



UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON

April 17, 1958

Dear Miss Cunningham:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation about the forthcoming visit to East Lansing of Mr. Khuong Binh TAY. I am delighted that you agreed to look after him. He will be with you and the staff of the Viet-Nam Project from May 22 to 25.

Mr. Tay is in charge of cultural exchanges in our office in Saigon, Viet-Nam. He is a very resourceful person, but will need some door-opening and appointment planning by you. He wants to see the entire Viet-Nam project and to talk to everyone connected with it. If it turns out that a tape recording can be made, would you please help him to get it done?

I am enclosing a few copies of Mr. Tay's biographic sketch and a photograph for your information.

I'm sure Mr. Tay will enjoy living in Emmons Hall with other students, and I hope he will be included in some campus social life.

Thanks so much for helping us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen N. Sestanovich", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen N. Sestanovich
Chief Training Officer
Local Employee Orientation Program

Enclosures:

1. Biographic sketch.
2. Photograph.

Miss Elsie Cunningham
Viet-Nam Project
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

May 8, 1958

Mr. Stephen N. Sestanovich
Chief Training Officer
Local Employee Orientation Program
United States Information Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sestanovich:

Thank you for your letter of April 17. I have delayed my answer until I was sure of the time that I would be in Washington. I now expect to stay at the Statler for two days (Monday and Tuesday, May 12 and 13) as there are several matters urgently requiring my attention in Washington.

Will Mr. Tay be in town during this period? If so, I would be pleased to meet him and perhaps get a clearer idea of what he would like to do in East Lansing.

At present we are taking a group of pictures for publicity purposes depicting the typical day in the life of one of our Vietnamese participants. Do you suppose that it would be at all possible to do a short movie film (providing the good weather does not desert us) while Mr. Tay is here on the six Vietnamese participants here - I can think of several ideas that might conceivably be worked into a movie.

I might also mention that Dr. Wesley R. Fishel, former Chief Advisor in Saigon, is expected on May 24 and I know that all the Vietnamese and several other persons expect to be at the airport to welcome him. Do you think that this might be an opportunity to do a series of tapes and pictures?

From a purely personal standpoint I would very much appreciate it if you could obtain for me the present address of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacNeal. My friends and I seem to have lost track of Mrs. MacNeal who is, as a matter of fact, a former roommate of mine.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant

May 28, 1958

Mr. Stephen N. Sestanovich
Chief Training Officer
Local Employee Orientation Program
United States Information Agency
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sestanovich:

Just a note to explain that I have forwarded to your officer for Mr. Tay a catalogue which he obtained from Dean Osgood who heads up the School of Advanced Graduate Studies and is concerned with exchange programs.

We all enjoyed Mr. Tay's visit very much, and I feel sure that he has served as an excellent introduction of Viet Nam for various Americans and as a real bridge for the Vietnamese students when they return to Saigon. In fact, I believe that he has succeeded in personally presenting the work of your agency to various people on campus.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham
Administrative Assistant