Saranac Lake, N.Y.
August 11, 1938

Dear Marjorie:

Your letter of July 24th reached the office just as I was dashing off for a few weeks' vacation, so I brought it along. Margaret and I have enjoyed this latest letter from Doctor Bob. Glad he was able to get away to Shanghai for a brief breathing space. I return the letter herewith.

If the situation in November is such as to permit your getting back to China of course our office will be glad to help with the arrangements. What may happen in China during the months ahead is still filled with uncertainty. If the Chinese can continue their present resistance another year or so until the Japanese are worn out or other nations take a hand in the situation, we might have another period of terrorism through the lower Yangtze Valley as the Japanese withdraw. On the other hand, if the Japanese keep control, they will undoubtedly make life within the interior of China increasingly impossible for Americans. Lovely prospect either way.

I'm passing your letter along to Mr. Evans, with a request that he see whether there are any steps we should take to help you with your plans before I return later this month. After that I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

We want to see young Miss Elizabeth some of these days. I can appreciate the fact that she is getting to be quite a young lady now, and is rapidly gaining poise and dignity.

Cordially,