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May 28, 1931

To the Executor of the
Late Walter A. Strong
Chicago Daily News
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

We shall appreciate your attention to the following matter and your advice in reference to it.

During the year 1928 the Trustees of this University carried on a special campaign in America to secure sufficient pledges to finance a department of journalism at our University in China for an experimental period of five years. The main effort was made among newspaper publishers in America. It was sponsored, first of all, by Dean Walter L. Williams of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, now president of the University of Missouri. Dean Williams took up the matter with Mr. Strong. President J. Leighton Stuart of Yenching University, and Mr. Nash, head of the prospective department of journalism, called on Mr. Strong early in 1928. This office was informed after that call that Mr. Strong had verbally assured these gentlemen that he would make the first gift of the amount asked of the publishers - \$5,000, payable over a period of the five experimental years.

Shortly thereafter Mr. Strong wrote individual letters to twenty fellow publishers, asking their assistance. It was largely through this generous and active help on his part that the initial fund required was finally obtained and the department instituted.

In these letters to the twenty publishers Mr. Strong said, "I have therefore subscribed to this work provided it can be underwritten by a group of American newspaper publishers."

Mr. Strong did not sign any written pledge or indicate exactly when he intended to pay, what we have always understood to be, a pledge for \$5,000. We have assumed that there was no doubt about the amount he intended, since in one of his communications with Mr. Nash he referred to Mr. Adolph Ochs of the New York Times as considering the duplication of Mr. Strong's pledge, and, as a matter of fact, Mr. Ochs later pledged \$5,000.00.

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Executor of Walter Strong.....#2

May 28, 1931

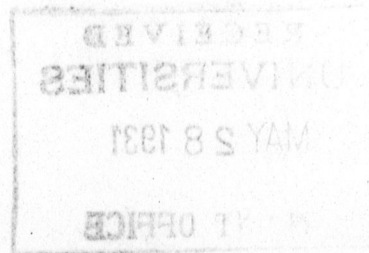
We based the initiation of this new department upon the pledges of a relatively small number of persons especially interested. The loss of any portion of the amount pledged would constitute a very serious hindrance of the carrying out of our plans, and will even involve hardship for individuals engaged as members of the staff of the department. I, therefore, venture to ask whether you will kindly consider the question of honoring this verbal pledge of Mr. Strong, whom we have viewed for the last two years as a sort of joint founder of our department of journalism, whose assistance was of equal importance with that of Dean Williams of Missouri.

Awaiting with much interest your friendly attention to this important matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President

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May 28, 1931

Director of Labor Strategy

We thank you for the information of this new department upon the
 pledge of a relatively small number of persons especially interested
 The loss of any position of the country would constitute a very
 serious hindrance of the carrying out of our plan, and will even
 involve penalties for individuals engaged as members of the staff of
 the department. I therefore, venture to ask whether you will kindly
 consider the question of honoring this verbal pledge of Mr. Strong, when
 we have viewed for the last two years as a part of joint efforts of our
 department of Journalism, whose assistance was of great importance with
 that of Dean Williams of Missouri.

Trusting with much interest your friendly attention to
 this important matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President

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FISHER, BOYDEN, BELL, BOYD & MARSHALL
Law Offices
134 South LaSalle Street
Chicago

June 4, 1931.

TRANSFER

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 28 has come to us as attorneys for the estate of Walter A. Strong. In order to enable the executors to give proper consideration to the question of what they may properly do under the circumstances, I suggest you obtain letters from Dean Williams and from Mr. Stuart and Mr. Nash, stating exactly what Mr. Strong said to them, and that you send me these letters and also a copy of the letter which Mr. Strong wrote to the twenty publishers.

I once had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Luce and learning at first hand what a worthy cause Yenching University is. The executors are naturally desirous of carrying out Mr. Strong's wishes with regard to such a cause, but they should have the best possible evidence as to what those wishes were.

Yours very truly,

WALTER T. FISHER

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192 South LaSalle Street
Chicago

June 21, 1931

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100 West 42nd Street
New York, New York

Your letter of May 28 has come to me as a surprise for
the reason of Ralph A. Brown. In order to make the transfer
to give proper consideration to the question of what you pro-
posed to do in the circumstances, I suggest you should inform
both Wilson and from Mr. Brown and Mr. Brown, stating exactly what
the terms will be, and that you should be able to give and also
a copy of the letter which is being sent to the other parties.
I am not the advocate of meeting Mr. Brown and Wilson at
this time and a very early date regarding the transfer. The question
of actually holding the transfer over is Brown's wish with regard
to each a case, but that should not be the basis of the transfer as to
the other parties.

Very truly,
Ralph A. Brown

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May 18, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Moss: I was very much surprised, on receiving your letter yesterday, to know that you had already reserved passage for me from the western coast on August 2nd, as I understood you or Dr. Stuart to say distinctly that it would not be necessary for me to leave until the middle of the month. Since the whole trip does not take more than a month, I imagined that would get me there in plenty of time. Is that date decisive?

My family would like to have more definite facts about my future, therefore I hope you woud mind if I ask a few questions: 1. How completely are my expenses of the trip paid? 2. Am I to live in one of the college buildings? 3. How well equipped are the living quarters? 4. Is board furnished by the college? - at how much? 5. Under what other expense shall I be? 6. How long is the academic year? 7. Are my summers free to me? 8. To what extent am I expected to participate

in extra-academic activities? 9. Have you any booklets and pictures of the University that I might have or borrow to show to my parents, and for my own information also?

Everything seems so vague and indefinite to them, and the period seems so long, that I should like to satisfy them and make them feel more at ease. Friends (some of whom have been there) tell there I can't possibly live with any degree of comfort and physical safety on that salary, as it would leave so little for any emergency - etc.

If I have further questions I'll leave them until later. I hardly know what to do about the physical examination, as I shall have no time to see any physician in the next three weeks (until after June?) as every Saturday is taken up. If I can possibly do so, I shall try to make arrangements for the 31st of May, but I shall have to let you know later. Very truly yours,
Alice J. Stripes

May 20, 1924.

Miss Alice J. Stryker,
Box #332,
Butler, New Jersey.

My dear Miss Stryker:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter written Sunday. I am sorry that you do not care for the reservation which I had made for you for August 2nd.

It is possible that we might be able to get something for you on the Siberia Maru sailing from San Francisco on August 16th. The accommodations are not nearly as desirable as those on the other boat, and the service is not nearly equal to that of the Dollar Line boats, but if you prefer it, we might make an effort to secure something on that boat. We could not guarantee your cabin companion under such circumstances, as we do not make a practice of sending our people on the Japanese boats.

We could, perhaps, secure accommodations for you from Seattle on August 24th. That would bring you to Peking just about the time that school opens. This boat goes by the northern route, and while the trip is a little shorter, it is not as pleasant as by way of Honolulu.

If you will indicate which one of these boats you prefer us to secure your accommodations on, we will see what we can do, although it is very difficult at this time of the year to secure anything for that season.

I shall answer your questions by number.

1. The University pays all travelling expenses by the most direct route to Peking, including train fare and Pullman accommodations, steamship fare, hotel accommodations at San Francisco or Seattle, and meals en route; ten dollars is allowed for gratuities to cover the whole trip.

2. You will probably live in the home of some married member of the faculty, having a room to yourself.

3. Your room will probably be equipped with heavy furniture. If not, the University will provide such furniture for you; you will have to provide bedding, towels, and so forth.

4. You will probably board in the home where your room is; the approximate cost is \$45 or \$50 a month, Chinese currency.

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5. You will have to pay for your own laundry and probably for heat during the winter months. Any personal expenses such as the purchase of clothes or books or other items for your personal use, will, of course, be out of your salary.

6. The academic year extends from approximately September 15th to June 15th.

7. You will have at least a month or six weeks in the summer-time for a vacation, if not the whole summer.

8. There is no requirement with regard to the participation of the faculty in extra-academic activities. It is expected, however, that those who are interested in the institution and the welfare of the students, will be prepared to do at least something beside their actual class work.

9. I am sending to you under separate cover some booklets and pamphlets which will help, perhaps, in giving you some idea of the life of the University.

I do not see why you cannot live satisfactorily on the salary which is paid. Other missionaries are doing it all the time, and unless you are exceedingly extravagant in your habits, you ought to be able to get along on the salary provided.

I note what you have to say with regard to your physical examination. I am sorry that your time is so filled up that this cannot be done earlier. If anything should develop in the physical examination that would make it impossible for you to go to China, that would, of course, change your plans in this country.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Peking University.

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between PEKING UNIVERSITY
(name of university)

and ALICE J. STRYKER, this 25th day of JUNE, 1924,
(name of person)

WITNESSETH:

That the PEKING UNIVERSITY hereby agrees to and does employ
(name of university)

ALICE J. STRYKER for the position of TEACHER OF ENGLISH
(name of person)

for a term of THREE (3) years, upon the following schedule of sal-
ary and allowances:

1. Salary at the rate of Gold \$ 840 or Mexican \$ 1680 per year
beginning SEPTEMBER 1, 1924 ;

2. An outfit allowance of Gold \$;

3. Travel expenses from WASHINGTON, NEW JERSEY to PEKING, CHINA
(home address)

by the most direct route; ~~for a six year period the Board will~~
~~also pay travel expenses from~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~to home address~~

~~above~~ AND RETURN AT THE END OF THREE (3) YEARS.

4. Residentail quarters in PEKING ;

5. Medical attendance for sickness without charge. (Drugs, pre-
scriptions and hospital expenses not included). One-half dental
bills if incurred with prior consent.

6. Children's allowance:- (years) Mex. \$ per year;
(years) Mex. \$ per year;

7. In the case of life contract, a furlough of months in-
cluding travel will be granted once in years, with travel
expenses to and from his/her home in the United States of America.

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The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and FULL travel expenses to the address given above, by the most direct route.

ALICE J. STRYKER
(name of person) hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason ^{xx} he/she resigns the position before the expiration of one-half the term of this contract, ^{xx} he/she will reimburse the University for such proportion of the outgoing and outfit expenses as the time of actual service bears to one-half the full term of service as above set forth, and that in case ^{xx} he/she resigns before the completion of the contract, no payment shall be made ^{by} the University for travel expenses to the United States of America, except in case of sickness in ^{xxx} his/her immediate family.

It is further agreed by ALICE J. STRYKER
(name of person) that ^{xx} he/she will give ^{xxx} his/her whole time and attention to the work for which ^{xx} he/she is hereby employed, and that ^{xx} he/she will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of PEKING UNIVERSITY
(name of university)

This agreement may be extended for a further like period if signed by the parties hereto ninety (90) days prior to its expiration.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 25th day of JUNE, 1924.

On behalf of PEKING UNIVERSITY

University by
Leslie B. Moss
LESLIE B. MOSS ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Alice J. Stryker
ALICE J. STRYKER

WITNESSES:

Kathryn J. Linehan

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Mr. Charles L. Dyer
Washington D.C.

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Mr. Leslie B. Mass

Dear Sir:

Having read
of the trouble they
are having in
China we are very
anxious to know
if you have heard
what they have said.

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vised my daughter
Alice Stricker to
do and if she will
have to land there
if not there where?
I will very much
appreciate if you
will write me if
you hear.

Sincerely
Mrs Charles Stricker
Washington
New Jersey

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September 4, 1924.

Mrs. Charles L. Stryker,
Washington, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Stryker:

In answer to your letter with reference to conditions in China, addressed to Mr. Leslie B. Moss who is now away on his vacation, I do not think you need be alarmed. So far as conditions are at present, there is no anti-foreign movement involved, and you may be sure that the foreign powers will be most active in protecting the city of Shanghai. I do not believe that the conflicting forces will venture to incur the ill-will of the powers by any act which would trouble foreigners in the city.

Furthermore, the boat upon which Miss Stryker sailed will undoubtedly be advised of conditions at Shanghai before it reaches the port, and the considerable missionary body in Shanghai and others on the steamer, will undoubtedly have wise counsel as to any difficulty that may appear.

My judgment is that Miss Stryker may be briefly delayed in securing a train for Peking because of troop movements. If this is the case, she can secure a boat from Shanghai to Tientsin which will take her at once from even the atmosphere of trouble.

We are, of course, most attentive to conditions, and any information that we receive of significance, we shall not hesitate to send to you at once.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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