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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,

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

Statistical Methods  
Analytical Geometry and  
Differential  
Calculus

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

Supervised Field Work in  
Public Administration

Problems in Public Adminis- : B  
tration  
Administrative Organization : B  
and Behavior  
The American Executive Pro- :  
cess : A

His chances of completing  
the degree are not good.

TRAN NGOC PHAT

M.S.U.  
Public Admi-  
nistration  
Jan., 1959

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

BUI QUANG KHANH

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

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)

LUONG NHI KY

University of  
Michigan  
Political  
Science  
Jan., 1959

International Affairs : A  
Introduction to Investigative  
Techniques

State and Local Government  
in Michigan  
Readings in International  
Affairs

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

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

BUU DICH

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

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

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.

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.

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