

April 8, 1960



Mr. Vu Quoc Thong, Rector
National Institute of Administration
4, Alexandre de Rhodes
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Rector Thong:

We are happy to inform you that there remain a sufficient number of man-months to permit three more Vietnamese students to obtain their Ph.D. degrees in the United States. This calculation is based on the assumption that participants will be selected in the future, as they have been in the past, from among those students who are already eligible, or who will be eligible upon entry into the program, for graduate study at a reputable United States university.

Following an informal meeting between NIA and MSUG it was agreed that the best interests of the NIA would be served by having participants study for their doctorate in the fields of (1) public administration, (2) sociology, and (3) business administration (with perhaps a minor in public administration). We therefore propose that a participant be selected for each of the foregoing three fields.

It is hoped that consideration will be given not only to students in Vietnam but also to those Vietnamese students already in the United States who have demonstrated their capacity to undertake graduate study at an American university. At present MSUG has received expressions of interest in our Ph.D. program from at least ~~six~~ *five* Vietnamese students now in the United States. These students are:

Do Quang Nang, graduate student in Economics at Columbia University, now studying under a Fulbright grant.

Nyen Ngoc Bich, who holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from Princeton University and is now enrolled as a graduate student at Columbia University.

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Nguyen Huy Long, who has a B.A. degree from the University of Scranton where he has a good record in Business Administration.

Pham Chung, who is now in the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania studying under a Fulbright grant.

Pho Ba Hai, who received his B.A. from Boston University in Government and History; he has studied in Brussels.

In addition to the foregoing students now studying in the United States, the following students in Viet Nam are interested in the Ph.D. participant program and will probably make formal applications:

Ta Van Tai, student at the Faculty of Law, University of Saigon.

Nguyen Manh Hung, student at Faculty of Law, Saigon. Mr. Hung has received a USIS scholarship and will leave in July, 1960 for the United States, but it is believed we could switch him to our program, at least after a year's study in the United States, if we should conclude we want him as a Ph.D. participant.

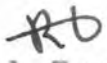
Hoang Ngoc Than, who holds a Master's degree from the University of the Philippines at which he made an excellent record.

Diep Quang Hong, who has a full baccalaureate and a license en droit; he is now an examining magistrate (juge d'instruction) and President of the Labor Court (President du Tribunal du Travail) in the Court of Justice in Bien Hoa.

Nguyen Hu Chi, who still has one year at the Faculty of Law, University of Saigon before he can obtain his license; he is leading his class scholastically and appears to be highly qualified.

At your earliest convenience will you please obtain the authorization necessary to make an announcement of the availability of the three places and to issue a call for applications.

Sincerely yours,


Ralph Turner
Acting Chief Advisor

cc: Coordinator ✓
Dr. Fox