

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator DATE : November 14, 1960
FROM : Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor *LDN*
SUBJECT : Le Canh Xuyen

The case of Xuyen seems still to be unsettled. We had thought that the Planning Directorate would soon be asking the Presidency to issue an arreté. From the latest remarks that we hear we wonder if GVN is not dragging its feet because of the reports about Xuyen's personal life.

Would you mind checking again with the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington as to whether Xuyen is to be approved or not? Perhaps a recheck of information between East Lansing and Washington is justified. We do not want to be in the position of pushing Xuyen ourselves if he would not turn out to be a person working hard for his degree and intending to return to the NIA to teach.

IDM/dw

cc: Guy Fox



November 22, 1960

TO: Lloyd D. Musolf
FROM: Ruben V. Austin
SUBJECT: Le Canh Xuyen

We shall recheck with the Vietnamese Embassy concerning the possible approval to be received from their office.

My last conversation with Mr. Truong Bui Khanh, I believe, was reported to you. Mr. Khanh was very much impressed with the academic record and the personal impression made by Mr. Xuyen. In a telephone conversation with Mr. Khanh in July I informed him that we should like to have them cable Saigon, but we have received no further information.

I shall write Mr. Khanh immediately or call him; I believe, however, for the record, it is better if I communicate in writing, but, if I do not hear from him within a reasonable time, I shall call Mr. Khanh.

RVA:sf

Enclosures

*Transcripts
of telecon
w/ Khanh*

Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator

December 7, 1960

Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor

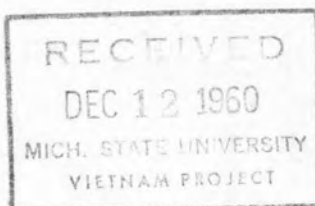
Arreté for Le Canh Xuyen

Attached is a copy of the subject arreté, dated November 30. After all the delay, and the hesitation of the Directorate General of Plan because of Xuyen's exotic personal life, we were rather surprised to see the arreté actually here. Are we certain that Xuyen is still vitally interested in the Ph.D. program and in returning to become a faculty member at the NIA? Naturally, if he is, his appointment under the Ph.D. program is a good move, as he is well advanced in Ph.D. training.

By saying this I do not mean to indicate that we should in any way take steps to reverse the arreté. After all, it is only for a year, and Xuyen probably deserves a year's trial in any case.

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cc: Guy Fox



The President of the Republic of Vietnam

In view of Decree No. 4-TTP dated October 29, 1955 and subsequent documents determining the composition of the Government;

In view of Arrete No 522-TTP/KH dated February 10, 1956 establishing the Overseas Studies Committee;

In view of official letters exchanged with MSUG concerning the awarding of Ph.D. grants;

In view of Mr. Lê Cảnh Xuyên's application for a scholarship;

O R D A I N S:

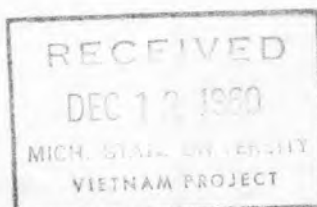
ARTICLE I. Student Lê Cảnh Xuyên born on September 23, 1933 in Lao Kay (North Vietnam) now studying at Columbia University (U.S.) shall be authorized to enjoy an MSU scholarship for one year in order to obtain the doctor's degree (academic year 1961-1962).

ARTICLE II. This scholarship may be renewed yearly until the end of the term. If the application for a renewal of scholarship is approved, the Overseas Studies Committee shall inform the person concerned.

ARTICLE 3. The Secretary of State at the Presidency shall see to the execution of this Arrete.

Saigon, November 30, 1960
On behalf of the President,
The Secretary of State at the Presidency

NGUYEN DINH THUAN



December 14, 1960

TO: Lloyd D. Musolf
FROM: Ruben V. Austin
SUBJECT: Xuyen and Chung

We have received your cables concerning the arrete for Chung and also the one in which you indicate that you will attempt to have his arrete as well as Xuyen's amended so that their training under the program can begin perhaps in January of 1961.

As I have mentioned before, I am certain that Chung must be aided immediately. I do not know whether Xuyen's financial situation is as stringent as Chung's; I would assume not, but, even then, we should attempt to get them under the program as soon as possible so that a degree of supervision can be exercised and also, we trust, a feeling of attachment to the program under which they are to work after completion of the Ph.D.

It has been quite awhile since Xuyen has communicated with us, directly or otherwise. The last time I interviewed the prospective participants in the East, Xuyen's case was not as pressing as Nang's, Chung's, and Dong's. Perhaps a reconfirmation from him concerning his interest in returning to the NIA as a faculty member is in order.

RVA:sf

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator DATE : December 15, 1960

FROM : Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor *LDM*

SUBJECT : Chung and Xuyen

The NIA is apparently moving fast in attempting to get the arretés changed regarding the starting dates for these two participants. Vice Rector Dang has told us that Phuc-Sa, a representative of the Planning Directorate with whom we deal on participant matters, completely misunderstood the NIA's requests respecting Chung and Xuyen. Phuc-Sa attended a meeting at which we discussed these two participants with the NIA. There was mention at the meeting that the participants to be selected after these two could begin their training in 1961-62 or summer 1961, and it may be that he misunderstood, on that basis.

IDM/dw

cc: Guy Fox



DECEMBER 21, 1960

TO LLOYD D. MUSOLF
FROM JUDITH RATHBLIN
SUBJECT CHUNG AND XUYEN

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ARRETES ON CHUNG'S APPOINTMENT AND CUONG'S WITHDRAWAL.

OF MORE INTEREST TO US, HOWEVER, IS YOUR MEMO OF DECEMBER 15 REGARDING THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT RESULTED IN THE 1961-62 DATE RATHER THAN THE 1960-61. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT IT TURNS OUT TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING AND THAT WE WILL HEAR FAVORABLY REGARDING CHUNG AND XUYEN BEING ABLE TO COMMENCE THEIR DOCTORAL WORK SOON AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE WRITTEN TO BOTH OF THESE YOUNG MEN AND ARE ENCLOSING COPIES OF OUR LETTERS HEREIN.

JR
ATTACHMENTS 2

REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM

PRESIDENCY

CORRECTION

Arrêté No.1177 - TTP/KH
dated November 30, 1960, concerning student
Lê-Canh-Xuyen's M.S.U. Ph.D. scholarship

Instead of:

ARTICLE I: Student Le-Canh-Xuyen born September 23, 1933 at LaoKay (North Viet-Nam) studying at Columbia University (U.S.) shall be authorized to avail himself of a one-year MSU scholarship in order to obtain the doctor's degree in academic year 1961-1962.

Read:

ARTICLE I: Student Le Canh Xuyen born September 23, 1933 at LaoKay (North Viet-Nam) studying at Columbia University (U.S.) shall be authorized to avail himself of a one-year MSU Ph.D. scholarship, beginning September 1960.

There shall be no other change in addition to the preceding.

Saigon, December 31, 1960

On behalf of the President
Secretary of State at the
Presidency.

NGUYEN-DINH-THUAN