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FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE
OF NORTH AMERICA
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.#10

May 12, 1944.

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To all FMC Mission Boards making remittances to China
Attention of Treasurer

Dear Friends:

You undoubtedly know that for some time now representatives of the mission boards and other organizations in Chungking have been in consultation with representatives of the Chinese government regarding arrangements whereby we may secure a much more favorable rate of exchange. Also representatives of the Foreign Missions Conference Treasurers' Group, United China Relief, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, and other organizations have been discussing the same matter with the Treasury Department in Washington.

After exchanging numerous cables with China, it looks as though we will be able shortly to put into effect arrangements whereby funds will be made available in China at this more favorable exchange rate.

In order to work out the details, a central committee has been formed among the interested boards and agencies in Chungking, and the Treasury Department in Washington has indicated to us that the number of agencies in America making remittances under this plan should be kept at a minimum. If one agency could be established for this purpose, it would be better. However, it is the feeling that at the outside no more than 4 agencies should be formed in this country, perhaps as follows: 1-United China Relief, 2-Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 3-Catholic groups, and 4-Foreign Missions Conference Boards, perhaps operating through their Treasurers' Committee.

After consultation with Mr. Forrest Smith, chairman of the Treasurers' Group, and Mr. D.M.Pattison, secretary of this group, it has been decided that we should request you to do two things as soon as possible:

1. If your representative in China is not already in contact with the central committee that has been formed there, cable him to get in touch with Dr. Earl Cressy, 10 Dai Chia Hang, Chungking, China, at once to make arrangements regarding funds that will be needed.

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2. Kindly send to this office as soon as possible an estimate of the amount that your organization will wish to remit to China each month in order to cover your work. We must have this information in order to be in a position to file the necessary application in Washington in the name of the Foreign Missions Conference which will enable us to go ahead with the transmission of funds.

We do not yet know what the approximate exchange rate may be, but an estimate has placed it at 120 Chinese dollars to 1 United States dollar, although it may go higher than the 120.

Kindly let us have the above information as soon as possible and do not give undue publicity to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joe J. Mickle

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FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE
OF NORTH AMERICA

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N.Y.

July 14, 1944

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To the Treasurers of Mission Boards
and Agencies Remitting Funds to China
Through the United Clearing Board

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Dear Friends:

IMPORTANT

1. United Clearing Board now Operating: Under date of June 2 we sent you information regarding the establishment of the United Clearing Board of Mission, Educational and Relief Agencies and the procedure that you should follow in making your deposits in this account in the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, New York. Since this account was established, more than \$2,000,000 has been deposited and more than \$1,000,000 has been drawn against this by the Clearing Board in China. We have received word from Chungking that the average rate received for the month of June was 81, which, of course, represented a very great gain over the old rate of 40. However, the demand for American dollars was not sufficient during June and a part of the funds had to be sold at the official rate. This lack of sufficient demand is due to the fact that Chinese businessmen have not yet received adequate assurance concerning the attitude of the Treasury Department in the United States toward the use of funds in blocked accounts for the purchase of American goods. Steps are now being taken by us to give Chinese traders increased assurance on this matter. It is hoped that such assurance will increase the demand for American dollars.

The United Clearing Board is operating not only in Chungking, but also has established agencies in Chengtu and other points. All of these are operating under one central agency so as to prevent competitive selling and in order to average the exchange rate for all sections of the country.

2. Procedure to be Followed: The procedure to be followed by Mission Boards is the same as that given in our communication to you dated June 2. Boards should not forget to give the National City Bank, in the letter covering their transmission of funds, a clear and brief designation which can be used by the Bank in notifying Chungking that the deposit has been made. This is very important. It is also important to send to the Foreign Missions Conference two copies of this covering letter.

3. Cable Expenses: Considerable cable expenses have been incurred by the Foreign Missions Conference both in the cables working out the de-

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tails for the establishment of this account and in the actual transmission of the funds by the National City Bank. The original idea was that the National City Bank would bill the Boards directly for expenses incurred in transmitting funds, however the Bank feels that it is better for these to go through the Foreign Missions Conference. As soon as these expenses are worked out in detail, we will send you the bill.

4. Statement Required by the National City Bank: The National City Bank has applied for and received a general license permitting it to transfer funds out of the Clearing Board account into designated blocked accounts without having to secure a special license for each transaction. This will greatly simplify their work. However, this general license was granted only to cover funds for the "bona fide and official operating, administrative, educational, religious and philanthropic purposes in Free China" of Mission organizations. The Bank requests that you give them this necessary certification on the attached sheet. We are enclosing herewith 3 copies of this certification, one copy to go directly to the National City Bank, the second copy to the Foreign Missions Conference, while the third copy is to be retained for your files. Kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joe J. Mickle

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J. EARL FOWLER

October 11, 1945

Mr. J. Earl Fowler
National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that is going out to Board Secretaries with regard to the special conference on the Chinese Church which we plan to hold in New York City on November 15th and 16th.

You will note in the program that the second question ~~on~~ "The Cultural Heritage of the Chinese and Christianity" is a fundamental one and it is on this that we would like Dr. Wei's help and leadership. His address should logically come on the first day, November 15th, but as that is a difficult time for him, we hope that he could take a two-hour period on Friday morning with an hour address and then an hour for discussion. We want to have the group of China missionaries and Board Secretaries consider the basic issues which Dr. Wei would present, in reorienting themselves for post-war work in China. Nothing is more necessary than that we should be helped under the leadership of Dr. Wei to a clear understanding of the place of the Christian Church in China's life and culture. I earnestly hope that Dr. Wei may be able to do this for us.

When you have his consent, I would be glad to go to see him to talk over the whole conference program with him.

Sincerely yours,

Rowland M. Cross

Rowland M. Cross
Secretary
Committee on East Asia

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October 11, 1945

To Secretaries of Boards with work in China

Dear Friends:

At the meeting of the China Committee on September 25th, the following actions were taken:

VOTED: To ask the Chairman and Secretary of the China Committee to be a committee to set up a conference on The Centrality of the Church, in accordance with action taken on June 6th, time and place of the conference to be arranged by them; and that we urge boards to participate in this conference and extend the invitation to include all of their Group "A" missionaries whom they plan to send to China within the coming year, and for whom this would be a reorientation conference in preparation for resumption of their service in China.

VOTED: That this Committee looks with favor, and will do everything possible to encourage meetings of groups of board secretaries around compassable areas in China as soon as possible, preferably before post-war policies are determined; and that these conferences be definitely under the auspices of the China Committee.

We have been working on arrangements for implementing these votes, and after consultation with seven of the board secretaries, we have decided on the following definite plan of procedure. It early became evident that it would not be possible to have one inclusive conference because of expense, travel, difficulty of securing suitable dates, etc. We have therefore settled upon the following two conferences. You may want to have a third in the South or in some other section of the country.

November 7 and 8, at Elgin, Illinois, for the midwest area. On November 9th there will be a consideration of concrete plans for cooperation in Shansi Province by board secretaries and missionaries directly related to that work.

November 15 and 16, in New York City a conference will be held in one of the churches. It is expected that there will be regional conferences on November 17th, in New York, similar to the one in Elgin on Shansi Province.

THE PROGRAM

Starting with the definition of the Church as a worshipping, witnessing, serving Christian community, the two-day conference, which is to serve also as a reorientation for missionaries about to return to China, would consider such questions as these:

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To China Secretaries

October 11, 1945

1. As I look at it, what are the problems which face the Christian Church in China in the days ahead?
2. What is the relation of the Christian religion to the other religions in China? (Cultural heritage of the Chinese and Christianity)
3. What do we mean by the centrality of the Church in relation to the Christian institutions, i.e., the school and the hospital?
4. How can the local church function in the development of this Christian community or fellowship?
Worship; Witness; Service.
5. How should the rural and city churches be developed as units of the ecumenical Church?
6. In what ways should we move forward to meet the needs of the Chinese Church for leadership? Selection; training; maintenance of church workers.
7. What is the special contribution of the missionary?

May I ask you to do the following within the next few days:

1. Notify us whether you can take part in either of these conferences.
2. Send in the names of Chinese Church leaders in this country whom we should invite to come to one or the other of these meetings. We expect to have strong Chinese leadership at the New York Conference.
3. Send any suggestions with regard to the program, such as topics to be considered, the nature of the conference, and proposals for regional group meetings on the day following each conference.
4. In case you would like to have another such conference arranged in some other place, please let me know, with suggested date and city.
5. Notify the missionaries whom you wish to have attend.

In about a week we hope to be able to send you full details with regard to the program, the leadership and the places of meeting. We feel that these gatherings will be of real inspiration and help to returning missionaries, and should enable us all to be reoriented for the task before us.

Sincerely yours,

Rowland M. Cross
 Rowland M. Cross
 Secretary
 Committee on East Asia

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October 11, 1945

To Secretaries of Boards with work in China -

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to pass on with a hearty commendation to your attention this communication from Mr. Arthur M. Sherman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College:

"The President of Hua Chung College, Francis T. Wei, Ph.D., has come to this country on the invitation of Union Theological Seminary to deliver a years course of lectures as outlined on the enclosed paper. At the same time he will deliver six lectures on the Hewett Foundation at Union and two other seminaries. The Hewett lectures will in a way summarize the years course of lectures. The date for the Hewett lectures is to be announced later. These will be open to the public. Interested auditors may also "sit in" for the longer course on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

"We feel that this consideration of the subject Dr. Wei will discuss, as he will present it, is a precious opportunity to understand better the basic issues in missionary work in China and that this opportunity should be made known to all who have responsibilities to shape and direct missionary work in China in this time of planning for the future.

"Therefore, the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders of Hua Chung has asked me to bring this matter to your attention with the suggestion you publicize the lectures among the members of your Committee."

Union Theological Seminary

1. The Cultural Heritage of the Chinese and Christianity.
Lectures Tuesday and Thursday 10-11 a.m.
Discussion Tuesday 11-12 a.m.
2. Philosophical and Religious Classics of the Chinese.
Wednesday 1:10 - 3 p.m.

Hewett Foundation Lectures - six lectures.

Title same as 1 above.
Place Union Theological Seminary, New York.
Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge.
Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton.
Dates to be announced.

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October 11, 1945

October 24th - 4:00 p.m., Union Theological Chapel.

Inauguration of the lectureship of which Dr. Francis T. Wei is the first incumbent.

Address by Dr. Wei.

You will be interested in the following information:

1. RCA is now accepting cablegrams to the following cities in China:

Hankow
Peiping
Shanghai
Tientsin
Tsingtao

They are also accepting messages for points of the Malaya States. The messages must be in plain English and for the purpose of transmitting facts and exchanging information only.

2. A telegram has just come from Mr. Ralph White in Washington stating that applications to Chungking for Chinese visas are now unnecessary. That means that they can now be obtained in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Rowland M. Cross

Rowland M. Cross
Secretary
Committee on East Asia

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April 26, 1937

Mr. W. C. Saeger,
Bursar, Lehman Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please send to Mr. E. A. Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, a check for \$250. on August 1st, September 1st, October 1st, and November 1st, for the account of Dr. David C. Graham, of West China Union University, for four months' salary from July 1, 1937. This \$1,000 should be charged against the Institute's budget, the last item, which has no number, since it is a special grant.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

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BURSAR'S OFFICE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Dec. 29, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Ave., New York City

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My dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of December 27 with reference to the fellowship of Mr. Edwin O. Reischauer. I find that three quarterly instalments of the fellowship are now due; the fourth quarterly instalment will be due April 1, 1938. I shall be glad to make payment of \$1350 or any part thereof upon instructions from you as to how the payment should be made. We have been having some trouble in making payments in China so that it might be easier from our point of view to make payment in this country if this meets with your approval.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Saeger

W. C. Saeger, Bursar

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BURSAR'S OFFICE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,.....Jan. 5, 1938.....

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Mr. C. A. Evans
c/o Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

Taking advantage of your very kind offer I am enclosing our check for \$1350 payable to Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. This covers three quarterly instalments of the fellowship stipend of E. O. Reischauer to whom the fellowship was granted by the Harvard Yenching Institute. I am very grateful to you for your kind offer to make this money available to him.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Saeger
W. C. Saeger, Bursar

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BURSAR'S OFFICE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Mar. 31, 1938

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Mr. C. A. Evans
c/o Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Ave., New York City

My dear Mr. Evans:

I hope I may once more trespass upon your good nature. I am enclosing our check to your order for \$450 which represents the fourth instalment of the fellowship stipend of E. O. Reischauer who is, I believe, at Yenching University at Peiping, China. I shall be very grateful if you will see that this money is made available to Mr. Reischauer.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Saeger

W. C. Saeger, Bursar

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. MAY 21, 1938

Mr. C. A. Evans
c/o Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Wilson Ave., New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I hope I may have some progress upon your
kind nature. I am enclosing our check to your order for
\$500 which represents the fourth installment of the fellow-
ship stipend of H. O. Reichbauer who is, I believe, at

Yenching University at Peking, China. I shall be very
grateful if you will see that the money is available
to Mr. Reichbauer.

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Yours very truly,
W. C. Baggett, Treasurer

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BURSAR'S OFFICE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Sept. 27, 1938.

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to Linder

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

Gentlemen: Attention: Mr. C. A. Evans

I have your letter of September 21 referring to my check
No. 499367 in the amount of \$100.00. This check was sent to
you at the request of Mr. David H. Linder, Curator of Farlow
Herbarium, for the support of a field collector in China.

Very truly yours,

W.C. Saeger

W. C. Saeger, Bursar
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See letter to Florence Bayley 2/3/39

January 31, 1939

ack by Florence
Bayley 2/2/39

Bursar
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

I am returning herewith the receipt for \$2,000.
which you sent us January 19th in payment apparently for
a charge of Yen-ching University against Harvard-Yenching
Institute.

We have been holding same with the hope that some
further explanation would be received regarding this payment
as we have nothing in our files to indicate what it is for.
Presumably it is to be forwarded to Yen-ching University, and,
upon receipt of further information, we will make it available
for the field treasurer at once.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
March 10, 1943

To the Presidents, Boards of Managers, and Boards of Trustees
of the
China Christian Colleges

Dear Friends:

Again and again during the months in which the China Christian Colleges have adjusted their locations and their program to the needs of the students and the emergency of the time, the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute have admired the courage and skill with which the changes have been made and are proud to have even a small share in the support of these institutions.

We are sure you are aware of how deeply the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute are concerned for the general welfare of the China Christian Colleges, as well as for that special phase of their work concerned with the teaching of Chinese language and culture. During the last five years, in addition to \$407,368.43 from the income of the Restricted Fund and the support of the graduate school at Yenching, the Institute has put \$328,000 into emergency aid for the colleges. While striving to meet the current emergency, however, we share your anticipations of the very serious problems of the future, and desire here to comment on one or two aspects of them.

We have followed with much interest the developing proposals to simplify the North American corporate structure of the colleges by the merging of the several separate corporations. We venture to urge that this be pressed to a successful conclusion in order that more effective united consideration and action can be taken on the post-war changes that will undoubtedly confront the colleges.

In reference to the Institute's particular concern, the presence of the group of colleges in Chengtu seems to us a very exceptional opportunity to develop a clear, coherent and united program in respect to Chinese studies in the colleges. Urgent as will be China's need for young scientists and technical experts of every kind, it will be a vast misfortune if they and other Chinese students should grow up to places of influence without a clear and living understanding of their national cultural heritage and the greatness of its contribution to the nation and now to the world. Surely such an understanding is of immense value to quality of life and to human inter-relationships. Too narrow a specialization of interests, on the part of large numbers, can become a peril to civilization. The Trustees have set forth, in the Memorandum on Policy and

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Procedure, issued in 1940, what they feel to be the general policies involved in the use of the funds for which they are Trustees, but the real power for actual achievement rests with the faculties and administrations of the colleges. The Trustees earnestly hope that college administrations and faculty, particularly of the colleges with which this Board is directly related, will seize the present opportunity. The post-war advantages of such action will be considerable.

In the relocation and rehabilitation of the colleges after the war, the Trustees hope to be in a position to make financial contributions of some value. They would point out, however, that their responsibility as Trustees would permit them to do so only if they could feel that the contributions would support a comprehensive, coherent, and non-competitive program appropriate to the locations and capacities of the then existing institutions and affording the probability of sound quality within the scope undertaken. Understanding that measures are being initiated for the making of plans for the post-war period, the Trustees wish to commend every effort made looking to the formation of such a program as described and to express their sense of its urgency now. Great as are the difficulties of communication and conference, there is a better opportunity now to make plans and to avoid the hasty crystallizations that are otherwise sure to mark the post-war period. The Trustees will study with great interest any such developments and will be greatly disappointed if the lack of them forces the Institute to divert its interest to some other areas.

The Trustees will welcome communications from the authorities of the colleges on these subjects.

Cordially yours,

Wallace B. Donham
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Serge Elisséeff
Director

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE
Wuchang, China
Temporarily in Hsichow
Via Tali, Yunnan, China

April 15, 1943

To the Board of Trustees
Harvard-Yenching Institute
c/o Professor Serge Elisseeff, Director
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing on behalf of Hua Chung College to apply for the renewal and increase of the grant which you have been making to us for the maintenance and development, as well as for the research work, of our department of Chinese Literature and History for the last six years.

It is chiefly due to your generous grant that we have been able during these difficult years of war in this country to maintain and develop our department, as I have been reporting to your board from year to year. The last grant to our college from your board was U.S. \$5,000 annually for the last ~~three~~ years, and this is the last year of the period. So I am applying for the renewal and increase of that grant.

For the last two or three years the grant has been more than enough, owing to exchange conditions and to the fact that we have not been able to buy very many books, although we have tried our best to procure them. But we have just prepared our budget for the next academic year 1943-44 and submitted it to the Board of Founders, acting concurrently as Board of Directors, with Mr. Oliver S. Lyford as treasurer at 230 Park Avenue, New York City, and found that owing to the depreciation of the Chinese dollar and to a large extent of the American dollar as far as China is concerned, our budget for the next year is twice as much as that for the current year. I am enclosing on a separate sheet the budget that has been approved by the Executive Committee Pro-tem of the Board of Directors, resident in the college, for the Department of Chinese Literature, and History for recommendation to the Board of Directors, to be included in our college budget. In spite of all efforts to trim down the different items, we have not been able to do very much to keep the total down, although retrenchment has been our policy for the last two years. We are counting on N.O. \$172,250 from the Harvard-Yenching Board grant. This amount at the official rate of twenty-to-one would be U.S. \$8,612.50, leaving no margin whatever for further increase of prices, which is almost certain to come. We have not dared to reckon more than the present official rate in our budget because of reasons which are obvious to you. Exchange conditions are entirely uncertain, and it has not been our practice to speculate on exchange. I beg, therefore, to apply to your Board for the grant of U.S. \$10,000 a year for the next three years and to reckon our college permanently as one of the colleges in China to receive grants from your board.

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It happened that when the Harvard-Yenching Fund was distributed in the spring of 1929 our college still remained closed after the political upheaval in the Wuhan Center in 1927-28. When the college reopened in the fall of 1929, I as president of the college wrote to Dean Donham, chairman of your board, with an introductory letter from Bishop Logan H. Roots, and found to our deep regret that the funds had been already distributed, and we were just too late to get into your scheme. Later in 1934-35 while I was Haskell Lecturer in the University of Chicago, lecturing also in other universities in the United States, I made another application to your board to get into your plan for the development of Chinese studies in the China Colleges. It was not until 1937, however, when I was Visiting Professor of Ethics in Yale University that I was able to apply again to your board when you granted us a small amount to start the development of our department of Chinese Literature and History, and from that time on we have had connection with you. For this we are most grateful.

It was only yesterday, that I received a letter, dated March 10, 1943, from Professor Elisseeff, the Director of your Institute, enclosing a copy of the chairman's circular letter to the presidents of the China Christian colleges. I am very happy to learn that your Institute feels particularly concerned in encouraging the study of our national culture in view of the sure expansion of industrial and technical development in the country after the war. As one who is particularly interested in the study of Chinese culture, I have been trying my best to guard against the overspecialization in technical studies in higher education in our country. Our hands are in many respects forced by government regulations, but in spite of this we have been trying as far as possible to hold before the students the importance of conserving our national cultural heritage and its contribution to the nation and perhaps in the future to the whole world.

For this reason we have been laboring under very serious difficulties, to develop our department of Chinese Literature and History with a certain amount of research work undertaken mostly during the last few years by those professors in the department who have had training in research.

We are aware that at the present time research is not our first duty. Yet without a certain amount of it, it is difficult to keep up a scholarly atmosphere. At the same time we have been wanting to encourage as many undergraduate students as possible to make Chinese Literature or Chinese History as their major interest. This, however, is not easy. At the present moment the government has been emphasizing particularly technical studies. Because of their commercial and money values the attention of the students has been largely turned to them.

It is possible to encourage more of the students to take an interest in Chinese subjects, and the possibility will become greater when we move back to our original site in Wuchang after the war, and when we are nearer to our affiliated Christian middle schools. We have been thinking of offering more scholarships for students from our affiliated middle schools to come to us and specialize in our national studies, which plan at the present moment is confronted with many difficulties due to difficult transportation and our remoteness from our original center. Yet this is a good time for us to attract to our department some of the best scholars in the Chinese field, if our relations with your board should become permanent so that we may hold out greater hope to the prospective members of our staff that our department will be developing and that we are looking forward to a plan of reasonable expansion.

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I am sending herewith a proposed plan for our future work. You will see that we have in mind the editing of a number of books which may help the middle school students get interested in the study of Chinese Literature and History. The Classics are practically closed books to the secondary school students because of the difficulty of language. We do not have such good commentaries on the Classics as, for instance, Peake's Commentary on the Bible in English. There ought to be a readable introduction to each of the Classics, giving the background of the period, the general ideas in the book, the contents of the main divisions, and then a commentary in easy modern language on the more difficult passages. With such books we may encourage the secondary schools to place the Classics in the hands of the students, although by government regulations they have to study in class textbooks prescribed by the Ministry of Education. I am not thinking only of the Classics, as the term is understood in the field of Chinese studies, but also of literature in prose, poetry, and Chinese Philosophy. When more secondary students are interested in Chinese studies, there will be better prospects of getting undergraduate students in the college to make Chinese studies their major subject.

Furthermore, it is very essential that we should in the college surround the students with a wholesome and attractive atmosphere of Chinese culture. These must be a good library of Chinese Literature and History, Art objects displayed in the class rooms and hostels as well as in the library, models of ancient architecture, etc., so that the students may feel the greatness of our culture in the past. But above all culture can be cultivated only by personal contacts with people who have been brought up in it and who are living it out. We must have on our faculty a number of professors who are not only specialists, but who embody the spirit of Chinese culture so that they may pass it on to the younger generation. This is only a part of the plan that I have been thinking about all these years, and we hope that your board will consider it worthwhile to include Hua Chung College as one of the institutions to have permanent relations with your board and will find it possible pending the re-distribution of your funds, to renew your grant beginning with the next academic year 1943-44, increasing it for a period of three years at least to the amount of U.S. \$10,000 annually.

Hoping that I may hear from you by cable as soon as you have reached a decision, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Francis C.M. Wei)
President.

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE
Wuchang, China
Temporarily in Hsichow
Via Tali, Yunnan, China

April 15, 1943

Professor Serge Elisseeff, Director
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Professor Elisseeff:

I have received your letter of March 10 over the signature of Dean Donham as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, as well as yours.

Enclosed I am sending our application for the renewal and increase of the grant by the Board of Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute to our college, together with a Memorandum on the Plans for the Immediate Future after the War in our Department of Chinese Literature and History.

It is impossible, of course, to lay down any kind of plan, but we are sending you something that represents our aspirations for the future.

I am sorry to say that I have not had any word from Mr. Fu Mou-chi with regard to your request to have his paper published in your magazine. I shall write again and remind him of it.

You may be interested to know that he has decided to return to the college as assistant professor in Chinese Linguistics. Since he is coming back from Chengtu, we have asked him to spend this present term in Sikong studying their languages there, and then returning for teaching after the summer. When he wanted to leave us here a year and a half ago, we gave him only leave-of-absence from the college, and so it is perfectly in order for him to return by bringing his leave-of-absence to a close.

The department of Chinese Literature and History is still very shorthanded. We have been trying hard to get qualified men to strengthen it, but owing to our isolation and the scarcity of scholars in the field, we may not be able to succeed very well until conditions improve or until we move back to Wuchang after the war. But we are watching the situation all the time and will grab anybody who seems to be the right kind of man.

You understand why it is very essential that the grant from your board should be renewed, so that we may hold out the hope to prospective teachers that our relation with your board is permanent and that there are good reasons to believe that the grant will be increased. From the budget of the department enclosed, you will see that the expenses are going up due to the rise of prices and the depreciation of the currency. The board may think that we still have some reserve to draw upon, but I would like to point out that the reserve is there because we have been so very cautious in spending the money which has been given to us in trust for a definite purpose. Not a cent has been spent outside of the work for which the money is given. If we should start to draw upon our reserve, it would be detrimental to the morale of the department unless we know that it is going to be only a very temporary thing. Some years ago I was talking with you and with some members of your board about our college getting

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into that group of colleges in China which have had permanent relations with your board, but I was told at that time that probably by 1939, ten years after the funds were first distributed, there would be a reshaking-up and that our getting into your scheme as a permanent unit might be considered. The war, of course, has interrupted things, and so in my application I put in only one sentence indicating that I would like to have our relations with you permanent, but I do not dare say too much about it, knowing that you would help us in that respect as much as you can. You know how much I am interested in the studies of Chinese culture. How I wish that we had had the money earlier and as much as the other institutions have been receiving, so that we might have a really good scheme to develop our department of Chinese Literature and History. It is a great disadvantage to get into the field later, and still a greater disadvantage to have so much less money.

As soon as the decision is reached, please let me know all details and what the reaction of your board is to our plan. We are always eager to follow your advice.

With the best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Francis C.M. Wei)
President

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Memorandum on Plans for the Immediate Future after the War in the Department of Chinese Literature and History, Hua Chung College.

1. Three things are essential for the proper maintenance and development of the department:
 1. Faculty - A faculty of six qualified teachers of the rank of lecturer or higher are necessary to take care of all the different lines of teaching.
 2. Library books and teaching materials which ought to be procured whenever possible.
 3. Students - To develop a good supply of students it is necessary to begin with the middle schools. It is, therefore, planned that teaching members of the department should give special lectures every year in all the senior middle schools affiliated with the college, so as to stimulate interest and keep constantly before the senior middle school students the importance of Chinese culture; scholarships ought to be offered to senior middle school graduates to come to the college to major in Chinese literature or History, and suitable books ought to be prepared to enable senior middle school students to read intelligently the Chinese Classics and other books in order to have a good foundation laid for the study of Chinese Literature and History in the college.
11. The teaching staff of the department ought to be so planned that the greater part of its attention may be given to the teaching and dissemination of Chinese culture in the college among the undergraduates. Besides the regular courses offered every year, there ought to be for every term at least one series of special lectures given in the college and open to all students. To maintain the interest of the students in Chinese studies there ought to be at least one publication either bimonthly or quarterly, edited by the staff of the department.
111. Research in Chinese studies - While it is not the policy of the college to make research the main concern of the department of Chinese literature and History, it is, however, felt that without a reasonable amount of research it would be difficult to maintain a wholesome scholarly atmosphere in the department, to make the impression among the students that Chinese studies are of respectable standards, and to make it possible to keep the best scholars on the faculty in the different fields of Chinese culture.

For the immediate future after the war the topics of research for the department will be:

1. The culture of the Sung Period in the province of Kiangsi;
2. The study of Chu Tzu in the province of Hunan;
3. Dialects, Folk Songs, and Folk Lore in the mid-Yangtze Valley.

These topics were originally the topics considered by the department during the first year of the war while the college was still in Wuchang. Owing to the move of the college to the southwest, the topics of investigation have been changed.

- 1V. Training of teachers of Chinese Literature and History in Middle Schools - It is fortunate that so far the Ministry of Education has

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permitted the college to continue its School of Education, which is the only school of its kind among the Christian colleges in China; we can reasonably hope that this permission will continue. By the cooperation of the department of Chinese Literature and History and the School of Education, teachers of Chinese Literature and History may be trained to meet an increasing need in the middle schools in China. It is planned that one or two lecturers with qualifications to teach methods of teaching Chinese Literature and History will be appointed to the School of Education with the assistance of the Harvard-Yenching grant.

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Proposed budget for the Department of Chinese Literature
and Composition in Hua Chung College to the Harvard-
Yenching Institute, for the year 1943-44.

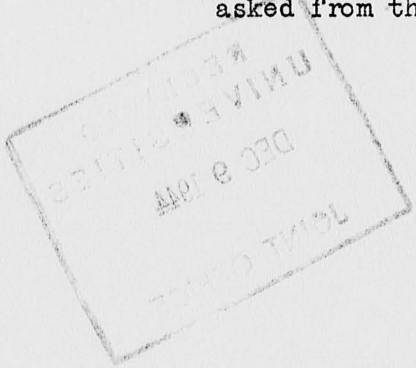
	Salary	Subsidy
Personnel:		
Prof.	5, 100.	23,150.
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Asst. Prof.	4, 500.	15,750.
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Lecturer	3, 600.	14,400.
	<u>30, 300.</u>	<u>114,850.</u>

Total salary and subsidy 145,150.

Clerk	5,400.	
Research Assist.	11,000.	
Printing	6,000.	
Postage	1,000.	
Research	5,000.	
Stationery	1,000.	
Scholarships	2,700.	<u>32,100.</u>

TOTAL 177,250.

It is expected that there will be a government grant of \$5,000 which will assist with the salary and subsidy of one of the senior men, so that a total of C\$172,250 is asked from the Harvard-Yenching Institute.



(N.B. This budget was sent later, in August, by Pres. Wei and is an increase of \$5,000 over one which was sent with his letter of April 15, 1943.)

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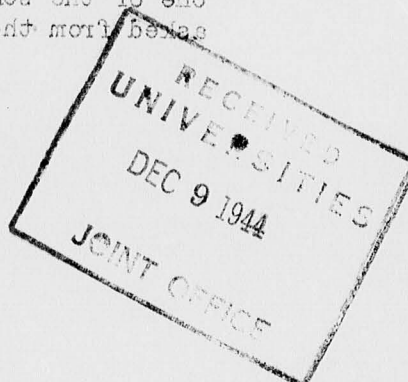
Yenching Institute, for the year 1943-44.

Subsidy	Salary	Personnel:
32,150.	5,100.	Prof.
16,200.	4,800.	"
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14,400.	3,600.	Lecturer
<u>114,850.</u>	<u>30,800.</u>	

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<u>32,100.</u>	<u>Scholarships</u>
177,250.	TOTAL

It is expected that there will be a government grant of \$5,000 which will assist with the salary and subsidy of one of the senior men, so that a total of \$172,250 is saved from the Harvard-Yenching Institute.



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