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April 18, 1930

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Mr. B. A. Garside, M. A.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will tell me whether or not the American colleges at Nanking, Foochow, Tsinan, and Peking can accept foreign instructors for a single year. I shall have a leave of absence, beginning July first, and I should like to spend the year teaching in China.

I am a member of the Congregational Church, am thirty-nine years old, am a graduate of the Kent State College at Kent, Ohio, and have done some graduate work in English at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. For the past four years I have been teaching high-school English in the Cleveland city school system.

If I can be accepted for a year's work in China, I should expect to pay my traveling expenses each way.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Stuckert

R. C. Stuckert,
Nathan Hale High School,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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May 18, 1931

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
China Union Universities,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I had some correspondence with you last year regarding an appointment in one of the Chinese universities affiliated with your office. I shall have a leave of absence, beginning July first, and should like to spend the year teaching English in a Christian college in China.

I understand that President Stuart of Peking university will be in New York this summer. Perhaps he may know of an opening.

My application is already on file in your office. If I can be accepted for a year's work in China, I should expect to pay my traveling expenses each way.

Very sincerely yours,

R. C. Stuckert

R. C. Stuckert,
Nathan Hale High School,
3612 East Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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May 21, 1931

Mr. A. C. Stuckert,
Nathan Hale High School,
3612 East Boulevard,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Stuckert:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 18 in which you tell of your continued interest in spending a year at some Christian college in China teaching English.

I am sorry to say that President Stuart has just left New York on his way back to China, so I have not had an opportunity to ask him for specific information as to possible openings at Yenching University. However, I believe that Yenching is not at the present time actively seeking any additional instructors in English for the coming year.

In at least two of our other institutions there is an urgent need for additional English teachers. We are primarily interested in seeking for appointees who would be able to go to the field under regular appointment, rather than for only one or two years. However, it might be possible to make good use of an appointee for a one year period of service while we are seeking men who could remain more permanently.

From the information you sent us last autumn I notice that you became a student volunteer in 1913, so we are sure that you have a very strong interest in missionary work. The "Paton" in Mrs. Stuckert's name may indicate that she is related to the Paton family that has rendered such distinguished missionary service in many parts of the Orient. I am wondering, therefore, if there would be any possibility that after one year of English teaching in China you might wish to continue on in this work more permanently. It would, of course, be impossible to settle such a question in advance, but at least it would be of great interest and significance both to you, and to the institution to which you went, if there were an unofficial understanding that should the one year of teaching service prove mutually satisfactory to yourselves and to the University, there might be a possibility of your continuing in a more permanent relationship.

Just at the present time we are actively engaged in searching for a head of the Department of English at Shantung Christian University, Tsinan, China. If we can find the man we want for this position we would seek to persuade the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. to appoint him as one of its regular missionary quota on the

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Mr. R. C. Stuckert-2

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staff of the University. While I note that you are a member of the Congregational Church, I am sure that the Presbyterian Board would not find this any difficulty in the way of your appointment as its missionary if all other details of your qualifications were found to be satisfactory.

I am at this time sending letters of inquiry to the various individuals whom you name as references in the papers you filled out for us last September.

I would be glad to have your frank opinion on the various questions I have raised, and will be happy to supply you with further information at any point.

Very cordially yours,

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CENTRAL OFFICE

May 27, 1931.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
China Union Universities,
New York, New York.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your
letter of May 21st.

I am glad to know that you may
be able to consider my wife and me for service
in China. The possibility of a regular term
does appeal to both of us. A one-year
appointment would probably be preferable as
this would give the direction of the college
an opportunity to judge as to our usefulness
and fitness to become permanent members of
the community.

Mrs. Stuckert is the daughter of
the Reverend Mr. Paton of the Claridon Congre-
gational Church in this state. She is a dis-
tant relative of the missionary, John G. Paton.
One of her cousins, Dr. John Brown Paton, founded
Paton College at Nottingham, England, and another,
Lewis Paton is the president of the Memorial
University at St. John's, Newfoundland. Both
my wife and I are student volunteers.

My wife is a graduate of Oberlin
College, Oberlin, Ohio, and of Mount Sinai
School of Nursing, Cleveland. Her experience
has been in the field of public health nursing.
We have two children, a daughter eight years
old and a son four. Both are normal and healthy
children.

Very truly yours,



R. C. Stuckert,
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Cleveland, Ohio.

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TRANSFER

Yenching University

June 27, 1931
Special Delivery

Mr. E. C. Stuckert
12812 Oakfield Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Stuckert

We wired you this morning as follows:- "Cable from Yenching University Peking accepts your application. Letter follows. China Union Universities." The essence of the cable from the field is that we are to secure your services as outlined in your application and on the same conditions. The field is asking that we reply by cable.

Mr. Garside will be absent from the office during the coming week and I have not had opportunity to carefully review the papers in your file. As your application covered any position in China, we are assuming that you are not familiar with Yenching University located at Peking, China. It is the largest of our Christian educational institutions in China and is doing a remarkably fine piece of work under the leadership of Dr. J. Leighton Stuart. The institution has had a remarkable growth and has expanded during the last dozen years to a degree where it is recognized as the outstanding institution of its character in the Far East. For your information we are enclosing some literature which will give you a better idea of the situation than we could take time to dictate.

The Chairman of the Department of English for the coming year is Miss Margaret Speer, daughter of Robert E. Speer of the Presbyterian Board. She is now on furlough in the States and sails for Peking early in August. Miss Speer is a delightful person and I am sure you will enjoy the association if you decide to accept the appointment.

In view of the delay in receiving word from the field we feel hesitant to urge haste in making a decision, but on the other hand you will see the necessity as it is quite apparent that the field will have to make other arrangements for the coming year in case you do not accept. You will also desire to reach an early decision because of your own plans. The school year opens at Yenching on September 1 and quite naturally you will desire to be there on the opening day.

Just as soon as you and Mrs. Stuckert definitely decide, will you not wire me collect.

Very cordially yours

CAE:MS

Assistant Secretary

P. S. The salary schedule at the present moment for instructors with 9 or more years teaching experience is LC\$200.00, of which one fourth may be drawn in gold at the rate of 2 to 1.

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Yenching University

July 9, 1931

Mr. R. C. Stuckert,
12812 Oakfield Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Stuckert:

On return to the office this week I was very much delighted to learn that Yenching has extended an invitation for you to spend next year there, and that you have been able to accept.

Mr. Evans handled all the details of the arrangements so expeditiously that very little remains to be done.

I am enclosing herewith in quadruplicate a proposed employment agreement between yourself and the University covering this one year's period of special service. I have followed the regular form of employment agreement between the University and new appointees, so far as this has been possible, but have made such changes as seemed to make the form fit in most appropriately with the special conditions of your service to the University. If there is anything in this agreement contrary to your understanding of the proposed arrangements please let me know. If the form is acceptable to you will you please sign, with one witness, all four copies and return them to us. I will then have them executed by the proper officers of the Board of Trustees and will return one copy to you for your files.

No doubt we will be hearing from you in a few days with regard to steamship accommodations.

Very cordially yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between Yen-ching University and MR. ROBERT C. STUCKERT this 10th day of July, 1931,

WITNESSETH:

That YENCHING UNIVERSITY hereby agrees to and does employ MR. ROBERT C. STUCKERT for the position of instructor in English for the academic year 1931-32, upon the following schedule as to salary and allowances:-

1. Salary at the regular rate in accordance with the University schedule of salaries and allowances, beginning at date of sailing.
2. Residential quarters on or adjacent to the University campus.
3. Medical attention for sickness without charge. One-half dental bills if incurred with prior consent.

The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time upon the payment of a sum equal to three months salary from the date of said termination.

Mr. Robert C. Stuckert hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees that if for any reason he resigns before the expiration of the term of this contract, no further payment shall be due him from the University aside from any unpaid balances on salary and allowances previous to the date of his resignation.

It is further agreed by Mr. Robert C. Stuckert that he will give his full time and attention to the work for which he is hereby employed, and that he will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of Yen-ching University.

This agreement may be extended or amended if signed by the parties hereto ninety (90) days prior to its expiration.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 10th day of July, 1931.

ATTEST

On behalf of YENCHING UNIVERSITY

B. A. Garrick
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Frank Starn
Vice President
Board of Trustees

WITNESSES:

Wm. F. Keye

Everett Angsperger

Robert C. Stuckert
(Appointee)

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Box 33 Univ. Station,
Urbana, Ill.
Feb. 5, 1930.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Just a few days ago Philip wrote me and told me that he met you in New York. I had~~de~~ been so anxious to get your address but failed to do so until I got a letter from Mr. Chi Ju-shan of Mei Lang Fang's group who told me about their sailing to this country and that you ~~are~~^{were} helping them. He wrote this letter before the group left Peiping and gave me your address.

I certainly missed to have a good time with Philip. I intended to go to Chicago during the Christmas session but was kept here by the term papers which were to be turned ⁱⁿ immediately after the vacation. He's now in Yale and will probably start homeward in June. We can't help but have to wait another long interval until we meet in China. I doubt very much whether I could ^{have} a chance to see you in this country sometime. I am afraid I don't have much luck altho I hope I can.

As I understand, Mei Lang Fang's group arrived at Vancouver on the 31st. of January. I suppose they are now on the way to New York. I have known Messrs. Mei and Chi personally very well for a couple of years. Both of them are artists and hard workers. It is surely very nice to have these people to lift the plane of the old Chinese drama and improve the standing of the profession, as the Chinese opera has a good deal of real stage art but has been looked down by the public because of ~~because of~~ the low standing of the players. I personally take great interest in it. I hope that their trip will be a success and ^{that} the old Chinese art will have a seat on the world stage.

I met Dean Babcock and Prof. Garner several times in the international social meetings given by the Y. M. C. A. They both asked me to send you their best regards when I write you. Last Sunday Mr. Garner invited me and a few other Chinese students to dinner at his home. We had a Chinese dinner. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner were enjoyed so much. We certainly had a good time. They were so glad ^{to} learn that you are in New York and hope to see you sometime again. They also hope that Mr. Mei can pay a visit down here if he will stay in Chicago for some y time. It may be arranged to have a public lecture or demonstration sponsored by the Public Speaking Dept. The Chinese Students' Club here is ^{also} looking forward to have Mr. Mei here ~~sometime~~. I personally think that it is not entirely impossible if Mr. Mei is going to spend ^{some} time in Chicago as it only takes a three-hour ride. Would you mind to transfer this idea to Mr. Mei and see if it can be arranged. I like very much to learn anything concerning the group.

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The school here started its second semester this morning. I am fortunately enough to have two courses under Prof. Garner, International Law and European Government. I expect to get through my undergraduate work by Feb. 1931 and then will probably leave for the East.

Please kindly forward the enclosed letters to Messrs. Mei and Chi. when you see them.

Looking forward to hear from you soon, with best wishes, and also regards to Mr. Fu,

Yours very sincerely,

Chester Su

Dear Mr. Fu

Thanks for ~~the~~ your letter. Dr. Stuart has gone to the West Coast, to be gone about six weeks or more. We have transferred your letter to Mr. Mei and Chi' already. With all best wishes, yours sincerely,

Philip Fu

above letter
sent 2-10-30

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March 14, 1930

My dear Chester:

I have just returned to the office here and find your letter. Of course, it is always a pleasure to hear from you and I have noted with interest the various items of news. Apparently the enclosures to Mr. Mei and Mr. Chi have been sent and you have doubtless heard from them. It seems that they have decided to confine Mei's performances to this city, Chicago, and the Pacific Coast so that I fear there is little hope of his going elsewhere despite invitations from many other cities.

I am leaving again today and have a great deal of business to attend to, so shall only send you this hasty note in the hope of hearing from you again before long and in my turn writing more at length. I am looking forward to seeing Philip Kao in New Haven in about ten days and shall probably be in this country at least until early June.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Chester Su
Box 33, Univ. Station
Urbana, Illinois

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To the Student Body of Yenching University:

Before the opening of the next semester the Faculty feels itself compelled to express its disapproval of your actions during the period from January 6 to January 10, in so far as these actions were contrary to university authority. Your decision at the first mass meeting to interfere on your own initiative with the examination program; the action of your committee in sending to members of the Faculty a letter interpreted by many of them as threatening; the organized picketing of the dean's offices and of the examination rooms; and the holding of the Monday morning mass meeting at a time when the examination schedule was still in effect; were all acts which we consider subversive of university administration and order. The Faculty thoroughly understand the intense emotional excitement, and are in sympathy with the urge to undertake patriotic service, which influenced you to these decisions. Our concern is solely with your violation of the fundamental principle of educational administration - as binding on teachers as on students - that duly constituted authority must be respected and established regulations observed. This is assumed to be accepted by every student on applying for entrance and is essential to the maintenance of proper university standards as well as of mutual confidence and good will. Furthermore, in any form of democratic government the will of the majority is only effective within constitutional limits.

It should also be pointed out that the attempts to coerce every student either not to take examinations or not to ask individual leave of absence from the Deans encroached upon the principle of individual liberty and led to not a few instances of abusive language, intimidation and threats of physical violence which are contrary to

the spirit of our Yenching motto and to all recognised codes of modern civilized society. We call your attention to such regrettable excesses of zeal because of our desire that your life in college will include as one of its benefits further training for good citizenship. Even in the immediate objectives you have had in mind much energy has been wasted and undesirable divisions have been created by these attempts to compel all students to follow the dictation of a majority against their own judgment or desire.

In order to make impossible any recurrence of what has happened on this occasion the Faculty Executive Committee will require of every student who registers for the coming semester assent to the simple principle that no action passed by any organization within the University which is contrary to its administrative authority or regulations can be regarded as valid. Such assent is an expression of loyalty to the University on the part of the students, whereas on any other terms it would be difficult for the institution to function, its regulations would become meaningless, and sentiments of loyalty would accomplish nothing. Therefore, as the students cannot but understand, the Student Association must change its name to that of Student Self-Government Association and incorporate the above principle in its constitution in order to conform to the instructions of the Government that "the Student Self Government Association must not interfere with university administration".

To restate the attitude of the Faculty in less critical and more constructive form: we recognise that we are facing a time of extreme national distress and of threatening dangers; we all desire to share together the anxieties and responsibilities involved; the

Faculty not only sympathize with and are proud of the patriotic earnestness of our students, but are ready to advise and cooperate with them in such activities as are proper and of practical value; because it is improbable that the national distress could be relieved in the near future we should prepare ourselves not only for engaging in immediate and emergency activities but also for life-long service to the country through the mastery of those forms of useful knowledge and the formation of those habits of moral character which will enable us to count most effectively in the difficult but splendidly worthwhile struggle to win for China her rightful place among the nations of the earth. Because of our deep appreciation of the latent potentialities in you individually and collectively, and of our eager desire that Yenching University fit you most fully for so challenging a task, we write you thus with a frankness that can only spring from friendly and hopeful solicitude for your welfare.

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Chinese Educational Mission

1360 MADISON STREET N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE GEORGIA 5321

CABLE ADDRESS: BUREDOC

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER TO:

April 17, 1933.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I heard from a friend of mine in New York that you were going to talk at China Society in the near future. I received your letter from China sometime ago and have been wondering whether you have already left there. I imagine that situaion mustbbe very tense in the Peiping area and hope that nothing seriously damaging will actually happen.

After I took my preliminary oral examination for Ph. D. in the beginning of March, I left New York and am now connected with the Chinese Educational Mission, as Secretary, in Washington. I am now staying with Dr. and Mrs. Y. R. Chao, both very good friends of mine. I am working only part-time though, and am ~~am~~ spending my afternoons writing my doctoral dissertation in the ~~Library~~ Library of Congress.

Will you kindly let me know ^{for} how long you intend to be here and if there is any chance of your being in Washington? As I have been kept quite busy by my work here, I am afraid I will not be able to come to New York before the end of April. Anyway I hope I could see you before long.

With my best regards,

Yours affectionately,

Chester Lu

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April 19, 1933

Dear Mr. Su:

Dr. Stuart is here in New York now but he is absolutely swamped with meetings and appointments. He wishes me to say, however, that there is a probable chance that he will be in Washington before leaving the East, and if such is the case he will be very glad to let you know of his coming so that you may have a talk with him.

We expect him to remain in the East until about the middle of May but he will not be in New York City much of that time. I am sure he will be glad to see you if he can.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to President Stuart

Mr. Chester Su
Chinese Educational Mission
1360 Madison Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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MY JOURNEY TO FREE CHINA

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Chen Shu-yung

On the morning of the 30th of August my cousin and I started from Peiping. After being searched in the railway station we got in the train. We were very afraid of examination by the Japanese gendarmes, because we heard someone say that on the line from Peiping to Tientsin the search was quite severe. But no search took place before we reached Tientsin. And at Tientsin, Miss Chang, Mr. Wang, and two Misses Yao joined us. We pretended that we did not know each other, and sat in separate seats. Though no examination took place between Peiping and Tientsin we were still in suspense. Before we reached Techow, two Chinese policemen came in; they only asked us a few questions but did not look at our baggage. When they went away, we felt quite relieved. Since the watermelons of Techow are very famous, we bought a big one and ate it with great satisfaction.

We stayed on the train overnight, and the next morning we arrived at Hsuchow. At the Hsu-chow railway station Wang Ching-wei's soldiers searched us very thoroughly. I carried a few bottles of medicine in my suitcase. When they discovered them, they asked me whether I was a merchant of medicine. I spent half an hour arguing with them that those bottles of medicine were really for myself. At last they released me without punishment.

Then we changed from Hsu-chow to the Lung-hai railway. In the afternoon we arrived at Shang-chui. In Shang-chiu we went to an inn where we were expected. The innkeeper was very tall, and his face and nose were red which showed that he often drank wine. He entertained us well, because he knew that we were to pay him a lot of money. He helped us to take out our baggage from the railway station without much search. He exchanged our F.R.B. notes into Fabi at the price of 1 to 6, but the real price in Shang-chiu at that time was 1 to 8. We gave him one thousand and two hundred dollars in F.R.B. notes to exchange, so he squeezed us one thousand six hundred and eighty dollars Fabi. He also engaged six chia-tze-che (carts) for us, each costing us thirty-seven dollars F.R.B. notes, and we also had to pay the carters meals. At that time the only thing we wanted was to flee from the Japanese controlled area, so we gave him everything he asked for.

In the dawn on the 1st of September we left Shangchiu for Chieh-chow. Because of the relationship between the carters we were divided into two groups. One group was composed of Miss Chang, my cousin and I and the other composed of Mr. Wang and two Misses Yao. The latter went faster than the former, because their carts were better. Since they went further than we, they stayed at San-shen-miao, outside the city of Pechow, and we stayed in Chang-chi-tze. Most probably the carters of Miss Yao's group had some relationship with the innkeeper of San-shen-miao, and they led them there to play a trick. During that night Wang's soldiers went to search the inn, in which the Misses Yao stayed, and told them that they knew that they were students and would take them to the Japanese gendarmery. At that time the innkeeper became the middle man and this matter was settled by paying four hundred dollars Fabi to the soldiers. The innkeeper asked another one hundred dollars Fabi for helping them to get across a long bridge which was watched by Japanese soldiers.

In the morning of the 2nd of September we three also reached San-shen-miao and our two parties went on together. Before we crossed that long bridge there was a small one which was watched by Wang's soldiers. It was said that nobody could pass that small bridge without paying money. So we six gave them sixty dollars Fabi and got permission to pass. On the long bridge the situation was not serious at all. There were only two Japanese soldiers sitting there. They asked us where we were going, we answered we were going to Nanking to take the university examination. I was surprised that they did not ask us why we did not go by train. We passed the most difficult bridge simply, but the innkeeper did not help us at all.

On that day we reached Shwang-go, a village of Tai-ho, An-hui. We were in the highest spirits, when we first saw "Down with the Japanese Empire" and some other slogans in Shwang-go. From that time on we were free from the Japanese, but we had to beware of another danger, which was that of the robbers on the border of Free China.

On the 4th of September we arrived at Chieh-show, From Chieh-show to Lo-yang there are trucks for transportation, but the ticket was too dear for us, since we had so much baggage. At last we decided to go to Lo-yang by Chia-tze-che. From Chieh-show to Lo-yang we spent eleven days. In Pao-feng (a district between Chihh-show and Lo-yang) the robbers were terrible, but we were very fortunate, since when we passed Pao-feng, we met Chinese troops who went with us, so we avoided the robbers.

In Lo-yang we each borrowed two hundred and eighty dollars from the Yenching office. On the 20th of September we left Lo-yang for Ling-pao by train. From Ling-pao to Tung-chiwan-tiwn there was no train because it was very near the firing line. Since we did not have enough money, we engaged only four carts for the four girls and we boys went on foot. When we were near Tung-kwan, the rain fell, and our clothes and baggage all became wet. The weather became quite cold, but none of us caught cold on that day.

At Tung-chiwan-tien we caught the train again, and it goes directly to Pao-chi. We arrived at Pao-chi on the 23rd of September. On 25th there were four seats in the bus to Chengtu, so we let the four girls go there first. Mr. Wang and I stayed in Pao-chi about half a month. Finally we got seats on a CBC bus, and arrived in Chengtu on the 13th of October.

This journey was quite long and dangerous, but due to our cooperation, we have conquered all the difficulties. What Mencius said, "A suitable season is no better than a good geographical condition, and a good geographical condition is no better than the cooperation of people" is quite true.

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