

January 20, 1959

To: Howard Hoyt
From: Stanley Sheinbaum
Subject: Second Group of Police Leaders

Art Brandstatter, Ralph Turner, Larry Baril, Elsie Cunningham and myself had another long session this morning on the question of the plans for the second police group. One of the guiding principles, of course, stems from a general reaction from the members of the first group: there were too many stops - they were too superficial. Our present thinking then is to arrange for two weeks on campus - the first of which will be a general orientation to the United States and the second an orientation to police activities in the United States.

Mr. Huong will probably then be sent on his own to various training programs in progress at the time. The remaining three will probably go to a city (St. Louis would be a good choice) for three or four weeks. Mr. Bay and Mr. Ve would spend most of their time with the municipal police, while Major Phong would get a combination of municipal police observation and a state police observation. There would then be approximately two weeks for stops in New York and Washington.

These, of course, are just general considerations. We will probably afford Mr. Bay the opportunity of spending some time with a small department, as well as a precinct in a larger city.

What is the latest on dates? What about Mr. Chanh? Is their English improving any?

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cc: Elsie Cunningham ✓

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January 23, 1959

Mrs. Irene Neelly
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Dear Irene:

Discussions have just started again on the forthcoming groups of police leaders long delayed. Obviously it seems that there will possibly be need for at least two interpreters on this program and I am actually waiting for some definite word before contacting ICA again. In terms of program our police administration people are hopeful that we might be able to program three out of the four people for two weeks here and three weeks in the St. Louis area and after that a quick run through Washington and New York City, etc.

I suddenly realized when the Canadian Players appeared on campus that it was just about a year ago that the University of Saigon people were here. In fact I received a Christmas and New Year card from I suppose Mr. Luu Van Binh. I am in the process of sending out cards for Vietnamese New Years for February 7th through the 10th. Although we happen to have four people in Washington at the moment unless there is a sudden need I do not see an opportunity for me to get to Washington at any time in the near future. I think that Washington is a favorite city outside of East Lansing - that is among the Vietnamese that are here.

For your information I am including the Newsletter I recently sent to our participants which somewhat summarizes our current status.

In discussing this forthcoming police trip I was trying to recall the names of the Chief of Police in a town on Long Island that you mentioned to me when we were together in Detroit.

You might be interested to hear that there are several Tuinsians on the police short course here on campus.

Sincerely yours,

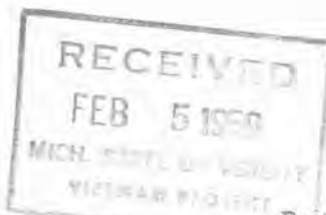
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To: Stanley Sheinbaum Date: January 30, 1959
From: Howard Waltman *HW* *PHS*
Subject: No. 89 -- Status of Second Group of Police Leaders

There has been no change in plans since Howard Hoyt's last memorandum to you on the above subject. The composition of the group remains the same and the planned departure date of March is still the objective. Messrs. Huong Bay and Ve have been visa-listed and we expect word on Phong and Chanh in the near future. I do not anticipate any procedural delays from the Government of Vietnam.

This might be an opportune time to review some of the observations and comments made by the first group of police leaders during interviews conducted by the Police Division upon their return. The reactions of the four men differed and I will attempt to state only the major points.

The returned participants reacted favorably to:

- (1) Scope of the Program.
- (2) Being received gracefully and kindly by the people of the United States.
- (3) Having their program well planned and executed.
- (4) Visiting, specifically, the F.B.I., Treasury, Michigan State Police and the Communications Sections of the Detroit and Los Angeles Police.
- (5) Observing the laboratory, records, and police training methods of Scotland Yard and the British Police.

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The police leaders suggested that the following aspects of the program be tightened up to increase the value to further leader participants:

- (1) Provide better orientation in the substantive, cultural and social areas prior to departure.
- (2) Provide, if possible, tentative itineraries prior to departure.
- (3) Direct the program to the specific interests of the individual rather than to the general interests of the group. For example they suggested that you might eliminate the customs and immigration visits unless the individual participant is specifically interested in this specialized phase of police administration.
- (4) Avoid scheduling-visits to several basically similar organizations.
- (5) Schedule a little more time for non-police activities. Specifically, the leaders expressed a unanimous interest in being able to visit schools, stores, private homes, historical and cultural sites, in addition to having time "to browse around."
- (6) If possible, clearly establish the objective of each visit. I think the participants were embarrassed at being asked "and now what would you like to see?"
- (7) Provide a little ~~a~~ lighter schedule immediately after arrival in the United States.
- (8) Allow each individual to concentrate on one organization for a period of time longer than the usual two, three or four day observation visit to a police organization.

I would like to repeat that the above observations do not represent the unanimous thought of the leaders; they are rather individual observations and suggestions.

Stanley Sheinbaum

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January 30, 1959

Attached you will find copies of the bio-date of each of the police leaders. I will send more detailed biographical information within the next week so that you can start moving on the programs.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Elsie Cunningham
FROM : Howard Waltman *AW*
SUBJECT : Police Leaders - Memo no. 91

DATE : February 4, 1959

In my last memo on the police leaders I mistakenly send the bio-data of Mr. Phuong when I had intended to send that of Major Phong. Attached you will find the correct bio-data. Please disregard that of Mr. Phuong.

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