

May 1, 1959

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

Dear Xu

Miss Cunningham and I have just been discussing your recent letter of April 26th to her. I am somewhat concerned by your decision to return home immediately after your exams are completed. in Agust. While I appreciate your desire to return hom after so long a period abroad, I would like to suggest that it might be a mistake to leave before you have completed the background work for your dissertation. Not only will you have some procedural problems because of Vanderbilt's method of approving dissertation plans prior to writing, but also I firmly believe that your work on the thesis in Saigon will be facilitated if your direction and goals are determined piror to your return.

Le me suggest that perhaps upon completion of the examinations you spend some months in New York or Washington to start the work on your thesis. Let me also suggest that you discuss my suggestions with Mr. Cole. I was pleased to learn that you are on schedule for your exams, I want to wish you the very best success with them.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Coordinator



Elsie

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

May 5th., 1959.

Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum,
Coordinator,
Viet-Nam Project Office,
Michigan State University,
East Lansing -Michigan.

Dear Mr. Sheinbaum,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 1st and I thank you most sincerely for your suggestions as to what I should do after I have finished my Preliminary Examinations in August. I have also discussed the matter with Mr. Cole and he expressed the same view i.e. I should complete the theoretical background of the dissertation before returning back to Saigon.

I am sorry that my last letter to Miss Cunningham has been a cause of some concern to you, but I did not mean to return home immediately upon completion of the exams because-as you have rightly pointed out-of Vanderbilt's method of approving dissertation plans to which I have not so far given enough thoughts and I have to do so with due seriousness as soon as my exams are over.

Wishing you well, I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,

Nguyen Duy Xuan
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May 12, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your per diem cheque for the period from May 16 to 31.

We are considering the possibility of trying to bring together the participants in the general field of Economics sometime in the later part of the summer. This might be particularly useful to you if you have already had some opportunity to give thought to the topic of your thesis. Please let me know your reaction to this.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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Box 484
Vanderbilt University

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 15th 1959

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I thank you for the degree and wholeheartedly welcome your idea of bringing together all the Vietnamese "apprentices" in Economics now rambling over the States. It will be certainly helpful to me in my process of searching a thesis topic.

Sincerely yours,

Abangay

May 27, 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 June 1-15.

Needless to say my sympathy (for all the things that will seem so important but always without enough time to do them all) is with you as you go into the last month before your examinations. I suspect there are times when you feel like some other students the general feasibility of getting the degree is hardly worth the effort. I understand that Dave Cole finally had his dissertation accepted.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

Enc. #85024

Box 487
Vanderbilt University

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 3rd, 1957

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your last letter and the degree - thesis, etc. enclosed with thanks. All my course works are over and I am now heading towards my exams. I would like to send you a brief report of the semester but some of my grades are not turned in yet - because the teacher is still enjoying himself in New Orleans - not bothering himself with the examinations grading. You can easily guess who. May be I will submit it to you sometime next week.

Sincerely yours,

Hagopian

June 10, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed your check for the period from June 16th through the 30th.

I realize that "X" day is fast approaching and so you will not have the opportunity that most of the on-campus participants have which is to spend a week's vacation between the end of this term and the beginning of summer session.

I trust that by now you have received all your grades and that the person you mentioned as being in New Orleans rewarded you with a grade in keeping with your abilities. This isn't my idea of the time of year for anyone to be visiting New Orleans, but then, business before pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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June 12, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find attached the memo that Mr. Gabis sent to each one of our degree participants. Needless to say, yours is a special case in view of the fact that your preliminary examinations begin in just a few weeks.

Mr. Gabis is anxious to send a report to Saigon. In any case, do not sacrifice study time to write this report and feel free to make it as brief as the pressure of time requires.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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Box 487,
Vanderbilt University

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 19th, 1959.

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Thank you again for your letter and the check therewith enclosed. I feel grateful for your comforting sympathy expressed in the last two correspondences of which I am in great need.

I went to the registrar's office and looked for my grads but they are not yet complete. I agree that underdeveloped country's students are hard to teach but I do not think that their papers are hard to grade!

Recently I have heard from Thai and back by. It seems that they will be busy with the summer school in Columbia. I hope your plan to bring us for a get-together will be implemented.

Sincerely yours,
Alayney

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

June 15th., 1959.

To The Coordinator,
Vietnam Project Office,
Michigan State University,
East Lansing,
Michigan.

Dear Sir,

Up to date, I have completed at Vanderbilt University Graduate School:

- i.- all the requirements for a M.A. in Economics which was awarded to me in August 1958;
- ii.- 60 semester credits hours, of which 48 are acceptable as Ph.D. courses;
- iii.- the requirements in foreign language for Ph.D. candidates in taking an examination in French and in having sent a petition for a substitution of English for German.

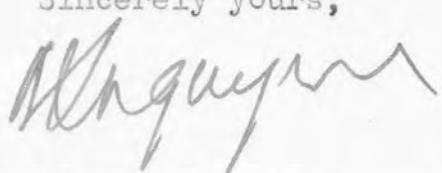
A Committee composed of:

Prof. W.H. Nichols, Chairman
" R. Fels
" R. Blitz
" R. Carlson
" R. Muth

has been proposed and accepted by the Dean of the Graduate School to supervise my works, and I have been scheduled to take my preliminary examinations this summer (please see memorandum herewith enclosed). I expect that the oral part of the exam will be held sometime in September when the above Faculty members will return to the campus. For the time being I have not decided on the topic of the dissertation but I am contemplating on writing on some specific subject under the general heading "Agriculture and Economic Development in Vietnam".

Sincerely yours,

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Nguyen Duy Xuan

Box 484
Vanderbilt Univ.
Nashville 5, Tennessee

June 16th, 1959

Miss Eloie Cunningham,
Administrative Assistant,
Vietnam Project Office,
Michigan State University,
East Lansing (Michigan)

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Following the instructions of your letter of June 12th, and that of Mr. Gabis's memorandum, I am submitting to you a brief report of my "progress".

Sometime, I wish I would be courageous enough to tell my committee that, what I want is a Ph.D. "valid only in V.N" or "valid only in Saigon" or much better "valid only within the precincts of the National Institute of Administration" so that I do not have to worry and work hard!! Now it is too late, most of them having left the campus on holidays and in the following weeks, I have to do the maximum of cramming?

The Cole are planning to go to their Great Lakes this summer. It sounds very enjoyable and refreshing and so far an invitation to join them has been extended to me. Undoubtedly you and Kniched are or will be having one and I hope you will be able to join them.

Sincerely yours,
H. K. Gray Jr.

June 22, 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 July 1st through the 15th. I decided that there was no point in asking to go to Nashville. I made a brief attempt to go to Washington, but when the specter of the auditor appeared on the scene, I realized that this too was almost hopeless.

Your comment concerning Ph.D.'s good only in Vietnam is evidently a generalized feeling among some of the participants -- particularly at the end of the quarter. If this were possible, I am sure that almost everyone would be pleased to get a degree stamped on the front of it "good only in Vietnam" and in any other familiar area you might wish to mention.

I am proposing the week of August 17th for a meeting here on campus of all of our economics people. The draft of what I am suggesting has gone to Stan but no comment as yet. In any case, we anticipate seeing you enroute to the great lakes or else on campus.

Chau sends her regards.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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Box 284
Vanderbilt University,
Nashville 5,
Tennessee.

June 28th, 1959.

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Thank you for the letter and the check.
I took my first Prelim. Exam yesterday
and I had muddled through it somehow.

Nashville is quite hot these days; even
if the specter of the auditor disappeared on the
scene I do not think that it is the right
time for you to visit Nashville. It is worse
(the heat) than Saigon.

I want to ask Kien Chau to substitute
her regards for her wishes of good luck at
the exam. My thanks to K.C. even if she doesn't agree.

Sincerely yours,

Aug 1959