

May 31, 1960

Mr. J. J. Grunder
Educational Services
IBM World Trade Corporation
821 United Nations Plaza
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Grunder:

Mr. Cao Toan, a Vietnamese who is currently studying for his Ph.D. degree in Economics at Columbia University under the sponsorship of this Project, has requested permission to take courses in computing and programming at the New York Education Center of your organization. Before making a final decision on this request, I am interested in obtaining as much information as possible about the following:

1. The Cost.
2. Length of time involved.
3. Course content.

Mr. Toan is very interested in the mathematical side of economics, and when he returns to Vietnam he will be teaching at the National Institute of Administration.

At present, extensive use is being made of IBM equipment in the Bureau of the Budget in Saigon, and a computer has been purchased through IBM, France. It is quite possible that there will be even greater use made of such equipment in the future. For this reason, if courses in computing and programming can be undertaken by Mr. Cao Toan without interfering too greatly with his academic program and are suitable to his background and needs, we might be willing to cover the cost of such courses.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

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cc: Mr. Cao Toan
601 West 110th Street
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New York 25, New York

June 6, 1960

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Dear Mr. Toan:

I am writing you because I spoke with Miss Cunningham regarding the training she requested for you in her May 31st letter. I understand you have a copy of that letter.

We are most anxious to assist in providing programming training for you, but as I mentioned to Miss Cunningham, we believe the courses offered at the Watson Laboratory - Columbia University, would be more suited to your needs.

Therefore, I have taken the liberty of calling Mr. F. S. Beckman, who will be glad to discuss the details of their courses with you and to assist in determining which might be most beneficial. If you will kindly call Mr. Beckman at Monument 6-9600 for an appointment, he assures me he would be glad to see you.

You might then wish to write the results of that interview to Miss Cunningham in line with your request for this type of training. If we may be of further assistance please do not hesitate to write


Mr. Cao Toan

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me and I would be glad to give you the information concerning courses held at the IBM New York Education Center, 99 Park Avenue.

Very truly yours,


J. J. Grunder, Manager
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cc: Miss Elsie Cunningham
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