

*Bob talked
to that by
phone 1/10 -
everything
OK now.*

53 Trowbridge Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
January 8, 1962

Dr. James B. Hendry
Assistant Dean, College of
Business and Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Hendry:

Being fully conscious of the gravity of the present hour in the history of Viet-Nam and the world, and realizing how deeply I am indebted to my Vietnamese and American friends and supporters, I am writing to you to express my gratitude to the American people through you, and especially to you and my personal friends present and past connected with Viet-Nam Project. I have come to the United States to learn more of the things which I could not learn in Viet-Nam, as well as to prove something which has always been important to me (and any youth probably) and my family: my maturity and manhood, which were obscured by my insecure living conditions in Viet-Nam. For this purpose, I have spent a lot of aid money coming from the American people, and benefitted from the sacrifices and support of my family and friends. Now, I think the moment has come when I have learned the minimum of what I have wanted to know, and proved to myself enough about myself. As you may be

among the most well-positioned persons to have noticed, the conditions in Viet-Nam have unfortunately degenerated from bad to worse security-wise. My family needs my presence and support now more than ever; and my friends in and out of the government may be missing me.

And yet, I have found myself in the present precarious and awkward situation academically and financially: Academically, I have not yet completed all my degree requirements; and the conditions in Viet-Nam are not very helpful in speeding up the process (despite my conscious inner efforts to do my everyday's duties to the best of my ability and capacity). Financially, I have run into debts (about five hundred dollars altogether). I hope to have your continued understanding for my efforts to keep myself up at the level favorable for my training program in this country.

I hope to be able to go back to Viet-Nam for a short visit to settle my personal problems at home at this time of crisis, under debt-free and security-guaranteed (insofar as possible) conditions. If you can find some way to help me out at the present juncture of my academic and professional program, I would be deeply grateful to you.

Trusting in you as more than a program manager, but, most truly as a friend if I may, I have submitted to you the above situation and request. Gratefully, *Phat*
(J.N.)

FEBRUARY 23, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR PHAT:

AS YOU HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS OR HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE CONTRACT BETWEEN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM WILL END IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR AND WILL NOT BE EXTENDED. THE MICHIGAN STATE GROUP IN SAIGON HAS BEEN PLANNING SINCE MID-1961 TO TERMINATE THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN 1962, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF AN EXTENSION, AND THIS MATTER WAS SERIOUSLY TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES.

IN LIGHT OF DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WHICH AROSE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM AND THE UNIVERSITY CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE LATTER'S ADVISORY GROUP, THE EXTENSION DID NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE NOR DESIRABLE. SINCE EVENTS LEADING TO THIS DECISION ARE "WATER OVER THE DAM" TO SOME EXTENT, THERE SEEMS LITTLE POINT IN PURSUING THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS. THE IMPORTANT THING FOR THE FUTURE IS THAT YOU CONTINUE YOUR WORK TOWARD THE DOCTORAL DEGREE AND COMPLETE IT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT YOU MAY RETURN TO THE NIA TO TAKE UP YOUR DUTIES AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THAT INSTITUTION.

WHEN I WAS IN VIETNAM LAST FALL, I RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE U.S. AID OFFICIALS OVER THERE THEY WOULD PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE WORK WHICH YOU HAVE BEGUN AS LONG AS YOUR PROGRESS CONTINUES SATISFACTORILY. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THEY WILL KEEP THEIR WORD AND THAT YOU MAY BE ASSURED YOUR WORK WILL NOT BE INTERRUPTED NOR SUMMARILY CURTAILED BECAUSE THE MSU PROJECT IS PHASING OUT. AS SOON AS I RECEIVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH YOU WILL BE PROVIDED FOR, I SHALL WRITE YOU AGAIN. MEANWHILE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE, AND, I WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE AS COMPLETE AN ANSWER AS POSSIBLE.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR COURSE OF STUDY, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

JBH:JR

53 Trowbridge St.
Cambridge 38, Mass.
February 26, 1962

Dr. James B. Hendry
Assistant Dean, College of
Business and Public Service
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Hendry:

I would like to thank you for your letter of February 23, in which you informed me of the present state of MSU contract with the VN Government and so kindly encouraged, once again, in my studies.

You have mentioned about the disagreements and differences of opinions concerning the MSUG's role in Viet-Nam. I think that this situation may be related to the overall difficult phase of transition of U.S. aid in Viet-Nam under present circumstances. Since at least 1958, I have heard so much unjustified, and at times not altogether well-meaning, criticism about this aid, that have passed from a state of permanent irritation, through deliberate ignorance of it, to a conscious, aggressive, attempt in trying to gather all these arguments and counter-arguments in order to critically examine them.

I have found that about nine-tenth or more of the samples, either provoked or unprovoked, never miss any occasion to confirm my original impression about them: i.e. THAT THEY ARE IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE. I do not want to speculate about their motives, but I have reason to suspect that they might not be very highly nor widely motivated as they seem to be in their criticisms. Sometimes they are the persons among the most privileged by U.S. aid, and yet ever ready to destroy or undermine it, with no thought whatsoever about their inconsequence and harmful irresponsible attitudes. It would be disastrous if, because of those people, such challenging programs as MSUG will have to withdraw its precious shoulders from the tremendous

task of nation-building in Free Viet-Nam. I am worried at the vision of the morale effect of such a withdrawal, especially at the present juncture of events in Viet-Nam.

I myself have suffered from the criticism from the above category of people. Finally I have found out that they do not understand that there can be men who are both willing and able to work, in silence, with the difficult problems facing a Viet-Nam in crisis; or else, they do not understand all the aspects of the problems, and possibly, do not want to understand them. Then, recently I have found relative peace of mind by, once again, blacking out these tendentious noises from my mind and my heart, and concentrating even more on my everyday's duty.

The other kind of arguments over aid programs, however, gives much ground for hope and optimism for the objectives of MSUG and U.S. aid in Viet-Nam in general: This is a kind of what may be called clinical, constructive, or professional analysis of the operations and prospects of our aid programs. It tends to see various angles and connections of these programs, examine them against facts and data, and propose corrective solutions or alternatives among RESPONSIBLE and INFORMED audiences, forums and conferences. Although the search for a cooperative effort and a mutual understanding seems sometimes to be quite frustrating and ungrateful, but it is my feeling that it is going somewhere in the right direction. And of course we had anticipated frictions in our operations, in the field as well as on this side of the Pacific. As a participant, may I express the heart-felt wish that MSUG will stay on duty, emerging as it is even stronger from the present crisis.

I know that my difficult case has added to your already heavy and balky burden. And I am sorry for it: Please forgive me.

Respectfully, *in that*

Report from Tran ngoc Phat
--for month ending February 28, 1962

So far, I have got my thesis started with its first part among the three scheduled parts. About the equivalent of an introductory chapter has been written, and under revision. I have found out that, in addition to the readings during the 1961 Summer, I have to read more in the background material about French Indochina. During the last semester, while taking a course in history (which I have passed with a satisfactory B, thus regularizing my status of freedom from course requirement for the Ph.D.) and trying out some writing, I have done about two thousand pages of reading in the French collection at Widener library, which covers mostly early history of what is now called Viet-Nam.

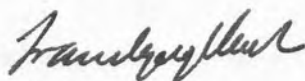
Now I continue to read as much as I can, but spend most of the working and waking time on the conception, writing and drafting of my thoughts for the dissertation. Although I had intended to visit my advisor regularly every week, I have not been able to get anything worth submitting to him for reading until every two or three weeks have passed at each time. For my thesis, which is mostly in the field of study here called nationalism, I have more contacts with Prof. Emerson than Prof. Fainsod; although I hope to be able to maintain contacts with the latter now and later on when back in Viet-Nam, on problems of public administration-especially in administration for development.

It is my hope to be able to finish a proof-read manuscript of the thesis during the central part of this year, and hopefully by the end of June (the April date

has revealed to be somewhat unrealistic, in view of the additional readings that have to be done).

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the reception of my February per-diem check. I appreciated its early expedition, which was very helpful for the "Tet" ...follies.

Respectfully submitted,



Tran ngoc Phat

P.S.- Have received Tet cards from Rector Thong, Vice-Rector Dang and the new Director of the Budget, Mr. Luu van Tin. (No valentine received, except reassuring letters from folks at home). Activities with students here sharply curtailed almost to nil. Have accepted two invitations to speak to groups on Viet-Nam, one through the VN Embassy, one through Harvard International students association--inoffensive routine themes with due respect to government policies. Have had some experience in proctoring exams, expect some more. -Received decree of extension of stay until June.

Thanks for the Tet card. People in Saigon seem to be mostly unconcerned about Tet "Nham Dan" (The Tiger)--maybe, it is not before long the people will be ready for an outright adoption of an animal-less unique (western) calendar. (By the way, bravados to John Glenn our hero!)

A question to Judith: When will be the great day in March?

TnP ^{in Hawaii}

PPS.- Hear from Elsie Cunningham/ that Ky would be coming back in June (?). No other news from Ph.D. participants. -Expect to receive my overdue A.M. title in March. My telephone has been regretfully disconnected on request, in accordance with new belt-tightening policy. For emergency please call my Landlord's (downstairs) number: TRowbridge 6-1728 (area code 817). -Otherwise status quo., ante bellum. tnp

53 Trowbridge St.
Cambridge 38, Mass.
March 2, 1962

Miss Judith Rathlun
Secretary to Dean Hendry
College of Business and
Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan


Dear Judith:

Please find enclosed, a letter from the International Students Office and a photocopy of a letter to this office from the International Weekend Committee of the U. of Mass, concerning a two-day program of panel discussion on the Far East.

I think that it would be beneficial if I could attend the said program, as described in the enclosed material. I have secured an application blank already.

I would like to request an ok from you for this travel. If you think that it will be possible for me to get some travel allowance related to this trip, please let me know and I will send in the used bus ticket or a statement of the fare if I do go.

In any case I would appreciate an answer from you about this plan. And please return also the letter from the U. of Mass., so that I can have a record for the meeting. Everything is all right out here. Spring has announced its early coming with a flow of very wet and cold breeze. I am hoping for the best for the situation in Saigon. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Tran ngoc Phat

MARCH 5, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MR. PHAT:

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED MARCH 2ND, ADDRESSED TO JUDITH RATHBUN. YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT JUDITH WAS RECENTLY MARRIED AND IS NOW ON HER HONEYMOON IN MEXICO. SHE IS NOW MRS. JAMES KELLY AND WILL BE LIVING IN MADISON, WISCONSIN, UPON HER RETURN.

AS JUDITH'S REPLACEMENT, I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS ACTIVITIES. I HOPE I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN WHATEVER REQUESTS YOU MAY HAVE IN COMPLETING YOUR WORK AT HARVARD.

IT WILL BE PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT FOR YOU TO TRAVEL TO AMHERST IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TWO-DAY PROGRAM OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON THE FAR EAST; HOWEVER, MAY I REMIND YOU THAT OUR RECORDS SHOW A BALANCE OF \$16.21 ON TRAVEL ALLOWANCE.

YES, WE ARE HAVING VERY COLD WEATHER HERE IN MICHIGAN AND IT DOESN'T SEEM AS THOUGH SPRING WILL EVER COME. HOWEVER, IN A FEW WEEKS I AM SURE WE WILL FORGET WHAT A LONG WINTER WE HAVE HAD.

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LETTER AS REQUESTED BY YOU FOR YOUR FILES. I HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE WEEKEND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SINCERELY,

YURIKO NAKAMURA (MISS)
VIETNAM PROJECT

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ENCLOSURE

*International Weekend
March 16, 17, 18, 1962
"Commencement in the Far East"*

MARCH 7, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

DEAR PHAT:

WORD HAS NOW COME FROM SAIGON AFFIRMING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THROUGH USAID IN SAIGON AND AID IN WASHINGTON, WILL CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP OF PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR PLANNED COURSES OF STUDY BY JUNE 30, 1962, WHEN THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CONTRACT TERMINATES. THIS SHOULD HELP REMOVE SOME OF THE DOUBTS WHICH I AM SURE HAVE ARISEN IN YOUR MIND AS THE RESULT OF THE CONTRACT TERMINATION. I STILL DO NOT HAVE DETAILS ON WHERE PARTICIPANTS ARE TO REPORT OR HOW THE ACADEMIC, TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES WILL BE ADMINISTERED AFTER JUNE 30. AS SOON AS THIS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, I WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY.

THE MAIL FROM SAIGON CONTAINED AN EXCERPT FROM THE USAID OFFICE THERE CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE FOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING ARRETES. A COPY OF THIS EXCERPT IS INCLUDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. IN THE PAST WE HAVE LEFT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIATING ACTION FOR ARRETE AND VISA RENEWAL LARGELY UP TO YOU, BUT IN THE LIGHT OF THE TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO AID, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERYTHING IS IN PROPER ORDER WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE CHANGE-OVER. IN REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF THE ARRETE, I THINK IT WOULD STILL BE WISE TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE RECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION, BUT AS THE ENCLOSED EXCERPT INDICATES, IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PLAN. REQUESTS FOR THIS LATTER CLEARANCE SHOULD BE FORWARDED THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

SINCE YOUR ARRETE IS DUE TO EXPIRE IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, AND SINCE YOU ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT YOUR WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME, I SUGGEST THAT YOU MAKE APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF YOUR ARRETE TO THE RECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PLAN AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE DATES ON WHICH YOU FORWARD SUCH APPLICATIONS. I ALSO FIND THAT OUR RECORDS DO NOT INDICATE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF YOUR PASSPORT AND THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR U.S. VISA. PLEASE LET ME KNOW THESE DATES AND ALSO NOTIFY ME OF THE DATES WHEN YOU SUBMIT ANY APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF YOUR PASSPORT AND

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
MARCH 7, 1962
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YOUR VISA.

SINCE I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU WHILE I AM IN BOSTON IN APRIL, WE SHOULD THEN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AT WHICH TIME I CAN BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE ON ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SAIGON.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES, I AM,

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

JBH:YN

ENCLOSURE

MARCH 9, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR PHAT:

A LETTER OF APOLOGY IS THE MOST DIFFICULT TO WRITE AND I HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES FOR INADVERTENTLY OMITTING YOUR PER DIEM CHECK IN THE MONTHLY REPORT TO THE BUSINESS OFFICE. WE SENT A RUSH ORDER TO HAVE IT PROCESSED AS SOON AS WE RECEIVED YOUR CALL AND YOU SHOULD RECEIVE IT WITHIN A WEEK.

ANOTHER MATTER WHICH I DID NOT MENTION IN MY LAST LETTER IS A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISER REGARDING YOUR TRIP TO AMHERST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE FAR EAST, STATING THAT THIS ACTIVITY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO YOUR WORK. ALSO, WILL YOU KINDLY SEND US YOUR RECEIPT FOR BUS OR TRAIN FARE, SO THAT WE MAY REIMBURSE YOU FOR THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING YOU WITH EXTRA PER DIEM FOR THE TIME YOU ARE IN TRAVEL STATUS.

SINCERELY,

YURIKO NAKAMURA, SECRETARY TO
JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

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53 Trowbridge Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
March 10, 1962

Dr. James B. Hendry
Assistant Dean, College of
Business and Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Henry:

May I acknowledge your letter of March 7, 1962, as well as the instruction concerning the new procedure for application for stay.

I will submit my application to stay to the General Directorate of Planning and write to the N.I.A. on this matter, sometime next week. The dates of validity of my present decree, passport and visa are, by order, as following: June 30, 1962; June 30, 1963; and December 29, 1962.

I was sorry to learn that MSUG will definitely discontinue its program in Vietnam. Please let me know about any new changes which may be coming up in this connection, if any.

I would like to thank you for your thoughtful help and advices. Please convey my greetings to Miss Nakamura, thanking her for her very kind letter of March 5, concerning my trip to Amherst. It is my hope that my per diem check for March will reach me before March 18, so that I could buy my bus ticket in advance. Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you in Boston, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Tran N. Phat

Tran Ngoc Phat

*3/12/62 Received per
diem check for
march.*

58 Trowbridge Street
Cambridge 22, Mass.

Miss Yuriko Nakamura
Secretary to
Assistant Dean James B. Hendry
Graduate School of Business Adm.
Michigan State University
(Vietnam Project)
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear (Miss) Yuriko (Nakamura):

I would like to thank you for your letters of March 5 and March 9 inst., in which you have so kindly suggested to me ways and means to push through my request for a trip to Amherst.

Since my academic advisor, Professor Emerson, is ill and I do not know when he would be able to come back to his office, I have submitted to his secretary, your letter as well as the whole record concerning the matter. Thus, he could write to you when he will be back. I will come back in a couple of days or so, to see if he's got well, anyway. In so far as I can see, however, this is going just to be a routine procedure; since I will take off only for the weekend.

Thanks for your helpful reminder. I will send in a statement of travel fees (I do not know whether or not there is going to be anything left, after the bus ticket is used) as soon as I get back.

Miss Yuriko Nakamura
Secretary to
Assistant Dean James B. Hendry...

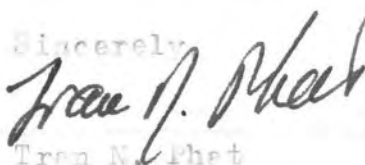
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On the remaining, I got the per diem check all right. I would appreciate it if you could help me in getting the one for April, sometime by the end of this month, so that I could gradually regularize my budget.. You certainly did me a tremendous favor in processing that rush voucher-- Foey! Just about time!

My only regret was that I did not succeed in remembering Judith's wedding!

With best greetings,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tran N. Phet". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name upwards and to the right.

Tran N. Phet

MARCH 13, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR PHAT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER FORWARDING INFORMATION ON THE EXPIRATION DATES ON YOUR PASSPORT, VISA AND ARRETE.

UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR BUS TICKET, WE WILL REIMBURSE YOU FOR TRANSPORTATION COST ON YOUR TRIP TO AMHERST, PLUS THE ADDITIONAL PER DIEM ALLOWED PARTICIPANTS ON TRAVEL STATUS.

I ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR WRITING ME THAT YOU RECEIVED YOUR PER DIEM CHECK FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, AND I AM SURE YOU WILL GET YOUR APRIL CHECK BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH.

I JUST RECEIVED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM PROFESSOR EMERSON CONCERNING YOUR WEEKEND AT AMHERST. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR VERY FINE COOPERATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

YURIKO NAKAMURA
SECRETARY TO
JAMES B. HENDRY, ASSISTANT DEAN

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52 Trowbridge Street
Cambridge 28, Mass.
March 18, 1962

Miss Yuriko Nakamura
Secretary to
Assistant Dean Hendry
College of Business &
Public Service
Michigan State Univ.
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Nakamura:

I just came back from my trip to Amherst (march 16-18). The International Weekend Committee's program was quite instructive. I was introduced to Professor Luther Allen, who had been in Vietnam, and to a Vietnamese student there. Besides, I have made a few more acquaintances during my three-day trip,--which was, on the whole, very restful.

Thank you for your very kind letter of March 13. Please find enclosed a receipt for the bus fare connected with my trip.

By the way, the Governing Board here has just voted for granting me an A.M.. And I have sent two letters --one to the Directorate of Planning, and one to the N.I.A.--dated today, requesting an extension for my stay until the end of the year.

With best greetings, Sincerely yours,
Tran Nhoac Phat
Tran Nhoac Phat

53 Trowbridge Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
March 23, 1962

Miss Yuriko Nakamura
Secretary to
Assistant Dean Hendry
College of Business &
Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan


Dear Miss Nakamura:

Yesterday, I met Professor Karl Deutsch (a specialist in the field of nationalism) from Yale (New Haven, Conn.) in Professor Emerson's seminar. After Prof. Deutsch's talk, with the approval of Prof. Emerson, I made arrangement with the former for a tentative interview with him in New Haven next Friday (March 29, 1962).

As I requested in a former note to you, I would appreciate if you could in some way help me in getting an early per diem check or refund check. Such aid will enable me to carry out the above planned trip to New Haven. I will see to it that a letter of recommendation in connection with the trip will reach you in the course of next week.

In any case, please let me know the answer to the said request at your earliest convenience, since I still have to write to Prof. Deutsch for a confirmation of our planned interview.

With sincere thanks,


Tran Ngoc Phat

MARCH 26, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR PHAT:

THANK YOU FOR SENDING A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF YOUR DIPLOMA. I AM NOT SURE WHETHER THIS TYPE OF EXPENDITURE IS REIMBURSABLE; HOWEVER, I WILL CHECK AND WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO REASSURE YOU THAT YOU SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR PER DIEM CHECK FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL SOMETIME THIS WEEK AS IT WAS MADE OUT AT THE BUSINESS OFFICE ON MARCH 22ND; ALSO YOUR REIMBURSEMENT FOR YOUR TRIP TO AMHERST, TOGETHER WITH THE ADDITIONAL PER DIEM DURING TRAVEL STATUS.

I JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 23RD REGARDING YOUR COMING TRIP TO NEW HAVEN TO MEET WITH PROFESSOR KARL DEUSTCH. YOU NOW HAVE A BALANCE OF \$9.96 ON TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND I AM SURE THIS WILL AMPLY TAKE CARE OF YOUR TRIP. PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND ME THE LETTER RECOMMENDING THIS TRIP FROM PROFESSOR EMERSON.

SINCERELY YOURS,

YURIKO NAKAMURA, SECRETARY TO
JAMES B. HENDRY, ASSISTANT DEAN

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Cambridge
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Dear Miss Nakamura,

Please find enclosed a
photocopy of my B.M. for
my record with the UN Project.
If you can, please give
me some reimbursement
for the photostating.

By the way, I need some
money to buy a few more
material (mostly in French)
for my thesis. Could I have
some more books allowance?

I would appreciate it
if you could forward to me

either an early post-dinner
check or a refund check
for my last trip to Ankershof.

It is my plan to go back
there to see Prof. Allen's library
at the next opportunity.

Please forgive for these
hasty lines. I am just
coming out from the library
on my way to the Post Office.
(I'm sending a copy of the
diploma to the Embassy,
on their suggestion, in connection
with my application for
extension).

Sincerely
Fred (Frank) W. Goe



Hotel Duncan

1151 CHAPEL STREET

New Haven 11, Conn.

31st March, 1962

Dear Yuriko Nakamura,

I am taking off today, back to Cambridge after having spent quite a useful time here. Professor Karl Deutsch gave me a few advices concerning my field of study and a couple of brochures. He was very nice to me although I came late to the appointment (had to come back to Cambridge to find out my overcoat -- lost, my only worthwhile belonging!) (in the subway).

Weather is fine. From the little I see of the town, it is beautiful. On the whole I enjoyed my two-day trip very much.

Sincerely,
Phat (Tran N.)

P.S. - Enclosed bus ticket receipt. Thanks for the early per diem check. — By the way, I am thinking of moving out of 53 Trowbridge St., Cambridge, on the 21st of April, because of my inability to cook everyday alone. Do not find any other place yet.

FAMOUS "Old Heidelberg" RESTAURANT

MEMBER AMERICAN HOTEL ASSOCIATION

MEMBER AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD

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P.P.S. - I am staying in a hotel because
the "Y" was full and Prof. Deutsch*
was kind enough to put me up here
for the night (\$ 5 for 5 hours of sleep!) -
very fine place. - Please give me re-
imbursement also for taxi fares:
\$1.00 from bus station to Yale
\$1.00 from hotel to bus station - T4

JWP

(*Prof. Deutsch, a very well-known specialist
in the field of "nationalism", formerly an
advisee of Prof. Rupert Emerson too. - He
is going to leave for England & then the
continent, on 3rd of April, for about
a year or so. He asked me to keep in
touch with him through Yale, which I will
be all too glad to do.)

APRIL 4, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR PHAT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOTE OF MARCH 31ST, TOGETHER WITH BUS TICKET STUB. AS YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$7 PER DIEM DURING TRAVEL STATUS, WE CANNOT REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES ON HOTEL AND MEALS. THEREFORE, I AM RETURNING YOUR RECEIPT FROM THE HOTEL DUNCAN. WITH THIS TRIP TO YALE, YOU WILL HAVE USED YOUR ENTIRE \$250 TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR AND ANY FURTHER TRIPS MUST BE PAID AT YOUR EXPENSE.

I WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU HAD A PLEASANT AND WORTHWHILE VISIT WITH PROFESSOR DEUTSCH, HOWEVER, WAS SORRY TO HEAR THAT YOU LOST YOUR OVERCOAT ON YOUR RETURN TRIP.

I HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD VISIT WITH DR. HENDRY AS I AM SURE HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

YOU MENTION THAT YOU MAY MOVE TO ANOTHER ADDRESS ON OR ABOUT APRIL 21ST. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING DEFINITE, WILL YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS TO AVOID ANY DELAYS IN YOUR GETTING YOUR MONTHLY PER DIEM CHECK. ALSO, WILL YOU PLEASE LEAVE A FORWARDING ADDRESS WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR FORMER APARTMENT, SO THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR CHECK INSTEAD OF IT BEING RETURNED TO THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. SHOULD YOU HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ALSO.

I AM SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO REIMBURSE YOU FOR THE PHOTOSTAT COPY OF YOUR DIPLOMA. IF YOU WISH, WE CAN RETURN IT TO YOU OR KEEP IT IN OUR FILES.

IT IS SOMEWHAT COOL HERE IN EAST LANSING, BUT I IMAGINE ALL OUR LOVELY BLOSSOMS WILL BE OUT WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. AT LEAST ALL OUR HUGE PILES OF SNOW ARE GONE. I HAVE NEVER BEEN TO MASSACHUSETTS AND WOULD LIKE TO SOME DAY. IF IT IS ANYTHING LIKE THE HILLS OF NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA, IT SHOULD BE BEAUTIFUL, NOT TO MENTION ITS HISTORIC BACKGROUND.

SINCERELY,

YURIKO NAKAMURA, SECRETARY TO
JAMES B. HENDRY, ASSISTANT DEAN

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Cambridge
April 5th, 1962

Miss Yuriko NAKAMURA, Sec. To
Asst. Dean James B. Hendry
College of Business & Public Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Yuriko,

Thank you for your very nice letter of April 4th. I am sorry I sent you, by inadvertance, my hotel bill. The lack in further travel funds will greatly limit my capacity for mobility in the future. After all, I have had too many flying and riding hours already. I have no legitimate reason to complain; on the contrary... The fact remains, however, that the financial limitations mean, at the same time, unfortunately (in this and many other respects) a lower ceiling for the research and technical quality of my doctoral thesis.

I did meet with Dean Hendry when he first arrived here for his convention; but I was sorry my condition, then, did not allow me to have more elaborated conversations with him later on, in as much as I wished to see him longer during his stay in Boston - Cambridge.

As to the photostat of my A.M. degree, I hope you will keep it in my record with the Project, although it is not exactly what I have been working for.

Although, as in East Lansing, winter has ceded its reign to the first signs of Spring, the weather is still very cold at times, and we do not expect to see the flower blossoms of early May. Fortunately, I still

have enough sweaters to go around, and to make up for the loss of my luxurious overcoat bought during the age of relative prosperity earlier.

As I got to know more and more places and peoples, I have learned to love each new community I passed by. No longer are deep-rooted simplistic images of the world around me, tenable. Thus, I have learned to love the noses of Hongkong, Tokyo, Honolulu, San Francisco, East Lansing, Cambridge, Boston, etc.... Each place has given me new meanings and inspirations about life and humanity. In each new person and each new community, I have found a reflection of my own reality, problems and aspirations as well as the universality of the greatness and misery of the human condition on earth. To be true, I think that my personality has been immensely enlarged and deepened with these new contacts.

Let me say that I do share with you your admiration for the internal and external beauty of cities, beyond their everyday's problems. May your heart's desires, in this connection, be fully realized.

I have to close this letter at this point, while waiting for the next opportunity of communicating with you. Please accept my most sincere thanks for your speedy processing of my per-diem and refund checks.

Sincerely,

Phat (Tran Ngoc)

P.S. - I have not been able to make any new living arrangements as yet. I will think of it at a more relaxed time. If there is any change in living accommodations, I will let you know.

MAY 29, 1962

MR. TRAN NGOC PHAT
53 TROWBRIDGE STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR PHAT:

I AM ENCLOSING A MIMEOGRAPHED FORM ON PARTICIPANT DATA WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SO THAT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WHEN THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARTICIPANT AFFAIRS. ENCLOSED ALSO IS A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION IN FILLING OUT THE FORM AND RETURNING IT TO THIS OFFICE WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

AS I AM NOT SURE WHEN THE WASHINGTON OFFICE WILL START SENDING YOU YOUR MONTHLY PER DIEM CHECK, MAY I POINT OUT THAT THE MOST RECENT CHECK (WHICH I AM SURE YOU RECEIVED LAST WEEK) WILL COVER THE PERIOD JUNE 1-30, 1962. THIS, I BELIEVE, WILL BE THE LAST PER DIEM CHECK FROM THE MSU BUSINESS OFFICE, THEREFORE, WILL YOU BUDGET IT ACCORDINGLY. AS SOON AS WE KNOW MORE DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU AND YOUR WORK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SINCERELY,

YURIKO NAKAMURA (MISS)
SECRETARY TO DEAN HENDRY

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