

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Glen:

Before departing for a two-week vacation commencing today I want to get this letter off to you.

1. Bill Gordon has already been in touch with you regarding Ramon Binamira, Presidential Assistant in the Philippines. As indicated in Bill's letter of June 19, we trust that plans are being made for Binamira at M.S.U. for the period July 28 - August 1. A tentative program will be off the press in a few days. As suggested in a phone conversation with Brookover, Binamira merits some red carpet treatment. I hope that while at M.S.U. he may have an opportunity to meet the President and some Department Heads as he is one of the brilliant up and coming young leaders in the Philippines. I believe that it would also be mutually gainful if he were to sit in with the Pakistan "Academy" group.

2. Ernest Neal whom you and several of your staff know is now in Washington on consultation. He is tentatively scheduled to return to the Philippines July 13. In view of his wealth of experience I am wondering if you would wish to have him routed through East Lansing and have him participate in one or two sessions of the "Academy" group.

3. I was very favorably impressed with the Pakistani group whom I met briefly June 23. I had two, too brief conversations with Levak and an informal session with Raja Mohd. Afzal Khan. It is my impression that as you work out programs for the group there will be some need for individual tailoring of programs and experience beyond East Lansing. In this connection may I urge that serious consideration be given to a revamping of the last part of this schedule in order to permit selected team members to observe the Philippine program. The Los Banos Training Center should offer many clues for the Academy Directors.

I am at a loss as to why tentative plans were made to send the group back via Greece. Some of the experience there is excellent. However, several Pakistanis have already visited Greece. I would suggest that a portion of the group which may return via

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Europe have an exposure to some of the work in Denmark and Holland. In this way the group would have varied personal experiences and we could hope for more cross fertilization when they return to Pakistan.

As indicated in previous correspondence, may I suggest that you use Bill Gordon as the focal point in Washington.

4. I have in the mill an informal letter regarding Evelyn Baker who has just returned from four successful years in Cambodia and is in need of some academic retooling. She is a member of the ICA Education Division staff but because of her interest in community organization I am hoping that her retooling will be in this direction. She is a hard working, competent woman and I believe that she will be a stimulating person to inject into the East Lansing scene.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Miniclier, Chief
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Dear Louis

I have Mr Gordon's letter of 19 June and yours of 25 June, relative to the visit to Michigan State University of Ramon Binamira, Presidential Assistant in the Philippines. The dates suggested, 28 July to 1 August, are all right with us. As you well know, this is a slack period for almost any university, since even the summer school session will have terminated. However, I am sure we will be able to find enough people on campus to make an experience here worthwhile for Mr Binamira.

You suggested that Ernest Neal might be routed through East Lansing. I am sure there are a number of us on campus who would like to visit with Ernest and draw upon his experience. It is my guess that our Pakistan group would find time spent with him extremely useful. I am drawing this possibility to the attention of Wilbur Brookover and Al Levak. We too are impressed with the group from Pakistan and look forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to cooperating with them in setting up their academic institutions on community development.

You mentioned that Evebyn Baker might be coming back for an educational experience. We would be happy to have her here for "academic retooling" as you put it. I am sure we would find her stimulating and one who would make a real contribution to our institution.

Sincerely

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cc Dr Wilbur Brookover