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TO: The Coordinator
FROM: Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director *AKW*
SUBJECT: No. 19 - Police Participants

Five of the eleven police participants have not met the health requirements for an American visa. They are all actively tubercular. Consequently, Messrs. Quy, Tam, Ve, Giao and Bai will not be going to the States in September.

We do not have any alternates at this time who are sufficiently well prepared in English to take their place. If prior to the beginning of the second quarter we do find some satisfactory alternates, we will send them.

HLW:mrw

cc: Mr. Howard Hoyt
Mr. Felix Fabian

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September 23, 1958

TO: Stanley K. Sheinbaum, Coordinator
 H.W. Hoyt, *HWH*, Chief, Police Administration Division
 DR. Ralph Smuckler, Chief Advisor *RHS*
 SUBJ: Police Participants

We saw five police participants off yesterday morning for MSU. Because of the week's delay at this end in getting them off, they will fly through from Hong Kong to East Lansing with a 12 hour layover in Los Angeles. As you well know, this will be a rugged trip. ^{36x} Five boys--who in some cases ate their first meal with a knife, fork and spoon about a month ago. Can you imagine being uprooted in Michigan, put on say a JAL plane and for 4-1/2 - 5 days eat nothing but what the Japanese normally serve in Japanese hotels?

I am pointing this out to you as a means of advising that you will need a lot of patience in dealing with them and getting them oriented. We originally planned on getting them there several days before the opening of school so that they could have an opportunity to rest up and get their feet on the ground.

We have put more effort in this group's English and orientation than any group ever sent home. However, Jack reports that when he asked one of them at the airport how long it would be getting into Hong Kong, he remarked, "No, he didn't think so because the dry season was setting in." So maybe their English is only good with their English teacher.

So be patient, my lad, be patient.

HWH/her

cc: Mr. Waltman

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

JKS

TO : The Coordinator, Vietnam Project DATE : October 7, 1958
FROM : R. W. Swanson, Asst. Chief, Administrative Services Div *JKS*
SUBJECT : Application for Membership In International Association
of Chiefs of Police, Inc., for Mr. Tran-Van-Tu and
General Nguyen-Van-La

Through an apparent misunderstanding of my instructions, Howard Hoyt made direct application to the International Association of Chiefs of Police for membership for the two above-named Vietnamese officers. This, of course, should have gone through your office and inasmuch as Howard has already given instructions to the association, I am taking this opportunity to acquaint you with what has already transpired.

I told Howard that I was not certain whether the project would pay for these memberships and that East Lansing would determine the propriety of the charge.

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October 7, 1958

PLW

TO: Elsie Cunningham

FROM: Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director *mrw*

SUBJECT: No. 34 - Police Participants

Two of the police participants originally diagnosed as tubercular have very good possibilities of being cleared medically this month. Part of the difficulty arose when the doctor designated by the American Embassy was somewhat uncertain as to what constituted a sufficient history of tuberculosis to prohibit the issuance of a visa. Apparently, in these two cases, although the men had a history of tuberculosis, the condition was no longer active and, in effect, the men are not contagious or sick.

The Embassy is having both of them re-examined this month. If the Embassy is able to issue them a visa, I would like to send them to East Lansing to arrive in time for the second quarter. Both of them are well qualified from the standpoint of their English language abilities and both are extremely anxious to study in the United States.

HLW:mrw

cc: Mr. Howard Hoyt
 Mr. Felix Fabian

Copy sent to Brandon Walter

October 16, 1958

TO: HOWARD WALTMAN, Director Participant Program
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Police Leaders.

Please find enclosed a list of the books that we have ordered for the Police Leaders who were here in July and August. In addition I have ordered the two books that Messrs. Dam and Hay ordered concerning Immigration Laws.

Part of the delay in this operation was a list which was checked but no indication to indicate what these checks meant excepting a letter in Vietnamese written to Mr. Thu, a former assistant on the project. When I finally saw the translation of this letter I realized that it would be up to us to decide which books should finally be ordered.

I turned the whole thing over to Ralph Turner and on his advice have ordered the books on the enclosed list.

EC:ms

Enc.: Police Leader Book List dated October 15, 1958

October 16, 1958

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BOOKS: For- Messers: Tran Ba Thanh, Nguyen Van Hay, Tran Van Huong and Le Cang Dam.

4 EA. PLA 310 - Modern Criminal Investigation - 4th Edition
*Funk & Wagnalls-New York & London

4 EA. PLA 317a- Practical Fingerprinting
*Funk & Wagnalls - New York & London

4 EA. PLA 341 - Traffic Accident Investigator's Manual
*Northwestern University Traffic Institute

4 EA. PLA 490b- Homicide Investigation
*Charles C. Thomas

4 EA. PLA 310 - Crime Detection
*Svensson, A.; Wendel, O.

4 EA. PLA 310 - Crime Investigation
*Kirk, P.

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PLW

TO: The Coordinator
 FROM: Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director *HLW*
 SUBJECT: No. 36 - Second Group of Police Participants

The second group of police participants left Saigon on October 14 for Washington, D.C. These participants have been programmed by ICA/W on the basis of the training requests of our Police Administration Division. While you will have no direct responsibility for the administration or programming of these people, you should know about them, because it is quite possible that several of them will be on campus at some point during their ten months training in the United States.

Their names and field specializations are:

MSU short course

Tran Van Doi	Criminal Investigation
Ho Can Than	" "
Le Quang Dong	Police Administration
Phan Thanh Vang	Traffic
Nguyen Huu Tri	Radio
Ngo Van Cha	"
Nguyen Viet Hung	"
Nguyen Van Tanh	"
Doan Manh Cuong	Immigration
Pham Cong Thanh	Counter Espionage
Truong Van Ngoc	"

HLW:mrw

cc: Mr. Howard W. Hoyt
 Mr. Felix Fabian

October 21, 1958

TO: The Coordinator
FROM: Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director
SUBJECT: No. 39 - Police Participants, Giau and Bai

Upon a recent re-examination, two of the police participants originally diagnosed as tubercular have been declared physically fit and eligible to receive an entry visa into the United States.

We plan on sending Mr. Nguyen Giau and Mr. Nguyen Van Bai to the United States during the first or second week of December in time to register for the second academic quarter.

HLW:mrw

cc: Mr. Howard Hoyt
Mr. Felix Fabian

October 22, 1958

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

Please indicate which of the police participants we may expect for the Winter quarter. A recent request from the Foreign Student Adviser's Office has been received asking whether or not those people for whom forms 66 were issued were expected on campus.

EC:kc

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

October 24, 1958

TO: Mr. Howard Hoyt, Chief - Police Administration Div.

FROM: Elsie Cunningham

SUBJECT: #36 - IACP Membership.

In spite of my memo, dated October 14th, we have decided to pay the expenses incurred in IACP Memberships for General Lan and Mr. Tu.

However, I wish that you would keep in mind the fact that this is not the general policy. But rather that the information given in my memo of October 14th is really the general criteria.

EC:ms

cc: Waltman
Swanson

Elsie

October 27, 1958

To: Coordinator
From: Stan Gabis
Subject: Meeting with Police Participants

On Monday, October 27, 1958 I attended a meeting of Vietnam police participants arranged by Baril and his colleagues. The meeting was held in the Board Room of Union and began at about 2:15 p.m. Present were Messrs. Branstatter, Turner, Baril, Shields, Strecher, Shultz and Nicol. Both groups of short-term and long-term police participants were present.

In his opening statement Mr. Branstatter stated as the purpose of the meeting to ascertain the opinions of the participants concerning the value of the training they are receiving here. He invited their frank suggestions concerning how best the University could meet their needs. At Mr. Branstatter's invitation, I made a very brief statement largely echoing his remarks.

About half of the participants made observations during the two hour period that the meeting lasted. The following is a summary of their observations.

In comparing their Washington experience with that of MSU, there was some feeling that the training here was far more detailed and presumably more useful. Field trips were felt to be very useful and several of the participants expressed the view that there was not much repetition involved but on the contrary they learned something new in each place. There was some minor difference of opinion over the comparative merits of visiting smaller organizations as contrasted with larger ones.

As might be expected the exposure to specialized skills and techniques was particularly appreciated. When I asked about any larger impressions one participant said that he had noted with considerable interest the friendly relations which existed between the police and the citizenry. Ralph Turner attempted to draw them out on the question of larger organization differences but there was little response on this.

On the question of pedagogical problems these points were raised. There was some feeling on the part of participants that some communication difficulty had been experienced in the lectures. This branched out in several directions. Could the English problem be met by increasing the number of language classes from three to say five? A counter-suggestion was made that some of the participants were not making as good use of the language lab on Thursday mornings. Could there be special sessions on police administration for Vietnamese participants alone? Here the feeling seemed to be that mixed classes presented

Meeting with Police Participants (cont.)

something of a handicap. Baril attempted to point out several practical difficulties in the way of separate classes. As a remedy to this reaction Turner and his colleagues suggested a series of evening sessions to be conducted by the police faculty for Vietnamese alone. This was enthusiastically received.

Some reference was made as to the feasibility of having detailed lecture notes prepared and distributed in advance on the theory that the Vietnamese can read better than they can learn via the ear. Ralph Turner said that he would look into the possibility of getting a good set of class notes and having them duplicated. I said that I thought the Coordinator's office might be able to help on the clerical aspects if necessary.

A question was raised about the use of the library. There has been no library orientation either for the police or p.a. people. Baril suggested that the Coordinator's office attempt to set aside a Thursday afternoon during which time all of the Vietnamese participants would be briefed on the mysteries of the library.

Several of the participants expressed a desire for a short seminar on World Communism.

I broached the subject of an eight session seminar on larger problems of public administration. I said that this was being aimed primarily at the p.a. participants but that we would be glad to have the police participants attend if they desired to do so. There was some interest expressed.

On the whole I think the meeting served a very useful purpose. I would like to suggest that a similar meeting be held for p.a. and other participants now working on campus.

cc: Branstatter
Waltman
Cunningham

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

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October 28, 1958

TO: Howard Waltman, Participant Program Director
FROM: Elsie Cunningham, Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Living Arrangements for Participants. (#37)

Regarding your memorandum #40, on the dormitory arrangements. The police participants are all living together in one dormitory. The problem has several aspects; in the face of the anticipated adjustment difficulties for this group (to date their adjustment seems to be fairly good and there has been no specific difficulties) no attempt was made to split them up. However, the dormitory they were living in will be closed, probably next month as there is not a sufficient number of students living there to justify its continued operation.

When I called the housing office and then the dormitory office to ask about this they said that the participants would be moved out one by one into rooms where there was only one student living already. This means per se that everyone will have American room mates. Too, since the Vietnamese all arrived at the same time the obvious thing for the dormitory office was to house them together. Frankly, I am not too sure that living with freshmen room mates -- most of the students living in dormitories are freshmen or sophomores -- is the answer to the speeding up the English and the adjustment of the Vietnamese participants. I do not believe the people at this age level are world minded enough nor in many cases considerate enough to create anything but questionable results.

The question of my policy concerning dormitory assignments amounts to my attempt to alleviate the worst of the dormitory situation. All I can do is suggest, I have no authority. In fact, there is a negative reaction in some people vested with the responsibility for making decisions on this subject.

It is only this term, for instance, that we have found linen service available for the participants so that it is now necessary for them to buy only such blankets as they need.

EC:ms

cc: Hoyt

October 30, 1958

To: Ralph H. Smuckler
From: Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Subject: Police Leaders - Second Group

One of the participants has said that the police leaders whose trip was cancelled in the early fall were planning on coming in January. Is there anything to this?

SKS/aeg

cc: Cunningham ✓

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October 30, 1958

RHW

TO : Elsie Cunningham
 FROM : Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director *MRW*
 SUBJECT: No. 49 - Re Your Memo of October 22
 Police Participants

As of this time we expect Messrs. Nguyen Giao and Nguyen Van Bai to leave Saigon in December for arrival in East Lansing for the winter quarter. It is also possible that a 3rd Police Officer, Mr. Ve, will be approved by the Embassy for an entry visa, although I'm not yet certain. The remaining two Police Officers are definitely out. I'm told that they are quite sick.

HLW: cvc

cc: Mr. Howard Hoyt

