

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

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1958.

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the  
cheque of \$128.60 for which I thank you very much.  
I am happy to learn from you that the Vietnamese  
colony at East Lansing have well celebrated the Republic  
Day and that you have appreciated some of the  
Vietnamese specialties - I am sorry that I am too  
far away to join you.

Sincerely yours,

Nguyen

NGUYEN DUU XUAN

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

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VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

November 7, 1958

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

Dear Xuan:

Following a long session last week (the one that resulted in my staying to get out the per diem letters) and a meeting with the business office people yesterday afternoon, it seems that I will no longer be able to reimburse participants directly for books purchased. It seems that I will now have to work on a procedure that conforms to university policy. This means that no longer can I take a list of books at the end of the term and pay for them by direct payment voucher. In the future a list of books purchased must be sent to me, then a confirming order will be written for the University bookstore to bill according to our normal procedures on an invoice voucher.

Please send the list that you now have (immediately) so that I can get it in the back log that accumulated to date, for in the future it seems I shall have to send a confirming order or else order the books directly from here.

I had a feeling that all of this would catch up with us when International Programs organized an afternoons' meeting on University procedures. I have gotten the confirming order to the bookstore as the one concession that you have been able to get, by explaining our extraordinary circumstances!

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

cc: Dave Cole ✓

Box 487,  
Vanderbilt Univ.  
Tennessee.

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1958

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Thank you very much for your letter of Nov. 7.  
I hope that my letter conveying all the invoices of  
books purchased has reached you in due time.

I cannot afford to have any plan for  
Xmas vacation except ~~the~~ attending ~~of~~ the AEA session  
in Chicago; then I will rush back to the library  
again. Isn't it an awful plan?

Mr. Cole's son, the first one - has just  
been in the hospital for a rectum surgical operation,  
and he should be going home today. Everything  
goes fine.

I thought you have been away for  
your vacation. May be my last letter has succeeded  
in persuading you to postpone it.

Sincerely yours,

Shangyu

November 12, 1958

REGISTERED

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

Dear Xuan:

I received your letter this morning with the book receipts. I hope that you are not anticipating many additional expenses between now and the end of the academic year. This is almost the end of the expenses allowed for books (\$ 150).

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from November 16 to 30.

I hope to get away tomorrow. Frankly, I don't think it is worth, but it is now or never as far as this year is concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

Encl. Check No. 7497

November 19, 1958

REGISTERED

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

Dear Xuan:

Probably in the rush before Elsie's departure for her vacation someone has made a mistake and sent your per diem check to Cao Toan in New York. The check has just been returned to us. In the absence of Elsie I guess I'd rather forward the check to you without delay. I am wondering if you have received Toan's check sent to you by error. If so, I would very much appreciate your sending it, probably airmail registered, to Toan at the following address:

Mr. Cao Toan , *International House*  
500 Riverside Dr.  
New York 27, N.Y.

I am sorry for all this confusion and thanks for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

Vu Thi Kim Chau

Encl.: Check No. 7497

cc.: Cao Toan ✓

Box 487,  
Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville 5,  
Tennessee USA

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1958.

Miss Vũ thị Kim Châu,  
Việt Nam Project office,  
MSU East Lansing,  
Michigan.

Dear Miss Kim Châu,

I thank you very much for sending my per diem  
check during Miss Cunningham's vacation. Toan's check  
had been forwarded to him in New York and I have  
already received acknowledgement from him. So you  
can consider the matter as settled.

How is your work progressing?

I hope by Xmas, I shall be given the  
pleasure to see you down here in Nashville visiting  
Mr. & Mrs. Cole -

Sincerely yours,

Nguyen Duy Kuan

NGUYEN DUY KUAN

November 26, 1958

REGISTERED

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

Dear Mr. Xuan:

Thank you for your letter of November 21.

Elsie came back from New Mexico but left again this morning for New Jersey and will stay over the holiday. She planned to see Than and Thu in Ithaca, and Toan in New York.

Please find enclosed your per diem check No. 7588 for the period from December 1 to 15.

We are having some snow in East Lansing, and a very cold weather lately.

I will probably be down in Nashville around the 21st or so and will probably have a chance to see you then.

Best wishes for a nice Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Vu Thi Kim Chau

Encl. Check NO. 7588

Box 687  
Vanderbilt Univ.  
Nashville 5, -  
Tennessee.

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1958.

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Miss Vũ Thị Kim Châu,  
Viet Nam Project office,  
Michigan State Univ.  
East Lansing, Michigan.

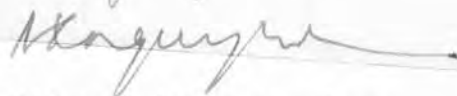
Dear Kim Châu,

Thank you for your letter and the pendium check therewith enclosed. I am happy to learn that you will probably be visiting Nashville by Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. I am sure that the Cole are looking forward to having you - especially D. Cole who so often talks about your cooking dexterity.

I should be grateful to you if you would remind Elsie - on her return to East Lansing - of her plan to bring me to the ~~so~~ "slave market" in Chicago. If Elsie deems it unnecessary to summon me to appear before the VN. Project office, then I prefer to make a round trip Nashville-Chicago-Nashville.

It would be of great help to me - to make necessary reservations - if you or Elsie will let me know at your earliest convenience the decisions of the Viet Nam Project office.

Sincerely yours,



NGUYEN DUY KUAN

P.S. - Your letter has brought some snow flakes this morning but they quickly disappeared.



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

December 9<sup>th</sup> 1958.

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I thank you for your letter of Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. I trust you have had an enjoyable vacation and that the weather was not so cold as it is now. I am really glad to learn that you intend to pay a visit to Nashville.

Concerning my trip to Chicago, and considering that my call at East Lansing is not mandatory and that I have been very much behind my work at Vanderbilt, I would like to propose to you:

- (1) to let me have an air ticket Nashville-Chicago-Nashville. I will try to get the reservation if the strike will be over. In case the air ticket will not be used, I will pay a train ticket and ask you to refund it afterwards (I hope you agree).
- (2) that I should be grateful if you would write to YMCA in Chicago to make a reservation for a single room from Thursday night December 25<sup>th</sup> for about 3 days. (I can write to them, but my letter may carry less weight than yours).

I am looking forward very much to seeing you specially about my book allowances. It seems that I have an excess of "expenditure".

Sincerely yours,

Shaggy

Box 487  
Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville 5, Tennessee.

December 16th., 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 your last two letters of 11 and 12 December and the two checks and the plane ticket therewith enclosed.

It seems that the strike will not be called off before Xmas. Even Professor Stocking, the President of the AEA - according to rumors spreading over the coffee breaks - does not know how he will go to Chicago.

I am looking forward very much to seeing you and Kinchan. I have just moved to a new place and I hope that you will have some time to stop by during your short stay in Nashville.

Sincerely yours,

Strongy.

December 11, 1958

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed the check which covers reimbursement for your book expenses.

I'm planning a brief stopover in Nashville the weekend of the 20th before continuing on to New Jersey for a few days - if Eastern has still not settled their strike by this time, I shall bring the tickets for your train travel to Nashville with me.

I shall write to Dave and Peggy as soon as I can see exactly what flight I can get out of here and into Nashville (via Cleveland).

Suspect that in addition to Than and Toan, Thu will also be in New York City during the holidays - at least according to a request he made to find out if there was parking space in our yard - I haven't called to tell my parents yet but will do that today.

Kim Chau is in the middle of exams and my other secretary is in the hospital - life is a bit confusing these days.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

REGISTERED

December 12, 1958

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period  
from December 15 to 31.

I am also sending your tickets for your trip to Chicago.  
I have written to YMCA Hotel in Chicago to make reservation  
for your room.

I agree with your letter concerning your trip.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

kc

Encl.: Check No. 52467  
Tickets

December 19, 1958

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed confirmation of your room reservation at the YMCA Hotel in Chicago for your forthcoming stay there.

Elsie left yesterday for Cleveland and from there will proceed to New Jersey. She is very sorry not to be able to come down to Nashville to see you and the Coles.

Sincerely yours,

Vu Thi Kim Chau

KC

Encl.

December 30, 1958

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check. I am sorry that I was unable to get to Nashville but the airlines were not very cooperative and it seemed as if all the circumstances were against my arriving there before the Christmas holidays.

Stan has gone to the meetings in Chicago and I reminded him yesterday that you were there and suggested that he look you up. From my own experiences I know how easy it is for someone to miss you even though they are in the same city at the same time.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

Enc: Check #55436