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Dear Dr. McNamara:

I am writing in response to your letter of Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. You ask for information about the value and use of a recent fellowship to Diem-Hang Nguyen-Tran, a doctoral student in the Molecular and Cellular Biology Program. The MCB Program was pleased to admit Hang with the additional incentive of the VEF Fellowship. She started in this PhD Program in Autumn Quarter 2008. The first year she had full department support while she rotated in various labs in our program. In her second year she selected a permanent lab; her mentor was encouraged to admit her to this permanent lab by the support your foundation provided. She enjoyed this partial support for two years, and is now fully supported by her mentor, Prof. Hannele Ruohola-Baker.

Hang is progressing nicely in our program; she has passed her General Exam and now has but to complete her dissertation research and pass the Final Exam. All in all, the VEF support in the form of stipend assistance and subsequent PDG monies has allowed Hang to carry out her career objectives.

The Vietnam Education Foundation provides a valuable incentive to U.S. institutions to accept and train the students it funds, many of whom will make outstanding researchers in their chosen disciplines.

Respectfully,

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