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TO: Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Coordinator

FROM: Howard L. Waltman, Participant Director

SUBJECT: Program Recommendations for Police Leaders,
Hay, Haong, Thahh and Dam

The program recommendations included in this memo represent the combined thinking of General La, the participants, and our Police Division. The Police Division feels that Mr. Brandstatter will be able to detail specific assignments from the general recommendations and training objectives stated in this memorandum.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Travel. The President has specifically stated that these participants are to complete their trip in two months. This includes travel time. We must adhere to this time limitation, although General La has agreed that a two or three day delay would be overlooked.

The dates tentatively agreed upon are for the participants to depart Saigon on June 29 and to be back in Saigon on August 30.

They will proceed to the States via Manila and will not make any stops in Hong Kong or Japan. They will spend two days in Manila observing police operations. The arrangements for this will be made here by our Police people.

It is anticipated that they will arrive in San Francisco about July 4. They will be in the United States until August 19, at which time they will depart for England. The President has agreed to their returning via Europe to enable them to observe Scotland Yard operations. The Police Division is making arrangements for the visit to Scotland Yard through the British Embassy. We will definitely advise you on the approved stops for their returning itinerary in time for you to complete their travel schedule. I repeat, however, that they will probably leave the States by August 19.

English. All members of the group speak a little English. The level is generally poor, and interpreters will be an absolute necessity if the mission is going to be successful. I recommend that two interpreters be retained. This will allow you to split the group for specific assignments.

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In addition, Jack Ryan recommends that you investigate the possibility of hiring Gilbert Shelby. He feels that Shelby's knowledge of police problems here will help the group focus on the appropriate subject matter.

Arrival on West Coast. It would be highly desirable if these participants could be met on the West Coast by representatives of MSU. This would serve two purposes:

- (1) Eliminate the possibility of a poorly arranged greeting by USOM, or the Committee on Friendly Relations Between Students, and
- (2) Permit the participants to start work immediately by visiting the Sacramento and San Francisco Police Departments. Hoyt and Ryan both feel that a visit to these two police departments would be useful in that they are both considered excellent police organizations. Without an MSU escort, I would be very hesitant to recommend that you put them to work immediately upon their arrival on the West Coast.

If you are not able to meet them, I will recommend that we schedule them straight through to East Lansing. When you advise me on your plans for meeting them, I will be able to inform you of their final itinerary.

GENERAL TRAINING OBJECTIVES

General La has recommended that all four participants be given an opportunity to study and observe the following:

- (1) Organization of American Police at local, county, state, and federal levels. Explanations of the sources from which these police agencies derive their authority should be discussed, as well as responsibilities assigned to each of the agencies.
- (2) Police Training Academies. Consideration should be given to having the participant visit the Treasury Department School and the F.B.I. Academy firearms ranges. Other police training institutions should also be visited. The participants should be given detailed information on personnel selection procedures.
- (3) Police Communications Installations. Explanations should be given on operational and maintenance procedures.
- (4) Police Records Bureau, Identification Bureaus, and Crime Labs. General La has specifically requested that visits to the F.B.I. establishments of this nature be included in the agenda.
- (5) Operation and maintenance of technical equipment. This should include such devices as sound equipment, cameras, weapons, restraining devices, lie detectors and special office equipment.

- (6) Harbor Police and Port Authorities.
- (7) Immigration Services.
- (8) Vehicle Registration and Driver Licensing.
- (9) International Airport passenger control facilities.
- (10) Police Jails, and State or Federal Prison Facilities.
- (11) Traffic Control.
- (12) Central Intelligence Agency. General Las has requested that all participants spend one week with the CIA.

In addition to all the participants being orientated in the above subjects, General La has recommended that they be allowed to specialize according to their own specific needs. Messrs. Dam, Hay and Thanh should spend more time with the Federal people while Mr. Huong should concentrate on Municipal Police activities.

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In arranging their Washington schedule, you should probably plan on allowing some time for activities planned by the Vietnamese Embassy. This is a high-ranking group and there most probably will be some activities planned, although we have heard nothing official on this.

Extra-curricular activities to be planned might include a visit to the Oldsmobile factory, and a meeting with the Vietnamese police officers now in the States under ICA auspices.

Several additional meetings have been planned prior to their departure which I hope will reveal more information on their interests. I will send you any additional information that becomes available.

I have requested "leader per diem" for these people through USOM but have had no official response yet. I will advise you as soon as we hear anything official.

Have you been able to do anything on their Visa List Numbers? Everything else seems to be in order at this end.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *RHS*

TO: Mr. Stanley Sheinbaum DATE: July 25, 1958
FROM: Howard L. Waltman *HW*
SUBJECT: Program Recommendations for Police Leaders 2nd Group.

The following represents our program thinking for the police leaders leaving for the States in September. The exact date of departure has not yet been fixed. Attached are the Bio-Data and visa forms for the Participants.

The training for all should generally be oriented toward the administration of large Police Departments. They should also concentrate in particular on Personnel Procedures (including recruiting, training, promotion), Communications, Traffic Control Records and Identification, etc.

Mr. Tran-van-Tú

Mr. Tú is the Director of the Saigon Municiple Police. He is 40 years old, a widower, and the father of 5 children.

Our Police Division thinks very highly of Mr. Tú. To quote a recent report by Messrs. Kimball and Rumpf, "he (Mr. Tú) has a magnetic personality, welcomes new ideas and suggestions ... and has numerous capabilities, particularly as an administrator."

Mr. Tú's English is quite poor. He will, most definitely, need an interpreter if his mission is to be successful.

Howard Hoyt and Jack Ryan have recommended that the following Police Departments be visited by Mr. Tú:

Los Angeles
Cincinnati
Milwaukee
Detroit
Kalamazoo
New York

Howard Hoyt wants Mr. Tú and the others to see how the information from well kept Police Records is used in the utilization and assignment of police personnel and equipment.

It has also been suggested that it would be very useful for Mr. Tú to be able to trace a complete Police cycle. He should observe what happens to a prisoner from the time of arrest until he actually appears in court.

Nguyen-van-Huong

Mr. Huong's English is excellent. When he is travelling with the other two members of the group there will be no need for an interpreter.

He is a thoroughly experienced Police Officer, with a very sincere interest in his work. He is the Deputy Director of the Police Academy. His primary interest is that of Police Training facilities. This can roughly be divided into academic institution and Police Departments engaged in Police Training.

Howard has suggested that the following organization be visited.

Southern Police Institute at Louisville (for as long as two weeks if they have a class in session.)

Training facilities of the Detroit Police
N.Y. State Police Academy
N.Y.C. Police Academy
F.B.I. Schools
West VA. State Police Academy
Lie Detector School in Washington D.C.

His first week in the States could probably be spent very profitably being orientated and observing the Police Administration program (both long and short course) on Campus.

Mr. Tran-van-Phuc

Mr. Phuc now occupies 4 positions. He is the Chief of the Surete in Dalat, the Chief of the Municipality Police of Dalat, the Mayor of Dalat, and the Province Chief of the new Province of Dalat.

We have had very little opportunity to discuss his program with him. We do know, however, that he is interested in Public Administration as well as Police.

His program in the States should probably include a mixture of both. A large City Manager City would probably be the most analogous situation to Mr. Phuc's. Perhaps you can investigate the possibility of his spending some time in Cinn., Hartford or some other city about this size.

Mr. Phuc speaks some English and should, except for technical vocabulary, be able to get along.

cc: Dr. Smuckler
Mr. Hoyt
Mr. Ryan
Mr. Wood