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TO: Rector Vu Quoc Thong, NIA
Dr. Ralph H. Smuckler, MSUG

FROM: Howard Waltman, Participant Director, MSUG

SUBJECT: Ph.D. participant report and Recommendations

I would like to report on the progress of the Ph.D. participants, summarize the candidates now available for grants, and make several proposals for the period we are now entering.

The Ph.D. candidates presently working in the United States are doing well, except in 1 or 2 cases. The National Institute of Administration can probably count on half of the present group completing their degrees. Please see the attached chart on courses, grades and prospects.

Candidates Being Considered For New Grants

At present there are four candidates being considered for the three grants available this year. Two desire graduate study in Economics, one in Political Science, and one in Public Administration. Two of the four are now in the United States, and have applied directly to the Vietnam Project Office in East Lansing. They are:

Mr. Le Canh Xuyen: Mr. Xuyen is presently a graduate student in Economics at Columbia University. Previously, he earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree from American University. Professor Carter Goodrich has written in support of his application for a Vietnam Project grant.

Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hue: Mrs. Hue is working in the University of Michigan's Doctoral Program in Public Administration. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree,

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in Sociology from Columbia University. Mrs. Hue has a husband and family in Saigon.

The two candidates being considered for grants in Saigon are:

Mr. Du Phuoc Long who is being considered for a grant to study Political Science.

Mr. Pham Van Thuyet who is a candidate for a grant for doctoral work in Economics.

Recommendations for the Ph.D. Program

(1) Reject the applications of Mrs. Hue and Mr. Xuyen. Mrs. Hue should be rejected because of her background, which suggests that she may not identify her future, with the National Institute of Administration. Mr. Xuyen's application should be rejected because of his proposed field of study.

(2) Award grants to Messrs. Long and Thuyet, after they have been integrated into the staff of the National Institute of Administration.

(3) Continue searching for outstanding people for grants. Emphasis should be placed on finding qualified persons who are interested in political science and public administration. At least one should be able to minor in Sociology and present a dissertation in the public administration field.

(4) Encourage the candidates now in the United States to complete their dissertations prior to returning.

(5) Recall Mr. Dich should he be denied admission to graduate school during the next few months.

(6) Recall Mr. Cao Toan if his performance does not improve during the next 6 months.

(7) Appoint an NIA staff member to be responsible for maintaining regular correspondence with the Ph.D. participants. The Ph.D. candidates should be required to report to the NIA on a regular basis.

(8) Initiate planning for the integration of the candidates who are not presently members of the NIA staff.

I shall be pleased to examine all aspects of the program with you, at your convenience.

PH. D. CANDIDATES IN THE UNITED STATES

Name	School field of study departure	Courses - grades	Comments
NGUYEN DUY XUAN	Vanderbilt Economics 1957	International Economics : A- Agricultural Markets and Prices : B+ Advanced Monetary Theory : B+ American Agricultural Policy : B+ Advanced Economic Theory : B+ Foreign Trade Policies Foreign Trade Theory Monetary and Fiscal Policies Advanced Economic Theory History of Economic Thought	Mr. Xuan has done consistently good academic work. He is quite far along, and will probably be the first Ph.D. to return. He is scheduled to take his comprehensive examinations this fall. His chances of completing the degree are excellent.
TRAN QUI THAN	Columbia Business Administration Sept., 1958	Introduction to Administration Business Finance Managerial Accounting : C Managerial Economics : B+ Accounting : In. Economics : B- Finance : B International Business : B+ Marketing : B	Mr. Than's work improved during the second semester, following his transfer from Cornell. He has started work on his thesis. His chances of completing the degree are good.
CAO TOAN	Columbia Econometrics Sept., 1957	Economic Analysis : B Management of Income and Wealth : International Trade and Finance Economic History :	Mr. Toan experienced difficulties with his course work during the first semester. He is working in a highly specialized aspect of Economics.

CAO TOAN (Con't)

Comparative Economic Orga-
nizations :
Economic Analysis : B
Measurement of Income and
Wealth :
International Trade and
Finance :
Economic History of the U.S. : ~~D~~ B-
Comparative Economic Organiza-
tions

Statistical Methods
Analytical Geometry and
Differential
Calculus

His chances of completing
the degree are not good.

TRAN NGOC PHAT

M.S.U.
Public Admin-
istration
Jan., 1959

Problem of Public Administra-; A
tion
Administrative Organization
and Behavior : A
Foreign Political Systems : B
Readings in Administrative
Organization and Behavior : A
Political Thought : B

Mr. Phat has done consistently
good work and has impressed
the project staff. His chan-
ces of completing the degree
are excellent.

Supervised Field Work in
Public Administration

BUI QUANG KHANH

M.S.U.
Political
Science
Jan., 1959

Problems in Public Adminis-
tration : B
Administrative Organization
and Behavior : B

The American Executive Pro-
cess : A

Mr. Khanh's work improved
significantly during the 2nd
quarter. If he stays in the
U.S. his chances for complet-
ing the degree are very good.

BUI QUANG KHANH
(Con't)

International Affairs : A
Introduction to Investigative
Techniques

State and Local Government
in Michigan
Readings in International
Affairs

LUONG NHI KY

University of
Michigan
Political
Science
Jan., 1959

Foreign Policy of the Ameri-
can People : B
International Relations in
the Middle East : C
Methods in Political Science : A
English : A

Recent Political Thought
Seminar in International
Relations

Mr. Ky's first semesters
record indicates that he
may have very good prospects
for completing his degree.

BUU DICH

M.S.U.
Political
Science
Jan., 1959

Problems in Public Admin. : B
Development of Political
Thought : C
The American Executive Process: A
Administrative Organization
and Behavior : C

Mr. Dich status is still
undetermined. He has carried
a light program, taking both
undergraduate and graduate
courses. A full graduate
program may be too much for
him. His chances are poor.

LE THI BACH-
LAN

Columbia
University
Political Sci-
ence
Jan., 1959

American Political Parties
Managerial Aspects of Public
Administration
International Politics in the
Far East
European Political Institutions
British History since 1689 -
History of Modern China

European Political Institutions.

We have not received Mrs.
Bach Lan's marks for the
1st semester. Her chances
for completing the degree
are fair.