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Bealeton, Va.
Sept. 27, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I want to thank you for the various communications which you have been sending me, for the spirit back of them, and especially for the one you sent last. You know that my prayers are for the work at Yenching and for the staff, and where are my heart and sympathies. That last letter and call to prayer I thought were especially fine.

Between your communications, the reports in the papers naming Father occasionally, and special communications from friends and relatives concerning something which they had seen or heard, I have managed to keep a sort of tantalizing amount of "information" about Father, wishing that would could actually know more and do more about what one knows.

If you could think of anything I could do for Father, or of any way in which I could send him even the most cryptic message or letter, I would be very glad.

If you would think it right, my uncle, Rev. Lacy I. Moffett, Father's former Seminary roommate who married Mother's sister in a double wedding with my parents, and who spent a number of years as a missionary in China, would be very grateful to be included in Yenching's mailing list. I know that you are avoiding leakage as regards confidential statements, but I can assure you that Uncle Lacy is quite safe as a recipient of communications concerning our interests in China. I told him that I would ask you if it would be all right to re-include him in Yenching communications. His temporary address is Rev. L. I. Moffett, D. D., 906 High St., Farmville, Va.. I shall leave that up to you.

And now my best wishes to you and the Staff,

Sincerely,

John L. Stuart

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September 29, 1942

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

My Secretary has been hounding me for the last two weeks telling me that I should write you regarding certain developments which have occurred recently in the Yenching situation.

You have received the general information which has gone out from our office and our appeal for spiritual assistance. The response to this has been remarkable and yet why so, when we are in the work of the Lord.

The reason back of our last letter was the fact that the Snappers who had been confined with Dr. Stuart got away on a British ship and at Lourenco Marques began sending cables to New York telling of the horrible conditions under which Bowen, Dr. Houghton and Dr. Stuart were living. We immediately rushed a cable through the State Department and the Swiss Government and received a most re-assuring message. Nevertheless, we used the Snapper incident to put more pressure upon our constituency, and voluntarily a number of our people approached the State Department.

Just a few days ago came another letter saying that everything possible is being done to get the Yenching people away on this next boat. It is our understanding with the State Department that the ship will not be allowed to sail from Shanghai until the lists have been in hand and approved by the State Department. We will, therefore, know in advance whether or not these people will be included. In the event that they are coming you will be able to address them - and I think it might be advisable to do so immediately - as follows:

"Mail for repatriates on the 'Gripsholm' may be addressed to them, with five cents postage, and properly marked: "For Repatriate from the Far East on the S. S. GRIPSHOLM, in care of The Postmaster, New York City."

This will be delivered to them at Lourenco Marques. It should arrive in New York in sufficient time to pass the postal censorship.

What has been bothering Miss Brown, however, and my own conscience is the fact that I have your father's diary written through succeeding days from December 6th to March 17th. Presumably, it was on the latter date when they were taken into the city to the Hennings Building. It is of such an intimate nature that no one else but

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myself has seen it and with the hope of allowing no stone to be left unturned in getting Dr. Stuart out, I have refrained from announcing it.

It has been my thought, as soon as we learn that the boat has sailed, that we can release this to the relatives and very close friends of Dr. Stuart. In any event, I think that the diary should be in your hands as soon as we have copied it, as it is one of those things which, in its original form, belongs to the family.

For your comfort, Dr. Stuart has not suffered any physical harm or any indignations whatsoever. He had a bad case of tonsillitis while interned in Tientsin when Dr. Snapper attended him. After that he was in good health. He visited the campus twice and saw members of the staff and took away clothing and books. In general, they had a very agreeable time in Dr. Houghton's home. Since that time, in more restricted quarters, it has not been so pleasant.

Just as soon as the atmosphere is clear regarding this next sailing, we will take some action one way or the other.

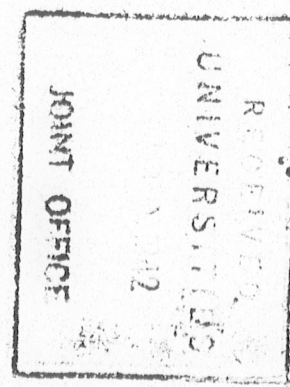
I am putting your uncle on our mailing list as certainly we would like to have him receive the Yenching communications.

With every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 10, 1943

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

In addition to the letters which we sent out last week, the enclosed letter from Alice M. Boring was sent to us by her sister, Lydia T. Boring. This is the first word of this nature which gives us a picture of the physical well-being of your father.

The letter from the State Department gives us added confidence that Dr. Stuart is being well taken care of.

With sincerest personal wishes to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 14, 1943

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

The enclosed letter has just been received from Miss Grace Boynton at Chengtu.

A reply may be addressed to Miss Boynton as follows:

Miss Grace M. Boynton
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

It may be sent either by air or regular mail and should reach her in due course. The air mail costs seventy cents per one-half ounce. However, communications must be very carefully worded as the United States Censorship is much more stringent than that of China.

With every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Bealeton, Va.
July 6, 1943

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

OK, car

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you ever so much for your messages about Father and other missionaries, and about the work At Yenching and at other China Colleges and Universities. It is most encouraging to know how much progress has been made against such odds! And to hear something specific about Dad is next best to hearing from him, and all I have heard from you, and from one or two other sources (adding really nothing to what you have written or enclosed) is most reassuring. I try not to give up the idea of his being repatriated, and also not to count on that too much.

I have tried not to draw money on Father since America entered the war, have managed by the skin of my teeth, so to speak, and last summer borrowed on my life insurance in order to pay last July's premium. I question the wisdom of continuing to do that, and believe that Father would ^{wish} ~~prefer~~ to help me out on that in preference to either forfeiting the policy or else continuing to borrow on it. It will mature in 1945, and I believe that we would both be better off if I paid this year's premium with money drawn on Father and charged to his account. What do you think? If you agree, I would appreciate it a lot if you would send me a check for \$ 82.60 when convenient, charging the same to Father's account, and I shall try to pay the interest on last summer's loan myself. Would that be agreeable to you under the circumstances? Whatever seems right to you will be all right with me, and I shall be very grateful.

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Please give Dr. Carside my best wishes.

With best wishes, Sincerely,

Jack H. Street

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July 8, 1943

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

I was beginning to think that you had forsaken us entirely when Lo and Behold your letter of July 6th came to hand. Apparently you are hard at work and continuing your ministrations in the name of the Lord.

There are dribblets of news that filter into our office from a variety of sources--but as was well said by Mrs. Randolph Sailer, "Please do not send out material, unless it is really news and avoid duplications."

Putting together all of the data we have available, we are still convinced that Dr. Stuart, Dr. Houghton and Dr. Bowen are living together in Peking under the close observation of the Japanese, but that they are getting sufficient food and exercise.

I have studied your own personal problem with care and to relieve the immediate situation I am sending you a check for \$32.60 for the insurance premium falling due presently. I am quite sure that Dr. Stuart would wish to have the premium for last year paid also. The fact is that we have not drawn on Dr. Stuart's salary account since December 1941. In fact the only way to get funds out to occupied China for relief purposes is through the Swiss Government and we have made a deposit with the United States Treasury Department for this reason. We have never, however, received any report on its use. I would say, therefore, rather than have you pay interest on the loan the loan should be paid up and leave the policy clear. If you will let me know what the amount is I will send you a check at once.

I have been wondering if you have the same pastorate and if the work is continued in the same manner as when last you were kind enough to take me into your confidence.

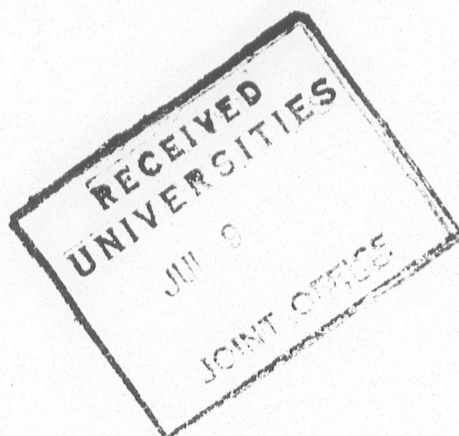
With sincerest best wishes to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Bealeton, Va.
July 13, 1943

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many many thanks for your fine letter and for the check for \$ 82.60. Often I have planned to write. The actual fact is that I have probably written less than usual, being out in the car a great deal of the time.

The pastorate is the same as that to which I came in 1938, and the work is pretty much the same, except for conducting services in four Churches and one outpost Chapel, instead of three as at first, and also for the same shortage of young people as is true everywhere now. Not only has the war taken many, but also the proximity of Washington has taken many into Government Service. The expansion of the field and work has been a good challenge, and sometimes a bit bewildering, but I like it here.

Did I mention that on a train recently, when I had to run to Washington for part of a day, I met the Timothy Leys? Not having seen them since 1924 I was quite uncertain, but the feeling grew so strong that it must be they that I went up and asked, and we had a delightful visit.

It is most helpful to have the items and journals which You send me, and I appreciate them so much. If a man wants to know what faith can, he would do well to see what is happening in China, and in this country where friends of China on the job are standing by so helpfully.

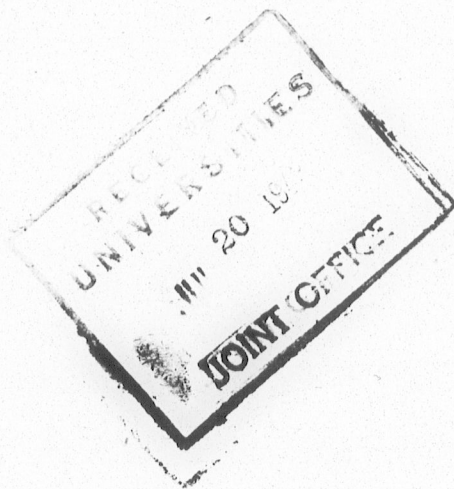
Thanks for your questions and interest. As to the loan last year, the amount was for \$ 200.00, which was not only to cover the premium (\$ 82.60) but also to help out in a few accumulated items. It would be great to have the policy clear.

If I can make New York I'll certainly look in on you. Thanks so much for all your help,

Sincerely, Jack - John L. Street.

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July 16, 1943

Reverend John L. Stuart
Bealston
Virginia

Dear Jack:

Your letter of July 13th is at hand and I have read same with great interest. I am indeed glad to know that you like the work even though it has many difficulties and long hours. That, I imagine, is pretty much the schedule of any pastorate. There are differences, of course, in relation to the salary involved. Services to The Master, however, are not always measured in dollars and cents.

It is interesting that you should have run across Dr. and Mrs. Lew. They are living here in New York, up in the Columbia University area and seem to be getting along admirably. Dr. Lew has had an opportunity to do some translation for the Nanking Theological Seminary but I do not think he has taken advantage of this chance to any large degree. He is just the same as ever.

In view of previous discussions with Dr. Stuart it would seem as though he would desire to have the \$200.00 loan on the insurance policy cleared off. Accordingly, I am enclosing check for this amount which will take care of same.

The very latest confidential news regarding repatriation is to the effect that it will be at Goa, Portuguese India, but unfortunately the exchange of lists is being delayed somewhat and it does not seem possible to have the Gripsholm leave America before the middle of August. In that event it will probably be early December or late November before it would return to the United States. This, of course, is all in case the Japanese accept the list that the United States Government is submitting. I will keep you informed of other developments.

Very truly yours,

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Bealeton, Va.
July 19, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you so very much for your letter of July 16th, enclosing the check for \$ 200.00, which will clear off the loan on the insurance policy. This helps more than I know how to tell you. You are certainly a real friend, as you have always been. I had been thinking that Dad was in a spot, and that the least I could do was to try not to draw on him too heavily, and wishing that I could do much more. ^{to help} But I do believe that this is the best way. A family rooming in the manse with me has also helped to ease the financial burden. I have managed fairly well, for me, the main problem being the expense of driving so much in a parish that is nearly forty miles long, and keeping the car fit.

The delay in the exchange of lists is tantalizing, but we can keep hopes bright as long as there is a chance. Thanks ever so much for letting me know about the latest development, which I shall, of course, keep strictly confidential. The very delay could be a reason for hope, in that it might suggest the possibility of certain people at least considering the wishes of our Government.

I read eagerly the news of Yenching and the other Colleges and Universities in China, and appreciate so much this information.

Thanking you, and with best wishes ever,

Jack.
John S. Stuart.

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16 August 1943

Mr. John L. Stuart, Jr.,

Bealeton, Virginia.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

The Provost Marshal General directs me to inform you that John Leighton Stuart, age 67, has been officially reported interned by Japan at Peking China.

Inclosed are package labels with instructions for their use.

It is believed that the inclosed circular 10-c will be of interest.

Further information will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours,

Howard F. Bressee,
Colonel, C.M.P.,
Chief, Information Branch.

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August 24, 1943

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John Stuart
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Bealton, Virginia

Regret Leighton Stuart's name not included Gripsholm repatriation list. If you have received from Provost Marshal General authorization and label to send Leighton a parcel trust that it will reach New York Post Office by August 27. We can send nothing without label issued only to nearest of kin.

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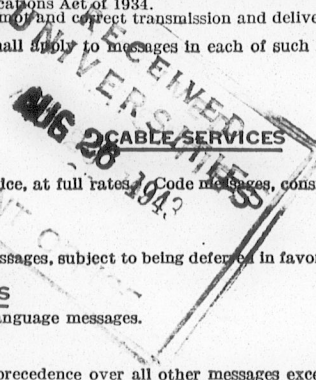
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Bealeton, Va.
Aug. 26, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I want to thank you and the Board ever so much for the kind and thoughtful telegram which you sent to me yesterday. I was very sorry, but not to-disappointedly surprised about Dad's not getting to come over on the Gripsholm, as I had sort of felt that certain people felt that he might know too much for their own good if he were allowed at large in a land of Freedom. I had been informed from Washington that I had until Sept. 15 for that package, and so I dashed to Culpeper and bought what I could and mailed a bit immediately. I had wanted to send some clothes, but all stores were closed except drug stores. I certainly appreciate your letting me know that the parcel must be in New York by tomorrow.

I should have thanked you sooner for the duplicate of your letter to Uncle Warren. He told me that he has managed to make out all right. Thanks for your trouble. We are in the midst of nightly evangelistic services, and much visiting by day.

Best wishes and Thanks -

Sincerely, Jack. John S. Street

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August 31, 1943

Mr. Jack L. Stuart
Burlington
Virginia

Dear Jack:

I came into the office today after a few days absence and found your letter of August 26th, and believe me I wish our news could be better. However, as you know, we are not at all surprised.

I still am treasuring your father's diary and am thinking that you ought to have a chance to read it. I've been wanting to make a copy, however. What do you think?

Most sincerely yours,

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C. L. EVANS

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September 10, 1943

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

Here is a Red Cross communication which came to hand on the 7th of September.

You will see that this is dated December 8, 1942 which is considerably out of date at the present time.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Baltimore, Md.

Dec. 2/43

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

This is not a change of address, but just a
brief visit in the home. Enjoyed your letter across
the street. Bealton, Va., is still the address.

I am writing because of certain work on my car
with 80,000 miles - valve grinding, piston rings, new tires,
etc. The whole cost will be about \$75.00, and I
thought that maybe you would be willing to charge that
to Father's account and then send me the same.
If so I shall be very grateful, and thoroughly helped.

It is a bit tantalizing to have one man missing
on the Tripsholm we had hoped until August might have
been included - but how nice for the others who came!

It is hoped that all goes well with
our end of the staff -

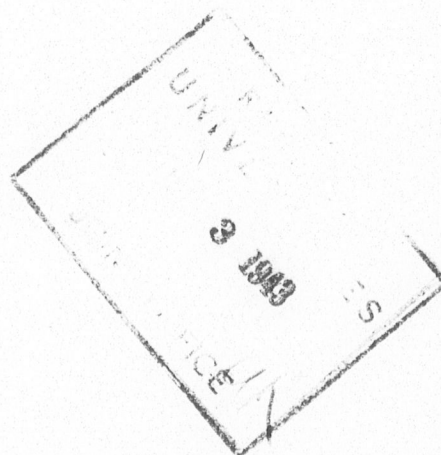
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Sincerely,

Yours

John D. Stuart.

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December 6, 1943

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

Replying to your letter of the second, I am enclosing check for \$75.00 for repairs on your automobile.

All the reports which have been given us by people from the GRIPSHOLM lead us to believe that Dr. Stuart's condition is better than we anticipated. They state that he is getting outside help from Chinese sources and that his condition is not too bad. Frankly, I am greatly encouraged over what I have heard, and I will send you a copy of minutes of the meeting held with the Yenching Trustees when written up.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Bealeton, Va.
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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks so very much for your good letter, enclosing the check for \$ 75.00, charging the same to Father's account. And I appreciate deeply your reassuring word concerning him, and his welfare being apparently better than you had expected to be the case. This certainly is a fine Christmas surprise. I shall look forward eagerly to the fuller report to which you referred.

You do not know how much you have helped me, nor how much I appreciate this. My motor was about shot, and is now like new. I undershot the mark, as the bill amounted to \$ 99 plus some cents, yesterday I had two tires recapped, and hope soon to buy a new one to replace a blown out tire, now beyond repair, but I managed it.

Again many thanks, and best wishes for the coming season of Good Will and hope for the coming era of Peace,

Sincerely,

John F. Stuart

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December 14, 1943

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

Your letter of December 11th makes me wonder if we should make you a further advance of \$25.00. You state, "you managed it." This makes me wonder.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the details of our minutes of the Yenching Trustees meeting. I thought you would be interested in the reports as made by the group on the GRIPSHOLM.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Bealeton, Va.
Jan/ 29, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I owe you many apologies for not writing to you much sooner. Thank you ever so much for kindly offering me the extra \$ 25.00 to cover my new tire and tube. As a matter of fact my Home Mission Check arrived just about the time of the purchase, and at present I am making out all right.

Please forgive me for not answering your letter much sooner. What actually happened was that I very unoriginally went down with flu, was in the house alone part of the time, and after fetching the wood, etc., had little strength left. A few backsets, or slight relapses came, and, with the return of health there were a few emergencies taking me out of my study when starting to write; taking a sick person to the nearest town to see a Doctor, etc.. I still should have written sooner, and am sorry.

After paying the income tax I may need a boost, but am not in immediate need, and therefore I thank you for your letter just the same, but think I can do without the \$ 25.00 for a little while.

I hope that you are well, have dodged the flu, and that all goes well with the staff. Miss Margaret Speer very kindly wrote me a most reassuring letter concerning Father. She was confident that he was well and cheerful, and better treated than the prisoners in Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Thanking you, and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

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John F. Stuart.

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February 14, 1944

P. J. L.
Mr. Jack Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

I purposely refrained from answering your letter of January 29th as I had hopes of getting further information which might be of value to you regarding the condition of Dr. Stuart. It happens that this afternoon I had a long conversation with a Colonel Hill who has known Dr. Stuart for many years. I was disappointed, however, that he did not have more information which would be of value. The repatriates on the Gripsholm have brought us much more news and more up to date. However, if anything does come to hand which has a direct bearing upon the condition of these good people I will let you know immediately.

Most sincerely yours,

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Bealeton, Va.
March 10, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

When I wrote to you that the work on my car had cost more than I had expected, you kindly offered to send me some more money. I have just bought a new tire and had vulcanizing and recapping on two others costing more than a new tire, and, with income tax impending (about \$ 80.00) I find myself running short. Therefore, if convenient to you, I should like to ask you please to send me a check for \$ 100.00, charging the same to Father's account.

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No 10964*

The State Department has been assuring me that they were informed that Father was well and treated better than most prisoners of the Japanese, and yesterday assured me that the information had been checked and found to come from the Swiss Consul. You probably have the same information. This, added to the opinions of friends recently returned via the GRIPSHOLM, seems genuinely encouraging. In the last few months, for reasons wholly inexplicable, my own hopes for him have been definitely higher than formerly.

Hoping that you are well, and thanking you for anything that you can do to help, and more for all you have done,

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Jack
John L. Stuart

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March 13, 1944

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

I am hastening to reply to your letter of March 10th and, as requested, I am enclosing check for \$100.00 herewith. This has been charged to the account of your father as you suggest.

I am glad to know of your continued optimism regarding Dr. Stuart and feel that we are justified in taking this position. I have found no indications of a desire to do him bodily harm. A late message from Free China stated that Dr. Stuart had been seen on the streets of Peking along with the Japanese guard. We are trying to check the source of this information and verify it for if it is true it is a very marked change of attitude from the earlier position taken by the Japanese.

On three occasions lately I have had conferences with people who have a strong desire to approach the State Department through political channels and force some action regarding your father. I have made every effort to ascertain the probable effects of such a step and have been advised to take no part in such procedure. It is felt that any such strong position will only antagonize our Japanese friends and make the position of Dr. Stuart still more difficult.

With every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Bealeton, Va.
March 16, 1944

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you ever so much for sending me the check for \$ 100.00 so promptly. This has pulled me over the income tax hurdle for this year, and I am very grateful.

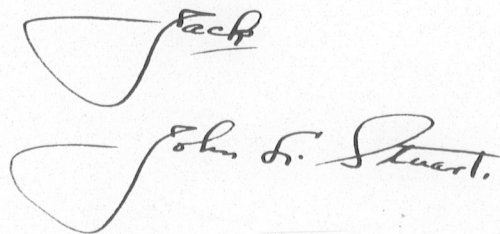
I certainly appreciate your own optimism regarding Father's condition, and your reasons for it. The message from Free China is most encouraging, and, if true, it must indeed represent a change of attitude on the part of the Japanese.

As to the desire of well-meaning friends to try to force some action regarding Father, I appreciate your position, and am grateful for it. I agree 100 % with you that any strong position taken by our State Department would really antagonize the Japanese, and it would certainly make Father's position more difficult, and, I rather think, definitely more dangerous. The State Department has probably done all that it can short of forcing the issue, and I believe that Father would not want force used in his own behalf.

Thanking you for your kindness, and for your views with which I wholly agree (while knowing much less than you as to the facts), and

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


John D. Stuart.

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Bealeton, Va.
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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you ever so much for the check for \$ 100.00, charging the same to Father's account. This came yesterday, and I sent the sum right on to the Insurance Company.

I am believing the best about Father, as to health, spirits, treatment, etc., except that I have thought all along that he would be detained for the duration. I have also felt, with you, I believe, that too much pressure to bring about his repatriation might do him and his cause damage, while not achieving the desired result.

I am better, thank you.

Again, many thanks, and best wishes,

Sincerely,
John G. Stuart.

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January 26, 1945

Rev. John L. Stuart
Bealeton
Virginia

Dear Jack:

You probably have seen notices in the paper about the supposed nervous breakdown of Dr. J. Leighton Stuart.

Letters have now come from China--all of which state that in spite of these rumors the news which is coming through from occupied territory is that there has been no change in the status of Dr. Stuart. At the time the announcement came in the paper we immediately started investigation through the State Department. A reply has not been received as yet. I will let you know as soon as it comes to hand.

Meanwhile, there have been rumors that you have been receiving information direct from Dr. Stuart. If you have any late news, we would appreciate it as we hope to write up a letter for the newspapers on this particular situation.

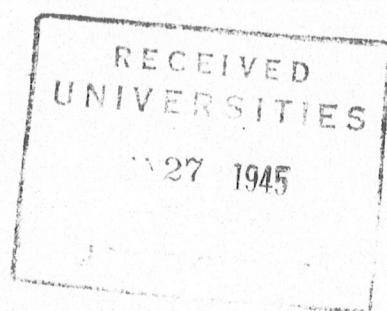
With sincerest best wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Stephens City, Va.
Feb. 3, 1945

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you ever so much for your letter of Jan. 26th. I had intended to write to you sooner of my coming move, which I actually made last week, but which, with finding and fetching fuel and other matters involved in a mid-winter move, so absorbed my time as to cause much procrastination.

Uncle Warren (Father's brother) had sent me the notice of Father's breakdown, and had slightly later written of a man recently from China who utterly denied the truth of that. We can only hope and pray that he (the latter) was right. I could not blame Dad for breaking down were ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{the former report} fact. But to me it is hardly credible that even the Japanese could break his spirit; it is founded on something beyond them.

As for rumors concerning my information from Father, they are like the premature report of the demise of Mark Twain--"a gross exaggeration". The only word I have had from Dad since the day of Pearl Harbor was a cable through the Red Cross nearly a year ago, replying in very general terms to a Christmas cable I had sent him, assuring me that all was well. Aside from that, nothing has come to me from him, and in that cable was nothing that could be offensive or informative to either friend or foe. But I shall, or should, of course send you immediately any information, vital or otherwise, coming to me from Dad.

With real regret, but with a sense of God's Will, I accepted a call from four rural churches near Winchester (up ^{near} ~~in~~ the mountains where only Esquimaux should live in winter time), with a Manse in the little town ambitiously called "Stephens City". I think I shall like it, but I left Bealeton as an adolescent leaves his sweetheart, for I was quite devoted to the people and work there.

Thanking you for your solicitude, and promising to send you any information if or when it should come,

And with best wishes,

Sincerely,
Jack *J. L. Stuart*

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February 9, 1945

The Reverend John L. Stuart
Stephens City
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Dear Jack:

I am so grateful for your letter of February 3rd but I had hoped that you would have more news than you have received.

We are not relaxing in our efforts to get further information regarding the condition of Dr. Stuart although I must say that from my own personal experience with the Red Cross I can understand perfectly why we are not able to get more data than we have secured in the past. I spent some weary hours at the headquarters of the International Red Cross trying to get a message through but without success. We have sent out some of the cards which have been supplied to us with the hope that they would get through to Dr. Stuart. The progress which has been made with the Philippine campaign would seem to indicate that we can almost count the days before the invasion of China by the armies from the west. Let us hope and pray that these good friends may hold on until relief comes to them.

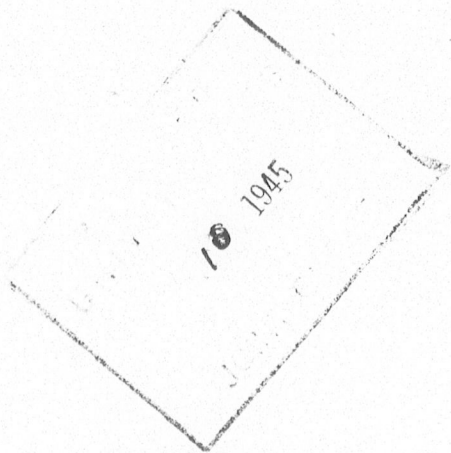
I am very much interested in the change you have made and hope that it is all for the upbuilding of the Kingdom. You have worked diligently and painstakingly and I hope that this is an advancement for you. I'll let you know of any further developments.

Most sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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Baltimore, Md.

May 2, 1945

Mr. C. R. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

K. L. L.

Dear Mr. Evans:

How are you? I hope all is well.

Owing to some expensive work on my car and a few recent needs I would like to draw \$100⁰⁰ on my Father's account if convenient to you, please. In lieu of vacations I slip off on the "Fifth Sunday" of a month, as has just occurred, to see the family with whom I used to live when in this city.

Uncle Warren (Stuart) and I are in the State Dept., where I saw, I feel that Father is well, and wholly disbelieve the report of his breakdown during the winter. Let us hope so!

The new period is nice.

Thank you for any help you feel it wise to grant, and with best wishes -

Sincerely,

Jack - John F. Stuart
Stephens City, Virginia

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May 5, 1945

Rev. John L. Stuart
Stephens City
Virginia

Dear Jack:

Your letter of May 2nd is at hand and, as requested,
I am enclosing check for \$100.00.

Warren has written me as he probably did to you and
we are all hoping that his optimism is justified as I am sure
it is. Dr. Y. P. Mei, Acting President of Yenching, arrived
in town yesterday afternoon.

Wish you could be with us at the meetings of the
Associated Boards which begin Monday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Stephens City, Va.
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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you ever so much for your letter enclosing the check for \$ 100.00, to be charged to Father's account. I meant to let you know sooner of its arrival. This is a big help.

I saw Uncle Warren a couple of weeks ago. April had a "Fifth Sunday" of the month, and I took off the week-end to see him and Mrs. Hutton, who mothered me when I was in Baltimore. These "Fifth Sundays" are in some parishes our substitutes for vacations. With Uncle Warren I met Dr. Find, and also a lady in the ~~State~~ Department, formerly of Yenching, and both seemed optimistic concerning Father. It looks rather hopeful.

I should indeed enjoy the meetings of the Associated Boards, and know that much that was vital and illuminating was revealed and discussed.

All goes well in my new field, the main problem being to try to cover fair distances on little gas, as my four Churches are scattered over enough distance to involve considerable gas-budgetting. But that is rather minor, if equally puzzling, in a time like this.

With many thanks again, and best wishes,

Very sincerely,

Jack

John L. Stuart

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