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Mrs. Cunningham*

*Vietnam
Class
III*

July 1, 1958

Chief John D. Holstrom
Chief of Police
Police Headquarters
Berkeley, California

Dear John:

Thank you for your nice letter of June 27 in which you state it would be a pleasure to have the four Vietnamese police officials visit with you for the period starting on July 9, 1958.

We are enclosing a copy of a letter received from Howard O. Johnson, Chief of Police in Milwaukee. Would you be so kind as to give this copy to these Vietnamese officials upon their arrival in your city so that they will know to whom and where to report upon their arrival in Milwaukee.

If we receive further information as to the exact time and date of their arrival in your city, we will forward it to you immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew C. Kirkpatrick
Acting Director
Training Division

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July 5, 1958

Chief William Parker
City of Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California

Dear Chief Parker:

Art Brandstatter, head of Michigan State University School of Police Administration, asked that I contact you directly to arrange for a program for four Vietnamese police leaders. On Saturday morning, the fifth, I spoke with Officer Hasselbrink and asked him if a program could be arranged for Monday and Tuesday, July 14 and 15.

Reservations for the group have been made at the Biltmore Hotel where they are arriving Saturday night, July 12, and remaining until Wednesday morning. Mr. Adolphe Bonnefil will be accompanying them as interpreter.

As you may know, Michigan State University has a technical assistance program in Viet Nam for police administration. It is under the sponsorship of this program that these officials are in the United States.

I am attaching additional information on each of the Vietnamese and a statement of the goals we hope to accomplish while they are in the United States. They will be here for six weeks. These are higher level officials than usually come under ICA programs, and we are hoping to give them as intense and good a program as possible. Both Art Brandstatter and myself appreciate any consideration and assistance you may afford us in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Coordinator

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July 7, 1958

To: Cliffe ✓
From: Ostrander
Subject: Cunningham

Ralph Turner talked to Elsie yesterday. Following is her itinerary:

San Francisco until Tuesday night, Plaza Hotel, Room 311

Tuesday night, Berkeley, Hotel Shattuck

Lv. Berkely, Sat., July 12, for L. Angeles

Los Angeles, Hotel Biltmore

The police arrived on Saturday. Sheinbaum was trying to leave for New York on Sunday. They may be changing their itinerary and not going to Milwaukee.

If anyone intends to call Elsie for any reason, please contact Ralph Turner or Brandstatter first. They may have information to relay to her.

bmo
cc: Gus

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Re: VIETNAM Class III

Dear Chief Ahern:

This letter will be presented by the following high-ranking Vietnamese police officials:

Le Cang DAM, Commissioner Chief of Information Section
Nguyen Van HAY, Chief of Cabinet
Tran Van HUONG, Chief of Police of Hue
Tran Ba THANH, Director of Police and Security of SVN

This is the group mentioned in our letter to you of June 25, 1958. They will spend July 7 and 8 observing the overall operations of your Department.

All courtesies extended to this distinguished group of officials will be greatly appreciated, as is your excellent co-operation.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew C. Kirkpatrick
Acting Director
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July 8, 1958

For Gilbert Shelby and Ralph Turner:

After a meeting with the 4 Vietnamese Police Leaders it was decided to try and concentrate on one phase of the 12 point program at each of the police departments to be visited. In addition it was decided to cancel out the Sacramento portion in favor of Los Angeles with its up-to-date crime laboratories and identification bureaus since the state police operation could be covered in the Lansing area.

For the present we are expecting the following things from San Francisco: Communications Installations (theirs is about 80% complete and brand new) and the Passenger Control Operation at International Airport. Harbor Police had to be cancelled out for the only thing that is done is an extension of normal police coverage by motorcycle, sedan, etc. of the waterfront rather than boats, etc.

On Monday, July 7, some orientation in general police areas plus specific information on personnel selection, training and recruitment plus a visit to the Police Pistol Range (built by the police force itself!) and another visit the first thing in the morning to the police line up.

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Sincerely yours,

Matthew C. Kirkpatrick
Acting Director
Training Division

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July 10, 1958

Mr. Adolphe Bonafil
Biltmore Hotel
Los Angeles, California

Dear Bonny:

In the course of picking up the tickets at PAA yesterday I did stop at the Plaza Hotel and ask if Mr. Hays' ticket has been returned. They said that this did not normally arrive about 5:45 and since I still had a round trip to make between San Francisco and Berkeley, I could not return later to pick this up. I hope that you find the tickets on time but I must admit that I forgot to pick on the flight from L.A. to Milwaukee and the only flight I have is that it is a tourist class flight with one stop in Denver. I hope someone will be able to give me information as to the exact flight number so that Mr. Shelby can meet you in Milwaukee and in case I forgot to mention it, you have reservations at the Knight's Tower Hotel there.

I had my usual bad luck and the plane was an hour late in Chicago, therefore causing delay to make my connection to East Lansing and resulting in my staying in Chicago for an additional five-hour.

I mention in passing to Mr. Shelby the usual interest in visiting Niagara Falls. I hope that the weather is good and that things go along smoothly, particularly that you have been able to make connections for the International Airport Passengers Control at San Francisco.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

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This is the group mentioned in our letter to you of June 25, 1958. They will spend July 14 and 15 observing the overall operations of your Highway Patrol.

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Sincerely yours,

Matthew C. Kirkpatrick
Acting Director
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FRANCIS J. AHERN
CHIEF OF POLICE

July 14, 1958.

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF OF POLICE

Miss Elsie Cunningham,
½ Vietnam Project,
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Miss Cunningham:

Thank you for the return of the key!

Our San Francisco Police Department
does not have a shoulder patch, and we are most
sorry that the Department will not be represented
among the souvenir patches acquired by the Vietnamese.

We hope that some of the background inform-
ation they received here will be helpful to them in
their visits to other law enforcement agencies through-
out the United States.

It was our pleasure to have them here.

Sincerely,

B. E. Beyer

Mrs. B. E. Beyer,
BUREAU OF INSPECTORS.

July 16, 1958

Chief Francis J. Ahern
Department of Police
Hall of Justice
San Francisco, California

Dear Chief Ahern:

During the short time that the Vietnamese police leaders spent with the San Francisco Police Department they were able to observe many interesting phases of your operation through the kind cooperation of Captain Butler. I would very much appreciate your conveying to the particular members of your department who were so kind and generous with their time in making worthwhile this trip, especially Captain McLem, Captain Quinlan, Captain Meehan, and Captain Kiely. They were very much impressed by their visit to the Police Pistol Range which was arranged by Captain Meehan and on which trip we were accompanied by Officer John Young. Officer Young also escorted on various portions of their visit in the Police Department, and I am sure we are appreciative of his kind assistance.

It is only through the kind cooperation of yourself and the members of your Department that this trip can be worthwhile and instructive to the visiting officials from Vietnam. It is our hope that these officials will be able to carry home something of value from the visits they are making to your Department and other police departments.

Please accept again our kind appreciation for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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July 16, 1958

Chief John D. Holstrom
Department of Police
Hall of Justice
Berkeley, California

Dear Chief Holstrom:

I would like to express our appreciation for your kind and generous assistance to the Vietnamese police leaders last week.

During their stay in Berkeley Messrs. Dam, Huong, and Hay were certainly very well briefed by Lt. Whaley of your Department and also by Lt. Ross, Personnel Officer.

Without the kind assistance and generous help of your staff it would not have been possible to obtain all of the useful information and keen insight in the operation of a model police department in the United States. It is only through such visits that these police leaders can profitably utilize their time in the U.S. and perhaps carry back with them ideas and procedures that can be adapted to their own circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

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