# BIOGRAPHY of VU-VAN-THAI

## Director General of Foreign Aid and Budget of Vietnam

Born January 26, 1919 in Hanoi Studied in France.

License des Sciences, Ecole des Arts et Manufactures in Paris. Scholarship at the National Center of Scientific Research, 1944-56. Director of Les Presses Scientifiques Internationales, 1951-54.

Returned to Vietnam late 1954.

Became Director General of Planning in 1955.

Appointed to head Foreign Aid Administration in December of 1955.

His agency and title were changed to Director General of Foreign Aid and Budget under the Presidency - April 1957.

Has frequently represented Vietnam at International Conferences, Participating in the following:

11th Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East (ECAFE) in Tokyo, March 1955.

7th Session of ECAFE Committee on Trade and Industry in Tokyo, March 1955. 2nd Meeting of FCAFE's Working Group for Development and Economic Planning in Bangkok. September 17-29, 1956.

Delegate to the Ministerial Meetings of Colombo Plan in New Zealand.

Attended ECAFE Conference in Bangkok, March 18-29, 1957.

Member of the Committee appointed to organize Colombo Plan Conference in October 1957.

Attended the following conferences and accompanied the Secretary of State at the Presidency to India for high-level discussions, which included the question of diplomatic relations between the two countries August 1956.

Has accompanied the President: on state visit to the United States, May 1957.

: on state visit to Korea, September 1957.

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Name: Georgette (Vu Van Thai

Date of birth: June 30, 1947

Citizenship: French and Vietnamese (Duel nationality)

Daughter of: Vu Van Thai, Inter-regional adviser

United Nations Technical Assistance Operations

and

Mrs. Vu Van Thai (born: Garoute Simone)

#### Education:

|            | ( Classe de Mathematiques |                 |
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|            | ( Elementaires1963-1964   | Paris           |
|            | ( First Class1962-1963    | Lome (Togoland) |
| Secondary  | ( Second Class1961-62     | New York        |
|            | ( Third Class1960-61      | Saigon          |
|            | ( Fourth Class1959-60     | Saigon          |
|            | ( Fifth Class1958-59      | Saigon          |
| ÷          | ( Sixth Class1957-58      | Saigon          |
|            | ( Seventh Class1956-57    | Saigon          |
|            | ( Ninth Class1955-56      | Meudon (France) |
|            | ( Tenth Class1954-55      | Meudon          |
| Elementary | ( Eleventh Class1953-54   | Meudon          |
|            | ( Twelfth Class1952-53    | Meudon          |

Graduation: First part of baccalaureat (mathematics and foreign languages)
1963 ---- Lome

Second part of baccalaureat (mathematics) next July in Paris

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- After a career in France successively as an engineer and a businessman, returned to Vietnam in 1954 after the Geneva Agreements to join the Vietnamese Administration, and was successively Director General of Planning (1954-1955), Administrator of Foreign Aid (1955-1957), Director General of Budget and Foreign Aid (1957-1961).
- Resigned from the Government Service in 1961 and joined the United Nations Secretariat first as a Consultant to the Fiscal and Financial Branch (1961-1962), then as a United Nations Technical Assistance Adviser to the Government of Togo and Resident Representative of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board in Togo (1962-1964).
- Returned to Vietnam after the fall of President Diem and was appointed Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States, but declined the appointment after the military coup of General Khanh and returned to the United Nations Secretariat where he was appointed to the position of Inter-Regional Economic Adviser in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.
- Presented his credentials as Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States to President Johnson on December 16, 1965.

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