

New York, July 6, 1959

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

Dear Elsie:

As has been planned, I have registered for 6 points of statistics this session.

Please find enclosed some of the receipts related to my book purchases and examine if you can reimburse me these expenditures. I understand that they constitute a small part of my new yearly book allowances (37.15 and 5.45- CU Bookstore will charge the Project the latter sum later- are the total for the summer).

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Carlo J. Van

Enc:

5 receipts

July 7, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

We are processing the reimbursement for your rail expenses to Washington. However, I must caution you in the future to clear with this office first, by telephone if necessary. In this case I think that perhaps a telephone call to the Embassy would have indicated that all you needed to do was send the photographs special delivery, as I rather doubt that you could be in Washington any faster than special delivery letters could arrive.

There is no absolute necessity that the visa must be obtained by a specific date.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

P.S. You have never answered the question I raised some time ago concerning your visit to TVA. Please make it a point to give me this information at your earliest possible convenience. Enclosed is a report form for you to follow.

July 10, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

As you will note from Chau's letter, your book allowance for the academic year begins with the summer session. Under the circumstances, I do not see how we can reimburse you for books which were purchased last spring. That is why I am returning these receipts to you. We will, of course, be glad to reimburse you for any books purchased in connection with the Statistics course you are presently taking.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC: nm

New York, July 11, 1959

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

Dear Elsie:

I have just finished my first week of summer work. I am finding out that the fact of my concentrating in one subject all the time helps me in mastering it easily.

In connection with my trip to the South, I like to report to you that I have spent 7 days outside NYC, most of it in Washington, DC.

Thank you very much for the July 15-31 check.

Sincerely yours,

Chas/om

July 12, 1959

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

Dear Mr. Toan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period of January 15th to 31st.

Also I have just received word from Mr. Viederman, Foreign Students ~~Admissions~~ Office, that Mrs. Bach-Lan has been accepted for the spring term and presumably will be arriving before the end of January.

We will be anxious to hear how you have fared at the end of exams.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

Enc: Per diem check MSU # 57787

July 14, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

With reference to your letter of July 11th concerning the amount of time you have been away from New York, I would like to raise two points: First, we will, of course, have to deduct the additional per diem you received during the month of June based on your projected trip to T.V.A., and second, I am curious as to what you have done with the tickets sent to you for this purpose. Does the seven days mentioned in your letter begin on the weekend of the 26th of June?

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

July 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 August 1st through the 15th. Also enclosed is a general newsletter to all participants.

Although it is not definitely settled yet, I am hoping to bring all of the degree participants in the field of economics to East Lansing before the beginning of fall term. This would probably be in the form of a one-week seminar. I believe that this could be both stimulating and a useful exchange of knowledge. As soon as a more definite outline is completed, I shall let you know. Are there any particular problems or areas that you would like to suggest be included in such a seminar?

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

July 24, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

In a recent statement from Columbia University bookstore for Than's account, they had included several books which Than had returned to them for crediting to his account. This raises some question in my mind that their bookkeeping may leave something to be desired.

Consequently, I am sending to you the attached list which represents the books we have paid for during this past year. You may wish to check this against the current bills you have recently paid to be sure that your account has been accurately charged.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nnn

August 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 for the period from August 16th through the 31st.

If I am not mistaken, summer session will be over for you this week. I do not expect to hear from you until then. Perhaps then we will receive a report of your activities during June.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

August 12, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed some general information about the Economics Seminar which will be held here on campus in September. I had hoped to enclose this information with your check, but felt I better clear it with the powers to be first. However, here it is, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, etc. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask and I shall try to answer them.

I gather from the most recent letter I received from Gus that he is going to try to finagle you and Than to accompany him on a trip to Montreal and Toronto.

We are looking forward to having you on campus.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

New York, August 15, 1959

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

Dear Elsie:

I have finished my summer session here, but I have to keep on studying Statistics in order to be able to take the qualifying examination which will be given on October 2, 1959. I will notify the Project the results of my summer examinations soon.

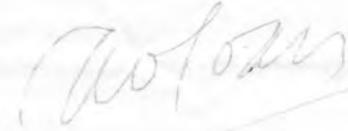
I feel that you like to know that I did go to Tennessee early last June. But at that time I was in such a position as I couldn't profit much of the opportunity: in fact I have shortened my absence from NY. And that helped me very much: I could see Dr. Carter Goodrich just as he dropped into his office, and as you know it, it's difficult to meet a professor during inter-session time.

I like very much to spend one week in the summer camp, organized by the Association of the Vietnamese Catholic Students in the United States, in Quaker Bridge, New York. Here is my projected schedule: Aug. 28, leaving NY for Buffalo, by plane; 30, leaving Niagara Falls for Salamanca, New York, a town near the camp; Sept. 4, leaving Salamanca for NY, via Boston, by train. Do you think that the Project finds some justification for giving me the necessary tickets? This trip is entirely for my well-being, indeed. I know that you have planned a Canadian visit for Than and me, after the seminar in East Lansing. So please correct my schedule as you find

it more convenient for me. But may I say that at least the second half of September must be fully devoted to review, to study, exactly, Statistics. So I think a trip as far as to Montreal, at that time, is probably not very good to do. However I can change my mind. Please accept my warm thanks for your perfect kindness.

I will send to the Project, a short outline of my paper for suggestions and approval before developing it.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "A. Tolson".

August 18, 1959

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

Dear Toan:

I am quite willing to allow you to go to Buffalo, etc., enroute to East Lansing. If you can arrange to attend the Vietnamese Student Association conference enroute to East Lansing, this would be the best solution. The only problem I see is the prolonged period that you will be away from your studies. Also the fact that you must be prepared for the seminar with a paper. You could plan to do the paper while in East Lansing. In addition, we could arrange for you to have access to the library facilities.

Please let me have your decision at the earliest possible moment.

The itinerary I suggested would include Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and then East Lansing, rather than a return to New York via Boston. This is the first inkling I have had of any Canadian trip planned after the seminar in East Lansing. However, as you can see, the date of the seminar is so late that there will be no time before the fall semester for additional travel.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Program Director

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