Projects November 3, 1954 The Honorable Ngo Dinh Diem President, National Government of Vietnam Independence Palace Saigon, Vietnam My dear President Diem: This acknowledges the receipt of your very kind and generous letter of October 19, and we are very happy that you were pleased with Professors Fishel, Weidner, Denison, Brandstatter, and Killingsworth. They have now returned to East Lansing, and I have had a preliminary report and they will all be in later today to give us a complete report of their trip and their recommendations. Michigan State College will be pleased to render any assistance that it can to your government if it is finally decided by your government and the government of this country that we should participate in the programs that have been proposed. I assume from the last paragraph of your letter that if we undertake responsibility to render assistance to your government that you would like to have Professor Fishel included in our representation, and I hope that such arrangements can be made. I am very grateful for your good wishes and extend to you Sir the best wishes of Michigan State College for your own happiness and for the success of your government. Sincerely, President air mail

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I will appreciate if it you will give me your frank appraisal on a confidential basis between two old Pentagon friends.

Sincerely,

President

The Honorable General J. Lawton Collins The American Ambassador Saigon, Viet-Nam

Air mail