

The Pick-Mark Twain
Eighth and Pine Streets
ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

Sunday May 3rd

Dear Elsie,

Just a note to tell you that I have not yet received any other salary check, but the one I got in Lansing. - I hope the check did not get lost. How should I write up my account for per diem and terminal and transportation charges?

Usually I file Government forms, provided by ICA. Should I do the same thing? -

I stayed on with the guys in St. Louis, and missed the high life in Jefferson City (according to Mr. Shelby). When I was ~~abre~~ with them last week end, we did sight-seeing by bus, and downtown shopping. We worked

both Saturdays. The men seem satisfied and work hard, no complainers. -

Mr. Huong told me that Mr. Shoenbaum is coming to Washington. Do you know what date if any ... do you think your husband come to see the group off?

My husband phoned me yesterday, and I am rather happy to get back...

Sincerely

Irvin Neely

May 4, 1959

Mr. A. J. de la Mare
British Embassy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. de la Mare:

It is my understanding that a program is being arranged at Scotland Yark for the Vietnamese police officials currently visiting American police departments under the auspices of this project. The following individuals are members of this group: Mr. Nguyen Van Huong, Mr. Le Van Bay, Major Lam Quang Phong and Mr. Vuong Van Ve.

We have already informed the ambassador and Mr. Truong Buu Khanh of the Vietnamese Embassy concerning the travel arrangements made for this group. These gentlemen will leave New York City on Pan American flight #2, May 19th, and will arrive in London 7:35 a.m. on May 20th. Their departure will be on BOAC 712 at 10:00 a.m. on May 28th. This will enable them to be back in Saigon on June 1.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in providing information about these gentlemen or their itinerary, please to not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Coordinator

May 5, 1959

Mr. Robert Thurston
Police Administration Division
International Cooperation Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thurston:

Please find enclosed several copies of the background information on the Vietnamese police officials. In addition, I am enclosing a copy of the schedule they followed while attending briefing on this campus. They are presently in St. Louis with the exception of Major Phong who is at the Jefferson City Barracks of the Missouri State Police.

These gentlemen arrived in Los Angeles on April 6 following several days in Honolulu. From Los Angeles they came directly to East Lansing. After this they spent two days with the Sheriff of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois. They are scheduled to depart from Washington for New York on May 16 and from New York to London on May 19. Mr. Huong, who is with the training branch of the academy, is particularly interested in polygraph and will have done some special work in St. Louis in this field.

I gather that all of the Vietnamese officials have expressed an interest in visiting the FBI School. It seems that most of the other agencies of the government have been overshadowed by the reputation of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

EC:kc

cc.: Mr. Brandstatter
Mr. Shelby

P.S. Mr. Brandstatter wrote to Mr. Theo Hall on March 19 and April 15.

May 5, 1959

TO: Howard Hoyt
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Mr. Nguyen Cong Chanh # 167

This weekend Ralph Turner will take Mr. Chanh and Bai, Giao, and Giau to Chicago to visit the Police laboratory. From there they will go to Madison, Wisconsin, with Mr. Nicol. According to our current plans, Mr. Chanh will leave here at the end of June, travel briefly to Washington, D.C., New York, and return home via London.

EC:kc

cc.: Waltman



Elsie

BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1959.

Dear Mr. Sheinbaum,

Thank you for your letter of May 4 about the four Vietnamese Police Officers currently visiting American Police Departments.

It was good of you to give me the information about their arrangements for travelling to and from England. I have passed this on to the Foreign Office, who will keep in touch with the Vietnamese Embassy in London.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. de la Mare

(A. J. de la Mare)



Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum,
Michigan State University,
East Lansing,
MICHIGAN.

Friday, May 15th, 1959

My dear Elsie :

Mr Shelby has advised me yesterday, that due to the fact that there will be no police program in New York and that the participants will be invited by an Agency, I am not needed in New York.

I shall be with the group to-morrow until they leave Washington and will be off the assignment. I do not know what your office will decide about salary. Normally the interpreter stays with the team until it leaves the U.S. When an interpreter is relieved from an assignment without any fault on his part (which very seldom happens) he gets five days notice; however this is not written in the contract and MSU is perfectly entitled to pay me only until May 16th inclusive. I have received in Saint-Louis a check for my salary until April 25, inclusive.

Enclosed you will find my voucher for per diem and transportation miscellaneous expenses. There is a balance due to MSU of \$ 25.50, on the advance received. I shall remit it as soon as I receive my salary check, or your payroll section may wish to deduct it, whichever is more convenient.

Now that we have disposed of this sordid, but necessary matter, let me tell you that I have enjoyed working with you. Thanks to your organizing talent, things went smoothly all along, I have met interesting people, and have gotten along both with the participants and with Mr. Shelby...I hope that Mr. Schejbaum has been satisfied with my services, if such is the case I would appreciate it if he said it in writing through channels(ICA).

The highlight of my trips is to get back home..our yard is lovely, flowers and trees begin to grow, Washington is very pleasant when the weather is cool...my husband is going away on business in the first week of June, I will soon have a new assignment, probably with a French group.

I have not forgotten that you have never been to Boston, where I go with many teams, and where I have very close friends..it will be fun if you can join me there..of course you know that there is always a bedroom for you here and an old jalopy to drive.

Please be my interpreter and give my regards to those whom I met on your program.

With best regards from my family and mon meilleur souvenir,

Jean *Nelly*

P.S. You will find enclosed the Greyhound ticket for my trip to New York and the signed exemption certificate for the return trip, that you have given me.

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Via Airmail

May 18, 1959

Mr. Gilbert Shelby
Sheration-McAlpine Hotel
33rd & Broadway
New York City, NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Shelby:

We wish to enclose several photographs which were taken during Major Lam-Quang Phong's visit to our factory in Cedarburg, with our President Mr. Valy Z. Smith.

We will appreciate if you pass these photographs on to the Major with our compliments.

Very truly yours,



David Height.

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AIR MAIL

May 22, 1959

TO: Howard Waltman
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Major Phong's Visit to Mercury Motors.

Please find attached two pictures taken during Major Phong's visit to Mercury in Milwaukee. The printed training materials (on repair and maintenance) that I received from Mercury for Major Phong will be sent to Saigon for Major Phong.

cc: Howard Hoyt.

May 25, 1959

COLLEGE TRAVEL
130 W. Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Miller:

Attached is one Greyhound lines ticket, No. A 695542, which was not used by Mr. Irene Neelly when she was traveling with the Project's party of police leaders early this month. Will you please arrange for refund, and thank you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Doris M. DeKoning
Assistant to the Coordinator

Att.

May 26, 1959

TO: John Griffin
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Tickets - Major Phong #180

Please find attached the tickets that American Airlines issued in Los Angeles for Major Phong. Mr. Shelby turned these over to me when he came to East Lansing following the departure of the police leaders.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT • OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

May 29, 1959

Mr. Truong Buu Khanh
Embassy of Vietnam
2251 "R" Street, N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

Dear Khanh:

Mr. Nguyen Cong Chanh who arrived in the United States at the same time as Messrs. Huong, Bay, Ve and Phong will be leaving East Lansing on June 13. He will arrive in Washington on Capital 104 at 5:02 p.m., June 13.

From Washington he will go to New York by Greyhound bus on June 17th. On June 21st he will leave for London on BOAC 684 departing at 11 p.m. and arriving at 1:50 p.m. on June 22.

During his stay in Washington and New York he will be accompanied by Mr. La Van Hung; however there will be no one with him in London and since his English is very limited I would appreciate your notifying the Embassy of his arrival. He leaves London on BOAC 712, Thursday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Thanks again.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D. C.

June 1, 1959

Miss Elsie Cunningham - Vietnam Project
Office of the Coordinator
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Re: Nguyen Cong Chanh

Dear Miss Cunningham:

We appreciate your letter of May 5 providing the background information on the four Vietnamese Police Officials: Nguyen Van Huong; Le Van Bay; Major Lam Quong Phong; and Vuong Van Ve.

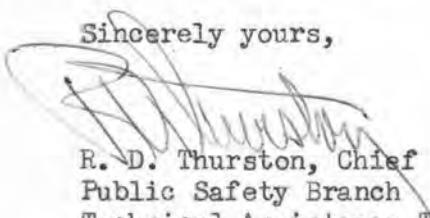
It was noted that Nguyen Cong Chanh did not arrive with the group, and Mr. Shelby advised us that (1) Commissioner Chanh desired to reduce his program from six to three months, and (2) would spend another month or so in East Lansing. The three-month period terminates about July 5, 1959, and it seems desirable to retain the planned one week Washington, D. C. visit in his program, particularly since he is the Director of the Crime Laboratory, Saigon, Vietnam.

Please furnish this office the following information soonest, so finite program arrangements may be initiated here:

- (a) Background information.
- (b) Outline of studies and total program (places and content).
- (c) Exact dates for Washington program, flight number, arrival time.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



R. D. Thurston, Chief
Public Safety Branch
Technical Assistance Training Staff

June 2, 1959

Commander George H. Hatherill
Criminal Investigation Division
New Scotland Yard
London, S.W.1, England

Dear George:

This is just a brief note to tell you that Mr. Nguyen Chanh, Director of Laboratories, Vietnamese National Police, will be stopping in London sometime this month. I am sorry that I cannot give you the exact arrival date inasmuch as his final itinerary has not been completed. When he presents himself at Scotland Yard, I will appreciate it if you will arrange for him to have a brief visit to your laboratory.

For your information, I am leaving East Lansing June 18 for a two-year assignment in Saigon, Vietnam to continue the work begun several years ago. My family will accompany me on this tour. Assuming that all goes well, Mrs. Turner and I should be able to visit with you on our return in 1961.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph F. Turner
Professor

RFT:nl

June 2, 1959

Lieutenant James Osterburg
Police Academy
Police Department
New York, New York

Dear Jim:

One of our Vietnamese police participants, Mr. Nguyen Chanh, Director of Laboratories of the Vietnamese National Police, will be in New York around the 20th of this month. I will appreciate it if you will arrange for him to visit the New York City Police Department Laboratory.

I haven't heard anything from you since our visit at Indiana. Inasmuch as we are leaving June 18, I'd appreciate hearing from you before that date. Otherwise, correspondence will have to wait until I get settled in Vietnam.

Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Ralph F. Turner
Professor

RFT:nl



June 2nd

PARK-SHERATON HOTEL

NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

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JUN 5 1959

MICH. STATE UNIVERSITY
WIEDEHNAM PROJECT

Dear Else,

I am very surprised to receive a salary check for the period of May April 10 through 25, as final check. - ~~There are two days of salary due to me even by your own calculations~~ Even according to your own ~~calculations~~ made of computing there are two days salary due to me. -

If you remember I pointed out when I received my first check that it started on April 6th, instead of April 5 date when I left Washington, according to your instructions. I even quoted the pertinent wording of my ICA contract.

I have worked with the group
on Saturday May 16th from 9 AM,
helping them to check out, assemble
their luggage, go to the Post Office,
and finally to the Greyhound
Terminal at 12.30 PM. -

Usually, when I work ~~with~~ of
ICA I have a contract (as it is
the case right now), but I just
assumed that ICA stipulations
applied for your project. Moreover I
have in Washington your letters concerning
the dates of April 5th and April 16th
Under the circumstances I prefer to
return the check to you in order that
you might clear up this misunderstanding.

Thanking you for your
cooperation,

Sincerely

Frederick W. Neely

Mr. Shelby, acting as the representative of the
University told me when he thought I
would be paid through the 29th...

I will be back in Washington next week. -