WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA 1644 Fremseaf Ave. Encago Jan. 3/39 CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE Dear Mr. Erans: I have two letters from I anderson from Tovonto with final decision that they have waked you to call on Executive after The 16th. This is to say that I am planning to be in My, by Jan 14 am I also have letter from m. Taylor giving a surrey of money tems, to gether with a Statements of University and I Hospital Bell accounts. I am assuming that a ciday is in your hands by this troke. If not, let me know of will Selve my copy to you.
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timterent items \$ 15,000 from R.F. (transmitted to field.) I have asked Schmidt, garden Prifeson. to Dend you statement of balance due Them. \$ 5,000 as I recall it) Please bout sent sand have this account closed With hos of wishes that the Tew Year Many Start-Well of Junish thetter (whally) oseph Beech -13. Heave convey my regrets to Mos Wang that I cannot be at she Junet given by Mr. Mc Prier with Manks for the invitation

January 4, 1939

Br. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

The following cable was received early this morning, and is apparently in answer to the cable which you sent to the field regarding the chemistry building:-

"INVITE UNIVERSITIES UNANIMOUS CHEMISTRY."

The original copy of the cablegram will be held here pending your arrival.

Sincerely yours,

JIP:VW

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE 150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y.

Description

Dear MR. Evans:
Under date of Dec.14, I have a fine letter from Mr. Frank C. Atherton enclosing checks, here-

with enclosed for \$500 and \$1100. By what I judge was a slip, he only mentions one of them. He adds the words "to apply on your salary and or other expenses at the University". He reviews business conditions in the Islands with resulting losses financially to most of the plantations. Since he had given me this information during the year, I was a bit fearful lest their contribution share in the losses, but I am glad they are as heretofore, especially as I am making, or hope to make, the journey to and return from the other side of the world. If, via Honolulu, I will stop over a steamer, there. He marvels at the Chinese resistance and still hopes they will drive the Japanses from their country, that is, the army.

A letter just in from Robertson, states that the two Jap bombing visits aimed only at the landing fields and aerodromes. He added, that from unusually reliable sources, he had news to the effect that six of the raiders, that came in 10 days ago, crashed on the way home aft/after being attacked by Chinese planes. If this last bit of news is true it means heavy losses as each plane carried seven of a crew. He states that he is sending the enrollment figures to you, and perhaps you have the same news re bursar, money, building, politics as I have.

With best wishes , Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

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1644 Greenleaf Ave., Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

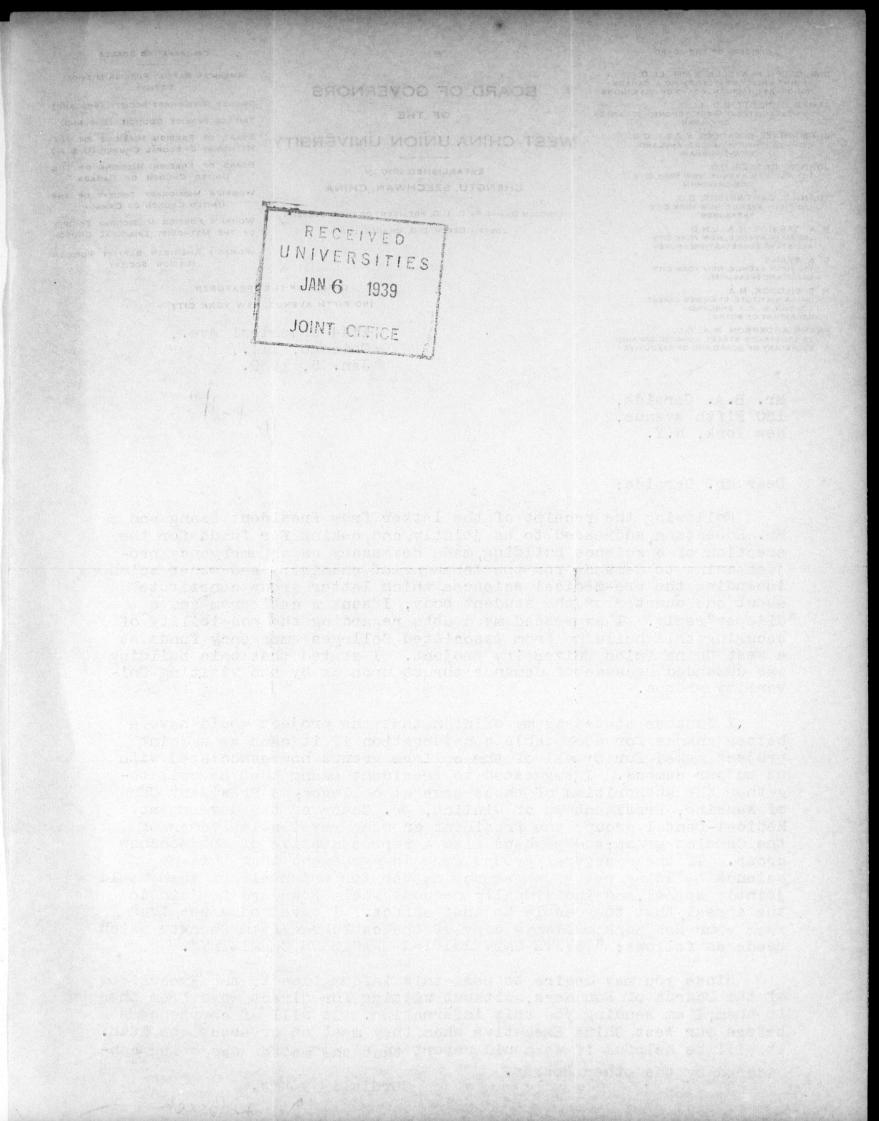
Following the receipt of the letter from President Dsang and Mr. Robertson, addressed to us jointly, and asking for funds for the erection of a science building, made necessary as an emergency project owing to demands for the teaching of chemistry and other sciences, including the pre-medical sciences, which latter group constitute about one quarter of the student body, I sent a cablegram and a "Clipper"reply. I expressed my doubts regarding the possibility of securing this building from Associated Colleges emergency funds as a West China Union University project. I stated that this building was demanded because of demands thrust upon us by the visiting University groups.

I further stated as my opinion that the project would have a better chance for acceptable consideration if it came as a joint project asked for by all of the college groups now associated with us on our campus. I suggested to President Dsang that he call together the authorities of these several colleges; as President Chen of Nanking, President Wu of Ginling, Dr. Cheer of the Government Medical-Dental group, the President of other available leader of the Cheeloo group; and perhaps also a representative of the Soochow group. If these several groups were in agreement that this new science building was an emergency matter for which all of them would jointly appeal, and individually request their Founders to join in the appeal, that they cable to that effect. I have today received from your New York office a copy of the cablegram from Chengtu which reads as follows: "INVITE UNIVERSITIES UNANIMOUS CHEMISTRY".

Since you may desire to pass this information to the Executives of the Boards of Founders, without waiting for direct word from Chengtu to them, I am sending you this information. It will of course come before our West China Executive when they meet on or about the 16th. It will be helpful if we could report that the matter was being considered by the other Boards.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech



January 7, 1939

Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Growing out of your suggestion that we should have a meeting of representatives of the Boards of the four universities working together at Chengtu, we have tried to plan for such a meeting.

Cheeloo University has named three members of its Board to attend such a meeting, suggesting the afternoon of January 18 as the best date. We are proceeding with plans to have the meeting at 3:30 P.M. on that date. This was taken into consideration when the date was set for the West China Executive Committee meeting for the morning of the 18th.

You probably have more in mind than anyone else the items that should be presented to this representative group. We will need to prepare beforehand an agenda. If you will send us your suggestions for this meeting, we will see that they are included in whatever docket we prepare.

The meeting of the Executive Committee on the morning of the 18th will, of course, definitely designate what members are to attend the meeting in the afternoon as representing West China Union University, and we will, of course, expect you to be present at the afternoon meeting.

Sincerely yours,

JIP:VW

January 10, 1939 Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ill. Dear Dr. Beech: Your letter of January 5th is at hand enclosing checks for \$500.00 and \$1100.00 from Mr. Frank C. Atherton. These have been credited to the West China Union University budget. His review of business conditions is similar to that which I read several days ago telling of the "Repression" in the Hawaiian Islands. It is gratifying, therefore, that this contribution was not cut-Yes, I have a letter from Mr. Robertson concerning financial matters, but which I have not deciphered as yet. With kindest regards, I am Very cordially yours, C. A. EVANS CAE/B 0885

January 11, 1939

Dear Dr. Beechs

I have your letter of January 5th, giving the latest information on the situation as regards the proposed Chemistry Building at West China.

This seems to be one of the items which should be brought before the West China Executive Committee on January 18th. It might also be brought to the attention of the joint meeting of representatives of the four Boards of Trustees which will take place during the latter part of January.

In this connection, let me repeat again the suggestion

I made earlier - that you provide us with as accurate and detailed
estimates as possible with reference to the probable cost of the Chemistry
Building, indicating just how much of the total must be provided from
new sources here in North america. Until we have such figures as these
in hand, there is no real point in any group giving time to the discussion
of this item. Nobody could possibly reach any intelligent decisions until
we know approximately just how much money is involved.

Mr. Robertson under date of December 9th jointly to Dr. Anderson, Mr. Castleton, you and myself. We will be looking to you to give an objective appraisal of the five items listed as additional askings on page 2 of Mr. Robertson's letter. Of course some of these items are already covered by the increase of West China's allocation in the 1938-39 emergency fund from the original figures of \$17,143.75 to \$33,143.75.

We look forward to seeing you here next week.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Illinois

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R. B. WHITE

January 30, 1939

Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Illinois

DR. R. A. PETERSON COMMITTED SUICIDE LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY. METHODIST BOARD HAS SITUATION IN HAND. NO PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF HIS RETURN.

AM WORKING ON LURLINE RESERVATION AS PER YOUR LETTER. MUST BE ORDERED THROUGH OUR OFFICE TO SECURE DISCOUNT.

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January 50, 1939

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We simply were overshelmed with the item as published in the "Times" showing that Dr. Peterson was back in Los Angeles and had killed himself. As stated above, the Methodist Board has covered the situation but they were likewise ignorant of his being in the United States.

You letter regarding the additional \$500.00 in \$100 drafts came to hand. In this form you are very apt to run into difficulties, as drafts are drawn on specific banks and I cannot find anyone in New York who will issue them otherwise. It is recommended that American Express Checks in denominations of \$100.00 or less would meet the need you described. Please let me know about this and we can send them on to you.

In order to get your discount, it will be necessary to work through our office and agreeable to our telegram we have secured you a berth on the Lurline sailing February 16th #B42. This option is held open until February 2nd, so you will have to let us know immediately.

Thanks for the two keys which you enclosed. Not very many return them.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Re Lurline Passage to Honolula oulk.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY 16 un granten aux. mongo Dean Mo Evans; The heaviest snow here last me by Our son 1306 could not get to Evanston by . Hevated or St. Con or lons. all trafic Stopped no Cars running anywhere. Passage Our shore is also of duty. Just before I) it failed. I got a message from the Company Saying shat my reservation for Lurline from Lia. was made tox. his is where reservations Keld for Chicago evidently have one over N.y. Steamer practically sold out, however. So make necertation for he Empress of Japan to Shair

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Cable from Honolulu Feb 23_ Cable for will be senting Cable to they II) Chengton re the Chemistry Blog of other matters soon, I take M. Please add These words, " Pareck Shanghai March Seventh. Home Confirm the date by calling the Canadian Pacific Office. Dontrand Since this is seemed here, I am Supposing that the agency Jeso Ko Jen office will be I no avail. Friends come arross with a comple mentary I can then Decure a draw-back, try the same toron. Cordially yours Dough Beech

Re Letter of Chesit Motree WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY 3 30 Pm. Jon 130 39 Dean M. Evans. We are the snowed in long The falling of the heavens has ceased. Florin began believe 11-12 last night. This am, an godock the special snow fall was 13 moles with dreft 3ft along the streets. Hooling like it in the mershary of weather men der phone get into working order along I fin with a folione message from the Continental Pok Bortuguesting har I Call re the 1000 Letter of Craft " Shrough the frring Trusto, & you. I fromised that I would cale when the way tras deened - A second call come in a few moments ago from the Makin Reple here Saying -or confirming a reservation on the Larline, Sailing from Los angeles. Feb 17th Here again to promised to call a de them when The way speried. No mail delivered since Salundary norming - though we are only 3 blocks from his district P.O. Tood hya for this time (avially your, maps Beed Listened-in to Hitler- 2 hos 0/5 minutes hot no pance exugn for apolome. The softels marching aders - tend your own twiners The wie stinging & radio Clast agant Jermany. Litter Mussolin France the trainely insmable Chamber 152-

February 1, 1939 Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ill. Dear Dr. Beech: Your two letters of January 30th came to hand and we are surprised that Chicago is that far out of the snow drifts. The pictures of the bliszard which we have seen in the New York papers indicate that it is just the kind of a storm to which I am especially partial. My heart eraves the snow - "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after snow." I have previously written you regarding the Lurline reservation and this morning telegraphed you as follows:-"COMPIRMING PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE SECURING LURLINE RESERVATION IN NEW YORK." This means you get your reservation and the Board of Governors also has advantage of the discount. As a matter of fact, all of these reservations are balanced against each other and the New York office telephoned to me that the Chicago office was also seeking a reservation. I informed them that we would take care of the entire ticket at this end and, therefore, the reservation was put through. I am hoping that there is some word in the mail regarding the cases which Dr. Peterson took with him and presumably are in Hongkong - that is, if Dr. Liljestrand did not arrive in time to take them over. Most cordially yours, C. A. EVANS CAE/B 0896

1644 Greenleaf Ave., 7

REFORWARDING PACKAGES

Dear Mr. Evans:

Upon receipt of yours of January 31st stating that you had requested Cleever Mallinchrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis, to ship Dr. Meuser's order to me here; I at once sent a card to the above Works to follow their original plan to ship the goods to H.M. Hodges, Hong-Kong.

Fearing that there might be other orders or parcels coming this way I telegraphed you a flew minutes ago to "Route shipments my care Empress Japan Hongkong not to Chicago". The reason for this is that I am travelling light so as to facilitate transfers at Los Angeles Honolulu, Shanghai with anticipated customs troubles at Shanghai.

I presume that a letter to the Canadian Pacific, explaining that I was booked on the Empress of Japan from Honolulu to Shanghai with transfer to Hongkong might cause them to take goods in my care for delivery at their office or dock in Hongkong. I wrote the St. Louis Chemical Works to have the shipment arrive by petalet/19th/ March 15th. If not sent by Empress of Japan shipment should be made to arrive Hongkong by that date.

REPASSAGE ON LURLINE LINE

I have received your telegram and letters and also telephone message from the Matson Line here that you had made reservation for me on the Lurline sailing Los Angeles on February 17th. Upon the completion of this letter I will start for the "Loop" and will call at the S.S. office and have them confirm the passage to their New York office. If any change from # B 42 I will ask them to notify you in regard to it.

DRAFTS, CHECKS, LETTER OF CREDIT

I thank you for your travel check for \$700.00. I have received notification from the Continental Bank, Chicago, that a letter of credit for \$1000.00 is awaiting me at their office. Regarding my request for an additional \$500.00 to cover possible taxes and travel of goods shipped by freight, I perceive that my suggestion should be in drafts is not wise. Send it to me as an additional letter of credit by the same Continental Bank agency.

I enclose check to your order from Edward W. Hazen Foundation. Please hold this subject to my order after I reach Chengtu.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech Beech

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE 150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. 1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 1, 1939

My dear Mr. Evans:

I was stunned by your telegram with the news of Dr. Peterson's tragic death. I knew what the Board of Missions knew regarding his troubles at Hongkong and his request for Dr. Liljestrand to relieve him and his fear that he would be compelled to return owing to return of his physical troubles. I had intended to write Dr. Cartwright but because I was utterly bewildered I thought it best to wait hoping that further details would be forthcoming.

Since no word has come I am venturing to assume that the return of his trouble which it was originally feared might lead to the amputation of his leg or legs was serious enough to compel him to return and that worry over his physical situation added to the state of mind that he revealed at Hongkong overwhelmed him with the tragic result stated in your telegram.

I am at a loss what to do but I intend to write Dr. Cartwright and I will do anything that I can when I reach Los Angeles or Hongkong regarding his affairs. Since that letter to Dr. Cartwright may be delayed I wish you would either pass this letter to him or phone its message to him.

Cordially yours,

February 2, 1939 Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ill. Dear Dr. Beechs Your separate letter regarding Dr. Peterson leads me to believe that you did not see any notice in the Chicago papers about his death. I am sorry that I do not have a copy of the clipping here, but it was very brief and stated that his body had been found hanging in a tourists camp near Riverside, California and that all his property had been left to his wife, Victoria, who is in Chengtu. It also stated that papers on the body indicated that he had been under appointment as a missionary with the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions at West China Union University. These are all the particulars we have. I read your letter to Dr. Cartwright who is leaving this mean for a speaking tour, and I am enclosing herewith a copy of the cable which he is sending to Hongkong. Both he and I have been wondering about the shipment of supplies which Dr. Peterson was to take in West China with him, but apparently which he asked Dr. Liljestrand to come down and help him with. This sable leaves it up to the Methodist Board representative in Hongkong to use her judgment and act under prevailing circumstances. Apparently this leaves a vacancy on the Methodist quota, which, I should think, would be an exceedingly difficult place to fill. Dr. Peterson has been such a valuable member of the staff and has done such a remarkable piece of work, and has been so consecrated to it I feel confident that it will be a long time before any one can be secured to fill his place. Very truly yours, C. A. EVANS CAR/B 0899

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1644 Greenleaf Ave. Feb. 5th 1939.

Chicago. Ill .

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

Dear Mr. Evans:

Sunday has been a full day and all my days bid fair to be full days, but I am burning the late night filament to get this to you on Monday , with the hope you can put an extra person or two on this project and finish in time for next Clipper. 1.) Please send the enclosed letter to Dr. Dsang and Mr. Robertson by earliest Clipper Mail.

2.) Make copies of all invoices of all goods purchases for the University hospital account on this paper and enclose in the same letter with the above copy.

3.) Send to me on early mail two copies of these same invoices. 4) If you have invoices or can secure from B.F.M. invoices of goods shipped with Dr. Peterson or other person on the hospital account, please include in the same letters/

Note: If any balls are not chargable the Rockefeller account please add the notation at the top of each such invoice (Not X/# R-F) This is all for this clipper mail , but more than I feel can be asked with propriety. Get extra help instead of over burdening

your ever willing co-workers. I am making plans to leave Chicago on the 11th of February. If you have the original invoices from Mr. Dean for the latest orders and the shippinginformation, such as box numbers, weights, etc, etc. Please let me have them. I will write direct to Mr. Dean to-morrow, but would like you to check on these items also .

Very Cordially yours, John Berch

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1644 Greenleaf Ave., Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6,1939.

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

My dear Mr. Evans:

This morning I received the enclosed letters from Dr. Kilborn. I send the letter on to you because it is not possible for me to follow up the matter at this late date. I am hoping that you can connect with Mr. Dean with whom this order was placed, and with whom I assume a copy of the original request for purchase is on file. The Sanborn Co. should be communicated with either by Mr. Dean or yourself to ascertain if the instructions were not carried out. Sanborn Co. should certainly be notified that the machine des not work.

I wish you would copy and send to the Board of Foreign Missions, per Dr. Cartwright the paragraph regarding Dr. Campbell. This paragraph should also be forwarded for Anderson for presentation to the Board or Executive.

It might be well also to copy the section numbered (3) and pass that on to Dr. Anderson for the information of the Board.

I would like to have these two letters that I enclose mailed to me at the S.S. Lurline with any information that you can get and that you deem it advisable for me to have. If you cannot overtake me on S.S. Lurline, you might address me at the American Express Company at Hongkong.

I this morning received the envelope (unsealed) containing my steamship ticket and paper for the Matson Line, etc. With thanks.

Cordially yours,

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Dear Dr. Kilborn:

In reply to your letter about the apparatus, I wish to explain as follows:-

Some time ago, I sent a letter to Dr. Gregg of the Rockefeller Foundation, applying for a grant of basal metabolic tester and electrocardiogram. At about the same time, I wrote quite dlearly and definitely to Chancellor Beech that the basal metabolic tester and electrocardiogram should not be charged to the fund granted to West China Union University from the Rockefeller Foundation. In that letter to Chancellor Beech, I also enclosed copy of my letter to Dr. Gregg in order to show him what kind of equipment I had already applied for.

The two instruments in question, brought here by Dr. Liljestrand, are not the kind I applied for in my letter to him. Therefore these instruments are not for the National Central University. I do not know whether you have ordered them for your university or for the United Hospital. Since the instruments are so far from being the types I asked for, the National Central University cannot be responsible for the cost. Will you please let me know if you want me to send them over to you or just leave them here as a loan to the United Hospital?

It will be appreciated if you will be kind enough to give me a detailed list of what you have already ordered on behalf of the National Central University. If possible, please let me have all the prices too. This is so required in order to avoid any misunderstanding in the future when the ordered things through you have arrived. Thanks in advance for the trouble.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) S. N. CHEER

December 30th, 1938

Dr. Jos. Beech, Chancellor West China Union University 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ille

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of November 14th has been here for about a month. It should have been replied to long ago but as is usual with my correspondence the reply has been delayed.

You mention in your Note 2 the question of voltage for electrical equipment for the new hospital. You suggested that the hospital should be equipped throughout with 110 volt current instead of 220. The difficulty is that the legal current for China is 220 volts and 50 cycles. The Government is endeavoring to unify all electric systems in the country and is discouraging the importation of any apparatus or electrical equipment that is not 220 volts. It is almost impossible to secure 110 volt light bulbs or any other 110 volt equipment in China. American firms apparently make only 110 volt equipment but practically everything listed in English and continental catalogues states that one has the option of ordering 110 or 220 volts equipment. I have talked with others regarding this matter of electric current and the unanimous opinion is that we should conform to the official Government requirement.

In regard to the Basal Metabolism apparatus and Electro-Cardiograph that were brought out by Dr. Liljestrand, neither one corresponded to the request of Dr. Cheer. Hence he has refused to pay for them. I enclose a copy of his letter on the subject to me. The Electro-Cardiograph (Cardiette) which was sent will not work. It is a battery set and form what Dr. Best says the B. battery is out of order and will not work. Dr. Cheer and our own clinical staff have been very much disappointed in this piece of expensive equipment because it is practically useless.

In regard to the surgical equipment secured for the Central University, until I can get invoices I can get no money. The National Central
University is a Government institution and the payment of money invariably
involves a considerable amount of red tape. Invoices are an essential part
of this. So far I have no had an invoice for any of the things brought out
by Dr. Wilford. As soon as I can secure the invoices I think we can get
the money.

I sent a copy of the page of your letter dealing with the hospital building to the building committee and tried to impress upon them the necessity for speed. The University Cabinet has also due its best to point out the necessity for speed. It has tried to relieve Mr. Small of other obligations but he refused to be relieved and insists that he is in charge of all the general property work of the entire University. In addition he has taken on building obligations for Ginling College, for the cow barn, and other new structures. He says that these do not delay his work on the hospital. However, the Faculty became convinced of the necessity of more assistance and so has engaged Mr. Canning Young, architect for the National Szechwan University. Mr. Young joins our staff on January 1 and his chief duty will be the draw.

on of specifications and filling in the details in the plans of the new on P.D. and hospital. In regard to the o.P.D. we have nothing but the ground plans. The lack of elevations and all structural details has made it essential that we do something to get this building along so that it can be well on its way to completion by the specified date in May. I am sure that we can have the money spent by then, but I very much doubt if the building can be completed by May 31st. As you suggested, when it is further on we can send a cable requesting an extension of time. Most of our hardware and glass is still in Kunming. We have bought a truck to bring things up here as almost nothing was moving. The demand for military supplies has taken all trucks from civil service.

At its last meeting, the Cabinet passed a resolution requesting the Board of Governors to secure the appointment of Dr. Horace E. Campbell to the University staff. You will receive a letter from the President regarding Dr. Campbell. Since his letter is rather sketchy I shall try to fill in some of the details. Dr. Campbell was formerly a missionary in Fowchow, Fukien. He is supported by an independent community church in Cleveland. The pastor of which is Dr. Miles Krumbine. The church is loosely affiliated with the American Board.

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Bishop Ward some time ago suggested that the M.E.M. would be glad to appoint Dr. Campbell to our staff after his furlough which is due this Springe He is at present in the M.E.M. Hospital in Chungking tiding over Dr. Gentry's furlough. When I wrote to Dr. Campbell suggesting that he seek appointment to our staff through the M.E.M. he replied that since he had no Methodist background he would prefer to have a direct appointment from his own church in Cleveland. Asso, he stated he believed his church could be induced to appoint him to our staff here. I know that foreign members of the University staff are supposed to belong to one of the five cooperating missions. But surely we can accept a contribution such as this would be from an independent church. Dr. Campbell has very much impressed us with his ability and personality. He is extremely well qualified for a position on our University staffe He is a surgeon and we need more than one senior surgeon on our staff. If you are in Cleveland at any time in the near future I hope that you will call upon Dr. Krumbine and take the matter up with him. In any case I hope that you will write to Dr. Krumbine and get his reaction to this appointment.

We have invited Dr. Campbell to come to Chengtu this Sprang to deliwer a short course of lectures in the Department of Surgery and he has accepted the invitation.

In regard to the animal house we are placing this upon our request to the China Foundation for our 1939 grant. Since this request is being backed by the Central University also we have hopes that the money may be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ L. G. KILBORN



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Home Address: 1644 Greenleaf Ave., Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6, 1939.

Mr. Oliver Caldwell, China Colleges Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Caldwell:

Before I get on board ship at Los Angeles, February 17th, enroute to China, I want to let you know that I heartily second your commendable idea of interesting members of the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the teaching of the sciences in free West China. One of our staff members in Chemistry, Professor Roy Spooner, is spending the present year at M.I.T. and we are hoping that Mr. John Kao, one of the most efficient men that West China has produced, may be able to come to M.I.T. next year. Others will doubtless follow in due course with benefit to M.I.T. as well as to us, I believe.

But, the finer and more numerous the staff the greater will be the disabilities under which they labor unless we can relieve the pressure under which they work in the Science Departments, and furnish them with equipment adequate for work that is satisfactory to them.

This fact is very acutely felt at the University at this particular time because of the sudden increase in students, teachers and the demand for new courses which hitherto we have not been able to supply. The five universities at work upon the West China Union University campus are now experiencing such difficulties that they jointly and individually petitioned their respective Trustees and the Associated China Colleges Emergency Committee for a new Chemical Building in order that they might relieve the pressure on the other sciences and have

adequate present and future space for Chemistry. They recommended that each group bear its proportionate share in the cost of erection. Their appeal has had a united affirmative response by all of the bodies interested, and the early erection of this building seems assured.

Comparable with the need for the erection of this new Chemistry building is the call to supply them with the necessary equipment to meet the urgency and provide for future constructive programs.

While \$5,000, the initial gift sought, will supply only the minor part of our equipment needs for this new building, such a gift by M.I.T. friends would, I believe, inspire others to follow their lead and thus assure us of the equipment that we should have. Consequently, I trust that you will bring this request to the friends of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and that you will wire me on the Empress of Japan at sea, or at Shanghai, if this they can help us in this initial effort. I feel certain that such a message would bring a response from friends in China that I expect to meet shortly after my arrival.

I include with this letter, (I) A brief statement regarding the need and the plans for Chemistry in West China. This was prepared by the Department of Chemistry some time ago. I also include, (II) A brief from the Department stating the desired equipment, that will come within the initial \$5,000 sought, which I trust, you can secure from M.I.T. friends.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

Chancellor, Union University

puck ack 3-3-39 CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA 1644 Greenleng Ave. Chang. Sl. Art 62939 Dean Mr. Callwell. Sorry to have delayed this letter, Enclosed, to you. Pour present duties have the ingenery of a Telephone as you will see Thave written to you in a person to person call that you can send or Give direct to shore concurred with your om comment? I dend you the Chemistry Vefa. Plan Briefs for Chemistry- Please copy this, marked Prief I to page 2. to the point marked End in hed pencil, and enclose a copy with letter to MIT I also include statement from the defet head. Mr Spooper, Marked Prig II. Please said this and Prix I along with the little -Handly formal enough to cale Exhabit 17chim the Chamatry to Mr Spanner when

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February 8, 1939

Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 6th, together with enclosures. We have made copies of the material enclosed, and are herewith returning your originals.

We are at a loss to understand why the equipment purchased from the Sanborn Company was so disappointing to Dr. Cheer and the West China clinical staff. We have written to the Rockefeller Foundation, as per copy of letter enclosed. You will also find a copy of the letter we have written to the Sanborn Company. To each of these institutions we mailed copies of Dr. Cheer's letter and supplementary data. We can do nothing more at present, pending some word from these companies. As soon as we have more information on this subject, we will communicate with you.

Mr. Evans will take care of the other items listed in your letter in due time.

I am surprised to hear that you received the envelope containing your steamship ticket unsealed. This letter was registered, and, as you know, the Post Office Department will not register a letter that has not been properly sealed. This must have happened somewhere en route, but it was perfect when it left our hands.

With all good wishes for a pleasant trip, I am

Sincerely yours,

ROC

February 9, 1939 Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ill. Dear Dr. Beechs I am still working on the order for Dr. Cheer and have nothing to report today. The Methodist Board sends me the following paragraph taken from a letter of Dr. S. H. Liljestrand, dated January 5, 1939;-"Owing to Dr. Peterson's physical disability and large amount of baggage (equipment) and complications regarding the hospital truck sent down from Chengtu to bring Dr. Peterson and hospital baggage up, I was called on to meet him in Hongkong. I came by air a week ago, have done all I could and am now enroute via Haiphong back to Chengtu expecting to pick up truck at Haiphong." Further news from the Mothodist Board states that Dr. Peterson wrote a farewell letter to Dr. Cartwright dated January 1st which was found on his body along with other papers showing the suicide was very much premeditated. Very truly yours, C. A. EVANS CAE/B 0911

February 9, 1939 Dr. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ill. Dear Dr. Beechs We have just received a draft for US\$250.00 from West China Union University for a hospital building truck. We do not have any authorization outstanding for such a draft and wonder if you can give us any additional information. Yery truly yours, C. A. BVANS 0912

frek. CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA 1644 Greenleaf Ave. Change Lity 34 CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE Dear Mr. Evans: Here is an attempt to answer by loving notes. Early in the am refore others are a stir, so no In peteriter clicks for you. Please send that \$500 payable & my order Joseph Beech, in the form of your Check or a cashier's cheek if you so desire. FOR M I will shen put it in kim. Exgress Travellers Checks, if weder, some where suroute \$500 Chenety. I have friends among banks in Every city that I fass through, Since I leave here Salinday Am. address me Care Mrs. Lloyd Hughes, # 9 Morth Drving Blod Los Angeles Calif. be there Next wedneston to Saturday Run. If for any reason you wish to reach me Honolulu - Care Som. Frank C. atherton over Ngrote amer. Ho Sterliger 10

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2-9-39 Mi 7-8633 Thank you for the movices sent. I may Order need them if any of the shiftments are stored Sunk Mitialong the way. I believe that D' Leljestrands o I wilford's shipments got to Changton. I also weline to the trilet that leterson's Goods got Shrough. It truck was sent to the coast with two of his Chinese staff and he telegraphed to Siljestrano to Come to Hongrong to assist him - If I'd did so, she goods would be taken care of. What I now need - are the two invoices from 9 goods for Dr Cheer, purchased by Mr. Dean last from Mueller Co o Pilling Co_ amounting to circ meller \$850 9 \$550. I also new the complete Pelmas Shipping papers for these two orders and The american Sterilizer & shipment. (I have the Smal shipping invoices of Mr Dean This Sturlinger order direct from Mr. Limbberg) I also need the presurance documents Mr. Jean was to put on the goods to farthest port. It have written Mr. Dean. To long as I get here Hongkong Mar 15, or know that it will to OK. Hongkone address Care Am. Express 6. Special note: Send only the copy of sterilizer lote, andoice as finally shippers and the above mulles lease + Filling invoices to Chengtin Chipper mail with my letter Mours Dough Parch & Phone Mr Lindberg am Stord-izer Co for thing since enstone

Jek hy Beech 3/11/39 Dr. Joseph Beech c/o Mrs. Lloyd Hughes 9 North Irving Boulevard Los Angeles, California Dear Dr. Beech: We surely have been staggering around with the hope of getting all these bills straightened out to get you before you sail. I have communicated with Mr. Dean of the Rockefeller Foundation regarding the equipment from the Sanborn Company, and he checked my recollection of the situation, as follows:-The equipment Dr. Cheer ordered could not be used in West China, and the Sanborn Company would not sent it out. Under date of August 25th we wrote to Dr. Liljestrand, enclosing a copy of the letter from Sanborn Company dated August 24th, where detailed instructions were given re changing the equipment for use with 220 volt current. It is a simple matter to make the adjustment between 110 volt current and 220, and this should be no source of trouble. I am still working with the Sanborn Company, and hope to have a reply early in the week as to the exact conditions. As requested, the paragraphs in Dr. Kilborn's letter regarding Dr. Campbell were taken down to the Methodist Board by Mr. Parker, and he is to have a conference with Frank Cartwright early in the week. I understand this situation is not as simple as it appears to be, and there are many questions to be answered before Dr. Campbell could be appointed. In accordance with the request contained in Dr. Kilborn's letter of December 30th, we are enclosing invoices for the equipment to be charged to Dr. Cheer's account. If you find them in order, just mail the enclosed copy to Dr. Kalborn by whatever mute you think best. If we have word early in the week regarding the Sanborn Company equipment, I will try to get you at Honolulu. I cannot realize that you are leaving the United States, but nevertheless it must be true. I extend very best wishes for a safe and enjoyable trip. Sincerely yours, CAE: RC Enc. copy: Dr. Kilborn 0915

February 16, 1939

Ack 3/11/39.

Dr. Joseph Beech S.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN Victoria, B.C.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter received this morning from the Sanborn Company, which traces the whole matter down. I think this explains the situation as well as anything can.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Kilborn and one also to Dr. Cheer, which I trust will meet with your approval.

I have written to the Sanborn Company in answer to their letter, and have requested that they write directly to Dr. Cheer, giving suggestions and instructions. I am sure this will be most helpful to the personnel on the field. It is possible that the letter of August 24th written by the Sanborn Company, a copy of which we sent to Dr. Liljestrand, never reached the proper hands.

With sincere regards to you, I am

Cordially yours,

ROC

P.S. We are sending Dr. Kilborn's letter via the S.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, and Dr. Cheer's via CHINA CLIPPER.

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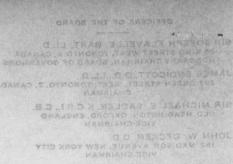
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There goes the gong and I release you for the time being.

Cordially yours, will report from Chengting

with Greetings to your associates all.



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March 3, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

I wish that I had more cheerful news about the securing of money to equip the new Chemistry Building. Quite unexpectedly Dr. Compton decided that it would not be wise to approach the M.I.T. staff for funds, on the grounds that already there had been too many campaigns this year. That makes it very doubtful if we can do anything with that group. This is particularly unfortunate in view of the fact that this is one of the most cordial and interested groups I have had the pleasure of encountering.

Today I wrote to Roy Specner explaining the situation, and I believe that he will cooperate with Mrs. Macmillan in an effort to reach individuals in the M.I.T. circle in such a manner that Dr. Compton will have no cause to feel that we are overstepping the bounds of propriety. Of course, there are other possibilities and we will naturally do our best to secure this money from some source.

I should also like to say again that if there is ever anything I can do for West China Union University, I shall be more than happy to endeavor to do it. I have never seen an institution which was so inspiring to the imagination because of its potentialities, and I am personally grateful for the very warm hospitality which I enjoyed during my six months in Chengtu.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

P.S.

I apologize for not getting a copy of Roy Spooner's material to you before pursue its but the margin of time was very small and your metter had to manuscripts you requested; on the supposition that you still could use them I am enclosing sopies herewith.

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New York City March 4, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Dean of the Rockefeller Foundation together with one original Bill of Lading from The Western Pacific Railroad Company.

We knew nothing about the method of handling the shipment until the Rockefeller Foundation called us up and I requested that they give us a definite statement which could be passed on to you.

I am acknowledging your letter of February 19th which caught us somewhat "at sea" also. There is nothing mysterious about the photo which Mr. Cameron asked you about. We are giving him this information.

The slide holder which I loaned you was not a part of the pictures which are in my office at the present time, but I brought it down from the house for your use, as you desired to and did take from your collection of slides the long ones of the buildings. When you were in New York early last Fall, I saw the slide holder in your desk, but after you had gone I looked for it and it had disappeared. Mind you, I have the slides in the case in the office, excepting the ones which you removed.

Mystery number two - thermometers. You certainly caught me on that one, as my mind is a perfect blank as regards my having received them. As this is not an unusual state with me, I immediately started hunting for them and have turned everything up-side-down in the safe and other places where we would be apt to store them, but without results. Can you give me any leading information which might recall the circumstances under which I took them in? If they are here, I certainly am sorry that they cannot be located now and forwarded immediately.

We note what you say regarding the travel charges for steamship tickets and will take care of same as requested.

There is a stack of China mail this morning to get off, so I will not bother you further.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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(Original by China Clipper to Hongkong copy via "President Coolidge.")



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Shanghai, 3/10/39

Mr. W. Robert Taylor Associated Mission Treasurers Shanghai, China

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Following our conversation regarding the Hospital Building Fund in your care, I am reporting to Mr. C. A. Evans the following:

- (1) That I have requested you to re-deposit the Sterling account, both principal and interest, for three months from date. (See other side)
- (2) That I am requesting you to separate out from other hospital funds all Hospital Building credits, and to set up an account in Shanghai currency, placing all available funds in a current deposit account for the present.
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Very truly yours,

JOSEPH, BEECH

Hongkong 3/17/39

Bear Mr. Evans:

When the receipt for the Sterling 3 months re-deposit was shown me, it was stamped "payable in Shanghai at depositer's transfer charge" if demanded. This appears, on its face, as an agreement to accept Japanese Shanghai money as legal tender. Probably some as federal notes now enforced at Tientsin by the Japs.

With the sudden rape of Czechoslovakia, things may move in Japs favor here. If so money will be difficult. Will cable you if we need building funds sent Chengtu. Will quote available rate in Chengtu. If you can equal or beat it in N.Y. via Bank of China, feel free to do so, unless otherwise stated.

The Kodak Co. paid \$3500 each for five truck loads of goods - Kunming to Chungking. Their own American representative was in charge of the goods en

If I run into anything like that I will need to use every dollar of the R.F. transportation fund to pay en route and bills by others at Chengtu.

I have a checkbook on "the North Shore National Bank" Chicago. Since you will have paid all bills to date, I suggest you send check for balance to Mrs. Beech for deposit against expected charges here.

Cordially yours, J. BEECH



March 10th, 1939. A State Mission Vandalina Thankfai Mr. W. Robt. Taylor, Associated Mission Treasurer Shanghai, China, Taylor: Dear Mr. Following our conversation regarding the Hospital Building Fund in your care, I am reporting to Mr. C. A. Evens the following:-That I have requested you to re-deposit the Sterling account, both principle and interest, for three months from date. * See other side. That I am requesting you to separate out from other hospital funds all Hospital Building credits, and to set up an account in Shanghai currency, placing all available funds in a current deposit account for the present. (3) That I will request Mr. Simkin to report all drafts drawn for Building Account to you in order that the Hospital Building Account that you set up may present a complete picture of that account, including the Sterling deposit, the current account deposit, and any other disposition that will be made of funds in hand or to be received. Yours very truly,

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY. SHANGHAI.

11th March 1939.

150, Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK.

Dear Mr. Evens,

Mr. C.A. Evens,

I have gone over the accounts with Mr. Mr. Taylor and have given him a statement, copy of which

We felt it wise to limit the deposit of the Sterling account for three months. We recognise that the present favourable rate of exchange into Chinese currency will not continue indefinitely, but we assume it would probably continue at about the present rate for this three months period.

We considered the advisability of transferring this sterling into Chinese currency, but here again, it seemed wise to wait until I reached West China. Upon my arrival there, I will write you or cable you for consent to transfer this sterling account into Chinese currency. The banks here in Shanghai are guarding themsalves against requirements to pay in Japanese Federal notes at a fixed fictitious value, and at the same time prohibit payment of accounts in Chinese Government This is now supposed to be in operation at currency. Tientsin.

If there are indications that this method can be enforced in Shanghai, we ought to be in a position to make the first jump and transfer our funds to Szechuen.

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March 27, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

We are enclosing herewith duplicate copy of the Rockefeller Foundation order No. 495821, and General Electric X-ray Corporation's invoices and packing lists. Please sign the blue copy and return to our office, if you find it to be correct after checking with your original order. We have approved for payment the Rockefeller Foundation invoice covering the X-ray equipment, freight charges and insurance, amounting to \$2,411.56, as per the enclosed copy of invoice.

I am quoting a paragraph herewith from Mr. Dean's letter regarding the insurance of the shipment:-

"This shipment has been fully insured against all marine risks through to Chengtu and any loss or damage should be reported to this office."

We trust you will find the shipment in order and that same will come through without delay.

With sincerest regards to you, we are

Very truly yours,

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Dear MR. Garside and Mr. EvansM:

I will try to be correct in all things except striking the

We, Prof.JC Thompson and I will leave here, if all is well, on Thursday afternoon the thirtieth on the SS Canton for Haiphong. I sent on all of my NY shipment of freight on the twentieth. But I have purchased other things to go with this boat, and as you know the shipment of X Ray goods is on the Pres. Monroe, which is due here on the thirtieth. Am keeping the Am Exp Co, the President Lines and the French Line reminded that this order of about 1300 lbs must be moved from one ship to another without going into the "godowns". Thompsom fortunately reserved room for 15 tons of space which he cannot fill and so there is room for this last minute arrival. We have special cars spoken for at Haiphong and so do not expect great difficulty there.

The fears are reserved for Kunming.Dr. Lindsay writes bring along my dental X Ray, there since last October. I am informed that American checks are the finest currency there. Consequently, I wild sell my personal checks if needed and to any amount needed, upon the Beech

family North Shore National Bank Chicago.

I do not know the exact credit there may be on your books for the "transportation item of swort and \$2900 in the RF grant. I know that you have advanced me in letter-of-credit, and check of \$500 a total of \$1500. I know that the RF charges for the shipment from NY was \$1049.79 and it appears that the charges on the XRay order was/500000/\$179.33. No statement covering these items has reached me. I had a figure for the Genl Electric Co bill \$2328.50. Deducting this from the item on the Consular invoice, \$2507.750 we have \$179.33. If these items are complete and correct, you appear to have \$170.88 as the final credit of the transportation item of RF grant. If this is not correct let me know when next writing. Also let me have translate picture.

If I find it necessary to spend more than I have on hand for transportation, or buying of trucks for the time being, I will sell my personal checks and wire you to pay the amount I cable to our Chicago bank or draw it in favor of Mrs Beech for deposit. Please pay the amount or amounts I cable for and charge to this RF transportation account. This may put the account in the red. Notify me and I will aim to get it from the RF. I have mentioned this matter to them, through Dr. Gregg. Do not mention deficit to them, notify me and I will take it up. Of course I hope it will not be necessary to draw. I do know that balls await me at Chengtu for goods sent with Wilford, Liljestrand, Peterson. The Wilford advance payment was \$200 I believe. This, if correct will leave you in red now. More is due Wilford and the others, but statements not presented to date.

Of the political and business positions there is not much to say that you do not know, for our latest news like yours is by radio and that often by some one who is representative to the foreign press. Business goes on apace here and war properties washout the concerns of war and kindle desires for the continuous status quo. But there is concern lest the European situation so shackle Britain and France as to hasten the encirclement of Shanghai, its business and its currency. But be it said that is Hongkong news more than it is our connections in Shanghai. Nevertheless it will pay to keep both ears to the ground. The loss of Nanchang puts the Japs in a strong er position on the Yangtse River of course, but Chungking radio voice is as confident as ever. Greetings to you all,

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE 150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N. Y. Hongkong, March 29th, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I am informed that an appeal has gone forward to you from the University appealing for funds for the erection of the dental clinic building.

I have written them to the effect that it should go to you after consideration by the Governors in order that it might have a finer chance for action by your emergency funds committee.

I will deem it a favor if you will bring this matter to the attention of the Governors and thereafter to the proper emergency funds committee.

I have endeavored to secure the money for this clinical building, but up to the time of sailing the money had not been forthcoming. I am of the opinion that my appeal is having favorable consideration. Should it be forthcoming, the amount asked for was US\$5000 at the six to one rate of exchange, it could reimburse your committee for the grant, should they be able to make it.

This appeal has my unqualified approval, and I hope help can be forthcoming, because the dentists and their many students are being crowed out of the quarters now being used, and since there is only one dental college in all China it is fitting that call should be heard.

Thanking you and the Governors and your committee should they agree to consider this request, Cordially yours,

Chancellor.

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

When you returned from China you brought with you some books from the Atherton collection which you wished me to sell.

You will recall that after extended efforts that we were only able to dispose of the Audubon books for \$40.00.

It is our understanding that other books were to be purchased with this fund and we have held it in abeyance pending such orders.

It is still available for this purpose and we would welcome instructions as to its disposition.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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150 Fifth Avenue ack by Buch 5/18/39 New York, N. Y. April 10, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Beech!

Your letter of March 11th from Shanghai and notes from Hongkong dated March 17th came to hand Saturday morning.

As yet I have not had opportunity to study through your recommendations and believe it would be best to wait for Mr. Taylor's report before taking definite action.

I have written you separately regarding the US\$8,000.00 draft. Your request to deposit the balance of transportation fund in the North Shore National Bank, Chicago, through Mrs. Beech, was noted. The following schedule shows the standing of the Rockefeller Foundation:-

This leaves only \$391.23 applicable to transportation. However, the gift from J. E. and George Hall was never allocated and, as two of the invoices which came through were in excess of requisitions, it seems only fair to include this donation of \$1,270.00. We are, therefore, depositing, through Mrs. Beech, in your account in Chicago \$1,661.23.

This is all we have time to write on this subject at the present, but will study the situation more thoroughly and write you later on.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

P. S. As this method of making remittances is foreign to our usual procedure, and as \$391.23 is from Rockefeller Foundation funds for which we must make an accounting, it is requested that you forward at the earliest possible moment a detailed expenditure of the above stated amount.

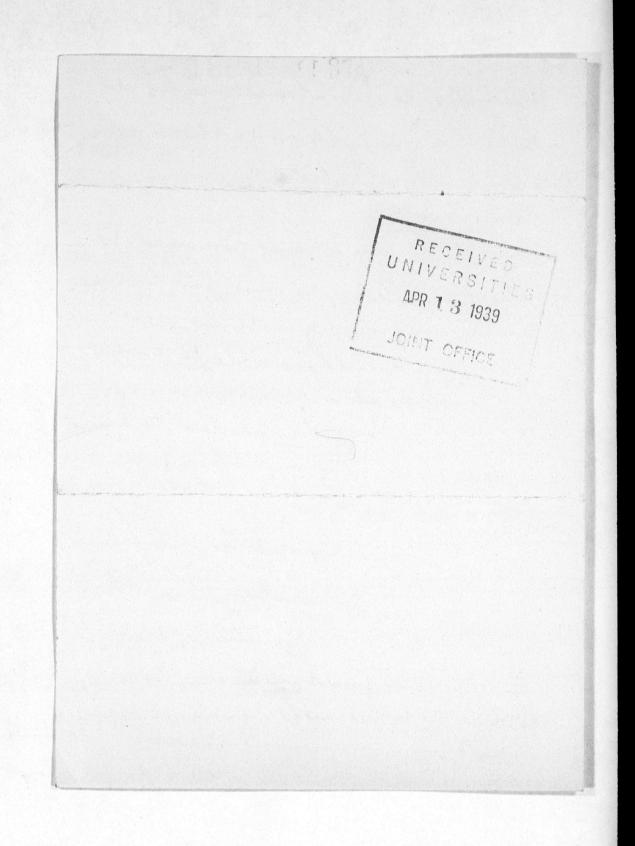
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c.c. to Accounting Office



1644 Greenleaf ave., Chicago. Ill. april 11,1939. ark 4/13/3/ Mr. C.a. Evous. 150 Fifth avenue. New York City. Dear Mr. Evous: -Dua letter writters in Hong Hong on March 26th and sent by Mr. Beach & Parific Boeing Clipper be suggests that I write you in regard to some funds to be forwarded to me for deposit in our account in The North Shore national Bouls of Chicago. He mentioned that he was writing you but that my letter would be received much earlier than yours by regular mail. Heauticipated being

APR 11 perhaps, to purchase truchs to take his freight on to the West and would sell chicks on our arround Will you please forward to the Bank, or to me, such funds as he may designate so our ascount will be able to take care of such a transaction on his part. The expected to leave Hong Kong for Hai phong on March 30.th-I banking you for this favor Brucerely yours. Mirian D. Beech. Our of is a joint one so checks made to him or to me will be acceptable m. D. B.



April 11, 1939 Mrs. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ill. Dear Mrs. Beech: We have just received a letter from Dr. Beech reciting the experiences of others who have been transporting freight from Hongkong to Chungking by way of Haiphong, Hanoi and Yunnan. The cost is far above what he anticipated and he has requested us to have deposited in his personal account such balances as are available in several accounts the total amounts to \$1,661.23. Accordingly, we are sending herewith check for \$1,661.23 which we are asking you to deposit in the North Shore National Bank in Chicago, and thereby reserve this balance for the use of Dr. Beech. Thanking you for performing this task for us, I am Very truly yours, C. A. EVANS CAB/B ENC . 0936

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April 17, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of March 27th and also one of the 29th from Hongkong came to hand. First of all, I am acknowledging the formal request for \$5,000 for dental clinic building.

Through the good offices of Sidney Maddock, the American Association of Dental Manufacturers is being tried out on a preliminary canvass as to what the reaction would be for a general appeal for \$7,000.00 to cover the erection of a building at West China. Mr. Weingate has been in the office checking up on up-to-date information and has prepared a try-out letter which is very excellent indeed. If it meets the approval of a few high lights in the Dental Association, the entire body will be circularized and the matter will be presented in person by Mr. Maddock at the Association's annual meeting early in the fall. The preliminary try-out, however, will indicate which way the wind blows, and that should not be postponed very long.

This whole matter can be discussed at the Board Meeting early in June and it doesn't seem possible that the Board will turn down such a situation.

We are greatly interested in your letter of the 27th of March and the proposed movement of freight into the interior, although we can hardly class Professor Thompson and yourself as "freight." I certainly trust that plans for the 30th carried through without trouble and that you are now on your way to Chungking.

The amount of balance in the transportation item of \$2900.00 has been written about in a letter a few days ago. The figure we arrived at at that time included all charges for all items against the Rockefeller Foundation appropriation. In view of what you say regarding the balance which you think is available, I believe, it would be best for us to give you a restudy of that situation as soon as possible. From the beginning there seemed to be to many people having their fingers in the fire to have us get by without an overdraft in the appropriation and, under the circumstances, I think we are fortunate in getting through as well as we did. Therefore, agreeable to your hand-written insert, we will give you a "complete picture" as soon as possible.

You will see from the foregoing that it will not be necessary for us to make any claims for overdraft, even if we thought it advisable, and quite naturally we did not make any appeal to the Rockefeller Foundation, as at the present time there is no necessity of doing so. Please be assured, however, as we will leave the matter in your hands.

A letter from Dr. Decker has just come to hand and has gone the rounds of the office reporting on his conference at Chungking with Generalissimo and

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Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

We are delighted that Dr. Decker is having this opportunity to become so closely familiar with the West China situation.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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150 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. April 25, 1939

Mr. H. D. Robertson West China Union University Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Dr. Beech wrote me from Shanghai on March llth regarding the Hospital Funds carried with the Associated Mission Treasurers stating that as soon as he arrived in Chengtu he would write by clipper or cable disposition of funds held in Shanghai.

A letter has just been received from Mr. W. Robert Taylor amplifying the communication written by Dr. Beech, but it is dated March 29th and brings us up to date on the Hospital Specification Fund. He further states that the sterling deposit carried with the National City Bank has been renewed to June 10, 1939 - the total amount being 53,633-15-7.

Dr. Beech alludes to "the banks in Shanghai guarding themselves against requirements to pay in Japanese notes at a fixed fictitious value, and at the same time prohibit payment of accounts in Chinese Government currency." Mr. Taylor reports a more drastic step in that depositors are compelled to sign a release granting the bank permission to pay fixed deposits at maturity or on demand at the current currency prevailing at the maturity or demand date. This has caused us some uneasiness, but we have been reassured by the National City Bank and the Bank of China that it is a mere formality and that our deposits may be paid in sterling if we so demand.

The question naturally arises as to how soon this money will be required for the hospital building, or it it should be renewed after June 10, 1939, or if we should ask for a draft to be issued on London and eventually clearing it through New York and having it in readiness to be transferred to Chengtu.

As our office has the final say as to the disposition of these funds, we must know as soon as possible when the field will require these funds. Let us have word, therefore, as soon as possible.

This situation brings up another issue -- namely, the method of transmitting funds to China. For some time we have been very much concerned over the handling of funds through Shanghai, believing that almost any moment a fictitious currency might be floated and we would be left the losers.

I have stopped this letter to listen to a recommendation over the telephone from the Bank of China suggesting that before our sterling deposit is renewed in Shanghai the sweeping statement protecting the bank be modified to some degree to grant payment in sterling on London. Over night the bank has investigated
this and advises that it can be done. This only emphasizes the question of sending funds through Shanghai.

Before the war started, we had devised a plan for remitting directly to Chengtu. There has been considerable correspondence about loss of gain on exchange through this method, but drafts which have been coming from Chengtu do not verify this contention. The fact remains that the Japanese cannot touch the currency situation in Szechwan but there is nothing to stop them from doing it in Shanghai.



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We are, therefore, recommending that you draw directly upon our New York office for such funds as are needed within the budget and, if you will let me know if this is agreeable, we will issue authorizations to cover the belance of funds available for the current year.

This covers the situation up to the present mement and I am hastening to get this off by China Clipper today.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B c.c. to Dr. Beech

Original Via China Clipper Copy via Burma, Amsterdam & Rangoon

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New York, N. Y. May 2, 1939

Dr. Joseph Beech West China Union University Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Beechs

I am writing you further regarding your letter of March 27th which I partially answered on April 17th. I have written you also regarding the available cash in the Transportation account and the check has been deposited as requested.

The one item which we failed to adjust at that time was the complete statement of charges in the Rockefeller Foundation Hospital account. Accordingly we are enclosing statement herewith which will give you the detailed picture.

Up to date we have not received any word from Mr. Taylor as to the Bursar's use of hospital funds, and just as soon as we receive same, we will write you again. As I previously stated, we have received details of the "Hospital Specific" account.

By the time this reaches you, you will have gone through the experience of getting the freight in from Hongkong, and I trust the Lord has been with you.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER 5-2-39.
c.c. "Empress of Canada" 5-8-39

April 28, 1939

Rockefeller Foundation Hospital Equipment

West China Union University

Rockefeller	Fund	Spent	Balance	
Sterilizer	6,400.00	8,370.00	1,970.00	overspent
X Ray	2,700.00	2,256.75	443.25	
Dr. Cheer's Orders	3,000.00	2,320.34	679.66	
Laboratory Equipment	5,000.00	3,885.28	1,114.72	
Transportation & Ins.	2,900.00	4,437.63	1,537.63	overspent
	20,000.00	21,270.00	1,270.00*	overspent

^{*} The 1,270.00 overspent was a gift from G. E. & George Hall.

May 16, 1939

Dr. Joseph Beech West China Union University Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Beech:

On February 27th, I wrote you regarding the \$205.92 hold in Suspense for Dr. Liljestrand's order.

The Accounting Office gives us another memorandum although it would seem as though sufficient time has not elapsed since our February letter was written. Nevertheless, in case you have not replied here is another gentle reminder.

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Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Kunmimg, May 18, 1939.

CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY CHENGTU CHINA.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I even dare to venture the prediction that you may address me at Chengtu hereafter, until further notice, direct or indirect. I am sending this via Pacific Clipper, so please drop Mrs. Beech a card and say what so ere you find of interest from this, but in particular, that on May 18 I wrote you from Kunming seemingly in health and usual state of mind, as the democrat said 'philosophiCAL till Coolodge took the White House without being elected, since when it has been

'philosopHack'.

Lest I forget to say what intended when I addressed you, let me say it here and now. This should reach you by the 10 of June or before. June 10 is the date on which the Sterling deposit with the Shanghai City National Bank falls due. I will write Mr. Taylor not to redeposit awaiting authorization from you. My recommendation/ is, and the Chengtu folks are in accord, that you transfer the Sterling - proncipal and interest- to New York. I am more optomistaic about Europe that I am of Shanghai, consequently if pounds sterling is still down around 4.70 , transfer and deposit in sterling if that can be done. I do not expect another "world situation" from Adolph for a time, Therefore I incline to the view that sterling will rise in relation to the dollar. I don't like to lose on gifts by this shuffle, but you are at the best guessing end so do what seems of advantage to the good lady who gave us the money. Chengtu believes they have enough building funds on hand till autumn. ** / * to / * tile /

As to the building funds in N6 at Shanghai , reported by Mr. Taylor on Mar. 29th, as \$58326.17 Shai Currency, I favor authorizing Chengtu to draw the amount at once or so much of it as may remain of the building fund. I quote from Mr. Robinson's letter of May 17th, just recd, "We have reduced our balance in Shanghai to something under \$20,000 ". Since he was speaking of building moneys including the Chenistry building, the impression is given that he means building fund. If so have they drawm \$38 odd thousands for building since Mar. 29th, or has current drawings left us only \$20,000 intoto? I will write him to explain, advising that they draw all building funds if he has authorization from you. I think this city perfectly safe for Chinese money for many a day, subject of sourse to changes in exchange values. Chengtu banks should also be safe. (I have an impression that business will move toward the Burmah border from now on. Some valuable things have moved across the border. But on one occasion Jap planes moved across the Indo China border, but everybody there went blingdfor a short time.) Exchange here was US\$ 1.49 = NC\$10 a few days ago. That will help my truck bill referred to in the RF report, copy of which I sent to you via AIR FRANCE May 6th. Here ends the building fund -Shanghai money topics for this time, except to say, The American Express Bank in Hongkong will open an account for you in Sterling, US, or NC dollars. For terms sonsult the Home Office. (I have copy of Mr. Taylor's letter to you re these matters, dated Mar. 29th.) Exchange with the good. Coming now to yours of day, 10 enclosure in letter to Mr. Robertson.

I am glad to get your final standing of the RF Fund at that date. I note you have closed out the account and deposited tha balance in JB North Shore Bk, together with \$1270 Hall gift. From my RF report you will note that the Hall gift is credited to the Sterilizen account as he intended ed. I will draw the entire amount in a few days and credit as indicated

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in the RF statement, the Hall gift to Sterilizer etc account and the \$391.23 to Transportation, where in fact it is already credited; and still, I am Dr\$842.89 as per estimates of some past and future brills. This report to the RF answers your footnote "PS" insofar as it can now be answered . When Chengtu is reached and all accounts can be brought to-gether ,I will make a final reporting to the RF and copy to you.

This brings me to the next related subject, in which you may be interested . Mr. Thompson wrote me from Haiphong , whither he had returned at the request of Nanking Univ. dean, that he had received word to proceed to Nank/ Shanghai and Nanking. Meantime I have con Meantime I have continued to follow every trail to trucks and road on which to drive them to Chengtu. It now appears that I will have four trucks for our combined shipments, Nanking has about the same as I have, total of about 15 tons. It also appears that the new road can be travelled on or about June First. The bombing of Chungking has evidently put the trucks high in this direction and consequently a drop of about \$466 to Chungking. (This is news at afternood tea, a few moments ago. Result we are engaging trucks to clear out all the old stuff for everybodys' neighbor that has been blocking the wherehouses for the past year. This also means that I can get to Chengtu for the estimate, via Chungking or the new road to Luhsien on the upper Yangtse, barring bad luck enroute. If Mr. Thompson gets back by the time we are ready to go, fine, but if not, I will have his goods piled on the trucks also and clear this lot out of here as far as Luhsien, From Luhsien we may go by the old man-pull-boat method if the men and the boats are available, or direct north by road to Chengtu.

This brings up another problem. Shall we go to Chengtu or stop at some small village near there and deposit our goods till the Japanese get licked off the earth and sky. The experience at Chungking, with the third bombing directed against the out of city universities that moved there from N anking and elsewhere, has left that city in a bad way , "dead " except people and institutions moving out. No doubt the correspondents of United and the NY Times have told you all that can be told, and he might have added, "they will rebomb it

on the first clear opportunity:

Well, this has moved to Chengtu also. All schools moving out of the city, the Sze. Nat'l University moving from Chengtu to Omei, We have been told to take precautions to safe guard our equipment etc., and they are preparing to do this now, though they expect to go on with work to the end of the term June 26th or thereabouts. (I hope the government will stick to Chungking and the beautiful tunnels they have prepared for this will get to be a running sore if it is not stopped .) Such remarks as I am now dealing you are or should be off

In the remarks to 1644 Green Last Ave. just add that I plan to draw \$1661.23., so that responsibility will be off of her mind. Greetings to you all , and blessings on your efforts to keep

the home-fires burning, Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech PS. Enclose a letter which please forward immediately. It quotes the Building Comm. to the effect"that the OPD bldg has half the roof timners on, will have the roof on as soon as tile deliveries come. Money will'all be spent(RF \$93028) by July . \$36.000 NC more needed to complete interiors. Will finish the interiors to extent of funds and stop till more money Cash statement not available now.

Dear Mr . Evans:

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Just this morning I sent a cable to Abchicol N.Y. as follows: "Abchicol Newyork. Request Maddock s-upport cable appeal Governors 3000 dental. Greetings Governors. Enroute Chungking 12 tons freight. Beech" I believe this is clearly understood by this time, but lest there may be questions, herewith a bit of comment. My message followed one sent to you from the University, or rather Kilborn Robertson, copy of which reached me by mail this A.M.asking for a grant of \$3000 for the dental clinical building. This was at my suggestion since they had been urging me for some time. Having your note which told me that Mr. Maddock was going along with the plans I had left with him, I felt it would do no harm and might do good to follow the Chengtu cable in the If the Board shares my confidence that Mr. M. form I have sent to you. will come through they might find this \$3000 in some side pocket till Mr. M. has time to get his friends interested to repay that small amount. I sincerely hope it found some sort of approval sufficient to authorize the Building Committee to go ahead. Pentistry in in a lad way - + feel left out in the Cold.

The rest of the cable, simply means that I wanted to send greetings. I found about six and a half tons of accumulated university and personal fr eight here, with accumulated requests to have it sent on, but with no ne able to send it on. I sent of three truck loads. Most of it had been lying about storehouses here for about a year. I have cleared out all of that stuff except 8 pkgs that could not be gotten on the trucks. A scheme of co-operation has been worked out with the International Red C Cross, for co-operation in moving goods . Two or three of the-ir srucks will be at my disposal in about 3 or 4 days, then I will be on the way to Chungking with about seven more tons . I have been expecting official permission to go over a new and shorter road to Chengtu this week. Changes in construction etc etc will not permit loaded trucks to go forward for mout two months . So after waiting for the waters of the Amazon to pass by I am compelled to go via the old road notwithstanding that it costs more and is now regarded as dangerous to goods and life. On arrival at Chungking I will put this hospital equipment on the native motor boats to Kiating. There I may leave it for Chengtu is now seeking safety for their University equipment. Should the Japanese reach Ichang, which may Heaven deny, the danger to Chengtu will be real and imminent at any time as long as the Japs maintain supremacy in the air . (End of this .

*Some time ago you sent me a list of the special miscellaneous gifts I left with you for the Hospital. These may trouble you, but please continue to carry them with out further reporting until the things agreed can be secured. Most of them will be for equipment for sapecial rooms or beds etc which cannot be decided until we know what can be secured in China. So please give no further thought to them, till I am able to advise you.

You may tell the Governors that one of my objectives in coming to China has come through. It is a grant by the China Foundation of US\$5118.50 for equipment soubject to withdrawal by the University. Since things are uncertain in this world. I suggest that the "University treasury write asking that this amount be paid to you for or against equipment orders for the hospital. They have money in the U.S. and can pay their US grants this way. Perhaps it would be well to consult with Mr. Roger Greene on this befor writing to Mr. Clarence Senn, Director of the B China Foundation, 45 Kiukiang Rd Shanghai. Nat.City Bk Bldg.

Under date of May 17 to me the accountant says: "US\$1847.03; Remitted to the Treasurer's office of the Board of the University in the USA." Question. Did you get this grant? It is listed under 1938. I send you copy of their letter and statement. Again consult Mr, Greene for light. Cordially yours, Address Chengtu.

Kunming , China. June 5th, 1939.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Below find a copy of letter and statement received today from the China Foundation, Room 404 Nat'l Chty Bank Bldg., 45 Kiukiang Rd. Shanghai, China.

Director's Office. Tel. address Chinafound. Shanghai May 17th, 1939.

Dr. Joseph Beech West China Union University Chengtu:

Bear Dr. Beech:

In compliance with your request, I enclose herewith a list induplicate showing the amount of our grants paid to your University for the fiscal years 1936-37 to 1938-39 and the places where remittances were made.

Yours truly, #

(Note . Name of Director is)
Mr. Clarence Senn. , 373

For the Disector, C.Z.Wang, Accountant.

Enclosure:

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Grants to West China Union University.

For Fiscal Year 1936-37. Ch\$25,000, Credited to its account with the Bank of China, Shanghai.

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Joseph Beech

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Jume 9, 1939 Mrs. Joseph Beech 1644 Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, Ill. Dear Mrs. Beech I have just received a letter from Dr. Beech dated May 18th at Eurming. He wishes me to inform you that he is in good health and his usual state of mind to which I can testify from the fine spirit in which he writes. At that time he was waiting to get through with fifteen tons of freight from Kunming to Chengtu. He mentions a new road from Eumning to Luhsien on the upper Yangtse which will save a tremendous amount of travel. We have not been able to locate this on our maps. He wished me to add that he planned to draw \$1,661.23 from the banking account which would relieve you of that responsibility. Any further news I shall be very glad indeed to relay to you when it come to hand. Very truly yours, C. A. EVANS CAE/B 0949

150 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. June 13, 1939

Dr. Joseph Beech West China Union University Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Beechs

Your prediction is a fact in that I am addressing you at Chengtu which, however, has been the case once before and presumably the letter was ferwarded to you. I have written to Mrs. Beech making no reference to the "philosophical" situation but assuring her of your apparent health and giving a general outline of your remarks, and adding that you intended to relieve the bank account of \$1661.23.

We took advantage of our authority to change the Sterling deposits in Shanghai and followed your suggestion about transferring to U. S., excepting that the L is \$4.68 instead of \$4.70. On the other hand, the Chinese currency has dropped more rapidly and today's papers give us the assurance that the British Government thinks favorably of the effort of the Chinese Government to peg the exchange at approximately 8 to 1. I hope you agree with our procedure. We cabled the Mission Treasurers on Friday last.

We are at a loss to interpret your puzzle regarding the Shanghai currency account of \$58,326.17. We will await your further comments and report from the West China Treasurer at a later date. We will also await your final report on the Rockefeller Foundation situation.

We are all greatly interested in your description of the method of travel either through Luhsien or otherwise. To be honest we have no map which shows Luhsien on the Yangtse. We hope that you do not have the experience of going there and finding nothing. Probably it is a new growth as a result of the war.

The New York Times or any other local paper does not give us the details which letters from the field convey. The method of travel and the routes are generalized very largely in telegraphic reports, but I presume it would keep one busy to bring up to date the information regarding the new progress which China is making.

I forwarded your letter to the Rockefeller Foundation immediately.

Your very gracious benediction is appreciated by us all, but we are the ones to render thanks for the magnificent way in which these on the field, charged with the responsibility of conducting the Colleges, have carried on and maintained the institutions in their capacity to serve the Chinese people during these very strenuous days. May God's blessings be upon you all. May new strength and courage be given to maintain the morale and standards which have been so effective and which means so much to the entire would at the present time.

Most cordially yours,

CAR/B Via China Olipper cc. via "Compress of asia" 6/19/129

C. A. EVANS



July 3, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Beechs

Your letter of June 5th is at hand quoting the cable sent on the same date.

We could not get in touch with Mr. Maddock before the Board met on the 5th of June and, as at that time he seemed to have the matter well in hand, it was not deemed wise to complicate the situation further.

After the meeting of the American Association of Dental Manufacturers we learned that conditions were such that it was deemed very inadvisable to present the matter at that meeting. They anticipate within the next few weeks misunderstandings will have blown over and individual approaches will be more favorably received.

The only funds which the Governors have are those appropriated to the general budget and the emergency funds. If the field desires to use any of the emergency funds for this purpose, it is well within their power to do so.

We are greatly interested in your account of the proposed travel between Kunning and Chengtu. We hope the Lord has been with you and that you have arrived safely.

We note that the miscellaneous gifts are to be held until further notice and that the cash from the sale of the Audubon books is to be credited to the Atherton Book Fund.

There was general thanksgiving that the grant from the China Foundation of US\$5,118.50 has been approved and you are to be congratulated. I have communicated with Mr. Roger Greene as suggested and he has raised the question as to why you did not request that this money be forwarded to our office, but recommends that we take immediate steps for the collection. We will let you know the outcome.

The US\$1,847.03 referred to was received July 15, 1938. This is the amount alluded to in the Accountant's Report dated May 17th, 1939.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B Via China Clipper c.c. via "Empress of Canada"



July 5, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of June 5th requested us to communicate with Mr. Roger Greene before writing to Clarence Senn requesting the appropriation of US\$5,118.50.

Mr. Greene agrees with the proposal that we write to Mr. Senn but raises the question why you did not immediately communicate with him advising him to send the money to our office. He has suggested that I write to Mr. Senn and also to you suggesting that you communicate, either by air or telegram, to Mr. Senn confirming our request to have the fund sent to our treasurer in New York.

I am sending this by air to facilitate early action. The correspondence has been conducted over my name.

If you are now in Chengtu, I sincerely trust you were not worn out by the transportation of fifteen tons of freight.

Very truly yours,

CAE/B

Via China Clipper

C. A. EVANS



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

Dear Dr. Beech:

I find that I have made no comment in reply to your letter of May 18th from Kurming in reference to the banking situation. It was my intention when writing you to get your reaction on the necessity of an account in Hongkong.

The Board of Governors has been requesting us to authorize such an account, but generally we have taken the position that accounts in China are handled by the Board of Managers rather than the Trustees in America. This, of course, does not apply when the Board of Governors makes certain deposits in Chinese banks and hold same against the Governors instructions.

Are you talking to this point when you ask about banks in Hongkong or is it for a field account?

Truly the Hongkong exchange is much more stable, but again there is a wide spread in the rate when compared to local currency. Frankly we have not studied the situation sufficiently to understand what advantages, if any, would accrue and I am hoping you will be able to give us your judgment.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B Via American Express - air mail to Pacific Coast - "President Taft"

Chengtu, Sze., August 26th, 1939

Mr. C.A. Evans, 150, Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

this of for Cathoright

You perhaps know that I have been knocked out by a very bad type of dysentery, for the past 23 days. During that time I have been in three hospitals and am now in a fine amex in Mrs. Peterson's home next door to the hospital. (E.E.N.T.) My worst spell was at the Methodist Hospital in Chungking, where I had the experience of listening to bombs with nearly everybody around hidden away in caves. I felt too bad to care much about On the third day Dr. Wilford took me it. My fever had been up to 1052. across the river to the Canadian Hospital on the hills, which was fitted for service and remote from these Japanese raids. After two weeks there I was well enough to make the trip with Dr. Wilford to Chengtu. The first part of the journey was lovely. The United States navy put their motor boat at my disposal and I had a beautiful 35 minutes ride up the river to the flying field. They retained the motor boat at anchor for about three-quarters of an hour until the plane arrived. I was moved by sedan chair to the plane door and was given the front lefthand seat in the bid Douglas 16 passenger plane, Dr. Wilford just across the aisle. I noticed that we filled up the plane very rapidly and in a few minutes were on the move. After we had gotten to a good height, the captain of the plane opened the door immediately in front of me and said "I hope the take off was not too rough for you". I replied 'It was as smooth as glass'. 'Well', he said, "we received word that 26 planes were headed for Chungking and I made a quick job. We arrived at Chengtu in an hour and a half. After about a quarter of an hour Chengtu got warning of the air raid coming this way. The aeroplane was emptied, including myself, and we were all piled on to the Company's bus. The aeroplane immediately prepared to take off and the bus load of passenger meandered off to the country. I turned up at the Canadian Hospital at 3.30 Well, I stood the racket very well and found myself in in the afternoon. this Hospital by about 6 o'clock in the evening. Since then I have gained a little each day, but my bug which is called a palivalent poly bacillary type. It is an ugly customer, it continues to give me fever up to about 100 each day. However, I am improving, thank the dear Lord, and I'm being fed very much as they might feed the angels.

This paragraph above is just a preface to what I really want to say. We may find it necessary to draw either five or ten thousand dollars upon the Moore Fund in the near future. If it is impossible for you to honour drafts to these amounts, please cable to that effect when you have received If we receive no cable we will feel free to draw if we find it necessary after a sufficient lapse of time for this letter to reach you.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech,

Joseph Beech.

JB/MR. 70x enclos I am enclosing this letter in an air-mail clipper to Mrs. Beech with request that she send it to you by air-mail. It will reach you about as soon as if it went direct as the "clipper" must pass over Chicago.

1644 Greenleaf ave. Chicago. Ill. Sept. 12, 1939 10 Mek Dear Mr. Evans -The enclased just received and Thasten it on to you by air mail. We have been very anxious suice a letter from nor. ne curdy same more than three weeks ago telling of the serious illners which came upon him very suddenly aug. 3 od while nie Chunghing. He bod mode resevation to fly to Changton the next day-Much to be thankful for but we connot but wish he would soon turn his face homeword. a note enclosed tells of Dr. E.C. Wilford being ill with amoebic dejsentery- Dr. Cheer was given

charge of Joseph Pearl 929 being well eared for by News. Peterson as you will read in his letter.

We have returned from a mouth in northern Wisconsin.

Very cardially yours.

Miriam D. Beech.

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September 13, 1939

Ack 1/3/40

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

Dear Dr. Beechs

Your letter of August 26th came to hand through Mrs. Beech and we are grateful beyond expression for your steady recovery. Please be careful and make it permanent as quickly as possible.

I feel like writing a letter to the United States Navy Department thanking the department for the splendid cooperation in rendering assistance to you, but it is sort of characteristic with anyone who comes in touch with you. We all jump to do your bidding -- not because you demand it, but because you have a way of making us feel that we want to do it.

I am doubtful about this angel food, however. I have eaten angel cake, but never felt any celestial feeling as the result. How about this angel food diet?

Our prayers, dear Brother, are with you for continued strength for these days of trial and tribulation. May the Lord be with you.

As the result of the return of the Sterling Account from the Associated Mission Treasurers to our office, we now have \$17,025.00 instead of the original \$10,000.00 which was sent out. So in case of necessity, we have it available for your use.

With still more blessings upon you, and with added gratitude,

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

October 20, 1939

10h 12/1/34

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

Dear Dr. Beech:

Wesleyan University Christian Association has sent us \$250.00 for your work at West China. We have set this aside as a special item for your designation and await your instructions.

For reasons which I cannot explain two requests came to me this morning for information as to your physical well-being. Apparently additional news has not been coming through and people are beginning to ask more questions. I hope there is something en route which will answer this question before it is necessary to wait for a round-trip letter to be exchanged.

We are all so deeply interested in your personal welfare that we hope you will think it sufficiently important to drop us an occasional line as to how you are getting on.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via "President adams" 10/23/89

cc: Accounting Office

October 27, 1939 12/, 39

Dr. Joseph Beech West China Union University Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Beechs

You will be interested in the enclosed clipping announcing the death of Ernest A. Yarrow. We had not known of any serious ailment, and as his illness was brief it came as a real shock to us. Apparently, he was a freshman at Wesleyan the year you were graduated.

This serves as a good reminder for you to take care of yourself, and I say that with all seriousness. We are not quite sure what are the opportunities of service on the other side, but it is quite obvious there will be no universities to build and struggle with. Consequently, you will be needed here for a long time to come.

There is nothing particularly thrilling at this end, and as we are digging in with monotonous persistency with the hope that we will some up with additional funds for the Colleges at the end of the year.

with the best of personal regards to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAB/E

via "President Taft"

Nov. 4, 1939.

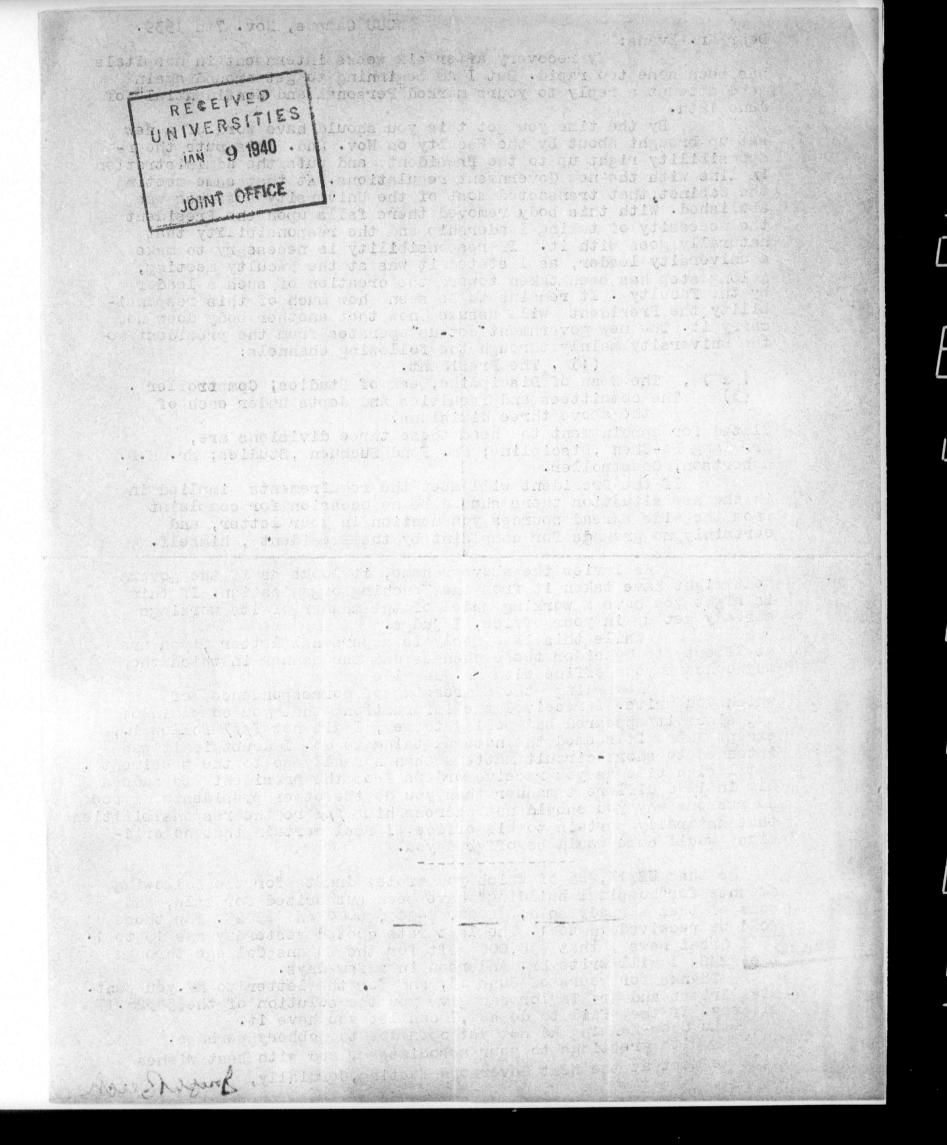
Memorandum re R.F. order No. 493821

Mr. Evans talked with Rollin
C. Dean today regarding the return of the
signed blue copy of this order to the
R.F. by Dr. Beech. Mr. Dean said not to
bother Dr. Beech about this, as he did not
want the blue sheet signed until J.B. had had
a chance to open all the cases and see that
everything was rec'd. as ordered. Because of
J.B's illness, he was sure he had not had time
to check the shipment. Mr. Dean said he would
follow this matter up himself at a later date.
OK to file this material now.

ROC

WCUU Campus, Nov. 7th 1939.

My recovery after six weeks internment in hospitals Dear Mr. Evans: has been none too rapid. But I am beginning to get around again and attempt a reply to yours marked "Personal and Confidential" of By the time you get this you should have word of a new set up brought about by the Faculty on Nov. 2nd. This puts the re sponsibility right up to the Bresident and puts the administration in line with the new Government regulations. At that same meeting the Cabinet, that transacted most of the University business was abolished. With this body removed there falls upon the President the necessity of taking leadership and the responsibility that naturally goes with it. If responsibility is necessary to make a university leader, as I stated it was at the Faculty meeting, a long step has been taken toward the creation of such a leader by the Faculty . It remains to be seen how much of this responsibility the President will assume now that another body does not carry it. The new government set-up operates from the president to the university mainly through the following channels: (1) , The President. (2), The Dean of Discipline; Dean of Studies; Comptroller . The committees and faculties and depts under each of the above three divisions. Slated for appointment to head these three divisions are, Mr. Tang Bo-Chen , Discipline; Mr. Fond Suchuen , Studies; Mr. H.D. Robertson, Comptroller. If the President will meet the requirements implied in in the new situation there should be no occasion for complaint from the wide spread sources you mention in your letter, and certainly no grounds for complaint by the Bresident , himself. As I view the above scheme, it looks as if the government might have taken it from the Yenching organization. If this is right you have a working model of the manner of its workings already set up in your office, I judge. While this is a reply to a personal letter, you are at liberty to consider these changes and the manner in which they may concern your office with Mr. Garside Regarding the addressing of correspondence of which you write. I received the information that you complain of, but since it appeared bad policy to me , I did not feet follow it, except where it seemed the natural thing to do. I doubt if it was intended to short-circuit matters than normally go to the President . Until such time as you receive orders from the President to address him in in in a different manner than you do the other presidents, I see no reasons why you should not address him and re the responsibilities that naturally pertain to his office. I feel certain that no critcims would come would be offered you. Re that **V\$\$17,025** of which you wrote; drafts for the following amounts for hospital building have been authorized for sale, and some of them already sold; \$2000, \$4000, \$6000 and \$5025. For those sold we received 15 to 1. The last rate quoted yesterday was 13 to 1. Thanks for yours of June 13, and for the letter to RF.you sent. . Miss Priest and Mr. Taylor can give you the solution of the 58326.17 mistery. If they fail to do so ,I can let you have it. Lu Chow-Kunming Rd not yet open due to jobbery perhaps. With greetings to your associates, and with best wishes till we meet at the next Governors Meeting, Cordially, Incompeten



WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

私立華西協合大學

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "HUATA"

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN

Dear Dr. Garside,

November 13th, 1939. Adc. 12/21/39

At a conference of President Dsang, Dean Fong Su-hsuen, Chancellor Beech and Mr. Robertson called today to consider the Harvard-Yenching programme, a proposal was made to consolidate the three or four colleges on this campus into a single Harvard-Yenching programme. It was perceived that West China would need about NC\$12,000 in addition to the amount granted this year in order to carry its appropriate share and measure up to the other faculties in men of professorial rank and national standing. Our present staff is largely composed of lower or second grade men, while the other universities have specialised in highly educated men, with much higher salaries than we have ever considered paying. We have no professors with Western training and high Chinese attainments for teaching and research in Oriental fields of study. The only feasible method of working together on common fields of work is to have men on a common plane of excellence. One of these universities has stated that they will expend NC\$50,000 this year on their research staff. On NC\$33,000 we conduct the museum, the Chinese library, and our department of Chinese, as at present constituted. Hence all additions or improvements must be met by an additional grant from our Harvard-Yenching funds.

We have included salary and travel for Mr. Cheng Te-k'un, now at Harvard, who we hope will join the staff next year, and the salary and travel of Mr. and Mrs. Fang, now in the Congressional Library at Washington, also two research scholars, one of them from Harvard University Harvard-Yenching Institute. It is expected that these men, together with their assistants, will cost considerably more than the figure stated above, owing to the gold travel items, but we are hopeful that an additional grant of US\$1,000 will enable us to begin this new programme now and to finish the present college year without indebtedness.

An urgent reply by cable is requested, stating the amount of gold granted, in order that we may engage these men now that they are available. Will you therefore endeavour to secure the necessary action to cable us at once?

The enrolment of the Universities now is 1,588.

Yours truly,

Lincoln Dsang, Président.

M. Joseph Beech ar

Joseph Beech, Chancellor.

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AUGUST OFFICE

P.S. Dr. Beech went to the city to lunch and did not get back in time to sign this before the mail left - I have therefore signed for him as he drafted the above letter in consultation with Dr. Dsang.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "HUATA"

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

私立華西 (國) 協合大學

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November 13th, 1939. Adc. 12/27/39

At a conference of President Dsang, Dean Fong Su-hauen, Chancellor Beech and Mr. Robertson called today to consider the Harvard- ! Yenching programme, a proposal was made to consolidate the three or four colleges on this campus into a single Harvard-Yenching programme. It was perceived that West China would need about NC\$12,000 in addition to the amount granted this year in order to carry its appropriate share and measure up to the other faculties in men of professorial rank and national standing. Our present staff is largely composed of lower or second grade men, while the other universities have specialised in highly educated men, with much higher salaries than we have ever considered paying. We have no professors with Western training and high Chinese attainments for teaching and research in Oriental fields of study. The only feasible method of working together on common fields of work is to have men on a common plane of excellence. One of these universities has stated that they will expend NC 50,000 this year on their research staff. On NC\$33,000 we conduct the museum, the Chinese library, and our department of Chinese, as at present constituted. Hence all additions or improvements must be met by an additional grant from our Harvard-Yenching funds,

We have included salary and travel for Mr. Cheng Te-k'un, now at Harvard, who we hope will join the staff next year, and the salary and travel of Mr. and Mrs. Fang, now in the Congressional Library at Washington, also two research scholars, one of them from Harvard University Harvard-Yenching Institute. It is expected that these men, together with their assistants, will cost considerably more than the figure stated above, owing to the gold travel items, but we are hopeful that an additional grant of US\$1,000 will enable us to begin this new programme now and to finish the present college year without indebtedness.

An urgent reply by cable is requested, stating the amount of gold granted, in order that we may engage these men now that they are available. Will you therefore endeavour to secure the necessary action to cable us at once?

The enrolment of the Universities now is 1,588.

Yours truly,

Lincoln Dsang, President.

1. Joseph Beech MR

Joseph Beech, Chancellor.

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P.S. Dr. Beech went to the city to lunch and did not get back in time to sign this before the mail left - I have therefore signed for him as he drafted the above letter in consultation with Dr. Dsang.

West China Union University Ack. BAG 2/6/40 Chengtu China.

December, 1st, 193 ack 21

Ton Dear Mr. Evans:

First things first; yours of Oct. 27th received three days ago - also copy of letter to Mr. Robertson and the financial statements.

I greatly regret the news of dear Yarrows, a man of the great . It great heart and tireless in labors for the Kingdom. Have remembered of and followed him since Wesleyan days. I am following reminders you have made re"taking care of myself".But am just about back to normal so I may be doing something rash some of these days. The hosp ital project has been on slow movement or no movement for quite a time . Lack of bricks places the blame on the brick makers, but failure to place adequate orders and get delivery before the rush set in several months ago should be set down to blind spots, since money was at call and the entire project authorized. Not a single brick laid for a month though half the job is still at the foundations stage. Am endeavoring to get another estimate of costs, which have risen over 100% and are still moving up.

I requested the Bursars, Simkin-Priest, to sell the Moore gift of VS 17,00. Buying is slow so that this may reach you before the drafts do. Unless conditions change, as they may do anytime, due to the Pound sterling demise and its possible effect on a "mettoo" movement of the dollar. Please keep me informed of the pulse rate on your side. We have quotations at NC 15 to US 1 or thereabouts yesterday, with sterling at Li for US\$3.60.

Quite some time ago you gave me a statement of the Moore gifts . We have drawn all the account in Shanghai, as reported to you by Mr. Taylor and J.B. We have authorised sale of the \$17,005 and \$6,000 of 1 has been sold some weeks ago. The architects' fees have been paid from your hospital building account. I am of the opinion that the Shanghai amount represented the exchange of one US\$10,000 gift, and your US 17,000 plus, represented the first and original gift several years ago of US\$10,000. Since the total gifts amount to US\$50,000; the amount still available with you should be circ. US\$30,000. But please send me your statement that there may be agreement between us.

I note in yours of October 20th an additional Wesleyan students gift of US\$250000. In due time I will draw upon this, and some if not all of the amounts from that source. I note that you have put \$409.21 in your endowment section. It was for endowment of Wesleyan hospital beds fund, but the Wesleyan Committee expressly stated that it should be put on endowment here in Chima, or used for hospital service . This because the income in US would be too meagre to support a bed , and they could not involve the Association in promises as to future gifts. So when I do draw these funds I may include this \$409. As stated in my report to Governors Jan. 18, 1939, I must try to build the sum to U.S. 900. The rate of interest in Government Banks is now 8%, in good private banks 10%. The government banks may / , I believe, out last the government as going concerns in some form or other that would honor such endowment. There is also possible land investment-advjacent to the University, 5-8% net could be realized. But quite aside from all details, the expressed wish of the committee should be honored.

Not long since I was requested by the administration group to write re extra grant of H.Y. W. funds in your hands. I addressed the letter to Dr. Garside, but did not send it. I gave it to Br. Dsang to sign and send. He has been at Chungking for two weeks now, Hope he mailed it by Pacific Clipper as requested. If so, please hasten the reply as requested. (Since this may be Clipper Mail, Pir.O.

12-1-39 Evans, 2. Under the paragraph re Wesleyan gifts, I failed to say, Please send, me a statement of all of their gifts in your possession. You gave me a list of all of the odd amounts you have on hand from donors to hospital equipment and other special projects. I have looked over my files brought to China, but do not find it. So I am asking you to do me another favor. Under the paragraph re H.Y.I. extra grant, I should have said, that I wrote the letter with full personal approval of the requests.

Re engaging Mr. Fang for librarian, I request that you get 85. No 2. in touch with him as to when he can start, providing this extra grant is made, and intimate that salaries of professors range from NC 200 to 3300 per month, -rent is personal. We are short of houses for staff due to coming of refugee institutions here, but such as we have are priced low. Suggest that he or you get in touch with Mr. Cheng Te-kun at I have talked over some of these things with Mr and Mrs. Fang. I also talked with the Director of the Oriental Division of the Congressional Library. I agreed with the latter, that I would not take Mr. Fang away from him until he finished the piece of work he was at work upon. That date, as I recall it; was the summer of 1939. Nothing was said re travel here, but an understanding re that should be arrived at. A grant toward his travel, will I judge, be required. This as well as salary must be a charge on our H.Y.I. Please tell Mr. Parker that his information sheet was received and appreciated. And tell Dr. Garside we are grateful for the emergency grants . We have had fine treatment from government and Chinese Foundations and Boards, but these notwithstanding, we would be in the slough of despond if our emergencies - new and old had not met with your timely grants, thanks and thanks again to all who labored and all who gave. Special mention.ought to be made of the action of the British Indemnity Board Educational Committee who voted us funds for the establishment of five professorships at NC\$3600 to \$4,000 a year, chiefly in the basic sciences. The director and several members of the Board are refugees in West China and have visited our university. They not only gave largely, but gave with full knowledge and appreciation of the university and its needs. The last visit of 27 Japanese planes was a tragedy to them with little damage to the Chinese. Their squadron leader was killed and three of his planes wrecked near here. The government received word from Hankow that eleven of the 27 failed to return. Szeckuen has had no visits since, or for fully three weeks. There is regret that Nanning was taken by their troops, but only optimism re the final result is expressed. They say "Watch for another Changeha" I will sign off, and go to photograph the field day events of Ginling College. All things promising here and all about us, except for rapidly rising prices for everything, especially food and clothing. The higher wage walking delegates have resumed their walks and demands, next will come the white collar and PH'D classes. Returned, after finding nothing moving enough to spend much I appreciate your concern about my health and wellfare. I will try to leave here in perfect health next March or April in time to be at the Governors Meeting in June . With greetings of the heart to you and other friends, Cordially, The Enclosed to De anderson Ja

150 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y. December 7, 1939

Ackalto

Dr. Joseph Beech West China Union University Chengtu, Ssechwan, CHINA

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am addressing this letter to you with a carbon copy to Mr. Robertson to be sure that immediate action will be taken upon receipt.

Mr. George J. Beal of the Rockefeller Foundation calls attention to the non-receipt of a statement of expenditures for the \$15,000.00 appropriated toward building the Outpatient Department of the Hospital.

The letter of June 17th addressed to you by the Secretary of the Foundation calls attention to the necessity of having a report in hand within a twelve-months period or the return of the unexpended balance. Mr. Beal refers to the terms of the appropriation and requests a report thereon.

You will recall that this \$15,000.00 was sent directly to Chengtu yielding LC\$93,028.00.

I sincerely trust that a report will be forthcoming by return mail so that it can be passed on to the Rockefeller Foundation.

I have intimated that due to the very unusual conditions prevailing, also your severe illness that the report undoubtedly has been delayed, but that everything possible will be done to get it through immediately.

A letter received this morning indicates that you are definitely on the mend for which we are exceedingly grateful.

With sincerest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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es: Mr. H. D. Robertson

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MEMORANDUM

December 12, 1939

To: Mrs. Macmillan Mr. Garside Mr. Parker

> SUBJECT: The reorganization of the Faculty of West China Union University.

Under date of November 7th, Dr. Beech has written that on November 2nd a new set-up was brought about by the faculty which puts the responsibility up to the President, which is in line with the new Government regulations. At that meeting the Cabinet, which previously transacted most of the University business, was abolished, - thus the leadership falls upon the President. The organization as evolved at that time will operate through the following channels:

- 1. The President
- 2. The Dean of Discipline; Dean of Studies; Comptroller.
- 3. The committees, and faculties, and departments under each of the above three divisions.

The appointments to head the three divisions are:

Discipline - Mr. Tang Bo-Chen - Mr. Fond Suchuen Comptroller - Mr. H. D. Robertson

(From a personal letter written by Dr. Beech)

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West China Union University Chengtu, Szechwan December 20, 1939

Dr. Alan Gregg Director Medical Sciences Rockefeller Foundation, New York

My dear Dr. Gregg:

Long before now I had expected to mail you a report re the incomplete items in the statement sent from Kumming, Yunnan, last May, but factors beyond my control have prevented.

The trying experiences of getting about eight tons of equipment on to Chungking held me in Kunming almost two months. Unable to get trucks and unwilling to abandon and perhaps lose the goods, I sent it ahead piecemeal and finally followed by truck. The last part of the journey from Kweiyang to Chungking-American-Embassy, I "hitch hiked" as 238 trucks, held up by the Wu River floods, blocked all passage.

While waiting at Chungking for freight to arrive that had been left behind at the Wu Ferry and at Kweiyang I had a sudden and virulent attack of bacillary dysentery that kept me in Chungking and Chengtu hospitals nearly two months and incapacitated for a month more.

Not until yesterday did the last shipment from Kweiyang reach here. Seven crates now enroute from Chungking by river junk will doubtless reach here by early January and end the year-long "saga" from New York to Chengtu through war, bombings, and other unseen foes more deadly, with every piece intact. I know that the Foundation has had plenty of experiences in sending expeditions to the end of the world, but I doubt if any of them has been more exasperating or had a more satisfactory finish.

The Out Patient Building has likewise met troubles unforeseen. The migration of war refugees, - people and institutions of all kinds, - created such abnormal demands for builders and materials that we have been robbed of contracted bricks, lumber and other necessary goods by people paying exorbitant prices to our contractors, which we have no recourse except to buy where and as we can at rates 100% to 200% above contracts made a year ago. Fortunately we got the major part of your building up before the war on materials began.

The Foundation's representative, Mr. Balfour, was here two weeks ago. I informed him of your grants of \$20,000 for equipment and \$15,000 for the building (\$93,000 Chinese currency realized through New York exchange in the summer of 1938). We went carefully over the two stories and spacious lighted attic of this great building. All the brick-work and roofing and about half of the interior was practically finished. He enquired about the dimensions of the building and the state of our finances. I stated that the total length of the building, including the stems of this E shaped building was 430 feet, the width 40 feet, that there was little if any debt on the building, but its completion at prevailing rates would require \$2500 to \$3000. While he made no direct reply I am sure he shared my own satisfactions that a building of that size and quality had reached its present stage by the \$15,000 gift of the Foundation. Since then the superintendent of the building has gone carefully

ever the accounts and reported to the building committee that the grant for the building was slightly over spent. He gave it as his opinion that National Currency \$30,000 to \$35,000 would fully complete the building, if exchanged at the present exchange of NC\$15 for US\$1, or US\$2000 to \$2300.

In view of the builder's report the building committee was compelled to authorize the work on the building stepped. Following the adjournment of the committee I went over the building with the superintendent to ascertain the loss involved in the stoppage of work at this juncture. As a consequence I authorized the builder to continue the work at my personal charge for weekly bills until further notice. As you may surmise, and as I well know, that cannot go on for long.

Of course I would like to ask the Foundation for the amount needed, and perhaps you would consider it worthy and right to grant it, especially as we have done all that was promised and perhaps could have finished the entire building if we had not met this sudden rise in labor, 45% to \$1 a day, and a much higher materials cost. I am sure you would prefer to pay for the entire building than see work stopped when 5/6 of the costs have been met. But I fear it might be unfair to you and Mr. Balfour to make such a request before he reports on the visit here.

Therefore I am led, by what you may regard as the counsel of desperation in view of the need for equipment to properly outfit the building for the best service, to make the following request:

In the report of "receipts and expenditures" sent to you from Kimming, under the section headed "For Dr. Cheer" the four items and advanced freight forwarded "Per Dr. Wilford", amount to \$1738.09. Dr. Cheer informed me that the National Central University desired to pay for and take over the ownership of these goods, and that payment had been made to the University Bursar, in US funds.

My request is that you grant permission, or send word that you do not ebject to the temporary use of these funds to carry on the work of the needed Out Patient Building. Dr. Cheer has written that he has no objection to this use of the money made contingent upon his recommendation. The temporary OPD quarters put up at one of the city hospitals are inadequate for the United Hospitals under his direction consequently I assume he is as desirous as any of us that the work on the University OPD building should go on.

For the above reasons and others that might be stated I will greatly appreciate it if you can cable your reply, address - BEECH HUATA CHENGTU.

of the importance of this center and soul of free China, with its great and difficult medical problems, if you could visit us in the near future. The Clipper planes will bring you to Chengtu in nine or ten days. If it is not beyond reason to make such request, I heartily petition the Foundation to grant it. In so doing I am confident that represent the National Health Bureau, the Provincial Health Bureau, my own University and also Cheeloo and National Central Universities—Medical Schools. If such a visit is possible, please arrive

before I leave for the United States some time in March.

With kindest Greetings, and All Good Wishes for the New Year,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) JOSEPH BEECH, Chanceller

Expected to enclose more recent photos. Will send in near future.

See letter of Dec. 15, 1939- from Atherton December 27, 1939 Dr. Joseph Beech West China Union University Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA Dear Dr. Beech: Just to let you know that the Atherton family is still interested in carrying on as usual, I am notifying you that \$1600.00 was received yesterday from Mr. F. C. Atherton, Honolulu, Hawaii. \$600.00 of this came from the Juliette M. Atherton Trust and \$500.00 from Mary E. Richards. There was also a check for \$500.00 from the F. C. Atherton Trust. I most sincerely trust that this letter will find you continuing on the mend. With sincerest personal regards, I am Very truly yours, C. A. EVANS CAB/B 097*3*