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would be worth more than most of us. And if he had a regular job I imagine he would carry it out faithfully.

I noticed that Tayler did not put down as a possible job for him, teaching Yu K'e English, in case the Yu K'e is continued. But he would do well at that. Ever mindful of the dignity of the English Department, Tommy Preece says that Parr is not qualified to teach college English, but I don't think that much efficiency would be lost if he took Max Stuart's place when Max's time is up.

All of us have been so entirely in the habit of going to you only when we had pessimism to air that I have been saying that I would get off a letter sometime just to show that I can sometimes be cheerful. Things are really going excellently this year. The Yu K'e fight looked bad for a time (I am sending Don an account of it) but has cleared up nicely. And our success in the Government examinations, while like winning a race from a one-legged man, is doing a lot for morale, as far as I can gather. It makes us known all over China as having beaten the government universities, and will do a lot toward taking our students out of their feeling of defensiveness because of being in a Christian institution. It will be interesting to see what form will be taken by our annual blow-up this Spring, but we do hope you will be in time for all of it.

For a time I was quite worried because much advantage was not being taken of the supremely excellent student government of Yan Ch'ing Lien and especially Chang Wen Li, and of the general good spirit, for digging deep foundations for the future. The students have far from forgotten about their suggested compact between faculty and students, and our Commission on Welfare started to take up the question until it became evident that the

China New Year's, Jan. 23.

Tayler 1920

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Dear Dr.Stuart,

Mr.Tayler drew up a statement regarding Dr.Parr that he is sending you. But as it is usually hard to know how much of politeness and how much real enthusiasm is represented by such a statement, perhaps you won't mind a few words in addition.

When we're so overstaffed already, it seems rather funny, but none the less true, that the particular kind of contacts in which Parr specializes are being had by no other member of the faculty here. And they seem extremely valuable. He reaches especially the athletic crowd, the one that is reaching out for Westernization. I was rather apprehensive when he got to teaching them Bridge, which they were very anxious to learn, for if that becomes a craze it will be a nuisance. But he argues that they're certain to come to that kind of thing anyway, and that what he is anxious to do is to show them that it can be done in a home, and without gambling, and can be real recreation- in other words, to introduce them to the leisurely kind of life that the British in general know how to live better than most Americans. There are great dangers of things going to extremes, especially when Wee gets back, and only a man like Parr could turn the whole swing toward cards and dancing that is almost on us in a healthful direction, and make it serve as a positive contribution. For that kind of thing Parr is simply admirable. He is nothing if not leisurely, and utterly friendly. It is hard to tell about his initiative, but even if he did nothing more than he has done this time, he

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faculty was too much at loose ends to do anything before you came back. And that is what the students are waiting for too, with no great loss because of the wait. The faculty is always content to drift, partly because a crisis is not seen till it is on us, and more largely because most are quite committed to the present exclusive faculty control, Dr. Galt being the outstanding exception, I think.

In addition to what can be done this Spring, and perhaps during the summer, I've been thinking a good deal of the extreme desirability of having a joint student-faculty professional conference, perhaps just before the faculty conference, with perhaps the members of the new Tai Biao Ta Hui representing the students, and I don't know who the faculty. I wonder if you would mind if I bring this up and urge it when you get back. Just a general conference for discussion of Yenching common problems, and making a better Yenching. The new student government members seem to be a reliable lot. The sophomore chairman, Wang Ch'eng Hu, I know only slightly.

Our Commission on Welfare has certainly made no startling success. As Dr.Ch'en seemed steadily unwilling that we should take any initiative, it seemed as though the trifling things that came before us could far better be handled by him alone. As has been the case ever since William became less active two years ago, the work of a dean with regard to general student welfare is simply not being done at all, except in spots such as Miss Boring's excellent Public Performance Committee.

It will certainly be wonderful to have you back again, and if things continue as at present, you ought to be greeted with a good deal of encouragement. The Fu K'an continues its usual tone, but I don't think it represents very much public opinion, and once in a while there is an article that has something good in it.

Louise joins me in very hearty best wishes.

Very sincerely.
Roderick Sailer

I do hope Pass can come back.

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Randolph Sailer

February 21, 1928.

My dear Randolph:

I am very glad to have your letter with its comments regarding Dr. Parr. This gives just the information which I had need of as to his case, together with some interesting insight into tendencies among the students. I think it almost certain that we can arrange to have Dr. Parr with us and shall certainly recommend this at the committee meeting which will decide the matter on the day after tomorrow.

I was also very glad to have the comments on University matters generally in your letter and shall keep your suggestions in mind. Unless I am delayed longer than I now plan, these can be acted upon after I return. It certainly is annoying to have to stay in this country for the purpose that now keeps me when life at Yenching is so infinitely more interesting.

I see your father and mother at rare intervals but this and an occasional visit in such homes are part of the compensation for having to be here.

With greetings to Louise and remembrances to any students or others you may be in touch with,

Very sincerely,

Mr. Randolph C. Sailer
Yenching University
Peking, China

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Sailer, Mrs. Randolph

219 Walnut Street
Englewood, N. J.

July 13, 1928

$200.00 for 1928 Campaign - Undesignated

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Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Sailer
Englewood, N.J.

Sept. 18, 1929

$200 ~~In full~~ ~~pledge~~ maint. W. L. Chang ✓

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77 Bowne Avenue,
Flushing. Dec.24.

Dear Dr.Stuart,

My but it is fine to have you so near at hand, and when your first rush lets up a little we are most eager to see you. Having just learned where you are staying, this is just to say Merry Christmas a day late.

News from Yenching is most deeply encouraging in its general spirit- a fine letter from Alice Boring is one of the latest. We haven't heard in detail about this enormous sum of Chinese money for Science, but that is a perfectly splendid achievement. Now if Princeton can only come across. I wonder if plans are being laid with regard to Athletics- I remember you said that was next on the list.

Louise and the babies are very well, but my own work is dragging very much. I should have either taken my degree before going out, or gone a year sooner and planned for two weeks at home. It takes so many months to get in the swing of things. I will probably squeeze through, but with a very indifferent piece of work. I'm getting a lot of value on the side anyway.

A very fine girl, daughter of Dr.F.J.White of Shanghai College, was referred to me because she is anxious to teach Psychology in China and I am trying to see if the Women's College might take her on. She will get her PhD this Spring and has what seem to me other good qualifications- I do hope it may work out some way. She may write to you, but I warned her that your business was more to turn foreigners away than to get them.

Louise joins me in most hearty welcome to this part of the world.

Very sincerely,

Randolph Sailer

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Sailer, Mrs. & Mrs. Randolph

X to Roberta White

219 Walnut St.,
Englewood, N.J.,
May 29, 1930.

Mr. Olin Wannamaker,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you for your letter. I enclose a check for $100 toward Miss White's salary.

Please credit this as anonymous.

Sincerely yours,

Randolph C. Sailer

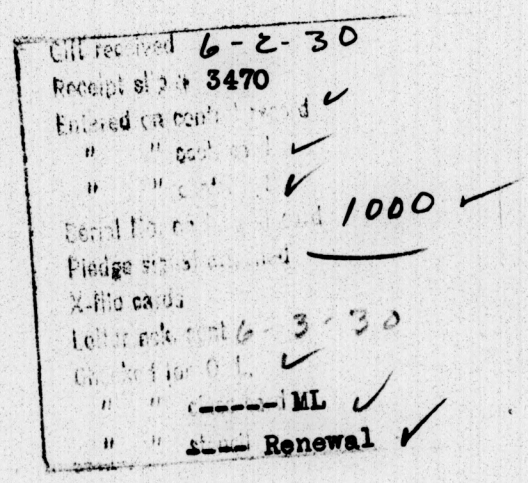
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Sailer, Mr. & Mrs. Randolph
219 Walnut Street
Englewood, N. J.

June 2, 1930

$100 for salary of Roberta White
for Women's College



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DEC 5 - 1930

Expert Claims World Is Happy

Only 60 Workers Out of 500 Think Bad Outweighs the Good.

New York.—It's a happy world, on the whole. Not many people want to be dramatic figures of tragedy in the eyes of their fellows. On the contrary most of us humans like to rate ourselves as being happier than average.

This light on human nature has been cast by a new psychological study of happiness made by Dr. Randolph Sailer of Yenching university in China. Doctor Sailer worked under direction of Dr. Goodwin Watson of Teachers' college, who has been analyzing happiness and happy people for several years.

In a questionnaire on their own happiness or lack of it, just 60 workers out of 500 said that the world is more bad than good, or that they were less happy than the average mortal. Not one of the 500 was a complete pessimist or a perfect optimist.

Poor Health and Unhappiness.

Poor health is definitely linked with unhappiness, according to this survey. It is not yet clear, however, whether illness and physical handicaps cause unhappiness, or whether the situation is sometimes reversed, with unhappiness and worry bringing on physical troubles.

Do you worry about the future? That is a trait that goes with unhappiness, it was found. Few happy people worry about what is going to happen next. Still, the happy person is not happy-go-lucky. Nearly all of the happiest group declared that life should be lived with a serious purpose.

Discussing Doctor Sailer's investigation further, Doctor Watson said that happy people tend to be consistently happy.

"The happy worry less about the future, about money, sex, jobs, appearance, education or the lack of it," he explained. "They have less fear of failure, less restlessness, fewer fears. Those who are happy in one field, say with their friends, tend also to be happy in health, in relation to parents, religion, love, vocation and schooling.

"If a man appeared to believe that he was not well treated on the job it was interesting to note that he believed that life had been unkind to him in many other ways. It seemed fairly clear that it was he himself and not the situation that needed to be studied."

Finances No Gauge.

Among other findings from the happiness survey are:

The state of a man's finances is no reliable gauge of his happiness. Some of the happiest and some of the most miserable men were found among the low-salaried group.

The "only child" is no more happy or unhappy than the child in a large family.

Smokers as a group are no more or less happy than nonsmokers.

Religion plays a role in maintaining happiness, judging by the reports of the happier group, who were inclined to rate religion as an important factor in their happiness.

An even temperament is likely to be a happy one. The person whose emotions habitually run the scale is generally an unhappy person, the survey indicates.

And married men are happier than bachelors.

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June 26, 1931

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sailer:

In October 1929 you made a very generous contribution of $200 toward the scholarship of W. L. Chang, then studying in America. In June 1930 you contributed $100 toward the salary of Miss Roberta White. Our difficulties in raising funds in America at the present time are much greater than they have ever been in the past decade. The pressing emergency local demands have dried up the sources of any income for Yenching. We fear the situation will continue throughout next winter. If you are in position to help us again, we shall be deeply grateful.

In my two-fold responsibility for the University in general, and for the College of Public Affairs (Princeton-Yenching Foundation), I am somewhat at a loss as to how I should address this appeal to you. If, however, you are able to contribute, you yourself will know where you wish your money to go, to the Trustees of Yenching University, or to the Trustees of Princeton-Yenching Foundation.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Sailer, Jr.
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING WEST. CHINA

July 28,1931.

Mr.Olin Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr.Wannamaker:

Thank you for your letter with regard to a possible contribution to Yenching. We certainly realize fully the extremely difficult time you must be having, and hear that you are doing remarkably well in consideration of the difficulties.

As to ourselves, the opportunities that have arisen here for placing what little money we can give seem to have first call. They are little things that could not be covered otherwise, but that seem to us to have importance out of proportion to their size. It seems wisest for us to continue on in this way, therefore.

Very best wishes, and thank you for your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Randolph C. Sailer

cc Mr. Wannamaker

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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

November 9, 1934.

Dr. N. Gist Gee,
9th Floor,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Gee:

You asked me to write you in some detail about our proposed study trip to the Orient of which we talked yesterday.

First, let me say that for ten years the International Committee has promoted travel for young people and we have sent nearly a thousand abroad in small groups on summer trips. This is done entirely under Y.M.C.A. auspices as a project of the International Committee. In Europe the Y.M.C.A.s of the country visited take full responsibility for the groups while they are in their country and so it has been with our groups in South America and the Orient.

The proposal for a study group by university men and women to the Orient arose last spring. We wrote to several American Y.M.C.A. secretaries in the Orient, asking their opinion about the value of such a trip and whether they would be willing to cooperate in making arrangements. We received replies indicating that if the party was carefully selected and well led, they would be glad to cooperate.

At first we thought of a summer trip but now have come to feel that probably the best thing would be a full year of resident study in Yenching.

I have looked over the catalogs you gave me and it seems that there should be enough courses on oriental history, international relations, etc. to satisfy American students. Yet it might be that if there is a group of twenty-five they would want to ask for one or two special courses. I am not sure how that would be. It would depend on the group.

It is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Hurrey will be the leaders who will accompany the group to Peiping. Then we would make arrangements with some one in China who is coming on furlough next summer to return with the party.

I hope that you will send the radiogram that we worked out together yesterday at your earliest convenience and hope we can have a reply within the next two weeks. We want to keep the

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expense as low as possible and would like to know what the living cost will be. I am assuming that tuition would be the same as for Chinese students but would like to know what your estimate would be, the necessary cost for board and room and whether or not it can be secured on or near the campus.

Of course, we are not sure there will be any group and if there is a group we will plan to accept both men and women, but cannot tell in what proportion they will respond until we have tried.

I think within the next two weeks I will try to raise with some of the educational institutions here in the East the question of giving credit for work done there so that if we receive a favorable reply we can proceed at once to announce the trip.

Most sincerely yours,

J. C. Clark

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

教務處
Office of the Director of Studies

November 28, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

I am sorry that we have been slow in acting on the question of foreign students. Yesterday the matter was discussed by the Deans' Committee and the cable that you have received was recommended to the F.E.C. Please let me explain the considerations that we have in mind.

Practically everyone seems to be in favor of the general idea, but we feel that the arrangements must be very carefully guarded to make the thing a thorough success both for the students who come and for our own campus life. We already have about 15 foreign students, and though on the whole they are a very good lot, their presence does tend in the direction of over-westernization. Later I want to write you in much more detail about this. Surely the dangers can be minimumized if we hold to the following:

(1) Taking a number that can be assimilated fairly well and that will not merely create a large group rather cut off from the rest of us. It would seem desirable for each foreign student to room with a Chinese student, and we doubt whether more than about 15 roommates can be found. Miss Speer urges that the girls be limited to 5. But this number and the total of 15 are tentative as we wish to hear from you the whole situation.

(2) We presume that these students will be carefully selected, and feel that this is extremely important. Ordinarily we do not take transfer students who rank below the top 3rd of their classes. Although marks are far from the main thing, we should like to approximate this standard. The main thing, of course, is serious purpose, serious desire to learn about China, and willingness to make contribution to our campus life. If students of wealth should come, we hope very much that they would be willing to live simply while here.

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(3) Provision of courses. The number of courses given in English keeps decreasing, and trouble is always caused when one or two foreign students enter a class and prevent any dependence upon Chinese. It seems wise, therefore, for us to arrange special courses for the most part, and I think we could set up a pretty good programme. This would mean, however, rather uniform treatment for the visitors. Will this be possible, or will they expect to take work that will fit in to their major work in America? Our Science College is so crowded that we would prefer to take no science students except in Biology in which I think we can offer excellent work. I imagine we would offer a schedule such as this: Chinese language, Economical problems of China, Chinese Philosophy, Modern History of China, and a elective. We would allow and encourage Chinese students to enter these courses too, but only those who wish to be with foreigners and to do their work in English would take them.

(4) Mr. Price would probably act as advisor to this group. And I am sure he would wish to have them make visits to rural districts and otherwise come to know China as well as possible.

This is all very tentative. The matter will be discussed in Council on Monday, and I will keep you in touch with developments. We wait eagerly to hear details of the plan from your end. I hope our cable did not sound inhospitable. Our object is to do our very best to carry this through right and to make it just as worthwhile as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

R C Sailer

R. C. Sailer
ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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December 4, 1934

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Pei ing, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We are in receipt of a cable from you reading as follows:

"Willing accept about fifteen non-freshman students from grade A colleges. Writing conditions."

I telephoned this message to Mr. J. C. Clark, of the International Committee Y.M.C.A. at whose request we cabled you for this information.

May I also acknowledge receipt of two letters from you dated November 2nd and November 10th. I have forwarded these to Dr. Gee at Des Moines, Iowa, where he is taking part in the conferences sponsored by the Associated Boards group.

Very sincerely,

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

教務處
Office of the Director of Studies

December 14, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

Your letter of November 12 enclosing Mr. Clark's of November 9 to you is of great interest. We note that the plan for Fresh en students coming here next year is still in its early stages, and we shall await developments with great interest. The Deans' Committee discussed the matter yesterday. We strongly feel that it would be inadvisable to take students unless they can receive full credit with their home colleges for the year's work. This should not be impossible to arrange as several colleges sent students to spend Junior year in Europe.

Miss Speer expects to open correspondence with the Women's College Committee in America and suggests that they cooperate with you.

Some of our faculty feel that special fees should be charged foreign students to cover in part the cost of special courses for them. But there is great difference of opinion about this, and we wish to hear further from your end. Mr. Clark apparently believes that all the courses given in our catalogues are offered in English. ~~But~~ Quite the reverse is true, especially in such subjects as Oriental History and International Relations. I think we could offer work of good quality, but the choice ~~wanted~~ will be very restricted.

The Deans have appointed Mr. Price as special advisor to this group next year, and I think that he will soon write you further. I don't think we should want to take the group in faculty homes. It would be much better for them to live in the dormitories and eat Chinese food just so far as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

R. C. Sailer

R. C. Sailer

RCS:LC

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December 22, 1954

Mr. J. C. Clark
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clark:

I am enclosing with this a copy of a letter which has just come this morning from Mr. Sailer who is acting as Director of Studies at Yenching during the absence of our regular Director. I am sure you will find this full of information.

When you have had an opportunity to go over this letter I would be glad to discuss the matter further with you if you care to do so.

With all good wishes for the Christmas Season, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

教務處
Office of the Director of Studies

December 26, 1934

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

You remember our correspondence regarding the Yenching-American Exchange Fellowship. I wonder whether there are any developments. Mr. Yen Chun who is first on the list we recommend is naturally quite eager to hear something. We hope very much that arrangements may be successfully made this year.

Mr. Barnett sent Dr. Stuart a copy of an amateur radio he had received from Mr. Clarke indicating that the group of 15 students is being made up. From now on we would like to keep in just as close touch as possible with what is being done. Do you wish to trouble about this, or, should we write Mr. Clarke direct? In seeking students I should think Mr. Clarke would look for present sophomores or possibly freshmen who are majoring along lines that would allow a year's credit for work of the limited kind we expect to offer. I think we can make the whole project a much better success if the group is homogeneous and could take some such program as the one I outlined to you in my former letter. If two or three of the students wish to do something different, perhaps to study natural science, it might be arranged if we were given sufficient warning. Our Biology Department always have room for more majors, for example. What we most fear is that in an effort to round up a group the attractions of the proposition may be emphasized more than ~~by~~ the necessity for serious purpose. Any information you can give us about the methods being used to gather these students will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

R C Sailer

R. C. Sailer
ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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December 31, 1934.

ESTIMATE OF COST OF ORIENTAL TRIP

No. 1

New York to Portland, Oregon

Railway	$95.00	
Lower Berth	25.00	
Meals	15.00	
Tips	5.00	$140.00

Fare Portland-Yokohama-Shanghai-Peiping-Harbin-Moscow-Berlin-Paris-Cherbourg-New York

Fare	$392.00	
Sleeper China	3.50	
Meals China	5.00	
Sleeper Manchuria	4.50	
Meals Manchuria	3.00	
Meals Russia 12 X 3	-36.00	
Sleeper Negorloye-Cherbourg	15.00	
Meals	15.00	$474.00

Stopover in Japan 14 days @ $5.00	$70.00	
Stop in Shanghai 7 days @ $4.00	28.00	
Stop in Nanking 4 days @ $4.00	16.00	
Stop in Peiping 5 days @ $3.00	15.00	
Trip to Mukden and Peitaiho 14 days @ $3.00	42.00	
Railway	50.00	$221.00
Tuition and fees in Yenching		50.00
Room		50.00
Board in Yenching 300 days @ $1.00		300.00
		$1235.00
Leader		200.00
Overhead, printing, postage, etc.		200.00
		$1635.00

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December 31, 1934

ESTIMATE OF COST OF ORIENTAL TRIP

No. 2

New York to Portland, Oregon

Railway	$95.00	
Lower Berth	25.00	
Meals	15.00	
Tips	5.00	$140.00
Portland - Shanghai - Suez - New York -		456.00
Side Trip Yokohama - Mukden -		
Peiping -Shanghai for Railway	$30.00	
Sleepers	15.00	
Meals 6 days @ $2.50	15.00	60.00
14 days in Japan @ $5.00	$70.00	
5 days in Korea @ $4.00	20.00	
10 days in Manchuria and Peitaiho @ $4.	40.00	130.00
Year's tuition and fees		50.00
Year's room in dormitory		50.00
Year's food (American) 300 days @ $1.00		300.00
		$1186.00
Leader's Expense		200.00
Overhead and promotion		200.00
		$1586.00
10 days in Nanking and Shanghai		40.00
5 days in Hongkong and Canton		20.00
5 days in Manila		25.00

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December 31, 1934

WHAT THE FEE INCLUDES -

Rail, sleeper and meals across the U.S.A.

One class ship across the Pacific

Second-class railway in Japan, China and elsewhere

Sleepers and meals on all railways

Good hotels, meals and tips at all stops

Local sight-seeing and social contacts

If via Siberia, second-class rail and sleeper and meals

Peiping to Hamburg or other Atlantic port

If via Suez, one-class ship Shanghai to Manila

German ship second-class, Manila to Hamburg or Channel port

Tourist class on SS WASHINGTON or similar ship to New York

Tuition, board, room and fees at Yenching for entire school year

WHAT THE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Steamer tips and chairs

Food and drinks not on regular menu of meals served

Cost of side trips not on the itinerary

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January 11, 1935

Mr. R. C. Sailer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Sailer:

Mr. Clark has called at the office today with reference to the proposed trip of some twenty students to China. He has in mind and is now discussing with Mr. Wanamaker the possibility of some of these going to Lingnan.

Some doubt has arisen in his mind as to the desirability of trying to put all the students in the dormitories and he is wondering if it would be possible to make some arrangements for a few of them in foreign homes and if so how many could be provided for and what the monthly cost would be including room and board. He also wishes to know just what the actual cost of food would be under the following conditions: 1 - a noon meal Chinese, breakfast and dinner foreign food; or 2 - breakfast and luncheon Chinese, dinner foreign food.

As yet no definite number of people have signed up for the trip and the question of leadership for the group is under consideration since Mr. Hurrey, who was expected to lead the group, is now in the hospital with a very serious case of pneumonia. The facts asked for are desired, however, in order that very full information may be available when the students begin to sign up for the trip.

I am enclosing with this a copy of the estimates which have been made by the Y and would be glad to have any comments which you would care to make. You indicated in your letter of November 28th that you would be sending us later thoughts in reference to this matter. Just as soon as definite plans are formulated we will communicate with you again.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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Copy for Dr. Stuart

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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

January 16, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

Mr. Hurrey is still critically ill and I am afraid will not be back at work for many weeks. Therefore I am afraid it is out of the question to consider him as leader of a group to the Orient this coming summer. From my point of view that makes it very difficult to go on with our project unless we can find some one who has real recruiting power such as Hurrey has to take his place. I think it would have to be someone who was traveling for some other purpose and could undertake this on the side. I doubt if Mr. Sherwood would make such a leader since he has not been out there. Jim Yard I think would be glad to accept the leadership of a group but I am afraid could not organize one unless he found most of them in and near Chicago.

After talking with Mr. Wannamaker I realize what a careful process of selection would be required to get the group that would be acceptable at Yenching or Lingnan. That, of course, increases the difficulty for we would probably have to turn down more than half the applicants or rather they would drop out when they learned the conditions.

I would be glad to know what you think of going on with the project this year, and who you would suggest as a possible leader.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. Clark

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Rhoads Clark 1/24/35 - Hurrey still ill - not likely that party can be formed for this coming academic year - Hopes to go for 36-37 - wants to wait later.

Telephoned him 1/18/34 that you are to be away until Oct. 1st and that I would not forward letter

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January 24, 1935

Mr. R. C. Sailer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Sailer:

Your letter of December 26th has been received and I am sending a copy to Mr. Clarke for his information.

I am just back in the office for a day or two and have talked with Mr. Clarke concerning the present status of plans for this group of students to visit China. Mr. Charles Hurrey, who planned to lead the group, is ill in the hospital and he is not recovering very rapidly. It, therefore, seems unlikely that he will be available for this trip and Mr. Clarke seems to be unable to locate anyone else. For this reason he wishes me to say that it seems unlikely that the party will be able to go to the Orient for 1935-36. He hopes, however, that plans may be worked out and that the party may be arranged for the following academic year. This will give more time for careful consideration and for some cooperation between Yenching and Lingnan in handling the students. It seems that at present Lingnan provides room and free tuition. Yenching is not prepared to do that so we should have some agreement between the two institutions as to a common method of procedure.

I shall be glad to transmit further letters to Mr. Clark if you so desire or you may write directly to him. If however you wish me to take part in the arrangements I should of course be provided with copies of the correspondence.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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February 22, 1935

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U.S.A.

copy sent W. Clark 3-25-35

Dear Dr. Gee:

Your letters of January 11 and January 24 along with the estimates of costs of Oriental trip dated December 31 reached me together today. I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Hurrey's illness. The estimate of costs puts the trip in rather a different line from our previous understanding of it, much more of a rather expensive world tour. We had thought of it as a group of earnest students eager to see other parts of the world and especially to learn of China and able to finance it by living inexpensively here and travelling at lowest rates. The total required of each student according to this plan would limit it to the rather wealthy, and we fear might create a real problem on our campus. We are often accused of too high a standard of living and we are anxious to do nothing to give this charge more basis than it has now. American students of this degree of wealth, with no matter what good intentions, would find it very difficult not to add to our problem. I am sure we would find no reason for remitting tuition fees and giving free room. This year we are instituting 40 scholarships annually for Chinese students as our fees are raised, but feel that any reductions should go to Chinese candidates rather than to foreigners especially those who could afford a trip of this kind. Just why Lingnan's policy is different I do not know. We have an excellent little group of applications from foreign students in China and three in addition from America. But these are all from boys and girls of really limited financial resources. We welcome their contribution toward internationalism at Yenching, but with the pressure from Chinese applicants we are anything but seeking for more foreign students.

With regard to expenses at Yenching we would very much prefer to have students who would plan to spend not more than five or six hundred dollars local currency for everything except perhaps for trips to special places of interest. It might be possible to find a foreign house in which a group could live together and provide themselves with food, room and service for perhaps two dollars local currency a day.

Some of us feel, however, that this would be much less desirable than having a student live in the dormitories and eat Chinese food just so far as they are able. The ability to do this seems to depend largely on attitude. Living is higher in the South and I imagine that students coming to Yenching would spend less than at Lingnan even with special privileges there. But we do not want to offer competitive attractions.

I hope that this all does not seem ungracious. We are very much divided in opinion on this matter with the foreigners in general, I think, being less inclined to favor an invasion than many of our Chinese faculty. All of us agree, however, that only if conditions were most favorable would the trip be a success.

Before very long we hope to hear from you with regard to the exchange fellowships. Dr. Stuart agrees that Mr. Yen Ch'ün should stand as our first candidate and that Mr. Teng should be the second. We hope very much that both may have opportunity together.

I have just written Mr. Char today enclosing him a definite offer from Oberlin Shansi School. I suggested that he include one word of reply in one of your cables. Today is the big day when Mr. Gunn is due and there is electricity in the air.

Very sincerely yours,

R. C. Sailer
ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

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March 18, 1935

Mr. J. C. Clarke
International Committee Y.M.C.A.
347 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

I have just had a letter from Mr. Sailer. He has not as yet had time to receive our letter of January 24th telling him that you had had to abandon your plans for the party of students to visit Yenching this academic year.

It would be wise in making plans for the future to give us plenty of time to get all the preliminary correspondence out of the way early in the year. I think you will find the Yenching people eager to do what they can toward such an arrangement as you hope to work out.

Mr. Sailer's letter suggests several names you may wish to follow up in connection with your plans. They are as follows:

Miss Janet H. Latimer, University of Redlands, California
Mr. Laurence Cox, Willamette College, Salem, Oregon

Mrs. Arthur W. Hummel, 4615 Hunt Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md., has approached us direct concerning the possibility of her daughter and her chum taking their Junior years at Yenching. You might wish to follow this up. We have sent them copies of catalogs.

Miss Carol E. Hummel, George School, Bucks County, Penna.
Miss Carol Graves, " " " " "

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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June 18,1935.

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Mr.B.A.Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Mr.Garside:

The enclosed carbon of my letter to Miss Douglass explains itself. Probably Mr.Gee has explained to you the whole matter of the exchange fellowships. If there is any chance of making this switch we would be very grateful.

Mr.Li may sail on July 23, or if not then, on August 13. I do not know how soon Miss Douglass can get a reply to your office, but Mr.Li will make an inquiry there on his arrival in America and will hope to be able to hear by that time. If you yourself will be absent, perhaps you will be good enough to explain the situation to whomever is in charge, inasmuch as Mr.Li's telegram may be rather cryptic.

Mr.Li speaks hesitatingly, but is a thoroughly good man, and I hope you will like him when he drops in to call.

Sincerely yours,

R C Sailer

R.C.Sailer
Acting Director of Studies

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Sent with Mr. Li's letter same date

June 18,1935.

Miss Jessie Douglass
Institute of International Education
New York.

My dear Miss Douglass:

You will remember that through the good offices of the Institute of International Education, Exchange Fellowships for the coming year were awarded by Columbia University to Yen Ch'un and Chang Shih Wen.

Word has just been received from Mr.Chang of the death of his wife from scarlet fever, leaving him with two tiny children, and making it impossible for him to go to America this year. This is of course to the great disappointment of all of us.

May I take the liberty of raising the question as to whether the third candidate recommended by us, Mr.Li Pao-ch'en, could be presented to Columbia as a possible substitute for Mr.Chang? Mr.Li's credentials are already in your hands. His major is Music, and as the director of music in a high school of over one thousand students he has been doing remarkable work. I imagine that he was originally placed below Mr.Chang because of his somewhat shorter experience since graduation, a consideration of less importance after the passage of this last year. As one of his activities, Mr.Li recently organized a chorus of 500 voices from leading schools and colleges of Peiping, that sang in the great court of the Forbidden City to an immense audience, considered by us here as a notable achievement.

Mr.Li has been so anxious to study abroad that he finally decided to borrow money and go to Oberlin for the year. If he can change to Columbia as the holder of an Exchange Fellowship he will be very greatly aided financially, apart from the fact that his interests in music teaching can be better served at Teachers College than at Oberlin.

If favorable action might be obtained from Columbia, would you be good enough to notify Mr.B.A.Garside, 150 Fifth Avenue, who is taking Dr.Gee's place as the representative of Yenching in New York?

Perhaps you would also let Mr.Garside know if such a substitution at this late date is considered impossible. I am very sorry to trouble you again after all you have done for us.

Everyone is very much depressed over the political situation, but we expect to carry on work next year as usual, and are looking forward to the arrival of Miss Steinberg and Mr.Freyn.

Very sincerely yours,

R.C.Sailer
Acting Director of Studies

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Mr. R. C. Sailer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Sailer:

Your letter of June 18th telling of Mr. Chang's inability to come to America this year reached us about a fortnight ago. I immediately got in touch with Miss Douglass and also with Dr. Carrington Goodrich. The task of getting any final decision on the question of who should replace Mr. Chang as an exchange fellow from Yenching University required an unusually long time, however, because of the absence of Deans and others who had to pass on the matter.

Miss Douglass telephoned me only this morning that a decision had finally been reached. I have tried to embody this as clearly as I could in a cablegram I have sent you today, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Miss Douglass states that Dr. Goodrich will be writing you today, and will send his letter by air mail in the hope of catching the President McKinley from Seattle on Saturday. Undoubtedly his letter will explain the discussions which have taken place at Columbia more fully than I myself could do. However, on the chance that Dr. Goodrich's letter may be delayed or that it may not be as explicit as I anticipate, I will try to summarize briefly.

As I understand the matter, while Mr. Li Pao-ch'en would unquestionably be a most excellent selection for the exchange fellowship, his special field of music presents serious difficulties. I believe that most of the work in music at Columbia University is not conducted by the University itself, but is carried on in cooperation with the Julliard School of Music. Dr. Goodrich stated that he feared the Julliard School would not be able to arrange for an exchange fellowship with Yenching on the basis proposed, and I assume from my last conversation with Miss Douglass that he found his fears had at least some foundation.

Dr. Goodrich has, however, been particularly interested in the qualifications of Mr. Ssu-Yu Teng, whose name has been mentioned a number of times in your correspondence but who has not been so actively considered as a candidate for the exchange fellowship because his application was not received until rather late, and it was not considered fair to the other three nominees to place his name on a par with the others. Since, however, Mr. Chang

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is unable to come and arrangements could not be made for Mr. Li, Dr. Goodrich stated that he would be very happy to have Mr. Ssu-Yu Teng appointed to this second Yenching-Columbia exchange fellowship. Columbia already had a transcript of Mr. Teng's record at Yenching so it was able to take intelligent action on his academic qualifications.

Of course we have no knowledge as to whether Mr. Teng may still be able to accept this exchange fellowship. It is quite probable he has made other arrangements which would make it impossible for him to come to America this year. If he is still available there are still about five weeks left for him to make final preparations and to arrange his sailing. Perhaps the cablegram we are sending today will be sufficient to secure the necessary visa from the American Consul. If not, Dr. Goodrich's letter should reach you before the end of August, which should still be in time. If Mr. Teng sails before the end of the first week in September he should be able to reach Columbia by the date it opens or within a few days thereafter.

We regret the disappointment this cable will bring to Mr. Li but hope that the action of Columbia on Mr. Teng will prove satisfactory all around.

Cordially yours,

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August 13,1935.

Cable 9/11/35

Mr.B.A.Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr.Garside:

Thank you very much for your cable concerning the appointment of Teng Ssu Yu to the Exchange Fellowship. You must have taken a good deal of trouble about it.

I am very sorry that it does not seem possible for Teng to accept now, though he took the matter up earnestly and inquired into all the possibilities. Mr. Gee wrote most definitely last Spring that he could not be considered at that late date, when we thought he might be a more desirable candidate than Chang Shih Wen, and after that he made all plans to stay, sending to his family what money had been saved up, and taking a position for the coming year from which he feels he cannot now honorably retire. He could not go anyway without definite assurance of work from Dr.Fenke, but I presume that this is on its way.

We had not counted heavily on a switch to Li Pao Chen being possible, and so are not too greatly disappointed. I wonder whether he had arrived at New York and whether he failed to make a good personal impression. His ability is far ahead of his presence, though he is very pleasant.

Do please pardon me if I take too great a liberty in mentioning the form of the cable. I wonder whether there has been some slip in your office during the summer and messages intended to be abbreviated are sent out as originally written. Two or three of the cables regarding Mr.Wee seemed to contain many unnecessary words, and one or two of eleven letters appeared when shorter ones would have carried the meaning. In the case of this cable, I think the essential meaning could have been fully carried in 7 words instead of 21, as follows: "Rejected Liapaochen accepted Tengssuyu arrive september twentyfive."

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I had a hint that Miss Steinberg is not coming in one of the letters from the International Institute, but have had no other word. We do hope she can make it.

Dr.Mei has definitely left, and my own term in this office is finished. It is not entirely decided how the office will be handled during the year.

Most sincerely yours,

R C Sailer

May I leave to you notification to the Institute and to Columbia that Mr.Teng cannot accept? I do not know just how the negotiations were carried on.

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August 26,1935.

Mr.B. .Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr.Garside:

Your letter of August first has just come, together with one from Miss Douglass and one from Carrington Goodrich. We appreciate very much indeed the trouble you all have taken. These things are a special nuisance in the summer time.

In spite of our hard luck this year, we are still keenly interested in these exchanges, and hope that another year they may be continued.

Thank you very much for the way you pushed the matter.

Most sincerely,

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September 11, 1935

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Dr. Randolph C. Sailer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Sailer:

Thank you for your letter of August 13th regarding the exchange fellowship at Columbia. We are very sorry that Mr. Teng Ssu-yu was unable to accept the appointment, although we all realize that at the late date when the action was taken there was little likelihood that he would still be available. We are communicating this information to Miss Douglass and Dr. Goodrich.

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We are very grateful to you for your comments on the form of our cablegram, for our office in New York is always anxious to get suggestions from the field as to the simplest and most economical methods of getting information into their hands. No, the credit or blame for this particular cablegram does not devolve upon any of the clerical staff here in the office, for either Mr. Evans or I give our personal attention to both the form and the phraseology of our cables. As you know, there are four ways in which cables can be sent:- in Mission Code, plain language cables at full rate, plain language cables at deferred rate, and cable letters. The cable letter costs only about one-fourth of the full rate, but the minimum charge is for twenty-five words. The number of letters in a word is not limited in the cable letter, so the eleven-letter words to which you call attention cost no more than if they had been two or three letters. The cable to you was sent as a cable letter, and cost us substantially less than if we had sent the abbreviated form you proposed at the regular rate, and cost only slightly more than if we had sent the form you proposed at deferred rate. (Remember, that the words in the address and signature are counted, so your abbreviated form would have been charged as eleven words rather than seven). Dr. Goodrich particularly requested me to make my calbe to you as explicit as possible for he felt that the feld might not understand the proposed shift from Mr. Li to Mr. Teng, and he also wished the cable to be plain enough so that you would either be able to get the American Consul to accept it as sufficient grounds for giving his visa to Mr. Teng's passport, or else that you would know confirmatory letters acceptable to the consul were being hurried to the field.

While we have the highest respect for the

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intelligence of our China colleagues to whom we send cablegrams, we cannot always be sure as to exactly what information you already have in hand. As a result we would prefer to err on the side of too much detail rather than too little. We frequently receive - and sometimes send - cablegrams which are so condensed as to be unintelligible. That always involves a great deal more expense than if the original message were more complete, as well as involving delay and annoyance.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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October 11,1935.

Dr.B.A.Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr.Garside:

Thank you very much for the trouble you took in explaining the different classes of cables. Apparently Mr.Ts'ai has not known of them, as I did not, and the information ought to be of much value to him. I have not yet checked on whether the President's Office has been using the cable letter.

Most hearty congratulations on your most well-deserved degree, of which I learned just last evening. We all like to claim some slight share in the honor.

Very sincerely yours,

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