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Prof. Walter T. Swingle,

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August 19, 1919.

Prof. Walter T. Swingle,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Prof. Swingle:

I appreciate very greatly your letter of August 16th which has put in a most effective way the argument for a Library building to make possible the carrying out of the plans which you have outlined. It is my plan to use this with Dr. Pritchard and possibly in other lines to secure the building.

I had expected to see you again before leaving Washington. I appreciate very much the opportunity of knowing Mr. Kiang. He is a fine spirit and is evidently an able Chinese scholar. We visited a long time after we separated, using Chinese alone and discussing Taoism and Confucianism. You were right in thinking he will be a very effective man in cooperating with our plans in China.

I had good conferences with Senator Lodge, Senator Thomas of Colorado and met a number of people at luncheon time with Senator Phelan. Thomas is a thoughtful man and is thinking clearly on all the issues involved in the League and the decision on Shantung. He is able to think on these issues as concerns the future unbiased by local issues in the U.S.

I received cable the other day that Mr. Ing who was doing our work in Biology has resigned. This resulted from difficulties growing out of the student strike, difficulties between him and the students and Alumnae. The cable read:

"Ing resigned. Secure teacher for Biology Department not later than September."

This was received August 14th but there is nothing to indicate the date on which it was sent. It might have been six weeks in transmission. It is a fair inference that President Bowen would not have been sending a cable under date of August 13th asking us to secure a man for September.

You will be interested in this difficulty over cable service. President Bowen supposed Renhad sent me a cablegram in April and was under that impression for a month when the office in Shanghai returned the cable and the money. I hope your cable in regard to Dr. Cook and Mr. Griffin has better success.

You will realize better than anything I can say the importance for the work in agriculture and forestry as well as the premedical work which we are expected to do to prepare students for the China Medical School in Peking, of securing an able man for this Department. I thought through your investigations and your wider acquaintance with men in that line you may be able to recommend someone to us who

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Prof. Walter T. Swingle,

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August 19, 1919.

would really be head of that Department. If we can secure a really able man he can render a great service to the University and the students. You will appreciate better than anyone else what that service will mean in developing good will between China and America. I appreciate very much your introducing me to Mr. Kiang and the profitable and delightful visit we all had together.

Very sincerely yours,

~~J.E.W.~~ / R

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October 31, 1919.

Mr. Walter Swingle,  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Swingle,

Yours of the 29th just received. I am greatly interested in your plans to return to China and do hope we may have a conference together, but I fear it will be difficult to arrange it if you are leaving this week. I shall be away from New York Saturday and Sunday, and be back Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

I do wish you would take up with Mr. Merrill the question of his coming to Nanking. You know the situation there. Do you know that the proposition made to Mr. Griffing has appealed to him? You have the conviction furthermore that "agricultural work will prove to be the most important means for regenerating China."

I hope also that the spirit and work at Nanking has led to the conviction that there is no other center furnishing a like opportunity for doing this work in China.

I wanted to send you the full data in regard to Mr. Reizner's age, birthplace, etc., but have been unable this morning to secure the data which is on file in another part of the city. He was born in Pennsylvania, is of good Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, graduated from Yale, (Arts course, I believe), about 1910; studied about three years, I think, at Cornell and was engaged as instructor on the faculty before going out to China in the winter of 1913-1914. I am mailing you a catalogue which might help by indicating the scope of the work undertaken at Nanking.

I wish I could run over to Washington to see you before you go but it is impossible owing to other engagements here. The trustees of the University are meeting at 2 P.M. on Wednesday 5th, and if you could arrange to be present we should be very glad to have you present at the meeting. You could see the men who are back of our enterprise and help give them a vision of what might be done.

A bit of our family history will indicate how much our plans have been disturbed. Our second daughter, Mary, age seventeen, underwent an operation for appendicitis in New York on the 14th of September. Faith, our oldest daughter, studying at Oberlin, Ohio, had a very acute attack of appendicitis and

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was operated on the 13th of October, a couple of days before I could get out there. When Mrs. Williams reported to Dicky, age nine, who is learning real American in the schools in Montclair, he said "Gee willikins, turn off the hose it will be Dorothy and me next." He expressed all our sentiments. Two girls in one month about 500 miles apart keeps up the family interest. We are just getting Mary back to school at Abbott Academy in Andover, tomorrow.

We are planning to sail on the Empress of China leaving Vancouver on the 27th of November. My, but it would be fine if we could go agross together! Which way do you go, and when?

You can help us greatly in securing Merrill. Dr. Bowen and Reiser were tremendously enthusiastic over Griffing, and Griffing seems equally enthusiastic. Does Mrs. Swingle go out with you?

I am very glad that you can arrange to associate Prof. Reiser with your work and to help, in travelling expenses. Such fellowship and aid will mean everything to him and I hope you will find him pleasant and profitable.

With cordial regards to you both,

Very sincerely,

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Mr. Walter T. Swingle  
from Dr. Williams

November 12, 1919.

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Mr. Walter T. Swingle,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Swingle,

I had hoped to write you ere this to express how deeply we appreciated your attendance at the meeting of the Trustees and the very illuminating insight you gave into the problems and work of agriculture and the possibilities of the University's serving. You will be gratified to know that the Trustees took action that they secure Prof. Merrill for the University.

I did not learn when you were going to China. We are sailing on the Empress of Russia on the 27th, from Vancouver.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

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June 16, 1922.

Mr. Walter T. Swingle,  
U. S. Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Swingle,

Through the letters of Mr. Clemons, I had in mind writing to you, asking for a day when I could go over to Washington for a conference with you. It had been my hopes that I might see you long before this, but aside from a trip to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Des Moines and a day or two in Chicago and Cleveland, I have been in New York most of the time on problems connected with the University Hospital and pre-medical work.

I have learned from Mr. Clemons' letter that you are planning to leave for California on Monday. I had hoped to be able to go over to Washington this week but have been prevented from doing so. I shall hope to see you upon your return from California.

You will be interested to know that the Educational Commission, sent to China by the Conference of Missions' Boards of North America for the study of missionary educational situation in China, were very favorable to the University in their report. In addition to their approval of the further developments in the Colleges of Agriculture and Forestry and Arts and Sciences at Nanking, they recommended that there be developed a school for the training of school supervisors. This to be the one school for all of China. This will involve for us additional problems of staff, equipment and finances, but this feature is one of the inevitable ones of a growing institution. There is the promise that we shall have not only a national position in Agriculture and Forestry and Arts and Sciences, which is now granted, <sup>and</sup> ~~for~~ through this school of the training of supervisors, we may attain a similar position in this more distinctive phase of education.

I received recently a letter from Dr. Bowen, enclosing one from Dr. Merrill and his plans to visit Nanking, which delights me very much.

I am hoping for a good grant on our pre-medical work from the China Medical Board. Our need for a building for a library is constantly growing and my personal interest in that has only deepened by developments since we last met. Miss Weade has been doing splendid work and is such a fine attractive woman that she is a real addition to our community.

I am writing by way of greeting to express my most cordial regards to Mrs. Swingle and yourself and the hope that I may see you upon your return to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Williams

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

CROP PHYSIOLOGY AND BREEDING  
INVESTIGATIONS

June 27, 1922.

Prof. J. E. Williams,  
Vice-President, University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Dear Prof. Williams:

I am sorry that you will not be able to see me in Washington, although through my mistake in announcing too early my departure for California I am just leaving today (June 24). I am very sorry not to see you.

I am profoundly convinced that one of the most important things that we can do for China is to assist in indexing their own literature. It is unsafe to cut China loose from her past and turn a stable nation with a solid civilization into a mere mob liable to any kind of emotional success.

The best way, in my opinion, to maintain the stability of China is to cultivate the old along with the new. I believe that we have discovered methods of fundamental importance in indexing old Chinese literature in such a way as to make them available to the newer generation of Chinese students. I have discussed this matter at length with Prof. Clemons and hope that you will be kind enough to give it your consideration when you see him. I am convinced that it ranks in importance with medical and agricultural work in the influence it is bound to exert in safeguarding the development of China in the near future.

Yours very sincerely,

*Walter T. Swingle*  
Physiologist in Charge.

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Dictated but not  
read by Mr. Swingle.

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September 9, 1922.

Dr. Walter T. Swingle,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D. C., U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Swingle:

I value very much indeed your letter of August 1, telling us about the work of Professor Clemons and of the satisfactory character of the material that Miss Wead has been sending you. We are extremely gratified both that Mr. Clemons was able to render some real assistance to your department there, and also that Miss Wead is doing at least as well as you expected. We have received, and are continuing to receive, many favors from you and it is a pleasure to know that Mr. Clemons and Miss Wead are doing something that is helpful to you there.

I am also writing to thank you for recommending Mr. and Mrs. Brede to Mr. Reisner and to us. They arrived three days ago and we are extremely delighted with them. Mrs. Brede will be a very great help to us in many ways, because of her ability as an artist, and we will try to get her in touch with Dr. Merrill in the hopes that perhaps we may be of some assistance to him in some of his publications and illustrations. He is doing so much for us it will be a great satisfaction if we can return the favor in any possible way. We believe that Mr. Brede will make a success of his teaching here. We are planning, if at all possible, to have him enter the Language School, perhaps teaching one course. Since he is to be a permanent man we are anxious that he get on to the language as soon as possible.

Your general theory or hypothesis that there is locked up in Chinese literature and Chinese learning much that would be of extreme value to the West seems to me to be somewhat confirmed by a most interesting case that has recently come to my attention. One of our graduates, who later studied in America and is now Dean of the College of Arts and Science at Southeastern University, was telling me about his father. His father had been ill for some time and the doctors here in Nanking, both the old-style Chinese doctors and our own doctors in the University Hospital, diagnosed his case as a case of cancer of the stomach. He was then sent to St. Luke's Hospital in Shanghai to be X-rayed, and their diagnosis was the same and the foreign doctors did not give much hope of being able to do anything, so Dr. Liu, who is an excellent Chinese

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scholar, went to one of the best-known native doctors and asked him to look in the old Chinese literature for any remedy they might have for cancer. This old Chinese doctor, who is also an excellent Chinese scholar, looked through the Chinese medical books and found a remedy, which is said to be the gall of rhinoceroses from Szechuen or Yunnan. It is made up in pills, and Dr. Liu purchased two ounces of this medicine - \$6.00 Mexican per ounce - and began giving it to his father. Within a week his father was very much improved, was able to eat and sleep; and now the treatment has been continued three weeks and he is steadily improving, is able to get about the streets and is practically well, so far as eating and sleeping and getting around are concerned. Of course, there may not be any scientific basis for the medicine but it apparently has helped him so far. One is, of course, skeptical about rhinoceros from Szechuen or Yunnan, but at any rate it is extremely interesting and I am sure that in literature that China has along many lines there is much of great value that the West should have.

Miss Wead will be writing you about the possibility of her having to return to the States by December, owing to illness in her family. She is cabling to this effect to-day, I believe. We shall be extremely sorry if she has to leave, but of course under such circumstances it is the only right thing to do. In case she does have to go she will get her work as nearly complete as possible and we shall hope that she may return to us later. We have a new man added to her staff this fall, Mr. Mao, one of our graduates who is very good in Chinese, and he will help to increase her efficiency very materially.

Mr. and Mrs. Reisner have returned and it is certainly good to have them back. He is extremely keen to begin the production on a large scale of those pears which you have found so useful, and we shall encourage and push this development.

Assuring you of our desire to cooperate in every possible way, and thanking you very cordially for your constant help,

Very sincerely yours,

*D. V. Sawyer*

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January 23, 1923.

Dr. Walter T. Swingle,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Swingle,

I suppose you are still out on the Pacific Coast. I am writing this to Washington as the most direct way to find you.

We were very sorry that it was necessary for Miss Wead to return to the United States on account of the illness of her father. She was doing fine work with us; she is a woman of the finest personality and spirit and liked by everyone who came in touch with her. You will be delighted to know, too, that Mr. and Mrs. Brede are starting into the work in a fine way. You have been keeping in touch with Mr. Griffing and know of the high character of work that he is doing in Nanking. We have no finer or stronger man on the staff anywhere than Griffing. You have been remarkably successful in recommending people to us, not only on the side of scientific discipline and capacity, but also those who in spirit have blended beautifully with the character of the staff at Nanking. And we feel deeply grateful to you for what you have done in aiding and advancing the work of the University in its Library and Agricultural Departments.

I know you will be pleased to hear of the disposition made of the left-over famine funds. There were about \$900,000 of these funds, and the action of the Committee appointed by the President, who had the funds in charge, was to divide them into four parts, assigning one part to Peking and three parts to Nanking. There is to be a Committee appointed in China which will have over sight of these budgets; two to be appointed by the Minister in Peking and two by the Committee of Reference and Counsel in New York, and the fifth by these four. There are still some details to work out before the Committee can get under way. I enclose a letter from Mr. Lamont to Mr. Speer, which will indicate to you the personnel of the Committee that took the action and also the unanimity with which the action was taken.

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January 23, 1923.

I now have my office at 150 Fifth Avenue, in the Methodist building, and am working on an advance campaign for the University in building, equipment and endowment.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Swingle and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
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CROP PHYSIOLOGY AND BREEDING  
INVESTIGATIONS

March 2, 1923.

Dr. J. E. Williams,  
Vice-President, University of Nanking,  
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:

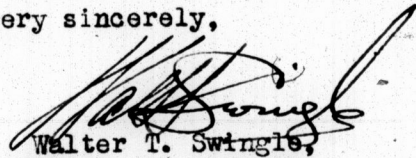
I am greatly pleased to learn from your letter of January 23rd that Nanking University has had such good fortune; — \$675,000 should enable you to do some very valuable work on agriculture and forestry looking toward famine prevention.

I am glad that you are pleased with Mr. Griffing, Miss Wead, and Mr. and Mrs. Brede. I am sorry that Miss Wead was obliged to return to America at a time when she was just getting in shape for the best work. I hope that you will recognize the importance of the indexing work she was doing in cooperation with the agricultural department of the library and that you will have this work continued.

Prof. Reisner is already a collaborator of this Department and I am requesting the appointment of Mr. Clemons. I hope this will pave the way for continued cooperation in this very important field. In this connection I would like to suggest the desirability of making a survey of the Chinese literature on famine relief work. I had a very hurried sketch made last year when serving on the Famine Relief Commission in Washington and found it of intense interest. In particular, the old Chinese policy of graineries with State purchases of grain when the price dropped very low and the State distribution of grain in famine times acted as both a price stabilizing agency, preventing extreme depression of crop prices, and, at the same time, as an efficient famine relief agency. The development of modern transportation methods will tend to prevent such storing of food and will require, in my opinion, some alternative machinery, — perhaps emergency plantings of wheat or other food in Manchuria when a famine is impending. This is a big subject and I cannot do it justice in a short letter but I believe we should recognize the good work done by the Chinese since ancient times. Confucius himself, I believe, began his career as a keeper of a grainery.

*Copy sent Reisner Mar. 19.*

Yours very sincerely,

  
Walter T. Swingle,  
Physiologist in Charge.

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March 14, 1923

China Famine Fund Committee  
C/o University of Nanking  
College of Agriculture and Forestry  
Nanking, China

Dear Sirs:

I understand that your Committee allocated funds to the College of Agriculture and Forestry of the Nanking University for a ten-year period beginning July 1, 1923. I understand that the University of Nanking and Yenching University, working under a cooperative agreement, are petitioning you for the permanent allocation of these funds.

I have been doing cooperative work with the College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking, since 1918, and am in a position to state that they have been doing most excellent work on the study of the crop plants of China and of the Chinese literature regarding them. I consider this work to be of fundamental importance both to China and to the rest of the world. The studies we have been pursuing for nearly twenty years of some of the Chinese crop plants, especially oranges and lychee, have lead us to an understanding of the climatic and soil conditions of China and have given us the opportunity to assist Chinese investigators and American and other foreign investigators working in China to secure information about certain New World crops that are promising for culture in China, such, for example, as the pecan nut, the avocado, the cherimoya, etc., and material relative to the cotton varieties grown in China and America to the mutual advantage of both countries.

We have hoped to cooperate with the University of Nanking in a survey of hardy citrus fruits which are of great importance in the Yangtse Valley in China as well as in the Gulf Coast region of the United States. We believe that this kind of a survey will be very beneficial to both countries. We can supply Nanking University with hardy stocks that have been originated by hybridization in this country and they can supply us with hardy varieties of citrus fruits that have been selected by the Chinese fruit growers during the thousand of years they have practiced citrus culture in the Yangtse Valley. This is only one instance of the benefits that will accrue to China, to the United States, and to the rest of the world through continuance of the splendid work which has been done

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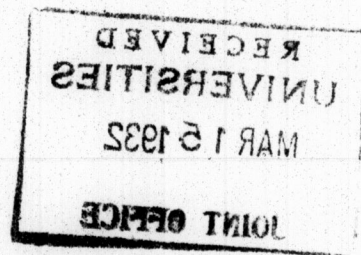
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during the past ten years in the College of Agriculture and Forestry at Hanking University largely with funds supplied by your Committee. I hope your Committee will see fit to make a permanent allocation of these funds in view of the extremely beneficial use to which they have been put in the past.

Yours very sincerely,

Walter T. Swingle  
Principal Physiologist in Charge  
Crop Physiology & Breeding Investigations

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Principal Physiologist in Charge  
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June 7, 1923.

Dr. Walter T. Swingle,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Swingle,

I had hoped I might meet you at the time of the Conference in Washington, May 5, but was prevented from going to Washington at that time by meetings at Cornell University.

You may have learned that Cornell University has decided to carry on their work in China in connection with the University of Nanking. We were a bit complimented by this since they were wooed by Canton, Yale, Peking, West China, besides Nanking. They are looking forward to supporting one or two men with us and a women probably on the staff of Ginling College.

I have always had in mind a plan of securing an adequate Library building for the University. On August 16, 1919, you wrote me a fine letter with which I tried to secure a building at that time. Only yesterday I was having a visit with Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, President of Carnegie Foundation, and he was deeply interested in the development of our University's work. I raised the question with him of a Library building, but he was not sure that their Foundation's deed would make it possible. I pointed out that we were incorporated in New York, our Trustees held all property there, and that we were cooperating with the Department of Agriculture at Washington in constructive ways which would not only help the Chinese but the American side of agriculture. I told him of your deep interest in the Congressional Library and our plans of cooperation. Would you be willing to give me another letter such as you did in 1919, and brought up to date with the more recent developments?

If you have any brief statement of the work of the Congressional Chinese Library, I should like to have such a statement for reference.

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June 7, 1923.

If we cannot secure a Library from the Carnegie Foundation, I shall still be trying other leads for we must have a fire-proof Library building with adequate space to make possible the work absolutely necessary for the University's teaching, and to make possible the wider service that we have had in mind in cooperation with your work in the Congressional Library, and in wider relations in China.

Your suggestion of March 2 was sent promptly to Mr. Reiser for further study there.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 9, 1924.

Mr. Walter T. Swingle,  
U. S. Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Swingle,

I wrote you under date of June 7, 1923, but have not heard anything in reply. I am anxious to know whether you are at Washington, continuing your work with the Department of Agriculture and the Congressional Library.

We are having fine reports from the Agricultural Department at Hanking. The men are operating under the new grants of the Farine Fund and are very happy in the enlarged opportunities for the development of the work. I suppose Mr. Reisner is sending you regularly the bulletins that the Department is issuing, as well as the little news items that he is printing periodically.

Hoping to hear from you further,

Very sincerely yours,

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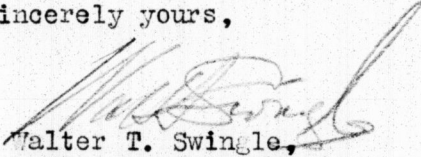
INDIO, CALIF.,  
April 17, 1924.

Professor J.E. Williams,  
Vice-President University of Nanking,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Professor Williams:

I am very sorry indeed that your letter of June 7 evidently went astray; I have been working in California for almost two years. I have been keeping in close touch with Dean Reisner, Mr. Griffing and Professor Clemons, who, I hope, has by this time fully recovered his health. I believe Dr. Reisner is sending me the bulletins you mention, but I have not been receiving the news items, and should be glad to have you forward these to me from the New York office. I expect to be in New York some time this June and shall certainly look you up; I want to talk over the agricultural and library work in connection with the Famine Fund.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Walter T. Swingle,  
In Charge Crop Physiology  
& Breeding Investigations.

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June 19, 1924

Walter T. Swingle, Ph.D.,  
Chinese Collection,  
Congressional Library, Washington.

Dear Doctor Swingle:

I hear from Mr. Li that he is now in your Collection at Washington and will soon be working under your direction. We are very much gratified that he could have this opportunity for it will mean so much to him in returning to China.

I am enclosing the latest bulletins from Mr. Reisner Also a Nanking magazine and Mr. Buck's Report on Farms. As a layman I was tremendously interested by a story of Dr. Gibbs fight against Rinderpest with the serums that he is developing; and the story in the last bulletin of Mr. Lowdermilk's visit of exploration into the causes of floods in the Yellow River. You will be interested in both of these, I know.

It was decided by the Trustees of the University that we must remain in the United States until the middle of November. I hope the remaining time will yield larger results, relatively, than the last two years have. You will be gratified to know that our second science building is being assured by \$50,000 Mexican from the Famine Fund in China, \$25,000 Mexican from the China Medical Board on condition that another \$25,000 Mexican is secured for the completion. The China Medical Board is also granting \$5,000 Mexican for a gas plant and \$30,000 Mexican for scientific equipment; also \$15,000 Mexican for travel and salary for a specialist in scientific teaching, to go out from America and spend a year with us at the University. President Bowen and our men here are now looking for that man. We should greatly appreciate it if you have any suggestions. I enclose slip of statement of the kind of man they are looking for.

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Very sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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December 6, 1924.

Mr. J. E. Williams,  
Vice-President, University of Nanking,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

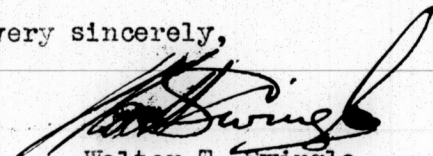
Dear Mr. Williams:

I have your letter of the 3rd instant and am glad you found my last report on Chinese books interesting. I hope to be able to send you several copies of this year's report in a few days. I believe it was issued yesterday. I am sending you three additional copies of last year's annual report thinking you might be able to use them to advantage.

I am glad that the University is progressing so rapidly. I would much appreciate the cooperation of your station in securing Chinese books for the Library of Congress. I will be glad to furnish you with a list of the gazetteers we already have from provinces north of the Yang-tse River if you think there will be any chance of getting some one to buy additional gazetteers for us. In spite of the cooperative work between this office and the University, which I think has been profitable for both, I have not as yet been able to get any help from Nanking University in purchasing Chinese books for the Library of Congress. As you are buying largely for your own library I should think it would be a simple matter to get books that we need and, in fact, would help you in dealing with booksellers. Such books could be consigned to your office in New York or sent direct to the Library of Congress and the vouchers could be settled through your New York office very promptly, provided full information was sent to me as to the cost.

If you think there is any hope of arranging some such cooperative purchase as this please let me know promptly as I shall probably return to California very shortly.

Yours very sincerely,

  
Walter T. Swingle,  
Physiologist in Charge.

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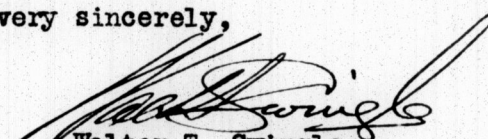
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Dr. J. E. Williams,  
Vice-President, University of Nanking,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I expect to go to New York tonight and will probably stay there until Tuesday. I shall try to see you Saturday or Tuesday. I am sorry I will not be here when you call.

Yours very sincerely,



Walter T. Swingle,  
Physiologist in Charge.

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Prof. J. E. Williams,  
Vice President,  
University of Nanking,  
136 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Prof. Williams:

I am very sorry that I missed you in New York last Tuesday. I got off at the wrong station of the subway and by the time I reached your building, everyone was busy leaving it and your office was closed.

I send you, <sup>separately</sup> ~~herewith~~, ten copies of my last report on the Chinese books in the Library of Congress. I would very much appreciate your help and the help of your staff and students in getting additional books for the Library of Congress, particularly gazetteers of the central and northern Chinese Provinces. In view of the fact that the University is making heavy purchases of Chinese books, it would seem easy to make a few additional purchases for the Library of Congress, and thereby assist in the building up of the largest collection of Chinese books to be found outside of the far east. I can, as I wrote you before, supply a list of the gazetteers we already have. It will be easy to take, in connection with this, a list of the districts and prefectures of China and check off those we do not have. It would thereby constitute a list of desideratum. If you think it would facilitate matters I could prepare such a list here and send it to Nanking.

In spite of the fact that we have been cooperating with Nanking University for more than four years, that I sent books worth more than \$400, that they are filed there now, I have not yet been able to secure a single Chinese book from Nanking University, whereas I have scores of volumes from other cooperating institutions.

Mr. Yeh now, I believe, in the Agricultural Department of the Southern University, traveled with Mr. O. F. Cook and Prof. John H. Reisner through China in 1919, and bought more than a thousand volumes of gazetteers, one of the finest sets we have ever secured from China and at remarkably low prices. It would seem then that it ought to be possible to get more in the same way. I would be very glad, indeed,

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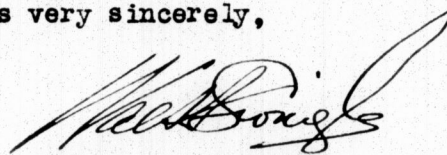


if you will give this matter your earnest consideration, as I believe it is to the advantage of the University of Nanking, to the Library of Congress, and the American people, and the Chinese people at large to have such cooperation pushed actively.

I hope you will attend the Scientific Meetings here between Christmas and New Year's, and if so I would like to see you and talk over this whole matter. I would like to take you to the Library of Congress and show you what a splendid collection we have been able to build up. I am sure I could enlist your active and enthusiastic cooperation in building up the collection still further.

You understand we are willing to pay the cost of the books, the cost of binding, packing, shipping, and if an especially good opportunity presents, I have no doubt it would be possible to pay part of the expenses of a specially trained student who could collect the books. But this would require to be worked out in advance and cannot be approved until a specific proposition of this kind was presented, with proper memoranda in support of it.

Yours very sincerely,



Walter T. Swingle,  
Physiologist in Charge.

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December 21, 1924.

Dr. Walter T. Swingle,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Swingle,

I was back in New York on Tuesday and hoped that I might see you but did not hear from you.

I feel greatly concerned that you should have every aid possible from our Library in purchasing Chinese books for the Library of Congress. Would it not be well for us to have a clear indication of what gazeteers you desire and the range in prices you are willing to pay and a little more detail of the plans. I think we could ship directly to the Library of Congress and collections could be made through the New York office.

We are returning to Nanking, sailing on the S/S "President Pierce" from San Francisco on the 24th of January.

I shall take up with Mr. Clemons and the men in Nanking how we can help more in your plans for purchasing. I do not see any reason why we should not be cooperating effectively in this matter.

I regret exceedingly missing a visit with you for I should like to have talked over developments in China and the many matters of common interest to us.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 29, 1924.

Mr. J. E. Williams,  
University of Nanking,  
150 5th Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

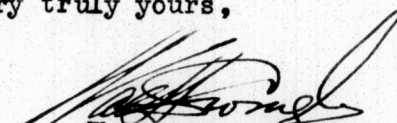
Dear Mr. Williams:

Dr. Putnam has referred to me your letter of the 3rd Inst.

I had already sent you press copies of my report. I presume  
they have been delayed owing to the Christmas rush.

Please let me know if they come to hand.

Very truly yours,



Walter T. Swingle,  
Physiologist in Charge.

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HORTICULTURAL CROPS AND DISEASES

Nanking

May 3, 1932.

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Mr. John H. Reisner,  
Executive Secretary,  
Agricultural Missions Foundation,  
New York, N. Y.

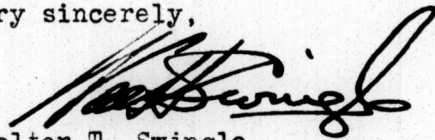
Dear Prof. Reisner:

I was absent from town when your letter of the 8th came to my desk; sorry I did not reply sooner.

Many thanks for the reference to Mr. Wilcox's article, I am sending for it.

I am hoping to get a favorable report from the Research Library at Nanking in response to my letter to Mr. Wan Kwoh - ting, suggesting it would be to their advantage to buy for the Library of Congress gazetteers and works on agriculture. I hope it will be possible to arrange a small revolving fund to do this work. I am anxious to know from you how this fund can be handled so that it will be perfectly safe. I have a small fund I can use if I am perfectly sure it will not be used up or lost. I suppose the books could be insured as soon as purchased and when paid for the payment could be credited to this fund. Could the University handle this fund at Nanking, or how could it be handled safely?

Yours very sincerely,

  
Walter T. Swingle,  
Principal Physiologist in Charge,  
Crop Physiology & Breeding Investigations.

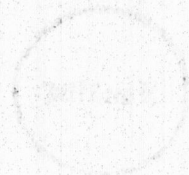
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(Sent with Mr. Reisner's letter of May 9, 1932)

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University of Nanking

May 13, 1932.

Dr. Walter T. Swingle,  
United States Department of Agriculture,  
Bureau of Plant Industry,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Swingle:

Mr. John H. Reisner has forwarded to me your letter of May 3rd in which you inquire as to the possibility of arranging a small revolving fund for use by the University of Nanking in making purchases of Chinese books for the Library of Congress.

Miss Elsie M. Priest, the Field Treasurer of the University, has a gold account in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company at Broadway and 18th Street, New York City. It seems to me that the simplest way to handle such a revolving fund would be to make deposits in this account, and to have Miss Priest draw on such deposits as might be needed to pay for purchases. This would appear to be easier and safer than sending remittances to Nanking.

However, in matters affecting the funds for which Miss Priest is responsible, I always feel that the decision must rest in her hands. I am, therefore, sending to her a copy of your letter of May 3rd, together with this reply. If our office can be of any further assistance to you, I hope you will feel free to call upon us.

Very sincerely yours,

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