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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

July 22, 1942

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Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

ATT: Mr. Evans

Dear Mr. Evans:

My sister, Alice M. Boring, a member of the faculty of Yenching University and at present detained at the University, owns an Income Bond, Policy 3083,671, with the Equitable Life Assurance Society, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York. This Bond represents the most important undertaking in old-age savings on the part of my sister, especially since certain investments in China are now jeopardized.

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An annual premium of \$343.10 becomes due on August 22, 1942, and annually thereafter until 1947, since the Bond begins paying in 1948. If the premium lapses, I am informed that the policy will be continued as a paid-up annuity at a reduced amount, but I think it is important that the amount should not be reduced.

My sister, Lydia T. Boring, has had telephone conversation with you about this matter last spring, and informs me that you would be willing to carry the premium on this policy-- at least this year and perhaps indefinitely until we have some contact with Alice. Alice has a bank account in the First National Bank of Boston, but no one in America has a power-of-attorney and that can not be touched, although the receipts from some American investments are deposited there, and this premium is usually paid out of that account. If it should be possible to secure power-of-attorney from Alice, then these funds could be used. I should find it somewhat embarrassing to advance the premium personally, since I am facing the problem of what professors with fixed dollar incomes are to do with increased income taxes and inflation. Can you meet this premium for Alice?

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Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring
Professor of Psychology

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychological Laboratory
380 Rappaport Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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380 Rappaport Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Swann:

ATT: Mr. Swann

Dear Mr. Swann

My wife, Alice M. Swann, a member of the Faculty of Harvard University and at present attached to the University of Chicago, has been advised by the Internal Revenue Service, New York, that her husband's income tax returns for the years 1939, 1940, and 1941 are not correct. She has been advised that the returns should be amended to show that the income tax was paid on a basis of a reduced amount, and that the amount should not be reduced.

An examination of the returns for the years 1939, 1940, and 1941 has been made and it is found that the returns for the years 1939 and 1940 are correct, but that the return for the year 1941 is incorrect. It is found that the return for the year 1941 should be amended to show that the income tax was paid on a basis of a reduced amount, and that the amount should not be reduced.

My wife, Alice M. Swann, has had telephone conversation with the Internal Revenue Service, New York, and has been advised that the returns for the years 1939, 1940, and 1941 are not correct. She has been advised that the returns should be amended to show that the income tax was paid on a basis of a reduced amount, and that the amount should not be reduced. I am feeling the pressure of what professors with fixed salaries are to do with increased income taxes and inflation. Can you give this pressure for Alice?

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Edward B. Swann
Professor of Psychology

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Lydia Boring's address
Croton Heights,
Yorktown Hgts. P.O.
N.Y.

July 24, 1942

Prof. Edwin G. Boring
Department of Psychology
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Dr. Boring:

I have before me your letter of July 22nd,
regarding the annuity of the life of your sister,
Alice M. Boring.

Some time ago Miss Lydia Boring telephoned
to me about this premium, and I assured her that we
would be glad to take care of this during the interim,
and any payment to be made at a later date and with
the convenience of Miss Alice Boring.

We were not sure of the amount involved, but
your letter clears this, and we will be glad to give
help and make this payment before the 22nd. If you
have any notice of this premium becoming due, I would
appreciate having it in our hands as it is much easier
to handle when we have the details in our possession.

We are all hoping and praying that these
good people now interned in Peking will be repatriated
at a not too distant date.

Most Sincerely

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C. A. Evans

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Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am very glad to have you confirm the statement of my sister, Lydia T. Boring, that you can meet the premiums on the Income Bond of my other sister, Alice M. Boring, when it becomes due on August 22nd. I have written the Equitable Life Assurance Society asking them to send me a statement of premium due so that I may send it to you, since it seems to me that I ought to have the problem of remembering to get this done. If I do not get a statement by August 22nd, I can try again or write you at that time. We have, of course, a month's grace (until September 22) to get this payment made without lapse of insurance.

Indeed we do hope that detainees in Peiping can get repatriated before too long, but I know that Alice would much prefer to get to Free China than to the United States, so that she could continue to contribute to the Chinese national morale by her varied activities. I suppose, however, that that will be impossible. Thank you so much for your note.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychological Laboratory
Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 25, 1942

Psychological Laboratory

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am very glad to have you confirm the state-
ment of my sister, Lydia T. Borner, that you can meet the
program on the Income Bond of my other sister, Ailie M.
Borner, when it becomes due on August 28th. I have written
the Hartford Life Assurance Society asking them to send me
a statement of premium due so that I may send it to you,
since it seems to me that I ought to have the problem of
remembering to get this done. If I do not get a statement
by August 15th, I can get again or write you at that time.
He have, of course, a month's grace (until September 28)
to get this payment made without lapse of insurance.

Indeed we do have that statement in being and you
may have it before too long, but I know that Ailie would
much rather get to see the check than to see the business
so that you could continue to contribute to the business
and that you have varied activities. I suppose, how-
ever, that you are busy. Thank you so much for
your note.

Edward D. Borner
Edward D. Borner

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Mr. E. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
120 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.



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Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 30, 1942

Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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ATT: Mr. C. A. Evans

Dear Mr. Evans:

In respect of our recent correspondence concerning the payment of premiums to the Equitable Life Assurance Society on the policy of my sister, Alice M. Boring, I may say that I have asked the Society to send me premium notices hereafter until some change is ordered by my sister or me. That means that I can take up the matter with you when they become due if Alice is still unavailable.

I enclose, therefore, their notice of \$343.10 premium due August 22nd next with one month's grace. I assume that you will see that this is paid now or at the proper time.

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You will note that they have made this out to their Boston office. Since they write me that they are notifying the Boston office that I will see that premiums are paid, it might be better for you to send your check there, unless you see some reason for having that arrangement changed.

Let me repeat that we are all very grateful to you for solving this problem among the many which now beset Alice's life.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychological Laboratory
Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 30, 1942

Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
100 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.
Mr. W. A. ...

In respect of our recent correspondence
concerning the payment of premiums to the
Life Insurance Society on the policy of Mr. ...
I am sorry to say that I have not been
able to find the original policy or the
amount of the premium which was paid.
I am sure that you will be able to
locate the policy if it is still available.

I enclose herewith a check for \$100.00
which I believe is the amount of the
premium which was paid. I assure that
it will be paid to the proper party.

You will note that the check is payable
to the Boston office. Since they will
be handling the Boston office, I will
see that the check is cashed. It will
be sent to you as soon as possible.
I am sorry for having had any trouble
in this matter.

I am sure that we are all very grateful
to you for solving this problem and for
the prompt return of the check.

W. A. ...
Secretary

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August 1, 1948

Dr. Edwin C. Boring
Harvard University
Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Boring:

Thank you for your letter of July 30th and for the enclosure from the Equitable Life Assurance Society. We will make payment direct to the Boston office.

Please be assured that anything we can do for these good people interned in Peking will be done. We are extremely anxious over their welfare and we wish all relatives to understand that everything possible is being done with the hope of their early repatriation.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

August 19, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am pleased to inform you that I have today received from the Equitable Life Assurance Society a receipt for \$343.10 premium on the policy of my sister, Alice M. Boring. This means that you have presumably paid this bill on her account. I shall hold the receipt with her other papers unless you wish to have it in your files.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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Psychological Laboratory
Cambridge, Massachusetts
August 19, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am pleased to inform you that I have today received from the Epistola Life Assurance Society a receipt for \$25.10 on the policy of my sister, Alice M. [Name obscured] that you have presumably [Name obscured] her account. I shall hold [Name obscured] with her other papers unless you [Name obscured] in your files.

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Sincerely yours,

Edward Thorndike
Edward C. Thorndike

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
November 16, 1942

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Dear Mr. Evans:

We have just received a family letter from Alice M. Boring in Peking, the first since Pearl Harbor. I am sure your office will be interested in it, and I enclose a copy of it. If you wish to distribute it or parts of it to others, I am sure that there can be no objection.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring

Mr. C. A. Evans
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Green Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
November 16, 1922

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have just received a family letter

from Alice M. Borning in Peking, the first since

Pearl Harbor. I am sure your office will be

interested in it, and I enclose a copy of it.

If you wish to reproduce it or parts of it to

others, I am sure that there can be no objec-

tion.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Borning
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November 17, 1942

Mr. Edwin G. Boring
Harvard University
Department of Psychology
Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Boring:

I am grateful for your letter of October 16th enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss Alice Boring which we are holding for the time being.

We are very anxious indeed to have all the people at Peking brought out on the next repatriation ship and consequently refrain from giving publicity to correspondence until we are sure that the boat has sailed from Shanghai. This is also in agreement with recommendations made by those who returned on the GRIPSHOLM in August and of the British members here in America who returned later.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts
May 6, 1943

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your files will show that my sister, Alice M. Boring, at present detained by the Japanese in Peiping, owes an insurance premium to the Equitable Life Assurance Company of \$343.10 on August 22 of every year. She has funds in the First National Bank of Boston which would be adequate to pay this premium annually, since they are being added to from the income from investments, but there is no authorization or power of attorney in this country for paying out from that account. Accordingly I sent you the bill last summer and you paid it in order that the insurance would not be jeopardized, and it is to be presumed that you have intended to continue paying it.

Now this morning Mr. L. M. Young of the First National Bank of Boston, where my sister's account is, telephoned me the following information. Alice wrote, as we knew from a later letter, to the Bank to pay this sum every summer and was informed later that the ship on which that registered letter had gone had been sunk. Now the First National Bank of Boston received from a stranger in New Mexico a signed copy of that same letter. Alice attempted to have this man carry the letter out from Peking and to mail it somewhere. The Japanese took from him all his papers, as they thought and he thought. Now he has just discovered the letter in a pocket of an old suit which he had forgotten had the letter in it and which the Japanese overlooked. So he sent it on, with an informal memorandum pinned to it, to the First National Bank of Boston, which states that they are proposing to honor it as soon as they verify the signature. The letter authorizes the payment of this premium although nothing else, and I am assured by Mr. Young that they can make that payment out of her frozen funds.

The question now arises as to whether this payment should be made by Alice out of income from investments in the First National Bank of Boston or whether it should be continued to be paid by you. There is a certain ethical matter involved, it seems to me. Do you feel that you owe her a salary while she is detained and doing no work, and would you thus like to be able to make some payment on it, or is this payment by you in the nature of a pension to a retired service of Yenching, a payment made because of the unusual circumstances but one that would not otherwise be proper. I should be grateful if you would advise me of your opinion in this matter and as to whether you think I should send the bill for the insurance premium next summer to you or to the First National Bank of Boston.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
New York, N.Y.

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May 13, 1943

Mr. Edwin G. Boring
Harvard University
Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Boring:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of May 8th which came to hand during the week of our Annual Meetings.

You raise the question as to the responsibility of the Yenching Trustees toward those of the staff interned in North China and more particularly as it applies to the insurance premium on the insurance policy of your sister, Alice M. Boring.

A year ago the Yenching Trustees accepted the responsibility for salary of the foreign staff as well as the Chinese staff insofar as payments can be accomplished in time. We shall be very glad to make the payment for the insurance premium and the only reason why we have not made any adjustments for regular salary payments is because we have deposited funds with the State Department to be paid to our people in China through the Swiss Government and, quite naturally, there will be a considerable amount of reconciliation charges and salary credits when the complete story is before us.

Under authority granted me by the University Trustees, I am empowered to make the payments which we shall be glad to do and I will await your judgment.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

May 14, 1943
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Dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks indeed for your letter of May 13 saying that the Yenching Trustees would be willing to continue paying the premiums on the insurance policy of my sister, Alice M. Boring. I shall undertake to see that the bill is sent to you next August when I receive it and in subsequent Augusts if that should be necessary. It seems to me that Alice might let her Boston bank account accumulate against the many problems she will have to face on repatriation before she has made an adjustment to living here. *noted*

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychological Laboratory
Cambridge, Massachusetts

May 11, 1943

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks indeed for your letter of May 10 saying that the Teaching Trustees would be willing to continue paying the premium on the insurance policy of my sister Alice M. Borling. I shall endeavor to see that the bill is sent to you next August when I receive it and in subsequent Augusts if that should be necessary. It seems to me that Alice might let her Boston bank account accumulate against the many problems she will have to face on liquidation before she has made an adjustment to living here.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Thorndike
Edward C. Thorndike

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for
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172 Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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Emerson Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts (38)
July 21, 1943

Dear Mr. Evans:

You will note in your letter to me of May 13 that the trustees of Yenching University are ready to continue the payment of the premium on the endowment policy of my sister, Alice M. Boring, so long as she remains interned in China.

I am therefore enclosing a bill to her from the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States for a premium payment of \$343.10 due them on August 22, 1943 and beg that you will see that the payment is met at the proper time. Presumably the receipt will be returned to me as evidence of payment, and I shall then inform you that I have received it.

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With renewed appreciation of the generosity of the trustees in respect of my sister's affairs, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Boring
Edwin G. Boring

Mr. C. A. Evans
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Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychological Laboratory
Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 21, 1943 (38)

Dear Mr. Evans:

You will note in your letter to me of May 13 that the trustees of Yenching University are ready to condition the payment of the premium on the endowment policy of my sister, Alice M. Borning, so long as she remains interested in China.

I am therefore enclosing a bill to her from the National Life Assurance Society of the United States for a premium payment of \$232.10 due them on August 22, 1943 and her that you will see that the payment is not at the proper time. Presumably the receipt will be returned to me as evidence of payment, and I shall then inform you that I have received

With renewed appreciation of the generosity of the trustees in respect of my sister's affairs, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edward M. Borning
Edward M. Borning

Mr. G. A. Evans
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120 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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July 24, 1913

Mr. Edwin C. Boring
Harvard University
Essex Hall
Cambridge, 38, Mass.

Dear Mr. Boring:

Thank you for your letter of July 21st enclosing bill for
premium on the policy of Miss Alice Boring. Same has been paid.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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