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Dear Lewis:

Thank you so much for your letter of June 21, addressed to Mr. Rabe and myself. I am having copies made and forwarded to Miss Loomis in Washington, the China Colleges in New York, and others who would be interested. The death of Dr. Scharf-fenberg is indeed tragic. Has there been any further explanation?

With regard to the question in your letter to Mr. Kroeger - I remember distinctly handing over this money, \$2,786.36 to him, and also the incident of there being ten cents short, but I am afraid that that is the only information I can give. I do not quite understand from your letter, however, just where the difficulty lies. Is there no record at all of the receipt of this sum, and are the funds lacking by this amount? I certainly hope not!

We hear from you all too seldom! Your report about the work and finances we read with the greatest interest. I do wish you would let me have a few "personals" however. What about Wong Ping? I am so anxious to know how he is getting along. Also C.Y. Shu, Dean Tang, Lowe, and others. Have you any idea, too, as to the state of my house and the gardener there? I have had no word about any of these things since leaving.

Now about my own plans. I came west, motoring from Detroit the 10th of July, arriving a week ago, and am now trying to get a bit of vacation. The National Committee has cabled asking for my early return, but a number here feel I should stay on longer in this country. Some unfortunate and altogether untruthful publicity with regard to what I have been doing over here seems to make it inadvisable, perhaps impossible, for me to return to occupied territory. I only hope that this has not reacted unfavorably on the work.

If you are in Chengtu when this reaches you you will be able to write me frankly, which I most sincerely hope you will do. If you are still in Nanking please give my kindest regards and best wishes to all my friends there.

Very sincerely yours,

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