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March 11, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period of March 16 to the 31st.

We are all going to Tennessee but unfortunately Nashville is on the other side of the State out of the line of attack! I am sure that you would be pleased to see all twenty-five Vietnamese descend upon you although if you have a "wee sized" apartment like mine it would bulge at the seams even with seven or eight people.

Please order spring time weather for our trip in Tennessee as both myself and the Vietnamese are sick and tired of Michigan winter. Dave and Peggy should be very grateful that they spent last winter here rather than this. I can see them being stranded about every other day in their lake-side home due to bad roads, etc.

I hope that you have had the opportunity to meet Dr. Chan during his visit with the Coles. Just following our visit to TVA Mr. Suu, the administrative officer will visit Nashville. I believe that you and Mr. Suu will have much in common.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

Enc: MSU check # 70432

Box 487  
Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville 5.,  
Tennessee

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1959.

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I thank you for the per diem check received this morning. Considering the fiscal and financial situation of Michigan, I am wondering something whether the recommendations by the taxation experts of the MSU group in Saigon (including Mr. D. Cole) will not lead the government of Viet Nam into a hand-to-mouth situation as faced by the government of Gov. Williams!

Dr. Chan came to Nashville for a few days and has already left for East Lansing.

It is a big mistake that the planners of the Tennessee trip for the Vietnamese participants have left out Nashville! One can be really in Tennessee only by visiting Nashville! So you still have time to think over and persuade the planners to alter their schedule.  
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Sincerely yours,  
A. Kingman

March 20, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from April 1-15.

I thought that I had best to get these out of the way before the last problems before my departure on Wednesday crop up. In addition of course ye olde (don't tell him I said that) coordinator will be back on Monday. There are about 15 major questions that must be solved sometime in that next day and a half before my departure.

In addition I'm very short-handed and don't have the chance to just sit back and dictate letters but find myself in the position of having to type each and everyone so please excuse the many mistakes.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

Enc: Check 72857

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

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1959

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your check and thank you for the early issuance in spite of the financial stringency of the most wealthy state of the USA.

It looks like that you will have a sunny weather during your coming trip to the South. Some of the students who have fortunately passed their Prelim. Exam started playing tennis lately - making me terribly envious... I hope that with Mr. S. Sherbaum coming back from Viet Nam, we shall have some good news such as the lift of the ban to return to Viet Nam via Europe.

Time seems to be flying and I start getting scared about my unpreparedness for the exam. As I wrote to you earlier, sometimes I think it is a mistake to stay on for Ph.D. work. Isn't it discouraging?

Sincerely yours,

Shugart



March 25, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

In the absence of Elsie I am taking the liberty of answering your letter and forwarding a copy of their scheduled trip to T.V.A.

They will arrive in Lexington, Ky., tonight at approximately 7:30 P.M. and I shall try to reach her then and pass on to her the suggestion you made in your letter. You probably will hear from her before this letter actually reaches you. I will also pass along the news from Dave and Peggy Cole as to their proposed vacation plans.

Hoping you will have a most joyous Easter and Spring.

Sincerely,

Enc: Trip schedule

Margaret A. Stephens  
for/ Elsie Cunningham

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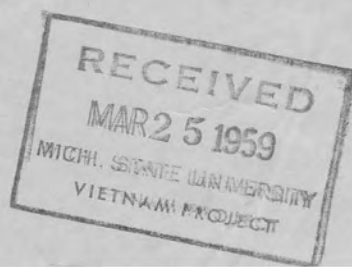
Dear Eric,

I shall be grateful to you if  
you would send me a <sup>detailed</sup> schedule of your  
trip. Mr. Cole has suggested to me  
that I may join you somewhere  
when you will be in my state.

Sorry to ask you for more  
work while you have been overwhelmed  
with it.

I just wrote to you in  
reply of your check-letter and this is  
only a P.S. after having a talk  
with D. Cole.

Sincerely yours,  
H. Kung





Box 484,  
Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville 5, Tennessee

March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1959.

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

Dear Miss Cunningham.

I thank you very much for having called me from Knoxville. The Easter Vacation at Vanderbilt started later than at MSU and when I received the schedule of your trip sent to me by Miss Margaret A. Stephens, I realized (regrettably) that I was unable to join you.

Mr. D. Cole has let me know that he may be away from Nashville for a few days. Therefore when Mr. Suen arrives from East Lansing, would you ask him to call me from the airport (Tel. BR. 7-1318); I will stay in the whole afternoon and wait for his call and I shall walk to Allen Hotel - West End - Nashville to meet him. In case there will be nobody at the airport, Mr. Suen can easily go to the Allen Hotel by taxi cab and I suspect that what he will have to do in case Mr. Cole will be out of town.

Sincerely yours.

W. H. Meyer

P.S. Would you please convey to M. A. Stephens my sincere thanks for having answered my letter during your absence -

April 13, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

I just received a letter from Mr. Suu this morning and he seems to have enjoyed his stay in Nashville very much. I trust that you have enjoyed his company as much as we have enjoyed his here on campus. Perhaps I am prejudice but I feel that he is one of the most astute participants we have ever had.

I am enclosing your per diem check and also a note about reimbursement for books purchased. There seems to be no opportunity in the offing for me to make a trip to Nashville. I cannot say Tennessee as we were just there.

We have had snow flakes on the ground last week, the day after five police leaders arrived in East Lansing. It seems that the winter will never leave although today is bright and sunny.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EC:ms

Enc: ck #77056 - MSU  
Memo



Box 487,  
Vanderbilt University  
Nashville 5.,  
Tennessee

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham,  
Administrative Assistant  
Vietnam Project, USA.,  
East Lansing Michigan.

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I thank you for the postcard you sent during your last trip and for your check-letter this morning.

It is most gratifying to hear that Mr. Sun has enjoyed his stay in Nashville although we could not manage to be with him most of the time. I quite agree with you that Mr. Sun is rather exceptional considering the fact that it has been the first time for him to be away from our country.

How are you these days? East Lansing does not seem to be the only place in this huge country to have a "permanent" winter. Last night, we had some frost down here in Nashville and in spite of the springlike sunshine, it is forecast that it will be cold to night.

Sincerely yours,  
H. K. H. H.

April 20, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Thank you for your letter of April 14. Since I do not seem to be able to get to Nashville it is nice to have such a faithful correspondent.

We are having winter weather again and I am sure that even on the 4th of July I would be reluctant to put away my winter coat. If it does not end very soon everyone will give up the hope of warm and pleasant spring time weather.

Please find enclosed the letter covering the new health insurance.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

Encl.

P.S. I understand that Dr. Bloomfield is coming from Wharton School to give a lecture at Vanderbilt - he was in Korea at the same time as Peggy & Dave Cole.

April 23, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your per diem cheque for the period from May 1 to 15.

I suspect that by now you feel as if time is running out. Exactly when do you expect to take your preliminary examination? Perhaps you and Milan, a boy of our office who is taking his prelims in Political Science in June, can commensurate with each other.

I shall give your best regards directly to Mrs. Bach\*Lan, Than, and Toan when I see them.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

Encl.: Cheque No. 79484

Box 487  
Vanderbilt University

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1959.

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Thank you for the letter and the check. How right you are in suspecting that time is running out for me at this stage and especially when spring is in full swing, it is harder to stay confined in the dark canal of the stuffy library.

Last week, I have sent to my Ph.D. committee a request that my preliminary examination will be administered during this summer and this protracted agony will begin June 27<sup>th</sup> until August 6<sup>th</sup> - the date of my first and last papers. Flunked or passed, I will pack up and go back to "home-sweet home" even life over there has a ~~dangerously~~ greater degree of uncertainty than in the well and efficiently defended USA.

According to your letter, you seem to be ready for another trip to N.York again? I hope you will give me one after my written exam sometime in August.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley