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Biographical Data Sheet

NAME: Mr. Tran Van Tai

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AGE: 34

ENGLISH ABILITY: Fair (Interpreter advised)

PRESENT POSITION: Dean of the School of Architecture, University of Saigon.

FIELD OF INTEREST: American architecture and the teaching of architecture.

EDUCATION: Unknown

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This participant's primary objectives are to become acquainted with modern American architecture and the manner in which it is taught in the United States. He is also interested in gathering data on the availability, design and erection of pre-fabricated buildings and minimum structural shapes.

In materials and design, special attention should be given to modern mechanical accessories such as elevators and air-conditioners, as well as maximum utilization of local materials. In university training programs, he has a special interest in examining curriculum and examination procedures.

As Dean of the School of Architecture, the participant is in a very effective position to modify and improve architectural education and practice in Vietnam. It is expected that the results of his study in the United States will be reflected in the curriculum, the methods of instruction, and within a few years in buildings themselves, both government and private.

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