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SUBJECT: Nguyen Nhu Cuong

Mr. Cuong, whom you may remember, teaches Economics on the faculty of the NIA. MSU and the NIA have agreed that he should spend six months of observation and study on the Michigan State campus. The objectives of his program will read roughly as follows:

1. To broaden his substantive knowledge in Economics.
2. To provide additional background in economic problems, principally economic development.
3. To give him access to research materials not available in Vietnam on the problems of economic development.
4. To familiarize himself with the structure and practices of American education.

Tentatively it is planned that Cuong will leave Saigon in May and have roughly six months at MSU. This will coincide approximately with summer and fall terms. It has fallen to me to work out a specific program for Cuong and I suggest something like the following which, as you will note, will require the cooperation of the on-campus Coordinator and at least one member of the Economics Department.

1. I suggest that Mr. Cuong enroll in one or two Economics courses per term at MSU. I would prefer that he enroll as a regular student but he may balk at this. I think I will insist that he at least enroll as an auditor. I would hope that he will take at least one course in Economic Development each term and perhaps an additional course in Trade or Money.
2. He will undertake research on the theory, practice and administration of economic development in various Asian countries. This latter project will require the cooperation not only of the Library but of a member of the Economics Department. Will you make inquiries within the Econ Dept. about the availability

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of someone to advise and assist Mr. Cuong in this study. Since his work will begin during summer term it is clearly preferable that his faculty counterpart should be on campus during the summer. I would suggest the following as possibilities: Kreinen, Strassmann, Pesek, or Koo.

I suspect that there will be the usual diplomatic problems revolving around Mr. Cuong's faculty status and his relationships with "counterparts" in East Lansing, but I trust that you can explain these matters to the member of the department who will work with Mr. Cuong.

Incidentally, Mr. Cuong's research topic is his thesis topic which he hopes to submit some day to the Faculty of Law, University of Saigon.