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Office of Yenching Univ.
156 Fifth Ave.
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Gentlemen:

Perhaps Lucius Porter has informed you that I have been given a grant of \$1,000 on the Porter Foundation as Visiting Lecturer or Exchange Professor at Yenching for the second semester this year. I haven't heard from President Stuart and need a little more information about the University and how to get there. I wonder whether you will be kind enough to answer some of the following questions and requests:

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

1. Please send me the catalogue + other ^{current} literature of Yenching.
2. Could you suggest two or three freight steamers which would leave Los Angeles in Jan. + reach a Japanese or Chinese port in time for me to reach Yenching during the opening week.
3. What discounts + net fares are available?
4. What is the fare from Yokohama to Peking
(A) via Korea (B) via Shanghai?
5. Please add any advice which a tenderfoot would need.

I hope to be able to take Mrs. Arment for all or part of the trip, but cannot yet be sure that arrangements can be made.

Your advice will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Arment

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NOTE: See letter to Dr. Lucious Porter, dated Sept. 27, 1938. Also see letter Nov. 2, 1938- from Miss Cookingham C38-11-2-28, acknowledging Mr. Evans' letter of Sept. 27, 1938 to Dr. Porter.

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September 27, 1938

Mr. William S. Ament
Department of English
Scripps College
Claremont, California

Dear Mr. Ament:

We are acknowledging receipt of your letter of September 21st informing us that you have been given a grant of \$1,000 from the Porter Foundation as Visiting Lecturer at Yenching University. Undoubtedly there is a communication en-route from Dr. Porter, but meanwhile we are acknowledging your letter in answering questions as best we can.

Primarily we are sending catalogs and literature under separate cover.

Several steamship lines run freighters to Yokohama - the O. S. K. Line taking sixteen days, and the K. K. K. Line being Japanese operating companies. We have not been using these lines since the invasion of China, although their use is not prohibited. The Blue Funnel Line has a boat leaving Vancouver and arriving in Kobe January 28, - the price being \$130.00.

The second semester opens the first week in February and the above boat may be a bit late. I take it that you are paying your own travel and are anxious to get the lowest price possible. If you desire us to actually make the reservation for you, we should be glad to do so. It usually happens, however, that sailings of this character must be taken care of immediately as there are many very anxious to travel on this type of boat.

There are no discounts on travel, except our agency discount on either the Dollar Line or the Canadian Pacific Line. All other bookings of necessity would have to be through a regular authorized agency.

We have no definite information regarding the fare from Yokohama, practically all transshipping at Kobe. The last we knew of those figures, the price was around US\$55.00 by way of Shanghai, the probable cost being around \$70.00 by way of Korea. Of course, you will

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have to have passports secured from the United States Government which must be applied for in person to the nearest custom house, which information you can secure from your local post office. A statement is also necessary covering the routes of travel you are to take, and the purpose for traveling, and it might be helpful if a letter from our office accompanied your application.

We shall be very glad to cooperate with you in any way possible, and trust to have definite word from Dr. Porter at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

ack 10/14/38

Mr. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards,
150 Fifth Ave, N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of Sept. 27th with its many items of information was much appreciated.

Although I have not yet heard direct from President Stuart, I am counting on the arrangements made by Lucius Porter before he left, and am making reservations accordingly.

Through the Freight Boat Travel Service in Los Angeles I have booked passage for Mrs. Ament & myself (although her going will be uncertain for some time) on the S.S. BESHOLT of the Salen Line, sailing about Jan. 15th. This ship goes direct to Taku Bar with only one stop at Yokohama. Unfortunately her schedule is a little uncertain, and our arrival at Yenching may be anywhere from the 5th of Feb. to the 10th. On the other hand I have to leave Scripps college nearly two weeks before the close of the first semester.

I will notify you of any major change of plans, and I should be glad to receive any further information which may be of value. The Yenching bulletins have arrived.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Ament

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October 14, 1938

Mr. William S. Ament
Department of English
Scripps College
Claremont, California

Dear Mr. Ament:

I am acknowledging your letter of October 8th and I note that you have taken care of your sailings for China in the event that you are leaving for Yenching early in 1939.

The main consideration at the present time is to secure authorization for the payment of travel, and I presume that a letter is enroute from China. Just as soon as this information reaches our office, we will communicate with you at once.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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10 18 '38

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

ack 10/22/38

Dear Mr. Evans:

Just to keep you posted: Mrs. Ament will not be able to go with me. The Porter Foundation I referred to is a bequest from the late Henry Porter to Claremont Colleges. I should have no trouble in arranging with Pres. Story for advances for travel etc. On the other hand Lucius Porter said that I would get some small stipend for teaching a class for a teacher on leave. The amount has not yet been stipulated, but I can wait until arriving in Peking, if necessary. I shall soon be getting my passport and visas. I suppose I should have a Chinese as well as Japanese visa. Being acquainted with both consuls I should have no difficulty.

Your interest and advice is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Ament

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NOTE: See letter of Nov. 2, 1938- from Miss Cookingham, C38-11-2-28 acknowledging Mr. Evans' letter of Sept. 29, 1938- to Dr. Lucius Porter

October 22, 1938

Mr. William S. Ament
Department of English
Scripps College
Claremont, California

Dear Mr. Ament:

I am very glad to have your letter of October 18th which clears up the item of expense for your trip. Mr. Henry Porter also gave a fund to Yenching University which is now being used for a study grant, and the question was raised as to how we would manipulate any payments which might be authorized against this fund. Apparently we have nothing to do with this situation.

It will be necessary for you to have a Japanese visa if you intend to disembark at Japan, and, of course, absolutely essential for you to have a Chinese visa to visit China. You will have no difficulty whatever in securing these for visiting Yenching, if conditions do not change for the worse in North China. Under the present circumstances, the United States Government is not withholding our faculty from that area.

If you have your passports, it might be advisable to get your visa rather early. In some cases, the Department has refused to allow embarkation without a letter authorizing the holder to visit China under certain limitations.

We shall be very glad to cooperate with you in writing to the Department, if it is necessary.

With sincerest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dec. 14, '38.

ack 12/23/38

Dear Mr. Evans:

All arrangements are now made for
Mrs. Ament to accompany me to Yenching Univ.
We sail Jan. 21st on the Kokusai line &
arrive about Feb. 13th. (Kiyosumi Maru).

Thanks for advice.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Ament

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December 23, 1938

Mr. William S. Ament
Harper Hall
Claremont, California

Dear Mr. Ament:

We are greatly interested in your recent note informing us that definite arrangements have been made whereby Mrs. Ament will accompany you to Yenching University next year.

We are very glad to have this sailing information and extend our very best wishes. I am sure you will have a most worthwhile experience.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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