

July 8, 1958

Mr. Lewis Zimmerman
Traverse City Livestock Commission House
P. O. Box 28
Traverse City, Michigan

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

I have just received a copy of the letter which Dr. Emmanuel Ho Quan Phuoc wrote you concerning your desired permit to hunt in Vietnam. This morning I also received a letter from Charles Sloane, of our Advisory Group in Vietnam, of which I am enclosing a copy since I think it will interest you and answer many of your questions. I am also enclosing, for your examination, several snapshots which Mr. Sloane sent me. I would appreciate having the snapshots returned after you have finished with them.

I think you can excuse Dr. Phuoc's perhaps excessive exuberance, since he is Director of the National Tourist Office and tends to see the beauties and attractions of his country in somewhat brighter terms than might a foreign visitor. However, you may rely on the accuracy of Mr. Sloane's report, and I hope you will feel free to write directly to him. His Air Mail address is MSUG Box 34, Navy 150, c/o FPO, San Francisco, California, rather than that given on the letter-head.

Sincerely,

Wesley R. Fishel

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Enclosures

cc: President John Hannah

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Mr. LEWIS ZIMMERMAN
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Dear Mr. ZIMMERMAN,

Through Mr. VO-VAN-HAI, Private Secretary of His Excellency
The President, I am glad to know that you are planning to spend
some time hunting in Viet-Nam towards December 1958.

The hunting season in Viet-Nam is opened for tourists 12 months a
year, but November December January February and March are the
five best months for visiting this country, as the climate would
be as a whole the mildest. The Hunting Paradise is located around
Bamethuot Pleiku and Dalat which are all located in the Highlands.
With an elevation varying from 1500 to 5.000 feet, you'll enjoy a
kind of warm spring climate during the December days and very cool,
starry or moonlighted nights during the same period.

All you need will be to return the two blank application forms with
two photographs to our office, and we shall be delighted to have
everything ready at your arrival.

For your information, the hunting fees are 2.400 piastres (US\$35
about), but for every big animal killed, there will be an additional
charge of (at the rate of 70 piastres for US \$ 1.00) :

US\$57.00 for an elephant (male only)
US\$21.00 " wild ox

There is no charge for killing tigers, panthers, leopards, etc....

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Your little grand son of 11 years old is welcome to accompany you without an extra license.

As for a hunting guide, we shall recommend you one of our recognized professional guide if needed. The charge will be not over US\$50 - \$60.00 a day, meals, drinks, transportation, sleeping tents etc... all included. Our Hotels are scarce for the moment but you'll enjoy a stay in the Majestic Hotel in Saigon with an air conditioned room for as little as \$10.00 aday including one meal. A suite might cost up to US\$20.00 including one meal in the Saigon Majestic but you'll miss seeing Vietnam without a week-end in Dalat where the Californian climate is available 6 months a year without rains and another 6 months with more or less heavy rains. A suite in the Dalat Palace including hot running water and firewood heating will cost no more than US\$10.00.

I am looking forwards to meeting you and to assist you in anyways I can to render your stay more agreeable. I had the honour of accompanying President Hannah in one of his trip near Saigon and Dr. Fishel in many, many occasions.

 sincerely
Ho Quan Phuoc

Dr. Ho Quan Phuoc
Chargé de mission at the Presidency
Director of the National Tourist Office
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