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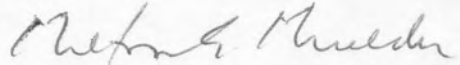
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PRESIDENT J. A. HANNAH  
319 ADMINISTRATION BLDG.  
CAMPUS

DEAR PRESIDENT HANNAH:

I AM PLEASED TO TRANSMIT THE MONTHLY  
REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY GROUP  
AT SAIGON FOR FEBRUARY 1956.

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MILTON E. MUELDER  
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The Vietnam Project in Brief

Fields Covered: Political Science (public administration), Police Administration, Economics

Contracts: With the Government of Vietnam and the International Cooperation Administration, April 19, 1955.

Duration: Two years, expected to be renewed on a gradually reduced basis for a total of from 4 to 6 years if MSU approves.

Total Staff: About 105, including 30 Americans and 75 locals (mostly Vietnamese). 11 of 30 came from MSU payroll, about 20 of the 30 from the State of Michigan. All are MSU employees.

Expenditures to Date (January 31, 1956):

US dollars through MSU Comptroller:	\$ 551,000
US dollars equivalent in piastres, Saigon:	1,040,000
US dollars through USOM (ICA/Saigon)	
<u>largely equipment for Vietnamese</u> :	<u>450,000</u>
Total, first nine months:	<u>\$2,041,000</u>

Both in terms of staff and budget as well as in terms of program, this is the largest technical assistance contract ever granted by ICA/W in these fields.

Program

General Objectives: To contribute toward bringing internal security and a stable government to Vietnam and to help make the government effective at the village level. Three projects are of an emergency or "crash" nature (police, field administration, Presidency) and are consultant in nature. The other two (Institute and participant) are more long-range.

Police Project: About one-third of project personnel are assigned to this project. MSUG is helping reorganize, retrain, and re-equip all the civilian police of the country (urban, rural, sureté).

Accomplishments to date: General plan of reorganization of police approved. Implementation has begun at the top and is working down. Police Academy established, instructors recruited and trained, and two select six-weeks classes of 125-150 graduated. Recruits selected by IQ test in part. 8,000 rural policemen trained at special six-weeks training courses. Fingerprint system revised and initial group to administer it trained. Equipment requirements partially established and some equipment ordered.

**Field Administration Project:** About one-third of project personnel are assigned to this project. MSUG is helping reorganize the general governmental structure (both in Saigon and in the field) so as to make the government more effective at the grass roots level, and retraining government personnel to the same end.

Accomplishments to date: Reorganization of Commissariat of Refugees approved, implemented, and training in progress. Reorganization of Department of Interior, (including entire regional, provincial and district government) approved and partially implemented. Training beginning. Reorganization of Departments of Education, Agriculture and Agrarian Reform and the Civic Action Commissariat in progress. Actually, this project has developed into one of general reorganization of the entire government and with the development of new procedures and training.

**Presidency Project:** One to two staff members are assigned to this project. MSUG is to help reorganize the Office of the President and to retrain its personnel.

Accomplishments to date: General plan of reorganization of the Presidency approved and partially implemented. Implementing statute being written by MSUG staff member. Training program has begun. Currently beginning on reorganization of entire budget process of government and new budget procedures will be developed.

**Institute Program:** Four to five staff members are assigned to this project, which is a general long-range program of development in public administration and economics.

Accomplishments to date: National Institute of Administration established, three-story building purchased and remodelled, and fifteen-man staff (Vietnamese) recruited (ultimate goal: 25). Three year degree program (full time students in day classes) developed and begun in September 1955. About 200 students. Evening school for government employees developed and begun with 600 students (1,000 more had to be turned away for lack of facilities to handle). In-service training program approved and classes begun in Department of Finance. Research program developed and approved. Library organized and building occupied and remodelled. Over 1,000 volumes sent from East Lansing have arrived. Vietnamese library and teaching staff being trained on-the-job. Professional society in public administration being organized and journal and publication program planned.

**Participant Program:** This program involves sending Vietnamese to MSU for further training. Ten junior government employees arrived at MSU last December to begin 6 to 9 months of class work and observation of American government. It is expected that 10 to 15 will continually be on campus. In addition, all staff members of the N.I.A. will spend 6 to 9 months observing teaching and other methods at MSU. The assistant director of the Institute will be the first and is to arrive this Spring.

**Executive Office:** MSUG handles nearly all its own administrative work (except for obligating and disbursing funds) in Vietnam. This includes renting, buying, furnishing, and maintaining living quarters for all staff rental of office space, buying all office equipment and supplies, managing a 9-vehicle carpool, control over transportation of staff within and outside of Vietnam, personnel recruitment and records, etc.