

March. 2nd 1967

Dr. James B. Hendry
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Dear Dr. Hendry:

Thank you for returning the bibliography. It was I felt you did not have time to wait as we hope you could make it next time.

Two weeks ago I sent to my advisor the a draft of a detailed plan of my dissertation. I am waiting to hear from him as to when I should return to see him, but so far I have not heard from him yet.

In the meantime I carry on with the writing of the first chapter.

The World Bank has a Economic Development Institute. Dr. Hoffman is its Director. The class there will be over on March 8th, and Dr Hoffman's whom I saw yesterday - allows me to use the room next to the library - when you cannot reach me at my home phone, then dial DU 1-2208; this is the librarian's phone located on the same floor.

I receive no news yet from the Embassy regarding my application for extension of my stay. I am sure that M.S.U.G. in Saigon has already sent my file & application to the proper department. The Embassy told me that they had not seen the same application from Lao Toan, who came over here at the same time with me.

Friendly
Truong Nam

October 22 1961 - 44

Dr. James - B. Hendry
Assistant Dean
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Dear James -

Thank you for your letter of October 17. I will write to a few possible candidates for the P.H.D. program. I am doubtful, however, whether the terms & conditions of this program would be attractive enough to them.

Some Vietnamese students who came ^{here} on their own and who've worked their way through their college feel that a 10 year contract is too long for them. Since they have no great difficulty in finding a job after having their first degree, this P.H.D. program does not have a great deal of appeal to them. (Ex. Mr. Tu, now working for the V.N. Embassy).

Secondly, the field of specialization of this program is felt by some to be restrictive. NIA preference for students in Public Administration is understandable but some would-be candidates may prefer Business Administration instead.

Thirdly, there has been concern about the delay involved in processing an application. This long period of waiting (and uncertainty) may be an added disincentive to some.

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These are only a few suggestions & complaints which I have heard from some Vietnamese I have met. I am sure they are familiar to you but they may not be so to some responsible members of the NVA.

Concerning the title & outline of my thesis, I am now in the process of writing a 40 page report to my chairman, indicating the various steps I will take to prove my hypothesis. As soon as I finish this, I will send a copy to you.

I am nearly a month late on my quarterly report to your office. I hope you will excuse me for this delay - I ~~do~~ ^{do} not ~~want~~ ^{want} I would like to enclose a copy of my report to my chairman in my quarterly report to your office, and since the first one is not yet completed, I have not started on the second one (the quarterly report).

I would appreciate receiving my report, travel expenses for my last trip to Cornell - from Sept 16 to Sept 24 - I did not use the air ticket which was returned to Miss Rathbun, I had a ride with a friend to Cornell.

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Yours sincerely
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OCTOBER 27, 1961

MR. TRAN QUI THAN
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DEAR THAN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OCTOBER 22 LETTER AND FOR YOUR OFFER TO WRITE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE PH.D. PROGRAM. I APPRECIATED YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED AND HAVE PASSED THEM ON TO SAIGON (WITHOUT QUOTING YOU BY NAME) FOR WHATEVER THE PEOPLE THERE CAN DO. I RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE TEN-YEAR REQUIREMENT WHEN I WAS THERE, BUT THE PREVAILING OPINION SEEMED TO BE THAT EVERYONE AGREES THIS IS A PROBLEM, BUT EVERYONE ALSO AGREED THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT.

I ALSO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT DELAYS IN PROCESSING HAVE CREATED A MORALE PROBLEM, BUT I AM COMING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS SORT OF THING IS UNAVOIDABLE IN SOME FEW CASES WHEN TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE INVOLVED IN CLEARANCE PROCEDURES.

I HOPE YOUR WORK IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING A COPY OF YOUR REPORT TO YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. I WISH IT WERE POSSIBLE TO SIT DOWN WITH YOU AND DISCUSS THE LATEST NEWS FROM SAIGON, BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN IN WRITING A LETTER ON THIS. OBVIOUSLY, THINGS ARE NOT VERY BRIGHT AT THE MOMENT, ALTHOUGH THE PICTURE IS NOT COMPLETELY PESSIMISTIC. I THINK THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL BE EXTREMELY CRITICAL ONES, AND, IF THE GOVERNMENT CAN FIND WAYS TO SUCCESSFULLY COUNTER THE GUERRILLA ATTACKS, VIETNAM MAY AGAIN EMBARK ON A PERIOD OF PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT. THIS MAY SOUND FATUOUS, BUT I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT A TURNING POINT OF SOME KIND IS AT HAND, AND THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS WILL TELL THE STORY.

PLEASE GIVE MY BEST REGARDS TO YOUR WIFE, AND I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS IN YOUR THESIS WORK.

SINCERELY,

JAMES B. HENDRY
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Dear Jim:

I wish these first 20 pages of my
dissertation and hope to receive
your comments and advises.

I am now working on a loan
given to Thailand in connection
with the Yankee project. I have
most of the materials, but putting
them and arranging ^{them} and typing them
take a tremendous amount of
time —

Yours sincerely
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TRAN QUU THAN

January 22 1952

Mr. James B. Hendry

Vice Dean

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Dear James,

The enclosed paper is the continuation of the first 33 pages I sent you during the first of this month.

I hope I will be able to finish my first 100 pages by the end of February and the rest by the end of April.

My progress depends of course on my chairman, on whether he will accept or reject my future chapters.

Yours sincerely

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February 20 1962

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Dear Jim.

It was with great relief that I received your letter assuring me that you and Dr. Fox in Saigon would support my application for another 6 month extension. I have already sent a letter to Rector Thong through the Embassy channel. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the letter.

I am sorry to hear that MSUG's effort to renew the contract with the Vietnamese Government was not more rewarding, but I am doubtful that any other university groups in the position of MSUG would be able to silence returning professors!

Sincerely,

Tran Qui Than

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February 7 1962

Mr. James B Henry
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Dear Mr. Henry:

Thank you very much for your New Year card. In Washington the Vietnamese New Year was relatively quiet; there was no annual party given by the Embassy as the Ambassador and Mrs. Tran van Chuong have gone to Saigon.

In the enclosed letter, Prof. de Chazeau, my chairman, has at last accepted the first 50 pages of my dissertation. This is the first draft, some modifications will have to be made in the final version. I will make every effort to finish the first 100 pages by the beginning of next March when I will have to return to the campus to work with my chairman for some time.

It is with a feeling of self-dissatisfaction that I realize how slow I have progressed with my work, the speed of which is not however completely under my control. When a chapter is rejected I can nothing about it except to start rewriting it again. My first two approaches to my thesis were not accepted, and each time I re started, considerable time was lost. This took up a good part of 1961.

As things stand now, it would be too optimistic for me to say that I could finish everything by May 29th, date at which my present permit of stay will expire. I feel greatly reluctant to request your assistance in granting me another six months of extension, the minimum time I think I will need to complete all my doctoral requirements.

The Vietnam Project has always treated me very well; perhaps the best way I can show my appreciation is to return to Vietnam with a degree.

Your assistance will be treasured and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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FEBRUARY 14, 1962

MR. TRAN QUI THAN
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DEAR THAN:

I HAVE PASSED ON TO PROFESSOR FOX THE INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF YOUR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES SO THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO INFORM RECTOR THONG OF YOUR PROGRESS TO DATE. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO WRITE A LETTER TO RECTOR THONG REQUESTING THE NECESSARY SIX MONTHS' EXTENSION, WITH COPIES FOR THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND FOR OUR OFFICE HERE. IF YOU WISH, WE WILL FORWARD THE LETTER TO RECTOR THONG IN SAIGON FOR YOU, BUT, SINCE YOU ARE IN WASHINGTON, IT MAY BE EASIER FOR YOU TO DELIVER THE COPY FOR THE EMBASSY DIRECTLY.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT YOU HAVE HAD THE FIRST FIFTY PAGES OF YOUR DISSERTATION ACCEPTED BY YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. IN ALL HONESTY, I MUST ADMIT I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE COPIES YOU SENT TO ME IN A DETAILED ENOUGH FASHION TO MAKE ANY INTELLIGENT COMMENTS. THE COPIES ARE ON MY DESK AND A CONSTANT REPROACH TO ME SO THAT I TRUST I WILL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

KEEP US INFORMED ON THE PROGRESS YOU MAKE; I AM SURE PROFESSOR FOX WILL DO ALL HE CAN TO SECURE THE EXTENSION YOU ARE SEEKING. ONE OF THESE DAYS I EXPECT TO BE IN WASHINGTON AGAIN, AND, WHEN I AM, I WILL CERTAINLY MAKE AN EFFORT TO SEE YOU FOR A SHORT TIME WHILE I AM THERE. WITH ALL GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR WIFE.

SINCERELY,

JAMES B. HENDRY
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FEBRUARY 23, 1962

MR. TRAN QUI THAN
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DEAR THAN:

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
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