Nov. 2, 1959

Dear Art:

This is to answer your letter of Oct. 16. There probably was a little misunderstanding, judging by your second paragraph. When I talked about trying to get an MSU man to replace Manopoli or Hemmye I was considering the following problems: Hemmye is due to leave around Oct-Nov. 1960. Turner, Shields and Strecher will leave in May-July 1961. This would leave Handville and the two replacements for Hemmye and Manopoli to wind things up in June, 1962. Therefore, I am suggesting that it would be good for the project if an MSU man could be around to handle the closing out. If this is not possible, Smuckler and I talked over the possibility of one of us, Ryan, Turner or Hoyt coming out for 3 months in 1962 to do the job. There is, of course, another possibility to consider, however it is much too early to make any plans. I am reasonably certain at this stage of the game that I would not be interested in another tour beginning in the fall of 1961. Rich should be starting college (or go into service), Georgia will want to get in her last two years of high school, and John will be starting high school, so it looks now as though the Turner family should be in Okemos. Shields and Strecher, however, do not have exactly the same family problems, and if one of them wanted to extend for a year I would feel that the interests of the PLA Dept. and MSUG would be well represented. If this occured we would not have any particular problems. Naturally, this is much too soon to make plans, for many things can occur between now and 1961. Does this give you a more complete picture of my current thinking? If you have any questions, shoot!

With regard to considering George Eastman for assignment out here, frankly I am a little leery of it. This probably is a premature judgement, but from what I have heard about him and my few personal contacts I'm afraid we might have another chief out here without enough work to keep him busy or interested and too much opportunity to get into the sort of things that caused difficulties with Updike. Glenn Schultz would be a better choice as far as I'm concerned. However, the fact remains that we need a radio man and an ident man.

Gribbon's qualifications look OK as far as the sheet which you sent me goes. I will want, however, a statement in writing which will indicate that he, Gribbon, does personally know all of the details of the Henry system of fingerprint classification, and he personally will agree to classify cards, search the files, correct errors, and personally train additional technicians. In other words, we do need a man with administrative experience, but we also need a technician who will get his hands dirty. The problem with the fingerprint file is that they have not had close supervision recently, apparently Chamberlin did not help them too much on this matter, and the file is now getting to such proportions that it needs an overhaul. With this National Identity Card program moving along, this file will grow to huge proportions and MSU would look mighty bad if some ex FBI man on the USOM payroll came out here for an inspection and found thingsmessed up....so I want to leave here with the knowledge that this file is working the way it should within the limits of the capabilities of the Viet Namese. This is the essence of the job description.

While on the subject of personnel, the Rundlett matter is back in our laps. By now you probably have seen the story run by Scripps Howard on Ont. 28 re: the police radio foul up. I understand MSU was mentioned specifically in an AP story. Is this correct? Anyway, that same day Walton received a cable from ICA/W requesting a full reply by cable. Consequently, we had a meeting, got the material ready for a preliminary reply, and now Hemmye is

reviewing all of the original bids and specs and submitting his opinions. These will also be reviewed by some other radio men, and then we'll see where we are. If we uncover any more errors, I hope we can find 'em before some other agency does. While it is embarrassing, and puts me on a spot, I am glad that this is occuring before we went ahead and spent all of the money Rundy suggested. If that had happened we would have been in for some serious criticism. I don't know how you feel about it, but I am going to try and uncover any mistakes which MSU has made, try and pin point the responsibility, admit the mistake, correct it, and try and get the show back on the road. As a result of our recent field trip we have cut one of his PIOC's from \$700,000 to approximately \$350,000. It is unfortunate that Hemmye has to spend the next few days in the office going over this stuff for ICA/W and consequently cannot accompany us on a trip over the south, but it is important that he be around here. I am personally looking into all of these sites and am trying to get some understanding of the radio technicalities involved so I can answer some of this second guessing and also have some assurance of what I am doing when I sign some of these PIOC's amount ing to about 12 million dollars ... the amount of the PIOC's currently suspended. It's because of this sort of thing that I cannot find time to get into the lab and record bureau and do the things that should be done. Anyway, what with all of MSU's financial troubles back home, I hope Hannah hasn't been too embarassed by this flap out here. The conressional investigators arrive today, so Ryan is all set for whatever may come so we'll see how we come out of this one. The Deans arrive Nov. 9, but apparently Seelye will only be here for 5 days with Taggert. This means a short and crowded visit, but we'll do the best we can.

With regard to your travel plans, I probably will be taking off with the family about the middle of May, so if you arrive by the end of April, this will give us plenty of time. I cannot give you my exact date of departure as yet, for the travel agencies here do not have the 1960 shipping and sailing schedules as yet. I'll give you my detailed plans as soon as possible.

Please send me a copy of the Future of the Univ. Report. I just

learned that MSU came close to Ohio State. Too bad it wasn't an upset. The family is all in good health and spirits. We had a busy weekend Oct. 26, what with official affairs, entertaining sailors from the USS Toledo which was in port for the Independence Day celebration, and general activity. Arnella and I are getting in some golf once or twice a week. The kids are taking their final exams for the first semester this week and will be starting the second semester next week. The rainy season is apparently drawing to a close and we have had almost a week without any appreciable rain. Tomorrow I take off for a field trip to the south. I don't mind all of the inconviences and preliminary work that is necessary, but it sure takes a lot of time, considering this is a business trip. If it were a vacation or camping expedition (which it amounts to) it would be OK, but for business purposes there is a lot of time consuming waste motion. Do you remember Major Phong of the Civil Guard ... he was with the last leader group. His uncle was killed by the Viet Cong Oct. 30 at Rach Gia, where we will be going on Wed. of this week.

With regard to your ratten furniture I suggest the following:
Most of the people will probably be right up to their weight limit
on household goods when they return, so a complete set would
probably put them everweight, but if we split up your pieces
amongst several of us returning to Mich. we could probably
manage it. I'll check with the fellows and see what the reaction
is.

Thanks for the clippings...they have been circulated. Keep 'em coming.

You ask what you can do for us in E.L.right now we would appreciate as much information as possible on the status of the Rundlett case. The cables we get out here le ve much to be desired. In other words, is this a serious matter back home and with ICA/W and FBI, or are we worrying unduly...will there be any criminal charges...how much do we have to be prepared for out here. From a practical matter, this case has slowed our radio project down 6 months, and I can't predict when we'll get rolling again.

If we poop along much longer Hemmye is going to get discouraged, for he is a man of action and wants to get his job done.

As soon as I get back from this field trip we'll have all of the iformation I want to answer the memo from Elsie and Joe Nicol re: Hung and other participants. This is another big problem, and I hope to be able to give you some helpful information.

Write whenever you have time. Let me know exactly what kind of information you want in my letters so's I can keep you informed. I'm trying to improve communications with E.L. but don't want every letter to be merely an account of my problems....I'll only bother you with the big ones.

As ever,

Ralph Turner

I'll try and give Seelye my overall impressions to date.

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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SERVICE
SCHOOL OF POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

November 6, 1959

Mr. Ralph F. Turner Police Administration Division MSUG, Box 34 APO 143 San Francisco, California

Dear Ralph:

Your letter of November 2 clarifies my thinking, and I believe we are thinking together, again. Because of the breaking in problem of any of our present East Lansing staff, I would prefer to consider having Shields and Strecher extend their stay for one year and close out the program for us, rather than assign one of our present staff from East Lansing to do this. However, I do not want to reach any firm decisions, now, and would prefer to think about this question along with you, and perhaps we can discuss it thoroughly when we see each other next April. I concur with your comment regarding Eastman, and I only mentioned his name to get your reaction.

I took pertinent extracts from the list of qualifications you suggested for Manopoli's replacement and sent them to Gribbin. My reason for not sending the entire statement you made was to avoid any misunderstanding that might result in Gribbin's mind about some of the things that you said. In other words, I did not want to prejudice him. In any event, I have received a reply from him and a copy of it is enclosed. You will note that he does not desire to combine the two requirements of acting in a supervisory capacity, as well as getting his hands dirty. Therefore, he is nicely bowing out of the picture. However, this may pose problems for me and I may have to compromise your requirements in some areas. Let me know where the best compromise can be made, in your opinion. There are one or two other fellows I can contact and shall do so in an exploratory kind of way until I hear from you and shall not make any firm commitments until I hear from you. Incidently, Hoyt is in Washington all week, and at my suggestion, he has made arrangements to interview Gribbin in Washington.

Regarding the Rundlett replacement, I have contacted Ken Gilbert, Ed Denstedt, and Robert Evans of the Michigan State Police in order to obtain some advice. I have serious questions in my mind about attempting to find someone through the Motorola people, in view of our experience with Rundlett and because of the current investigation. Regarding the investigation, in your November 2 letter, you ask how seriously we consider this investigation. I had occasion to talk with Stan Gabis about the investigation earlier this week, and he is in accord with me, that as far as we are concerned, this is not a serious matter. I really am not concerned about it, unless there is information which I have not received, and this I doubt. I do not believe Michigan State will be damaged at all by the investigation, and to the best of my knowledge, neither President Hannah nor the dean's office has expressed any concern about the investigation. I am certain they are

interested and do not want to see Michigan State embarrassed, but in my opinion, I have not yet seen any information which would embarrass us. I am enclosing for your information the only recent release I have seen that has been made by the Scripps-Howard newspapers. There has been no attempt on the part of anyone to indict Michigan State University. I agree with everyone else that it is unfortunate to have the investigation, and perhaps some people are attaching more significance to the investigation than it should have. I know this has created many problems for you and it is unfortunate, but I am sure you will handle them with your usual aplomb and effectiveness. You will probably have a better idea of the dean's opinion than I have when you see him in Saigon; he hasnot even mentioned the matter to me.

I shall plan on leaving here for Saigon late in April and will give you the final dates as soon as they are confirmed. How long do you think I should stay in Vietnam? I have never made a trip throughout the country, except to Dalat, and it occurs to me that in view of your comments, this might be desirable for me to consider if I am really to understand the progress being made throughout the country. If you concur, this indicates a stay of three to five weeks in Vietnam. I shall plan, accordingly, if you concur and will depend upon you to develop a two- or three-week field trip for me. Needless to say, it will be necessary for you to load up considerable Pepto Bismol for me, also.

I concur with your comments regarding any mistakes we might have made in the past. I do not think it is necessary, however, to wash our dirty linen outside the official family and know you will not do this. However, others in the family might, and therefore, I suggest that you correct our mistakes with considerable discretion and not display them too openly to our unfriendly critics. Be assured I have complete faith in your judgement.

I had a brief visit with Nicol and am planning to have lunch with him, today, to discuss the possibility of an assignment to Vietnam next summer for him. Our brief meeting indicates that he reacts negatively and wonders whether or not he can make a contribution. I think you ought to impress upon him as strongly as you can that he can make a very significant contribution. I am assuming that the matter of having a decent place in which to work, etc. will be resolved in favor of Nicol's visit.

The week of October 20, I was in Chicago for the National Safety Congress and had a very pleasant and long meeting with Joe Lohman. He is still interested in becoming associated with us, in the event he leaves politics, and this is more likely to occur than any of us have anticipated. He is very anxious to have the Ford Foundation people meet with us and some police chiefs in order to have them consider more favorably a grant to our program for a youth center. It is possible that eight or ten of us, including Brennan, Scott, George Edwards, and myself, plus some police officials, such as Schrotel and Brannon, be invited to attend a meeting in New York before the end of the year. I shall keep you informed.

Lou Radelet was here, recently, for the annual planning session of the sixth Police-Community Relations Institute. As usual, he did an excellent job and had the entire program worked out. We adopted it with a minimum of change, and I believe Hoyt was quite impressed with the depth and breadth of our thinking. As usual, he had negative reactions to some things and made it a point to bring them up. I believe the Police-Community Relations Institute will help to minimize some of his prejudices and biases more than anything else that could happen to him.

Mr. Turner -3-November 6, 1959 The Michigan State-Ohio State game was an excellent one from a spectator's point of view, and we thought that Art, Jr. played his best game to date. However, it is driving us nuts because they do not throw the ball to him. As you know, he was a great pass receiver in high school, and to date, he has not been the target of our passers, except for a few moments in the Iowa game when he caught four passes, one of them under extremely difficult circumstances. Tomorrow, we play Purdue and I am of the opinion that we will either beat Purdue or Northwestern. If we do not win two of the last three games, it will be a pretty dismal season. Enclosed are a few clippings that may interest you. In another envelope, we are sending you a copy of the Future of the University Committee report. We received a package of books from Matthew Bender, law book publishers. Do you want us to forward them or hold them for you? My one reaction to the job descriptions you sent me was that I believe I would have to sleep with a guy in order to know him as well as you think I should. However, I will not do this, but I will do the best I can to find good candidates for you. You may know that I have attempted to learn as much as I can about individuals, and in pursuing matters regarding their personal habits, especially in Updike's case, I was practically cruicified by one of Updike's references who took me apart from stem to stern when I raised questions about his drinking and moral habits. I only mention this to indicate it is not always easy to learn as much as we would like to know about these people, unless we make an effort to conduct a thorough background check on every candidate. Needless to say, I enjoy hearing from you very much and I want you to know I feel better informed than I have in the past four years. Please remember me to Arnella, the kids, and the staff, and I shall try to get another letter off to you before I leave for the deer hunting season which will be immediately after the Northwestern game on November 14. Kindest regards. Cordially. A. F. Brandstatter Director AFB: br Enc. 3 P.S. Hoyt interviewed Gribbin in Washington and does not recommend him. Therefore, we shall seek another candidate. A. F. B.

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Dog Mr. Brandstetter;

Your very informative letter received and it is exactly what I have been trying to obtain in order to determine whether I had the necessary qualifications for the position.

From the requirements listed for a replacement for Mr. Manopoli, it would seem to me there are several talents required. The list seems to indicate you require the activities of at least two maps. The two men would have to be quite different in their capabilities inasmuch as there are two map projects indicated by Mr. Turner. To organize and implement a Bureau at State or National Livel requires just what is listed, a man with experience at this level. Them or technical services, such as teaching fingerprint classification and I-ling, you can go use a technician from any level just as long as he is a specialists. I em of the opinion that I. E. Hoover could not fit the requirement either. You see that allow years in the technical field a firector usually finds immalf to pre-occupied with organization and supervision that it has time is given to his basic profession.

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Bureau He is entirely correct in demanding the services of a my experience. I am most willing to accept such responding these However, there is the project mentioned of fing the larger million persons. Now I would want to discuss this project with you as it would be impossible to put in writing the project my experience with production of fingerprint technicians, but profess, equipment, etc., the project is certainly one of 5 or one years in length and would need an advisor from beginning to end.

As I do not have the technical requirements as laid down in the sheet submitted it therefore should and would eliminate me from further consideration. I sincerely nose you can locate someone with all those capabilities. Further, I would not be interested in instructing in fingerpri to for the above reasons and also have no desire to accept any "riserous" assignments as indicated in the "replacement requirement". I a interested in serving in an advisory capacity for this project and feel I can successfully accomplish such a responsibility.

Some of the conditions indicates you may need the services of a younger person, but I doubt if such a person would have the night level experience for a State or National Bureau operation. You realize, I feel, that a Municipal and State or National Bureaus are entirely different in organization and responsibilities. Millions of prints are involved and at least two different files would have to be set up, one the Non-Criminal Identification files and the Criminal Files.

Should you desire to accept someone of my experience in the advisory and field of organization and supervision, I certainly would accept the challenge, which is exactly what the project seems to represent.

Just before leaving the State Bureau for retirement I completed a project of mechanization on the loop files of the Bureau. After orientation and a school of IBM procedures I was sole to put about 300000 loop pattersm on the 101 IMP a. machines. This project took about two years and we were the accound State in the Union to accomplish such a modern procedure. An I have stated in my letter, the technical details were given pecialists and my part was the organizing and directing of me project. My point, you just can't become involed with the details or mechanics which are the responsibility of the experts in the several fields of identification. Your responibilities lie in the field of the research that is necessary before such an operation, the equipping and implementation I the program with material, and personnel and guiding the plan through to success. A fingerprint operator or technician and be lost along the way insuch responsibilities.

Mr. Hoyt phoned and we have a tentative aggreement to meet in Washington this week.

I wish to thank you for your kind consideration in this matter and should at any time my qualifications fit some part of your program I would be only too happy to discuss the matter with you. With very kind person I regards,

Sincerely,

Francis K. Gribbin.

Personal Qualities: This person should be mature, emotionally stable, patient, and capable of adjusting to the situations which are peculiar to working in Seigon. Of or one of the candidate. It is also important to convide the family status or conditions of the candidate.

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Prof. A. F. Brandstatter, Director School of Police Administration & Public Safety Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Art:

Things are beginning to shape up around here so that I can answer your letters more promptly. Yours of November 6 arrived Saturday, November 14, and I want to get an answer off today because the rest of the week is full and will not permit time for a reply. As you might suspect, this past week has been a busy one, what with parties, receptions, etc. for Ryan. In addition to this, the Deans have been with us all of the time so while we are sorry to see everybody leave, we will be glad when they are gone this afternoon. It will, however, start all over what with Ralph Smucklers leaving on December 6.

In reference to your comments that Shields and Strecher extend for one year, I think this is one which you will have to discuss with the Deans. At one of our meetings I outlined to both of them my proposed plans for the next two years and also the proposals for closing down the project in 1962. Naturally, I discussed our personnel problems and indicated the possibility of Strecher and/or Shields remaining out here. This immediately brought forth two different viewpoints. Taggart is thinking of the long range plans regarding the University's involvement in international programs. He views the Vietnam project as a continuing one with MSU faculty using it as a laboratory to train their faculty members in overseas problems and then have them return to teach in international programs and seminars on the campus. He has a fair understanding of the proposed police international training center and would like to see one or two of the PLA staff continue to be involved in this program, each for one or two years at a time, and return to the campus to fortify the international police training program. At this juncture Seelye made it very clear, positive and emphatic that it was the unanimous decision of all department heads within the College of Business and

Public Service that B&PS faculty members would not remain overseas for more than two years at a time. At the conclusion of a tour they should return to the campus for at least one or two years and then would certainly be most welcome to return to an overseas program. He did, however, state that some exceptions have been made and there may be one or two more in the future. I think this gives you an idea of the two different points of view expressed by the Deans and is something which you probably will have to work out in East Lansing when they start discussing Vietnam personnel for the period 1961-62.

Concerning Manopoli's replacement, thanks for all of the information about Gribbin. You certainly should use your own judgment in selecting appropriate excerpts from my job description letter to send to prospective candidates. As you know, my only reason for being so completely frank is that I do not want any misunderstandings to arise. I think Gribbin's reply indicates the importance of not overlooking any possibilities. I would rather have these fellows prepared for the worse than to have them complain about not having been advised of possible eventualities.

In view of the fact that he is no longer a possible candidate and considering the difficulties in finding a man with all of these attributes, I suggest that you drop your sights and consider a man in the technician class. In other words, it is still most important to have a fellow who can handle many of the mechanical aspects of the fingerprint bureau and the National Identification Program. Given the nature of the problem, I would say that the technician who is able to work with fingerprints, is willing to do some teaching if necessary, and who can work with the field program, is most necessary. Please keep me posted on other applicants.

I have passed on your information about contacting the people at the Michigan State Police with regard to Rundlett's replacement. Hemmye suggests that you contact Mr. I. O. Ebert over in the Electrical Engineering Department. Hemmye feels that he might be a suitable MSU replacement depending upon whether or not he is interested in coming to Saigon.

I don't wish to bother you with horror stories on the Rundlett affair. However, it is the one unfortunate incident which is making our position out here in Saigon a little sticky with regard to our relations with USOM. Hemmye and I will be preparing a revised version of Rundlett's report and I plan to have a meeting with Frank Walton and Gardiner, if necessary, some time next week in an effort to present

our program, admit our mistakes, assure them of our interest in doing the best job possible, and then wait and see what happens. Following this meeting I hope to be able to give you a little clearer picture of what we anticipate for the future. Until then we're moving ahead with our current plans.

I will try to find out some more definite information with regard to my proposed vacation in May and June, 1960, and hope to be able to give you some target dates for the trip out here. We certainly will be able to set up a field trip by car. I hope that some phases of the National Identification Program are underway by that time. In addition to seeing some of the police posts, you will be interested in this operation. (I do not anticipate that there will be much for you to see in the radio communications field.)

With regard to Nicol's reservations about his contributions out here. I would say that there are two points to consider. One, assuming that the laboratory is in some state of completion by the time he arrives, he will be able to make a very real contribution in helping these people get started. Naturally, this is something which I could do. However, given the nature of my responsibilities I am finding it very difficult to get away from the office for any long periods of time. Work in the laboratory would require being over there days and weeks on end. The second point is of longer range value, namely, Joe's becoming acquainted with the problems here in Vietnam and then structuring his teaching efforts along the scale which will be useful to the Vietnamese, if MSU is going to continue in the participant training program. Frankly, I hope that Joe will seriously consider coming out here for the benefits mentioned in the second point will be most useful to any work which MSU does in the international police training field.

Tomorrow, Thursday and Friday, Frank Walton, Vic Strecher and myself will be conducting all day oral interviews with the participants scheduled for the states. This group has had the most extensive English language preparation of any group. In addition to having been scored by the Vietnamese-American Association staff, we three will grade them in light of our experience with participants in the states. Depending upon the outcome of this final testing session, we will make recommendations as to which ones should and should not go. I am open-minded about the participant program at this stage of the game, but depending upon the outcome of these tests, several things can happen. One, we may find that we have a reasonable group of participants. Two, we may have a high percentage of failures; or three, we may wind up with a few qualified ones. Based upon the outcome of our present experience, one, I will be prepared to continue the participant program as it has been going. Two, abandon the entire effort, or three, wind up with selected police

leader tours and a minimum number of well-groomed carefully selected participants. You may tell Joe and Elsie that I will be sending a long letter in the very near future which will answer their questions. In the meantime, please be patient.

Vic is getting underway with the participant evaluation study and we are hoping to have a complete package ready for you when you arrive.

The package from Matthew Bender contains some reprints and hard bound copies of my recent article. Will you please send out one hard bound volume and five of the reprints. Incidentally, will you tell Betty to look through my mail and see if there is a check from Matthew Bender. I will appreciate receiving this sooner than copies of the article.

Tell Larry thanks very much for sending out the certificates. We are going to ask General La to distribute them to members of the Surete.

We have all just returned from the airport after seeing Ryan off. The Deans left last night, 24 hours behind schedule. Right now we are looking forward to a quiet week.

We have just learned about the results of the MSU-Northwestern game. It is too bad that MSU does not have another conference game, now that they seem to be picking up steam. Maybe Minnesota will dump Wisconsin.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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SCHOOL OF POLICE ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

November 24, 1959

Mr. Ralph F. Turner, Chief Police Administration Division MSUG, Box 34 APO 143 San Francisco, California

Dear Ralph:

The first week of the hunting season is over and I must apologize for not having gotten a letter off to you before I left. The hunting party consisted of Miles, Leroy Kowalski, Mac Whale, Gordon Sheehe, Dick Bernitt, Bob Campbell (N.A.T.B. replacement for Jack Burke), and myself. Needless to say, Dick, Gordon, and I hunted the most and we had a wonderful time, as usual. You were the subject of our conversation on two or three occasions, and we hoped you could be with us as we reminisced of some of our earlier experiences in Miles' cabin at Lovells. In fact, on one occasion, Gordon began to dream about you. At this point, we began to wonder what influence you had over him. Gordon insisted it was the card game that was in progress at the time of the dream. Dick Bernitt was the only successful hunter, getting a nice four-point buck one week after the season started. None of the rest of us got a shot. However, the Brandstatter family is going to spend the Thanksgiving holiday at the cottage with Miles and Geraldine, and John, Art, and myself expect to do some hunting. John spent opening day with us, but did not even get a shot at a doe, although he had a doe permit. With three or four days in the north woods, he should fill his license.

As you perhaps know by now, Michigan State's football season ended rather dismally with a loss to Miami, making the record five to four for the year. They lost only two games in the conference and were rewarded with second place. Prior to the last games played in the conference, State was tied with Northwestern and Wisconsin for first place. These teams played seven games to our six, and Illinois beat Northwestern badly, while Wisconsin barely eked out a victory over Minnesota. For a brief time, it appeared as though Michigan State might back into the conference championship. So much for the personal and football news. I am enclosing a number of newspaper clippings and articles that may be of interest to you.

Regarding Joe Nicol's trip to Vietnam, I discussed this with him at some length, and now that I have your letter of the 16th, I suggest you make a formal request for his services. I informed him I was not scheduling him for a teaching assignment for the summer quarter and fully expected he would be in Vietnam. He accepted this and I told him I would anticipate a formal request from you through channels, soon, for his assignment to Vietnam this summer. Therefore, unless something unforeseen develops, this matter is settled.

We have developed the summer program primarily around the first five-week session, scheduling only the Field Service Training Program for the ten-week session. Everybody understands that if the courses do not make, they will not be offered and no other employment will be available to the staff within the department. Scheduling courses for the five-week session is an experiment, as you know, and it is the first time we have done it; I hope it works.

You may be interested in knowing that I have offered a job to George Eastman to join our staff next fall. I had a long visit with him a few weeks ago when he accepted the conditions I laid down and the terms offered; to date, I have not received any acceptance from him as a result of my letter confirming our discussion. However, I hope to hear from him, soon, and this will fill one of the staff vacancies we have.

Another person with whom I am negotiating is John Bryan, Professor and Head of the Fire Protection Curriculum at the University of Maryland. Bryan is a relatively young fellow who comes from a background of fire protection work and has been at the University of Maryland in the College of Engineering for several years, where he has been relatively unhappy because his program has not prospered in this particular college. He is in the process of completing work on his Ph.D. in psychology this year; he expects to have his degree next summer. He has had experience with some phases of industrial security and will serve as Bob Sheehan's replacement if we are successful in getting him.

Bud Handville was in yesterday for a short, one-day visit. I spent about an hour with him and, also, had lunch with him. We were joined at luncheon by George Newman, Stan Gabis, Bob Scigliano, Howard Hoyt, and Jerry Franklin. We had a pleasant luncheon with everybody reminiscing some of their experiences in Vietnam, especially Dagen's address to a graduating class of driver trainers. This must have been hilarious; I would like to have been present when he addressed the group.

Your report regarding the talk you had with the two deans was most interesting to me. If Taggart's view prevails—that the Vietnam program is a continuing one with M.S.U. faculty using it as a laboratory—then, I suppose we ought to make plans for continuing to have members of our staff in Vietnam for several years to come. Please let me know how you react to this, and when I say this, I mean perhaps one or two members of the staff and no more. Let me know whether you consider this a fair appraisal or interpretation of Taggart's thinking and whether or not the need for one or two police technical advisors will exist in the years ahead. Also, I shall discuss this thinking with Taggart and Seelye at the earliest opportunity. Seelye's position regarding a two—year appointment is well taken, but I do not believe it is a firm or rigid policy as he indicates. Exceptions can be made and it may be necessary with respect to the Police Administration staff; however, this is something we can discuss when I see you next April.

We have one other prospect as Manopoli's replacement and he looks good on paper. Again, he is one of the people I interviewed a few years ago whom I rated as a top candidate. He is younger than Gribbin and is also from New Jersey, being from the New Jersey City Police Department; he has had extensive experience, not quite at the level of Gribbin's. We shall explore this man's

availability and whether or not he is qualified and let you know how we make out. A copy of his qualifications are enclosed for your information.

I have written to several people regarding a communications engineer and, as yet, I have not received any reply from them. I am pleased to have the name of Mr. I.O. Ebert and shall contact him, soon.

The information regarding the meetings you are having with Frank Walton is most helpful. I am assuming he has other members on his staff and the relationship we are developing with them is a sound one. Let me know the names of the other members of Walton's staff; I would like to know who they are.

As soon as you have completed the interviews with the Vietnamese participants scheduled for the States, please let me know what the results are. It is fortunate that you and Vic have had considerable experience in working with participants so that you can make an honest appraisal of their potential while in the States. I hope your final recommendations, whatever they are, will prevail.

Complying with your request regarding the material from Matthew Bender, I am asking Betty to send the material to you in a separate envelope. Betty informs me that you have not yet received a check from Matthew Bender. If you want me to do anything about this, let me know, or perhaps you would rather follow up yourself.

The postscript on your letter reminds me that we discussed at some length the Rundlett incident at the luncheon with Handville, yesterday. I must confess that no one seemed concerned about it. The consensus was that unless we do not have all the information available, the only thing for which Rundlett can be censored is poor judgment. I repeat this information merely to try to reflect for you our thinking here, that we do not consider the Rundlett matter a very serious one.

The university's financial condition is no better than it was a year ago. The State politicians are still muddling around, being thoroughly indecisive and acting like a bunch of kids. The Republicans decided to tax some of the services rendered to the State and, also, impose additional taxes on such items as tobacco, intoxicating beverages, etc., but abandoned these plans when they got a wave of protest from the people throughout the State. Now, the newspaper talk indicates they are considering a temporary State income tax. I hope at the next election everyone of them is defeated for office.

The short course programs have been operating very well. We were disappointed in the number of students enrolled in the Basic Police Training course; there were only seventeen. However, we had a very nice class in the Command Officers Course, with a total of twenty-nine, although eleven of these were foreign police officers, including ten Filipinos and one officer from Somaliland. Hoyt is doing a good job and has arranged to attend some of the regional meetings of the law enforcement associations. He has been well received and I believe his appearance will have an affect on our enrollment. As you know, this is something I tried to get Haun to do without any success. Incidently, Harold Haun is now Director of Public Safety at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, and although I have written to him and called him offering our congratulations, he has not responded in any way at all. He

-4- November 24, 1959 Mr. Turner enrolled three Mt. Pleasant officers in the short course program and then withdrew them at the last minute. What this means is anyone's guess. Kindest regards, and please remember us to Arnella and the kids and to the rest of the staff. Cordially, A. F. Brandstatter Director AFB:br Enc.

VIETNAM PROJECT

Applicant: Joseph B. Wellegar, 192 Woodside Ave., Newark 4, N.J.

Past Experience. Subject:

Appointed as a Junior Identification Clerk in the Police Department, Newark N.J., in 1930, and progressed through the following ranks: Junior Identification Clerk, Identification Clerk, Identification Officer, and Assistant Chief Identification Officer. Only rank left to obtain is the position of Chief Identification Officer. During World War II served with the U.S. Coast Guard and held the following assignments: Instructor in drilling and arms, Assistant Company Commander, Assistant Master at Arms, and Training Officer.

Type of work performed in the Records and Identification Bureau

of the Newark N.J. Police Department is as follows:

The fingerprinting of all persons arrested for or suspected of an indictable offense. All civilians applying for licenses, wherein the City Ordinances require fingerprinting. Fingerprinting for governmental security positions, immigration visas, Veterans Administration, and miscellaneous items.

The classification , searching and filing of all fingerprints

taken.

The recording of all arrests made in the City of Newark. Recording and indexing all fingerprints taken. Compilation of all information obtained through fingerprint search from local, state and federal bureau. The Bureau at the present time has approximately 105,000 folders on individuals arrested, and over a quarter of a million sets of fingerprints on file.

The Bureau processes all correspondence from the Records and Identi-

fication Bureau and the Detective Division.

All complaints and casualty reports made throughout the city are recorded and filed in the bureau.

The Bureau compiles and prepares all statistics used by the Police Department for local and Federal Sureau of Investigation publications.

The Teletype Section receives and broadcasts alarms and messages from all units of the department and from other agencies. All wanted notices on persons and property stolen are recorded and filed in the bureau.

The Photographic Section takes, develops and prints all photo-

graphs required by the department.

The Co-Ordination of Report Section compiles all reports, statements and pertinent information required for presentation of cases to the Grand Jury for indictments or to the Prosecutor of Pleas

for presentation to a Judge and jury at a trial.

The Latent Fingerprint Section and Mobile Unit responds to scenes of crimes and makes searches for latent fingerprints, photograhing where necessary, and preserving evidence. Makes comparison of latent fingerprints found with those of known criminals. If an identification is made, prepares latent identifications for the presentation of said evidence in court. This section processes all unidentified dead or persons who meet a violent or sudden death. All warrants issued by the city Municipal Courts are recorded, assigned and filed.

all reports of investigations by the Detective Division on assigned

complaints and casualties are processed and filed.

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The applicant during his career in the department has served in all the various sections of the bureau and has performed all the above outlined activities.

The personnel of the bureau consists of forty-seven men, the applicant has supervision over forty-five of these men. The applicant, under the Chief Identification Officer, supervises all the various activities of the bureau, assists in the planning of all new operations, conducts all experiments of new proposed equipment, systems and techniques to determine the feasibility for adoption by the department.

The applicant supervises the planning and training of Police Officers, from other Police Departments, in the methods needed to establish a modern identification and record bureau.

Have appeared on innumerable occasions in local, county, state and federal courts as a Fingerprint Expert, to give testimony. Have assisted many local Police Departments, Sheriff's Office, State Police, U.S. Postal Authorities, U.S. Secret Service, Federal Narcotic Bureau, Federal Bureau of Investigation etc., in investigations that have required the knowledge of a Fingerprint Expert. Have received numerous official commendations from these agencies.

The applicant is regularly assigned to the Newark Police Academy to lecture before each recruit or advanced training class.

Makes numerous appearances each year before faternal and civic groups as a guest speaker, in behalf of the olice Department. Theme of the talks being some phase of the identification field.

All titles and ranks in the Newark Police Department are determined by competitive Civil Service Examinations. For the title of Assistant Chief Identification Officer, forty-five men competed, and the applicant finished in first position.

During World War II, while serving with the U.S.Coast Guard-Port Security, Brooklyn Barracks, Brooklyn N.Y., was designated as the Training Officer for the base. To the best knowledge of the applicant this was the only time an enlisted man served in this capacity. The duties involved planning, scheduling, supervising and teaching various phases of espionage, sabatoge and general port security for approximately one thousand men and officers.

The applicant has been employed in the evenings during the past eight (8) years, as a teacher, at the Speadea School for Investigators, a private school licensed in the States of New Jersey and New York, and the applicant has been qualified in each state as a teacher in the field of identification. The applicant is now employed one or two nights a week by a local firm in consultation, establishing a record and filing system for the security department of the firm.