

May 1, 1957

Mr. Stephen B. Sweeny, Director  
Institute of Local & State Government  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

Mr. Nguyen Van Dai who is currently in the United States under the auspices of Michigan State University - International Cooperation Administration will be spending part of his field training in Philadelphia. Mr. Dai is Deputy Chief of Djiring Province in Vietnam and is very much interested in the functioning of local governmental units. If possible, I would like Mr. Dai to visit briefly for two or three hours to learn something of your program.

Mr. Dai will be in Philadelphia from May 6 through May 24.

I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant



## OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

### CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

WILLIAM L. RAFSKY  
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL  
PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

May 1, 1957

Miss Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant  
Office of Coordinator  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Cunningham:

Mr. Rafsky has asked me to reply to your letter of April 24, concerning the possibility of Mr. Nguyen Van Dai's visiting Philadelphia to observe the urban renewal program and city government operations in general.

The Council for International Visitors is the agency which usually arranges such visits to Philadelphia, and I have talked with Miss Laws of the Council concerning Mr. Dai. Because it is difficult to tell in advance just what facets of city government Mr. Dai is interested in, and what type of "observation" he desires, Miss Laws suggests that he come directly to her office on Monday, May 6 to talk with her first before she works out any specific program for him. She will then be able to arrange something in line with his own wishes on the matter. This Office will, of course, assist in working out the urban renewal parts of his program at that time.

I am sending your letter on to Miss Laws, and, if you have any further information as to the time of Mr. Dai's arrival or more specific data as to his interests, you should write to her direct.

In any case, as indicated above, Mr. Dai should go to see her at the following address:

Council for International Visitors  
Commercial Museum  
34th and Convention Avenue  
EV-6-9800 (Extension 39)

The Council's office hours are 9 to 5 and Mr. Dai should ask for Miss Elizabeth Laws.

We shall look forward to assisting Mr. Dai in any way that we can.

Sincerely yours,

*Mead Smith Karras*

(Mrs.) Mead Smith Karras  
Housing Economist

May 14, 1957

Dr. Stephen B. Sweeney, Director  
Institute of State and Local Government  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

Thank you for your letter of May 8.

I am suggesting to Mr. Dai that he arrange to visit  
the Institute either May 16 or May 23.

Sincerely yours,

*Reply*  
Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

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*letter  
sent to  
Dai  
5/13/57*

June 5, 1957

Miss Elizabeth Laws, Executive Secretary  
Council for International Visitors  
34th & Convention Avenues  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Laws:

Thank you very much for the program that you arranged for Mr. Dai in Philadelphia. He was most enthusiastic about all the opportunities that were afforded him through your assistance.

It is our hope that Mr. Dai and the other Vietnamese participants will be better able to do their work upon returning to Vietnam due to the training they have had at Michigan State University and at various organizations in the United States.

If it is not too much trouble, I would very much appreciate an additional copy of the clipping from "The Evening Bulletin" for May 22, 1957 so that we may send a copy of it to our Saigon office. I think that you know how much these things mean to Mr. Dai and other foreign students when they return to Vietnam.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

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