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(Cora) Geng Yu-dju.
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Boston - March 6, 1939
College Club
Luncheon to present Miss Deng Yü-dji

Ginling College, represented by Mrs. Macmillan as hostess, entertained a group of representative Smith-Ginling women at luncheon in honor of Miss Deng Yu-dji, Industrial Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in China, Monday, March 6, 1939, at the College Club, Boston.

Guests included:

Miss Deng Yü-dji
Wang Yao-yün (Mrs. Teng)
Mrs. Adams, guest of Mrs. Lyman
Mrs. G. Donald Born
Mrs. James O. Foss
Mrs. Harrison F. Lyman
Mrs. Philip Richardson
Mrs. Henry B. Sawyer
Miss Louise Shoup
Mrs. Robert P. Trask
Mrs. Irving H. Upton
Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Miss Ewing

During the luncheon Mrs. Macmillan read a recent message from President Wu Yi-fang, telling briefly of the Madras Conference and of her many responsibilities as head of various Committees and of her non-political participation in the work of Madame Chiang. This served to bring the luncheon guests up to date as did the copies of two new Ginling bulletins just from the press, which were distributed to all present.

Mrs. Teng was formally presented to the group as a doctor in her own right, studying and visiting hospitals here in Boston, while her husband, Dr. Teng Chih-tung, is studying under Dr. Minot of the Boston City Hospital.

Miss Deng Yü-dji was then asked to tell of her own part in China's industrial work. She gave an invigorating and enlightening picture of China industrially, economically and socially today.

The luncheon proved highly successful in the light of its purpose, that of bringing to important representatives of Smith Clubs in Greater Boston a clearer picture of China at first hand from a well-qualified source in the person of Miss Deng Yü-dji

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON SQUARE
NEW YORK

Deng Yu-gi

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

March 15, 1939

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you for your letter of March 10.

We did not ask Miss Cora Deng for information on the proved ability of Ginling graduates to pursue higher studies in America. What we need is an official transcript of her own record in Ginling College and a statement of her graduation. Miss Deng has been in conference with our Professor Magee and has left with him, I understand, a copy of the Ginling College catalog from which it would seem that she is eligible for admission to our Graduate School. However, before her status can be definitely determined it will be necessary to have a complete record of her undergraduate work. I am sure Miss Deng has this record in her possession. This is required in all cases.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. Arnsdorf

HENRY G. ARNSDORF,
Registrar and Supervisor
of Admissions

Mrs. T. D. MacMillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York New York
4 April 1939

Dear Miss Deng:

It is very good news to have in this morning's mail a note from Henry G. Arnsdorf, who says that the Committee on Admissions of the Graduate School of New York University are willing to admit you on the basis of your Bachelor of Arts degree from Ginling in 1926, and to accept your "registration for such courses as the Department of Economics may permit or prescribe." I hope that this ruling will prove entirely satisfactory; my only doubt rises from the fact that the phraseology employed by Mr. Arnsdorf does not include a statement of your admission to candidacy for a master's degree. Please let me know immediately if there is any way in which I can be of further service.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Deng YH-dji
Foreign Department, Y.W.C.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York New York

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*Please
return to
G. Ball in Halifax*

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THE HARRIET HAMMOND MCCORMICK MEMORIAL
YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION RESIDENCE
DEARBORN STREET AT OAK
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 24, 1939.

Dear Mrs Macmillan,

Thank you ever so much for your letters dated March 22, April 3 and 4, and also for the Freshman report. Pardon me for this long delayed answer.

I have not even thanked you for that lovely drive that you kindly took me to Smith College. By the way I forgot to ask about the cost of that drive; I really think the YWCA ought to pay for the gasoline. But it was such a beautiful drive and I shall always remember that trip that I had the privilege to make together with you. I met some very interesting people also the next morning.

It is now definitely decided that I am to go to Geneva this summer, and I shall have to leave earlier than planned in order to get to the ILO conference. I am very sorry to say that I shall not be able to speak at the Smith College meeting. I hope this delayed answer will not inconvenience you from getting another speaker. As for myself I feel I am very unfortunate not to be able to go to this important and interesting meeting.

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THE HARRIET HAMMOND McCORMICK MEMORIAL
A YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION RESIDENCE
DEARBORN STREET AT OAK
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Since I have not heard from New York office yet, I do not know whether there is any more question about admitting me for M. A. degree in N.Y. U. or not. I shall be able to find out as soon as I return to New York, the beginning of May. In case I shall ^{find} some more difficulties I certainly will come to you for further help.

I have just finished a trip to the south, and have learned a great deal about America's economic problems. I am now in the midst of a visit at Chicago. Besides visiting factories I have met some very interesting people. I heard Miss Erika Mann speak the other day, and she told us about deplorable ways education is being carried out in Nazy Germany. I just do not see why a nation's greatness has to be built on hatred of other people.

I hope I shall be able to see you again before I start for Europe.

Wither very best wishes
Yours sincerely,

Cora Deng
Cora Deng.

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October 21, 1936

The Secretary of Far Eastern Affairs
State Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I have been instructed by the Board of Founders of Ginling College to inform you that at the meeting of the Board in New York City on September 28 the following action was taken regarding the land and property owned by the Board of Founders of Ginling College and the various mission boards cooperating:

"VOTED that the Board of Founders of Ginling College authorize the Board of Directors of the College to register the property, including both lands and buildings, of Ginling College with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Directors, with the understanding that the Board of Directors will give the Board of Founders, representing the original donors, formal assurance of their acceptance of the trust to carry on the college in accordance with the purpose for which it was founded."

BF 98

"VOTED that the secretary be instructed to send notice of this action to the American Embassy in Nanking and to the State Department in Washington." BF 100

The Board of Founders felt sure you would wish to be informed of this action.

Very truly yours,

Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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October 21, 1936

To the American Ambassador
Nanking
China

Sir:

I have the honor of informing you that at a meeting of the Board of Founders of Ginling College held in New York City on September 25, 1936 the following action was taken:

"VOTED that the Board of Founders of Ginling College authorize the Board of Directors of the College to register the property, including both lands and buildings, of Ginling College with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Directors, with the understanding that the Board of Directors will give the Board of Founders, representing the original donors, formal assurance of their acceptance of the trust to carry on the college in accordance with the purpose for which it was founded."

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"VOTED that the secretary be instructed to send notice of this action to the American Embassy in Nanking and to the State Department in Washington." BF 100

In accordance with instructions I am forwarding this information to you.

I am, my dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FE 393.1164/177

October 24, 1936

Miss Florence G. Tyler,
Secretary, Board of Founders
of Ginling College,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 21, 1936, informing the Department of the action taken at the meeting of the Board of Founders of Ginling College, held in New York City on September 25, 1936, in regard to the matter of registration with the Chinese Government of the property, including both land and buildings, of Ginling College, Nanking, China.

Your courtesy in bringing the action taken in this matter to the attention of the Department is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Stanley K. Hornbeck,
Chief,
Division of Far Eastern Affairs.

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Refer to Your
Letter -
FE 393.1164/177

September 3, 1937

The Secretary
Division of Far Eastern Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On October 21, 1936 I wrote you quoting the action of the Board of Founders of Ginling College in Nanking, China. This action was as follows:

"VOTED that the Board of Founders of Ginling College authorize the Board of Directors of the College to register the property, including both lands and buildings, of Ginling College with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Directors, with the understanding that the Board of Directors will give the Board of Founders, representing the original donors, formal assurance of their acceptance of the trust to carry on the college in accordance with the purpose for which it was founded."

BF 98

"VOTED that the secretary be instructed to send notice of this action to the American Embassy in Nanking and to the State Department in Washington." BF 100

I had an acknowledgment from Mr. Stanley K. Hornbeck, Chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs, under your file No. F.E. 393.1164/177, and dated October 24, 1936.

I am now writing to say that after a great deal of discussion the Board of Directors at Nanking decided for the present to register the college property with the government in the name of the Board of Founders of Ginling College, New York City. Eventually this property will probably be registered in the name of the college but it is now in the name of the Board of Founders here and is therefore listed as American property. In view of the fact that I wrote you as I did last fall I am now sending

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you the later information.

I sent an identical letter to the American Embassy at Nanking on October 21, 1936 and a letter from Dr. Yi-fang Wu, President of Gialing College, informs me that she notified the Nanking Embassy of the action of the Board of Directors in Nanking.

Very truly yours,

Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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Room 905
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
September 2, 1937

Honorable Cordell Hull
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The Ginling College Board of Founders respectfully asks that any information received at the State Department concerning the following American staff of Ginling College in Nanking, China, be sent to this office. We are not asking for any special inquiry to be made at this time concerning these people

Their names and summer locations as far as known here are:

Miss Ruth Chester	Tsingtao
Miss Florence Kirk	Tsingtao
Miss Alice Morris	Tsingtao
Miss Cora D. Reeves	Mt. Qui, Szechuan Province
Miss Catherine Sutherland	Nanking
Miss Esther Tappert	on route from Chungtu to
Miss Elsie Priest	Nanking
Miss Minnie Vautrin	Nanking

Respectfully yours,

Rebecca Walton Griest

Chairman, Personnel Committee
for Ginling College Board of Founders

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA 393.1115/515

September 7, 1937.

Miss Rebecca Walton Griest,
Chairman, Personnel Committee for
Ginling College Board of Founders,
Room 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1937, informing the Department of the Division of the Board of Directors at Nanking for the present to register the college property with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Founders of Ginling College at Nanking, China.

No information has been received at the Department concerning the members of the American staff of Ginling College at Nanking and no information has been received regarding any of the persons mentioned in your letter.

Upon the receipt of any report concerning the welfare or evacuation of the persons mentioned in your letter you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Nathaniel P. Davis
Nathaniel P. Davis
Chief, Division of

Foreign Service Administration

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FE 393.1164/190

September 11, 1937

Miss Florence G. Tyler,
Secretary, Board of Founders
of Ginling College,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Madam:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 3, 1937, informing the Department of the decision of the Board of Directors at Nanking for the present to register the College property with the Chinese Government in the name of the Board of Founders of Ginling College, New York City, and calling attention to the fact that the College property is therefore listed as American property.

Your courtesy in bringing this matter to the attention of the Department is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Maxwell M. Hamilton,
Chief,
Division of Far Eastern Affairs.

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September 24, 1957

Dr. E. C. Lobenstine
Room 5413
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City

My dear Dr. Lobenstine:

In checking up the minutes of the last Ginling Executive Committee meeting which are awaiting a few important paragraphs left to be worded by various people I come across one which was to follow the specific recommendations concerning persons connected with the Ginling staff.

May I recall to you the vote of the committee as I have worded it and as it has been approved by Miss Griest:

"VOTED that, in the light of the State Department's pronouncement regarding Americans in China, on receiving the promised cable concerning the opening of the college or its inability to open Dr. Lerrigo be asked in consultation with the Secretary and Miss Griest to word a cable to Dr. Wu concerning the other members of the faculty, it being understood that such cable should convey the backing of the Board for those who choose to stay in China and for those who deem it wise to leave."

Now as you know much water has gone through the mill since we passed this recommendation and I take it we will not hear from China concerning the opening of the college. I do not see any likelihood that it will be able to open. In the light of all this and of the cable sent by Miss Griest a few days ago telling Dr. Wu that the Ginling Board was standing by I am wondering just what communication would seem to you to cover the general intent of the Board of Founders.

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Dr. E. C. Lebenstine - 2.

In general it is the idea of Miss Griest and myself that it would be better not to cable but to send a letter by the American Clipper addressed to Dr. Wu for the two staff people who are remaining at Ginling and also to one or two other centers where Ginling staff are located. It is perfectly possible of course, in fact probable, that said letter would never reach these persons, but it might.

I should be very grateful to you if you would either write or phone me as to what your idea in this matter is and if you think we should write or cable, and what in general should be the contents of the letter or cable. Any help which you can give us will be appreciated. Our idea is to send this off on Monday.

Very sincerely yours,

Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
November 23, 1937

The Far Eastern Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Ginling College Board of Founders requests
that the following cable be forwarded to Nanking, China.
The cable reads as follows:

"Minnie Vautrin
Ginling College
Nanking, China

"Cannot impress too strongly upon you our conviction
your most important duty is to arrange personal
safety of President Wu even though you must insist
upon her leaving campus and city.

Board of Founders"

If it is not possible for you to send this, will you please
wire us immediately at the above address? If you can send
it, please send us a statement of the expenses involved. We
shall greatly appreciate any courtesy which you may be able
to extend in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ginling College Board of Founders

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA 393.1164/210

November 26, 1937

Miss Rebecca W. Griest,
Ginling College Board of Founders,
Suite 903, 150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 23, 1937 quoting a message for transmission to Miss Minnie Vautrin, Ginling College, Nanking, China.

A telegram has been sent to the American Embassy at Nanking transmitting the message for Miss Vautrin without cost to you.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Nathaniel P. Davis
Nathaniel P. Davis
Chief, Division of
Foreign Service Administration.

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150 Fifth Avenue, Room 903
New York, New York
January 14, 1938

Honorable Cordell Hull,
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hull:

The Ginling College Board of Founders
wishes to express its appreciation to you and to
the United States Embassy for forwarding a cable
from Nanking of January 6th for Miss Minnie Vautrin.

If it is possible for you to forward
through the Embassy the following cable, we should
greatly appreciate having it sent.

MINNIE VAUTRIN
GINLING COLLEGE
NANKING, CHINA

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR JANUARY SIXTH CABLE. INFORMED
YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, BOARD, STAFF. THANKFUL FOR
YOUR COURAGE ABILITY DEVOTION SUCCESS. HOUGHTON
MIFFLIN AGAIN NIBELING, SEND RECORD AS YOU CAN.
GINLING EMERGENCY FUND HERE NOW ABOVE SIX THOUSAND.
GRAVES OFFERS IMMEDIATE RETURN TO HELP WITH LANGUAGE
DIFFICULTIES.

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Respectfully yours,

RWG:am

For the Ginling Board of Founders

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In reply refer to
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

January 26, 1928.

The Honorable

W. W. Griest,

House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of January 23, 1928, transmitting a cablegram received from the student body of Ginling College, Nanking, China, together with a letter addressed by the student body of that college to your daughter, regarding a proposed loan to be made by American bankers to the South Manchuria Railway. I have noted with interest the views expressed in the cablegram and letter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

/s/ Frank B. Kellogg

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA 393.1164 Ginling
College/8

March 4, 1938.

Miss Rebecca Walton Griest,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
Room 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Madam:

Reference is made to the Department's telegram
transmitting a message from Miss Vautrin at Nanking,
China, dated February 28, 1938.

A corrected copy of the above telegram from
Miss Vautrin has now been received and is quoted below
for your information:

"Yours received of February 25. Injury to
college property from sheltering refugees es-
timated at seven or eight thousand. Injury to
college property and equipment from looting es-
timated at three hundred. Loss sustained by
thirteen Chinese and one American faculty from
looting roughly estimated at twelve hundred.
Monthly expenditure for regular staff salaries
about four hundred fifty. Monthly expenditures
for operation and maintenance seven hundred.
Desirable monthly budget for refugees estimated
at eight hundred period partially covered by
preceding item. Aside from college appropriation

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no dependable and certain income. Above figures are all in Chinese currency. College continues to shelter approximately three thousand".

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Nathanial P. Davis

Nathanial P. Davis
Chief, Division of
Foreign Service Administration

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA 393.1164 Ginling
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March 23, 1938.

My dear Miss Griest:

I have received your letter of March 21, 1938 requesting that the message contained in your letter under acknowledgment be transmitted through official channels for delivery to Miss Minnie Vautrin, Ginling College, Nanking, China.

A telegram has been sent to the American Embassy at Nanking quoting the message contained in your letter and requesting that it be delivered to Miss Vautrin.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Nathaniel P. Davis

Nathaniel P. Davis
Chief, Division of
Foreign Service Administration

Miss Rebecca W. Griest,
Room 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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July 28, 1938

My dear Miss Griest:

I have received your letter of July 25, 1938 requesting that a message be transmitted by telegram through official channels for delivery to Miss Minnie Vautrin, Ginling College, Nanking, China.

A telegram has been sent to the American Embassy at Nanking transmitting the message quoted in your letter and requesting that it be delivered to Miss Vautrin.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Harry A. Havens

Harry A. Havens,
Acting Chief, Division of
Foreign Service Administration

Miss Rebecca W. Griest,
Room 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA 393.1115/3500

August 10, 1938

My dear Miss Griest:

Reference is made to your letter of September 2, 1937 in which you requested any information that might be obtained regarding Miss Ruth Chester at Tsingtao, China.

A telegram has now been received from the American Consul at Kobe, Japan, reporting the arrival from Shanghai on July 15th of a number of Americans including Miss Ruth Chester.

Upon the receipt of any further report in this connection you will be informed.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Nathaniel P. Davis
Nathaniel P. Davis
Chief, Division of
Foreign Service Administration

Miss Rebecca Walton Griest,
Chairman, Personnel Committee for
Ginling College Board of Founders,
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
FA 393.1115/3523

August 17, 1938

My dear Miss Griest:

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning your desire to obtain information regarding Miss Esther Tappert.

A telegram has been received from the American Consul at Kobe, Japan, stating that Esther Tappert arrived at Kobe on July 26, 1938, from Shanghai, China.

Upon the receipt of any further report concerning Miss Tappert I shall communicate with you at once.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Nathaniel P. Davis
Nathaniel P. Davis

Chief, Division of
Foreign Service Administration

Miss Rebecca Walton Griest,
Ginling College Board of Founders,
Room 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Mrs. Moore: -

*Write a note to the State Department stating
them for this information. Do not give them any other
information about Mrs. Tappert, no as in Mrs. Chestnut's*

any American address. R-263.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1944

My dear Mrs. Mills:

In reply to your letter of May 15, 1944 the Department will be glad to send to China the eleven short plays of John Fletcher on the reel of microfilm which weighs approximately two ounces.

Please have the microfilm sent to the Division of Science, Education and Art, Department of State, accompanied by an invoice in triplicate, indicating the contents of the package and the person or organization to which it should be sent. The package should be similarly addressed.

Sincerely yours,

Willys R. Peck
Science, Education and Art
Division

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.



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Informal

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1944

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I wish to inform you that the reel of microfilm mentioned in your letter of May 31, 1944 has been received and transmitted to China along with our regular shipment of microfilm on June 1, 1944.

The Department has been glad to render this service in the promotion of cultural relations.

Sincerely yours,

Willys R. Peck
Science, Education
And Art Division

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York



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