Dearest:-

Communications bucked/a little with arrival Am. Embassy staff
6 Jan. Allison is excellent, and already has protests from Washington over University cases after failure of local people to stop entry, rape, and robbery, with intimidation and abduction of staff - including apparent murder of an interpreter from our Middle School refugee camp after they seized him from our house where I hid him one night after he escaped from a first firing squad. They had tried for ten days to get him into their employ by bribery and threats, but he refused. This was work of police assigned to protect us:

Through a British air attaché got your letters 11 and 12 of same days. Radio from Elsie says she has a letter from you which she will try to forward through Brady at Hongkong (?). Am sending today notes to Morton and Bobby through Japanese Embassy.

If you are in Shanghai get me a checkbook on SCSE when convenient. Will be occasional chances for letters through Am or Br. Consulates.

Many thoughts and much love, but not overmuch hope of seeing you for some time.

Consult Shanghai friends for other information.

Directors elected me U. Pres. in Shanghai 13th. Suppose it was to strengthen my position in present difficulties.

Searle