

New York, June 7, 1959

Dear Miss Cunningham:  
Administrative Assistant  
MSU- Viet Nam Project  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Elsie:

For the Spring semester, I got poor results: a C+ in Economic theory, and a D in American economic history (my record will be sent by Col. U. to the Project). I think it is proper for me to discontinue my studies at Col. U. next year, in the case that I am allowed to remain here. Does the Project permit me to enroll in another university, like MSU, U. of Chicago or Yale U.?

However, I will take another exam in American Eco. history some time this summer, if allowed to stay.

I am very sorrowful for this situation.

Cordially

*Anthony*

*Elsie*  
New York, June 9, 1959

*gfp*  
Miss Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant  
MSU- Viet Nam Project  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Elsie:

I like to add this to my former letter to the Project.

The exam in Eco. 153-154 is an oral one. In the case a certificate is granted to me, the grade D has no effect at all on my applying for the doctoral candidacy.

I hope that the Project does not discontinue my scholarship.

Sincerely

*John*

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

June 10, 1959

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

Dear Mr. Toan:

We have just received your June 7 letter to Miss Cunningham in which you have stated the poor results of your spring semester's work and in which you request that you be permitted to enroll in another university.

I was extremely disappointed, of course, by the record of this last semester's work, and I would appreciate learning from you by letter what it was that prevented a better performance by yourself.

As for switching to another university, I do not feel that the Project would be justified in permitting you to do so. There is no reason to believe that the work at any other university would be easier. Furthermore, I do not believe that you should discontinue your work at Columbia merely because it is hard.

I think you will understand when I say it is in the best interests of your own country that I encourage you to remain at Columbia and apply renewed energies to your efforts there. If, after the completion of another term's work, your results continue to be poor, I think we will have to reconsider the advisability of your remaining in the United States for the Doctorate.

Please feel free to write me as frankly and openly about the various problems you are facing at Columbia. Do not consider this letter to be a

Mr. Cao Toan

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reflection on your work or motivation. I fully understand the kinds of obstacles a student faces in graduate work in a foreign country, and I wish to continue to encourage you as much as I possibly can.

I hope you are enjoying good health.

Sincerely,

*SKS*  
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Stanley K. Sheinbaum  
Coordinator

SKS/aeg

cc: Saigon  
Gabis  
Cunningham ✓

June 10, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check which includes an additional \$2.00 a day for the first half of the month under the assumption that you were either in route or at TVA during this period. At the moment I am a little confused as to whether or not you have gone to TVA at all. Please drop me a note and tell me if you did make this trip.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nnm

PS: You will have received Mr. Sheinbaum's letter of June 10 before this arrives and be reassured that we are not going to discontinue your scholarship without providing the opportunity for you to prove your ability to do the work.

New York, June 11, '59

Miss Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant  
MSU - Viet Nam Project  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Elsie:

I'm delighted to notify the Project that the grade D in American economic history has been removed from my record, and to send to you a letter from the Chairman of the Department of Economics - Col. U., about my application for an extension of stay.

I believe that the Project allows me to remain in this country and secures a visa for me.

Cordially,  
Chopra

Enc:

1 letter from Col. U  
my passport.

June 12, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed a request that Mr. Gabis has made to each one of our degree participants.

In seeking to assist you to the best of our ability, we would very much like you to consider the possibility of coming to M.S.U. during the summer session. For your information I am enclosing a listing of all the economics courses available during the two sessions. In addition, I have already mailed to you, under separate cover, the summer session catalog which should certainly reach you by the beginning of next week.

Perhaps you can arrange an appointment with your faculty advisor and discuss the possibility of obtaining a transfer of credit for whatever courses you might take during the summer session at M.S.U. Realizing that you indicated earlier your intention to take one course in statistics and one course in mathematics, I have checked and find that the analytic geometry and calculus course is offered during the 10 week session at M.S.U. and also several courses in statistics, though none that seem to be specifically oriented toward the graduate student in economics. On the other hand, perhaps in view of the results during this year you have revised the courses you were interested in pursuing this summer.

Please let us know your considered decision as soon as possible and we will do everything we can to arrange matters for you.

Sincerely,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

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PS: I received your passport this morning and will take the necessary step

New York, June 12, 1959

Mr. Sheinbaum  
Coordinator  
MSU-Viet Nam Project  
East Lansing, Michigan

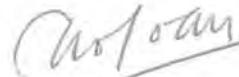
Dear Mr. Sheinbaum:

Please accept my warm thanks for your very kind letter to me.

In a former letter to Miss Cunningham, I have notified the Project that the grade D has been removed from my record. Probably the enclosed letter of Dr. C. Goodrich of Col. U. I have just received gives more detail about this question.

May I noterdown here that I never conceive that the work is easier anywhere else. I did feel only that another ambiance is helpful for me to improve my work. But, as you have suggested, I am finding that a change is improper. So, with the permission of the Project, I will take 6 points of Statistics this summer.

Respectfully



Enc:  
1 letter



New York, June 16, 1959

Dear Elsie:

The Chairman of the Department of Economics of Col. has approved my program of studies, which comprises, especially, 6 points of statistics taken this summer at Col. I believe that the Project permits me to carry out my plan, i. e., to take these courses here. Having considered every aspect of my situation, I do find a change is not to be made now.

I appreciate very much the kindness of the Project.

Sincerely

*Carlo M.*

P.S. I have received the catalog you sent to me. Thanks.

June 19, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter to Mr. Khanh asking for an extension of your passport. In addition, I am enclosing the papers which would transfer your sponsorship from Michigan State University to Columbia University. (form DPS-67). This would in no way affect the project's sponsorship of your studies but will regularize and make easier the visa procedure.

Also enclosed is a form for application to extend your visa which should be completed and accompanied by your passport and handled by the foreign student advisor to secure your visa extension. (form I-539).

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

*cc: Mrs. Lois Novaez*

June 22, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

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

Of course we are in agreement with your decision to stay at Columbia for the summer session. It must have seemed a great relief when you found that Dr. Goodrich had made an error in the computation of your grade and that rather than a "D" you would have a "B-." This proves, of course, that we all make mistakes. It is certainly better to have a mistake rectified which is in your favor rather than vice versa. I can imagine, however, the amount of anguish you went through before this was resolved. Good luck on the summer session.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

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Encl: 1

New York, June 29, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant  
Viet Nam Project- MSU  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Elsie:

Last Friday, June 26, at 11, I received a note from the Vietnamese Embassy, stating that I have to send 2 pictures of me (4 copies), before the extension be granted. I think the only way to secure the American visa in time is my going to the capital in order to avoid the possible delays. And I did so. Now everything is finished. If you find the trip justified, please reimburse me the transportation costs.

Sincerely yours,

Enc:  
1 receipt from  
Penn. Railroad  
1 copy of the certificate  
of eligibility for transfer  
filled by Col.U.

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*Carsten 7/3/59*