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February 5, 1943

Mrs. E. K. Smith
Department of War Information
111 Centre Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

A letter from Mary Cookingham, Bursar of Yenching University, dated December 2, 1941, has just been received. The first paragraph reads as follows:

"Every month there are a few changes to be made in our salary arrangements. The first one is in regard to Mr. E.K.Smith, whose salary is paid by the University. He will draw the gold portion of his December salary here. Doubtless you will have paid his December salary to Dr. Goodrich, as we requested last month, before this letter reaches you so we suggest that you omit the January payment to Dr. Goodrich."

I have talked with Dr. Goodrich and his recommendation is to forward this word to you, with the hope that you will have some information regarding the instructions.

I hope that you are enjoying your work on the Pacific Coast, which I know is doing an immeasureable amount of good.

Very truly yours,

CAE.A

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of Feb. 5th arrived today.

I have no information regarding the matter of my husband's salary. Aside from a letter which was brought on the Griipsholm, the last letter, the only other letter, was dated October 28, 1941, more than a month earlier than ~~than~~ Miss Coatsingham's.

As you may remember, my husband had a small insurance come due in Canada in October, 1941. He ordered $300 U.S. sent him, & the balance to be put

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2. in a joint account in the National City Bank of New York. (This was the only insurance we had or have.) My son and I have been living on that. Last year I unlocked some each month till I had a sum sufficient for Ernest to stay in College this year. And since coming here I have sent him money each month for incidentals. He has been deferred till June.

The money my husband ordered sent to China plus all odd funds we had there (which was practically nil) was used for my son-in-law during his illness.

As you know, I have never received any money from the University since I have been in America. I would suggest that you do what you think is fair. I or my brother never received any "December salary".

What is done about people now?

3. I understand from my daughter, Dorothea Hanwell, that after the collecting funds of faculty members gave out, they have received each month $200 F.R.B. which must be paid back in U.S. gold at the rate of four to one. Is this Red Cross money from Switzerland? (At present, or at last hearing, my daughter, Shirley Duncan, Marney Speer, Cuquita Wagner are living together in San Juan Miao. The last English evacuee smuggled a letter out from her on Aug. 9, 1942.)

Lucius Porter, Stewart Mitchell, exchange student from Berkeley, are living at our house in Chengfu. Dorothea planned to go out once a week, take provisions to them, and take accounts with our cook (who has been with us 26 years). This is the latest word I have. Have you anything more recent?

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4. I enjoy my work here very much, (tho' it is very exacting) — especially since Owen Lattimore has taken over its office and our Chinese Dept. also has a new head, Mr. Fred — Silienthal. I work sixty odd hours a week in very queer shifts. The longest period I have ever been off duty since arriving on Aug 10 is 18 hours, — & even then I am "on call". But I am very happy to be able to work hard and do my bit. Our programs to China are steadily improving.

I have written Grace Boynton several times, tho' I have never heard from her. I did not tell her where I was working. I don't want my family to suffer in any way because I am here in this Office. I have sent a small sum of money by a friend to Chungking, so that she will not be out of pocket for postage on my account.

Cordially
(Mrs. E. L.) Grace Goodrich Smith

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February 18, 1943

Mrs. E. K. Smith
810 Jones Street
Apt. 205
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I am deeply grateful for your letter of February 11th and as a result we have restudied the whole situation as relative to action of the Advisory Committee which was organized at Peking. I have also reviewed Miss Cookingham's letter and from the sum total of the facts gathered together, it would seem that we are justified in proceeding to carry out the wishes of Mr. Smith, which, of course, never reached our office as apparently the letter was lost in transit.

It would seem that Mr. Smith intended to have the U. S. dollar portion of his salary paid to you. This amounted to $27.50 monthly. The local currency amount was $220.00 monthly. As arrangements were made to provide each individual with $200.00 local currency per month for living expenses, we are proposing that that amount remain to be adjusted at a later date when all of the facts are available.

It means, therefore, that we are to pay you $27.50 per month for fourteen months or $385.00. It is our purpose also to continue these monthly payments unless you instruct us otherwise.

These adjustments are being made after a conference with the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and are subject to further adjustment when all of the facts are fully known. We are, therefore, enclosing check for $385.00 for the fourteen months from January 1942 through January 1943.

It gives us an immense amount of satisfaction to know that you are carrying on in this work which is so worth while at the present time, and that you are in a position to use your very unusual talents toward this cause.

It might be of interest to you to know that Dorothea was listed for $50.00 local currency per month, but undoubtedly she is being taken care of along with other faculty members of Yenching.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Dr. Goodrich

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810 Jones St.,
San Francisco, Calif.
March 1, 1943.

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My dear Mr. Evans;

I was never more surprised in my life than when that check arrived; and appreciate the Board's decision very much. My husband has worked very hard for the University, and he has had a pretty rough deal the last few years. But you nor anybody else have never heard any complaints from the Smith family. Do you know that all his life he has never had any furlough with pay? Somehow, by

our combined wits we have been able to manage, but we're are about cleaned out now.

Your note to my brother about my eldest daughter has made me very sad. Her lot has been too hard for her. She is a sensitive, creative soul, perhaps the most gifted of my children — certainly the most creative and artistic. I worried very much about her after Norman's death, as I was afraid she would break then, because during all his illness she never gave up hope, waited on him "hand & foot" Frankie told me, from 8 A.M. till 10:30 at night. He wanted her, not the nurses, to do things for him.

2. This break may have come near the anniversary of his death, Oct. 5, 1941. It may be the Japanese no longer allows her to visit her father & that may have upset her too as she planned to spend one night each week & see that Lucius & E. R. were all right, do accounts etc with the cook. She likely feels she should have moved to town.

My other daughter & husband suggest that perhaps she is surrounded by too many women. It would have been better for her to stay with the men at our home in such a case.

It is a mercy I have to

works so hard, as I am forced to think of other things than my family in China. It's a pretty sad world all around. ---- But there are many bright spots too, and many wonderful people.

Thank you so much,

Grace Goodrich Smith.

(Mrs. E. K.)

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March 16, 1943

Mrs. E. K. Smith
810 Jones Street
Apt. 206
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I have not hurried to answer your good letter of March 1st, although I greatly appreciated same.

I telephoned your brother first about the word regarding Dorothea and felt he would know best how to handle same. I sympathize with you deeply, but I am convinced that everything is working out satisfactorily. From such little information as has been received, it would seem that those of the Yenching group in Peking are maintaining their spirits remarkably well and, barring unforeseen circumstances, will come out of the ordeal with deeper faith and consecration.

During Lent our office staff is remembering in prayer individual cases where such spiritual concentration seems needed. I am enclosing herewith copy of the memorandum for the day on which Dorothea is in our thinking.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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810 Jones Street,
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April 22, 1943

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My dear Mr. Evans:

My conscience has been troubling me very much because I haven't returned this receipt to you. I kept waiting till I had time to write you a note.

More than a month ago I received a letters from my husband thru Grace Boynton, - the first I have ever received in that way. (One came by the Ophthalmic. He mentioned having written me one "Red Cross" letter, but I have never received it. He also had received two letters which I sent thru

Grace Boynton. That made me so
sad sadly.

He said Dorothea was very
depressed around the anniversary
of her husband's death (Oct 5th, 1941)
but was much better then.
His letter was mailed Nov. 14
from Peking, & Grace B. forwarded
it on Dec. 24th. I received it in
March. You remember Miss
Spurr's letter was written
Oct. 11, 1942, just a few days
after the 5th. Of course I
realize my husband made
light of it, or said only that
much — because he didn't
want me to worry, but at least
I know she was better when
his letter came. At that time
he, Spurrs and Stewart
Mitchell were still all
living in Chengfu at our house.

When I saw that paragraph from Marney Shee's letter I realized it was connected with Norman — plus all and many other things. It is very unfortunate she can't be very busy. She ought to work this way I have to. I haven't had a day off since I arrived in August. I have even forgotten what it felt like to sleep thru a whole night. Now I slup in shifts between work! Besides working afternoons & evenings at offices and studios -

However the above is not for publication. I don't want Sebring to find out I'm here; it would be very bad. Grace Boynton asked me to tell her what I did here. I told her I'd rather not, but she could find out a

little about me by talking to a friend who is returning to Chungking.
I gave this friend $5. to give her. I wanted him to take $10 but he didn't want to. I don't want her to be out of money on my account for postage etc. How can I get money to her later on, thru the American Board? The letter she sent cost more than $10 Mex.

The matter of repatriation looks rather hopeless, doesn't it.

I saw your letter as one which was sent here requesting we do a program for the 5-5th anniversary of Nationing U. I believe we are planning one. We send out some quite wonderful programs now. Each day we send out 2 musical programs, one classical, one popular. A telegram from Chungking to the News Service appeared in the Chinese papers

3 recently in S.F. saying XGOY is rebroadcasting their music shows all over China. It makes us all very happy, and me especially. So what we are doing really means something to a lot of people. Our office also received a few letters from six men, technicians in a flower plant in Kansu, Sanchow, telling how much they cared for the music programs especially the classical one. It was sent to the girl who announces the programs — the first and only fan letter to date. It cost the boys more than $20 mex. It caused great excitement in the whole office.

With many thanks for your kindness,

Yours Goodrich Smith

(mrs. Ernest K.)

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May 14, 1943

Mrs. E. K. Smith
810 Jones Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Do not let your conscience trouble you about returning the voucher stub attached to your checks. It might be better for you to keep these as the copy of the check and the return of the original is ample evidence to us that you have received the money.

I am sharing with you copy of a letter received from Lydia Boring and enclose a stamped envelope for its return. This gives us some new light on the situation as to what is happening to the internment at Weihsien. There is a general feeling that this late internment will be of great benefit to the larger group. How Leighton Stuart will fare, we do not know.

We will keep in confidence the situation which you are now occupying, although I am quite sure that in some way your voice will be recognized. I have heard indirectly of your great value to the work which you are doing and I want to congratulate you upon the efficient help you are rendering.

Our broadcast on the 29th went over big. We have received a cable telling us of its fine reception in China.

Surely you are getting a thrill out of the work which apparently is being shared by others in the office.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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810 Jones Street
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May 17, 1943

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Mr. C A Evans,
150 Fifth Ave,
New York City,

My dear Mr. Evans:

It was ever so kind in you ~~to~~ send me Alice Boring's letter, but it didn't happen to mention any internment. Perhaps you meant to send another letter. Enclosed is the one you did send me — which I quite enjoyed.

As far as my work at the office is concerned, I know many people know I am here. It is bound to get around. But I am not eager to have it get around in China. I don't know where it got around that I am broadcasting for I am not doing it. Originally,

the office wanted me to — as an American. But I said I couldn't do that as I would be recognized very darkly. If I had to broadcast, it would have to be as a Chinese. But I haven't had to do it fortunately. .... As for what I do, it is a drop in the bucket.

Today I asked for leave to go East as my son is going into the Army on June 30. It remains to be seen if the office can get reservations for me. But I asked to go the end of May, so they'll have to manage without me. I think Mr. Charles Stanley can help out a bit. I have offered my apartment for him to use while I am gone.

With thanks,

Grace Goodrich Smith.

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(Mrs. S. L.)

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Administration Office
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

September 28, 1943.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards, New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:

For some time we have been thinking of the possibility of having a regular program - once a month or something like that - in the interests of the China Colleges over the San Francisco radio. They come over clearly and with our equipment we can re-broadcast so thousands of persons can hear the program. I do not know what is involved from your end - it may be a matter of expense. Before the Pacific war, the Presbyterian Church had a regular program from San Francisco and we listened in with great interest and appreciation. Is it practical for the China Colleges?

Our idea is not to make it exclusively for one institution but for all Christian education - in other words a program sponsored by the Associated Boards. In particular cases, special emphasis could be given to one school. Fpr instance, Ginling College always observes Founders Day in early November and this year the plan is to have it emphasize and honor Mrs. Thurston and her work in establishing the college. Then on November 25th and 26th the University of Nanking is have a special program to bring alumni together - we are calling it the anniversary of leaving our own campus for the sake of a name. It is not a very important occasion in the whole history of the institution, but if there was a regular program and a few minutes were given to the fact that we have completed six years in exile and are starting on the seventh - etc., it would be warmly welcomed.

President Chen intended to write about this program - the regular one for all the institutions as well as the specific one for the University of Nanking on November 26th Friday 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Chengtu time but he was rushed in leaving for the Peoples Political Council meeting in Chungking and I have been slow in sending you this information.

We have no way of knowing what is involved and if it is a question of funds, I would hesitate to attempt the plan. However there is so much being said and written these days about cultural relations between China and America and some efforts are being made to emphasize the programs of the colleges. This might be one way to bring in a bit of pleasant publicity that would be of help in post war planning. If you find there is any hope of doing this kind of program, let us know by cable when and how - (which station) and if it is feasible say a word about Un. of Nanking on November 26th - that will be the regular time for our weekly "out-door" campus moving picture and radio show.

I am running away for two weeks in Chungking. The excuse is a special meeting of the alumni members who were formerly regular members of the Board of Directors together with some friends of the institution, but the real reason is the need of a bit of rest. The machinery creaks a bit this autumn and some of the group felt I must get away for a bit of rest from the routine of my several offices. I shall be back long before this reaches you - expect to fly back on the 12th.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Elsie M. Priest

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Lexington St. Weston, 93, Mass
Dec. 26, 1943.

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

My dear Mr. Evans,

If reservations are all taken till well into January, as last reported, I expect to be ready to start west as soon as a place can be secured. I have given up the idea of attending my son's college graduation, which I find comes later than I thought, at the end of February. Any route where the missionary rebate can be used will be satisfactory.

The money I borrowed from Yenching for hospital expenses has evidently not been returned. I directed

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that this debt be settled first
of all out of my insurance
money, but the letter does
not seem to have been
received, and now the mon-
ey, I find, has been used
up. Norman's hospital
bill was L.C.55 a day from
May 15 to Sept. 25, which re-
quired all the funds we
could lay hands on.
I expected to be reimbursed
from Norman's insurance
on presentation of his
death certificate, which
Dorothea managed to
smuggle out of China.
But the insurance proves
to have been collected with-
out the aid of the death
certificate by his parents
and that money has also

been spent. I shall have to get west on others' money, but as soon as I find any funds, I will repay by instalments. If you have any data that will enable you to fix the amount, it will help. I believe it was not less than $300 or more than $500. I had dismissed it from my mind in the belief that the account had been settled.

I shall be here long enough to receive a reply and letters will be forwarded to me till I return to New York in a fortnight or more. Faithfully yours,

Ernest K. Smith.

December 28, 1943

Mr. E. K. Smith
Lexington Street
Weston 93, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am grateful for your letter of December 26th, and we are getting busy on the reservation for San Francisco and will do the best we can with it.

You certainly had an unfortunate experience regarding both insurance policies, but I admire the calmness with which you accept the situation and wish to say that Yenching is in no hurry for any repayment. Insofar as we are able to determine the $300.00 is the maximum amount and please do not let that worry you at the present. When you get around into something else and feel you have adequate income that will be ample time.

The Finance Committee of Yenching University voted the entire plan as submitted by the office of the Board which included payment of your furlough salary at the rate of $160.00 per month, if desired and needed, but in no instance less than three months. You are, therefore, at liberty to take the full six months on this basis.

Regarding the cost of your trip west, may I say that the University is supposed to pay your travel to your home. In this case your conscience must be your guide as to whether your home will be in New York City or San Francisco. In the latter case, of course, we would pay for your ticket. If, however, you decide that this is a vacation and that later you intend to make Long Island your place of residence we would be very glad to advance the money and at some future time you can reimburse the University.

We will be seeing you one of these days but not until after the first of the month--so, meanwhile may we extend best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Lexington St. Weston 93, Mass.

Dec. 30, 1943.

My dear Mr. Evans,

In reply to your very kind letter of Dec. 28: The Board's action is most generous and I appreciate it and am deeply grateful. With regard to the trip west my answer is unqualified. Never was conscience more brilliantly clear. I plan to make my home with my wife and see no reason at present why it will not be in San Francisco for an indefinite period. It will be no hardship for me to live at that great distance from New York. I have long since become inured to that deprivation. In fact, other things being equal, if I should have the choice of living in New York or taking to the woods, I should take to the woods. I don't think any opportunity of employment in the East can possibly alter my plan to be with my wife.

Two items in preparation for my trip:

1. Shall I be given the 350 lbs. baggage allowance that new arrivals in the country are granted to their final destination? 2. Will you kindly give me as ample warning as possible of the date of my departure. My baggage is at my sister's place in Floral Park and I shall have a lot of repacking and rearranging still to do and my hardest task will probably be to get my things ready to be checked on my ticket. You can telegraph or telephone at my expense and the message will be forwarded to me by phone wherever I am. My phone here is Waltham 26991M.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Yours ever,

Ernest K. Smith.

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810 Jones St., San Francisco
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My dear Mr. Evans,

my thanks for the two copies of communications from China that you have forwarded to me.

As regards this program you mentioned to me relating to college and cultural news over the radio, I have reported on it to Mrs. Smith and Mr. Lilienthal. My wife says she plans to call you up by long distance about it before long. The station apparently

is ready to welcome all new material but seems to be covering the ground in question pretty thoroughly already. Some prominent Chinese in America speaks every week. You can no doubt give a more definite account over the phone and perhaps by letter to Mr. Lilienthal than I have been able to provide them. I found them interested and favorably inclined.

I had a bill for excess baggage of $20. when I arrived and at the suggestion of the baggage man who deliv-

ered my trunks put in a request for a refund. After an investigation of three weeks or more they have refunded the money. Perhaps this knowledge may prove helpful if a similar situation recurs.

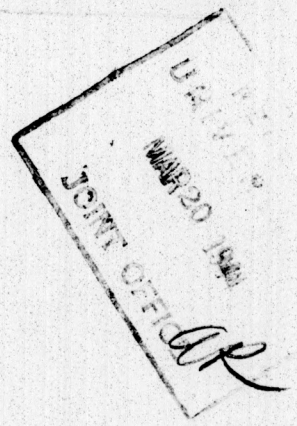
I am nicely settled in a pleasant suite and at present am content with "keeping house". The climate is even but humid and ~~cool~~ is usually a little chilly or a little sweaty or both. It never freezes in San Francisco, because if it did everyone would be lying in heaps at the foot of

a dozen hills. We had a sight seeing ride yesterday that was much like a Coney Island scenic railway trip on a large scale. Some of the slopes approximate 45 degrees.

With best wishes,

Sincerely Yours,

Ernest K. Smith



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April 6, 1944

Dear Mr. Smith,

We are enclosing a copy of your financial statement together with one for your daughter, Dorothea Hanwell.

We were not able to send your statement earlier because we wanted to give you as favorable treatment as possible and it took time to refer the matter of rent for Mrs. Smith to a committee of people who are now scattered.

Paid 4/6/44
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Since the committee has approved of a rent allowance of $25 per month for Mrs. Smith there is now a balance due you amounting to $521.76. A check for this amount is enclosed herewith.

We assume that all the items on this statement will be understandable. If not please write to us.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

Mr. E. K. Smith
810 Jones Street
San Francisco, California

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E. K. Smith

Salary for 1 month

Basic salary Chinese $220		
1/4 in US$ - C$55 @ 2 : 1		US$27.50
3/4 in US$ - C$165 @ 5 : 1		33.00
Exchange compensation - 1/2 of above		16.50
	Total	US$77.00

Salary for 2 years December 1, 1941 to December 1, 1943 24 X $77 US$1848.00

Less payments in China

Salary for Dec. 1941 and August 1942 @ C$357.50 - C$715 @ 5 : 1		US$143.00
*Dole in Peking		
April and May 1942 C$200 per month	C$400 @ 5 : 1	80.00
June, July and August C$200 per month	C$600 @ 5.84 : 1	102.75
October & November C$250 per month	C$500 @ 8 : 1	62.50
December C$250 per month	C$500 @ 8 : 1	31.25
January 1943 275 per month	@ 9 : 1	30.56
February C$325 per month	@ 9 : 1	36.11
March and April C$440 per month	C$880 @ 11 : 1	80.00
*Comfort Money in Weihsien		
May C$50	@ 9 : 1	5.56
June 100	@ 11 : 1	9.09
July 100	@ 11 : 1	9.09
August 100	@ 15 : 1	6.67
September 100	@ 15 : 1	6.67
		603.25
		US$1244.75

Less payments in New York

To Mrs. Smith 23 months @ $27.50	US$632.50	
Travel for Dorothea Hanwell	660.00	
		1292.50
Amount due from Mr. Smith		US$ 47.75

Add payment of rent allowance to Mrs. Smith (approved by Committee)
July 1, 1941 to Dec. 1, 1943 29 months @ US$25 725.00
US$ 677.25

Less Debit on Certificate of Indebtedness C$777.45 @ 5 : 1 155.49

US$ 521.76

Add furlough salary for 6 months @ US$160 per month 960.00
US$1481.76

Less payment made in January 1944 960.00

Balance due Mr. Smith US$ 521.76

* Note - Subject to correction when details are received from Washington, D. C.

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DOROTHEA HANWELL

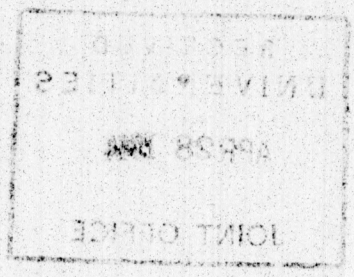
Salary for 1 month - part time

Basic salary - Chinese $50 @ 5 : 1	US$10	
Exchange compensation 60% of above	6	
Total for 1 month	US$16	

Salary for 6 months Jan. - June 1942
US$16 X 6 — US$96.00

Less payment made in Peking in 1942

August salary C$80 @ 5 : 1	US$16	
Dole for April and May @ C$200 per month C$400 @ 5 : 1	$80	96.00
Balance		nil



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Office of War Information
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.;
April 11, 1944.

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter together with Miss Priest's arrived some days ago. On Mr. Silverthal's return, I showed it to him. He has asked me to write you that Mr. Everett Hawkins is already on his way to Chungking and plans very definitely to go to Chengtu. Mr. Hawkins plans to contact those connected with the Universities there, and to find out their needs and what programs they are most interested in. In this way, the Chinese Section here will be in a far better position to know what is most wanted.

Several weeks before Mr. Hawkins left I gave him the names of a number of people to contact, among them, Y.P. Mei and Grace Boynton. In fact, we all stuffed him full! He is a clever man and will learn much which will be a great help to us here. I am sure we shall be able to do some programs which will fill some need or desire.

Cordially, Grace Goodrich Hunt.

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810 Jones St., San Francisco,
April 15, 1944.

My dear Mr. Evans,

Your good letter of April 6 was recently received and needless to say was very gratifying. It seems that I have found Moro-theas passage and am still better than solvent, my thanks to whoever is responsible for the liberal treatment. I recognize that it is subject to revision after hearing from Washington. Someone must have got a headache putting all the details together.

I suppose someone on the spot has checked off for you the two or three details in the Yenching News (of)

of January that need correction, tho' perhaps of not very great importance. However it will do no harm to repeat them:
p. 2, col. 1 ll. 6 ll. from bot. "Henning"
p 3, col. 1 l 13 "march 24"
" " l. 22 not "on the parade ground" but from the Embassy front gate along the road between the Ambassador's house and the Chancery."
Mrs. Saetti was still in Peking at the San Kuan miao with her two children when we left Weihsien, I believe.
The Jewett murrays left Peking early and were among the British, I believe, who were stranded in Shanghai along with the Paynes, and only Bevan of the Yenching people was taken on the boat.
Mr + Mrs. Ridge were allowed to remain in Peking

(and were living in the British Embassy when we left for Weihsien) because Mr. Ridge is partially paralysed. Prof. + Mrs de Vargas + children were still in the American Board Mission Compound when we left Peking; but your information may perhaps be later than mine on these last details.

With thanks from us both for all that you have done,

Sincerely yours,

Ernest K. Smith.

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May 3, 1944

Mrs. Grace Goodrich Smith
Office of War Information
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Since you wrote me on April 11th your good husband has also written and has been much better favored by a prompt reply. I am taking a day off to get caught up on correspondence and am proceeding with the questionable matter of going backwards chronologically. I dare not start at the beginning.

I am delighted to know that the plan for broadcasts to China will be taken up by Mr. Hawkins when he arrives in China and full information will then be available to you and the office. Anyway, we've gotten something started.

With many, many thanks to you for your co-operation and deep interest, I am

Very truly yours,

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