

Hanoi, May 19, 2002

Dear Dr Mori,

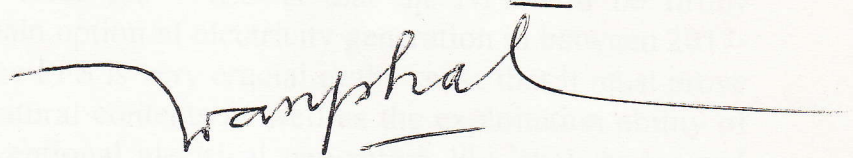
First of all I like to express my sincere thanks to you for having kindly given me very nice gift. Several recent days I have had many interesting discussions with Mr Iwakoshi about the present status of VAEC in the nuclear activities of Vietnam. Now, in this letter, I also like to present you some problems I suppose important.

- 1- The most important issue for VAEC is that the NPP will be firmly accepted to be the main option of electricity generation in between 2017-2020. For this end, the PFS is very crucial in the sense that it must prove that, basing on the natural contents as well as the exploitation ability of Vietnam, all of conventional electrical generation like coal, hydro and gas, including the one imported from other countries, cannot meet the energy demand of Vietnam for that period. In this respect, MOI is the one to do the best this task. Therefore, it is reasonable that MOI is assigned to play the main role in carrying out the PFS. VAEC is responsible for technology, nuclear safety, nuclear fuel processing, setting up long-term program for NPP development etc.
- 2- The Steering Committee for nuclear plan is established by the Government, its main task is to complete the PFS, which will be reported to Government next year. Then a national commission will be established for appreciating this report. The conclusion of this commission certainly will be the keystone for Government to decide whether NPP is accepted or not. In this regard, understanding NPP for members of the commission is much more important than that of Steering Committee members. Therefore, just now, we are thinking of the fact that those, who would be selected to be members of the commission, would visit NPP in Japan. The visit of Steering Committee members to NPP is not really necessary, but some keyperson can do.

3- Taking into account all of the preceding problems I claim that the presence of a JAIF office in Hanoi is obviously meaningful for VAEC at this time and Mr Iwakoshi is the most suitable representative.

Before ending my letter I would like to send my best wishes to you and hope to welcome you in Hanoi soon.

Cordially yours,

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Tran Huu Phat