A last-minute note rather than long supplementary letter about the war.

In military achievement Japan is well ahead, preeminent in artillery, in air power, and navy. Yet the Chinese fight actual battles despite heavy losses — increasingly far from equal, especially in the air. Railway points like Sungking and villages toward Soochow along the busy greek have suffered from bombing, including refugees caught accidentally in terrible destruction. But the Chinese have a rather primitive morale that is of good use in defeat. Kiangwan to the north station is the defence line vigorously attacked but still held precariously by Chinese.
Dear Sir,

No word from you since leaving Kobe. I realize that you might postpone writing until you were sure I'd got through; but it seems like a good while now. I'll be very anxious for your response to Kaye's cables and my letter from Shanghai.

Today the last important committee meeting before the opening of classes. Things are relatively quiet in the half-deserted city, especially during so much cloudy and enveloping weather. Mills arrived, Pigg on a visit, latter family sailing from Kobe for America Oct. 11. Thompson waiting in Kiel in hope University will move there. Buck probably started for America in the Clitier yesterday. Mr. Marx coming down soon. Ewing at Hokei, we suppose. Paxton thinks quick and full compensation will be made for N's losses. Wilkinson back to Hokei from Wuhan, where she had paused. Our people and many others at Hankow did not get out in time by Canton, and now
plan to stay. Aside from Agricultural Economics research, and Cultural Studies fame, plan now is to keep school together here. Most of staff here, with out family I have forwarded to you letters from Mrs. Jack and from a many Evelyn Jones of 1104 W. Grand, M. Springfield, llc; also 2 copies All Monthly, and to Morton 2 Geographic. Will not forward more until I hear your plans.

Expect to send this p.m. to E. W. Lucasse, 64 Route 62, a steamer 3/4, with my initials, containing stuff for you & Bobby, and the big fris with bedding, including your brown suit case, with the things for Morton. No idea about time of transit. I will instruct Lucasse to hold the stuff till we know your plans, except for the suit case which he will send to Morton if he has an opportunity (e.g., by Mr. Boynton on the M&M boat Oct. 19).

Could not find boy's scarves, your "better" hats (16 others!), Mr's blue sweater, perhaps another item which I'll check again. Sorry, but I have spent a total of three full days on inquires, packing, luggage, etc., and can't do more now. Things were scattered, wrapped, mixed, that it was really a tough job. Will enclose and later complete list.

Remember that no news is good news. Even a slight injury to a foreigner will be reported instantly. Many summer letters lost.
Baggage went this morning by train, supposed to arrive next day. Receipt, etc. to Succock. Case for Morton might be sent early with a suitcase for Mrs. Riggs, but Boynton may be relied upon as latest date, I think. Boynton to hold stuff for you till I have word of your plans.

Otherwise no news here. General recuperation proceeds slowly, wondering about possible relapse.

With my best love to Bobby and Morton and you,

Scarle