

TO: Lloyd Musolf
 FROM: Elsie Cunningham
 DATE: April 26, 1960
 SUBJECT: Continuation of Ph.D. Participants After Mid 1962 -- #491

According to the timetable for the programs of the various Ph.D. participants in the United States, only Pham Van Thuyet might conceivably not have completed his Ph.D. by the end of the contract in June 1962.

Please find listed below the participants and tentative schedules they expect to follow:

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>Preliminaries</u>	<u>Completed Dissertations</u>
Luong Nhi Ky	Spring 1960	Jan. 1961	Jan. 1962
Le Thi Bach-Lan		Fall 1960 or Spring 1961	
Tran Ngoc Phat		Jan. 1961	Jan. 1962
Tran Qui Than		Early Fall 1960	Dec. 1961
Cao Toan		Late Fall 1960	

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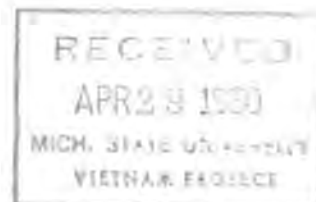
TO: Dr. James B. Hendry, Acting Coordinator
FROM: Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor *LD*
SUBJECT: Pham Van Thuyet

Attached you will find a letter which represents the latest painful step in l'affaire Thuyet. As you had been aware, the case of Thuyet long ago progressed to the point where no move is perfect. As you may also recall, last February we attempted to get the consent of the NIA to dropping Thuyet. At that time, the NIA would not agree, and hence we moved to the position of requiring Thuyet to take the Doctorat examination. As you will see from the attached, this step was never consummated either. We are now making another try at getting the consent of the NIA to dropping him. Rector Thong has been greatly impressed with Thuyet's "legal" case. By this Thong means that Thuyet passed an examination given by MSU and the NIA and therefore we are under obligation to send him. It is our present feeling that Thuyet has failed so drastically to keep his part of the bargain that any obligation we had to him has long since been dissipated.

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Enclosure: Cy Apr 22 ltr to Rector Thong

cc: Dr. Fox
Dr. Child



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May 5, 1960

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TO: Dr. James B. Hendry, Acting Coordinator

FROM: Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor

SUBJECT: Ph.D. Training at MSU

In a letter dated April 21, Ruben reported to me that there is a growing criticism of the fact that MSU is not obtaining Ph.D. candidates from Vietnam and that they go to other institutions. He asked whether there were any situations that may exist that prevent MSUG from recommending that Ph.D. participants obtain their graduate training at MSU. Certainly, we are not aware of any such situations, and, in fact, we are not aware that we are directing candidates away from MSU. We have been aware of something at the other extreme. That is to say, we have been careful not to send candidates about whom there is some question to MSU for fear that MSU would feel that some special treatment was expected. As the last Ph.D. participant to leave Vietnam left in January 1959, I am puzzled as to why the Department of Political Science or other departments at MSU should assume that we are sending Ph.D. participants to other institutions.

It is true that we are now trying to add one more Ph.D. participant to our list, but he is a man who is now at Columbia and should continue there. The person to whom I refer is Le Canh Xuyen.

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May 6, 1960

TO: Dr. James B. Hendry, Acting Coordinator
FROM: Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor *DM*
SUBJECT: NIA Reaction to Thuyet

As you will recall, MSUG decided several weeks ago to recommend to the NIA that Thuyet be dropped as a Ph.D. participant. In a six-page letter his misdeeds were recounted and recommendations made to Thong. At yesterday's meeting with the Rector, he informed me that the NIA agreed that Thuyet would not be a good potential member of the NIA and that the Institute was beginning to take steps with GVN to rescind the arreté issued for Thuyet. I told the Rector that since the letter had been written to him we had received a copy of Wes Fishel's report on his interview with Thuan and Thai about the quality of participants and that this report from Fishel would seem to justify us even more in turning down a dubious Ph.D. participant.

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TO: Lloyd Musolf
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: May 12, 1960
SUBJECT: Potential Ph.D.s #499

It seems as if I have been guilty again of lack of clarity in my memorandum dealing with Potential Ph.D.s -- Memo No. 497.

Although I have had no recent correspondence with any of the potential Ph.D.s, I feel that we ought to give them some indication before the end of the school year of what progress is being made in considering their candidacy.

I believe that by now you have all the documents you need for each potential Ph.D. The inevitable delays, which have become so extended in a case such as Xuyens, would be enough to discourage most of the applicants. I fear that if we cannot offer at least some indication of the status of their applications, we will probably lose these candidates.

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May 20, 1960

TO: Dr. Ruben V. Austin, Coordinator

FROM: Dr. Lloyd D. Musolf, Chief Advisor *LM*

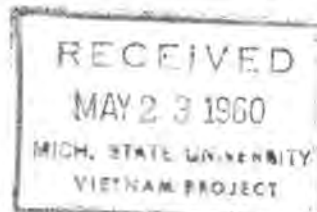
SUBJECT: Ph.D. Participants

The Ph.D. participant picture is gradually being clarified. As you know, we are waiting for GVN approval to substitute Mr. Le Canh Xuyen for Mr. Le Thu Hung. This approval is expected shortly. We have had a series of conversations with the NIA about the Vietnamese students in the United States who wish to become Ph.D. participants. We have hopes that one of these could be substituted for Mr. Pham Van Thuyet. As you will recall, we have made a strong recommendation to the NIA that Mr. Thuyet not be sent to the United States. Unfortunately, it appears as if substituting Mr. Pham Chung or Mr. Do Quang Nang for Mr. Thuyet is not possible before June when these two plan to leave the States. Incidentally, we have been impressed with Chung's qualifications.

The purpose of this memorandum is to ask you to follow through on a plan to which the NIA has agreed. Within three months the NIA plans to advertise the three Ph.D. participant positions for which we have room under the contract. The estimate of the three positions is based upon the estimate of remaining participant man months as calculated by Elsie. These three positions would be in addition to the one assigned to Mr. Le Canh Xuyen. The NIA considers that Vietnamese students in the United States who are interested in becoming Ph.D. participants should be considered along with applicants from Vietnam. Would you inform all applicants now in the United States of the NIA's intention to consider them along with applicants in Vietnam within about three months? My thought is that perhaps Nang and more particularly Chung might be able to finance themselves in the States for that period of time in order that they might be considered for these positions. Obviously, no promise can be given to any Vietnamese student now in the United States that he will be selected, but perhaps the knowledge that he will be considered will spur him to greater efforts to finance himself for several extra months. We are aware that the time schedule is not always observed in Vietnam, but we shall continue to push the NIA toward an early announcement of the Ph.D. participant positions.

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cc: Drs. Fox and Donoghue



May 24, 1960

To: Lloyd D. Musolf
From: Ruben V. Austin
Subject: Ph. D. Participants

We shall follow through on the plan which the NIA has agreed concerning Ph. D. positions. We are aware that no promise can be given to any Vietnamese student concerning his selection. We appreciate the information and the interest in this facet of work which is so important.

RVA/ap

cc: Cunningham

TO: Lloyd Musolf
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
DATE: June 3, 1960
SUBJECT: Ph.D. Participants #510

Although we have not yet received end-of-the-semester reports on the Ph.D. participants currently studying in the United States, I would like to give you the following information:

Mr. Tran Qui Than will take his preliminary exams during the month of August.

Mr. Luong Nhi Ky will take the last required course he needs during the summer session at the University of Michigan.

Please find enclosed a copy of Professor Albert G. Hart's letter regarding Mr. Cao Toan's status at Columbia University. He will be taking a course in programming the IBM 650 at the Watson Laboratory operated by Columbia University and IBM during the summer.

Since the administrative procedure involved in requesting an extension of stay is so time-consuming, I have recommended to Tran Ngoc Phat that he begin applying immediately following the end of summer session in the middle of August. I am going to send a similar recommendation to Mr. Luong Nhi Ky and Mrs. Le Thi Bach-Lan.

We trust that Mrs. Bach-Lan's marriage will not have a detrimental influence on her studies.