

July 9, 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 16th through the 31st.

Miss Cunningham is out of the office this morning, but you will be hearing from her shortly.

Sincerely,

Nancy Maddalozzo
Secretary to Miss Cunningham

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July 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 August 1st through the 15th. Also enclosed is a general newsletter to all participants.

I thought last week, when I wrote to Dave Cole, that we had Dr. Brimmer all lined up for the seminar. However, on Friday afternoon, when I met with him, I discovered that he had not realized how much time this would involve. I am hoping to resolve this matter with Stan Sheinbaum tomorrow. Are there any particular problems or areas that you would like to suggest be included in such a seminar?

I trust that everything is going well and that you will be able to relax at the end of your exams. If you are interested in taking off in any particular direction, please let me know and I am sure that arrangements can be made for transportation.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nn

Elsie
Box 484,
Vanderbilt Univ.,
Nashville 5,
Tennessee USA

July 28th, 1959

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I would like to thank you and Nancy for the last two letters and the 14th of July newsletter.

For the time being, I am unable to suggest any particular problem for discussion but I suggest that you make room for one session or so for miscellaneous matter which may be brought up. I sincerely appreciate your kindness for letting me have the possibility of choosing the direction to go to Michigan and I will certainly write to you about it as soon as possible after my exams.

Wishing you wealth, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Morgan

August 8th, 1959

Dear Miss Cunningham,

This is a short note to thank you for your postcard from Mackinac Bridge which came to me this morning. I trust you and Kim Chau has an enjoyable labour week end. I have received last week a round trip air ticket sent to me by the MSU travel office.

It seems that my chances of attending the MSU. VN. Project Graduate Economic Seminar are very slim. I hope that I will be able to be in East Lansing even at the end of the Seminar.

Sincerely yours,
Nguyenduy Kuan

August 10, 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 August 16th through the 31st.

By the time this reaches you you will have finished your prelims. I hope that congratulations are in order, but in any case I am sure you are glad it's all over.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

August 12, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Please find enclosed some general information about the Economics Seminar which will be held here on campus in September. I had hoped to enclose this information with your check, but felt I better clear it with the powers to be first. However, here it is, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, etc. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask and I shall try to answer them.

I was very pleased when I spoke to Quy on the telephone the other day that she was interested in participating in the seminar.

You might be interested to know that Than has already chosen a dissertation topic and it will deal with the criteria used by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for selecting and analyzing projects submitted by borrowing countries.

We are looking forward to having you on campus.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

August 14th, 1959

Dear Miss Cunningham,

I have just been notified that my oral exam will be administered sometime in the first week of the fall term i.e. between 21st Sept. and 26th Sept.

I am very much sorry that I miss the Graduate Economic Seminar and most of the Vietnamese participants that I would like to see.

Definitely I will be in East Lansing at the end of this month.

Please convey my regards to the Seminar participants.

Sincerely yours,
Liquyin Duy Khan

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Box 484
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5,
Tennessee.

August 20th, 1959.

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

Dear Miss Cunningham,

Many sincere thanks for the telephone call the other day. Still I do not know what to do these days whether to leave Nashville or not. I would like to let you know that as "a good and obedient government employee" I have already written to Mr. Vu Quốc Thông to comply with his official request that Vietnamese participants under the INA's auspices should report monthly to the INA. I am sure that a more realistic explanation would be able to alter the INA's request - instead of a monthly report, it would be more sensible to send a semester report - and I believe that a petition signed by all participants with favorable suggestions from the office of the Coordinator of the Vietnam Project ~~office~~ would be successful.

There was ~~another~~ Vietnamese student at Vanderbilt last year. He finished his M.A. in Economics and has returned back to Saigon working now in the Ministry of National Economy. His name is NGUYỄN HOÀNG CHIÖNG. I am inclined to suggest

that the person who is contemplating to go to Vanderbilt this fall should get in touch with Mr. Cusona and in so doing he will certainly have ~~the~~ first hand information about the Vanderbilt Programme. For the time being, I cannot say much and enter into specific details, but *grosso modo*, a would-be Vietnamese participant at Vanderbilt should ~~possibly have~~ owing to his foreign background and the more or less specialised programme of studies offered at Vanderbilt - two basic working tools: ① a good command of English ② and a good grasp of basic intermediate economics. Then with average power of assimilation and a systematic and serious approach to the work required, he will certainly get through. I should add that he does not have to worry much before coming to Vanderbilt and that he will have a really unusual opportunity to learn and that he will surely benefit a great deal from his stay at Vanderbilt. Details relating to the choice of courses, the number of papers that have to be written are of secondary importance and can be discussed only on spot with his adviser. I want to stress again that he should be prepared to work systematically and pretty hard; then everything will be all right.

I understand that Dr. J. C. Cole will be back to Vanderbilt sometime at the end of this month. I will have then the opportunity to discuss my "summer plan" with him. Perhaps, he will be

able to help me solve some academic bottlenecks. (3)
What I prefer to ~~do~~ do is to have my oral
exam 14th Sept. and leave Nashville 15th Sept.
I do not want to have a vacation first and
then come back to Nashville and enter into
the "slaughter house"!!

Please convey to Kim Chan my sincere
wishes for more glamorous success during this
summer. Wishing you well and in good health,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,
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August 24, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Thank you for your letter which arrived this morning.

I have passed the information about the seminar on to Vien. It will probably not surprise you to hear that Phat complied with the NIA request with the same fashion as you. In the meantime Dr. Gabis has sent a memorandum to Saigon suggesting that a monthly report under the circumstances did not make very much sense--very diplomatic, of course.

Chau and I hope to go to Oscoda on Thursday if all things work out smoothly. Perhaps I shall know then whether or not you will arrive on the 15th or before.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Director

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August 26, 1959

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

Dear Xuan:

Chau and I are about to take off for Oscoda tomorrow. I wish that you were able to join us there, although I heartily agree with the problem of taking a vacation when things are still in the unsettled stage.

I certainly appreciated your letter and turned over the relevant pieces of information to those people who had been asking questions about the economic seminar.

I hope that Dr. Gabis will have a chance to talk to Professor Quynh while he is on campus and convey to him tactfully our dismay at the request for monthly reports from the participants, as well as the necessity for remaining until the dissertations are completed.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Participant Program Director

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P.S. Please find enclosed your per diem check for the period from September 1st through the 15th.

Vanderbilt Univ. Box 48
Nashville Tennessee
August 31st, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham,
Participant Program Director
Viet Nam Project Office,
Michigan State University
East Lansing Michigan.

Dear Miss Cunningham,

First, I would like to congratulate you wholeheartedly for your new position in the Project Office. I am sure that the participants - and you know who they are - are in good hands. I trust that you have had a pleasant stay in Oscoda specially when deliciously prepared Vietnamese delicatessen are made available by expert hands!

During these days I have come to the conclusion that I should remain in Nashville until I finish the Prelim. Oral Exam which - unfortunately - does require some serious preparation. I am quite anxious to see Thanh and Toan and I intend to fly to East Lansing as soon as I finish my exam. In case I miss the East Lansing Seminars, I would like to see you and the Viet Nam Project office to discuss my future plan. Therefore I should be grateful if you would send a transportation ticket which could be used either before or after the Graduate Economic Seminar in East Lansing. If possible, I would like to pass by Washington on my way home to Nashville; my itinerary would be: Nashville - East Lansing - Washington - Nashville.

Sincerely yours,
Margery