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TO: S.K. Sheinbaum, Coordinator

June 28, 1957

THROUGH: Dr. W.R. Fishel, Chief Advisor *WRF*

FROM: David C. Cole *DCC*

SUBJECT: Police Participant Program

I am sending you a copy of the latest list of candidates for the police participant training and a copy of the PIO/P that was submitted to ICA/W covering this training. In addition to the persons listed on the mimeographed list, there are also three candidates from the Civil Guard:

Nguyen Van Bi, Captain
Hoang Gao Cac, Lieutenant
Dzoan Kim Lai, Lieutenant

You will note that all of the regular police participants are being financed under the USOM project, whereas MSU will cover the costs of the leader-trips.

I wish to discuss with you various aspects of these police training program to get your opinion and reaction. You will observe from the mimeographed sheets that the previous academic training of these police participants is rather limited. For this reason they probably are not really up to the level required by the courses given in the School of Police Administration. You have had some experience now with the academic capabilities of a few police trainees, and perhaps can anticipate the competence of this group of candidates. From our side, we are not looking upon this group of trainees as being sent in the category of university students; rather we consider that they are being sent to MSU for training. We are going to try to make this distinction clear to both the trainees and to the Vietnamese Government. In other words, if we feel that trainees do not have sufficient academic background for university study, we shall send them as special trainees and we expect that you will not be able to give them regular university courses in all classes, but will probably have to develop special courses for them. For this reason we are fortunate to have so large a group.

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I do not mean to suggest by the above statement that the police trainees are lacking in intelligence, for I think that we have a good group, and by the time we select the final candidates, we shall be able to send you 12 good trainees. Also they are receiving intensive training in English, and should be much better prepared than the police trainees of last year. They do not, however, have sufficient academic background for intensive university study.

We hope to start interviewing with these police candidates in the coming months, and we will be sending you reports on them periodically. We are still hoping to send two men for Northwestern Traffic Institute in September and the rest of the group to East Lansing in November. We may end up with only one traffic trainee. All of these trainees will travel under USOM auspices and will go first to Washington, D.C., before being sent to Northwestern and MSU.

If you have any comments or questions on the general outline of the training program for the candidates, please let us know.

One additional question: In talking with the three police participants who have returned this month, they feel that much more was gained from the field training than from the class-room training. Have you considered reducing the class-room training to perhaps three months and increasing the field training to three months or more? There is no reason why the training program must last a full ten months or one year. If you do think a shortened training program would be desirable for the trainees coming to MSU please let us know so that we can prepare them for the idea.

cc: Dr.Fishel, Messrs. Ryan and Sloan

DCC/hsm.

Elvis - Please answer

Bernard R.
Commissioner Caldwell
2490 First Ave
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July 10, 1957

TO: David Cole
THROUGH: Dr. Wesley Fishel
THROUGH: Stanley Sheinbaum
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Police Participant Program

We did not receive the PIO/P nor the mimeographed list mentioned in your memorandum of June 28. If we have the fields of special interest, it would help in planning their program.

With reference to your memorandum of June 28 on the above subject, I believe you have stated the exact problem we faced with this year's participants. I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Brandstatter's final report to Stanley Sheinbaum.

Though there was some doubt as to how much they could get out of the field work, due to limited English (on the trip to Chicago there was another Vietnamese to handle any problems in English etc.) They certainly derived more benefit from this training than the academic work.

If we have 12 police with a fair level of English and working with experience of this year's participants plus the other ICA participants at M.S.U.'s Police Administration School, I believe that it should be possible to arrange a special course. At present this has been discussed by Howard Hoyt and Stanley Sheinbaum with Dean Taggart, and it is hoped that this can be settled soon after Art Brandstatter's return to campus.

There are certain things that it may or may not be possible to avoid. This year's police participants chose to pass by the accommodations arranged by Larry Baril and then those suggested by the Detroit Police Department for questionable accommodations. On \$12.00 a day there is little excuse for this, and it is not a happy situation either for the Detroit Police Department as hosts or us as their sponsors.

With respect to the field training of the police participants, it would probably be desirable to break this group into pairs for field training according to specific interests. For their academic training it is hoped that we have some similarity of interests in order to arrange course work useful to all. More details would certainly be helpful. The question of wearing out our welcome in certain police headquarters and the physical inability to take more than 2 or 3 visiting Vietnamese policemen at a time means that we shall have a larger number of training spots.

While we have the present group of police specialist on campus (7 at present), I shall try to get suggestions from them or have them drop a brief note after they have been in Vietnam 2 or 3 months. If possible, it would help to encourage either official or unofficial contacts between the more knowledgeable of these groups.

Just a word about Thong who should have arrived in Saigon by the time you receive this. I wrote to him following a telephone call and correspondence with ICA/W regarding an earlier departure from U.S. When faced with the problem of repaying the per diem, he changed his mind and decided instead to fly directly from London to Saigon where I understand his wife is quite ill.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
VietNam Advisory Team

July 12, 1957

TO: Dr. W. R. Fishel, Chief Advisor

FROM: David C. Cole

SUBJECT: Police Participants

At a meeting yesterday with Messrs. Turner and Ryan, we discussed the police participant program and developed a program for the remaining training of this year's group of candidates. Mr. Turner indicated that last year's police participants were not sufficiently competent in English when they arrived in the United States, did not do particularly well in classes, and seemed to feel that field observation was more useful than classroom work. Mr. Turner suggested that the relative interest in classroom work and field work correlates directly with English ability.

I pointed out that with the six months of English preparation this year, as contrasted with only three months last year, we should be able to send a better prepared group. We then proceeded to plan the details of the remaining pre-departure training of these participants. From August 1 to 15 Messrs. Turner, Sloane and the four returned participants will talk about general aspects of the training program to this year's candidates. These meetings will take place every day from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at some convenient location to be determined. Beginning August 15th, English training will be reduced from three hours to two hours a day (7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.) and the members of the Police Division will begin giving the participants a basic course in Police Administration. This class will meet every day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will be conducted in English with reading assignments, examinations and other features of a regular university course. Preparation of the course will be handled by Messrs. Turner and Sloane, and when he arrives, Mr. Fabian will supervise the course. Mrs. Knox will try to arrange for the lectures in this course to be taped so that the students can use them in English training work at the English Laboratory. It is hoped that through this course, and by arranging direct contacts with the Michigan State Police Division staff members, we shall be able to select the most qualified members of the group and provide them with sufficient preparation before their departure so that they can take regular university courses upon their arrival in East Lansing.

On the basis of the student's performance in English classes, and the course work in Police Administration, and on their work in the Police Services, we shall make a final selection of candidates to be sent on November 15th. These

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participants will depart for the States on December 1st, spend approximately 15 days enroute and in Washington D.C., arriving at East Lansing December 15th. This will give approximately three weeks to get them settled at East Lansing and enroll in classes beginning January 5th.

The students will remain at MSU during the Winter and Spring quarters; they will undergo field training during the summer months and return to Vietnam during the month of August 1958.

I indicated to Mr. Turner that East Lansing had considerable latitude in scheduling the training time, dividing the time between classroom and field training and returning the participants to VietNam, so long as they stay within the ten months limit provided in the PIO/P.

If you concur in the program and decisions outlined in this memorandum I suggest you forward a copy to East Lansing.

Messrs: Turner, Sloane, Ryan
Mr. Wood, USOM

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Office of Chief Advisor

July 16, 1957

TO: Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum, Acting Coordinator

FROM: Dr. Wesley R. Fishel, Chief Advisor *WRF*

SUBJECT: Participant Program

Although we are still discussing with the Government the question of public administration candidates for the coming year, the police participant program is moving ahead satisfactorily. I attach hereto a memorandum from Dave Cole concerning the police participants, which I think is self-explanatory, and to which I shall appreciate your earliest possible reactions. This seems to me an excellent program, and it is one which we will probably follow in the case of the public administration candidates, once they are chosen.

You inquired by cable whether we could possibly get the public administration people to MSU/EL in November, and I replied in the negative. In fact, as matters now stand, we feel that if these candidates are to be well enough prepared before they arrive to make the most of their time at Michigan State, they had better be given a much more detailed and extensive orientation here than either of the previous groups. This is to say that it now appears likely that our PA candidates will not arrive in East Lansing until March, which would mean that you could figure on enrolling them initially in spring term courses. We are hopeful that the Government will permit them to stay in the U.S. twelve months, and that should compensate, from your standpoint, for their arriving so late in the school year.

WRF/dcm

Enclosure

cc: Mr. D. Cole

Inter-Department Correspondence

MEMORANDUM

Date July 24, 1957To Elsie CunninghamFrom Stanley K. Sheinbaum

Subject _____

The following information was just received:

"The Participant Program is progressing satisfactorily. At this time, 5 men have been selected for civil service training; 2 for organization and method training; 6 for budget training; 2 for accounting training. This group will be sent to the United States in January 1958. It is hoped that they may be sent to Hawaii for 10 days of indoctrination there before proceeding to MSU. Fourteen men will be sent under the Police Program - 2 to Northwestern in September and 12 to MSU in October and November."

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In-Service Training Course
1 month for each 3

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Signed _____

July 29, 1957

TO: David Cole
THROUGH: Dr. W. R. Fishel
THROUGH: Stanley Sheinbaum
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Police Participants

Following your memorandum of July 12 concerning the intensive as well as extensive pre-departure training of the police participants, it would seem hopeful that Mr. Turner may be instrumental in determining the course work provided here.

The necessity for doing well in this pre-departure training period should provide an indication of continued interest, and ability to perform plus an element of competition.

The program as outlined would provide what seems like a sound basis for their stay here.

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VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

September 4, 1957

To: Howard W. Hoyt
From: Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Through: Wesley R. Fishel
Subject: Police Participants

When you were on campus you were pleased that IACP would be handling the police participant program. As I look at the recent developments in the situation a rather ironic situation has arisen; namely, IACP is contracting with Brandstatter so that MSU will be handling the participants. However, I believe the situation will be far improved if we can get Shelby to come aboard. The way it is planned Shelby's salary will be half financed by IACP and the other half by MSU (both ultimately out of ICA funds). With Shelby on board on a full time basis and Baril assisting him we should get a good program. Shelby has stated he wants less emphasis on classroom work and so do we. I am quite sure a more intensive program will be forthcoming.

Am I to infer that because we are getting a large number of IACP (USOM participants) that there will be very few directly financed by MSU (I refer to the police participants only, not to public administration participants)?

SKS:jb

cc: E. Cunningham

October 7, 1957

TO: David Cole
THROUGH: Dr. Wesley Fishel
THROUGH: Dr. Frank Cliffe
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Police Participants

1. Except for the three candidates from the Civil Guard (Nguyen Van Bi, Hoang Cao Cac, and Dzoan Kim Lai), we have never received a list of those candidates being considered for police participant training. If we have a list now, you can just designate which ones have finally been chosen and the necessary I-20 forms can be sent to you well in advance.
2. After an opportunity to talk with Ralph Turner about the approximate date of arrival, I called Mrs. Carpenter (Adventures in World Understanding, M.S.U.) to inquire about the dates of that program this year. He had suggested bringing the police participants here, having them on campus perhaps a week and then putting them into this holiday program. Not only did I get the dates from Mrs. Carpenter but also the information that they would not consider taking anyone who had been in the States such a short time nor a large national group - attempts to keep this program small in order to maintain the quality. This does not preclude the possibility of our arranging our own program to cover the holiday period should they arrive early in December.
3. Mr. Turner also mentioned that he had discussed the housing situation with the participants already. I believe that there will be no difficulty in getting dormitory accommodations, but it is necessary for them to know that they are committed for the term or the length of their stay on campus whichever is shorter, once we make dormitory arrangements.
4. With the exception of arranging whatever English classes might seem desirable and the administrative details, I assume that there will be someone here to work with the police participants. This brings up the questions of \$200 advance and travel arrangements. If it seems advisable, you might consult with the West Coast police personnel (Gollings, Chamberlain, Fabian, Glowers and Rumpf) for a possible stop there before continuing to East Lansing. If we continue to allow participants to return through Europe, they are only on the West Coast coming to East Lansing or Washington.

*Just an indication of obstacles run into here. Cunningham
Do not consider this as final. It is still being worked out
but Dec ETD looks unlikely SKS*

Dr. Wesley R. Fishel,
Chief Advisor

21 November 1957

Howard W. Hoyt, Chief, Police Administration Division.
Police Participants.

As you know, there were originally to have been 14 police participants from our Division this year. Two were for the Northwestern Traffic Institute and were dropped because of health and other reasons. Eighteen candidates were originally selected with the understanding that following several months of intensive study, the top 12 would be sent to the U.S. The final examinations were given recently, which eliminated several candidates. Poor health and other reasons have cut them down to where today there are 8 scheduled to leave.

In September, John Dorsey advised that the decree was to be signed immediately authorizing these participants to go to the U.S. By letter I urged that this be followed up on, due to past experience.

We are advised today that the applications for visas for these 8 men have now reached the Minister of Interior's office. The Minister of Interior has advised this group that their departure is to be held up pending approval of the Ministry of Interior. The complaint is that there are too many of these candidates from the north and the south and not enough from central Viet-Nam. I would like to point out that there were several from central Viet-Nam, but they have been eliminated through competition. It appears that the Minister of Interior still has the illusion that this is some kind of an award to be distributed geographically, rather than a selection based on experience and capabilities.

After starting the selection and training of the men last February, and carefully following every procedure set by the Vietnamese Government and investing many hundreds of man-hours in preparation, plus cables and correspondence to Lansing and Washington, it will be quite embarrassing for us if we find this program stale-mated at this late hour for the above reasons.

Because the decree is not yet signed, these participants have been unable to draw money with which to purchase the heavier clothing they will need for the trip. Would you please check to see what can be done to expedite these men?

HWH/mmd

cc: Mrs. Alexandra Brownstein
Mr. Dave Wood, USOM

Dr. John Dorsey
Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum ✓

*This came to me from
Hoyt 11/25.
Keep for record
SKS*

Cunningham

25 November 1957

Following are excerpts from a letter recently received from Art Brandstatter:

"I do not know what agreement our people and USOM had with ICA/W and the IACP people regarding the training of Vietnamese police officers. However, I do not believe IACP fully understands their contract, nor do they completely understand the program we are operating at Michigan State. I have asked Snook several times to visit us so he may become personally acquainted with our program and staff and, thus, be in a position to make better decisions regarding the assignment of foreign police officers. As Sheinbaum explained to you, we established a budget similar to the kind of budget we established for the German police officers in order to take care of the large number of Vietnamese scheduled for us under PIO-P-30-79-120-1-70271. For some reason, IACP cannot carry out the requirements of this PIO. I am assuming the reason for this is that the terms of the contract may not permit this kind of budgeting. To the best of my knowledge, they have not expended this amount of money for any of the foreign police officers they are processing. Needless to say, it is impossible for us to continue to call upon the University faculty, as well as the Police Administration staff, and assign the necessary administrative and instructional staff time to develop the kind of program necessary for twelve or fourteen Vietnamese participants. We can accept any group--small or large--if the only requirement is to absorb them in the regular teaching program or the short courses we offer. However, to give such a large group the necessary personal attention and create a specific program to meet their specific needs, as well as to plan and prepare itineraries in order to permit visits to other police departments, takes considerable time. Our staff cannot do this in addition to meeting their day-to-day responsibilities. I think if our government or any other government wants us to perform this kind of work, they will have to be charged for it.

The following is quoted from Colonel Fitzpatrick, Assistant Director, IACP Training Division, who wrote to Dr. Smuckler in my absence regarding the proposed project for the Vietnamese police officers:

'Mr. Waln explained that the Michigan State University Contract-080 allows 20 man years of direct University enrollment of participants who will work directly with Michigan State University in Vietnam. All other participants, such as those under subject project, come under PIO/P numbers and are implemented by ICA/W in the usual manner, which includes programming by IACP under current contract providing a professional and administrative staff for this purpose.

'ICA and IACP expressed a desire to program Vietnam participants for periods at Michigan State University, if appropriate courses are available, and also for the purpose of having the participants get acquainted with the University working in their country.

Mutual understanding was reached on the following:

1. An effort will be made to enroll subject participants in the Michigan State University 30-day Basic Police Training Course offered in April and in September, at a tuition charge of \$60.
2. Enrollment in the above course should be after the participants have received other training and developed language facility.
3. Michigan State University will supply IACP with additional copies of description of and outline of course, dates offered and other pertinent information.
4. The tentative program that IACP will submit to ICA will follow this outline:
 - a. Language training and orientation to American ways and customs--American University Language Center.
 - b. Orientation to program, administration, organization, procedures and requirements; and personal factors--Technical Assistance Training Staff, ICA.
 - c. Substantive program orientation, problem analysis, and development of definitive program for each participant--IACP, Training Division.
 - d. Two weeks course on police systems in the United States--International Police Services Institute.
 - e. Basic Police Training Course--Michigan State University.
 - f. On-the-job study and observations in selected Federal, state and municipal organizations, and other specialized training to meet special needs of each participant.
 - g. Evaluation, preparation of reports, exit seminar, and windup of administrative details--IACP and ICA.'

"I agree with the interpretation that you and Stan have made of IACP's original position regarding the PIO. I am also certain that IACP's interpretation is similar to ours and yours; however, I do not believe they fully understood the terms of their contract. I do not intend to pursue the matter any further. I believe that you and USOM should resolve this question with ICA/W and IACP because the request that the Vietnamese be channelled through IACP originated with Saigon. We shall be happy to handle the program, but only under our terms as they have been clearly stated to IACP. Let me say in all sincerity that I do not think you are going to get the same quality of training from the IACP as we can give the Vietnamese police officers."

cc: Sheinbaum✓
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Dr. Fishel, Chief Advisor

30 January 1958

Police Division

Police Participants.

The following is a list of the police participants who departed for the United States on 29 January 1958:

1. Hoang-Cao-Cac, Second Lieutenant Civil Guard
2. Doan-Kim-Lai, First Lieutenant Civil Guard
3. Nguyen-Trong-Thuan, Principal Urban Inspector VBI
4. Duong-Dinh-Dai, Clerk Saigon Harbor Police
5. Nguyen-Van-Thuan, Principal Urban Inspector VBI
6. Do-Dang-Khoi, Assistant Urban Inspector VBI
7. Nguyen-Ngoc-Thanh, "Redacteur" Immigration Service VBI
8. Doan-Ngoc-Thach, Principal Urban Inspector VBI
9. Nguyen-Van-Nguon, Clerk VBI
10. Le-Van-Huynh, "Redacteur" VBI
11. Doan-Trieu-Hoang, Assistant Inspector VBI
12. Hoang-Van-Nam, "Redacteur" VBI.

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February 6, 1958

TO: Stanley K. Sheinbaum
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Police Participant Program

1. The twelve police participants arrived in Washington on February 2 and are presently staying at the Alturas Hotel. The spokesman for the group is Mr. Le van Hynh.

2. I went to the Alturas to meet them on February 4. According to their information they expect to be at the American Language Center for five weeks in the English classes that meet from 9 to 3 each day.

3. On the morning of February 2 I spoke to Col. Kirkpatrick, Training Division, IACP, relative to the training program for this group of police participants. He said that the tentative IACP plan called for the group to spend one week at ICA and one week at IACP in order to determine what type of specialization should be anticipated in the In-Service Training phase of their programs. Thereafter a 16 week course would be given by the International Police Services of Washington to fit the PTO/P set up in Saigon. This would be a general course in police administration for the entire group and placement in specific areas of police work for a more practical type of training in the different phases. He mentioned that he had spoken to Brandstatter on Friday, January 31, relative to the short course offered here. Since this is primarily for the benefit of local police officers in Michigan, Brandstatter told Kirkpatrick that he felt the most they could absorb into anyone session (April or September) was six participants. I have heard this figure of 6 mentioned before but can not find any memorandum that gives this information specifically. If any of the Vietnamese come to the short course in April, this would break into the 16 week program set up at International Police Services.

4. As you might expect, the Vietnamese are looking forward to coming to East Lansing some time during their stay in the United States. I have the impression that we have been given the "glamour" treatment by the participants who have returned to Saigon.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

March 24, 1958

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Police Participants and Leaders

1. The following members of the Vietnamese Police Participants will be enrolled in the Short Course under Police Administration from April 7 to May 2:

Le Van Huynh
Duong Dinh Doi (should be Dai?)
Nguyen Ngoc Thanh
Nguyen Trong Thuan
Nguyen Ngoc Thanh
Doan Ngoc Thach

2. Larry Baril received the word during a coffee break from the head of this program over in Police Administration, and I called to check on it. Of course they are officially programmed into this course through Col. Snook at ICA and we do not really enter into it officially.

3. When do you expect the group of police leaders to come to the States? The higher per diem rate has been requested for Messrs. Trach and Them but not yet for the police leaders.

4. Do you believe that there is any possibility of including one or two police from the municipal force in any future programs? Mr. Shelby brought up the question when he asked the names of the police participants. Since any names or candidates from this organization would have to come up through channels he reasoned this might be one of the difficulties in their never being selected for the participant program.

5. I have suggested to Mr. Shields who is in charge of the short course that they request space in the dormitories, but he seemed reluctant to do so in advance - my theory being that if you have space already available they are less likely to go wandering off looking for cheaper rooms.

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