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1035 $\frac{1}{2}$  West 36th Place,  
Los Angeles, Calif.,  
January 11, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have here at Los Angeles a Mr. C. C. Lin, who is a graduate of Fukien Christian University and served as graduate assistant in our college before he went to teach in the Philippines. He came here just a few months ago and is now planning to go to Ithaca to study at Cornell University.

We are wondering whether he will be eligible for the clergy ticket on the railroad. Will you kindly find out whether his past connections with FCU entitles him to clergy privileges in securing his railway ticket? If so, please send us application forms to be filled out. He will, of course, pay the fees with the application. He served as Elder in a Presbyterian church when he was in the Philippines.

It was a great pleasure to see you and others when I was in New York. I visited at the home of Dr. F. M. Davenport at Washington, D. C. The whole trip was very pleasant and profitable.

Mr. H. P. Yang, who is on his way to Drew University and to whom you sent the clergy certificate in care of s.s. Pres. Coolidge, is staying with us for a few days.

kindest regards.

Sincerely yours, Theodore Chen

*Greetings to  
Mr. Caside  
& others in  
the office.*

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January 16, 1939

Dr. Theodore Chen  
1035½ West 36th Place  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

Your letter of January 11th regarding Clergy Certificates for C. C. Lin just came to hand. Our relation with the Clergy Bureau makes it imperative that we attest to the fact that all clergy applicants are directly connected with the staff of the University. As the endorsements are made through the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, they likewise insist that applicants actually qualify for Clergy Certificates.

If Mr. Lin is now under appointment to return to Fukien and teach, we are well within our rights in approving his application. If, however, he does not have credentials as a member of the staff at the University, we could hardly give an affidavit to his eligibility.

You will understand the situation, and in case he is an appointee at Fukien, we are enclosing blanks herewith which need to be filled out only down to the blank entitled, "Resident Clergyman".

The only trouble about your visit East was that it was too short. We would like to have seen a great deal more of you.

We are looking forward to seeing Mr. H. P. Yang when he reaches the East and trust that he will call upon us at his convenience.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 20, 1939

Dr. Theodore Chen  
2035 1/2 West 36th Place  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

You will be pleased to know that Miss Asher has directed us to pay you \$100.00 and charge same to the treasurer of the university.

We are, therefore, enclosing check for this amount and feel sure you will have no difficulty in negotiating same.

With sincerest personal regards to you, I am

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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1035 $\frac{1}{2}$  West 36th Place.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
May 9, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Please pardon me for having not written before this to acknowledge receipt of the check for \$100<sup>00</sup> which you sent me on behalf of Fu Jen Christian University. We have had almost continuous sickness in our family ever since the first week of February. My wife got sick first with two successive attacks of the flu, and before she had a chance to recover, the children developed measles. After the measles came the whooping cough, & the children have not got over the cough yet. We have not been altogether well, either, during this period. We hope, however, that we will soon be in good health again.

I have just completed my dissertation, and it has been accepted. The degree will be conferred a month from now. Many members of my committee have urged me to publish the dissertation in book form. I have not yet had time to make inquiries about publication. Do you know any publishing company well enough to judge whether they will publish my study? The study concerns the different types of college curriculum which have developed in the U.S. (about 270 typewritten pages)

I intend to pursue further my research on college education and also to give my wife an opportunity to complete her work for the Master's degree, we have decided to postpone our return to China. I have accepted an appointment as Lecturer in Education and Asiatic Studies at U.S.C. next year.

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Do you happen to know of any place where a second-hand typewriter (portable) can be obtained for a low price, say <sup>from</sup> \$10 ~~to~~ \$15? I am trying to help find a cheap typewriter for Mr. C. F. Cheng, who was an instructor in Biology in F.C.U. for four years and is now studying here at U.S.C. I have inquired here at Los Angeles but cannot find any machine under \$20<sup>00</sup>. If you can help us get a suitable machine for \$15<sup>00</sup> or under, we would greatly appreciate your kindness. I should not think it would be so difficult to send it to Los Angeles, if you succeed in buying one.

With kind regards to you and Mr. Daiside,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Chen

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May 15, 1939

Dr. Theodore Chen  
1035 1/2 West 36th Place  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr.

You certainly have had your share of illness, especially when one looks back over past years and recalls your marvelous recovery and of how you have been carrying on since then. I sincerely trust that you are on the road to rapid recovery.

Upon investigation, I find that it is not essential for you to have your dissertation published in book form, and if our advice is of any value you would not have same done. It is an expensive proposition, but you must be the one to decide as to its value in printed form. On a number of different occasions we have assisted in having dissertations published and without question you will save fully one-third of the price by having it done on the Pacific Coast. The prices of labor, rents, and materials here in the East are much greater than in California and I would suggest that you study the situation very carefully in California, if you decide to have the book published.

I note that you are planning to spend the next year in Southern California which will permit Mrs. Chen to secure her Master's Degree.

The question you raise regarding a typewriter is more acute here in New York than in California. Here in the Metropolis there isn't such a thing as a good secondhand machine on the market at from \$10.00 to \$15.00. The old Corona with a folding carriage and three banks of keys can be purchased for such a figure, but they are hardly worth buying as compared with the \$20.00 or \$22.00 for a more up-to-date four bank key board.

This last winter I have been through this process a half a dozen times and know what the market is, and only this noon I checked again. As a result I would suggest if you can buy a second-hand machine for \$20.00 that you take it, as I cannot get one for that price here in New York.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES

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October 16, 1939.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

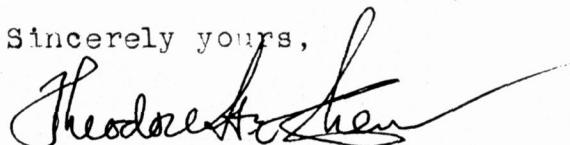
Dear Mr. Evans:

I find that I shall have opportunity to do a little travel to attend educational conferences, and so I would like to apply for a Western Clergy Fare Certificate. I herewith enclose an application form, properly filled out I trust, and a check for two dollars to cover the fee. I hope that it will be possible for me to receive the Certificate by the first of November. Thank you very much for your endorsement and transmitting the application for me.

We had a very nice visit with Miss Asher when she was here. I believe she is going to have a very profitable year at Duke. Mr. Scott and Mr. Kellogg are both studying here at the University of Southern California and we have the pleasure of seeing them often. They were just here for tiffin this noon.

With many thanks for your kind assistance,

Sincerely yours,



Theodore H. E. Chen

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Encl: one application blank.  
one check.

*Western Clergy Cert.  
ordered 10/19/39  
& to be sent direct  
to Dr. Chen*

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1 November 1939

Dear Mr. Chen:

We are wondering about the form in which you recorded the results of your tour of American colleges. Is it possible for us to have a copy for reference? We are certain that it would be of value to us and to many of our visitors from abroad who have much the same interest as your own.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mr. Theodore Chen  
1035 1/2 West 36th Place  
Los Angeles  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
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November 18, 1939.

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,  
The China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

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Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

The results of my investigation of recent changes in college education were, in the main, recorded in a doctoral dissertation which was submitted to the University of Southern California last May. The University requires for the degree merely the publication of an abstract of the dissertation. I herewith enclose a reprint of the abstract, which appears in a volume of dissertation abstracts of the present year published by the University of Southern California.

I received my degree in June and am now a full-time member of the faculty at the University of Southern California. As far as the degree requirements were concerned, I had no further obligation beyond the publication of the abstract. Recently, however, I have been urged by friends and colleagues on the faculty to seek publication of the complete dissertation in book form. In view of the fact that the materials contained in the dissertation are not the kind which would be popular with the general reading public, it is not easy to get it published through any of the commercial publishers. The possibility now remains of publishing it as a research monograph under the auspices of this or some other university. This, however, would involve considerable expense, and I am not sure yet whether I can afford the adventure.

For the above reason, I regret that I have nothing more complete to send you beyond the enclosed brief abstract.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Theodore H. E. Chen

Encl: dissertation abstract

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24 November 1959

Dear Mr. Chen:

Since the entire text of your dissertation is not in immediate prospect, we are particularly glad to have the copy of the printed abstract. If Miss Djang Hsiang-lan has not already written to you, it would be a kindness on your part to send her a copy of this abstract to her present address: c/o Miss Evelyn M. Walmsley, 2471 North Maryland Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is having to have a not very serious orthopedic operation during this last month of her stay in America and I have no doubt that her correspondence will have to be somewhat neglected during her convalescence.

We are very glad indeed that the University of Southern California has given you the recognition of a regular faculty appointment.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles California

*1035 W. West 36<sup>th</sup> Place  
Los Angeles, Calif.*

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NOTE: See Cable dated Apr. 11, 1940- from Fukien.

April 25, 1940

Dr. Theodore Chen  
1035 1/2 West 36th Place  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

We all rejoice that you have had this opportunity of being in America, and of so largely contributing toward the research work in which you are so deeply interested. I know that you have greatly enjoyed this work, and reports from all sources indicate that those with whom you have come in contact have found great pleasure in the association. You have made friends for China, as well as for yourself. You have acquired to a large degree knowledge which will be of infinite value in the carrying on of your work in China.

And China calls you. From the multitudes who have suffered and died comes a call for those who have superior knowledge and understanding that a new order might arise and prevent a recurrence of the tragedy. From those who are carrying on comes a call to lend moral support to the morale of the Chinese people. From the leaders in China comes a call to those who can give stimulus and encouragement to strengthen their hands -- and Fukien calls you! The place you have loved and labored in wants you. Yes, the Lord calls you back to a labor of love and service on your own campus.

To get down to the facts, the following cable has been received from C. J. Lin:

"THEODORE CHEN RETURN SUMMER"

It gives me great pleasure to pass on to you this word, and if you will let us know about when you desire to sail, we will help as far as possible in getting your reservations.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES

April 30, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter and for passing on to me the cable message from President Lin. A few weeks ago, I wrote an air-mail letter to President Lin explaining that we had accepted an invitation to extend our relationship with the University of Southern California. I explained that, having been through three years of hard grind in working for degrees and in preparing for new courses in the first year of teaching in an American colleges, we feel that an additional year or two would enable us to enjoy opportunities which we have not been able to take advantage of previous to this time on account of the pressure of work. We have been literally glued down to our books; we have managed to keep up public speaking in order to do our share in making our country better known to the American people, but we have shamefully neglected our friends, whom we have not been able to visit or entertain at all.

We have been extremely busy. In addition to my teaching, I have spent time to revise my dissertation for publication in book form; at last, the book is being published now by the University of Southern California Press. Mrs. Chen has been busy with an investigation of Chinese family life in Los Angeles and is just completing the first draft of her thesis. She hopes to get her Master's degree in June.

So, you see, we have not really had time to see much of California besides the immediate locality of the university campus. There are many interesting social and educational institutions in southern California which we would like to visit and know more about; there are interesting places of natural scenery which are famous but which we have not yet seen. We hope that next year we shall have more time for these things.

I am to speak at a meeting being arranged by the southern California committee for the China Colleges. A couple of weeks ago, I spoke on the colleges in a church at Palos Verdes where the people are making plans for a contribution to the campaign fund. We have enjoyed these contacts and trust that they will mean substantial help to the cause.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Shedow Chen*

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May 9, 1940

Dr. Theodore Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

I have refrained from answering your letter of April 30th as I desired to talk with Bishop Gowdy before so doing.

Dr. Gowdy was in the office today, and he agreed to see you before sailing from San Francisco on his way to China. Anything he says will reflect my own viewpoint.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES

May 13, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter just came to hand. I am glad to know that Bishop Gowdy is coming to Los Angeles again and that I shall have an opportunity to discuss with him my plans in detail. I wish also that I could see you personally and talk over different phases of the problem, but the distance between the two coasts is too great.

I am writing this to recommend a clergy railway certificate for Mr. Chen-Chi Lin, who is about to leave for China to teach chemistry and agronomy at FCU next fall. Mr. Lin has been studying at Cornell; he has received a definite appointment from President Lin. He is a very fine man and will be a valuable addition to the faculty. He is one of our own graduates.

Mr. Lin is in Ithaca and plans to leave soon for the western coast, stopping in midwestern states to visit some leading universities. Please send to him as soon as possible the application blanks he is to fill out. His address is:

Mr. Chen-Chi Lin,  
Department of Agronomy,  
Cornell University,  
Ithaca, New York.

*Application sent 5/17/40*

I would like to get in touch with Dr. E. H. Cressy. Believing that he is in New York and comes to your office occasionally, I enclose a note which I request you to give him at your convenience. Thank you very much.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Sheldon H. Lee*

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May 27, 1940

Dr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
1035 $\frac{1}{2}$  West 36th Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

I have most abject apologies to make in not forwarding receipt for \$3.00 covering your contribution to the Associated Boards which came to hand about May 13th. This was a fault of my own in not thoroughly sorting out my correspondence after practically two weeks of solid Committee and Board meetings. I took part of yesterday at home to do some of this work and discovered this omission. Receipt is enclosed herewith, therefore, and with it go our sincerest appreciation for this thought, as well as the gift.

You know too well the work which we are endeavoring to do for me to take your time to dwell upon its value. We are all consecrated to a task which must go forward.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 10, 1940

Dr. Theodore Chen  
1035 1/2 W. 36th Street  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

Your postal card of the 6th came to hand this morning requesting us to provide clergy applications. I wish you had applied for these early in January when according to our understanding you were still a member of the Fukien Christian University staff. You will recall that these certificates are issued upon the sworn testimony of either Mr. Garside or myself that you are a regular employed member of the staff of one of our Christian Universities in China. According to information we have at hand you have accepted a position with a California university which makes it impossible for us to secure clergy certificates.

These privileges are guarded very carefully by the Clergy Bureau, and we are bound by oath to present no application except those who definitely qualify under the rulings of the Bureaus.

I am sorry that we cannot do this, as I know the very material help which it would accord.

I hope this will not interfere with you seeing Bishop Gowdy in San Francisco, as it would seem most important that you have a conference with him before he leaves for the Orient for the last time. You will recall that the election of Bishops will take place in January in Shanghai at which time he is supposed to retire.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. IVANS

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September 30, 1940

Dean Theodore Chen  
1035½ West 36th Place  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dean Chen:

As you know, this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Fukien Christian University. The Board of Trustees is endeavoring to raise a special Anniversary Fund to celebrate this occasion. I am enclosing five copies of a pamphlet which we recently published for use in this special campaign.

We are very fortunate in that before starting the actual campaign, we secured pledges to the amount of approximately \$30,000, of which \$10,000 is already in the bank. However, it will probably be more difficult to secure the remaining \$20,000.

One of our difficulties is that it is essential that the gifts we receive through this special effort should not be deducted from any gifts which might normally have gone to the Sustaining Fund. In other words, if a man has been giving \$50 a year to Fukien Christian University, we are obliged to ask him to add to this normal gift rather than shift it to another account.

Our most urgent need is for new friends. It is in this connection that I hope you will be able to help us. We will be happy to send you as many pamphlets as you require and to cooperate with you in any way possible. A list of new names for our mailing list would be very helpful.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell,  
Field Representative

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October 19, 1940

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell,  
Fukien Christian University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

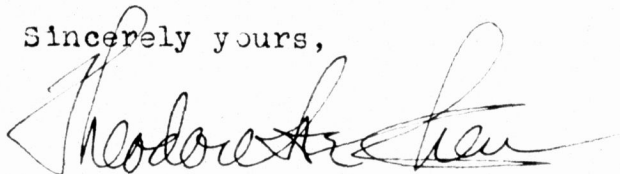
Thank you for your letter and for the FCU pamphlets which you so kindly sent me. I received a letter from President Lin some time ago about plans for the twenty-fifth anniversary and also heard from Bishop Gowdy of the progress made in securing pledges from interested donors.

I have distributed among friends the pamphlets you sent. I hope that some will be interested. I am sure that your office has on the mailing list Dr. Dennis V. Smith, of Palos Verdes, California, who has a group of friends very much interested in the Christian colleges in China. I spoke at their church a number of times and was told that they would send contributions directly to the New York Office.

I wonder if I may ask you to do a favour for me. I just heard of a book entitled CHINA REDISCOVERS HER WEST, edited by Dr. Yi-fan Wu and Dr. Frank Price and published by the Friendship Press in New York. I was told that this press is in the mission building. I am anxious to get a copy of the book but do not know the exact address of the publishers. If convenient, will you kindly get a copy for me? I am told that there is mission discount given. As soon as you let me know the cost, I shall send the money.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Theodore H. E. Chen

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October 29, 1940

Dr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Chen:

You probably will soon receive a copy of China Re-  
discovers Her West. A few days ago I asked that one be sent  
you by the Friendship Press. Their office is in the Presby-  
terian Building across the street from 150 Fifth Avenue and  
I was happy to pass on you order.

You will receive a bill direct from the Press. If  
you have any questions to ask about this bill, or if they  
do not offer you the discount you expect, please let me know.

Thank you for your work on the Pacific Coast on behalf  
of Fukien Christian University.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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Cable Address:  
Hsiho, Foochow

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December 14, 1940

Dr. T. H. A. Chen  
Box 68  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Teddy:

I was glad to have your letter of August 6 sent by Jen Mei. It is good to know of your doings there, and we are glad to have Miss Asher, the Legers, Miss Burr, and Jen Mei on the campus. The Scotts' arrived a little later. Mr. Lin Chen Chi has not yet arrived. He went to Manila and did not leave there until the first part of November. Recently we heard that he is in Shanghai waiting for a boat to come to Foochow. So we have not seen your book as yet. We shall look forward to reading it.

Your letter of May 7 came sometime ago after a long delay. We have now sold the US\$10.00 which you forwarded to us as a contribution from Mr. Meyer Krakowski's group in Los Angeles for the promotion of the cooperative movement in China. It amounts to LC\$185.58. There are several possible ways to use the money profitably and as soon as we have made an assignment we shall report to both you and Mr. Krakowski direct.

We are definitely counting on you returning to F.C.U. in the summer of 1941, and we hope nothing will prevent you from doing so. We need very much your contribution in the work here which in an increasing degree is helping China in her efforts for national reconstruction. We are building a strong Department of Education, and we want to greatly strengthen it in the days to come. As I wrote you last year we are counting on you to serve as Academic Dean of the University and to head up the Education Department. Your salary, according to our plan of payments, will be LC\$300.00 per month, and you will receive an additional LC\$40.00 per month as a subsidy towards the present high cost of living, a total of \$340.00 per month. There is also a special allowance of 5% of your basic salary towards the savings account. We shall also pay Ung Hie in case she is willing to help in the teaching work.

For your travel we are prepared to pay the amount of one adult Tourist Class ticket across the Pacific and all of the expenses for yourself from Shanghai to Shaowu. Our office in New York will be glad to arrange for the passage and other things in connection with your return trip. We hope that you will come early so that you will have some time to visit your Mother and other members of your family in Foochow as well as to get orientated to the situation in China under war conditions before the opening of the fall term. Will you also please give us a list of the courses you would like to offer with some idea of

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the content of each so that Everett can work out with the other members of the department beforehand. We have been launching a number of new educational projects, such as social education in centers in Shaowu near our campus. Another is rural education which will be continued in connection with S. H. Leger's work in the Department of Rural Economics, and a third one is what we call industrial education which we hope to introduce sometime next spring. For our own curriculum enrichment, we have just organized a faculty committee on dramatics and music education which will plan for the general education of the student body as well as their activities along the lines of dramatic arts and music. The war is doing China a great good by forcing us to march forward with many new lines of constructive service. With the new blood you will be able to give, we shall be in a position to do much greater things in the future.

You will soon hear from our Alumni Department about the launching of a scholarship endowment campaign in connection with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of our university which will be held here in Shaowu on February 28, 1941. We have just heard from our Trustees that they have already raised a considerable amount of money towards this special anniversary fund. We have asked them to raise a quarter of a million U.S. Currency for endowment, and this is a beginning towards the goal. Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy will be returning to the United States next spring, and they have consented to help us with our campaign. Everything is marching forward towards a greater and a more effective F.C.U., and when the war ends we shall be in a much stronger position educationally than ever before.

With best personal regards to you, Ung Hie, and the children from all of our family,

Yours sincerely,



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April 21, 1941

Dr. T. H. E. Chen  
Box 68  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

I have been studying some of the pending correspondence on my desk and find a letter dated December 14th from C. J. Lin addressed to you.

That letter called attention to our willingness here in New York to be of assistance in arranging your passage back to China this Summer. The days are rapidly passing and we should have some sort of reservation in view, and in the assumption that you are accepting the invitation of Fukien to return for Fall work, I am writing to ascertain your plans.

Undoubtedly you have a better vision of the existing conditions at the College than I could possibly have as I have never been in Fukien Province. However, it will be interesting, I am sure, for you to learn from those who have visited all of our campuses that Fukien is better situated than any other operating in China at the present time. The actual costs for operation are not as high as in other centers, and while there is some crowding, yet the situation is improving rapidly. Requests for Sustaining Funds from the Associated Boards for 1941-42 include an item for relieving the housing situation.

Situated thus it would be an inspiration and a power for you to return to the campus this Summer. With Fukien occupying an increasingly important position in Eastern China, your contribution would be proportionately more valuable. Possibly you can visualize even greater developments in the future than is within my imagination, but I can foresee Fukien growing to occupy a position out of all proportion to its present limitations. You can, therefore, contribute to a most unusual degree in the development of this institution. This is the place which, I am sure, has been the vision of those who have been watching your development, and they have visioned even greater things in your contribution to the entire life of China. The election of Dr. W. Y. Chen as Bishop in China is significant of what I am trying to say. Truly in giving this situation, your consideration

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Dr. Chen

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you cannot lose sight of these very important facts.

With sincerest best wishes to you, and with the hope of an early reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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LOS ANGELES

April 29, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about my plans and offering to help arrange our passage back to China. More than a month ago, I wrote to inform President C. J. Lin that I had promised to remain at the University of Southern California for 1941-1942 and that I could not very well change my plans after having given definite promise to stay. About Christmas time, when plans were being made for the new bulletins to be prepared for the coming year, I was asked to indicate my intention for the next year. Not having definite word from President Lin at that time and after considering all factors involved, we decided to accept a renewal of our contract with the University of Southern California.

I appreciate your offer to help arrange the passage. When we decide definitely on our time of return, I shall surely write to you and ask for your help in the arrangements to be made.

A couple of weeks ago, I was asked to speak at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce at Visalia, about two hundred miles from Los Angeles. Since this town is only about fifty miles from the Sequoia National Park, we decided to take this opportunity to visit the big old trees for which the Park is famed. We also saw plenty of snow---quite a new experience for people from South China. This was the first time that Mrs. Chen had an opportunity to leave Los Angeles ever since we came here more than three years ago.

We saw Dr. Willard Sutton when he passed Los Angeles. You must have seen him more than once since then. We also saw a good deal of President Y. C. Yang of Soochow University when he and his family were here in Los Angeles. They lived next door to us, and so we got to know each other quite well.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore H. Chen*

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May 14, 1941

Dr. Theodore Chenn  
Box 68  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chenn:

I am quoting you the following cablegram received from the State Department under date of May 9, 1941:

"Referring your radiogram Fabien Christian University property and entire personnel unharmed. Paid Teddy's mother his check. McClure."

I am sure you will be interested in this good news.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 19, 1941

Dr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
Box 68  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

During the deluge of annual meetings which occupied the first week of this month and which required last week for us to untangle ourselves, your letter of April 29th went unanswered.

I have had my secretary communicate with the field, however, but as you have previously written to President Lin there seems little point in our pressing the matter except to clear our files.

We have had several conferences with Dr. Sutton and expect him down again during the coming week.

President Yang of Soochow was with us for our Annual Dinner and meetings. In the evening he gave us an especially fine address.

With sincerest personal regards to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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September 26, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am today sending to President C. J. Lin by airmail. I was very much surprised to learn from his recent letter that ~~he~~ did not receive the letter which I sent last February explaining our plans. I do hope that this letter will not go astray.

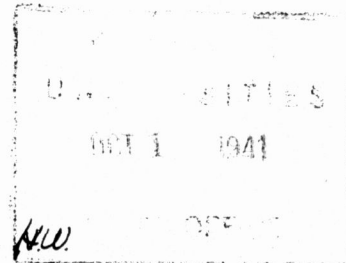
The letter is self-explanatory. If I were here alone, the problem of return would be simpler, but bringing the whole family to Fukien amidst present uncertainties is quite a different matter. Not only is trans-Pacific travel difficult, but travel from either Shanghai or Hongkong to Shaowu would be fraught with dangers for the family. One single person can easily manage to squeeze through at the earliest opportunity; airplane service is also available between points in China; roundabout routes of travel are possible, if not direct routes; but a family with two infant children confront much greater difficulties.

Our fall semester has just started. Mrs. Chen is also continuing her studies, and so we are all occupied with school work.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore H. Chen*



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University of Southern California,  
Los Angeles, Calif.,  
September 25, 1941

President C. J. Lin,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Shaowu, Fukien, China.

Dear C. J. :

I have your letter dated the 9th of July. I am very much surprised and chagrined to know that you did not receive my letter of February 25th of this year in which I discussed with you the problem of our return to China.

I want first of all to express my appreciation of your earnest desire to have us return to FCU, and, at the same time, to reiterate our intention to return to China as soon as practical circumstances make it possible. I have before me a carbon copy of the letter which I wrote you on February 25, and take liberty to quote therefrom: "I am not trying to postpone our return indefinitely. In spite of the definite advantages, to us and to our family relatives (to whom we send financial assistance) of our prolonged stay in this country, our hearts go to our tasks and our careers in China. It is true that I am earning more and providing more for my mother and other members of my big family in China than I could ever hope to in China, but money is not the most important consideration. You know me well enough, I hope, to believe that there are other considerations which weigh more heavily in my decision. .... We feel that we should build up our careers in China, not here. Having spent eight years and held a position of responsibility in FCU, we also feel attached to that institution to which we have given so much interest and so much strength. I say this to you, because so many friends---- even some now on the FCU faculty---- have expressed the opinion, that, having obtained a satisfactory job here in America, I would not want to return to China for a long time yet. On the contrary, in spite of the attractive opportunity we have here, we are always thinking of returning to our own land and people."

Coming specifically to the time of our return, I wish that I could at this time say definitely that we shall return next summer, but with conditions as uncertain as they are I do not see how I can make definite plans for next summer. You recall that when I wrote you on February 8, 1940, I said that "perhaps, we may plan to return in 1942 after five years away from home." We have really hoped that we might at this time be able to plan definitely on returning next summer. At present, however, such assurance does not seem possible.

Trans-Pacific travel is very much tied up at present. The American Presidents Line is not available for general passenger service. All previous reservations have been cancelled, and we know a number of Chinese students who are left without means of crossing the Pacific. Single individuals may occasionally find an opening, but passage for an entire family is impossible. Even when there is an opening, only first-class passage is available. I have before me a letter from the American Presidents Line saying that they are unable to accept reservations for at least the next three months. The only other steamship line available---the Java-Pacific Steamship Company----has irregular sailings and accept few reservations except uncertain first-class passage.

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The Java-Pacific boats, however, do not go straight to China; they go to Singapore, and it is necessary to transfer to another boat to go to Hongkong or Shanghai. Passage is even more costly than on the President boats.

It is of course inconceivable for us to secure first-class passage for the family. You may be generous enough to offer to pay our passage out of the college treasury, but I am sure that would not be considered as fair administrative practice. With the present rate of exchange, the cost of first-class travel for our family would mean a large sum of Chinese money sufficient for undertaking a project of no small size. In my consideration, it would be much wiser to save the money or use it for some urgent purpose in Shaowu. We do not believe the present situation can last long. By waiting until we can count on securing second-class passage for ~~the~~ the entire family, we can dispose of the difficulty caused by the necessity of first-class passage.

There is another angle of the situation which makes it impossible for us to make a definite commitment at this time. The political situation is so uncertain that steamship sailings may be cancelled at any time. All through the past few months, we have wondered what would have happened to us if we had decided to return in July or August. I would have resigned my job at U. S. C. at least six months ahead of time, and the job would be no longer available. At the same time, we would have been unable to secure passage for the family; or even if we had got as far as Shanghai, we would not have been able to proceed further. We would have been stranded in the middle of the journey. Being stranded in Shanghai would be less serious than being stranded in Los Angeles; for if we left in Los Angeles without a job and still unable to go to China, the family would be left without means of support.

The same uncertainty confronts us in regard to next summer. If I should give you definite promise now of returning next summer, I would have to tender my resignation to U.S.C. by about the first of January. If by May or June the situation should again change so that trans-Pacific travel is temporarily held up, we would be facing an embarrassing predicament. The USC job would by then be taken by some other person; who, then, would support the family while we wait for steamship passage?

In the face of these uncertainties and difficulties, I see no alternative than to wait. I give you assurance that as soon as travel conditions are reasonably dependable, we shall make plans for returning. I hope that we do not have to wait long. For the present, I can only ask that you do not count definitely on our return in the summer of 1942.

It has not been easy for us to decide. We have consulted many friends, some friends who are well acquainted with conditions in Fukien and other friends who know China and FCU through our acquaintance. Their counsel ~~has~~ has helped us reach the above decision. Two weeks ago, I had the rare opportunity of talking about this whole question with Mr. Frederick M. Davenport, who visited Los Angeles with Mrs. Davenport. He is strongly of the

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opinion that I should not hastily give up my connection with U. S. C. as long as there is so much uncertainty in regard to trans-Pacific travel and from Shanghai to Fukien. He further advises against the risk of endangering my health and hence my capacity for service by plunging into conditions which make difficult the maintenance of such regular habits of diet and of living as I have so carefully tried to maintain during the past years. I have also on various occasions consulted Dr. J. E. Gosard, whom you know and who knows Foochow well. He is at present the chairman of the Pasadena Committee for the Christian Colleges and is an active leader in southern California on behalf of Chinese relief. He has repeatedly urged me to stay in America during these years because of what he feels I can do to help the Chinese cause in America. He and his committee have arranged for me to speak at numerous occasions on behalf of Chinese relief.

I have consulted various friends because I have wanted to arrive at the wisest decision from the standpoint of fair-minded people. I want to be sure that I have taken into consideration all relevant factors involved, and have not been too much influenced by our own interests and desires. I am not deaf to the call for sacrifice, but, as one of our friends so well puts it, sacrifice must be made with intelligent planning and not by merely bumping one's head against a stone wall. We look forward to many years of active service in China and in FOU. We believe that even after the conclusion of the war the needs of a post-war nation will be extremely great---in some ways perhaps greater than at present---and we look forward to having an active part in the program of nation-building.

I am going to send this letter by airmail, hoping that it will thus have a greater chance of a prompt and safe delivery. I am also going to send a copy of this letter to Mr. Evans of the New York office. As I said before, we shall make plans for returning as soon as travel conditions are reasonably dependable. We shall then make arrangements with Mr. Evans, who will in turn keep you informed by the quickest means. In the meantime, to avoid upsetting your plans, I ask you to plan without me in 1942.

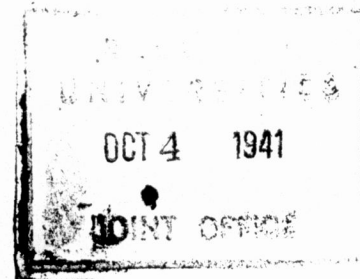
With kind regards and best wishes to you and yours,

Sincerely yours,



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October 2, 1941

Dr. Theodore Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles

Dear Dr. Chen:

I am indeed grateful for your letter of September 26th and enclosure which I have read with interest.

There is no question in my mind that there are many sides to situations of this nature and it rests with the individual, of course, to reach the final decision. The complications which arise from our system of living adds to our difficulties, but I am confident that the days are not far distant when there will be a reduction in our standard of living such as we have not thought possible in the last two generations. I may be a poor prophet, but our contacts with sources of information from Washington lead me to think that success in our way of living must evolve through much suffering.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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May 24, 1942

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

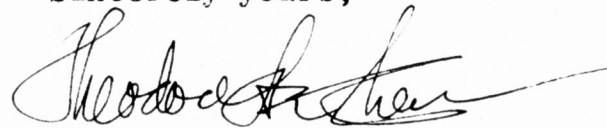
Dear Mr. Evans:

Some time ago I sent a small contribution to the Alumni Scholarship Fund initiated at the time of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of FCU. Now, I feel that I can make another contribution, and am enclosing a check for ten dollars for the purpose. If it is possible for you to notify Miss Asher that the amount is for the 25th Anniversary Alumni Scholarship Fund, I would greatly appreciate your help. If there is no way for you to designate such a small sum, then just consider it a general contribution to the FCU funds.

I wonder if you have in hand some recent statistics on the Christian colleges which you can send me at this time. I am writing a chapter on Chinese Education for the Encyclopaedia of Modern Education which is being compiled under the supervision of an editorial committee consisting of Profs. Kilpatrick, Thorn-dike, Kandel, and others. I have my materials all in hand, but I think it would be helpful to include some up-to-date statistics on student enrollment, finance, faculty (Americans and Chinese in separate figures, if available), etc. While my task is to write about Chinese education in general, I wish to make definite mention of the activities and contributions of Christian education. I am as eager to have statistics about the secondary and elementary schools; so any information you can send about Christian education in general will be much welcome and appreciated.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,



Theodore H. E. Chen

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June 1, 1942

Dr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
1035½ West 36th Place  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Chen:

Thank you very much for your gift of \$10.00, which I am acknowledging herewith. We will inform Miss Asher that this gift is to be applied to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Alumni Scholarship Fund. Our communications with Shaowu have not so far been blocked, and I anticipate no difficulty in carrying out your wishes in this matter.

I note that you desire some recent statistics on the Christian Colleges in China. Owing to the transfer of some of our East China institutions to the West, we are not in a position to give you very accurate information. The enclosed article by Mr. Caldwell probably is as accurate as anything in our possession. If we secure any new statistics, I shall be happy to make them available to you.

With best wishes for your success,

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 9, 1943

Dr. Theodore Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Chen:

I must apologize for not answering your letter of February 23rd enclosing check for \$50.00 which, however, we have just cabled to Miss Asher indicating that \$40.00 is for your family and \$10.00 for student relief at Fudan Christian University.

We are confident that this will get through without any delay.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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February 23, 1943

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Board of Christian Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

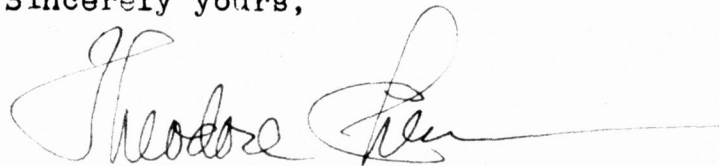
Dear Mr. Evans:

I wonder if it would be convenient for you to remit fifty dollars to Miss Asher. I am enclosing a check for the amount. Before the freezing of the assets, I used to send my personal checks to Miss Asher and she never had any difficulty in cashing them. Since the freezing of the assets I am not sure whether personal checks are still cashable. I have in the last two years made a couple of remittances to Mr. McClure through the Treasurer of the American Board Mission in Boston, but this time I would prefer to send the money to Miss Asher, since I want part of the sum to be used for the relief of some student at FCU. (More specifically, I am sending 40 dollars to be given to my family, and 10 dollars to be used for student aid at FCU.)

I do not know just how you would send money to Fukien. A few months ago, we were informed by Mr. Belcher of the American Board that he was then sending checks by airmail. (A year ago, he had to cable to make the remittance.) I am sure you have been sending money to FCU and know the best way of handling this.

With many thanks for your kind help,

Sincerely yours,



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May 29, 1943

Mr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park, Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Chen:

Your letter of May 24th enclosed a check for \$160.00  
which we have credited to the Fulden University account.

As you will note from the enclosed letter, we are forward-  
ing this to Miss Asher with our next remittance.

A letter from Dr. Lin this morning paints in even more graphic  
terms the rapid rise in the cost of commodities.

This remittance, therefore, will help your family very much  
indeed.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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May 24, 1943

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Board for Christian Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

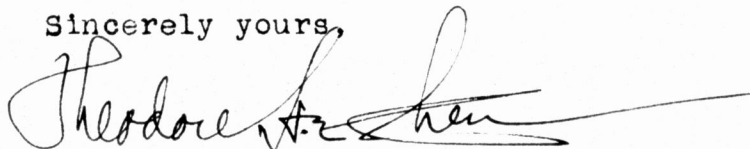
A very depressing letter came from my mother telling about the dire financial needs of my family and the incredibly high cost of living which obtains in China today. Since I had received no letter from my folks for over a year, I had no idea that conditions had changed so much. My brother now studying at EC. U. now pays two hundred dollars a month for food which is not quite so good as what he would have paid no more than seven dollars for in pre-war days.

Since a larger portion of my mother's needs consists of the necessary college fees for my young brother, I am sending you a check for \$160 with the request that you send the amount to Miss Asher for me. I am at the same time writing to Miss Asher to give more detailed explanation of the ways the money is to be used.

We greatly appreciate your kindness in sending these remittances for us.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,



Theodore H. E. Chen

Encl: Check for \$160.00

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July 30, 1943

Dr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Chen:

I have read your letter of July 18th with great interest and will report same to Dr. C. J. Lin at the University. I can appreciate how well entrenched you are in educational circles and social life in Southern California. This, indeed, has been a splendid opportunity for you in which we all rejoice. We have also been thinking that it is a period of preparation for larger service to your people in China at Fukien Christian University. We wish we could get over to America some of those who have carried on through the worries and trials of these years. They need a change as well as new educational contacts. We are hoping that the way will be opened whereby this may be accomplished.

With every good personal wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES

July 18, 1943

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Room 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, 11, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant asking about our present status and our plans in regard to returning to China.

Our status here in California has not changed very much in recent months. I am still engaged in full-time teaching at the University of Southern California as Professor of Education and Asiatic Studies (to which rank I was promoted more than a year ago) and as the head of the Department of Asiatic Studies. My wife is continuing her graduate study in sociology and social work, but she is nearer the Ph. D. degree than she was. Since her home responsibilities prevent her from undertaking full-time study, her progress toward her degree is naturally slower than that of a full-time student. Our children still attend the public school, Helen in the fifth grade and Ying ready to enter the fourth.

It is practically impossible for me to return to China without bringing my family with me, and at the present time it is obviously inadvisable to plan to bring the entire family to China through the indirect and difficult routes of travel to Fukien. We look forward to an early return to China, but we feel that we must wait until the conclusion of the war.

I hold yearly contracts at the University of Southern California. Every spring I sign a new contract for the following academic year. When the war is concluded, I plan to take an early opportunity to finish the term of contract which I have then signed for so that we may return to China to take up our share of the work of postwar reconstruction.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,



Theodore H. E. Chen

P.S. I shall also write to President C. J. Liu directly.  
*J. Chen*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES 7

December 9, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I just received a letter from my family asking for urgent financial aid to relieve their dire need. It seems that the cost of living is advancing so fast and the depreciation of money proceeding so rapidly that estimates of need become inadequate before they reach this country by mail. You may remember that I have made two remittances through you during 1943. By previous estimates, the amount I sent should have been enough to support my brother in F. C. U. for a year and to help my mother and my sisters. But a letter just received reports that the entire amount sent through Miss Asher was barely enough for one term's expenses for my brother in Shaowu; moreover, my brother reports that tuition and board at Shaowu had again been raised so that the expenses for the next semester will be even higher.

In planning to send more money to my brother and my mother I am wondering whether it is possible to secure the special rate of exchange granted by the Chinese government for contributions from America for educational and missionary purposes. The reason I make bold to make such an inquiry is that a small group of friends in California have been contributing toward a small fund for the personal aid of a Chinese member of the Lingnan faculty, and a few months ago when remittance was made through the Lingnan trustees there came a letter from Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker suggesting that it may be possible to consider such a gift as within the provisions of special rate for educational purposes. It has therefore occurred to me that a personal gift to a faculty member may be considered as entitled to the special rate, money sent for the support of a student in FCU may be given the same consideration. My brother has not applied for any of the numerous forms of aid and scholarships now available in Chinese colleges; he has depended on me for support. In view of the rise of cost far beyond the official rate of exchange it seems that there may be sufficient reason to apply for the special rate given for educational purposes. According to Mr. Wanamaker, the Board informs Mr. Fuller in Chungking of the use of the money, and the latter will in turn apply for the educational rate.

I do not know whether you can find any way to secure the rate for my remittances to my brother in FCU. We are trying to economize as far as possible in order to be able to help our folks at home, but the letters giving figures of money needed really frighten us and we do not see how we can give all the assistance that is needed. I have a widowed sister with three teen-age children; she is teaching in Shaowu and gets about 250 dollars a month, Chinese currency. When my brother has to pay 500 dollars for board at FCU, I do not see how my sister and her children manage to maintain even a subsistence level.

With many thanks for all your assistance,

Sincerely yours, *Theodore Chen*

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January 28, 1944

Dr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles 7, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

I could not answer your letter of December 9th immediately as our whole office was completely disrupted by the return of the GRIPSHOLM and the entire month was practically given over to meetings incidental thereto plus the task of getting four Chinese away to China.

Right after the first of January we were cabled to send no funds whatever to China as negotiations were in process regarding a possible increase in the exchange grant. This has now been consummated and funds going out to the field are based on a 40 to 1 rather than a 30 to 1 basis.

We shall be glad to attempt sending some money through, although we have been warned by the Treasury Department that all remittances must have a distinct relation to our work.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES 7

December 31, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

A few weeks ago I wrote you a letter to ask whether remittances for the personal aid of students and teachers in Christian schools and colleges in China may be entitled to the special rate of exchange granted for missionary and educational enterprises. In view of the abnormal situation in postal service, I am wondering whether my letter reached you, or whether it has been long delayed in reaching you. I would appreciate a word from you letting me know whether you got the letter, and, if so, what your opinion is. If you have not received my previous letter, I shall write you in detail to explain what I have in mind.

With many thanks and with good wishes for a Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

*Frederick A. [unclear]*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
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February 21, 1944

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Board for Christian Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

About ten days ago I sent you a check for \$225 asking you please to send the money---equivalent of \$9,000 NC ---to Miss Asher for the use of my brother and sister in Shaowu. Yesterday came a letter from my brother reporting another sharp increase in his needs at Shaowu and also an increase in tuition at FCU. In the light of the new conditions reported, the sum I sent would not go very far. I am therefore enclosing another check for \$50, to be added to the amount sent ten days ago. If you have already remitted the \$9,000 N. C. and find it inconvenient to make another remittance for \$50 (or \$2,000 M. C.), then I have to wait for a later remittance; in which case, I would appreciate your returning my check, unless you find it convenient to send the remittance soon. I am hoping that you have not yet sent the first remittance, so that the whole sum of \$275 (\$11,000 NC) can be remitted at once.

In order that I may write to Miss Asher to give the exact amount sent, will you please let me know by airmail how much is being remitted?

With many thanks for your assistance,

Sincerely yours,



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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES 7

February 22, 1944

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much for your letter answering my questions in regard to remittances to China for the personal use of students and teachers in Christian schools and colleges. I have also in hand a letter from the Bank of China in New York stating that the 40-1 rate is granted for all remittances designated for educational use and family subsidies. I feel sure that the money I send for my brother and sister comes within the category.

I herewith send you a check for \$225, which according to the new rate will yield \$9,000 Chinese currency. I realize that while the latter figure seems large it really will not go so terribly far in China nowadays, but I regret that I am not able to give more help. I have again included in the above amount a small sum representing my contribution to the student aid fund in FCU, and I shall write to Miss Asher in details explaining the allocation of the money. If you will send the total amount to Miss Asher, she will know what to do, as in previous instances.

Knowing how busy you are with your varied responsibilities, I greatly appreciate your kindness in sending these remittances for me.

With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore A. Hew*

*Check \$225.00*

*Prof. Tuckier*

*Central Honors*

*2/17/44*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
UNIVERSITY PARK  
LOS ANGELES 7

February 24, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I sent you an airmail letter day before yesterday enclosing a check for \$50 with the request that you add the amount to the \$225 which I had sent you a couple of weeks ago for remittance to Miss Asher.

I hope that you are able to send away the \$225 (equivalent of \$9,000 Chinese currency) early, so that the money will arrive in Shaowu in time for my brother's ~~use~~ in the spring semester.

In case you have not sent the \$50 which I sent you day before yesterday, please do not bother about it. Just put it in an envelop and return it (the check for \$50) to me. I have just found that I can send directly to Foochow through the Bank of China, which permits the 40 to 1 rate for family remittances. So I can include the amount in a remittance I am going to send to Foochow.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Theodore Chen*

*Chen*  
-\$50 has not been received.  
\$225 will be sent in first week in March

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February 24, 1944

Dr. Theodore Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles 7, California

Dear Dr. Chen:

I wish to acknowledge your recent letter enclosing check for \$225.00 to be sent to Miss Asher with the understanding that you are writing to her and explaining the use of the fund. The rate now definitely is 40 to 1.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

CAB:EW.

C. A. EVANS

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March 3, 1944

Dr. Theodore H. E. Chen  
The University of Southern California  
University Park  
Los Angeles 7, Calif.

Dear Dr. Chen:

Your letter of February 24th requested us to return check for \$50.00 made out to Fukien Christian University. Same is enclosed herewith.

The entire amount of \$225.00 was remitted to Miss Asher as per your previous communication.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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