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August 31, 1959

TO: Elsie Cunningham
FROM: Howard L. Waltman *HW*
SUBJECT: No. 184 - Ph.D. Participant Mr. Pham Van Thuyet

Mr. Pham Van Thuyet, after consultation with Milt Taylor and Frank Childs, has decided to apply to Harvard, M.I.T. and Stanford. Will you kindly write and get these application forms. It would probably expedite things if they sent them to you and you forwarded them here, because last year some of schools kept me waiting 2 and 3 months.

cc: Musolf



TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: September 8, 1959
SUBJECT: Ph.D. Participant Mr. Pham Van Thuyet - Ref: No. 184 - (#279)

I have requested catalogs as well as application forms from Stanford, M.I.T., and Harvard. I presume that you are anticipating a second semester enrollment.

Perhaps at some later date we will know why Harvard acted favorably when they reconsidered Mr. Tran Ngoc Phat's application. Needless to say, strong letters of recommendation from Taylor and Childs will be very helpful.

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: September 14, 1959
SUBJECT: Applications for Mr. Pham Van Thuyet (#286)

Please find enclosed two application blanks from Stanford University plus the necessary directions. I have kept one of the yellow cards which indicates payment of the \$5.00 application fee. As soon as I hear from you, I shall start the necessary action to obtain a check for this fee.

Also please find enclosed a thermofax of Harvard's letter and a supplement to the catalog which we will send to you as soon as we receive it. A copy of my reply to Mrs. Eldridge is also enclosed.

Since completing this memo the information and application blanks from M.I.T. were received and are herewith forwarded.

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: September 22, 1959
SUBJECT: Ph.D. Participant Pham Van Thuyet (#296)

Please find attached the reply from Harvard Admissions Office regarding application for admission. You will note that Harvard is not accepting any spring term applicants in the Department of Economics.

This means that out of the three schools named, admission is possible only to Stanford before next fall.

Please notify us if you wish us to request applications from other schools.

September 8, 1959

Dean of Graduate School
Harvard University
Cambridge 38,
Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would send two application forms for the doctoral program in economics to me via airmail. These application forms will be forwarded to Saigon for completion by Mr. Pham Van Thuyet, a Vietnamese coming to the United States under our sponsorship.

We would also appreciate receiving, under separate cover, two copies of the university catalog covering the graduate programs in economics and any additional information that may be relevant in the case of a foreign student.

We would appreciate very much your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

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24 QUINCY STREET
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September 10, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
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Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

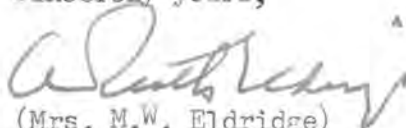
Dear Miss Cunningham:

We have received your letter of September 8 in which you requested catalogues, information, and application blanks for Mr. Pham Van Thuyet.

The application blanks for admission to the Graduate School for the academic year 1960-1961 will not be available until October 1. If you would still like the application blanks at that time, please write again, and enclose a check or money order for \$10 for EACH APPLICATION BLANK, and we will be happy to send you the forms then.

In the meantime, we are sending you two catalogues and two supplements with detailed information about the department of Economics, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,


(Mrs. M.W. Eldridge)
Head, Admissions Office

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24 QUINCY STREET
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September 18, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
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Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Cunningham:

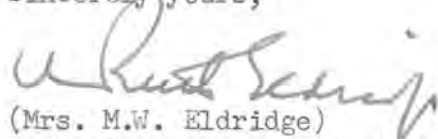
We have received your letter of September 14 in which you enclosed a check for \$10.

The department of Economics has notified this office that they will not accept spring term applicants for this academic year. Therefore, we will deposit your check and put your name on our mailing list. We will send an application blank to you for the academic year 1960-1961 in October.

Since we file correspondence by the name of the student (in this case we believe Pham Van Thuyet), it is most helpful if you refer to the student's name in your correspondence whenever possible.

If we can be of any further assistance, please write any time.

Sincerely yours,


(Mrs. M.W. Eldridge)
Head, Admissions Office

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Frank C. Child *FC*
SUBJECT : Pham van Thuyet

DATE: October 2, 1959



Mr. Thuyet is preparing his applications for admission to Stanford and MIT; he wants to apply for Harvard as soon as the necessary papers are available.

Mr. Thuyet's chances of being admitted to any of these institutions are slight. Even if he were admitted, it is my opinion that he would be ill-advised to go. I do not believe that he is prepared to do successful work at these institutions. (This is a personal evaluation based upon two interviews with Mr. Thuyet but it is supported by his recent failure in certain examinations for a "2nd Certificate" at the University of Saigon.)

I recommend that Mr. Thuyet seek admission to a University where his chances for survival are greater though still problematical. Will you request application papers for the following schools?

UCLA	North Carolina
Univ. of Washington	Indiana
(Seattle)	Duke
Columbia	

In the Interim I will work out a program of study which will, hopefully, improve Mr. Thuyet's preparation.

TO: Frank C. Child
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: October 7, 1959
SUBJECT: Pham Van Thuyet - Ref: Your Memo of 10/2/59 -- (#320)

In accordance with your memo of October 2nd, we have written requesting application papers to the schools you suggested. Since, in most cases, these application forms will require at least one or two recommendations, if you write these, your letters may be the deciding factors.

From my past experience with the other Ph.D. participants seeking admission to various universities, there is no logical pattern. Sometimes a good school will accept someone that a not-so-highly-rated school has refused. We have seldom succeeded in getting an acceptance at more than one out of three schools applied to, and mid-year acceptances are harder to get.

Enclosed please find catalogs from Columbia University and the University of North Carolina. We have requested catalogs from the other schools and will pass them on to you when they arrive.