

NOVEMBER 11, 1960

MR. NGO DINH TU  
3026 WISCONSIN AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. TU:

PROFESSOR WESLEY FISHEL HAS INFORMED US OF YOUR POSSIBLE INTEREST IN DOING WORK TOWARD A PH.D. DEGREE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION IN VIETNAM AND MICHIGAN STATE'S PROJECT UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION.

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE NIA HAS EXTENDED ITS APPLICATION DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 1960. SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS MATTER FURTHER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMUNICATE WITH US; PERHAPS, TO EXPEDITE THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED, YOU MAY WISH TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH RECTOR THONG AND THE NIA IN SAIGON.

WE SHOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU ON THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY YOURS,

RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
ASSISTANT DEAN

RVA:JR

Washington, D.C. November 16, 1960

Dr. Ruben V. Austin  
Assistant Dean  
College of Business and Public Service  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing  
Michigan

Dear Sir:

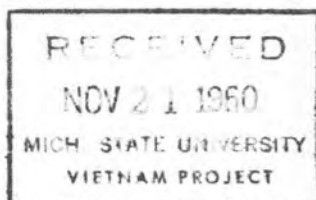
Thank you very much for your letter of November 11, 1960. Following your advice I already wrote to Dr. Vu-quoc-Thong of the Vietnam National Institute of Administration, requesting his approval for the project. In the meantime I would appreciate receiving from you the informations on the application procedure and the official application forms.

On my part, I shall have my student dossier ready so that the matter could be expedited.

Sincerely yours,



Ngo dinh Tu  
3026 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 16, D.C.



November 22, 1960

Mr. Ngo Dinh Tu  
3026 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 16, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tu:

Our office has not been directly involved with the handling of the official applications for admission into the National Institute of Administration; however, since time is of the essence, I believe that a letter addressed to us specifically requesting that this be transmitted through the proper channels to Rector Thong will expedite your application. I also suggest that, in your letter, you state your willingness to become associated with the National Institute upon your return to Vietnam after finishing your doctoral work.

In addition, if you will submit your student dossier to us, we shall transmit it, through our APO mail, to Dr. Musolf so that he can handle it on a personal basis according to the procedures established by the Michigan State Group and the NIA. Naturally, we shall take every precaution in keeping copies.

Sincerely,

Ruben V. Austin  
Assistant Dean

RVA:sf

cc: Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf

MAY 26, 1961

MR. NGO DINH TU  
3026 WISCONSIN AVENUE, NW  
WASHINGTON 16, D. C.

DEAR TU:

ENCLOSED HEREWITH ARE MEDICAL FORMS AND TWO TYPES (ONE FOR VISA PURPOSES, THE OTHER AS REQUIRED BY ICA) OF BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORMS, ALL OF WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND RETURNED TO THIS OFFICE SO THAT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH REGARD TO YOUR NIA/ICA SCHOLARSHIP.

VICE RECTOR NGHIEM DANG OF THE NIA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 3 THROUGH 21 AND WILL BE STAYING AT THE BURLINGTON HOTEL. PLEASE CONTACT HIM SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL ON JUNE 3 SO THAT YOU MAY SET UP A TIME TO GET TOGETHER WITH HIM. HE WANTS VERY MUCH TO MEET YOU WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JUDITH RATHBUN  
SECRETARY TO DEAN AUSTIN

JR  
ENCLOSURES

Washington, D.C. , June 4 , 1961

Miss Judith Rathbun  
Office of the Dean  
College of Business and Public Service  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing  
Michigan



Dear Miss Rathbun:

Enclosed herewith are the forms you sent me together with your letter of May 26, 1961. They are completely filled . Please kindly verify for any possible mistake.

I would contact Vice Rector Nghiem Dang as soon as he arrives in Washington. Your attention in the processing of my application is fully appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ngo Dinh Tu".

Ngo Dinh Tu  
3026 Wisconsin Ave. , N.W.  
Washington 16, D.C.  
Apt. 27

JUNE 22, 1961

MR. NGO DINH TU  
3026 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W.  
APARTMENT #27  
WASHINGTON 16, D.C.

DEAR MR. TU:

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF AN ARRETE DESIGNATING YOU AS RECIPIENT OF A PH.D. SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1961-62. THIS REPRESENTS WRITTEN APPROVAL OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THERE STILL REMAINS THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING CLEARANCES BY THE OFFICIAL AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND, AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY FORMS ARE APPROVED, THE AWARD WILL BECOME FINALLY OFFICIAL.

CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL GOOD WISHES IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER.

SINCERELY,

JAMES B. HENDRY

JEH:sf

cc: MSUG/SAIGON

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No. 543-TTP/KH

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Considering Decree No. 124-TTP of May 28, 1961  
determining the composition of the Government;

Considering Arrêté No. 522-TTP/KH of February 10, 1956  
establishing the Commission on Studies Abroad;

Considering official correspondence exchanged concern-  
ing scholarships granted by MSUG for studies leading to  
the acquisition of the Ph.D. degree;

Considering the application of the persons interested;

Considering the minutes of the Council meeting covered  
by the National Institute of Administration to select the  
candidates,

ARRÊTÉ:

Article 1.- The students who are living within the country  
and students now studying in the United States whose names  
are listed hereunder are recipient of scholarships granted  
by the Michigan State University group for a period of one  
year (academic year 1961-1962) to follow their studies in  
the U.S., leading to the acquisition of the Ph.D. degree:

1. Mr. Nguyễn Hữu Chi, born in January 1st, 1936 in  
Nam Định (North Viet Nam), holder of the Licence  
en droits.
2. Mr. Huỳnh Kim Khánh, born in April 20, 1936 in  
Quang Nam (Central Viet Nam), holder of the Bachelor  
of Arts degree, now attending Lehigh University,  
Pennsylvania.
3. Mr. Ngô Bình Li, born in December 20, 1932 in  
Quang Bình (Central Viet Nam), holder of the  
Bachelor of Arts degree, now attending the American  
University, Washington.
4. Mr. Đỗ Quang Năng, born in April 14, 1931 in Hanoi  
(North Viet Nam), holder of the Licence en droits,  
now attending the Columbia University New York.

Article 2.- These scholarships may be renewed until the end  
of an academic period. In case of renewal, the students  
concerned shall be informed by the Commission on Studies  
Abroad.

Article 3.- The scholarships granted include cost of transportation to and from the United States; the cost of living in the U.S. and other expenses are financed by MSUG.

Article 4.- The Secretary of State for the Presidency is charged with the execution of this Arrêté.

Saigon, June 9, 1961  
For the President

The Secretary of State at the Presidency

/S/ NGUYEN DINH THUAN

DUPLICATE  
Deputy Director of Cabinet  
at the Presidency

/S/ TRAN VAN PHUC

COPY OF THE ORIGINAL

For the Director General of  
Planning,  
Chief of the Technical Aid Service,

DO XUAT TY.





DESTINATION:

Messrs the Secretary of State at the Presidency

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- The Director General of Civil Service
- The Director General of Planning
- The Director General of Police and Sureté (2 copies)
- The Director General of the Exchange Office
- The Secretary General at the Presidency (3 copies for publication in the Official Journal of the Republic of Vietnam)
- Director of the Directorate of Political and Social Studies at the Presidency
- + The Attaché de Cabinet at the Office of the Secretary of State for the Presidency
- Chief of the Military Conscription Service - KBC 4689
- The VN Embassy in the United States (through the Foreign Office) - 4 copies (3 copies to be forwarded to students Huynh Kim Khanh, Ngô Đình Tũ, and Đỗ Quang Năng who are in the U.S.)
- Mr. Nguyễn Hữu Chi.

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Cambridge, 30 June 1961

Dr. James B. Hendry  
College of Business and Public Service  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Hendry:

Thank you very much for your nice letter. After all your new-year visit did bring luck to me. I appreciate very much your recommendation following the interview.

This summer I receive a Harvard scholarship to come here for seven-week studies. Cambridge is as quiet as Huế nowadays.

Are you ready to embark on the research on South East Asia regional cooperation? Is Dr. Austin still at M.S.U.? I do hope to be able to see you at East Lansing in this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Ngo Dinh Tu

Ngo Dinh Tu  
198 Norfolk St.  
Cambridge 39  
Massachusetts

JULY 3, 1961

MR. NGO DINH TU  
198 NORFOLK STREET  
CAMBRIDGE 39, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MR. TU:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER. I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR SUMMER STAY AT HARVARD, AND I AM VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A 7-WEEK SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING YOUR STUDIES THERE.

AS I INDICATED IN MY EARLIER LETTER, APPROVAL OF YOUR NIA SCHOLARSHIP WILL NOT BE FINAL UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ADDITIONAL CLEARANCES FROM THE U. S. SPONSORING AGENCIES. HOWEVER, ASSUMING THAT THESE WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN DUE COURSE, HAVE YOU MADE PLANS FOR CONTINUING YOUR GRADUATE STUDY AT A SPECIFIC UNIVERSITY? AS I RECALL OUR CONVERSATION EARLY THIS YEAR, YOU HAD NOT DECIDED WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOUR DOCTORATE; THEREFORE, I FIND I DO NOT HAVE ANY FIRM IDEA OF YOUR PLANS. PLEASE DROP ME A NOTE AND LET ME KNOW WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR GRADUATE WORK.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES B. HENDRY

JBH:JR

Cambridge, July 18, 1961

Dr. James B. Hendry  
College of Business and Public Service  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Hendry:

I am very sorry I could not write you sooner. Applying very late for admission, I had to wait for the answer of Cornell University. At the present time I have already the admission to Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to work toward the Ph.D. degree.

For the past twenty days my wife and I have been arguing over the acceptance of the scholarship, and my problem now is whether I could decline it. As a condition attached to the scholarship, I would have to go back to Vietnam as soon as I finish my studies. This would take at most two years and a half. By that time my wife would still have some length to go to complete her program. The acceptance of the scholarship would mean for us the separation from each other during the two years and a half in the United States and perhaps during a longer period afterwards. It is this perspective that sets my wife against the scholarship. After having given deep thoughts to her sentiment I am afraid that I would have to relinquish the grant, were it to be finally bestowed on me.

In writing this letter to you I could very well envisage the difficulties I might create for M.S.U. and for the N.I.A. I only hope that you would

understand our situation and do not blame us for this about-face. I also hope that replacement would be found in time for the pre-determined program. My request to NIA to have my name off the list is sent to Vietnam today. It is with deep regret, sacrifice that I do this.

Hoping to receive your advice on this matter,  
I remain

Sincerely yours,

Ngoc Dinh Tu

NGO DINH TU  
198 Norfolk St  
Cambridge 39  
Massachusetts

JULY 27, 1961

MR. NGO DINH TU  
198 NORFOLK STREET  
CAMBRIDGE 39, MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MR. TU:

I WAS VERY SORRY TO RECEIVE YOUR RECENT LETTER DECLINING THE SCHOLARSHIP WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU. WHILE I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR DILEMMA, I CAN UNDERSTAND AT THE SAME TIME YOUR DESIRE TO STAY IN THE UNITED STATES LONGER IN ORDER TO PERMIT YOUR WIFE TO COMPLETE HER GRADUATE WORK.

I THINK YOU WOULD HAVE MADE A VERY FINE ADDITION TO THE FACULTY OF THE NIA AND REGRET THAT IT HAS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR GRADUATE TRAINING UNDER BOTH MSU AND NIA AUSPICES.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR WIFE IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY,

JAMES B. HENDRY

JBH:JR

CC MSUG/SAIGON