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July 25, 1959



TO: Elsie Cunningham  
FROM: Howard L. Waltman *HLW*  
SUBJECT: No. 161 - Police Participants (Reference your memo 229)

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| Luu Ke           | " "                   |
| Tran Van Ve      | " "                   |
| Truong Van Ky    | Municipal Police      |
| Huynh Van Nhieu  | Traffic Police        |
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cc: Ryan  
Turner

July 17, 1959

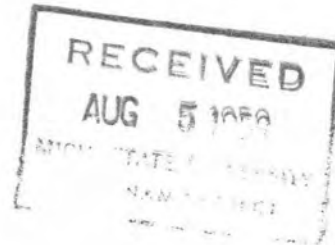
TO: Howard Waltman  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
SUBJECT: Police Participants #229

Last week we received 10 bio-data forms for police participants with the major field of study indicated as crime laboratory. As I understand it, you have approximately 8 slots remaining for police if you program them for 10 months. Consequently, I was a little surprised to see such a large number of police participants designated for study in crime laboratory. This, of course, includes civil guard as well as police. Please let me have any details you might have regarding these 10 men.

TO: Howard Waltman  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: August 5, 1959  
SUBJECT: Police Reports (# 242)

About midway in their field trip I requested a combined report from the participants representing the police and another report from Lieutenant Tran Anh Tho, representing the Civil Guard. You have already received copies of Lt. Tho's report. However, the other police participants have never sent me their report.

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TO: William Parker  
FROM: Howard L. Waltman  
SUBJECT: Revision of PIO/P 30-71-120

It is necessary to amend PIO/P 30-71-120 which was prepared in May, due to deletions from the original list because of English, medical reasons, and a reallocation of the training slots.

At the present time there are 33 candidates for the 32 available slots on PIO/P 30-71-120 and 8 candidates for the 8 slots scheduled under contract funds.

The following participants in radio communications and criminal and special investigations are now scheduled for training under the PIO/P.

Radio Communications

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Vu Dinh Van       | Dang Tran Bich  |
| Hoang Dinh Phan   | Luong Van Than  |
| Le Dinh Que       | Mai Van Hung    |
| Nguyen Van Chuc   | Ho Dac Phu      |
| Hoang Suy         | Nguyen Huu Nam  |
| Truong The Trieu  | Le Khac Than    |
| Nguyen Dac Nguyen | Ly Thanh Tam    |
| Nguyen Kim Dinh   | Nguyen Van Sinh |
| Vu Duc Vinh       | Le Minh Chanh   |
| Le Van Cang       | Do Huu Dung     |

Criminal and Special Investigation

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Vu Duy Thuan   | Le Quang Bang    |
| Ngo Van Thong  | Dam Trung Mac    |
| Tran Thien Lac | Nguyen Van Nhuan |
| Vu Ngoc Lien   | Le Phuc          |

## Criminal and Special Investigation (Con't)

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Vu Lai Dai  
 Nguyen Van Lien  
 Vu Quang Long

Nguyen Van Dao  
 Nguyen Huu Phuoc

The following candidates have been designated for training under the contract:

### MSUG Contract

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Pham Van Ca  
 Pham Van Huynh  
 Nguyen Dinh Giao  
 Luu Ke  
 Tran Van Ve

Crime Laboratory  
 " "  
 " "  
 " "  
 " "

Truong Van Ky

Municipal Police

Huynh Van Nhieu

Traffic Police

Ton That Binh

Police Administration

All of the above participants were on the PIO/P originally prepared with the exception of contract participant, Mr. Tran Van Ve. Mr. Ve was cleared with the 1958 participants, but held up because of lung trouble. He was visa listed at that time.

In preparing the amended PIO/P for the criminal investigation the following program recommendations should be included:

"Training should be arranged in cooperation with the International Chiefs of Police Association. Following a thorough orientation into basic aspects of police organization and administration in the United States at Frank Holmes School in Washington, the participants should spend several months taking selected academic work in Special Investigation. The short courses at Michigan State University, Sacramento State College, Southern Police Institute, or other short courses listed in the I.A.C.P. training bulletin should be considered. The training program for investigators offered by the Treasury might also be a possibility.

"Following the academic work, it is suggested that

the participants observe specific aspects of investigation as it is practiced on the job.. Emphasis should be placed on; (1) techniques of scientific and practical investigation; (2) court room procedures; (3) methods and procedures of uniformed and plain clothes police; (4) special police squads (alien, homicided, burglary, car theft, bomb, etc...) Two and three day observation visits should be avoided unless in escorted groups. If possible each participant should concentrate on the police department and spend the largest part of the observation period in one department."

The training recommendation for the radio communication participants should be based on the following:

"Training is to be arranged in cooperation with the International Chiefs of Police Association. It is suggested that the participants attend, as a group, a short general orientation followed by a course in basic radio fundamentals of approximately 10 months duration. The course must be specially tailored to their needs and level of competences, (high school level). It is recommended that Michigan State University and Capitol Radio Corporation be explored as the institution to offer this course. Class and laboratory work should be extensive and new material presented at a rate determined by the group's ability to assimilate it. Following completion of this suggested special course, the participants should be assigned individually, or in teams, to Police Departments with good communication systems for approximately 6 weeks. Two and three day observation visits should be avoided, unless in escorted groups."

TO: Howard Waltman  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: August 5, 1959  
SUBJECT: Police Participants - Ref. Your memo No. 161 (#246)

In your memo No. 161 you list eight police participants who are planning to come to M.S.U. this fall. However, you only sent us seven bio data sheets. The one omitted was Mr. Tran Van Ve.



TO: Howard Waltman  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: September 2, 1959  
SUBJECT: Itinerary for Police Participants (#275)

Please find enclosed an itinerary for the police participants departing from East Lansing on September 4th.

# FINAL ITINERARY

Mr. Nguyen V. Bai Mr. Thong H. Quang Mr. Nguyen Giao

|                 |                    |         |                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Fri 9/4         | Lv: Lansing        | 8:05am  | CAP 455           |
|                 | Ar: O'Hare         | 9:44am  |                   |
|                 | Lv: "              | 10:13am | CH 208/108        |
|                 | Ar: Midway         | 10:33am |                   |
|                 | Lv: "              | 11:30am | Ozark 63          |
| Fri 9/11        | Ar: Jefferson City | 1:31am  |                   |
|                 | Lv: Jefferson City | 7:04pm  | Ozark 59          |
|                 | Ar: Kansas City    | 8:18pm  |                   |
|                 | Lv: " "            | 9:15pm  | TWA 363           |
| Wed 9/16        | Ar: Wichita        | 10:16pm |                   |
|                 | Lv: Wichita        | 3:30pm  | TWA 305           |
| Ar: Phoenix     | 7:54pm             |         |                   |
|                 | Lv: Phoenix        | 4:00pm  | TWA 217           |
| Ar: Los Angeles | 5:38pm             |         |                   |
|                 | Lv: Los Angeles    | 4:50pm  | United 357        |
| Sat 9/26        | Ar: Sacramento     | 6:40pm  |                   |
|                 | Lv: Sacramento     | 4:29pm  | Pacific Coast 755 |
| Fri 10/2        | Ar: San Francisco  | 4:56pm  |                   |
|                 | Lv: San Francisco  | 10:00am | Pan Am 1          |
| Fri 10/9        | Ar: Honolulu       | 4:00pm  |                   |

## MR QUANG ONLY

|           |              |         |            |
|-----------|--------------|---------|------------|
| Sat 10/10 | Lv: Honolulu | 12:45pm | Pan Am 865 |
| Mon 10/12 | Ar: Saigon   | 11:20am |            |

## MR BAIN AND MR GIAO

|            |               |         |              |
|------------|---------------|---------|--------------|
| Sun 10/11  | Lv: Honolulu  | 8:00pm  | Pan Am 1     |
| Tue 10/13  | Ar: Tokyo     | 9:35am  |              |
| Wed 10/14  | Lv: "         | 10:30pm | Pan Am 1     |
| Thur 10/15 | Ar: Hong Kong | 6:50am  |              |
| Sun 10/18  | Lv: " "       | 8:30am  | Pan Am 825/1 |
| XE         | Ar: Saigon    | 10:40am |              |

NOTE: Please remember to reconfirm your reservations at each point of stopover immediately upon your arrival

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September 24, 1959



TO: Elsie Cunningham  
FROM: Victor G. Strecher UGS  
SUBJECT: No. 185 - Revision In Contract Participant Program

This is to advise that a change has been made in the participants to be sent to M.S.U. for training this year.

Messrs. Le Phuc, Tran Thien Lac, and Vu Ngoc Lien, formerly USOM participants, have been transferred to the M.S.U. Contract group.

Messrs. Huynh Van Nhieu, Truong Van Ky, and Ton That Binh, formerly M.S.U. Contract participants, have been transferred to USOM PIO/P's.

M.S.U. Application forms are now being completed by the three new participants, and will be sent at the earliest possible time. The other five M.S.U. participants remain in the group, so that the total of eight participants has not been changed. Below is a list of the eight M.S.U. Contract participants, including the latest revision:

(List of eight participants for M.S.U.)

Pham Van Ca  
Pham Van Huynh  
Nguyen Dinh Giao  
Luu Ke  
Tran Van Ve  
Le Phuc  
Tran Thien Lac  
Vu Ngoc Lien

If you require additional information, please let me know.

October 13, 1959

TO: Miss Elsie Cunningham  
FROM: Victor G. Strecher  
SUBJECT: No. 186 - M.S.U. Participant Study Program (Ref.  
our memo No. 185)



Please find hereunder the list of eight M.S.U. Contract Participants with their respective study field in the United States. They are:

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Police Administration  
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TO: Victor Strecher  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: October 19, 1959  
SUBJECT: Police Participants -- Ref: No. 186 -- (#328)

Recently we requested ICA to grant us permission to allow us to pay for tutoring for Mr. La Van Hung during the fall term. This request was subsequently refused. Hung is unable to do the work in his science courses. Therefore, we shall probably arrange for him to leave at the end of this quarter rather than continuing on a frustrating program for which he is not prepared.

Mr. Joseph Nicol and I discussed this subject this afternoon when I called to inform him that there were five more police participants slated to study crime laboratory work due to arrive. He thought very strongly that there was no point in subjecting an additional number of participants to the same type of program as was given to Messrs. Nguyen Van Bai and Nguyen Giao. Unless someone came with a strong academic background which would enable him to take the basic scientific courses, we shall continue to return people to Vietnam without the basic knowledge they really need to solve their problems. In fact, Mr. Nicol suggested that Ralph Turner could teach them everything in Saigon that we can teach them here, unless they have better academic preparation and potential.

Mr. Nicol wants a course by course report on the academic background on these future participants.

You still have not indicated what time they are expected to arrive.

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November 3, 1959

TO: Miss Elsie Cunningham  
FROM: Victor G. Strecher VGS  
SUBJECT: Police Participant Application Forms

Please find attached 8 application forms of the M.S.U.  
Contract Police Participants.

We are not yet in a position to furnish an estimated  
date of arrival for the participants.



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TO: Victor Strecher  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: November 11, 1959  
SUBJECT: Police Participants #349

I am sending the applications for the eight police participants to the admissions office. However, the way in which the academic record forms have been completed leaves much to be desired. In some cases the participant has only indicated the name of the school and nothing as to level, courses taken, etc. Also, I might point out that none of these were signed or in any way made official.



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November 19, 1959

TO: Miss Elsie Cunningham  
FROM: Victor G. Strecher VGS  
SUBJECT: No. 188 - M.S.U. Participants.



As a result of unavoidable changes in participant programming, we have added one name to the M.S.U. participant listing now in your possession. Enclosed is her M.S.U. application form.

Miss Nguyen Kim Dinh will arrive in East Lansing with the other eight participants as indicated below. A presidential arrete recently authorized the creation of a substantial policewoman unit in Vietnam; Miss Dinh will be the first candidate for extensive training in this field. She should be enrolled in the Crime Prevention curriculum, with special emphasis placed upon PLA courses of all kinds. Because her work will probably extend beyond the activities of American policewomen, Miss Dinh's coverage of police administration material should have the widest possible range.

We have tentatively scheduled the nine participants to depart Saigon on December 28, and arrive in East Lansing on January 2. A detailed itinerary will follow shortly.

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| Tran Van Ve      | Crime Laboratory      |
| Le Phuc          | Police Administration |
| Tran Thien Lac   | Police Administration |
| Vu Ngoc Lien     | Police Administration |
| Nguyen Kim Dinh  | Crime Prevention      |

cc: Brandstatter  
Baril  
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