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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,
Jan. 29, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am inclosing my application for Western
Clergy Fare certificate with a money order for
two dollars. Thank you for taking care of this
for me.

Thank you for my salary check for this
month which arrived a few days ago.

Letters from my husband report that he is
very busy trying to make the most of his
time in Paris.

Our next to the youngest boy has had adenitis
and Patricia is just over the measles - I suppose
the other three will have them, too, but it is a
light form of them. It seems as if our sub-zero
weather ought to freeze up the germs - it was 32°
below last night! I manage to keep well and busy.

1 money order attached

Very sincerely yours,
Heva H. Farley

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

學大和協建福立私
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA.
州福國中

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January 30 ieth, 1938
Fondation des Etats Unis,
15 Blvd, Jourdan,
Vite Universitaire,
Paris 14e, France.

Rev C. A. Evans, Ass. Treasurer,
Associated Boards for
Christain Colleges in China.
150 Fifth Ave,
New York City.

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Dear Rev. Evans,

Many, many thanks for your very good and much appreciated letter of December 24th which reached me less than a month ago. Thank you also for the report or rather letter from President Lin which came at a little later date. I have been intending to write for some time now both to acknowledge the receipt of these two letters and to thank you for them and also to tell you about my December salary. I thought however I could wait a little and take care of December and January at the same time.

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Check for
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to 2965*

You will remember perhaps that the Irving Trust Company gave me a bank draft on the Credit Commercial de La France. I have now established banking connections with them and have cashed successfully the two checks which I got from them before I left New York. May I now ask you to send me my December and January salaries in the same way, in two separate checks, if it costs no more that way? I believe it was fifty cents for two hundred dollars. The Irving Trust Company or your office can mail the checks to me here at the United States House (Fondation des Etats Unis, address as given on this letter-head). Then I can take them and cash them when I need the money. I would like the checks made out for so many U. S. dollars (just as in the case of the two previous checks) payable at the current rate on francs. You may hold my February salary until you hear from me again which will be sometime before long.

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May I ask you, beginning with this month, January, to send ten dollars (\$10.00) every month to my mother, instead of every other month as I indicated when I was in New York City?

Since last writing to you I have been more than ever busy with my work along the lines indicated in my last letter. I have however devoted a lot of time to correspondence, have written several times to the University in China and of course have not neglected my family. I have also done some speaking in Paris on the China. A week ago Wednesday evening I gave an hour's lecture at the Methodist Church, Rue Roquepine. After the lecture the very appreciative audience kept me answering questions until eleven o'clock or after. I could devote a good deal of time to speaking if my time allowed me to accept all the invitations that I receive, but if I did so I would have little time left for anything else.

Finally, may I ask you to send me the Clergy Blanks to fill out for the Western and Eastern Clergy certificates. There are always so many things to do at the last, and indeed all the time that I wish to get this out of the way.

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as ever , Again thanking you for all your services , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm L. Taylor

P. S. Please give my very best wishes to Dr. Garside and the others in the office whom I know and who have helped me in various ways .

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February 8, 1938

Prof. Malcolm F. Farley
Fondation des Etats Unis
15 Blvd. Bourdon
Cite Universitaire
Paris 14e, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of January 30th at hand, giving instructions regarding your December and January salary. Agreeable to your request, we have secured checks from the Irving Trust Company covering payments for December and January. The computation is as follows:-

Salary.....	\$133.33	
Allowance.....	62.50	
Rent.....	<u>50.00</u>	
Total per month.....	\$245.83	
Amount for December and January.....		\$491.66
Less: Mrs. Malcolm Farley for 2 months...	160.00	
Mrs. Farley for 1 month.....	10.00	
Charge for drafts.....	<u>1.00</u>	
Total Deductions.....		<u>171.00</u>
Balance.....		\$320.66

As you desire two checks for this amount, they are made for \$160.33 each. We trust you will find no difficulty whatever in negotiating both of these.

As requested, we will hereafter send \$10. monthly to your mother instead of bi-monthly as previously requested.

We are certainly grateful for having such a fine exponent of the Chinese cause in Paris at the present time. Miss Stella Graves of Ginling College was in this morning and recalled the fine conference she had with you in Paris. One admonition is not to overdo. There is plenty of work if one does not accept too much, and most assuredly Fukien needs you back on the field at the end of your furlough.

Enclosed find clergy applications as requested.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

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Churches Ferry, N. Dak.,

March 8, 1938

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

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for my salary check which reached me about ten days ago.

I am inclosing a receipt for ten dollars which I have paid for medical attention. This is not all of our bill, however, as I have not yet received the bill from the doctor for his recent visits. I believe that we have some allowance for medical attention while on furlough, do we not?

The receipt I am inclosing is for inoculations for whooping cough. All four of the children have had the measles, one had adenitis and one some infections on his hands all of which needed medical treatment. This bill I have not yet received. The children are all well now and seem to have suffered no ill effects from the measles.

I am wondering whether you have had

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any recent instructions from Pres. Lin in regard to our return to the field in August. In view of the uncertain conditions in China I am wondering whether he and the Board of Trustees will deem it advisable to send us back. I do not mean that we are not fully expecting and prepared to go back. And I do not mean to suggest that we have any feeling of fear for our personal safety in China for we do not. We feel very keenly that if ever we were needed at the University that now is the time and we deeply deplore our inability to help our friends and fellow-workers. Our hearts are in China with them. But we realize that in time of war a family of four children is a decided handicap. So I am wondering what the Board has in mind for us. Of course, I realize that it is impossible this far ahead to say anything definite, not knowing what conditions in China and particularly in Foochow will be in a few months. Do you know what the Methodist Board and American Board are planning to do in regard to sending back the mothers and children now in the United States?

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3 A recent letter from my husband in London told of the valuable contacts he was making there. He planned to start for the Near East the first part of this month. He is planning to arrive in New York the first week in July.

I hope that I am not troubling you too much with my questions and my "wonderings" but I am sure that you will understand the reasons for them.

Very sincerely yours,

Neva H. Farley

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March 14, 1938

Mr. Malcolm Farley
Foundation des Etats Unis
15 Blvd. Bourdan
Cite Universite
Paris, 14E, FRANCE

Dear Mr. Farley:

In a letter from President C. J. Lin dated January 27th we find the following paragraphs:-

"We are expecting the return of the Suttons and Farleys early this fall. We are writing them to this effect. Will you please report this plan to our Trustees if it is necessary and be prepared to help them on their return trip according to our general regulations. We shall send you detailed items of payment a little later. We expect them to come as early as possible arriving here not later than the first week of September, for our spring semester will last until the end of August and we shall have to plan for our fall semester's work immediately following, and any delay on the part of our staff members will make it difficult for us to carry on the work as we should."

Undoubtedly you have already received direct word from President Lin with reference to your return this fall. We certainly hope that nothing will come up, either in America or China, to delay your getting back to the University. We will report the matter to our Fukien Trustees at their next meeting, but I am sure that they will be heartily in accord with the policy outlined by Dr. Lin.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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Copy for Mrs. Farley

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Church Ferry, N. Dak.,

April 5, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I received my check with the usual promptness about a week ago - thank you very much.

I wrote to you about three weeks ago inclosing a doctor's bill and making several inquiries in regard to our return to China this summer. Since I have not heard from you I am afraid that the letter was lost.

We received a letter from President Lin last month saying that they were expecting us to return this summer. But with conditions in China as unsettled as they are at present I am wondering whether or not it is absolutely definite that we will return then. I should like to know if you have any further information about our returning.

With very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Kera H. Farley

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April 11, 1938

Mrs. Neva H. Farley
Churchs Ferry
North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

We did receive your letter regarding return to China, and checked as far as we could here in New York, but without any definite result.

The recommendation was to have the Board of Trustees act upon the return of families, having in mind what the cooperating mission boards are doing. As a matter of fact, we intended writing you immediately as soon as we received word from the American Board, which letter, however, never came to hand.

For your information, the Methodist Board is not returning the families of missionaries in the central part or north of China.

We will let you know, as soon as possible, the result of our investigation and what action the board takes.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans.

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州福國中 Salonike, Greece,
May 26th, 1938.

Dr. B. A. Garside,
Treasurer, Fukien Christian University,
~~Foochow, China.~~ 150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Garside,

You have perhaps been surprised not to hear from me during the past three months, almost, since I left Paris in March, and will be perhaps surprised to have a letter from me now sent from Salonika. I have intended writing any time and many times during the past three months but have been so positively busy with continuous travelling that I have not seemed to get to it. As you will remember from our conversations last November a part of my study plans for the year was several months of travel in the Near East in the interests of Chinese Archaeology, specifically the trade relations of the ports of Fukien and South China with the Near Eastern ports from the time of the earliest Arab trade down to the end of the 19th Century. I am now on my way back to Paris after nearly three months of travel. I have had a highly interesting, profitable and strenuous three months, I have "done" Egypt, Syria, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Persia, Turkey and Greece and I must confess to results far, far beyond my highest expectations. As you know, I had had such a trip of research and investigation in mind -- and had actually been planning it for almost ten years. I am hoping that when I have time to write up the results of it and get them into print it will be something which the University and Harvard-Yenching will be really proud of. As you doubtless know, the trip was made possible by a grant of \$400.00 from Harvard-Yenching due to Prof. Elisséeff's interest in the project. He has reported the grant to the University and has doubtless done so to your office also. Of course \$400.00 did not pay the expenses of three months of such continuous travel but this with my salary and the University allowances made it possible. I am very grateful to the University for my generous salary etc., and to Harvard-Yenching for this extra grant. I assure you it was not a pleasure trip and was fraught with many, many difficulties. Many times before starting and even in the process of it I would have been glad to turn back. It was by far the most strenuous thing that I have ever undertaken and I am most, most happy that I have done it. If my Harvard grant had come though a little earlier I would have cut short my Paris study and started out a month or two sooner. This would have made the trip much less strenuous and given me more time for recording en route. However, the results were nevertheless almost like magic and everything which I was convinced of in advance in regard to Fukien trade with the Near East has now been more than verified by the results of my finds.

Please excuse the long paragraph. I began this letter to speak about a few matters of business and this short report of my three months work is incidental. I have already written from Baghdad a much fuller report to President Lin and Miss Asher.

I am now on my way back to Paris and to America and I write about salary and steamship travel. Your letter of March 14th reached me in Beyrouth, Syria, the end of April when I returned there from Persia and Mesopotamia. It speaks about my return to China with our family in the Fall and about President Lin's letter to that effect. I also received one or two letters from President Lin and Miss

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Asher about our return . We are indeed most happy to be going back again and are looking forward to it more than I can say --- looking forward to the reunion of our family after our very long and difficult separation and to again having our part in the work and the struggle of our beloved China. Our furlough has been all too short to do the things which we wanted and had to do but we shall be glad to be on our way back again.

There is one thing in your letter quoting from President's Lin's letter , which distresses us somewhat . That is the earliness of the time at which President Lin asks us to be on the Field again . I mean no criticism when I say that this is characteristic of Pres. Lin, He always likes to have his Faculty on the ground early and ready for the Fall opening . This is as it should be and I for one, in these sixteen years have rarely if ever been late whether returning from furlough or vacation . However , the first week of September is very , very early indeed in view of the distance which I and we have to cover and the complications of travel etc., etc. Moreover it is almost certainly a week or ten days earlier than the actual beginning of classes. They never open before the fifteenth or eighteenth of September . In the fifteen years of my experience on the University Faculty they never have and no one returning from furlough has ever got back as early as the first week in September , expect possible President Lin when he came back this last time. Until the receipt of your and Pres. Lin's letter I had expected of course to get back about the fifteenth or very near to that date . Roughly the fifteenth is the date at which I should like to return now . The extra week or so means infinitely more to me that I can possibly say . Before leaving the United States I had every day planned to the approximate day of sailing and this late to cut off ten days is almost physically impossible . I have written to President Lin and Miss Asher about the matter and also to Mrs. Farley . It is of importance to me now since I have to be planning my sailing date from France and from America and with my family scattered around the United States as they are , my mother in Minnesota , my family in North Dakota etc. etc. the whole thing has to be planned very carefully . It is my conviction that the University will not open before the middle of September , especially after the students have been in school during the three months of the terrific heat of the summer . Some of them at least will demand, and rightly, a few days of vacation to go home after their three months in the country and semester in the University during the summer heat . I have no doubt that they will get it and that in all probability the University will open , or at least begin actual work nearer to the first week in October than the first week in September . This being the probability I hate to cut short the important finishing up of my work here in Europe to rush home a week or ten days earlier in order to get to the University for a hypothetical opening the first week in September. Having spent ~~th~~ ^{these} many years on the staff I am rather well familiar with how these things work out . You have probably forgotten that I did this very thing ^{at the time of your last furlough} that is leave my work "high and dry" here , change sailing dates from France and the United States in order to get back for a supposed opening on September 1st only to have us open at the usual time about the middle-or just past - of September. This time I am even more pressed for time and therefore want to face the probabilities squarely.

Forgive me for bothering you with these details . I put my ideas down here so that you may have my feelings in regard to the matter . If it were not necessary to consider passage so long in advance we could very well await developments and perhaps by the middle of July we would know far more about the situation . It is even possible that my mail in Paris will bring me some new light on the matter. I have had no mail of later date than about the middle of March . My mail is awaiting me in Paris . When I get there and have it I will write to you again about the whole matter, if there is anything new to say . In

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the meantime you have here my ideas about the matter. I have also written to Mrs. Farley about it more than a month ago and asked her to correspond by Air Mail with the University and with you. Perhaps already she has done so and there may be new developments. If so this letter may be beside the point.

It is our idea to go back to China and Foochow on the same boat with the Suttons and to sail from San Francisco, taking the southern route. This is of course a few days longer and very slightly more expensive, but we are very anxious to go this way for several reasons, viz., because it is usually much more pleasant both for adults and children, because we have friends and relatives in San Francisco whom we have not seen for fifteen or twenty years and whom we would like at least to say "hello" to, and particularly because we are looking forward to the slightly longer and more peaceful voyage as a needed rest after a very strenuous year, for my wife because of the unexpected and severe sickness of her mother and because of the strenuousness of what I have tried to accomplish in a short, short furlough year. Thus it was and is our hope to get a sailing from San Francisco with the Suttons for about the twentieth of August (August 20). This would get us to Foochow about the end of the first week in September. When I say August 20th, I mean not earlier than August 20. A day or two later or even two or three days later would be better as far as we are concerned and should still get us to the University Campus before the middle of September which I think will be before the opening of classes. (Of course some of the usual preliminaries, examinations for new freshmen etc. etc., come during the first week). Mrs. Farley has doubtless written about this sailing to the Suttons and perhaps both she and they have already corresponded with you about it. If not, you have here our ideas about it as we have planned them last summer and during the year. Perhaps sailing for China this fall will not be crowded and thus perhaps we might wait until I get to New York the first part of July, about July 7th or 8th as I now plan --- perhaps a few days later (impossible earlier -). If we could wait until then it would be excellent and much easier. In any case, on the basis of what I have written a tentative sailing could I suppose be engaged, if necessary, at an earlier date ..

Finally, there is another matter about engaging passage. By buying a ticket from Paris to Shanghai (not including rail fare) I can secure 30% reduction on my Atlantic passage. I did this, when I came from Shanghai to Paris and had the reduction. Thus I wish to secure in Paris my passage to Shanghai when I make my reservations for the Atlantic. I will pay down the whole amount of an Atlantic and Pacific Passage less the reductions of which I have spoken. The Company in Paris will then give me my Atlantic reservations and a Steamship-Ticket-Order for the Pacific passage. This order will be good for any of the Pacific lines. When I get to New York I will give this order to you and it can be used in payment of my part of the Pacific passage. I mention it to you so as to ask you not to pay in advance for my Pacific passage in case you should make tentative reservations before I get to New York City. The money for the Pacific passage must be paid in Paris at the time of getting the Atlantic passage in order to get the special reductions in question. The Steamship-Order has a cash value applicable on any line on which I might want to travel. I will pay the money down in Paris and you can refund it to me in the States when I get there. (Of course this reduction applies only to my personal passage.) I already spoke to Dr. Evans about this matter

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May 27, 1938

Mr. Malcolm Farley
Foundation des Etats Unis
15 Blvd. Bourdan
Cite Universite
Paris, 14E, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

The following cable has just been received from
China:-

"MOVING SHAOHU FARLEY SUTTON RETURN IMPOSSIBLE"

We have conferred with Dr. Fairfield, President of the Board, who agrees you should have this information at once, there being no thought in mind here that this means other than a temporary withholding permission to return to China. The situation might be construed in several ways, but the most logical seems to be that, due to the recent shelling of forts at the mouth of the Min River by the Japanese, Fukien thought it wise to immediately move to another location, and that lack of accommodation at Shaowu forced them to cable that you would not be required to return.

Without doubt, a letter is on the way, and, as soon as that arrives, we will call a meeting of the Executive Committee or Board and give proper consideration. Meanwhile, if you receive further information we will appreciate having it passed on to our office. Likewise, if additional news comes to hand, we will inform you at once.

Please feel free to write us if you have any comments to make.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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c.c. to Mrs. Farley

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
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15 Blvd. Jourdan ,
Cite Universitaire ,
Paris 14e, France.,
June 7th , 1938 .

Dr. C. A. Evans
Fukien Christian University ,
New York, China. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Evans ,

I returned to Paris night before last after an absence of three months and received upon arrival your letter of May 27th quoting the cable-gram from President Lin . The letter in question and the whole situation evokes so many considerations that I hardly know where to begin and indeed for the moment I am going to spare you most of my reactions : I have of course been prepared for such a letter any time these past eleven months . The letter is no less disturbing now that it comes , not that it upsets our plans but that it upsets everything pertaining to the University and to China. I have just a few minutes ago been reading the morning reports of the continuation of the bombing in Canton . It is too terrible to think about . Isn't there something that could be done by the United States and the European powers to stop it ? I can't tell you how it makes me feel . Everything that I have been doing during my furlough years seems to be utterly useless and insignificant beside the terrible situation with regard to which I , and all the nations and statesmen of Europe seem to be able or care to do nothing . Thus one can only continue to make the best of the time - against the future and a better day -- as though nothing were happening .

I wrote you at great length from Thessalonike both in regard to my activities and researches of the past three months and in regard to immediate plans for the summer and my return to the United States and our return to China. Now the letter and cablegram change or rather hold in temporary suspension all of that . I anxiously await further word from you and hoped to have some on today's boat . I know nothing of course and can only conjecture . It would seem that in view of the utter uncertainty of the situation in China and in Fukien and Foochow too the University would not wish to complicate their own situation by having two families of six each return to the field just now when they are moving out or have already done so . Thus I assume that our return is temporarily -- which may be taken to mean indefinitely held up . This being the case I want to make the very utmost of the extra time which this may allow . As you know my time here was made very short at best due to my late arrival in the U. S. last summer from China and my detention at home due to family sickness and other difficulties. I should therefore , in order to finish up my work here in Europe , like to stay on for a few weeks longer , per- as long as a month , or until about the first of August . This would give me more time to finish up my work here decently and in order and would be invaluable for my work . A delayed return to China, already indicated would make this possible and while I deplore beyond express-

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tion the cause for such a delay I would nevertheless like to make the very most of the situation and am planning now on doing so. I wrote you in my last letter my intention of sailing from Paris about the last of this month. I would now plan to sail not earlier than July 20 or even 30 ieth, that is a month later. This would give me a chance for complete to a further degree my incomplete notes on my years work, to finish some work in the Paris Oriental Libraries that I had to leave last March in order to take my Near Eastern trip, to finish also some Museum work already in progress since November, but incomplete, and to make some further contacts which I am sure will be valuable for the future of Chinese studies at Fukien Christian University, once we have returned to peaceful days. Particularly if all my archaeological property and library in Foochow should be destroyed, this extra time here and these contacts will be of very great value. Much as I regret to add a single further day from my painful separation from my family, I am here now, and may never be here again, and this extra short time will be priceless to me.

Everything with regard to the future is uncertain, the future of the University and the future of our family. Therefore what I have to say and what I have said may be as wide of the mark as my sailing plans as indicated in my last letter to you. I can only try to see everything as fairly and squarely as possible in the face of complete uncertainty, and after mature reflection I believe what I have suggested above to be the best plan. I am further embarrassed by other difficulties and complications. As you know, I brought with me here a very considerable collection of some of my most important books on Chinese subjects. If I were returning to even semi-normal times in Foochow I would ship them from here direct to China. Indeed I intended to do so. Now I know not what to do. To send them to China might very likely be adding their loss to the possible loss of my other property. On the other hand, it costs much more to bring them to the United States and then to take them on to China from there. However if I am to be stranded for a period in America, awaiting return to China, even for a few months these books and material would be a veritable God-send. And "stranded" the present prospects seem to indicate that I shall be.

I now stop although there are many, many more things that I have on my mind and would like to write about. I enclose in this letter also the applications for Clergy Fare Certificates which I asked you to send to me sometime ago. May I ask you to kindly secure these for me and to hold them there at the Office until I arrive in the United States and call for them? I shall of course need them as soon as I get to New York City and start my trip West.

May I ask one more question? Assuming or supposing that we should definitely be detained in our return to the field for a period of a semester or a year, could you give me any idea of what my status would be? I would of course like to keep on studying and particularly to begin to write up the results of my exceptional years work. Would such a possibility be at all conceivable? I suppose the University would most likely tell me to look for a job. You can realize something of the state of my mind and will therefore forgive my questions and speculations.

I shall now close and keep my other questions and ideas for another letter, after I hear from you again.

With sincere thanks for all your services and best wishes to all of you, I am

yours

very sincerely
Malcolm S. Forley

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P. S. The American Council of Learned Societies has just recently made me a grant of \$75.00 towards the expenses of my Near Eastern travels and researches. I have just had word of it. I have asked them to send the money to you and would like to ask you to hold it for me until further notice, probably until I come to the Office in New York. Thank you very much.

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June 8, 1938

Mr. Malcolm Farley
15 Blvd. Jourdan
Fondation des Etats Unis
Cite Universitaire
Paris 14E, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

Please do not expect a lengthy letter such as you addressed to us from Salonike, Greece on May 26th. On the other hand your lengthy silence might justify getting caught up. Anyway we are grateful for the report of your trip which surely must have been a great inspiration. It is well that you managed to work it in at this time, as further prospects for such a trip are not bright.

All that you say about return to China is now out of date. When you return to Paris, you will find letters informing you that the field has moved the university to Shaowu and cabled that you and the Suttons are not to return, which we contrue as meaning for the time being. You will, therefore, have ample opportunity to take time for your Atlantic trip and will also be governed accordingly in making purchase of your ticket to China.

We understand only too well the eagerness of Dr. Lin to secure the early return of staff members, and, at the same time, can readily appreciate your position. In view of the existing condition, quite naturally we have made no move toward getting reservation, as that will be entirely out of order until we receive instructions from China. We had hoped there would be a Clipper letter at hand before this and are somewhat disappointed that we have no more detailed information to give you. If any news arrives, which will shed a different light upon the situation and will be of any especial benefit to you in purchasing your ticket, we will communicate same immediately.

The request for salary remittances has been taken care of, and we are enclosing two checks herewith - one for US\$233.24 and the other for US\$213.25. These figures are arrived at as follows:- The monthly basic salary \$245.83 less \$90.00 payable to Mrs. Farley and your mother leaving a balance of \$155.83 per month which for the three months of February, March and April makes a total of \$467.49. We trust you will find this correct.

As you will note from a previous letter, we have written

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Mrs. Farley regarding the China move and also communicated with the Suttons. As Dr. Sutton has been keeping in close touch with the China situation, he evidences no surprise at the sudden move in land and is quite patiently waiting further information by mail.

With sincerest best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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June 22, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
15 Blvd. Jourdan
Cite Universitaire
Paris 14e, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of June 7th gives us your latest reaction to the move of the field. This, of course, gives you more time to complete your work, which you desire to do.

A letter from G. J. Lin came to hand this morning which deals largely with the budget. We are enclosing a copy of this letter referring to the move to Shaowu and the present political condition, and the conditions at Shaowu. In another place in his letter, he says that they are giving consideration to foreign staff members and will write us later. The university budget for next year carries the usual appropriation for you and your family by action of the Board of Managers, under vote M-847 which reads as follows:-

"That the basic salary and allowances of the foreign members of the staff who are paid directly by the university be retained on the present scale, but subject to cut on a percentage basis according to the financial conditions of the university, as is done in the case of the Chinese members of the staff."

The action of the Board of Managers on moving to Shaowu is as follows:-

"M-851 VOTED that due to the unsettled political situation prevailing at the present time, we approve of the plan of the university to carry on class work at Shaowu beginning as soon as possible."

Just as soon as we receive further word from the field regarding action on foreign staff, we will communicate with you at once.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. Your question regarding your future status, of course, cannot be answered until the Board of Managers take action and due consideration has been given by the Board of Trustees.

As requested, we have sent in your Clergy application blanks and they will be in readiness for you upon your arrival in New York City.

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July 13, 1938

Mr. Malcolm Farley
15 Blvd. Jourdan
Cite Universitaire
Paris 14e, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University was held yesterday afternoon - it being the first time since we received word from China about your nonreturn when we could secure a quorum. It turned out to be a very opportune time as we secured a splendid representation upon a few hours notice.

Letters from the field dealing more in detail with the situation was presented and considered. It was noted that the field had altered the budget to provide six months' salary and allowance for both you and Mr. Sutton, but the Board felt obligated to continue its responsibility for an additional six months up to June 30, 1939. It is, therefore, with this distinct understanding that your salary and allowance will be paid up to June 30, 1939. This is the first preliminary step and action taken since the move to Shaowu, and the Secretary was instructed to write to the field giving full reaction of the Board covering all of the different phases of the discussion. We are getting off a China Clipper letter with the hope that we can get some word back at a very early date. The attitude of the field regarding action of the Board and discussion will very largely determine what recommendations we will make to you later on.

What was done seems to be the best approach to the problem in view of present circumstances. It is reported that Shaowu is a malaria district and that it is exceedingly difficult for foreigners to live in that area. The buildings are crowded and quite naturally the curriculum has been greatly altered. There is no indication that there will be any large body of students to continue on, and the other possibility of occupation by the Japanese has to be thought of. The conclusion of the field is that all foreigners are being left at Foochow and only the Chinese staff being transported to Shaowu.

Probably you or Mrs. Farley have had some word from the field and quite naturally we will be very glad indeed to receive your own personal reactions.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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c.c. to Mrs. Farley

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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,
July 16, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I received ~~the~~ carbon copy of your letter to my husband today. Thank you for sending it on to me.

It is indeed good of the Board to continue our salary for another year. But I know that my husband has already been trying to find some means of support so it may not be necessary. We hope that it will not be as we know that the university has exceptionally heavy financial responsibilities under existing circumstances.

I have felt all along that we ought not to take the children back to China until conditions are more settled there. And quite naturally after being separated from my husband for two years I was not anxious to have that separation prolonged for another year or more. We have had

21 so much sickness in the family this past year that it has been quite a heavy responsibility for me.

I received a letter from Miss Asher just after part of the students and Chinese faculty had moved to Shaowu and also one from Mrs. Scott about the same time. They reported that 128 out of the 150 students were going to Shaowu. Mrs. Scott wrote that one of the bridges between the university and Foochow had been destroyed so now that the road is impassable their only means of travel is by boat. She said that "they got the university car out first" but I do not know just what she meant by that.

Both Miss Asher, Mrs. Scott and some of our other friends there have written that they thought it would be very unwise for us to bring the children back there just now.

You have doubtless received a letter from Mr. Farley in answer to yours in regard to the cable. He wrote to you as soon as he received the letter when he arrived in Paris. He expects to be in New York ^{soon} and you will see him then no doubt.

The children have the whooping cough in spite of the fact that they were inoculated

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3/ for it. They did not have any of these
children's diseases while we were in China so
now all four of them have them at about the
same time. There are a good many advantages
to living in China!

I hope that you are enjoying as cool a summer
in New York as we are here - we have had very
little hot weather.

With very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Hera H. Farley.

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15 Blvd., Jourdan, Paris 14e, France.
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Dear Mr. Garside ,

A few months ago , I thought long ere this to
be in the United States again and enroute to China. Alas , the
world is full of uncertainties.

Your two much appreciated letters (the one
containing the checks) in answer to mine from Greece and from Paris
June 7th , reached me two days ago when I came back from Stockholm .
Many , many thanks for them both . I anxiously await further word from
China. In view of all the uncertainties and my unfinished work here ,
as I suggested in my last letter my desire to do so , I am staying on
for a few weeks longer . (I could easily use six months instead) .
Thus I am not now expecting to get home before the middle of August .
I have discussed the matter thoroughly with my family and mother and
we are all agreed that it seems to be the best thing to do . Of course
if I knew now everything that I may know in a month's time I might
better come home at once . But I do not know and so I am doing the only
thing that I can do , namely, do what seems to be best under the cir-
cumstances.

As I indicated in my last letter , it was no surprise
to me to receive the cable that the University had moved to Shaoyu and
that our return to the field for the time being was impossible. It was
the cable that I have been expecting ever since last July . Nevertheless ,
when it came it caused change of plans. I am more grieved than I can
say in reading carefully President Lin's letter to find how bad things
actually are and have been in Foochow. As I have mentioned several times,
I have felt guilty and distressed throughout the year to be receiving
a University salary when the University and China and the Chinese people
have been undergoing such distress and suffering . I have felt that I
ought to say, "here , keep the money and use it for your needs , I will
get a job and work " . I have actually considered doing just this . I
suppose if I were more unselfish I would do so . I have been much
distressed . I have written frequently to Miss Asher , several times
to President Lin and to other members of the Faculty and have kept in
touch with University affairs as fully as possible . They have had my
daily prayers, thoughts , and sympathy.

Yesterday morning I had a more than two hours' con-
ference with Professor Eliseeff here in Paris . I believe he was much
pleased with the results of my year's work and research . I hope that
they will bear true fruit one of these days .

Now I must close and go to other duties. Again
many thanks for your letters. I shall be anxiously awaiting further
news.

With very best regards to all of you , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm Colley

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July 25, 1938

Mrs. Malcolm F. Farley
Churchs Ferry, N. D.

Dear Mrs. Farley:

Your good letter of July 16th came to hand which is another evidence of the fine loyal spirit of those you have worked at Fukien. The spirit of cooperation in spite of trying circumstances and discomfort, and the loyal devotion are remarkable traits of the Fukien spirit.

We are looking forward to Mr. Farley's return and will discuss in person still further plans for the future.

We regret exceedingly to learn that the children are ill, but trust they are recovering rapidly.

New York has suffered everything this summer from extreme heat to floods, and you are to be congratulated on the cool summer which you are enjoying.

With sincerest best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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15 Blvd, Jourdan ,
Cité Universitaire ,
Paris 14e, France .

Dr. C. A. Evans ,
Associate Treasurer ,
Fukien Christian University ,
New York City , N. Y.

Aug 1, 1938

Dear Dr. Evans ,

Many thanks for your recent letters . I do not have my files before me so I cannot name them by date . I think they have all reached me however , the one containing the checks , as I requested (* I may have acknowledged this before @-), the letter of July 13th which came to me while in London a little more than a week ago and the last letter of July 19th . I will answer the last two letters at this time. First of all for the last letter which mentions the fact that I have failed to turn in my return from the Field Expense Account . This is very true and I am most , most apologetic about it . I have written to Miss Asher about it numerous times during the course of the year and of course have thought to have it in long , long before now , a year before now in fact . I worked on it in Little Falls and all but got it in before I left the States . Just at the last with all the sickness complications etc., etc. the matter got laid aside. Since ~~the~~ I don't know how many times I have had the documents out and all but finished when something has come up to put them aside again. I realize that these are lame excuses but they are nevertheless true ones. I can only repeat my apologies which are very sincere and say that I will attend to the matter at once after arrival in America if indeed I do not get it in within the course of the next two weeks before I leave as I now hope to do . As your letter suggests , it has been no willful or careless neglect but the everlasting pressure of various duties . I have always seemed to lack some or other document just when I have been finishing up the matter and then I have gone off for some other duty . I apologize again for holding up the University accounts etc. by this neglect on my part .

Your letter of July 13th recounting for me the action of the Board of Trustees after receiving President Lin's letter from the field was received , as I have indicated , a short time ago when I was in London . I was and am very grateful for it and I hardly need say that it relieves my mind from many of my cares . Mrs. Farley writes that she has had two long letters from the Field , from Miss Asher but she did not forward them to me expecting me home soon and I have myself had no communication direct from the field for two months now . Everything that I know has come from you . I have already in previous letters during the past two months since June expressed my reactions at very considerable length . To put them all down , feelings and thoughts in regard to the whole situation would occupy much space indeed . I will spare you from them for the time being . I can only continue my wishes and earnest prayers for China, for the University and other Universities , and for the whole Christian cause. The fact that I am receiving University salary during these difficult times makes me feel a tremendous burden of responsibility for my times and my work and makes me daily call in question the value of it .

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Having always had , I believe , a rather high regard for the pricelessness of time , Under the circumstance I feel more than ever that I must make every second of it count for good, some good at least , something which will bear fruit to the Univeristy , if not immediately when all values are distorted , at least in the future-- let us hope the Near Future-, when things in life will assume again their more normal values .

As I believe I indicated in a previous letter , I am expecting to sail from France for New York sometime between the 17th and 25th of August , when I can get a sailing and get packed up and finished up somewhat and ready to get off . Thus I shall be arriving in New York City about the first of September . I have stated in previous letters my reasons for this what may seem to be a rather late date .

You stated in your letter of July 13th that you were hoping for an early answer from the field by Air Mail in reply to the Action of the Board and that , " the attitude of the field regarding action of the board and discussion would very largely determine what recommendations you would make to me later on " . I hardly need say that I await this letter with very great interest and concern since I assume that my activity , my residence and that of my family during the next six months or year will largely depend upon it . If you have any more recommendations between now and then I hope you will not fail to let me have them . Of course I do not at all feel free to go ahead and plan for the Fall and Winter until I have your say-so to go ahead and do so . Please communicate with me here up to as late as August 25th unless I write to say that I am sailing earlier than this date.

You may be interested in a few words about my recent trip to England . I returned from London last Sunday Morning after a two weeks stay . I could well have spent several days longer . I spent the major part of the time in the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert working on the Chinese material . I attempted, and practically accomplished it , to make a card catalogue of every object in the Museum which had a specific bearing on the subject of Fukai Culture and its round the world connections . These museums are of course the richest in the world from this point of view as they have been formed from the gifts and purchases of the subjects of the Round the World British Empire . There is nothing anywhere near comparable to it in any other country in the world . Indeed the best place possible for me to do the writing that I propose for the next year would be London where everything is available in the way of material , libraries and scholars for consultation . This however would be impossible on account of my family . This trip to London proved a fitting climax to my year's work both in the material which I found and the increased significance of it after the trip to the Near East and in the reception which I was most graciously accorded by British scholars and experts in the field in question . What I have written above and am going to write I hope will not sound like bragging . I would not write it to anyone else except my wife . I write it to you in the nature of a report of my work . I stayed in London at the home of my very good friends Consul and Mrs. Martin , in the British Consular service in China, formerly in Foochow and afterwards in Amoy . I was received in London with the very greatest of cordiality and hospitality by all the specialists and scholars in the field of Chinese studies . They could not possibly have expressed and shown more interest in my work and researches . As you may know there is a keener and more intelligent and scientific interest in Chinese ceramics and all the cultural and other matters connected with it in London and England than anywhere else in the world .

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On Monday evening again I had the pleasure of spending having dinner and spending the evening with Professor Elisséeff . He always extends to me the very greatest hospitality and cordiality .

I wonder if I may ask a very special request of your office. I hesitate to do so but as I have no banking facilities you will very greatly oblige me if you will help me . I have small outstanding ~~see~~ personal accounts with the following British Book Companies. Since I have no banking facilities here in London it is difficult for me to remit for books purchased . Would you please have your secretary write the following very brief letter to each of the Companies in question and enclose for each a University check for the amount of \$10.00 ? Viz ----

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- 1) to Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., Ltd. 38 Great Russell Street, London, W.C. 1, England
- 2) B. H. Blackwell, Ltd., 50 & 51 Broad Street, Oxford, England.
- 3) W. Heffer & Sons Ltd., 3 & 4 Petty Cury, Cambridge, England.
- 4) Bernard Quaritch Ltd., 11 Grafton Street, New Bond Street, London, W. 1 . England.

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Letter to each company as follows -----

Professor Malcolm F. Farley of Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China has requested us to send to you against his outstanding account the enclosed check for U.S.\$10.00 . Kindly convert and credit to his account . Prof. Farley has been away from China and America since September and has been carrying on study and research on the Continent . He will be in the United States after September 1st . Kindly send receipt and further communications to him at his home address , Malcolm F. Farley , Churchs Ferry , North Dakota , U.S.A.

As I have indicated , you will very greatly oblige me if you could get off these four letters forme . Kindly deduct the \$40.00 in question and the cost of transmission from my salary check .

As you may remember , I brought with me here to France four small steamer trunks and some suitcases full of books and study material . I had expected to ship them back to China direct by freight. Naturally, under the circumstances , I am not doing so but am bringing them with me on my steamship allowance with some excess of course . At the present moment I have very little idea where I shall be spending the next six months or a year . If in the East then I shall want this material with me there. If in the West I shall of course want to take it West with me . I am hoping that by the time I have seen you in New York , if not before , I shall be able to know .

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In the meantime I shall have to have some place in New York where I can leave the baggage pending final decision . I wonder if I may bring it or have it sent from the boat after my arrival, to your office as you so kindly allowed me to do from Minnesota last summer . If this will be agreeable I shall be very happy to know it .

In closing let me apologize for another longer letter and let me particularly thank you for your helpfulness in these times so difficult for everyone.

With very best regards to you all , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm L. Taylor.

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August 12, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
15 Blvd, Jourdan
Cite Universitaire
Paris 14e, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of no date is at hand, which I have read with a great deal of interest. I am glad to know that your conscience hurts you about your travel account, and that progress is being made thereon.

We are also grateful for your report on work done in London, and feel that you are all too modest in the way it was framed. I am sure that Dr. Elisseeff will appreciate fully all that you have done.

My reference to further recommendations after communicating with the field, referred to the period after July 1939. The action of the Board of Trustees carries you through that period and you are assured of salary up until then.

The request to make payments to four English companies has been noted, and the checks are going out in this mail. The deductions are to be made from your salary account.

You may most assuredly bring your trunks here to 150 Fifth Avenue, as we have ample space for taking care of same.

I must apologize for this short letter after the time you took to write us at length, but the day is all too short as I am scheduled to attend the funeral of Mrs. McBrier, the wife of the Associated Boards' Treasurer, which is to be held this afternoon. I hope to see you later on.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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August 15, 1936

Prof. Malcolm F. Farley
18 Blvd. Jourdan
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15 Blvd. Jourdan ,
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Paris 14e, 1938 .
August 16th ,

Dr. E. A. Evans ,
Associate Treasurer ,
Fukien Christian University ,
Foochow , China.

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Dear Dr. Evans ,

About three weeks ago I received your letter confirming our indefinite stay in the United States and the Board of Trustees action in regard to the matter. About August 4th or 5th I wrote to you in detail of my hopes and plans as a result of your letter and the Board of Trustees action. This morning, about two hours ago now I received your cable, "Lin cables return Sutton Farley-- University begins September fifteenth etc., etc. Since then I have been thinking and praying desperately about the matter and I shall now attempt to put on paper some only of my reactions to the situations and proposed plans as a result of it.

The long expected cable of two months ago, "Farley Sutton return impossible" was surprising enough, even though long expected, as I have indicated. The present cable is still more surprising and is at the same time distressing and encouraging. Aside from this it is most terrifically upsetting especially for me at this distance since it calls for instantaneous change of all plans, made during the past two months since I received the information that our return was impossible. You ask me to cable earliest arriving date in China. This I am utterly unable to do but since this letter will get on the Bremen sailing tomorrow and arriving in New York five days later it will be in your hands soon and will avoid the distressing uncertainty of a cable.

The Suttons are in the United States and at home and ready, I suppose to sail at short notice. They will be able to arrive in Foochow for the opening of the Fall Semester, on Sept. Fifteenth. For us it will be quite impossible to arrive within several weeks of this date. The reasons will be immediately obvious. As you are already aware, I had expected to sail from Paris on June 30 so as to be in the United States and ready to sail back in time for the fall opening. Then came the cable followed by your letters confirming the indefinite postponement of our return to ^{China} the United States, even to the extent of a year's delay. Upon this as definite as possible information I decided to stay on here for some weeks longer in order to finish up as much of my work as possible. There was under the circumstances no need for hurrying back (other than family needs), and there were many potent reasons for staying on as long as reasonably possible. Now comes your second cable, "return at once". I will do my utmost, but the fact is that I am back and weeks have passed and it is now much, much later than it was and China is a long, long ways off. These are facts and there is nothing to do but accept them.

I fear that Pres. Lin will be very much distressed and I am even more distressed perhaps. He perhaps believes me to be already in the United States and ready to jump to return at a cable's notice. Alas, I am not in the United States and return at a moment's notice therefore presents some difficulties. On the other hand I wrote, by air

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mail to both President Lin and Miss Asher more than a month ago indicating my intention of remaining in Paris until the middle or end of August, so if these communications reached the University President Lin will have some idea of the circumstances. In any case I hope and am sure he will not expect me to do the impossible . .

Actually the situation is worse, for an early return, than would appear from my last letter of a week ago and more ago. The very day that I wrote to you I went down town to investigate sailings and found that practically every boat is absolutely full until the first week in September. My statement that I was sailing between the 17th and 25th was made in advance of this investigation. It would hardly have been believed that with all the boats going everything could be taken. But on account of the very large numbers of American tourists and the even greater numbers of refugees from Germany and Austria everything is more than full. Thus at the moment I am not sure that I will be able to get away before even as late as September 3d. I am hoping for August 26th or 28th but there is no certainty that I will get it. Moreover until I received your cablegram this morning I had decided definitely not to go before the 3d of September, both because I could not get reservations and because I wanted to write up the report of my Near Eastern studies and others for Harvard-Yenching before I left Paris so as to have the thing out of the way before I should get home and involved in family duties, moving etc., etc., when I would find it extremely difficult to do it and particularly with my documents packed up. Thus at the moment of writing I am not at all sure of being able to get sailing accommodations before Sept. 3d which will get me to New York at the earliest by September 8th to 10th depending upon whether I take the fast Bremen (which costs ten dollars or so more) or a slower boat of the Holland American Line.

Let us say then, I will arrive in New York at the latest on September 10th, at the earliest on September 4th to 8th. (I shall go to town tomorrow to see what I can find. Today I must spend at the typewriter as you see.) Now, the next question is how soon can I get out of the United States and to China. I suppose I might say two weeks which would bring it roughly to September 24th. Actually I don't see how I can get away short of three weeks in the United States from Coast to Coast, everything considered which would make it September 30 or October 1st. This would be far safer. This sounds bad for the opening of school, already two weeks late before starting. I don't know what I can do better, everything considered. Brother and sister and all other such considerations aside I cannot disregard my mother who is alone and old, a widow and very lonesome since my father's death a few years ago. She will be broken hearted when she finds that we are so suddenly go back. To pass through the United States and see her for only a few days, I can't in all conscience do, great as the duty is that I feel to China and the University. (Let me be perfectly clear. As far as my work here is concerned, I cut everything short from the moment of the receipt this morning of your cable. I will get out of here just as soon as I can get packed up and out but with the best of will I don't see how it will be certain before September 3d. There are no boats between August 28th and September 3d that are available. There is a slight lull during this week after the grand late August rush. If I can catch and get reservations on a boat for August 28th I shall do so but it is by no means sure. September 3d is practically sure. That is why I say September 3d.) To return to the question of my mother. Had I not received two months ago your cable "Return impossible", I should have been in the U. S. on July 7th and had a month at least at home before leaving my mother again for China. The news that we were not to return to the field at once was very welcome news to her. It meant freedom from worry about us with war anxieties

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continuously current . It meant the possibility of having us at least somewhere in the West and in the United States . It meant another summer, next summer , partly at home. Now this has all been suddenly and instantaneously changed. We are called to return at once, at the very earliest possible instant , We shall not be home again for seven more years , a very long time indeed. My mother is now near seventy . She hardly expects to ever see her son, her daughter and her four grandchildren again after our departure . We have none of us been home during the summer . It will have been a very , very ^{great} disappointment to my mother (just as it is to me now) when she learns that we are called to return instantly . You and Pres. Lin will perhaps say that this is all our own affair , which it is indeed . Dr. Sutton's family situation has been most fortunate . He has been fortunate to have a State School of ceramics in his own home town , the town where his mother lives and has lived and in addition to have that town only a few miles away from the home of his wife's mother (or vice versa.) . Mrs. Farley and I wracked our brains to try to plan something similar for our parents . It was utterly impossible , Churchs Ferry and Little Falls being four hundred miles apart and entirely away from any place where I could work or study in my field , and these in turn being a thousand miles and more from my brother and sister . Thus with the uncertainties of our return , with our return definitely cancelled two months ago and indefinitely postponed , my mother has been cheated by circumstances of seeing as much of her children and grandchildren as she ordinarily would have . I know the excuses that various persons gave to Our Lord when he called them and I have now been called to return at once. In the history of the University ^{and} especially with the eternal irregularities to which she has been subjected during the past , why limit it ? -- sixteen years , an extra week earlier or later for our return will make no difference whatsoever. It will make much to my mother and to my feeling of responsibility for her. I cannot go sailing across the United States with only a few days of busy packing with her . Her future is all uncertain . She has lived from day to day for the past few years since my father's death just waiting for our return from China. I tried to play with her last summer something for the future . I had expected to finish working it out during the summer weeks and since the cancellation of our return, during our further year or six months in America. Now this is all changed . I feel that I must have at least a week for her before I go back . It may very well be the last week I will spend with her in her life . If my Father were living , if my brother or sister were near to her, I would feel differently about the matter . She is alone and I am leaving the Western hemisphere for seven years in all probability . I must do my best by her before I go and I cannot do it in two or three days of frantic packing enroute to China. Please excuse these two long pages . I wanted to state the situation clearly .

Please , may I add , that I am not for one moment forgetting the University side of the situation . I have spent the entire morning, after the receipt of your cable , in earnest thought and prayer over the whole situation and what I have said in this letter is the result. Alas it takes a moment to remake a year's careful plans. Yesterday I was staying on for six months or a year in the United States. Today , I am dropping and stopping everything and bending every effort to get out and back to China as soon as possible . Assuming that I am not able to get to the United States sooner than September 10th which is most likely , a September 30 ieth or October 1st sailing for China would allow a bare three weeks from coast to Coast of which a full week would be taken up with travel time and transfer from New York to Minnesota , to Churchs Ferry to the Pacific Coast . This would leave spare two weeks for Little Falls and Churchs Ferry and packing and all;

all certainly not an excessively long time to say the least .
 On this end of it it also gives me just two weeks which is not a
 day less than I need . Two months ago when I came back from the Near East
 I was all packed up . Since then I am completely , or nearly so , un-
 packed again and now of course have it to do all over again. Thus I
 shall need every day that I have and more .

In 1926 when I first went out to China I did not
 arrive until November 11th and at the time we had about as large
 a student body as now and there was no one at all, absolutely no one in
 the Department of Western Language and Literature .(My late arrival
 was not my fault but was due to the break down of the ship the
 Empress of Australia , in mid-ocean and her return to Canada .)

Finally , after all I have said , I leave the whole mat-
 ter to your discession . If you honestly feel that so late a date
 as September 30 - October 1st will wreck everything , secure for us what
 sailings you can and will , and be the cost and sacrifice what it may be
 we will make it if it is humanly possible .

A few other items and then I close . I wrote you in detail
 about sailing matters more than two months ago from Thessalonique . This
 letter now holds for the most part. I will pay here in Paris for my part
 of the Pacific sailing so as to get 35% reduction on my Atlantic sailing .
 The company here will give me a Ticket Order blank for the Pacific
 sailing good for any line . I will turn this over to you to turn over to
 the company when I get to New York City and you can refund me . This
 I explained this matter in detail in my letter from Greece and I believe
 it is quite clear .

I have no idea about sailing dates for the Pacific as I
 have not looked at them since the change of two months ago . I suppose now
 you will seek the fastest passage possible . Were it not for this I should
 still (as I indicated in my earlier letter about sailings ,) like
 passage by the southern route , San Fran. , Honolulu , etc., etc. espec-
 ially for Mrs. Farley who really very , very much needs this rest . As
 you well know she has taken care of a family of sick folks throughout
 the entire year , the last being three and perhaps four children with the
 hooping cough. On account of her mother's sickness of last summer our
 several years's planning for her vacation had to be suddenly cancelled
 and she was entirely cheated out of it . We were planning it for this
 fall after my return . Now that is gone . In the meantime all four of
 the children have had measles, chicken pocks and now hooping cough
 so that she has hardly had a night's unbroken rest in a year . Thus whatever
 she gets on the boat before beginning another term on the field will be
 that much to the good for her. Only one thing in regards to boats .
 For most obvious reasons , I do not want to sail back on a Japanese boat
 and I don't think that President Lin would want us to either.

I have been watching the papers very closely lately and
 I cannot imagine what has happened to warrant our sudden call to return
 to the field . Will it stand or will we receive another call in two weeks
 cancelling our return ? Lastly , I am assuming that our return order
 is for family, not just for me alone. If it is for me alone , then there
 are some things to be considered.

I apologize for another long letter but somehow most
 of what I have written seemed to need to be said . I shall hope for
 another letter before I sail . I think I have covered pretty well every-
 thing and I leave the rest to our meeting in New York City and to You .
 I assume that you have undoubtedly written to Mrs. Farley . I am send-
 ing her a copy of this letter to you so that she will know what I have
 written and what I plan . Upsetting as everything is , I cannot but
 offer a prayer of thanksgiving that things are such that we can return .

Very sincerely yours ,

Malcolm Farley

15 Blvd. Jourdan ,
Site Universitaire ,
Paris 14 e , France,
August 17th , 1938.

Dr. C. A. Evans ,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City . U.S.A.

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Dear ^{Dr.} Evans ,

Since the receipt yesterday of your cable I have been thinking seriously and the idea has grown upon me that perhaps it is the intention of the University to ask Dr. Sutton and me to come back to the Field alone without our families. This idea , I know has been in the mind of the President and other members of the Faculty throughout the winter and the early Spring when the question of our return has been pending. Your cable of course gives no indication of such a probability or possibility .

If the University ^{very} is asking us to return alone without our families , I should want to know and have to know about the matter before I could make any decision . Indeed I could not make a decision from here without seeing in person my wife and family . This would of course alter everything . Of course from the telegram I have no idea of the situation . Nothing that I have read in the papers late seems to alter the general ^{was} situation such as to warrant the return of our families to the field in consideration of the fact that the families on the field were sent home under circumstances which so far as I know still prevail . If indeed the University is asking for ~~you~~ our return , that is my and Dr. Sutton's return without our families , then I shall have to see my wife and my family and know the conditions better before I can give my final decision .

Our family has now been separated for two years . My wife feels that it cannot continue , that she cannot have me go back to the field alone leaving her in the United States with the children . The situation is a very complicated one and I can not go in to the details of it here . I want this letter to catch a fast boat leaving within a few minutes and so I must stop . I would that I might be able to get what I have written to you still faster. If indeed the University is asking our return at this time alone , without our families , then may I ask you to cable to me at once here in Paris ? The one word "Alone" will suffice. As I have said this situation would alter everything and would mean that it would not be advisable to go ahead and get reservations for a Pacific sailing until I get home.

Again , most , most sincerely yours and many thanks for everything ,

Melchior L. Farley

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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,
Aug. 19, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your telegram in regard to my husband's return to China reached me this morning. You said that you would welcome suggestions but I hardly know what to suggest.

Does that mean that the university is opening in Foochow? I am presuming that it does as otherwise conditions are no different from what they were when President Lin cabled that we were not to return because they were moving to Shaowu.

As I said above, I hardly know what to suggest. The situation, from my point of view, is a very difficult one. As I see it, there is only one thing that I can do. I will explain the situation very frankly and as clearly as I can and then let the Board and my husband decide what

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he is to do. I do not feel capable of making
the decision myself.

As my husband may have told you my
mother has cancer. The doctors have given her
from two to three years to live. So with her
in that condition you can readily understand
that it is impossible for me to stay here
with the children for another year. There is
no house in town that I could rent so that we
could live alone and I do not know of any
relatives with whom I could live. So the first
problem that would have to be settled is as
to where the children and I could go.

Our family has been separated for two years
now and this past year has been a very
difficult one because of so much sickness in
the family. We have four children. The oldest
boy is now thirteen years old and I feel that
he particularly needs his father. I do not think
that any mother can take a father's place in
the family.

I fully realize that this two years separation
was entirely our own decision. But that
does not alter the situation. We have been
separated for two years and the thought of
having no husband and father in our family

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for another year or two seems almost beyond my strength. But since I went to China fourteen years ago I have been thru some very difficult times and God has always given me strength to do the things I had to do and I believe that He will again.

I know that President Lin is not anxious to separate families and that he would not cable for Dr. Sutton and my husband unless he felt that the need was great. Our work is in China and if ever they have needed help it is certainly now. I know that my husband will feel that his place is beside our faculty and students in our beloved university. Our problems are small in comparison with theirs but nevertheless they are problems. Let us hope that with God's help we can find some way of solving them.

Very sincerely yours,
Keva H. Farley

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August 22, 1938

Mrs. Neva H. Farley
Churchs Ferry
N. Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I can sympathise with you deeply in the problem you are facing as set forth in your letter of August 19th.

It is no light matter to face these extended separations, and I am thoroughly in accord with any method which will decrease the necessity for such action.

The Methodist Board is approving a plan whereby wives and families of missionaries will be held in Shanghai until after the war. Whether this can be arranged for them and whether it will be satisfactory is a question.

As Dr. Sutton has wired he will return to China with Mr. Farley, and as Mr. Farley's decision is still pending, I am cabling the field that no decision can be made until after the 8th of September when Mr. Farley returns from Europe. Undoubtedly you have received word that his latest date of arrival is September 8th, which is a week later than he previously intended.

I had not been previously advised of the conditions which you mentioned at home, and can well imagine the apprehension which my telegram must have caused you. I wish to thank you, however, for the splendid spirit in which you accepted same, and it is only another instance of the way the Fukien spirit has been engendered and grown, and the Lord's name glorified.

Probably you would like to write further to Mr. Farley, and have a letter here upon his arrival.

Very sincerely yours

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15 Blvd. , Jourdan ,
Eite Universitaire ,
Paris , France,
August 26th , 1938.

Dr. C. A. Evans ,
150 Fifth Avenue ;
New York City , N.Y. .

Dear Dr. Evans ,

I dask off a very , very hurried letter to you to tell you of the latest developementse- in case they should be of interest or of need to ~~your~~ office. Tuesday night of this week I received the fatal cable ALONE . I confess it was a great shock to me . In spite of all my misgivings, as the tone of my letters indicated ~~had~~ fully expected that the return call ~~was~~ for my family . Since my first letter in answer to your cable , now ten days ago I have daily expected a further letter from you . I thought surely a letter would have gone to me on the same day giving me further information and telling me your ideas about the situation . Today with the arrival of the last mail I have given up all hope . I have no idea where I now stand ~~or~~ what the situation is . I feel in a more bewildered plight than ~~more~~ ~~thena~~ two months ago when the first cable came . Now I ~~have~~ been called back and I suppose it will be interpreted that I have refused to go ,--- the very first time in sixteen years that I have had to say ~~know~~ to anything that the University has asked me to do . I feel very , very badly about it . I don't know what to do .

During the last three days I have written a long 4000 word letter to President Lin about the whole situation . I have sent the letter air mail . Another long letter has gone to Neva today . She will doubtless write to you . This letter I began in midafternoon and ~~been~~ subject to continual interruption since . I am now hurrying to get it into the mail before seven o'clock tonight , the last chance to catch a fast boat for tomorrow . I write to say that the changes and delays of the past week have caused me the loss of my sailing on the fast five day boat , the Bremen arriving in New York City on September 8th , so that at the moment I have no sailing and shall not be able to get any leaving France before September 10 at the very earliest . I could not make my final reservations until I knew whether I was going to China or not and whether I was to go out alone or not . That news came too late and I have lost my reservations . This is not serious if I am remaining in the U. S. for the time being . I simply write to tell you of the change so that you will not expect me in America by September 8th as my cable indicated. The sailings at this time of the year are most , most crowded and difficult and it ~~is~~ is practically impossible to hold anything for even a day without paying down .

I will write you more tomorrow . Meanwhile I hope very much for further word from you . I am forced to stop now.

With sincere best wishes , I am

As ever yours ,

Malcolm F. Forley

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15 Blvd., Jourdan ,
Cite Universitaire ,
Paris 14e , 1938.

Dr. C. A. Evans ,
Fukien Christian University ,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City .

Dear Dr. Evans ,

Your second cable --- CABLE IMMEDIATELY DECISION RETURNING CHINA " reached me a short time ago and I have just this minute sent by night letter the following 31 word cable message , father long , but I felt that the matter better be clear at once and save further cables . Message as follows (already received long ere this , I hope) DETAILED LETTER ALREADY SENT WILL RETURN IF CONDITIONS MAKE FAMILY RETURN ALSO ADVISABLE ... IF NOT, RETURN CONTINGENT FAMILY DECISION .. ARRIVING AMERICA SEPTEMBER EIGHTH... CAN SAIL END ~~END~~ SEPTEMBER

FARLEY

I am extremely sorry that my failure to reply by cable as you requested necessitated a second cable from you . It seemed so hopeless to state the case clearly by cable , especially when I didn't know what the case was and still do not know what it is , that I decided that a four or five day boat , as luck would have it leaving yesterday would explain the matter far better .

Now your second cable has come and I am more puzzled than ever , as my second letter of yesterday has already indicated . I write again now so that you may have as soon as possible this additional information to go on and may understand the situation from our point of view as clearly as possible .

First of all , about my sailing date for America, I have a sailing on the Bremen for September 3d arriving in New York on September 9th . I made this change on the basis of your cable of day before yesterday . I was to have sailed on the Veendam , Holland American line arriving in New York on September 12th & I should have very much preferred this as it is a smaller , slower, less crowded and not a German Boat . For the time I prefer a Holland rather than a German boat . Still more important , the Bremen costs me from \$12.00 to \$20.00 more than the slower boat , because it is larger , faster , and sails from a more distant French port thus costing me much more for baggage transportation . I made the change solely in order to get to America sooner so as to be able to get off to China sooner and not be so late . I will be out this many extra dollars. The Parisians perhaps , "Why do I not come sooner still". There is absolutely nothing available of any kind short of first class before September 3d . I have spent the best part of three days trying to get any kind of accommodations from August 17th on and there is absolutely nothing . There has not been anything for weeks even and I am fortunate to get a reservation at all.

My letter of yesterday indicated my query as to whether the University was asking me to return to the field ALONE now . I have discussed the matter in the letter in question . I take it up in more detail here . Neither your first nor your second cable give any indication of whether the return refers to me alone or to our family and thus I am quite in the dark about the University's intent in regard to the matter . Thus is what I have to say is entirely beside the point I hope you will understand and excuse my words.

No single word or suggestion of any kind has been

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written to me since I left the field about going back to China without my family . On the other hand so far as I know the conditions which caused the University to send home the families then on the field last Fall and summer still prevail. ~~so far as I know~~ . You yourself wrote to a month or so ago to the effect that no families were being sent back to Centaal China. So far as I know the ~~Stow~~ family and the families of the Foochow Missionaries are still in America away from the field . Two months ago our return was definitely cancelled . Since then this cancellation and ~~and~~ our stay in America for months or a years time have been confirmed . Now suddenly , without a word of warning comes the cable to return to the field at once , with the hopes doubtless that I will be able to arrive by September 15th . My first thought was of course that it was for our family . Since then I have become increasingly doubtful of such a possibility and your second cable -- CABLE IMMEDIATELY DECISION RETURNING CHINA , is more than ever suggestive that I am asked to return without my family . As I have indicated in my letters and in my cable , I cannot make this decision without seeing my family in America first . If indeed the University is asking me to return to the field alone then what are the possibilities of my being willing to do so or more to the point of my family's being willing to have me ? To be perfectly honest , I very much fear that they will not be willing . I wish that I did not have to go into the details of the matter in writing and I shall not do so but I would like to indicate something of the situation.

Any time these sixteen years I have been entirely at the call of the University for any service or sacrifice whatsoever that they wished me to make . As you know , my family was separated for six months in 1927 during which time my poor wife and child went through unspeakable suffering , both physically and spiritually . In 1927, due for furlough , all packed up and only three weeks from taking the boat we cancelled out sailings and postponed our furlough for another year at what cost and sacrifice to my wife , I will not say . It was at the time of the loss of the University dormitory by fire and I felt that it was my duty to volunteer to stay on an extra year to relieve the situation financially and from the point of view of staff . I did so and the University accepted my willingness and we stayed on. Thus although is is now sixteen years almost since I entered the University service I am just returning from my second furlough. I mention these items merely to indicated that through these years I have always been willing to answer the University call and the University need whatever it may have been . Now too under ordinary circumstances , if the University were asking me to return alone I would go without hesitancy . I am not even now saying that I am unwilling to go but I cannot do so without discussing the matter carefully and intimately with my family . As you are already aware they have been under very difficult circumstances and particularly during the past year . I should have never left them if by any manner of means we could have arranged otherwise . In view of all the circumstances my wife felt that it was her positive and absolute duty to be with her mother during this year of her serious illness. She (my wife) is the oldest daughter . Our being in China has necessitated her always being away from her mother except when we have been on furlough . Thus she feels a double responsibility when on furlough. For me to stay in Church's Ferry too would have been utterly out of the question . Thus the family had to be separated . But two years of separation is a long , long time . It is bad for everybody , for wife, for children and for husband . My wife in particular has had a difficult , difficult year . I say this not to complain. She does not complain . I say it to explain. My return to China alone with an uncertain prospect of the family's return would have to be considered very , very carefully and it must be done in person. It cannot be done by letter .

~~by letter~~. Therefore if your cable wanted a reply from me as to whether I will go back to China alone now, I can only repeat that I cannot say until I have had a change to discuss the matter fully with my wife.

I am extremely sorry that there are these complications and that I am here when The University would like to have me in America and ready to take the first boat for China so as to arrive there by September fifteenth. But, I simply cannot help it under the circumstances and I believe I have been in no way at fault in my actions. The circumstances have been beyond my control as they have been beyond everybody's.

Would that I did know something about conditions in Foochow? I have baggage, boxes of books which I want to ship direct to Foochow if it is possible for shipments to get in to Foochow now and which I do not for the world wish to lose if shipments are likely not to get in to Foochow. Moreover if it should turn out after all, and even after the cables that I am not going to go back to Foochow just now, then I want these books and things in the United States if I am to be there. These and many other uncertainties are distressing me just now when I am pressed for time and should do all things rapidly and in order and indeed must if I catch a boat even so early as September 3d.

Now I close with apologies for a long letter which may be entirely beside the point. In writing it I am trying to anticipate possibly questions which you may want answered at once. As I have said above, the University has not written one word or even a suggestion to me directly about coming out alone, but I know that such a thing has been suggested and discussed. Miss Asher in fact suggested it directly to Mrs. Farley and told her that the University had discussed it. It is this which has aroused my doubt in regard to the matter.

With earnest prayers and sincere best wishes for all the University work and that of all the China Field, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Malcolm Farley

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Paris 14, France,
September 2nd , 1938 .

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Dr. C. A. Evans ,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City ,
U.S.A .

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Dear Dr. Evans,

Ships come and go but wait as I have, daily expecting mail from you for the past ten days, none has come. I could not have believed that it could be so. I thought surely that you ^{would} have written me at once at the time of the first cable, August 16th telling me all that you knew about the situation that so suddenly caused so complete a reversal of all of two months planning. My four letters, the last on August 26th, all of them beseeching knowledge have failed to elicit a word of response, and to this moment still in Paris I still know no more than the brief contents of the three cables which you sent. Could I have known that it would be so I should have ^{more than} I did asked for an immediate reply to my first letters, a reply which I supposed of course I would have without any asking. The reply has not come and now being so late as it is I know I must go on to the end of the month in my present state of distressing ignorance not knowing ~~but~~ that when I do finally arrive in New York and America I may find myself a waif and castaway. Please forgive these words. They come from a soul and mind of distress. They are not intended as fault-finding in any sense.

You have not written me, -I will explain why -- first because at the beginning you had nothing to write; second, because you expected to talk over the situation with me in detail in your office very soon and therefore there was no use writing; third, because you have had many duties to attend to and have not had time to write.

I wrote to you on August 26th saying that I was writing again the next day. I did not do so, thinking that I would surely hear from you very soon and then would be able to write more intelligently. I have not heard from you and therefore I further explain myself at this time. As I wrote in my letter of August 26th, I have no sailing and shall now probably not be able to get home before the first week in October, worse and worse I suppose but I hope better and better because I hope to have accomplished enough in the meantime, with all my worries, to make the stay worth while at least in the long run. However, I am not staying from choice. I lost my Sept. 3d sailing because you cannot hold a sailing at this time of the season unless you pay for it and once you have paid for it you cannot cancel it without loss. I was able to hold mine as long as I did because the Company was hoping for the patronage on my family in sailings to and from China through the years. They, the North German Lloyd were exceptionally nice to me. Since my cancellation, to date I have not been able to get another sailing without paying more than a few days earlier date would warrant or without going a higher class. The extra days hardly seemed to make it worth while. This is an unusually heavy season for sailings. Most of the On Season Summer sailings are booked months in advance by people coming round-trip ticket and thus having return reservations. All the other vacancies on many other lines have been chartered in advance to accommodate the large number of Jewish refugees from Germany and elsewhere. Sailings have not been so difficult to get as this summer for many, many years. After the fifteenth of this month the summer season eases a little and after the 16th or so the off season begins at reductions of from ten to twenty dollars a sailing. Thus I shall probably not get away from Paris before the 21st to 28th arriving in New York the first week in October. This, after many, many delays most of them not due to any desire or fault of mine, is (as least I am saying so now)

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the absolutely the last postponement .

Now to come back to the matter for which I am writing this letter. As I write , I have no idea ~~whl~~ all where I stand . Perhaps you have none either . The reason why I have been so very , very anxious to hear from you has been to know your reactions and feeling in regard to the situation after having my cable and letters and Mrs. Farley's letter to you after receiving the cable . I hardly know what to expect your reactions will be or even worse what may be the reactions of Pres. Lin. As I told you in a recent letter , I wrote a long six page letter to him immediately after receiving your last cable telling him how very , very distressed I was and how much my whole heart and feelings and wishes and interest and life were with the University in all of the very difficult situation . But I do have a family and I can't simply go off and leave them even though it may seem as though I have done so during the past year . ((I have discussed the difficulties and implications of this question before and do not need to go into them again here)) .

Since I last wrote to you I have felt even more distressed than before and when I finally had my wife's letter of a few days ago I felt worse than ever , as feeling which has not been relieved alas , by any reassurance from you , as I had hoped it would have been . Neva (Mrs. Farley) wrote to me about the matter and told me what she had said in substance to you . I believe her letter indicated her very great interest in , love of , sympathy for , and anguish at the difficulty of the University . As she said in my letter and doubtless in yours , The University is our home , our interest , our passion , our whole life . After sixteen years it is hardly necessary to reassure you of this . And now when the University most needs us to say that I cannot come , almost breaks my heart . I wish that President Lin could believe this . I hope very earnestly that he does . It is absolutely true that I have not had one single moment of complete thoughtlessness , carefreeness , I might say happiness , during this entire furlough year because of my distress over the China situation and the University part in it .

I have tried to think of what we might do , what I might say about the future with all its possibilities . It has been difficult to do so alone . It must be thought through together with Neva and the family . That is why I have been unable to suggest anything in the brief time which has elapsed since the first cable , little more than two weeks ago . Alas , I have lived an ETERNITY since it came .. A little more than two weeks !!! Is it possible ??? . I have no thought , I hope this is clear beyond question , of not going back to the University to spend the rest of my life , this quite irrespective of the War and all its possibilities . Suppose the war should last one or two or three or half a dozen years longer , and moreover should get worse and extend into the South making the return of my family to the Field indefinitely impossible . What would I do ? I cannot say positively . But this is what I think . After some time in the States with my family , after having a chance to help them and care for them at least for a few months --- any less would hardly be sufficient time after two years of continuous separation -- I believe we could arrange for another separation if conditions should make it imperative . I wanted to suggest this to Pres. Lin in my letter to him but I did not do so . I felt that I knew conditions so imperfectly that I was not warranted in doing so . Even now I am suggesting this possibility at this distance and without having suggested it or mentioned it to my wife . I am simply trying to think out loud . I am trying to see the University's difficult situation and think how unselfishly I may be able to help them . Of course it would be far better for everybody and everything to be able

to take the family back with me . This is of course what I want . I ~~thought~~ I cannot believe that the war will last for ever . I think that it is nearing the end even now . Until the cable came from President Lin I was happy to have another year in the United States continuing my study , writing and research . Under the difficult situation this looked like a most happy arrangement . This is what I would like to see now . It seems almost certain that by the end of next summer , after a second year in ~~the~~ Weste we would all be able to go back to the field together . If we were not able to do so , I would almost say , even at this distance that my wife would be willing and I would be willing to go out to the field again alone . To do it now after two years this month, of spearation seems almost impossible . We have brought four fine children into the world . They need a father . Uncles and grandparent in too great profusion are not being the best thing for them . They need their father in their own home . Veritably they need him . They have needed him during this past year . The separation which has taken place was only consented to through dire necessity which all our planning was not able to overcome .. Truly such a separation ought not to continue for another year .

Our situation is the subject for a Greek Tragedy . Alas , I pray that it may not be a Greek Tragedy but will find a proper solution . I am torn and My Wife is torn between two duties , our duties to the University which is Life to us and has been for sixteen years, our duties to a family which has been painfully but necessarily seperated for two whole years, the fifteenth of this September . How can we fulfill our duties to BOTH? We want to do so . We would do so . Give us light !

~~Now~~ I will close to get this letter, too, on the Bremen . I am sorry that I did not make a copy of it to send to President Lin . I think perhaps it may add something to what I have already written . As I have indicated above there is not thought of complaint in my first paragraph . Please forgive it .

With earnest best wishes to all , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm L. Taylor

P. S. PLEASE WRITE -- Will probably be in Paris until very nearly the end of the month .

I had lunch today with Professor and Mrs. Elisséeff in their home in Paris . They just returned to Paris night before last . As usual they were most , most kind and cordial to me .

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Churches Ferry, N. Dak.,
Sept. 6, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your very kind and sympathetic letter of August twenty-second reached me sometime ago and I appreciated it a great deal.

As I have been trying to find some solution of our problem this idea occurred to me. Mrs. Scott of the university wrote to me the last of May that if Fukien province were not occupied by the Japanese by November or December (I don't recall which) the students would go to camp for military training for three months which would mean that the university would close for that time of course. Since my husband and Dr. Sutton (if he waits for my husband) could not possibly get to Foochow until the last of October they would have only a month or two of teaching before the students left for camp. So I wondered what the Board would think of their waiting until January. By that time conditions might be such that Mrs. Sutton

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and I with the children could go back with them. This is just a suggestion. I do not know whether or not President Lin or the Board would approve of it. But it seems to me that since conditions in China change so quickly these days that by January they may be changed again so that all of us could return. Or the university may have to move again and then they would not need either Dr. Sutton or my husband.

You wrote that the Methodist Board is approving a plan of sending the wives and families of missionaries to Shanghai. As far as I am concerned, personally, I would feel much safer in Foochow than in Shanghai. That is probably because I have never lived in Shanghai.

It is a most difficult problem to solve and we will both be most grateful for any suggestions or plans that anyone may have to offer.

Very sincerely yours,
Keva H. Farley

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September 6, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
15 Boulevard, Jourdan
Cite Universitaire
Paris, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of August 26th is at hand and I was not aware that we had not given you rather complete satisfaction as to the situation in China. I have not asked our file secretary to give me all of the correspondence, and I am trusting my memory to a large extent. I find also your letters of August 16th and apparently a later communication without date but received here on August 30th. These latter letters were not answered, pending my return. However, we are cabling you as follows:-

"PREVIOUS CABLES CORRESPONDENCE GAVE ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE. EXPECT MORE DETAILS WHEN YOU ARRIVE."

Upon receipt of your cablegram approving the return contingent upon family decision, we communicated with Mrs. Farley giving her the facts. She decided it would be inadvisable to make any decision until your return on September 8th. In view of the fact that you were ready to sail on September 8 regardless of whether you were returning to China, there seemed to be little point in discussing at length by correspondence the situation that might be covered in personal interviews upon your arrival. As a matter of fact, we have no more information than has been passed on to you. We sent you copies of the original letters regarding the moving to Shaowu and the reason for withholding approval of your return. The only other message we have received is that received in the cable requesting Farley-Sutton return.

A letter from Miss Asher, which I find on my desk, states that things are moving along all right at Shaowu. She refers to a card received from you dated July 7th from Stockholm which indicated you had received our relay of the cable from Foochow.

Our interpretation of the situation is this, - the University felt impelled to move to Shaowu to avoid being caught behind Japanese lines in case of an invasion of South China. They took along as many students as possible and some equipment. After spending a period there, it would appear that accommodations are better than anticipated, and that a larger class will be on hand when school opens in September than originally was planned upon. This is happening in all of the universities and probably is true of Fukien. The cable was in the

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singular and would appear not to refer to the entire family. The Suttons have decided that the family is to remain in America and Dr. Sutton is sailing on the President Coolidge out of San Francisco September 23rd.

We have received word that for a period Foochow did not receive its customary bombings. Miss Asher is still there and reports on conditions as she receives them from Shasou. It is apparent that the foreign faculty did not go to Shasou but that plans are being made to take them there for the next semester. We wish we could help you as to more definite information in government conditions in Foochow as well as Shasou, but that is not possible.

Mrs. Farley has gone over the situation with us regarding your separation for the past two years and we fully sympathize with you in the situation you are facing. It is a decision, however, which must rest entirely with you and upon which I can give no conclusions as to the attitude of the Board of Trustees. The best I can suggest is the hope that Dr. Fairfield, President of the Board, will be here upon your arrival and can have a part in the conference which we shall have. For the present, this seems to be all that I can say, but if other phases of the situation develop before mailing this letter, I will write you again.

Most cordially,

C. A. Evans

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September 7, 1938

Mrs. Malcolm P. Farley
Churchs Ferry
North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I am enclosing copy of a letter which we mailed to Mr. Farley yesterday. We are not sure that he will receive it, as his last letter indicated that he might sail on the 10th. We are not optimistic, however, that he will be able to do this.

Mr. Farley is much chagrined that we have not given him more data, but, as indicated in our letter, all available information has been sent to him. A cable was sent to the field yesterday giving the sailing of Dr. Sutton as of September 23rd, and the decision regarding Mr. Farley must await his arrival.

Won't you please write me immediately if there is anything else we can do to be of assistance. If you feel that we have answers to any questions in mind, will you not kindly write us that we may be of assistance?

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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September 9, 1938

Mrs. Malcolm F. Farley
Churchs Ferry
North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

Your letter of September 6th came to hand this morning and I have given some thought to the plan you propose. I have reviewed some of the correspondence dealing with student military training and find that under date of July 22nd the following paragraph was contained in Miss Asher's letter:-

"Things in general at Shaowu seem to be going along all right. The term will end the latter part of August. At the present time the freshman class is required to go to training camp for three months. We are trying to get them exempted on the grounds that they received "extra" training last spring when they were doing country work, but I am not sure that that will work. In case they do have to go, we may wait and open the fall term when they return in November or the first of December."

As the cable from China requesting "Sutton-Farley Return" was dated August 15th, it would seem that the way had been cleared for opening the middle of September.

What we have all had in mind is that a covering letter would come to hand, amplifying the cable, but unfortunately nothing has been received to date. When this arrives considerable light should be shed upon the whole situation, and more intelligent consideration and action can be taken.

I am somewhat in agreement with your feeling regarding Shanghai. Recent war raids near the city have indicated that it is not entirely peaceful. We must bear in mind, however, that the Japanese are undoubtedly endeavoring to clear up the Hankow situation before starting other objectives. The stiffening of the Chinese defense has greatly hindered the plan and program of the Japanese Military Party.

Just as soon as additional information is received, we shall be glad to relay it to you at once.

Very truly yours,

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Churches Ferry, N. Dak.,
Sept. 10, 1938

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

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I thank you for your letter of September 7th and your kind offer of assistance. I thought that of course my husband would wait until he reached New York before he came to any decision about returning to China but he seemed to think that he had to decide before he left Paris. I certainly hope that he does get sailing on the 10th.

Miss Asher has asked me to make some purchases for her and draw on the New York office for the money. I have make purchases for her up to the amount of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) and am ^{now} sending the things with Dr. Sutton. I shall, of course, send an account of the money spent to her.

Thank you again for the help you have given us in trying to decide what to do.

Very sincerely,
Irene H. Farley

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September 12, 1938

Prof. Malcolm F. Farley
Cite Universitaire
15 Boulevard Jourdan
Paris 14e, France

My dear Prof. Farley:

Your three-page letter of September 2nd came to hand this morning. Our answer is simply a repetition of what we wrote the other day, except with added emphasis that all the information we have had has been passed on to you. Every cable which we sent has been covered by a separate letter with the exception of the one where you requested that we send you word as to whether it was expected that you were to return with your family or alone. As suggested, we cabled, "ALONE". At the time we received your letters we looked up boats and found it impossible to get a letter back to you before the time you sailed.

Even today with all the mail that has come from China there has been no further word as to the reason for the change in the attitude of the field. We can only conjecture the meaning of it all. This we have set forth in the letter we wrote you the other day. I wish I could conjure out of the skies some definite information which would give you more light.

I have a letter before me from Mrs. Farley dated September 10th, expressing gratitude for what little assistance we could render in this very trying time, and recognizing fully the handicaps under which we all are working in arriving at decisions.

Mrs. Sutton's father passed away last Thursday night and the funeral was probably on Sunday. At the latest Dr. Sutton plans to leave Alfred on the 15th, getting the boat at Los Angeles on the 19th.

We note that you fear you will not be able to get away before the 21st - 26th of September, arriving in New York the first week in October. Reviewing the correspondence you have written on the subject of your return, the most logical course of procedure would seem to have been to return to the United States immediately upon receipt of the cables. You then would have had this time with your family and be able to discuss the matter from every angle.

With sincerest best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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September 12, 1938

Mrs. Malcolm F. Farley
Churchs Ferry
North Dakota

My dear Mrs. Farley:

I greatly appreciate your letter of September 10th, which arrived in the same mail with another letter from Mr. Farley.

Apparently Mr. Farley did not receive any of the earlier letters we wrote covering our telegrams. He states that now the summer season ends on about the 15th or 16th of September, and he will then be able to secure a reduction of \$10. to \$20. on his sailing. This will postpone his sailing to September 21st - 28th, arriving in New York the first week in October. This, of course, postpones the matter of decision still further, which we regret exceedingly.

We are enclosing herewith a check for thirteen dollars (\$13.00) covering the purchases made for Miss Asher.

With sincerest regards to you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I thank you for your letter of Sept. 12th and the check for the purchases I made for Miss Coker. I very much appreciate your kindness in keeping me in touch with everything regarding our situation.

I am so sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Sutton's father. It must have been very difficult for Dr. Sutton and his family to have him leave just at this time.

It has seemed to me, too, that the best thing would have been for my husband to come home as soon as he could after the cable reached him. But I find that it is very difficult to judge other people's motives and actions at long distance and letters are not always satisfactory. My husband has been having a most difficult time trying to decide what is the right thing to do. With President Lira cabling him to come back, on one hand, and my family and his own telling him that he

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2/3 simply can not leave me alone with the responsibility for our four children for another year, on the other hand, he hardly knows which way to turn. I am not very strong and our families feel that I ought not and am not able to bear the full responsibility for our family after the trying year I have just been thru. I am telling you this to give you a little more insight into the reasons for my husband's difficulty in deciding what to do.

I have sent two letters to my husband in your care there in New York. I am inclosing stamps for forwarding them. Will you please forward them to him if you have not already done so? I do not have boat schedules available but I believe they will have time to reach him before he sails on the 28th.

I hope that I am not bothering you too much by writing so frequently. Thank you again for your help and understanding.

Very sincerely yours;

Neva H. Farley

10¢ in stamps enclosed.

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September 20, 1938

Mrs. Malcolm F. Farley
Churchs Ferry
North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I greatly appreciate your letter of September 18th as it brings to us rather definite news that Mr. Farley will be sailing on the 28th of September. I am writing a brief note to Mr. Farley on some deductions we have made from recent correspondence from Foochow, and enclose a copy herewith.

We have known something of the situation which you write about in your letter concerning your own family, and that of Mr. Farley, and for that reason have more deeply sympathized with you in the tremendous problem you have before you in reaching a decision.

I have always felt that the missionary enterprise faced a very serious situation when it becomes necessary to separate families, especially husband and wife. Frankly, I could not do it myself and I have a wholesome admiration for those who can. Nevertheless, it does not decrease the problems. With this in mind, I am very sympathetic with the trials Mr. Farley is experiencing in an effort to reach a solution. I am also confident that he could have secured more help here in America in reaching a solution, but that is now a thing of the past.

As requested, we have mailed the two letters which you have forwarded to our office to Mr. Farley at his Paris address.

Please be assured that your communications do not bother us. As a matter of fact, we only wish that we could give some word which would be of more help in this trying time. I am afraid, however, any advice that I might give, from my own personal feelings, would be of exceedingly selfish nature and when people face such problems in a broad spirit, as you do, I should remain eternally silent.

With blessings on you, I remain

Most cordially,

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September 20, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Cite Universitaire
15 Boulevard Jourdan
Paris 14e, France

Dear Mr. Farley:

I have just concluded a letter to Mrs. Farley wherein I am enclosing copy of this letter.

What I wish to tell you is that the field has just forwarded their emergency requirements for 1938-39 and have included the Farley and Sutton Salary and Travel Allowance. Apparently, one reason for the move to keep you in America was the savings which would be entailed by such action. The field comments that - even though these figures are included in the emergency requirements - the matter is not entirely settled, and will not be until Dr. Lin reaches Foochow the latter part of August. Since that date no other communication has been received.

Dr. Sutton left home last Saturday night and sails from San Francisco on the 23rd.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Sept . 26th , 1938.
Paris , France.

Dr C. A. Evans ,
150 Fifth Ave .,
New York City .

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Dear Dr. Evans ,

Very many thanks for your two letters the one of September 6th and the second of Sept. 12th . I was very , very glad indeed to have them . I have intended answering them sooner but simply have not been able to get to it . This note is to acknowledge them , not to answer them . I shall answer them in person when I see you about ten days from now . I am sailing for New York on the Statendam on October 1st . This was the very best that I could do . Your letter seems to indicate some disapproval of my staying on so long after receiving the cables . I believe I have indicated clearly and at great length just why I have done so . We will talk about it again if you wish when I arrive . I can only repeat that I have done the very , very best that I knew how to and was able to do .

Contrary to the implication in your letter , I did not receive any letter communication of any kind following any of your cables and therefore when your letter of September 6th came a large part of the information which it contained was entirely new .

Now I must close . This letter is an announcement of my sailing , just completed yesterday night , as a matter of fact , due to many reasons over which I had no control . We are all well here in spite of the hysteria of most of my countrymen , about which I am very much ashamed . (I refer to the war scare of course).

I expect to arrive in New York City on October 7th and shall see you as soon as possible .

With many , many thanks for your further kindnesses and best regards to you , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm L. Lerley .

P.S. Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letters . I have continued to be excessively busy and I wanted to announce an absolutely definite sailing which I was not able to do until today.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Foochow, China

October 18, 1938

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

On October 14 I sent you the following cable in reply to yours of October 11:

"Desire Farley return. He must decide whether family come."

We here feel strongly that we need Mr. Farley's services for the spring term, which begins February 3, and we hope that he will arrange to come out as early as possible. But I do not want to either urge him to bring his family or to prevent him from doing so. It is a rather personal problem and Mr. Farley will have to make his own decision, although we realize that it will be difficult for him. What we have written previously was meant to convey the conditions here. From the information that you and Mr. Farley can certainly get from the Methodist Board and the American Board, as well as other missions in New York, Mr. Farley should have quite a good idea as to whether or not he should bring his family along.

The question as to family and children is too much responsibility for any institution to assume. People generally do not have their family affairs interferred with very much by other people, and we never intend to do that in ordinary times. Our staff members do almost as they please in regard to their families. The missionary families here seem to run along the same line; that is, they have the choice of either keeping their family here or sending them away when conditions in China seem to be serious. The conditions in China are undoubtedly changing all the time, and it depends a great deal on personal temperament of the members of the family. Some missionaries have proved to be quite nervous and high strung and cannot stand the strain of any serious excitement, and particularly bombing. There are others who really do not care very much about that. We, therefore, do not want to urge our staff members to do one way or another, but prefer that they make their own decision so long as they have the opportunity of making a choice within the limits of the American Government regulations. We hope that on the receipt of my cable Mr. Farley will make up his mind, and then you can help him to arrange for the passage when he is ready to come.

As I wrote you the last time, we shall expect Mr. Farley to go to Shaowu for work so long as the university is carried on there. It is our plan to have the university work there until the general war situation is quite clear. It is obviously no sense in moving the university back and forth when the general situation is not very clear. We expect Mr. Farley to teach English Literature and Comparative Literature, and English Composition. At present, our English Department has nobody. Miss Thomas is at home on sick leave, although we hope she may return next spring, and Professor and Mrs. Scott are leaving for furlough around the middle part of December. Professor Stowe of our Department of Education is now teaching three

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courses in English. If Mr. Farley is willing to return, I hope he will be willing to plunge in and help out in our most urgent needs. We shall probably have to postpone some of our research problems until some later date, and he will have to forego some of his research projects for the present. You will realize that China is at war.

Please let us know as soon as possible what is Mr. Farley's reaction and what are his plans. I shall write him and enclose a copy of my letter for your reference. This is the first letter I have written him directly since last January. We did not write him earlier because we did not know the details of what had gone on between your office and him, and we did not want to make any conflicting statements.

We are expecting to hear from Dr. Sutton almost any time now about his arrival in Hongkong. We take it for granted from your former cable and letter that he sailed from San Francisco on September 23. We have no way of finding out when the "Coolidge" is due to arrive in Hongkong, as the Dollar Line has no printed schedules. I am here in Foochow waiting for him and hope that he will be here in a few days. I hope that Mrs. Sutton's father fully recovered from his illness, and that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the family at Alfred. They can come to China when the situation is more clear. In the meanwhile, the children can be in school at home.

Recent word from Shaowu indicates that the work has been going on very well. I plan to go up there as soon as I make arrangement with Dr. Sutton about his work.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ C. J. Lin

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November 10, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Little Falls, Minn.

Dear Mr. Farley:

I have not received a reply to the letter we sent President Lin regarding your return to China. It is quite possible that the invasion of South China by the Japanese has disrupted communication, or that it has so disorganized the regular routine of affairs that they have not found time to reply.

Just as soon as we receive word, we will let you know at once. Meanwhile, if there is any new development in your own situation, we shall be glad to hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. E. A. Evans ,
China Union Colleges ,
New York City .

Dear Dr. Evans ,

Your much appreciated letter of November 10th reached me here at my mothers' home yesterday . I arrived myself with our family only the day before . Many thanks for your letter and my apologies for not finding time to get a note off to you sooner.

As you are already aware , I left New York City three weeks ago tonight . I stopped off parts of two days and one night with my brother in Canton, Ohio where I spoke on China at the Thursday Prayer Meeting. I also spent parts of two days in Chicago where I stopped to see what I could further arrange about spending the next months in Chicago , according to my suggestions for such a plan which I spoke to you about when I was in New York City . Since then I have further been corresponding with the University of Chicago . This is what I hope to do . The Divinity School of the University has granted me permission to occupy one of the University Apartments for the winter provided one should prove to be vacant for the Winter Quarter . At the present time none is . There is a bare possibility of one being vacant beginning with December 1st . Could I have known in August last what I know now I might then have applied for one and secured it. As you may know , these apartments are very fine, fully furnished , lighted , refrigerated, and heated at a rate about one third of what similar apartments rent for in the same area. If we could get one it would be absolutely ideal. Two weeks ago the situation looked somewhat hopeful . Now it looks rather unhelpful . The only hope is that some Missionary now occupying one will be allowed to return to his post and thus vacate an apartment for us . There is still a possibility . The Field Museum has offered me working room in their work quarters , --- that is a place where I can work quiet and undisturbed and have full unrestricted use of their excellent library in my specialized field , as well as use of their Chinese collections. This is a very unusual privilege and one very rarely , if ever granted to any but staff members of the Museum . I would of course be working and writing, using my own material . I do hope that the housing situation will clear up enough to let me take advantage of this excellent opportunity .

I came here from Chicago two weeks ago Sunday morning and went on immediately the next day to Church's Ferry . I was there less than two weeks getting everything packed up for the future , for the winter in Chicago and for the summer next year . I brought the family here to my mother's home day before yesterday . I am most happy to say that my family are in better shape , at least so they seem to be , than I had expected them to be . I hardly need say how very happy we are to be together again . Since returning and having a little time to discuss the matter more thoroughly I am more than ever convinced that the wise thing for all parties , I mean for the University and for ourselves is to have us remain here together until next summer . (When I say here , I mean in the United States). Then if conditions are still so that we cannot go back to China a United

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Family I believe by that time we will have them sufficiently well organized, installed and established so that I will be able to return to the Field alone if necessary. I am repeating here what I said to you several times while with you in New York. I say it again now as my reasoned opinion ~~and~~ conviction after seeing my family again for these short two weeks. To leave them again now I feel would not only be very unwise and unfair to them but might even prove disastrous. This is nothing more than I said in our frequent conversations when I was in New York City.

Again I want to thank you for your very generous expenditure of your time with me in going over my various problems when I was in New York City. Your understanding of and sympathy with our family's difficulties was a very great help. I was glad to have that opportunity of going over various matters with you and clearing up, as I very much hope, the possibility of some misunderstandings. ~~Again~~ I feel now as though I had really got acquainted with "the New York Office". Again, many, many thanks for your very kind and sympathetic helpfulness and for the large amount of time which you gave to my family's affairs. Please thank the members of your various office staff for me also for their help. Also I want to thank you very much for your kindness in housing my extensive baggage for such a long time both now and before when I was in New York and I want to apologize for the inconvenience which it may have caused you ..

Will you please turn over the enclosed sheet to your treasurer. It bears on my financial matters with the University.

As I have indicated elsewhere in this letter, it is now our hope and our plan to take the family to Chicago where the children will be in school and where I will be working in the Field Museum trying to realize something of my longtime desire to get into print something of Fukien Archaeology. I am now awaiting the assignment of the University Missionary Apartment which will come December 1st. As I have indicated, we are hoping for one of these apartments and have secured authorization to occupy one even though I am not registered at the University. If we don't secure one (*which depends upon one being vacant-) I will try to find some other furnished apartment which we can afford to rent. We hope to know within a few days, not later than December 1st at the latest. In the meantime I am working as hard as possible here. The children are now registered and attend the Little Falls Public School ..

A few days ago I had a long letter from Miss Asher relative to the University work. Probably she wrote to you at the same time. In any case the letter contains nothing new of general importance.

With very best regards to all of you, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Malcolm L. Harley

FARLEY ACCOUNT with Fukien Christian University ,
New York Office.

November 16th , 1938 .

✓ 1) May I please have a statment of ^{my} Salary and allowance account
month by month from the time of the last time I drew my full
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2) Will you check your records to see whether the usual monthly ten
dollars (\$10.00) went to my mother , Mrs/ S. S. Farley , for the
month of September , 1938 ? My mother thinks that she did not
receive the \$10.00 for the month of September . If it has not
been sent, will you kindly include it with the November ten dollars?
~~Also, please continue to send it until I notify to the contrary.~~

Noted
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3) Beginning with the New Year , 1939 , I think this money may just
as well go to my mother quarterly instead of monthly . I have
talked the matter over with her and she can manage it that way,
This will save her cashing charge on two checks and it will save
your office the bother of sending the check out monthly.

Thus I suppose the quarterly check will go to her at the end of Ma-
rch , 1939 and monthly checks for November and December of
this year . Thank you very much for this change.

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4) May I ask you to send to me \$200.00 from my accumulated salary
and allowance balance ? Please hold the rest there for the time
being . I have no banking facilities as yet and have no place to
keep any money except in the house .

Noted
D&J

5) Beginning with this month , November , and hereafter until I
indicate otherwise will you kindly send me my regular salary
including the \$80.00 which formerly went to Mrs. Farley separately ,
in one check .

I will keep you informed of any changes in address .

I hope the above is all very clear and I thank you very much for your
services and your work .

Very sincerely yours ,

Malcolm Farley

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November 19, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your good letter of November 15th came to hand, and please free your mind of any obligation to or gratitude for anything we have done in the office. When you were here, I was tied up with other problems, or I would have taken more time for a personal get-together. However, you seemed to be pretty busy as it was.

We are greatly interested in the prospect you have in working in the Field Museum and securing an apartment in the Divinity School. It appears to be like a very unusual opportunity, and we trust that things will work out according to your desires.

I am sorry that we have no word to report on your case as having been received from China. That is easily explainable, of course, due to the changed conditions in the south.

In going through some correspondence yesterday, I noticed a letter from Dr. Lin mailed early in September alluding very briefly to the return of the two families, and he made the statement that personally he would like to have the families return if the United States Government would permit it, and I am passing this word on to give you his personal reaction. Just as soon as any information is received, it will be relayed to you.

We find that your mother was sent a check for \$10.00 on September 24th but that it has not been cashed. Consequently, we are duplicating same and asking the Bank to stop payment on the first one, as apparently it was lost in transit. We prefer to duplicate the check rather than include it with the November payment. As requested, we are enclosing a statement of salary account from the last time you drew full salary. This includes salary and allowances from May through October, and shows a balance due you of \$470.08. We note that hereafter you are to consolidate the remittances to Mrs. Farley and yourself, and, as requested, we are enclosing check for \$200.00.

Hereafter, we will mail salary checks to your mother quarterly instead of monthly, although, if it will be more convenient for her to receive them monthly, there is no objection whatever.

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Early in the week the Methodist Board asked me for instructions regarding the shipping of several trunks to Chicago, and I informed them that they were to be held against your specific instructions.

I trust that I was correct in this, although they tried to tell me that you had instructed them to ship the trunks on the 15th.

With cordial good wishes to you all, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Little Falls, Minnesota,
November 21st, 1938.

Dr. E. A. Evans,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Dear Dr. Evans,

Many thanks for your letter of November 19th, which is before me as I write and which has just reached me. I hasten to answer it at once for reasons which will soon become apparent. I am also today in receipt of a letter from President Lin dated October 18th and one from Miss Asher of the same date. The letter from President Lin is in reply to the first cable from us to him asking whether he advised or wanted the Family return at this time; There is nothing in the letter which has not already been covered by us in our conversations when I was in New York and also in our last Clipper Letter to which we have not yet had an answer. From the general content and tone of this letter I am inclined to believe that President Lin will not answer that letter by cable, perhaps not even by Air Mail.

It seems to me likely that he will consider that he has already said in this letter everything that there is to say and therefore when he receives the Clipper Letter will probably not answer it by cable. In regard to the family return he says what he has already said in his cable. He reiterates his desire for my return, fairly urging me to come, saying that there is much for me to do and much need for my services. This of course I already knew. A letter just received from Miss Thomas enquires whether I am going to return for the Winter semester, that is for February list..

In spite of the fact that I have not changed in my conviction of what I ought to and must do in regard to leaving my family before next summer, nevertheless these letters distress me very much indeed. To have the University needing me as she certainly does and not be able to return makes me feel more or less like a criminal, to put it mildly. Neva and I both feel so distressed about the matter that we hardly know what to do. Neva feels even worse about it perhaps than I do because my staying makes it look as though she were unwilling to let me go. However, after again reconsidering the whole matter we do not feel that it would be right, let alone advisable for me to go back now and leave the family. I hardly need repeat all of our conversation and all of my summer's correspondence in regard to the whole matter. Nothing has changed any at this end of the problem; I therefore feel that I shall have to write to President Lin and tell him again what I have already written before, namely that I do not feel that I can go off now and leave the family.

On the other hand, I repeat what I have said before, -- that I will be willing to go back alone for the Fall semester of 1939, if it is necessary for me to go alone, and my family are willing to accept this condition and for me to make this promise, (barring of course unforeseen catastrophies which might alter everything).

Thank you very much for the salary and

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allowance account and for the matter of the replacement of the check to my mother. It seems strange that the check should not have reached her but it does not seem to have done so .

There seems to have been some misunderstanding about the baggage , the two trunks which I left with you for later shipment by the Methodist Shipping Department . I wrote to Mr. Hasemeyer , asking him to ship the stuff to me at the earliest possible moment so that I could get it here before I leave for Chicago (if we are actually able to go) since I want to get at its contents and also because there will be no one here after I leave. I wrote him, as your letter indicated , on November 15th and asked him to inform you , as I thought that I had directed that the trunks should be shipped. Apparently his office had not made it clear that I had just written asking for the trunks to be sent immediately .

Will you now kindly ask him to send them at once following the detailed instructions given in my letter of November 15 th which I sent directly to Mr. Hasemeyer ? May I ask you to ask Mr. Hasemeyer to kindly see that the trunks are as well prepared for shipment by freight as possible ? Freight is usually pretty hard on trunks and even harder on the contents of them . Since these trunks are pretty heavy and one of them is not too well made, being of French manufacture perhaps it would be well if they were covered with burlap or had a light crate . I leave the matter to Mr . Hasemeyer's judgment , but I want the trunks to come through without damage to their very valuable contents of books which could not be replaced and which I need for my winter's work .

Again , many thanks for your kind services and best regards to you all .

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm L. Tarpley.

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Copy of C. J. Lin's letter to Prof. Farley, see
C. J. Lin's folder, dated Oct 18, 1938, attached to
Lin's letter to CAE 10/18/38.

November 21, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farley:

This morning's mail brings a letter from President C. J. Lin, together with a copy of the communication he has written to you. As he simply repeats himself in our letter, there is no necessity of our sending you a copy, excepting that he is urging us to let him know at the earliest possible moment what decision has been made.

It is apparent that there is a real need for your help on the field. Quite naturally, I can see the view point from both angles and it would be a fine thing if conditions were such that you and your family could leave on a boat directly for Manila along about the first of the year. As that is beyond consideration now, you will have to give very careful and prayerful consideration to the whole subject.

There will be a meeting of the Board on the 28th when this condition will be reported, but it hardly seems possible that anything definite can evolve out of that.

As Dr. Lin is urging us to cable as soon as possible, I know you will be as expeditious as you can in giving us your decision. After all, it is no more or less than what we expected when we wrote that letter.

With the season's greetings, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 23, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Little Falls, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of the 21st just came to hand. I agree with you that the situation has not been cleared very much with President Lin's recent letter. It clarifies it to the extent that there is a definite request for your return without limitations as to the family, but surely they must be aware that the American Government would hesitate to send families out to the field under prevailing conditions.

Other reports which we have received indicate that the University is carrying on at Shaowu in its regular fashion and it is obvious that there will be a shortage of teaching staff.

I am very sympathetic regarding your attitude and can understand it perfectly. Too often one loses sight of the two sides to the question, but in this case it seems they have been pretty well considered. I presume there is nothing to be done, except for you to work it out with the field. Meanwhile, we will report to you later the outcome of any discussion which may come up before the Board on the 28th.

I have called up Mr. Hasemeyer regarding the trunks and he tells me that they were shipped by freight on the same day your letter came to hand on the 14th, and probably you will receive them within a day or two.

With best wishes to you all, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Little Falls, Minnesota.
November 25th, 1938.

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Dr. C. A. Evans,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Evans,

I am in receipt of your two letters of November 21st and 23d, the last of which just arrived today. I thank you for both letters. The first has already been answered by my letter of November 21st. Indeed the second has also been answered by this letter and by my other previous letters and by our numerous conversations on the subject. I have expressed my painful feeling in regard to the whole matter so many, many times since it first arose last June that I hardly have anything to add at this time. Certainly there is nothing new that I can say, nothing that I have not said before repeatedly.

There is no slightest doubt about the University's and China's need. If their need were less my own unhappiness at not being able to return now would be at least that much less. How infinitely easier it would be if we could all go back or if conditions were such that I could go back alone, but to repeat what I have said so many times in all honesty, I would not feel that I were doing the right thing or the fair thing or the wise thing if I went back now and left my family here and I am confident that even though the American Government gave their permission for them to return it would not be wise or best for them to do so.

President Lin's letter clarifies the situation only to the extent that he leaves the entire responsibility of bringing them back to me. Actually even though the government permitted it I am not in a position to assume such responsibility since it involves financial responsibility as well, which I definitely could not assume.

I have just completed a letter to Miss Thomas relative to the work of the English Department which is the one so short handed. In it I have suggested that one solution for the present and immediate difficulty would be to cut down the number of hours in elementary English; cut it to half if necessary and thus very greatly relieve the extra burden imposed upon members of other departments who are now supplying in the English Department. For many years, as many as ten in fact the department got along with a much smaller number of teaching hours. The great increase was only made three years ago when Miss Thomas came to the field. In view of the upset character of Universities all over China and the tendency towards less academic curricula in order to meet the needs of War work and War propaganda it seems to me that a little lightning up on the English work, in view of the depletion of the staff, would not be amiss.

I am writing to President Lin in reply to his letter and to Miss Asher just as soon as I can get the letters off, either tonight or tomorrow. You indicate in your letter that President Lin has asked you to cable to him my decision. I gave it myself in my long letter to President Lin last August. It seems to me that we gave it to him in the letter which we sent to him air mail while I was in New York. He has not mentioned this letter so far as I know. I do not know whether he received it or not. Alas, I can only reply the decision which I have

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already given so many times. Much as I infinitely regret to have to say it, I feel that I cannot under the circumstances return now alone and leave my family. I will however be willing, and they have agreed to it, to return for the Fall of 1939, alone, if we are not so fortunate as to be able to go back together by that time. Again, I cannot tell you how infinitely I regret to have to write the words which I have just written saying that I cannot leave my family and return now.

I hope President Lin will somehow see this side of the question, the side of my family, which whether he has thought of it particularly or not has received no mention in any of his letters except as he has spoken of their returnings.

I must close now and get this in the mail so that you will receive it as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your kind sympathy and understanding of the whole situation.

Very sincerely yours,

Malcolm G. Farley

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November 29, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of November 25th came to hand yesterday morning prior to the meeting of the Board of Trustees which was held at 2 o'clock. There was a splendid attendance and a very active and intelligent discussion of every topic on the docket. Your particular case was thoroughly reviewed and there seemed to be no way in which the Board could intervene and bring much clarity to the conditions. It was brought out that the Methodist Board is returning two families to South China, even under prevailing conditions, but it was not offered as an influencing factor in your case - it being felt that decision regarding return must be left entirely with you.

As Dr. Elisseeff was sufficiently interested to sponsor the application for \$400.00 for your work in Central Europe, we have been wondering if he has corresponded with you lately toward any further use of your time while in the United States.

A question raised at the meeting was regarding a publication of the data you have accumulated, and how far you can go in such work at the Field Museum. The universally fine things said about your work warmed one's heart by its very sincerity.

If, through some channel, we should be able to uncover a sufficient appropriation to assist in the publication of your findings, could you use such assistance, and would it be possible to get your publication in shape before June 30th? Quite naturally, no move would be made in this direction, unless we consulted you in advance. But, if you will give us your reaction to this idea, it will form the basis of further thought on the part of the Associated Boards and Fukien Trustees. If something of this sort could be accomplished, it would be one of the greatest achievements toward conciliating the field for the extra time you are remaining in the States.

I am not writing to the field regarding your recommendation as to the method of handling the English work, as undoubtedly you will be doing this yourself, or Miss Thomas will pass the word on to Dr. Lin.

Again may I say that everything that was done at yesterday's meeting in all of the discussions, as related to your connection with the University, was of the most constructive nature. Everyone wished to have you remain as a

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part of the University, and that was stated in no uncertain terms.

Would you be willing to give me a brief statement regarding the questions I have raised in the foregoing, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

C. A. EVANS

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Little Falls , Minnesota ,
Tuesday , December 6th , 1938.

Dr. C. A. Evans ,
China Colleges ,
150 Fifth Avenue ,
New York City .

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Dear Dr. Evans ,

Your most heartening and very , very much appreciated letter of November 29th reached me last Friday night . Though I have rarely ever been discouraged , never disheartened , I have been most extremely perplexed with uncertainties from almost all quarters a good deal of the time during the past six months since last June . The mail that brought your letter brought two letters that presented something of certainty for a change .

Again let me thank you and the Board most genuinely for your kind and sympathetic understanding of the whole situation , the question of return to the Field and that of working in America on my accumulated material . There are times when one needs a little encouragement and indeed I have rarely found that it hurt anyone to have a little . I very much appreciate your and the Board's attitude to the whole situation .

I now take up your questions and propositions and my plans for the year . In going over my correspondence with you of the past month I find that I have pretty well stated most of my ideas already and what I have not stated in my letters I did state to you personally while I was in New York City . However there have been some new developments .

You speak of two Methodist Board families returning to South China . I do not know the full circumstances but circumstances might alter everything . For instance , if we had only two children and they were the ages of our two oldest, or older even, then we might think it all right to take the family back . I believe that one of the Methodist Families returning is such a family , having two children and both of them older than our oldest son . We feel that the family ought not to go back under the uncertainty of the circumstances and moreover the Government refused to allow them to go when we asked . Is it to be supposed that they would now let them go ? Perhaps so . I frankly think that we had better stick to our original decision .

I have written in detail both to President Lin and to Miss Thomas and to Dean Stowe about my recommendations in regard to carrying on the work of the English Department in this staff shortage and emergency . These letters have already all been mailed .

I indicated in a previous letter and also when in the East , that I was planning to spend the year in Chicago and was expecting to work on my stuff in the Field Museum . I have now , in the same mail that I received your letter , received an appointment to one of the University Apartments at the University of Chicago . This solves instantly all of our housing problems , schooling for the children and everything related to these questions . We are most , most fortunate since we get a fully furnished apartment , seven rooms , entirely cared for by the University , electric service provided , heat etc. etc. and we can move into it on the 24th of this month . Since I had to

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accept or reject the apartment at once I accepted it . We expect to move into it on December 27th , leaving here the day after Christmas . As I have said this apartment supplies our every need as far as living is concerned . Similar apartments available to the public by real estate companies rent for as much as \$100.00 or more a month . These apartments are available to Missionaries and Divinity Students for less than \$50.00 a month .

As I indicated before , the Authorities in the Field Museum have most kindly offered to arrange a place in the museum research and study rooms upstairs where I can work and have full use of the University Museum Library as well as of the Museum collections . Their library is as well equipped in my particular field as almost any in the United States since it was built up by America's greatest Sinologue , Dr. Berthold Laufer .

Just a few days before I received your letter I received one from Professor Elisseeff suggesting that if I were to be in America for the winter , he advised me to come to Harvard and write up some of my material under his guidance . Nothing could be finer that to do so if it were possible . Dr. Elisseeff indicated that he had received permission of the Harvard - Yenbning Trustees to help me to do so by helping with the travelling expenses for me and my family from North Dakota to Boston . This was a very generous offer and , as I have indicated , nothing could be finer that to go to Harvard and do my work under Professor Elisseeff's personal direction and guidance .

I gave the matter the very fullest consideration , as indeed I have been for some months . I considered Harvard last year before I went to France . I have considered it ever since June when it began to appear that I would not be returning to China at once . I investigated the housing , living and school possibilities when I was in Harvard in October . I considered the whole proposition in all its details and possibilities and decided that it was almost impossible to do it with such a large family . Living and school problems are very difficult in Cambridge for a family the size of mine . When I was there and made enquiries about furnished flats and apartments anywhere in the neighborhood of the University I found that it was practically impossible to get them and hardly possible at all to get anything furnish and large enough for a family of six at rates which we could by any manner of means afford even with our house allowance . I considered the possibility of living in the suburbs and commuting to the University every day . This did not seem at all expedient . Then there was the difficulty and cost of getting a family of six to so distant a place as Harvard , about two hundred dollars travel cost each way . I could not take a family from here all the way to Harvard and then begin looking for an apartment with the possibility of having to have them wait there in a hotel for ten days or so , or even of not being able to find anything at all . On the other hand there could only other way would have been to go on ahead myself and then if I found something have my wife pack up and bring the family on alone , not too excellent an arrangement . Living rates and everything are much , much higher in Cambridge than in Chicago . And in Cambridge we would be as far as we could get from all our family connections and from our starting point for going back to China next summer .

If I had known when I was in Cambridge that Prof. Elisseeff even had any idea of making such a proposition to me then I might have been able to put the thing through with some expedition . Then my baggage and freight was all already in the East .

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I was in Cambridge and I could have found the ground for a possibility of some place to live for my family. But to face the proposition of paying out four hundred dollars as a start just for travel to Boston and back and then anywhere from \$60.00 to over a hundred for a place for a family to live, and then increased living conditions besides, -- well I simply couldn't consider it. Moreover I would have had to go back to North Dakota and Minnesota for my family affairs before moving them East in addition.

Until Professor Elisséeff's letter came I had no certain prospect of one cent of help other than my salary and allowances and to swing the Boston proposition on this seemed entirely impossible. Quite frankly I did not dream that Professor Elisseeff had any idea of making such an offer and such a proposition. In the meantime I did the only and best thing that I could, I tried to arrange something in Chicago where I felt that I could manage it and at the same time have many of the advantages that Harvard offered and a good many that Harvard did not offer. In fact I imagined that the Board might quite justly think I was crazy at spending four hundred dollars as a mere starter to go to Boston for study when Chicago was so much nearer and less expensive in every way.

Quite frankly, (and this is for your private consumption only) last summer in Paris, I hoped that Prof. Elisseeff might propose something like what he has now proposed. Again in Boston I hoped he might propose something. When I was there he asked me about my plans. I told them to him as far as I knew them and that after looking over the situation I had decided that I could not possibly manage the Harvard proposition financially and that I was planning in stead to work in Chicago.

I am sure you will readily agree that with absolutely no prospect of anything I could hardly attempt to take the Harvard proposition with the certainty that it would cost me these hundreds of dollars of money extra. Neither could I go on waiting and let the time slip entirely away from me. If I had done so I might have suddenly found myself with the whole year gone and nothing at all accomplished. I therefore planned immediately for Chicago, just as soon as I could. The matter of the apartment had to be decided at once. It was a question of take it or leave it. Since there were other applicants for it I could not keep them waiting, especially as I had no other offer or proposition of any kind at the time.

Let me pass now to some of the other matters raised in your letter. You spoke of the matter of publication and of my work at the Field Museum. As I have indicated, the Field Museum offers about as fine facilities for my work as can be found anywhere in the United States, and in addition they are offering me a place to work, an opportunity which very few other institutions would be able to offer to me. The great advantage of Harvard over other places would be the direction and guidance of Professor Elisseeff which of course would be supremely important.

My writing plans for the year are something as follows. I already have a number of fairly short articles partially written, some of them nearly finished. I wrote them partly in China before I came to America, partly in France during the course of the year and I have written a ten thousand word article during the past three weeks since I came here. I have left to finish only the conclusion of it. It is my plan to finish up two or three possibly of these short articles and submit them for publication.

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just as soon as I can get them finished and retyped. Were it not for sickness and other interruptions I could have already submitted this last article this week .

Then I propose to begin (I have already begun it in Paris) a much longer article , more in the nature of a monograph) on the Te-hua ceramic industry in Fukien (not a technical but a historical and archaeological article) . This article the Oriental Ceramic Society of Great Britain asked me to prepare for publication in the annual volume of Transactions last year and the offer is still good. It is next to impossible for me to make a definite promise that I will write so many articles or so many words in the course of six months' time. Often an article grows to twice its anticipated length when once you come to write it . Again sudden and unexpected difficulties arise when you come to write , such as inability to secure or delays in securing some necessary reference material . My feeling is that I can't count on any kind of luck at all (and assuming that all the family doesn't come down with mumps and half a dozen other things to delay production) I can write and finish two or three or even four or five short articles (starting with the material which I have partially finished and perhaps one long article after the nature of a monograph. Perhaps I could do even more . The articles I would send off and submit for publication just as soon as ready and certainly some of them ought to see print before June . The monograph too , if accepted at once might be in line for early publication. I feel that it would be of greater value just now to get something (or several) short into print before June than to spend all the time on a long work that would require getting to the field before I could even finish it and then further delays before it could get into print. Now, it seems to me , the important thing is to get something into print . If it is accepted for print by a reputable Scientific and research journal that will be something of a guarantee of its value. I think the mere question of length is of quite secondary importance . Practically all of the work of the great French sinologue , Prof. Pelliot's work has been in the nature of articles , many of them quite short . He is now of course getting out one of his lifetime works , a new edition of the travels of Marco Polo .

There is usually greater honor and value in having an article or a monograph published by a Learned Society or a scientific journal than in subsidizing it and publishing it yourself , assuming of course that the nature and content of your manuscript is such that some scientific journal wants it . It very , very frequently happens that no one does want it or no one is able to take it for any one of a dozen good reasons. Then it is necessary to have subsidy to get a work published . I fully expect to have such works to publish in the course of the years , works which I think should be published but which may be too particular or not particular enough , which may perhaps be too long or may not fit into the publication plans of any learned society . It is such works as these that require subsidy to get published. Yes---I For this year I do not look forward to completing such a work . It seems to me advisable to find publication if possible in the leading journals in the fields in question, the Harvard Journal of Oriental Studies, The Journal of the American Oriental Society , The Transactions of the Oriental Ceramic Society of Great Britain , The Bulletin of the Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities of Stockholm and others of this kind. Some of these have definitely asked me for material to publish . Others have offered to consider such material as I might like to offer to them . In the case of the Ceramic Society this extends even to articles of monograph length .

It is my sincere hope to write such material as will be acceptable to some of the Journals that I have indicated . Such is to be my plan and effort for this year . When I get back to China and the war ends I hope to begin the preparation of a series of monographs on various phases of Fukien Art, Archaeology and Life. Already I have, for instance, sufficient material for a full monograph, a book on each of the following subjects relating to Fukien, viz., -- Boat Songs and Folk Music of Fukien, Nursery Rhymes and Folk Literature of Fukien, A Handbook of the Arts and Crafts of Fukien. In the case of the Boat Songs and Folk Literature I already have a large amount of the material already in manuscript, that is to say, actually written up. It is just barely possible that the Harvard-Yenching Institute might find some one subject of this sort ~~as to~~ of sufficient interest to consider publishing a monograph on it in their monograph series, but they would probably be too limited in scope or in the case of the Handbook too broad in scope to interest them. It is for such publication as this that subsidy would be needed. ~~Now I wish that~~ It would be a very great source of satisfaction to think that there might be a possibility of some such subsidy for the future, once normal conditions come again to the University and to China. Your suggestion in regard to the matter is a most generous one, and believe me, I appreciate it very greatly indeed. The suggestions that I have made for my work of the winter and publication, if possible, of my material in the usual research publications should not be construed as a lack of interest in such subsidy as you suggest. Very far from it, the more that can be published without such subsidy, the ~~farther~~ more that can be reserved for need when there is real need.

You asked for a brief concise statement of the situation. I wish I could have given you such. I have been more than half laid up with a kind of flu since Sunday and really should be in bed but I have had so many things to do that I have tried to work on in spite of everything. Today I have received a letter from Prof. Elisseeff in reply to mine giving him my ideas about the difficulty of coming to Harvard. I believe it will not be inappropriate for me to quote from his first paragraph. He says, "I am very sorry that you cannot accept my proposition to come to Cambridge for the second semester. I did not realize that it would be so difficult for you and your family to live here. The Trustees were willing to pay your traveling expenses to Cambridge and to add a reasonable amount for the higher cost of living here over South Dakota. Personally, I regret that you have decided to go to Chicago".

I am very much hoping that Professor Elisseeff appreciates and understands the difficulties of my situation. If he had been able to make such a proposition to me when I was in Cambridge in October the situation might have been quite different. Then I might have been able to arrange for the matter. But as it was I had nothing to look forward to, nothing to expect except what I could manage from my own salary and allowances. Chicago offered me the possibility of a place to live and a place to work when no other place offered me anything that I could at all manage. Naturally I could not wait indefinitely hoping that something might turn up when I had no reason to expect that anything would turn up. Thus as a matter of fact, although I spoke of the idea of coming to Harvard to study many times during the summer and again when I was there this fall, Professor Elisseeff did not himself suggest it to me. Thus I went ahead with the Chicago proposition. Professor Elisseeff's letter reached me less than two weeks ago. To attempt to manage the proposition so late in the season without any prospect what-

soever of a place to live while on the other hand the Chicago proposition offered such excellent possibilities seemed unwise.

I wrote immediately to Prof. Elisséeff, told him how much I had wanted to come to Harvard for a good many years, how very valuable indeed it would consider it to be able to work under his expert guidance and direction and how very much I appreciated the generous offer of help which he and the Harvard Institute Trustees were making to me. I then explained the whole situation to him, almost as fully as I have done here, because I really wanted him to understand, and told him, that everything considered I felt that it was advisable if not absolutely necessary under the circumstances for us to go to Chicago instead of trying to come to Harvard.

In saying what I have above I am not suggesting any complaint in regard to the Harvard proposition. I don't know whether Prof. Elisséeff had any idea of suggesting my coming there when I was myself at Harvard in October. If so he said nothing about it. In any case if he did, ~~he probably felt~~ have the matter in mind he probably felt like waiting until he had the authority of the Board of Trustees to make a definite offer. But knowing nothing whatsoever about the whole thing, of course, I couldn't wait.

I was hoping that perhaps Prof. Elisséeff would sufficiently approve of the Chicago proposition, which after all is a most excellent one (and as I have said has many advantages over the Harvard proposition, housing, nearness to our homes and relatives, etc., etc.) to offer to assist us in travel from Church's Ferry to Chicago and home again which is no inconsiderable item. I suggested to him the possibility of directing to a degree my studies by correspondence and that I might come to Harvard for a month or several weeks in the spring to finish. Of course this would not be equal to six months in closer contact and under closer guidance right at Harvard but it might help very considerably. Perhaps something may still come of it.

I apologize for and regret another long letter. I could seem to avoid it. I hope it will be the last for six months of such length. In any case I hope I have stated the situation pretty clearly, in spite of "flu" and a head like a balloon. When you have time I shall be glad to know if you have any further suggestions after what I have written. Let me state just once more in closing, that I would like nothing so well as to have a semester on the Harvard Campus working in the Department under Professor Elisséeff. In every way this would be more valuable than I can tell you. I did not give up the idea without the very most serious and careful consideration of every possibility of the situation and then with the very greatest reluctance I wrote and told Prof. Elisséeff my feelings and judgement in regard to the situation. If the offer had only come a little earlier I might somehow have been able to swing the matter. As it was everything came at once, or rather one thing after another. I couldn't even weigh the evidence all at once. I had to decide about the house at the University of Chicago even before I had the proposition from Harvard or else lose the house beyond question. I can only say that I did the very best that I knew how to do within the limits of my knowledge and financial resources and I did so only after the most careful and prayerful consideration. It has been a lifetime ambition to go to Harvard and you can be sure I did not throw such a possibility over carelessly.

Now may I close with two matters of business?

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May I ask you please to have sent direct to Miss Asher or President Lin (Better to Miss Asher, I think,) the sum of \$30.00 to be charged against my salary account. If you will you may state briefly that this is the amount which Mr. Farley is sending for China War Relief according to his letter to President Lin in regard to the matter. As I have explained I have already written to President Lin to the effect that I am sending this money through your office. ~~and is a gift.~~ It is a gift, five dollars from my mother, \$ 8.15 from an offering for one of my China talks here and the rest from Mrs. Farley and me personally.

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May I also ask you to send (or perhaps it would be all right to give it direct to Dr. Garside since he is a member of the Committee) for me to " The American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression , 8 West 40 ieth Street , New York City , N.Y. the sum of \$10.00 and tell them that it is from Malcolm F. Farley , Little Falls , Minnesota. I have written to them saying it is coming. I am sorry to bother you with such petty affairs but I have been in with Flu . The post office is about a mile or more than that away , I can't get a money order without going in person and I am anxious for this money to go as soon as possible .

*Charge to salary.
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Many , many thanks for your patience (re. this letter) and for your most , most heartening letter , In spite of Prof. Elisséeff's regret and my very genuine regret about our not going to Cambridge I very much hope that the year will bring nothing but profit to the University , to the Board , to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and to us in the matter of writing and publications.

Very sincerely yours ,

Malcolm F. Farley.

P.M. And if by chance I should not write again before Christmas please accept from all Our Family our very sincerest wishes for Christmas and all the year for you , your office workers and staff and for the Board .

M.F.F.

Our Chicago address after December 27th ,1938.

Apartment No. 1
5823 Maryland Avenue ,
Chicago , Illinois.

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December 12, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your good letter dated December 6th came to hand Saturday, and I took time yesterday to run through it but had no opportunity to give it detailed study.

As today is China mail day and tomorrow and Wednesday we have some important meetings, I will not be able to give it detailed attention until later in the week. Meantime, we note that you are to take Apartment No. 1, 5825 Maryland Avenue, Chicago after December 27th.

Thanks for your good wishes and Christmas greetings which are reciprocated in added measure to you and your family.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dittle Falls, Minnesota.
December 17th, 1938.

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Dr. C.A. Evans,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Evans,

Thank you very much for your letter of December 12th which reached me a few days ago. Please do not feel any great hurry about answering it. I know you must be very busy so near the Christmas time and particularly the close of the year.

I have been laid up a good deal of the time for more than two weeks now with a kind of flue followed by sinus trouble which is ~~is~~ still with me in a more mild form.

I wonder if I may bother you to ask you to send to me two clergy blanks for Western Clergy fare certificate for the new year 1939, and two for the Eastern so that I can fill them out and be ready for the new clergy certificates if I should happen to need them early in the year for anything, as I may?

Again with best wishes to all of you for the Christmas Season, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Malcolm L. Farley

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December 19, 1938

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley
Little Falls
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farley:

In my previous letter I did not acknowledge the paragraph requesting us to make certain payments - one to Mr. Price of the American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression; \$30.00 to Miss Asher for China war relief, representing \$5.00 from your mother and the balance from yourself. These items have been taken care of.

During the past week I have taken a great deal of pains to review thoroughly your whole problem, bringing to light all of the information we have available. I have also conferred with our staff and such officers of the Fukien Board as are available. The conclusion is this, - were it a matter of deciding the status of an English teacher at Fukien, it would be comparatively simple. However, with your background and study and investigation in the archaeological field, and having made contacts with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and in view of the fact that a portion of the Harvard-Yenching funds are being used for your budget, there is a much greater issue at stake. Very largely it is Fukien's relationship to the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

With this in mind, the unanimous feeling is that your findings must be published as soon as possible, and that every effort should be made to cooperate with the Harvard-Yenching Institute in doing this in order to get the data in proper form.

The comment made by one individual who has had access to the correspondence is, "Mr. Farley is a victim of procrastination, which he must overcome if his career is to be one of growth and development rather than of stagnation and ordinary humdrum of existence."

We believe that Dr. Elisseeff is best fitted to give direction to this work and that contact with him will be the means of finding just where you stand.

We have heard that Dr. Elisseeff is greatly disappointed in your not accepting his offer to come to Cambridge, as he was willing to make up the difference in expense from Harvard-Yenching funds and assist you with your publications. In not accepting it, the opportunity has very nearly "gone with the wind," though it might still be open if you would take the initiative. Frankly, as I view it,

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a wonderful opportunity is presented for your development and the building up of your findings, but it is very obvious to all of us that without direction and contact with people who will exercise a guiding hand, there is every chance of the coming months being pattered away without definite results.

I have written rather plainly as, first of all, I have been told to do so by those members of the Fukien Board with whom we could get in touch personally; and secondly it is our conviction that this is the crossroads between your doing a magnificent job on the one hand, and drifting along far behind your maximum potentialities on the other.

The decision rests with you, and whether or not you are willing to accept the opportunity presented and to adjust yourself to the situation accordingly. With all frankness, I wonder if you have not been adjusting yourself to situations which you felt best suited the occasion, and by that I mean in past instances as well as the present condition.

Please do not think that my sympathetic understanding has vanished. It is because of my knowledge of the situation that I write thus plainly. I hope it does not interfere with your enjoyment of the Christmas Season, but speed seems essential if any reconsideration is to be given.

With sincerest regards to you all, I am

Most cordially,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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Little Falls, Minnesota .
December 23d, 1938

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Dr. C. A. Evans
China Christian Colleges ,
150 Fifth Avenue ,
New York City .

Dear Dr. Evans ,

The Clergy Blanks which I requested in my letter of December 17th have reached me today and I return them properly filled out at once . There is of course the identification which the Board always fills in for me.

We have just this day received word that the family who are now occupying the apartment at the University of Chicago which we are to occupy are sick (perhaps quarantened) and that we cannot occupy it until several days later. If this should bring us up to January first our old Clergy Certificates would not be good for the trip from here to Chicago .

I am therefore asking that (in order to avoid our possibly being held up) these Clergy Certificates be sent to us here in Little Falls just as soon as possible. I hope they may be able to reach us within a week or even less .

This emergency has just arisen this afternoon and I am returning the certificates on the first mail out.

I am extremely sorry to hurry you at a busy time doubtless but I hope you will be able to rush the certificates through for us .

With many thanks for your services , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm F. Farley
Malcolm F. Farley .

P.S. The Western Clergy Certificates
are the urgent one.

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