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Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions

25 Madison Avenue
New York City

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Dear Carter:

You may recall that at the Student Volunteer Conference at Northfield in January it was proposed to ask the colleges and universities to contribute during the academic year 1918-1919 not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (including obligations they may already have entered into) for foreign missions. I have written a letter to the correspondents of the different Foreign Mission Boards, sending the enclosed "proposals" regarding the suggested fund, etc.

I am writing now to ask if there are any urgent needs of the University of Nanking which could be included in the statement to be presented to the colleges. The proposal on the enclosed sheet is intended to be suggestive as to objects; but any institution which wants to present a different line of needs is, of course, at liberty to do so.

I do not know how this plan is going to work out; and, of course, can make no promises, as to what will appeal to students, for after all is said and done the fact remains that the students themselves will decide the question as to the objects to which they will contribute.

However, we want the campaign to have very great educational value to the students, so that they will know more when we get through about the remarkably comprehensive program of education in the non-Christian countries which is being conducted under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Boards.

Very sincerely yours,

F. P. Turner

Mr. Russell Carter,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions

25 Madison Avenue
New York City

December 24, 1918.

Dear Mr. Carter:

You are doubtless familiar with the Foreign Missionary Fund of at least $500,000 which it is proposed to raise for foreign missions during this college year from the educational institutions of the United States.

A distinctive feature of the campaign is that gifts are asked only in behalf of the work that touches the student life of other lands. The general slogan is "The Students of the United States for the Students of the World." Each denominational mission Board has been asked to indicate objects which are connected with its educational work and for which it desires money for immediate use.

The Committee on the Cultivation of the Home Church of the Foreign Missions Conference has appointed a sub-committee to act with the Committee of The Council of North American Student Movements to promote this undertaking.

I am writing in behalf of the joint committees to ask if you will please indicate any items dealing with the work of the University of Nanking which you would like to have presented to students in connection with this campaign.

From the denominational lists that have come to us we have compiled a summary classified by countries, a copy of which is being sent to you today. This is now in process of revision, each society having been asked to bring its requests up-to-date.

It has occurred to us that there might be some developments in connection with the work of the University of Nanking which have not been indicated by any of the Boards concerned. We are writing you therefore to make any additions to the list that seem desirable to you. We would ask you to return this list if possible <u>within a week</u> as it is important that the pamphlet go to the colleges without delay.

It has been decided that all lists should be limited to projects on which the Boards wish to expend money within the next year. This definition will naturally exclude endowments.

Each Board has been asked to prepare a leaflet or pamphlet containing a <u>descriptive</u> list of the objects connected with its own work. We are hoping that you will do the same. Before deciding upon any project, students will want to have some definite information in regard to it. Enough description should be given to capture the imagination and indicate the strategic value of an investment in that particular enterprise. The Methodist Board has already prepared such a document and has printed 1,000 copies. We are sending you a copy of their pamphlet thinking that you may find it suggestive in working out your own.

We hope that all of these pamphlets will, if possible, be uniform in size.

From all accounts students are displaying a deep interest in the undertaking and seem eager to have it launched with as little delay as possible.

Two students are being appointed in each State, one man and one woman, through whom the central committee can clear. They will have immediate supervision of the campaign in their territories, under the general direction of the central committee. These state agents will wish to facilitate your work in their respective fields and we trust you will make free use of their services.

It is hardly necessary to tell you that the committee is presenting the raising of money for foreign missions as but an integral part of a comprehensive effort to create in students throughout the nation an intelligent and enthusiastic missionary consciousness which will express itself in intercession and in the giving of life as well as money. It was encouraging a few days ago to hear a group of student leaders representing the entire nation discuss the undertaking as something far more broad and fundamental than the mere raising of a large sum of money.

We hope to keep in close touch with all the Boards and Committees concerned and to cooperate with them in every possible way.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lovell Murray

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

P. S. The joint committees in whose behalf I am writing are:

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October 3, 1930

Dear Mr. Garside:

For some time we have been endeavoring to secure an exceptionally able missionary speaker for a special piece of work among the colleges and universities of Oregon and Washington. Two of Dr. Mott's special meetings among students last fall were held in Seattle and Portland. Results have already followed his contacts in these places with outstanding students representing the student life of the Pacific Northwest. Something, however, should be done in the near future to conserve these results. The Student Y.M.C.A., the Student Y.W.C.A., and the Student Volunteer Movement have agreed to arrange a special series of conferences and visits to local campuses throughout a period of four or five weeks if the proper man as speaker and leader can be secured. Until recently, we hoped to get Dr. Kenneth Latourette of Yale. He writes, however, that he can not be released from his regular duties during this fall semester.

Yesterday in this office I met again Dean John H. Reisner of Nanking University and made the proposal that he do this special piece of work for us. Of course he was in no position to give an immediate answer but he did say that the idea appealed to him and he might like to do it if satisfactory arrangements can be made with those who are responsible for the disposal of his time. He mentioned especially the work he is now doing looking toward the holding of some special rural and agricultural missionary meeting this fall. He indicated that Dr. Mott and Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones were back of this special project, and some uncertainties in this situation made it a bit difficult for him to see his way clear right now. He consented, however, for me to get in touch with you and put this matter before you for your serious consideration.

In a talk with Dr. Mott, I learned this morning that he looked with great favor on the proposal that Dean Reisner make this trip for us to Oregon and Washington and said that it might well fit in with some aspects of the scheme which he and Dr. Jones are promoting. It was his judgment that Dean Reisner could not be released until after the special meeting referred to above is held. He further indicated that if we could make our program flexible enough to involve a period of time between the middle of November and the end of February (provided, of course, satisfactory arrangements could be made with you and

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the Presbyterian Board), Dr. Reisner might be secured for this special mission.

Our plans up to the present have called for someone during the latter part of October and November . I think, however, that Raymond Culver, Secretary of the Student Y.M.C.A. for the Pacific Northwest, will consent to a postponement of these plans provided we can get Dr. Reisner. Our definite request to you, therefore, is that you take this matter under advisement and let me know at your earliest convenience what you think the possibilities in the situation are. Though I would have to check further with Mr. Culver about suggestion number three, I believe our three time preferences would be somewhat as follows:

1. October 15 to November 15
2. the month of November
3. November 15 to December 15

If we have to wait until the beginning of the new year, possibly the month of February would be best for all concerned.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Courtney H. Fenn, of the Presbyterian Board, so that he, also, can be giving our request his consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Jesse R. Wilson

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

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Nanking

TRANSFER

October 4, 1930

Mr. Jesse R.Wilson,
Student Volunteer Movement,
419 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr.Wilson:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 3 expressing the hope that Dean John H.Reisner may be able to spend about a month during this autumn in Student Volunteer work on the Pacific Coast.

We are having a meeting of the Board of Founders of the University of Nanking on October 10. One of the matters to come before that meeting is a discussion of Mr.Reisner's plans for the coming month. I will present your letter to the Board, and I know that we can be sure it will be cordially received.

I am sure that Mr.Reisner could render an extremely valuable service if he should undertake this piece of work for you. At the same time he would undoubtedly be able to accomplish some substantial results in connection with his work for the University of Nanking and for the agricultural missionary organizations in which he is interested. At the same time such a trip should give him an opportunity to spend at least a short while with his family in California. However, Mr.Reisner asks me to state that, inasmuch as he is now considering certain other alternative plans which might make it impossible for him to undertake this work for the Student Volunteer Movement, he hopes that you will continue to be on the lookout for someone else who might undertake this work for you in case it is impossible for him to go.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

c/o/b McBride

October 6, 1930

Mr. Jesse R. Wilson,
Student Volunteer Movement,
419 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thanks for your letter of October 2nd enclosing a copy of your letter to Mr. Garside.

The three dates suggested by you all seem to be rather out of the question. The meeting of the Agricultural Missions Foundation comes November 14th, in New York City, and there will undoubtedly be a number of items to be cleared up immediately afterwards. It does not seem to me that there is much chance of my getting away for a full month before January or February. On account of examinations I take it that January is entirely out of the question.

I want to say very frankly that I see a great many difficulties and uncertainties ahead and I do hope that you will continue to look for someone else who will fit into the Pacific-Northwest situation. In addition to tentative commitments here in America, there is also the possibility of my returning to Nanking for a few months after the turn of the year. While I would like very much to make the trip for you, I feel that in justice to both you and myself, I must write frankly of the grave possibilities of my not being able to undertake the work.

Yours very sincerely,

JHR:A

John H. Reisner.

Nanking

TRANSFER

University of Nanking

October 30, 1930

Mr. Jesse R.Wilson,
Student Volunteer Movement
419 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr.Wilson:

I am sure that Mr.Reisner has already informed you of the action taken by the Nanking Board of Founders at the meeting on October 10 relative to the request of the Student Volunteer Movement that Mr.Reisner spend approximately four weeks sometime during this autumn in special work among the colleges and universities of Oregon and Washington. In order that you may have a copy of this action available in your files I quote it herewith:-

> "BF-555 VOTED to approve the request of the Student Volunteer Movement that Mr.Reisner spend about four weeks sometime during this autumn in special work among the colleges and Universities of Oregon and Washington, the details to be left in the hands of Mr.Reisner, in consultation, where necessary, with the Presbyterian Board and the Agricultural Missions Foundation."

I trust that this approval of the Nanking Board of Founders clears the way for you and Mr.Reisner to work out the details of your plans in a way that will prove most satisfactory to all the interests involved.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Thomas H. Suvoong
(H. S. Su)
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University of Nanking

August 1, 1925

Mr. Frank Mohler,
International Y.M.C.A. College,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Mohler,-

I have had, as youprobably have learned, instructions from Nanking to take up the matter of the director of physical education with a view to the appointment of a Chinese. I have taken this up with Mr. Suvoong and he has been here and we are favorably impressed but are asking him to give us the names of some of those whomhavehknowinhim longer and better than we .

He has raised with us the question whether the University would provide the cost of his going to see some of the heads of effective college departments of physical education before he starts for China. We are dubious as to whether we can do this anyway, not having instructions from Nanking. We also feel that he could reach Nanking as near the beginning of the school year as possible in order not to start off with the handicap of beginning late in the season on work that, as far as practical experience, will be rather new to him. We also feel that to see the men he wants he will have to wait until into September or the first part pf October, and that the men will be rushed at the beginning of the school year and be able to give him very little time. We think that the printed programs, schedules, and announcements of such departments and their statements of policy which could be collected by correspondence and studied in the light of actual conditions in Nanking would be adequate and that the difference between that and personal contact in the limited degree that would be possible would not justify the extra cost and the late arrival in Nanking.

I hope he will talk this phase of the matter over with some wise counsellors in Springfield and let them see both sides of the matter. I should like to have the advantage of your judgment if you can get a chance to talk with him about it soon.

Cordially yours

Secretary

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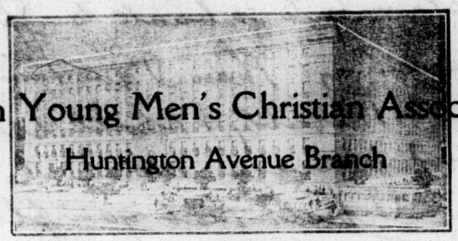

Boston Young Men's Christian Association

Huntington Avenue Branch

Aug. 3. 1925.

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. North;

I am going to write a few lines to you so that you may know where am I. The other day after I left your place + went back to Springfield just in time to attend the commencement exercise. I am glad that I got there for I enjoyed very much.

I had talks with a few professors at Springfield about the places I should visit. They suggested to me that I should visit Harvard, Amherst, Williams, Wesleyan, Columbia, Oberlin, Ohio State, Illinois State, Univ. of Michigan, Wisconsin Univ. and Univ. of Cal. The variation of big and small colleges ought to give me a good idea about the work.

I am wondering whether you'll be surprise to note the head lines of this letter which shows that I am here visiting Harvard already. I am taking the advantage of its summer session which gives me a clear cut idea of the work. I came here this morning attended classes all day + expected to be there on the dot tomorrow morning.

I am planning to go back to Springfield by tomorrow evening. Then I am thinking to go on a vacation. Probably I shall arrange my passport and passage around the middle of this month. I trust that you please kindly keep me in touch about the result of the meeting of the Board, in regard to my sailing date.

I shall keep a clear account of all the expenses which I am spending on my visits. But I hope that you may figure the approximate sum is needed. The expense of my last trip to N.Y.C. was, $9.68 (Railway fare), $2.00 (Hotel), $0.25 (Carfare) and $0.90 (meals), a total of $12.83.

After thought it over seriously about my travelling expense, I believe that my brother could help me some but I am afraid that I need about $150. more to fall me then. I am wondering what is your way of advancing one's salary. of course the money bases in U.S.A. and China are different. Say, if you advanced me $150; does that mean $300 Mex. or you will figure according to the current rate of exchange. Because I know the rate of exchange may not be 2:1. Please give me a line on this particular point and I shall be appreciated very much.

Hoping to have everything settled soon & with regards.

I am
yours truly
Thomas H. Suwoong
or
H. S. Su.

Springfield College

Springfield, Mass.

TRANSFER

August 10, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North
China Union Universities
University of Nanking
Central Office
150 Fifth Ave. N.Y.C.

My dear Dr. North;

I am going to write you a few lines now just to keep in touch with you. As you may have learned from my last letter that I have been to Harvard University early last week. I came back in time to send you my application which you wanted me to return it to you.

I remember correctly that you told me while I was in your office that you are going to send me a letter in a form of agreement soon. But to date I have not received a word from you except one letter in regard to my application blank. I am not showing any sign of impatience yet it does worry me a little. As a third of August is gone and in no time September will be here so I am looking forward to to have things settled. Verbally I have an understanding that you have already signed me and we agreed that I shall sail sometime in October. Yet practically I have no assurance as to signed up or not, for there is nothing in black and white for me to show to myself if I wanted to assure myself.

Will you please write me a few lines and letting me know as to what is the action the Board has actted upon my case with reference to my returning home? I am very anxious to learn your final word as to that position. As I stated afore that September is coming and I would like to make my further plan for next year in case you are not going to have me as a member of the staff of the University of Nanking.

I have written to my folks at home and told them about my possible return. So I expect that they are looking forward to see me soon.

Now Dr. North, Would it be fair for me to bank on your words that we understood each other and go ahead and make my ways about going home? Or else you wish me wait till I hear from the Board first? I know that I have a lot of little things to do including packing and others.

Shall appreciate your answer at your earliest convenience very much.

I am,

Yours most truly,

Thomas H. Suvoong

Thomas H. Suvoong
(H.S.SU)

Will you please write me a few lines and letting me know as to what is the action the Board has acted upon my case with reference to my returning home? I am very anxious to learn your final word as to that condition. As I stated afore that September is coming and I would like to make my further plan for next year in case you're not going to have me as a member of the staff of the University of Nanking.

I have written to my folks at home and told them about my possible return. So I expect that they are looking forward to see me soon.

Now Dr. North, would it be fair for me to back on your words that we understood each other and go ahead and make my ways about going home? Or else you wish me wait till I hear from the Board first? I know that I have a lot of little things to do including packing and others.

Shall appreciate your answer at your earliest convenience very much.

I am,

Yours most truly,

Thomas H. Sun Tong
(H. S. Sun)

Carbon

University of Nanking
Y.M.C.A. Office

August 12, 1925

Mr. Thomas H. Suvoong,
Springfield College,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Suvoong,-

I have your letter of the tenth and thank you for the filled out application blank. We have written at once to the additional references which you gave.

I did not understand that when you left me in New York you were ready to accept the position. I thought that you wanted to think over whether you could make your arrangements for your outgoing costs and other items. I also expected to hear from you as to the expected cost of your proposed visit to the heads of the physical education departments of some of the colleges. We on our side of the matter wished to hear from others who had known you longer than had we. As soon as we have their replies which I expect will be favorable I will write you the formal letter. I hope that this will not take long. So far as our present intention is concerned we expect to offer you the appointment but cannot say finally until this process is completed. It is a process we follow with regard to all out appointments made in this country.

I enclose check for the costs of your trip to New York.

Please be assured that we will do everything we can to hasten the conclusion of the matter as we are as anxious as you to fill the position and to insure the beginning of work this autumn. I am writing away from the city but address me at the office as I will be inttouch with it constantly.

With hearty good wishes I am cordially yours,

Secretary

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LAURENCE L. DOGGETT, PH. D., PRESIDENT HERBERT L. PRATT, VICE-PRESIDENT HENRY H. BOWMAN, TREASURER

INTERNATIONAL
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

August 20 1925

Mr Eric M North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr North

I find your letter awaiting me on my arrival at Springfield. It seems to me that it is unnecessary for Mr Suvoong to spend any considerable time in investigating the work of colleges and universities before he goes to Nanking. His studies here and his technical preparation and experience ought to be sufficient for him to tackle the job over in China. It will, of course, have to be a much different situation than anything he finds in the United States anywhere.

I regret that I did not have the chance to talk with you about Suvoong while in New York. I trust he will give you good service.

Sincerely yours,

Frank W Mohler

FMM/HC

TRANSFER

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

AUGUST 25, 1925.

Mr. Thomas H. Suvoong,
Springfield, College,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Suvoong:

I have canvassed the matter of provision by the University of Nanking for the cost of your visiting the heads of some of the leading college departments of physical education. We have gone over the matter carefully and feel that the advantages to the University would not offset the time this would require and the additional cost. Mr. Speers, who has charge of the Middle School's physical education, agreed in this.

Your training has been unusually extended and you would gain, we believe, much more by assembling the programs and announcements of such departments and studying them in actual and early contact with the real work itself at Nanking. It is a real advantage, we believe, to be there as near the beginning of the year as possible.

If your counselors in Springfield feel that a great deal would be lost by failing to make such visits to American colleges, we would reluctantly consent to delay your reaching Nanking until about October 15th, but would much prefer to have you arrive as early in September as you can.

We feel that we are not putting undue hardship upon you in not bearing the costs of such visits, if they are made, as the salary offered you, $150. Chinese silver per month, is adequate in Nanking for married returned students.

If you find very serious difficulty in securing the necessary funds to return to China, please let me know. We should prefer to have you make such arrangements yourself.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

EMN/KJL

TRANSFER

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

AUGUST 26 1925

Mr. Thomas H. Suvoong,
Springfield College,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Suvoong:

I am happy to be able to offer you the position of Director of Physical Education in the Colleges of the University of Nanking, beginning with the next semester opening in the fall of this year. As I have already indicated by correspondence and conversation, the opportunity is one for genuine and constructive service both in physical and religious education in the direction of Christian ideals.

In connection with this position, I am instructed by President Arthur J. Bowen to offer you a salary of $150. Chinese silver (Mexican) a month It is our understanding with you that while neither you nor the University is committed for more than a year by your acceptance of this offer, it is the hope of both that you will enjoy many years of useful service there. Further information as to the work and arrangements with you will be given you by President Bowen, whom you will find a wise and friendly counselor.

I have already written in another letter indicating our judgment and desire that you reach Nanking as near the opening of the term, September 12th, as practicable.

If you are prepared to accept, will you kindly write me to that effect, referring to this letter?

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

EMN/KJL

Springfield College

Springfield, Mass.

August 28, 1925.

Dr. E. M. North
University of Nanking
Central Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. North:

I have your letter of the 26th and thank you for the writing.

In answering the said letter, I am pleased ~~to~~ about your offer, the position of Director of Physical Education in the Colleges of the University of Nanking, beginning with the next semester opening in the fall of this year. Since it is your desire that you wish me to reach Nanking as near the opening of the term as possible, so I shall make an effort to have myself ready as soon as I can make it.

Under such circumstances I believe that I can not report any sooner than October 15th, however, if there was any means that I can force myself to report sooner it certainly is my duty under the obligation to perform. Because I think that I need at least two weeks to prepare my way and get the money for the passage and then the bother about the reservation one has to see to. My folks would like to have me to stay at home for a few days at least.

There is another thing I would like to have you to help me out. I really hate to have you do it if my financial condition is all right. As such is the case after having written to my brother and so on, I am afraid of in short of a couple hundred dollars to go home. Of course there is another complication enters in here before I dare to ask you to advance my salary. As I remembered that I have written to you before, asking you as to how you will settle the account with my salaries. Will you deduct the sum I borrow at the rate of exchange at the time you advance my salary or will you deduct the sum at the rate of two dollars Chinese silver to one American dollar? It makes quite a lot of difference one way or the other when we come to settle the account. For I feel a fellow of my financial situation can not stand such a difference and any difference of such a nature deserves some consideration. Thus I beg you to answer me the extent of this problem. Again I feel that I am obliged to ask you to advance my salary, naturally I have to stand the necessary consequence at all cost. But I trust that the University of Nanking, a place I expect to make good, will not put me in a hole like that so to speak.

I expect to meet Mr. Speers before I go home.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas H. Sun Poong.

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COPY TO MR. L. J. OWEN

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

September 1, 1925.

Mr. Thomas H. Suvoong,
Springfield College,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Suvoong:

I greatly appreciate having your letter of August 28th with your acceptance of the position at the University of Nanking.

You will be glad to know that I received just a day before your letter, authorization from President Bowen in Nanking to arrange a loan for you to assist you in your return to Nanking. If you will sign in triplicate the enclosed agreement for repayment of the loan, we will send you a check for Gold $200., as an advance for your travel expense. You should retain one copy of the three, we will retain one copy here, and will send one copy to Nanking.

I hope that you will make arrangements to go to Nanking as soon as possible, and if we can be of any service in securing your reservation for the date and kind of transportation you desire, please let us know. Please also advise us, if you make your arrangements yourself, the time you expect to leave.

With reference to the settlement of the advance of Gold $200., I think I may say that the settlement will be made on the basis of the rate of exchange of the day on which your salary is paid, when the deduction is made. You can arrange with Mr. L. J. Owen, the Treasurer in Nanking, to have this deduction distributed over such a number of months as you may agree upon. I think you will find that the arrangement of repaying this at the rate of exchange current on the day of repayment is not burdensome, as the rates of exchange are to your advantage.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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FOR OFFICE FILES

September 1, 1925.

I have received from the University of Nanking the sum of U.S. $200. - the same being loaned to me to enable me to return to China for a position in the University. I promise to repay said amount by deductions from the salary to be paid me for said position or in such other ways as may be agreeable to the Treasurer of the University and myself.

If repayment is to be made by deduction from my salary as paid in Chinese currency, the deduction shall be credited against this debt at the day's rate of exchange.

Signed _____

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

September 3, 1925.

Mr. Thomas H. Suvoong,
Springfield College,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Suvoong:

I have your letters of September first and second. We discovered that you had made a booking in Boston, but were not prepared to pick it up. Therefore, we have purchased the same space that you had arranged for in Boston, for you here, and will send you the ticket shortly, unless you notify us that we are to hold the ticket here.

Of course, the ticket together with your transcontinental ticket will entitle you to 350 pounds of baggage, transcontinental. I am wondering whether this will take care of the excess baggage to which you refer. If you have much more than 350 pounds, it probably would be well for you to ship the balance by freight. If you will inform us as to how much you have, I will be able to send you specific directions as to what to do.

Your steamer, as you know, sails on September 19th. You did not indicate in your letter the date on which you expect to leave New York; you should plan for at least two nights in San Francisco before the day of sailing. I have done nothing about your transcontinental ticket as I do not know on what day you wish to leave. I do not think, however, that it is necessary for me to handle this as you can purchase it yourself and make your reservations in Springfield through to San Francisco and check your baggage also. If you do not need to come to New York, it will simplify matters to go direct from Springfield to Albany.

Inasmuch as we have paid for your steamer ticket to the amount of $311.40 please send us a check for $111.40, covering the difference between $311.40 and the $200. which we were ready to advance. It will then be unnecessary for us to send you a check for $200. We enclose your copy of the receipt of the $200.

As to the apparatus, I do not think it wise for you to buy any apparatus here. Just what there is over there, we do not know, and it would be purchasing in the dark. You should take out, of course, the catalogs, and we can speedily execute any orders here which may be sent back. When you see Mr. Speers, he can probably tell you what there is, any way.

Cordially yours,

EMN/KJL

COPY TO DR. ARTHUR J. BOWEN

TRANSFER

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

September 14, 1925.

Mr. Thomas H. Suvoong,
S.S. President Wilson,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Suvoong:

This is to give you in writing the message which I was sorry to bring to you just before your train left, namely, that we had received a cablegram from Nanking stating that serious complications had arisen, and directing me to cancel the contract with you, and stating that the University would make an equitable settlement with you. I have no knowledge other than this statement as to the grounds for the cancellation of the contract, and can only guess that something in the political situation may have caused a change in the plans of the University for the year. I am sure that President Bowen will be able to clear this matter with you satisfactorily, when you reach China.

It was impossible, in the short time that remained, for us to work out any adjustment with you of the financial matter involved, but I am sure that you will find the officers of the University in Nanking ready to deal with the matter fairly. It has seemed to me only fair that the arrangement already made by which the University loaned you $200. toward the expenses of your trip out to China should stand, and that by mutual arrangement with President Bowen, a satisfactory plan for the repayment of this loan may be decided upon. I hope that you will find it possible to get in touch with President Bowen, and I know that he will be very sympathetic and ready to help and advise you in any way that he can.

As I have thought over your decision to return to China, since we met at the train, I find myself still feeling that your choice was a wise one, and I believe that the way will surely open for you to use your talents effectively in the interest of your country and of the Kingdom of God.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.