

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D. C.

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March 9, 1961

MEMORANDUM TO: Ruben V. Austin, Assistant Dean
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Subject: Transmittal of Project Information

Enclosed are copies of biographical data and ICA's Record of Participant Training in the United States (ICA 13-103) for two participants in Public Administration for training under the MSU/ICA contract agreement.

Please notify this office upon arrival of participants.

Simon J. Weinger
Simon J. Weinger
Training Branch
Public Administration Division

Enclosures:

believe it was intended
that Ruyers should be included,
but Vice Rector Dangs came instead

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

MARCH 21, 1961

MR. SIMON J. WEINGER
PROJECT MANAGER, TRAINING BRANCH
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. WEINGER:

SUBJECT: Vietnamese Participant Pham Chung

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED IN A CABLE FROM SAIGON THAT USOM STATES POST CLEARANCE FOR MR. CHUNG IS NOT REQUIRED BECAUSE HE DEPARTED FROM VIETNAM IN JUNE OF 1959 AS A USIS GRANTEE. ALSO, I SHOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MR. CHUNG'S BIO DATA MATERIAL; PLEASE CONFIRM TO US THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR MAKING PER DIEM AND TUITION PAYMENTS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JUDITH RATHBUN
SECRETARY TO DEAN AUSTIN

JR

Dear Judith:

3/27/61

Visa clearance for Mr. Chung was cleared March 14, 1961, Visa List No.293. You can begin paying him on that date, if applicable.

Elizabeth Campbell
Elizabeth C. Campbell

Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator

March 30, 1961

Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor

Chung and Xuyen

Referring to your March 17 memorandum on the above, I think you will agree your request was outdated by our cable S-20, in which we pointed out that we can do nothing until these two furnish information requested by Jim Hendry January 31st.



LDW/dw

cc: Guy Fox

MARCH 31, 1961

MR. SIMON J. WEINGER, PROJECT MANAGER
TRAINING BRANCH, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. WEINGER:

THIS LETTER IS BEING WRITTEN TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE SITUATION ON MESSRS. PHAM CHUNG AND LE CANH XUYEN, TWO PH.D. CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE COUNTRY FOR SOME TIME, BUT WHO ONLY RECENTLY (JANUARY OF 1961, TO BE EXACT) WERE GRANTED NIA SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER CONTRACT IAC-1126 TO CONTINUE THEIR ACADEMIC WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, RESPECTIVELY.

I HAVE MISS CAMPBELL'S NOTE OF MARCH 27 STATING THAT VISA CLEARANCE FOR MR. CHUNG WAS RECEIVED ON LIST 293 MARCH 14, 1961, AND THAT THAT DATE, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE THE ONE USED IN DETERMINING PAYMENT OF PER DIEM, ETC.

THE PROCEDURES ARE NOT CLEAR AT ALL TO ME--I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT BOTH OF THESE PARTICIPANTS WERE TO BEGIN RECEIVING PER DIEM AS OF THE DATE OF THEIR ARRESTES SOMETIME IN JANUARY--AND I AM NOT SURE WHAT SPECIFICALLY I WANT TO ASK YOU. HOWEVER, I SHOULD LIKE SOME EXPLANATION AS TO THE STEPS INVOLVED WHEN PARTICIPANTS ALREADY IN THIS COUNTRY JOIN THE PROJECT; SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO NOT ONLY THIS OFFICE BUT ALSO THE ADVISORY GROUP IN SAIGON, SINCE THEIR PROCEDURES THROUGH USOM SEEM TO VARY SOMEWHAT FROM THOSE WE HAVE THROUGH YOU. ALSO, I SHOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION THAT WE CANNOT PAY ANY PER DIEM OR TUITION CHARGES TO MR. CHUNG PRIOR TO MARCH 14, 1961.

HAVE YOU STILL HEARD NOTHING CONCERNING MR. XUYEN?

SINCERELY,

JUDITH RATHBUN
SECRETARY TO DEAN AUSTIN

JR

APRIL 5, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN
SUBJECT: CHUNG AND XUYEN

CHUNG. ICA/W HAS INFORMED US THAT ONLY AS OF MARCH 1st DO THEY HAVE ADEQUATE CERTIFICATION ENABLING US TO START PAYING CHUNG PER DIEN. WE ARE GOING TO NEGOTIATE THIS, SINCE HIS ARRETE GOES BACK TO SEPTEMBER. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE FEEL THAT HE SHOULD BE, AT LEAST, PLACED ON PER DIEN BY FEBRUARY 1, WHICH WE HAVE DONE.

XUYEN. I WILL HAVE TO SEE XUYEN NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARisen. AS YET, HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT TURNED IN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH HIM.

ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF HAVING PARTICIPANTS COME INTO THE PROJECT DIRECTLY FROM AN INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED STATES IS THAT, IN SPITE OF OUR EXPLANATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, ETC., THEY SEEM TO ACCUMULATE A LOT OF MISINFORMATION RELATIVE TO OTHER VIETNAMESE AND OTHER FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THIS COUNTRY AND ARE NOT CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING THE NECESSARY STEPS AND SUBMITTING REQUIRED INFORMATION. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT XUYEN, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEGUN PAYING HIM ON THE BASIS OF HIS ARRETE, BUT WASHINGTON HAS NO AUTHORIZATION, FORMAL OR OTHERWISE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ARE ATTACHING A THERMOFAX COPY OF PROCEDURES WHICH WE HAVE USED IN BRAZIL WHICH HAS HELPED US TREMENDOUSLY.

RVA:sr

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APRIL 18, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN
SUBJECT: PARTICIPANTS LE CANH XUYEN AND PHAM CHUNG
LACK OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO ICA/W

WHILE IN WASHINGTON, I MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO CONFER WITH XUYEN IN NEW YORK AND WITH PROFESSOR GOODRICH, HIS CHAIRMAN. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE URGED, PROMPTED, AND PRODDED XUYEN TO FORWARD THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR HIS PROCESSING AS AN ICA PARTICIPANT. HE ASSURED ME HE WOULD DO THIS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE THIS PROBLEM FACING US: WE HAVE PAID CHUNG AND XUYEN TWO MONTHS' PER DIEM WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT, IF ALL OF THE NECESSARY STEPS WERE NOT FOLLOWED, THEY WOULD OWE THIS MONEY TO US. WE WILL NOT MAKE ANOTHER PAYMENT TO XUYEN UNTIL WE HAVE CLEARED THIS MATTER.

THE ISSUE AT POINT NOW IS THE VERY MUDDLED STATUS OF XUYEN AS FAR AS ICA/W PARTICIPANT TRAINING OFFICE IS CONCERNED. THEY HAVE NO DOCUMENT OF ANY SORT FROM SAIGON, AND THEY INDICATE THAT WE CANNOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT.

I AM SURE THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF BOTH THE PRESIDENCY, AS A RESULT OF THE ARRETE ISSUED, AND THE TRAINING OFFICE IN USOM, THAT WE ASSURE THE PAYMENTS FOR THESE TWO PARTICIPANTS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY. CHUNG HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH ICA AS OF MARCH 1¹, AND, WITH ICA HAVING NOTHING ON XUYEN, WE SOLICIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN.

AT LEAST, IF XUYEN IS DELINQUENT, THIS CLEARLY INDICATES HE SHOULD BE DROPPED; HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE MISSION SHOULD HAVE SOME RECORDS INDICATING THE INTENT THAT HE BE TAKEN ON AS A PARTICIPANT AND THAT THIS INFORMATION BE CONVEYED TO THE TRAINING OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. SINCE ICA/W HAS EXPECTED US TO FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURES AS WE HAVE WITH THE BRAZILIANS, WE ARE AT A LOSS TO FORCE THEM TO TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD DO, FOR IT IS THEIR BELIEF, APPARENTLY, THAT, SINCE WE HAVE HANDLED OTHER PARTICIPANTS, THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE AS FAR AS THE VIETNAMESE.

RVA:sf
ENC. CC OF LETTER TO XUYEN

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VIETNAM PROJECT

Philadelphia, Pa
April 19, 1961.

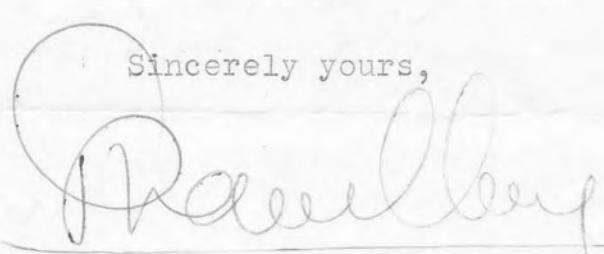
Dr. Ruben V. Austin
Assistant Dean
College of Business and Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir,

I have not received any news concerning my scholarship since I received the advances which were made to me nearly two months ago.

I should be very much obliged if you would let me know what becomes of the grant.

Sincerely yours,



Pham Chung.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

MAY 1, 1961

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
3320 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA 4, PENNSYLVANIA

GENTLEMEN:

RE FALL 1960 TUITION CHARGES FOR MR. PHAM CHUNG (YOUR CODE 408)

WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420, PLEASE BE ADVISED WE ARE PROCESSING PAYMENT OF MR. CHUNG'S TUITION FOR THE SPRING TERM, BUT MUST DELAY PAYMENT OF THIS ONE UNTIL WE DETERMINE THE CORRECT WAY IN WHICH THE PROJECT CAN ASSUME THIS CHARGE. THE REASON FOR THIS DELAY IS THAT THERE IS A QUESTION CONCERNING THE LEGAL DATE ON WHICH MR. PHAM CHUNG CAME ON TO THE VIETNAM PROJECT AS A PARTICIPANT.

SINCERELY YOURS,

RUBEN V. AUSTIN
ASSISTANT DEAN

RVA:JR

cc to Chung

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA 4

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
3320 Walnut Street

2 May 1961

Mr. Pham Chung
3930 Spruce Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chung:

In the beginning of the Fall Term 1960 the Foreign Student Office under the auspices of Dr. John Melby granted you a deferment in the amount of \$420.00 which was due on October 31.

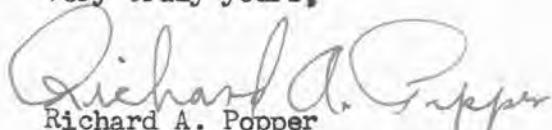
As of this date we have no record of receiving such payment nor have you made an effort to contact this office to advise us of any reason for your delinquency.

I feel that the University has been very understanding in extending this privilege to you and I personally believe we have every right to expect consideration on your part.

Unless payment is received within one week of this letter I have no other alternative than to transfer your account to our Treasurer's Office for collection and have you excluded from all future classes and have all grades and transcripts withheld.

I have no desire to take this drastic action, therefore I ask you once again to do everything in your power to clear this indebtedness on your account immediately.

Very truly yours,


Richard A. Popper
Supervisor of Student Accounts

RAP:r

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RECEIVED
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VIETNAM PROJECT

Philadelphia ,Pennsylvania.
May 3rd 1961.

Dr.Ruben Austin
Assistant Dean
College of Business and Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing,Mich.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday morning I received a letter from the Office of the Comptroller informing me that if I do not pay for the tuition fees next week,I will be excluded from all future classes and all grades and transcripts will be withheld.

I would like to know if you could do something to help me overcome this difficulty.I do not know what has happened to my scholarship;but if it is still valid,I should be very much obliged if you would give me an advance so that I may pay for the tuition fees and the advance will be deducted from my monthly allowance.

One month after I received the telegram from you informing me that I was awarded the M.S.U. scholarship,I received a letter from the Ministry of National Education awarding me a half-scholarship but I gave it up (due to the fact that a student can not benefit from two grants at the same time) expecting that I will receive soon the M.S.U grant.Unfortunately things did not take place that way.

In the face of the present difficulty,I do not know what to do but appealing to your help.In case I do not obtain your help,there is only one alternative left:going home;but the sorry fact is that I have to give up my goal when I nearly attain it.

I am enclosing the letter I received from the Office of the Comptroller.

I wish to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Pham Chung.

Ruben V. Austin

3 May 1961

Leonard Maynard

Miscellaneous Participant Program Matters

Following are responses to some of your memoranda concerning actual and prospective Ph.D. participants.

1. Your memorandum of 21 April 1961 to Lloyd Musolf, subject "Prospective Ph.D. Participants," in which you ask who Chi is. Mr. Nguyen Huu Chi has been sponsored by the NIA and MSUG for a Ph.D. participant grant and has been approved by the Direction of Plan of the GOV. This approval practically assures the issuance of an arrete by the Presidency. Mr. Chi has a license en droit and, in addition, has completed two years of study at the School of Pedagogy. His competency in the English language is entirely satisfactory. It is planned that he will major in Political Science. Of the four prospective Ph.D. participants mentioned in your memoranda, Chi is the only one who has been recruited in Vietnam.
2. Your cable EL-24, asking for a clarification of the beginning date of participant Pham Chung. USOM/Saigon has sent the following wire to ICA/W with a copy for our files: RE PHAM CHUNG; SUBJECT PARTICIPANT HAS BEEN ISSUED ON DECEMBER 31, 1960 A PRESIDENTIAL ARRETE EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1960 AUTHORIZING HIM TO PURSUE HIS STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR ONE YEAR TO WORK TOWARD THE PH.D. DEGREE. FROM THIS AUTHORIZATION THE SUBJECT PARTICIPANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL ALLOWANCES AS OF THE DATE OF VALIDITY SEPTEMBER 1960.
3. Your memorandum of 18 April 1961 to Lloyd Musolf, subject "Participant Le Canh Xuyen and Pham Chung Lack of Formal Notification to ICA/W." The problem of Pham Chung is resolved in accordance with the preceding item #2 in this memo. Regarding Le Canh Xuyen, we agree with your decision that no further payments be made to Xuyen until all documentary requirements have been fulfilled. Should Xuyen eventually receive all necessary clearances, we may proceed by following the precedent established in the case of Pham Chung. Should Xuyen fail to receive the necessary clearances within a reasonable period of time, the initiative rests with East Lansing to recover the premature payments.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

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FROM . USOM-Saigon

SUBJECT . MSU Contract Participant Pham Chung

REFERENCE . TOICA A-1937
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The subject participant has been issued on December 31, 1960 a presidential arrete effective from September 1960 authorizing him to pursue his studies at the University of Pennsylvania for one year to work towards Ph. D.

From this authorization, the subject participant is eligible for all allowances as of the date of validity (September 1960). MSUG here has been informed.

JB for
GARDINER

OTHER AGENCY

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Rosen -----	McMillan -----
Stewart -----	Webb -----
Shea -----	Jickling -----
Crawford -----	Ahern -----
Walsh -----	Weinger -----
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*cc UBO 6th Grader*

JUN. 8 1961



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 8, 1961.



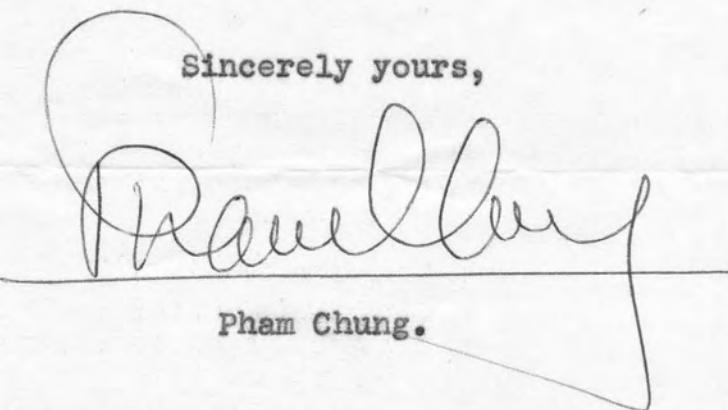
Dr. Ruben V. Austin
Assistant Dean
College of Business and Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir,

I am sure that you can imagine how happy I was when I received your telegram informing me that my status as a N.I.A Participant is assured and that you are processing for the payments of the tuition fees.

I also hope that I will receive soon my per diem payments.

Sincerely yours,


Pham Chung.

MAY 8, 1961

MR. PHAM CHUNG
3930 SPRUCE STREET
PHILADELPHIA 4, PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CHUNG:

ENCLOSED HEREWITH IS YOUR PER DIEM CHECK THROUGH MAY 31. YOU WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE PAID YOU FROM MARCH 1⁴ THROUGH MAY 31 ONLY. IF WE RECEIVE FURTHER WORD THAT YOUR STARTING DATE SHOULD OFFICIALLY BE LAST SEPTEMBER, YOUR PER DIEM WILL BE RETROACTIVE AND A SEPARATE CHECK ISSUED. OTHERWISE, FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR MONTHLY CHECK THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH AT THE RATE OF \$8 PER DAY.

AS DR. AUSTIN INFORMED YOU, HE SPOKE WITH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICIALS, AND YOUR STATUS WITH THE UNIVERSITY IS NOT IN DANGER AT THE MOMENT--PENN HAD NOT RECEIVED OUR LETTER, WHICH EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE PROBLEM WE HAVE AS TO YOUR ACTUAL STARTING DATE ON THE PROJECT. WE SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED ALSO.

BEST REGARDS,

JUDITH RATHBUN
SECRETARY TO DEAN AUSTIN

JR
ENCLOSURE

MAY 10, 1961

MR. PHAM CHUNG
3930 SPRUCE STREET
PHILADELPHIA 4, PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR MR. CHUNG:

WE ARE STILL AWAITING NOTIFICATION FROM SAIGON AS TO WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE YOUR PARTICIPANT PROGRAM MADE RETROACTIVE TO SEPTEMBER OF 1960. SHOULD THIS BE IMPOSSIBLE, THEN WE WILL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENT TO MEET THE TUITION BILL FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER AT WHARTON. MAY WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING PLAN:

UPON AUTHORIZATION FROM YOU TO DEDUCT A NOMINAL AMOUNT FROM YOUR PER DIEM EACH MONTH UNTIL THE FULL AMOUNT IS PAID, WE COULD PROCESS A CHECK FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$420 IMMEDIATELY.

IF THIS IS SUITABLE TO YOU, PLEASE WRITE US A NOTE AGREEING TO HAVE THE \$420 DEDUCTED IN SMALL AMOUNTS FROM YOUR MONTHLY PER DIEM IF WE CANNOT PLACE YOU ON THE PROJECT AS OF SEPTEMBER, 1960.

CORDIALLY,

RUBEN V. AUSTIN
ASSISTANT DEAN

RVA:JR

cc LDM

MAY 11, 1961

TO: LEONARD HAYWARD
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN
SUBJECT: PARTICIPANT PROGRAM

1. Nguyen Huu Chi. THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION CONCERNING MR. CHI.
2. Pham Chung. WE APPRECIATE THIS INFORMATION, MAKING CHUNG ELIGIBLE FOR ALL ALLOWANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1960. WE SHALL INQUIRE AS TO WHICH OFFICE IN ICA HAS THIS AUTHORIZATION.
3. Le Cam Xuyen. WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY HE HAS BEEN SO DILATORY IN SUBMITTING THE LAST DOCUMENT, NAMELY THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION. CERTAINLY, THE INITIATIVE RESTS WITH US FOR RECOVERING THE "PREMATURE PAYMENT." MAY LUCK BE WITH US!

RVA:fr



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
May 12, 1961.

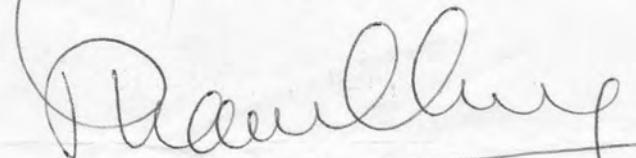
Dr. Ruben V. Austin
Assistant Dean
College of Business and Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 10th. I agree entirely with your plan. The amount of \$420 which will be paid as tuition fees for the first semester (Fall Term 1960) will be deducted in small amounts from my monthly per diem until the full amount is paid.

I should be very much obliged if you could so arrange as to have my participant program made retroactive to September of 1960.

Sincerely yours,



Pham Chung.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

MAY 15, 1961

MR. PHAM CHUNG
3930 SPRUCE STREET
PHILADELPHIA 4, PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CHUNG:

PLEASE SAVE THE EVENING OF JUNE 22 (THURSDAY) FOR A VISIT WITH VICE
RECTOR DANG, WHO WILL BE IN PHILADELPHIA ONE DAY ONLY. HE WILL BE
BUSY DURING THE DAY OF JUNE 22, BUT HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO SEE
YOU THAT EVENING, AS HE WILL LEAVE EARLY ON THE 23D FOR NEW YORK CITY.
AS SOON AS I KNOW WHICH HOTEL MR. DANG WILL BE STAYING IN, I SHALL
LET YOU KNOW. IN THE MEANTIME, IF YOU HAVE A TELEPHONE, WE SHOULD
APPRECIATE HAVING IT FOR OUR FILE.

SINCERELY,

JUDITH RATHBUN
SECRETARY TO DEAN AUSTIN

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
May 26, 1961.

Miss Judith Rathbun
Viet-Nam Project
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Miss Rathbun,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 15th. I am very glad to learn that Vice Rector Dang will be in Philadelphia on June 22. Certainly I will save that evening for a visit with him.

Please let me know which hotel Vice Rector Dang will be staying as soon as you know it.

I would like to let you know that I have no telephone.

Sincerely yours,

Pham Chung

Pham Chung.

Rec post card
Rec 5/29/61

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
May 29, 1961.

Dr. Ruben V. Austin
Assistant Dean
College of Business and Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to inform you that I have passed the Ph.D Preliminary Examination in Economics and Finance on May 23, 1961. The written examination lasted 4 days, from April 28 to May 2. The oral examination was taken last week. I will start my dissertation next month. I will inform you about my subject as soon as it is accepted by my Supervisor. At the present time I have a lot of good subjects in mind; but the choice has not been made yet.

Next year, while writing my dissertation, I would like to audit a few courses in advanced statistics and mathematical economics.

Next week, I will go to the Embassy of Viet-Nam to ask for the extension of my passport.

Sincerely yours,

Pham Chung

Pham Chung.