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Smith, Mrs. G. K.

110 West Leland St.
Chevy Chase, Md.
June 2, 1949

Deborah Davenport Wheeler, Chairman
Alumnae Committee for Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

As you may guess from two long distance phone calls and a special letter of inquiry, the Washington Smith Club, or at least an influential minority in it, has strongly questioned the advisability of sending money to Ginling this spring because of Communist domination. Despite this opposition, the club as a whole (after considerable study) voted last week to send Ginling \$350.00 as represented by the enclosed check.

Our club sends this contribution to you with the following definite requests:

1. That you deposite it immediately in the Hong Kong account for Ginling.
2. That if possible you procure for us an official statement and date of its receipt by Ginling.
3. That if our gift of \$350.00 cannot, for various reasons, reach Ginling within a month, you return this sum of money to the Smith College Club of Washington.

You may yourself have confidence in a longer span of time, but the feeling of our particular club is that a month's leeway is the most they wish to risk.

Please thank Dr. Fenn for his generous information and advice, and my thanks again to you personally for your helpful letters to Mrs. Colean and to myself.

Cordially yours,

Elizabeth Fleming Smith
(Mrs. George Kerry)

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Smith, Mrs. G. K.

110 West Leland St.
Chevy Chase, Md.
June 7, 1949

Deborah Davenport Wheeler
Alumnae Committee for Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

By now you have undoubtedly received my letter and check for \$350.00 from the Washington Smith Club.

I am so pleased that Elizabeth Stenhouse was able to contact you at Northampton last Sunday because I was hoping that she would bring back to us some personal word from Dr. Fenn as further assurance that one gift will reach Ginling soon without Communist interference.

Her report was valuable and I would like to share it with the executive committee which meets soon this month. Rather than pass on the information third hand, however, I would prefer presenting the facts as officially from you. So may I receive some of the items as they have come to me in order that you, in turn, may restate them in suitable form?

The Seattle Smith Club also pressed you for reassurance.

The Ginling N.Y. Office thereupon cablegrammed Ginling to learn if rumors were true or not that the college was closing and Dr. Wu had left.

A telegram from Miss Priest (treasurer of Ginling) came in answer to this cablegram to the effect that "all was continuing as usual and that reports were untrue."

Some students have left Ginling but some have also returned. Money is reaching Communist controlled China as evidenced by a receipted check for \$10,000 sent to a North China college recently - a college for several months under Communist control.

In your restatement of the above items and any other facts you feel are pertinent, would you, incidentally, mention whether the Seattle Club did or did not precede to make their gift to Ginling after hearing your reply?

I hate to burden you with any further replies, knowing you have been plied with requests from all sides and special pressures due to the crisis.

So just know that any answer a propos of the above will be sincerely appreciated.

Gratefull yours,

Betty Smith
(Mrs. G.K.)

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GLADYS SMITHWICK, M. D.
113 Hagerman Court
LEXINGTON 8, KENTUCKY

May 18, 1947

Mrs. Plummer Mills
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mrs. Mills;

I have a 14th Edition Encyclopedia
Britannica I'd like to donate to Chen Ling College
if it would be acceptable. Helena Koiner suggested
that I get in touch with you about the matter.
Please let me know whether or not ^{it} ~~they~~ might be
worth transportation and how to go about it.

Thanking-you, I am

Very truly yours,

Gladys Smithwick

*accept with thanks
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May 22, 1947

Dr. Gladys Smithwick
113 Hagerman Court
Lexington 8, Ky.

Dear Dr. Smithwick:

Thank you for your letter of May 18th, offering a 14th Edition Encyclopedia Britannica to Ginling College.

This happens to be one of the books that the College has put on a list to be ordered, so you see it will meet a real need. We are most grateful to you for this gift and shall be most happy to have you send it to this office. We will then include it in our next shipment to Ginling.

Thank you for your desire to help replenish Ginling's depleted library.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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June 11, 1947

Miss Gladys Smithwick
113 Hagerman Court
Lexington 8, Kentucky

Dear Miss Smithwick:

The Encyclopedia Britannica, which you so kindly contributed to the Ginling library, has just been delivered to us. We are most grateful to you for this contribution to the College and will see that it is sent out as promptly as possible.

As I have already told you, it was one of the sets of books that they ordered and wanted immediately, so you are meeting a very real need with your gift.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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