

Telephone conversation S. Weinger to R. Austin November 17, 1960:

Weinger: Ruben, how are you?

RVA: Fine, Just fine.

Weinger: I'm glad to hear that.

RVA: Well, I will retain my poise until I hear differently.

Weinger: I have two things: This letter from you about this Vietnamese (Toan); I don't think he is making a very strong case for himself. He states in his letter that "in the light of my research, I would like to be permitted to register for this course." This guy hasn't enough background for this course.

RVA: I don't think that we are warranted, frankly.

Weinger: It seems to me that he is interested in this conference. What the _____ is this conference?

RVA: It's on Capital Development.

Weinger: He can get a lot more of that around New York if he wanted to without the \$300 bill.

RVA: In fact, we are making arrangements for one of the fellows from Cornell to spend some time in Washington in the bank. This isn't going to cost us anything but the extra per diem.

Weinger: I would state to him, as far as I am concerned, that we feel it would be of use to him, but not as much as if he would have the background. So this is my reply on that.

RVA: Very good.

Weinger: Now, let me ask you something about how you are charging some things up there: I have in front of me a voucher for Gustavo Sa e Silva; you people state that you are charging \$93 for fees and \$122 for room and board. This is ridiculous!

RVA: Is that a Direct Payment Voucher we made out?

Weinger: Made out up there.

RVA: Look, Si, I know that this is just not according to Hoyle; this just doesn't go through. We will recheck this.

Weinger: We were setting up something previously -- it was \$185.

RVA: What was that voucher number?

Weinger: Voucher #36106, and your bill states \$93 for fees and \$122 for his room and board.

RVA: Ridiculous.

Weinger: I'm with you, Buddy. Is tuition \$215 per quarter?

RVA: Let me check with the Business Office and see how they are making these vouchers, because this is definitely a misstatement. I will check this through and be sure that it doesn't occur again, if at all possible.

Weinger: Have you got any problems?

RVA: We are trying to program Gustavo! for the two-three week program coming up.

Weinger: What two to three weeks is this?

RVA: The vacation during Christmas..

Weinger: As a Ph.D. man, he doesn't have much in the way of classes anyway, does he?

RVA: Well, he is taking quite a few -- this, we do require of him. He is doing so well that many of the people who have been a little antagonistic toward him are now trying to get him to do more in the way of directing classes. He really is doing well -- his attitude is changing considerably.

Weinger: I hope so. -- I think that, now that we have the VietNam Program under you, too, things will go much more smoothly there, too.

RVA: We are trying...

Weinger: But, in the case of Toan, we had better put the reins on him.

RVA: Very good, Sir.