

February 6, 1959

TO: Howard Hoyt, Chief- Police Administration Division  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham, Administrative Assistant  
SUBJECT: Extension for Mr. La Van Hung (#103)

It would seem that we have received at least one outstanding participant in the current group of police participants, Mr. Hung, who has shown a real desire to cram as much knowledge as is feasible in the period of time allotted to him at MSU. However, at the suggestion of Mr. Nicol, who is working with the police lab people, it would be most useful to have at least one participant for an additional year. If this were possible he could then arrange a program giving him the basic courses in chemistry that would be necessary before continuing into the more involved technics of the police laboratory. Nicol agrees that it would be a worthwhile investment in time and energy to train one participant in the areas now closed to the participants due to lack of technical background.

Mr. Hung is not married. He is making the most progress of the lab people. I feel sure that he would be willing to stay for an additional year and could certainly profit from this training. It would be necessary for us to know before the beginning of spring term so a completely revised program of training could be set up to include those basic courses in chemistry. If he is not going to remain there would be no point in this.

EC:ms

cc: Waltman

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February 26, 1959

TO: Stanley K. Sheinbaum - Coordinator  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham - Administrative Assistant  
SUBJECT: Mr. La Van Hung's extension. (#122)

The official request from Ralph Turner in police administration for an extension of La Van Hung's training as not been submitted. Ralph is awaiting complete details from Joe Nicol outlining a suggested course of study. I have reminded him of the considerable amount of time required in clearing such matters. I feel that it might be worthwhile to start people thinking in terms of extension even though I cannot give you the complete details.

EC:ms

cc: H. Waltman

*La Van Hung*

Mr. Howard Hoyt, Chief, Police  
Administration Division  
Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum, Coordinator

March 2, 1959

Participant Hung

Can I assume that you and Howie Waltman will begin processing an extended year's participant tour for Mr. Hung? Ralph Turner feels that the investment would bring big returns.

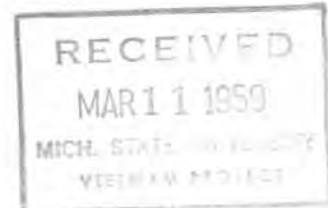
SKS/dcm

cc: Miss Cunningham ✓  
Mr. Waltman



*F. L. Shaw Turner*  
*Cunningham*  
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*RHS*

March 3, 1959



General Nguyen Van La  
Director General of Police & Security Services  
Republic of Vietnam  
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear General La:

Mr. LA VAN HUNG, 28 years, of your Judiciary and Administrative Identity Laboratory, went to Michigan State University last September to study criminal laboratory techniques. I have received a letter from University authorities advising me that Mr. Hung is progressing very well in his studies and that he is one of the best police students on the campus.

The University recommends very strongly that Mr. Hung's time for study in the United States be extended at least another year. They feel that he, more than any of the other students, will benefit materially by the additional year of study and thus will be of more service to his country upon his return.

Laboratory equipment is here and will be arriving in the next few months. The new laboratory will not be completed until the end of the year. Mr. Ralph Turner, head of Criminal Laboratory studies at Michigan State University and also one of the top forensic science technicians in the United States, will arrive in Saigon next July to remain for two years. There is, therefore, no great hurry for Mr. Hung to return to Vietnam by next July.

Mr. Hung has not yet been approached on this subject. We wish to secure your permission and that of your government prior to mentioning it to him. The University feels, however, that there should not be too many objections from him since he is single and does not have a wife and family who will be pulling him back.

I agree with Michigan State University authorities and recommend to you that you approve the extension of Mr. Hung's study for another year and that you secure the approval of the appropriate government authorities

for extending his visa for that time. I feel we are both safe in stating that this request is for the overall good of your country.

We thank you, Mr. Director General, for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD W. HOYT, Chief  
Police Administration Division

bc: Coordinator ✓  
Mr. Waltman  
Mr. Ryan (for info)

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

RHS

TO : Elsie Cunningham                      DATE : March 16, 1959

FROM : Howard L. Waltman *HW*

SUBJECT : No. 107 - Your memo to Stanley Shinebaum, No. 122

We have initiated steps to extend Mr. Hung's training period in the United States. General La has given his tentative approval. The request is presently at the Ministry of the Interior for final approval. I will keep you informed of developments.

c.c: Hoyt



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CC: Coordinator  
Ralph Turner  
Elsie Cunningham ✓  
Mr. Waltman

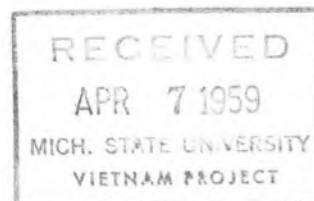
Saigon, March 18, 1959

The Minister of Interior

to

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

SAIGON



Your Excellency,

The Chief of MSUG Police Division has proposed for Participant La Van Hung of the VBI, who is now studying in Crime Laboratory in the States, an extension of one year for his extensive studies there.

Our office has no objection to this suggestion.

You are kindly requested to give necessary instructions to the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington to extend visa for Mr. Hung.

Thank you.

Signed: LAM LE TRINH

May 11, 1959

Mr. Truong Bau Khanh  
Embassy of Vietnam  
2251 "R" Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Khanh:

There is pending an extension for Mr. Le Van Hung for additional's year study in police laboratory work here at M.S.U. We have received copies of letters that indicate that this has been approved and sent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for action on the extension of his visa (i presume they meant passport rather than visa).

In speaking to our foreign student adviser we thought that if we returned this passport to you in June, there would be sufficient time to process it before the expiration of his current visa (July 31, 1959).

I shall be sending you in the near future a request for each of the group of police participants who are returning to Vietnam for visas to Hong Kong. I hope that everything is going smoothly with the police leaders.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham