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July 31, 1958

General Nguyen-Van-La  
Director General of Police and Security Services  
Republic of Vietnam  
SAIGON

Dear General La:

Referring to the four police leaders who are studying in the United States and their proposed schedule for returning via London, England, France, etc., I would like to advise that they are presently scheduled to leave New York on Tuesday, August 19, 1958, by BOAC Flight 510 and will arrive in London at 10 A.M. the next morning. They are scheduled to leave London Monday, August 25, at 8 P.M. on BEA 347 and will arrive in Paris one hour later. The next day they go to Lourdes, return to Paris on Friday, August 29 at 2:30 P.M., leave Paris the same evening at 6:35 P.M. on Air France 242 and will arrive in Saigon at 7:05 A.M. on Sunday, August 31.

It will be impossible to shorten their stay in the United States by five days at this late date. Their itinerary was prepared with considerable difficulty and a great deal of study and thought. It would be very embarrassing to us and it would detract from the value of the primary purpose of their trip, namely, the study of American police systems, if their schedule was changed or shortened.

An exception was made by our government in their case to permit this trip of only two months. This was done because your government felt it could not afford to have them absent from their offices for a longer period of time.

However, as I stated in my letter of July 16, 1958, if your government wishes to have them stay longer than five days in London and will extend their return date to September 5, we will be glad to extend the per diem costs of \$17.00 per day, which are being paid by our government, for the additional five days.

If you agree to the additional five days, I would appreciate it very much if you would notify me immediately so that we can make the

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necessary changes in their transportation arrangements from London to Paris and from Paris to Saigon.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*H.W.H.*  
HOWARD W. HOYT, Chief  
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cc: Chief Advisor  
Coordinator  
Mr. Brandstatter ✓  
Mr. Waltman