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G'men!

Thanks to the hospitality of my American friends I am in the position to address the Representatives of 4 different Embassies to whom I am equally greatly obliged.

q The American, British and German Embassies---here represented by Mr. Allison, Mr. Jeffery and Dr. Rosen---have shown their sympathy with our Committee's ~~work~~ efforts to create a Safety Zone in Nanking from the very beginning---that is about end of November last year. I wish to express how grateful we all felt for their aid to our enterprise which has---I am glad to say---meantime been crowned with success.

To you---Mr. Fukui--I beg to express my thanks for the aid I have found in your Embassy when bothering you with the numerous appeals of our Committee. You---though you must have sometimes felt tired---always listened to me with great patience and helped me to the best of your possibility. Since I have heard that you have been transferred by your Government to Bombay I beg to add to my thanks my congratulations. I wish you every success in your new ~~post~~ position.

The International Committee for the Nanking Safety Zone has meantime changed its name to the Nanking International Relief Committee which name is more in conformity with its present functions and I hope that all of the Embassies here represented will be kind enough to continue to support the Relief Committee as much as they did formerly support the Committee for the Safety Zone.

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Our RELIEF Committee does not--- and will not---interfere with either the work of the Japanese authorities or that of the Self-Government Committee. We are a purely private enterprise--- as such can be found in many other countries---with no other aim--- but to help the suffering poor of this city at the best of our ability and means.

I am extremely sorry that I have to leave Nanking---because a lot of good work is still to be done and I should have liked to just carry on with all of you. I do leave this town with my best wishes for your future work. Do continue---I pray---your work of helping the poor and distressed population of Nanking to overcome the time of hardship. I am sure your work will be of success if the good harmony shown heretofore will not be disturbed.

Thank you!