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May 2, 1958

TO: The Coordinator

FROM: The Chief Advisor *phs*

SUBJECT: Visit of Vietnamese Officials

*For
Hofstadter
to show* [

I would like to know if a group of distinguished Vietnamese officials can be hosted in East Lansing for a couple of days this month. The group consists of Dr. Tran Vy, Secretary of Health, Dr. Le Van Khai, Director General of Health and Hospitals, Mr. Truong Bui Khanh, Attache of Vietnam Embassy in Washington, and Dr. Tran Van Bang, Director of Cho Quan Hospital in Saigon, Alternate Member.

The group will be leaving Saigon on May 20 to attend the World Health Organization Conference in Minneapolis from May 26 through June 15, 1958. The party will then leave Minneapolis for Chicago and from there will travel to New York. They will be available for a visit to Michigan on their way to New York, which will be on June 15 or shortly thereafter. So far as we are aware, ICA is not financing their trip.

Would you investigate the feasibility of arranging a series of visits and meetings for this group in East Lansing? They should have at least one-half day or one day on the East Lansing campus and about a day visiting State health officials and facilities. Since this group consists of high Vietnamese officials, including a Minister of State, it will be necessary that they be accorded VIP treatment. For their East Lansing visit I would suggest a call upon President *Hamilton*, or if he is unavailable, with other high MSU administrative officials, a tour of the campus and a visit to the MSU Student Health Center. For their off-campus visits, I would suggest a call upon the head of the Michigan Health Department and perhaps even the Governor, and an inspection of State health facilities. You may want to consider a visit to the University of Michigan Medical School. Since the Minister of Health is a Professor of Medicine, I believe a pathologist, he would be more interested in the medical and research aspects of health and medical programs than in the administrative aspects, though some familiarity with the latter would also be helpful.

Would you please cable us whether arrangements can be made for the Minister and his party along the above lines. Since the group will depart from

Vietnam on May 20, we will need a quick response, by May 16 at the latest. If your response is favorable, we will make further arrangements here and send you the information.

RHS:mrw

P.S. These people are currently important to us because we are working in Health Ministry at this time. Consulting Section is studying the Ministry with eye on reorg. & O & of recommendations.

RHS

Dr. Tran Vy speaks English.

Republic of Vietnam
Department of Health
No 9189 BV/GD

TRANSLATION

Saigon, May 15, 1958

The Secretary of State for Health
to
Mr. Chief Advisor, MSUG, SAIGON

Mr. Chief Advisor:

In reference to your letter of May 12, 1958, I am pleased to thank you for your kindly inviting me and the Vietnamese Delegation to visit both Michigan State University and the Michigan State Health Department on the occasion of our visit to the United States to attend the World Health Organization Meeting in Minneapolis.

Since we have to return right after the closing date of the Meeting, I plan to consult the Conference agenda on my arrival to the Conference Hall and if possible, to visit the Michigan State University and the Michigan State Health Department on some less important day during the Conference period.

Yours sincerely,

TRAN VY

Stan —
Just received this.
Self explanatory
Ralph

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May 16, 1958

TO: The Coordinator
FROM: The Chief Advisor *RHS*
SUBJECT: Visit of Health Officials to East Lansing

I am glad you have been able to respond favorably to the possible visit of Dr. Tran Vy and company. I have written to Dr. Vy and suggested this stop to him. So far he has not responded. There is about a 50 - 50 chance that he will say "yes", since he seemed to be interested when I talked to him informally about it prior to cabling you.

Our work with the Health Ministry began before I arrived, and is in response to the Ministry's request and the request of the Health Division of USOM. I would not want us to become over involved in this survey we are doing, but since we are involved actively, then the hospitality you might be able to extend to Dr. Vy might assist us in doing a good job.

More on this as soon as I get some response from him.

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Leonard Raine

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EAST LANSING

VIETNAM PROJECT - OFFICE OF COORDINATOR

June 5, 1958

Dr. J. K. Altland,
Assistant Commissioner
Department of Health
State of Michigan
DeWitt Road
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Altland:

Following their attendance at the World Health Organization conference in Minneapolis Dr. Tran Vy, Secretary of Health for Viet Nam and Dr. Le Van Khai, Director General of Health and Hospitals, will be visiting Lansing and East Lansing for one day on Friday, June 13.

It would be very much appreciated if arrangements could be made for their inspecting State health facilities and meeting with you and the Commissioner, if possible. Dr. Vy is a physiologist and is naturally enough particularly interested in the work being done in this area. If it is convenient I would like to suggest scheduling this visit from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. on Friday afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley K. Sheinbaum
Coordinator

Vietnam Project
Office of Coordinator

June 10, 1958

Dr. Tran Vy, Secretary of Health for the Republic of Viet Nam, will visit Michigan State under the auspices of the Vietnam Project on Friday, June 13. Dr. Vy was elected Vice-President of the World Health Organization at its recent conference in Minneapolis. In addition to visiting the sciences departments here on campus Dr. Vy will also visit the State Health Department. He will be the guest of honor at a luncheon given in Kellogg Center.

✓ Should have been to
Executive Board
(correct info from Khanh
at Embassy -
incorrect - Fushel

June 12, 1958

Schedule for Dr. Tran Vy, Secretary of State for Health

- 9:15-11:15 Inspection of classrooms, laboratories and meetings with members of the Departments of Microbiology and Public Health and Physiology and Pharmacology to be arranged by Dean Armisted, Dr. Alfredson and Dr. Ferguson according to expressed interests
- 11:30-12:00 Meeting with Dean Taggart, International Programs
403 Library
- 12:00-1:30 Luncheon - Voyager Room, Kellogg Center with the following guests:
Dean Willie W. Armisted, College of Veterinary Medicine
Dean Milton E. Muelder, College of Science and Arts
Dean Glenn Taggart, International Programs
Mr. Stanley K. Sheinbaum, Coordinator, Vietnam Project
Dr. Frank Cliffe, Jr., Assistant Coordinator, Vietnam Project
Dr. Wesley Fishel, International Programs and Vietnam Project
Dr. B. V. Alfredson, Head, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology
Dr. Lloyd Ferguson, Head, Department of Microbiology and Public Health
Dr. Chester A. Lanson, Head, Department of Natural Science
Dr. Marvin D. Solomon, Department of Natural Science
Dr. J.K. Altland, Associate Commissioner of Health and Training Director, Medical Services
- 1:30 - 4:00 Program at the State Health Department arranged by Dr. Altland
- 5 Dinner with Dr. Fishel, Mrs. Fishel, Dean Taggart and Mrs. Taggart

June 19, 1958

Dr. J. K. Altland
Associate Commissioner of Health
DeWitt Road
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Altland:

Thank you for the arrangements that you have made for Dr. Vy to visit the State Health Department last Friday. I would appreciate your conveying our appreciation to all those members of your staff who helped to make Dr. Vy's visit to Lansing a more meaningful one.

The photographs that were taken at the luncheon and outside your building by our photographer are enclosed. I have tentatively identified the people at the luncheon, but unfortunately all the members of our staff and Dean Taggart are out of town so if any errors have been made, please forgive me.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie Cunningham