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TO: Stanley Sheinbaum  
FROM: *Gilbert* Gilbert Shelby  
SUBJECT: Report on Police Leaders' field trip

On April the 6th I met the following Vietnamese police leaders in Los Angeles:

Messrs. Nguyen Van Huong  
Le Van Bay  
Nguyen Cong Chanh  
Lam Quang Phong  
Vuong Van Ve.

These gentlemen arrived by air from Hawaii, where they had visited with the Police Department in Honolulu.

On the 7th and 8th we visited the Los Angeles Police Department, where we were shown their very modern building, equipment and procedures. We were also escorted through their training school, which is an area on the outskirt of the city and very modern. On the evening of the 8th we emplaned for Detroit, where we arrived early in the morning of the 9th. We drove about the city of Detroit paying no official visits in this city and in the afternoon drove to East Lansing via the express way. This was the first opportunity the participants had of observing a modern American highway by actually traveling upon it.

From April the 10th to the 17th they were staying in East Lansing, where the group was briefed on American history, traditions, laws, and police organizations and techniques. During this period field trips were made to the Kalamazoo Police Department, to the Jackson State Penal Institute, to the Oldsmobile Factory for the participants for a few minutes to observe modern mass production methods. A special agent from the Detroit office of Federal Bureau of Investigation came to East Lansing and discussed the operation and the responsibility of that agency and answered many interesting questions by the group.

On April the 16th Major Phong and the undersigned returned to Detroit and flew to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where a visit was made to the Mercury Motors International, Ltd. On this visit Major Phong was shown through the factory and presented with much literature including a maintenance manual which will enable him to establish a modern maintenance and repair division in his command upon his return.

On April the 17th the remainder of the group, with the exception of Mr. Chanh, accompanied by an interpreter, Mrs. Neelly, entrained for Chicago, where they were met by the undersigned and Major Phong.

On April the 20th the group visited the Cook County Sheriff's office, where they were driven about the city and visited several substations of the sheriff's office located throughout the city. They were also taken through the Cook County jail, where they had an opportunity to study security methods. We were also permitted to view the communication systems of this sheriff's office.

On April the 21st the group proceeded by train to St. Louis, Missouri, where the Police of that city had prepared an extensive training program for them. This program extended from April the 22nd to May the 8th.

On April the 23rd the undersigned and Major Phong, accompanied by an interpreter, Miss Levey, went by bus to Fort Leonard Wood, where the major was permitted to tour the army camp and observe the type and arrangements of the barracks and training areas. In the evening of the same day this group proceeded to Jefferson City, Missouri, where Major Phong and Miss Levey remained until May the 7th. During this entire time Major Phong was assigned with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The major received excellent training with this organization. He was permitted to go through the entire department studying each division separately. He was taken on two patrols for day and night in the department vehicles. The use of radar traffic control was explained and demonstrated. He was flown about the state in the department plane where he had an opportunity to see the use of airplanes in traffic control in the pursuit and detection of criminals. He was also permitted to visit many of the outlying posts by this means.

On May the 7th Major Phong and Miss Levey were returned to St. Louis where they joined the other members of the group.

On May the 8th the entire group traveled by air to Washington, D.C., where a schedule has been prepared by governmental agencies in that city. This schedule included visits to the ICA and their associated agencies, visits and tours through the FBI Bureau, visits with the Treasury Department, and several visits with the IACP. In addition to this schedule the group visited the Smithsonian Institute, the various historical areas and monuments in the capital city, including the White House and the home of our first president in Mount Vernon.

On May the 16th the group proceeded by bus to New York City. Because of the short stay in this city no official program was outlined. The one-working day in New York was devoted almost exclusively to last-minute arrangements and preparing luggage and materials for shipment to Vietnam. However, the chief places of interest in New York were visited and the group was entertained in the home of former members of the Michigan State University Staff in Vietnam.

On May the 19th the group emplaned for London, England and departed the United States, apparently well satisfied and well informed for the

period of time allocated to them in this country. I might say all were in excellent health throughout the entire trip; all enjoy American foods and hotel accommodations. All conducted themselves in a very gentlemanly manner throughout the entire trip. There was not one single incident in which there was a display of anger or dissatisfaction by any member of the group toward anyone , and there was no incident occurred in the entire trip in which any member was embarrassed in any way.

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