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Minutes
of the August 8, 1960, 10:30 a.m. meeting of
the Commission for the selection of candidates applying for
Ph.D. participant grants in the U.S.

Present:

From MSUG:

- Dr. Musolf, Chief Advisor, MSUG
- Dr. Fox, professor
- Dr. Child, professor.

From the NIA:

Messrs. - Vũ Quốc Thông, Rector

- Lê Văn An, professor
- Nguyễn Quang Quynh, professor
- Trương Ngọc Giầu, assistant professor.

From the General Directorate of Planning:

- Mr. Nguyễn Phúc Sa, representing the General Directorate of Planning.

The NIA has received applications from the following candidates:

A. Candidates now studying in the United States:

1. Đỗ Quang Năng
2. Nguyễn Huy Long
3. Phạm Chung
4. Tăng Hồng
5. Trịnh Văn Chấn



B. Candidates in Vietnam:

1. Hoàng Ngọc Thành
2. Trần Như Tráng
3. Đỗ Anh Tài
4. Phạm Nam Sách
5. Vũ Thúy Hoàng
6. Lê Thịnh
7. Trần Bá Thạch
8. Vũ Tiên Thái
9. Hoàng Giao
10. Nguyễn Quý Hoạt
11. Nguyễn Văn Nhi
12. Đặng Quang Diệu
13. Trần Khâm
14. Nguyễn Tất Đắc.

After discussion the Commission reached the following decisions:

-1- Students who have not fulfilled the requirements specified in communique #1758-HVHC/TN dated July 2, 1960:

The following candidates are eliminated for exceeding the age limit:

- Trịnh Văn Chấn (46)
- Hoàng Ngọc Thành (34)

The following candidates are eliminated because they lack a university degree:

- Nguyễn Huy Long —

- Đỗ Anh Tài

- Lê Thịnh.

-2- Procedure of examining candidates:

a. For candidates living in Vietnam:

American and Vietnamese professors in the Commission will summon the candidates to the NIA to be interviewed as usual.

b. For candidates now studying in the United States:

MSUG will write to Mr. Austin (Vietnam Project) and the NIA to Professor Nguyễn Cao Hách (on mission in the United States) to request them to interview these candidates.

-3- Case of candidate Tăng Hồng:

The representative of the General Directorate of Planning informed that according to the application of Mr. Tăng Hồng's father, this candidate was authorized by the Presidency to go to France to obtain his doctor's degree [~] instead of pursuing his studies in the United States. The Commission requested that the Rector keep in touch with Mr. Hồng's father to be kept informed of Mr. Hồng's intention.

-4- Ph.D. participant grants awarded in 1960

After the representative of the General Directorate of Planning recalled that 1 Ph.D. participant grant was not yet awarded to anybody (originally awarded to Mr. Phạm Văn Thuyết

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but later cancelled), MSUG agreed to add it to participant grants to be awarded in 1960. Therefore, 4 grants will be available (instead of 3) for 1960 and reserved for students of public administration, sociology and business administration.

The Commission decided to award these grants to the most worthy candidates regardless of the fact that they are studying in the United States or living in Vietnam.

-5- Administrative procedure.

Since a number of applications were sent directly to the NIA instead of being forwarded through administrative channels, the Commission found it necessary for the NIA to write to the Departments or agencies concerned to find out whether the candidates were allowed to leave for the United States for training and to work at the NIA on their return.

Saigon, August 9, 1960

Chief Advisor, MSUG,

The Rector of the National
Institute of Adminis-
tration,

VU QUOC THONG;