

MAY 23, 1961

MR. RICHARD CHAPIN  
DIRECTOR, LIBRARY  
CAMPUS

DEAR DICK:

THE ENCLOSED COPY OF A LETTER FROM GUY FOX SHOULD BE  
SELFEXPLANATORY. WE SHOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE  
YOU CAN GIVE US IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS AND PROVID-  
ING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ON PAGE 2 OF HIS MAY 16  
LETTER.

CORDIALLY,

RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
ASSISTANT DEAN

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## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM



TO : Ruben V. Austin

DATE: May 16, 1961

FROM : Guy H. Fox *G.H.F.*

SUBJECT: Tang Thi Ti

Shortly after, or just before, the return of Miss Kim Sa to the NIA library, we hope to send Miss Ti, the head librarian, to a University in the United States for her Master's degree in library science. Miss Kim Sa is expected to return to Saigon in June, 1962.

From our various reports you are undoubtedly familiar with the problems we face regarding Miss Ti. The Fonction Publique gives little credit to her Philippine Degree, and as a result, she has been relegated to a low civil service status with a salary equal to only one half of some of the clerks (paid by MSUG) who work under her. We are definitely going to lose Miss Ti if something cannot be done to give her the position, status, and salary she deserves. Unquestionably, she is the most competent librarian in Vietnam, and in our opinion, would be a valuable asset to any library; besides knowing library work, she is a dynamic, capable administrator and possesses an abundance of common sense. She had an outstanding academic record at the University of the Philippines, where she obtained her BA with a major in library science. Both Dr. Child, who served as library advisor, and Miss Heyman have praised her in superlative terms.

Since the possession of degrees - and not necessarily one's competency - means everything in VN, the best solution in her case is to permit her to get her MA degree from a quality US University; this would result not only in bringing her into the Tham Su class and giving her a reasonably adequate salary (thus raising her the equivalent rank and salary of Miss Kim Sa who will work under her supervision) but also in enhancing her competency and her value to the NIA.

Therefore, may I please make a request for some information which we would find difficult to obtain here. Will you kindly

ascertain from someone in the MSU library: (1) the names of at least 10 or 12 universities from which she might obtain first rate training and receive a MA in library science within one year; (2) whether the universities named are on the semester or quarter-term system. The second item of information is asked because it may be possible for Miss Ti to begin her studies in March 1962, although it is more likely that she would start in summer session of 1962.

GHF/ht



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

THE LIBRARY

May 31, 1961



Mr. Ruben V. Austin  
Assistant Dean  
College of Business and Public Services  
Campus

Dear Ruben:

We are very pleased to assist you in finding a library school for Miss Tang Thi Ti. She was at the Institute when I was in Saigon, and I can assure you that she would make a wonderful candidate for a library school here in our country.

I am not in a position to evaluate Miss Ti's record. I cannot, therefore, tell you if she could finish her degree in one year. This will have to be done by the library schools.

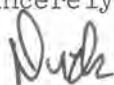
The following library schools can be recommended. Those with a star are on the quarter basis, and the others are on the semesters.

1. University of Illinois
2. University of California (Berkeley)
- \* 3. Chicago University
4. University of Michigan
5. Columbia University
6. Rutgers University
7. Indiana University
8. Florida State University
9. Louisiana State University
10. Rosary College (Chicago)

All of these are good schools and can be highly recommended.

I sincerely hope that she manages to come to the United States for further training. I am sure that she would benefit from it and I am sure that the Institute would benefit from her additional work.

Sincerely,

  
Richard E. Chapin  
Director of Libraries

REC/mc

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

JUNE 2, 1961

TO GUY H. FOX  
FROM RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT TANG THI TI



ATTACHED IS A COPY OF DICK CHAPIN'S REPLY TO OUR INQUIRY CONCERNING  
SCHOOLS OFFERING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE. DICK HAS  
INDICATED THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MIGHT WELL BE "FIRST CHOICE."

*is a quarter basin*

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER WE CAN DO ON THIS  
MATTER.

RVA:JR  
ENCLOSURE

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator

DATE: June 12, 1961

FROM: Guy H. Fox, Chief Advisor *GHF*

SUBJECT: Tang Thi Ti

Thank you for sending the list of library schools to which Miss Ti might be sent for a master's degree. Please express my appreciation to Dick Chapin for your cooperation.

In the third paragraph of the thermofax copy of Chapin's letter it is said that those universities "with a star are on the quarter basis..." However, there are no stars on the copy. I suspect the asterisks were written by Chapin in blue ink and therefore do not show on the thermofax. Since it is important for timing purposes that we know which of the universities are on a quarter basis, will you please send us this information?

GHF:dw

*Univ 7 Chicago  
only*

JUNE 20, 1961

TO: Guy H. Fox  
FROM: JAMES B. HENDRY  
SUBJECT: TANG THI TI

TO FURTHER CORRECT THE CORRESPONDENCE ON MISS TANG THI TI, THE ASTERISK WHICH APPEARS ON THE ORIGINAL OF CHAPIN'S LETTER TO RUBEN AUSTIN WAS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, AND SIMPLY INDICATED THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO WAS ON A QUARTER BASIS. THUS, DICK CHAPIN DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO WAS A "FIRST CHOICE" BUT SIMPLY THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO TERM WAS NOT ON A SEMESTER BASIS.

JBH: SF

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DECEMBER 15, 1961

TO           Guy H. Fox  
FROM         James B. Hendry  
SUBJECT      Ti

THIS IS JUST A NOTE TO INQUIRE WHAT THE LATEST IS ON MISS TI'S PARTICIPANT TRIP TO THE STATES. I HAVE NOT RUN ACROSS ANY FURTHER REFERENCE TO IT IN MATERIALS AWAITING MY RETURN, AND I AM CURIOUS TO KNOW WHAT DECISION HAS BEEN WORKED OUT.

JBH:JR

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY


VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM



TO: James B. Hendry

DATE: 28 December 1961

FROM: Guy H. Fox SUBJECT: Miss Ti

Miss Ti will not go to the US before June and prefers to wait until September. She is now engaged to be married and expects the wedding to take place about April. At first she said she would not consider going to the States before September, but when I pointed out our contract ends in June and she might have to leave before that time if she is to go under MSU auspices, she said she would go in June rather than forego her study. However, in the event our contract is renewed or if USOM will accept her, she wants to wait until next fall.

Incidentally, Thong has never met with the Budget Direction to have the library assistants paid from counterpart funds, though I have taken the matter up with him at our every Thursday meeting, and in several memos. Although he has never really said he opposes the arrangement or that he will not seek it, he has expressed the fear that he might lose the library assistants if he takes them out of the regular budget. I have said repeatedly I believe it would be possible to make an agreement with the Budget Direction that the library assistant positions would be returned to the NIA after a year, and have offered to call a meeting for that purpose, but he has not responded favorably. I will keep plugging.

GHF/rbm

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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TO: James B. Hendry

DATE: January 4, 1962

FROM: Guy H. Fox *GHF*

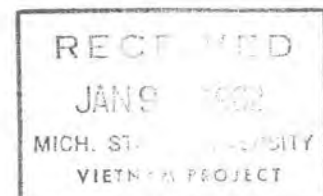
SUBJECT: Miss Ti

Only last week I wrote you that Miss Ti wanted to wait, if possible, until September before going to the United States for study. But at least in her case the old saying "true love never runs smooth" appears to be applicable. She and her prospective bridgroom are having difficulties over religion. She is a pagan and he is a Catholic. He wants her to become a Catholic and, although she tentatively agreed to do so at one time, she is beginning to have second thoughts on the matter.

At any rate, she has just told me that she definitely would like to go to the United States in June. When I asked her if she were really sure she replied "I think so." I do not intend to give you a serialized soap-opera version of Miss Ti's romance, but I shall let you know when her plans have crystallized.

GHF:dj

cc: C. A. Joiner



JANUARY 15, 1962

TO           GUY FOX  
FROM         JAMES B. HENDRY  
SUBJECT      MISS TI

MAYBE A SERIALIZED SOAP OPERA VERSION OF MISS TI'S ROMANCE WOULD BE INTERESTING RATHER THAN AN ACCOUNT OF SILENCE, BUT I AGREE, PERHAPS IT IS BEST TO WAIT UNTIL SOME VERY DEFINITE WORD ON HER DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES IS AVAILABLE.

JBH:YN

James B. Hendry

March 19, 1962

Guy H. Fox

Misses Ti and Kim-Sa

After changing her mind several times, Miss Ti has finally decided she would prefer to go to the U. S. in September to work on her Master's degree in library science. If it is too late for her to leave by September, she wants to go as soon as possible in 1963. Of course, she will have to go under USOM's auspices; and USOM has tentatively agreed to send her. In order for her to leave here in September, USOM would have to take immediate action; their processes are slow and the deadline for the PIO/PS is next month.

I think it is only fair to give Miss Kim-Sa a definite, affirmative answer to her request to stay an additional full year to obtain her Master's degree. If you have not already informed her, will you please do so and have her make a request as quickly as possible to Rector Thong? I will support the request at this end.

cc: C.A. Joiner

