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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

December 4, 1929.

Miss Louise McCoy,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.,  
U. S. A.

My dear Miss McCoy:

I have before me Mr. Wannamaker's letter of October 23rd, and your letter of the same date to Miss Hague. Both of these letters refer to a contribution from Mrs. Ogilvie for a residence.

These letters have started a bit of research (a university should be a center of research, I believe), but I do not find very full information covering the questions involved.

I have, however, found one item which may be significant. I have before me a tabulated statement marked "Peking University Residence Estimates", bearing the date December 9, 1925. At the top of the document is written in lead pencil, "Copy for Mr. Gibb", and this document was found by Miss Figourovsky in the Construction Bureau files. The document runs to five pages in tabulated form, lengthwise of the page, and gives in a very comprehensive way much information about residences. On page 3 of this document I find an item of \$7,000, marked paid in November 30, 1925, and under the heading, "Sources of Funds", are the two names bracketed "Ogilvie" and "Noyes". These data are set down over against the House No. 44, and there is a note referring to Houses No's 43 to 50, inclusive, No. 44 being one of this group, which says, "Residences selected not known". I may add further that against No. 44, under the heading "Assigned To" is the name "T. C. Chao". The document I am quoting bears the evidence of having been prepared in New York rather than here on the Field.

*Mrs. Chas. Noyes*  
This document would seem to indicate that a fund of \$7,000, given partly by Mrs. Ogilvie and partly by someone bearing the name of Noyes, was given for a residence, and that there was a tentative assignment of this fund to House No. 44, expected to be occupied by T. C. Chao. However, according to later events, T. C. Chao is occupying House No. 36, the donor of which is now set down as Miss Anne Laughlin, and the number 44 is now applied to a small single residence occupied by Mr. Loehr. The situation would seem to be, then, that the funds have been used for a resi-

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Miss Louise McCoy, #2.

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dence, but no particular residence has been designated.

I have found in the Treasury Office files a copy of the schedule of residences sent by Mr. Wiant to New York under date of 5th March, 1928. I assume that you will find a copy of this document in the files of the New York Office. In the column of names of donors on this document I do not find either the name Ogilvie or Noyes.

I notice in one quotation accompanying your letter to Miss Hague a mention of the desire that the funds go for the residence of a Presbyterian member of the Faculty. The only way we could effect such an arrangement now, it seems to me, would be to assign the contribution to House No. 30, which we have recently bought from the Women's College, which house is now, therefore, University property, and is occupied by the Mead family, who, although self-supporting, are in the Presbyterian quota.

This is all I have to write on the question at present. I have noted, of course, Mr. Wannamaker's request that any inquiry here be referred to President Stuart. This request will, of course, be respected.

I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter, which you can hand to Mr. Wannamaker if you like.

Very sincerely yours,

*Howard S. Galt*  
Howard S. Galt,

Acting President.

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January 4, 1930

Dear Dr. Galt:

Thank you very much indeed for all the trouble you and others in Peking have taken to unravel the Ogilvie Residence matter. Such digging into the veiled past is always hard work.

Your letter arrived a few days ago while Dr. Stuart was in the office and I talked with him about it. He tells us that Mrs. Ogilvie never personally gave the \$3500 toward a residence. This amount was raised by the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia and the \$3500 gift of Mrs. Pardee of the same church was added to make up the fund for this residence. Dr. Stuart thinks the house paid for from this fund is #51.

At any rate, it now seems that the only gift of Mrs. Ogilvie is the \$250 for scholarships, the check for which did not come through this office and presumably went straight to Peking.

The whole misunderstanding seems to have arisen from the fact that one of the Tamlyn & Brown representatives wrote Mr. Caskey, then connected with the New York office, that Dr. Schell of the Presbyterian Board had just told him that they "had on hand \$3500 from Mrs. Ogilvie, applying on a residence," and "that if we have \$3500 from Presbyterian sources that can be cleared through their Board treasurer, their board will, in turn, remit to us the entire \$7000, which will count as one of residences definitely authorized by the Board." This letter was dated Feb. 6, 1925, and there were two or three letters later which repeated that \$3500 would be received from Mrs. Ogilvie. The letter of Feb. 21, 1925 from Dr. Schell, a copy of which I sent Hilda, did not actually state whether the gift was personally from Mrs. Ogilvie or not, so when the money was finally received in 1925 and there was no mention of the donor, this office naturally took it to mean that the money was actually Mrs. Ogilvie's personal gift.

Dr. Stuart thinks the \$3500 from Mrs. Charles Noyes was probably combined with some other gift of \$3500 for another residence. Mrs. Noyes's address is St. Paul, not Philadelphia, which would bear out this supposition.

We are sorry to have caused you so much trouble about this matter, but are very glad to have it cleared up.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. H. S. Galt

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Yenching University

March 13, 1930

Memorandum to Promotional Office,

Re: Contribution for "Ogilvie Residence"

I have gone over the correspondence between the Promotional Office and Dr. Galt concerning the contribution from the Presbyterian Board for the "Ogilvie Residence". I have also checked over our Central Office records, and have consulted with the offices of Mr. Carter and Dr. Scott in the Presbyterian Board.

The letter from the Promotional Office to Dr. Galt dated January 4 is incorrect in a number of details. These mistakes are due chiefly to the assumption that the Presbyterian gift for the Ogilvie Residence and the gift of the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia for a residence are the same. This is not the case, as these are entirely distinct contributions. We summarize below the facts concerning the four contributions referred to in this letter of January 4:-

Contribution from Presbyterian Board for "Ogilvie Residence"

On March 30, 1925, we received from the Presbyterian Board a check for \$3,500. Mr. Russell Carter explains this contribution as follows (in a letter dated April 14, 1925):- "Appropriation No. 252 for \$3,500 represented money that the Board had made available originally for a residence for Mr. Ogilvie of our North China Mission as the Board's representative in Peking University, and afterward definitely set aside for the University. This amount therefore should be used either for a residence or to supplement other gifts for residences for the Presbyterian representatives in the University". Inquiries at the Presbyterian Board reveal the fact that this \$3,500 was originally appropriated by the Presbyterian Board for a residence in Peking in 1911. The appropriation was made from funds received from the Kennedy Estate. The appropriation was later cancelled by the Board and after a lapse of some years a new appropriation of the amount was made by the Board as a part of their capital contribution toward the Yenching plant. Several of those we consulted at the Presbyterian Board stated that, so far as they could find, the action of the Board in appropriating this \$3,500 did not stipulate that the residence which this fund would help erect must be occupied by a Presbyterian representative on the staff.

Contribution from Walnut Street Presbyterian Church. The following entries of receipts appear on our Yenching University ledger:

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Mar.13,1924	C.A.Harris, Walnut St.Presbyterian Church, residence for Dr.Vincent	\$2,000
Mar.23,1925	Walnut St.Presbyterian Church, residence for Dr.Vincent	1,000
July 8,1925	Walnut St.Presbyterian Church	500

Contributions from Mrs.Calvin Pardee. Our Yenching ledger shows that on November 17, 1923, we received from Mrs.Calvin Pardee \$1,750, and on January 17, 1924, an additional \$1,750, making a total of \$3,500.

Contributions from Mrs.Charles P.Noyes. Our Yenching ledger shows that on June 7,1924, we received from Mrs.Noyes \$2,000, and on January 3, 1925, an additional \$1,500, making a total of \$3,500.

As will be noted from the schedule of Yenching University Residence accounts prepared by our office as of March 1, 1930, the following disposition has been made of the four contributions listed above:

The \$3,500 received from Mrs.Calvin Pardee and the \$3,500 received from the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church have been combined to provide the major part of the cost of Residence #51.

The contribution from the Presbyterian Board for the Ogilvie Residence and the contribution from Mrs.Chas.P.Noyes are listed with Undesignated Residence Funds which are being applied to cover the cost of a large group of residences not assigned to any specific donor.

So far as we are able to learn, the Presbyterian Board has not specifically required that the \$3,500 contribution for the "Ogilvie Residence" must be applied on a residence to be occupied by a Presbyterian representative. It may, however, be considered desirable to designate one of the residences in the undesignated group as having been erected from this contribution and other gifts from Presbyterian sources. It will be noted that in the list of undesignated residence funds appearing in Schedule B of our Residence Analysis, in addition to the gift for the "Ogilvie Residence", there are several other gifts from Presbyterian sources which might easily be combined with this to cover the cost of a residence. For example, we have the following gifts:

Cayuga Presbytery, Auburn	\$2,568.00
Calvary Presbyterian Church (Mr.and Mrs.R.C. Frackelton)	1,520.00
Church of the Covenant	2,000.00
Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester	2,000.00

Among the residences which as yet have been unassigned are a number that have cost approximately \$3,500. Possibly it might be found feasible to designate one of these as the "Ogilvie Residence". On the other hand, there are a number of residences that have cost larger amounts which could be approximately covered by the gift for the Ogilvie Residence combined with one or more other contributions from Presbyterian sources.

So far as the actual entries on our Yenching ledger are con-

*and sent to Mr. Galt on Mar. 8, 1930 with an explanatory letter*

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cerned, the disposition made of this contribution for the Ogilvie Residence makes no difference. We would, however, be glad to have full information as to the decision reached so that our records as to the allocation of residences will be complete and accurate.

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Yenching University

March 17, 1950

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Dr. Howard S. Galt,  
Yenching University,  
Peping, China.

My dear Dr. Galt:

After sending you the original of the enclosed analysis and discussion of Yenching Residence account, I discovered that there have been a number of questions pending relative to the contribution from the Presbyterian Board for the Ogilvie Residence. Our office, therefore, made a further study last week of the funds received for the Ogilvie Residence and on the basis of our findings I prepared the enclosed memorandum to the Promotional Office. You will note that the contribution which the original copy of this analysis showed as having come from Mrs. C. E. Ogilvie in reality came through the Presbyterian Board for the "Ogilvie Residence" and was not the gift of Mrs. Ogilvie herself. In the enclosed memorandum we give the details.

You will note that on page two of our memorandum in regard to this gift through the Presbyterian Board for the Ogilvie Residence we raise the question of whether it is desirable to designate one of the residences in the undesignated group as having been erected with this contribution through the Presbyterian Board, or possibly with this contribution together with other gifts from Presbyterian sources. We would very much appreciate your recommendations on this point.

In a letter you wrote Miss McCoy on this subject you suggested that possibly Residence No. 30 might be designated as the residence erected with this contribution together with other Presbyterian funds. In the enclosed memorandum I did not mention Residence No. 30 as one of those we might thus designate, primarily because Residence No. 30 has not yet been included in the list of completed residences. If we include Residence No. 30 it will increase by that much the residence items which we cannot transfer to Completed Building Section until other residence funds have come in. Obviously, however, Residence No. 30 must soon be added to the Completed Residences list and there is no real objection to taking the step at this time. I hope that by the time we hear from you we will have enough undesignated receipts in the Residence account to enable us to transfer Residence No. 30 to the Completed Buildings account.

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Promotional Office ✓

*Dr. Galt says this on May 1  
He says Res. #30 had  
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from W. M. College*

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February 25, 1931

My dear Mrs. Ogilvie:

At a time when the abnormal financial depression is adding greatly to our difficulties, we are even more grateful than usual for your generous contribution. It is only through such friends as you who continue faithfully to support Yenching that the University can continue its vitally important work. Please accept the thanks of the University for your generous gift.

Our official receipt for \$5.00 is enclosed herewith.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Charles L. Ogilvie  
4420 Osage Avenue  
West Philadelphia, Pa.

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March 7, 1935.

Mrs. Charles L. Ogilvie  
91 N. Pine Avenue  
Albany, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Ogilvie:

I am sorry that I have delayed so long in sending you the information I promised when you were here in the office some weeks ago.

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First, as to the Ogilvie Prize Fund. My delay in writing has been due chiefly to the fact that we have not been able to get from our records here in New York any very adequate information as to the details of this fund's use. The fund amounts to \$300 and is held on the field. It, together with other special funds is invested in Chinese government bonds and British Municipal Council Bonds. The audited report of the Field Treasurer as of June 30, 1932 shows that \$24 was received in income during the year, and the same amount was disbursed for the designated objective of the fund. The year closed with a cash balance on hand in the fund amounting to \$62.37.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Yenching School of Religion Announcement of Courses 1932-33. On page 7 of the English Bulletin, you will find an announcement as to the use of the Ogilvie Memorial Prize. I believe that the principal of the fund has now been built up from \$250 to \$300.

If there is any further information you wish us to secure in regard to this fund, we will be happy to address a letter of inquiry to the field.

Disturbed conditions in China and in America have kept us in doubt as to whether Dr. Stuart would come to the United States this spring. We understand, however, that he is aboard the "President Jefferson" arriving in Seattle today. Below I am giving information as to his location during the next week or so which may be helpful to you in case you wish to write him:-

Seattle, Washington	March 7 - 8	Hotel Olympic
Portland, Oregon	" 9 - 10	" Portland
San Francisco, Calif.	" 12 - 24	" Wm. Taylor
Los Angeles, Calif.	" 15 - 19	" Mayflower
Pasadena, Calif.	" 20 - 22	" Constance
San Diego, Calif.	" 24 - 25	" San Diego

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir,  
 I have been  
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 writing to  
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 your regards  
 from  
 Albany, N. Y.  
 Apr. 14, '33  
 Sincerely,  
 Mrs. Chas. L. Ogilvie

It was ever so  
 kind of you to send us  
 that beautiful book of  
 yuckey views for Christ-  
 mas, and I should have  
 thanked you for it long  
 ago. But I have not

been until very  
late, just where you  
could be found!

We saw the statement  
in the New York Times  
quite a long while ago  
that you had had to  
turn back at Shanghai  
from your contemplated  
trip to America, because  
of the feeling of the Yenching  
students with regard to

fighting Japan. It must have  
been a great disappointment to  
you to have to go back, but I feel  
sure that you were glad to be  
with the students during all these  
trying times that your China  
has been passing through.

We had letters from the  
Wolferges soon after Christmas,  
telling of the illness of their little

daughter - In, especially,  
hard it must have been  
to have her so ill during  
such disturbed times. And  
to see wandering bands  
and the other missionaries  
with little children and spend  
the hot summer months, cut  
off from Peterboro.

Are you going to be in  
Albany? We shall certainly  
like to see you if you are.  
We hope you found John well, and  
that you yourself are not bothered

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July 30, 1934

Mrs. Charles L. Ogilvie  
91 North Pine Avenue  
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Ogilvie:

After my conversation with you on Friday afternoon I came to our files to get your exact address, and I find that in our records you do not have a Mount Vernon address. I am therefore sending this letter to you at Albany with the hope that you will receive it there or that it will be forwarded to you. Kindly let me know your Mount Vernon address if you are to be there for some time. We would appreciate any change of address which you may have from time to time in order that our records may be kept up to date.

I have just heard from Dr. Stuart in this morning's mail and he seems to be in splendid health and very active in our effort to raise money in China. As you know, we are trying to raise 1,000,000 silver dollars in China toward our endowment fund. Our collections in America have fallen off so badly that we are in serious need of additional resources in order to keep Yenching going. The rate of exchange for our American dollar has also decreased from about \$4.50 for \$1.00 to around \$3.00 for \$1.00. These two decreases of income have been so serious that we have had to cut even some of our staff of long standing. This has been very difficult to do but there has been no alternative. We are hoping that conditions will improve during the coming academic year and that our supporters may be in a condition to continue their gifts. Every dollar will be a great help. Not only are we hoping that our friends will give themselves but that they will make an effort to secure from others plans to help us tide over our period of financial depression.

This is all very gloomy, but there is another side to the story. The past academic year has been the best in every way that Yenching has ever had. The number of students is large, the morale is fine, and the work which is being accomplished is unusually good. We are going ahead another year with a great deal of courage and hope in spite of the shadow of the Japanese which is constantly hanging over northern China, and we are hoping and praying that nothing may happen which would inter-

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ferre with the academic work at Yenching for the coming year.

I am sending you under separate cover our last Yenching news - we are printing very little now because of lack of funds - and a few other little things which may interest you.

With kind regards, I am,

very sincerely,

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July 29, 1937

Mrs. Charles L. Ogilvie  
54 Hanover Street  
Lynn, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Ogilvie:

The best way to answer your card just received is to send you recent material on Yenching University. This is being sent under separate cover.

Yenching, as you undoubtedly know, is between five and six miles northwest of the City Walls and most of the fighting has been between Tientsin and the southern part of the city. A cable received this morning through the State Department reads as follows: "Campus unharmed - Leighton Stuart".

Our guess regarding the remaining members of the faculty at the University is limited to two or three aside from Leighton Stuart, - probably Miss Cummings and Miss Mary Cookingham are among them. Otherwise we have no means of knowing, with the exception that this morning a cable was received by Mr. Henry J. Cochran, stating that all the Cochrans and Dissons are at Peitaiho and all well.

It is our thought that the Japanese army will not endanger foreign property any more than possible, and as a matter of fact, they could take Peiping without endangering the Yenching campus.

We have not answered your inquiry very satisfactorily, but it is the best we can do at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

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