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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT

J. R. ANGELL AND E. H. HUME

11:30 A.M. Tuesday, January 16, 1923

Dr. Angell inquired in detail regarding recent developments, especially desiring information about carrying out the suggestions of the China Educational Commission. He inquired whether the trustees appreciated how difficult it might prove to support both a strong College of Arts and a strong College of Medicine at Changsha. He recognized that to attempt both would require a large increase in revenue.

Dr. Angell ended the conference by saying that he was inclined to favor the cooperation of Yale in China at a Central China University in Hankow, if such a cooperation could be secured for evident practical ends; but he felt very strongly that three general conditions would have to be met to justify the transfer.

1. If moving Yali should mean only the transferring of a competitive scheme, he would regard the move as indiscreet for the present.

2. The transfer should make certain the possibility of transplanting the spirit of Yali, which involved the cooperation given to and secured from the Chinese. He felt that the recognition in rank and equality in salary given to Chinese on the Yali staff must be continued; and that a way must be found to continue to secure the cordial cooperation of Chinese educators.

3. The Chinese of Changsha must not be allowed to feel that a transfer of Yali would be letting them down so that the institution of which they had seemed to be assured was taken bodily from their midst.

When informed of the proposal of Chinese educators to build up a local university in Hunan, one to which the Yale departments were invited to be affiliated but which would go ahead, whatever the plans of Yale in China might be, Dr. Angell said that if the Chinese were determined to develop such a university enterprise, Yale in China would be free to determine its course independently.

Dr. Angell also added the remark that he believed a transfer of Yali to the Hankow location, for participation in a Central China University scheme, would probably reduce the number of small subscribers to the Yale in China movement at the beginning. He was inclined to feel that as the movement grew these subscribers would be regained, that larger subscribers would continue their gifts without reduction and that in time considerable increase in support might be expected from other than Yale sources in addition to the gifts of Yale Alumni.

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*Filial piety China*

*re - Yale - at Peking?*

學大京燕  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
(INCORPORATED IN 1969 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY)  
PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

13 May 1926

Dr. H. W. Luce  
c/o Peking University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York

My dear Harry:

I have your letter regarding Yale-in-China and I am glad that the matter is coming up again. I shall probably act on your suggestion regarding a cable. The problem is that Yale would prefer to unload some of its older foreign teachers on us for positions already more or less provided for by us, rather than giving free money which we could use either to ease up present budgetary responsibilities or for desired expansion. My present state of mind is that a cable indicating an attitude of welcome supporting Hume's suggestions and with a view to further conference would be better than any too specific a proposal. Much would depend upon conference between Hume and yourself in advance. He and I have a fairly general agreement.

Another matter has come up about which I have just written Eric North and should like you to consult with him. Sharman has indicated to us the readiness of his wife and himself to come to Yenching with no cost to us. You will at once appreciate the advantages to us of such an arrangement and will also not be unconscious of the objections referred to in my letter to Eric. Perhaps the best way would be for you to mediate between the Trustees and Sharman and if you think it wise encourage the latter to come out to us on an informal basis somewhat like the Bronsons, a more definite connection to be worked out after they had been with us for a while. A special reason that would make his presence helpful during the autumn semester is that we hear indirectly that Andrew Ching will not be returning as we had counted on because of failure to get his degree. Barker is going on furlough to be away during that semester and with you in America and me absorbed with the problems of our new location, there will be no one to carry on New Testament courses. This particular point ought not to be pressed if you find objections to Sharman's having a responsible teaching position and yet it would meet a real need, if Ching is really not going to get here this summer. With this statement I hope you will take up the whole matter and use your best judgment as to what ought to be done.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Eric which deals with various matters that will be of interest to you

As ever yours,

*You will probably have heard through Mrs. Luce that my wife is very seriously ill with but slight hope of recovery. You can imagine my emotions better than I can attempt to express them.*

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File under  
"Yale"

How to  
Dr. Ed. H. Hume  
in New York.

May 17th, 1926

Dear Ed:

I hope you received my letter sent to you two days ago. In that I referred to the possibility (which I had understood you and Leighton had considered) about Yale joining in the task at Peking.

About a month ago I wrote to Leighton about it and asking him, if he felt it necessary, to cable me his views, for I realized that at the next meeting of Yale-in-China Trustees some far-reaching decisions would likely be made. Today I have received the enclosed cable, which indicates Leighton's position, and also my own.

There are, of course, many factors in the Yale-in-China situation that I do not know; but, so far as I know them and in the light of the whole urgent and wonderful situation in China, I have two or three strong impressions:

1. That the matter is of greatest importance and merits the most careful consideration.
2. That, should Yale-in-China cooperate at Peking, it would help immensely in drafting a nation-wide Christian educational policy for China which would appeal strongly in the United States.
3. That, if this is so, this cooperation would go for toward making certain that we would have at least one very high grade university in China.

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4. That, con amore, I could and would cooperate with you fully in making the Yale work at Peking of outstanding importance, both there and here in the United States.

This last remark may have additional significance, from the fact that it is now decided that my permanent headquarters in my work for China will now be in the United States. I have rather held back from such a serious and hard task, but the situation at Peking has grown so important and the financial demand so much larger than was ever dreamed that I do not see how I can conscientiously do otherwise. It would give me great joy to be able to cooperate in the Yale task in China.

Every most sincerely,

HENRY W. LUCE

P. S. As I said in my other letter, if you think it desirable for us to have a conference on this matter or that I could help in any other way, I will gladly drop everything else and come to New York or New Haven. Our office in New York (Peking University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City) always has my address.

If the matter should be taken up for consideration, I think one matter would have an important bearing, namely, that the change might be taken on slowly and that the development of Yale's interest at Peking could be undertaken gradually. One of the things that constantly comes to my mind is the development of what we might call Yale College in Peking University, or any name that might seem appropriate; but since the college is already thoroughly started on its way the change to full responsibilities could be undertaken as rapidly as conditions would permit. In the meantime, Yale would have a big enough proposition of a very solid kind to hold before Yale men. Personally, I would hope that the Yale-in-China Trustees might appoint a committee so that we might go into this matter in the most thorough and careful fashion. The more I consider it the more I see very real and very large possibilities of its working out to large conclusions, satisfactory to all concerned.

YALE IN CHINA

CHANGSHA, CHINA

N.Y. Address  
Room 2701  
61 Broadway

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 28, 1926

Dear Harry It has done me good to receive your letters since reaching this country. My own desires and my convictions all point in the direction you and Herbert Stuart have indicated in your cordial cable and letters. On all four points I agree with you.

- 1) That the matter is vital
- 2) That if Yali should cooperate at Peking it would help immensely in developing a nation-wide Christian Educ. policy
- 3) That it would help, assure one, at least, high-grade Christian university in China
- 4) That if this were possible, you, and I, and many others, would cooperate con amore.

But -- it is a long process of education to reach any such position. Our trustees, as a board, are not interested I am sorry to say. I think Prof F. Wells Williams & Dr. Stokes see the wisdom of the plan more clearly than they did two years ago; but they are not convinced, and do not feel this to be the right time for such a proposal to be re-considered by Yali.

However -- I refuse to be disheartened. We must go on educating. When shall it be that you & I can meet & plan? I shall be in N.Y. June 1-4; in Baltimore & Washington June 5-11. Let me know your plans -

Affectionately  
Edward H. Hume

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FILE - CENTRAL CHINA  
**New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital**  
303 EAST 20TH STREET  
**New York**

ARTHUR F. CHACE M. D., PRESIDENT  
EDWARD H. HUME, M. D., EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

September 9, 1931

Dear Mr. Cressy,

The Board for Central China College  
has been organized. The temporary chairman is  
Dr. Anson Stokes, and the secretary pro tem is Dr.  
John W. Wood of the Episcopal Board.

I am sure he would be glad to let  
you see a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward H. Hume*

Rev. E. H. Cressy  
Committee for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

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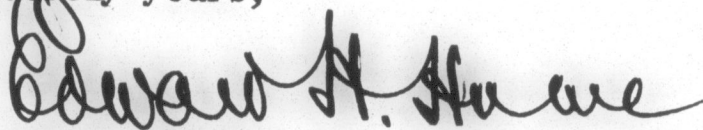
J. EARL FOWLER

April 26, 1944.

Dear Mr. Fowler,

It looks as though I should have to  
be in Philadelphia May 12th.. This may make it  
impossible for me to come to the meeting of the  
Board of Trustees of Hua Chung College on that  
day.

Sincerely yours,



Edward H. Hume, M. D.  
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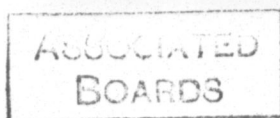
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Temporary Headquarters  
Rm 606, 347 Madison Ave.  
New York City.

February 16, 1934.

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Dear Garside:

Your statement as to the problems before the Christian colleges in China is clear and challenging. You are quite right in saying that it would be impossible to secure any kind of unanimous vote on these matters. The trouble is that we are all tied by unbreakable bonds, as it seems, to the institutions which have commanded our loyalty. Somehow we must get into the group the thought that loyalty must be to the enterprise and to its significance for China rather than to the confines of a single campus. I wish you would challenge more of the college Boards to read the report of the LINDSAY COMMISSION TO INDIA. Those who study that report discover how many significant things are proposed, and how desirable it is that experimentation be undertaken.

We hold too exclusively to the American pattern with which we are familiar and need to realize that a new pattern - not American and not European - but evolved in China might prove to be the thing we all need. In other words, I find myself eager for an agency of research which shall be comparable to the Committee on Industrial and Social Research at Geneva under the direction of Merle Davis. If you talk with a man like Davis you discover that he has been set there to envisage new possibilities in education, adapted in every instance to the needs of of this community or that. Something like this must have been in the mind of Herman Liu who urged that there should be no attempt to make the Hua Chung College, an institution resembling the older universities in the north and south of China. He urged that we find a new mould into which we might cast our educational material. I shall be thinking with you as we approach the conference ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Edward H. Hume, M.D.

B. A. Garside, Esq.,  
Room 903,  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

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ASSOCIATED  
BOARDS

February 20, 1934

Dr. E. H. Hume  
15 Claremont Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Hume:

Thanks for your letter of February 18th commenting on the tentative draft of the memorandum "Reviewing The Correlated Program." When I have heard from the others to whom copies were sent, I will try to revise the draft in line with the various suggestions I receive, and will then pass it along to the proper groups within the Associated Boards for their study and action.

Mr. R. J. Davidson, the Secretary of the British United Committee for Christian Universities in China has been sending preliminary suggestions as to the proposed joint meeting with the Associated Boards which will be held in England about June 27th. He is anxious to arrange if possible for one or more public meetings.

Mr. Davidson's letter contains the following paragraph:

"We felt strongly that the Chinese point of view should find expression in regard to the contribution which Western University life and thought can make to China, specially in regard to Chinese students who come to the West for post-graduate study. The very best person, of course, to deal with this subject would be Dr. Francis Wei of Central China College, and we sincerely hope it may be possible for him to return to China by way of Britain so that we may have his help at Oxford."

I do not know whether it is possible that Dr. Wei can arrange to be in England the latter part of June, but if this could be fitted in with his other plans it would be very fine indeed to have him present. Incidentally, is there any possibility that you yourself can be in England at the time of this joint meeting? You could make a very fine contribution indeed.

Very cordially yours,

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May 19, 1944

M E M O R A N D U M

Dr. Hume called on May 17, 1944 regarding the child of Professor John Lo, Central China College. Dr. Hume had a letter from Dr. John Grant, International Red Cross, India. This letter stated that it was not at all necessary for the Lo child to return to the United States for orthopedic treatment. There are excellent practitioners in both China and India. He mentioned the name of Dr. James Chen and Dr. James Shen as both being as good as almost any doctor whom they could contact here in the United States.

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Hua Chung College  
Wuchang, China

September 13, 1937

Mr. B. A. Garside  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of August 24th addressed to Dr. Wei has just been received and I am sending you an answer to your questions by this letter which should catch this week's Clipper from Hongkong.

The College has opened according to schedule with registration nearly completed and classes will start on Thursday of this week. Our enrollment is considerably more than we had expected when we made our plans last spring. It now looks as though we would have an enrollment of about three hundred students being two hundred and fifty of our own students and the remainder being students who have transferred here temporarily because they are not able to get back to their own institutions or they have not opened. We will be crowded to capacity and if we had room would be able to take in more students as it has been necessary to turn away some applicants.

We are taking this method of sending the information as cables to and from China within the last two weeks have been very slow and in some cases have not gotten through. We knew that word had reached New York that we were planning to open as Bishop Roots had cabled that word to his Board.

At the present time conditions are quiet in this center and we are hoping that they will continue so and enable us to carry on our work as usual and help us to meet the emergency of helping students from other Christian institutions who would otherwise miss this year of college work.

There is some question as to whether or not the government grant for this year will be forthcoming though the government has said that it will do its best to send at least a portion of it. To date we have received none of the grant for this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Fu Hwang

Acting President

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October 13, 1937

Dr. Pu Hwang  
Acting President  
Hua Chung College  
Wuchang, China

Dear Dr. Hwang:

Thank you for your China Clipper letter of September 13th giving us the very helpful information as to the opening of Hua Chung College. We are delighted that Hua Chung has been able to start off with its work in the autumn in such a satisfactory fashion. We have read with concern of the bombings of the Wuhai cities during recent weeks, but trust that no injury was done to Hua Chung or to any of the staff and student body.

We would be grateful if you would send us frequent reports of the progress of your work during the year, for all the American friends of Christian higher education in China are eager to learn of what each of our Colleges is doing in this critical time.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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October 30, 1937

Dr. Fu Hwang  
Hua Chung College  
Wuchang, China

Dear Dr. Hwang:

I am sending this note of introduction to accompany a questionnaire being sent to you by Mr. Daniel L. Lee.

Mr. Lee has been engaged in research at Drew University, making a study of religious work and activities being carried on for and among the students of the Christian Colleges of China. In this connection he has worked out the questionnaire which he is now sending to you and to the China Colleges.

While we realize that you and your colleagues are carrying particularly heavy burdens just now because of the critical situation in China, we hope that you will be able to give the assistance Mr. Lee requests. His study should be of value not only to him when he returns to take up teaching work at Yenching, but also to the general field of Christian life and activities of all the Colleges.

Very sincerely yours,

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HUA CHUNG (CENTRAL CHINA) COLLEGE  
WUCHANG, CHINA

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YALE-IN-CHINA COLLEGE

Jan. 20, 1938.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,  
155 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Garside,

Thank you for your letter of November 29 with the minutes of the meeting of the Associated Boards Executive Committee and Promotional Committees.

I have read the minutes with much interest.

We very much appreciate the efforts which the Associated Boards are making in the raising of Emergency Funds and when those are received we will put them to the best use possible.

At the present time we have closed for the winter vacation but are planning to reopen for the second term on the fourteenth of February and hope that conditions through this section of the country will enable us to do so without difficulty.

Yours sincerely,

*Wu Hwang*  
Acting President.

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NOTE: See letter to Buchholz, dated Nov. 21, 1938.

November 21, 1938

Dear Dr. Hwang:

Mr. Cressy has just informed us that you are due to arrive in America at about this time. I am therefore sending this note to extend to you our most cordial greetings and welcome.

We hope that your plans will be bringing you to the east a little later.

While you are in California we hope that you will be able to get in touch with many of the friends of the China Colleges living in that area. Dr. Paul H. Buchholz, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco, is in charge of the office of the China Colleges in the Pacific region. I am sending him a note telling him of your arrival and I know he will be eager to get in touch with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Hwang Pu  
c/o Dr. E. P. Cubberley  
Stanford University  
Palo Alto, California

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December 12, 1938

Dr. Pu Hwang  
International House  
500 Riverside Drive  
New York City

Dear Dr. Hwang:

I was very much distressed to miss you when you were in the office this morning. I did not realize that you were here until after you had come and gone. I telephoned to the International House but you were not in your room at the time I called.

We have been looking forward to your arrival here in New York, and are eager to get in touch with you. There are many points at which we will wish to have your advice and assistance. I will make an effort to get in touch with you during the next few days.

Very sincerely yours,

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