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SUBJECT: Vu Quoc Thong's Schedule

Rector Thong is now scheduled to leave Saigon on August 22. This will delay his arrival in the United States by about a week. He can return here about October 4 and still be in time for the beginning of the Assembly session. As soon as we have a statement of his itinerary, I will cable you the exact arrival time and mail you the itinerary.

Although I realize the tentative schedule for Thong included in your ELL-33 will be revised drastically and has probably already been effected by my recent memorandum on this subject, let me emphasize one or two points.

1. Thong should be scheduled to visit several foundations, including the Kellogg Foundation if you and Glen Taggart feel there is any chance of a fruitful contact there. He must be scheduled to stop in San Francisco in order to visit the Asia Foundation, and a visit to the Ford Foundation has been suggested by Mac Salter. The contact at the Ford Foundation suggested by Salter is Mr. Carl Burness. Burness used to work with ICA, I believe, and he is the one Salter contacts when the Ford Foundation may be interested in a public administration program. The arrangements in San Francisco might well include three days there. One of these three days should be left to the Asia Foundation, and the other two might be used for visits to Berkeley and perhaps Palo Alto. You may want to cut that to two days, but at least allow two-thirds of a day for meetings and perhaps luncheon at the Asia Foundation. I am notifying Ed Pike, the Asia Foundation representative here, that you will be in touch with the Asia Foundation in San Francisco in order to notify them of the exact date of Vu Quoc Thong's visit. Meanwhile, Ed Pike is writing his home office about the EROPA Research Center and Thong's trip to the

United States. Allow at least three or four days after you receive this letter for Ed Pike's word to get back to San Francisco.

2. I don't think the stops at Pittsburgh and at Indiana would be particularly fruitful, although I leave this to your final judgment. You might want to include an additional day in Chicago and possibly one additional day in East Lansing, especially if Thong will go to the Kellogg Foundation. I realize this is a bad time on campus, but some observation of the library setup, the general administration of the University, the operation of some of the state offices, and a few protocol calls in the Lansing area would easily fill up the few days at MSU.

3. Ed Pike makes the point that Thong might well benefit from observing some well organized library activities, since this function tends to be downgraded in the eyes of many Vietnamese.

I am glad to see that Wes will be going to California to meet Thong, and I have already notified him of this plan. I hope that Wes will be able to stay with him during his one or two days in Los Angeles (it seems to me a two day maximum there would be sufficient) and can accompany him to San Francisco for a couple of days there.

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