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Dear Dr. Bates:

I have read the memo on your visit to Japan with interest - not to say excitement. Among other things, it has given me a fresh incentive to go ahead with my book project. I refer to your statement that "the most needed and most effective information was a review of the extension of Japanese control and influence since 1932." It seems to me that, as one who has watched Japanese activities in North China and Manchoukuo at close quarters all the way through, it ought to be possible to present, in sober but telling fashion, the facts which your friends in Japan wish to know. Of course there is the possibility that such a book might be banned by the Japanese authorities but I believe I could get my points over without giving offence, as I have somehow contrived to do all along in connection with my work for the "Guardian."

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the very rough outline I showed you yesterday. Please understand that this was drafted in about ten minutes as a result of a sudden inspiration and that I realise it will have to be expanded and modified considerably as further suggestions are made to me or occur to my own mind. I should be very grateful if you and Mr. Mills, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, would go over it carefully and make any suggestions that you care to --even to the extent of an entirely new plan if that should seem best. As I see it, although the volume will carry my name as its author, the book will be less the fruit of my own efforts than a very carefully coordinated symposium representing the thought of the best minds I can bring to bear on the problem. It just happens to be more convenient for the thing to be published under a single name-- publishers are averse from handling symposiums as a rule. Once I get the "keel" of the book laid down the problem will be greatly simplified and I shall then proceed to get a number of my friends to work gathering material along the lines required. If we all put our shoulders to the wheel it ought to be possible to get the job done in four months at the outside-- possibly even less-- and I venture to hope that the result will prove to have been well worth the effort. I dare say that both you and Mr. Mills have on hand a good deal of "raw material" gathered in connection with ~~xxxx~~ the preparation of your two memoranda -- if so, would you be good enough to preserve it for possible future reference?

In my capacity as advisory editor of "Asia" I found your memo fairly bristling with possibilities for articles. There is one subject which I think you ought to tackle because of its bearing on the present situation and your special equipment for the job. That's the question of psychological factors affecting Sino-Japanese relations-- e.g., paragraphs IV and V. The question would need to be examined from both sides, of course, and I have a few ideas with regard to the Chinese angle which I should like to share with you some time. In any case I hope that if you find yourself with a little time to spare for the job you will jot down some notes on the psychological factors involved. If you could let me have the thing in rough shape I could



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probably indicate how it might be prepared for publication in "Asia" with a minimum of effort on your part. It seems to me that the publication of such an article ~~from the magazine~~ by an impartial authority in a magazine of "Asia's" standing might have a considerable influence upon the Japanese in the direction of making it possible for them to see themselves as others see them. Also, I'm bound to confess, I need your angle on that for the book. And don't you think that Mr. Mills ought to write something pretty useful, too?

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed our session yesterday. It will be a great privilege to keep in touch with you and to assist, in however small a way, the cause to which you and your group are devoting yourselves with such energy and, if I may use the word in its best sense, intelligence. I shall leave for Shanghai tomorrow morning and it is my present expectation that you will see me back in Nanking for a few days early in April. Meanwhile do not fail to look me up if you come to Shanghai, where I shall lose no time in getting into touch with Mr. Rees and others whose names have been mentioned.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Bates and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

H. J. Timperley

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Pt: Would you please be so good as  
to send over the enclosed chart to  
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the street number.

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