

June 11, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Lewis Zimmerman, Traverse City Livestock Commission House, P.O. Box 28, Traverse City, Michigan came to see me today. He was referred to me by President Hannah. Mr. Zimmerman wishes to hunt in Vietnam some time during the period of December, 1958--April, 1959 (he prefers a thirty day period running approximately from mid march through mid April).

On December 18, 1957, Mr. Zimmerman, Attracted by a notice of the possibility of big game hunting in Vietnam which appeared in an American sports magazine, wrote to the Bureau of Hunting of the Government of Vietnam in Saigon asking for game permits for himself and his grandson David Zimmerman, age 11. To date, he has received no reply. Consequently, on 3 June he wrote Ambassador Chuong in Washington for assistance. He then mentioned the problem to President Hannah, since he has heard a good deal about the work of Michigan State University's Group in Vietnam and thought the Group's presence there would make his visit doubly interesting and worthwhile.

June 9, 1958

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Subsequent to our conversation this morning, I have talked to Wesley Fishel and he has agreed that he would get in touch with you and try to be of assistance in getting a hunting permit for you in Viet-Nam.

Sincerely,

President

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE VIET NAM AMBASSADOR
EMBASSY OF VIET NAM
WASHINGTON, D.C.

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

MAY I SOLICIT YOUR AID IN PROCURING THE NECESSARY PERMITS FOR MY GRANDSON, DAVID ZIMMERMAN, AGE 11, AND MYSELF TO HUNT IN VIET NAM THIS COMING DECEMBER. ON DECEMBER 18, 1957, I WROTE THE VIET NAM HUNTING BUREAU OF SAIGON ASKING FOR THESE PERMITS AND AS YET HAVE RECEIVED NO ANSWER TO THIS LETTER.

MY PERSONAL BACKGROUND IS AS FOLLOWS. I WAS BORN IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN, ON AUGUST 12, 1894; AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MY SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR I HAVE ALWAYS RESIDED HERE. IN 1920 I GRADUATED FROM MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, NOW MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. FOR A CHARACTER REFERENCE MAY I REFER YOU TO MR. JOHN HANNAN, PRESIDENT, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN.

I OPERATE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION BUSINESSES AT TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN; AND AT ALPENA, MICHIGAN. FOR ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION YOU MAY DEEM NECESSARY I REFER YOU TO MR. JULIUS BEERS, PRESIDENT, TRAVERSE CITY STATE BANK, TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN.

I SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE MICHIGAN STATE LEGISLATURE WITH MR. VICTOR KNOX, OF SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN; WHO IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. I AM CERTAIN HE WILL BE PLEASED TO SUPPLY YOU WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ME YOU MIGHT DESIRE. MAY I ALSO REFER YOU TO MR. ROBERT GRIFFEN, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHO IS OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS. MR. GRIFFEN'S HOME IS HERE IN TRAVERSE CITY.

I WILL DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN SECURING US THE NECESSARY PERMITS AND PERMISSION TO HUNT IN YOUR COUNTRY.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

LEWIS ZIMMERMAN

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