

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator DATE: September 20, 1960
FROM: Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor *DM*
SUBJECT: Return of Le Ba Do

As in the case of Buu Dich, reported in this same letter, we and the NIA, were completely surprised by the return of Le Ba Do. Naturally, his return had been expected, but we received no itinerary.

Do seems rather discouraged by his training at Indiana, since the emphasis of the program was on creating propaganda leaders rather than repairing communications equipment. He thought his MSU experience was much more favorable. Not only was the training unsuitable at Indiana, but he was, as he puts it, "required to live like a freshman kid." He had to live on Campus and found the food very monotonous. He feels that Indiana has a package course that it sells to ICA, and each participant in it had a considerably different slant as to what he wanted. Do apparently also had to buy some equipment on his own. He did like the workshop seminars and discussion technique.

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September 27, 1960

TO: Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor
FROM: Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator
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Our faces are red! In making preparations for the eleven participants who returned or are returning, we failed to provide you with a most important item of information, namely their expected or actual times of arrival. This is an example of the situation surrounding a complete change-over and one in which we did not realize our direct responsibility. As an explanation, but not intended as a justification, we have handled Brazilian participants in a different manner leaving the matter of notification the responsibility of each one. We realize, however, that this should not obviate the necessity of informing you directly and officially. By now you have probably received the itineraries we sent out with our ELL-68.

We appreciate the comments which you have relayed to us concerning Do's experience at Indiana. You will recall that one of the amazing circumstances was the charges made for his training there which amounted to over \$2,000 for a relatively limited number of hours -- approximately forty, as I recall. We would like to suggest that consideration be given to our own Michigan State program in Visual Education. ICA has just designated the Visual Training Center here as the one to carry out an ICA contract in Brazil. Also, the department gave Mr. Do full cooperation, I believe, in rounding out his program.

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