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October 2, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

You have already received a cablegram through the American Consul General at Tientsin covering action of the Department regarding Miss Pai Ho-yi. As far as the records go this is about the speediest action which has been taken. The situation regarding Dr. Wu has bogged down and no amount of persuasion or influence seems to stir it from its lethargy.

At "long last" I received assurance from the Head of the Department over the telephone that he would give this his personal attention with the hope of clearing it from further delay and to cable the American Consul at Tientsin as soon as the Committee passed judgment. This is really the first word of encouragement we have had. In the interest of pure and simple information, be it said, that one can hardly comprehend the physical problems involved in trying to get things of this nature, even though the officials be the best in their class. I am not ready to admit the latter, but they are certainly overworked. I have not telegraphed or written about these cases, excepting as we forwarded material to you a few days ago.

You will wonder why we did not respond more quickly covering the cable requesting assistance for several Chinese visitors to America. First of all, the Department would not entertain any consideration whatsoever without sponsorship and information, and as we had nothing available in our files, we were at a standstill. This morning's mail brings us material covering all of these people -- the letters being dated from July 4th through July 16th, and we can now readily fill in the missing places in the cross-word puzzle. By cable, however, you have indicated that all of these people are taken care of with the exception of Dr. Wu. We were able to file his papers as Bliss Wiant was handy and took the responsibility of completing the sponsorship questionnaire.

We are now told that there has been a lifting of the ban and that it is much easier to secure admission to the United States for the Chinese who are able to give credentials as to their destination and sustentation. As a matter of fact, the recent cable you sent us regarding the group coming to America indicates that you also know that there has been a lessening of the restrictions.

This letter has been dictated under the stress of about forty interruptions and I hope it is in some way understandable.

Most sincerely yours,

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October 3, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart :

I have reformed, I have turned over a new leaf! Hereafter China mail will be acknowledged by return mail.

Thus, I find your letter of August 28th enclosing additional information for Dr. C. F. Wu. I wrote you yesterday about our putting pressure upon the State Department regarding Dr. Wu and the promise that it would be given immediate attention and a cable sent to Tientsin.

The case of Mr. Liu Chih-liang also has been adjusted through cablegrams and Princeton notified accordingly. Dr. Gamble is on the West Coast, but we will pass the information on to the Yenching Office for their records.

I am sorry to say that Yenching funds are not unfrozen, but we have not refused to make payment of drafts presented to our office. As the situation growing out of handling these applications is obviously so unjust, I have no compunction in doing everything possible to keep some funds available for your immediate necessities. That is rather a poorly worded attempt at saying something which I want to say and yet which I cannot say. We are still putting the pressure on the Federal Reserve Bank in Washington. The National City Bank received your cablegram and checked with our office and informed us we were doing everything possible but that they would be glad to cooperate upon call from us, and, believe you me, we will call upon them without hesitation where it does not complicate our present channels of approach.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OCT 9 1941

October 6, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

The mystery which has pervaded the lack of information regarding Chinese coming to America has been solved as on October 2nd we received communications as follows:

Your letter of July 5th regarding Dr. Chenfu F. Wu.

Your letter of July 4th covering a number of applicants.

Miss Hutchison's letter of July 7th regarding Miss Chou Chi-hsien.

Miss Hutchison's letter of July 29th regarding Mr. Noah Lerman.

Miss Hutchison's letter of July 16th regarding Miss Chou Chi-hsien.

Your letter of August 14th regarding Dr. Wu and Miss Pai Ho-i.

All of this material could have been used to good effect had it been in hand a month earlier. However, we must charge this delay up to the ravages of war and address ourselves to the problem of straightening out some of the situations involved. The most important one is that of Dr. Wu and we have been putting pressure upon the State Department to act upon his application. Of course, you will know more quickly than anyone else, as we have instructed the State Department to cable immediately when action is taken. Meanwhile, we are studying through the other applications and matching them with such information as we have available in our files.

We will write you again later on regarding the result of our investigation.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 7, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of July 16th has arrived referring to the \$4,000.00 sent to us from Mr. William H. Danforth.

It is our understanding that this money came as a general contribution to the University and is a part of the amount which Mr. Danforth would naturally contribute to the United China Relief. Off of the records entirely, it is also my understanding that Mr. Danforth was sought as a chairman for St. Louis, but would not undertake that responsibility. After the committee was organized, they approached him for a gift to which he acceded, but designated \$4,000 for Yenching University out of a \$5,000.00 check. This, therefore, will form a part of the Yenching askings from the Associated Boards. What will be of personal interest to you is a letter which he has written under date of October 3rd informing us of a gift of \$500.00 sent through United China Relief for your personal use as heretofore.

It is quite evident that Mr. Danforth wishes his money to serve two purposes, and I am sure we will not wish to interfere with this method in the light of his generosity. I am still waiting to meet Mr. Danforth -- the nearest approach being a telephone conversation with him one day when he was in New York.

As soon as the \$500.00 is received, we will notify you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 13, 1941

Mr. J. I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Replying to your inquiry of some time ago regarding Chinese faculty members desiring to continue their studies in the States, I am recommending two names for favorable consideration.

One is Miss Pai Ho-I. She graduated from Yenching in 1934, then taught at the Yü Te Middle School in Amoy for one year before coming to the P.U.M.C. as student dietician and assistant dietician. She joined Yenching's Department of Home Economics in the spring of 1936. She has won a fellowship granted by the American Home Economics Association for study at the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science in Manhattan, Kansas.

Miss Pai has proven to be an extremely efficient member of our Department of Home Economics and Dean Wilson of the College of Natural Sciences, Miss Speer, Dr. Kramer, and others primarily concerned recommend her strongly as qualified for this opportunity. There is no question about our desire to have her continue as a permanent member of our faculty on her return, nor of her intention to do so.

In addition to the fellowship and private funds of her own, she will need U.S.\$500.00 to carry out her purpose. As you are probably aware, she has been prevented from leaving here this summer because of the new American regulations but will either leave this winter or next summer in the light of further correspondence with the Kansas institution.

The other person we are recommending is Sidney Liao (Liao T'ai-ch'u). Mr. Liao is a graduate of Yenching, having received his B.A. in 1932 and his M.A. in 1935. Since that time he has been a member of the Department of Education. Dean Henry Chou of the College of Arts and Letters, who is also Chairman of the Department of Education, and Dr. H. S. Galt both recommend him in the highest terms. We are suggesting him for our Columbia exchange fellowship to begin next autumn.

Mr. Liao has no family resources and the savings he has been able to effect become pitifully small when exchanged into American currency at the present rate. He will need at least \$500.00 for travel and other expenses to supplement his fellowship. As in the case of Miss Pai, he intends definitely to return to our faculty and to devote himself to his own special subject in his department. We are recommending him with this purpose in view.

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We would rather concentrate on these two very desirable graduates and junior members of our staff than to include others more or less in the same category. I realize that the sum mentioned is rather large and yet it is in accord with the emphasis on quality.

Please let me know as soon as practicable the decisions regarding them in order that our plans may be made accordingly.

Very sincerely yours,

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As would be seen, concentrate on these two very tentative estimates
and further numbers of our staff. It is to include other work or jobs in the
same category. I realize that the two mentioned are not large and yet
it is in accord with the emphasis on quality.

These two estimates are given as possibilities. The estimates regarding
them in other categories may be also considered.

Very sincerely,
[Signature]



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 14, 1941

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Mr. E. M. McBrier
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

You will be encouraged by a few comments about progress this session in religious affairs.

The canvass for new members for the Christian Fellowship resulted in 197 students. Last year there were 187.

The notable feature this year was that this campaign was organized and carried through almost entirely by the students themselves. The same applies to the number of small groups which has grown this year to 41 with a total membership of 650.

James Pyke is taking hold admirably and is fitting in with his Chinese colleague who is a graduate of last year staying on as secretary for the Fellowship.

A retreat is being planned for next Sunday at a temple in the hills. One feature of this is a discussion on whether a university should have its own distinctive philosophy of life, the relation of this to everyday student affairs, the basis of Yenching as expressed in its motto and its Christian purpose, etc. I am to speak on this subject after a picnic lunch together. The students will then divide into about 20 groups to engage in this discussion. Last evening the leaders of these groups met with me for a sort of preliminary conference on the points to be emphasized. In this also the initiative, the printed outlines for the discussion, etc., have been by the students themselves.

At the retreat the morning will be spent chiefly in a devotional service. The faculty and workmen will have their own group discussions. I am referring chiefly to the students because they are the natural center of interest in an educational institution.

Another encouraging trend is the increasingly active part being taken by younger members of the faculty who are our own graduates. I have at times felt rather discouraged over the lack of this among our older Chinese teachers. I have always recognized that this was not due to lack of sincerity or of strong conviction but was partly a hangover from the traditional Chinese reticence over matters of this sort which unfits them for systematized and public religious meetings, and perhaps also was partly a revulsion from over-stimulation in the past. At any

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rate the hope is with these younger teachers who have grown up in our own type of religious life and appreciate its value.

Summing up the outlook at this stage, there is definite improvement over preceding years, a wholesome vitality, an enlarging sense of responsibility among Chinese - especially among students, and the hope that this trend may be still further improved in the future. It is all very far from ideal or from the full measure of present possibilities. When conditions become more normal, we shall have new problems but also greater opportunities and we are trying to be prepared for all of these during the relative quiet and seclusion in which we are at present carrying on.

You can understand much of what is not expressed and I am sure you are following with solicitude and prayer the effort we are making.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 14, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I cabled the following October 8th:

"CHENFUFUWU APPROVED STATE DEPARTMENT CABLED CONSUL TIENTSIN
HAGUE SAILING OCTOBER SEVENTEENTH."

I was fearful that it would be too late for Dr. Wu but immediately notified Dr. Riley at Minnesota also. He replied that he had word for Dr. Wu that he had given up coming this year because of the delay. War does things!! One might say that these applications should have been in hand earlier, but who knows how the cat will jump. Is it war we're in or not? (Note the Irish) Anyway the information for all of these applications did ~~not~~ arrive, - two months late. This gives Dr. Riley and myself a common ground for consolation and we are making the most of it.

Apologies to all in the name of the U. S., - the gods of war, - the censors, - the P. O. Department, - our office and Dr. Riley. Especially remember us to Dr. Wu.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 21, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

This is to inform you that the University of Minnesota has extended the period of the Honorary Fellowship awarded to Dr. Chenfu F. Wu to cover the period from January 1 to December 31, 1942.

The University of Minnesota expresses the hope that "this distinguished scholar of China will be able to avail himself of the privileges of this Honorary Fellowship."

We sincerely trust that everything has been arranged for his coming at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 21, 1941

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

The last American mail brought letters from you under dates of September 5 and 6. The contents of all of these have been carefully noted but call for no comment in detail except that we understand and approve. In regard to the personal items, I am grateful.

We can imagine something of the anxiety and trouble you have incurred over the freezing orders as affecting our finances. The fact that there has been so little reference to this problem in correspondence is somewhat surprising, but we explain this as due partly to caution and partly to the assumption that cabled information would make this unnecessary.

What has mystified us much more is the inexplicable delay in securing relief. Other American organizations in this area seem to have been getting funds.

The following two cables were sent you recently and are quoted herewith merely for confirmation.

(October 18)

NOVEMBER REQUIREMENTS UNIVERSITY 25000 WOMEN 2000 HARVARD
18000 HALF THIS AMOUNT REQUIRED NOVEMBER FIRST BALANCE
FIFTEENTH STOP HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN TIENTSIN STOP LOSS
ON MONEY VIA SHANGHAI REPORTED 20%

(October 21)

REMITTANCE THROUGH SHANGHAI RECEIVED TODAY INSUFFICIENT
FOR PRESSING OVERDUE ACCOUNTS FINANCIAL SITUATION DESPERATE
REFERRING OUR CABLE OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH HOW SOON CAN YOU
REMIT REQUIREMENTS TO TIENTSIN CABLE REPLY

We are especially perturbed over the last remittance through Shanghai by which we lost FRB\$17,395. One American dollar would have brought here \$8.59 but in Shanghai only \$7.41. The P.U.M.C., American Board, etc. seem to have no difficulty in receiving funds through Tientsin. I am not complaining so much as I am puzzled.

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We have large outstanding bills, salary payments are due in about a week, we are prohibited by the new regulations from borrowing from the National City Bank, and do not care to embarrass our Chinese friends by borrowing from one of their banks. Any rumors of our inability to meet obligations would grow in the telling and will add to our already sufficiently serious difficulties with the local authorities. They might take our distress as a chance for renewing their pressure.

But what is giving more concern than any of these immediate problems is our ability to meet budget requirements even if funds can be remitted hereafter on schedule and without passing through Shanghai. The value of the American dollar is falling steadily in relation to FRB, our local currency. The prediction is that this will continue to be the case. It has already almost reached our budget rate of 8 to 1. Meanwhile, the cost of living is increasing and almost every item of expenditure is costing more than calculated.

At this time of the year and in our special environment, any substantial reduction in the budget would be by no means easy to put into effect and would be inadvisable from the standpoint of psychological imponderables. We hope, therefore, that the Trustees will be able to provide for us either through the UCR or other special efforts so that we can finish this academic year without a deficit. Before that time comes, the world situation ought either to have gotten much worse or decidedly better and we can make plans for the future in the light of the outlook in the spring. It will be recognized that our present situation is peculiar in comparison with institutions in other parts of the country and entirely abnormal in our own history.

A minor matter about which I should like to raise questions is illustrated by a cable received a few minutes ago - PAY GILKEY ONEHUNDRED AMERICAN. These private cables are costly and we wonder what the equity is in paying for them. But what is more to the point - we literally have no money at present with which to carry out such instructions. We hope that some method may be devised by which larger amounts can be remitted with detailed instructions sent by mail.

Once again let me insist that this letter is not written in a fault-finding temper. None of us questions but that you are doing the best you can in an extremely perplexing situation. We are merely trying to help avoid unnecessary loss and to describe the conditions confronting us.

As to worries of a different sort due to the news of the past few days, it would be idle to comment. Whatever is going to happen will have done so and you will have heard about it long before this letter reaches you. More point is given to this comment by the temporary stoppage of American shipping in these waters.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 27, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of July 7th arrived in our office on October 2nd. I refer particularly to the letter enclosing the Albany report. I have several others to answer of the same nature and have only delayed a reply to this one pending opportunity to discuss the banking situation in Peking with the National City Bank.

I have made several efforts to secure an audience with Mr. Gordon Renshler, all arranged through interested people. It appeared to be such a difficult situation that I finally mentioned the purpose back of such a meeting and secured an immediate reply without going outside of the Foreign Division. The Peking Agency of the National City Bank has been continued in Peking without cessation. In a general way it is not known as a branch, but it is called that here in New York.

I take it that this answers the question propounded in your letter. Let us have another one.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 28, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of August 27th is at hand regarding funds formerly deposited with Stanford University for one now working in Peking.

Our License from the Federal Reserve Bank to operate with Yenching specifically covers transactions within the functions of running the University. While I have no aversion to taking chances when I am sure the spirit of the law is being followed, yet this is a case entirely outside the Yenching faculty and also because of the "possibility of political complications" I felt it best to be frank with the one person at the Federal Reserve Bank who has had the courage to press the issue in getting our bank account cleared. He was very sympathetic and requested that I state the case in writing and he would give it careful thought and, if necessary, give a license to cover the transaction. He admonished me, however, not to take any chances as it was too much of a border-line case.

I hope that the decision will come through promptly and anyway you will get the reply before you receive this as I shall cable the result.

I know you will understand the implications of all of this, of which it seems wise not to write in too much detail.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

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October 30, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We cabled you yesterday as follows:

"REMIT ONE HUNDRED AMERICAN DOLLARS RICHARD SZU MIEN LEE'S FAMILY
AND GIVE ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE DEPOSITED CENTRAL HANOVER BANK."

Instructions from the Federal Reserve Bank restricted us in the use of our bank accounts to those employed by the University or students of the University. After considerable telephoning, however, we found that any remittance under \$100.00 for sustenance could be sent monthly. We, therefore, accepted this money and cabled you accordingly.

May I say that Mr. Lee is grateful beyond words, especially in view of the recent death in the family.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
cc: Accounting Office

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November 6, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of September 15th came to hand, also the stenographic report to which you allude, as well as two other documents dated August 20th and September 25th.

We have taken occasion to loan these letters, or copies of them, to very few individual friends of Yenching in this locality. We also sent one set to Warren. We shall give these as wide a distribution as possible within the limitations prescribed by the Trustees and prevailing conditions.

Harvard-Yenching Institute meets on November 17th at which time action will be taken on a successor to "G.G.B." -- the logical one will be "A.V.D." although he has just had another severe attack of pneumonia. His Secretary tells me he is improving, but yesterday was the first day he could see her. We are keeping in as close touch with him as conditions permit.

United China Relief is undergoing a reorganization process, with probably a new organization carrying on after January 1st. We do not know how this will affect our Associated Boards' organization. We have two excellent prospects for filling in the vacancy for the women's work in our organization, and the question remains whether either one of these individuals will be able to accept.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

(Dictated 11/4/41)

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November 19, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am writing you regarding the cable of November 13th
as follows:

"REFERRING SCHEFFEN MATTER TREASURY DEPARTMENT FAILED OTHERWISE
CANNOT HURRY."

I am sorry that we have not been able to carry through
in the manner in which you wished regarding this situation. The
nature of the case was such that it was absolutely necessary for us
to refer the matter to the Federal Reserve Bank for adjudication.
After some time they telephoned indicating a sympathetic interest
and recommended that we apply for a license. This has been done, but
it was not until we were forced to do this that I cabled. What will
come of it from now on is a question, but I will let you know immediate-
ly as soon as word is received from the Federal Reserve Bank.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 26, 1941

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear President Stuart:

Attached hereto are the minutes of meetings of three of the standing committees of the Associated Boards as follows:

Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum, October 10, 1941
Committee on Finance, October 17, 1941
Executive Committee, November 10, 1941

The meeting of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum dealt principally with matters concerning the continuance of studies being made here as a result of actions of the Annual Meeting. These studies are being carried out by the several sub-committees of this standing Committee. One action of this Committee does request your consideration on the field. This is CCSC-1272 concerning assistance to your graduates who come to America to study. The scholarship funds which are available from the Sustaining Fund are reserved for use of faculty members, but there is opportunity for help in the form of advice and suggestions which may be given to other students. This, the Associated Boards will gladly do. The action is designed to facilitate the contact with your graduates who come to America.

The Committee on Finance made a number of recommendations to the Executive Committee, all of which were approved at the meeting of that Committee on November 10 and are now in effect.

The first subject considered by the Committee on Finance was the final allocations to complete the assignments of the 1940-41 Sustaining Fund.

You will recall that last year the Sustaining Fund goal was set for \$250,000 of which \$175,000 was to be made available before June 30, 1941 and the remaining \$75,000 to be used after July 1, 1941. Allocations made prior to June 30, 1941 distributed all of the \$175,000 plus some additional designated gifts. The action of the Committee on Finance, F-1279, provided for the allocations of such balances as remained, these being made in the light of the latest information from the field regarding operating deficits at the close of the fiscal year and of urgent emergencies now in existence. Summarizing the results for Yenching University, the following amounts were allocated from the 1940-41 Sustaining Fund:

Allocation prior to June 30, 1941	\$33,459.51
Amount of designated gifts since July 1, 1941	
included in the total of 1940-41 Sustaining Fund	2,725.72
	<u>\$36,185.23</u>

Balances due to complete payment of the above total are being paid through the regular channels.

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resident J. Leighton Stuart

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November 26, 1941

Action F-1281 relates to the operating budget of the Associated Boards and concerns requests which go directly to the Board of Trustees in America. The distribution of costs in this action is directly in proportion to administrative services rendered and money allocated in the Sustaining Fund of 1940-41.

The Executive Committee minutes include the approval of the actions of the Committee on Finance (E-1289). Other items concern the plans for the Sustaining Fund of 1941-42. Under actions E-1286-7-8 official requests are made for funds from the United China Relief. The division referred to in action E-1287 is in order to fit our askings into the plan under which the United China Relief is working. The total asked from them includes the full amount of money needed to enable you to balance your budget as presented to us.

Further study and action concerning the middle schools and the Institute for Research in Religion is provided for in actions E-1290-91.

In recent weeks, we have had a number of requests, in connection with our efforts to raise funds for the colleges, for brief biographies of the most prominent members of the alumni of each university. Such information will assist us in personalizing our appeals, and we are in need of this information as soon as it can be made available. Will it be possible for you to arrange to send us brief biographical sketches of approximately ten or twelve of your most prominent graduates? This help will be very greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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P.S. We are also enclosing a copy of the final bulletin of the 1940-41 campaign and a copy of the first bulletin of the 1941-42 campaign.

Copy to: Miss Cookingham

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 28, 1941

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Will you kindly send \$10 with the enclosed card to the
Hampden-Sydney Alumni Fund if you have not already done so. I in-
tend this to be an annual contribution payable through you.

I also had your cable regarding Walther Scheffen. That
case can be regarded as closed since he has altered his original
plans and left here.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Highton Stuart

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Enclosure

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To 10575 - 20.00 for 2 yrs. 1941 + 1942*

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PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 2, 1941

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Will you kindly pass on the following message to Richard Li (Li Ssu-mien). You may recall that he wanted some money sent to his family here some time ago.

He has only a mother here since his father's death. My impression is that she is really his step-mother. She wants to know whether he intends to come back to China at all or is staying permanently in the United States. She is entirely alone and feels anxious to have him back.

Let me have his reply.

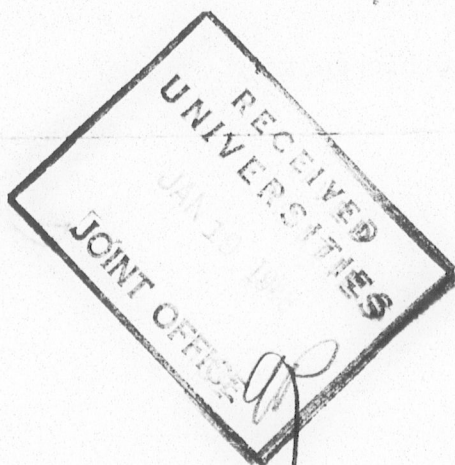
Very sincerely yours,

Shanghai

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*Wrote to
Mr. Lee
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December 4, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

My cable on November 29th to you read as follows:

"TRUSTEES IMPLICIT CONFIDENCE YOUR DECISIONS STOP PRAYERS WITH YOU STOP EAGER
FOR INFORMATION STOP CITIBANK MATTER PENDING MONDAY CONFERENCE."

This was sent at a time when various members of the Trustees felt it imperative that some word of encouragement be passed on to you. There was some debate as to the advisability of including a word of information regarding the developments in the Pacific as viewed on the East Coast of the United States and particularly on the Potomac. As various boards have been cabling and writing to North China regarding these conditions, it was felt that such a statement would be superfluous. Since last Saturday, other members of the Board have been telephoning in contributing other ideas, and it is possible you will be receiving another cable within the next few days. Within the last forty-eight hours, the extreme tension of the past week end has somewhat abated.

A cablegram was sent to you yesterday reading as follows:

"A CONFERENCE WAS HELD (AT OR ON) HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL CONFIDENTIALLY NATIONAL
CITY BANK OF NEW YORK IS TO BLAME ARE PREPARED TO REMIT FUNDS CONTRACT RATE OF
EXCHANGE YOUR SITUATION GIVES GREAT CAUSE FOR CONCERN."

This particularly dealt with the money situation and last night we worked out a new application for the use of your bank accounts or the remittance of funds to Tientsin.

The effort to secure influential people to bring some pressure to bear has not been satisfactory. These are conditions under which the Government is paramount and is working on a schedule which seems to be iron bound. This situation is taking so much time that I feel that someone must be secured to give a major portion of the day's work to just following through on items of this nature.

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Dr. Stuart

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On November 28th, we cabled the following to Anne Cochran:

"WHOLE FAMILY SUMPATHTIC TOWARD YOU AND BILL SEEKING SAFETY ARTHUR AGREES -
COCHRAN."

This came from Dr. Sam Cochran and Henry Cochran, and represented a
desire on the part of the family to show their interest and convictions.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 6, 1941

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We are grateful for your cable of December 6th to which we replied immediately as follows:

"CABLING US\$10,000. THE REMAINDER WILL FOLLOW SOON. PAY THE SUM OF US\$10. STUART CORWIN KEEP US FULLY INFORMED."

The Treasury Department would allow us to send it no other way except through the Stabilization Board Bank; thus we left it to the National City Bank to send it in the most economical way.

We interpreted your cable to mean that you need US\$30,000. and upon advice of the National City Bank, the balance will go forward within a very few days.

This all happened this morning and we are hastening to get this covering letter into the mail.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 2, 1942

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear President Stuart:

The Associated Boards' Committee on Faculty Scholarships has recently met and given consideration to problems arising from the needs of Chinese faculty members now in America and to the request for others who are still in China.

The Committee was faced with the problem of emergencies growing out of the new situation in the Pacific area. It was felt that first consideration would have to be given to assisting those persons who are now in America and who may not be able to return to China at the time originally planned and intended. Not knowing just what emergencies may arise during the year from among this group, it was considered necessary to reserve a large part of the funds for 1942-43 for use in such circumstances.

The uncertainty of travel and ability of faculty members to come from China to America creates an additional problem in planning grants and securing scholarships. The Committee, therefore, feels that, for those faculty members who are still in China, it will be necessary to postpone any assurance of assistance for 1942-43 or 1943-44 until the extent of emergency calls on the fund is more clearly known, and it is more certain what the conditions are under which persons may get from China to America and return. It is, therefore, necessary that you hold in abeyance any plans in connection with applications which have been sent in and plan to give reconsideration to these requests as soon as normal procedures can be resumed.

During the current year (1941-42) grants have been made to the following from Yenching University:

Gerald Tien
Chou Hsun-hsin
Hsia Yun

and for next year (1942-43) grants have been definitely made for:

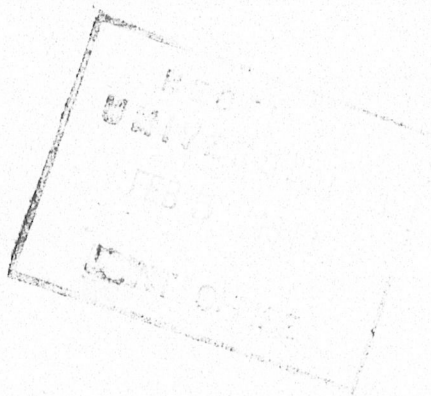
Gerald Tien

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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February 4, 1942

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear President Stuart:

The Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum has, as requested by the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, continued to consider the question of the effective development of Religion on the Campuses in China. A sub-committee, centering around Toronto, is giving particular attention to this matter. In their considerations, they have special need of your opinion on this important subject and any information you may be able to furnish of recent developments and present conditions affecting the religious program of Yenching University.

We realize that the emergency conditions under which you are now working fill your days with problems of acute nature. At the same time, these very emergencies create unusual opportunities. Among these is the development of a very live and deep religious interest on the part of the students. It is the desire of the Committee here in America to cooperate with you fully in realizing the greatest possible result from this opportunity. May we look to you for guidance in the considerations before the Committee here in America?

You and your problems and crises are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. We want to assure you of our constant and deep concern and interest in all that you face from day to day.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Committee on Christian
Character, Staff and Curriculum

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February 16, 1942

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Since writing the letter, dated February 2, regarding scholarships, your letter of October 13 has been received. In this were included definite requests for Miss Pai Ho-I and Mr. Sidney Liao. We greatly fear that the developments of the last few weeks will make it impossible for either one of these people to get to America and, in both cases, their situation would have to be dealt with as suggested in paragraph 3 of the letter of February 2.

We are particularly sorry that Miss Pai's plans did not work out so that she could have gotten away from Peking in time to take advantage of the arrangements that were made at Kansas State College of Agriculture this last fall. We do hope that when conditions clear up she can be given very early consideration and that plans may be rearranged for her.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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July 28, 1942

Mr. F. van den Arend
Assistant Chief - Special Division
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Re: File SD

Dear Sir:

I am exceedingly grateful for your letter of July 27th covering our discussion about Dr. J. Leighton Stuart.

It was because of the Department's keen interest in American citizens that I felt free to call you. I was likewise inspired by your constant willingness to render any service possible.

I cannot honestly say from what source the first rumor reached us here in New York about Dr. Stuart as I dismissed it as being of no value. However, about a week ago a Mrs. E. K. Smith of the staff of Yenching University returned from Washington after having interviewed a number of people regarding a radio position which she is taking in San Francisco with the United States Government. She very confidentially told me of this rumor stating that Dr. A. W. Hummell of the Library of Congress had mentioned it in great confidence to her. The same day, Mrs. Smith checked with a friend who likewise had heard the same rumor and another individual, as I recall, who had formerly been "Mayor" of Tientsin. I am sorry that I have not the exact names of these two individuals. I am sure of the first one however.

I am passing this information on to you in the utmost confidence as I do not wish to have our Colleges involved in a situation which puts Dr. Hummell in any unfavorable light. In every instance, it was done in a very confidential manner and Mrs. Smith likewise spoke to me in confidence, especially avoiding the presence of anyone else. I am sure you will protect us in this respect.

May I say that Mrs. Smith is a very discreet person. She was born in China and her brother is the head of the Chinese Department of Columbia University. Her father was one of the outstanding linguists among the missionary staff which went to China in those early days and she was not allowed to speak anything but the purest Pekinese until she was seven years of age. Consequently, she is one among a very, very few who can speak with pure Pekinese accent. The Government is recognizing this in using her in broadcasts to China.

I am writing this in confidence, knowing that I can trust you, and giving

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you all the information to let you see how keenly I realize the importance of the source.

I think it is worth while for the Department to request the American Legation at Bern to get such information about Dr. Stuart as is possible. If there is any truth in these rumors, I would be recreant did I not do everything possible to follow through in getting as much information as possible. Of course, any expenses we shall be glad to defray immediately upon receipt of word from you.

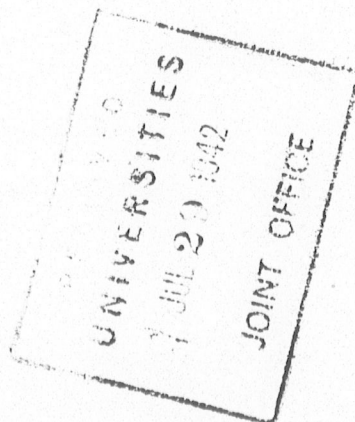
Incidentally, I have been greatly concerned over the telegraphic reports from those who have been repatriated and of the tales which have been told of their incarceration. I am wondering what effect this will have upon the Japanese in respect to the further repatriation of others held in North China. Possibly the answer is that whatever is said will have no effect upon the Japanese anyway.

Thank you so much for your friendly letter.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM DATED APRIL 3 1942 FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY CHUNGKING CHINA STATING THAT CHINESE FACULTY MEMBERS OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY REPORT FOLLOWING INFORMATION: PRESIDENT OF YENCHING DR JOHN LEIGHTON STUART IS CONFINED TO HOUSE OF DR HENRY S HOUGHTON DIRECTOR OF PEIPING UNION MEDICAL COLLEGE AT PEIPING FROM WHICH HE IS NOT ALLOWD TO DEPART. AMERICAN MEMBERS OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY FACULTY ARE PERMITTED TO MOVE ABOUT WITHIN A RADIUS OF SIX KILOMETERS OF THE SOUTH COMPOUND OF THE YENCHING CAMPUS WHERE THEY ARE LIVING AND IF THEY HAVE A PASS THEY MAY GO INTO THE CITY=

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July 27. 1942
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My dear Mr. Evans:

Reference is made to your telephone conversation on July 22, 1942 with an officer of the Department in the course of which you stated you had heard rumors that Mr. J. Leighton Stuart, an American citizen, who when last heard of was confined to the home of Dr. Henry S. Houghton, Director of Peiping Union Medical College, and Mr. L. R. Bedan, an Australian, had been shot as spies.

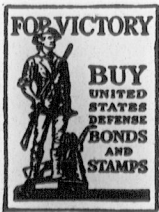
As you are aware, the Department is deeply concerned over the welfare of Americans in occupied China. However, no disquieting news has been received concerning Mr. Stuart, either from the Swiss representatives charged with the protection of American interests in that area or from other sources available to the Department. In many instances alarming rumors concerning Americans in occupied China have fortunately proved to be unfounded and the Department would find it helpful in considering the present case to receive such information as you may be able to furnish regarding the sources from which the rumors about Mr. Stuart emanated.

If you so desire, the Department will be pleased to direct the American Legation at Bern to request the Swiss Government to endeavor to obtain and report by telegraph at your expense information regarding Mr. Stuart's welfare.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

F. W. Anderson
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Assistant Chief
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
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150 Fifth Avenue,
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In reply refer to
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July 30. 1942

My dear Mr. Evans:

I have received your personal and confidential letter of July 28, 1942, concerning the case of Dr. J. Leighton Stuart. I wish to thank you for the information you have given me.

In compliance with your request, the Department has instructed the American Legation at Bern to request the appropriate Swiss authorities to endeavor to ascertain and report concerning the welfare and whereabouts of Dr. Stuart.

A statement of the telegraphic charges incurred will be sent to you at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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