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Dear Dr. V. Valmayor

Thank you very much for your fax dated June 1<sup>th</sup> 1994. The collection of diversity area of banana, sp in Northern provinces have been planned to organise in 3 collection trips and it will be finished in the beginning of July. Then at that time I will prepare to write a detail report of each collection trip for you.

Up to now, we had organised 2 exploration and collection missions. The collection trip carried out in the Northern Central Part of Vietnam covering the follow provinces: Nghe an, thanh hoa, and Lam ha (you can see the collection route on attached map). The total number of indigenous collected samples are 28, among of them there are 2 samples distributed in deep forest. Each collected sample had been described detailly after codes and INIBAP's descriptors. Every sample had been photographed and collected 5 suckers.

The second collection trip covered the North-West of Northern Vietnam. It consist of following provinces: Hoa binh, Son la, Bai chau. Result and data of this trip are still not treated.

Third trip will be implemented at the end of June along the Red River and Thuong River.

On the occasion of the exploration trip of Plant Genetic Diversity in Southern provinces organised by consult of IPGRI, Dr. David Wood, we have reidentified a place for establishing field banana collection of South Vietnam. It will be located at the Fruit Research Center, which has just been organised in Tien Giang province belonging to the Cuu Long River Delta.

Before starting collection and after the first trip we have organised 2 small workshops to analyse collection experiences in especially for indigenous bananas.

As you know in the Southern Vietnam we lack experts on banana so we have decided to establish a six collection team. It consists of experts from Phu Ho Fruit Research Center and other members from institutes of South Vietnam. These exploration and collection missions in South Vietnam will be fulfilled in August and September 1994. <sup>maybe</sup> All of collected samples will be available for characterization and evaluation in 1995.

On March 1994 I had written a letter to Dr. H. Tezenas du Montcel and invited him to take part in collection trips in April 1994 but he was on travelling to South America and could not attend. If he comes we will organise an extra-collection trip for him.

At the same time, we are beginning to transfer more than 30 local banana collections from field bank of Phu Ho Fruit Research Center to in vitro bank at INSA. Due to financial support of the project facility of our laboratory had been improved. We are culturing meristem to produce disease free plantlets, preparing in vitro available material for exchanging banana germplasm.

Previously, you said that in July 1994 there will be organised a workshop on Bananas in Taiwan. So could you

please look for us an invitation for 2 participants as studytour. The financial support will be take out from Banana Project.

Concerning Heratology training course in Belgium I ~~nominee~~ Mrs Thanh who is working in Biotechnology Department of INSA to participate in this course.

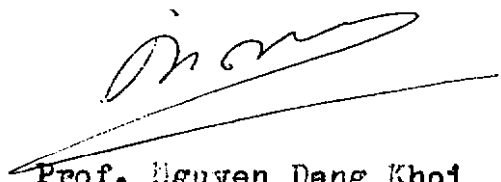
I enclose herewith her application form. Could you please help us to enquire scholarship from Belgian Governament.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance concerning implementation and development of Banana Project in Vietnam.

I looking forward to hearing from your.

With best wishes

Your sincerely

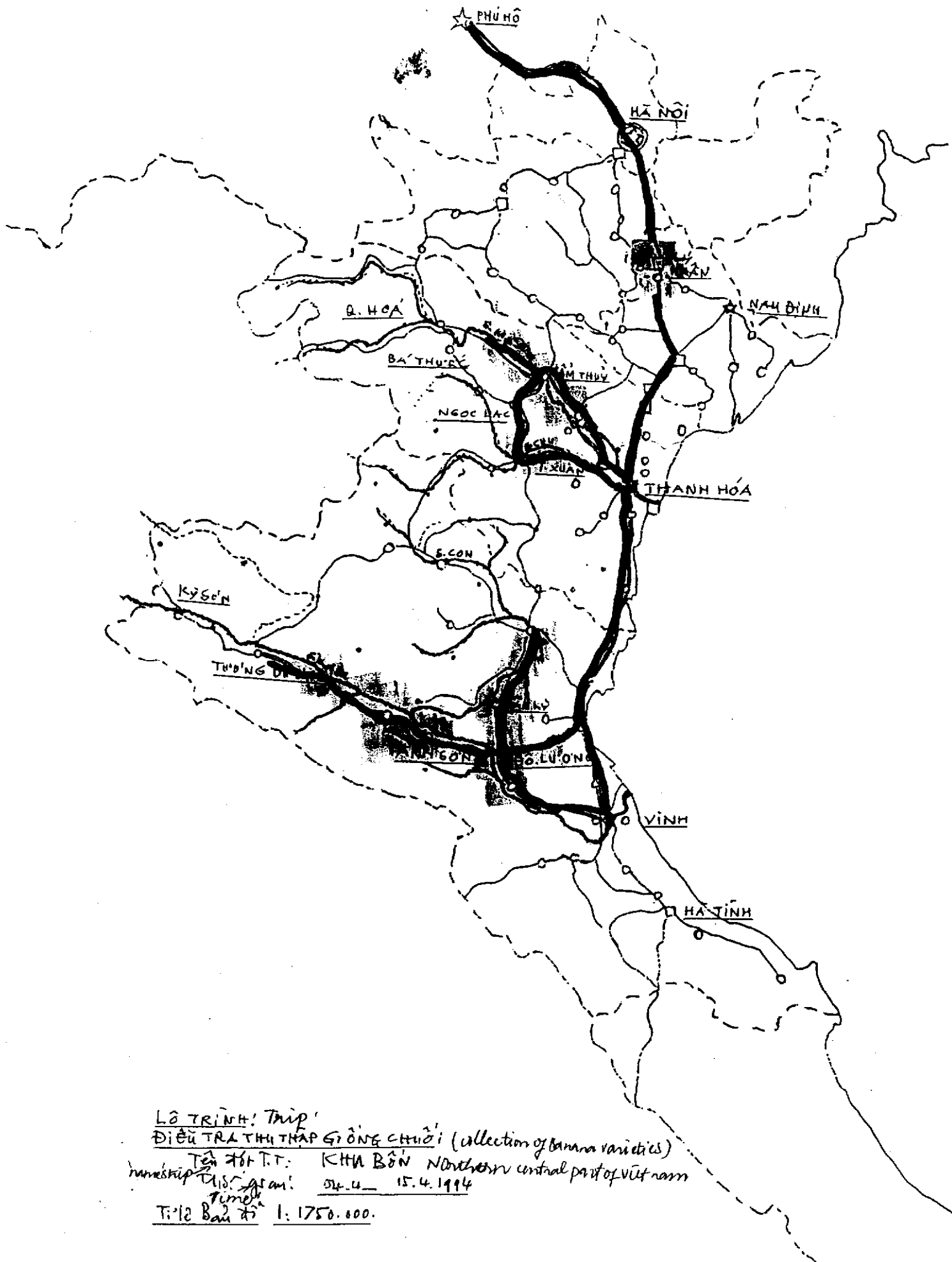


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List of banana collected samples in the  
North of Central  
Vietnam

Place collected (1)	Sample No. (2)	Wild banana (3)	Cultivated banana (4)	Photos (5)
Anh son	1		ngu	x
	2		ay but	x
	3		Va huong	x
	4	Chuai rung		x
	5		van	x
	6		vit	x
	7		Voi	x
Do Luong	8		Gao	x
	9		Ngop lun	x
	10		Ngop cao	x
Thanh chuong	11		Va huong	x
	12		Pop auong	x
	13		Bo giang	x
	Nan ky	14		Chuai hot
15			bat bo ket	x
16			Tieu lun	x
17		Chuai rung		x
18			Chuai trung	x
Vinh loo	19		bat noo	x
	20		Chuai sat	x
	Nan dinh	21		ngu den
22			ngu tien	x

	1	2	3	4	5
Ly nhan		23		logop dai quo	x
		24		Tieu hong	x
		25		Tieu xanh	x
		26		Hgu thoo	
		27		Hgu trau	
		28		Mat bo ket	



LỘ TRÌNH: Trip  
 ĐIỀU TRA THỰC THẬP GIỐNG CHUỐI (collection of banana varieties)  
 Tên họ T.T.: KHU BỐN Northern central part of Việt nam  
 number of specimens: 54-4-15.4.1994  
 Time: 12  
 Tỷ lệ Bản đồ 1: 1750.000.