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July 3, 1945

Miss Ruth Benjamin Reed
465 Post Street
San Francisco 2, Calif.

Dear Miss Reed:

I am very sorry indeed not to have answered your letter of June 19th before I left San Francisco. I took a trip to Los Angeles and then the last few days of the Conference were very full.

I intended to write and tell you that the Miss Wu you had in mind must be Miss Grace Wu, the Principal of Rulison Girls School. She is a graduate of Ginling College and studied at the University of California for a couple of years. I myself never stayed in San Francisco, although I landed there twice and just passed through on my way to the east.

I am glad to tell you that Miss Grace Wu moved her school to Szechwan, and was granted a year's furlough during the year 1945. She was invited by the Methodist Board to come to America for a change and rest, and she went to India in the spring. However, from her friends in the Methodist Board, I have just heard that Miss Grace Wu is still waiting for a passage in India. There is a possibility that she may be able to get on a boat especially assigned to bring the civilians who have been waiting in India back to America. If her friend, Mrs. Moran, wants to get further news of her, she can easily write to Miss Helen Ferris in Los Angeles. I do not happen to know Miss Ferris's address. However, Mrs. Albert Quon, at 1051 South Gramercy Place, Los Angeles 6, Calif., knows it and will be glad to forward any letters.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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July 10, 1945

Mrs. Anita D. S. Blake
Ruicon Road, Near Arlington Avenue
Berkeley 8, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Blake:

As I told you, I was to get the formal receipt from the College office, and finally I am sending it to you enclosed. I wish to express my deep appreciation for your generous gift toward the College library budget. We have been making lists of the most urgently needed books in Chengtu, and here in the office these books are gradually being gotten together and will be sent to China at the first opportunity. Your gift is therefore contributing toward the rebuilding of the College library. On behalf of the College, I wish to extend to you our sincere thanks.

It has been a delightful experience for me to be at the Uncio Conference in San Francisco. I have learned a great deal from attending the sessions and meeting the important personalities from the world over. Furthermore, I enjoyed being in San Francisco and knowing the distinguished women in the Bay area. I remember with much pleasure meeting you and how you were among the very early coeducational students at the University of California.

If I should happen to have a real sabbatical leave in the not-distant future, I certainly hope that I can spend part of it on the West Coast. Anyway I do hope I shall have the opportunity of visiting with you again.

With best regards, and again many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Enclosure: Receipt

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Business address: Chinese Women's New Life Movement Association, Inc.
64 Mott Street, New York, N.Y.

July 10, 1945

Mrs. Louis F. S. Hong
2 Rutland Road
Great Neck, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Hong:

I was very glad to have seen your husband last Friday evening.

I have been wanting to reply to your letter on behalf of the New Life Association. I appreciate very much your kind invitation for me to speak to the members of the association, and I would like to have been able to do so. However, since I have been going through a series of medical examinations and tests, I have not accepted any invitations to speak except that one for the anniversary of July 7th. Now my doctor wants me to go into the hospital for further observation, and after that to have a few weeks of rest in the country.

It seems to me therefore that it will not be possible for me to meet with you right away. I shall keep your kind invitation in mind, and if I can arrange it, I certainly shall get in touch with you just before I start homeward. Most likely that will be early in August.

With best wishes to you and Mr. Hong,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

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July 10, 1945

Mrs. Tse Kiong Sun
c/o Chinese News Service
681 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Sun:

Ettie has sent the two pairs of stockings by mail to me. They are of such a beautiful, fine quality and they are just what I have been wanting to buy ever since I came to the States. You are most thoughtful and generous to give me two pairs when they are such rarities and when you got hold of them only after so much searching. I do wish to thank you very, very much for them.

I am very sorry I had to run away from San Francisco in such a hurry. Perhaps you have heard from Ettie that I had to come to New York by air on the morning of June 27th. I was therefore not able to say good-bye to any of my friends in San Francisco. You were so good to me right after I reached San Francisco. I will always remember your many kind courtesies. When you return to China, do please come to see me at the College; if there is anything I can do to help you in China, please do not hesitate to write to me.

Since I left in such a hurry, many things which I had planned to do were left undone. I asked Ettie to send you a little souvenir which was given to me by an American friend. I hope it reached you safely.

I am planning now to start on my homeward journey early in August and expect to get back to the College about September first.

With best regards to you and Mr. Sun,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

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TODAY

(July 19, 1945)

AMBASSADOR LORD HALIFAX
BRITISH EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

LETTER HAS GONE FROM GINLING OFFICE TO MR. BERKELEY GAGE INFORMING HIM
THAT AN OPERATION AND LONG NECESSARY RECUPERATION MAKE MY TRIP TO ENGLAND
IMPOSSIBLE. DOCTOR ORDERS COMPLETE REST. DEEPLY REGRET DISAPPOINTMENT TO
FRIENDS IN ENGLAND. PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT ALSO GREAT. TELEGRAM RECEIVED
BY BRITISH EMBASSY RELAYED TO ME THROUGH CHINESE EMBASSY. KINDLY EXPRESS
MY REGRETS TO BRITISH COUNCIL AND CHINA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
ALSO DEEPEST REGRETS TO FOREIGN MINISTER HONORABLE ANTHONY EDEN.

WU YI-FANG

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3281, 4 August

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Confidential
August 9, 1945

Subject: Miss Stella Graves, who is very ill and needs to be sent to the hospital in Chengtu. She is a member of our faculty and has been on furlough here during the past school year. Our college office in New York has been trying to secure passage for her, but has been told by the State Department that civilians cannot have the priority.

Reference is made to the cable from College, asking me to do my utmost in helping Miss Stella Graves to return to Chengtu. She is a member of our faculty and has been on furlough here during the past school year. Our college office in New York has been trying to secure passage for her, but has been told by the State Department that civilians cannot have the priority.

Very truly yours,

August 9, 1945

His Excellency
Ambassador Wei Tao-ming
Twin Oaks
3225 Woodley Road
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Wei:

Perhaps Mr. T. L. Tsui has told you that because of my recent operation I had to give up the plan of visiting England early in August on my way back to China.

Now, owing to the slow recovery after the operation, the doctor has definitely advised me to take several months' rest before taking the long trip homeward.

A cable has come from College, asking me to do my utmost in helping Miss Stella Graves to return to Chengtu. She is a member of our faculty and has been on furlough here during the past school year. Our college office in New York has been trying to secure passage for her, but has been told by the State Department that civilians cannot have the priority.

However, because of the following new factors, I take the liberty of writing for your help. I just heard that the boat S.S. Gripsholm will start back on August 24th. It seems to me that such a boat very likely will take civilian passengers. Another factor is that the recent cable from College mentioned the urgency of the return of Miss Stella Graves to replace a faculty member who is now ill in Chengtu. Could you kindly present a special request to the State Department to take Miss Graves' application for passage as a special case?

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His Excellency
Ambassador Wei Tao-ming

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August 9, 1945

I shall be very grateful to you for your kind efforts
in exerting your good influence in facilitating Miss Graves'
early return to Ginling College.

With kind regards to you and Madame Wei, and awaiting
your favorable reply, I am

Respectfully yours,

August 9, 1945

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Special Delivery

His Excellency
Ambassador Wei Tao-ming
Twin Oaks
2222
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. Wei:

Perhaps Mr. T. J. Hall has told you that because of
operational reasons I had to give up the idea of visiting England
early in August or in any way back to China.

Now, owing to the slow recovery after the operation,
the doctor has definitely advised me to take several months' rest
before leaving the hospital.

A cable has come from College, asking me to do my ut-
most in helping Miss Stella Graves to return to China. She is
a member of our faculty and has been on furlough here during the
past several years. Our college office in New York has been trying
to secure passage for her, but has been told by the State Depart-
ment that civilians cannot have the priority.

However, because of the following new factors, I take
the liberty of writing for your help. I just heard that the
boat S.S. "Wilmington" will start back on August 20th. It seems to
me that such a boat very likely will take civilian passengers.
Another factor is that the recent cable from College mentioned
the urgency of the return of Miss Stella Graves to replace a
faculty member who is now ill in China. Could you kindly
present a special request to the State Department to the Miss
Graves' application for passage as a special case?

August 10, 1945

Mrs. Huai-fen Li Nyi
1727 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley 4, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Nyi:

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your generous gift of two pints of liquid hepicolesum to the Ginling College faculty. It will help our faculty a great deal in restoring their health. I am always encouraged by such thoughtfulness on the part of our alumnae.

I regret very much that when I was in San Francisco I could not have had the pleasure of inviting you to join our alumnae party, nor had I the privilege of meeting you in Los Angeles.

Thank you for sending me the snapshot of your babies. They certainly look very happy and healthy. I hope the day will come soon when our babies in China will have the same privilege that yours have had.

Lately I have been confined to the hospital for about a month and am now on my feet again. Soon I shall be going to the country to convalesce.

Wishing that this finds you and your husband and your babies in the best of health, I am

Yours sincerely,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Dictated over the telephone
and signed for Dr. Wu

Via Air Mail

0009

August 17, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I hate to write to you about business when you are on vacation, but as I know that Mr. Corbett would want to get your word anyway, I am writing to you directly.

It is in regard to the big expense in connection with my operation. The bills from the hospital have been paid by your office, for which I wish to thank you and the College for having taken on such a heavy expense. On Monday I saw Dr. McCombs, assistant to Dr. Guion and who is taking charge of my case since Dr. Guion went on vacation. We talked about the bills for the operation and the fees for Dr. Guion's services. Dr. McCombs said they are going to send the bills to the College office, since the hospital bills were handled there.

I wish now to write and ask that the expenses from the surgeon and from Dr. Guion be paid by me personally. This is not merely Chinese modesty. It is something actually required by the College regulations. The hospital bills are already higher than they should be had I gone to the Presbyterian Hospital instead of the New York Hospital. Both the Mission Boards and the College in China require that the faculty go to mission hospitals or government hospitals. When I asked Dr. Forkner to recommend a doctor for me to see, I forgot this requirement and I just went to Dr. Guion for a thorough examination. Now since I have already incurred the heavy hospital bills, it is only fair that I myself should meet the bills from the surgeon for the operation and for Dr. Guion's services. I am therefore enclosing a check for \$300.00 for meeting such bills. I do not know at all what they come to, but I trust you will let me know the definite figures when the statements are sent to the College office.

Mr. C. A. Evans

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August 15, 1945

You will be glad to know that I have been improving gradually and I am gaining strength. I am going to the country tomorrow morning and I am sure that when I return by the end of September I'll be so well and strong that the doctor may find me ready to take the trip right away.

Again with deep appreciation for all you have done for me and with best wishes for a real vacation this summer,

Sincerely yours,

Signed by E. F.
Yi-fang Wu

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Enclosure: Check for \$300.00.

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Aug. 18, 1945

Dear Mrs. Forten,

It was so stupid of me not to have got Miss Fily T sien's address before I phoned you. And it happened that Mrs. New did not come back until a few minutes before I left at one. Since she had quite some business to attend to in closing up the apartment, she might not be able to telephone you, so I am sending you Miss T sien's address now.

Miss Fily T sien
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York City

It was a beautiful drive to come up here in a car yesterday. I was pretty tired - I got a headache. It is such a clear sunny day that I am enjoying the bright sun - & fresh air on the porch as I am writing to you.

With best wishes - & many thanks.
Sincerely
Ying Wu

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Friday 8/31/45
8 P.M. (17)

Dear Mrs. Foster,

This afternoon's
mail brought me
your note of yesterday
sending me copies
of Dr. Chester's letter
& Miss Hsien's
report. I call it a
real fast service.

I wish to send
you my sincere
thanks for forward-
ing all the letters
& sending me such

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Partly it becomes
Mrs. New was here
and not arranged
to have Mrs. Jones
and her staff to have
simple supper with
us, two at a time.
I am enjoying this
restful country
place and I am
gaining strength.
When I return to
New York I expect
to be a real well
person.

With best wishes
Sincerely
Effie

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material as per.
Mai's mimeographed
sheet of information.
And the letters you
typed for me were
received and sent
on after I signed
them. I do appreciate
very much your
thought for ~~help~~.

I can hardly
realize that I have
been here two full
weeks. The first
week went rather
slowly but the
second one was gone
before I knew it.

August 20, 1945

T/5 Helen T. Heath
A917969
17th Signal Service Co., WAC
South Post, Fort Myer, Va.

Dear Mrs. Heath:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 21st. I am sorry to have delayed answering it because of my illness.

Miss Li Chi is a graduate of Ginling College, and we were in correspondence with her until two years ago. However, her best friend, Miss Zung-nyi Loh, is now in West China, and she can be reached through our College and I am sure she will be more than glad to forward any letter to Li Chi for you. Miss Loh's forwarding address is as follows:

Miss Zung-nyi Loh
c/o Ginling College
Chengtu, Szechwan
China

I am much interested in hearing of your desire to go to teach in China. Ginling is a college for women and we have both American and English women on our faculty. I shall be very glad to hear from you as to your special line and what subjects you would like to teach.

I expect to stay in this country for several months more. Will you kindly send your letters to the College office and they will know how to forward them to me.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Signed in Dr. Wu's absence

0017

August 20, 1945

Mrs. Rossman Rockefeller
139 Fage Avenue
Syracuse 5, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Rockefeller:

I am sorry to have delayed answering your kind letter of July 23rd. It came while I was in the hospital.

I appreciate your invitation for me to take part in your series of coffee hours in October on the subject of "The Cross Uniting the World." However, since my doctor has advised me to take a few months' complete rest, I am not accepting any speaking engagements during my stay here.

Sincerely yours,

Vi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Signed in Dr. Wu's absence

0018

Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.
August 20, 1945

Mr. Stanley Smith
Ministry of Information
British Embassy
Chungking, China

Dear Mr. Smith:

I wish to thank you for your kind cable message, which reached me before the end of June.

You must have heard before this that I reluctantly had to cancel my trip to England. I was kept in the hospital for four weeks from July 11th to August 7th.

I am sorry indeed to have to disappoint my friends in England and to deprive myself of the privilege of paying a visit to England. However, I still hope that at some time in the future I may go to England and really spend a longer time there. If I had gone as planned with Mr. Berkeley Gage, I could have spent at most only two weeks there, which is really too short a time to be satisfactory.

My return to China has had to be postponed also, because of the necessity for a long period of recuperation. However, I trust that when I get back to Chungking, I shall be able to see you there.

With kind regards and deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

YFW:cf
Signed in Dr. Wu's absence

Yi-fang Wu

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August 20, 1945

Dr. Willys R. Peck
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Peck:

At last the V-J Day is here, yet in some respects it has come earlier than I expected and I am not quite prepared. I have to follow the doctor's advice to take a few months' rest after my operation here in America, and now here the war has ended and I wish I were already on my way home to Chengtu.

Now that the war in the Pacific has ended, I wonder if you are going to make any changes in your program of inviting Chinese professors to come for a year of rest and refreshment. If not, is there any possibility for you to include Ginling on your list of institutions from which people will be invited for your next group? As I wrote to you last January, I do hope that you can give consideration to including at least one woman among all the professors you have invited, and the only chance of doing that is to include a college for women.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Peck,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

0021

Gould Farm (17)
Great Barrington
Mass
Aug. 31, 1945

Dear Mrs. Mills,

To-day is the time you
had planned to be returning to N. F. I do
hope you & your girls had a real
restful & happy vacation up there
in a new place. What a pity the
weather man seems to give N. F.
hot humid days again, & it
isn't so pleasant to come back to.
I hope a change may come soon
& the real hot weather will
be over when you start working.

You will be glad to hear that
I have been improving & enjoy-
ing this restful country place.
Mrs. Gould & every body else have
been very good to me. They took
very care of me & I get along
now un-disturbed in this cottage.
Mrs. New came last Sat. & will
start for Vermont this P.M. & will
return when he has his 4-day vaca-
tion after the summer session. She
expects to return here after she has
attended part of the C.S.C.A. summer
conference.

I have been very busy & have
not written any letters, except a few
necessary ones. I have found that
I can not write after any meal
if it is only a glass of milk or 10 or 4 -
as it affects my digestive function.
So I have good reason now for con-
tinuing to be "the worst case for
in the world".

One item of business I wrote to
Mr. Evans about is Miss Whitman's

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inquiry about return to Kowloon.
After she returned to America in
1942, the Ex. Com. of the Bd. of Directors
in Chicago took action to extend to
her invitation to return to Kowloon
after the war. So, it seems that
she should be prepared to sail as
soon as civilians may secure
passage across the Pacific. Dr.
Corbett will tell you how he an-
swered for Mr. Evans, that Miss
Whitner better go to Montreal for
one term. Yesterday I got a letter
from her - & she is going back for
the fall term.

I am enclosing her letter
here, for one point she mentioned
may be of interest to the China
Colleges. I realize it is something
difficult to get at, yet if the fac-
ulty or faculty or other mission-
aries who have connection with
universities, may hear of the govern-
ment projects which are being
discontinued.

I was so relieved by the an-
nouncement of the Sino-Russian
Treaty. Frankly I had been very
anxious over the threat of civil
war, and I could not see a way
out for poor China. Now altho the
difficult Communist problem can
not be solved once for all, at least
we'll have a unified country with
the Central Government recognized by
the Communists. Then my thoughts
could not help flying to Chicago
& Kowloon with the heavy pro-
blems facing our College & other
refugee institutions. It is bad
enough for Ruth & Helen & Mary & any

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on them ^{at} Chicago which my heart^{ly}
absence is longed for. But with
the additional problems, after
the summer, I could not help
wishing I were there with them.
This leads me to ask you please
let me ^{have} information you receive
from China, & decisions you make
here at the Office. I know I can't
be of any help, yet I'd feel much
better if I knew what is happening.
I was very happy to get the mimeo-
graphed sheet last evening which
Mrs. Foster sent me - & I want
to thank her for it.

This reminds me of a letter
which she kindly took the dic-
tation & wrote out for me. It was
a long letter I sent to Ruth.
Will you please glance over the
carbon copy? (By the way the
scholarships at Nink. are meant
for 1946-7, & I made a mistake
in calling it 1947-8).

One item I wish you to talk
over with Mr. Evans is in regard
to asking for reparations. I did
not know what the Mission
Boards & the A.B. policy is on
this important point. I raised
it in my letter, because I
knew how the reparations institu-
tions would ask for it - & how
the Ministry & the Government
would surely back our applica-
tion because they had asked
different institutions to
fill blanks on war damage.
With regard to our College.

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Blacks, they were occupied ~~by~~ ^{by} military headquarters
used ~~the~~ ^{by} military headquarters
ever since the summer of 1942.
I am sure there are other college
campuses occupied & used by
the enemy. So, if the A.B. has
definite actions taken whether
to apply for reparation or not
will you please write to
Ritch, and please let me
know. Mrs. Thurston was the
one who handed to the Am.
consulate the estimate of
the value of our property in
Nankai. Perhaps there is
information in the Office
on this point.

Miss Cole has told me
that Mrs. Peal wrote her
and wished ^{her} to go to N.Y. on Sept.
14 when Mrs. Peal will be
there for a meeting. If there
are meetings which you
think I better attend, will
you please let me know.
Now, I still expect to spend
most of Sept, if not all, here
on the farm.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Opfang

(1)
Saturday morning
1945

Dear Mrs. Niles,

There is one item of business which I wish to consult you & Mr. Evans. It is in regard to the terms of engaging an American-born Chinese. Mrs. New has made inquiries of possible candidates for the position of English secretary, & now the sister writes for more information. Of course Mrs. New did not know anything & so gave no information on such things as salary, term of service, passage, etc.

I have not answered this letter because in giving we have not yet decided on any definite principle regarding Chinese whose homes are in America & Hawaii. Alice Chang, I invited from China entirely on the terms of Chinese faculty without passage nor definite furlough provisions. This was secured through Mrs. Macmillan with a definite understanding of a furlough after 3 years. This the College was not able to carry out, & Etie was good enough to take it as done & was conditions.

I have thought over the whole situation & I would like to get your advice & Mr. Evans' advice on the following suggestion, since it will take too long to consult the Board &c.

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Com. in Charge. It seems to me we
 not should consider these Chinese
 with Am. citizenship as halfway
 between the Chinese faculty & the
 Missionary Staff. I would
 suggest that the salary be entirely
 according to the salary scale
 for the Chinese staff, because
 they are to work & live together
 with us purely Chinese. But
 since their homes are in Am-
 erica or Hawaii, it seems only
 fair to provide for full length.
 The point I am not sure is whether
 to follow the same terms as those
 for western faculty, or the terms
 have to be modified. For instance,
 the first term of Am. faculty, appointed
 by the Founders, is 3 years, & there
 is full salary during the full length
 if she is going back to the College.
 After that, the terms are 5 years. If
 the Am. born Chinese should have
 all these privileges, then they are
 far better than the provisions for
 Sabbatical leaves for the Chinese
 faculty. Not only such leaves are
 for those in the professorial rank
 & after terms of 6 years, but also
 with the condition that College
 finances can arrange it. In other
 words, the leaves are not definite,
 and the college can refuse them if
 there is no fund to finance them.
 From this you will see that the
 Am-Chinese may seem too much

favored if she follows the rules
 for foreign faculty. I wonder if
 we may not extend the first
 term to 5 years - and other terms to
 6. And in case there is the need
 of taking a furlough after 3 yrs.
 we may offer only $3/5$ of the furlough
 salary + $1/2$ of the travel expenses
 that is, only one way.

If we wish to be really fair,
 we should consider each case
 on its own merits, but the human
 nature likes to compare, and it is
 simpler to have general regula-
 tions - and then make special
 conditions take up exceptional
 cases.

I should greatly appreciate it
 if you will please give me an answer
 of your early convenience. This
 letter came in August - and I had
 to delay answering it for too long.
 I meant to take it up in my
 last letter but am very sorry I
 forgot about it.

I presume you must find
 your ^{full} board after you return
 to office. The big - and sudden
 charges during your vacation
 must have brought an un-
 usual amount of work. I am
 waiting to hear from you about
 news from China - and any work
 for me to help from this end.

It reminds me that I wish
 to ask you if you will please
 make a reservation of a room

for the meeting Oct. (4.7) 1945
for me, in some boxes as ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~best~~
growing in the Prunus Pauli
area. I did not mention Pauli-
side, because about as always
so many meetings - I have been
taking place about 3 weeks
like to be near the office so
that it will be easier for me
to keep in close touch with you
and for me to come over and work
for a little while. I need to
take time to do several work
- I attend to my nose. Before
I left my ^{the} McComb ~~made up~~
see a nose specialist. He found
my sinuses badly infected
and washed out much pus.
He definitely wanted me to
go back to have some polyps
removed. I used to go to Dr.
Dewar whenever I was in Shang-
hai, so I was not surprised that
it needed a thorough cleaning out.
But this, I think, is definitely a
real, minor operation.

There are wonderful bright
days - I am getting sunned
abundantly. I expect Mrs. Kent to
be back early next week. I
have not quite decided whether
to come back with Mrs. Kent on
Sept. 22 or to stay here till Sept.
29. I showed them two weeks from
today, I stay with Mrs. Kent and have
the nose operation then.
With best wishes. Sincerely,
L. J. H. H.

Sept. 12, 1945

Dear Mrs. Mills,

I must write you now what I said in regard to Yang Jing-jing, so that we two can keep in close touch with each other in advising her.

When she wrote me, she told me how her funds were getting low after the long wait in China ^{and} she showed plan carefully for the 2 yrs. She wrote to Mich. Smith, Cornell & asked about scholarships. Mich. said definitely that Barbour scholarships are not for married people and Smith's reply "did not say definitely 'yes', but still hopeful." Somehow she forgot to mention the possibility of a teaching fellowship, & I took the Smith word as a courteous reply. Since her college transcript in Mich. & she will have to ask for it, before she could apply at any institution, I did not write any recommendation letter then. I advised to go to Mich. for 45-6 & try to get an M.A. with a summer session. Then she could make more definite inquiry as to the best place for applied Chemistry in her own line and apply early for scholarship there for 1946-7. However, I added right away that I would be ready to write the recommendation letter if she is definitely not to go Mich. & has got the transcript from there.

Djeng Shui-gi's letter told more about the check. You remember the first \$100 which we decided to call "student aid fund" now this is the other \$100 of the same original gift which Hung Da-ling had thought of sending to the Music Academy first & now changed her mind. So, it is now coming again to Fuling, will you please again call it for student aid? You can mention in your letter to Chen that I wish to have this unexpected gift for medical, nutritional & other needs from the students. Djeng Shui-gi asked that you kindly write a letter of appreciation, telling how the money is to be spent. However she gave only the name as Mr. Heiboly & that it could be sent in care of her. Since I am not sure if I got the name correctly, I am enclosing that part of her letter.

In regard to her study, she said she almost decided to go to Cornell & would write to Michigan about not going. Well, these girls have too many friends & relatives to pull them here & there, so our way of normal, regular procedure does not suit them.

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It was only during last week that I began to do more. I went to town last Wed on the Town truck (9 miles away) and did some shopping. Sat. a lady here took Mrs. Jones and myself to West Stockbridge to visit a friend's bees and to see the collection of minerals. My short walks have been gradually longer, and I try to get in ^{the} sun as much as I can. But you can ^{not} expect to see me tanned! Edema (spelling may be wrong, I mean swelling) is still there by evening, ~~only~~ but much better as weather is cooler. The "internal upsets" I told you, do not bother me now, but I am very careful about what I eat at supper. My ear occasionally rings. I think this will be my report to Dr. Irvine if she calls me up. One thing I am glad is that the cable did not keep me from sleep last evening. Perhaps I was a little physically tired, so I went to sleep soon after I got to bed. Mrs. Carr drove to Pittsfield to meet Mrs. New, Edwin New and one other guest and invited me and Miss Chien for the ride.

Lunch is ready, I better stop.

Sincerely
L. J. Ford W.

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Monday morning
9/17/45

The letter from the Embassy is the reply from Dr. Wei regarding Steben's ~~passport~~. The cable in Chinese is the ^{invitation} from the Minister Chen Si-hua for me to attend the Educational Conference. I have sent a reply cable in Chinese through the Embassy.

I have written to Steben but I could not find the Shanghai Evening Post, so I merely told her that I read from there how civilians may start applying for passports to China, and that Dr. Faircliff announced that there would be 100 missionaries going soon. I added of course that I don't know if she could get in the first batch & the 50 non-medical missionaries, but it is much better for her, I have ^{her} visit with the Cousin soon & then come east & wait here to take the first possible chance to go back & relieve Catherine.

If you get any news from Dr. Bates about conditions of our business with you please let me know. I am to get a cable ready to be sent to Hwang Si-ming when civilians are allowed to send

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messages to Shanghai & Hankow.
The West Union girl in Great Bar-
rington asked me the other day
if I knew cables could be sent
to liberated cities in China.
It shows other people had asked
her about it.

I am having a fine time
these days that Mrs. New is
here. By the way Mrs. New told
you on the phone that I expect to
be back on Sept. 29th. However
as for boat reservation, I still
wish to start as I wrote in
my last letter to start from
Oct 1st. I'd go with Mrs. New
over the week-end. I am writing
Dr. Guine & ask for an appoint-
ment.

With best wishes

Sincerely

W. F. F. J.

Mrs. New wishes to send you her love.

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Friday Nov
9/21/45

Dear Mrs. Miles,

Edwin has spent a few days holiday here & is leaving after lunch for N.Y. I wish to send you a few lines.

Yesterday I sent the following cable from Reford Barrington:

"Regret doctor advised against attending conference November recommend secure Kao Kyung-san from Shanghai. Deep appreciation best regards."

Miss Kao was a professor of Education in Central University, was a member of our Board of Directors for a few years. I wish I could recommend young Hsiao - I can't when I am not at the College, she just can not leave. Well, evidently I chose a wrong time for the operation, otherwise I could push for her from Chongtun!

It is impossible for you or me to accept Miss Graves' invitation. I have sent a night message, & will write her & repeat what Mrs. Evans wrote her. She must hurry up ~~to~~ if she wants to relieve her good friend Catherine. The Shanghai Evening Post reports certain missionaries are getting ready for returning,

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So I am to cut that out & it
to be. If you can write from
the office a letter to her when
she must be here in the
east to be ready. She may
wake up & go to Calif. first.
Then, if her doctor wants her
to build up, will it be better
to have her near the doctor
to be checked

Excuse this hurried
note, please.

The enclosed is a very
important letter to Eddie
Chin, will you please send
it to Worcester for me? Thanks

Hastily
Jeffery W.

In regard to T. Y. Hong, you better
send a non-committal letter that
when I come back to N.Y. there
may be chance to see him.

If Edwin has definitely promised
I don't need to see anyone else.
But I am willing to Edwin time
to consider.

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Sept. 21, 1945

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Dear Mrs. Mills,

Thank you very much for your long letter with all sorts of news. Mine were merely notes to inform you of the little I did from up here.

Very glad that Stella has finally left Mackinac Island. As I told you I was to write in support of Mr. Evans' letter and to get her to visit her cousin. When I received her wire inviting you and me to go out, I was afraid she not only could not pass by the meadow in which Mackinac is situated (Mr. Evans' words) but seemed to be settled down there, so I wished to give her news from another angle that other missionaries were getting back. In regard to the 50 non-medical missionaries, I told her I hardly think she could get in. Now since Mr. Evans thinks it is too early to tell whether she may sail from the west a Wf. will you please write her to wait in Calif for instruction from Mr. Evans. I am afraid I suggested for her to come to Wf. after the visit, for I only thought her doctor was in the east and should give her another check-up before she sails. The health question is foremost in my mind these days, I suppose.

The two girls - Djan & Yang - are taking much of your time, I am afraid. I am really sorry for them, for this unsettled condition is hard on any body. I guess the difficulty is that they do not know the conditions enough to follow our advice and these are always many friends & relatives giving all sorts of

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suggestions. I am glad that Alice & Alice are able to give them some help. Alice has been (may be both of them) to Chiang Shun-ji's home & so knows her very well. The only thing we can do now is to give the copy of Chiang's transcript & Ruth's recommendation, if Chiang's decision is supported by Alice. Yang Fung-ying's brother has been in the States several years, so I feel ^{less concerned} about her.

One more Finley graduate has arrived, Chen Fan-ying. I remember I mentioned her either in my report or in my letter to you. She stayed in Washington with the group only a few days & went on to Wisconsin. Dm. Yu-bao has written to me from Washington, enclosed I am sending you her letter & the address of a few others. After I get back I'll work with Mrs. Foster in going over the lists of alumni in America. Mrs. Li in Vancouver has written me & wished to send college news & is giving \$10,000 (Chinese money) for our 30th anniversary. Altho it may mean little in American money, it is an expression of fine loyalty without the college's asking. Her letter & Chen Fan-ying are in Chinese, so I can't send them for your file.

Thank you very much for having reserved a room for us at Peakside. I understand how we should not be "choosy" & I am glad to be assured of a place to go. & Peakside is such a

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friendly establishment. In regard to the possibility of too many friends & acquaintances, I can't feel until I get there & try for a while. However, I don't think to register with an assumed name is the solution, but of course I know you referred to it jokingly.

Mrs. New is leaving to-morrow and Miss Chien & I will return on Sept. 29. Yesterday Mrs. McKee took us for a beautiful drive in the neighborhood, & some times have begun to have a little ^{autumn} color. Some days ago I was taken with Mrs. Gould & a family in West Stockbridge & saw a wonderful collection of minerals. The storm was rather bad for a couple of days here, but our cottage has a steam heat, so we were very comfortable.

By the way Dr. Quinn's reply has come & gave me an appointment to see her on Oct. 4, 3:30 P.M. I wish to have her give me not only a check-up but also advise whether to have the nose doctored, & I tell you that Dr. McComb referred me to a nose specialist (Dr. Belcher) who advised the removing of polyps & the testing of allergy. Dr. Belcher wanted to do the latter but the war came & I forgot about it.

With best wishes & looking forward to seeing you soon

Mrs. New wishes
to send you her love.

Sincerely yours
Gifford W.

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Miss Gao went with a group of 4 Chinese women invited by the British Council to see the war time activities & social welfare work by women in Britain. She was representing the Y.W.C.A. for she is on the Kaituma staff & was acting for Tsai Kwei when she was there in 1944.

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Dear Mrs. Mills,

Sat. morning
9/22/48

A couple of days ago I received the enclosed abominable write-up about me, & I was asked to look over & correct errors. I did not know what to do, for it is not a matter of some factual mistakes, but the whole thing I wish to scrap off & yet I have not the power to get them to do it. One thing I am sure, that is, I do not want to have anything to do with it, & certainly not to give them a chance to say I agreed it. Hence, I am sending it to you, & it will be very happy to able you & Mrs. New to do what you ~~can~~ can with it. Or, if the magazine is of such a type that it is not worth your & her time to improve ^{it}, then throw it into the waste basket & send no reply.

Yesterday afternoon I got another cable through Mildred Price's Office:

"Cable received representatives attending conference now to already announced Dr. Huhsi also giving your presence highly valued sincerely requested please don't disappoint all consent awaited best regards

Chia Chia-lua
Han Shi-wen "

Evidently they took my reply on health reason merely as a sub-clit gesture, & I have to reply again. My first reaction was just to send another reply for them to consider other women. Did I tell you that in my Chinese cable I mentioned 4 names, including P'ing Hsiang-lan for the Minister's consideration, but it could not have reached them, when

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This joint cable was sent. SEP 22 1945
I included Daisy
Hsiang-lan to show that she is qualified as
the other three to serve as a delegate.

Since this cable used "sincerely requested"
I thought I showed at least just some con-
sideration to be fair to them. I am asking
Mrs. Ward to see you & find out how
definite Dr. Jenson's answer was. If she
was very definite, then we don't need
to bother her. If you think she might
like to know my present condition, then
either you or Mrs. Ward may phone her
again. If she should think I may con-
sider going, then step as I told you before I
would like to get the advice from you
& the staff whether from the viewpoint
of Christian Education, it is advisable
for some one to be among the delegates.
(Perhaps the Chinese wants Secretary or Dr.
Hu has the complete list of the 10 names,
if some man from the Christian U. is
on the list, then there is no need to con-
sider my case.)

Then the final decision is to be made by
the Faculty St. Com. in Chongqing.

Frankly, my own wish is to stay
here & do the little I can for giving from
America & start home work in Nov. to be
back by Dec. 1st. However, if the College has
decided not to move till next summer &
everything is to be held "fluid" (Van Dusen's
expression) then I may just as well go to
London & learn something in the mean-
while. In fact this Edn. Conference has
more meaning for us in Christian Edn.
than the Sam. H. Conference. I wish most
to have a long distance telephone talk with
Ruth!
most sincerely Lillian W.

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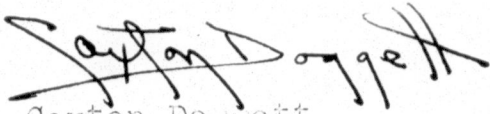
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If you find it possible to fulfill these requests, I feel sure that it will be worth the trouble and time it would cost you, and if you have any suggestions as to how I might promote the "Fellow College" plan and make it work, I will welcome them.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Caxton Doyllett
Secretary of Student Work

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October 2, 1945

Dr. Connie M. Guion
147 East 50th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Guion:

It was so good of you to have taken time to write to me at Great Barrington. I am back now here in the city and I am looking forward to coming to see you on Thursday, October 4th. Permit me to express to you again my deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your most thoughtful care of me.

You will be glad to hear that my friends in the city all think I am looking well.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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October 5, 1945

Mrs. An-tsen Liu
1345 Geddes Avenue
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Liu:

From a friend of mine I have just secured your address. I wish to write to you to ask whether the Barbour scholars have given any consideration to doing something in memory of Mrs. Rufus.

When I first heard of her death, I was in San Francisco. I immediately sent a telegram to Dr. Rufus. I have been thinking that because of the real interest Mrs. Rufus personally took in the Barbour scholars through all these years, we should have some expression to show our appreciation. However, the difficulty, of course, is that the former Barbour scholars are so widely scattered. Even if we think of those from China alone, it will be some job trying to reach them all. I do not know how many Chinese Barbour scholars there are in Ann Arbor at present. I am therefore writing to you, very informally, to find out whether any thought has been given to such a possibility and what you would think about something which the Chinese scholars might plan to do.

Perhaps you have heard that my return to China was delayed because of an operation. Now I am making plans to return either in November or December. There are quite a few of the early Barbour scholars in Chungking. I shall be able to get in touch with them after I get back. I would like very much to have the opportunity of visiting Ann Arbor, but at present I doubt that there will be time for me to do so.

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October 5, 1945

I wonder what you and your husband are planning in regard to your return to China. I heard that quite a few Chinese students are going back, but they are practically all connected with the Government and so are able to secure priority in getting boat passage. It certainly is splendid that the final victory came in this way and that China was spared the struggle of ousting the enemy city by city. I am sure you are also anxious, as I am, to be back and see your friends and relatives.

With best wishes to you and all of your family,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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October 5, 1945

Mr. T. L. Tsui
Chinese Embassy
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tsui:

I wish to thank you for your letter of September 28th and for your effort in getting information about the traveling fund for my cousin. I am looking forward to receiving Dr. Liu's reply.

Is it through your office that we, the delegates to the San Francisco Conference, will get our return passages? If it is not, could you please refer the matter to the proper person in charge of this? I wish to ask particularly about the possibility of air passage across the Pacific to Shanghai. If I continue to improve at the present rate, I hope to start on the homeward journey early in November. Naturally I would like to go to Shanghai so that I could stop and see our permanent campus in Nanking before I proceed to Chengtu. As you probably have heard, all the refugee colleges and universities are continuing in their present localities for the full term of 1945-46. I would greatly appreciate it if I could have some definite information regarding how I can plan for my return trip.

I would also wish to know how much time I must allow for completing the process of application for the passage. I am sure you understand how very eager I am to get back to my College, particularly since our College will celebrate the 30th Anniversary on November 25th.

I shall be very grateful to you for any help you are able to give me in arranging for the return trip.

Sincerely yours,

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Yi-fang Wu

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October 5, 1945

Miss Katharine Fellows
706 Haven Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Katharine:

I do wish to thank you for your good letter of September 28th, giving me just the address I wanted. I was with Mr. and Mrs. Liu when I was in Ann Arbor in 1943. His sister and aunt were graduates of Ginling. I have just written to her in regard to the project I had in mind, so you do not need to look for other names.

I am glad to tell you that when my doctor gave me a check-up yesterday, she found me in very good condition and so there is the possibility that I may be starting homeward sometime in November. It is too early yet to tell which route I shall follow. I shall certainly let Grace know if I should find it possible to go to Ann Arbor for a visit. I would hate very much to go home this time without seeing Ann Arbor and many of my old friends.

I am usually a very poor correspondent, so I haven't written to Dr. Rufus. If you see him, please give him my best regards and I will surely write to him before I leave America.

With best wishes and many thanks again,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.
October 9, 1945

Dear Family:

V-J Day came suddenly! It certainly is ironic that after all of our waiting for it, we were not ready for it when it did come. As Dr. Van Dusen said the other day, "We were all caught unprepared, from nations to individuals." I have been so anxious to be back in Chengtu, and even more to be in Nanking. In fact, I have dreamed several times of traveling on the Yangtze River boat.

I am very glad to tell you that Dr. Guion, after examining me last Thursday, did not insist that I must not travel before December 1st. She was satisfied with my improvement and said that after another check-up in three weeks' time, she may approve my starting on the homeward journey in November. Personally, I hope very much to be able to fly across the Pacific to Shanghai, so that I can stop in Nanking before returning to Chengtu. If at all possible, I shall manage to get back to College before November 25th. When the final decision is made before the end of October, I certainly shall cable to Dr. Chester.

I was greatly relieved when I learned that the Ministry of Education definitely advised the refugee universities not to move back until next summer. It would be very difficult to try to go down river before the general conditions have been settled, and furthermore, before our buildings have been repaired.

I cannot express in words my sense of appreciation and gratitude to you all for your difficult task in carrying on the College this fall. All of the refugees from occupied areas would naturally wish to get back to see their families. Then there were a few weeks when the Communist question was not settled, so it must have been a great strain on all of you, both personally and for the College. I hope that now, after the school year has started, the work is running along smoothly. I don't need to tell you how I would have liked to have been with all of you through this big experience. As it is, I can be with you only in my thoughts and prayers. Do permit me to express again my sincere appreciation.

I have been waiting eagerly for some report from Searle Bates in regard to our buildings. I hope that when the Japanese left, they did not do further damage to the buildings which they had used for over three years. I have had conversations with Mr. Evans and Mrs. Mills about the most important question of the repairing and reequipping of the College. As Mr. Evans said, he wished that there was \$3,000,000 in the Associated Boards' treasury, but because V-J Day came earlier than expected, the Associated Boards' rehabilitation campaign had not started. In fact, the Methodist Board is the only Mission Board which has completed its postwar rehabilitation campaign. Before I leave New York, I hope that some definite plans can be worked out in regard to the necessary rehabilitation for the refugee colleges.

I was very happy to see Miss Mary Lamberton and to hear more about the College work up to the time she left Chengtu. She looked very well and her sister was pleased to see her in such fine condition. I also had long conversations with Grace Au, Yang Ging-chung, Dju Yu-bao, and Mrs. T. F. Tsiang. Alice Chang is at Columbia doing graduate work in the English Department. She had hoped to get into journalism, but they had an age limit and she is just beyond it. However, Alice is taking some of the courses in journalism. Miss Stella Graves is the only one I failed to see. When I returned to the east from San Francisco, she had completed her work here and had gone to the middle west. She had her tonsils removed there and later went to the Oxford Group meetings at Mackinac Island. She is now visiting her niece in California.

This time I have been to the least number of places. From San Francisco I came straight to New York, and then very soon after, went to the hospital, and then later to the country for the long period of recuperation. I am now back in New York, doing some further "repairing" and doing a little work at the same time. I expect to have an operation on

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my nose on Thursday, and it will require two or three days' stay in the hospital. I hope I shall be able to visit at least Smith, but I doubt if I can stop in Chicago or Ann Arbor this time.

I do not know if Ettie has written you about my twelve-hour visit with Lily Ho Quon in Los Angeles. She has brought much credit to the Chinese through her public-spirited service for the community. She was elected "Mother of California" last May. The University of Southern California granted honorary degrees to several delegates at the Conference, and they were good enough to include me among the group. Dr. Wellington Koo was invited, too, but he had to decline because he was unable to leave the conference.

Mrs. New is again taking some courses at Columbia. It was very fortunate for her to have secured a suite in Whittier Hall. The question of living accommodations is most difficult in New York. A year ago it was because of having no place to live that she did not continue her studies in New York. Peter has gone to college at Dartmouth, so Mrs. New wishes to be near him during his freshman year, and she hopes very much that she will be starting homeward by next summer. I have spent the past weekend with her, and I certainly admire her for having gotten adjusted to the noisy Amsterdam Avenue. I found it quite trying for me after my long stay in the quiet country. I am glad that Mrs. P. C. Chang, a Laura Heygood schoolmate, has invited me to stay in her apartment which is on a much more quiet street. I can assure you that I will do my best in building up strength before I take the journey because I do not want to be laid up again after my return.

With very best wishes to each and all of you,

Most sincerely yours,

YFW:ef

Yi-fang Wu

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October 17, 1945

Mr. T. L. Tsui
Chinese Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tsui:

I wish to thank you for your prompt reply to my last letter. I am very glad to know that you think there will not be any difficulty in securing air passage for my return trip to China. Since you said that the most important item is the date on or after which I wish to get the passage, I am not returning the application form just yet. I want to put down the date after I have made my definite plans, so that there will be no change. I hope to be able to send you the application sometime next week.

Today I am afraid I must trouble you once more in regard to my cousin, Mr. Hsun Shan Chen. Indirectly, I have received a letter from him, asking that his travel expenses be sent to him at once. He is now studying geology in the University of Prague, Czechoslovakia. However, he did not give his own address in this letter and merely asked to have the money remitted to the following address:

Dr. Ing. Hsun Shan Chen
c/o Schweizer Kreditanstalt
Zürich, Switzerland

He also added that he expects to be in Prague until the end of October. Since I do not know how reliable a method this is for sending money to my cousin, I rather hesitate to send the money myself from New York. In fact, after I made inquiries at the Chase National Bank, I was told that they are not able to send the money through Zurich, although they can send maintenance funds straight to Prague.

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October 17, 1945

Under such circumstances, I have thought of asking for your kind help again. If you could kindly arrange for the sending of the money to the Chinese Embassy in Bern and then ask them to forward it to the Schweizer Kreditanstalt, I shall be most grateful to you. It seems to me that this is the only way of getting the money to my cousin before he leaves Prague.

Enclosed I am sending my letter to my cousin and a letter to the Embassy at Bern. Since I do not know to which member of the Embassy staff you will be writing, I cannot put a name on it.

Since I do not know if you have received a reply from Dr. Liu Chieh in regard to my cousin's own fund in his hand, I am sending you, enclosed herewith, a check for \$600.00. I wish to have this money sent to my cousin as soon as possible, and so I am advancing this amount from my own money. As soon as you have located my cousin's fund, will you please send this amount to me.

Permit me to express to you again my gratitude for your help in sending the money to my cousin. He is the youngest son of my aunt, who has asked me to help him get back to China as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Enclosures: Letter to Mr. Hsueh Shan Chen.
Letter to Chinese Embassy, Bern.
Check for \$600.00.

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October 17, 1945

The Chinese Embassy
Bern
Switzerland

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask for your kind help in sending the equivalent of U.S.\$600.00 to my cousin, Mr. Hsun Shan Chen. He has asked to have the money sent to him through the following address:

Dr. Ing
c/o Schweizer Kreditanstalt
Zürich, Switzerland

Since I do not know Dr. Ing myself, I rather hesitate to remit the fund directly to him.

Could I trouble you to get in touch with Dr. Ing and find out if he knows my cousin's address and if he is willing to be responsible for getting this fund to my cousin's hand? My cousin has been kept in Germany all these years through the war and is very anxious to return to China.

I shall be very grateful to you for anything you can do to help this transaction in order to facilitate his return.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

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October 17, 1945

Mr. Hsun Shan Chen
c/o Dr. Ing
Schweizer Kreditanstalt
Zürich, Switzerland

Dear Tsen-di-di:

I am so happy to receive a letter from our cousin, Yi-nun, saying that you are now studying geology in the University of Prague. He mentioned that you wished to have your travel fund remitted through Dr. Ing, Hsun Shan Chen, c/o Schweizer Kreditanstalt, Zürich, Switzerland. Since the address isn't very clear, and since Yi-nun put Dr. Ing's name as well as yours together, I do not understand what is the really correct way of remitting the money. Furthermore, the bank told me it will take much time for any private citizen to send money from America to any country in Europe.

I am therefore asking the Chinese Embassy in Washington to attend to the sending of U.S.\$600.00 to the Chinese Embassy in Bern, Switzerland. I have asked Bern to get in touch with Dr. Ing first, in order to make sure that he is the responsible person to handle this money for you.

I am going to mail a copy of this letter directly to you, by air mail. In case it reaches you promptly, will you please write to Dr. Ing, c/o Schweizer Kreditanstalt, Zürich, Switzerland. Please tell him then that the Chinese Embassy in Bern will get in touch with him in regard to your travel fund, equivalent to U.S.\$600. Particularly if you should be leaving Prague before the money can reach Switzerland, you can then let Dr. Ing know your correct address. Or if you wish to deal directly with the Chinese Embassy in Bern, you can write to them and explain that I am sending this money through the Chinese Embassy in Washington to the Embassy in Bern for you.

I am sure you are anxious to hear about conditions in Shanghai. The latest I had was through Mr. and Mrs. Hsu Sze-hao, the third brother of Mrs. W. S. New. When they left Shanghai in 1944, Father and Mother were in good health, and all the relatives in Shanghai had managed to get along through the war years. By the spring of 1944, they were looking forward to the final victory, so they were patiently bearing their hardships.

I came to the States last April to attend the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. After that, I came to New York and now I hope to start homeward in December. When you write back, please address your letter in care of Ginling College Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y. In case I should not be here when your letter comes, Mrs. W. S. New will surely attend to your letters. She is again studying at Columbia University here in New York, and she knows all about this transaction of your travel money.

I am sorry to be unable to give you any advice as to which is the easier way to return to Shanghai, whether to go by way of England and Africa, or for you to come here to America and sail across the Pacific to Shanghai. Quite a number of the Chinese in the States have sailed, or will sail soon, to the coastal ports of Tsientsin and Shanghai, but I understand it has been rather difficult to secure these passages. Most people think that later on there should be more space available for civilian travelers.

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Mr. Hsun Shan Chen

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October 17, 1945

I don't need to add that Father and Mother both are anxious to have you return, so please try your best to get back as soon as you can. I would also advise you to send letters home first about your plans for return, or if it does not cost too much money, you may also send a cable reporting your safety.

With best wishes for your health and for your successful return,

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November 2, 1945

Bishop W. Y. Chen
National Christian Council
10 Dai Chia Hang
Chungking, China

Dear Bishop Chen:

Last week I had a conference with Dr. Decker on the matter of the I.N.C. Ad Interim meeting next February in Geneva. It is definitely impossible for me to stay away from China for so long in order to attend that meeting, so we worked out a cablegram to you, asking the National Christian Council in Chungking to consider nominating a substitute in my place to be present at that very important meeting. I do hope that the Committee in Chungking is able to attend to this business at its earliest convenience.

I took this good opportunity to put in the following sentence for myself: "Wu Yi-fang urges action resignation Chairman National Christian Council per September letter". As you know, I have wished to be relieved of this honorary position for quite a while, but every time I mentioned the matter of resignation I was pushed aside on a point of technicality. However, as I explained fully in my letter, it seems to me that this particular period is so important in the reorganization of the Council in China that there should be a responsible officer right there in Chungking. Even if it should be impossible for the members of the Executive Committee to elect a regular successor to me, they should at least be able to elect an acting chairman for the time until the next "biennial" meeting can be called. I trust that the Committee will be able to see the special circumstances of the time and to plan for caring for the work of the Council.

Personally I shall be most grateful to you if you will please have copies of this letter sent to the members of the Executive Committee, including the additional members in Chungking. It has already been on my conscience that I have not done what the office of the Chairman should have done, so both for the Council and for myself, I shall be greatly relieved when my resignation is accepted.

Sincerely yours,

YH:ef

Yi-fang Wu

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November 2, 1945

Mr. T. L. Tsui
Chinese Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tsui:

Finally my plan for returning to China has been settled after the arrival of a cablegram from Chengtu. Herewith I am sending you the application for air passage. I shall be much obliged to you if you will kindly have this application attended to.

As you will notice, I definitely have asked to go by the way of Shanghai, and to start from here on December 15th, or not later than the 20th. Our College buildings are in Nanking, so I wish to see them before I proceed by the C.W.A.C. plane to Chengtu. I am very anxious to go to Nanking because our buildings are now being used to house the disarmed Japanese. I hope the reason is evident enough to justify granting me a passage across the Pacific.

In regard to the date of departure, I hope very much to go on, or as near December 15th as possible, because I need to reach Chengtu before the second semester starts early in January. This is why I am sending you the application so early, so that the A.T.C. will have ample time to make a reservation for me.

After I read the application form very carefully, I have decided not to sign the application myself, because there is the agreement that if air priority is not obtained, I would agree to accept surface transportation. If you don't mind, I would rather have you or the Embassy officially sign for this application. This is just to be cautious in case of any trouble in securing the air passage. Then I myself could still write to the State Department for a passage.

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Mr. T. L. Tsui

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November 2, 1945

With deep appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Dictated, but signed in
Dr. Wu's absence

P.S. If you receive any information from our Embassy in Switzerland regarding my cousin, could you please let me have it. I hope it has not caused you too much difficulty in having the U.S.\$600 sent to Bern.

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Sat. 6 P.M.
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Dear Mrs. Mies,
I have just read
over your letter of Nov. 8,
and your invitation about
the Friday day on Nov. 28.
The letter was forwarded
by Mrs. Phoebe & Miss
Mrs. Hanson's home.

Thank you for all the
arrangements you have
been making for Friday.
I have ~~not~~ made any
commitments at all
and I'll put down Nov. 30
for the Smith luncheon
in Boston.

I have had a very
interesting time in a.c.
in Detroit. I was in
Detroit from Wednesday

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I must sleep & go
down for supper. I
attended this noon
the luncheon for an
annual meeting. I
saw Miss Street
& West China U.C.
this afternoon.

With many
thanks for getting
the ties for Dr. Hsia.
I expect to be back
on Wed P.M.

Hastily
W. H. W.

NOV 10 1945 (27)

Tied Friday afternoon
when I started for Chi-
cago. I was met by
D. & Mrs. Mac East
evening - Mrs. Hansen
is a most gracious
hostess. The Smith
girls in Detroit had
a simple luncheon
for me yesterday noon,
& there were 7 besides
myself. On Thursday
evening I attended a
dinner for the China
Society - I spoke in-
formally. Pres. Ruth-
van & Mitch. is to help
find with library
books.

NOV 10 ~~1945~~ 1945 (37)

I must sleep & go
down for supper. I
attended this noon
the luncheon for an
excellent meeting. I
saw Miss Strader
of West China U.C.
this afternoon.

With many
thanks for getting
the ties for Dr. Hsia.
I expect to be back
on Wed. P.M.

Hastily
L. F. Wu

NOV 10 1945 (27)

Tied Friday afternoon
when I started for Chi-
cago. I was met by
D. & Mrs. Mac last
evening. Mrs. Hansen
is a most gracious
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girls in Detroit had
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formally. Pres. Ruth-
van & wife is to help
find with library
books.

November 28, 1945

Mr. T. L. Tsui
Chinese Embassy
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tsui:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 21st and wish to thank you for your concern over my return trip to China.

From my files, I find that I wrote to you on November 2nd, enclosing the application blanks. I hope my letter was not lost in the mail. Enclosed I am sending you a carbon copy of that letter and of the answers I gave on the application blank. I shall be much obliged to you if you will kindly have the application sent at your earliest convenience.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to you for having asked the Bank of China to remit U.S. \$600.00 to my cousin through the Embassy in Bern. I am sorry to say that no word has come either from him or from the Embassy. If you have received any reply to your letter, would you kindly let me know.

I am sending you, under separate cover, my passport. I plan to come to Washington before December 15th, and I do hope that I shall be able to start on the way as near to that date as possible.

With best regards and many thanks again,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Enclosure: Carbon of November 2nd letter
and of application answers

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STATEMENT ON FUTURE PLANS FOR GINLING

by Dr. Wu

At the meeting of the Commission on Women's Higher Education in China, there was preliminary discussion of the future plans for Ginling College. After considering the recommendations of the American Planning Committee and those of the Planning Commission in China, a straw vote was taken to get the consensus of opinion of the group. It was unanimously agreed that Ginling should retain its identity and such autonomy as it wishes to retain. This expression of opinion agrees with the actions that have been taken by the Board of Founders. It seems to me then that the next question is to consider how best to implement it.

I fully realize all of the factors involved before a final decision can be taken by the College Board. However, since the general plan is for the refugee colleges to return to their campuses next summer and since the College is anxiously awaiting my arrival to make definite plans for Ginling's return to Nanking, I wish to have definite instructions from the Board.

Ever since last August, when our faculty heard of the proposal to amalgamate Ginling with the University of Nanking, they have been kept in a state of uncertainty, regarding the future of the College. If even with my return, there is still no clear-cut policy formed for the future of the College, it will be impossible for me to uphold the morale and keep the faculty together. I wish, therefore, to ask for the Board to decide upon the course of action I am to follow upon my return.

The different plans which have been proposed for Ginling College after the war are as follows:

I. Recommendation of the American Planning Committee:

"At Nanking, the University of Nanking and Ginling College should, if feasible, be located on nearby sites with maximum coordination of their facilities and educational programs."

II. Proposal from Ginling College, as presented at the Founders meeting on June 28, 1945, based on discussions of senior members of the faculty in Chengtu:

1. That Ginling continue as a separate autonomous institution and co-operate fully with the University of Nanking in the curricular program.
2. A clear financial basis to be worked out, so that there will be a transfer of funds between the two institutions according to the number of students electing courses in the other institution.
3. The erection of a new classroom building somewhere between the two campuses or the arrangement of bus service for students between classes.

III. Recommendations from the Planning Commission in China

- A. Union of Ginling with the University of Nanking, while retaining its own budget and becoming an administrative unit of the University and offering majors in departments peculiarly related to the education of women, namely, Music, Home Economics-Euthenics, Physical Education, Social Service.

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- B. "If such a program proves unacceptable to either Ginling or the University, we recommend that Ginling remain a College of Arts and Science with a limited enrollment (MAXIMUM:250) and offering only Music, Social Service, Home Economics, Euthenics, and Physical Education."

IV. Recommendations from the faculty, the alumnae and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors in China

- A. From the Board of Directors: "To approve of the maximum coordination in the Nanking Center as long as the identity of Ginling College is preserved as a place where women may have a chance to develop the special contribution in leadership for which the College has been known throughout the past thirty years."
- B. From the faculty and alumnae: Recommended that Ginling remain autonomous and independent with voluntary cooperation.

From a thorough study of the plans listed above, it is clear that there are two important considerations: First, how to preserve the best which Ginling has contributed toward women's education as a separate college; second, how to assure the offering of a rich educational program in view of the fast development of higher education in China.

The most satisfactory and Christian way, taking care of both of these factors, is the plan as recommended by the American Planning Committee and also by the faculty of the College. The main objective there is for Ginling to retain the control of its policies, conserve its special contribution in training of women leadership, and ~~increase~~ the curricular offerings by cooperation with Nanking and the saving of expenses both in equipment and in teaching personnel. However, such a plan is a difficult one to carry out under normal conditions. Now, because of the rumor of amalgamation, the psychological attitude of the University of Nanking and that of Ginling is not the best for initiating such a plan. Furthermore, after I read the report of the Planning Commission in China, I realized that it showed that the men's conception of women's education is quite different from ours and will create a fundamental difficulty in working out coordination on a large scale between Ginling and Nanking.

It seems to me then that for the immediate future, the only feasible way is to plan for the maintenance of Ginling as a separate college, and to have voluntary cooperation with Nanking. To give a few concrete ways of such cooperation, I wish to mention the following. First, as is done at Radcliffe, we can invite the University of Nanking professors to give part-time instruction in courses which our own faculty is not giving. Second, as regards the laboratory equipment for advanced courses at the University, we may arrange for its use by our advanced students by paying rent. Third, our students may elect some of the advanced courses in Nanking which are not offered in Ginling, and arrangement for payment for them can be made.

Maintaining such a separate college with fairly complete faculty will mean larger expenses than if a thoroughly coordinated program could be worked out between Ginling and Nanking. However, in our consideration of the cause of Christian education, the question of expense cannot be taken alone, but must be related to other factors. I have heard it said that if we can make a case for our program, the money can be found. In reading over the Report of the American Planning Committee, on Page 13, I found the following paragraph as the basic principle in the development of definite plans:

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"All detailed proposals for individual institutions must be made in accordance with a total plan formulated with reference to the needs of China and the Christian Movement as a whole, and also the Chinese Government's educational policy and program."

First in regard to the needs of China, there is unquestionably desperate need for the training of women leadership with a Christian spirit of service. In such leadership, there should be combination of splendid academic preparation, professional attitude toward work, mature attitude toward marriage and the spirit of Christian service. Dr. Walter Judd said at the dinner for Dr. Van Dusen's inauguration that leadership cannot be developed by mass production. It is especially true with Chinese women in the sense that they are modest and have to be given the optimum environment in order to develop both passive and active abilities. In the stage of women's movements in China now, there is a critical need of women to give increasingly substantial contribution both to professions and, as citizens, to the community. It seems to me that the Christian movement will be answering a call if a separate woman's college can be maintained to provide a center for the favorable training for the leadership necessary to meet the day.

Secondly, any planning for individual institutions should be related to the Christian movement as a whole. As a small institution, Ginling can serve as a center for international cooperation among women and a demonstration of international teamwork in teaching as well as in administration. Although we are small in size, we can serve as a center where cooperation can be carried out in the spirit of Christian fellowship and to the exclusion of the playing of politics. Furthermore, Christian women in America and England may be more easily attracted to contribute their leadership to work with Chinese women for the development of younger women. Through our tradition of having the students interested in rendering service in the neighborhood or in rural places, there are always students practicing what they believe, and thus there is the opportunity of building up Christian character.

Even though there is a tendency in China toward the standardization of the educational system by the Government, there is more possibility for a woman's college to secure special permission to experiment than for big universities. This is because the Ministry of Education always hates to set a precedent. Since Ginling will be the only independent woman's college, whether private or Government, this fear will be eliminated. One special project I have hoped to start at Ginling is the establishment of personnel guidance, not only for the sake of the present student body, but with the view of starting a department. Everyone in educational work in China realizes the terrible conditions in the middle schools and the desperate need for well-trained personnel workers. On our faculty we have had the adviser system, and the tradition for the teaching faculty to be personally interested in individual students. Such a condition will make possible the intelligent cooperation of the whole faculty with the staff of the Personnel Guidance Department, and research work in the developing of the best program for guidance of students in high schools and even in college. This again is part of the whole program for Christian education in China.

In conclusion, may I express the hope that, at this time of commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the founding of Ginling, may we follow the example of the founders in looking to the future with plans seemingly impossible for man, but made possible with faith in God.

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Detroit

Sat. 1:30 P.M.

Dear Mrs. Niles, 11/3/45

I am waiting here
in the station for the next
train to A.C., because the
train I was on stopped
here. However, it is in
the same station & not
a long wait, so I don't
mind it.

You told me to ask
you for all sorts of help &
best I can right away.
I would like to send
Dr. C. F. Hsia a gift be-
fore he starts back
to China; I thought of
spending \$10 for this gift

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I really correct address.
Am sorry to trouble you
with personal matters
when you are so swamped
with all sorts of duties
in the Office. But since
Mrs. New will be
gone to Paddy for several
days, I can't get her
to help. Many, many
thanks & sincere ap-
ologies.

I forgot to get Mrs.
Seaver's address from you,
Could you ask Mrs. Foster
to send it to Mrs. Rhoads?

I also forgot to tell you
about my letters. Ordinary
mail - which is on business
or from friends near by,

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but did not know what
is appropriate. The only
thing I thought of is ties.
They are light, useful
for lining or as gifts to
his friends in Chungking
or Shanghai. Could you
kindly get some ties for
me & have the store
send them to him at
Shorham Hotel in Wash-
ington. I am not sure
if he returned to N.Y. when
the Far Eastern Council
adjourned for a week. If
you could please call up
the news service, they
will be able to give you
the accurate information

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will you please attend
to them for me. Clinics
letters better wait till I
am back or send to Mrs.
Hanson if there is time. If
any letter from Mr. T. L.
Teele from the Embassy,
deals with my cousins'
travel fund it needs
reply, will you kindly
forward it or ask Mrs.
New to attend to it? Mrs.
Forster has written the letters
for me, so she knows the
details.

light I am afraid I've got a
case of larynx-infection, I
was over-warm while
sleeping yesterday. Many of
I can not talk in a.e.

With best wishes & politeness
check for \$11.00 Sincerely
enclosed, including postage, etc. P. Ford W.

December 3, 1945

Miss Mabel S. Hall
200 West 54th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Hall:

I have just received your letter in regard to the articles which Dze-djen wished to get for her sister. I fully sympathize with her desire to get the warm stockings to her big sister, but I am afraid I myself shall not be able to take them. First, it is because I expect to fly back and the baggage weight is very limited. Secondly, I am not yet sure but that I may have to change the date of my return again.

However, Miss Stella Graves is expecting to return by boat and to go to Chengtu, so if you are able to get the stockings, the best thing would be to ask her to take them to China. Her address is: Miss Stella M. Graves, c/o Mrs. Hazel Gibson, 1353-A Lemon Avenue, Long Beach 6, Calif.

Miss Sutherland is in Calcutta, waiting for passage to return home. She was so exhausted by the end of last school year that the doctors advised her to take her furlough immediately without waiting for the return of Miss Graves. We certainly hope that she will be able to secure passage in the near future.

Please excuse this hurried note, and with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Enclosure: Return of Dze-djen's letter

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December 3, 1945

Reverend Rowland M. Cross
Foreign Missions Conference
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Reverend Cross:

I have received your notice of November 28th,
calling a meeting to discuss Student Christian Work
in China on Thursday, December 6th, at 4:30 P.M.

I am very sorry that I shall not be able to
attend because I will not have returned from my visit
to Smith College at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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December 3, 1945

Mr. T. L. Tsui
Chinese Embassy
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tsui:

I was just about to write to you when I received your kind letter of November 30th. I apologize for having failed to send my passport to you. Last week was a very full one for me, with meetings in New York and a short trip to Boston.

The thing I was to write to you about was in regard to the possibility of a change in the plans for my return trip. When the Board of Founders met last week, they wished to ask me to postpone my return in order to attend some other meetings in January. I am sending a cable to Chengtu today, and as soon as the reply comes, I shall know whether there is any necessity of a change in my plans. I am very sorry that this may mean extra trouble to you in the application for my return passage. I hope you will kindly understand that it was due to new factors coming up in the situation which I had not known before.

In regard to the route of my return, there will be no change, that is, still by way of Shanghai. I shall send my passport to you by registered mail, so that it will be in your office regardless of the definite date of my return.

With kind regards and sincere thanks for all your help,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Special Delivery

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December 10, 1945

Mrs. Oliver S. Lyford
54 Dana Place
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Lyford:

Upon my return from a visit to Wellesley and Smith, I found your kind invitation waiting. I would certainly love to come to you and meet your friends at a tea, but I am very sorry to say that both Thursday, the 13th, and Saturday, the 15th, are out of the question. There is a rather early dinner engagement in New York on Thursday, and I'll be out of town on Saturday, and I don't know yet what time I will be able to return on Sunday.

If I find it possible sometime next week before I go to Washington, I shall certainly come to pay you a call, but I am not able to tell just now when that will be. I shall either write or call you up about the exact time of my coming if I can find some time next week for this visit.

Thanking you again,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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December 10, 1945

Mrs. Eprdon Bowles
4801 Brandwine Street, N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Jane:

It certainly is most unfortunate that I did not write to you earlier in the summer, otherwise I could have had such a delightful time for leisurely talks with you and with Gordon. Mrs. Gould did tell me that part of the farm had been sold to a Quaker family from Philadelphia. If I had been more inquisitive and had asked for the name, I could have found out that it was you. However, I am glad that you had such a delightful rest away from Washington in the summer, and that your girls are enjoying better health now.

In regard to my return plans, it has been difficult to make final dates. However, a cable came from Chengtu this morning and I am now making definite plans to start on the journey right after Christmas. I cannot tell you yet how soon I shall be able to leave New York, but I doubt very much that it can be earlier than the 20th of December, and I am afraid that will be just the weekend you and your family will be with your parents in Philadelphia. However, if I have to wait for the passage, as I did the last time, I will again come to be with you after your return to Washington. Now when I first get to Washington, I shall just go to a hotel. I doubt very much that I shall have such good luck as to get off on the journey on December 26th, so I am sure that I shall have the opportunity of seeing you all before I start homeward.

With warm greetings for the season and best wishes to you and your family,

Lovingly,

YFW:ef

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December 10, 1945

General S. M. Chu
5500 Edgemoor Lane
Bethesda, Md.

Dear General Chu:

I am writing to ask a favor of you.

My plans for return to China could not be made before due to various meetings in America. However, this morning a cable came from Chengtu urging me to return in December. I have just written to Mr. T. L. Tsui at the Embassy, asking him to apply for my air passage to Chungking, via Shanghai and Nanking. I don't need to tell you that I want to see our permanent campus before going back to the college in Chengtu.

From my experience in January, 1944, in the application for air priority through the State Department, I found that it took a long time, and finally it was through direct word to the A.T.C. by a General Hwang Ping-heng that I was able to get the passage promptly.

If it is not asking too much of you, could you possibly speak a word for me to some of the officers in the A.T.C? I thought of asking this special help particularly in view of the approaching Christmas holidays, when the processes of regular business transactions in the government offices may be even slower than usual. I shall greatly appreciate it if you should find it possible to give me this help.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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December 10, 1945

Mr. T. L. Tsui
Chinese Embassy
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tsui:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 6th in regard to my return to China.

As you know from my last letter, I sent a cable to the college in Chengtu asking if they agreed to my staying until January. A reply has come this morning, asking me to return as soon as possible. I am therefore writing to you at once, asking if you will kindly apply for air passage for me to Chungking, via Shanghai and Nanking. I wish to start from Washington on December 26th. If it is not possible for the State Department to arrange for exactly that date, then I do wish to put in a strong request that the passage be dates as soon as possible after December 26th, and certainly not later than the end of December. This cable from China made it very urgent that I return at the earliest possible date, so I shall greatly appreciate it if you can help me to make a strong application so that I can start on this homeward journey right after Christmas.

I plan to come to Washington some time next week, and I certainly shall come to the Embassy to see you and express to you my thanks in person.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

Special Delivery

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December 10, 1945

Sgt. Helen T. Heath, A-917969
17th Signal Service Co., WAC
South Post
Ft. Myer, Va.

Dear Sgt. Heath:

I wish to thank you for your good letter of November 23rd, and I am sorry not to have answered you more promptly. I appreciate your telling me so fully of your wide experience and your own interests. I feel sure that you would have a great deal to contribute to our College if you were with us. However, our Board of Founders has a regulation that when we invite American or other foreign women to join the faculty, age is one of the factors to be considered. This is because the College is not in any position to consider the question of pensions for those of the faculty who can serve for a rather short time. Since you mention that if you leave your present work, it will mean you forfeit your pension, it would seem then that I should not present your name to the Personnel Committee for consideration. I hope you will kindly understand the situation and excuse me for being unable to extend to you an invitation.

I am planning to return to China soon after Christmas. It is possible that I may see Miss Z. N. Lo. I shall certainly tell her of your inquiry about her and about Li Chi. I hope your letter has reached her.

With greetings for the season and again many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

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December 12, 1945

Mrs. Raymond A. Linton
Ellen Emerson House
Smith College
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Linton:

I wish to express to you once more my sincere thanks for your most thoughtful care of me during my stay in the delightful guest suite of Ellen Emerson. I am sorry that I did not manage my time better so that I could have come to visit with you during my stay. I hope that when I come to Smith again on my next trip, I may have a longer stay and more time for leisurely visits with friends.

I am now expecting to start homeward right after Christmas and hope to be back at College some time in January.

With cordial greetings for the season and again many thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

YFW:ef

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December 13, 1945

His Excellency, Wei Tao-ming
The Twin Oaks
3225 Woodley Road
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ambassador Wei:

The college has sent me a cable, urging me to start homeward as soon as possible. They also wish me to stop in Nanking first to look over the college buildings there. I have written to Mr. T. L. Tsui to attend to the process of applying for an air passage to Chungking, via Shanghai.

I am writing you today because I have just heard that civilian women may have difficulty in getting permission to fly across the Pacific. Could you kindly send word to the A.T.C. that I am old enough to travel under any conditions? In fact, when I was sent by our Government in 1943, I was the only woman on the journey from Calcutta to Washington, and on my way back, in January of 1944, I was again the only woman on Army Transport planes for most of the way to Kunming. Since my college is urgently expecting me to be back as soon as possible, I do hope that I shall be able to secure the air passage on December 26th, or a couple of days later. Any courtesy you can give to help me start on the journey soon will be greatly appreciated.

I am planning to come to Washington next Thursday and I am looking forward to calling upon you and Madame Wei.

With kind regards and sincere thanks for troubling you,

Respectfully yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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December 13, 1945

Mr. John Carter Vincent
Far Eastern Division
State Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vincent:

I am writing to ask if you could kindly give me some help in securing air priority to Chungking, via Shanghai and Nanking. A cable came from the college in Chengtu, urging me to leave as soon as I can. I wrote at once to Mr. T. L. Tsui in our Embassy to apply for air passage. I have just heard that it may be difficult for the A.T.C. to grant to a civilian woman passage across the Pacific.

I am therefore writing you to see if you could please tell the people in charge that I am old enough to travel alone. In fact, in January of 1944, when I returned to Chungking, via Africa and India, I was the only woman passenger for most of the trip. I hope very much that the A.T.C. will understand the need for my stopping over in Nanking to see our college buildings there, and so will give special consideration to my application. I also hope that it will be possible for me to secure a passage on December 26th, or as early as possible after that date. I do hope that I can get started on the way before the end of December. Anything you can do to help me to get back soon will be greatly appreciated.

I expect to come to Washington for Thursday and Friday of next week. If you have time, I would like to ask for an appointment to see you either Thursday afternoon, December 20th, or Friday morning, December 21st. Could you please ask your secretary to call up Mrs. Gordon Bowles, 4801 Brandywine St. N.W.,

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Mr. John Carter Vincent

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December 13, 1945

Washington, D. C. (Telephone: Ordway 6044), and let her know the time for the interview. I have asked her to make a few other appointments for me also during those two days.

With kind regards and many thanks for troubling you,

Cordially yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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December 15, 1945

Dr. Chih Meng
China Institute in America
125 East 65th Street
New York 21, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Meng:

Thank you for your kind invitation to the Victory Banquet on December 28th. I shall be glad to come if I am still in New York on that date. I have applied for an air passage to China on December 26th, or any day as soon after that as possible. So there is the possibility that I may have started my journey by that evening. I hope you will understand how I cannot be definite under the circumstances.

I presume the C.S.C.A. would wish to invite Mrs. W. S. New, one of the Advisers, to the banquet, but I do not know if they have sent in her son Peter's name. He is a freshman at Dartmouth College and will be in New York for the holidays. I'll appreciate it if you will have the Banquet Committee make a reservation for Peter New.

With kind regards and greetings for the season,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.
December 15, 1945

Bishop W. Y. Chen
10 Dai Chia Hong
Chungking, China

Dear Bishop Chen:

Reverend Rowland Cross has sent me your cable message to urge me to "continue chairmanship until Biennial meeting makes full reorganization possible." I understand fully that this is the normal procedure, and I appreciate your consideration in wishing to keep my name even though I have not been able to give the Council any service. However, it seems to me that the immediate need of attention from the officers of the N.C.C. Executive Committee makes it imperative to provide for special arrangement in tiding over the situation.

From the same cable I have learned that the Ad Interim Committee will have its first Shanghai monthly meeting on January 25th. It may be possible to have a good number of the original members of the Executive Committee present. I wish again to ask that meeting to consider accepting my resignation. If they should not wish to elect a chairman to succeed me, they can elect someone to act for the time until the Biennial meeting can be held.

As is well known to you, the Colleges are carrying on in Chengtu during this school year, so I shall have to be in West China as soon as I get back to China. Furthermore, the move back to Nanking and the reestablishment of the colleges in the empty and much damaged buildings will mean additional work. At the same time, when the N.C.C. gets reestablished in Shanghai for the whole country and as preparations must be made for the calling of the next Biennial meeting, the Executive Committee should have at least an Acting Chairman during this important transitional period. This is why I am writing to you again and hope you will kindly excuse me and understand my situation. I'll greatly appreciate it if you will please present my resignation to the Ad Interim Committee for their consideration.

I have applied for air priority to leave right after Christmas, so I hope to see you in Chungking in January.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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December 17, 1945

Mr. C. A. Evans, Associate Treasurer,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, enclosing a copy of Mr. Davis's letter of November 10th in regard to the special grant of \$75,000 from the Department of State to be handled by the American Council on Education for assisting educational institutions in China in their rehabilitation after the war. Since Ginling was founded by Mission Boards and is maintained by them and other contributors in America, the College is qualified to receive part of this grant.

I am therefore writing to you to ask if you will include Ginling on your list to apply for grants to Mr. Davis. I am afraid I cannot give a specific list of the supplies needed nor a definite figure. This is because practically all of our science equipment, part of the library, and all of our furnishings have disappeared. As the College is planning to move back from our refugee quarters to the permanent campus in Nanking next spring, much equipment will have to be secured right there in China.

Since you are familiar with the size of our institution, as well as that of the other China Colleges, will you please decide upon the amount which Ginling should apply for. If we are able to receive such a grant, it will greatly help toward the total need of replacement which is necessary for the reestablishment of the College in Nanking.

With deep appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Ginling College Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
December 31, 1945

Mr. T. L. Tsui
Chinese Embassy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tsui:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 27, enclosing the check for travel expenses from New York to China.

Enclosed I am sending you the receipts. Permit me to express to you once more my appreciation and gratitude for all you have done in helping me to take my journey homeward. I hope that I shall not be detained in San Francisco and can start on January 6.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Sincerely,

Yi-fang Wu

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