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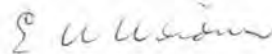
April 11, 1956

President John A. Hannah
319 Administration Building
Campus

Dear President Hannah:

As the enclosed letter indicates, we have just received an official letter of intent to extend our Vietnam contract an additional year. Under the circumstances I think that a formal letter of acceptance of the idea of extending the contract by you is called for. A suggested reply is attached.

Sincerely yours,



Edward W. Weidner
Coordinator

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Approved:


Milton E. Muelder, Dean

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President's Office

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D. C.

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Dr. Edward Weidner
Head, Dept. of Political Science
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Dr. Weidner:

Since the contract between Michigan State University and the International Cooperation Administration, together with the Corollary Agreement between Michigan State University and the Government of Vietnam, for technical assistance services in Vietnam is now in its twelfth month or slightly past the halfway mark this raises the question concerning the authorization of travel and transportation for personnel assigned to this project on and after April 20, 1956. This will become of increasing significance since the new amendment to the contract provides for additional staffing.

In order to permit proper planning on your part, you are hereby notified that it is ICA's present intention to extend your contract and that, within the dollar limitations already provided, you may for a period of twelve months recruit contract staff members in accordance with the existing contract provisions, as amended. If the present contract is not extended, ICA will, within the limits of available funds, reimburse you for returning these personnel to the United States including salary payments to the end of the present ICA contract or for re-employment, whichever is earlier.

Sincerely yours,

/signed/ Julius J. Kessler

Julius J. Kessler
Assistant Director
Office of Contract Relations

Project - Vietnam

April 16, 1956

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Your letter of intent to Michigan State University to extend its contract in Vietnam for an additional year has come to my attention.

Michigan State University is very proud of the contribution that it has been able to make in Vietnam toward more secure barriers against the Communist threat. We are very pleased to learn that the International Cooperation Administration intends to extend the life of our technical assistance contract. We hope that we will continue to be able to be of service to our nation's foreign policy and to the International Cooperation Administration and the Government of Vietnam in particular.

I have informed Dr. Edward W. Weidner, Coordinator for the Vietnam Project, that he is authorized to proceed to negotiate the necessary amendments to the contract.

Sincerely,

President

Mr. Julius J. Kessler, Assistant Director
Office of Contract Relations
International Cooperation Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

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cc: E. W. Weidner
M. E. Muelder