MSUC STAFF MEETING  
November 9, 1961

PRESENT: Messrs. Fox, Donoghue, Emery, Hanes, Maynard, Joiner; also Mrs. Maggie  
ABSENT: Mr. Adkins (at USOM)  

At USOM, Fox announced publication of a new study, the Giau-Woodruff "Study of  
the Administrative and Financial Aspects of a Village in Viet-Nam." He also  
spoke briefly on the KROPA Conference, especially the seminar on metropolitan  
administration. In response to Gardiner's questions, he stated leveling of  
the NIA grounds is expected to be completed in three days and December 15 is  
still set for the inaugural ceremony.  

At MSUC, Fox reported that at the USOM meeting the head of a 3-man mission from  
the new AID/W, William Ellis, spoke at some length on the critical attitude  
towards foreign aid programs. Congressional criticisms are fourfold: 1) the  
programs have no real focus nor direction—there is too much "drift," making  
evaluation of accomplishments difficult, especially in Vietnam and Korea;  
2) frequent justification of programs as being in the "national interest,"  
without factual substantiation; 3) failure to establish proper priorities—use  
of a "scattergun technique" and resultant dispersion of activities; 4) failure  
to insist on country performance—the possible result being that granting of  
aid allows countries to avoid the real difficulties they should face. These  
views appear to be shared by leaders of the Kennedy Administration. Hamilton,  
head of AID, can be expected, according to Ellis, to take a very tough position,  
insisting that programs must be fully justified and accomplishments demonstrated.  

Fox will follow up on the status of the Giau-Woodruff study, which is now rumor-  
ered to be banned. Thong has informed us it is being held pending compilation  
of a new, up-to-date distribution list. The Director of Information has been  
sent a letter (written by Khôi) on Donoghue's My Thuan study. If release is  
approved, it was suggested approval of distribution of Child's publications  
then be requested.  

Fox reported on the KROPA Conference, represented by ten countries, USOM's and  
various organizations in the P.A. field. Three seminars were held.  

He circulated a communication from Hendry. Hendry views the 10-year service  
requirement as a stumbling-block in obtaining participants and suggests a reduc-  
tion to 5 years. Donoghue remarked this is not important here, where persons  
can always work around this stipulation. However, as Fox commented, Hendry  
cannot diplomatically inform potential candidates of this fact.  

Maynard reported the NIA has furnished the USOM/Education participant (see 10/27  
minutes) with the necessary information to submit an application.  

Joiner, with Mrs. Maggie's assistance, has done considerable research and files  
sorting on participants. Remaining man months have been computed; it appears  
some will be unused at the end of contract. Fox suggested we undercommit and  
have USOM pick up the difference. Maynard suggested listings of participants  
scheduled to come to the NIA and also USOM grants; he and Joiner will discuss  
the latter.
The NIA has been informed that library orders should be discontinued as of December 1, on the assumption of a phase-out. Joiner reported we have at least $1,200 available and recommended the bulk of the purchases be in the public administration category. Relative to other NIA matters, Fox will meet with Thong and Dang this morning on office space and maintenance personnel. Due to the delay in moving, it may be feasible to release the latter now.

The staff was asked to review Hendry’s memorandum on “Records,” which will be used as a guide and explored further with USOM.

At the USIS Coordinating Committee meeting this week comparative degrees were discussed, as well as leader grants. The latter permit stateside training for leading personalities in any field, including consultation with appropriate American officials. To obtain such a grant, a candidate must be sponsored by USIS, who processes, then secures GVN’s final approval; Fox will discuss this further with USIS.

Hendry has indicated a Vietnam section may be built up in the NSU Library. Joiner asked the staff to give him any possible additions, for forwarding. Khanh’s study, he thinks, should be published in Vietnamese. Maynard suggested a resume in English be inserted. Fox agreed, provided, after a study, a full English version is not approved.

Maynard stated a strong letter will be sent to Interior, regarding deficiencies in execution of that Department’s responsibilities in the provincial training program.

Humes reported NSUG has turned over 4,500$VN to the Flood Relief Fund.

Emery announced that, on this week-end anniversary of last year’s coup, no special precautionary measures, security-wise, have been ordered.

Recorded/Weaver