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Dear Stan:

Following is an evaluation of the four Vietnamese police officers who have been enrolled in the Police Administration program for the school year 1956-57.

Phan Huy Dan, Cao Xuan Linh, and Tran Ngoc Nhuy enrolled in PLA 110, PLA 320, and PLA 321 during the first two terms. These men were enrolled as regular students for a short time at the beginning of the fall term, but their status was changed to that of visitor because of the language difficulties that arose. They were also enrolled in a special English class. They attended classes regularly, but they preferred not to take the examinations because of the difficulty of taking notes and of writing.

They lived in a dormitory while on the campus and they conducted themselves in an excellent manner. These men were very quiet and unassuming. They appeared to be very shy and very seldom volunteered any comments, although they conversed fairly well when being spoken to.

The spring term was spent visiting and observing police departments in the State. They spent two weeks with the Detroit Police Department, one week at Michigan State Police Headquarters at Bay City, one week at the Kalamazoo Police Department, and the final two weeks at Michigan State Police Headquarters in East Lansing. These men felt that they obtained more good out of these assignments than they did out of the academic, but, again, we must mention that the language difficulty would be the determining factor for arriving at that conclusion. They enjoyed their stay very much and left with a feeling of accomplishing and absorbing much toward their better understanding of the police methods as practiced in this State.

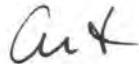
Mr. Nguyen Thong was enrolled as a regular student for the 3 terms in PLA 314b, PLA 314c, PLA 310, PLA 317a, plus the special English class in which the previously mentioned men were enrolled. Mr. Thong progressed very well and received very good grades. He spent one week in the Detroit Police Scientific Laboratory during the spring vacation.

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He seemed to be more animated than his three colleagues and we believe he gained more out of his stay than they did, but, again, it may be because of the fact that he specialized in laboratory work, which is a field that is familiar to him even in his own country.

We believe these participants gained in knowledge and experience while they were at Michigan State University. Language was the greatest problem for them to overcome.

Yours sincerely,



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