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Buck, J. Lossing 1933

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
January 27, 1933.

Dr. G. T. Scott,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Scott:

I have been thinking a little more about the residence situation which we talked about and have jotted down some arguments for and against Mission control of residences in union institutions. Probably all these points have already been considered, but I am sending them on for what they are worth. If you care to make any comment regarding them, I shall be happy to hear from you.

I am not sending a copy to Mr. Garside until I know whether or not you have any comments to make.

I am, with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

Dr. G. E. Scott,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Scott:

I have been thinking a little more about the letter of Mr. Ashmun and the correspondence attached. Mr. Ashmun is not a man to be easily influenced by any one else, but I feel that I am entirely right in saying that if you are to make any comment regarding them, I think you ought to make it very strong.

I am not sending a copy to Mr. Gestelde of course but you have your own judgment to do what you think it wise to make.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Speer.

REB:AB

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York,
January 6, 1933.

No each regional
(Talked with
Both personally)
JLB

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Garside:

I have recently received some correspondence from Miss Priest and have seen correspondence between Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Reisner regarding the action of the Nanking Presbyterian Station and the China Council in regard to having each Board reserve from the lease to the Board of Directors certain houses for their own missionaries who are representatives on the staff of the University. We both feel that the action of the Board of Directors should be followed, and that no change be made in regard to the present arrangements of having the houses entirely under the control of the University.

Of course, higher standards of living are something that society, as well as individuals, strive for and I believe that modern plumbing is one of the improvements that should be placed in all University houses, including those of the Chinese. Just when and how is, of course, another question. However, I do not see any objections to individual Boards making arrangements with the University authorities for having modern plumbing arrangements installed in houses that are as nearly permanently occupied by members of their own Mission as can be foreseen.

Will you kindly bring this letter to the attention of any meeting of the Board of Founders, or Committee appointed by the Board of Founders to consider the matter. I am also sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Scott in relation to any discussion of the matter at the Presbyterian Board.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
J. Lossing Buck
J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST CHINA COUNCIL RULING NO. 32480 IN REGARD TO MISSION CONTROL OF RESIDENCES AT UNION INSTITUTIONS.

Arguments For:

1. Possibly it makes it a little easier to install modern conveniences and more built-in furniture.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST:

1. Takes control of mission houses from the University when the University is the controlling unit for all other administrative functions and the logical controlling unit for houses also.

2. It makes administration difficult for the University.

3. Less elasticity in housing groups of four or five families of each mission than when ten or twelve families of all missions can be housed more according to size of family, size of house, and personal preferences.

4. The quota of four or five of a single mission group (a) might have difficulties in making harmonious decisions. (b) Such a quota might not want to be bothered with repairs that could be more easily handled by the University Construction department.

5. Missionaries of the quota that have already been assigned to particular residences would have to be moved because of the residences belonging to another mission. Some families would much prefer to do without plumbing than to make this move.

6. Modern plumbing is not practical without an adequate water supply, and this is difficult in Nanking.

7. It is not necessary for each mission to take back its own original residences. Assignments can be left as they are and any Board that wants plumbing for its missionaries could make a grant to the University for this purpose. Other Boards would probably soon follow so that no particular problem is involved.

8. A blanket ruling for all institutions may not fit the conditions of a particular institution. (I have heard a good deal at Cornell about the impracticability of having rules on all points to apply to all organizations. At first, perhaps, such a rule could have been made, but certainly at Nanking it will work injuries to individual families.)

9. It will widen rather than narrow the gap between Chinese and foreigners.

10. The University would undoubtedly be willing to comply with the desires of the Boards, Missions, and the particular missionary families, in so far as that is humanly possible. Certainly the proposal does not eliminate difficulties, but apparently increases them.

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
February 1, 1933.
ack 2-3-33 - BOB.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have just received a gift from Mr. Charles A. Brown, Route 3, Sangus, California, for our work in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Nanking.

He wrote Mrs. Buck and me, saying that he liked the attitude shown in Mrs. Buck's writing about mission work, referring especially to her speech at the Hotel Astor, and that he would like to support our work in case we would let him know to what address to send some money. I replied that we would be happy to use any amount he could send, and I thought probably he would be sending along five or ten dollars, but he has sent the enclosed check for one hundred dollars, which I am asking you to forward to Nanking to be credited to the Department of Agricultural Economics.

I am writing a letter direct to Nanking, suggesting ways in which this money can be used.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

Note-Miss Priest
2-3-33 BOB #2

JLB:AB

$100.00 check encl.

TRANSFER

Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
February 3, 1933.
ack 2-6-33 BOS.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have listed some arguments for and against the China Council ruling No. 32480. I have sent a copy to Dr. Scott, and also one to Rev. Patton. Dr. Scott suggests that I try to think of some more arguments for, but up to date I have not been able to do so.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

University of Nanking

February 16, 1923.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck
614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. John H. Reisner
419 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Buck and Reisner:

We have just received the following cablegram from Nanking:-

"NOTIFY BUCK REISNER SHANGHAI BANK PROMISES TWENTY THOUSAND SILVER ANNUALLY THREE YEARS FOR ONE EUROPEAN ONE AMERICAN EXPERT COOPERATIVES MARKETING FUNDS INSUFFICIENT.CAN YOU RECOMMEND SPECIALISTS SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDS NO RESIDENCES SHALL WE APPROACH GUW/CHENSIE."

Both of you are more intimately acquainted than I with what is involved. What steps do you suggest?

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:PW

J. Lossing Buck

TRANSFER

Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
February 20, 1933.

Mr. John Reisner,
19 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear John:

I received Mr. Garside's communication sent to both of us and also your letter of February 17. I had a long talk, first with W. I. Myers, and then with Dr. Warren on Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Warren was very much pleased with the cablegram and smiled as though it had been some fund that he had obtained for his own department. He said, "This shows what happens when one does good work". He also stated that he felt considerable interest and responsibility in assisting the work at Nanking. Warren thinks Myers would be the very best man to go, and there are two or three other possibilities here at Cornell, but the other men would not be as good as Myers. It will be about three weeks before Dr. Warren can make a decision in regard to the assignment of various men in the Department for work the coming year, so he cannot give us a definite decision until a little later.

You are quite right about assuming that the funds granted are not even enough to obtain one first-class expert, and you are also right in suggesting that provision should be made for travel of the expert in China and for a minimum staff. I think we will have to assume that the people on the field are taking care of this, and with this in mind I am suggesting the following cablegram. If you approve of this, will you kindly advise Mr. Garside and ask him to send it on? If you have any suggestions to make, I believe it will be best for you to call me. My telephone number is Ithaca 4063.

"Reisner Buck report approach Gunn suggest change previous request cooperative funds from financing to training Chinese experts. Recommending American expert three weeks ~~later.~~ Cannot secure best experts three years. Do you approve our recommendation obtain best expert first year, followed

February 20, 1933.

Mr. John Reisner,
New York City.

by younger, cheaper expert for following
two years? Cabling later funds needed.

This cable seems rather long, but it is important to give at least this much information. I would suggest that it be sent deferred in order to prevent misunderstandings through the use of code.

I shall write you later in regard to the European experts.

Sincerely yours,

J Lossing Buck
a. B.

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB
CC: Mr. B. A. Garside.

J. Lossing Buck

Nanking TRANSFER

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
February 22, 1933.

wck 2-25-33
BOB

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Agricultural Missions Foundation,
419 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear John:

I appreciate very much your letter of February 21 and feel that your idea of mentioning what we can do in regard to funds should be included. I still feel that a little different wording is needed in the cable than that which you have suggested, although yours is an improvement over mine. I would, therefore, suggest the following:

> Recommend approach Gunn emphasizing organization problems and need training Chinese experts as substitute for cooperative item in five year request ~~to Gunn.~~ Stop. Recommending American expert three weeks hence, possibly Myers Cornell. Stop. Can secure best experts one year only, but on leave with half salary. Recommend follow with younger, cheaper expert. Stop. Do you want Strickland for European expert or another with strictly marketing experience. Stop. Will seek ~~looking for~~ additional funds but unhopeful. Cable Gunn's decision.

You will remember that Sie wrote Buck that Gunn questioned the cooperative item in our Five Year Request. This seems like an excellent opportunity to have that item changed from financing societies to organization problems and training Chinese experts, and I feel it isquite important to indicate this to the men on the field.

I have inserted "but on leave half salary" to indicate the importance of getting good men more reasonably than could otherwise be done.

I think we should have a cable on Gunn's decision, whatever it may be, and hence the wording, which also shortens the cable.

I do not feel it is necessary for us to ask them how much additional funds are needed because we can

February 22, 1933.

Mr. John H. Reisner, New York City.

decide that better after we know what expert is available and what money will be necessary to get him.

I think it is important to refer to Strickland, which will also clear up any question of whether both an American and European expert are wanted. My interpretation is that both are wanted, otherwise the cable would have been worded differently. I had previously talked with Weiser about Strickland, and Weiser questioned Strickland's interest or experience in the marketing end of cooperation. However, I feel that probably Strickland could still make a remarkable contribution. I am not ready to say which would be better, to obtain Strickland or to hunt for a man with more marketing experience and preferably a younger man. I am inclined toward the latter, and I shall obtain an interview with Mr. Babcock of the G. L. F. who travelled in Europe this summer. Babcock is one of the best cooperative men in this country, but he is not on a University salary and, therefore, would be a very expensive man to get, even though he might be willing to undertake the work, which is somewhat doubtful.

In regard to funds from this side, I feel it is a little more encouraging to say that we are looking for the funds but are unhopeful.

I hope this rewording will commend itself to both you and Mr. Garside and that the cable can go forward without further delay. I am glad, however, that you have written as you have for I think now we have a much better cable.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB
CC: Mr. B. A. Garside.

Copy

Original returned to Mr. Reisner 4/12/33

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
March 29, 1933.

Dear John:

Your letter of the 28th is just at hand.

I had a talk with M. C. Bond, who is head of the Marketing Extension Service of the Department of Agricultural Economics here at Cornell, about coming to Nanking for the cooperative marketing work. He is considering the matter carefully, and I think would like to come. Next to Myers and Babcock, he has been the best recommended man I have been able to find. He will be excellent from every standpoint. He is a missionary type, in the best sense of the word, and he has taken an active interest in the Chinese students here at Cornell. His wife is also well recommended. He has three children, all under twelve.

The salary and travel expenses, when travel expenses (second class) are distributed over a period of three years will amount to about $5100.00. You will see that this amount at present exchange rates is a little more than $20,000.00 silver a year.

I think it is important that we do not undertake to get two men at the same time until we are sure that we have funds enough for one. I think that between Strickland and Bond, there is probably no question but that Bond could handle the job much better, and being a young man he could help follow-up the work as the years go by. I think, therefore, we should stick to the plan of trying to raise all of Strickland's expenses from some other source; at least, we should exhaust all other possibilities before offering to pay anything toward his expenses.

I believe it might be a good idea to cable China Union Universities asking for a reply to my letter of January 6, wording the cable as follows:

> University anxious Strickland go Nanking. Stop. China's interest in cooperatives rapidly increasing. If impossible your Committee finance completely, how much more is needed and can you locate it other sources. What is earliest date Strickland can go? Hope you will do best possible. Cable

If this meets with your approval, will you have Garside send off the cable.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lossing

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

Mr. John H. Reisner,
Agricultural Missions Foundation,
419 Fourth Avenue,
New York City.

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
March 30, 1933. No. 1
ack. 4/7

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

See "Miss Bucher's" file

I am enclosing herewith two life agreements between Miss Bucher and the University of Nanking, signed by Miss Bucher. Will you kindly complete these, and I suppose one copy should go to Nanking?

You will notice that we have attached a supplementary agreement in regard to furloughs because for a number of reasons it may be necessary for Mrs. Buck and myself to return to the United States more frequently than the regular furlough period, and in such case we may desire to have Miss Bucher's services here.

I trust that these agreements are in order.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

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Nanking

Nanking

April 7, 1933 No. 1

Mr. J. Lossing Buck,
614 Wycoff Road,
Ithaca, New York

Dear Lossing:

I attach hereto copy of the cablegram we sent last Saturday, in accordance with your letter of March 28th addressed to Reisner. We have this morning received from Mr. Silcock the following reply:

"STRICKLAND NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE AUTUMN 1934 STOP MY COMMITTEE MEETS APRIL 25 STOP IF STRICKLAND APPOINTED £550 AVAILABLE STOP MORE NEEDED DONT KNOW HOW MUCH STOP CONSIDER STRICKLANDS VISIT VALUABLE AM TRYING LOCATE OTHER SOURCES " - Silcock

Let me acknowledge also your letter of March 30th regarding the life agreement between Miss Bucher and the University of Nanking. We will bring this before the meeting of our Nanking Founders on April 21st for the necessary formalities of approval. I know that the Board will give their hearty approval to the documents as a whole, and undoubedly will also approve the supplementary agreement. However, since this is the first time we have used this exact form of a life agreement, it is worth while to have our Founders study it with some care to see whether the set-up and phraseology is satisfactory at all points. I am also sending copies of the agreement to President Chen, so as to be sure the form and arrangement of this type of agreement is satisfactory to the field. There is one detail in the supplementary agreement where a slight change in wording is probably desirable. This speaks of the possibility of return to the United States "at shorter intervals than five year period of service." Our Nanking salary schedule contains the following provision " in case of a life agreement, furloughs will be granted after the first term of five academic years, and after each succeeding term of six academic years. Would it be better for us to change this phrase and the supplementary agreement to read somewhat as follows "at shorter intervals than the regular five or six year term of service" or, simply "at shorter intervals than the regular term of service."

Very cordially yours

Copy of this letter
sent again to Mr. Buck 5/26/33

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Nanking

April 7, 1933 No. 2

Mr. J. Lossing Buck
614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Buck

Do you have pictures available of the 1931 Yangtze floods which you could lend to Mr. Barbour? I am enclosing a copy of the letter which Mr. Barbour sent us a few days ago and in which he asks us for such pictures. I would appreciate it greatly if you could help him.

Very cordially yours

MS
Enc.

9 ab up with Courtesy

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Nanking

Ithaca, New York
614 Wyckoff Road
11 April 1933

ack 5/24

Mr. B. A. Garside
University of Nanking
Nanking, China

My dear Garside:

Many thanks for your letter of April 7. Your suggestion of changing the supplementary agreement to read "at shorter intervals than the regular term of service" is quite satisfactory.

In regard to the flood photos, I regret that I have nothing that would be satisfactory.

Note Barbour - Reimer

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck

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Nanking

University of Nanking

April 12, 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lossing Buck
614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Buck:

I have been hoping for ten days or more to be able to write giving more definite details as to the plans for the Nanking dinner on April 21st. Matters have been held up by the pressure of work which everyone is experiencing just now, and also by the absence of Dr. Speer, who is one of the members of the Committee on Arrangements.

However, we have at last gotten the details fairly well clarified and are now in a position to send out formal invitations. The Committee has asked me, as Secretary of the Nanking Board of Founders, to extend invitations to the two of you, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, and to Mr. and Mrs. Reisner, together with any other members of the Nanking staff who may be available. The Board also invites you to be present at its business meeting on the afternoon of April 21st. The business meeting of the Board will be held in Room 300, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at 1:30 P. M. on April 21st. The hour and place of the dinner has not yet been definitely settled. The dinner will probably begin at about 6:30 P.M., and will be rather informal, with only a few people outside the membership of the Board of Trustees and the staff from Nanking.

We certainly hope that both of you will be able to attend both the business meeting and the dinner. The University will, of course, be glad to take care of the expenses connected with your trip.

Are there any Chinese members of the Nanking staff in Cornell whom we should invite to be present, particularly anyone related to the School of Agriculture? The discussion at the dinner will relate especially to work in agriculture and forestry. The Board might find its finances too limited to meet the expenses of many trips from Ithaca, but we should have our Chinese staff members present here if possible.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:PW

Nanking

TRANSFER

Ithaca, New York
614 Wyckoff Road
14 April 1933

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 12, and for the kind invitation to the dinner on April 21. We shall be very happy to accept. I shall also be glad to attend the business meeting if you think it is a rather important thing to do. I had expected to be doing other things, but I hope to be able to shift these.

The other Chinese faculty members on our staff are Mr. C. M. Chiao, S. Wang, C. M. Heh, T. R. Chang. These can be addressed in my care. I do not know that all these men would be able to come, but I think it would be important to have some of them there, and as you say, probably you could not finance them all. Mrs. Buck and I are planning to be in New York also for other purposes, so there would be no expenses connected with the trip for Mrs. Buck and myself. Mr. Wang and Mr. Heh have been contemplating a trip to New York for some time for sight-seeing. Mr. Chiao suggested that if they were paid part of their expenses they perhaps could take care of the rest since they have been hesitating to visit New York on account of the expense involved. I would like Mr. Chiao to be present because he is interested in organization and he could also see the Milbank Memorial Fund people to advantage in regard to his population material. I am wondering if any particular phase of the work of the College of Agriculture is to be discussed at the dinner. May I also ask whether or not you are sending an invitation to Miss Bucher. I do not know whether she will be able to attend. I fear she will not be able to attend, because Mrs. Buck and I will both be away, but I think you might want to send her an invitation.

Cordially yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck

JLB-JN

Buck JL

Ack

TRANSFER

Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
April 27, 1933.

ack 5/24

Dr. Y. G. Chen, President,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

Dear Dr. Chen:

My correspondence this year has been confined to business matters entirely and this accounts for your not having heard from me before. I extremely regret to say that this has to be chiefly a business letter.

The International Conference of Agricultural Economists is to be held in Germany on August 20.-26. I have been asked by this group to present a paper to them on certain phases of Agricultural Economics in China. For this reason, and for the reason that it is very important for our work at Nanking that I meet these agricultural economists of Europe, I am asking your approval of my arriving a little late at Nanking. After the Conference I cannot obtain a satisfactory sailing until September 8. This will bring me to Shanghai on October 2. I consider that my attendance at the Conference is of great importance professionally and for our work.

Mrs. Buck and I are leaving for Europe at the end of June and I hope to make many worthwhile contacts. We are planning to return by steamer, and of course, I have plenty to do in regard to my work so that the extension of my return will not be an extension of furlough. At least, I feel that it should not be counted as an extension of furlough but as part of my regular work. If this meets with your approval, will you kindly cable the word "approved", at my expense?

Things are going very well here at Cornell. I have got off all the language requirements and the only big thing now is the oral examination. I trust that will

April 27, 1933.

Dr. Y. G. Chen, Nanking, China.

be like I have heard one graduate student in another department describe it, "it was like a tea party".

I am glad to know that you have had such a quiet year in Nanking. We are very much distressed over the situation in North China and are wondering what the outcome will be and what the rest of the world can and should do.

With best wishes from Mrs. Buck and myself to Mrs. Chen and yourself, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

April 27, 1933.

Dr. Y. S. Chen, Nanking, China.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AS

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Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 2, 1933.
ack 5/24

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

Dear Garside:

I have sent the following cablegram to Nanking direct from Ithaca, and have taken care of the expense personally. If you receive an answer to this will you kindly send it on to me promptly:

WHEELER UNIVERSITY NANKING

MYERS UNAVAILABLE. BOND OF CORNELL POSSIBLY AVAILABLE. SALARY TRAVEL APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THOUSAND GOLD. WIRE APPROVAL. STOP. INFORM SWEN MUST MAKE LAND UTILIZATION PROGRESS REPORT. MAIL NUMBER EACH KIND OF SCHEDULES COLLECTED. BUCK.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

TRANSFER

Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, New York
May 18, 1933

ack 5/24

Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Garside:

There is a very slight possibility that we may be able to find some funds for the Institute of Cultural Studies at the University of Nanking. If you have any information in hand as to the needs, I shall be glad to suggest them to the person who has asked for suggestions on types of work that might be done to promote better international relations through study of Chinese culture. At present the matter is on an entirely informal basis so that it would be a mistake for the University to present the matter officially.

If you have information on the complete cost of Dr. Shaw's visit and Dr. Weeks' visit to China, I would appreciate receiving the information.

As soon as I finish my work, which I hope will be on June 1, I would like to take up with you the matter of graduate work at Nanking. I am exceedingly sorry that at the University dinner we had so many interruptions. Certain things came up which had to be attended to at that particular moment. Otherwise the evening was an enjoyable one and I was glad of the opportunity to meet with the Board of Founders.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck

JLB:MG

TRANSFER

Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 23, 1933.

ack 5/25

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

Will you kindly send me the necessary blanks to cover Miss Bucher's medical examination, in order that we may have this detail cared for before leaving Ithaca.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 23, 1933.

ack 5/25

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

A short time ago I received a letter from Nanking suggesting that I should have given you more information about our request to Mr. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation for funds for the Department of Agricultural Economics. I was under the impression that I had mentioned this matter to you.

The matter has been handled from the field, with the exception of my seeing Mr. Gunn for a few minutes just before he sailed for China last autumn. Mr. Gunn said that he would take up the matter with the people at Nanking. This, therefore, still left the affair in the hands of the administration on the field. I suppose if you have not had information from the field, it is because the question is in such a tentative stage. I understand from a recent letter that the Board of Directors have approved the project and that a copy will be sent you. I, myself, have not yet received a copy.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 23, 1933.

ack 5/25

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

Dear Garside:

I have been able to locate an agricultural statistician to succeed Stanley Warren. As you will perhaps recall, we have $5,000 gold from The Institute of Pacific Relations to employ such a statistician. This money has presumably already been turned over by the China Council to the University of Nanking. I know that the China Council has received the amount.

The candidate's name is A. B. Lewis, who is completing his work for a doctor's degree this June. He is highly recommended by Dr. Warren and other members of the Department here, and is a very fine type of man; he is unmarried. He is also a very earnest christian. He has agreed to come for $1800 a year for the two years, plus travelling expenses. This arrangement is more than twice as satisfactory as that of Stanley Warren, and I feel that Mr. Lewis will be equally capable in his work. Mr. Lewis has very recently had a thorough physical examination and he is in good health, with the exception of a slight operation on his nose, which will be necessary. Is it important to have the regular medical blanks filled out?

Will you kindly take the proper steps in regard to making the official arrangement between Mr. Lewis and the University? I have in my file one of the agreements for the regular term. Would you like me to fill this out to fit Mr. Lewis' case, and then send it on to you for your approval? Mr. Lewis will probably go by way of Europe and will probably sail with us from Italy arriving in Shanghai on October 2. I have told him

May 23, 1933.

Mr. B. A. Garside, New York City.

that in that case his travelling expenses to Nanking by the most direct route would be estimated. I have agreed to the University paying him first-class passage.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

Buck

University of Nanking

May 24, 1933.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck
614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Buck:

A number of letters from you have been accumulating on my desk for reply. I got rather badly behind with my correspondence during the series of meetings late in April, and am just now catching up.

I will comment briefly on these matters now.

Your letter of April 11th. This comments on the employment agreement with Miss Bucher. We were unable to bring this agreement before our Nanking Founders for action at the meeting on April 21st, but will be having another meeting of our Nanking Executive Committee in a short time, and should be able to clear the matter at that time. Meantime, we are asking the Committee on Instruction to make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Your letter of April 27th. This is addressed to Dr. Chen, but you kindly sent a copy for our information. We note particularly your plans for return to the field.

Your letter of May 2nd. In this you quote the cablegram you sent from Ithaca. Thus far we have had no reply to this cablegram. Possibly the answer was sent direct to you.

Your letter of May 16th. In this letter you ask first for any information we may have as to the needs in the Institute of Cultural Studies at the University of Nanking.

There is one immediate and urgent need in this field, the fulfillment of which would be of immense value to the University. This is the provision of funds to erect a suitable building to house a splendid collection of Chinese art, which former President J. C. Ferguson has offered to the University on condition that it be suitably housed. The University estimates that U.S.$30,000 will be needed for this purpose. If we could find some donor who could give this sum, it would be of immense worth. If no single donor could be found who could give the entire amount, it would be very helpful if we could discover some friend who could pledge a substantial part of the amount on condition that the remainder be secured from other sources.

The Harvard-Yenching Institute is having some serious financial problems of its own just now, so it would not be a propitious time to approach them for any very large capital grant, though we might induce them to make an appropriation to match pledges already made for such an enterprise as this. Possibly also, other friends of the University either in the West or in China might add their gifts if a substantial beginning were made.

As to funds for the current work of the Institute of Cultural Studies, the income from the Harvard-Yenching Institute has thus far been adequate to meet the expense of the program now being carried on. As a matter of fact, the support for work in Chinese Cultural Studies has been somewhat larger by comparison, than has been the support available for other departments of the University.

There seems to be no immediate need therefore, for additional current funds for the direct work of the Institute of Cultural Studies, though I am sure that in many other departments of the University fairly closely related to this field, additional income is urgently needed. Of course, there are always non-recurrent needs in the field of Chinese Cultural Studies, such as additional library books, where special gifts would be warmly welcome.

The above suggestions are very scattered. If you can let me know a little more definitely ~~where~~ what the potential ~~institutions and~~ institutions of the friends you have in mind would probably be, I might be able to give more concrete information.

We do not have exact figures for the cost of the visits of Dr. Shaw and Dr. Weeks, but I give below such information as we can:-

Dr. Shaw. The University undertook to provide for Dr. Shaw as follows:-

1. Difference between his sabbatical salary and full salary during the six months between January 1 and July 1, 1930, G.$984.85.

2. Travel expense of Dr. Shaw from San Francisco to Shanghai, and from Shanghai to Marseilles, France, G.$775.00.

3. Any travel or other necessary expenses in connection with Dr. Shaw's work in and about Nanking, (amount unknown)

4. Board and lodging for Dr. and Mrs. Shaw while in Nanking, (cost unknown).

We do not have any exact or even approximate figures as to how much Dr. David Weeks' total expense to the University. Our best guess would be that the University had about the same amount of expense for Dr. Weeks as for Dr. Shaw, but you are the best judge as to whether this is the case.

I will be very glad to take up with you the question of possible graduate work at Nanking in the field of agriculture and forestry. I am sorry that we have all been so busy this year that we have let time slip by

with so few opportunities for personal contacts. It was very delightful to have you and Mrs. Buck with us for a few hours on April 21st.

I believe I have not officially passed on to you the cablegram we received from Nanking a short time ago reading as follows:-

"BOARD DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING UNANIMOUSLY REAFFIRM REQUEST RETURN MR. AND MRS. BUCK TO THE UNIVERSITY. LETTERS FOLLOW. CHEN"

I have communicated this cablegram to Dr. Scott. The letters referred to have not yet arrived.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PW

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 24, 1933.
acb 5/25

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

Dear Garside:

I have received letters from Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Lobenstine about the action of the Board of Directors in regard to our return. I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Wheeler's letter herewith. I am wondering whether you sent us a copy of this cable, which for some reason we have not received.

I also wish to call your attention to the fact that I received a letter from Mr. Silcock, informing me that he sent the following cable on April 6.

NANFUSHAN NEW YORK
STRICKLAND NOT AVAILABLE BEFORE AUTUMN 1934
stop MY COMMITTEE MEETS APRIL 25 stop IF
STRICKLAND APPOINTED £550 AVAILABLE stop
MORE NEEDED DONT KNOW HOW MUCH stop CONSIDER
STRICKLANDS VISIT VALUABLE AM TRYING LOCATE
OTHER SOURCES

Silcock.

This cable I never received and I am wondering whether your office ever received it.

Yesterday I received in the mail, forwarded from your office, copy of a radiogram sent me on May 15, from Leonard Hsu, Peiping and addressed to me in care of the Princeton Yenching Foundation, 150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C. This cable, too, I did not receive until I got the copy from the amateur station in California yesterday. Will you kindly trace these matters through your office and let me hear from you regarding them, as I am anxious to discover just where the difficulty lies.

Sincerely yours,
J. Lossing Buck
J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

(C O P Y)

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

Nanking, China

April 25, 1933.

Professor J. Lossing Buck,
614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Lossing:

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The Directors officially endorsed the appeal to the Rockefeller Foundation which incorporated your original request and the addtional research project worked out by Dr. Chen and Dr. Smythe. We shall send you a copy of the full statement just as soon as it is available.

Things are peaceful here at the moment. The year has been a fine one at the University. We are looking forward to your return.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Rex Wheeler (signed)

W. Reginald Wheeler.

WRW:A

(C O P Y)

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Sincerely yours,

W. Rex Wheeler (signed)

W. Reginald Wheeler.

WRW:A

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 25, 1933.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am enclosing a check for one thousand dollars gold for my secretary's salary account for next year.

Sincerely yours,

Pearl S. Buck

Pearl S. Buck.

Cost of wed, 1932-11
1933-4
Dep. 5/31/33 - 1.000.00
1000

12½
80
960
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11½
80
920
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960

JWK
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TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

May 25, 1933.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck
614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Buck:

I have your three letters of May 23rd.

First letter. This requests medical blanks for Miss Bucher. I am enclosing the blanks, together with a brief note to her.

Second letter. In this you kindly give us further information as to our request to Mr. Gunn of the Rockefeller Foundation for funds for the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Third letter. This contains the gratifying news that in Mr. A. B. Lewis we have found the agricultural statistician whom we have been seeking for some time. You suggest that I take the initiative in preparing a suitable form of agreement between Mr. Lewis and the University.

I am enclosing herewith in triplicate a proposed agreement. I hope that you and Mr. Lewis will examine this critically, and that you will send it back with suggestions for changes if it is not entirely satisfactory.

Our Nanking organization is much more China-centric than most of our other universities, and I am frequently at a loss to know just how to proceed, because of lack of both information and authority. Our office has very little information as to the arrangements for this agricultural statistician, and the Nanking Founders will undoubtedly wish confirmation from the field before they will feel that they can give their formal approval to such an agreement. I am therefore, cabling Nanking asking for this approval. We should have a reply within a few days, so by the time Mr. Lewis has signed and returned the agreement, the matter should be ready to lay before the Committee on Instruction.

I am enclosing one of our usual candidate blanks, which it would probably be well for Mr. Lewis to fill in, so as to supply our Committee with the information it will need to have as an adequate basis for forming its judgment. If Mr. Lewis could send along with this application letters of recommendation from some of the men in Cornell who are known to our Nanking Founders, it would help us to speed up the clearance of these necessary formalities. If Mr. Lewis could send us some report from the

doctor who has recently given him a thorough medical examination, showing that he is in fit condition for two year's service in China, it will probably not be necessary to have another examination. This is a point, however, where we have learned from sad experience that a good deal of care is necessary. More than once we have sent appointees to the field in apparently vigorous health, only to have them meet with a serious breakdown within a short time, due to some physical weakness that a searching medical examination would have revealed.

Don't work too hard during your last weeks here in the States.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:PW
Enc.

Lewis - A B Lewis

Nanking

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING and A. B. LEWIS this day of , 1933, WITNESSETH:

That the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING hereby agrees to and does employ A. B. LEWIS for the position of Agricultural Statistician for a term of two years on the following schedule of salary and allowances:-

1. Salary at the rate of U.S. $1,800 per year beginning on the date of departure from home of appointee.

2. Travel expenses from home of appointee ( ). to Nanking, China, by the most direct route, and also travel expenses from Nanking to the home of appointee at the completion of this term of two years.

3. Residential quarters in Nanking.

4. Medical attention for sickness without charge. (Drugs, prescriptions and hospital expenses not included.) One-half dental bills if incurred with prior consent.

The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and full travel expenses.

A. B. LEWIS hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason he resigns the position before the expiration of one-half the term of this contract, he will reimburse the University for such proportion of the outgoing expenses as the period of actual service bears to one-half the full term of service as above set forth, and that in case he resigns before the completion of the contract, no payment shall be made by the University for travel expenses to the United States of America, except in case such resignation is due to his serious illness.

It is further agreed that A. B. LEWIS will give his whole time and attention to the work for which he is hereby employed, and that he will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

This agreement may be extended for a further period if signed by the parties hereto ninety (90) days prior to its expiration,

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this day of , 1933.

WITNESSES:

On behalf of the UNIVERSITY of NANKING

_____

_____
Secretary

_____

_____
Appointee

Buck

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

May 26, 1933.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck
614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Buck:

I have your letter of May 24th, which crossed in the mail with the one I wrote you on May 24th. Your letter deals chiefly with three cablegrams.

The cablegram from the Board of Directors came in sometime ago, as I stated in my earlier letter. It was reported promptly to the Presbyterian Board, but our office was seriously at fault in not notifying you more promptly that it had been received. I am very sorry indeed that the delay occurred.

The second cablegram to which you refer is that sent by Mr. Silcock. I am very much mystified with your statement that you did not receive this cablegram, for I wrote you on April 7th,*within an hour after the cablegram reached us quoting it to you just as it came in. In this same letter I discussed some of the details of Miss Bucher's life agreement. Your letter of April 11th acknowledges receipt of my "letter of April 7th", and comments on the suggestions I made regarding Miss Bucher's agreement. I wrote you another letter on April 7th regarding flood photos, which you acknowledged also in your letter of April 11th. But as I study again your letter of April 11th, it seems to me quite certain that you had both of my letters of April 7th before you as you wrote.

I cannot find that in any of my communications than this first letter of April 7th did I make the suggestion concerning Miss Bucher, which you quote verbatim in your acknowledgment.

The third cablegram to which you refer is a radiogram sent by Dr. Hsu via the amateur station in California. Several days always elapse between the time such cables are sent and their arrival in New York. In addition to probable delays in transmission, the amateur stations in California forward them to us by mail. They handle these messages for us gratis, and cannot be expected to go to the expense of telegraphing them across the country, or even the trouble of wiring them to us collect. While I assumed from the envelope that this was an amateur radiogram addressed to you, I judged it sufficient to forward the message on to you

by mail, just as we received it. We have received a large number of these amateur radiograms recently, and none of them have been of such vital urgency that one day more or less made a great deal of difference. Moreover, we have never opened any mail addressed to you, unless we had specific instructions to deal with some special letter you were expecting.

Sorry that we seem to have fallen down on transmitting these three messages, though I believe we handled the last two as expeditiously as we could.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:PW

*Letter of April 7th enclosed.

May 26, 1933.
aok 5/31

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

Dear Garside:

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 25, with enclosures.

I have two questions in regard to the suggested contract for Mr. A. B. Lewis. One is that under "2" we insert "first class" before the words, "travel expenses". It was my original idea that we not give residential quarters or medical and dental expenses because of the higher salary. Will you kindly let me know what we did in the case of Stanley Warren? If we furnished these things in Stanley Warren's case, perhaps we should in this, but I am inclined to say that these should not be furnished. Kindly let me have your judgment on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck
a.B.

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB
(Dictated but not read)

University of Banking

May 27, 1933.

Mrs. J. Lossing Buck
814 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Buck:

I have your letter of May 25th with its enclosed check for $1,000 as an advance against Miss Bucher's account for the coming year. We are crediting her account accordingly.

You may be interested in the brief summary of the disbursements we have made to date against the remittance for $1,000 you sent us at about this time last year.

Salary June 15, 1932 to May 31, 1933, 11½ months @ $80.00	$920.00
Clergy Certificates 1932	4.00
Clergy Certificates 1933	4.00
	$928.00
Balance on Hand	$ 72.00

Sorry I was unable to be present at the dinner of the China Society on Monday. Margaret and I enjoyed listening to it over the radio.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PW

B A GARSIDE

CC: Accounting Office

TRANSFER

Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 29, 1933.

ack 5/31

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

Dear Garside:

Many thanks for your letter of May 26, which has cleared up all my questions in regard to cablegrams. Apparently in looking over your letter of April 7, I gained the impression from your first sentence that the cable quoted was the one sent to Silcock rather than the one from him. So you have one on me.

In regard to the cable from Dr. Hsu, I was not familiar with this amateur station arrangement and did not realize it was a commercial method of transmitting radiograms. The delay has caused no inconvenience.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

Nanking

TRANSFER

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
May 30, 1933.
ack 6/6

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

Dear Garside:

In order to save time I have sent the following cablegram direct to Nanking. This is in regard to a cooperative marketing expert, the money for which has been given by the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank:

BOND UNAVAILABLE BEST EXPERTS IMPOSSIBLE THREE YEARS RECOMMEND HARPER CORNELL TWO YEARS ONLY AS BETTER PROPOSITION THAN OTHER MEN AVAILABLE THREE YEARS STOP SALARY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THOUSAND CHINESE SILVER DOLLARS AND ONE THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS ANNUALLY PLUS TRAVEL TWENTY TWO HUNDRED UNITED STATES DOLLARS CONSULT HSU CABLE IMMEDIATELY STOP INSTITUTE PACIFIC RELATIONS REQUESTS ME REPRESENT THEM GERMANY STOP CONSIDER ATTENDING BANFF CONFERENCE UNNECESSARY TO SECURE FUNDS.

BUCK

$2670
1100 1000
530 3670

I trust that this will meet with your approval, but if not, that you will send any further word you deem is necessary. I have had to delay this cable because the negotiations here have dragged out so long. Now it is absolutely necessary to have an answer as quickly as possible.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

University of Nanking

May 31, 1933.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck
814 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Buck:

I have your letters of May 26th and May 29th.

In your letter of May 26th you ask whether residential quarters or medical and dental expenses were provided in Mr. Stanley Warren's agreement. I find that Mr. Warren's agreement reads:-

> "The sum of U.S. $5,000.00 will be the sole reimbursement for the stipulated period" (one year) "and for all travel expenses both ways."

No provision is made for either residential quarters or medical and dental expenses. It would therefore, seem to be in order to omit items 3 and 4 in the proposed agreement with Mr. Lewis.

When you and Mr. Lewis have reached an agreement with regard to these matters, and any other points that need to be clarified, will you retype the contract in the form agreeable to you, making about four copies, have Mr. Lewis sign as appointee, with a witness, and ~~that you~~ then send the forms to us for approval by the Nanking Founders.

We are glad that we now have the confusion over the Silcock cablegram clarified.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:W

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

June 6, 1933.

Mr. J. Lossing Buck
614 Wyckoff Road
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Buck:

I have delayed for a few days a reply to your letter of May 30th, with the thought that possibly the folks in Nanking might send a reply to your cablegram in care of our office. As yet nothing has come in, so I am sending this brief note of acknowledgment.

I cabled to Nanking about ten days ago regarding various other matters requiring an immediate answer, but as yet have had no reply. I hope you have had better success on your cable, and that an answer has already come to you in Ithaca.

In this morning's mail is also a letter from Mr. Lewis asking me to assist in arranging for his transportation. I will be very happy to give him any assistance I can. I will have to wait a bit however, for word from Nanking, and for action by our Nanking Founders before I can say officially that all the formalities of his appointment have been completed. As soon as we have some word from Nanking, it ought to be easy to get prompt action from our Founders. I wonder if the field by any chance may cable direct to you in regard to the queries I raised, as well as those contained in your message. If they do so, we will be receiving word from you in due course.

As yet we have not received copies of Mr. Lewis' employment agreement, which I believe you are preparing in corrected form there in Ithaca and having him sign. I suppose this will be coming in in a few days, so we will be able to have this agreement executed here as soon as formal action on Mr. Lewis' appointment has been completed.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:PW

TRANSFER

Nanking

Ack 6/10/33 Rec

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
June 7, 1933.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of June 6 has come just as I am leaving. This is to let you know that I have received no answer to my cable nor to yours. I shall appreciate your going ahead and making Lewis' reservations, pending the formal agreement on all matters. Anything you can do to expedite things will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

TRANSFER

Nanking

Ack 6/10/33 Rod

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
June 7, 1933.

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

Dear Garside:

I have had a letter from Miss Elsie Priest, which makes it seem necessary to send the following cablegram, and I believe it should be sent to President Chen. Will you please send it deferred?

SAILING MONTREAL JUNE THIRTIETH EUROPEAN stop
ADDRESS CARE TAWNEY LONDON HAVING CON-
FERENCE WITH HOLLAND JUNE TWENTYSIXTH ON stop
PACIFIC RELATIONS REQUEST WILL CABLE
RESULTS AND SUGGESTIONS STOP CABLE ITEMS
AND AMOUNTS BY YEARS YOU HAVE REQUESTED
FROM HO STOP INSTITUTE GUARANTEES LATENESS
REQUEST WILL NOT AFFECT ITS STATUS Stop
BUCK

If you receive the reply to our cable on Harper, will you kindly phone the same to me at Pleasant Valley 34-F-3. This is my telephone number at my La Grangeville address. If no reply has come by the time you receive this letter, I think it would be well to add the following to the above cablegram:

AWAITING ANSWER HARPER CABLE Signed Buck Stop

Sincerely,
J. Lossing Buck

TRANSFER

Nanking

614 Wyckoff Road,
Ithaca, New York.
June 7, 1933.
ack 6/8

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

Dear Garside:

I am enclosing the papers for Dr. A. B. Lewis, and I trust that you will find them in order.

Before I leave I want to discuss with you the religious questions on the application blank. I am wondering whether a little different type of question should be asked for men who are going to the University on special funds from non-church sources. Some of the questions seem rather personal and not quite appropriate for such men.

I have asked Dr. Lewis to write you directly in regard to his reservations for travel. I shall appreciate your writing him direct in the future regarding any questions that may arise in connection with his going to China; or if there are any questions that need my attention I shall be happy if you will address me at La Grangeville, New York.

You may be interested in a little information on the side and that is that I successfully finished my work last Friday. It seems good to have it over. These last few days have been busy clearing up all kinds of business matters relating to my work and the work at Nanking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck.

JLB:AB

University of Nanking

June 8, 1933.

Dr. J. Leasing Buck
La Grangeville,
New York

Dear Buck:

Congratulations on the successful outcome of your work at Cornell. You have certainly had a crowded year.

I am bringing Dr. Lewis' papers before our Nanking Committee on Instruction without delay, and should be able to reach a prompt decision. The chief difficult holding us up now, both in Miss Bucher's case and Dr. Lewis' case is the fact that we have had no final word of approval from Nanking. I sent them a cable about a fortnight ago and asked for an immediate reply, so it would appear that a delay has occurred somewhere along the line. We can be reasonably sure that the field is entirely favorable to both these appointments, but our Committee on Instruction will feel hesitant to take final action until they have some word from Nanking.

I quite agree with you that our present application blank is not entirely suitable for specialists going out to the University for relatively brief periods to carry on specific pieces of scientific work. We should have a new blank with quite a number of changes, not only in the religious questions, but in other places as well. I would certainly appreciate your assistance in preparing such a revised blank.

I hope that you will have a little opportunity for resting up from the past strenuous year before you start off on your new adventures. I trust that we will see you here in New York occasionally before you get away.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PW

B A GARSIDE

University of Nanking

June 10, 1933

Dr. J. Lossing Buck
La Grangeville
New York

Dear Buck:

I hope this will find you settled down to at least a few days of rest and quiet.

This morning we received the following cablegram from Nanking, which I telephoned to your address, though you were not in at the time:

"ADVISABLE POSTPONE DECISION EXPERTS YOUR ARRIVAL HARPER UNACCEPTABLE BANK DESIRES WELLKNOWN EXPERIENCED MAN MINIMUM TWO YEARS."

This same cablegram from Nanking also approved the appointment of Dr. Lewis and Miss Bucher and agreed to your arrival on about the first of October.

We are having a meeting of both the Candidate Committee and the Executive Committee of our Nanking Founders on Friday afternoon of next week. At that time we should be able to take final action on the appointment of Miss Bucher and Dr. Lewis. We are also dealing with the 1933-34 budget, and reviewing other matters arising from the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held on April 21st. If you happen to be in New York on Friday, we'd be happy to have you present at either or both of these meetings.

In accordance with your letter of June 7th, I sent Nanking the cablegram you suggested yesterday. Probably the cablegram we received this morning regarding Harper was sent before our wire reached Nanking.

I will go ahead next week with tentative steamer reservations for Dr. Lewis, subject to final confirmation as soon as formal action is taken on Friday.

Since our thermometers in New York have been above 90 most of the week, it is easy these days to send our friends our warmest regards.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:RC

B A GARSIDE

J. L. Buck

TRANSFER
Nanking

La Grangeville, N. Y.
June 13, 1933

ack. 6/15/33

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Univ. of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Garside:

Many thanks for your letter of June 10th and the "warmest regards". We already had some of the warmth!

A letter from Mr. Swen who is acting director of the land util. project says he finally decided not to send a request to Dr. Ho. Therefore, I shall probably not receive an answer to my request for items asked for. I think I should acknowledge the letter in order to avoid misunderstadning and there is also another matter needing attention. Will you kindly send the following cable:

President Chen, University, Nanking

INFORM HO WITH HOLLAND SENDING REQUEST AFTER CONFERENCE

INFORM SWEN MAY ELEVENTH LETTER RECEIVED STOP MAIL DUPLICATE TABLES SHANGHAI BUCK

I shall be occupied on Friday so I shall be unable to attend the meeting. Thanks, however, for asking me.

I am expecting to be in New York Wednesday, June 21st primarily to consult with you about various matters if that time is convenient for you. The following questions are on my mind cheifly.

6-13-33

1. Graduate work in the college of Agr.
Should we also talk with Diffendorfer about this?

2. Application blanks for visiting professors.

3. Use of capital fundsof famine funds left us. I would like to talk with such persons of the Board of Founders as you think advisable. If the Founders have not considered this question it is important that they do so.

Anything you can do to expedite the consideration of these questionsin the most effective way will be greatly appreciated. I can be on hand as early in the morning as is convenient.

Thanks for your congratulations. I would prefer the degree without the title! Just plain"Mr." always sounds good to me.

Cordially yours,

J Lossing Buck

Cable attn

P. S. Please pardon this messy letter but I think the cable had better be repeated here:

Nanking Ammunition, working (Chu)

" INFORM SWEN MAY ELEVENTH LETTER RECEIVED SENDING YOU REQUEST BY CABLE AFTER CONFERENCE WITH HOLLAND INFORM HO STOP MAIL DUPLICATE TABLES SHANGHAI BUCK

I would also like some of Miss Socmann's time first thing Wednesday morning if convenient.

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

June 15, 1933

Dr. J. Lossing Buck
La Grangeville,
New York

Dear Buck

Your letter of June 13 arrived yesterday morning. We immediately sent the cablegram to Nanking as requested. I am attaching hereto a copy of the message.

This morning we have received the following cablegram from Nanking:-

"BUCK NO REQUEST SUBMITTED NO REFER YOUR LETTER APRIL TWENTYSEVENTH ANXIOUSLY AWAITING COPY FOR NO GET IN TOUCH WITH EUROPEAN EXPERT SIE"

I presume this is in reply to our message, though it came through in record time for deferred rate cables. The reply was received in New York within about eight hours after the original message was sent.

We will look forward to seeing you here next Wednesday. I will try to make as full preparations as possible to expedite our discussion of the three matters you list. Miss Sakmann will also be available to help you at any time during the day you may be free. Come in at whatever time is most convenient for you. You will find me on hand any time after 7:45.

Very cordially yours

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MS

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TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

June 19, 1933

Dr. J. Lossing Buck
La Grangeville,
New York

Dear Buck

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Nanking Committee on Instruction held on June 16. I want to talk with you more fully on Wednesday with regard to both the matters dealt with at this meeting.

The main problem with which the Committee struggled was that of fitting Miss Bucher's life appointment into regular routine of university organization. Personally I become very impatient at times with routine and red tape and regulations, and wish we might find some way to dispense with many of our formalities. As a matter of fact, I frequently get into difficulties with boards and committees for going ahead and getting things done without delaying to observe all the technicalities and to untie with great nicety all the innumerable knots of red tape. However, one cannot get away entirely from the restrictions of this machine age.

All members of the Committee who have had the privilege of meeting Miss Bucher are very favorably impressed by her. And the Committee was unanimous in expressing its warm appreciation of the contribution you and Mrs. Buck are making to the University of Nanking in providing Miss Bucher's support. But the conditions of her appointment and assignment are somewhat unique, and it always takes a little while to persuade any group of conservative board secretaries to agree to anything that looks like an innovation. We were handicapped too by the fact that we have not yet had any full statement by letter of the field's position in the matter, the only recent word from Nanking being the approval of Miss Bucher's appointment contained in Dr. Chen's cablegram of about ten days ago.

You will note therefore that the action of the Committee was in the nature of a suggestion that we continue Miss Bucher's present arrangements until the Committee can obtain further information from President Chen, and can secure a somewhat clearer picture as to what will be Miss Bucher's relation to the governing boards and administrative officers of the University.

Several members of the Committee expressed their regret that such a temporizing action seemed to be necessary, for they feared that this might

give Miss Bucher, or even Mrs. Buck and yourself, the impression of lack of cordiality. I can assure you, however, that all the members of the Committee are very cordial and sympathetic and are merely trying to work out arrangements that will fit in harmoniously with the close and permanent ties which a life agreement always presupposes.

I have not yet written to Miss Bucher about the matter, for it seems wiser to wait until I have a chance to talk with you on Wednesday.

Every one was unusually well pleased with Dr. Lewis' qualifications, thoughtat one point there was unfortunately an almost complete lack of information. For some reason Dr. Lewis left entirely blank several of the questions on our application papers dealing with his Christian experience and attitude, and some of the other questions of this nature were touched on only briefly. The Committee felt therefore that we should get somewhat fuller information at this point before his appointment is formally ratified. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I am writing Dr. Lewis at this time. It seemed wiser to send the letter without delaying until Wednesday, since we have already begun to make final sailing arrangements for Dr. Lewis, and it would be embarrassing to hold up these arrangements too long.

This task of persuading many individuals with many diverse religious attitudes to cooperate harmoniously in a vigorous program of Christian higher education in China becomes a bit strenuous at times.

Very cordially yours

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MS
Enc.

June 26, 1933

Dear Mr. Garside

There is a possibility of our obtaining the services of Mr. Ogden King on a graduate fellowship at the University of Nanking through special funds that have been made available in case Mr. King finds it possible to come. His work would be to do some teaching and to assist me in some of the administrative work, such as editing manuscript written in English by Chinese and selecting books on agriculture and economics for our Library.

If Mr. King can come, he will write you, and then I would appreciate your cabling me and obtaining the necessary papers from Mr. King. We are guaranteeing the funds for his support personally in case they cannot be obtained in any other way. I think the application blank which should be used in his case is that used for other specialists assisting in the work of the Department.

I shall appreciate your giving careful attention to this matter.

Very sincerely yours

J. Lossing Buck

J. Lossing Buck

JLB:MS

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

July 11, 1933.

Dr. J. Lossing Buck
c/o R. H. Tawney
44 Mecklenburg Street
London, W. C. 1, England

My dear Dr. Buck:

Let me acknowledge your letter of June 29th written from Montreal. I hope that you and Mrs. Buck have had a pleasant trip across the Atlantic, and that you found your stay in England both delightful and profitable.

I am glad to have available the information you sent regarding the land utilization project, and the qualifications of Dr. Maynard. I hope that the funds for his work in Nanking will materialize in due course.

I am enclosing herewith a letter to Dr. Lewis raising one question regarding the handling of his salary which we did not clear before he left. I am not sure just where you will meet up with him, though I suppose you will be together in Switzerland.

With all good wishes for the remainder of your journey back to Nanking, I am

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:PW
Enc.

TRANSFER

Nanking

University of Nanking

August 4, 1933

Dr. J. Lossing Buck
c/o Dr. J. B. Candliff
Economic Council
League of Nations
Geneva, Switzerland

My dear Doctor Buck:

Undoubtedly you will be interested in the last report on your publications being handled by the University of Chicago Press. We are tabulating the items herewith:

			FLOOD IN CHINA		CHINESE FARM ECONOMY	
Copies on hand last report			*		135	
Copies on sale last report			-		12	
returned since last report			-		-	
Stock received " " "			240		-	
			240		147	
	Domestic		14		37	
Sales since last report-Foreign			5		5	
Reviews & Gifts (exempt from royalty)			67		3	
On sale			3		7	
On hand			151		95	
			240		147	
Amount	Domestic Sales	14 @ .3333	4.66	37 @ 1.6667	61.64	
due on	Foreign Sales	5 @ .1667	.83	5 @ 1.6667	8.33	
			5.49		69.97	

As a result of this credit amounting to $75.48, the bill for $131.64 for 500 of Chinese Farm Economy was reduced to $56.18. The check for this amount was paid on July 26, 1933. However, since that date, a credit memorandum has been received for an overcharge on freight duty and entry fee of $1.64. We are asking the Press to send us a check for this credit.

With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Yours very cordially,

C. A. Evans

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Assistant Treasurer