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April 16, 1957

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Vietnam Project
Michigan State University
East Lansing Michigan

Dear Elsie:

I was delighted to receive your letter and to learn that you have such an interesting job. I'll be looking forward to hearing more about it when you have a chance to write.

I wish I could help you in placing the planner you mention, but unfortunately we have no staff openings at present and don't anticipate any in the near future. We have had a number of foreign students on our staff from time to time in the past -- a planner from India and two draftswomen -- one from Sweden and one from Norway.

If you have not already contacted the following organizations, I would suggest that you try:

Dennis O'Harrow, Executive Director
American Society of Planning Officials
1313 E. 60th Street
Chicago 37, Ill.

Perry L. Norton, Executive Director
American Institute of Planners
34 Brattle Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

✓ Henry L. Fagin
Regional Plan Association
205 E. 42nd Street
New York, New York

Incidentally, Eleanor Oliven Rosenthal, whom you may remember from NJC is now in charge of personnel at the American Society for Public Administration, 1313 E. 60th Street, Chicago 37. I know that her organization handles some planning jobs, and of course, many others in the field of public administration. You might write to her about your work -- I think it would be a very good contact.

Lots of luck in your work. Write when you can.

Love,
Grace

April 19, 1957

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Miss Grace Harris
Passaic Valley Citizens Planning Association
312 Clifton Avenue
Clifton, New Jersey

Dear Grace,

I'm afraid if this were a purely personal correspondence you could not hope to receive an answer from me in such a quick fashion. At the moment it looks like my problem has been solved, but just to clarify a point I think I should have indicated and evidently didn't that it isn't a question of permanent or temporary position but rather in the sense of an observer in an established agency.

I think that I may arrange a trip to Chicago some time after things calm down around here - hopefully some time after the briefing in June for the personnel going to Saigon and will definitely be looking Elly up. As a matter of fact there may be a position here for some one in public administration but would have to check before committing myself to that.

Spring has finally arrived in East Lansing - after snow flurries just about every day last week and hope for a nice weekend. At the moment I'm trying to dig into a desk piled high with undone things - we had a group of emergencies in varying degrees in the last 3 days and I have hardly been in the office.

If I come to New York the weekend before this group are departing for Saigon, I may give you a ring and request to at least bring in the two men that we have who are interested in planning. I'm going to be home on pleasure the weekend of May 11-12 but may come again on May 29 on business.

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April 30, 1957

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Vietnam Project
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Elsie:

I'm glad that you wrote again to clarify your placement program. I assumed that you were seeking employment for these students and since we have no staff openings at present, I didn't think we would be able to help you. We would, of course, welcome observers any time -- either for a day or two or for longer periods if they so desire. By all means try to stop here when you come to New York. It would give you a chance to see our set up and have a better idea of how we might help in the future.

Love,

Grace