

JANUARY 9, 1961

TO LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT XUYEN AND CHUNG

IF PER DIEM IS TO BE PAID AS OF SEPTEMBER, 1960 (EXACT DATE?), THEN WE SUGGEST THAT THE BIO DATA AND P10/P BE MADE OUT BY USOM COMMENCING ON THE SAME DATE SO THAT, IF POSSIBLE, PER DIEM CAN BE PAID TO CHUNG AND XUYEN RETROACTIVE TO THAT DATE IN SEPTEMBER.

RVA:JR

JANUARY 13, 1961

TO LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT REVISED ARRETES - CHUNG AND XUYEN

THANK YOU FOR THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION. I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE EXPLORING THE IMPLICATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY HAVING THIS ORDER RETROACTIVE TO SEPTEMBER, 1960. I DO NOT QUESTION THE DATE, FOR THESE PEOPLE WERE ACTUALLY INTERVIEWED AND RECOMMENDATIONS SENT TO YOU PRIOR TO THAT DATE. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING CONTRACTUALLY AND, THEREFORE, IF WE ARE TO PAY FOR TUITION CHARGES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AS OF SEPTEMBER, WE WANT TO DO SO IN ADDITION TO MAKING THE BACK PER DIEM PAYMENTS IF SO AUTHORIZED.

RVA:JR

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## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: James B. Hendry  
Acting Coordinator

FROM: Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor

SUBJECT: Xuyen and Chung

DATE: January 19, 1961

With reference to Ruben's January 9 and January 13 memoranda on the above participants, it is our belief that the decision as to whether to make the grants retroactive to September, 1960, is one that should be made by you, for the reason that this is a dollar expenditure for which you will be audited. Perhaps you would want to contact ICA/W about your course of action.

As to guidelines from Saigon, both NIA and MSUG believe that a participant in this case should be paid per diem ~~and that is only if he is in school from~~ <sup>the</sup> September date onward.

cc: Guy Fox

write notebook  
Send Documents etc.  
Cable Saigon = Bio Data  
name clearance secured?  
if so can begin paying  
per diem as of January  
+ go back to Sept for  
Chung - (Xuyen was  
not enrolled Sept-June)



JANUARY 24, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM: JAMES B. HENDRY  
SUBJECT: CHUNG AND XUYEN  
STARTING TIME OF PER DIEM AND TUITION PAYMENTS

THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO THE TWO PH.D. PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, PHAM CHUNG AND LE CANH XUYEN, IS THAT WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE ARRETES FROM YOU, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE THE BIO DATA FORMS RETURNED FROM SAIGON SIGNED BY THE USOM TRAINING OFFICER (NAME CLEARANCE). ICA/W HAS TOLD RUBEN INFORMALLY THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PRETTY SAFE TO INITIATE PAYMENTS NOW FOR THE PERIOD AT LEAST BACK TO THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE ARRETES, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REIMBURSING MSU SHOULD NAME CLEARANCE FAIL TO COME THROUGH FROM USOM IN SAIGON. TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE TRAINING OFFICER IN USOM/SAIGON TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT NAME CLEARANCE WILL EVENTUALLY COME THROUGH ON THESE TWO PARTICIPANTS AND CABLE US TO THIS EFFECT SO THAT WE CAN THEN BEGIN PAYMENTS ON TUITION AND PER DIEM BACK TO THE DATE OF THE RECEIPT OF THE ARRETES. IF YOUR CABLE INDICATES SOME DOUBT ABOUT NAME CLEARANCE FOR EITHER OF THESE TWO, WE WILL, OF COURSE, WITHHOLD ANY PAYMENTS AT THIS TIME PENDING FURTHER WORD.

JCH:sf

FEBRUARY 6, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM: JAMES B. HENDRY  
SUBJECT: XUYEN

IN REPLY TO YOUR MEMO CONCERNING THE VIEWS ON RUBEN'S LETTER TO XUYEN, BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER I SENT TO PROFESSOR CARTER GOODRICH, FACULTY ADVISOR TO XUYEN AT COLUMBIA. IN THAT LETTER I INDICATED THAT ON THE MATTERS OF WORKING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION MATERIAL INTO HIS PROGRAM, ENROLLMENT DIFFICULTIES, AND THE QUESTION OF MATHEMATICS VERSUS CHINESE LANGUAGE ALTERNATIVES, PROFESSOR GOODRICH'S ADVICE WOULD BE CONTROLLING AS FAR AS WE WERE CONCERNED. THIS IS APPARENTLY CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION, EXPRESSED IN GUY FOX'S MEMO TO YOU OF JANUARY 7, 1961. HOWEVER, WE WILL COMMUNICATE TO XUYEN THE POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 OF GUY FOX'S MEMO FOR HIS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.

JEN:SF

FEBRUARY 6, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM: JAMES B. HENDRY  
SUBJECT: CHUNG AND XUYEN - NAME CLEARANCE

IN MY MEMO OF JANUARY 24 CONCERNING THE STARTING DATE OF PER DIEM AND TUITION PAYMENTS, I ASKED YOU TO CABLE IF THE TRAINING OFFICE IN USOM/SAIGON FELT THAT NAME CLEARANCE WILL EVENTUALLY COME THROUGH FOR CHUNG AND XUYEN, BUT WE HAVE AS YET RECEIVED NO CABLED RESPONSE TO THIS.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT CHUNG IS FINANCIALLY STRAPPED AT THIS TIME, AND HAS ASKED US TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR HIS TUITION AT PENNSYLVANIA FOR THIS CURRENT TERM. RUBEN'S INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO DELAY PAYMENT UNTIL WE HAD RECEIVED SOME WORD FROM SAIGON THAT NAME CLEARANCE WOULD EVENTUALLY COME THROUGH, AND WE COULD THEN BEGIN PAYMENT AS FAR BACK, AT LEAST, AS THE DATE OF THE ARRETE. HE TOLD ME THAT IT SOMETIMES TAKES A LONG TIME FOR THE NAME CLEARANCE TO ACTUALLY PASS THROUGH THE NUMEROUS CHANNELS, BUT THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO BEGIN PAYMENTS BEFORE NAME CLEARANCE IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED IF THERE WAS ASSURANCE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HITCH IN USOM/SAIGON. THEREFORE, TO EASE CHUNG'S PLIGHT OF THE MOMENT, A PROMPT INDICATION OF THE PROBABILITY THAT NAME CLEARANCE WILL BE FORTHCOMING WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO CHUNG.

JEN:bf

APRIL 5, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT: CHUNG AND XUYEN

CHUNG. ICA/W HAS INFORMED US THAT ONLY AS OF MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> DO THEY HAVE ADEQUATE CERTIFICATION ENABLING US TO START PAYING CHUNG PER DIEM. WE ARE GOING TO NEGOTIATE THIS, SINCE HIS ARRETE GOES BACK TO SEPTEMBER. BECAUSE OF THIS, WE FEEL THAT HE SHOULD BE, AT LEAST, PLACED ON PER DIEM BY FEBRUARY 1, WHICH WE HAVE DONE.

XUYEN. I WILL HAVE TO SEE XUYEN NEXT WEEK BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN. AS YET, HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT TURNED IN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH HIM.

ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF HAVING PARTICIPANTS COME INTO THE PROJECT DIRECTLY FROM AN INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED STATES IS THAT, IN SPITE OF OUR EXPLANATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, ETC., THEY SEEM TO ACCUMULATE A LOT OF MISINFORMATION RELATIVE TO OTHER VIETNAMESE AND OTHER FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THIS COUNTRY AND ARE NOT CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING THE NECESSARY STEPS AND SUBMITTING REQUIRED INFORMATION. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT XUYEN, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEGUN PAYING HIM ON THE BASIS OF HIS ARRETE, BUT WASHINGTON HAS NO AUTHORIZATION, FORMAL OR OTHERWISE. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE ARE ATTACHING A THERMOFAX COPY OF PROCEDURES WHICH WE HAVE USED IN BRAZIL WHICH HAS HELPED US TREMENDOUSLY.

RVA:3F

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APRIL 18, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF XUYEN

IN PROFESSOR GOODRICH'S COMMENTS, HE INDICATED THAT, FOR SOME REASON OR OTHER, THERE WERE SOME QUALMS NOW CONCERNING XUYEN'S INTEREST OR CAPACITY. HOWEVER, PROFESSOR GOODRICH TOLD ME THAT XUYEN HAD PASSED, ALTHOUGH HE CONSIDERED IT TO BE ON A MARGINAL BASIS, ONE OF HIS ECONOMIC THEORY FIELDS. PROFESSOR GOODRICH BELIEVES THAT, BY JUNE, WE SHOULD KNOW WHETHER XUYEN CAN DO THE WORK OR NOT. SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WHICH I HAVE CONVEYED TO XUYEN, ONE BEING THAT HE MOVE FROM NEWARK TO A DORMITORY OR AT LEAST A CLOSEBY LIVING AREA SO THAT HE CAN HAVE LIBRARY FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

I DISCUSSED THE OUTSIDE WORK SITUATION WITH HIM, AND, AS IT TURNS OUT, HE IS DOING SOME RESEARCH RELATIVE TO HIS PROPOSED DISSERTATION ON NORTHERN VIETNAM..

RVA:sf



APRIL 18, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT: PARTICIPANTS LE CANH XUYEN AND PHAM CHUNG  
LACK OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO ICA/W

WHILE IN WASHINGTON, I MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO CONFER WITH XUYEN IN NEW YORK AND WITH PROFESSOR GOODRICH, HIS CHAIRMAN. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE URGED, PROMPTED, AND PRODDED XUYEN TO FORWARD THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR HIS PROCESSING AS AN ICA PARTICIPANT. HE ASSURED ME HE WOULD DO THIS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE THIS PROBLEM FACING US: WE HAVE PAID CHUNG AND XUYEN TWO MONTHS' PER DIEM WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT, IF ALL OF THE NECESSARY STEPS WERE NOT FOLLOWED, THEY WOULD OWE THIS MONEY TO US. WE WILL NOT MAKE ANOTHER PAYMENT TO XUYEN UNTIL WE HAVE CLEARED THIS MATTER.

THE ISSUE AT POINT NOW IS THE VERY MUDDLED STATUS OF XUYEN AS FAR AS ICA/W PARTICIPANT TRAINING OFFICE IS CONCERNED. THEY HAVE NO DOCUMENT OF ANY SORT FROM SAIGON, AND THEY INDICATE THAT WE CANNOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT.

I AM SURE THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF BOTH THE PRESIDENCY, AS A RESULT OF THE ARRETE ISSUED, AND THE TRAINING OFFICE IN USOM, THAT WE ASSURE THE PAYMENTS FOR THESE TWO PARTICIPANTS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY. CHUNG HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH ICA AS OF MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, AND, WITH ICA HAVING NOTHING ON XUYEN, WE SOLICIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN.

AT LEAST, IF XUYEN IS DELINQUENT, THIS CLEARLY INDICATES HE SHOULD BE DROPPED; HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE MISSION SHOULD HAVE SOME RECORDS INDICATING THE INTENT THAT HE BE TAKEN ON AS A PARTICIPANT AND THAT THIS INFORMATION BE CONVEYED TO THE TRAINING OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. SINCE ICA/W HAS EXPECTED US TO FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURES AS WE HAVE WITH THE BRAZILIANS, WE ARE AT A LOSS TO FORCE THEM TO TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD DO, FOR IT IS THEIR BELIEF, APPARENTLY, THAT, SINCE WE HAVE HANDLED OTHER PARTICIPANTS, THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFERENCE AS FAR AS THE VIETNAMESE.

RVA:SF  
ENC. CC OF LETTER TO XUYEN

APRIL 25, 1961

TO: LLOYD D. MUSOLF  
FROM: RUBEN V. AUSTIN  
SUBJECT: LE CANH XUYEN

WE ARE ENCLOSING A LETTER FROM XUYEN AND ALSO HIS BIO DATA. YOU WILL NOTICE THAT SOME OF THE BLANKS PROBABLY SHOULD BE AMENDED, SUCH AS ITEM 15, TO INCLUDE THE STATEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT ENGAGE IN WORK IF ACCEPTED AS A PARTICIPANT.

WE SHALL FORWARD HIS MEDICAL AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED BY US.

RVA:SF  
ENCLOSURES: LETTER FROM XUYEN  
XUYEN'S BIO DATA