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VIETNAM PROJECT - OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

June 3, 1959

Mr. R. D. Thurston, Chief  
Public Safety Branch  
Technical Assistance Training Staff  
International Cooperation Administration  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Thurston:

Thank you for your letter of June 1 concerning Mr. Chanh. As a matter of fact Mr. Sheinbaum had just discussed with Mr. Theo Hall arrangements for Mr. Chanh's visit to Washington on June 15-17.

Mr. Chanh will be arriving in Washington on June 13 on Capital 104 at 5:02 p.m. He will be accompanied by Mr. La Van Hung, a participant from his laboratory who has been studying at MSU since last September.

Mr. Chanh will depart from New York for London on June 21. The time of his departure on the 17th for New York has not been set. Both he and Mr. Hung will go to New York via Greyhound Bus.

In addition to his work at the police laboratory on campus, Mr. Chanh has visited the police laboratories in Chicago, Madison and Cleveland with a member of the police administration school faculty. At the State Laboratory he spent three days observing the work done there.

Please find enclosed a copy of Mr. Chanh's bio-data form.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

Enc: Bio-data form

June 5, 1959

Mrs. Irene Neelly  
5031 Alta Vista Road  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Neelly:

This morning we received your check for salary, no. 281220, returned with letter saying that the salary payment period should have included the 16th through the 19th in addition to the days covered by the salary check. Elsie was able to get in touch with Mr. Shelby to verify that our understanding was correct, and we have issued another payroll card to cover the additional four days. We are, therefore, returning this check for your ouse. The four days' salary will be covered in the check issued at the next regular pay period, Friday, June 12, and we will forward it to you.

In reference to the beginning date of your employment, we refer you to our letter of May 5, 1959, in which we stated that salary was being computed on a Sunday-through-Saturday basis and therefore your first check did cover the period beginning April 5, although this is a bit at variance with the "pay ended" date as stamped in the upper left hand corner of your statement of earnings with each check. If you will add up the number of days covered in the "time" box of your statement of earnings for the checks you have received, these should equal the actual number of days you were serving as interpreter with our project, from April 5 through May 19, inclusive. According to our count, this should be 45 days, and a total of \$900 gross earnings.

If there is any further question, please do not hesitate to write to us.

Sincerely,

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

Att. Check No. 281220

TO: Howard Hoyt

DATE: June 5, 1959

FROM: Elsie Cunningham

SUBJECT: Police Leaders (# 190)

Please find enclosed a copy of Mr. Huong's letter to Mr. Sheinbaum. I know that by now these gentlemen have arrived back in Vietnam.

Mr. Chanh will be leaving here on June 13 with brief stop-overs in Washington, New York and London. He is due to arrive in Vietnam on June 28. At his request, I am sending Huong to Washington and New York with him. I have also alerted the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington and requested that they inform the London Embassy of his arrival.

I trust that he has no difficulties once he is on his own in London and Singapore.

cc: Howard Waltman

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## VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

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GENERAL OFFICE:  
137, DUONG PASTEUR

TELEPH. NUMBER: 22.022-21.528  
21.891-21.991

June 10, 1959

TO: Coordinator  
FROM: Chief Advisor *RHS*  
SUBJECT: Lost PAA Ticket

PAA/Saigon would have to ask us to deposit local currency for the reissued ticket for Nguyen Cong Chanh since there is a chance that the lost ticket will be used. If we are to make such a deposit, we must get authorization from the Government of Vietnam since we purchase tickets at the 35 to 1 rate of exchange. I would prefer not to do this if you can deposit dollars instead in East Lansing. Since Mr. Chanh will not be coming back until after June 30, any additional travel costs for participants would be picked up at that date under the dollar contract anyway, and your use of funds for this purpose could, therefore, be considered legitimate.

If, for some reason, this cannot be done with dollars let me know, and we will ask the GVN to authorize such a deposit. If we do, it may be very hard on Mr. Chanh.

RHS/dcm

cc: Mr. Griffin



June 11, 1959

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

Dear Mr. Thurston:

There has been a recent change in plans and Mr. Nguyen Cong Chanh will not leave the United States until July 2nd. However, he has specifically requested that his stay in Washington remain the same and that he be allowed to go to Buffalo, New York on June 21st and return to New York City on June 23rd for an additional week.

He is presently wait listed on several flights to London on July 2nd and we do not expect confirmation of this flight before his departure on Saturday, June 13th.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

June 11, 1959

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

Dear Mr. de la Mare:

There has been a recent change in plans and Mr. Nguyen Cong Chanh will not leave the United States for London until July 2nd. At present we have no confirmed flight reservation for his trip from New York to London on July 2nd. However, we hope that the space can be confirmed during his stay in Washington from June 13th to the 17th.

I am sure Mr. Truong Buu Khanh at the Embassy of Vietnam would be in a position to have this information as soon as it was available.

At Mr. Chanh's request, he will only remain in London for two days and then return directly to Saigon.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum  
Coordinator

SKS:EMC:mm

TO: Howard Hoyt  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: June 12, 1959  
SUBJECT: Nguyen Cong Chanh (#195)

We have changed Mr. Chanh's itinerary to give him an additional ten days in New York City and he will now depart for London on July 2nd. At his specific request we have allotted only two days for London and then immediate return via Singapore. According to this itinerary, Mr. Chanh will be arriving in Saigon on Pan American flight 866 on July 7th from Singapore.

cc: Howard Waltman

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## VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

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MAILING ADDRESS : MSU-USOM  
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June 16, 1959

GENERAL OFFICE :  
137, DUONG PASTEUR

TELEPH. NUMBER : 22.022 - 21.528  
SAIGON : 3 8 3 - 3 8 4

TO : Elsie Cunningham  
FROM : Howard L. Waltman *HW*  
SUBJECT: No. 143 - Participant Chanh (Ref. your memo No. 190)

I was surprised to see that Mr. Chanh left E. Lansing on June 13th. Your memo to Howard Hoyt was the first indication we had that he was not going to stay for the recommended period of training. As far as I know the Directorate General of Police and Security did not change the length of the training period. In my memo No. 133 I reported receipt of the decree authorizing a 3 month extension from June 1st.

Can you please fill me in on the details concerning the decision for him to return home at this time.

cc: Hoyt





TO: Chief Advisor  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: June 18, 1959  
SUBJECT: Lost PAA Ticket (#205 - Ref: Your memo of 6/10)

Before giving Mr. Chanh the PAA ticket from here to Saigon, Mr. Miller requested him to sign a release. As I understand it, this release means that he would be responsible if the ticket turns up within the three month's period. However, the M.S.U. address is on this release, and we would, of course, pay this.

As for how the ticket was lost, this still is an unsolved problem. My recollection is that Mr. Chanh's ticket was given to College Travel along with those of the other police leaders. Mr. Chanh states that he turned over these tickets to Huong who subsequently gave me all of the tickets for reissue while the police leaders were in East Lansing. However, I was in the College Travel office recently when a thorough search was made for these tickets.

I do not expect that these tickets are actually lost in the sense that someone else can use them for transportation, but I know that Pan American must protect themselves in a case like this.

cc: John Griffin

June 22, 1959

Mr. Nguyen Duc Thanh  
Fechtel Associates  
1261 Broadway  
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Thanh:

On June 23rd Mr. Nguyen Cong Chanh will be returning to New York for an additional ten days prior to his departure for London and Saigon. On his earlier visit to New York Mr. Chanh was accompanied by another participant who has been in the United States since last September. However, on his second visit, Mr. Chanh will be in New York City unaccompanied. He does not speak English very well and I feel that it might be helpful if he had an opportunity to meet some of the Vietnamese who live in New York.

Mr. Chanh is head of the police laboratory in Saigon and arrived in this country at the same time as Messrs. Huong, Ve, Bay and Phong. During most of his stay he has been in the laboratory of the police administration school here. In addition, he has visited Chicago, Cleveland, Madison and Washington, D.C.

If you have the opportunity to meet Mr. Chanh I would certainly appreciate anything you might be able to do for him. He will be staying at the Woodstock Hotel.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant

EMC:nm

TO: Howard Waltman  
FROM: Elsie Cunningham  
DATE: June 23, 1959  
SUBJECT: Participant Chanh (#211 - Ref. #143)

Mr. Chanh was apprised of the fact that he had a three month's extension for his stay in the United States before his departure from campus for Washington and New York. However, frankly speaking, I do not believe that he was able to grasp sufficiently the information presented to him to warrant his remaining on the M.S.U. campus longer. His lack of English constituted a real barrier.

At all stages we consulted Mr. Chanh on his wishes for the program arrangements. I am definitely of the opinion that any traveling or moving about would require an interpreter. We were able to bridge this problem very nicely at this time but only by availing ourselves of the time between terms were we able to take the opportunity to have Hung accompany him on these trips.

June 23, 1959



TO : The Coordinator  
FROM : Howard L. Waltman  
SUBJECT: No. 145 - Major Phong Packages

I have Elsie's response to Ralph's memorandum on Major Phong's use of the FPO. For your added information, I would like to report that several packages have come through the FPO for Phong but they were smaller parcels and contained only reading material relative to his studies.

The large package that stimulated Ralph's memo to Elsie is somewhat of a mystery. The invoices which came to me from the shipper came via FPO, but upon speaking to Phong about it, he said that this large package is coming to me c/o 137 Pasteur rather than our FPO address. Should this be the case then there is nothing to worry about.