

## MEMORANDUM

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To: David G. Marwell  
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From: T. Jeremy Gunn

Subject: Social Contact with Foreign Nationals (Vietnamese)

As I mentioned to you yesterday afternoon, I had dinner last night with several Vietnamese government officials at a friend's house. The leader of the delegation was Dr. Hien, formerly a professor of law at Hanoi University and currently the Vice Minister of Justice. I drove Dr. Hien and three other members of his seven-person official delegation (principally persons working on law reform for the Vietnamese National Assembly) from their hotel to my friend's house. Several Americans also were in attendance at the event. It is my understanding that the officials are making a trip of the United States and Canada as part of their fact-finding efforts to learn more about the American and Canadian legal systems. The officials stated that they are involved in efforts to reform both the Vietnamese legal system and Vietnamese law training programs. The discussions were cordial and principally pertained to social topics. Although there was some limited discussion of politics, it was reasonably superficial. I heard no discussions of any matters relating to intelligence.