

March 11, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. # 8K1
New York 25,
New York

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from March 16th through the 31st.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Maddalozzo
Secretary to Elsie Cunningham

March 15, 1960

Mr. Gao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. # 8KL
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

As you may recall, one of the suggestions made at the recent Ph.D. meeting was a desire to recommend the purchase of books for the N.I.A. library. Saigon has replied to us concerning this and asked that we inform you that they would be delighted to receive any suggestions for book acquisitions and will make every effort to act on these suggestions.

If you have a moment, I would appreciate just a note concerning the courses you are taking this semester.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nn

New York, March 17, 1960

Dear Elsie:

You have come back at last to East Lansing. I think that you have enjoyed very much your long trip.

This semester, I'm taking 4 courses: Monetary economics, Business fluctuations, seminar on expectational economics, and Statistics (at the School of Business).

Some time before, I thought that I'll write the dissertation about the question of devaluation - French devaluation of 1958, precisely - but my professor suggested that the subject in general has been

overworked. My choice now is, also tentatively, the question of economic integration of the ⁶ European countries. So I like to go to Washington, D.C., to have some personal contact with the people of the "European Community, Information service" in the capital, some day in April, during the school vacation. Please give me the train ticket if you find it justified. I'm no more interested to go to Massachusetts.

I'll send a list of books to you, later on.

I appreciate very much your friendship and the kind consideration of the Project given to me during my last visit to Michigan.

Fincerely
Ravloan

March 24, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

The Vietnam Project moved today in the midst of a raging blizzard. The truckloads of furniture, equipment and what-have-you have been unloaded and everyone else but us is currently trying to find out where those things they packed yesterday are today. Luckily, Nancy and I were on the first floor so our things were moved first and with the least amount of confusion.

Except for the noisy typewriter in the next office, all is "peaceful and serene."

Before deciding whether or not the trip you requested to Washington can be authorized, it would seem advisable for you to do some more background work and investigate as fully as the facilities allow in New York City the topic you propose.

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

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

EMC:nm

New York, March 31, 1960

Dear Elsie:

I like to inform the Project that my professor of statistics has granted me the certification in this field.

I think that the question of moving the totality of things of the Project to new offices, in the midst of a blizzard, is terrible. I expect that the new rooms are more comfortable.

Please let me know whether the Project is reimbursing the ~~bus~~ fares to and from the airports, connected with official

trips.

I hope to see you soon,
in the summer.

Sincerely,

Charlotte

March 30, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Toan:

During the second five-week summer session (July 29th to September 2nd) at Michigan State University there will be a special seminar on Development Administration. It is expected that all Ph.D. participants under the sponsorship of the Vietnam Project will participate in this seminar.

For more specific information concerning the content of this seminar, you will find enclosed a brief outline prepared by Dr. Edward Weidner.

As you will note, M.S.U. is offering credit for this seminar. However, as you know, this does not necessarily mean that these credits are transferable to Columbia.

In addition, you will realize that the budgetary limitations on travel will mean that a second trip to East Lansing will almost completely use up your travel allowance for this year.

Sincerely yours,

Ruben V. Austin
Assistant Dean

RVA:nm

April 4, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

Thank you for your letter of March 31st. Yes we do pay the limousine expenses whenever you travel on official business. We are putting through a request for reimbursement of your limousine expenses in New York and from Lansing to the Lansing airport.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

April 8, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

So far you are the only Ph.D. participant who feels he will be free to attend the Development Administration Seminar here during the summer. Unfortunately, the time schedule conflicts with the summer sessions at other universities, and in addition, the need for intensive study prior to preliminary exams has forced several people to bow out of the seminar. I have not yet had an opportunity to discuss this with Dr. Weidner, but if the other participants they had expected are in the same situation as the Vietnamese, it may be necessary to cancel this seminar.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

April 8, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, N.Y.

Dear Toan:

When you were in East Lansing we talked about a paper you were writing for Professor Hart on Consumer Behavior. I said at that time that a friend of mine was working on this problem and perhaps he will be willing to talk with you about it. I have written to him and he has indicated that he would be happy to meet you if you would call and arrange a mutually convenient time. His name is Dr. F. Thomas Juster, and he is at the National Bureau of Economic Research, which is located at 261 Madison Avenue in New York City. If you wish to meet with him and call to make an appointment, please indicate that I was the one who suggested that you do so, so that he will have some idea of who you are.

I hope that your studies are progressing satisfactorily and that you will have an interesting and profitable term this spring. I enjoyed meeting you here in East Lansing again and I hope to see you some time soon.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Hendry

JBH:kc

cc: Elsa Cunningham

April 12, 1960

Mr. cao Toan
601 W. 110th Street
Apt. 8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from April 16-30.

It feels like Spring has finally arrived and now we will be able to tell by the weather as well as the date that it is Spring. Today I walked to and from Kellogg Center and felt as if I should really stay outside rather than go back to work but with Nancy out of the office with a sore throat and the checks beckoning my conscience got the better of me.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

April 14, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

As has been the practice with I.C.A. participants, we are going to advance the money for books to each off-campus participant. This means, in effect, that you will receive \$50.00 for each semester and for the summer session. We will, of course, need receipts to substantiate this purchase of books. We expect that books purchased with this advance will be related to the work you are doing. As soon as we have cleared up the pending bills with the University Bookstore, we shall close these accounts.

According to our records, your last book purchase from Columbia University Bookstore was on January 26th in the amount of \$1.55. This was for the book "Business Cycles." Your book expenditures to date total \$148.01, and we will make an advance for the remaining \$1.99. However, we cannot advance money from next year's book allowance. I am sorry that we have to be so strict in these matters, but our books are being gone over with a fine-tooth comb.

I guess I misinterpreted your statement about seeing me this summer and immediately assumed that you were planning to come to East Lansing.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

New York, April 14, 60

Dear Elsie:

I like very much to receive from the Project \$8.25 (4.25 for 3 limousine rides to and from the airports connected with my trip to East Lansing, 4.00 for one day spent in Washington, D.C., connected with the meeting of the AEA.)

I suggest that the Project will order as many as possible the professional reviews (economic, monetary, financial, statistical, business) published in this country^{and} in England for the N.I.A., Saigon, V.N., library, and at least since 1950.

The weather is already really fine in New York, but I want to spend my time as far as I could behind the walls. Oh! that paper with all its computations.

Sincerely

Adolay

April 21, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed a reimbursement check for the limousine expenses you incurred on your trip to Lansing in February.

As for the \$4.00, you cannot receive in-travel status per diem unless you are gone for longer than 48 hours. This precludes your receiving the \$4.00 mentioned for the day spent at the A.E.A. Conference in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

New York, April 23, 1960

Dear Elsie:

Could I suggest that you will not close formally my account at Col. U. The service of the bookstore is sometimes necessary too. I understand that I will have \$150.00 available for books for the academic year '60-'61, from June 1, '60. Because this period of time (especially the earlier part) will be devoted to research (for writing the outline of the dissertation) and to the preparation for the oral exams, I want to receive \$100.00 towards the end of May for my direct purchases of books and periodicals. I hope that this question will not be raised again.

Thank you.

John

April 25, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. #8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

I have received your letter of April 23rd. I can only reiterate the regulations concerning book purchases. As I indicated in my letter of April 14th, you will receive a check for \$50.00 to cover book purchases during the summer session.

We had hoped that this change in procedure would eliminate any further complaints from the participants. I am afraid that you do not understand the I.C.A. regulations which we must perforce operate. We are subject to not only audits, but also to the general procedures normally operative for participants directly under I.C.A. control. This presumes that all book money will not be spent in any one given academic period.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

April 29, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
Apt. # 8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

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

I am also enclosing a newsletter which is being sent to all participants.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nn