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January 7, 1941

Memorandum to Mr. Garside on Yenching Exchange Fellows-

Yenching has entered exchange fellows arrangements with Columbia University, University of Minnesota and University of California. The fellowship at Columbia University covers tuition, room and board for one graduate student for a period of two years. Yenching University extends to a Columbia nominee similar privileges.

The stipend for a fellowship at Minnesota is the same as at Columbia but I am not quite sure whether it is only for one year or for two years. The fellowship at the University of California requires the fellow to live in the International House at Berkeley. He gets his room and board there free as well as exemption of tuition at the University. I am not quite sure whether we have entered an agreement with the University of Michigan or not. American fellows from these Universities receive similar privileges at Yenching of tuition, board and room.

At present Columbia and California have their fellows at Yenching. The Minnesota candidate is still under negotiation. Dr. Howard S. Galt is chairman of the committee which looks after the American students at Yenching and the correspondence with the American Universities.

Stephen Tsai

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Mrs. Lute C. Hornickel

Country Club Road, Monongahela, Pa.

Stephen -
If you have time - Will
you write us the difference
between Chinese Communism
and Russian - Dr Stephens
read the review in Sun. N. Y.
Times of Edgar Snows book -
and says reading the
book - He leads you to think
there is a strong tie up be-
tween the two that is
that Russia will make her
demands through the
Communism in China -
that is of course if course -
never gets any hold -
Selen.

March 18, 1941

Dear Helen:

This is to answer the question raised by Dr. Stephens. Edgar Snow is self-contradictory in his assertion that the Chinese Communists are tied up with the Russian Communists. Throughout his book he emphasizes the fact that the Chinese Communists stand for the democratic form of government. All of a sudden he makes a dogmatic statement, without any reason leading up to such a conclusion, that the Chinese Communists are really Marxists at heart. To my mind the difference between the so-called Chinese Communist Movement and the USSR lies in: 1. Chinese Communists are not striving for proletarian dictatorship. 2. Chinese Communists recognize the sanctity of private property - no effort of Sovietization. 3. The Chinese communities are not anti-religious. They have recently asked the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. to open a branch at Yen-an. A new mausoleum mosque has recently been built there. 4. The Chinese Communist part has accepted the three Peoples Principles of Dr. Sun.

I hope the above will clarify matters for Dr. Stephens.

Thanks again for the names you submitted. You will hear from us more later as we explore the possibilities.

Best wishes and kindest regards to you and Lute, I am

Most sincerely,

Stephen Tsai

Mrs. Lute C. Hornickel
Route 88
Monongahela, Pennsylvania

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PEIPING, CHINA

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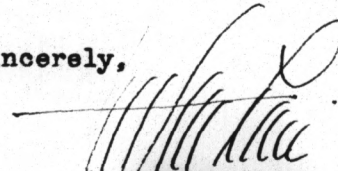
My dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to present for your consideration, the case of our Senior Middle School, which was established last September at request of the Central Government, and is being financed largely by Government subsidy. But it needs additional funds to supplement the Government grant, to provide for additional provision for equipment and buildings to take care of the increased students enrollment.

Our request for \$25,044.16 for the 1941-42 budget, does not include the requirement for the Middle School. If there ~~are~~ additional funds available after meeting the University budget, it will be money well spent if an appropriation could be made for the Middle School. I do not wish to state a definite amount at this juncture, because I do not know the exact plans for the coming session. But I know our program for the Middle School is contingent on the amount of money available. That is to say that the number of students we will take into the Middle School is determined by our financial resources. The reason behind the Government's desire of having us enter into the field of secondary education must be apparent to you.

I am sure my request will meet with your sympathetic consideration.

Yours sincerely,


Stephen Tsai

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Yenching University
Peking, China
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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American Office
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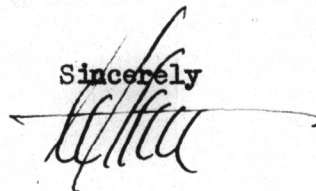
Dear Elvena:

Many thanks for keeping me informed about the Pierce. I sent you a wire Friday telling you that I planned to leave for Los Angeles today. I was going this morning. But I hoped that I might hear from during the day. So I am taking the night train from Salt Lake City. I am inclined to think the Pierce has been delayed on some technicality rather than any comprehensive government policy. If my guess is correct, she won't be delayed too long. I hope I am correct. Probably you have sent me word to Los Angeles. In that case I will get it when I check in at the Clark Hotel. It is terrible to be stranded anywhere. But I must be stranded, this is a pretty good place to be. Mildred Walker whom I am visiting has rented a cottage for the summer in a canyon. From where I am writing this I can see snow capped mountain tops on both sides. The peaks are over 12000 feet high. The rock formation is most interesting. Contrary to the general impression of this region, there are lots of trees and vegetation. There is a big stream in our backyard. Tennis, swimming, mountain climbing, etc. all available here for your choice. I played my first game with Mrs. Marcy's racket the other day. But please don't think I am pleased with the Pierce's delay! Not the least. I hope you have good news for me at Los Angeles.

Best to you and Florence

Sincerely

Tsai



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THE OVERLAND ROUTE

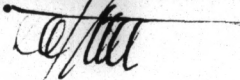
En route to San Francisco,
Thursday morning, June 5, 1941.

Dear Elvena:

I had to make to momentous decision yesterday after I found out that the next President to take passengers is July 1 and I could get on the Jap boat today. There are so many factors involved in any decision I choose to make. After consulting Mrs. Howard Galt, we decided to ~~let~~ ~~to~~ Mr. Evans to decide. Hence the long distance call as there wasn't enough time left to exchange wires. I had to get the Japanese visa and negotiate with two steamship companies. It was 12:30 Pacific standard time and 4:30 your time. I do hope you didn't think I was rash in spending so many dollars in calling across the continent (\$5.50 for four minutes). This train arrives in S.F. at eight o'clock. The boat sails at noon. I have to go to the American line to pick up my mail and transfer my trunk and a few last minute errands, so I won't have much time left to write you after the train arrives and before the boat sails. My friends will all be worried about my going on a Jap boat. I will send you a cable from Peking just saying "Arrived" after I get there. This will mean to you that Stephen Tsai has arrived safely home. Will you be good enough to pass on this message to my friends Mrs. Harris and the Marks. I promised them I would send a cable to you and you in turn inform them. I will appreciate if you will do this for me. I am wondering what Tan Pin Pin is going to do. I wanted to tell her what I am doing, but I don't know how to get word to her. I will try in S.F. this morning. She may still get on the Tatuta Maru today. I am not writing Mr. Evans separately. Please show him this. Will you please also tell Mr. Parker and Mr. Caldwell and Ramsey that I went around them in the afternoon I left to say good bye to them but missed them all. Bye bye for now. Best to you and Florence.

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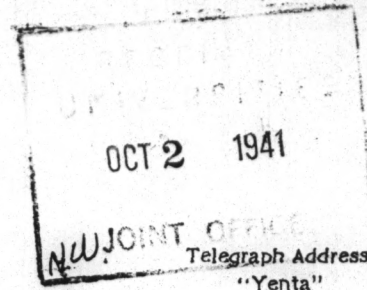


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Please thank Mr. Evans for me for
the wire which has just come.

Yours
G. L. H.

燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China.



Office of the Controller

July 3, 1941
T-41-7-3-1

ack 11/6/41

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I must apologize for having not written you sooner than this. I have been busy with the usual homecoming rush and in getting myself acquainted with the affairs of the University since my arrival. I don't need to tell you how very happy I am to be back on the campus and to find everything in such a fine shape. I was particularly glad to be here to see the largest Commencement in Yenching's history.

Miss Cookingham tells me that she has already written you about my travelling account advanced to me by her office last fall. Since then I have received LC\$215.13 more. Miss Cookingham says that this should be converted into U. S. dollars at the rate of 10:1. This makes US\$21.51, which should be added to my travelling account.

When I left New York I still had on hand \$75.00 in my impressed account. Attached is the detailed statement of my expenses from May 21st to May 31st, amounting to \$68.60. Deducting this sum from \$75.00, there leaves a balance of \$6.40 on hand. I am paying this to the Bursar's Office, thus reducing the \$21.51 to \$15.11. So the net sum to be charged against my travelling account is \$15.11. Will you be good enough to credit this latter sum (\$15.11) to the field account?

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I want to thank you for making my travel to the States such a pleasant one. I only regret that I was not able to accomplish more. I hope you will be able to get away from the office for a well-earned vacation. With best wishes and kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Tsai
Stephen Tsai.

ST:H

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 31, 1941

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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10/24/41

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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your cable regarding the status of our account with the Central Hanover Bank came as expected.

During the present confusion we seem to have been hit on both sides as the local Chinese bank has received orders to stop paying our checks.

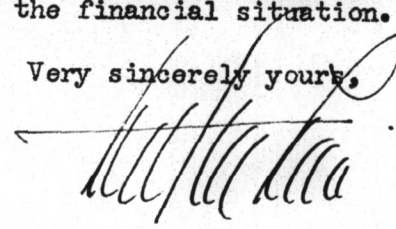
It is very unfortunate that just at this juncture the local branch of the National City Bank is to be closed after today. This decreases our flexibility in our banking arrangements. However, I am hoping that a special permit may be secured from the local authorities to allow us special privileges inasmuch as we are not a commercial institution. If this cannot be done, the consequences with us will be very serious. We shall advise you as the situation develops.

In checking over our gold banking University account, I find we had probably some U.S.\$7,000 checks outstanding and U.S.\$500 outstanding in the Women's College account when the accounts were frozen. I do not know what is the best way to meet these outstanding checks when they are presented but I trust that you have made arrangements with the bank to take care of them.

Hereafter, I propose that we send you specific requests to make payments on our behalf, and for the current account we shall draw on you direct rather than through the bank.

Both Miss Cookingham and Mr. Payne are at present away on vacation but President Stuart and Dr. Galt are being consulted constantly particularly with reference to the financial situation.

Very sincerely yours,



ST:smh

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTAI"

July 11, 1941

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Very sincerely yours,


ST:mh

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China.

Office of the Controller

August 1, 1941

Telegraph Address
"Yenta"

ack
10/14/41

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Galt and Mr. Hsiao went to the city to call on the head of the Federal Reserve Bank to negotiate a special permit for us to carry our bank accounts with local banks. They were received with utmost cordiality by the bank officials.

While new regulations have not yet been formulated regarding institutions of our type, Dr. Galt and Mr. Hsiao were reassured by the bank that everything possible would be done for us. It happens that the secretary of the bank is an alumnus of the University. I think we can depend on him to do all that he can.

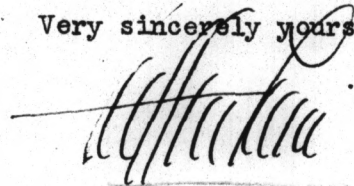
Meanwhile, we are meeting obligations by cash payments.

I think that what will happen to us here depends to a large extent on what is being done in America with reference to the Japanese nationals.

We have enough cash on hand to meet all of our obligations. The nominal rate of exchange quoted by the National City Bank is 1:8.60 compared with 1:9.60 before the freezing regulations.

We shall keep you informed of all future developments.

Very sincerely yours,



ST:h

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China

August 1, 1941

Office of the Controller

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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Galt and Mr. Halse went to the office of the Federal Reserve Bank to negotiate a special permit for us to carry our bank accounts with local banks. They were received with utmost cordiality by the bank officials.

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We have enough cash on hand to meet all of our obligations. The nominal rate of exchange quoted by the National City Bank is 1:8.80 compared with 1:8.80 before the freezing regulations.

We shall keep you informed of all future developments.

Very sincerely yours,

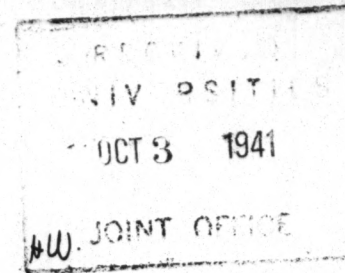


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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China.



Office of the Controller

Telegraph Address
"Yenta"

August 11, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

file
10/7/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

Our negotiation with the local authorities to release our funds is proceeding satisfactorily. I fully expect that within this month we shall be able to have matters straightened out. Of course, everything is subject to the future development of the international situation. In the meanwhile we are making our plans for the best.

In checking over my travelling account, I just discovered that a bill from the American Express Co. for US\$350 was not entered into account, because it was paid by a special gift secured by the President through the American President Line. This gift was first applied to the travel of E. O. Wilson. Because of complications it was finally transferred partly to my travel account and partly to the travel account of Mr. Hung. The Bursar's Office is charging the Trustees this additional sum as of June 30, 1941.

One of our graduates last June, Mr. Sheng-mao Yang, is going to the University of Michigan. He has turned in US\$920.00. Will you please pay Mr. Yang \$720 as he may require and charge to Account 31. The balance \$200 is to be paid to Mr. Yang for his return passage to China, which will be one year or more hence, depending on his length of study in America.

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We have just received your cable regarding the sailings of the various people. We are glad to have this information, but are disappointed that Mr. E. O. Wilson had not got his passport.

With kindest regards.

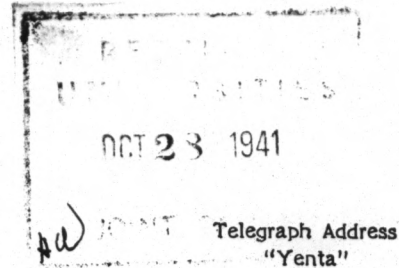
Yours sincerely,

Stephen Tsai
Stephen Tsai.

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China.



Office of the Controller

September 18, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

On August 11th I reported to you that Mr. Sheng-mao Yang, who graduated from Yenching last June and who is going to take up graduate work in the University of Michigan, paid to us US\$920.00. I requested you to pay Mr. Yang US\$720.00 and retain US\$200.00 to be paid to him for his return passage to China. Mr. Yang's payment was in the form of a draft on the American Express Company payable to him and endorsed to us. The American Express Company now refuses to cash the draft on account of the "freezing" regulations. We are negotiating for a license to cover this draft with the American Embassy. In the meanwhile, we wish you to hold up your payment to Mr. Yang until further advice from us. We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Yang, so he knows how the matter stands.

While we have no comment to make on the effect of the freezing orders on international situation, they certainly are playing havoc on innocent private individuals and institutions like ourselves.

We still have not heard from you to our cable of September 10th. We earnestly hope that you will be successful in getting the permit in the near future.

Yours sincerely,


Stephen Tsai.

ST:H

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China.

Office of the Controller

Telegraph Address
"Yenta"

September 23, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

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11/6/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

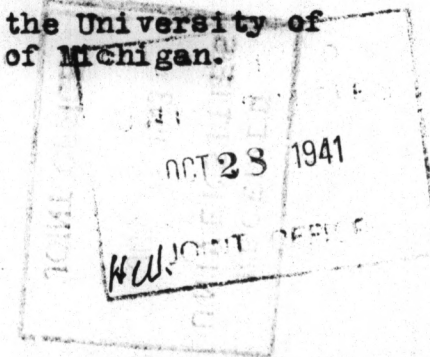
I reported to you last week that the American Express Company draft, which Mr. Sheng-mao Yang deposited with us, was declared "frozen" by the American Express Company and was refused payment. I requested you to stop paying Mr. Yang pending further negotiation. A copy of my letter was sent to Mr. Yang's father, who, fearing Mr. Yang would be penniless upon arrival at Michigan, has asked us to remit through you the sum of US\$400.00 to him. Not knowing whether you could make such arrangement under the present state of affairs or not, we hesitated to comply with Mr. Yang's request. The Administrative Committee, at its meeting this morning, however, decided to request you to remit him the US\$400.00 if at all possible. We are holding a deposit from Mr. Yang's father the equivalent in F.R.B. We will not consider this an exchange transaction until we know you are in a position to remit to Mr. Yang the amount requested. In the meanwhile, the disposal of the check for US\$920.00 must await the result of our further negotiation.

Yours sincerely,


Stephen Tsai.

ST:H

P.S. I understand that Mr. Yang may go to the University of California instead of the University of Michigan.



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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking, China

Telephone Address
Peking

Office of the Controller

September 23, 1941

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Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

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Yours sincerely,

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P.S. I understand that Mr. Yang may go to the University of California instead of the University of Michigan.

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September 25, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
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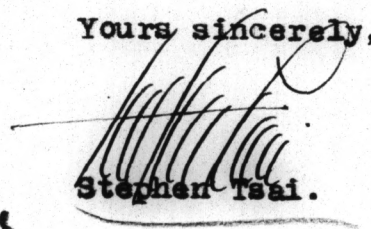
ack 11/6/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

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The Manager of the American Express Company suggested that we ask them to collect for us Mr. Sheng-mao Yang's draft for US\$920.00. The enclosed is a copy of Dr. Stuart's letter to the American Express Company regarding the matter. I am sending this to you, so that you know what is all about when you receive the remittance from the American Express Company.

*Paid to Mr. Yang
\$ 720.00
Bal to be paid
for return travel
10/6/41 to 10/13*

Yours sincerely,

*179/41
Received
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car*

Stephen Tsai.

Encl.
ST:H

COPY

September 25, 1941

Mr. F. C. Bridger
American Express Company
Wagon Lits Hotel
Peking

Dear Mr. Bridger:

I am enclosing herewith a check of yours in favor of Mr. Sheng-mao Yang for U.S.\$920.00.

I happen to know the facts in this case. Mr. Yang is one of our graduates who has been planning to go to the States for further study. This check was made out, as you will note, before the American freezing orders were issued. He had deposited it with us in all good faith and was guaranteed by us to the Consular authorities as having enough money both to carry out his purpose and to return to China.

Mr. Yang has already sailed and will be in need of funds on his arrival. He had been accepted by the Universities of California and Michigan. I am not sure which of these he will actually enter.

In view of all of these considerations, could you not request the New York headquarters to honor this check and to remit the amount involved to our New York office in care of Mr. C. A. Evans, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. It would seem that this would be entirely within the spirit of the new regulations.

I shall greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS:H

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October 24, 1941

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Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Mr. Tsai:

It is more to clear your letter of July 31st which arrived late, that I am writing now rather than to say anything new.

The matter covered in that communication was regarding the freeing of bank funds, and of your proposed handling of future remittances from New York to Peking.

Practically everything is now cleared away for the use of your bank accounts and that together with the US\$25,000 which we sent today, should ease matters greatly.

Presumably you have had the greater worry, but there were plenty of headaches while we were trying to get some recognition of the powers that be.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

(Dictated 10/21/41)

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RECEIVED
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JOINT OFFICE

November 6, 1941

Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Mr. Tsai:

I wish to thank you for your letter of September 25th informing us of the possibility of receiving a remittance of US\$920.00 to be credited to Mr. Sheng-mao Yang's account. We have already advanced to him \$720.00. This was done prior to the receipt of letters indicating there was difficulty in collecting the check.

Yale University is asking for some information about Dr. Tsi-tung Li who secured his M.F. at Yale in 1923 and Ph.D. in 1927.

If possible, will you kindly fill out the enclosed blank and return to us, and we will then follow through.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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(Dictated 11/4/41)

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

RECEIVED ATTENTION
DEC 24 1947
E. M. McBRIER

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Dr. E. M. McBrier
203 South Mountain Avenue
Montclair, N. J.
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E. M. McBrier
Contributed \$4,212.38
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on Oct 11, 1945.
December 8, 1947

My dear Dr. McBrier:

It has been on my mind for a long time to report to you the progress in the rehabilitation of our McBrier Hall. I must apologize that in the midst of rushing the work of reconstruction and the fact that we are working with a reduced staff both in the Bursar's Office and the Repairs Office, we did not keep a separate account for each building as we should have done so. So in making up my report on McBrier, I have to do a considerable amount of research in our accounts and contracts. This partly explains my delay in writing this.

I will start from the top down. First the roof. The McBrier roof suffered similarly from neglect and disrepair during the long years of Japanese occupation as of other buildings. As I have reported to Mr. Evans earlier, during the year 1946-47 we had all the roofs done over. The enclosed two snapshots of one end of McBrier will give you an idea of how the work was done.

The Chinese pien (tablet over the main entrance) of McBrier was taken down by the Japanese as well as the one in Bashford Hall. These piens were made of Formosan camphor wood with carved borders and gilt characters. We would not be able to replace them if we had lost them, because no such wood can be had at present. Fortunately, they were not lost and were found in a junk pile in the basement of Warner Gymnasium very much battered, of course. We have restored them to their original color and beauty and had them reinstated this morning to their former sites. I hope to enclose in this letter some snapshots of it which Miss Cookingham has taken.

Now let us turn to the interior. The most difficult task faced us in the restoration was in room 101. This is a lecture hall with seats arranged in tiers. The Japanese leveled off the floor with cement. So it was necessary to chisel off bit by bit the cement floor to restore the original tiers. This proved to be quite a job. It took over 100 labor days to do the chiseling. Most of the sanitary equipment in the building was damaged from freezing. Up to the present we still have a number of broken pieces to be replaced. Many of the radiators suffered similar fate as the sanitary equipment. The broken radiators have now all been replaced with new ones. Much of the hardware of the building, such as door-knobs, window fasteners, and electric fixtures disappeared and have all been replaced with materials that could be gotten locally. The new materials are much inferior in quality compared with what we had originally. The plaque at the entrance was missing, most probably taken down because of its intrinsic value in metal. Mr. Evans intimated that you may be able to send us a new one. If so, it will be grand.

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Not a single piece of furniture was left in the building. The Japanese used the rooms for hospital wards at the end of the war. When we chased them out after V-J Day, they cleared out the patients as well as whatever furniture there was in it. It was fortunate in a way that this building was used for hospital wards so they took better care of it. This apparently accounts for the fact that all the window panes in the building were intact, a very rare exception compared with other buildings.

As you know, the building has been in full use since the fall of 1946. After this winter we hope to give the halls and rooms the very much needed coat of calcimining and painting to cover up the marks left by the former occupants. When this is done and some of the broken pieces in the lavatories replaced, the building will have been restored to its pre-war glory and usefulness. I must add that we need new screens for all the windows and doors.

The cost of the restoration up to date is as follows:

Resetting and plastering the roof.....	US\$1,330.00	→ \$4212.38
Executing Room 101.....	57.20	2137.20
Repair of plumbing and radiation.....	750.00	\$375.18
New furniture (including 520 classroom chairs, 78 book cases and shelves, 65 small classroom desks, 20 office desks, 30 rows of lecture hall chairs and other miscellaneous office furniture).....	4,200.00	left for Furniture
	<u>4,200.00</u>	2137.20
	US\$6,337.20	375.18
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I hope this will convey to you the general picture of the building as it stands today. Please let me know if you have anything else in mind that I have failed to cover.

With kindest regards and best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen Tsai

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cc: Mr. Evans

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REPAIRING ROOF OF
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HOISTING TABLET ON DECEMBER 8, 1947



NEW TABLET FOR M'CBRIER HALL



"MU LOU" = M'CBRIER HALL

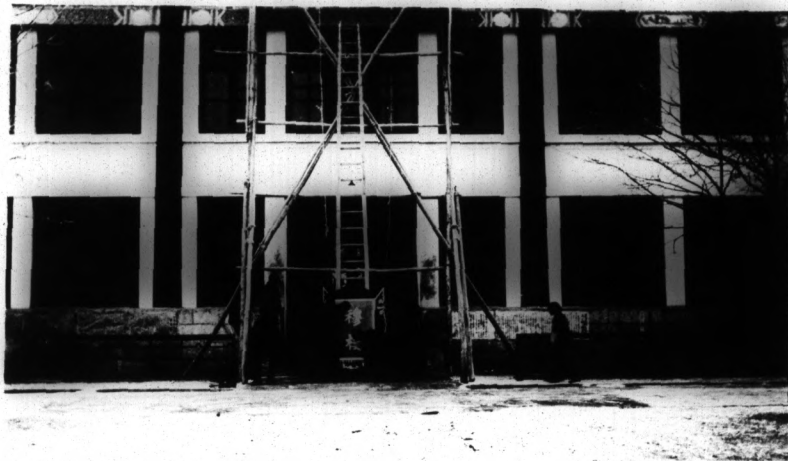


TABLET IN PLACE



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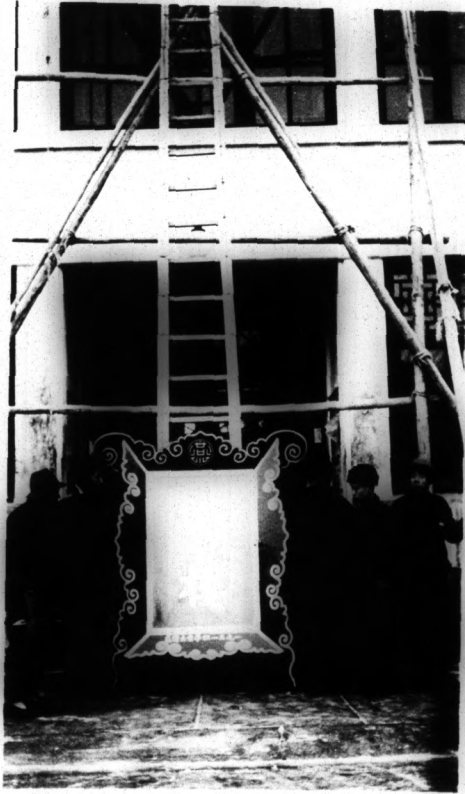
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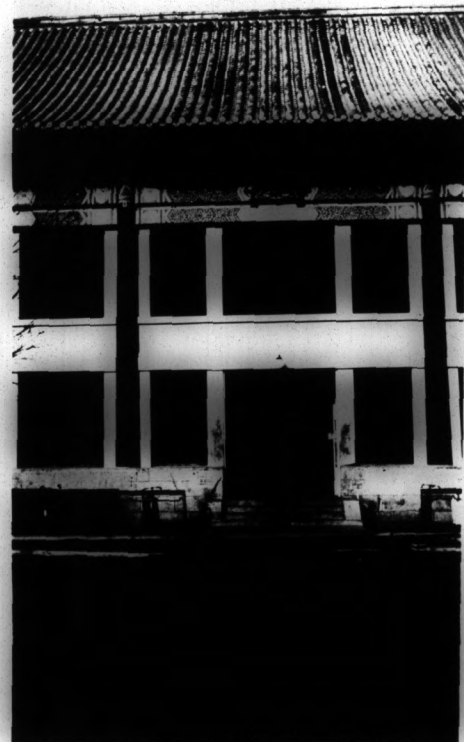
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VIEW TABLET FOR M'CBRIER HALL



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TABLET IN PLACE

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December 24, 1947

Mr. Stephen Tsai,
Yenching University,
Peking, China

My dear Stephen:

Mistake No. 1 in your letter - I am not a "Dr.". Thank you just the same for the honor which you have conferred.

I greatly appreciate your letter with report on the reconstruction of McBrier Hall. Thank you for the photographs enclosed. Am glad you recovered the plans and had them replaced.

When Dr. Stuart was here I advised him of the amount I had given for the rehabilitation of the building and he said it was more than enough to take care of all necessary repairs. I see you have included the new furniture, which really cost more than the repairs. The latter totaled only \$2,137.20.

I have not had the bronze tablet made because I do not intend that the Communists will have an opportunity to steal the second tablet, so I will not send it until China is more settled.

I wish you would write me your best judgment on the political situation and tell me frankly whether you think there is any chance of the Generalissimo stabilizing China proper. Apparently Manchuria has been lost to China. Many here have grave doubts that Russian Communism will ever let it slip through their fingers and let it be returned to China.

Friends of China have had many heartaches over the business and political disorganization and the terrible inflation in the eighteen provinces of China proper.

Hoping to hear from you again and trusting God's blessing may rest upon you and your family and also on the management, teachers, and student body of Yenching, and again expressing my appreciation for your letter, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

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