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December 31, 1956

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Mr. John T. Dorsey, Jr.,
Assistant Coordinator
Vietnam Project
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Mr. Duong Vinh Mau is finishing his stay with us today and we are happy to report that we have enjoyed his visit with us very much. We hope that during the past three weeks that Mr. Mau has benefited by his observations in our laboratory.

In addition to studying our laboratory methods for the recovery and estimation of insect and rodent filth, decomposition of fish and shrimp, and assay of drug products, Mr. Mau had the opportunity to go with one of our inspectors while making a factory inspection. He has also visited the Customs laboratories and went on a tour of a sugar refinery accompanied by Customs personnel.

We suggest that if possible Mr. Mau should be given the opportunity to visit our laboratories in Washington, D.C., where the variety of work performed is much more varied than in the District laboratories.

Sincerely yours,

F. J. McNall
F. J. McNall,
Chief Chemist, Boston District

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January 4, 1957

Mr. F. J. McNall
Chief Chemist, Boston District
Room 805, U.S. Appraiser's Stores
408 Atlantic Avenue
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. McNall:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 31 about Mr. Duong Vinh Mau's visit to the Food and Drug Administration laboratories in Boston. Mr. Mau enjoyed this experience very much and feels that he benefited from it a great deal, and we are of course gratified to learn that you were pleased with his visit also.

We hope that we will be able to follow your suggestion that Mr. Mau spend some time in the Washington laboratories of the Food and Drug Administration.

Please accept our most sincere thanks for all the courtesies, both professional and personal, which you and your staff so kindly extended to Mr. Mau. It was a very real contribution to his program of studies and training in this country, and I am sure that it is experiences such as this which will long remain vivid in his memory. We are very grateful for your generous cooperation.

Sincerely,

John T. Dorsey, Jr.
Assistant Coordinator

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February 27, 1957

Mr. Charles A. Herrmann, District Chief
Food and Drug Administration
Room 1200, U. S. Appraiser's Stores
201 Varick Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Herrmann:

Mr. Duong Vinh Mau, a government chemist from Viet Nam, has been studying on our campus as a participant in an I.C.A. training project. Mr. Mau is the chief of the laboratory of the General Directorate of Customs and Excises in Saigon. Upon completing advanced graduate courses in chemistry here, Mr. Mau is anxious to observe the operations of our government laboratories which work on problems similar to those of his own.

Mr. Mau has visited briefly with the Food and Drug Laboratory in the Boston District and plans to stop at the Washington office around the first of April. We would like to arrange for Mr. Mau to spend up to three weeks, if possible, in a study of the organization and procedures of your office. He will be available for this study during the period from approximately May 18 to June 7.

You will find Mr. Mau a competent chemist and a pleasant and interesting gentleman with adequate ability in English. We will be deeply grateful for any assistance you can give us in enriching his training in this country.

Sincerely,

Richard McCleery
Director, Participant Program

RM:jb

February 27, 1957

Mr. George T. Daughters, District Chief
Food and Drug Administration
Room 1222, New Post Office Building
Van Buren and Canal Streets
Chicago 7, Illinois

Dear Mr. Daughters:

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Mr. Mau has visited briefly with the Food and Drug Laboratory in the Boston District and plans to stop at the Washington office around the first of April. We would like to arrange for Mr. Mau to spend up to three weeks, if possible, in a study of the organization and procedures of your office. He will be available for this study during the period from approximately April 15 to May 3.

You will find Mr. Mau a competent chemist and a pleasant and interesting gentleman with adequate ability in English. We will be deeply grateful for any assistance you can give us in enriching his training in this country.

Sincerely,

Richard McCleery
Director, Participant Program

RM:jb

February 27, 1957

Mr. Allen Retzloff, District Chief
Food and Drug Administration
Room 415, Federal Building
South Division and Ellicott Streets
Buffalo 3, New York

Dear Mr. Retzloff:

Mr. Duong Vinh Mau, a government chemist from Viet Nam, has been studying on our campus as a participant in an I.C.A. training project. Mr. Mau is the chief of the laboratory of the General Directorate of Customs and Excises in Saigon. Upon completing advanced graduate courses in chemistry here, Mr. Mau is anxious to observe the operations of our government laboratories which work on problems similar to those of his own.

Mr. Mau has visited briefly with the Food and Drug Laboratory in the Boston District and plans to stop at the Washington office around the first of April. We would like to arrange for Mr. Mau to spend up to one week, if possible, in a study of the organization and procedures of your office. He will be available for this study during the period from approximately May 13 to May 18.

You will find Mr. Mau a competent chemist and a pleasant and interesting gentleman with adequate ability in English. We will be deeply grateful for any assistance you can give us in enriching his training in this country.

Sincerely,

Richard McCleery
Director, Participant Program

RM:jb

February 27, 1957

Mr. Duong Vinh Mau
Armstrong Hall
MSU
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Mau:

Arrangements have been confirmed for you to visit the Divisions of Cosmetics, Food and Microbiology, of the Food and Drugs Administration in Washington.

The period you will be there is March 25 through April 2. On Monday, March 25, go to Room 3354, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, North Building, 330 Independence Avenue, S. W. and ask for Miss Ramsay.

We will inform you as soon as possible about suitable travel arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Richard McCleery, Director
Participant Program

RM: jb

February 27, 1957

Mr. Robert S. Roe
Bureau of Biological and Physical Sciences
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Food and Drug Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roe:

Thank you for your letter of February 18 in which you confirmed the proposed visit of Mr. Duong Vinh Mau.

Mr. Mau will contact Miss Ramsay on Monday, March 25, as you suggested. He will remain in Washington through April 2 and will wish to remain somewhat longer if that is agreeable to you.

Thank you very much for your very kind and considerate co-operation in this matter. Both Mr. Mau and I appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Richard McCleery
Participant Program Director

RM: jb

March 19, 1957

Mr. C. A. Herrmann, Chief
New York District
Food and Drug Administration
Room 1200, U.S. Appraiser's Stores
210 Varick Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Herrmann:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 in regard to Mr. Duong Vinh Mau, a Vietnamese official studying in this country. We appreciate your kind offer to have Mr. Mau work with your laboratory in the latter part of May. Mr. Stephens of your Washington office has raised the same questions that you mentioned in regard to the values of Mr. Mau's study of Food and Drug operations rather than Customs.

While Mr. Mau is in the Customs Service in his own country, his laboratory does work similar to yours. However, Mr. Mau will visit with Mr. Stephens in the Washington office and discuss the most profitable type of training with him. A definite assignment of Mr. Mau's time should wait for the result of that conference. We will suspend our earlier request for the present and contact you again if work with your agency seems most suitable.

Yours sincerely,

Richard McCleery
Director, Participant Program

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