

TENTATIVE TRAINING PROGRAM

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION</u>
Mr. Tran Van Tai	Architecture <i>Lautner</i>
Mr. Luu Van Binh	Law <i>Fox + Schubert</i>
Mr. Nguyen Cao Hach	Economics ?
Mr. Nguyen Dinh Hung	Physics ?
Mr. Tu Ngoc Tinh	Mathematics <i>Trame</i>

<u>Dates and Place</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Local Advisor</u>
November 25-29, 1957 <u>Washington, D. C.</u>	Orientation, processing and discussions.	Dr. Robert W. Harper Program Specialist Far East Technical Training Section Office of Education
December 2-4 <u>Philadelphia, Pa.</u>	Interviews, discussions and cultural visits.	Dr. F. Hilary Conroy Assistant Professor of Far Eastern History University of Pennsylvania
December 5-7 <u>New York, N. Y.</u>	Interviews, discussions and cultural visits.	Dr. Donald G. Tewksbury Advisor to Students from Other Lands Teachers College Columbia University
December 9-11 <u>New York, N. Y.</u>	Interviews, discussions and seminar.	Prof. Fred E. Crossland Director of Public Occasions New York University
December 12-13 <u>New York, N. Y.</u>	Free time for individual visits and meetings.	Miss Elinor Dubin Executive Secretary American Friends of Vietnam 4 West 40th Street
December 16 <u>Boston, Mass.</u>	Interviews, discussions and campus visits.	Mr. Paul M. Chalmers Associate Director of Admissions Massachusetts Institute of Technology
December 17 <u>Boston, Mass.</u>	Free for cultural and individual meetings.	

University of Saigon Professors

<u>Dates and Places</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Local Advisor</u>
December 18-19 <u>Boston, Mass.</u>	Interviews, discussions and campus visits.	Miss Alice M. Belcher Administrative Assistant Office of the University Marshal Harvard University
December 20-30 <u>Athens, Georgia</u>	International Seminar and Christmas Program.	Mr. T. W. Mahler Associate Director Instructional Services University of Georgia
December 31-January 3 <u>Miami, Florida</u>	Free for sightseeing and rest.	
January 6-7 <u>Miami, Florida</u>	Interviews, discussions and campus visits.	Dr. Ralph S. Boggs Director of International Center University of Miami
January 9-10 <u>Gainesville, Florida</u>	Interviews, discussions, and campus visits.	Dr. Ivan Putman, Jr. Foreign Student Advisor University of Florida
January 13-16 <u>Knoxville, Tenn.</u>	Visit and observe Tennessee Valley Authority.	Mr. William Shafer New Sprankle Building 508 Union Avenue
January 17-19 <u>Chicago, Illinois</u>	Visit Museum of Science and Industry.	
January 20-24 <u>East Lansing, Mich.</u>	Interviews, discussions and campus visits.	Miss Elsie Cunningham Office of the Coordinator Vietnam Project Michigan State University
January 27-31 <u>Washington, D. C.</u>	Final reports, conferences, exit interviews and evaluation.	Dr. Robert W. Harper Program Specialist Far East Technical Training Section Office of Education

Schedule for University of Saigon professors visiting M.S.U. Campus
January 15, 16 and 17

January 15

Dr. Tu Ngoc Tinh - luncheon and meeting with Dr. Frame, Head of Mathematics Department through 2 p.m. or later

Dr. Nguyen Dinh Hung - Meeting with Dr. Spence, Acting Head of Physics Dept. (56 Physics-Math Building, Ext. 2811) 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Dr. Luu Van Binh - meeting with Dr. Guy Fox and Dr. Glenn Schubert, Political Science Dept., 4th Floor Berkeley Hall 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Dr. Tran van Tai - meeting with Dr. Harold Lautner, Head of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Room 21, A-1 South Campus at 2:00 p.m. (ext. 3268)

Reception at the Union Building, Room 22 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

January 16

Appointment with Dr. Sauckler at 8:45

Meeting with Governor Williams, State Capitol at 10:30 a.m. followed by a tour of the State Capitol

Luncheon downtown

Tour of the Oldsmobile Plant beginning at 1 p.m. (corner of Olds & Logan at former Customer Drive-Away Area) through Mr. Jack White Public Relations Dept.

3:30 p.m. Appointment with Dr. Clifford Erickson, Dean of Education

January 17

Seminar on Higher Education in U.S. conducted by Paul Dressel and Lewis B. Mayhew from 9 to 12 in the Friends of the Library Room, 1st floor of Library

Luncheon at the Student Union in the Sunporch at 12:15

3:00 p.m. Meeting with Dean Seelye of the College of Business and Public Service

3rd floor on left from elevator

attended Dr. Frame's class, 10 a.m.

attended Dr. Wolmer's class, 1 p.m.

Room 20 - State Capitol - Mr. Sauckler

1-3 - Building - Room 51

September 19, 1957

Dr. Harper
International Cooperation Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Since our conversation on Tuesday I have discussed briefly with Dean Glen L. Taggart, International Programs, the possibility of having the four professors from the University of Saigon on campus for approximately four weeks. He agreed that it was a fine idea and suggested that I go ahead and contact the various department heads involved. I have spoken to the following people:

Dr. James S. Frame, Head, Mathematics Department
Dr. Laurence Quill, Head, Chemistry Department
Dr. Robert D. Spence, Acting Head, Physics Department

The answer was positive in all cases concerning the possible visit of a Vietnamese professor in this country to study American teaching methods in these various fields. However, I believe, the point that Dr. Quill brought up concerning his willingness to cooperate provided it would not require anything too "special" is one that in attitude was echoed by each of these gentlemen. I have yet to contact Dr. John Hunter, Acting Head of the Economics Department, but I hope to do so tomorrow.

Dean Taggart was favorably inclined, but pointed out that the departments themselves would cooperate only after many of the details of the program had been worked out. In other words the major portion would fall into my lap in addition to my own work. In spite of this I'm still very much in favor of the idea. Of course the more information we can have the better the possibilities.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

cc: George Wittman

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 26, 1957

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Viet Nam Project
Office of Coordinator
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Cunningham:

I certainly appreciated your letter of September 19 in which you indicated that Michigan State University might wish to work with us in planning a training program for four university professors from the University of Saigon: Messrs. Tran Huu The, Tu Ngoc Tinh, Nguyen Dinh Hung and Nguyen Cao Hach.

I am enclosing biographical data sheets and copies of the project descriptions on the men which will give you some indication of their backgrounds and needs. We had expected them to arrive on September 22; however, the latest word from Saigon is that they will arrive on November 25. The following is merely a tentative program plan:

November 25--December 6	-	Washington Orientation Program
December 9--20	-	Educational and Cultural visits in New York City
December 23--January 3	-	Christmas Adventure in World Understanding, M.S.U.
January 6--31	-	Seminar Program at M.S.U.
February 3--12	-	Evaluation Seminar Washington

As far as can be ascertained, none of this group speak English, thus there is the problem of language. For this reason, I would like to suggest that the group be handled, if feasible, along seminar lines. All four of the men are university professors, thus the theme of the seminar might be "Higher Education Practices in the United States". This would include organization, administration, curriculum, tests and measurements, laboratory facilities and usage and teaching methods.

Regarding anything "special", it might be possible for the men to spend several mornings each week as suggested in the above paragraph. Afternoons might be spent attending classes in their respective fields. I know that the department heads are extremely busy, thus the only "special" phase of the program might be the willingness of the department heads to have the required individual meetings with the professor concerned.

Miss Elsie Cunningham--9/26/57

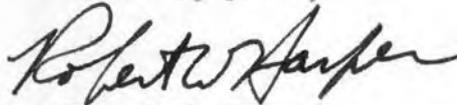
Please remember that these are merely suggestions and I will welcome your comments and ideas because I know that this is not going to be easy.

It would seem to me that the big problem is interpreters. We will have only one for the group of six. The other two men are in Law and Architecture, thus we hope to have the University of Michigan cooperate with us. If so, the only interpreter might go with them because you have a number of Vietnamese students, including Mr. Ban who knows me, plus many people who handle French well. Would it be very difficult to get some of the Vietnamese who handle English fluently to volunteer for the task ahead. Perhaps some graduate students in French might welcome such an opportunity to obtain further fluency.

I know that you are in favor of the idea and I appreciate your willingness to take on such a heavy burden. Those of us who believe in this work don't really mind the sacrifices because we believe in the value of international education, thus I feel that if Michigan State University can cooperate, our visiting professors will be deeply grateful.

With my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Robert W. Harper
Program Specialist for the Far East
Technical Training Section
Division of International Education

Enclosures

C O P Y

Office of Chief Advisor

September 27, 1957

TO: Coordinator
FROM: Chief Advisor
SUBJECT: Eight Professors Visiting U.S.

In response to your memorandum of September 17, Sandy Brownstein has checked with Mr. David Wood at USOM. Mr. Wood reports that the 8 people on the list have not yet been definitely scheduled to go to the U.S. However, they are presumably going at the instigation of the GVN under USOM sponsorship and will be going to specific schools, not traveling about the country on junkets. None are scheduled to go to MSU, nor have any indicated an interest in going there; 2 are under Health Division's PIOPs and 6 under the Education Division's PIOPs. Most are scheduled for eastern schools.

One of the group, Mr. Nguyen Cao Hach, economics professor, also teaches at the Institute. Mr. Wood has mentioned this to USOM Education Division, but as yet there is no indication of a plan for him to visit MSU. Mr. Wood indicates that if there should develop any possibility for Hach or any of the others to visit MSU we will have plenty of advance notice and will have time to arrange it.

I think it would be extremely helpful if we could entice Mr. Hach, who, incidentally, is one of the most highly qualified persons at the Institute in terms of academic background (he had the French agrege), to spend at least a few days in East Lansing talking with political science and economics professors and possibly also with a dean or two. I shall mention this possibility to him the next time I see him and will keep you posted on any developments.

October 7, 1957

Dr. Robert W. Harper
Program Specialist for the Far East
Technical Training Section
Division of International Education
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Although I have not had an opportunity to discuss the visit of the University of Saigon professors further with Dean Taggart (the flu has hit the faculty as well as the students on this campus), there are a few comments I would like to make.

It is impossible to think in terms of the Christmas program at M.S.U. as this is restricted to students recommended by their foreign student advisers who have been in this country at least one term. The actual dates for the program will be from December 19 to 29. According to the information given me by Mrs. Carpenter there is room for 100 students and they expect at least twice as many applications.

I am rather worried about the language problem for even with the generous cooperation of the Vietnamese students on campus this will be difficult. Since they are all scholarship students and in addition either working for their respective departments on graduate assistantships or keeping house, their time is limited. Insofar as French is spoken by staff members, this will ameliorate the situation.

Something that is even more crucial is the information in the Project Implementation Orders. In looking over these I note the specific institution or institutions that the faculty member has requested. If, instead, they are all sent to Michigan State University, I wonder if they will be satisfied that this is as effective in serving their needs. The prestige factor and the reputation of these institutions in the particular fields they have chosen would be difficult to match here.

For instance, Professor Hach's interest in textiles and tax incentives to stimulate industry would perhaps best be served in one of the Southern universities. Since he has spent two years in Great Britain, it is possible that his command of English would be sufficient for this purpose.

Dr. Robert W. Harper

I am anxious to hear what revisions you might consider necessary in view of what I have written. Although it would be more convenient if their arrival was slated for the Fall Term, I shall be glad to do as much as I can.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 4, 1957

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Viet Nam Project
Office of Coordinator
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Miss Cunningham:

It has not been possible to write to you sooner regarding the professorial group from Vietnam; however, I do want to tell you that the program has been drastically reduced to a total of six weeks.

The people composing the Project Implementation Orders in Vietnam often seem to lose contact with reality in our country, thus it is not possible to accomplish all of the objectives the Americans propose. It is realized that most visitors think their programs fail if they have not been able to visit Harvard, Yale, MIT and such institutions. In the addition, the objectives are not feasible within the time limitations.

Present plans are for the men to visit East Lansing for only two days, January 13 and 14. One day could be spent on the theme "Higher Education Practices in the United States". The second day could be devoted to as much individual discussion as possible with departmental people in their respective fields. As things now stand, we cannot split the six men, thus the men in architecture and law would come to Michigan State, too. Exposure to the general practices of Higher Education practices would benefit them.

I will be interested in your further comments and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,



Robert W. Harper
Program Specialist for the Far East
Technical Training Section
Division of International Education

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DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 29, 1957

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

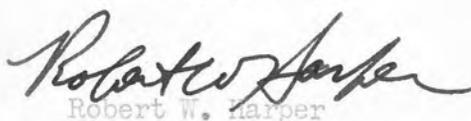
Dear Miss Cunningham:

I appreciated your fine letter of November 25 regarding the five professors from the University of Saigon. I doubt that you will appreciate the information that the time has been changed again to the period January 15-16-17. In any event, I am sending you some copies of the original itinerary. January 13-14 will be spent at Akron, Ohio, and then on to East Lansing if you agree. The change resulted from the fact that the men must return earlier than planned.

I do not anticipate any further changes, thus you may want to finalize your program plans. As I am leaving for Philadelphia and New York with the group, I am asking my secretary, Mrs. Gloria M. Fusco, to keep you posted of any last minute changes in signals.

Your understanding will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Robert W. Harper
Program Specialist for the Far East
Technical Training Section
Division of International Education

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December 19, 1957

Dr. Robert W. Harper
Acting Program Specialist for the Far East
Division of International Education
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Harper:

Just to get a note off as to how things are coming on this end, I trust that everything else is going off without a hitch.

The first snag I hit was housing. It seems that this is the height of the conference season at Kellogg and not a thing is available there. I have reserved space in the dormitory that is used to take the overflow from conferences and other very necessary transient housing. It is conveniently located across the street from Kellogg Center, but it will be something less than the private room with bath that you would have in a hotel. I have reserved 7 single rooms since I did not know whether people would particularly care to share rooms.

If one of the interpreters is a woman (I believed this is what you said over the telephone), I should know this. In fact I would very much like the names of both interpreters.

In addition to the campus activities, I am trying to arrange a meeting with Governor Williams and some view of the Capitol and Oldsmobile. If it looks like I might be duplicating anything that has already been done, please let me know.

Does their schedule call for arrival on the night of January 14 or the morning of the 15th? I think for the moment that this is all the information that I needed. Of course anything you might want to add now that you have met these gentlemen would be useful.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

P.S. If you write me in the next week, please send a copy c/o G. Cunningham, 77 Hackensack St., E. Rutherford, N.J.

December 20, 1957

TO: Chief Advisor
THROUGH: Frank Cliffe
FROM: Elsie Cunningham
SUBJECT: Visit of University of Saigon Professors to M.S.U.

1. With reference to your memorandum dated Sept. 27 concerning the University of Saigon professors visiting the U.S. under USOM Sponsorship they will visit this campus.
2. If there are no last minute changes, we expect Professor Hach and the four other University of Saigon professors here between January 15 and 17. All members of this group are traveling together due to the limited availability of interpreters to accompany them.
3. Their itinerary has included many of the eastern universities as well as several southern universities.

*Called to say
will probably
arrive Jan. 15
except Mr. Hach*

December 20, 1957

Mr. E. R. Munkachy
Brody Group Offices
Campus

Dear Mr. Munkachy:

In confirmation of our telephone conversation of December 18 here are the names of the 5 University of Saigon professors expected to be on campus from January 15 to 17:

Mr. Tran van Tai
Mr. Lam van Binh
Mr. Nguyen Cao Hach
Mr. Nguyen Dinh Hung
Mr. Tu Ngoc Tinh

In addition there will be two interpreters traveling with them.

Since I do not know the exact time they are scheduled to arrive, I wonder if you could tentatively reserve these same rooms for January 14 should their arrival be timed for that evening.

Each of these individuals will be responsible for his own bill.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

*7:30 - 9:50
5:05 - 7:37*

January 14, 1958

Dr. James S. Frame
207 Physics-Mathematics
Campus

Dear Dr. Frame:

I just thought that you might be interested in some brief information on Dr. Tu Ngoc TINH (pronounced Ting). Dr. Tinh attended the Faculte des Sciences a Paris for five years and received his Doctorate from this University. Since his return to Viet Nam he has been in the School of Science of the University of Saigon. He is particularly interested in mechanics and analytical mathematics and our methods for teaching in these areas.

Dr. Tinh arrived in the U.S. just before Thanksgiving and is scheduled to return to Saigon early in February. He has had an opportunity to visit Columbia, M.I.T., Harvard, U. of Pennsylvania, U. of Florida and U. of Miami. During the Christmas vacation he attended an international seminar at the U. of Georgia along with four other professors from the University of Saigon.

Viet Nam having only recently gained its independence from France the University of Saigon follows the French pattern. With the hope that it might be helpful I am including a copy of an address made by the Chief Advisor of the Vietnam Project in Saigon which was intended to explain some aspects of the American university system as well as the work of the project.

I am still awaiting final word as to the arrival time of this group and will call you if it appears that Dr. Tinh will not arrive in time for your luncheon appointment. There will also be a coffee given by the Project for these visiting professors from 3:30 to 5:00 in Room 22 of the Student Union on January 15, and if you have an opportunity to come, please do.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

January 14, 1957

Dr. Robert D. Spence
56 Physics-Mathematics
Campus

Dear Dr. Spence:

I just thought that you might be interested in some brief information on Mr. Nguyen Dinh HUNG. Mr. Hung attended both the University of Hanoi and the University of Saigon and received his Licence of Science in 1948. His particular interest in the field of Physics is in Spectrography.

Dr. Hung arrived in the U.S. just before Thanksgiving and is scheduled to return to Saigon early in February. He has had an opportunity to visit Columbia, Harvard, M.I.T., U. of Pennsylvania, U. of Florida, and U. of Miami. During the Christmas vacation he attended an international seminar at the U. of Georgia with four other professors from the University of Saigon.

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We would be pleased if you could attend the coffee from 3:30 to 5:00 on January 15 in Room 22 of the Student Union following your appointment with Dr. Hung at 1:30.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

January 14, 1957

Dean Clifford E. Erickson
116 Morrill Hall
Campus

Dear Dean Erickson:

I am enclosing the bulletin from the Embassy of Viet Nam which first announced the intended visit of the University of Saigon professors to the United States. I have checked off the names of those professors who will be in the group with whom you have an appointment on Thursday, January 16 at 3:30.

Of these professors two (Tinh and Binh) have received their doctorates from French universities. In Viet Nam the educational system follows the pattern established during French rule.

Since their arrival in the United States just before Thanksgiving these professors have visited Columbia, Harvard, M.I.T., U. of Pennsylvania, U. of Florida, and U. of Miami. During the Christmas vacation they attended an international seminar at the U. of Georgia.

The Vietnam Project is giving a coffee in honor of these professors from 3:30 to 5:00 on January 15 in Room 22 of the Student Union, and if time allows, please feel free to drop in at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

January 17, 1958

Dr. Robert W. Harper
Program Specialist for the Far East
Technical Training Section
Division of International Education
Office of Education
Department of Health, Welfare & Education
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Harper:

You will probably have an opportunity to meet with the Vietnamese professors before you receive this letter, but I did want to tell you how much we enjoyed their visit and hope that they in turn consider their stay here worthwhile.

As it so happened they arrived on Tuesday evening and were temporarily housed in Kellogg Center. Since they were leaving on Thursday evening for Niagara Falls, I was to arrange for them to remain at Kellogg rather than move to a dormitory. It seems that no one had been informed of my inability to get reservations for them at Kellogg in advance.

With their arrival a halfday earlier than I had anticipated, it was quite fortunate that I was able to rearrange the program to include all the things we had planned with the exception of a tour of the Oldsmobile Plant (Mr. Hach had informed me that they had toured an auto assembly plant in Georgia). All our meetings including one with Governor Williams seemed to have been a success.

I must say that I do not envy Mrs. Neely and Mr. Bonafil their jobs insofar as arranging transportation is concerned (it took almost 1½ hours to do this yesterday morning). I enjoyed meeting and working with them and am enclosing a clipping for Mrs. Neely about the lost dog that was in the Governor's office.

I am also going to send several copies of the MSU Annual Report which I neglected to provide while the University of Saigon professors were on campus.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham

DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 21, 1958

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

Dear Miss Cunningham:

I appreciated your letter of January 17 regarding the visit of the Vietnamese professors. The clipping will be given to Madame Neeley when she comes in this afternoon.

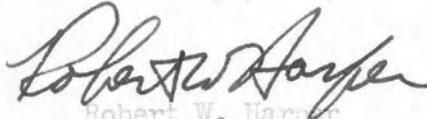
Of course, I haven't had a chance to talk to the men yet about their visit with you; however, I am certain that they will speak well of Michigan State.

I agree that the interpreters do not have an easy time of it; however, Mrs. Neeley and Mr. Bonafil have had much experience and know what to expect.

Please know that I appreciated very much every moment that you spent in order to make their visit a meaningful one. Should there be anything that I can do for you, you have only to ask and I will comply within the scope of my mandate.

With my very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Robert W. Harper
Program Specialist for the Far East
Technical Training Section
Division of International Education

Elsie

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
VIETNAM ADVISORY GROUP

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May 6, 1958

GENERAL OFFICE:
137, DUONG PASTEUR

TELEPH. NUMBER: 22.022-21.528
SAIGON: 383-384

TO: The Coordinator

FROM: The Chief Advisor

SUBJECT: Change in Dean of the Faculty of Letters, University of Saigon

I think you would be interested to know that before my arrival in Saigon there was a change made in the deanship in the Faculty of Letters. Mr. Nguyen Dinh Hoa, the American educated Ph.D., to whom you referred while I was still in East Lansing, had been removed from his deanship and replaced by an older French-educated dean. There are various rumors floating around as to the reasons for this sudden shift. The most persistent explanation appears to be political in nature and results from a new Minister of Education taking a direct hand in the operations of the University.

Several Americans and Vietnamese have voiced their displeasure with this shift and, in fact, the Rector of the University did not hesitate to be critical of the "politics" which had entered into his University. He himself did not approve of the removal of Dean Hoa.

This is merely for your information since I know you have an interest in this matter.

RHS:mrw

RHS