

SEPTEMBER 26, 1961

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
420 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR XUYEN:

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE WRITE RECTOR THONG AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY, REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF YOUR ARRETE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1961-62. A COPY OF YOUR LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO THE AMBASSADOR FROM VIETNAM IN WASHINGTON AND ANOTHER COPY TO THIS OFFICE. IF YOU WISH, YOU MAY FORWARD THE ORIGINAL TO THIS OFFICE ALSO, AND WE SHALL SEND IT ON TO RECTOR THONG.

SINCERELY,

JUDITH RATHBUN
SECRETARY TO DEAN HENDRY.

P.S. I UNDERSTAND USOM/SAIGON HAS CABLED ICA/WASHINGTON TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM TO YOU RETROACTIVE TO SEPTEMBER, 1960; AS SOON AS I HEAR FROM ICA/W, I WILL FORWARD THIS AMOUNT TO YOU.

OCTOBER 17, 1961

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
420 EAST 80TH STREET
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DEAR MR. XUYEN:

WHILE IN SAIGON RECENTLY AND IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH RECTOR THONG OF THE NIA, I LEARNED THAT YOU HAD BEEN WORKING FOR A TRANSLATION AGENCY AS A MEANS OF GAINING INCOME DURING YOUR STAY AT COLUMBIA. AS YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE NIA-MSUG SCHOLARSHIP IS THAT THE HOLDER OF THE SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT PERMITTED TO WORK FOR OUTSIDE INCOME. NOW THAT THE LONG DELAY IN CLEARING YOUR STATUS AS A SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER HAS BEEN ENDED AND YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE RETROACTIVE PER DIEM DUE YOU, I SIMPLY WANT TO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND REQUEST THAT YOU DISCONTINUE ANY GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

I DO NOT KNOW WHEN I WILL BE MAKING A TRIP TO NEW YORK, BUT I HAVE HOPES I MAY BE ABLE TO DO SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AT WHICH TIME I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND LEARNING SOMETHING OF YOUR GENERAL PROGRESS TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE.

ANOTHER MATTER I WANTED TO MENTION DEALS WITH THE NIA'S INTEREST IN RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FROM PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING A PROGRAM OF STUDY LEADING TO THE PH.D. AND EVENTUAL RETURN TO VIETNAM AS A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE NIA. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY VIETNAMESE STUDENTS NOW IN THE STATES WHO MIGHT BE QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED IN THIS TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE NOTIFY HIM OF THE NEED FOR SUCH CANDIDATES. IN MAKING APPLICATION, THE PROCEDURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE APPLICANT SHOULD WRITE A LETTER DIRECTLY TO THE RECTOR OF THE NIA AND THIS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) A STATEMENT OF INTENT CONCERNING HIS CAREER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES;
- (B) A STATEMENT AS TO HIS WILLINGNESS TO SERVE 10 YEARS AS A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE NIA;
- (C) THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, TO BE FORWARDED DIRECTLY BY THE WRITERS TO THE RECTOR; AND
- (D) A TRANSCRIPT OF HIS ACADEMIC RECORD FROM THE INSTITUTION(S) HE HAS ATTENDED; THIS ALSO SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE NIA BY THE INSTITUTION(S) INVOLVED.

2. WE SHOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE LETTER OF APPLICATION SO WE COULD FORWARD THIS TO MSUG IN SAIGON.

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3. A COPY OF THE LETTER SHOULD ALSO GO TO THE VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IN
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SINCE THE NIA HOPES TO MAKE THE SELECTION IN DECEMBER, IT IS NECESSARY THAT
ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN APPLYING DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEST REGARDS,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

JBH:JR

FEBRUARY 23, 1962

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
420 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR XUYEN:

AS YOU HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY READ IN THE NEWSPAPERS OR HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE CONTRACT BETWEEN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM WILL END IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR AND WILL NOT BE EXTENDED. THE MICHIGAN STATE GROUP IN SAIGON HAS BEEN PLANNING SINCE MID-1961 TO TERMINATE THEIR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN 1962, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF AN EXTENSION, AND THIS MATTER WAS SERIOUSLY TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES.

IN LIGHT OF DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WHICH AROSE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM AND THE UNIVERSITY CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE LATTER'S ADVISORY GROUP, THE EXTENSION DID NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE NOR DESIRABLE. SINCE EVENTS LEADING TO THIS DECISION ARE "WATER OVER THE DAM" TO SOME EXTENT, THERE SEEKS LITTLE POINT IN PURSUING THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS. THE IMPORTANT THING FOR THE FUTURE IS THAT YOU CONTINUE YOUR WORK TOWARD THE DOCTORAL DEGREE AND COMPLETE IT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT YOU MAY RETURN TO THE NIA TO TAKE UP YOUR DUTIES AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THAT INSTITUTION.

WHEN I WAS IN VIETNAM LAST FALL, I RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE U.S. AID OFFICIALS OVER THERE THEY WOULD PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE WORK WHICH YOU HAVE BEGUN AS LONG AS YOUR PROGRESS CONTINUES SATISFACTORILY. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THEY WILL KEEP THEIR WORD AND THAT YOU MAY BE ASSURED YOUR WORK WILL NOT BE INTERRUPTED NOR SUMMARILY CURTAILED BECAUSE THE MSU PROJECT IS PHASING OUT. AS SOON AS I RECEIVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH YOU WILL BE PROVIDED FOR, I SHALL WRITE YOU AGAIN. MEANWHILE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE, AND I WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE AS COMPLETE AN ANSWER AS POSSIBLE.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR COURSE OF STUDY, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

JBH:JR

MARCH 7, 1962

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR XUYEN:

WORD HAS NOW COME FROM SAIGON AFFIRMING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THROUGH USAID IN SAIGON AND AID IN WASHINGTON, WILL CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP OF PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR PLANNED COURSES OF STUDY BY JUNE 30, 1962, WHEN THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CONTRACT TERMINATES. THIS SHOULD HELP REMOVE SOME OF THE DOUBTS WHICH I AM SURE HAVE ARisen IN YOUR MIND AS THE RESULT OF THE CONTRACT TERMINATION. I STILL DO NOT HAVE DETAILS ON WHERE PARTICIPANTS ARE TO REPORT OR HOW THE ACADEMIC, TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES WILL BE ADMINISTERED AFTER JUNE 30. AS SOON AS THIS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE, I WILL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY.

THE MAIL FROM SAIGON CONTAINED AN EXCERPT FROM THE USAID OFFICE THERE CONCERNING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE FOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING ARRETES. A COPY OF THIS EXCERPT IS INCLUDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. IN THE PAST WE HAVE LEFT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INITIATING ACTION FOR ARRETE AND VISA RENEWAL LARGEly UP TO YOU, BUT IN THE LIGHT OF THE TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO AID, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERYTHING IS IN PROPER ORDER WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE CHANGE-OVER. IN REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF THE ARRETE, I THINK IT WOULD STILL BE WISE TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE RECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION, BUT AS THE ENCLOSED EXCERPT INDICATES, IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PLAN. REQUESTS FOR THIS LATTER CLEARANCE SHOULD BE FORWARDED THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOUR ARRETE IS DUE TO EXPIRE IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE THIS EXTENDED, I SUGGEST THAT YOU APPLY FOR EXTENSION TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AND TO THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF PLAN AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. PLEASE LET US KNOW THE DATE ON WHICH YOU SUBMIT SUCH APPLICATION. I ALSO NOTE THAT OUR RECORDS DO NOT SHOW THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR PASSPORT OR ON YOUR U.S. VISA. PLEASE SEND THIS INFORMATION TO ME SO THAT WE MAY BRING OUR RECORDS UP-TO-DATE, AND ALSO NOTIFY ME WHEN YOU SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR EXTENSIONS ON YOUR PASSPORT AND U.S. VISA.

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FINALLY, I FIND I DO NOT HAVE ANY REPORT OF YOUR ACADEMIC PROGRESS SINCE APRIL OF LAST YEAR. IF I AM TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU BE CONTINUED UNDER AID SPONSORSHIP, I MUST HAVE CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT YOUR PROGRESS TOWARD THE DEGREE IS SATISFACTORY AND THAT THERE IS REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NORMAL PERIOD OF TIME. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING THIS INFORMATION TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

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JUNE 6, 1962

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
420 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. XUYEN:

I AM ENCLOSING A MIMEOGRAPHED FORM ON PARTICIPANT DATA WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SO THAT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE STAFF WHEN THEY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARTICIPANT AFFAIRS. ENCLOSED ALSO IS A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE; YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION IN FILLING OUT THE FORM WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

AS I AM NOT CERTAIN WHEN THE WASHINGTON OFFICE WILL BEGIN SENDING YOU YOUR MONTHLY PER DIEM CHECK, MAY I POINT OUT THAT THE MOST RECENT CHECK (WHICH I AM SURE YOU RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 21ST) WILL COVER THE PERIOD JUNE 1-30, 1962. THIS, I BELIEVE, WILL BE THE LAST PER DIEM CHECK FROM THE MSU BUSINESS OFFICE; THEREFORE, WILL YOU BUDGET IT ACCORDINGLY. AS SOON AS WE KNOW OF MORE DEFINITE ARRANGEMENTS, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

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I HOPE ALL/WITH YOU AND YOUR WORK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SINCERELY,

YURIKO NAKAMURA (MISS)
SECRETARY TO DR. HENDRY

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JUNE 13, 1962

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
420 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. XUYEN:

THIS WILL BE MY LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A NOTE TO YOU BEFORE GOING ON A YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO WORK IN PAKISTAN.

FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON THE WORD THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED A CABLE FROM SAIGON SAYING THAT USOM HAS SIGNED THE NECESSARY PAPERS AND SENT THEM FORWARD THAT WILL TRANSFER YOU TO AID/WASHINGTON'S JURISDICTION. I BELIEVE THIS INDICATES THAT YOUR ARRETE HAS BEEN SIGNED, AND, THEREFORE, THE ADMINISTRATIVE HURDLES HAVE ALL BEEN CLEARED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF YOUR STUDY. AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY PAPERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, AID OFFICIALS THERE WILL CONTACT YOU AND WILL GIVE YOU FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THEY WISH TO PROCEED. THEY ASSURED ME OVER THE TELEPHONE THAT IT WILL PROBABLY BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE PER DIEM CHECK FOR JULY MAILED TO YOU EARLY IN JULY, ALTHOUGH THE EXACT TIME WILL DEPEND ON LARGEY WHEN THE PAPERS ACTUALLY ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON FROM SAIGON.

I WANT TO OFFER YOU MY SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR COURSE OF STUDY, AND FOR THE FUTURE. I AM TRULY SORRY THAT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CANNOT SEE YOU THROUGH TO THE COMPLETION OF YOUR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT I FEEL THAT YOU WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS AND THAT AID WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE SUPPORT POSSIBLE. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE--ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS UNDER OUR PROGRAM HAVE ACQUITTED THEMSELVES EXTREMELY WELL AND WE HAVE BEEN PROUD OF THE RECORD ALL OF YOU HAVE MADE.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES,

SINCERELY,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

JBH:JER

JUNE 19, 1962

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
420 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. XUYEN:

ATTACHED IS A COPY OF A LETTER WHICH I SENT YOU EARLY IN JUNE. I AM WONDERING IF YOU REALLY RECEIVED IT. I AM AGAIN ENCLOSING MIMEOGRAPHED FORMS ON PARTICIPANT DATA WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH IF YOU WOULD FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. THIS INFORMATION IS VERY NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO BEGIN PROCESSING YOUR MONTHLY PER DIEM CHECKS. ENCLOSED ALSO IS A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

I HOPE YOU GOT DR. HENDRY'S LETTER INFORMING YOU OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR A YEAR'S LEAVE ON AN ASSIGNMENT WITH THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY-FORD FOUNDATION PROJECT IN PAKISTAN. HE AND HIS FAMILY LEFT EAST LANSING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH AND WILL BE IN DACCA, EAST PAKISTAN AFTER JUNE 25TH.

SINCERELY,

YURIKO NAKAMURA (MISS)
VIETNAM PROJECT OFFICE

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JULY 17, 1962

MR. LE CANH XUYEN
420 EAST 80TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

DEAR MR. XUYEN:

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. REGARDING YOUR PROGRAM ADVISOR. HIS NAME IS:

MR. RICHARD P. LOOMIS, PROGRAM ADVISOR
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DIVISION, TRAINING BRANCH
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING DIVISION
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
1624 H STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

HIS PHONE NUMBER IS - AREA CODE 202---STERLING 3-6400 EXT. 700. I AM NOT CERTAIN WHETHER WASHINGTON WILL ACCEPT COLLECT CALLS, BUT I AM SURE IN AN EMERGENCY THEY WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE ASSISTANCE YOU NEED.

I HOPE YOUR WORK IS PROGRESSING WELL AND THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE YOUR WORK IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THOUGH I HAVE NOT MET YOU OFFICIALLY, I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU AND ALL THE VIETNAMESE PARTICIPANTS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU ALL THE SUCCESS IN WHATEVER YOU DO UPON YOUR RETURN TO VIETNAM.

SINCERELY YOURS,

YURIKO NAKAMURA (MISS)
BRAZIL PROJECT OFFICE

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