

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

July 25, 1958

TO: Messrs. Tran Ba Thanh
Le Cang Dam
Nguyen Van Hay
Tran Van Hung

FROM: Elsie Cunningham *EMC*

The train for Detroit departs from Grand Trunk Station on South Washington street, Lansing, at 3:22 on Saturday afternoon, July 26. Mr. Shelby will meet you at the railroad station in Detroit. I suggest you plan to arrive early enough to allow at least 15 or 20 minutes for checking all your baggage through.

College Travel has made air reservations for your trip from Detroit to Washington on August 2, and at the Roger Smith Hotel in Washington. Your reservations in New York City are at the Henry Hudson Hotel.

Also, I am giving you a series of several labels which could be used in sending printed materials to Saigon, but I would very much appreciate even handwritten list of what is included in the shipment.

Mr. Shelby will reimburse you for the baggage expenses.

I am returning your passports. I find that with the type of exchange visa that you hold it is not necessary to have more than something identifying you with the project, which you already have in the form of a ICA/MSU identification card.

EC:kc

cc.: Bonnefil
Shelby
Turner

I said they were not
 - I said so - it was
 I was not so - it was
 I was not so - it was
 I was not so - it was

Anh Thu,
Chung tôi như Anh mới lại
có 2 đứa;
Ngay chiều tối rồi gần 8h
giờ có một MSN sẽ trả tiền
cho phí cho chúng tôi mỗi
tháng 17\$ (tính trong 2 tháng
từ 29/6 - 29/8) như thế chúng
tôi sẽ lãnh được tất cả 17 x 60 =
20\$ US.

Chứng tỏ là nhà chức
 advance tại Sgon 100 US\$ có Elsie
 trả 2 minutes 819 US\$ cộng lại
 = 491 US\$. Vậy anh và ông nói
 lại có Elsie tiếng nói này
 cái còn lại cho chứng tỏ
 là ở Washington hoặc Detroit.
 Từ 29/8 đến ngày về là
 Sgon chứng tỏ là thực là ở
 Miền Bắc Anh & Miền Bắc
 Canada Anh. Miền Bắc - Hong

Hand - Dair - Hay
Wiring

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TRANSLATION

Dear Thu,

Please tell Miss Elsie that When we left Saigon, Mr. Hoyt told us that MSU will be paying us travel expenses at \$17 per day for two whole months (from June 29 through October 29). Thus we will have in all $17 \times 60 = \$1,020$.

We have received advances of \$100 each in Saigon; Miss Elsie gave us two checks of \$319, totaling \$491. We would appreciate your telling Miss Elsie to calculate the rest of our allowances and have them sent to us either in Washington or Detroit. From October 29 until our day of arrival at Saigon we will furnish our own board and room.

Our sincere thanks and greetings.

Thanh, Dam, Hay, Huong

July 26

P.S. Please ask Miss Elsie to send the box of documentations to Saigon for us. As for the books, will you and Miss Elsie please select among this list those which might be helpful to our Police Security and buy for each of us ^{25.00}~~\$1.00~~. Then please include the books in the box.

Thanks

Ralph could you pick
out the books that we
would be of most use
to the V.F. P.'s
Jerry

* 25.00 apiece

July 30, 1958

Messrs. Tran Ba Thanh
Le Cang Dam
Tran Van Huong
Nguyen Van Hay
Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Messrs. Thanh, Dam, Huong, and Hay:

In looking in the memorandum that you left for Mr. Thu you mentioned the total per diem that you are entitled to as being equivalent to amount which would equal \$17 a day for the period from June 29 till August 29 inclusive, or \$1,020.

I am sorry that you have been misinformed on this point particularly as I understand that Mr. Hoyt, a member of our staff in Saigon, was responsible for this misconception on your part. I do believe that I pointed out to you last Friday when we discussed the travel arrangements that you would not be entitled to any per diem for the stopovers beyond London, England, and since your departure date from London is set for August the 24th, you would obviously not be eligible for per diem beyond this date. In addition, it is clearly stated that per diem is not paid for travel en route to the U.S. and it is only due to the fact that two days that you spent in Manila was in the interest of seeing Police Administration in the Philippines that entitles you to the \$16 a day per diem for this stop over.

According to my figures you are entitled to \$383, which would include the 19 remaining days in August, plus four days in London.

I shall endeavor to get the remainder of your per diem to you at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

cc.: S.Sheinbaum

August 1, 1958

Messrs. Tran Ba Thanh
Le Cang Dam
Nguyen Van Hay
Tran Van Huong
Roger Smith Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Dear Messrs. Thanh, Dam, Hay, and Huong:

I have just been informed by College Travel Office, East Lansing, that they have been able to confirm your reservations at the Green Park Hotel in London. However, they indicate to me that the price of this hotel is approximately \$7 a day. This hotel has been booked through BOAC, and they state that although there were less expensive hotels there were none that they could recommend.

If you plan to stay at a different hotel, please advise me so that I can have the reservations cancelled and inform Mr. Peers Carter of the British Embassy. I am enclosing copy of a letter I sent him regarding your visit and perhaps you would wish to contact him while you are in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

Enclosure

August 7, 1958

Messrs. Tran Ba Thanh
Le Cang Dam
Nguyen Van Hay
Tran Van Huong
Roger Smith Hotel
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Messrs. Thanh, Dam, Hay, and Huong:

According to Cable SH4 received from MSUO Saigon, your government has disapproved the stop over in Rome. This will necessitate your going directly from Lourdes to Saigon.

Earlier we had been informed by College Travel that all your spaces were confirmed.

I suggest that you go to Pan American in Washington and request their assistance in making reservations from Lourdes to Saigon by the most direct route.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

cc.: Mr. Hoyt, MSUO Saigon

August 12, 1958

Messrs. Tran Ba Thanh
Le Cang Dam
Nguyen Van Hay
Tran Van Huong
Roger Smith Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Dear Messrs. Thanh, Dam, Hay, and Huong:

Please find enclosed the final checks for your per diem through the official stopovers in London.

I trust that you are finding the program that the ICA has laid out for your instructive and interesting.

Sincerely,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

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Vietnam Project
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan
August 20, 1958

Mr. Tran Ba Thanh
Green Park Hotel
Lodon, W. 1, U.K.

Dear Mr. Thanh:

Mr. Zacharias of the Fireproof Storage Company in Lansing has just called to tell me that the bill of lading on your suitcase were received and that the total charges are \$90.26. He has received my check in your behalf for the \$75. that he estimated it would cost but this figure now gives the actual cost of shipment as being an additional \$15.26.

I do not know if there would be any great difficulty in remitting this amount of money to Fireproof but perhaps this can be arranged either in London or Paris. The address of this organization is:

Fireproof Storage Company
728 E. Shiawassee
Lansing, Michigan

I trust that you are enjoying your trip to London and Paris and also that you had an enjoyable time in New York City last weekend.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

September 2, 1958

Mr. Tran Ba Thanh
80 Hong Thap Tu
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Thanh:

I understand that you had to leave the group early to return to Saigon and I am not sure whether or not you received the letter which I sent you in London. I know that it would be difficult to take care of this in Saigon but I am sure someone coming to the States will be glad to do this for you.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

EC:kc

September 10, 1958

Mr. Tran Ba Thanh
80 Duong Hong Thap Tu
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Thanh:

I am sorry to bother you again with one more paper to be signed, but we received a bill from Dr. Bauer just after I had written to you and although we completed the report, your signature is necessary before we can send the bill and request of payment to the insurance company. If it is easier for you, you might take the signed claim form to Mr. Waltman or Mr. Hoyt at MSUG and ask them to forward it to us.

I trust that you have now fully recovered from the illness you suffered while in the U.S.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

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September 11, 1958

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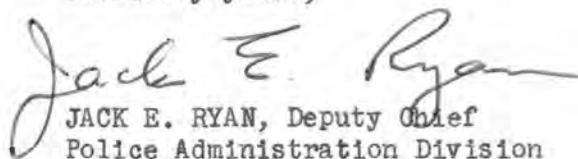
Miss Elsie Cunningham
Vietnam Project
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Cunningham:

Mr. Tran-Ba-Thanh, whom you will recall as having recently visited the campus at Michigan State University, has asked me to handle the matter of the \$15.26 balance owed on the shipment of his personal belongings from the United States to Saigon. I am enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Zacharias of the Fireproof Storage Co.

Mr. Tran-Ba-Thanh has asked me to convey his personal regards and thanks to you for the assistance you have already rendered in this matter.

Cordially yours,


JACK E. RYAN, Deputy Chief
Police Administration Division

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Enclosure