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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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January 7, 1936.

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

Dear Mr. Evans:

I enclose a list of books to be purchased and charged to the Memorial Library Account of Kate Atherton.

I am endeavoring to spread these purchases over the several departments in somewhat equal fashion. We got \$1700 Chinese, for books for Arts in our grant this year. So I am favoring Science this time. The Shanghai purchases (Inorganic Chemistry 13 Vols) were ordered in Shanghai with my request that the Treasurer call on you for the amount in Gold. The Baptist Treasurer paid the bill. So please forward the amount \$162, silver, to Mr. Main for repayment to the Baptist Treasurer at 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Rd. The Books about due here, now.

The other orders are on the enclosed list from the science faculty, per Professor Dye, the Dean. I think it would be well to mail the books to the University, Care Dean Danial S. Dye, who will mark them as Kate Atherton Memorial Books for Science and deposit them in the Library, and then withdraw those needed for the departmental science section. Write him re the order as well as to me, for I may be enroute Shanghai when your letter comes. Also send him duplicate invoice for transmission to the Librarian.

I am about due to start to Chungking for the Annual Meeting of the Methodist Conferences, so good bye, with my seasons Greetings.

Cordially, Joseph Beech

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FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 28, 1936

Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengt'u, Szechwan, China

My dear Dr. Beech:



I have for acknowledgment your letter of December 14th. This discusses in general the minutes of the Annual Meeting of our West China Governors last October together with my covering letter of October 23rd.

Date of Annual Meeting. It now seems quite certain that the Annual Meeting of our West China Governors will be postponed until the autumn, probably during the last half of October. During the third week in April we will hold a meeting of the Executive Committee which can deal with the budget and with any other matters which should not be held over until the Annual Meeting. We will be sending you a wire to this effect within the next few days, as soon as we have had replies from some of the Governors who were asked to give their assent to this postponement.

Chancellor's Salary. I will see to it that the facts set forth in the second paragraph of your letter are brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at the time it is dealing with the 1936-1937 budget estimates. I am not sure whether the Committee will wish to take any further action on the matter or will prefer to let it stand as at present until you have reached America and we have had a chance to talk the matter over with you personally. The West China Governors would all agree heartily that the executive officers at West China are sadly underpaid, and sincerely wish that the salary cuts made by the various mission boards might all be restored. Their only thought in applying these cuts to the Chancellor's salary is the desire to deal uniformly with all members of the staff. Just what influence the special gifts from Mr. ~~Albertson~~ ^{Atcher} should have on this policy is not an easy question to answer. If we should ever adopt a policy of paying more generous salaries to missionary personnel who are able to obtain some or all of their support through contributions of friends, we would create a precedent which would cause no end of dissatisfaction and misunderstanding. But you are, of course, entirely familiar with all these considerations. You can be quite sure of the cordial sympathy of all of our West China Governors, even though they may be reluctant to make any exceptions to this general rule.

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Exchange Reserve Fund Held in Shanghai. I doubt whether there is much more we can add to what has already been written both from Chengtu and from New York in regard to this fund. When you get to America we hope that we will have an opportunity to discuss the matter at somewhat greater length than is possible by correspondence.

Other Matters. We hope that by this time Miss Robertson will be arriving in Chengtu and that her coming will be of great benefit to all of the office work of the University. You point out the danger that too many demands may be made upon her time. This would be unfortunate both because it might prevent her getting the necessary leisure to familiarize herself with her general environment and particularly to study the Chinese language; and also it might prove very discouraging to her if she were so overwhelmed with innumerable demands upon her time that she might feel she was unable to do any of her work efficiently. I am sure that you and President Dsang will be on guard against all these dangers.

The Committee appointed by the West China Governors to restudy the Constitution, By-laws, and Contractual Statement, has not yet done very much, but I hope we can get it into action within the near future, so that we may be quite sure of having all these technicalities cleared up at the Annual Meeting next autumn.

Very cordially yours,

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Enclosed find larger Certificates Applications.

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Union University

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February, 7th, 1936

My dear Dr. Garside:

received today,

Adm. & WPA 7/20/36

In reply to yours of Dec 20th, I enclose a copy of my reply to Dr. Elisseeff in regard to the report. As you will see by that letter the three sections of the report mailed to him by Dr. Graham early in June, and not received, were sent again. I also had a rewritten report from Mr. Albertson together with a letter which explained the matters re which Dr. E complained of in the report sent forward, last September. I did not repeat what was written when the 1933-4 report was sent, which accounted for its bulk and mass of detail, namely, that it was a report covering several years during which only partial reports had been sent to them.

I requested Mr. Albertson to send you a copy of the financial statement. I hope this has been done for it calls attention to the fact that we are very much in arrears in regard to the income for the year covered by the report. This was due to the fact that you have been sending the H.Y. funds on the basis of the estimated US dollars required to meet the grant of Mex. \$29,990, whereas we have been following the grants in Mexican and paying on that basis, not only for the year 1934-1935 but for previous years. See your method of closing out the estimated gold amount in the reports and correspondence covering the reports. It will aid Mr. Albertson very much if the payments could be written in the terms of Mexican in your reports and likewise the credit balances due on the grants made. Sometimes draft numbers are not reported to him when exchange rates are sent forward from Shanghai, and delays entries for months awaiting replies. It will help us very much if the balances due on previous years can be forwarded to us and likewise the amount granted this year in Mexican as per our budget figures sent to you. By the time this reaches you we will be well on with the payment of the total amount of Mex. \$29,990.

If I can secure extra copies of the H*Y reports for last year I will send them on to you, and I will pass on, with my word added, your request for future reports. I am having printed forms for the reports made in accordance with the samples and indicated headings sent to us. It should not increase our labor to send proper reports. Except for the form of the financial report, I did not deem it necessary to have the other reports on Chinese department, library, museum, publishing and research rewritten. They were copies of the reports mailed last June. Except for years prior to the "partial reports" sent in, I think we have erred in reporting too much and in too great detail, rather than too little. We have not exercised the care needed in giving H-Y-I credit for all the publications. Yesterday I learned that the West China Border Research Society Journal was in the process of being printed without due credit, as Dr. Elisseeff sees it, so I had "stop press" and credit added to the articles for which H-Y-I makes contribution.

Miss Robertson will arrive about the time I am due to leave, but I will see that plans are in motion for the next reports as the rules and forms demand. I am sorry that affairs in Shanghai will prevent me arriving in time for the H-Y-I meeting in April and the Governors meeting in that month.

Cordially yours

Joseph A. Green

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February 17, 1936

Dr. Joseph Beech
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

My dear Dr. Beech:

We enclose herewith a confirmation copy of the cable we sent you on February 14th. - *See "Cablegrams"* -

As soon as the officers of the West China Governors received letters from you indicating that you probably would not be able to get here in time for a meeting of the Board of Governors this spring, they began making inquiries among the members of the Board to see whether this meeting of the Governors could not be postponed until the autumn. All members of the Board have now expressed their approval of such a postponement of the Annual Meeting until September or October. The possibilities are that the meeting will be held in the latter part of October, though the date is not yet definitely fixed.

On April 20th there will be a meeting of our West China Executive Committee here in New York. At that time we should be able to take action on the 1936-37 budget, and to deal with any other matters which cannot wisely be held over until the autumn.

I believe I have not formally acknowledged your letter of December 20th. To this you attach a copy of a very interesting communication from the Ministry of Education. I am passing along a copy of this to Dr. Frank Anderson, along with your warning that it is not to be published, and is to be used with the greatest discretion, so as to avoid any embarrassment on the field.

We have been watching with interest the tendency of the universities and colleges of eastern China to turn their eyes toward Szechwan. If all the institutions which have talked of moving to Chengtu carry out their intentions, you will soon be the outstanding center of higher learning for eastern Asia.

Thanks for the felicitations on the L.H.D. I am interested to note that this information reminds you of the story of the horse doctor. The one point at which we are most in need of skill is that of doctoring up the sick budgets of about a dozen Christian universities and colleges of China. Everyone agrees that the services of a surgeon are necessary, but no two people will agree on just where the surgery is to be performed.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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4th March, 1936.

Dr. B.A. Garside,
Associated Boards,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

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*Acc'd to Mr.
Albertson
7/20/36*

My dear Dr. Garside,

As you see by my letter of February 7th the envelope has remained unsealed for a considerable time, because I did not succeed in getting a copy of the financial statement until today. Miss Robertson is here as the appearance of that financial statement might indicate. She arrived in Shanghai in due time, attended the Council of Higher Education down there, and she has been here since 16th February. I am very glad she arrived at this time because I am trying to finish up many things before I leave this part of the world. If I get all the things done I hope to do between now and the date of my departure, it will be because I have had the benefit of her assistance. We are trying to start her in right by giving her at least some time to learn the Chinese language. It is not very much these days, but I hope that when I am gone she will have more leisure for that.

Regarding my ~~message~~ ^{note} in the letter of ~~September~~ ^{February} 7th, and then crossing over from that paragraph to the statement of accounts, it has been Mr. Albertson's custom to credit you with the total grant of Mexican dollars approved by the Board of Governors when passing upon the budget. Going back to your statement of July 1933 you will see that we have LC\$32,000 - Gold\$8,000. That item remains unchanged on your budget analysis until May 31st, 1934, and then on your June 30th analysis it is credited as paid. As I understand it, Mr. Albertson claims that he could not make up the budget except on the basis of the amount of silver that he had received and on credits from the Shanghai account. He sometimes is not clear whether it is general budget or Harvard-Yenching budget. Consequently he has difficulty in rounding up his account. Why the account stood as unpaid throughout the whole year I am at a loss to understand.

Turning now to the next account, July 31st, the amount of Gold\$9,473.69 was estimated to provide LC\$28,990. Here again Mr. Albertson credits Harvard-Yenching with \$28,990., expecting to receive that much. That account remains just as it was until your analysis of April 1935, when there is an amount paid of US\$3,000, leaving a balance of \$6,473.69. On May 31st, you have another credit of Gold\$3,000, and in your June statement

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you mark the amount of \$9,473.69 as entirely paid, without any change in the amount of local currency, namely \$14,941.32. Evidently you are keeping the account on the basis of the Gold and Mr. Albertson on the basis of the Local Currency, and he has difficulty in knowing in every instance when it is Harvard-Yenching and when it is not Harvard-Yenching. Are we right in assuming that we are granted LC\$28,990, and that you make an estimate that a certain figure in Gold will produce that amount. If so, we have something coming to us when the estimated Gold figure does not produce the sum total of the grant. It is questions like this that make it difficult to understand the first item in this financial report, for you will see that the first item July 1st was reported balance of \$5,661.73; then you are credited with \$25,889.24. As the statement appears to me we still have \$6,110.06 coming to us, on that year's budget. These different methods bring profound confusion that I find difficulty in unravelling, for he has credited you with Gold\$805.49, or LC\$25,889.94, leaving a debit balance of \$448.33. Then through the year 1935, to the end of June, there is still to be received, according to his statement, a total of \$14,048.68.

I am not attempting to analyse these accounts. I am simply stating the above facts to suggest that there ^{should} be a complete understanding as to whether the amounts that we receive from the Harvard-Yenching Fund are in LC\$ as here received, or in Gold\$ as paid in New York.

I have a suggestion to make, that it would help very much if we had a monthly remittance of the monthly quota granted us, and in each case the amount remitted being separated out from the general budget statement in order that our books might be kept from month to month quite clearly, as to this Harvard-Yenching Fund. I have promised Mr. Elisseeff that he will get financial statements on time in the future. Toward the end of fulfilling that promise I trust that you can forward to us each month one-twelfth of the total granted in Mexican dollars. If it cannot be done in Mexican dollars I would suggest that you send us a Gold draft, in each case asking Mr. Main to report back to you the exchange rate on that Harvard-Yenching draft and debit or credit excess or shortage on the next month's account. I make this suggestion for two reasons: (1) keeping these accounts from month to month up-to-date, (2) to enable us to pay each month obligations, for the major portion of our Harvard-Yenching money goes on salaries, which must be met each month.

I send you a copy of the statement which was sent to Mr. Elisseeff, so that you can bring your accounts into harmony therewith, or inform Mr. Albertson wherein the statement should be changed in order that our next report may correspond with your New York statement to the Harvard-Yenching Trustees.

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I have promised to be in Nanking on or before March 24th. That does not mean that I will be in America about the end of April. I should like to be, for I am a delegate to the General Conference at Columbus. I know now that the China Foundation will hold their meeting in Shanghai beginning on the 18th April and the British Indemnity Board may not meet until May. However, I must be in Nanking for preliminary matters in connection with that British Board application. I have promised Mrs. Beech that I would cable the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions when I was leaving Shanghai and by what route. I assume that they will inform you, and if they do not notify Mrs. Beech, I wish that you would do so.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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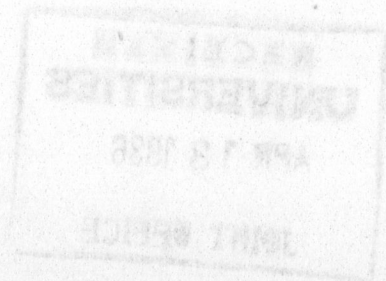
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Copy of letter to Dr. Elisseeff, with

Statement of items reported in the Harvard-Yenching Report

Financial Statement of Harvard-Yenching Funds.



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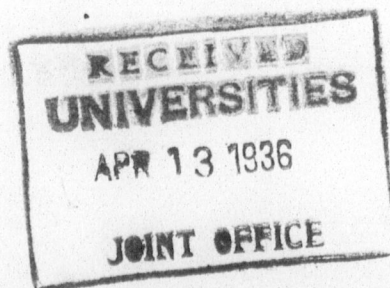
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Copy to Dr Anderson



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5th March, 1936.

Dr. Frank Anderson,
199, Regent Street, London, Ontario, Canada,
&
Dr. B.A. Garside,
150, Fifth Avenue, New York City, U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Anderson and Dr. Garside,

I am glad to report that we have had a meeting of our Board of Directors that was fairly well attended. We had difficulty in keeping some of our members throughout the sessions, nevertheless most of the members were present at some time during the sessions.

You will notice that these Minutes, now in the press and copies of which will be sent to you in due course, are dated 1935/1936 meeting of the Board of Directors. This fact in itself indicates why you received no Minutes of the Board of Directors last year. When I left in May it was expected that a meeting would be held in June, but the situation was such that the meeting was not held. The meeting for this year was held at this particular time instead of in June in order that there might be a meeting before I left Chengtu.

Most of the items recorded in the Minutes do not call for special mention, but you will perhaps desire to know something more than the Minutes indicate regarding the following items:

Election of a New Director, and other matters relating to the membership of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Lu Dso-fu was requested by Mr. Ho Beh-hen to represent him at this meeting. Mr. Ho's official duties in Chungking were such that he could not be released. Mr. Ho not only requested Mr. Lu to represent him, but following a suggestion of my own exhorted him to become a member of our Board. Consequently we elected Mr. Lu Dso-fu to take the place of Mr. Kan Chi Yung whose term expires this year. Mr. Lu is the Director of the Min Seng Industrial Co., by far the greatest business concern in Szechwan, controlling electric plants, the largest Steamship Co. on the Yangtse, and recently he has been appointed by the Nanking Government as the head of the Reconstruction Bureau for the Province of Szechwan. This new appointment will bring him to Chengtu most of the time. We are very pleased that Mr. Lu has consented to become a member of our Board.

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Owing to a misunderstanding regarding an election by the Alumni Association of a representative before the former representative's term had expired, we had two representatives of the Alumni Association. We admitted the newly-elected man, Dr. Luke Hsiao as the representative of the Alumni and elected the former as a co-opted member in the place of Mr. Lin Sao-chang, who has now left Szechwan permanently.

As you will see, we have continued the officers, re-electing Mr. Changchangau, your appointee, as chairman of the Board. Mr. Chang is now a member of the new Cabinet as Minister of Railways, but prior to his appointment he had resigned his position as Managing Director of the Bank of China. Mr. Chang's appointment to this office has given great satisfaction to all parties concerned, because he is recognised as a non-political man, and a man whom the nation at large knows and approves. I am glad that this sort of endorsement has come to your appointee, for you will remember it was only upon my recommendation that you ventured to elect him. I have learned the following in regard to him that I did not know at the time of his appointment. For the past year he has been having stated periods of study and devotion with one of the leading Christian ministers in Shanghai, and has been meeting regularly with a group of business men in Shanghai for Bible Study and cooperation in living the Christian life. I think you will appreciate this fact, inasmuch as I could not say that he was a member of the Christian Church at the time I presented his name before the Board of Governors. I had hoped that before this Mr. Changchangau and Mr. C.C. Chang, who is honorary treasurer, would have been in America, but I fear there are governmental obligations that will keep them here for some time.

Lepner Hospital.

This item has been before the Board of Directors and also before the Board of Governors on previous occasions. Upon this occasion it was somewhat complicated by the fact that part of the land designated for the location of this hospital has been taken by the Government radio transmission station. I enclose a map of our University property which will indicate the location of this new plant in its relation to the University. Of the total acreage taken over for the transmission plant about one-third of it was land owned by the University. There were no buildings upon this land, and we had difficulty in restraining them from taking more of our unoccupied land in that area. It is likely that Dr. Crawford will be present when this matter next comes before the Board of Governors, and further comment can be deferred until then.

Honorary Members of the Board.

Some years ago a proposal was made that there should be a University Court composed of persons of influence who could upon occasion be of considerable help to the University, but who would not care to take the responsibilities that fall upon the Directors. Consequently provision was made by the Directors for a group of Honorary Members of the Board. It was thought that a change in the Constitution was not required, as such members

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would have no constitutional function to perform.

New Members of the Faculty.

Under this heading appear the names of Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Chapman. It is expected that they will be here ready to take up their duties in the fall. Mrs. Chapman was formerly Elizabeth Goucher who was formerly on the staff of Ginling Women's College, Nanking. Mr. Chapman was formerly head of the Teacher-Training College at Wuchang. They both speak the Chinese language and will be ready to enter into active work immediately upon their arrival. Mrs. Chapman has been asked to be the English Librarian and Mr. Chapman to take work in the Arts Faculty and the Faculty of Education. I can report in detail in regard to them at the next meeting of the Board. I am very happy to know that that meeting will take place in September, instead of in May.

Clinical Hospital.

Regarding the Clinical Hospital and the date of my departure from Shanghai, the China Foundation will meet in Shanghai on April 18th, and such indications as we have regarding the possibility of their granting \$50,000 to us for equipment are promising. The President of the National Szechwan University, who is also President of the China Foundation, has been asked to send in a report to the Board meeting regarding our medical work, and the need for this hospital. He will visit the University tomorrow. I dined with him yesterday and his remarks were of such a nature as to indicate that his report would be all that we could desire. The British Board have not yet fixed the date of their meeting. It will be late April or early May.

Goucher School.

This building has cost considerably more than the original gift. I have written Mrs. Chapman in regard to the matter, and we are going forward hoping that the building may be occupied before the end of the present school year. Our present estimate of its final cost will be over LC\$22,000.

Course in Dyeing.

This course has been made possible by a direct grant from the Central Government, included in their general grant last year of \$18,215. The course has begun and 27 students have enrolled, most of them outside the regular University courses. It is a course consisting of two years, which might be done in one year, if we were financially able to add a second teacher.

Budget.

We had the Budget for 1935/36 and the Budget estimates for 1936/37 presented to us under the item, Bursar's Report. We have to report a reduction of income below the estimates, as follows: We estimated \$20,000 from Nanking, and we received \$18,215. We also estimated \$3,000 from the Provincial Government.

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Newspapers of a few days ago stated that we had been granted \$2,000, i.e. the reduction totals \$2,785. It appears that our present expenditures for this year will over-run our total receipts by \$5,354. When our Finance Committee met at the beginning of this term and reported the expenditures already incurred and contracted for, it was evident that we had to secure this additional amount of money. We voted to go on with our programme, as there seemed no immediate line of remedy, and looked forward to making this \$5,354 the first charge on our Government appropriations of next year. Consequently we carried the amount forward as a debit balance on next year's budget. The estimates under our usual divisions are as follows:

Administration	13,381	
O & M Instruction	9,842	
Arts	6,060	
Education	5,970	
Science	17,564	
Medicine & Dentistry	18,783	
Library	5,460	
Religion	995	
Athletics	1,800	
Student Health	1,150.	\$81,005

For our income we estimate the following:

Board of Governors	50,000	
Rents	2,250	
Tuitions & Other		
Charges	16,500	
From other sources,		
inc. Government	12,755	
Deficit brt. fwd.	5,354.	\$86,859.

These figures will be subject to revision when the Finance Committee meets at the end of the year, but I judge that they will serve as a fairly safe estimate for the budget for 1936/37. I think we can estimate that we will secure at least \$20,000 from the Nanking Government and \$2,000 from the Provincial Government. I saw the Minister of Education yesterday and thanked him for this \$2,000. He replied "It is too small a sum" I take that as a probable indication that it will not be reduced, and that it may be increased.

Military Training.

You have perhaps heard by way of London the manner in which the Military Training question has been settled. There was no possible approach to this question except directly through the Generalissimo. I took advantage of a visit to him to place on his desk a statement in English, and a translation of it in Chinese. I stated that the Friends were a constituent part of this University and that they had entered upon an agreement that military training would not be a part of our work; that because

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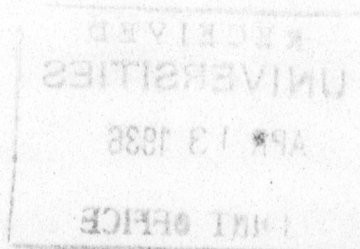
of the introduction of military training they threatened to withdraw, and I had come to him to report the matter. He wanted to know what I thought about it. I told him I thought I would like to keep the Friends in the University, and I would like to be loyal to the mandates of the Government, but I had no solution of this but to place the matter before him. After a few more words I said I had written out my statement more plainly than I could speak it. "I hope you can do something to afford us relief!" He then sent me to his Executive Secretary, and the Executive Secretary made a speech which has already been reported to you through others, namely that it was not their purpose to train soldiers or introduce militarism. It was an endeavour to improve the physique and discipline of the students. However, on December 20th, we received from the Minister of Education and the Director of the Government's Special Training Bureau a statement from a telegram received by them from Generalissimo Chiang. It incorporates in part the statement that I made to him and ends with: "I therefore order you Authorities of the Ministry of Education and the Government Special Training Bureau to consider his petition jointly, as to the method to be adopted in this matter." The gist of the reply of the Minister of Education and the Director of the Government Special Training Bureau is as follows: "We agree tentatively to a special modification of our regulation, and to give permission to the said University to be excepted from military training for the time being during the regular school sessions". I enclose a copy of the complete statement.

We are having drill and are paying a drill master appointed by the Government, but it is understood that we are exempted from distinctly military training, except during vacation time. I hope that this will settle our military training difficulty. Whilst the Minister of Education and the Head of the Special Bureau indicate that it is for one year, I regard that as a statement intended to meet opposition from other quarters rather than a statement of fact to us.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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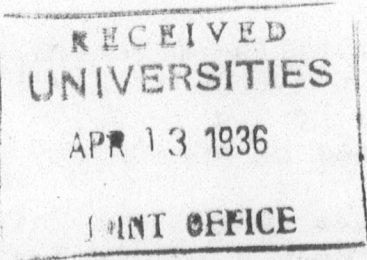
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of the introduction of military training they threatened to withdraw, and I had come to him to report the matter. He wanted to know what I thought about it. I told him I thought I would like to keep the friends in the University, and I would like to be loyal to the mandates of the Government, but I had no solution of this but to place the matter before him. After a few more words I said I had written out my statement more fully than I could speak it. "I hope you can do something to afford us relief," he then went on to his Executive Secretary, and the Executive Secretary made a speech which has already been reported to you. Through others, namely that it was not their purpose to train soldiers or introduce militarism. It was an endeavor to improve the physique and discipline of the students. However, on December 30th, we received from the Minister of Education and the Director of the Government's Special Training Bureau a statement from a telegram received by them from Generalissimo Chiang. It incorporated in part the statement that I made to him and ends with: "I therefore order you authorities of the Ministry of Education and the Government's Special Training Bureau to consider his position jointly, as to the method to be adopted in this matter." The gist of the reply of the Minister of Education and the Director of the Government's Special Training Bureau is as follows: "We agree tentatively to a special organization of our own, and to give permission to the said University to be exempted from military training for the time being during the regular school sessions." I enclose a copy of the complete statement.

We are having drill and exercising a drill master appointed by the Government, but it is understood that we are exempted from distinctly military training, except during vacation time. I hope that this will settle our military training difficulty. Whilst the Minister of Education and the Head of the Special Training Bureau indicate that it is for one year, I regard that as a statement intended to meet opposition from other quarters rather than a statement of fact to us.

Cordially yours,

JBW



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Sent by Dr.
Beech's
letter 3/5/36

Reference No. 16516. Order from
The Government Ministry of Education, and
The Government Special Training Bureau, Nanking,

Regarding Exception from Military Training.

(Despatched November 1935, received December 20th, 1935.)

"To the West China Union University:

"Having received a telegram from Generalissimo Chiang, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, stating:

"Dr. Beech, Chancellor of the West China Union University, has sent me his special petition, saying that the University was founded by five missionary organisations and that they had made some agreement with the Friends Service Council, one of the missionary organisations in the University, to the effect that no military training should be conducted in the University. On account of the recent regulation regarding military training adopted by all schools in China he felt that it was difficult for the University to comply with this practice. He requested the Government to allow the University some special arrangement. I, therefore, order your Authorities of the Ministry of Education, and the Government Special Training Bureau, to consider his petition jointly, as to the method to be adopted in this matter.

"We wish to point out that the regulation regarding military training in schools is intended to be a kind of discipline for students to develop their self defensive capacities. This has no reference to preparation for war. The enforcing of such regulation is the act of Government which is different from that which the University itself proposes to do.

"Therefore, the adoption of the government regulation does not necessarily interfere with the original agreement made by the University, mentioned above. The said training should have naturally followed the Government rules and there should not have been made any special protest against them, however in order to give some special consideration to this matter we agree tentatively to a special modification of our regulation, and to give permission to the said University to be excepted from military training for the time being during the regular school sessions. Such special training will be required at the concentrated training period during the vacation. The students of the said University shall be organised into a separate corps and shall be required to make up what they have lost during the school terms. Such special permission is only given for this year.

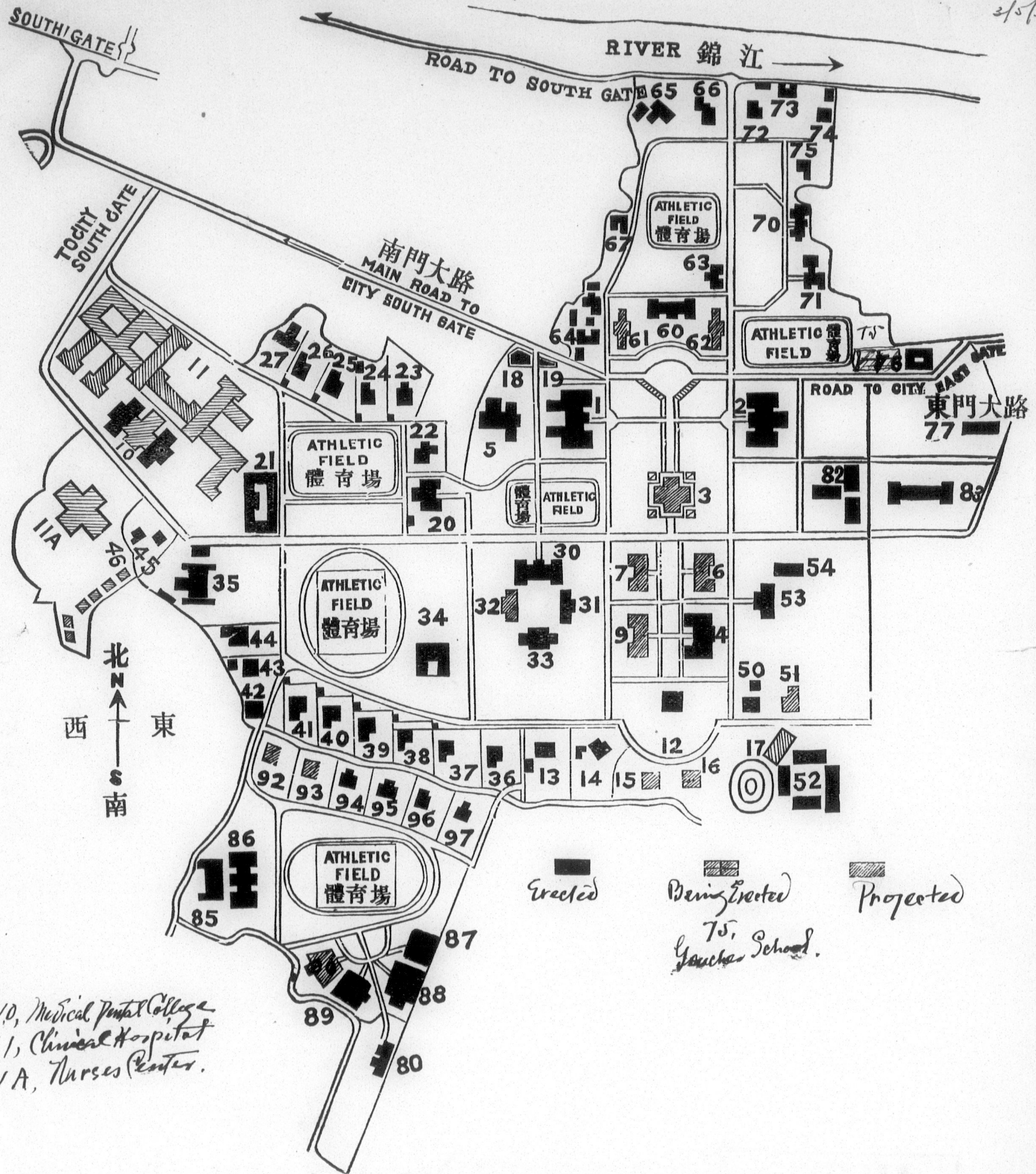
"Having presented our reply to Generalissimo Chiang, we now have the pleasure to notify the said University of the above order."
"Wang Shihechieh, Minister of Education."
(signed "Tang Shenetsi, Head of Government Special Training Bureau."

Translated by Professor S.H. Fong, West China Union University,
Chengtu, China. December 23rd, 1935.

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Sent w/ Dr.
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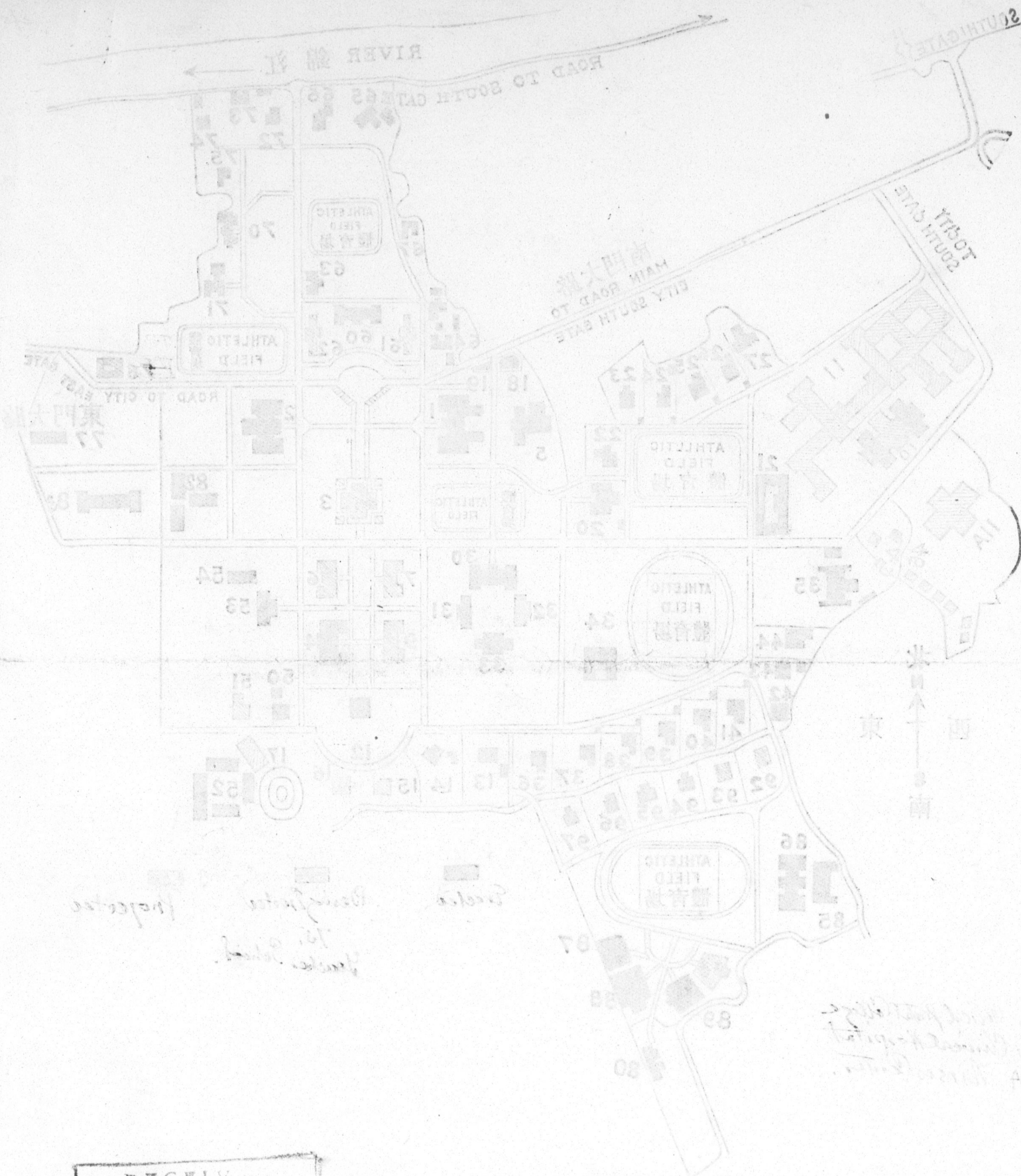
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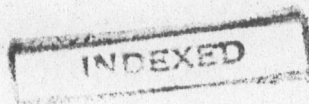
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March 21'1936

W.A. Main 5/18

Mr. B. A. Garside
New York City.



Dear Mr. Garside:

On the 18' instant we withdrew from the
Chartered Bank the fixed deposit that fell due on that
day. I am enclosing you the bank's statement showing
amount of principal and interest. This total amount has
been credited to the West China Union University
Account.

We are expecting Dr. Joseph Beech to
arrive in Shanghai within a few days. I believe his
plan is to proceed to United States after he has finished
some business here connected with the University.

Sincerely yours

W. A. Main



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MEMORANDUM.

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From

Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China,
(Incorporated in England by Royal Charter 1853.)

SHANGHAI 18 MAR. 1936 19

To Mr W. A. Hain

Treasurer

Associated Mission Transfers

Local

Herewith our Cashier order per \$16,895.51

\$ Receipt 78/564 in favour of Board of Governors

West China Union University \$16,645.82

Int on do for 3 months @ 6%

249.69

Please acknowledge receipt

\$16,895.51

FOR THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

W. A. Hain

MANAGER

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: [Faint text]

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New York · California · Orient · Round the World

May 31/36

on board

S.S. Pres. Hoover

Write
Robt. Beech
JW

Dear Mr. Evans:-

W.R. J.P.

I shipped by freight on S.S. Pres —
Lincoln four "boxes". One for New
York and three for Chicago. The S.S.
Lincoln is due in New York on
May 1st. The box shipped to N.Y.
contains ^{valuable} University book, — shipped
from N.Y. to us and now returned
to U.S.A. as the damp climate of
West China is too hard on valuable
books to make their retention
profitable.

I have filled up the box with
trading + some pictures — all of
importation from U.S.A., as I recall
it, so that there should be no
duty problems.

I will appreciate it if you

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can take delivery of the box and
"store" it till my arrival in
New York about the 20th of June.

Will you, also, enquire by
what Railway they will freight
the other three packages to
Chicago with probable date
of arrival, and write my son,
Robert D. Beech, 25 East
Delaware Place, Chicago, the
information secured.

I do not expect to get to Chicago
before June 1st. and Mrs Beech
may not be at home the latter
part of May.

The Box for N.Y. is metal lined
+ bound, and locked. I enclose

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here with the key to the
lock. The box is addressed
to Joseph T. Beech, N.Y. The
shipper, Joseph Beech, Shanghai.

(The box is closed.)
with leave) 1936

A fairly good voyage to and
from, Great day - at Honolulu. Spent
about 12 days at Nanking, in-
terviewing folks and entertaining
& being entertained by Ministers
of the Government. Felt like
being in hospital, perhaps
ought to have been in jail for
exposing people to one of the
worst Colds I have had. Though
not a good sailor, the open sea has
cured the cold.

With kindest regards looking forward
to seeing you soon. Cordially, Joseph Beech

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Billed them to Chicago
Principals.

18th. next week end

Natl Carbonizing Co.

End of next week

Early 25

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Dear Mr. Carideo

25 E. Delaware Place Chicago Ill

June 2/36

Arch 6/6/36

Yours of May 29th re WCCU financial needs received.

I also would have preferred that the Bd of Governors might have reviewed the askings. But since that cannot be done I send you on other sheets some items that are in line with our "co-ordinated" program prepared some years ago, but still in force as a General Statement of needs.

My coming home at this time was to endeavor to settle the Clinica Hospital project and remove it from the problematical to the actual stage. Consequently I have that first on my program (It was among the most urgent askings when we prepared & approved the Co-ordinated or Correlated Budget askings)

While I had looked forward to securing some of these items in

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JUN 2 1936

Specimen (such as the endowment of hospital beds) upon my return to Chengtu. I have included them in the list under U.S. Clinical Hospital.* And since I am to be here in 1936-7 I include some items as "support for beds" for teaching purposes even though the money cannot be used until later on. See Hospital List*

The other items listed are things that have been continually before the Pres of Governors in reports from the Field - with exception of Annex to Library Museum. This is called for by our enlarged program under H.Y.S. in connection with which I hope to see Dr. Elmslie following my stop at N.Y. I hope to be in N.Y. on the morning of June 11th for one day, only.

I look forward to seeing you all at that time. Cordially,
Beck

Evidently you will ask - why does he not include a typewriter in his list of imperatives - Now?

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the writer in the last of his letters - Nov. 1

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West China Union University
 JUN 2 1936
 Financial Needs.

Sent of Dr.
 Buck's
 letter 6/1/36

I. Medical and Dental College
 For University Teaching (or Clinical) Hospital
 (In addition to amounts secured)

Second Category
 B. Capital Endowment

- ① Two Complete Hospital Building Units
 (in addition to the Central Bldg)
 @ \$25,000 each \$50,000
- ② Equipment for each of these units
 at estimated cost of \$1,500 each 15,000
- ③ Initial Section of Nurses Home,
 and training Center - 10,000
- ④ Initial Residences for Doctors - 5,000
- ⑤ Endowment for 50 teaching beds.
 @ average cost per year of \$100 - 100,000*
 (\$2000 endowment @ 5% for a bed) 180,000

First Category
 A. Current.

- ① General expenses:
 Initial grants for initial years of
 operation. First year \$5000, Second 3000
 Third \$1500 Fourth \$500 - - - 10,000
- Support of 50 teaching beds for one year
 @ \$100 each bed - 5,000

\$15,000

Third Category.
C. Capital.

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JUN 2 1936
II University General

- ① Completion of Medical-Dental College \$25,000
- ② Erection of 4 residences for rental
to University teachers — 6,000
- ③ Annex to LIBRARY & Museum,
Building, ~~for~~ Enlarge Stacks
and Museum exhibit rooms — \$30,000
- ④ One College Dormitory — ~~Estm~~ \$10,000

Current
A. ②

For Current Budget for
Annual Salaries, Equipment, Library,
& Maintenance & Restor-
Cuts Since 1932 — \$12,000

③ For Replacement & Reliance of
Missionary teachers — \$5,000

④ ^(Animal Husbandry) Pickover would urge. Blooded Stock for
improvement of Chinese milk cows
and hens. Cost of transportation ~~Estm~~ 2,000

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Library
J. Edgar
P. J. Edgar

1. Purchase of new books for the library \$2,000

2. Purchase of new books for the library \$1,000

3. Purchase of new books for the library \$1,000

4. Purchase of new books for the library \$1,000

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5. Purchase of new books for the library \$1,000

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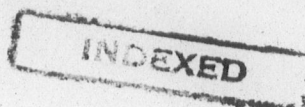
9. Purchase of new books for the library \$1,000

10. Purchase of new books for the library \$1,000

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June 11, 1936



Dear Mr. Garside:

I was approached by members of the Friends Mission in West China, who desired assistance in order that Dr. Chen, a graduate of the University, now studying in England, might visit Japan on his return to West China. They believe that such a visit would contribute toward peace or better understanding between the Chinese and Japanese. I communicated this request to Mr. Silcock to ascertain if the British members of the Board of Governors would approve of a grant of from 20 £ to 30 £, for this purpose. I have received information that the British members thought that this project was in harmony with the general purpose for which the Hodgkin Fund was to be used, and they approved this particular project.

Dr. Chen will soon be returning to West China, and Mr. Silcock writes me under date of May 18th, asking how, or where, Dr. Chen can draw the necessary money for this journey. Inasmuch as it is impossible to communicate this request to the Board of Directors at this time, I am making a request that you forward to Dr. Chen, care of Mr. Silcock, a draft for 25 £. I do so believing that this project will have the approval of the members of the Board of Directors, if it could come before them in regular fashion.

JOSEPH BEECH ✓

*JB -
HV.*

JB:HV

*Done June 15/1936
JB*

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June 27, 1936

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Dr. Joseph Beech
25 East Delaware Place
Delaware Towers
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Beech:

I enclose herewith the minutes of the June 22nd meeting of the West China Executive Committee, copies of two sets of minutes recently received from Chengtu, and a preliminary notice of the Annual Meeting of the West China Governors on October 21st and 22nd.

It was good to have you with us in Toronto. While I realize that it is a tremendous strain upon your customary optimism to have to sit through a meeting with such a cold-blooded and ultra-conservative crowd, your presence does a lot to stimulate them. The thing that amazes me most whenever I meet with some of the brethren who have had a share in West China affairs from the beginning is the fact that they ever possessed enough courage to establish the institution in the first place. I suspect that even in the early days they didn't deserve much credit for starting the University going, and that they must have been badgered and bedeviled by enthusiastic missionaries from the field until they grudgingly gave their consent to letting the University get started.

Don't forget that you are going to supply us with those West China films at the earliest possible moment. You probably know about the "Lisle Conference" now being conducted under the leadership of the Baldwins. It is making use of the Nanking and Ginling films and would welcome an opportunity to have the West China film available also. We hope that as a result of this Conference these motion pictures of our China Colleges will receive much wider distribution during the coming year than our office alone could give them.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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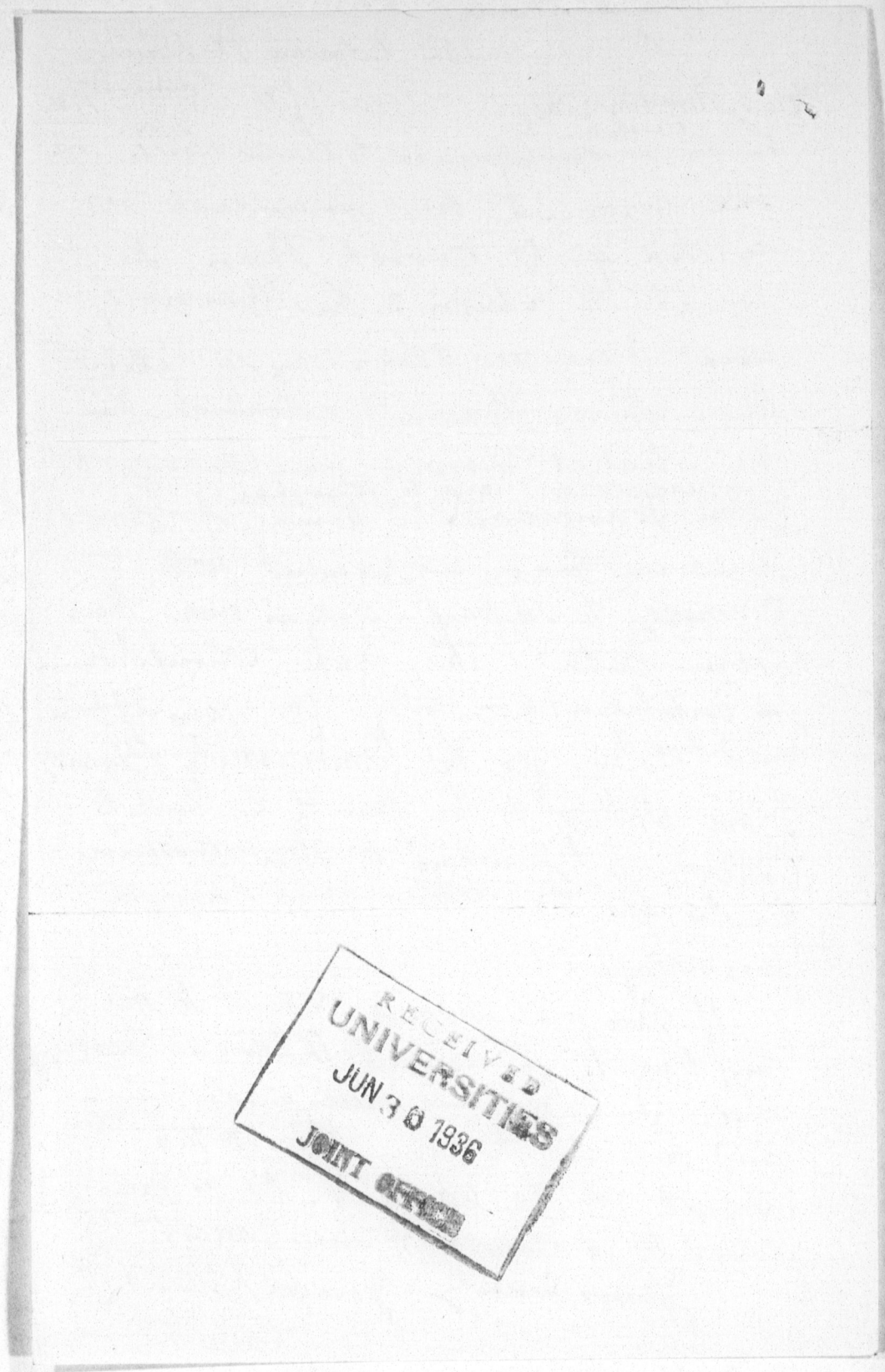
Dear Mr. Fawcett:

July 7/27 June 27/26

~~My reference to the enclosed you~~
will perceive the financial sit-
uation of Dr. David C. Ngan. He
expects to return to the University
and, I see no other way of getting
him there than to advance him
the ticket-money from Chicago to
~~San Francisco~~ ^{Seattle or, send to Shanghai}. I think it should
be as a loan agreement with
promise to repay within one year
from date. The notes should be
in duplicate - copy for your office
and copy for the University Bursar.
I am writing to the Dean of the Dental
College to forward to Mr. W. A. Main
funds for the Shanghai-Chongch
journey.

If you will secure & send to me
his tickets for travel Chicago-Shang-
hai I will pass them on to him
and return to you the notes
signed for the amount. He is pre-
pared to go "Coast" to the Coast.
Yours sincerely Joseph B. S. S.

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25 E. Delaware Place Chicago

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Dear Mr. Garride:-

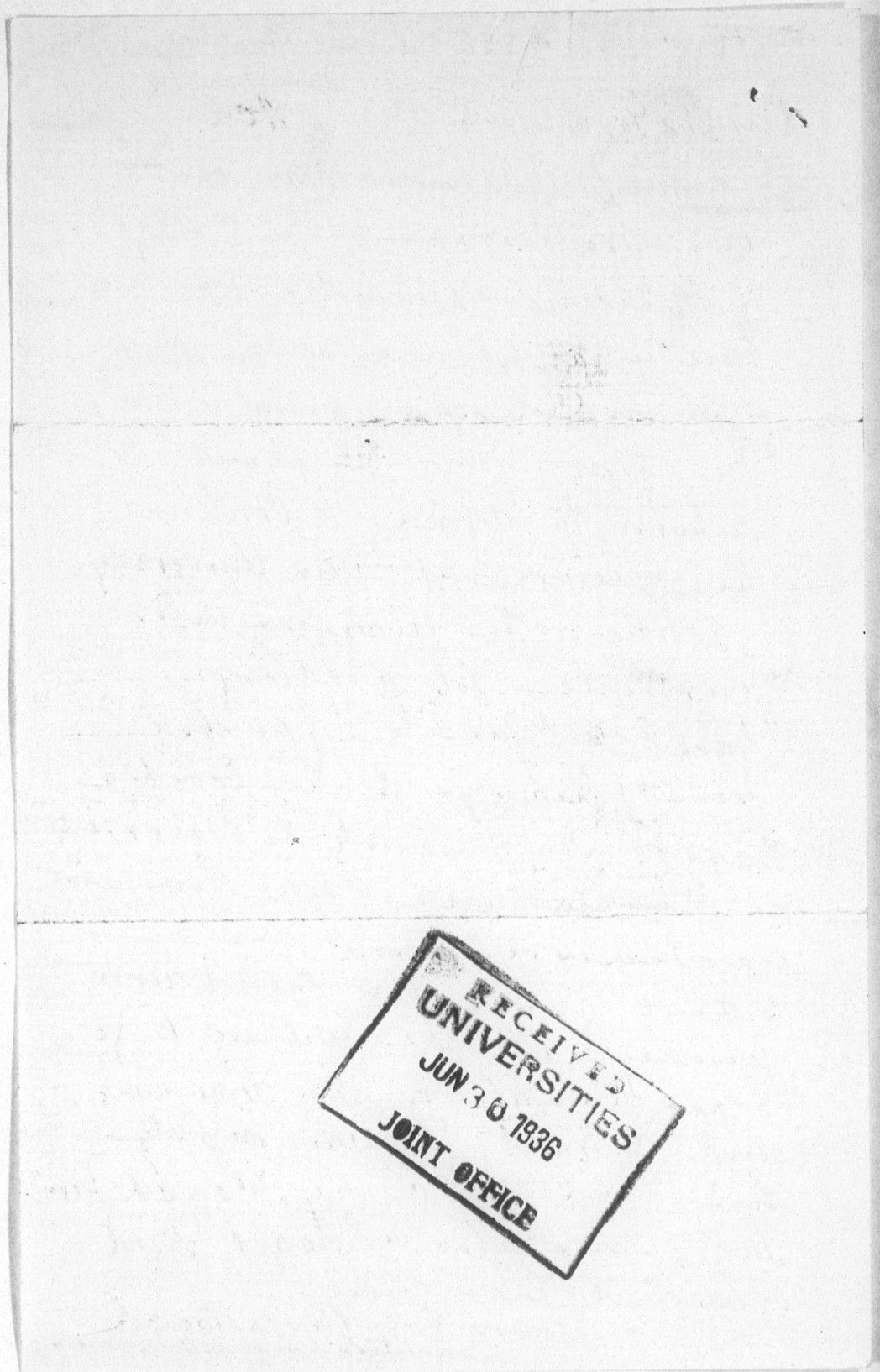
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Dr. David Lawrence Ngan, one of
our professors in the College
of Medicine & Dentistry, who has
been in attendance at the North-
western College of Dentistry for
the past year, is about to
return to China to continue
his work at our University.

I believe he qualifies under
your rule for a Clergy
Travel Certificate for use
from Chicago to the Pacific
Coast. He certainly is deserving
as his expenses, while here, have
exceeded expectations and he is
without funds for the return
journey. He is willing to go
via Seattle or San Francisco,
and I trust you can supply
him with a Clergy "Coast-fare"
ticket, and also a ticket "Third
Class" to Shanghai -

Yours Truly Joseph Beatty
Chancellor, West China Union University

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MURK

25 East Delaware Place Chicago

July 10/36

Ack 7/17/36



Dear Mr. Garide:

You will probably be glad to know that on June 26 I received the following cablegram "Grant Ninety Thousand by Three Annual Installments; 'Hankow'". Han Siku-wu is the Director of the British Indemnity Pool, Hankow. I cabled appreciation with written regrets that it was not \$150,000^{5/16} as requested & required. Hope that there will be a 4th & 5th installments.

May I reply through you to letters from Mrs. MacMillan, June 13th and Mr. Hedrick, July 7th acknowledging their favors and promising to join with them in their program - subject to tentative

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engagements as follows

① I have promised to be in Toronto sometime between 1st and 10th of Sept. I will plan to call in Detroit on that journey East.

② I have also promised to be in Middletown, Conn. on the 16th Sept. This may extend over several days, uncertain until my arrival here.

③ I have also promised to be in Montclair (will include Englewood) in September for a couple of days at least.

Will you request that they let me know as soon as matters tentatively fixed, the dates of programs for some of the earlier areas?

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I will appreciate it if you can
Send me some Bld & Governors
Stationery. If you have some
without the "Treasury Office" there
it will be preferred -

Very hot here after a cool June.
Hope N.Y. escaped this North-Central
area burn up -

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

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July 16, 1936

Dr. Joseph Beech,
25 East Delaware Place,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech,

I have your letters of July 6th and July 10th.

I enclose herewith the check for \$120 covering your advance to Dr. Ngan. I am writing the field, requesting Mr. Albertson to collect this from Dr. Ngan during the year. I am glad that he has thus gotten back to China, and hope he will prove of real value to the work there.

Glad you have been making good use of the films. But we hope you can get them to us, to be titled and duplicated, in the near future. For two reasons - First, Using the original copy of the film always incurs the risk that it may be scratched or otherwise injured so as to make it impossible to get good duplicates later. Second, It takes some weeks to get a job of titling, editing, splicing, and duplicating done properly, and we are barely going to have time now to get one or more duplicate copies ready for use in our promotional work for West China starting in another month or so. We are listing this West China film with various groups interested in this type of material related to the missionary enterprise, so will undoubtedly be able to make increasingly valuable use of it.

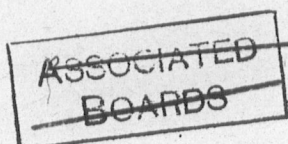
Congratulations on that appropriation of LC\$90,000 for the Clinical Hospital! While not quite all we hoped for, it makes a splendid beginning, and I have no doubt that you will keep after the British Indemnity people until they make fourth and fifth annual grants for 30,000 each. And, what is of very great value to our work here, this now gives us a very definite challenge to lay before the West China Governors and the American friends of the University.

I am passing on to Mrs. Macmillan and Mr. Hedrick your comments on their recent letters. They should be getting into touch with you soon as to their definite plans for the fall. Mrs. Macmillan has been taking part in the Institute on Public Affairs in Charlottesville, and is now getting away for a short vacation. Mr. Hedrick is coming in almost every day.

We are sending you a supply of West China letterheads and envelopes. Sorry to say we do not have any without the "Treasurer's Office", also that this supply is now badly out of date. We must have a new supply printed this fall - but perhaps this will suffice for the time being.

Cordially,

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July 31, 1936

Dr. Joseph Beech
25 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Mrs. Macmillan has just passed along to me a letter from Roger Greene who is quite appreciative of his first trip up river to Chengtu. Mr. Greene asks for the following information:

1. The commonly accepted estimate of the distance by river from Chengtu to Shanghai.

2. The usual time required for the journey from Chungking to Chengtu by bus.

Will you please send this information direct to Mr. Greene at 71 Lancaster Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

How are we coming along with the plans to have our West China motion picture film ready for use this fall? Titling, editing, and duplicating are going to take a number of weeks, you know, and Labor Day will be here before we know it.

Cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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8/20/36

Beech

Dear Dr. Garside:

The past 10 days to two weeks have had their ups & downs mostly
downs. My temperature has behaved much better this morning & so I going
to write at least one note.

(1) Please explain to Mrs. Macmillan that I am not in form
to permit doing anything in reply to her recent letter - except to
entertain the hope I can be in N.Y. ^{by or} before Sept 8/36. I have
two engagements in Connecticut, one on Sept 16th & the other
before or after that date - except these I have no fixed dates in
the East as yet. I am hoping to pull out of this set back -
the fever that moved about from 100° - 102° was not alarming, but
its attendant symptoms - all from supposed throat infection & supposed
diffusion of toxin in blood stream - has taken about all strength & initiative
I had. I had planned a visit to Rochester Minn. to see the
Mayo Hospital. Think I will make it soon as I dare, to let the
hospital see me. I'd like to know what struck me before it comes again.

(2) Aside from replying - through you to Mrs. Macmillan - I
have felt you should know the latest re the British

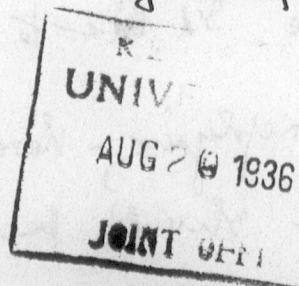
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Indemnity Fund Trustees. I wrote you that the Director
Mr. Hankins cabled me the grant was \$9000. About
two or three weeks ago I rec'd his letter saying the amt
was \$75000. He explained that the Educational Comm, whose
recommendations had never been changed, recommended
\$90,000 & on the strength of that he cabled me. When the
Board met, Sze. National University, Cheung, had come forward
with an urgent call for funds. The Board could not
dismiss it. They met it in part by cut on Grants
already recommended by the Educational Com.

I think Mr. Han was sorry at this action
& sorry to write me about it. So am I,
but thought you should have that \$90000
figure, now in your files, corrected to
\$75,000 - Sorry - but not dismayed.

Hoping you & your associates are
well, despite the heat of summer

Cordially
Joseph Beech





August 25, 1936

West China

Dr. Joseph Beech
25 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

On returning from a two weeks vacation, I learned from your letter of August 18th that you have not been well during the past fortnight. I certainly hope that you have recovered now, and that you are not embarrassed by any after effects.

Mrs. Macmillan is away this week but I am passing along to Mr. Hedrick the information you give as to your plans.

Sorry to learn that the final amount appropriated by the British Indemnity Fund Trustees for the work at West China was \$75,000, rather than \$90,000. We hope, however, that they will continue their annual grants another three years, so as to bring the total up to \$150,000 ultimately.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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September 9, 1936

Dr. K. C. Mead
Haddam
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Mead:

I have your card of the 7th in regard to the meeting of the Six Churches at Haddam, and your request as to whether I could be there for the October meeting on Sunday the 11th. I shall be very glad to do that. As a matter of fact, I think I would prefer to be there at that time in October rather than to come at the time suggested in September.

I shall be at the Wesleyan Camp on the night of the 16th, and I may be able to see you either before or during my stay there.

Yes, I had a delightful visit with Dr. Hewitt. Just before I left Chicago I definitely settled that Schmidt, Garden and Erickson would make the preliminary drawings and elevation and perspective drawings; and if the money is secured, also the detailed drawings that will be required. I think you will say that that is making progress rather rapidly, in as much as Dr. Ball, editor of the "Modern Hospital", thinks that Erickson is the best man in America. I believe we have fallen in good hands.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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September 9, 1936

Mr. Jensen
Architectural Bureau
Methodist Book Concern Building
740 Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Jensen:

I took with me from your office the copy of drawings for the hospital building some time ago.

Since then I have been to Rochester to the male clinic and to other places, and have concluded that considerable revision should be made to our plans. Consequently, I cannot go further at this time than to ask you to send me a statement of the work that you have done, in order that I may at least complete that step and remain in your good books. Please address me at the University's offices, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Thanking you for your kind assistance to me in this matter,

I am

Most cordially yours,

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Beech (Personal)

September 9, 1936

Dr. W. A. Main
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai, China

My dear Dr. Main:

In May 1936 there was received at the Methodist Board office \$200.00 from Wesleyan University. There was received in June \$100.00 and \$199.00.

Ordinarily these gifts would have gone for country medical work to buy the ambulance, but I would like to have them kept intact in your office so that I can draw upon them as may be needed.

I will be visiting Wesleyan in the course of the next ten days, and may arrange for a student or member of the faculty of that university to visit and spend a semester at Chengtu. Should that eventuate, I would want this money available as part of the expenses. Please hold on to it!

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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September 10, 1936

My dear Professor Chanter,

I have just looked over timetables for trains to Saybrook. I believe that the train leaving here from the Pennsylvania Station at 12:20 P.M., arriving at Saybrook at 2:41 P.M. (Railroad time) is perhaps the best train for me to take.

Since my engagements at Haddam have been put forward to October instead of just prior to my attendance at the Wesleyan Camp, I am expecting to go from Saybrook direct to the Camp, and I shall be pleased to accept your offer of transportation from Saybrook to the Camp.

I do not remember just how is directing the camp, but will you please say that I will bring along my moving picture projector, my own screen, and films. My projector is for 110 volts, AC or DC current. If it is convenient for you to convey a stereopticon lantern to the Camp, I will also bring along with me from New York some of my best slides. I will have sufficient to utilize practically all of the evening, especially if I use the stereopticon slides as well as the moving pictures.

I hope that you are to be at the Camp, and with that expectation I shall look forward to talking with you near the end of the month.

Please let me know at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, if you are to take over to the Camp the stereopticon lamp.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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file copies & oblige
J.B.

September 15, 1936

Mrs. J. B. Morrell
Northport
Long Island

My dear Mrs. Morrell:

As you can see from this letter, I have set foot upon United States soil once more, and I expect to be in the Eastern part of the United States a good portion of my stay here in this country. I say East because my home is at present in Chicago. I would like to come out and see you and tell you what is going on, and how things are going on in the West China Union University and in your particular portion of it.

Some years ago I suggested to Mr. Morrell that he and you should visit West China. Since that did not happen, I have brought with me some Cine Kodak movies that I have taken, and if it is your desire, I can bring these movies with me when I come to Northport. I will be in and out of New York, and can, I believe, suit my date to one that will be convenient for you.

Trusting that you are enjoying the best of health, and with kind regards to your sons, I am, as ever

Respectfully yours,

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September 15, 1936

Professor Serge Elisseeff
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Professor Elisseeff:

I have succeeded in getting as near to Harvard as New York at this time. Perhaps I should offer an apology for not being at Harvard instead of being in New York. The fact is I have not been very well of late, and have been under orders to be as quiet as possible.

This morning I located one of my boxes that came from Chengtu here in the 150 Fifth Avenue storeroom. I shall be able to get at it in two or three days. In the box I have the copies of Professor Phelps' book on Mount Omei. I promised to send Dean Chase a copy, and I will keep that promise. I would also like to send a copy of the book to each member of your board of trustees, and also to send you the additional copies which you intimated you would like to have. I would appreciate it if you would let me know whether you would prefer that I send the copies to the trustees individually, or shall I send them to you for distribution. If you prefer to have me send them, will you kindly let me have the names and addresses of the members of the board.

I have received from Chengtu copies of all the material prepared for the University report for the past year to the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees, with the exception of the financial statement. I was informed that copies had been forwarded to you, including the book of photographs of objects added to our museum during the past year. The financial statement was promised, and I trust you will have received it ere this.

Again let me express my regret that it will not be possible for you to attend our Board session in Toronto on October 20th and 21st.

Very cordially yours,

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September 15, 1936

Dr. Richard Hewett
Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minnesota

My dear Dr. Hewett:

Perhaps it is a good thing that you do not get too much of any one thing at the same time. Courtesy and rules that appertain thereto would have required a letter from me to you and Mrs. Hewett upon my arrival in Chicago, but I was delayed and other things have occupied my time. And now here I am in New York, due to be at Wesleyan Camp near Middletown, Connecticut, tomorrow night! I am going up to the Wesleyan Camp in order to introduce the University to the freshman class.

Upon arrival in Chicago I got in touch with Dr. Ball, who asked me to see the firm of Schmit, Garden and Erickson, and Mr. Erickson particularly. The result of that suggestion so far is that I have authorized Mr. Erickson to proceed with advance drawings of floor plans, elevation, and perspective of the central unit and two wings, and have agreed that if the money to erect the hospital is forthcoming, I will give them the contract of drawing completed plans.

I have learned that the architectural fees for a hospital of 250 beds of the type that we are about to erect would probably amount to at least \$40,000.; but since so much of the work that they would have to do has already been done in a fairly satisfactory manner, my bill will not be at all exorbitant.

I had a very happy evening at the home of Dr. Ball, and dinner with Mr. Garden and his wife, and Mr. Erickson, and then for an evening of the pictures with a good large party of his friends. I appreciate very much your suggestion that I get in touch with Mr. Ball. He has been very helpful, and he was at our apartment just before I left Chicago for afternoon tea looking over a few of our Chinese collection.

Now I come to the real occasion of this letter, which is to express my appreciation to you and Mrs. Hewett for the fine time that I had at your home, and the courtesies shown me there, and to you in particular _

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Dr. Richard Hewett

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being so helpful in regard to the hospital venture. I also want to thank you for introducing me to the clinic.

I enclose a letter for Dr. Brown, which I trust you will pass on to him. Please do not forget to pass on my greetings to your mother, who appears to be about as enthusiastic for Wellesley as one of its alumni.

Hoping to see you in Chicago, and trusting that you will call up Delaware Towers and visit us whenever you and Mrs. Hewett are in Chicago, I am, as ever,

Cordially yours,

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September 15, 1936

My dear Dr. Brown:

I should have written to you as intended upon my arrival in Chicago.

Failing to do so, I got busy with plans for our new proposed hospital and spent most of my time in visiting architects and discussing details of a hospital of 250 beds, ten or twelve thousand miles away. I find it quite a task and one that will have to be all checked over again after they have made the initial drawings.

I shall ask you to thank Dr. Mills for me for professional services to me while at the clinic on my last morning in Rochester. After I had discovered something about the thoroughmanner in which you make diagnosis, I was very sorry that I did not have all the time that was necessary to follow your orders. I hope that I may be able to get back to Mayo Clinic some time again and have the work completed, simply because it is a satisfaction to know that all is well with one, and if it is not well, to know how to set about making it so.

I have been having some arthritic pains since I got to New York, and a little difficulty in keeping my voice, all of which carries back to the origin of my trouble, which in the first instance appeared to be an infection of the throat followed by toxic poisoning which got into the system. New York is not a good place to take it easy, but I am endeavoring to take it as easy as I can.

Again with thanks to you and Mr. Mills, and remembrances to Mrs. Brown, I am

Cordially yours,

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September 15, 1936

Mr. William T. Rich
20 Sargent Street
Newton, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Rich:

Some time ago I paid a visit to Harvard University and perhaps should be paying another visit there for the festivities of this week. But I have agreed to be at the Wesleyan Camp on the 16th, to interest the freshman class in West China, and I have an engagement in New York for the 18th.

I expect to be in Boston or Cambridge in the near future, and I would like very much to call and see you. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you are to be in Boston or at your home during the week of September 20th - 27th.

Thanking you for your favor, I am

Respectfully yours,

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September 16, 1936

Mr. Carl A. Erikson
Schmidt, Garden & Erikson
104 So. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Erikson:

A few days ago I wrote Mrs. Beech asking that she phone you that I expected to return to Chicago early in October. This trip to Chicago, when made, will be chiefly for the purpose of consulting with you regarding the hospital plans. Consequently, I will deem it a favor if you will let me know if early October will be a suitable time for you.

I have engagements here in the East for October 10th, 11th and 12th, so that my visit to Chicago will have to come between the dates of October 3rd to 9th. I could delay until October 13th to 18th, but I much prefer the early October date for the following reason - Our Board of Governors is meeting in Canada October 20th and 21st, and I think it would help them to go along with me in this project if an inviting layout of plans was on the table when we met to consider the question.

I assume that you would like to have a considerable amount of time to put the plans in proper shape after our conference together regarding same. Consequently, I am assuming that the early October date will be preferable to you as well as to me. Please let me know at the above address if early October will be suitable to you, and if not, your suggestion as to the most suitable time.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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September 16, 1956

Dr. James Endicott
299 Queen Street West
Toronto 2, Canada

My dear Dr. Endicott:

Thank you for your letter received this morning.

Mr. Roger Greene is at present in Massachusetts. I do not care to write to him regarding his visit to our Annual Meeting, but I do expect to meet him here in New York when he comes, and I shall certainly pass on an invitation to him because I believe his presence would be helpful to us.

As you perhaps know, I have some moving pictures of West China, and particularly the University. I think it would be quite worthwhile for me to bring these pictures with me, provided you can have an evening to show these pictures to the Board and invited friends. Can you arrange for this in your program some time during the session of the Board?

Very cordially yours,

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September 16, 1936

Dear Dryden,

Yes, it was a nice surprise to find ten dollars this morning, but it was still a nicer surprise to find your letter of September 9th.

Dr. Ngan wrote to me in regard to his trunk, but before that I had given the Santa Fe Railway Company the information regarding forwarding the trunk to Mr. Main. Consequently, I will credit this ten dollars to Dr. Ngan's loan account, making it \$110. instead of \$120.

I am very glad to see you have been having such an inspiring and helpful time since your arrival, and particularly glad about the arrangements that you have made regarding Arthur. As you know, I had a similar problem with Catherine that has, I think, run into over fifty operations, and is still in an unfinished state.

I had a conference with Dr. Decker for about two hours early this week. I have a luncheon and conference with three of your secretaries on Friday the 18th.

I believe you can "fong-shin" in regard to your return. As a matter of fact, I am putting before your secretaries proposals, and methods for meeting the proposals, that they increase their annual grant and that they keep their present staff at the University. They have already intimated that they cannot replace at this time Dr. Joseph Taylor, but they hope to have a substitute for Dr. Morse when his retirement takes place. I think there is no question whatever in regard to yourself.

During the present year I am endeavoring to devote most of my time to advancing the interests of the University in one way and another. What are your plans? Would you be free to come East and spend a month, two months, three months, or even longer as the case might be, in doing publicity and promotional work for the University? Please let me know your answer to this question.

My family at the present time is living in Delaware Towers, 25 East Delaware Place, Chicago. Miriam is there all the time. I get there occasionally; and Bob is likewise there; also Catherine. Elizabeth comes in quite often for the week-end. Joe is due to be at Wesleyan today or tomorrow,

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and I am bound in that direction myself tonight.

I am very sorry that delay in Shanghai made it necessary for me to hasten right through San Francisco, and so I failed in my intention to see your father and mother. I did, however, succeed in getting part of what I delayed for in Shanghai — LC\$75,000. from the British Boxer Indemnity Board of Trustees. This, plus the amount of LC\$25,000 granted while I was in Shanghai from the China Foundation, represents my efforts since the bank failures in Shanghai the year before. While I have not secured all that I expect, and I still anticipate more from these sources, the losses in the bank insofar as the University is concerned have been more than recovered by these gifts, which, however, are designated for the new hospital.

I heard of your travels through the East. Sorry that I missed you. When you come East next time, be sure to let me know.

With greetings to your father and mother, and to Margaret and the children, I am

Cordially yours,

Dr. Dryden L. Phelps
1800 Thousand Oaks Boulevard
Berkeley, California

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September 19, 1956

Prof. Leonard Hsu
c/o Dr. Wilson Gee
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Va.

My dear Professor Hsu:

I am very sorry to have missed you while you were in New York, and especially while you were in this building at Fifth Avenue, into which I come so often.

I learned from Miss Van Sciver not only that you were here, but that you were endeavoring to get in touch with Chinese students qualified to participate in scholarships that General Chiang has made provision for.

I know of more than one such student, but I have one in mind in particular that I wish to commend to you. His name is Wen-chun Ho, now at the Department of Botany at Iowa State College. Mr. Ho and his wife (they were recently married while in Toronto) are both graduates of our University and have been teachers on our staff. They both spent one year in Toronto University. Last June they moved to Iowa State College, and both Mr. and Mrs. Ho find the work that they are doing in that college more in line with the work they desire to do in China. Consequently, they have decided to spend the present year at Iowa State. I believe that there was a meager financial provision for them at Toronto, but so far as I know, no assistance is being given them at Iowa State. He is at the present time doing the following work, as quoted in a recent letter to me:-

"I am at present carrying on Pythiaceus Fungi of barley, which is one of the state projects conducted in the Botany Department and the Agricultural Experiment Station. As you know, I am quite interested in plant diseases and applied entomology, and here at Ames College facilities are provided for my work along these lines. I finally decided to continue my study at Ames College next year."

Mrs. Ho is specializing in Domestic Science and Dietetics.

He has written me asking if he could have a loan to help through the year. If you could grant Mr. Ho one of your fellowships, I feel certain it

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Prof. Leonard Hsu

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would be quite a help. And if you could grant two fellowships -- one to each of these deserving people, it would be most greatly appreciated indeed. I have asked Mr. Ho to write you at your Los Angeles address.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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September 19, 1936

My dear Mr. Greene:

Thank you for your letter of August 19th written to me from the Ridge Club, East Edgecombe, Maine. I am also thankful for your statement regarding the need of some well-qualified Chinese on our medical staff. One of the objectives that I have before me while I am here in America is to secure from friends of our work additional funds that will permit us to engage the type of men that you have in mind in this statement of yours. I am of the opinion that we should endeavor to secure a director of the new hospital who will be an experienced Chinese, in addition to these members of the professional staff that you mention.

I am leaving for Boston tomorrow, to be there until the 29th, when I will be in Middletown, Conn. for three days. Following that I will come to New York, and go almost immediately to Chicago for about one week. I give you these dates with the hope that if you get in the vicinity where I am we may meet.

Our Board of Governors will meet at Toronto on October 20th and 21st. Because of your experience in China in connection with medical work and your recent visit to West China, I shall be very glad if you find it possible to visit us during our Board meetings as the guest of our Board of Governors. One of the most important problems that we will have to consider will be this question of the clinical hospital at the University. In principle it has been approved for more than a decade, but owing to the change of psychology that has come about due to the financial depression, there is a certain hesitancy in going forward with this project. I am quite certain that we must go forward or not at all because our clinical training facilities are such as to make us entirely outmoded in the near future, and what is more, it will be impossible for us to secure the type of person of whom to write to serve in a mission hospital such as we have in Chengtu. I therefore in the name of the Board of Governors extend to you a cordial invitation to come to our meeting in Toronto. If it is not possible for us to meet somewhere, I trust that I may hear from you.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Roger Greene
71 Lancaster Street
Worcester, Mass.

JB:RC

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September 19, 1936

Mr. Wen-chun Ho
Department of Botany
Iowa State College
Ames, Iowa

My dear Mr. Ho:

I should have replied to your letter of August 28th before this. Please pardon my delay. I am very glad to know the kind of work that you have in mind doing while you are at Iowa State. I believe that that institution is very well equipped to give you valuable instruction.

When I was in Canada I got the idea from Dr. Kilborn that they were expecting you to come back to Toronto. This may have been a wrong impression on my part, but I believe they have been very helpful to you there in Toronto, and I trust you have informed them of your intended change to Iowa State and have secured their cordial approval.

I wish I would give you some definite assurance that the financial assistance which you seek will be forthcoming. I will keep in touch with you and perhaps something may result. I am today writing to Prof. Leonard Hsu, formerly of Yenching, now in the rural extension work under the National Government. He is at the present time in the United States, and I understand that he has a number of scholarships provided by General Chiang Kai-shek, which he can distribute to the proper parties. I am enclosing his address in this letter, with the suggestion that immediately upon receipt of this letter, you write to him on the Pacific Coast and second my request for a scholarship if he has such to give.

With cordial greetings to Florence and good wishes for the success of you both, I am

Sincerely yours,

JB:BC

Dr. Leonard Hsu, c/o Dr. M. H. Newmeyer, 4707 So. Kenniston Ave., Los Angeles, California.

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West China

September 22, 1936

Dr. Joseph Beech
Hotel Bellevue
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Beech:

We are charging your "heart account" with the ten thousand beats which it cost Mr. Cameron to dislodge the laundry package and start it on its way. The cash consideration with which your account is charged may be taken up when you return to the city.

The package was mailed this morning by insured parcel post, and I trust it reaches you before you lose your other shirt — to say nothing about pajamas and other things.

If you have other laundry packages or personal possessions in hock or in bond here in New York and we can be of service, do not hesitate to write — as that ginger has given us an especially warm feeling for you.

Most cordially yours,

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P.S. If you do not receive the package within a week, please let us know as we have the insurance receipt and will start tracing it. In that case, a headless barrel will be your only recourse.

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ON BEACON HILL

GLENWOOD J. SHERRARD
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Beach Dr. Joseph
BEACON STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mr. Garvick:

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By way of getting "standing ground" for securing the balance needed for the New Clinical Hospital, I have turned my sketch plans over to the "best hospital architect in America", i.e. Mr. Erickson of the firm of Schmidt Garden & Erickson, Chicago. He is charging just out of pocket for time of the hired staff only. But that will involve \$350 for the plans with presentation of an elevation. I want also a "perspective drawing" that will be understood by & appeal to folks who are not educated to building plans & flat elevations, additional \$150. If & when we get the money for the hospital the necessary detailed plans are to be drawn - this second phase they will do for \$2500. Their price for a complete job of a hospital of 250 beds in USA, would be about \$40,000.

UNDER THE SAME MANAGEMENT AS THE FAMOUS PARKER HOUSE

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When I get along with this - I am going to see Gardner, (Erikson is the junior in the company) and endeavor to get \$2000 from him & his wife. Had a party with them at the home of Dr Ball & found them profoundly moved by what has been done in West China. They can afford to help if it is needed -

Why this story? I want to hasten the completion of the plans & bring them with me when I return Oct 9th to N.Y. I go from here to Cleveland & then to Chicago on this hospital matter. I do not wish to take possession of the plans without paying for them. May I ask them to send you the bill? I will guarantee you the return of the money in due season.

Since I am not sure I will meet you enroute through N.Y. I write & request reply, Care Prof W.G. Chanter, Wesleyan University, Middletown Conn. I will be there from the night of the 29th to Oct 2nd. Please note for forwarding mail - I expect to be at 25 E Delaware Pl. by the 5th till 8th or 9th. Then New York, & for the 10-11-12 Haddam Ct. Care Dr K.C. Mead.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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WEST
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September 30, 1936.

Dr. Joseph Beech,
c/o Prof. W. G. Chanter,
Wesleyan University,
Middletown, Conn.

Dear Dr. Beech,

I have your letter of the 24th. It deals chiefly with the question of payment for the architectural drawings you are having prepared for the new clinical hospital.

We in the West China Treasurer's office have, of course, no authority to disburse funds except as may be authorized by the Governors either in their approval of the budget or by specific action on capital items and current items outside the regular budget. As a matter of practical procedure we have been permitted at times to make advances on the Suspense Account where so requested by the proper officers of the University and the Board and where it is clearly understood that repayment will be made promptly or formal authorization will be secured at the next meeting of the Governors or of their Executive or Finance Committee.

In the case of this item of architectural plans for the Hospital, we will of course be glad to accept the bills from the architect and to pay them in this way, charging to the Suspense Account. In doing this, we would suggest that the best procedure would be for you to secure the Governors' approval at the meeting in Toronto on October 21st and 22nd (action by the Executive Committee on October 21st might be sufficient). This is desirable because even if a gift is later received in the form you suggest, it would still be desirable that we have formal authorization to expend a part of the gift for these architectural plans.

We note your movements during the next ten days, and will see that mail is forwarded accordingly. Are forwarding two letters for you to Middletown this afternoon.

Mrs. Macmillan sends a good report of your initial contacts in Boston.

Cordially,

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25 E Delaware Place Chicago
Nov. 8, 1936.
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Joseph Beebe

I have given my OK to the
Statement of Schmidt-Gordon & Erikson
of Chicago for \$350.00 in settlement
of preliminary Hospital plans.
I have ^{one set to} ~~copies~~ - two have gone
to China, and a reduced set
will go to Canada.

I also enclose Mr. Jameson's
statement of \$40 for redrawing
the plans I prepared in China
which were torn & badly soiled.
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S. G. & E are the foremost
hospital architects in the
world if over 300 hospitals
built speaks rightly - So it
is a real find to get them
& get them for a fraction

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of their usual charges—

If you will carry this account
on your books till credit arrives
from Gifts or interest gains on the
Moore acct in Shanghai

I will appreciate it.

|| Please ask both parties
for receipts

I expect to be in N. Y. latter
part of this week. So
hold mail.

Cordially

Joseph Beech



November 22nd, 1936

Mrs. Orpha C. Avann,
740 Rush Street,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Avann:

Although I am at present residing in the city from which you wrote your letter of November 21st, I have received it here in New York, where I still spend the major portion of my time when I am in the United States.

I am very glad to get the letter as it calls to mind our acquaintance and association in time past, but principally because of the fine way in which it demonstrates to me that you are proceeding with this Million Unit Fellowship. It seems to me that you are planning to make it a Million Fellowship rather than a Million Unit Movement, or a \$12,000,000 enterprise. I have no objection to the twelve million.

I have no objection to the word, movement, but I like the point of emphasis that I think I see in this letter on Fellowship, that is to move and move the interest of missions, along with it. I commend you for what it indicates and I shall be glad of anything that I might be able to do in cooperation.

Cordially yours,

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Joseph Beach

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November 22nd, 1936

Mr. W. B. Albertson,
West China Union University,
Chengtou, China.

Dear Warburton:

I have a number of items regarding which I wish to write you. First on the list are gifts from Wesleyan University, amounting to U.S. \$200.00, \$100.00 and 199.00. I had expected that these gifts would be held in New York. On September 9th I wrote to Mr. Mayne asking him to keep them in his account. I have a letter now from his office which states that they were passed on to Dr. Manley's work account, and that Dr. Mayne turned them over to Dr. Lilljestrang and Dr. Lilljestrang turned them over to you. I see the wisdom of my plan to have held them in New York until it was known what you wished to do with them.

The students of Wesleyan University have had for some time a project of an exchange scholarship with West China Union University, to be initiated by an undergraduate student going to West China for a year's work in our University. And in the following year or two, a student, either undergraduate or graduate student, coming from West China to Wesleyan.

These gifts from Wesleyan were here in abeyance in New York and sent contrary to my expectation and advice to China. As you can see, considerable money will be needed to pay for the student's travel, support and return travel, if this plan is put in operation. I hope, therefore, that the sums received in exchange for these gifts will be kept intact on your books for the above purpose and other purposes that may be agreed upon with the student body of Wesleyan University. Of this I will write you as soon as I know what their final decision is.

I am sure you will be delighted that we get 10,000 China currency for the general budget and about 4,000 for the Harvard-Yenching budget. In my request for the additional H-Y funds I stated that it was, first, for the shelving cases necessary to complete the stacks in the upper floor of the library and such other cases as might be necessary for the library or the museum. When I use the word, library, on this occasion, it is of course, for the Harvard-Yenching library.

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Nothing whatever was said about deficits in connection with this additional grant. The Board of Governors, rightly, seems unwilling to recognize debts that are incurred in the Field which are not included in their appropriations. But in my remarks I did stress the fact that the budget was not adequate and we were in debt and that we should get out of debt and keep out of debt. Consequently I hope that you will use your best efforts to have the indebtedness cleared up and to prevent any further indebtedness being incurred. This does not mean that I will not do all in my power over here to increase the amount of money, allotted to the current budget over and above the \$50,000 to which the Board is pledged.

Third, while we do not have an authorization to proceed with the erection of the new hospital, I wish that you would ask Mr. Small to collect additional cobbles for the foundations and for the collection of large quantities of sand which might be used for mortar making and for filling in. While you may not have any funds in your exchequer, I can guarantee payment and so can you, because you know there is money to the credit of your account in Shanghai, both from the Boxer funds and Moore's gift. I hope that you will not draw on either of these accounts at present. Adjust your expenditures until such times as authorization has been given from the proper authorities to draw upon these accounts for expenditures.

On the whole, we had a very good Board of Governors Meeting. We certainly had more doing than they have had for many and many a day. Consequently, members of the Board said it was the finest meeting they had had in years. I wish you would write to me as soon as you have an opportunity in regard to any financial matter that you think should come to my attention and as to affairs that are not financial but that come from your observations of things in general and matters that lie beneath the buttons on your vest.

Cordially yours,

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My dear Dr. Anderson:

I have written a letter dated November 10th, which has gone forward to Dr. Morse and members of the faculty relative to the plans for the new hospital, which the architect was to send forward to Dr. Morse. I dictated that letter and then immediately left the City. Since arriving this morning I have looked over the letter and there are a few places where corrections should be noted.

In the second paragraph on page 1, the word Cheeloo should be Chengtu, and then there should be a word added to the fourth line, so that it reads, "the new Government Hospital in Nanking". Then, on page 2, second paragraph on that page, which paragraph begins with the word, "secondly", the word in the fourth line should be West instead of East. And on page 4, the next to the last word of the first paragraph should be "medical" instead of "middle".

I mention these few items with the expectation that this letter will arrive not too late after the one to Dr. Morse, and perhaps it will reach you in advance of the plans. There are a few items here that I wish to mention, that I thought might well be omitted from the general letter.

First, the Eye, Ear Nose and Throat work. I am hoping that the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat work can be moved out to this new plant at the same time as the departments of General Surgery and Medicine, but there is no specific place designated. It is of course, expected that the chief operating will be done in the major operating sections on the top floor. As for the patients, they might be given proper place in the Special Patient Department or on other floors of the main building. As for the clinic, the proper provision might be made for these departments in connection with the numerous clinics indicated in the plans for the O.P.D.

I am reluctant to say much about funds for this hospital at the present time. My chief reliance is a friend here in the East that I have not yet been able to get in touch with owing to circumstances beyond my control. I have, however, assurance that a meeting will be arranged in the near future. I am approaching this question of funds, first, to secure additional funds necessary to erect and equip the main hospital building, including the Special

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Patient Department, second, the Out Patient Division and following that, other specific and needed divisions. I am, of course, hopeful that we can secure the funds for not only the first, but the second objective, but should we fail, I think we might look forward to making request for the use of the Shansi Kai hospital property to develop our Out Patient Department there. I can also assure you that your particular project and work has not been lost sight of and that it has a prominent place in my thinking, but I think you understand the reasons that have led me to proceed in the above mentioned order.

In the letter to Dr. Morse I have stated that I favored transferring the Out Patient Department to the West side of the main building in order that additional divisions of our hospital work might be provided for to the West of the Out Patient Department. A glance at the small inset map on the plans floor #1, will indicate our plan of development toward the West. This development would connect us through the clinic building with the X-ray, Electrotherapy and general hospital building. I have held in mind the section to the East of the main building as admirably suited for obstetrics and children's hospital.

Shortly after my arrival here we had a meeting of the Executive of the Board of Governors at which I called attention to the fact that this hospital project had had repeated general approval by the Board for a number of years back. They called my attention to the fact that the latest action of the Board looked to the delaying of this project with emphasis upon our financial project being in an entirely different direction rather than this capital expense for a hospital and equipment. I could not get anything like agreement at the Executive Meeting but I did secure agreement that the matter should have a complete presentation at the Annual Meeting. The question was up twice and came about as near having fireworks as any project with which I have been associated. It did however, finally go through unanimously except for one vote. So we made considerable ground in that affair.

We also passed, in addition to the motion of general approval, another motion which was somewhat in the old direction. It stipulates that building operations should not begin until the plans have been to the field and back again and had been considered by the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee would be sure that there would be sufficient funds in hand to complete the building. That is where we are at the present time. The most hopeful stage so far reached on our journey toward Utopia. This much on business.

Please tell Eleanor that I received her letter and very grateful for it. Both her comments in regard to the 25th and things in general and the religious life in particular, not forgetting such mundane things as bathtubs. I only hope that in connection with all these modern improvements you won't have the misfortune my sister had recently, who discovered that there was some reason for the statistics which list next in order after automobiles in our American casualties are bath tubs. She was laid up about a month. Here's hoping you have no such casualty in West China, especially in the Anderson home.

I am glad you have another life long friend of mine in the person of Mrs. Chapman. I hope you will do all you can to make life happy and profitable to both members of this acquired couple.

With best wishes, I am
Cordially,

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Dr. W. A. Mayne,
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Dr. Mayne:

I am in receipt of a letter dated October 29th, signed by Mr. Glenn V. Fuller, in reply to my letter of September last to you, regarding designated gifts of U. S. \$200., \$100 and \$199. When I consider the manner in which these gifts have been moved about from you to Manley and from Manley to Lilljestrang, and Albertson. In response to this letter from Mr. Fuller, I have written directly to Mr. Albertson.

In case any further gifts come along in my name, I wish that you would hold them until I can communicate with you regarding their use. I have sent in a request like this here and I thought I made a similar request just before leaving Shanghai. So, please ignore the instructions in my letter of October 17th, 1935.

I was present at the Board of Foreign Missions in Newark for the sessions of the Board and for a day and a half subsequent thereto for conferences with missionaries. Altogether, I consider the meeting a good one. I did not like it, although it is no immediate concern to me personally, that they made no provision for the outgoing of missionaries. In fact, they specifically said that they were making no provision. This may be very fine strategy on the part of the Board, but I think that it would increase the morale of the missionaries to a greater degree, and hence be finer strategy if they said to such missionaries as they wished to have returned, "Provision will be made for your return, now go to and get all you can for the Board."

The outstanding address of the meeting was that delivered by our good friend, Bishop Welch.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Mayne,

Cordially yours,

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November 22, 1936

Mr. Han Lih-wu, Director,
Board of Trustees,
British Indemnity Funds,
78 Shansi Road,
Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Han:

You may recall that I stated that the plans for the Hospital which I sent to you in connection with my request for a grant for the West China Union University Hospital were tentative plans. Since those plans were drawn I have made studies of the Government Hospital in Nanking, St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo and hospitals in this country, and finally decided to turn over all of my information, together with a copy of the plans forwarded to you, to the firm of Schmidt, Garden and Erikson, Chicago. This firm has drawn over 300 sets of plans for hospitals and are believed to be the most experienced firm in America, if not in the world, as hospital architects.

They have drawn a sketch perspective and sketch elevations and a preliminary drawing of the floor plans. The main outline of the hospital has not been changed, except to reduce the number of floors by enlarging one of the wings on the ground floor and providing for facilities that were not included in the set of plans given to you. I have requested them to send you a blue-print copy of the plans and I will appreciate it if you will call it to the attention of your Board.

I will be writing to Mr. Wang Shih-shieh and Chang Kiang-au in regard to these plans for a better and enlarged hospital project. I will appreciate it if you will make the plans available to the persons mentioned in due time. Mr. Wang is interested in our project and will, I believe, be desirous of seeing what is proposed. The same applied to Mr. Chang Kiang-au as he is the Chairman of our Board of Directors and as both of these gentlemen are not far removed from your headquarters, I thought it might be possible for them to see these plans in addition to bringing them to the notice of your Board of Trustees, especially to Dr. J. Hen Liu. In showing these plans to your Board I hope that you will not fail to make known to them the fact that we are endeavoring to put up a much larger and far more modern hospital than

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was indicated in the original plans sent to you.

So far I have not succeeded in securing the balance of the money necessary for this plant. I trust that the Board, in due time, will not be unsympathetic to another appeal to them, providing I have not secured the necessary funds for the completion of the hospital and for its equipment, in thoroughly modern fasion.

I think you very much for your last letter and for your kind suggestions.

Cordially yours,

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November 22nd 1936

Mr. Clarence L. Senn, Director,
China Foundation,
Peiping, China.

My dear Mr. Senn:

Since coming to the United States I have made a further study of hospitals and turned over the material that I had gathered together from my study of our own hospitals in China, in Tokyo and in America to the architectural firm of Schmidt, Garden and Erikson.

I had a set of plans that were drafted while I was in Chengtu. These were left with the British Indemnity Board of Trustees. I remember showing these plans to President Zen at Chengtu but I am of the opinion that I did not send a set of the plans to you, was because my application to you had to do primarily with equipment. Equipment is supposed to include everything except the building, consequently, I have thought it wise to request the architects to send a copy of the blueprints, elevation and perspective to you. You may have received the plans before you get this letter. I believe you will be pleased to have the plans of the building and I believe that the members of the Board will also find it interesting, especially when they come to give consideration to the additional grant of \$25,000, which I am anticipating from the China Foundation at their next meeting.

I have the information from the then Director of the China Foundation, President Zen and several other members of the foundation to the effect that they were favorable to granting the \$50,000 which I asked of them but they did not wish to commit themselves for more than \$25,000 at their 1936 meeting but carried it forward as one of the unwritten things to be granted in 1937.

Since coming here and discovering what a modern hospital is like our building plans have grown considerably. The estimated cost of our hospital will be in excess of anything we estimated in Chengtu. When we came to the question of equipment, this is not only true, but doubly true. The cost of modern equipment is far in excess of what we were able to visualize in Chengtu. Therefore, I hope that the foundation will carry out their good intention of a year ago and grant us the \$25,000 this year of 1937.

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I have indications from the British Board that they will not be averse to considering additional requests later on. I mention this by way of encouragement to your foundation.

As you may remember, Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and Madame Chiang Kai Shek were greatly interested in the project to establish this clinical hospital at the university and wrote to you Board their approval of our request. I have not sent a copy of these plans to Madame Chiang Kai Shek, but perhaps I ought to do so, unless it would be convenient for you to send this set of plans to her after the members of your foundation have given consideration to it. If it is not convenient for you to send these plans on to her I will appreciate it if you would let me know and I will arrange with the architects to send copy.

I have learned that a payment has been made on your appropriation through our Treasurer Mr. C. C. Chang, deposited to our account in the Bank of China. I know that it is customary for you to receive a report as to the use of this money shortly after you have made payment of it, but in view of the fact that this grant and the one expected next year will be used for the equipment for the hospital you will readily see that it is not possible to make a report until after the purchases have been made. In due time a full report will be made to you not only of the amount spent but a description of the purchases themselves.

Greatly appreciating your kind letter to me of some months ago, I am

Cordially yours,

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November 23rd, 1936

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My dear Dr. Liljestrang:

I am endeavoring to interest the Hazen Foundation in our university and in particular the new hospital endowment or equipment fund. They are not in position to make any commitments of a major kind at present, but through a friend of mine in the Foundation I learned that they have been making grants for special efforts that give promise of interesting students in middle schools and colleges in religion.

The amounts which they grant are made to individuals who will agree to do such work and report to them what has been done and the amount of expenditure made. I made it clear to my friend that I would not be in China this year and, therefore, could not personally do the work, but that I would ask some members of our university faculty to engage in this enterprise on behalf of our student's religious life and work.

The amount I will receive this present year of 1936-37 will be about \$325 or \$350 Chinese currency. I have in mind to ask one person in each of the Mission groups to conduct work of this kind, with the expectation that they will receive approximately \$50.00 for this particular work. I have in mind the following persons: yourself, Dr. Kilburn, Mr. Sewell or Mr. Fong, Mrs. Anderson or some other of their group, Mr. Wang for the Baptist group and students in general, and Miss Fosnot or someone whom she may designate from the Women's college.

The plan of action that I think will prove most effective with us and be pleasing to the donor is somewhat as follows: Secure a group of students who will come at stated periods to their homes for bible study or consideration of matters pertaining to the religious or social life. I am aware that such groups involve the persons inviting in some minor expenses such as tea and other refreshments and occasional printed matter. This money would be available for such purposes in connection with this work or for any other similar expense that will help the persons doing the work and the work done. I am, of course, aware that the amount of money is small but it will help the several persons who undertake to do this bit of personal work.

They have a form to be filled out by each person expending money. I will have a number of copies of these statements made and send to you for distribution. I will also send to you some Bursars requisition blanks.

I hope you will call together the persons mentioned above and have a good start made, asking each person to make a report to me at the end of the school year or just prior to the close of the school term, the work that has been done and the money that has been spent. If you have any suggestions as to the whole question of the use of these funds and the work to be done please let me know and oblige,

Very sincerely yours,

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November 24th, 1936

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Cartwright:

I am in receipt of yours of November 19th with news that the Board has appropriated for the West China Union University \$2,490 for the coming year. I will pass this letter on to Dr. Anderson and to Mr. Garside. Please accept my appreciation for your efforts.

After you left the Board of Governors Meeting at Toronto we passed a resolution to go to all of the Boards associated with the University asking them if they would agree upon a fixed sum for the current expenses of the University amounting to \$4,000 annually from each and every participating organization. This resolution was passed under the conviction that the Board participating in the University should participate on a contractual basis rather than one of their projects to which they make a contribution.

I am aware that every Board will have great difficulty in complying with this resolution but I wish it might have serious consideration, in the Methodist and all of the other Boards participating in the university. See minutes of the Board of Governors Toronto Meeting as follows: "#G 1257 VOTED that it is the opinion of the Board of Governors that each cooperating Board should endeavor to make a minimum annual contribution of \$4,000 to the University and it invites the Boards concerned to give this matter their earnest consideration."

Very sincerely yours,

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November 24th, 1936

Mr. Charles A. Russell, Pres.,
The Edward W. Hazen Foundation,
Haddam, Conn.

My dear Mr. Russell:

I have received yours of November 20th, notifying me that I have been nominated for one of the Hazen Foundation Agency Grants and that the Grant has been awarded to me in the amount of \$100.00, for the academic year of 1936-37.

Please accept my appreciation for this favor. I have just written Mr. Yarrow regarding the manner in which I proposed to use this Grant. I hope that he will acquaint you with what I have written.

Cordially yours,

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November 25th, 1936

Mr. E. A. Yarrow,
Haddam, Conn.

My dear Mr. Yarrow:

You will see that you have the advantage of me. I do not remember your Christian name, so I am compelled to be somewhat formal. I have received the check for fifty dollars from the Hazen Foundation with the information that another would be forwarded on or about January 1st.

I have turned the check over to our Treasurer, Mr. B. A. Garside, to be forwarded to Chengtu. I have written to the Bursar of the University, asking him to open an account, upon receipt of the check, in the name of the Hazen Foundation. I have written to the University, designating six persons, one in each college group, to act as sub-agents, and have written them orders against the check received and the check expected, the beginning of the year. I have also sent to each of them copies of the financial statement with the request that they return the same to me at the end of the year. I will then forward them to you as part of my report as one of your Agents.

In view of the distance and the time that has to be covered in crossing it, I will not be able to get anything in the nature of a report to you before early next autumn or thereabouts, since I do not expect any report from this work until about that time. I am making out the application now as of June 30, 1937, hoping that reports from the field will reach you before you act on next year's grants.

Cordially yours,

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November 25th, 1936

Mr. T. G. Ho,
730 - 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ho:

Very glad to get your letter of November 23rd. You have travelled a long distance in the avenues of learning since you started at Wesleyan University some years ago.

When your first scholarship was secured at Wesleyan University it was with the idea that you might return to West China Union University. I quite remember writing you on one or two occasions inviting you to return to the Department of Sociology. Dr. Dsang is now president of University and such questions of additions to the staff must go through him and the Finance Committee. I am forwarding your letter to him as a matter of the proper procedure but I anticipate that the answer will be that you are expected to return.

Last year we added Mr. Sen to our Faculty in the Department of Sociology and he has made a very good beginning, but we ought to have that department considerably strengthened, if it is possible to finance it under the limited budget which the College of Arts has. You may be sure that I will do what I can, commending favorable action on your letter. Meantime, I hope that you will not accept employment elsewhere, awaiting word from President Dsang.

I am quite often at 150 Fifth Avenue. I will be glad to hear from you any time and I hope that you may be able to meet before you return. Kindly give my regards to Dr. Havermale.

Cordially yours,

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November 25th, 1936

President Lincoln Dsang,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, China.

My dear Dr. Dsang:

This morning I have received a letter from Mr. Ho, which I enclose herewith. I have written to him expressing the hope that he would not accept a position elsewhere, at least until he had heard from you. I told him that we had been expecting his return to the University for several years.

We now have Mr. Sen in his department but I was of the opinion that it might be possible, as it is desirable, to have more than one man in the Department of Sociology. Therefore, I hope that it might be possible for the University to make provision for his salary and to give him an early invitation to the University.

As you will see, I have not committed the University in any way whatever, simply expressing my hopes. I leave the question of his return to you and to the Finance Committee. If, however, I can be of any service in keeping in touch with him and strengthening your request, to him, I will be glad to do so if you will let me know how I can be of service.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Governors will meet in New York on January 5th. If there are any matters that you wish to bring before the Executive Committee, that are urgent, get them to me, Mr. Garside or Dr. Anderson.

I have had previous reference to the 25th Anniversary which indicates that it went off in good fashion. I shall await a fuller statement from you or Mr. Robertson.

With kind regards to yourself and family and to the members of the greater family of the University, to which I am affectionately related,

Cordially yours,

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November 25th, 1936

Prof. Serge Elisseeff,
17 Boylston Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Prof. Elisseeff,

I have learned that you were to be at Columbia University and I intended to go and hear your lectures, but I failed to do so, to my regret.

I recall that the time draws near when you may be leaving for China. Is there anything more that I can do to assist you in mapping out your route or in suggesting entertainment or aid to you along the road? If so, please let me know and I shall be glad to be at your service, even to coming to Cambridge, if you so desire.

I have a letter from Dr. Graham in which he states that Dr. Joseph Rock has some very valuable Tibetan articles in Honolulu. He reports that there are such items as incense burners, bowls, sacred vessels and other articles. He states that they are solid gold, valued at about U.S. \$15,000. He does not state where Dr. Joseph Rock is at the present time. I doubt if he is in Honolulu, and consequently, cannot advise where the articles are in Honolulu. I mention it because I thought you might desire to see them as you passed that way.

I have some very fine friends in Honolulu. One of them, Mr. Frank T. Atherton, who is regarded by many as the first citizen of the Hawaiian Islands, and whose business calls him to the mainland quite often, I will send you before you leave a letter of introduction. I am sure he will be glad to see you and make the day in Honolulu quite worthwhile to you.

Please let me know when you expect to leave and when you expect to arrive in Chengtu.

Very sincerely yours,

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WEST
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November 27th, 1936

Mrs. Frank E. Baker,
719 Emerson Street,
Evanston, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Baker:

I thank you for your letter of yesterday, received this morning, and for the very gracious interest it manifests in West China Union University.

I think your observation of the relation of the Women's College to the Board of Governors is correct. That does not mean that this relation should continue in the manner in which it has expressed itself in the past. That is one of the questions about which I am concerned. Two new members were added to the Board of Governors, Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Carscallen. I had an evening with them and Mrs. Humphreys, who is now the Baptist representative, on matter pertaining to the Women's College. We were all sorry that you could not be there.

I am living in Chicago now, 25 East Delaware Place. I can be reached by telephone by calling Delaware Towers. I expect to return to Chicago about the middle of December and I hope that I may be able to meet you before I come East again shortly after the New Year.

We have just been celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the University. Mrs. Anderson, writing about it, states that on the day on which the people were invited to the University it was estimated that fully 25,000 people came to see us.

Cordially yours,

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November 28th, 1936

Dr. Selskar M. Gunn,
Rockefeller Foundation,
Hamilton House,
Shanghai, China.

My dear Dr. Gunn:

I have remembered the phrase in your letter written to me from Paris, namely, that I would do well to remember that Dr. Alan Gregg was in charge of the Medical Program of the Rockefeller Foundation. A short time ago I wrote to Dr. Gregg for an appointment. In reply he stated a time when he would be glad to see me but added that I must not come with the expectation that the Board would be able to do anything to forward our Hospital Program.

I called on him yesterday afternoon and later I found Dr. Houghton at the Rockefeller Center and had a good long visit with him. I am very glad for your suggestions that I get acquainted with Dr. Alan. I found him a very satisfactory man to deal with even if the dealings were of a negative kind. The human aspect is so prominent in his make-up that a conference with him is not a failure. After I had listened to all he had to say, I told him that it was my intention to write to you to ascertain if it would be possible for you to help or to recommend help for us in connection with our new hospital project. There are many phases of that project and it is just possible

I mentioned in particular the equipment of the surgical section of the hospital.

I had the hospital plans, as executed by Schmidt, Gardner and Erickson, Chicago, with me. This section of the hospital occupies the third story of the main section of the building. I also mentioned Electrotherapeutics, with special emphasis on X-ray equipment. A copy of these plans has been sent to Dr. Morse, Dean of the Medical Dental College and I would like very much for you to take time to look them over, even if the legislation under which the Board is now operating makes it impossible for you to take any part in the building or equipping of this institution.

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Through the support that has come to it through the British Indemnity Board of Trustees, the China Foundation and Generalissimo Chiang, and because of the recommendation of Dr. Stampar that this medical work should be made the center of their provincial program and the expressed desire of Dr. C. C. Chen to cooperate with us, the West China University Hospital takes on a significance of its own that may rightly appeal to you and to your Foundation, because of the manner in which we are welding it into Chinese interests.

If you have not started to West China when this letter reaches you and you plan to do so, I hope that you will remember my suggestion that you write to Dr. Max Gentry or Mr. C. B. Rapee, Methodist Episcopal Mission Chungking, or to Mr. Gordon C. Jones, the business manager of the United Church of Canada at Chungking. Mr. Jones is a man in position to help you to advantage on your arrival, your transfer and the transfer of your baggage, etc., and I thought you would enjoy living outside of the city, so I mentioned Dr. Gentry and Mr. Rapee, who live outside the city, a short automobile ride will bring into the city from their place.

I hope that Mrs. Gunn is accompanying you, or will accompany you. There are so many people in Chengtu who will desire to entertain you that I hardly know to whom to introduce you. You have, as I know, met Dr. Harold Anderson in Shanghai. ~~Naturally I shall communicate with him.~~ It might be well to communicate with him as a first stopping place.

With best wishes and greetings to Mrs. Gunn, I am

Cordially yours,

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Beech (Personal)

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November 28th, 1936

Dr. R. A. Peterson,
Shansi Kai Hospital,
Chengtou, West China.

My dear Dr. Peterson:

I believe that I have not written to you since the receipt of your letter written enroute to Shanghai for equipment. I have taken note of what you say regarding space which the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Division would like to have and also the list of persons that I might see on your behalf. Except for a very hurried visit to St. Louis, I have not been in the vicinity of any of the people whom you named. I have been in the East most of the time, endeavoring to renew old connections and to discover some new ones. Some time later I expect to be in the Middle West and will follow your leads the best I can.

My reason for writing this letter this morning is to talk about the hospital plans rather than prospects. I hope I may be able to write about them later, sometime in the not too distant future.

In the plans that have gone forward from the architects in Chicago to Dr. Morse, together with their covering letter, there is nothing specific regarding allocations of space except the surgery. In my general letter to Dr. Morse I did not deal with this question except to refer specifically to the Special Patients section and to ask for information that might help in regard to filling in and locating the quarters required for the several Out Patient clinics. There is a very liberal space devoted to our Out Patient Clinics in these plans, and I think that all the departments may find it possible to locate themselves in adequate fashion. We have put the X-ray and Electro-therapy section near to this clinical division. This we did with the hope that it might be possible to bring together all of our work of this kind under one qualified attendant. I rather assume that the Eye, Ear Nose and Throat would desire to be adjacent to the Dental Clinic and to the Electro-therapy Department, but that awaits your study.

In regard to the space you may need for Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat patients, I hope that you can find adequate space in the central hospital and the Special Patients division. In saying this I have in mind

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the extension of the rear section on the third floor back to the cross wards. You will see that I am assuming that the O.P.D. Clinic will be located at the University and that Medicine, Surgery, and Eye, ear, Nose and Throat. The rest can find space in the central building. Obstetrics and Gynecology and special hospital for children together with other departments provided for may have to await better times than the present.

I am proceeding on the following basis: First, that we will secure money for the central hospital and the general clinic and that we may possibly secure the additional funds necessary for the other departments mentioned. The first thing to work on seems to me to be the central building. If we secure that money I entertain a hope that we could make our general clinic at Shansi Kai until such time as funds would enable us to build the clinic at the University.

In our concern for this new hospital we have not given much joint consideration to the uses to which the city properties can advantageously be put. I do not mean that there has been no thought on this. I have thought of it seriously for some years but I have never been in a position to say anything convincing so long as the new hospital was in the dream stage. That question has been asked more than once by certain members of the Board of Governors, but no answer was given and no answer can be given until there is a fair degree of agreement in Chengtu, but because nothing has been said about this matter I hope that it will not continue to be in that outer region of mind where it seems to be at the present. Anything that you can do to bring light on this question will be greatly appreciated.

I spent yesterday afternoon at the Rockefeller Foundation with Dr. Alan Gregg and afterwards with Dr. Houghton until about 6:40 P.M. The Foundation seems to have arrived at a decision that they will not undertake any further work in Medical education. They are at present curtailing all such work or cutting it off entirely, except that conducted in connection with P.U.M.C. I surmise that their experience in P.U.M.C. has been quite different than what they expected. First, they have found that despite their apparent adequate provision, their expenditures have been going into more money than expected and second, that their endowments were not earning the amount of interest expected, consequently, they have grown cold to all other projects, I judge, fearing that they have bitten off more than they can masticate in P.U.M.C.

I shall, however, place before Dr. Gregg, the desirability of doing something in West China, naming in particular the equipment for the operative division of the hospital and Electro-therapy Department.

I will be writing Dr. Gunn this afternoon and I will mention my visit to him. If he carries out his plan he will be in West China not long after this letter, if he has not already been there when you receive it. With this general observation of what they are not doing or not intending to do, please proceed as wisely as you can with Dr. Gunn. There are certain limited funds that are at his disposal that apparently do not come under these general decisions of the larger Board.

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Dr. R. A. Peterson

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I hope that you had a good journey back to West China and that you found things as you expected or more so, and that you are back in harness again and having the time of your life.

With greetings to Mrs. Peterson and Dr. Lu and other members of the staff whom I know and who know me, I am

Cordially yours,

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26 Grosvenor

December 1, 1936

Mr. Frank C. Atherton
Cooke Castle
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Franks:

Professor Elisseeff is en route to China due to arrive on the President Hoover leaving San Francisco the 25th of December. There is in Honolulu a very valuable collection of Tibetan objects that is the property of Dr. Joseph Rock whom you will probably remember was in the Hawaiian Islands some years ago and for the past twenty years has been in various parts of the Orient on behalf of the National Geographic, the Arnold Arboretum, and the Department of Agriculture at Washington. I have written to Professor Elisseeff regarding this collection.

I had in mind to introduce him to you before I learned of Dr. Rock's articles but now that he writes me that he would be very glad if he could see these goods I thought of no one better qualified to direct him than yourself or someone whom you might designate. I had supposed that Professor Elisseeff would be free during his day or more in Honolulu but he writes me that he has been invited by the Director of the Oriental Institute of the University of Hawaii to spend the day with him and to deliver a lecture at the Art Museum. He also writes that he will be very happy to receive a letter of introduction to you. I have written him today.

Some years ago the Trustees of the Hall Estate granted to West China Union University \$500,000 in the form of endowment. \$300,000 of this amount was placed with the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in order that the work conducted in China might be related to the Oriental Department of Harvard University and the Oriental Departments of Harvard University might be related to the work in China. This is Professor Elisseeff's first visit to China in connection with this Institute. He plans to spend all of March and April in Szechwan province. I think I am doing him and you, your family, and the Richards a very big favor by the introduction.

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Mr. Atherton

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December 1, 1936

I know that a letter is due you in reply to your good letter of some time ago in regard to things I know you are interested in pertaining to our University but I will leave that until another day. With greetings to Mrs. Atherton, Theodore and his wife, I am

Cordially yours,

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December 1, 1936

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26 Grosvenor

Mr. Frank C. Atherton
Cooke Castle
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Atherton:

I take pleasure in introducing to you, Professor Serge Elisseeff of Harvard University and Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Dr. Elisseeff is planning to spend a considerable part of the coming year in China and will be leaving the United States on the "President Hoover" from San Francisco on December 25th. I am informed that there is a fine collection of Tibetan goods, the property of Dr. Joseph Rock, in Honolulu. Professor Elisseeff is desirous of seeing this collection and I shall appreciate it if you can be of assistance to him in this or any other way during his stay in Honolulu.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 2, 1936

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26 Grosvenor

Professor Serge Elisseeff
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Elisseeff:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th and in reply I am sending you herewith a letter of introduction to my friend Mr. Frank C. Atherton. Mr. Atherton has been very closely associated with the University of Hawaii from its inception and one of the houses of the University was built by him and his family in memory of one member of the family. In my letter to him I have asked him to endeavor to discover the articles of Joseph Rock and to assist you in every way to provide for your pleasure during your stay.

You will find the Cooke Castle and Company offices just up the main thoroughfare a few blocks from the steamship landing. If Mr. Atherton is free and in Honolulu, probably he will join in company with the Director of the Institute in Hawaii in meeting you at the steamer. I wish that you had more than a day. If it is your intention to continue on with the President Hoover I am sure you will want to return via the "Paradise of the Pacific."

I am very glad to see that your plan includes so much time in Szechwan and that you are going to take the boat from Hankow to Chungking. I will write to Dr. Graham and he will be at the flying field to meet you on arrival I am sure. He will want you to be his guest but I trust that you will distribute yourself as far as possible over the members of our staff on the campus. There are so many of them that if you give each family a day you would pretty well consume all your time.

With best wishes for a pleasant journey and regrets that I am not to be in Chengtu when you arrive, I am

Cordially yours,

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Beech (Personal)



December 2, 1936

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26 Grosvenor Street

Dr. W. R. Morse
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Morse:

Your letter of October 24th reached me this morning. That is unusually good time notwithstanding that you sent it air mail to Shanghai and the paucity of steamers operating on the Pacific coast.

The items in your letter are very helpful to me and ought to be to everyone who is interested in the University and in missions in Szechuen. I However, this question of cooperation or combination with the government is a very delicate matter in certain circles. I think I can quote correctly the sentiment expressed by one of the Governors when this matter was touched upon very carefully in the last Board meeting. He said, "I am fearful least this cooperation with the government leads to control by the government." I made no reply to that statement preferring to wait until something concrete had come from the government. Just how I would approach them on the whole matter I cannot say at this time. I mention it here to you simply to suggest that it is a matter that requires careful treatment. You will know, of course, by this time from letters that are already on the way, that we did finally succeed in getting the University hospital project approved. I had the plans, which are also on the way to you, with me in Toronto but I did not refer to them because the affair had not reached the stage where it was advisable to introduce questions of plan while we were fighting for principles.

The Executive Committee will have a meeting here in New York on the 5th of January and at that time I hope to put the tentative plans before them. If you can give consideration to the plans sufficient to approve the general layout of the main building and the section for special patients, I will be obliged if you will cable approval at least to the extent of securing permission to go ahead with the laying of foundations and the ordering of material. I do not expect that we can get consent to to go forward until we have sufficient funds in hand to complete the buildings. By hoping that the funds will materialize during the year I want the foundations to go in before the next wet season begins.

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In connection with the plans you will note that the first floor is a matter of about three feet above ground level but I think that the ground level should be at least a foot above the present level of the site. This means that a considerable amount of dirt must be collected before the wet season begins, so if you will cable a reply I will try to get approval to proceed with the raising of the level of the ground and putting down of the foundations.

I would like very much to be able to put down the foundations and proceed with the Out Patient Department at the same time. I think that the arrangements for the Out Patient Department is ideal and I would like to see the whole project go forward at the same time but in case we are compelled for lack of funds to go on with the Out Patient Department section we should at least get in the foundations for the main building now and if possible the outhouse Out Patient division also.

There is another matter regarding which I talked to Dr. Chen, of the University of Nanking, namely that it would be simply ideal if he could secure from the Szechuen government the allocation of the old Chinese Classical College site for the provincial health center. This would bring that work immediately adjacent to our hospital site and would permit of close cooperation and the bringing of such laboratories as the government might create in connection with its work at our door. Of course, I know that it is not easy to secure from the government such properties but rightly approached, I believe that he could gain control of this property and perhaps he would also be able to gain control of the piece of property which lies to the west of the Classical College as far as the road that enters to the radio transmission station. If all of that block from the Tung Hang Tsi adjoining with our medical site could be incorporated in one block, it would make a magnificent layout. I would like to be in Chengtu just now to use what influence I have with General Liu Hsiang and others to help him get this site.

I met Mrs. Laird a few moments ago here in the office. She asks about you and Mrs. Morse and spoke of your daughter. She would like very much to see you again.

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You will be very sorry to know that the total results of years of operations fail to show much progress in Katherine's condition. The opening in her palate at one time seemed to be practically closed but about three years ago it sloughed away. We recently learned of two doctors in St. Louis, Dr. Peterson will doubtless know them, Dr. Baird and Dr. Brown, plastic surgeons from Washington University Medical College. About six weeks ago I took Katherine to St. Louis and left her in the care of Dr. Brown. He agreed to do five or six operations that he thought would remedy most of her difficulty. The first two operations were performed on the nose. She arrived at home just before I left and some members of our family remarked that she now has the most beautiful nose in the family. That's marvelous progress and an indication of the wonderful things people are doing here. I have a friend who is on the Board of Directors of the Hospital in Philadelphia. He emphasizes dermatology. He thinks that the institution there is the first of its kind anywhere and he wants me to see it. As I recall our institution, I think this branch might be called the last of its kind. Perhaps I may be able to interest my friend in this particular department for West China. That's only a hope and not a prophecy or a statement of fact.

With best wishes to Mrs. Morse and all who may ask about me, I am

Cordially yours,

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26 Grosvenor

Mr. B. Burgoyne Chapman
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuen, China

My dear Mr. Chapman:

It is not long since I wrote a letter to Elizabeth but I feel that your letter of October 28th calls for reply now. First, I am glad that you are liking the house and that you find many places round about it that permit of improvement. I am also glad that you are able to help Dr. Liljestrand in his many tasks. I do not know what the Methodist Episcopal Mission will do when Dr. Liljestrand's furlough falls due.

I was recently in Detroit and tried to start things going that would bring the Starretts back to Chengtu. There are family matters which need to be adjusted and there is support which needs to be provided. Likewise travel expenses. These financial matters must be cared for outside the regular appropriations of the Board of Foreign Missions. I was at the general meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions in Newark recently. The income was less than last year despite the rather widespread information that things were improving, at least in the industrial and business realms. They avoided a deficit by having an unusually large amount of undesignated legacies - something that they cannot count upon for another year. Even then, they were only able to balance their budget by making no provision whatever for the outgoing missionaries. If the Starretts' family affairs can be adjusted, I am nevertheless hopeful that the financial matters can be arranged for. I very much hope that this may be so and that you may have the Starretts there in the near future. I know you will enjoy having them for neighbors. They would delight having you and Elizabeth next door.

Yes, I quite agree that one of the problems in connection with the Goucher School will be to keep it within bounds. There are so few institutions in China compared with the vast number of people who wish to enter them that they are all overburdened and the character of the work consequently is sacrificed. I was told, not long ago by Mr. Green of the P.U.M.S. that they built their wards for sixteen or eighteen patients but usually were compelled to have twenty-four to twenty-six in the wards. They built waiting rooms for the out patients but when I visited there I found them scattered all over the buildings and in all the halls. The Universities are in a better position because one must travel a long road

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before they seek entrance but a school of the grade of the Goucher School is always subject to a raid for, as you know, the Chinese find it very difficult to withstand their friends with the result that more are admitted than are desired.

I am very glad for the interest you show in regard to the Scout work at the University and in Chengtu. I hope that you may be able to make a fine contribution in this respect in addition to the other things you are called upon to do. I am very glad I can say to you, as I said to Elizabeth, that I am delighted she is in the library. Please exercise your good offices to see that she does not overwork on that job. We are delighted also to have willing hearts about us but we don't want to kill them off too soon.

With best wishes to her and to the Lewises who are next door to you and the Liljestrands, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Mr. Linside:-



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J.C. Atherton, and send to me or direct
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Cordially yours

Joseph B. Beach

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West China

December 15, 1936

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of the 14th came to hand and brought us a great deal of thanksgiving in the gifts of \$1,100 from the Atherton Estate and \$500. from F. C. Atherton. Receipts for same are enclosed herewith.

In the past when these have been received by our office, we have sent receipts directly to Honolulu, but in view of the fact that you are writing, it would seem advisable for you to include them in your letter.

We are also very grateful for your good wishes, which are reciprocated by all in the office.

I have a note on my desk to write you upon another subject, but it is too late in the day to start in on that now.

With best wishes to you all, I remain

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Joseph Beech
25 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois

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NOTE: If, on the basis of the information supplied below, an interview with Dr. Beech should be desired, he ~~will~~ will be available for appointments next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 150 Fifth Avenue, Suite 901, Watkins 9-8703.

Dr. Joseph Beech, chancellor of West China Union University at Chengtu, will leave New York next Wednesday to return to his work there.

He will take with him complete architectural plans for a large hospital for which funds have been secured by him in the past year. This sum of \$140,000, which includes a grant of \$30,000 from an American medical foundation, will make possible one of the largest single enterprises ever to be undertaken at one time in the history of Christian missions, since exchange rates at present are exceptionally favorable while the costs of construction have not risen appreciably.

The projected modern hospital will supply clinical teaching facilities for the medical school of the university. It has heretofore used small mission-station hospitals at considerable distance from the campus. Such a development in the capital city of Szechuan Province has greater significance at this time because this section has become the central base of China's continued resistance to Japan. Divisions of the national government are now being moved from Chungking on the Yangtse River to Chengtu in order to relieve congestion in the present temporary capital. The three new trunk roads out of China to the northwest and southwest ~~will~~ are being centrally connected by a highway through this central city of China's new west.

Dr. Beech's institution was the first union missionary institution of higher learning in China. Four other schools among the twelve Christian colleges in China are now conducting all or some of their work in association with the West China Union University, having been forced off their regular campuses temporarily by war conditions. Dr. Beech first went to China in 1906 as a missionary of the ~~West~~ Methodist Episcopal Church. He was one of the founders of the university in 1910 and has been its administrative head continuously since its inception. He is an alumnus of Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn.

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