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Dear Mrs. Bach Ian:

I am writing to you in connection with your request to study in France this coming summer. I am sorry to say that after careful consideration here we feel that we cannot support your request at this time.

There is little question that you would derive benefit from a sojourn abroad, but the difficulties are very considerable. This matter would have to be arranged through the Vietnam Government and as you perhaps know, your Government would only accede to visits in France by its citizens in very exceptional cases. There is another consideration. If and when you reach the dissertation stage you can make an excellent case for doing your research abroad and if your supervisory professor gives you strong support in this request, I would be quite willing to take the matter up with the Vietnam Government at that time. At the present, we are not overly optimistic that such a request would be granted even when you are at the dissertation stage. But we could try.

I have received a letter from Professor Sayre in which he raised the question as to your going abroad this summer. I am writing to him in much the vein as I have written to you.

I am very glad to hear that your daughter received a scholarship to the summer camp. This should leave you with greater freedom this summer. If you find that there is a special study group in the U. S. in the area

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of foreign studies germane to your interests and would like to attend, we might be able to arrange it. Do not hesitate to raise the matter. Also, please keep in mind that the American Political Science Association meetings will be held in Washington September 10-12. I hope you will plan to attend, and I will look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards,

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