

JANUARY 25, 1961

PROFESSOR CARTER GOODRICH
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR PROFESSOR GOODRICH:

AS YOU UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW, MR. XUYEN HAS RECENTLY BEEN DESIGNATED RECIPIENT OF A GRANT TO PURSUE A DOCTORAL PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA, ALTHOUGH THE GRANT IS ADMINISTERED THROUGH THIS OFFICE. NORMALLY DR. RUBEN AUSTIN WOULD CONTACT YOU ON MATTERS RELATING TO VIETNAM PARTICIPANTS, BUT HE IS ON A TRIP TO BRAZIL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR THE NEXT FOUR TO SIX WEEKS, AND I AM ACTING IN HIS PLACE DURING THIS TIME.

BEFORE LEAVING FOR BRAZIL, DR. AUSTIN SENT A LETTER TO MR. XUYEN IN WHICH HE ATTEMPTED TO ANSWER CERTAIN QUESTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN RAISED AT A MEETING BETWEEN DR. AUSTIN AND MR. XUYEN SOME TIME EARLIER. A COPY OF DR. AUSTIN'S LETTER IS ATTACHED HERETO FOR YOUR INFORMATION, BUT YOUR ATTENTION IS PARTICULARLY INVITED TO ITEMS 1, 5, AND 6. THESE ALL REFER TO MATTERS WHICH YOU, AS THE FACULTY ADVISOR, ARE ABLE TO HELP DECIDE FOR MR. XUYEN, AND I ASSUME THAT HE HAS CONTACTED YOU ALREADY CONCERNING THEM, OR WILL DO SO IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. YOUR ADVICE TO MR. XUYEN ON THE ITEMS REFERRED TO, E.G., POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COURSES IN HIS PROGRAM, DIFFICULTY IN ENROLLING IN COURSES WHICH ARE CONTINUATIONS OF FIRST SEMESTER COURSES, AND THE MATHEMATICS VERSUS CHINESE LANGUAGE ALTERNATIVES, WILL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR AS FAR AS THIS OFFICE IS CONCERNED, AS INDICATED IN DR. AUSTIN'S LETTER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN WORKING WITH MR. XUYEN, AND PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING THIS OFFICE CAN DO TO HELP YOU OR TO FACILITATE MR. XUYEN'S WORK AT COLUMBIA.

SINCERELY,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ACTING COORDINATOR
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

March 21, 1961

Dean James B. Hendry
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Dean Dean Hendry:

I am sorry to have been so slow in replying to your letter of January 25 concerning Mr. Le Canh Xuyen. I have, however, maintained close contact with him and with his progress.

Before the award of Mr. Xuyen's government fellowship, the Department had come to the conclusion that we should encourage him to take a Master's degree but not to attempt the Ph.D. since his work so far was only on the margin of satisfactory graduate performance. We realize, however, that the grant of the fellowship, which I myself had recommended through Dr. Austin, represents a distinct change in his position and prospects since it will permit him to give full time to his work over an extended period. I very much hope that under the changed circumstances he can become a successful candidate for the doctorate.

We have accordingly advised him that his program for the present semester should be devoted to proof of his competence to go on in economics. We have asked him to take for credit a course in economic history and to take certification examinations in the two required fields of economic history and statistics. I am myself to give him the examination in the first of these two fields this week. We are also requiring him to take his second language ~~requirement~~ *examination* not later than next ~~semester~~ *September*.

Decisions regarding his program for next year will have to await the results of this semester's test period. In principle, however, there is no reason why he should not present an appropriate sequence of courses in public administration as one of the six fields in which he must be examined.

The question of a dissertation does not arise at the present stage, but I should add that I am favorably impressed by his proposal to make a comparative study of the economies of North and South Viet Nam. He tells me that much more material on North Viet Nam is available from French sources than I should have supposed.

Sincerely yours,

Carter Goodrich

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APRIL 7, 1961

PROFESSOR CARTER GOODRICH
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DEAR PROFESSOR GOODRICH:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER CONCERNING MR. XUYEN'S PROGRESS
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS.

IN CASE YOU ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER JUST WHOM YOU SHOULD CONTACT ABOUT
MR. XUYEN AMONG THE PEOPLE AT MICHIGAN STATE, I HASTEN TO ADD THAT DR.
AUSTIN IS THE ONE WHO IS ON-CAMPUS COORDINATOR OF THE VIETNAM PROJECT
AND WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE CONCERNED WITH THE SELECTION AND PROGRESS OF
THE VIETNAMESE PARTICIPANTS. HOWEVER, SINCE HE IS FREQUENTLY AWAY FROM
THE CAMPUS ON OTHER DUTIES, I FILL IN AS NEEDED. WE SHARE THE SAME SET
OF OFFICES SO THAT ANY LETTERS I MAY RECEIVE ARE BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT DR. AUSTIN HAS NOW MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE YOU ON
THE 14TH OF APRIL, AND I KNOW THAT HE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS MR. XUYEN'S
WORK WITH YOU THEN. DR. AUSTIN HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN TO MR. XUYEN, AND
I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF HIS LETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OF
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER. I HOPE THE ABOVE MAY HELP TO CLEAR
UP ANY CONFUSION THAT THE RAPID SHIFTING OF NAMES IN THE CORRESPONDENCE
MAY HAVE CREATED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES B. HENDRY
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

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