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Vanderbilt Univ  
Nashville Tennessee

Oct. 4th, 1958

Miss Elsie Cunningham,  
Viet Nam Project,  
Michigan State University,  
East Lansing - Michigan -

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of  
and thank you for the cheque recently sent to  
me.

As my insurance covered by ASU last  
year when I was under ICA has expired, I  
would like to submit it to you for renewal  
and other necessary steps.

The weather down here has been quite  
chilly; I may surmise that up North in  
East Lansing it may be colder and here we go  
again for another winter! I am sorry that  
during my stay in East Lansing, I could not meet  
Milan to convey to him the greetings of his  
friends at Vanderbilt. He seemed to be out all  
the time, at least according to Guss when I  
inquired about Milan.

Sincerely yours,  
L. Knaggs

October 9, 1958

Mr. Nguyen Duy Xuan  
Box 487  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed all the accessory pieces of paper. Unfortunately your letter reached me after I had already made up the per diem statements for the end of the month. You will be pleased to know that this amount happily comes to \$128.00 rather than the \$120.60 you requested. If I can remember, I shall try and make up the difference for this 60¢ in the next per diem check.

Mr. Vu Van Thai is currently on campus and Mr. Le Von Kim will arrive this evening. In addition there are twelve Police participants and eight Economic and Public Administration participants on campus. We hope to have a big celebration on Vietnam Independence Day. It would seem the appropriate thing in view of the rather large number of peoples including an excellent chef, Mr. Nguyen Van Thoi.

Best regards to the Cole family.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

Enc. ICA papers.

P.S. Mr. Thai has given an excellent seminar on the Prospects of Economic Development in Vietnam.

E. C.

October 14, 1958

Mr. Nguyen Duy Xuan  
Box 487  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Xuan:

Please find enclosed your check for the period from October 15th to the 31st.

It has been very much like summer weather in East Lansing these past few days but we are sure that it will not last very long. The first event of the Lecture Concert series last evening was the New York City Ballet.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

Enc.: MSU Check No. 38549

Box 487,  
Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville 5.,  
Tennessee.

October 17th., 1958.

Miss Elsie Cunningham,  
Administrative Assistant,  
Viet-Nam Project Office,  
Michigan State University,  
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I thank you for your two last letters of Oct, 9 and 14 in which you had enclosed the ICA Identification and the Insurance cards and the cheque for the second half of October. The cheque is still 120\$; may be the one you have announced to me will be the next. Anyway, the cheque coming just before this week end has saved me some troubles.... and I thank you quite silently!

As my previous letters to you had been written in longhand writing, I do not remember whether I have informed you that I have got already an extension of my stay in the States for another year and this was done through the Economic Development at Vanderbilt and the passport had been returned to me two weeks ago.

Because of last year, I was uncertain about the possibilities of my remaining in the States for further work, some of my courses taken, could not be counted towards a Ph.D. in Economics; it means that I loose about 11 semester-credits hours that I have to make up in order to be able to get the permission for taking the Prelim. The result is that this semester I have registered in 5 courses, presumably you knew the tuitions bill that Vanderbilt had sent to you. The work has kept me really very busy and although I have been taking one course with Mr. Cole in International Economics, it does not mean that I can afford some relaxation! Sometimes, I do not feel or remember that I have any sunday since the term began! I do not know why I have involved myself in this Ph.D. business, since the marginal utility of a M.A. is still high in underdeveloped countries!!!! I hope you won't hear the same thing from Than and Toan..

*it through*

I have bought a number of books and I would like to ask you whether you are in a position to make some advance out of my books allowance and towards the end of the semester I will submit to you the lists of books with their invoices duly signed by Mr. Cole, or I shall send the invoice to you after each buying of books.

If among the Vietnamese Participants now at East Lansing there is a man whose name is Tong Huu Quang from the Police Department I should be grateful to you to remind me to him. He was one of my classmate at high school.

Sincerely,

*Langmuir*

P.S. - The Bolshoi Ballet had been down in Nashville and the theatre was full of cultural people and snobish - including myself! (in the last category)

Oct. 18th, 1958

Dear Elsie,

My sincere thanks for your letter explaining the discrepancy between your announcement and the degree I received lastly. In my acknowledgement to you, I have also pointed out the matter.

It is no surprise to me that they and Thru felt that they seriously miss the MSU campus - specially the VN Project office - Myself, I have found that I should go to East Lansing instead of remaining at Vanderbilt - But so far there is nothing tragic yet!

I hope that you can delay your vacation so that you will use it to visit the underdeveloped South of the USA something in Xmas, but as you sound "very firm" in your idea of taking a vacation next month, I can only wish that you will be able to manage to get some days off sometimes to visit the Col in Nashville -

Sincerely,  
A. Drayton

October 16, 1958

Mr. Nguyen Duy Kuan  
Box 487  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Xuan:

As I sat down to do the per diems for the next period I took a good look at the sections for October 15th to 31st and suddenly realized to my horror that instead of giving you \$128.00 it was \$120.00. This amount plus the .60¢ you incurred in paying for the registered mail will both be included on your next check.

I expect that I should make this one for the whole month as I am hopeful that I will get two weeks vacation next month, a most optimistic idea on my part but nevertheless a very firm idea.

I hope that Dave Cole found Mr. Than in a happier frame of mind than his letters would indicate but he and Thu seem to feel that going from MSU to Cornell is not exactly a more desirable situation, in fact, their letters sound like they seriously miss the campus here.

Give my best to Dave and Peggy.

Sincerely yours,

EC:ms

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

October 28, 1958

Mr. Nguyen Duy Xuan  
Box 487  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your check for \$128.60 which should make us even on all counts. This includes the \$8.00 mistakenly left off your last check and 60¢ charge for registered letter which you had to pay.

Sorry that you and the Coles couldn't be here for the big celebration on last Sunday - if Mr. Thoi (of the Saigon Palace Hotel) remains on campus for another 4-5 months I might even learn how to cook - any stories you might here to the contrary I am far from a polished cook. In any case it was a very successful reception with fried rice as the piece de resistance and fried bread topped by a combination of shrimp, pork, crab, mushroom and onion mixed together with flour and eggs. Trust that this arrives just after you have had a really good dinner so that I don't succeed in making you too hungry.

I was most pleased with your letter and amused about the marginal utility of Ph.D. work - considering the fact that this was exactly the econ theory course that made me decide it would be much easier to rewrite an old thesis (still undone) and resurrect some old credits rather than starting in afresh I really sympathize with you. Suspect that the dinner conversation the other evening was apropos of the uncompleted jobs in Stan Sheinbaum, Dave Cole and my cases - your work should be something you thoroughly loathe so that the incentive is to not over do this and spend the time finishing your thesis or dissertation. What I should be doing right now but the piled up red tape and correspondence on my desk will keep Chau and my secretary busy at least through Thursday.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

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