

APRIL 21, 1961

TO LLOYD D. MUSOLF
FROM RUBEN V. AUSTIN
SUBJECT PROSPECTIVE PH.D. PARTICIPANTS

IN READING THE APRIL 14, 1961, PLANNING GROUP MEETING MINUTES (SECOND PARAGRAPH FROM BOTTOM OF PAGE 1), WE NOTICE THE NAMES OF KHANH, NANG, TU, AND CHI AS BEING CONSIDERED FOR PROBABLE ACCEPTANCE.

WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE NAME CHI EXCEPT AS IT APPEARS IN FATHER JACQUES' OCTOBER 4, 1960, LETTER. HE INDICATES A MISS NGUYEN YEN CHI, CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE COOK COUNTY WELFARE IN CHICAGO--IS THIS WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED? WE WONDER ALSO ABOUT MR. HANG NHU CHAU, WHO IS AT MARION (INDIANA) COLLEGE. AS YOU KNOW, MR. CHAU WAS INTERVIEWED AND CONSIDERED TO BE A GOOD PROSPECT.

RVA:JR

AUGUST 16, 1961

TO GUY H. FOX
FROM JAMES B. HENDRY
SUBJECT Do LENH TUAN

ATTACHED PLEASE FIND A LETTER JUST RECEIVED FROM MR. TUAN, WHO HAS INQUIRED CONCERNING A PH.D. SCHOLARSHIP TO PURSUE A COURSE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. IN LIGHT OF MR. NGO DINH TU'S DECISION TO TURN DOWN HIS SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUR COMMENTS IN THE AUGUST 4 PLANNING GROUP MEETING THAT NEITHER OF THE APPLICANTS IN VIETNAM SEEMS TO BE ACCEPTABLE, MR. TUAN MAY BE A GOOD PROSPECT.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER YOU WISH US TO DO AT THIS STAGE, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

JBH:JR
ATTACHMENT

M. Do-Lenh-Tuan
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17d August 12. 1961

Dear Mr. James B Hendry,

I am writing to you to ask for advice whether I can apply for a scholarship to study Business Administration under the M.S. program to train teaching personnel for the ^{National} Vietnamese Institute of Administration in Saigon.

I just completed one academic year at the Graduate School of International Affairs, Columbia University where although most of the courses I had to take are in the field of international politics and diplomacy, I did manage to take few courses in economics and marketing. My studies in Columbia University were sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. But unfortunately this fellowship is just for one year and I am now on the point to decide to go home to work for a government agency or to continue my studies in the United States.

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The thing that saddens me is if I go home I will never have a chance to come back to the US to study again because once I will be under a contract with a government agency I will have to wait until the contract expired.

My academic background has been in the field of law, economics, and international relations. After graduating law in a French-sponsored university in Vietnam, I went to Melbourne University, Australia in 1956 to study International Relations for one year and then went home in 1957 to work for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I continued to work for the Ministry of F.A until I got a Carnegie Fellowship to study at the Graduate School of International Affairs, Columbia University.

Now could you kindly tell me what should I do to apply for a MSU scholarship to study for the MBA or PhD degree in Business Adm.

I can go to see you for an interview, if necessary, at any time convenient to you. Please notify me as soon as possible because I wish to have you



advice before making my decision to go home or to stay on in the U.S.

I want to take this chance while I am here because once I go home I will probably have no chance to come back here. Besides, if things can be arranged, MSU will not need to pay any travel fares for me to and back from the U.S., because the Carnegie Endowment will still keep a return ticket for me.

I know that it will take a few months to get the approval from the VN National Institute of Administration but I am prepared to wait if you just give me a little hope.

If no scholarship for the Ph.D. program is now available, I would greatly welcome any financial assistance which could help me to study for the M.B.A. as well.

Hoping that you would kindly consider my request, I am

gratefully yours,

Dolanh Tran

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MR. DO LENH TUAN
4603 TUCKERMAN STREET
RIVERDALE, MARYLAND

DEAR MR. TUAN:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR AUGUST 12 LETTER. IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE STILL OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN A DOCTORATE UNDER THE JOINT AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION AND MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. THE FINAL SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS IS MADE BY AN APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE FOR THE NIA, AND ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE RECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT YOU WRITE TO RECTOR VU QUOC THONG, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION, 4 ALEXANDRE DE RHODES STREET, SAIGON, AND EXPRESS YOUR DESIRE TO APPLY. MEANWHILE, I AM FORWARDING YOUR LETTER WITH A COPY OF THIS REPLY TO OUR OWN UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES IN SAIGON TO INSURE THAT YOUR DESIRE TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE MAJOR INTEREST OF THE NIA IS IN SECURING NEW FACULTY TRAINED IN THE FIELDS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, POLITICAL SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS. IT MAY THEREFORE BE POSSIBLE THAT YOUR DESIRE TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE IN THE FIELD OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESENT STAFF NEEDS OF THE NIA. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THIS POINT IN WRITING YOUR LETTER TO RECTOR THONG. IT ALSO WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO INCLUDE A VERY COMPLETE RECORD OF YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS, AND OTHER BACKGROUND MATERIAL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FELLOWSHIP OR PROCEDURES FOR MAKING APPLICATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE TO US.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JAMES B. HENDRY
ASSISTANT DEAN

JBH:JR

cc MSUG/SAIGON

William A. Parker

August 31, 1961

Guy H. Fox, Chief Advisor

Estimated participant grants, Remainder of FY 1962 and
Total FY 1963

Although the funds have already been allotted under project 430-77-080 for participants during FY 1962, I am writing to give you an estimated number of participants grants under that project during the remainder of FY 1962 and during FY 1963.

During the remainder of 1962, the number and kinds of participant grants are expected to be as follows:

- (1) Three Ph.D. participant grants. It is planned to award these grants in November, 1961. Though the grants are renewed yearly, students will be expected to complete the requirements in approximately three years for the doctorate. Therefore 108 man months are reserved for these three grants.
- (2) One librarian participant grant to enable Miss Tang Thi Ti to obtain a Master's degree in library science. This grant is expected to be given in February, 1962, for a 12-month period.
- (3) One NIA faculty grant for a nine months' period of study and observation in the U.S., beginning in April, 1962.

Summary: 129 additional man-months to be obligated during remainder of FY 1962.

57 additional man-months to be used during remainder of FY 1962.

MSUG's present contract with ICA and GVN expires at the end of FY 1962. Therefore it is not known at present whether or not MSUG will give any participant grants during FY 1963. In the event of a renewed contract, it is recommended the following grants be provided for:



(1) Two Ph.D. participant grants	72 man-months
(2) Two NIA faculty grants for study in the U. S.	18 man-months
(3) Six faculty grants for study and observation in third countries . . .	9 months
(4) Two NIA administrative staff grants for study and observation abroad . .	18 months
Total man-months obligated for FY 1963:	117 man-months
Total man-months to be used among FY 1963:	69 man-months

cc: Leonard Maynard
Vietnam Project Office,
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Ta
Nguyen Cao Thang
Bui Thuc Qui Nhon
Pham Truong Long
OFFICE MEMORANDUMTO : Guy H. Fox
FROM : Charles A. Joiner
SUBJECT : PH.D. Participant Candidates

DATE : 26 January 1962

The following is a ranking of candidates for PH.D. participant grants which I have drawn up on the recommendation of the Participant Selection Committee, and with the cooperation of Mr. Tu. All ten of these candidates are currently residing in the United States. To begin with there do not appear to be any real impediments in the academic and professional records of any of the candidates. However, on the basis of grades, letters of recommendations, and stage of graduate work, I believe the following to be a fairly good ranking of the candidates. Two additional factors were also of primary consideration, namely apparent qualification for doctoral work and probability that applicants would receive their PH.D.s.

us2s-1. Nguyen Manh Hung - already working for his PH.D. - University of Virginia.

us2s-2. Ta Van Tai - studying for MA - Virginia - has very good grades and good recommendations.

3. Nguyen Cao Thang - will receive his MA in June.

4. Vu Giang - will receive his MA in 1963 - major in finance who has a very good record at the University of Pennsylvania.

5. Bui Thuc Qui Nhon - Very good grades.

6. Nguyen Huu Ai - although not holding a Bac., has fair grades at American University even though he works part-time. Has professional experience with the Voice of America as a speaker in Vietnamese language, and with USIS in Saigon which has given him a good background.

7. Pham Truong Long - has shown obvious improvement at American University.

(Candidates 5, 6, and 7 will receive PH.D.'s in 1962)

8. 9. Le Long
Dam Quang Phap

Both have good records, but their areas of interest do not appear to be such that their future training would be of specific assistance to the NIA. Mr. Long's record as an engineer and Mr. Phap's grades and recommendations in comparative literature and Spanish are also impressive, but in neither case are these fields directly related to NIA courses.

10. Nguyen Van Phuong - It is possible that Mr. Phuong should be rated in the middle of this ranking. However, he has no sponsor and has no recommendations in his file. In view of this, it is not possible to evaluate him fairly.

CAJ/rbm

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James B. Hendry

DATE: March 26, 1962

DM: Guy H. Fox *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Extensions of Ph.D. Participant Grants

Three of our present Ph.D. participants, now studying in the United States, have applied to the NIA for extensions of their grants. Mr. Cao Toan has asked for a one-year extension in order to rewrite certain sections of his dissertation. Mr. Tran Ngoc Phat and Mr. Tran Qui Than have requested six month extensions.

Rector Thong has asked that I obtain your assistance to ascertain whether these extensions are justified. He is especially concerned about Mr. Toan, whose family has joined him in New York. If it is true that Toan has only to revise some materials before completing his thesis, we wonder why a six-month extension will not suffice. A six-month extension would take Toan to January, 1963, making him a total of $4\frac{1}{2}$ years of uninterrupted graduate work.

I have also been asked by Dale Rose to make an inquiry about Mr. Luong Nhi Ky. Ky has not requested an extension. We should like to make sure he will not need one. Unless Dale makes a budgetary provision for an extension by April 15, it will not be possible for Ky to stay beyond the present expiration date. Therefore, please let me know at your earliest possible convenience if Ky may need to continue beyond next September in order to obtain his doctorate.

Incidentally, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hue has impressed both NIA staff and MSUG members by the fact that she received her Ph.D. after only three years of graduate study at the University of Michigan. Although she is somewhat aggressive, she is very intelligent and industrious and in my opinion will be a valuable addition to the NIA faculty.

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TO : James B. Hendry

DATE : March 26, 1962

FROM : Guy H. Fox *SHF*

SUBJECT : Prospective Participants

May we please have your assistance in appraising several prospective participants now studying in the United States. At a meeting of the selection committee last Friday, we found only a few of the applicants eligible. Those whom we would like to consider are as follows:

1. Nguyen Manh Hung. Hung, a foreign affairs major, is working for his Ph.D. at the University of Virginia.
2. Ta Van Tai. Tai, whose major field[#] I believe is economics, is also at the University of Virginia; he will receive his M.A. in June. *Theodore [initials]*
3. Nguyen Cao Thang. An Economics major, is due to receive his M.A. at the University of Wisconsin in June.
4. Bui Thuc Qui Nhon. An Economics major who should receive his degree from American University in June, 1962. His address is 3026 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., 3, Washington 16, D. C. *✓*
5. Pham Truong Long. Also at American University; an undergraduate student who expects to receive his B. A. in June. *✓*

We have had difficulties in finding good eligible participants this year. Though we had twenty-seven applicants, we had to eliminate, for one reason or another, all those who applied from Vietnam; nearly all the eliminations were necessary because the candidates were subject to the military draft and

* I have just found out that Mr. Tai's major field is "International Relations" - the same as Hung's.

could not, under present policies, receive deferments. Moreover, we had to drop as ineligible some of the candidates in the U.S.

Of the five candidates listed above, we believe, on the basis of the meager information we have here, Hung and Tai are the best prospects. They have good academic records and are already taking graduate work. The other three are questionable. We were not at all impressed with Thang's transcript and we have no letters whatsoever from his professors. On the other hand he is at a good university and there may be extenuating circumstances for his mediocre record. Nhon and Long, both of whom are at American University, are only undergraduate students and for that reason we are hesitant to accept them; also they are economic majors and our needs are not so great in that field.

If you have the time to look into the qualifications of the five eligible candidates, will you please do so. Of course, I can readily understand that you may not be able to drop your work on the campus and run off to interview the candidates and their professors; it would probably take about three days to see only the candidates in Washington and Charlottesville. And, unfortunately, Thang (at Wisconsin) is in the opposite direction. Perhaps you could obtain, in whole or in part, the necessary information and impressions via telephone. At any rate we'll be grateful for any help you can give us.

Dale Rose at USOM must begin the processing of the candidates early next month; so we must make the selections before April 10. Since our committee must meet after we hear from you, it will be necessary for us to have your views by April 10. A wire will probably have to suffice. Please do not hesitate to advise against accepting any of the candidates; we should prefer not to make any selections whatsoever than to choose candidates who are not outstanding. From this distance only Hung and Tai appear to be fairly certain risks.



APRIL 10, 1962

To GUY H. FOX
From JAMES B. HENDRY
Subject PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS

I SENT YOU A CABLE SUMMARIZING THE INFORMATION THAT I WILL PUT IN THIS MEMO, SINCE THIS WILL NOT REACH YOU UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE MET TO MAKE YOUR FINAL SELECTIONS.

THE TWO GRADUATE STUDENTS NOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, NGUYEN MANH HUNG AND TA VAN TAI, WERE GIVEN VERY HIGH RECOMMENDATIONS BY FACULTY AND THE FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISER. THEY WERE RATED AS "THE BEST AMONG THE FOREIGN STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA." THEY WERE APPARENTLY OF ALMOST EQUAL ABILITY AND LEVEL OF MATURITY, AND IT WAS REPORTEDLY VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE ANY DISTINCTION BETWEEN THEM. BOTH OF THESE MEN WERE RATED AS BETTER STUDENTS THAN PRESENT PARTICIPANT HUNG--CURRENTLY A USOM PARTICIPANT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE NIA WHEN HE RECEIVES HIS DOCTORATE.

OF THE REMAINING NAMES YOU SENT TO ME, THE ONLY OTHER MAN WHO SEEMS TO BE A SOLID GRADUATE PROSPECT IS BUI THUC QUI NHON, WHO WILL RECEIVE HIS B.A. FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. HE IS AN ECONOMICS MAJOR AND WAS RATED BY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY'S FOREIGN STUDENT ADVISER "AS GOOD AS THE BEST" AMONG THE FOREIGN STUDENTS AT AU. HIS ^{junior} GRADUATE RECORD INDICATED THAT HE HAD 3 C's, 19 B's, AND 4 A's, WHICH GIVES MORE THAN ENOUGH A's TO OFFSET HIS C's AND THUS QUALIFY FOR ENTRANCE TO GRADUATE SCHOOL. AS AN ECONOMICS MAJOR, OF WHOM THERE ARE ALREADY SEVERAL IN THE PROGRAM, HE IS A LESS ATTRACTIVE PROSPECT THAN THE FIRST TWO ON ALL COUNTS. STILL, IF STAFFING FOR THE NIA FACULTY REQUIRES A THIRD MAN, NHON SHOULD BE A REASONABLE RISK.

THE OTHER TWO ARE NOT DOCTORAL CANDIDATE CALIBRE, AND POSSIBLY NOT EVEN GRADUATE SCHOOL CALIBRE. AS THE CABLE INDICATED, I DO NOT THINK THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

TURNING NOW TO THE PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE FELLOWSHIPS, I STOPPED AND SPOKE WITH CAO TOAN'S FACULTY ADVISER, PROFESSOR DONALD DEWEY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, ON MY RETURN FROM A RECENT TRIP TO BOSTON. HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO EXPECT CAO TOAN TO COMPLETE HIS THESIS WITHIN THE PERIOD A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION WOULD GIVE, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN CASE LANGUAGE PROBLEMS PREVENT CAO TOAN FROM WINDING UP HIS PROGRAM BY THE END OF 1963. THUS A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION WILL PUT PRESSURE ON CAO TOAN, AND AS INDICATED IS A FEASIBLE TIME PERIOD. BUT, IF HE RUNS INTO DIFFICULTIES, (WHICH

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ARE NOT NOW ANTICIPATED) IT WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAT HE BE ALLOWED ADDITIONAL TIME TO WIND UP THE THESIS AND RETURN WITH A DEGREE THAN TO CUT HIM OFF A FEW MONTHS SHORT OF COMPLETION. THE RECOMMENDATION, THEREFORE, IS TO REDUCE HIS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO SIX MONTHS.

AS FOR PHAT AND THAN, I FULLY EXPECT THEY WILL COMPLETE THEIR DISSERTATIONS WITHIN THE SIX-MONTH EXTENSION WHICH THEY HAVE REQUESTED. I ALSO SPOKE WITH KY AND HAVE URGED HIM TO APPLY FOR A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION SO THAT HE WILL BE CERTAIN TO HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE HIS DEGREE. HE IS UNDER PRESSURE TO COMPLETE IT IN ANY EVENT BECAUSE THE MEMBERS OF HIS DOCTORAL COMMITTEE ARE SCATTERING TO THE FOUR WINDS AT THE END OF THIS TERM, AND HE MUST GET IT COMPLETED BY THEN OR FACE A POSSIBLE DELAY IN ARRANGING FOR A COMPLETELY NEW COMMITTEE.

WHILE IN NEW YORK, I ALSO MET AND TALKED WITH LE KHAN XUEN AND DO QUAN NANG. XUYEN IS NOW CERTIFIED IN ONE OF TWO FIELDS REQUIRING CERTIFICATION, AND HAS APPLIED TO TAKE THE SECOND CERTIFICATION EXAM AND THE OTHER LANGUAGE SOMETIME THIS CURRENT TERM. HE PLANS TO TAKE HIS ORALS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1962 OR JANUARY 1963. AFTER EXAMINING HIS RECORDS AT COLUMBIA, I HAVE SOME DOUBTS THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO PASS THEM. I SAY THIS WITH HESITANCEY BECAUSE I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH HE HAS PROGRESSED SINCE HE FIRST STARTED AT COLUMBIA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO LET HIM TAKE HIS ORALS, SO THERE MUST BE SOME CONFIDENCE ON THE FACULTY'S PART THAT HE CAN PASS THEM. HE HAS NOT STARTED ANY WORK ON HIS THESIS, BUT HE THINKS HE HAS A FAIR IDEA OF THE TOPIC ON WHICH HE WANTS TO WRITE, AND HAS SOME MATERIAL COLLECTED FOR IT (COMPARISON OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH AND SOUTH VIET NAM SINCE 1954).

DO QUANG NANG EXPECTS TO TAKE HIS ORALS EARLY IN 1963. HE HAS HIS LANGUAGES OUT OF THE WAY, BUT HE STILL HAS TO TAKE HIS CERTIFICATION EXAMS IN HISTORY AND STATISTICS. NANG SEEMS TO BE A STRONGER STUDENT THAN XUYEN AND HIS PROGRESS SINCE COMING TO COLUMBIA HAS BROUGHT STRONG FACULTY SUPPORT. HOWEVER, HE WILL NOT COMPLETE ALL OF THE DOCTORATE REQUIREMENTS UNTIL THE END OF 1963 AT THE VERY EARLIEST, A TOTAL ELAPSED TIME OF FOUR YEARS SINCE HE STARTED HIS GRADUATE WORK. THIS WOULD BE ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS MORE THAN THE TIME I EXPECTED IT WILL TAKE XUYEN, WHO STARTED AT COLUMBIA IN THE FALL OF 1958 AND WILL ALSO PROBABLY FINISH NO SOONER THAN THE END OF 1963.

THIS IS THE LATEST INFORMATION I HAVE ON THE PARTICIPANTS YOU HAVE MENTIONED IN YOUR MEMOS, AND TWO WHICH YOU HAVE NOT. I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD NOT DROP XUYEN SINCE WE HAVE ALREADY INVESTED QUITE A BIT IN HIM, AND HIS PROGRESS TOWARD THE DEGREE IS SATISFACTORY TO THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT AT COLUMBIA. MY MAIN RESERVATION IS THAT HE DOES NOT SEEM AS STRONG A CANDIDATE AS THE REST OF THE PARTICIPANTS, AND I WOULD NOT BE TOO SURPRISED IF HE SHOULD RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES ABOUT THE TIME HE TAKES HIS ORALS.

JBH: yn

P.S. AS THE CABLE INDICATED, MISS KIM SA IS A BONA-FIDE GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA AND HER ADVISER ASSURES ME THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE HER WORK FOR HER MASTER'S DEGREE.