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on
POLICE LEADERS' VISITS

On July 16th, at 8:40 pm, Messrs. Huong, Hay, and Dam, accompanied by Mr. Bonnefil, interpreter, arrived at the airport in Milwaukee and were met by undersigned who escorted them to their hotel.

On the morning of the 17th the appointment with the Municipal Police was kept. This consisted of the visit to the Commissioner followed by visits to the various departments where a discussion of the responsibilities and techniques of each department was held. The administrative and technical procedures were discussed, and the equipment and other aids used in the various departments were demonstrated. This visit continued through the 18th and on the morning of the 19th (we) were escorted to the Sheriff's office, where a discussion of the duties and responsibilities as well as techniques of that department was outlined (to us.) This discussion was followed by a visit to the county jail with the aforementioned visiting officers (with) the actual operation of the area. During the entire visit all the officers were exceptionally courteous and went out of their way to explain and demonstrate their equipments, techniques, and methods.

On the evening of the 19th the above-mentioned visitors, with undersigned, drove to Chicago, where they were joined by Mr. Tran Ba Thanh who arrived on the 20th.

On the 21st and 22nd (we) visited the Chicago Police who took us through their department. In this instance (we) asked that their investigative bureau be gone into more extensively than the other branches of their department. For this reason considerable time was devoted to their detective or investigative branch, to their scientific bureau and to their vice and narcotics bureau. (I am) of the opinion that considerable knowledge of these techniques were gained by the visiting officers from Vietnam because they showed a great deal of interest and asked many questions and entered into discussion with the officers. To an extent they indicated considerable interest. After visiting the Police Department (we) were taken to the Sheriff's Office, where a discussion was held by the Sheriff, Mr. LOHMAN in which he outlined his office, his responsibilities, the scope and area of his authority and his problems. After this discussion (we) were escorted through the Cook County Jail, which is a large and crowded institution well organized and very efficiently and humanly administered. Here the various security techniques with the aids commonly employed, were displayed and demonstrated, even though the electric chair which, needless to say, was not demonstrated. The group extends much interest in all of these visits (asking) many questions, and (I am) confident that they gained a good understanding of the operations and administration of these two departments.

On the evening of the 23rd, the group motored from Chicago to East Lansing, where they were met by the members of the Vietnam Project Office and the Police Administration Division of the Michigan State University. The undersigned proceeded to Detroit to make final arrangements for the group to visit that city and on the 26th met the group at the railroad

depot in Detroit. The first official appointment in Detroit was Monday the 28th ~~at~~ which time the group, in company with undersigned, visited the U.S. Immigration Department and the U.S. Border Patrol. During this visit the responsibilities of the Immigration Department and the areas of operation as well as the organization and locations of the central office, the district offices, sub-district offices, and installations were outlined and discussed. The techniques employed and the equipment used were fully discussed and presented for inspection of the group. A trip on the Detroit river, which is the international border of this area, in a patrol boat of the Border Patrol was arranged. The visitors had an opportunity to see the shore lines and sky lines of Detroit and Windsor, to see the control points established by this bureau for the control of this area, and to view the many boats and other installations on the river and on the international shores. (We) were then escorted to the tunnel area, where a very busy point of operations is maintained. These operations were viewed, studied, explained, and discussed with the group. At this point the visitors had an opportunity to observe the actual officers at work in the Immigration Bureau and the Customs Bureau, as well as their cooperation with each other. Continuing this study the group were escorted through the tunnel to the Canadian shore, where they discussed with Canadian officials their methods and techniques in the control of the customs and immigration. As guests of the Canadian Immigration Department, the group were taken to the Head-quarters of the Northwest Mounted Police of Canada, where they saw the Administration Building and discussed with the commanding officers their techniques and operations. Following this visit the group were escorted back to the American side of the Ambassador Bridge.

29th ^{the 30th} On the following morning, the District Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was visited. The group spent the entire morning discussing the responsibility, area of operation, techniques and methods of this office.

they On the morning of the 30th (we) visited the Detroit Police Department, where we met the Commissioner, the Superintendent, and many other of the administrative officers. (We) visited the Training School and were escorted through the department and to the outlying precinct stations. In the evening arrangements were made whereby the group observed the operation in two of the precinct stations and were permitted to ride with the supervising officers on patrol duty. In this instance they observed the operation of the two-way radio patrol vehicle in actual service in the field and saw the officers actually responding to and disposing of the cases that arose in their respective districts.

On August 1st, the group went by air to Washington, D.C. In this city the program was arranged by the International Cooperation Administration and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The first visit was to the ICA offices, where Mr. Van Buskirk described the operations of this division of government. The following day (we) visited the Treasury Department, where (we) received information on the operation of that bureau and visited the following component parts: the Secret Service, the Alcoholic Service, the Narcotic Bureau, and the Training Bureau. These visits occupied the 4th, 5th, and 6th of August.

On the 7th (we) visited the FBI and the offices of the International Police Services, Training School and equipment Bureau. On the 8th the CIA inaugurated their program which was designed to occupy the complete time of our Vietnamese visitors up to the 16th ~~at~~ which time they will travel by air to New York City in company with Mr. Bonnefil and an agent from the offices of CIA.