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January 30th, 1934

Dear Mr Nash:-

The question of Journalism is up again and there is much concern as to the future of this department at Yenching. At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee the probable deficit for the current year was reported and the action taken was to pass it on to the Mo.-Yenching Foundation. That Foundation does not yet exist and I do not know what they would do as to shouldering this burden with a big deficit. I have asked Professor Martin what his idea was in this connection. If that organization would assume the financial burden and raise the money, all would be well, but if not then something will have to be done with Journalism. I am sorry that the hoped for support has not been forthcoming. I do not believe that many people will be interested now in taking on new things, so if our old friends find that they are still unable to help, then frankly I do not know where we can turn.

Will you and Dr Stuart go over the situation from the field viewpoint and let us have your plans so that we may have them in hand when we get together here later on? There is a meeting of Newspaper men in New York in April and certainly we should be able to do some final consulting by that time. I shall be away then but I hope Professor Martin will be here.

I hope that your plans over there to raise money will be successful and that you will get enough money to enable you to carry on at least through another year. Let us know the outlook as soon as possible.

Very sincerely,

Mr Vernon Nash,
Dept. of Journalism,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

N. Gist Gee.

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Department of Journalism

March 2, 1934

(Copy)

Dean Frank L. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Martin:

I have your letters of January 3rd and 9th concerning the ordering of books. Those for which we asked have arrived very much more promptly than has been the case through other procedures used by us. My cordial thanks to you and Col. Barkshire for your service.

Your wireless message acknowledging mine concerning exchange students and new staff arrangements has been received. James Shen writes that it is quite certain that he will enroll next fall. Norman Soong is still uncertain. My information concerning Jane T'ang's plans was entirely second hand. A student here remarked to me that she had said before she left that she had some hope of going to Missouri after spending a year at home. I wrote her uncle, the Batavia publisher, urging that he recommend this course to her family.

The rapid and much more certain exchange of radio messages makes it more difficult to write frequently and fully. I have delayed this letter in the hope of having the letter you mentioned in your message sent February 2nd or, less probably, a wireless answer to the long radio letter from Dr. Stuart which he sent on February 15th. A copy of this message and of another sent at the same time to Dr. Gee is enclosed. The Physics Department has greatly increased the power of its radio station and now maintains regular direct communication with several American stations daily.

After the arrival of Mr. Liang with Dr. Stuart we held several long conferences concerning the future of the department of journalism. We also considered fully with the treasurers the critical situation created by poor collection of outstanding pledges. Miss Cookingham has written to Mr. Garside giving the "official" attitude to the matter.

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It was the unanimous judgment of all administrative officers that the university was morally bound not to discontinue work in the middle of a semester or year, that we should hold our expenditures to the absolute minimum consistent with a program which would command the respect of the students and of the Chinese publishers and public, and that the general university administration would assume the risk of the deficit.

Our problem this year has been made somewhat more complex by the fact that we have never had any authorization of a budget, due doubtless to the transition phase of your relationships at home. Even with the payment of the very sizable deficit carried over from last years budget our total figure in our proposed budget, revised and sent home in September, was decidedly less than the budgets of the last two years. We are cutting down on various outlays so as to reduce the local currency figure at least an additional \$1,500.00.

It would be most unfortunate if we are forced to carry a book entry deficit over into another year. I hope the suggestion made in Dr. Stuart's wireless message of February 15th to Dr. Gee may make it possible for us to balance our books for this budget year ending July 1st.

The subscriptions which are being sought from friends in China are being asked for on the plea that they will help to make the continuance of the work possible. They can not honorably be used solely to clear a past deficit. It is of course possible to make temporary use of such funds as the subscriptions are received in cash to hold down the bank balance deficit but it is our expectation and hope that the subscribers at home who are unable to pay in full by June 30th will complete their payments as rapidly as they can and the proceeds from these payments used to restore any locally secured funds which we have temporarily used during this year.

We all feel that this year's budget was soundly based upon the information supplied us concerning existing resources. As Miss Cookingham implied in her letter to Mr. Garside we have always been informed that the trustees considered that outstanding journalism pledges at any given time should be discounted 10 per cent. In drawing our budget this year we discounted them 20 per cent. It is quite disconcerting suddenly to be informed by the New York office that they are now discounting them 90 per cent. I do not see therefore how there can be any feeling on their part that we "plunged" or in any way exceeded our reasonable discretion in this matter. I certainly feel that the failure of the New York office to express any opinion upon our budget until after the opening of the second semester places some considerable measure of responsibility upon them for the condition in which we now find ourselves.

There is not much concerning the future which I can add to the facts set forth in Dr. Stuart's message to you. He and Mr. Liang feel quite confident that the local currency budget on a genuinely minimum basis can be obtained in China and the administrative authorities here are doubtless prepared to assume any risk which may be involved long this line by an unqualified announcement of a continuance of our work as soon as they have this assurance that my support for the next year at least is assured by American friends. Certainty, one way or the other at the earliest possible date is highly desirable from every point of view. It will make all the difference in both student and faculty morale, it will make the raising of funds in China easier, it is requested urgently for academic announcements and arrangements which, as you may recall, are made here well in advance of the school year.

If the situation at home remains so unfavorable that even our personal budget is unobtainable or is considered unobtainable it is imperative that we have sufficient warning to enable us to seek other work. It is not considered feasible here to undertake to secure our support in addition to the local currency budget. Even at existing rates of exchange our salary alone would exceed local currency 7,000.00. Our payments next year upon the agreed upon salary basis would be: salary, U.S.\$1,300.00; Hugh, \$300.00; Ann, \$400.00. Tuition \$100. There is an additional item of approximately \$100.00 for the university share in the retirement fund and some additional for medical and dental allowances. There would also be the question of creating a fund against our return trip at some future date if the amount now held for that purpose by the trustees were used to clear this year's budget. In round figures it would seem that a fund of at least U.S.\$3,000.00 plus travel would have to be secured.

Our experience this year does not make it seem advisable to try to get along on less than the U.S.\$2,600, provided for in the schedule we feel should be maintained. After the deductions by the American office for insurance and other commitments and the U.S.\$250 a year subscription we have made to the campaign here, the salary which we are able to use for monthly living expenses is U.S.\$115. With the exchange rate now well below 3 to 1, our local currency deposit a month is only slightly more than l.c. \$300. (Under the general schedule the minimum rate for full professors in Yenching now is U.S.\$45 and l.c. \$270.) The situation will grow increasingly difficult if the exchange drops even more, as the cost of living follows the exchange downward very slowly.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Vernon Nash

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April 6th, 1934

Professor Frank L. Martin,
University of Missouri,
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Professor Martin:-

The Executive Committee to-day took action approving the draft of the paper which you sent us some days ago for the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. You will have official word from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees very quickly now and this will not hold up the matter any longer. The absence of the members has been the cause of the delay.

Something should be done to let Mr Nash know about his position for another year. The suspense under which he is now living must be pretty trying on a man with a family. The Board of Trustees here will not assume any financial responsibility for this and there are no funds in sight as yet for his salary next year. Our efforts have brought in so little that it does not look encouraging. After we have made the appeal which I am suggesting to the list of those who have made pledges and paid them then I do not know where we would turn next.

I am sure that you and Dr Williams there have been giving serious thought to this problem and I hope you see a way out.

Very sincerely,

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Know All Men By These Presents:

That, The undersigned, being desirous of forming a corporation under the provisions of Article 10, Chapter 32, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1929, have associated themselves by the following articles of agreement:

I. The name of the corporation shall be "Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation."

II. The location of the office of the corporation shall be in the City of Columbia, County of Boone, State of Missouri, in the United States of America.

III. The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

IV. The corporation shall not be conducted for profit; the purposes for which it is formed are exclusively in the interest of education and science, and particularly for the purpose of promoting and furthering education for Journalism at the University of Missouri and at Yenching University, at Peiping, China. It proposes to accomplish its objects by establishing an endowment and foundation for promoting the interests and welfare of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri and the Department of Journalism of Yenching University, and for aiding and extending the separate and co-operative activities of both schools.

V. As means of accomplishing the foregoing purposes the corporation shall have among others the following powers:

To receive gifts, devises and bequests of money or of real or personal property of whatsoever kind or wheresoever situated;

To accept and administer any trust of property, real or personal, for any of the purposes of the corporation;

To acquire, hold, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, of whatsoever kind or wheresoever situated, as the purposes of the corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law;

To borrow money; to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes and other obligations in payment for property acquired and money borrowed;

To invest and reinvest any principal and deal with and expend the income and principal of the corporation in such manner as in the judgment of the directors will best promote its objects;

And in general to exercise such powers as are authorized by law and are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the corporation.

VI. No part of the net income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual and no member, officer or employee of the corporation shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit of any kind therefrom except reasonable compensation for services actually performed in effecting one or more of the purposes of the corporation or as a proper beneficiary of its activities.

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VII. The number of directors of the corporation who shall be known and styled as "Trustees" shall for the time being be eight (8), but the number of trustees may be changed from time to time at election of the corporation.

VIII. The persons who shall be directors of the corporation until the first annual meeting are the persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Dr. Walter Williams	President of University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri
^{As per} Mr. Frank L. Martin	Associate Dean, School of Journalism University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri
Mr. Robert J. Clark	Kansas City Power and Light Company Kansas City, Missouri
Mr. James Wright Brown	Editor of <u>Editor and Publisher</u> New York City
Dr. N. Gist Gee	Vice-President Yenching University 150 Fifth Avenue New York City <i>greenwood S.C.</i>
Mr. W. F. Prisk	The Pasadena News Pasadena, California
Mr. Marcellus Foster	The Houston Press Houston, Texas
Mr. R. G. Callvert	The Oregonian Portland, Oregon

IX. The membership of the corporation shall consist of eight (8) persons, to wit, the undersigned subscribers of this certificate and such other persons as shall be elected to membership according to the By-Laws and their successors. The membership may be enlarged from time to time in the number and in the manner provided in the By-Laws.

X. The trustees shall adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with these Articles for the regulation and control of the affairs and property of the corporation, and may from time to time amend, modify, alter or repeal such By-Laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this ____ day of _____, 1934.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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Department of Journalism

July 3, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

The enclosed copy of a letter to Dean Martin will give you all that I personally can say about our work at present. I have appreciated your good letters from time to time this spring as passed on to me by Dr. Stuart. None of them would seem to call for any further comment at this time than to repeat to you personally the expression of appreciation contained in the last paragraph of my letter to Dean Martin.

We all felt that your presentation to the Elmhirst committee was extraordinarily well done. Such a grant from them for the next two years would certainly make a very great difference.

The attitude of Dr. J.F. Williams toward the physical education work, and the De Molay lead certainly look hopeful. It ought to be possible to combine the two relationships so that the sponsoring and professional advice would be provided by Columbia and financial help by the Masonic Juniors.

If either or both groups really mean business it would seem to me to be desirable to proceed with the setting up of the organizations and with a limited amount of cultivation in preparation for the hoped-for time when money is again obtainable. The one inexplicable factor in the journalism situation at home since I left was the long delay in consummating the corporation of the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation. I was particularly puzzled by your advice to Dean Martin early in the year to hold up the proceedings until it was certain that funds to continue the work could be obtained and that the department could be continued.

This seemed to us here to have the cart before the horse. We thought it had been most explicitly stated in the evening conference at Columbia with Dean Martin and President Williams that the foundation was to be created as soon as possible precisely for the purpose of supplying a body of journalistic prestige and responsibility in whose name the necessary funds could be obtained to assure the continuance of the work.

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We are not planning any vacation trip away from the campus this summer since we had the trip out last year and are likely to have the trip back next. It is probable that I shall have to go to Shanghai but the family feels a desire to get as much from our delightful home here as we can, especially as it appears so possible that we may be enjoying our last months in it.

With our kind regards to you and yours,

Sincerely yours,

Vernon Nash.

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Copy for Dr. Gee

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Department of Journalism

July 3, 1934

Dean Frank L. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your cable recommending that we return home came as less of a shock since we had fearfully expected such news for some months. You will doubtless have heard from the New York office that the authorities here reviewed the entire situation and decided to hang on for at least one more year to give all concerned in China and America more time for their recent efforts to materialize. A minimum budget, in other words, has been underwritten here.

It is, I feel, a very heartening occurrence for the Faculty Executive Committee to be willing to approve such action, especially in the light of the general financial conditions of the University and of the fact that they are already carrying over for journalism a deficit of approximately \$10,000 L.C. from the budget year which has just closed. Three major factors weighed heavily with them in addition to reluctance to see an undertaking with such promising beginnings close out.

The first is the fact that there will be seventeen seniors next year. This number is only two less than the total number of major graduates in the five-year period. The second was a feeling that justice to me personally required that I have a year in which to make plans and other arrangements for the future. I had been "boxed" all this spring since it was felt that any efforts toward the securing of new work, in either China or America, would affect very adversely financial efforts on behalf of our journalism budget in both countries.

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The third element was an unwillingness to lose the potential benefits to the university as a whole involved in the cordial, cooperative attitude of Chinese publishers throughout China, especially in Peiping, Tientsin and Shanghai areas. While it is still problematical how much cash in hand can be obtained within a year from such sources, the manifestations of friendliness to us by newspapermen were felt to have large intangible values, particularly for the general million-dollar endowment campaign, which would be lost to a considerable extent if the activity in which they are chiefly interested were to be discontinued.

Two points of view were maintained in the committee. One group held that we should accept the inevitable and publicly avow that the journalism work was being closed out, unless the very unexpected occurred and gifts in sizable amounts were obtained. The other group maintained that the chief reason for holding on another year was a hope that conditions would take such a turn for the better during that time that we would find it possible to continue permanently. The latter insisted that much of the value of the coming year would be lost, and the money spent therefore partially wasted, if a defeatist attitude were adopted. I scarcely need add that Dr. Stuart is the leader of those who do not intend to give up until the last resource has been exhausted. Even he, however, concurs in the opinion that I should be quite free to seek work for next year during this year so as to be prepared for the worst. I am therefore framing a personal report letter to larger contributors at home and to friends which will include an informal application to be considered for any openings they may have or to which they can direct me.

It seems virtually impossible for me to accept the apparently inevitable. Whether this is due to an unrealistic unwillingness to face objective facts or faith such as St. Paul called "the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen", I do not know. Whichever it is, our first preference is to find work of some kind in Peiping which would permit me to do some part-time work in Yenching and thus keep the breath of life in the project against the hoped-for better day.

It would, I think, be literally heart-breaking to me to see everything abandoned without my having an opportunity again to put the matter in person before interested individuals throughout America in the name of the proposed Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation. In the hope that this will still be possible, we are sticking it out this year although the cutting of the budget to a skeletonized basis means placing us on the so-called in single-standard salary schedule.

Under this schedule, we shall get G\$912 and L.C. \$3,240. Translated all into U.S. money at present rates, this means \$1,992 instead of \$2600 to which we would be entitled this year on the foreign-staff salary schedule of June, 1930, which we believe fair and just and under which we have been since its adoption. The new schedule would be acceptable if one could be assured of employment at least until children were through college as it provides for payments of G\$1,000 per year per child for the four years 18 to 21 inclusive. Lacking any assurance of permanency, we feel one should receive a sufficient sum annually to enable one to do his own saving towards these years of heavy expenditures

We have therefore accepted the lower scale on condition that we anything above G\$1,992 up to G\$2,600 that may be raised in the United States, or that the difference be refunded to us in the future if the work is continued and adequate funds are obtained. We shall undoubtedly find it quite difficult to get by on the lesser amount since the gold dollars item does not quite meet our commitments to the New York Office for insurance and other fixed charges at home. That leaves us L.C.\$270 a month, which is not enough with two children reaching the age when their food, clothes, schooling, etc, make their upkeep little if any less than that of an adult. We may get some further help through Mary's teaching part-time for one course in the department of education and will save the school tuitions by her teaching the children herself.

So far as I can interpret the situation, I believe the F.E.C. will approve the continuance from year to year so long as a given year does not take too much from the general funds. The tentative budget we have drawn up for 1934-35 comes to less than L.C.\$10,000 with all my salary and half Liang's included. The campaign budget will carry the other half of Hubert Liang's salary since both of us will be giving much time to the general work. If we can get that sum (or fairly near that much) this year in China and America, I feel sure they will vote to hang on again for 1935-36. If we fall considerably short, then the end will have been reached. We hope therefore that efforts at home to get as much as possible will be continued.

This is merely my personal estimate of the situation. Dr. Stuart tells me that he is also writing you, President Williams and Dr. Gee from the administration point of view. I am making a copy of this letter to send also to Dr. Gee. You will know, I hope, how greatly we appreciate the efforts of all of you on behalf of the undertaking under such trying conditions. Seen in retrospect, it was doubtless a mistake for me to return last year but who could foresee that business would remain in such an uncertain state that even an item of \$3,000 would be unobtainable?

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As I wrote President Williams some months ago, it would have been much better for me and my personal future not to have resumed, if now it must be given up. It will be much harder for me to yield the field now than it would have been while home last year. The kind of students we have, the quality of work they are doing, and the visible fruits of the undertaking are all so much more vividly apparent (due in large measure to your year here) that discontinuance now will feel like losing a youngster in the middle teens just as he is about ready for college and adult life.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Vernon Nash

VN/mrn

Vernon Nash

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August 6, 1934

Mr. Vernon Nash
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Nash:

I wish to thank you for your letter of July 3rd enclosing a copy of your letter of the same date to Dean Martin. I have read these letters with great interest and I wish very much that I saw some possibility of securing funds, but both Dean Martin and I have done everything that we could; and in the face of the present situation people have been unwilling to make the necessary gifts to keep this work going.

The Missouri-Yenching Foundation is being incorporated and I dare say that by this time all of the necessary signatures have been secured to the document. It is still our hope that through this we may be able to secure some funds. It may be that upon this basis yet something permanent may be got going. My feeling earlier in the year, that it would be unwise to set up an organization that had no hope of being financed, would be a mistake, has been changed somewhat and I believe that now we can make at least one more effort upon the basis of the Foundation for Journalism at Yenching.

The Board of Trustees here has never assumed any very great interest in Journalism and has always referred all matters connected with it to the University of Missouri. Possibly after the final incorporation of the Foundation we may be able to work out some plans for the future. Just now the only thing that seems possible is to let matters rest, since securing of funds is impossible here. There has been no reply from Mrs. Elmhirst as yet. I am hoping that we may be able to secure something there, though this is very uncertain.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

NGG/d

N. Gist Gee

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Department of Journalism

Aug. 7, 1934.

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Gee:

After a period in which things stood still, our financial efforts for journalism in China has suddenly moved forward again most encouragingly. So much so that I feel that the dangers of discontinuance are now virtually removed. I hopefully anticipate that the authorities here will soon make a public announcement taking away the uncertainties which have been, in themselves, the chief handicap in China to the securing of adequate support.

Chang Hsueh-liang has pledged \$5,000 a year for three years. From his conversations with him and his adviser on such things, Mr. Liang is quite hopeful that within that time, the Young Marshall will give us at least \$50,000 as a permanent endowment for a Chinese chair in journalism.

The government's Central News Agency has indicated that we can count on them for \$1,000 a year until further notice. Peiping papers have toed the mark finely. The Chronicle \$500 a year until cancelled, the Shih Pao (tabloid) \$500 and Ch'en Pao \$1,000.

The attitude of the Ta Kung Pao is a handicap. They have promised only \$200 a year for three years. H.K. Tong and Powell promise an aggressive effort in Shanghai in the early fall.

With even this much, we can get along on a very skeletonized basis. Such work would not impress favorably, however, those who have responded so that we hope to get more here, and that some funds will be obtained in the U.S.A. so that we can carry on a reasonably adequate program.

I have written personally to everyone who gave \$100 or more to our five-year fund. This work has been done since school was out. Since the letters ran to three pages, it was some job. It was lessened considerably by my sending carbons of the long section to intimate friends, together with a more brief covering personal letter.

Dr. Stuart and I have persuaded Mr. Liang to become chairman of the department. We feel that journalism, next to Chinese, is a work inherently calling for a Chinese head. Almost all this financial work has been done by him.

Sincerely,

Vernon Nash

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*In Dr. Gee
from H. H. H.*

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From the files of the School of Journalism

August 23, 1934

Professor Vernon Nash,
Department of Journalism,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

Dear Professor Nash:

Your letter of July 3 giving me detailed information concerning the situation at Yenching reached me this week. I was very glad to have it and I think I can more definitely understand now the difficulty with which you are confronted, both in regard to the department and your personal affairs.

In the year that has just passed, I think Dr. Gee and others of us have done all that it was possible to do in the matter of securing additional financial aid. Except, of course, aside from what Dr. Gee was able to do himself, we could not make personal visits for solicitation. The work here at the School, together with the desperate financial situation at the University and the added burden of arranging for a meeting of the Press Congress of the World next March in Australia, has kept me extremely busy in the office. This, of course, has prevented my doing anything in the form of personal solicitation.

I have been in constant touch with Dr. Gee throughout the year and we have exchanged ideas and followed up certain leads without success. In addition to the pleas made by the New York office, I have written personal letters to each of the donors whose pledges remained unpaid in full and to other of the donors asking for additional funds. The results, as you know, were not satisfactory.

Nobody was more reluctant to advise the abandonment of the department for one year than I was. The cable sent was the result of continued demand on the part of the New York office for us to reach a decision as to whether or not this department could

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be continued. This depended, as you know, upon our guaranteeing your salary for 1934-35. Since the University of Missouri could not provide this guarantee and since we could not get a guarantee from any publisher or other source following exchange of letters with Dr. Gee, it seemed necessary to send a cable.

Previously, however, I had written Dr. Gee a letter with the request that he forward it to Dr. Stuart suggesting and advising that if it were at all possible that the department be continued for another year, necessarily on the basis of a reduced personnel, and that the University guarantee your salary using whatever funds came from Chinese sources, supplementing that amount from University sources for whatever service you could render the University in advertising and publicity matters. Doubtless, however, Dr. Stuart now has this letter. I am particularly pleased that the administration has seen fit to decide favorably on the continuance of the department.

Final signatures are being procured now to the Articles of Incorporation for the Missouri-Yenching Foundation. These papers have been in the mails more than six weeks since they have had to go from one to another in every part of the country. When the Articles of Incorporation are approved by the court and the Secretary of State, I plan to drop you a letter explaining exactly what the situation is in regard to finances and to ask the Board to send me their suggestions as to plans. As no funds are available, I doubt the advisability of trying to hold a meeting of the Board but will try instead to carry on the program by correspondence. If this is not satisfactory I may be able to have the University send me to New York and I will meet there with such directors as are available in the East.

Frankly, I cannot state what the chances are of obtaining any substantial amount during the coming year. The uptrend of business generally, and this is true of the newspaper publishing field, of last spring was not permanent. Business in general and the advertising business have increased somewhat over the year previous despite a marked decline during the last of July and the month of August, but with this increase there has come a decided increase under N.R.A. provisions in the cost of publishing newspapers. The result has

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been that newspaper proprietors, while possibly in a position to give, are not contributing. They all tell the same hard luck story.

What we will be able to do, I think, depends largely upon what happens to general business and to the advertising business this fall.

I do not mean to say that there are not many publishers who would be interested in Yenching and who could give substantial funds. My belief is that if you were here and could make the same sort of a campaign you made previously with the aid of the New York office and Dr. Gee, you would meet with considerable success.

I am wondering if, at the end of the first semester, it would not be possible for you to arrange to return to this country to do that solicitation work in the field, provided, of course, we can raise a sufficient amount of funds to cover travel expenses. As I understand it, the New York office has impounded the amount of money necessary to insure the passage of you and your family back to this country. This would mean your turning the affairs of the department temporarily over to others during the time of your work here.

I would like to have your views on the subject. I am particularly pleased that you have been able to have the service of Mr. Timperley and Mr. Snow. I have had letters from both and they praise highly your work and the work of the department. They themselves seem pleased to be associated with the department although without any compensation.

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

Please remember me to the Nash family, Dr. Stuart, Mr. White, and others of my friends there.

Very sincerely yours,

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c.c. Dr. Gee

Frank L. Martin
Associate Dean

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September 10, 1934

Mr. Vernon Nash
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Nash:

Your letter of August 7th has just reached me this morning. After our inability here to raise funds this comes as a very great encouragement. I trust that you may be able to realize all the plans outlined in your letter.

We, of course, have not given up here and will continue through the year to see what we can do to secure some support for Journalism for the current year.

The spirit of depression seems to me to be hovering even more darkly over our horizon at the present time than for months past. The large number of industrial strikes over the country and the attitude of the labor leaders is such that I fear it is going to be difficult to come to reasonable conclusions. The Stock Market continues to sag and of course this is an index to the feelings of at least quite a number of people actively engaged in business enterprises.

The Associated Boards has plans which will occupy most of our time until about next February. After that time I am hoping to go to the West Coast again. In all of my trips I shall keep in mind the needs for Journalism and shall do everything possible to stimulate interest and secure any possible funds.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee

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Copy to
Dean Martin
Mr. Carside

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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Department of Journalism

October 25, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letters of August 6th and September 10th with enclosures. Herewith a copy of a letter to Dean Martin in response to his suggestion that I might come home at the end of the first semester.

We have had some very pleasant and cordial letters in answer to the long report letters which we sent in the summer. Only one however made any definite encouragement or commitment as to further financial help. This was from Oswald Garrison Villard of the Nation who wrote as follows:

"The depression has hit me so tremendously that I personally cannot contribute any more to your work. I have, however, control of a small fund and I think that I can squeeze out \$100 for you, if that will help. I cannot bind myself to sending this for a three year period, but I shall endeavor to do so. I suppose you wish this contribution sent to the New York office, as heretofore.

"I was very happy to hear from you, and admire your courage in the terrible situation, and your 'unquenchable faith'. That is the kind that wins. Thank you for your kind words about 'Issues and Men'. I am glad to find that it has many friends."

Many thanks for attending to the sending back to us of Mr. Wee's report. Conditions in the Department of Physical Education are very much improved this year and we have hope of still further improvement. Mr. Wee's sabattical year is due in 1935-36 and he is hoping to be able to return to Columbia for the completion of his work for a Ph. D., and also to further the proposed undertaking of Dr. Williams there to have the School of Physical Education in Columbia sponsor our work in that field here.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,

Vernon Nash
Vernon Nash

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Copy to Dean Martin

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Oct. 25, 1934

Dean Frank L. Martin
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Dean Martin:

We trust you will have received our radio message which was as follows:

YENCHING DESIRES ME REMAIN HERE AT LEAST THROUGH SCHOOL YEAR AND IF POSSIBLE UNTIL AMERICAN PROSPECTS MUCH IMPROVED.

We still are without direct contact with American stations and this was sent via Guam. We hope very soon to be able to send directly to the Pacific Coast again. A decision on the basis of your letter of August 23rd was so long delayed by the fact that I could never catch Dr. Stuart and Mr. Liang on the campus together. Both have been away several times on campaign work.

All feel it is very desirable that I see this big senior class through the year. There is also considerable probability that we shall make a systematic campaign for a sizable endowment fund in China during the spring. If this is done, it would be necessary for Mr. Liang to be gone from the campus a great deal and I should try to carry his work as well as my own. If I were gone it would be very difficult for him to get away.

Whether I come next summer or not will depend to a large extent upon our success in getting approximately this year's operating budget and also upon the success of the endowment effort. If we can finance the work, at least reasonably well, from help secured in China and whatever additional funds can be obtained in the United States, there would be a feeling here, I think, that I should not return for another financial effort at home until you and the other members of the foundation feel that a substantial sum could be obtained without too much expenditure of time and money.

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Our work here is going unusually well especially upon the laboratory side. The students are entering into their side of the work more enthusiastically and faithfully than I have ever seen. The university and also members of the community are cooperating in a most encouraging way. We now have almost 400 paid subscriptions. The university is confining the material in its own publications to the weekly calendar and matters which require promulgation in a strictly official form. They are adhering to their undertaking to do this far more completely than I could have hoped for. I trust that you are getting copies of the paper regularly.

Ed Snow is continuing his class in Special Feature Articles. Timperley will give his course in Correspondence in the spring semester. We are also getting good service two hours a week from Ch'en Po Sheng, the editor-in-chief of the Ch'en Pao. We again have 52 undergraduate majors, which is exactly the same number as last year. We have no graduate students.

The situation in every respect is so much more encouraging and satisfactory than at this time last year that we are proceeding very happily along our way. I feel even more than when I wrote last that the probability of our having to discontinue is now quite remote.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

VN/mrn

(signed)

Vernon Nash

Copy to Dr. Gee.

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Department of Journalism

October 25, 1934

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Mr. B.A. Garside
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letters of August 9, August 13th and the copy of your letter to Dr. Stuart of August 9th concerning the possible cooperation of the Boards with our journalism work. E.H. Cressey was here recently and I went over the whole question of our relationships in full detail. They clearly expect to get work started in Shanghai on a joint basis early in the new year. The arrangement is one which, I am sure, would not be approved or commended by many teachers of journalism in the better schools at home.

You will have long since received, I trust, the additional copies of the leaflet which I wrote last summer. I am glad that you liked it and have wanted to circulate it among the members of the Associated Boards. Dean Martin has suggested to us here that I come home for another financial effort at the end of this semester, but the decision here was against it. We should like among other things to have the considered attitude of the Associated Boards at hand before we decide about further work by me at home. If we can possibly finance the work even reasonably well out here, I think everyone would want me to remain until prospects at home are much more favorable.

I acknowledge with much appreciation Mr. Evans letters of August 20th and September 18th, and his clear detailed statement of our insurance payments. I am not clear, nor is Mr. Tsai, why the payment on the annuity plan increased from G\$7.50 a month to \$10.63. I am glad to have more money put into that scheme but would like to know as a matter of interest what charge caused that increase of more than one-third in that payment.

Mr. Tsai and I made our arrangements here so that a lump sum each month is being withheld from the gold portion of my salary for insurance and annuity payments. It is agreeable to us both that you should bill the field each time a payment is made. I trust he will have already written you to this effect, as he said he would do so. If he has not, and you need and desire such official authorization, I will be glad to see that such a letter is forthcoming. *I understand annuity payment is \$9 monthly; that is the gold amount which is being deducted from my salary since July 1.*

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Our work this year is progressing far more satisfactorily than in any previous year, especially in the matter of the laboratory publications. The University is cooperating more whole heartedly than ever before and the community has responded in paid subscriptions to a number more than double any previous effort we have made. The difference, frankly, that there is confidence in Mr. Liang's judgment and ability greater than there ever was in Mr. Hin Wong. The students are carrying out their work more enthusiastically and efficiently than ever in the past. We have, surprisingly, exactly the same number of undergraduate majors as last year, namely 52. We have no graduate students this year.

With cordial regards to all,

Sincerely yours,

Vernon Nash.

VN/mrn

Vernon Nash

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Our work during the past year has been directed toward the study of the physical properties of the various forms of carbon. It has been found that the physical properties of these forms of carbon are dependent upon their crystal structure. The study of these properties is of great importance in the development of new materials for use in the atomic energy program.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

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November 19, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

The President's office has already mailed to you the reprints of the study of Peiping Newspapers made by Dr. Lowenthal. The article in the New York Sun created much interest here and we carried stories both in Chinese and English about it yesterday, as you will doubtless notice.

We will be very glad to issue a number of your Yenching News if desired. The printing costs would be very much less than there, as you will see by consulting the estimates which we sent you about a year ago. The postage for 8,000 would come to Mex.\$400.00. It is doubtful whether we could go more than four pages on good paper such as you use without doubling the postage bill since the Chinese postal tariff is five cents per 50 grams. It is difficult to speak certainly on this point without knowing exactly what kind of envelopes would be used. The total weight of your present Yenching News with envelope is such that the adding of four more pages would put it over the first unit in weight.

The President's office here would doubtless make use of existing university servants and clerks for the handling so that there would be no charge for that. This is on the assumption that you would ship to us the addressed envelopes. I advise that procedure. It is very difficult to get secretarial work on the addressing of such lists without having a distressing proportion of errors in the addresses due to unfamiliarity with American geography. The cost of sending these envelopes to us would not be greater than the cost here of having them properly addressed from an address list which you would send. Moreover the big expense in printing here is the cost of paper. These costs are unusually disproportionate in good quality envelopes. These envelopes should be of unusually good quality to assure their delivery in America of the publication in attractive condition.

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The progress of our laboratory publication continues to be a real surprise to me. Our paid subscription list at the end of this week was 467, all but a few of which are getting both languages. In addition we are sending out 150 complimentary copies to friends and supporters, chiefly in China. We send only occasional good sample copies to a select list of American journalist friends.

The analysis of the undergraduate colleges has just been issued by the registrar's office. Journalism ranks fourth in the list with 55 majors. Economics has 97, Sociology 65 and Chemistry 63. The rankings would be changed by the inclusion of graduate students. It would doubtless make us hold the same place as we had last year as Political Science with 44 undergraduate majors has enough graduate students to put their total above ours. We have no graduate students this year.

Our Journalism Institute this year seemed to me to have more solid value than all the other years I have seen put together. I was specially struck by the number of papers whose chief or leading editors came for the principal sessions on Saturday.

Cordially yours,

Vernon Nash

VN/mrn

Vernon Nash

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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Department of Journalism

March 7, 1935

Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

Under separate cover I am sending you today a press proof of the New York Yenching News which we have been preparing for you. It is in the envelope which is to be used and also contains the subscription blank as you requested. We have not yet received the gummed slips with addresses but are hopeful that these will be in the next mail. Unless they are it will not be possible to get them in the mail by March 15th, the date suggested by you. (*Arrived today, March 9.*)

It is in one respect more difficult to get out such a publication on the spot. I have been troubled by the feeling that associates may be hurt if their activities are not represented at all or given less emphasis than others'. When I had boiled everything down as much as seemed possible, after full consultation with Dr. Stuart and a few others it was clear that so much material could not be gotten into a four-page folder without the use of quite small type, which seems very undesirable. We finally decided therefore to print six pages.

This larger size is still well within the first unit of postal weight. We used cuts which had already been made for other publications so that the total cost will not be appreciably greater. The treasurer will communicate with you as soon as we have all bills in. Since exchange at present is well under \$2.50 to \$1.00 it will doubtless make the United States currency figure a good deal higher than you estimated in your letter of December 26th.

The printing has been done by the Index Press of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. It is not so well equipped for the purpose, particularly in the matter of type faces, as certain larger shops in the city but is much more convenient for us to use and its prices to us are decidedly cheaper. We hope you will be pleased by the results.

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In answer to your note of February 2nd I prepared the manuscript for submission to Asia at the request of Mr. H.J. Timperley, its contributing editor for Asia. They did not find it usable and therefore tried to place it in several newspaper magazine sections without success. I had told them if this occurred to send the manuscript to you since I have a copy of it. I have no further suggestions as to the disposition of it. You may destroy it, keep it in your files, or make any use of it which may be possible. It is a good example in my opinion of the difficulty of getting publicity material into the American publications. I would not know how to make any more interesting statement concerning us for general circulation than was made in this manuscript. Timperley was very sure Asia or some one else would want it. I was much less hopeful.

You will perhaps have heard that the continuance of journalism work for at least one more year is assured by action of the University authorities in underwriting our budget for 1935-36. Our permanence in Yenching is somewhat more assured by the action of the Faculty Executive Committee in which it states that it is Yenching's earnest desire to continue journalism as a part of its program if it is humanly possible to do so. This is substantially different from the resolution of last year in which the same body stated that it desired journalism so long as specific funds for the purpose could be obtained. The latest action means that we take our chances on the merits of the work with all other dispensible items when and if further curtailments become necessary.

It is a tremendous relief to us all to have definite word this week of the Rockefeller Foundation's continuing support of our work in the Natural and Social Sciences another year.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon Nash.

VN/mrn

Vernon Nash

P.S. 3/9/35. Your cable also arrived today just in time to enable ~~xxx~~ us to print the extra 500, as I note in your letter that you say the gummed slips total about 4,500. The envelopes have been printed more than a week so it is not possible to put your New York return address upon them. I shall forward to you immediately any which are returned because undelivered. It is also too late to make any reference in the body of the paper to subscription blank inclosed as office has almost finished printing of paper.

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(Copy for Dr. Stuart.)

Sep. 26, 1935

Dean Frank L. Martin
Neff Hall, Columbia, Missouri

Dear Dean Martin:

Your letter of Aug. 24 put Dr. Stuart and me into a long session after which I went over to Mr. Liang's home for further consultation. The letter is just back from hospital after an appendicitis operation. As a result of our talks, the following cable was sent you by the president:

Nash prepared leave immediately provided Mrs. Williams can come soon remain at least through next calendar year stop all eagerly welcome prospect her coming stop transfer his budget memorial organization frees funds for her relieves serious financial problem here stop realizing full value immediacy memorial efforts also desirability get all possible done before political campaign ready make adjustments here interval wire
STUART

Everyone is much gratified that it is your preference that a form of memorial should be promoted which should have as its first aim the strengthening and making permanent of the department of journalism here. The hesitations on the part of administrative officers, indicated hereinafter, will not obscure from you, I hope, the fact of their appreciation of your continued keen interest in our undertaking. These questionings arise chiefly, I think, out of a feeling that Dr. Stuart should go rather than I. They have far more confidence in his ability to raise money, and it is possible that he will have to make a trip home this year anyway. Moreover, his going would mean travel for one person only.

It will be difficult to get permission for me to leave unless the faculty executive committee has reasonable assurance that the work will not be left as badly under-manned in any period as it was before you arrived and after you had to leave in 1931 and 1933. It will be impossible, I fear, to win approval for my going if my salary remained on the field budget. Apart from other attitudes, such as the pessimistic feeling of many that it is a waste of time and effort to try to get any contributions for foreign work in the U.S. now (the Associated Boards last year spent \$12,000 more than they got), the change of location by me would require that my salary be set at the very least on the so-called furlough basis.

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Being slightly larger than the field salary and paid all in U.S. money, such a furlough salary would add about 50 per cent at present exchange rates to the amount which would have to be raised here in China on my account. The words in the cable "relieves serious financial problem here" also call for further explanation. We are quite apprehensive of our ability to collect upon pledges this year, especially from newspapers in North China whose present is so unsettled and whose future is so uncertain. If my salary and expenses are assumed by the Missouri-Yenching Foundation, or by some memorial committee to be formed, while Sarah's honorarium is taken out of the budget here, it would reduce by between three or four thousand the total which must be raised in China during this budget year. This is approximately the amount about which we have apprehensions.

These two facts explain the desire for explicitness as to financial arrangements. A few also have the point of view that it is unjustifiable for me to go unless some group there are sufficiently in favor of the memorial undertaking and of my efforts therein to be willing to pledge (or underwrite) an amount equal to my salary and expenses for a year. There are also highly influential individuals on the campus who do not see the larger opportunities and issues involved and are, consciously or unconsciously, opposed to our leaving simply because it will pull Mrs. Nash and me out of leadership or participation in activities in which they are specially interested. Mrs. Nash is teaching in the Department of Education.

It is therefore not an easy matter to put through an authorization for my departure under existing forms of university administration (much more democratic than they once were) without fullest possession of the relevant facts. I am trying to place the whole situation before you for your fuller understanding in case the matter is still in abeyance when this reaches you.

Much pressure is again being placed upon me to come home alone. I want to state again to you my reasons for being unwilling to do so. I would consent at once if anyone could give me any dependable assurance as to the length of time involved. A man has his family only once. I'm unwilling, for any cause, to toss away between 5 and 10 percent of the time I can ever have with my children. I have no hope that the task can be accomplished in a brief period, unless by some unexpected good fortune of obtaining a very large gift from one or more persons early in the effort.

My previous experience in such work convinced me that my efficiency would be tremendously increased by having my family with me. Acute lonesomeness during times when appointments are unobtainable badly cuts down morale when the opportunity for a vigorous presentation does arrive. Being compelled to wait around in a strange city for even a short period is bad enough; when one has a continuous succession of such periods, loneliness leads to irregular habits of eating and sleeping which adversely affect health and decidedly reduce efficiency. I gave it a thorough trial before and am not willing to go through it again for an indefinite period.

It would be our plan to have Mrs. Nash accompany me most of the time on trips in our own motor car rather than by train or bus. How much the children would be along would depend upon available school arrangements where they could be left with relatives. Mrs. Nash would tutor them when they were with us, as she did here last year. She is also qualified to give me full-fledged secretarial help. Having a car incities with long distances is a time-saver. On jumps from one city to another, I also get more relaxation from motor-ing than on trains, where I can never stop mental rehashing of problems.

Now, in answer to your request for my ideas about methods of seeking to raise the money. A great deal seems to me to depend upon whether this is a memorial or the memorial. If the latter, then (as I wrote Mr. Brown) it would seem to me that the project ought to be broad enough to constitute genuinely a "lengthened shadow" of the man, to promote all the interests which were nearest the Dean's heart.

My chief desire is of course to see our work here put on a permanent, solid basis. Only thus can we have any assurance of being able to spend our lives in the task, ending the harrowing uncertainty under which we work from year to year. Tactically, however, it would seem to me to be much easier to do this as part of a larger project than as a separate undertaking.

Certainly, I would feel much more at ease and have much more confidence in approaching prospects. I would be in their minds and in my own the servant of a group who were seeking to do lasting and adequate honor to the "Dean", not a person open to the suspicion of using Pres. Williams' name and memory merely to establish myself and my work. Moreover, my time could be more fully and efficiently employed because my approach would not be confined only to those who were thought to be open to an appeal for an undertaking in a foreign land.

Moreover, I crave an opportunity to participate in an undertaking which would not only do fullest possible honor to Dean Williams but would also serve the entire profession of journalism. If I am led by my enthusiasm into anything which seems officious, I earnestly hope that you will feel free to tell me so. I will most gladly act upon the suggestion that our effort first of all should be on behalf of Yenching, but I should feel that our prospects of success would be much greater if this primary objective were organically a part of a larger undertaking to create a Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation whose broad purpose would be the furtherance of his ideals and aspirations for the profession. If I come, I will of course "do my damndest" on behalf of any project which is agreed upon by you and others associated with you in sponsoring and direction of the memorial campaign, whether for the one objective exclusively or for the broader undertaking.

What follows is based upon the assumption that your request for an outline of my ideas means that you desire an elaboration of my letter to Mr. Brown. Success in the effort to bring such a Foundation into being and to find adequate funds for it in the course of time would depend, it seems to me, upon (1) its being sponsored vigorously by a representative group of journalists and public-spirited men (especially intimate friends of the Dean) and (2) a set-up of personnel in the controlling board which would be widely representative of all phases of journalism. The sponsoring group would need not only to contribute in accordance with their abilities but also to assist personally any such agent as myself in presenting the undertaking to prospective donors known to them. The actual solicitation cannot be a one-man task to anything like the degree that the original Missouri-Yenching appeal was.

It would seem to me to make ~~XXXXXXXX~~ access to a wider range of prospects more easy, and probabilities of a favorable response from them greater, if bodies in which they were active had officially approved the memorial and were undertaking permanently to participate in its management and control. I am thinking of such organizations as the A.N.P.A., A.S.N.E., N.E.A., A.A.S.D.I., Missouri Press Association, Inland Press Association, and so on. The best method of obtaining this cooperative direction, it seems to me, is a provision in the articles of incorporation whereby each body at certain set intervals would be asked to name a representative on the board from a panel of its members nominated by the Foundation's board.

In the tentative articles drawn up by Dean Parks at the request of Pres. Williams in 1933 was another type of provision designed to secure democratic check by permitting all interested persons within these cooperating groups to qualify for a voting membership in the corporation. Any member of certain journalistic bodies could become a voting member of the corporation in any year upon payment of some (not too large and not too small) contribution to its work. Life memberships would be given to all

donors of \$5,000 and over. I'll bring all these papers home with me, if I come. If I do not and you have not found copies of them in Dean Williams' files, I'll have a transcript made and sent to you, if desired, together with copies of letters from Scripps, Harper, Dealey, Kirchhofer, et al, commenting upon proposals along this line which I made to them in 1931.

In the attempt to be more specific as to the objectives of such a Foundation, I would envisage at least four types of activities, as follows:

1. The financial support of approved research projects and of other recommended undertakings of general import in the field of journalism, such as receive the support in their fields of the Rockefeller, Carnegie, American Council of Learned Societies, and other foundations. I've discussed this phase at length with Dr. Eleyer, Crossman, Flint and others. All such would be ready and eager, I feel sure, to help us find likely prospects and to help present the plan to prospective donors.
2. To promote exchange and visiting professorships, and scholarships, both among American institutions and between them and educational institutions in other lands. The foundation would serve as a channel of communication concerning such matters, and assist financially in their consummation.
3. To make available to all institutions which ask for same expert advice and guidance, as well as reliable data, in the establishment and maintenance of good schools and departments of journalism.
4. To extend grants-in-aid to approved projects for new schools of journalism, wherever needed, with adherence to A.A.S.D.J. standards a strict requirement. Under this head would come the chief activity in connection with work in foreign countries, though the others would also be of much interest and help to institutions in foreign lands.

No body would be a lengthened shadow of Dean Williams which did not center in and flow out from the University of Missouri. It would therefore seem to me to be fitting and proper that the headquarters of such a foundation should be in the new Journalism Building there, and that the Dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri should be ex officio chairman of its board of trustees. A further M.U. touch might be in order in the inclusion of the Missouri Journalism Alumni Association as one of the bodies from which a director would be elected. Certainly Missouri alumni at least should be eligible to voting membership in the corporation.

The question would arise as to whether the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation should retain a separate legal existence. It might do so with close informal relationship, or it might be metamorphosed into the broader function with appropriate change of name, or it might become a subsidiary corporation of the Memorial Foundation. I do not have any strong conviction on that question at present, but lean to the last named possibility. If the second or third method were chosen, gifts for the support of Yenching could be made to the Memorial Foundation, earmarked for our project. In any case, it seems to me to be desirable for the Memorial Foundation always to have a group of specific undertakings to which a donor could allocate his bequest or gift, since many prefer to give in that way. The majority, presumably, over the long period of years during which the Foundation would be growing into maturity, would make gifts or bequests to the general endowment fund.

If I come home to work for Yenching alone, we face the possibility of a mixup with the Associated Boards of the Christian Colleges in China. Our Yenching trustees in New York have entered that united effort in America which carries with it an agreement not to make individual or isolated appeals. Since the scheme is based upon the supposition that there is a "correlated program" in China (obviously untrue, in our opinion), Dr. Stuart has steadfastly refused to return to America for personal participation in its campaign. We have also withdrawn from the corresponding set-up here, having lost all confidence in the sincere intentions of the institutions concerned really to work out a unified program. The issue is made more involved by the resolutions (1934, 1935) of the Association for Christian Higher Education in China (whose decisions the Associated Boards accept as policy) that journalism should be placed in Shanghai. The institutions concerned have never even acknowledged officially our offer to leave the matter to the recommendations of a competent disinterested body.

Dr. Stuart is prepared, if necessary, to meet the issue head on in both America and China but would of course like to avoid it. It would not arise, we feel, if I am at home at the request of a Memorial body to work on a general project and not merely for Yenching alone. For that reason to some extent but still more on account of certain advantages of psychological approach to prospects, I should hope that some official or semi-official relationship with the M.U. School of Journalism might be possible for me again.

The effect of my being a Missouri faculty member of the exchange or visiting professor type might be obtained if there were any staff opening for me in the summer session next year and, perhaps, intersession (which I handled in 1932.) This would come at a time when effective work on the Foundation would be most difficult because of the season and the political campaign. Whatever the school might pay, if anything, for my services could be paid into the memorial campaign-expense fund.

As to Yenching's removal from Peiping, that rumor arose out of the tiny fact that we did give serious consideration in May and June to the question of what we should do IF-----. It is safe to say, I think, that we will continue to do business at this stand so long as it is humanly possible to do so. If forced out for any reason, I think our preference would be to take as much of the work as possible to West China Union University at Chengtu. This would not only get us as far away from possible future trouble as we could get but would also be most easy to accomplish institutionally since West China is a federation of independent colleges after the English University model.

If such a change were forced upon us, it is almost certain that our journalism work would not go to Szechuan but would be joined upon a guest basis with one of the colleges in or near Shanghai. We would thereby be able to give that location a trial and show our open-mindedness on that issue to those who urge so strongly that education for journalism should be given in China's biggest city.

We have had no interference with our work thus far and see no signs of it. It begins to look as if something has happened to make the Japanese militarists pull in their horns. They have been very mild and inconspicuous in North China since the flare up last spring. There is a limit to the amount of interference we could endure but we see no indications now that we are likely to be faced with that particular problem. The student attitude toward working in such an area has been answered by an enrollment which runs almost a hundred larger than any we have ever had in the past.

We are glad to know that you are at last to have the much needed new building, and will look forward to seeing the plans for it. Also delighted that Chick Keller is back with you. Our kindest regards to everyone there.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

VN/mrn

(Signed)
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Vernon Nash

December 18, 1935

Mr. Vernon Nash
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Vernon:

Your letter of November 19th was awaiting me this morning on my return to the city. It so happens that I have also had today a conference with Mr. James W. Brown, reporting his impressions of the conference he recently attended in Columbia. This included the Governor of the State, the President of the University, the Dean of the School of Journalism, and others.

He apparently is largely responsible for urging that a Walter Williams Memorial Foundation be established to carry on activities in which the late Dean was particularly interested, such as scholarships for students, the Yenching Department, etc. This was unanimously approved. The Governor felt that the state legislature might make a substantial grant for the purpose, and it was recommended that you return to work on this project. Dean Martin thought that he might be here this week, but apparently this has not been feasible. He expects to be east again, however, for a meeting of teachers of journalism in Washington the last days of the year, and will come here immediately after.

On his arrival, therefore, about January 2nd or 3rd, he, Mr. Brown and I, perhaps with others interested, will consult more definitely on this whole matter, and we may send a cable, requesting your return. I am under the impression that Mrs. Williams could carry on your work, and if Hubert is able to spend his time fairly steadily at home the next semester may be carried through without serious injury. I fully realize how seriously the recent developments have affected the regular continuance of our part-time helpers from the city. Even more disastrous was the assassination of General Sun. I hope that Hubert on his return will take up with the family the establishment of a suitable memorial in which his son ought to be of practical assistance.

In spite of all the successive discouragements, the outlook at this writing seems to be much more hopeful than after my first arrival in the country. I have been attempting a little preparatory work with the editors of the Boston Transcript and of the Syracuse Post-Standard (he is director of the American Newspaper Publishers Ass'n.) and I shall be watching for similar opportunities after the holidays.

James W. Brown

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Vernon Nash

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Other matters in your letter are of intense interest, but for reasons readily understood, I shall make no comment. The news seems to me to be very well reported in this country, and it is not impossible that we are actually better able to follow it than you who are in the midst of things.

My affectionate remembrance to May and the children .

As ever yours,

JLS/V
Encl.

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