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Thanks to PFP & Major
Mavis for encouragement.
Latter money
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Dearest:-

Short notice for early leaving of "Bee". "Oahu" to go 2-3 days later, and return after very short stay in Shanghai. Fitch on "Bee", much against judgment of all the rest of us, who think Japs will not honor their promise to let him return by "Oahu". But he can't stay put any longer, I fear, and has all sorts of irons in the fire.

Some little mail from Shanghai post office came to us by "Aphis", arranged by Ritchie. I got your letter No. 1, 19 Nov., one from Alec Paul, and my first Christmas card -- one from an American church lady formerly in UCMS. A few papers, incl. NCDN Nov. 24 and Foreign Affairs for January! Don't understand your reference to Jessie's difficulties as connected with your going to Tokyo, but that's all right. I have your little box of chocolate for Plumer and me, but the other stuff is not in hand yet, supposably with Hospital supplies neglected in yesterday's delivery thru misunderstanding. Appreciate interest, but don't want foodstuffs personally. All common here, and we have just got a big order collectively. Will call on you for anything else needed. No interest in special luxuries under present conditions, and we have plenty of plain food with passable variety considering conditions.

Your letter from Shanghai #21 23 Jan. most welcome, of course. By all means send NCDN to Japan, and all stuff you can by personal messenger on boats, trusting to any sort of foreign contact there for delivery. No chance in the one intervening day to go to house to check for coverlet; am uncertain, for third-floor stuff in such a mess and I put most of it back into boxes in half-darkness. No clippings received at any time. Will think over the relief ¥ 55; heavy needs here for personal boosts, and am giving out quite a little with caution. Hope you various women can arrange to get us a file of NCDN from now on. My subscription still in force nominally, and perhaps ~~Plumer's~~ Plumer's. Have thought same thing for summer, but there are very many barriers and possible prohibitions; will discuss further a little later. Got Nichi-Nichi paper eventually, as I reported in one letter to you. Have also your #15 dec. 20, as I think I told you previously, though it came recently.

Please get me shoelaces, say 3 pr. black and one brown. Also socks which I will try to give the proud and penniless Riggs, who has made over almost all monies to his family. He has bought in little shops on Szechuen Road just south of Chinese YMCA, cheap mixed wool and cotton, cheap cotton, and occasional passable wool. Must be able to stand rough wear in bad shoes. Total several pairs. Don't care who pays for them, but suggest you get them and Claude send them with a note on this line: "To help you stand up against the Japs, with munitions that you can't get in Nanking." Or, Nanking friends in Shanghai, if C. prefers. Riggs very sensitive but doing a wonderful job.

Since my \$400 is by misunderstanding in a bricked up vault which we don't want to open yet, I took George's offer last night and received \$200 from him which you repay to YMCA National Committee - Wilbur or any other responsible person. G. does not know where he will sleep.

Hard struggle ahead now, as Japs yesterday told Camp directors to get out refugees by Feb. 4 or then troops would force them out of Safety Zone. That's on top of food and all the other incidents of Allison, Riggs, and so on, about which you may have some information.

Again please get copies of my papers to NY and to Chengtu. Indianapolis if you have enough. Chengtu & Wankhsien by air from Shanghai. Keep one complete

Jacket, amp is head of Consular Police, now a considerable body. Brune, always cautious & gay; a vicious man. Slack manner & long, curled mustache like Hollywood William. Cressy at least to see unit stuff.

Much love to