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January 25th 1936.

*Sent by Dr.
Beech's
letter 2/9/36*

Dr. Joseph Beech,
Chengt'u.

Dear Dr. Beech,

With regard to the errors in the financial report of the Harvard-Yenching Institute for the year 1934-35 as called to your attention in the letter from Dr. Ellisseff of December 2nd the explanation to be given is as follows:

Office expenses	90.54	Grant 500.00	Dr. Bal. 170.80
The typist in making your copy failed to note that three items are to be bracketed together as expenditures under that grant, viz. Magazines 77.66)			
Office Expenses	90.54)	Grant 500.00	Cr. Bal. 170.80
Scholarships	161.00)		
Tot total of the three items is 329.20, giving the bal. as 170.80.			

Sundry expenses 69.53 Grant 195.00 Cr. Bal. 113.47.
'which is obviously incorrect'. In typing the original copy it was noted that a wage item of \$6.00 was included in sundry expense. This was put up under the caption of Wages as 'Extra, Hwang \$6.00', and that amount was deducted from Sundry expense which had stood at 75.53. At the same time the \$6.00 was thoughtlessly subtracted from the Cr. Balance at the right of the sheet, whereas it should have been added instead of subtracted. It should show as \$12.00 more. Thus:

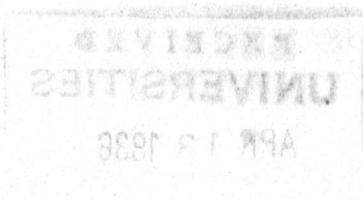
Sundry expenses	69.53	Grant 195.00	Cr. Bal. 125.47
Totals	\$6788.54.	\$8200.00	\$1993.21

As the debit balances under Library amount to 581.74
then the net credit balance would amount to 1411.46
which is the amount listed in the summary \$1993.21

The romanisation of teachers' and students' names used in this office is based on what was called the 'Standard System'. It permits of a wider use of the letters of the English alphabet in filing cards under initials, as well as conforming more closely to the sounds used in West China. I regret that the use of this spelling has led to confusion, and I gladly re-type the list in accordance with the required system.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) W.B. ALBERTSON.



WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year July 1st, 1934 - June 30th, 1935.

Sent by
Dr. Beck's
letter 7/7/34

	Local	U.S. \$
Balance July 1st, reported as L.\$5661.73 which was based on budget estimate for 1933-34 of \$32,000. Of this the field received <u>25,889.94</u> . Difference to deduct <u>6,110.06</u> less bal. <u>5,661.73</u> Dr. Bal. <u>448.33</u> .34398 Dr. 448.33 Dr. 152.99 (G\$8905.49 produced L\$25889.94)		
Receipts during the year from New York Treasurer	14,941.32	6,000.00
To be received, est. rate. .30	<u>14,048.68</u>	<u>4,214.60</u>
	28,990.00	10,214.60

EXPENDITURES: Exchange rate average .35235.

Department of Chinese Teaching Staff	10,534.40	3,711.79
Library		
Book purchases	3,378.06	1,190.26
Salaries of staff	1,918.87	676.11
Other expenses	1,491.61	525.57
Museum		
Purchases	3,198.58	1,127.02
Administration	1,788.95	277.98
Other expenses - Furniture	1,491.42	525.50
Photography	584.71	206.02
Other expenses - Travel etc.	355.00	125.02
Research Grants	900.00	317.11
Publications	1,532.00	539.80
Miscellaneous	<u>141.00</u>	<u>49.68</u>
	26,314.60	9,271.92
Balance	<u>2,675.40</u>	<u>942.68</u>
	28,990.00	10,214.60

Balance, July 1st, 1934	L\$ 448.33	G\$ 152.99
" " on estimates year 193405		1\$2675.40 G\$942.68
" July 1st, 1935	<u>2,227.07</u>	<u>789.69</u>
	L\$2,675.40	942.68.

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Respectfully submitted,

(signed) W.B. Albertson.

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

West China Union University

Year July 1934 - June 1935. *7/36*

	Expended	Grant	Dr.	Cr.
<u>Department of Chinese</u>				
<u>Salaries:</u>				
Ch'eng Chih-hsuen	1,675.00	(1 mo. 135, 11 mos. at 140)		
Chung Cheng-meng	2,400.00	(12 mos. at \$200)		
Tu Feng-fuf	1,295.00	(mo.95, 1 Mo 100, 10 mos.110)		
		(Monthly average 2 at 100,		
		10 at 110 is 108.33, listed		
		at 108.40)		
Part-time teachers (10 mos)				
Kung Tao-kan	1,320.00			
Hu Kao-ru	258.00			
Li Chih	480.00			
Li Yu-fen	360.00	(5 mos. at 40, 5 mos. at 16)		
Li Chieh	280.00	(5 mos. at 48, 5 mos. at 24)		
Lin Shih-chin	700.00	(5 mos. at 140)		
P'en Chu	600.00			
P'ang Chuin	240.00			
Pen Fang-tao	35.00	(1 mo. July 1934 then ceased		
		teaching) Not listed.		
Chang Chong-ho	63.00	(7 mos. at 9)		
T'ao Shih-chieh	400.00	(Listed in two parts, 24 & 16)		
Correction of essays				
T'ao Shih-chieh	109.00			
Li Chieh	119.40			
Travel				
Ch'en In-kuo	200.00			
Total	10,534.40	11,000.00		465.60

LibrarySalaries:

Yoh Chin-chen	775.00	(1 mo. at 60, 11 mos. at 65)		
Ten Kuang-lu	447.50	($\frac{1}{2}$ time, 1 mo. at 35, 11 mos.		
		at 37.50)		
Tu Uin-teh	262.00	(1 mo. 20, 11 mos. at 22)		
Tai Uin-hoh	167.00	(1 mo. 13, 11 mos at 14)		
Night work: Ioh	41.86			
Ten	23.71			
Tu	39.50			
Tai	38.30			
	143.37			
Wages: Bookbinder	83.00			
Title writer	35.00			
Extra, Hwang	6.00			
	124.00			
	1,918.87	1,805.00	113.67.	

Books in Chinese Language	2,835.87	3,000.00	164.13.
Books in Foreign Language	542.19	2,000.00	1,457.81*
Coal and Light	967.88	500.00	467.88
Office ex., Mags., & sc'ps	329.20	500.00	17080.
Insurance	125.00	200.00	75.00
Sundry Expenses	69.53.	195.00	125.47
	6,788.54	8,200.00	581.75 1,993.21
Net Balance	1,411.46 n	1,411.46	
	8,200.00	1,993.21.	

Museum of ArchaeologySecretary, (Curator)

Lin Min-chuin	655.00	600.00	5.00
" (1 mo. at 50, 11 mos at 55)			
Servants	133.95	180.00	46.05
Insurance	50.00	50.00	
Photography	584.71	1,000.00	415.29
Furniture, show cases, grill windows	974.42)		
Summer Travel 1	517.00)	1,200.00	291.42
Museum specimens	305.00	300.00	5.00
	<u>3,198.58</u>	<u>2,660.00</u>	<u>338.58</u>
	6,418.66	6,050.00	466.34.
Net Balance		368.66	368.66
		<u>6,418.66</u>	<u>835.00</u>

Research and Publications

Salary, Liu Li-hsien	600.00		
(July 1934 at 100, 10 mos. at 50)			
Grants:			
Dr. D.L. Phelps, Omei studies	725.00		
Dr. W.R. Morse, Anthropological studies	400.00		
Dr. D.C. Graham, Chuan Miao tribes studies	300.00		
Dr. L.C. Porter	141.00		
Journal of West China Border Research Society	325.00		
Reprints from above	82.00		
	<u>2,573.00</u>	2,250.00	323.00

Summary

Department of Chinese	10,534.40	11,000.00	465.60
Library	6,788.54	8,200.00	1,411.46
Museum	6,418.66	6,050.00	368.66
Research	2,573.00	2,250.00	323.00
		<u>1,490.00</u>	<u>1,490.00</u>
	\$26,314.60	28,990.00	691.66
Balance	<u>2,675.40</u>		<u>2,675.40</u>
	28,990.00		<u>3,367.06</u>

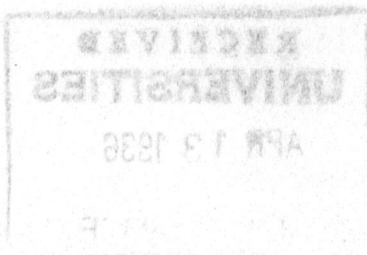
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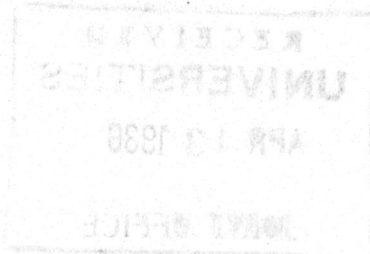


Union University

*Sent by Dr.
Beech's letter
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West China Union University - Harvard Yenching CHENG TU, WEST CHINA
Reports to the January 27, 1936.
Harvard Yenching Institute Trustees.

- (1) Letter from Dr. Graham, -To Dr. Elisseeff.
 - (2) Report of the Department of Chinese Studies, and Library.
 - (3) Report of the English Librarian.
 - (4) Report of the Museum of Archaeology,
 - (5) North China Herald Article re the West Border.
 - (6) Report of Research Work and Projects.
 - (7) Letter from Mr. Albertson, and Bursar's Financial Report.
- Covering letter from Joseph Beech to Dr. Elisseeff.



Sent w/ Dr.
Beech's letter
1/7/36

January 27th, 1936.

My dear Dr. Elisseeff:

On my arrival from Chungking on the 23rd I found your letter of December 2nd among my accumulated mail. I regret that our reports were unsatisfactory, but I do not wonder at that since the major parts of the reports had not reached you. I received my copies and Dr. Porter received his copies. I of course assumed that the copies mailed to you by Dr. Graham would reach you and consequently did not enclose copies along with my letter.

I am now enclosing ^{copies of} the material mailed about June 6th by Dr. Graham, with his letter of explanation addressed to you. These reports contain the information that you list, as lacking, and I trust they will be satisfactory.

Mr. Robertson's statement of the Harvard-Yenching section of the Library lists the accessions of foreign language books, and Mr. Ch'eng's report, under the section headed "Library" lists the Chinese volumes listed under classes. Chinese books purchases number 291 with a total of 5245 volumes, the Foreign language books numbered 35.

The publications under the Chinese faculty are listed in section "X" of Mr. Cheng's report, other publications are listed in the report on "Research Work" by Dr. Graham. Dr. Phelps' volume is now off the press, two copies will be sent to you under separate cover. I will also send you two copies of the third issue of the University Magazine, put out by the Chinese department, and also two copies of the latest catalogue. No catalogues were issued in Chinese, except the Medical-Dental Catalogue, which I judge you do not desire, as the material is similar to the medical-dental section in the General Catalogue, published in English.

We have not learned anything about the volumes of photographs mailed to Cambridge or Peiping. Please let us know if you have not received these volumes, and if not received shall we print another set of these museum pictures for you?

Regarding the item of \$325 for the West China Border Research Journal, I have the following items from Dr. Graham, who is on the staff of the Journal. "(1) This number of the Journal has four of my articles, all research work under the Harvard-Yenching Committee, including the Preliminary report of the Hanchow Excavations, and an article on the Museum. The publication of three of these articles in separate form would have cost us about \$1,000 and then not have reached so wide or interested an audience. (2) Only one issue of the Journal went heavily into Medicine, and then 2/3 of the Journal was cultural. (3) This particular number of the Journal only 10 pages of 262 pages are by medical men or deal with medicine, and that article is a record of travel, among unknown tribes for the most part. (4) The Journal has a world-wide reputation and carries our articles to a wider field than separate reprints would get. (5) The notice in the foreword is good, but I will ask you to meet with the Committee and arrange for a more satisfactory recognition in future. (6) All cuts of the Museum are the property of the Journal.

Museum and are at our service for reprints or future use. These cuts cost more than we put into the Journal.

As you will see from the remarks of Dr. Graham he feels that the money spent on the Journal was well spent. I am also of that opinion/. I have just visited the Library to count the exchange volumes received for the Journal, all of them at the request of national and private institutions and organizations. I counted 48 different publications, from China, Japan, India, Phillipines, Australia, Africa, South America, Cuba, United States, Canada, England, France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Russia. I agree with you that the acknowledgement given the Harvard Yenching Institute should have been more explicit. I will suggest to the Staff that hereafter articles from the members of the Harvard Yenching staff members or from persons receiving aid for such articles be indicated on the first page of the article and that "cuts" likewise bear acknowledgement. We are now given fifteen free reprints of each article, with the right to have additional copies for the charge involved. We will take advantage of this in future for the printing of copies for libraries and scholars as you suggest.

The letter addressed to me by our Bursar, in response to your paragraph on finances explains the items to which you rightly called attention. He has also supplied the financial statement in the form desired.

I thank you for the enclosures sent to us. I see no reason why our reports should not go to you in the form desired. But the proximity of communist armies, with the repeated orders that all women and children leave the campus, and the necessity of some of the men accompanying them, created conditions far from normal. I had planned to see your reports in the mails, but as Dr. Graham has noted, I was called away. Consequently the reports went forward in sections, the financial report not sent until after my return, when it was prepared in haste to reach you in time for your meeting. And as explained the major sections of the reports were sent, but not received through the apparent fault of the postal agencies.

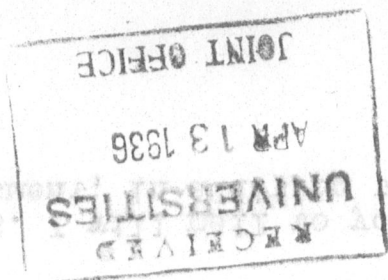
Meetings for which I should be in Nanking and Shanghai have been deferred until April. I regret that I cannot be at Cambridge in time for your Spring meeting, but I shall be glad of the privilege of presenting the request for an Unrestricted grant for Dr. Graham and his work at the first opportunity after my arrival. Please let me know, Care Universities Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, when your next meeting will occur. I expect to be in New York in June.

With every respect,
Cordially yours,

P.S. I will mail to you 10 volumes published by our Chinese Department, in addition to publications mentioned above.

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The section enclosed in brackets () was added by me, as I felt certain that it was a former number of the Journal to which you had reference, and not to this particular number.



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March 2, 1936

Chancellor Joseph Beech,
West China Union University,
Chengtú, China.

Dear Chancellor Beech:-

Thank you for your letter of January 27th and for sending the parts of the report of West China Union University for 1934-35 which were omitted when the original report was sent. I was much interested to look through the report and to have a better idea as to the manner in which Chinese studies are carried on at West China. This supplementary report will be presented to the Trustees at their next meeting on April 13th.

While your report still is not in accordance with the forms and vote of the Educational Committee and Trustees, it does give in its many parts most of the information desired, even if not in the form requested. I am therefore asking the Treasurer of the Institute to pay over to Mr. Garside the quarterly payment which was due to be made for West China Union University on February 1st and which has been withheld pending the arrival of a satisfactory report from you. I am hoping that next year West China's report, like those of the other affiliated institutions in China, will be in the form requested by the Trustees of this Institute.

We did receive the two volumes of photographs mailed by Dr. Graham of articles in the Museum, and, because we regarded them as a part of your report, we did not acknowledge them separately.

As I wrote you in my letter of December 2nd, my criticism concerning the grant of \$325. to the Journal of the West China Border Society was, first, that you gave the subvention without asking the Trustees of the Institute what their attitude would be about it; and, second, that you did not mention in the journal that it had received a subvention from the Institute. I still think that, if the publication of the pamphlets which I suggested is too

Chancellor Joseph Beech,

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expensive, the different materials could be grouped so as to have some numbers of the Journal devoted to the humanities, and especially to sinological problems, and other numbers devoted to research in different sciences.

Our library has no set of this Journal, and I shall be very glad if you can send us a complete set.

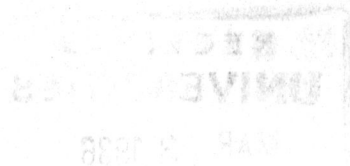
I am sorry that you cannot be in this country in April and be present at dinner when the Trustees get together for their annual meeting on the 13th, since there will not be another meeting until the second Monday of November, unless something unforeseen comes up.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Graham.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) S. Elisséeff

Director



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Union University

CHENGDU, WEST CHINA

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March 12th, 1937.

Dr. B.A. Garside,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

I now have pleasure in sending you the latest report of the West China Union University Harvard-Yenching Institute Committee, and I think this completes all the material we should send for the forthcoming meeting of the Governors in New York. We are sending a copy to Dr. Beech, and will also hand one to Dr. Elisseeff when he arrives early next month.

Yours sincerely,

M. Robertson

Office Secretary.

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WEST
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April 26, 1937

Dr. David C. Graham,
West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechuan, China.

Dear Sir:-

At their annual meeting on April 12, 1937, the Trustees of the Institute appropriated \$500. for your salary for the months of May and June, 1937, or at the rate of US\$3,000. a year. One thousand dollars was inserted in the 1937-38 budget of the Institute for your salary for the months of July, August, September, and October, 1937 at the same rate. These two appropriations will cover the six-month period during which the Trustees, at their November meeting, agreed they would continue your salary. Mr. Garside informed us that your present contract will end on April 30, 1937.

I have asked the Bursar of Harvard University to send the \$500. to Mr. Garside, who, I understand, will pay you through the Baptist Board. I will notify the Bursar to pay Mr. Garside \$250. monthly for four months, beginning with the month of July, 1937.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 1, 1937

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Dear Mr. Garside:-

The question of whether Dr. Graham is to continue to serve at Curator of the Museum of West China Union University will come up for decision at the next meeting of the Trustees on November 8, 1937. In view of the fact that we have only received the administrative report of the University and not the financial report (which has happened several times before), I wonder whether you can tell me whether the University had, at the beginning of this fiscal year, any balance on hand of its share of the Restricted Fund, and also how the income they expect to receive is allocated for the year. Have you any suggestions as to how Dr. Graham's salary for one year could be taken care of by the University from the Restricted Income they will receive?

You will remember that, by a special grant, Dr. Graham's salary was taken care of by the Institute for six months beyond the termination of his contract on April 30, 1937, or to October 31, 1937.

Sincerely yours,

Serge Blinnéff

Director

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

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cc: Dean Wallace B. Donham
Mr. Henry L. Shattuck

November 9, 1937

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Professor Serge Elisseeff
Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Elisseeff:

I trust that the telegram of which a confirmation copy is enclosed, arrived in time for the meeting of the Institute yesterday afternoon. I should have replied to your letter of November 1st much earlier, but delayed to do so with a view to discussing the matter with Chancellor Beech.

The situation with regard to funds available for Dr. Graham's support this year is as follows:-

Fund originally set aside for Dr. Graham's support in 1932		\$ 20,000.00
Less Expenditures to date		
Actually disbursed to July 1, 1937	\$17,811.41	
Set aside for Dr. Graham's support Feb. 1, 1937, to June 30, 1937 (final accounting still to be rendered by Baptist Board)	<u>1,250.00</u>	<u>19,061.41</u>
Balance available of Original Fund		938.59
Plus special appropriation of Harvard- Yenching Institute May and June, 1932 at \$250.00		<u>500.00</u>
Balance available for home-coming travel Dr. Graham and family		<u>1,438.59</u>

Since the expense of travel from West China is rather heavy, and Dr. Graham has a large family, this available balance of \$1,438.59 would probably not be quite sufficient to cover the entire expense of this home-coming travel.

For the year 1937-38 West China Union University will require a minimum of around \$12,000 for meeting the regular budget items in the field of Chinese Studies supported by the Harvard-Yenching Institute Restricted Fund. This would leave a possible balance of \$2,210.52 which should be applied toward the support of Dr. Graham this year. The Institute has also made a special appropriation of \$1,000 to cover the support of Dr. Graham from July 1st through October 31st, 1937, making a total of \$3,210.52 which could be applied to the support of Dr. Graham this year.

You are familiar with the situation at West China, and the plans they have for the development of their program to the place where it would require the entire amount of West China's share of income from the Restricted Fund without including the support of Dr. Graham. For the present year, however, it would no doubt be possible for West China to provide the support of Dr. Graham from November 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938 from the balance available as indicated above.

I hope that the telegram we sent yesterday was sufficient for whatever action the Institute wished to take on this matter of Dr. Graham's support, but I am sending these additional details for your records.

Very sincerely yours,

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over
November 30, 1937.

Dr. Joseph Beech
25 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Thanks for the copy you sent me of the letter you wrote to Dr. Decker on November 22nd. This discusses the question of Dr. Graham's future service and support at West China.

It seems to me that one of the greatest fundamental questions we must clear up is that of Dr. Elisseeff's impressions as to Dr. Graham's qualifications for service in connection with the program of Chinese cultural studies at West China Union University. Through unofficial and more or less confidential channels, I have received intimations that Dr. Elisseeff does not have a very high opinion of Dr. Graham's qualifications for this work, and is inclined to favor having the Harvard-Yenching Institute discontinue any support for him after the close of the academic year 1937-38. This is such an important matter that we must have a clear understanding before we attempt to lay plans for the future. I do not want to be quoted on what I have just said, for I have had no authoritative word, and the rumors I have heard may not be correct. I do feel, however, that you and Dr. Elisseeff should have a frank understanding on this point before we attempt to reach definite decisions as to Dr. Graham's future connection with this work at W.C.U.U. If we find that Dr. Elisseeff believes Dr. Graham's present training is inadequate we should discover whether, in his opinion, a year or more of special study at Harvard or elsewhere would remedy the defect. If Dr. Elisseeff feels that even such additional training is not likely to give Dr. Graham the qualifications which he considers essential for this work, then we should face frankly the question of whether W.C.U.U. wants to have him continue as a member of the staff of the University receiving his support either from Harvard-Yenching Institute funds or general university funds, or serving as a regular member of the Baptist quota.

I enclose herewith as you request a copy of the letter I wrote to Dr. Elisseeff on November 9th giving the details of the funds available for Dr. Graham's support. If the Harvard-Yenching Institute adopts Dr. Elisseeff's recommendation that the Institute provide an additional \$2,500 to cover Dr. Graham's salary and allowances through August 1938, we should have approximately

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enough on hand from that source, together with the balance of the original \$20,000 fund to provide home coming expenses of Dr. Graham and his family. Possibly a modest balance would also be available to help with covering a part of his living costs while on furlough. We can not give any more accurate figure until we know just how much we must pay to the Baptist Board to cover Dr. Graham's salary and expenses from February 1st, 1937 to August 31st, 1938.

We will await your further instructions.

Cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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December 15, 1937

Dr. Joseph Beech
25 East Delaware Place
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter we have recently sent Dr. Elisseeff with regard to the Harvard-Yenching Institute's appropriation for the support of Dr. Graham through August 1938. The original action of the Institute was to appropriate \$2,500 to cover his support from November 1st, 1937 to August 31st, 1938. This was later modified so that the appropriation was for whatever portion of this \$2,500 may be required after other resources available in the West China accounts have been utilized.

I tried to make quite plain to Dr. Elisseeff that the item of \$2,210.52 remaining in the Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation this year after providing for the regular budget needs of the Institute of Chinese Studies will probably have many other legitimate claims against it besides the support of Dr. Graham. He seems to have assumed, however, that practically all of this would be available to assist with Dr. Graham's support and, if necessary, his home coming travel.

Perhaps the best thing to do for the present, so far as the Trustees of the Institute and Dr. Elisseeff are concerned, is to let the matter rest until we see a little more clearly just where we are coming out with the support of Dr. Graham and his family during the remainder of this year, and the expenses of their home coming travel next summer. We can then present the matter when we have more definite facts and figures. The revised action of the Institute gives the Institute plenty of latitude, and they have always been quite generous when faced with a specific need.

Do you think it would be well to have the West China Executive Committee at its meeting in January give consideration to some or all of the questions in connection with Dr. Graham's position, support, and future, at West China Union University?

With all good wishes for the approaching holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

BAG:MP
Encl.

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Dear Dr. Garside:

Thank you for yours of December 15th enclosing copy of your letter to Dr. Elisseeff.

Some time ago I wrote to Professor Elisseeff regarding actions taken at the meeting of the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and later forwarded to him proposals for the purchase of an ancient temple property in the city to be used for our University Museum. They desire money to purchase the property, transport it to the University and rebuild it on our property for Museum and theatre. I forwarded this project to Professor Elisseeff and he has promised to place it before their April Executive.

In my first letter I expressed my regret regarding at least one of their actions, but stated that I preferred to defer comment upon the matters until I could visit him. You will see that this is in harmony with your suggestion that the best thing to do for the present is to let the matter rest.

I think that the least said about this matter of Dr. Graham to the Executive Committee the better it will be until we have considered the matter with Dr. Decker. I wrote Dr. Decker asking for information in the Baptist files regarding the Governors relation to the appointment and the support of Dr. Graham. I have not heard from him to date.

I am in receipt of three letters from the field dated November 24th, November 26th and December 3rd. They all came by air mail. A copy of the November 26th letter was to be sent to you. There were two items in that letter that I mention here lest your copy may not have arrived. The first is authorization of a cable to the Board of Governors for \$5,000 to provide living quarters for faculty and students of Nanking Christian University. The second, refers to telegrams from President Chen asking our University to make provision for 200 students and 150 staff members. The University invited them to come on, but to send someone in advance to make arrangements. The letter of December 3rd states telegram from President Chen states he will arrive by air in a day or two.

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In the message to President Chen, they asked Nanking University to bring as much of equipment, chemicals, etc., as possible. President Chen wires that they are endeavoring so to do, but are having difficulty in transportation.

In the letters of November 24th from Dr. Kilborn and the letters of November 26th and December 3rd from Dr. Lindsay, they state that the local provincial Commissioner of Education has given substantial aid toward accommodations for the students and teachers of the Medical-Dental departments of the Central University, Nanking; and, aid for students who have come from the war area.

The Central Government promised aid for extra students, but did not specify these students must come from the war area. Many of the new students enrolled were West China students who would have enrolled in some of the eastern universities. Regarding these students the University is left "holding the bag", through failure to ~~not~~ understand the Central Government's terms.

The Central Government's grant did not cover the additional expenditures for 64 Cheeloo students and 10 teachers that are now on the campus. The Cheeloo staff are being paid by the Cheeloo University but at their reduced rate. The provincial Commissioner, (Sze) of Education gave \$1,000 toward housing the Cheeloo students.

The Medical faculty have asked in particular that Dr. Gordon King, Cheeloo's obstetrician, who is returning from furlough this Fall, come to the University as soon as possible. Dr. Shields has agreed to approach the English Baptist Board regarding the matter. Dr. Shields has also been invited. There are other matters but they can wait until we meet in Toronto.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech
Joseph Beech

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January 25, 1938

President Lincoln Dsang
Mr. W. B. Albertson
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

Dear President Dsang and Mr. Albertson:

When Dr. Beech was in Cambridge last week we asked him to check up on one matter that has been causing us a great deal of concern - the non-arrival of the Harvard-Yenching Institute report for 1936-37. Dr. Beech stated that inquiries at the offices of the Harvard-Yenching Institute indicated that this report has not yet reached them. This is almost incomprehensible, for even the delays due to the war will not explain why a report that should have been forwarded the first week in July 1937 has not yet arrived in January 1938. The only excuse we could offer is that all copies of the report must have been lost somewhere en route.

As you know, the Institute took action at its meeting in November that no further payments would be made to West China Union University from Harvard-Yenching Institute funds until after the report for last year has been received and found to be in order. Even then, remittances will be held up for two quarters. The postponement of payments to West China Union University is, however, one of the least important results of these repeated delays in their receipt of the West China reports. Far more important than the holding up of funds is the loss of the respect and goodwill of the Institute Trustees which has come about as a result of these recurrent delays in the annual reports.

If, by any chance, the report for the fiscal year which closed on June 30th, 1937 has not yet been forwarded to Cambridge, it must be prepared and sent at once. If the reports were sent some time ago, they must have been lost en route, and you should immediately send by air mail two additional copies, one to Cambridge and one to our office here in New York.

Regardless of what has happened, this year, the University must see to it that in future these reports are always started for Cambridge not later than the first week in July. We appreciate the delays which can so easily come about when all of the administrative members of staff are burdened by a multiplicity of duties and have inadequate assistance for their work. But no matter what other duties must be put aside for the time being, this Harvard-Yenching Institute report simply must be sent to us promptly each year or the results will be increasingly disastrous. When Miss Robertson was sent out to Chengtu, we all hoped that one of the important benefits of her presence there would be the relief in your overburdened administrative correspondence and financial reports which would insure the prompt forwarding of such annual reports as those to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the New York State Department

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Dr. Dsang
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of Education. As a matter of fact, this was one of the strongest pleas we made to the West China Governors in persuading them to make provision for her salary - for the Governors are deeply concerned over the unfortunate results which have resulted from the delays in the forwarding of these reports.

The office of the treasurer of the Board of Governors can not authorize you to draw any more funds on the Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation for 1937-38, nor can we authorize you to use any further funds appropriated by the Board of Governors for the work in this field until after the Institute has renewed its payments on these appropriations.

We are deeply concerned about this matter and we hope that you will send us a full and prompt report telling us both what has caused the delay this time, and what steps you can take to avoid similar disasters in future.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy for Dr. Anderson

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y.

February 2, 1938

✓ Rev. W. B. Albertson
Dr. Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtzu, China

Dear Friends:

The other day Mr. Garside showed me a letter which he had written regarding the cessation of payments from the Harvard-Yenching Institute because of the nonreceipt of reports from West China Union University. He covered the ground very well indeed, and I dismissed the subject from my mind. This morning, however, we have received a communication from Harvard-Yenching Institute enclosing checks for the quarterly payment less the one for West China Union University. When one actually fails in receiving money when it is due, it puts an entirely different aspect on the situation. It made me so chagrined that I decided immediately that a word or two of admonition would not be out of order.

We have built up a personal relationship with the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute which, at the present time, is very cordial. The representatives which we have on the Board quite naturally are deeply interested in all we are doing. Dr. Beech was in Boston at the time of the meeting and all of these people were unable to make any defense, and, as a consequence, a resolution was passed which withheld further payment from ^{West}China until last year's reports were caught up. It is no news to you, but it is exceedingly distressing here in the office to make special efforts to build up good-will and smooth the way for the payment of regular appropriation and then have the field spoil it all by not making the simple reports which are required.

If West China is to continue to receive the support of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and other cooperating organizations some sort of business methods must be instituted, and immediate steps along this line should be taken. We have said enough, but I could not refrain from adding a word to what has already gone forward.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. Evans

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February 28, 1938

Dean George H. Chase
Harvard-Yenching Institute
Boylston Hall
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Dean Chase:

We enclose herewith a copy of a statement just received from the Chancellor's office at West China Union University, giving information concerning the graduates from the Chinese department of the University since 1929.

The Acting Chancellor ^{regu}suggests that we convey to you his apologies for the delay in supplying this information which you requested many months ago. As you know, West China has been greatly over-crowded this year by the influx of students from northern and eastern China, so much of the regular work has been greatly delayed.

The disturbed conditions in China are also responsible for the delays in securing this type of information from several of the other universities to which we wrote last year.

Very sincerely yours

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See letter to Lindsay 11/3/37

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March 23, 1938

Dr. Lincoln L. G. Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

My dear Dr. Dsang:

We cabled you yesterday, as follows:-

"CABLE ELISSEEFF REPLY HARVARD-YENCHING ACTIONS PRIOR APRIL
TENTH"

This was at the request of Dr. Beech, who had previously dispatched two Clipper letters regarding the attitude of the Harvard-Yenching secretary toward work at West China.

Dr. Beech has had some correspondence with Dr. Elisseeff and is very anxious to have same completed before the meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute on April 11th. That is the reason for the cable, and if a reply is not received by the time indicated, it will be of very little importance.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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April 21, 1938

Memorandum to Dr. Beech

Re Account of Dr. David C. Graham.

1. The situation of Dr. Graham's account as of April 20, 1938, may be summarized as follows:-

Receipts

Original fund set aside in 1932 for Dr. Graham's support	\$20,000.00
Special appropriations made by H.Y.I. for Dr. Graham, from May 1, 1937 to April 30, 1938 @ \$250 per mo.	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total received to date	\$23,000.00

Disbursements

Expended previous to July 1, 1937	\$17,811.41
Expended July 1, 1937 - April 20, 1938:-	
Payments to Baptist Board covering Graham's salary and allowances -	
Dec. 2, 1937, Feb. Mar. April, 1937	\$683.84
Dec. 29, 1937, May, June, July, 1937	654.00
Mar. 11, 1938, Aug., Sept., Oct. 1937	<u>674.00</u> <u>2,011.84</u>
Total expenditures to date	<u>19,823.25</u>
Balance on hand, April 20, 1938	\$ 3,176.75

2. A forecast of income to be received and of obligations to be met, to June 30, 1938, may be given as follows:-

Estimated Receipts

Balance on Hand, April 20, 1938	\$ 3,176.75
H.Y.I. Appropriations for May and June, 1938	<u>500.00</u>
Estimated total available to June 30	\$ 3,676.75

Estimated Obligations

Due Baptist Board 8 months' salary and allowances for Graham at estimated \$250 per month	<u>2,000.00</u>
Estimated surplus available as of June 30, 1938	\$ 1,676.75

3. After July 1, 1938, the Institute will pay, if required, an additional

April 21, 1938

two months salary and allowances @ \$250, thus bringing the total available for Dr. Graham up to \$2,176.75. This will have to provide for his salary and allowances after July 1st, for his return travel, and possibly for some continuation of support after he reaches America. The fund might possibly be supplemented from the balance available in the Harvard-Yenching Institute restricted account, though this could be done only on special action by the West China Governors. No accurate estimate can be made as to just what surplus will remain in this restricted account on June 30, 1938.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

Administration Office

Chengtu, Szechuan

November 13, 1939

Dear Dr. Garside,

At a conference of President Dsang, Dean Fong Su-hsuen, Chancellor Beech and Mr. Robertson called today to consider the Harvard-Yenching programme, a proposal was made to consolidate the three or four colleges on this campus into a single Harvard-Yenching programme. It was perceived that West China would need about NC\$12,000 in addition to the amount granted this year in order to carry its appropriate share and measure up to the other faculties in men of professorial rank and national standing. Our present staff is largely composed of lower or second grade men, while the other universities have specialised in highly educated men, with much higher salaries than we have ever considered paying. We have no professors with Western training and high Chinese attainments for teaching and research in Oriental fields of study. The only feasible method of working together on common fields of work is to have men on a common plane of excellence. One of these universities has stated that they will expend NC\$50,000 this year on their research staff. On NC\$33,000 we conduct the museum, the Chinese library, and our department of Chinese, as at present constituted. Hence all additions or improvements must be met by an additional grant from our Harvard-Yenching funds.

We have included salary and travel for Mr. Chang Te-k'un, now at Harvard, who we hope will join the staff next year, and the salary and travel of Mr. and Mrs. Fang, now in the Congressional Library at Washington, also two research scholars, one of them from Harvard University Harvard-Yenching Institute. It is expected that these men, together with their assistants, will cost considerably more than the figure stated above, owing to the gold travel items, but we are hopeful that an additional grant of US\$1,000 will enable us to begin this new programme now and to finish the present college year without indebtedness.

An urgent reply by cable is requested, stating the amount of gold granted, in order that we may engage these men now that they are available. Will you therefore endeavour to secure the necessary action to cable us at once?

The enrolment of the Universities now is 1,588.

Yours truly,

Lincoln Dsang, President

Joseph Beech, Chancellor

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February 7, 1940

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengt'u, Szechuan, China

Dear President Dsang,

You will notice in the minutes of the January 19th meeting of the West China Executive Committee Action E-1444, reading as follows:

"VOTED that the Assistant Secretary be asked to correspond with the University as to the general plans for the use of the surplus now in the Governors' hands in the Harvard-Yenching Institute account."

The Committee asked me to write you on this subject because for a number of years this surplus has been growing steadily, and has now reached a size that indicates the desirability of a thorough understanding between the field and the Governors as to our plans for the immediate and more remote future. On the one hand, we all agree to the necessity of careful and economical planning and administration of this Harvard-Yenching Institute program. Every dollar that is spent should be spent wisely and thriftily. We must at all costs avoid any unduly rapid expansion of the work supported from this source, or embarking upon any over-expanded program that could not and should not be maintained. On the other hand, the Harvard-Yenching Institute would expect, and all of us interested in West China Union University would desire, that we make the largest possible use from year to year of the appropriations which the Institute is regularly making to us.

It is quite probable that those of you in charge of the affairs of West China Union University already have in mind both a short range and a long range program of activities to be conducted with the funds supplied by the Harvard-Yenching Institute. But since no one in the Executive Committee or the Board of Governors seems to have any clear information as to just what is planned, we would all be grateful if the field would send us this information. This would be of value both in the contacts we have from time to time with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and also in the general mapping out of plans and financial support which the Governors are doing from year to year.

As of January 31, 1940, the surplus in this account on the books of the West China Board of Governors is US\$22,741.83. There is still due from the Harvard-Yenching Institute two quarterly payments on the 1939-40 account, totaling US\$5,921.06. This would bring the total received up to June 30 plus the amount already on hand, up to US\$28,662.89. From this will be deducted during this current fiscal year the amount necessary to cover the appropriation to the 1939-40 budget - namely, LC\$33,000 plus US\$1,000. This will probably require between US\$5,000 and US\$6,000. Thus at the close of the current fiscal year we will probably have a surplus in this account of somewhere between US\$22,000 and US\$23,000. At the present time, the Institute is appropriating US\$11,842.12 per year.

President Dsang

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What we should contemplate, therefore, seems to be the development of a carefully thought out program in the field of work supported by the Harvard-Yenching Institute that would require from year to year approximately US\$12,000, and that would in addition make use over a long period of time of at least some part of the rather large reserve that is being accumulated. It would of course be wise to keep some part of this surplus to guard against exchange fluctuations, possible decreases in annual appropriations from the Institute, and unexpected items of expense or increases in operating costs. But to have too large a surplus over a very long period of time might have the undesirable effect of causing our friends in the Institute to feel that West China is not making sufficiently adequate and profitable use of funds they are paying over to us from year to year.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Chancellor Beech since he has long had the most intimate contact with our friends in the Institute, as well as with the actual program of the University.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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June 14, 1940

Professor Serge Elisseeff
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Elisseeff:

You may have heard that I arrived in the United States on May 1st, since when I have been moving about between the East and West of the United States.

I have promised to be at the Wesleyan University commencement from the 14th - 16th. It has occurred to me that you might like to have me call and consider with you Harvard-Yenching Institute affairs, especially as I have seen them and am acquainted with them in West China.

I am not at all sure that you are to be in Cambridge next Monday. If you are and would like to see me, I would be very glad to come up if you will send word to me in care of the Alumni Council at Middletown, Connecticut.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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January 2, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1844 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

T. K. Cheng has sent me a copy of a letter which he has written to you under date of January 1st. He discussed this subject with me last week when he was in the office and he was rather amazed to learn of the statement made by William Hung who is heading up Chinese Cultural work at Yenching University.

As you know, William is here at the request of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and Dr. Elisseeff. I would think that this statement of William's might be kept under cover, as it might not react very favorably did Dr. Elisseeff understand that it was a deep set feeling of Williams. William told me that he had visited at length on several occasions with T. K. Cheng and tried to give him some good advice.

The question which T. K. raises regarding budget figures can be only partially answered at the present time. This morning's mail brought a copy of the revised detailed budget. The figures for the History, Political Science and Social Science Departments are as follows:-

Salaries	LC\$21,780.00
Supplies	850.00
Equipment	150.00

The budget for the use of Harvard-Yenching funds is as follows:-

Museum	LC\$11,498.00
Chinese Culture	46,000.00
Library	24,424.00

I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of your reply to T. K. and for your convenience I am enclosing a sheet of carbon

Dr. Beech

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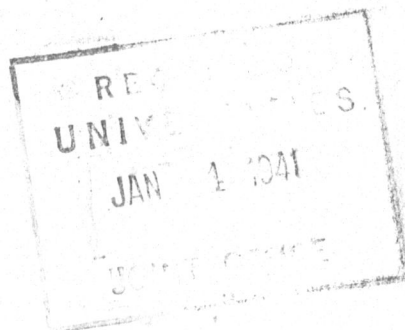
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With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very truly yours,

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGDU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
January 3, 1941

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Dr. Goodrich
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My dear Mr. Parker:

Replying to yours of December 28th, my first word is that this cablegram that you report might well be classified as unsatisfactory. As I recall your letter and mine which accompanied it, this cablegram appears to be quite noncommittal.

I quote from a letter received December 17th from Professor Elisseff of Harvard-Yenching Institute. "I am very glad to learn that you have asked Mr. Augustine Li to be the Librarian of WestChina Union University. I have heard from several people that he is a well trained librarian, and has had some experience working in the Library of Congress and in the Library of Columbia University. In the near future, when I am in New York, I shall be glad to meet him, and I will write Mr. Li when I am coming." This letter was in reply to my letter to him suggesting that he meet Mr. Li in New York or invite him to come to Cambridge.

I think it would be well for you to get in touch with Dr. Goodrich, head of the Oriental Division of the Columbia University Library and ascertain what he has to say regarding Mr. Li. I believe that Dr. Goodrich is familiar with the type of libraries that we have in our universities in China. We want Mr. Li to become director of our library. The foreign missionaries now heading up that work would aid him in his initial labors. Get Dr. Goodrich's opinion as to Mr. Li's fitness for this kind of a job. The library consists of two sections--Chinese and foreign.

I suggest that you let the matter rest until after we have heard from Professor Elisseff and Dr. Goodrich.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
January 3, 1941

Dr. T.K. Cheng
4 Francis Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Dr. Cheng:

Coming to your letter of January 1st, I desire to report that I have a letter from Professor Elisseff giving the vote of the Trustees of the Institute at their meeting, November 18th, in regard to your status and salary at the University. He states that he has written President Dsang and sent him a copy of the Trustees' action. I presume you already know the nature of that action.

I hardly know how to proceed to answer your letter of January 1st. In confidence, I perhaps should state that I had looked forward to you becoming the head of our Chinese Department, including of course, Chinese History or any other Chinese division of study or work that would naturally come under the Chinese Department. Perhaps I should have stated this when I first surmised that your studies at Harvard seemed to be directed toward the museum field. As to mapping out your work prior to your arrival on the field, I am of the opinion that it would be well for you to go to West China with an open mind. You can hardly be realistic regarding China's needs and in valuing your contribution to China through the University, in any other way. When I returned to the campus in 1939 I was aware that much "water" had passed under the bridge since I left the University. It may have been the same "water", but it did not appear to have the same color, and it was not moving in absolutely the same direction. You may find that to be the case when you get to West China. I would like very much to talk with you about subjects concerning which you write. Perhaps we may have the opportunity to do so in the near future.

I am glad that you have been in correspondence with regard to Mr. Meng Sze-ming coming to America. Every person on our staff who has the qualifications and gives promise of being a professor at the University should certainly have opportunities for studies abroad, at the present time this means study in America. I think the President is of this opinion also. If there is opportunity for Mr. Meng to come to Harvard, by all means try to keep that opportunity open until such time as you can get to West China. I will look through my files and endeavor to find some information regarding the question you asked relative to the budget for the departments of History and Sociology. The amount that it receives, or may receive from the Harvard-Yenching Fund depends upon the amount it is budgeted for; so far the Board of Governors has granted from Harvard-Yenching funds all regular askings from this fund. This year there has come greatly increased askings, and I think that they will be granted, providing they do not exceed the amount available. Our portion of the Harvard-Yenching restricted funds is the interest on \$300,000.

Thank you for your Christmas greetings, and best wishes for the New Year.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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P.S. I do not have the figures for History and Sociology. The total figures for the Arts faculty for 1940-41 are:

	Mission Staff	Other	Total
College of Arts-	\$33,780	\$72,509	\$106,289

Dr. T.K. Cheng
4 Francis Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Dr. Cheng:

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Very truly yours, Joseph Beach

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beach

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June 26, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Some considerable correspondence has been exchanged with Dr. Serge Elisseeff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute regarding Meng Szu-ming and the possibility of his following on in the footsteps of Te-K'un Cheng.

After studying the transcript of Meng Szu-ming's record in our office, Dr. Elisseeff states that as he specialized in "Modern Western History" it will not be possible to recommend Mr. Meng for a fellowship as the field for the Harvard-Yenching Institute is that of Chinese studies.

I had a long talk with William Hung when he was here regarding the activities of the Institute and gained the distinct impression that the Institute in Boston would not encourage the students to come to America until they had accomplished post-graduate work at Yenching University. This has been emphasized in several letters in the past written by Dr. Elisseeff and I feel confident that the decision he has made regarding Meng Szu-ming is final and that we must abide by this finding.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER

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June 27, 1941

President Lincoln Dsang
West China Union University
Chengtou, Szechuan, China

Dear President Dsang:

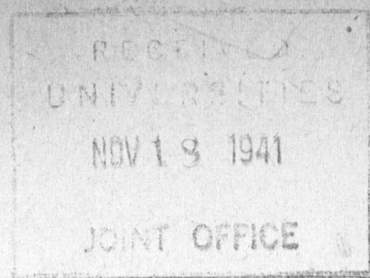
The other day when we sent you the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the West China Board of Governors, we referred to the action approving use of Harvard-Yenching Funds for a scholarship for Mr. Meng Szu-ming subject, however, to the approval of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in regard to his studying under their auspices at Harvard. This matter was taken up with Dr. Elisseeff, and he looked into the question of Mr. Meng's studies and came to the conclusion that the Harvard-Yenching Institute could not consider Mr. Meng under their particular line of studies. In his letter to us, Dr. Elisseeff notes that Mr. Meng specializes in Modern Western History, and, therefore, will not recommend him for work at the Institute.

This decision of Dr. Elisseeff's naturally makes it impossible for us to proceed in the matter of bringing Mr. Meng to America this summer as there will be no funds available for him to use elsewhere. We will, however, put Mr. Meng's name on our list for immediate attention in the considerations of our Faculty Scholarship Committee for the year 1942-43. If our request to the United China Relief goes through as presented, I think there will be an opportunity to find the help necessary to enable Mr. Meng to begin work in September, 1942. I am sorry indeed that the suggested plan of using Harvard-Yenching funds for Mr. Meng has not worked out.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Dr. Serge Elisseoff
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Elisseoff:

I am writing you further regarding your letter of November 5th relative to the appropriation for West China Union University.

The local currency rate was approximately seventeen and the total amount equivalent to the \$80,800.00 was paid by draft upon our office. The balance is held in hand here in New York City. 1940-41

Back in 1929 and 1930 there was an understanding that West China could not possibly utilize the entire appropriation, but that such funds as could properly be utilized for the cultural program would be voted by the Board of Trustees. Consequently, balances have accumulated on our books especially during the time when there was favorable gain in exchange. For the present current year, the appropriation has been raised to the entire amount received from the Institute less a nominal charge for administration within the budget for the Trustees of the University. Several projects in the past have been developed through the use of these balances on our books with the knowledge and consent of the Institute.

If I can be of further service, kindly let me know, and oblige.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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much
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November 14, 1941

Dr. Serge Elisseoff
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

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Dear Dr. Elisseoff:

My best answer to your letter of the 13th is to give you a transcript of the H-Y-I account on our ledger. I am enclosing same with several carbon copies. With this before you a number of explanations should be made.

Early actions of West China Union University. It was clearly recognized when H-Y-I- Restricted Funds were first received, that the University could not entirely absorb the total amount of income, and that it would not be wise to send it all to China. Thus after approving the 1929 budget for \$15,000. the Board of Governors voted

"That the balance still remaining be held in reserve for further ~~ma~~ action by the Board of Governors."

In approving the budget for 1930, the Governors voted; (C911)

"That the unexpended balance of H-Y-I income be held available for the purchase of books for the library and of material for the museum, and for any other current of capital expenditures related to the work of the Chinese departments of the University."

Thus balances began to accumulate.

Dr. David C. Graham. In 1931 Dr. Graham was invited to carry on work within the budget of restricted funds. This "involved the collecting of specimens and the relating of them to Chinese history and to the development of Chinese culture." The attached sheet shows the time Dr. Graham was on the budget, by the overdrafts.

Administration Charges The field has never included in its reports, any cost for administration, either there or in U. S. A. This cost has been considerable and in January 1931 the Governors voted (E947)

"That a clear understanding had been arrived at regarding the salaries of Chinese Teachers and general administrative expenses, as being a legitimate charge upon the Restricted Account, and that the Board of Governors could therefore charge to the accumulated surpluses the \$US1,400. expended on this item"

This was later amended to \$1,000 annually which has been charged against the Fund.

Balances On Hand The past three years the balances have accumulated rapidly because book purchases have declined on account of difficulties of transporting valuable publications in quantity. Efforts have also been made to find suitable candidates for graduate work but with not too great success. The decline ~~and~~ of the Chinese dollar has greatly accelerated the accumulation but the Governors preferred to keep the funds here for supervision and control.

Very truly yours

CAE/cae

CA. Evans

Harvard-Yenching Institute



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 23, 1941

To the Board of Governors
of
West China Union University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute held on November 17, 1941, it was

VOTED: That this Board request the Board of Governors of West China Union University in New York to

- ① explain the policy whereby they maintain in New York a considerable balance of the Restricted Fund income received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute and yet the authorities on the field
- ② continue to send requests for additional appropriations to the Institute and also when the field of Chinese undergraduate studies is
- ③ inadequately developed at the University. The Board would also appreciate information as to why they were not notified of the existence of these free balances in New York.

This vote was passed because of the fact that, when I received the report from West China Union University for 1940-41, I noticed that they reported only \$4,752.95 as received from the Treasurer in New York, and I knew that the Treasurer of the Institute had stated in his account that he paid over \$13,421.06 for the University's account. I therefore wrote to Mr. Evans to find out why there was this large discrepancy, and he sent me a tabulation showing the amounts which your Board had retained in New York practically every year since 1929.

Mr. Evans made the following partial explanation for the retention of these funds:-

"When the Restricted Funds were first received it was clearly recognized that the University could not entirely absorb the total amount of income and that it would not be wise to send it all to China; that the Board of Governors in New York in 1929, after approving the 1929 budget for \$15,000, voted that the balance should be held in reserve for further action by the Board; and also in 1930 the Board voted that the unexpended balance of the Harvard-Yenching Institute income be held available for the purchase of books for the library and of material for the museum, and for

any other current or capital expenditures related to the work of the Chinese departments of the University; and that thus balances began to accumulate.

"Dr. David C. Graham in 1931 began to carry on work within the budget of the restricted funds, and the years when he was supported are shown by the overdrafts on the table. The past three years the balances have accumulated rapidly because book purchases have declined and because efforts to find suitable candidates for graduate work have not met with great success, and the decline of the Chinese dollar has greatly accelerated the accumulation, but that the Governors preferred to keep the funds in New York for supervision and control."

Although nearly every year since 1929 a substantial balance has been retained in New York, the West China authorities have many times asked for supplementary aid from the Trustees during that period. * For instance, they asked for a fellowship for Dr. Graham in 1931-32, and he received \$1500 from the Trustees, when in New York there was a balance of \$14,920.60. The next year he received \$375 as a supplementary fellowship grant for three months and a special grant of \$400 to purchase technical equipment, when there was a balance of \$15,627.18 retained in New York. "

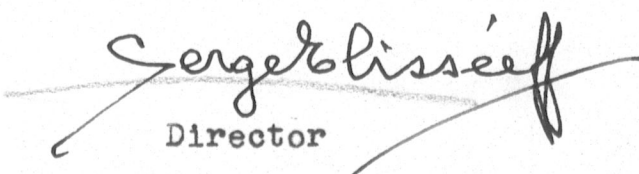
In 1937, they asked for six months' salary for Dr. Graham as a sort of bonus after the termination of his subsidy from the Restricted Fund of the Institute until the time his furlough was due, and he received \$1500; and there was a balance of \$6,436 in New York belonging to West China. See file

† "In 1938, Mr. Beech wrote that he did not see how the travel expenses of Chêng Te-k'un could be financed from their budget, and he said "Can you help us with his expenses?" The Institute made a grant of \$500 towards his travel expenses here, which was contrary to the well-established policy of the Trustees that the first year of fellowship shall be subsidized by the affiliated university, because of Dr. Beech's appeal and because of the cost of airplane travel from West China. At that time, there was a balance held in New York of \$9,977.22

This year, Mr. Robertson, Vice-Chancellor at West China, asked if the Trustees would make a special annual grant towards a larger salary for Mr. Chêng Te-k'un as Curator of the Museum. The balance on hand in New York is now \$31,110.95.

In view of these facts, will you let me have the information requested by the Trustees in their vote?

Yours very truly,


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