

New York, May 26, '60

Dear Elsie:

I would like to suggest that you write to Mrs. Lois Noras, the foreign student adviser at Columbia U., asking her to affix her signature on the form DSP-67, filled in my behalf, by the Project, as was done last year.

The preparation for the oral exams is being continued always. The search for a good dissertation topic is really hard.

Computing, programming, the use of electronic computers are, I think, very useful for social research.

Sincerely,

Aspöan

May 31, 1960

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

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed a carbon copy of the letter I am sending to IBM relative to the courses you wish to take in computing and programming.

I have spoken with the foreign student advisor's office and since your sponsorship has already been transferred to Columbia, I am dropping a note to Mrs. Novas today indicating that we will continue to support you for the next year.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

New York, June 1, '60

Dear Elsie:

Upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Dept. of Economics, Col. U., I'm permitted to take the course 'Programming the IBM 650' given, free of charge, at the Watson Laboratory operated by Columbia University and IBM, during the summer. I think programming is very useful. (In Vietnam, at the Bureau of Budget, there is also a battery of IBM machines).

Please find enclosed a note from my Chairman, concerning my status at Col. U. after 2 years of study.

The foreign student adviser at Col. has given to me a signed form DSP-66 which I will present to the Immigration authorities in New York, when the Embassy of V.N. returns to me my passport.

I would like to receive my first check
concerning book allowances in early July.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Aspa

June 3, 1960

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

Dear Toan:

This morning Mr. Grunder, from the Educational Services Section of the World Trade Corporation of IBM, called in reference to my letter to him regarding courses. He suggested that you contact Mr. F. S. Beckman, Data Processing Manager at the Watson Laboratory (Murray Hill 6-9600) and make an appointment to see him. It seems that they offer a course listed as "Astronomy 111 and 112" which has been particularly popular with the people from the field of Economics at Columbia University. If you intend to do extensive work in this field, it would seem that this might give you a better background than the course in programming the IBM 650 computer, which as I understand it, lasts for 15 sessions. In any case, I would like to suggest that you go and talk to Mr. Beckman before making a final decision.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of your second semester transcript. We are pleased to see that you have fulfilled so many of the requirements and are expecting to take your preliminary exams in January. By the way, you might be interested to know that Than is expecting to take his in August.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

June 10, 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 June 16th through the 30th.'

Also enclosed please find your book advance in the amount of \$50.00 for the summer semester.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director
Vietnam Project

EMC:nm

June 24, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 W. 110th St. - Apt. 8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from July 1-15. May I remind you that we shall need receipts for the books you have purchased with the two advances (\$1.99 and 50.00) before we shall be able to make additional advances for the fall term.

Dr. Austin expects to be in New York City on July 18th and would very much like to see you during his stay there.

I am leaving the Vietnam Project at the end of next month for a new position at Indiana University. I have not yet told my parents this news and it was just settled yesterday. Since neither location is very close to home in New Jersey, I doubt that it will make much difference to them.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

New York, May 28, '60

Dear Elsie:

Please find enclosed some of the receipts of my book purchases, in order to justify the use of the '60-'61 book allowances (\$50.00 having been granted and \$100.00 to be granted). May I say that I've bought them for my best interests, as far as I can judge it. I would like to suggest that I will not enroll next fall (and next spring) for regular courses. I want to have money to buy books for the preparation of the oral exams and the writing of the outline of the dissertation, (to be completed before the end of '60).

Your leaving Viet Nam Project is really
a loss for us. Have you dropped also
the idea to go to Viet Nam? ~~Yes~~ I
hope not. But I sincerely wish
you the best of luck, for a
better position in Indiana U.

Please, if you have time, let me
know about you, wherever you go.
I would appreciate that we
remain good friends all the time.

Sincerely yours,

Chapman

July 6, 1960

Mr. Cao Toan
601 W. 110th St. - Apt. 8K1
New York 25, New York

Dear Toan:

I have divided the receipts you sent me for books so that we now have one group which adds up to \$52.07 or just a little more than the advances of \$51.99 which you have received today. I am also returning some of the receipts you sent to us so that you may indicate what books were purchased.

I am afraid the possibility of my going to Vietnam were definitely out of the picture since Dr. Austin's return back in March. In a way it was this reversal (it had been expected by both Mr. Sheinbaum and Dr. Smuckler that I would go as soon as I could be spared for a few months) plus the obvious fact that almost no new participants would be coming that have in a way made me most anxious to leave the Project. Perhaps my next employers will be more generous and allow me a trip to Thailand and Indonesia with a short stopover in Saigon.

By the way did you know that Kim Sa is expected back in the United States this fall. As a matter of fact she will probably be at Indiana if all goes according to plan.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

July 14, 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 July 13-31.

I trust that your courses are working out satisfactorily this summer and that the weather has not been unbearably hot. For us it has been so cool for the most part that we are beginning to wonder whether or not this is the summer season.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

New York, July 23, '50

Dear Elsie:

I cannot pay this bill from New York because I don't have enough money. Please make a check to Col. H. book-store in my behalf. I understand that \$28.20 will be deducted from the remaining \$100.00 of my book allowances. I'm very sorry for that. But really I can't do anything else. ~~Excuse~~ me.

Thank you very much.

Chopman

Enclosed

4 bills (total: \$28.20)

July 26, 1960

Mr. Gao 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 August 1-15. At the same time I am returning the book bill from Columbia University Bookstore. If you cannot afford to pay these charges, perhaps they will carry the bill until your next book allowance in September.

I understand that tentative congratulations are in order. Although the number of eligible (marriage-wise) participants coming to the States is relatively low, the percentage of marriages turns out to be rather high.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

New York, Aug. 15, '60

Dear Elsie:

Please find enclosed some more receipts of my book purchases. I expect to have my second (fall) allowance (\$50.00) for books late this month. Thank you very much.

I would like to hear from you in Indiana.

Sincerely,

Catpaw