

New York City, Nov. 2, 1958

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Let me thank you warmly for your laboring so that I could have my 1st. check of Nov. very in time, as usual.

I'm finding no trouble at all in my studies.

There are many Vietnamese graduate students at Col. Univ. now. Miss N. X. Đào who has had her Master's degree from the University of Chicago is working for her doctorate in Int'l Relations. She is also a resident in the Int'l House.

I was present at the farewell party given by The American Friends of Vietnam in honor of Mr. Vũ Văn Thái, Dir. Gen. of Budget in Vietnam, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Buttinger - Prof. Carter Goodrich at Columbia having communicated my name and address to this association. The V.N. Ambassador and his wife were present too.

I want to have a copy of the work of Parkes & Reban. Please don't forget to give me one.

I appreciate very much your letters

Sincerely
Ho Joozy

November 6, 1958

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Toan:

Following a long session last week, the one that resulted in my staying to get out the per diem letters, we have been notified very officially that it is no longer possible to reimburse participants directly for books purchased. In the future send me a list of the books purchased and the bookstore, then a confirming order will be written for the University bookstore to bill us according to normal university procedures on an invoice voucher.

I am wondering if you are planning to be in New York City or the immediate area over Thanksgiving as there is some possibility now that I may get to the east coast for the weekend. Please let me know how to contact you.

What if any plans are you making for the Christmas vacation.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

Rec. Nov-14

New York City, Nov. 12, 1958

Dear Elsie,

Your new instructions about the question of books will be applied from the day they've been known by me.

Because you're a V.I.P. for me, I must have enough time to meet you in N.Y.C. So will you please notify me the date, time and place where I may join you. If possible, come and visit the I.H.

I want to have a trip to Washington, D.C., during the Christmas period. Length: one week. May I have an air-ticket for that?

I'm very delighted to see you soon.

Sincerely,



November 12, 1958

REGISTERED

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Toan :

I received the additional purchase from the University Book Store and we will process this according to the reiterated requirements of the Business Office which calls for confirming requisition and invoice voucher at the same time. I must warn you that the books expenses for next term will have to be considerably less. If you can give me the book list in advance, perhaps we can conform the usual university policy.

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from November 16 to 30.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

Encl.: Check No. 7496

New York City, Nov 15, 1958

Dear Elsie,

I return for you the check of
Mr. Nguyen Duy Xuan, which has been
sent by error to me.



Please speed for me my own
check.

I hope you to see you soon in
New York City

Sincerely

Hojoan

November 24, 1958

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Dear Toan,

If I can get a reservation out of here I shall leave on Wednesday and plan to be at my parents in N.J. for Thanksgiving. I do not know if you have already made plans for the day, and realize that this is a very late date at which to be extending an invitation but would like to have you come for Thanksgiving Dinner - probably about 2 p.m. - it is easy ~~xxx~~ as anything to get to our house from the N.Y. Port Authority Terminal - B us #35 on Intercity Line from Platform 74 leaves at 15 and 45 after the hour - our house (77 Hackensack St., E. Rutherford) is only a few minutes from the intersection of Paterson Avenue and Hackensack St. - If you are able to come, please call Wed. (WEBster 9-0793) I am also inviting Than's wife and Thu if he happens to be around.

In any case I expect to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

December 5, 1958

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
Room 826
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Toan:

I am sorry that I was not able to reach you on Saturday. I decided that it must have been a misunderstanding on my part, as I thought I was supposed to call you on that day.

Mr. Xuan is attending the annual meetings of the American Economic Association in Chicago from December 26 to 29. ~~They~~ will spend part of his Christmas vacation in New York City with his wife. I mentioned both of these in case you feel you can spare the time for a short trip to either Chicago, Washington or any other particular place that you might have in mind with some rational explanation other than just plain vacationing.

I know that you will take my family seriously on the invitation that they extended you to visit any weekend you chose. However, I would suggest you do this either before December 20, or else after the 25th. If everything is under control, I am hopeful that I will be able to spend at least two or three days at home during the Christmas holidays. Perhaps I can see you again then.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC/aeg

New York City, Dec. 11, 1958

Dear Elsie:

My examinations will take place on Jan. 19, 1959 and subsequent days. So I want to relax myself 4 days at Christmas time before making a general review of my course. Place: Cleveland, Ohio, Time: Dec. 23 - 26. May I have an air ticket for this trip? I have not the intention to go to Chicago.

Please accept my warm thanks for your suggestion about the opportune dates for my passing a week-end in your parents' home.

Perhaps there has been a confusion and you have not called me on Saturday morning, as I expected. So in the afternoon I studied at the I.H. 8th floor common room and realized only late in the evening that you called me at 2:30 p.m.

I again invite you to have a Chinese (or Japanese) dinner with me when we meet anew. The Chinese restaurant Tien Tsui and the Japanese, Iki, are famous in the Columbia University area.

I hope to see you again.

Sincerely
Chao

December 12, 1958

REGISTERED

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period
from December 15 to 31.

I will be at home during Christmas. You can call me
after December 23 at WEbster 9-0793, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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Encl.: Check No. 52468

December 15, 1958

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed the tickets you have requested for your trip from New York to Cleveland to New York.

I did call you on that particular morning but some how you were never in your room. I really cannot explain it except perhaps the wrong number was given or the wrong extension rung.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

New York City, Dec 18, 1958

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I'm very grateful to the Vietnam Project and to you too.

The I.H. phone number is MO 6-7600. Probably the motives of my failing to hear you or any Vietnamese friends are as follows 1) my (family) name is TOAN (not Cao) on the IH student directory, 2) the rooms are not soundproof so the buzzing may sometimes be taken as coming from the contiguous room if too slight or brief, 3) frequently I study in the floor common room or in the Col. Uni. library (regularly in the library on Tuesday and Thursday from 10: a.m., after my from-8-to-9 class of A.E.H., 4) some IH operators don't care to check carefully the names which sound strange (to them). They used to answer unhesitatingly that there is no such a name (CAO) on the IH list (this is reported to me by some friends).

At that time of the semester, I'm very busy with studying. I must have at least B grades for my final examinations.

I hope to see you in New York City.

Sincerely,

Caolan

Rec'd
12/21/58
M.S.

December 30, 1958

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed your ^{Jan 1-15} ~~final~~ per diem check. I am sorry that your stay in Michigan and mine in New York did not coincide. I hope, however, to have an opportunity to see you for the promised Chinese dinner sometime in the near future.

I trust that you have had sufficient time to accomplish all the work pending during the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

Enc: Check No. 55437.

January 22, 1959

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from February 1st to the 15th.

There is an insurance letter which should accompany the identification card which we have sent you but unfortunately ICA has given us so few of these that there were not enough to go around. As soon as I receive an additional supply I will send you one.

Perhaps you know by now that both ~~Than~~ and Mrs. Bach-Lan will be at Columbia during the next semester. Mrs Bach-Lan will arrive in East Lansing on January 24th and to allow ~~her~~ the most time to search for an apartment for herself and her daughter, I am going to suggest that she continue on to New York the early part of next week.

Best of luck in your examinations.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

Enc: Insurance I.D. card
Newsletter
Per diem check No. 60058

January 30, 1959

Mr. Cao Toan
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Toan:

Please find enclosed the coverage on your health and accident insurance. Also I am enclosing a claim form should we have need for this.

I will be most anxious to hear the results of your first semester at Columbia. I hope that by the beginning of the semester that everyone has found some kind of accommodations.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

Enc: Ins. notice and claim form.