

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
East Lansing

Vietnam Project . Office of Coordinator

MEMORANDUM

April 3, 1956

To: Homer Higbee
From: Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Subject: Return transportation for participants now in the United States.

Lt. Tran Phuoc Thanh, the only participant in East Lansing on a six months basis, is scheduled to leave here approximately May 15th. From this end it would be best if we could work directly with the College Travel Office in East Lansing for the scheduling and general handling of the return passages for the participants. Even though payment for fares are to be made in piastres College Travel can continue to service these passages for us. This can be done if your office can arrange to make the necessary credits available to the Pan American District Sales Manager in Saigon when the relevant cable request is received through the facilities of Pan American World Airways.

Lt. Thanh will be returning via Paris. We can be expecting that others of the participants will make this same request. College travel has figured that if they accept a tourist-fare flight from New York to Paris and then first-class, but without berth, for the remainder of the trip to Saigon the extra distance involved going east instead of west will not involve extra cost. New York to Saigon this way comes to \$897.60. San Francisco to Saigon with berth comes to \$951.00.

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Office of Chief Advisor

April 30, 1956

TO: Stanley K. Sheinbaum
THRU: Dr. Edward W. Weidner, Coordinator
FROM: Dr. Wesley R. Fishel, Chief Advisor
SUBJECT: Return Transportation for Participants Now in U.S.

I am quoting from Homer Higbee's memorandum to me, which is in answer to your memorandum of April 3:

"I have requested the "Office des Changes" permission to pay in piastres in Saigon for that portion of return participant travel which is outside the U.S. The "Office des Changes" has indicated their approval for this action and requested that in each individual case the University write a formal letter to us declaring that the participant has been in the U.S. for training or other educational purposes, give the length of time the participant has been in the U.S., his date of departure from the U.S., and the exact amount of the fare to be paid in piastres in Saigon. P.A.A. in Saigon have been advised of the decision made by the "Office des Changes."

RS/dcm

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May 17, 1956

Dr. Wesley R. Fishel
Vietnam Advisory Team
M. S. U. - U. S. C. M.
American Embassy
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear Dr. Fishel:

I would appreciate it if you would request from the "Office des Changes" of the government of Vietnam the piastre equivalent of \$ 905.50 for the return transportation to Vietnam of N. Tran Phuoc Thanh. N. Thanh arrived in the United States on November 18, 1955 and left on May 14, 1956. During that period he was a trainee in Police administration under the auspices of the Michigan State University contract with the International Cooperation Administration and the government of Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Stanley Z. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

Edward N. Weidner
Coordinator

also include city from which
participant leaves U.S.

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May 17, 1956

To: Dr. Wesley R. Fishel, Chief Advisor
Thru: Dr. Edward W. Weidner, Coordinator
From: Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Subject: Return Transportation for Participants Now in U. S.

Received today your memo of April 30, 1956 outlining procedure for piastre payment in Saigon for the participants return trips. This will be followed in the future and a letter will be forthcoming for each participant detailing the information which you indicate in your memo.

I am attaching one such letter in the case of W. Tran Phuoc Thanh even though I do not know it is still necessary in light of the fact that P. A. A. has already received payment for his fare. I'm sorry that you were so buffeted by cables from P. A. A. and then from this office. Thanh had left Lansing permanently. The closer time came to his ETD of May 14 without either response to my April 3rd memo or answer to P. A. A's request for piastre payment the more concerned we became about ticketing him on time. His being in Washington left us with less flexibility in the matter. For the rest of the participants, however, you will receive the necessary letters with plenty of time to spare.

SKS/dm

June 25, 1956

Dr. Wesley R. Fishel
Chief Advisor
MSUG - USOM
Navy 150, c/o FPO
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Fishel:

This letter supersedes my previous letter of June 13, 1956 re:
N. Q. Lan.

I would appreciate your requesting from the "Office des Changes" of the Government of Vietnam the piastre equivalent of \$944.00 for the return transportation to Vietnam of Mr. Nguyen Quoc Lan, Mr. Lan arrived in the United States on November 18, 1955 and will be leaving the United States from New York City on July 31, 1956. During that period he was a trainee in public finance under the auspices of the Michigan State University Contract with the International Cooperation Administration and the Government of Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

SKS:jb

Approved:

John T. Dorsey, Jr.
Acting Coordinator

July 18, 1956

Dr. Wesley R. Fishel
Chief Advisor
MSUG - USOM
Navy 150, c/o FPO
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Fishel:

This letter supersedes the letter of June 25, 1956 relative to the same subject.

I would appreciate your requesting from the "Office des Changes" of the Government of Vietnam the piastre equivalent of \$950.64 for the return transportation to Vietnam of Mr. Duong Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen arrived in the United States on November 25, 1955 and will be leaving the United States from Detroit on August 25, 1956. During that period he was a trainee in public administration under the auspices of the Michigan State University contract with the International Cooperation Administration and the Government of Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Director, Participant Program

SKS:jb

Approved:

John T. Dorsey, Jr.
Acting Coordinator