on Records Management (Mr. Pham Sung La and Mr. Tong Huu Quang) and also during the Summer Session (Mr. La and Mr. Van Dinh Tho).

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

Enc. Check #85027