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PEIPING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 2, 1934.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

Dr. N. Gist Gee  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

On my return to the University I find several letters from you, to which I shall try to give brief answers.

If the present arrangement continues, I can see no slight advantage in your coming out here next summer in order to refresh yourself. Assuming that economic conditions improve sufficiently for us to hope for substantial results after this long period of cultivation, and with an agreement between the Trustees and yourself looking forward to your continued relationship, this would be well worth considering.

You can be quite sure that when Dr. Houghton comes out here I shall see him and talk over fully our Yenching problems.

I understand the difficulties in the way of any immediate efforts to raise an endowment fund for natural science, or even to match the annual grant from the R.F. in the event of their being willing to continue this. There is a fair chance that the Government will continue its subsidy next year, which can go to match such a grant if made.

Regarding Miss Vance (see your letter of September 17), I do not see the slightest likelihood of our being in a position to invite her to our faculty. In fact you might as well make this reply to applicants in general, unless the case is either one of quite exceptional qualifications or the financial support can be provided from special sources. Even under these circumstances we are not in general planning to add Americans to our regular staff.

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Dr. N. Gist Gee

November 2, 1934

*copy sent*

Will you not see that the material sent from our College of Public Affairs to the New York Office is supplied to those who are interested in the Princeton support? There seems to have been some lack of communication in regard to a pamphlet recently sent. In general we shall send to the New York office and leave distribution to be made there rather than plan to provide for both our own and the Princeton groups. Two hundred copies of a Bulletin have just been mailed and a sufficient number should be supplied to our Princeton friends. Will you please also have one copy sent to Mr. E.H. Anderson, Director of the New York Public Library?

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Regarding Journalism, we are seriously considering the advisability of having Vernon Nash go to the States after New Year, as Dean Martin is urging, and spend his time in further financial efforts among publishers and others who would be specially interested. The times are, of course, unpropitious. On the other hand, if we could raise no more than his own personal budget it would make it very much easier to secure the remainder from Chinese sources. An alternative plan would be for him to leave after the session.

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Another matter that you might have in mind is that of physical education. K.A. Wee is due for furlough next year. He would like very much to go to America in order to complete the work for his doctorate, but much more in order to put this unit upon a strong basis. There is no really good school for the training of physical directors in all China, and only one or two places which are even making the attempt. On the other hand there is a notable awakening to the importance of such training among Government officials and all progressive elements. We have the grounds and other physical equipment, and by the addition of two staff members, with a small additional current budget, could make a very significant and timely contribution. There are two Chinese, both admirably qualified and available. With the presence of Wee in America I venture to hope that even under depression conditions an annual income over a period of years, or possibly even a small endowment, might be raised for this purpose. Enlisting the interest of specialists in this field in some of the leading universities, with possibly benefit games or similar methods of raising funds, have possibilities which could be drawn upon when stimulated by Wee's dynamic personality, enthusiasm and strong conviction. Could you not consult with Dr. Williams of Columbia University, who admires Wee, and is interested in the project? Ask him also if he sees any possible way to give Wee a



Dr. N. Gist Gee

November 2, 1934

scholarship or some form of grant-in-aid that would reduce the cost to us of freeing him next year, and of course paying something toward his travel abroad, etc. It is also worth considering whether he could be of sufficient help in general University promotion to meet this cost, at least in part, out of your budget for this purpose. We should not forget that our Administration Building is due entirely to his efforts, and although he had a special opportunity at that time, this was largely created by himself.

Very sincerely yours,

*Freighton Stewart*

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p.s. From the enclosed copy of a letter to Dean Martin you will note that some progress has been made since I wrote the paragraph above on the same subject.

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November 5, 1934

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Thank you for your letter of October 12th which has just been received.

We have already written you concerning Dr. Jenney's hopes of a gift of \$100,000 from Mrs. Marmon. He was in the office a few days ago and stated that Mrs. Marmon had practically agreed to pay us quite soon the sum of \$100,000 on endowment with the understanding that she is to receive the income, whatever it may be, from this during her life time and that at her death the whole sum would go to Yenching. I think there is no doubt about the understanding which Dr. Jenney has had with her, so we are that much better off provided Dr. Jenney is able to follow this up quite soon, as he has agreed to do.

We already knew of the marriage of Mr. Groff and Miss Wood and they are on our mailing list.

We had the pleasure of having Mr. and Mrs. Brece and Miss Wu Yu-Chen with us for dinner last Friday evening and while they were still with us Mr. Kuo and his young bride dropped in to see us. We talked and talked a great deal about Yenching.

There are persistent reports that financial conditions in America are going to pick up. The stock market, however, is slipping daily, although occasionally there is a slight pick-up in some things. The difficulty seems to be that the government plans are unsettled. No one seems to know what to expect. Possibly after the elections on Tuesday, the 6th, things may be more settled and this may react favorably on general business conditions. I certainly hope so.

You have indicated three hypothetical factors in your plans for next year's budget and I feel with you that there is little doubt about the social sciences gift from Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. Gunn is, I think, entirely convinced that Yenching is the place for work of this kind. I have talked with Mr. Gunn and more recently with Dr. Henry S. Houghton, who will be in China soon after you receive this, concerning the grant from the Foundation for natural sciences. I stressed with Dr. Houghton the fact that Yenching is preparing such

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a large percentage of the students for the P.U.M.C. and that for this reason the Foundation should be all means continue this grant in aid for a period of years until conditions are better and there might be some hope of securing from capital grant by receiving equal sums here to make the half million dollars which we need for endowment.

As Mr. Greene is leaving China and Dr. Houghton coming in to take up the position of Representative of the Founders in China, I think Yenching is placed in a strong position, stronger than it has been before, and I am sure you will get in touch with Dr. Houghton as soon as possible after his arrival in order to go over these matters with him. I am sure you will find him sympathetic with Yenching.

We are reassured by your statement that you think the grant from the government for the Natural Sciences will be secured. With this outlook it seems to me that we can hope for these three grants for the coming year. You will be able to determine soon after your contact with Mr. Gunn what his reaction is. I think he is to decide the matter finally, since I understand that the Foundation's grant to China will be as a lump sum and Mr. Gunn will have the final determination of its use.

We received your radio messages, both of which have been acknowledged earlier. We appreciate very much this information and it has been helpful. We are also glad to have the laboratory publication of the Department of Journalism. We pass the Chinese part of it on to some of the Yenching students and hold the English sheet for office information. Would it not be wise to have more than one copy of this sent us? We would like to be able to send a copy to Harvard, one to Wellesley and one to the group of Yenching students at International House, and one to hold in this office. If these places are not already on the mailing list we would be glad to take care of the mailings here.

The other day we were somewhat surprised to learn that Yenching bulletins, catalogs, etc., come in bulk to the general office of the Associated Boards rather than to us here and that the general office distributes them to quite a number of institutions. It seems to me that it would be desirable to handle all of these matters pertaining to Yenching through our office, especially in cases where we expect to develop contacts which would prove helpful. We do not even have a list of the colleges with which exchanges are established by the sending out of the Yenching catalog. We could, of course, secure this from the general office. I do not know how this practice originated but I would like to feel that we at our office - represented Yenching more intimately than it does at the present time. We frequently have to go to the general office to find out the address of Yenching people who are coming over on furlough. It would make us feel better if these things came to us and were transmitted through us to the Associated Boards office if that is thought by you to be the best way to handle them finally.

I have constantly tried to make it clear when I spoke of the campaign in China that we cannot hope for any immediate benefit through this campaign and that it will take at least three or four years for this to help out materially in our income. The very fact, however, that you are making this effort to raise such a sum indicates very clearly to the American public that we are trying to get the Chinese to bear a share of the support of this splendid work. It has publicity value in this way.



I am very sorry that the alumni secretary is gone. Information as to what the graduates of Yenching are doing, somewhat similar to the information contained in Dean Chao's letter, will be helpful. His letter has received commendation from a number of sources.

You have doubtless had a copy of the Fukien News issued in China. It is gotten out very nicely and there are one or two interesting statements in it. I would commend especially the one concerning research projects carried by the staff and I believe that the list of Yenching projects would make a much more formidable showing than that did.

We here feel decidedly that the next issue of the Yenching news should be printed and mailed in China and that this should contain an appeal card with the return address to our office here. Mr. Nash has had our request, as you know, for an estimate of expenses and if we can do it there at about what it would cost us here we think it desirable that it should be done. Just as soon as we have word from Mr. Nash we will be able to reach final decisions and communicate further with you. One big item would be the preparing and sending to China our list of prospects. You already have the Advisory Council list and exclusive of that list we estimate that we have about 4,000 names on our mailing list. We are working very carefully trying to get these lists in shape.

We are delighted to hear of the splendid morale and also the fine preparation of your new group of students.

We are starting out on the 13th on a series of conferences with the Associated Boards. I will write you from time to time my impressions of this effort. I am not, at present, overly enthusiastic.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEIPING, CHINA.

November 10, 1934

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS

"YENTA"

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

*Hold for answer  
when I return*

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

Rockefeller Foundation. Your letter of October 11 has just reached me and I note your comments regarding Dr. Houghton, Mr. Gunn, etc. I have the whole situation in mind and we can keep in constant touch over developments.

Modern Missions Movement. Replying to your letter of October 4 regarding the Modern Missions Movement, my present feeling is that our School of Religion ought to appeal to such a group as much as anything could. You will have received Dean Chao's letter on the subject and letters of mine to Mr. Garside, including the last one under date of September 20. The significance of a broadly conceived school of this type, with the freedom and scholarly atmosphere of Yenching University, ought to commend itself to their constituency. I am sure that Drs. Hocking, Rufus Jones and other members of the Laymen's Commission will heartily endorse the idea. I shall either enclose or send in the very near future a budget for this School on a modest basis. You realize that unless we do have additional funds before next summer it cannot be maintained even in its present depleted form. Our own Trustees ought to take some action but thus far I have had no response whatever to my presentation of the desperate outlook.

Use your judgment about introducing Journalism to this same group. The most important item under this heading would be the support of Vernon Nash from American sources. It is quite possible that there are newspaper men who would be in the circle this Movement would try to reach who are also "prospects" for us from the professional standpoint. If we can secure in America the costly budget for Nash, it is not

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inconceivable that the rest of the budget might be, at least temporarily, found in China. The significance of this subject, with the political, international and social problems in China at this time, ought to have a very definite appeal.

If the R.F. at the December meeting refuses our request for the social sciences, these might be included; otherwise I should stress the other two units mentioned above.

Yenching News. My office is subscribing to five copies of this for use in America. Will you see that these are distributed to the best advantage?

Chang Hsueh-tseung. This is one of the younger brothers of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. His story may have some publicity value, especially if "played up" around the Young Marshal, who has now been apparently cured of his narcotic habit and with restored health is working in very close association with General Chiang Kai-shek.

University seal. I have discussed with several people about this matter. The general feeling is that the seal used by the Trustees of the University has interest in China but that others conforming more to those of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and Wellesley would be rather meaningless. As a matter of fact, a seal other than the official one of a purely Chinese type does not seem to have much interest for them, and would have to be explained in almost all cases. Our suggestion is, therefore, that the Trustees' seal be used in American material, such as the attractive Harvard-Yenching Institute pamphlet. In regard to stationery, we are trying to have a heading that corresponds as closely to the one used in New York as local conditions permit.

Hu Shih. The Chinese papers a few days ago carried an interview with him on the subject of the failure of college graduates to get employment. After referring to his own institution, the National University of Peiping, and the fact that most of their graduates seem to have no trouble in getting suitable jobs, he went on to say the same thing about Yenching, using it as an illustration of his contention that if a University trained its students to meet the real needs of society there should be no problem of their being wanted. The singling out of Yenching and the high compliment to our training, coming from such a source, has aroused much interest in Chinese circles.



Dr. N. Gist Gee

November 10, 1934

Miss Wu Yu-chen. I am glad to have the clipping from the New York Sun. Let us have copies of material of this sort as they appear. This one seems quite worthwhile.

James W. Porter. In view of the depleted condition of Mr. Porter's estate, I doubt if there is any hope of a memorial from the family. Most of them already resent his having given as much as he did to missionary work. I shall, however, take it up with Lucius. Unless you hear again, assume that nothing can be done.

Pamphlets. We are sending a few copies of the pamphlets intended for use in China, for which you ask.

Very sincerely yours,

*Shepley Stewart*

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November 11, 1934

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I have wondered if it would be possible, through Dr. Lucius Porter, to do something in the way of a memorial to Mr. James W. Porter, who has recently died. Would not the appropriate method of handling this be through Dr. Lucius Porter?

I wonder if you would kindly broach the subject to him and see what his reactions are. Possibly he might be willing to make some suggestions to us.

Very sincerely yours,

N. Gist Gee

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November 12, 1934

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We have sent you a cable by amateur radio concerning the possibility of your being able to take care of a group of a maximum number of twenty-five students under the auspices of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. I am enclosing with this a letter from Mr. J. C. Clark in which he outlines in detail the plans which he has in mind.

I am wondering if it will be possible to fit this group into the regular plans of the University without any serious readjustment. Then also, the most difficult part of handling the group would probably be the housing of twenty-five foreigners, men and women. They might be distributed into the homes of the teachers, though I know this is a difficult proposition.

As soon as this letter and its enclosure reaches you we would be very glad to have an amateur radio message giving us your reactions to the whole proposition. We will then convey that to Mr. Clark in order that he may make his plans accordingly.

The group would, of course, expect to pay the regular tuition and their other expenses of board and lodging, so there would be no financial outlay in connection with their coming on the part of Yenching. It might be thought wise by your faculty to give them one special course in the history of the Orient which would be somewhat more general than the detailed courses given in the catalog.

Awaiting with interest your reactions there to this proposition,  
I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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November 12, 1934

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 19th, written from Shanghai. You certainly had a wonderful meeting in Nanking and I hope with these endorsements some of the people there may be willing to make gifts of considerable amounts. The very fact that the heads of the government have endorsed Yenching so unreservedly is, of course, most gratifying and also most unusual. I hope your meeting in Shanghai will be equally remunerative and encouraging. There are a number of wealthy men in Shanghai who should be in a position to give Yenching money.

I shall make use of this letter in our small group meetings here and will not give it special newspaper publicity since it might embarrass the officials in Nanking.

We are starting out on our trip, the tentative schedule of which I am enclosing. The time arranged for each place is entirely too short and it seems in a number of places we are to have only one day where I had understood we were to have a program of a couple of days meetings and then an opportunity for follow-up for several days.

I shall write you from time to time my impressions of the value of such a plan as we are attempting. The Associated Boards is undertaking to cover the expenses of the whole team.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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November 13, 1934

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I have time this morning for only a very hurried acknowledgement of the following letters: July 24th, September 8th, September 18th, September 20th.

Your letter of July 24th. This deals with the problem of the location of Journalism. We have delayed acknowledgement until we could bring the matter to the attention of the Associated Boards. The question was discussed at the meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 9th. I enclose herewith a copy of these minutes, and also of a letter I have just written to Dean Martin.

The Executive Committee felt very strongly that we must adhere rigidly to the policy we have always followed of dealing with the Council of Higher Education, rather than with individual institutions, on field problems. For a group here in New York to attempt to deal directly with the individual institutions would shortly involve us in a great many misunderstandings, conflicting institutional interests, and general chaos. Since we have not had a meeting of the Yenching Executive Committee or Board of Trustees since your letters regarding Journalism reached us, this question has not been dealt with by them in any official way. You will note, however, that most of the leading spirits in our Yenching Board of Trustees were present at the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards, and all of them were very outspoken in the stand indicated in the minutes. Quite aside from these technical aspects of the matter the Executive Committee was of the opinion that any group of journalistic experts in the United States would be quite incompetent to reach a wise decision on this question of the most suitable position of our Journalism work in China and that it would be very much wiser to secure such a group as can be collected in China itself. I am afraid, therefore, that we will have to leave this problem to be worked out on the field rather than here in the United States.

Your letter of September 8th. No further comment is required.

Your letter of September 18th. As I read your comments on the letter I wrote to Mr. Ballou, I am again impressed by the feeling that we are absolutely in accord on all these general principles, and that on most matters of detail we are also in close agreement. We will have to leave

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it to Father Time to decide the rightness and wrongness of the details where we have somewhat different views.

Your letter of September 20th. This deals with the very serious problem of the financing of the School of Religion. This is one of the problems we must bring to the attention of our Yenching Trustees at the earliest moment.

Sorry I must write so hastily but I will try to do better later.

Very cordially yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 19, 1934  
YENCHING

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS

"YENTA"

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Mr. B.A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.  
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

We are considering plans for erecting the Wheeler Chapel, and I wish to keep you informed of these developments.

We are asking Sam Dean and his colleague, Mr. Creighton, to give us working drawings and estimates, and are surprised at the figures. These are much lower than we would have expected, and it would seem that if the US\$5,000 on deposit with the Trustees is kept as an endowment fund for maintenance we can erect the building, possibly equipped with a reed organ and other furnishing, within the LC\$90,000 in our possession.

The proposal is to use the valley bounded by roads and marked on the accompanying map. Our thought is to follow in general a cruciform building in pure Chinese design which is in what is known as the Tu'an Ch'ang adjoining the Winter Palace and housing the Jade Buddha. Dr. Gee or any others familiar with Peiping will probably recognize this description.

The points upon which we would desire instructions from the Trustees are:

1) Approval of the erection of the chapel after plans and estimates will have been approved and within present resources, reserving a certain amount for endowment maintenance.

2) The proposed location.

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Mr. B.A. Garside

November 19, 1934

3) The use of the Presbyterian Construction Bureau, composed of the two men named above, instead of Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy is still in Shanghai and is thinking of returning to the States but would like very much to have an excuse for staying on in China. Should he be brought into this transaction his fees would be very large, which, with travel and other expense accounts, would materially reduce the total amount available. Our acquaintance with the work that Dean and Creighton have been doing gives us confidence in their ability both to design and to execute this building, and if this proposal is approved we shall keep in very close touch with all stages of the work.

4) It might be advantageous if we were allowed to sell the U.S. currency at comparatively favorable exchange and keep some of the money now invested in China for the endowment. Exchange is now a little under three dollars and some people think that it may go higher before becoming more permanently stabilized.

5) Will the Trustees want copies of the working drawings, estimates, seating capacity, etc., sent to New York for approval?

This is only a preliminary statement. No formal actions have as yet been passed here.

Very sincerely yours,

*Creighton Stewart*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 24, 1934

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

Bulletins regarding international affairs.  
Dean Ch'en of the College of Public Affairs has requested that enquiry be made as to printed matter issued by institutions in the U. S. A. which have to do with international affairs. We have one, for instance, from the University of California. Such places as Princeton must also have publications of this nature. As we are tending to specialize in this feature, it would be quite helpful if we could be put on the mailing lists of universities which publish such bulletins. Will you kindly see to this?

School of Religion. Following up my previous letter regarding the Modern Missions Movement, I am enclosing a statement and suggested budget. The latter is of course as we would like to have it, and anything toward this would be that much of a help. You can ascertain from the treasurer what might be the normal income from existing endowment and deduct this from the amount requested from the M.M.M. It would seem that among our trustees there would be some who would work with special effectiveness in an effort to secure funds for this particular unit of ours.

Kiangsi Rural Reconstruction. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Turner of the Y.M.C.A. which gives some interesting facts about the part our students are taking.

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Dr. N. Gist Gee

November 24, 1934

Christmas cards. We are sending one hundred Christmas cards of the kind that are being mailed to the Advisory Council, trustees and my personal list. Quite possibly you will have additional persons to whom these could be sent.

Letters have just come from you dated between October 19 and 28. Henry Luce has already written me on the matter of his gift and I have replied stating that when his father comes here next summer we shall discuss the use of this. I am very happy to learn of Jenney's success with Mrs. Marmon despite what she wrote to me.

Very sincerely yours,

*Heighem Street*

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEIPING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 28, 1934

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

One hundred Christmas cards and envelopes, of the type sent to members of the Advisory Council, were mailed to you today. Will you please have one of these cards sent to each of the following individuals?

Board of Trustees: Mrs. J.M. Avann,  
Mr. G.G. Barber, Miss M.E. Burton, Mr. J.H. MacCracken,  
Dr. E.M. North, Mr. A.L. Warnshuis, Mrs. O.R. Williamson.

Committee of Yenching College for Women:  
Mrs. Samuel M. Cavert, Mrs. J.K. Cecil, Miss Jennie A. Gouldy,  
Miss Margaret Rogers, Dean Mabel M. Roys.

Very truly yours,

*Jessie White*  
Secretary (Miss T.D.)

*Dr. Gee says not to send  
since we've just sent  
Wilson Christmas letter.*

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