

31 December, 1937.

Officers of the Japanese Embassy,
Nanking.

Gentlemen:-

I am glad to report to you that our servant P'an Shu-ch'ing was released last night. He had worked eight days, including journeys to Wuhu, all under compulsion. He says that he was well treated as to food, though he received no pay.

As to the important man in the Sericulture Building case of yesterday (Ch'en Mei or Wang Hsing-lung), the Housing Commission of the International Committee, which sent him to that place to care for refugees, will make a report today after careful inquiry as to the way in which he came to the Committee and any information they can get about him.

Permit me to repeat the oral statement made yesterday to Mr. Fukuda and more briefly to Mr. Tanaka. We have been open to search and investigation at all times, and make no effort to protect any individual from wrong acts of any kind. We do not like the frequent irregular entries by common soldiers, but any inspection by officers in a regular manner is always welcome. This man Ch'en or Yang has had no connection with the University at any time. I do not expect other cases like this to arise, since practically all of the other helpers are members of our own staff or are otherwise personally known to us.

Yours respectfully,