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Apartment No. 1. (17)  
5823 Maryland Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Friday, January 6th, 1939.

Dr. E. A. Evans,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Evans,

We arrived in Chicago this morning after a night on the train and got into our apartment just about noon. ~~Your~~ A notice of your telegram was waiting for me when we got to the apartment and I went over to the University Western Union Office and got it.

The day has been a busy one and I have just now been able to get to the typewriter to send an air mail reply to acknowledge your telegram. I have had to spend the afternoon getting the family taken care of for eating and sleeping and I have just now finished, 11 P. M.

Quite frankly I don't know what to reply to President Lin's further cablegram. I have said all I have known to say so many times during the past months and have repeatedly stated my conviction that I must stay with my family at least until summer that I truly have nothing more to say. This further cable from President Lin distresses us more than we can say. We feel so badly about the whole situation and the need and all that we hardly know what to do about it. Indeed I wish there was something that we could do to help the situation. The past two months with my family have only served to indicate how very, very much they need me and some of their own. In view of the past (all of which you so well know) and the probable prospect of further separation for the future, the coming six months together seem to be the only fair thing for the family, -- indeed the only possible thing. As I have said again and again, I will return to the University under any known or conceivable circumstances for the Fall semester of this year and this even though it means going back alone and leaving the family here in America but not I feel that I must stay with them and not them in charge for whatever contingency the future may offer. If we can all go back together next summer, there is absolutely nothing that would make us happier;

As you have indicated before, some families from Fukien are returning but so far as we have been able to find out they are either staying in Shanghai, or they are families whose children are older or less in number. I have had no further communication with the American Government relative to the family's immediate return since our rather thorough investigation of the matter in October when they so positively stated that the family would not be allowed to return to Tsochow proper. We have considered the Shanghai proposition, the proposal to leave the family in Shanghai and have vetoed it most strongly.

I suppose perhaps President Lin's cable is in answer to my long letter which in turn was in answer to his of previous date. I stated the matter so fully in my letter that though I can and do readily understand the University's short-handedness and their difficult predicament, I am still surprised at another cable requesting my

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immediate (-I suppose-) return , after I indicated so plainly that I felt that I simply could not return until summer.

Do you think it possible that my letter could have gone astray and not reached President Lin and that he has had no reply to his letter to you and to me ? Did you not cable a reply to him according to his request ? If you have any light on or explanation of these matters I shall be very glad to have it.

I think I shall close now as it is nearing midnight . I have had busy days lately . Last night the whole family spent the night and thirteen hours on the day coach from Little Falls here and needless to say , today we have been busy enough getting into our new apartment . In addition I have a badly bruised hand and a pounded thumb from my baggage and I cannot write very well .

As I wrote previously , we were not able to occupy this apartment before January 2nd or 3d on account of the sickness of the family already in it and their inability to get away. We have just had six weeks or more of mumps in the family and were only able to leave yesterday and then took the ~~high~~ risk of taking one child out of bed to come . We were afraid if we did not get away then something more would happen to further delay us ~~substantiate--the~~ and help to fulfill the prophecy of your letter. We are however here safely and we believe with no danger to the health of the children .

The only thing to seriously distress us now is the receipt today of this further cable from President Lin . Believe me we are distressed about it . What can we do ?

Your letter in answer to my long one reached me in Little Falls a few days ago . Many , many thanks for it . I shall reply to it in a few days when I get organized . I am expecting to begin working at the Field Museum on Monday (-Tomorrow is Saturday and the offices close at noon --) and I have already begun working at home.

Again thanking you for your letter and for the telegram , distressing and bewildering as it is , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm L. Lailey.

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January 6, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
Little Falls  
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Farley:

Yesterday morning we received a cablegram from Shawa as follows:-

"FARLEY EARLY RETURN URGENT C. J. LIN."

No other communications have been received regarding this situation which would shed light upon this particular cablegram. A letter from Miss Asher three or four weeks ago stated that our communications have been received and given consideration, but that previous letters had answered all questions.

You will recall that our Clipper letters and cables were designed to secure definite action by the field, and this is the first conclusive word we have had. The other communications make it more or less optional with the desire being expressed that you would return to China.

This cable brings up an entirely new issue from that which we have been considering recently, and possibly you have made up your mind definitely what your course of procedure will be.

A telegram was sent to you yesterday at 5825 Maryland Avenue, Chicago, quoting this cablegram, but a report has been received from Western Union stating that you were not at home but a notice had been left at the above address.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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c.c. to Mr. Farley at  
5825 Maryland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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5823 Maryland Ave.,  
Chicago . Illinois.  
January 7th , 1939.

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

Dear Dr, Evans ,

Your Air Mail letter following your cable of December 5th has just reached me this morning , a few minutes ago . I hasten to acknowledge it . I answered the letter last night by Air Mail and you doubtless have my answer by this time. Indeed you may receive the two letters together . I have little or nothing to add to my letter of last night , which indeed pretty well covered the ground .

Your letter suggests that the cable from President Lin "brings up an entirely new issue ." This is in a sense true . However I feel that my last long letter to President Lin has already answered this cable . In that letter President Lin said in letter form about the same that he has repeated in this cable , and I answered it in my letter to him. It seemed to me that that letter and the one that he wrote to you at the same time were about as conclusive as possible since in them he definitely requested and urged my immediate return . You already know what I replied and what I requested you to reply by cable , which I suppose you did . He must have had those replies before he sent this further cable . That is why , as I indicated in my letter of last night I cannot quite understand this further urgency , except of course, that the need is very pressing . Within the past three weeks we have had letters from the Scotts and from Miss Asher . These letters were written about the middle of November . Already at that time both the Scotts and Miss Asher were not expecting our return to the field for the Spring semester of this year , 1939 . Both these letters spoke of the matter and it was clearly understood by the persons writing them that we had already clearly indicated our intention of not coming back <sup>now</sup> and our decision that it was not possible for me to do so under the circumstances . Therefore President Lin's further cable at this time surprises me .

For the moment I have no further wisdom or light than what I have given either in my letter of last night or in this one of today . I can only repeat our very earnest and great regret that conditions on the field are so bad and that the University is so understaffed, and most of all that we cannot all return to the field .

I will close and send this further letter along to you and if anything further comes to me that bears on the matter I will write to you at once. With sincere thanks for all your trouble , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

*Malcolm L. Taylor*

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January 10, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
Apartment #1  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your two letters of January 6th and January 7th, 1939 at hand regarding your return to Fukien and the recent cable received from President Lin.

Insofar as we are able to discern, this represents simply a restudy of the situation and expressing an earnest wish that you would return. It would seem that arrangements have been made for carrying on English work thru next semester, although no definite conclusions have been made up to date regarding Miss Thomas' return.

Your decision is nothing different than I anticipated as I can readily see the difficulties involved after having established yourself in Chicago.

I note several questions in the second paragraph of your letter of the 6th on page 2 all of which have been carefully checked in our files, showing that we cabled with his request and followed up with covering letters. Of course, we cannot say whether or not all of this came through Dr. Lin's hands. As a result of our correspondence, we have cabled today as follows:-

**"FARLEY WITH OR WITHOUT FAMILY WILL RETURN FALL SEMESTER 1939"**

It might not be out of the way to note that return sailings, if it develops that you should go to China in the fall, should be arranged so that you will be on the campus at the opening of the fall semester.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Air Mail

Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China  
January 19, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have very carefully reconsidered Mr. Farley's case and have come to the conclusion that we cannot ask the Farleys to return to the university. Please make arrangement so that his connection with us will definitely terminate by June 30, 1939.

You will remember that we wrote you under date of May 24, 1938, about this. Reference should also be made to Bishop Gowdy's letter of May 20, 1938. The reasons stated in these letters still hold good for our present decision, with the exception that we are much more convinced of the necessity of this step. Mr. Farley has been loyal to Fukien Christian University in his own way, and we could make further use of his service in normal times. But the particular line of development which he is definitely going into, his family conditions in this period of uncertainty and war, and the financial situation of Fukien Christian University combine to lead us to this decision.

Mr. Farley came to China in 1922 specifically for English work, for which he was quite well prepared. It soon developed that he had a hobby in collecting things Chinese, which for the last ten or fifteen years has absorbed much of his time and energy. It interfered to a considerable extent with his work in the English Department. You can probably find some traces of that difficulty during Bishop Gowdy's administration in the files of the Trustees. But for the convenience of the Trustees, I enclose herewith a copy of the letter (November 30, 1928) which we wrote Mr. Farley more than ten years ago as the conditions of his return to the field after his first furlough, which he definitely agreed to but actually never carried out. This, you will remember, resulted in our appointment of Miss Eunice T. Thomas for work in English, definitely giving him a certain amount of time for his collection of Chinese of some archaeological significance, but as he was never entirely willing to use his time for the development of a regular university museum, even with the offer of financial support from the university, the possibility of the university going into that field became very doubtful. As our faculty and Board of Managers have discussed his case many times for long hours each, we are quite certain that with our personnel and financial resources we should never be able to develop anything of real significance along the line of Chinese archaeology and art. So long as Mr. Farley could work in the Department of Western Languages and Comparative Literature and devote part of his time to maintaining and developing what he already has as a side line, we might keep the thing going for its own sake, but in recent years that even has proved to be a thing of almost impossibility. With our constant financial crisis, we, therefore, decided last May that the Farleys should be definitely dropped.

It was with respect to the Trustees' consideration and arrangement for Farley's support until June, 1939, and if necessary further, that we did not insist on this move. And then the conditions in China got much worse and we were so urgently in need of additional personnel that we cabled for the return of the Suttons and Farleys, trusting that the Trustees would take care of their financial support for

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the years to come. With Mr. Farley unwilling to come to meet our most urgent needs during this critical period, on account of his family situation and other personal reasons, even his immediate usefulness to us is lost. We feel that it is not for the best interests of the university to delay further our decision with regard to the Farleys. Neither will it be good for Mr. Farley himself and his family not to face the question squarely. We are convinced that he would never be content to work for the development of our English Department, in spite of his repeated profession that he is sincerely devoted to it. Meanwhile, it is one of the fields of work which in comparison with government and other private colleges, we hope to, and should, excel in. We have no illusion that we can succeed only with a strong personnel. Mr. Farley would now more than ever use his time and energy for his amateurish effort, which in the eyes of the Chinese, does not amount to much more than curio collecting. Even if we should like to develop along genuine archaeological lines, it would take long years to develop proper personnel, for none of our present staff, Mr. Farley included, has ever had any scientific training in Chinese or modern archaeology. It would at least take Mr. Farley five years to learn to use Chinese literature profitably. Besides, one man is not enough. With Mr. Farley occupying that field, probably no one else could be trained. In the meanwhile, there are much more important phases of our Chinese cultural studies which can be more profitably developed both with our existing personnel in that department and additional members we may secure with the funds now used for Mr. Farley's salary and allowances.

We always have in mind the development of the university in a healthy way as a whole. The university depending on one or two persons working along some obscure line may bring some sort of publicity in western eyes, but eventually hinder the balanced development of a college. Mr. Farley's work is quite valuable so far as we can let him devote his time to it and over a long period of years. Yet, at best, it would have only a limited value for a very small circle of so-called sinologists in the West, and probably some publicity for F.C.U. But with our financial resources so drained the expenditure for this would not warrant the limited results achieved.

I think I understand the Trustees consideration of Mr. Farley's relations with the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund. They must have in mind that if Mr. Farley is dropped from our staff, the Harvard-Yenching Institute may do something to our appropriation from that fund. Our judgment here is that it should not have any effect upon it. The chief interest of the Harvard-Yenching Institute is to see that our program of Chinese Studies is being carried on with the proper standard and up to the level of their expectations. It has been repeatedly officially recognized that we have done that in the past without Mr. Farley making any specific contribution towards it. We shall be able to do it even better if the money from his salary and allowances is released. The Institute has not direct control of our personnel, although we generally report each year the specific persons who have engaged in the work in our Chinese Cultural Studies. We always work on the basis that we have a free selection of our personnel, best fitted to the work. Of course, we are always ready to receive advice and criticism, but the general policy of the administration should rest on the responsible body in charge of the university as a whole, without which no administration can function effectively.

This is not the place for us to discuss the fundamental policy of Chinese Cultural Studies in the colleges in China. Suffice it to mention that our cultural studies have been, and are more and more being directed to the investigations of vital cultural forces that will regenerate China and give her a new phase of national life, such as the Renaissance did for the peoples of Europe. We, therefore, try to do two things which are closely correlated. One is to have the general level of our Chinese Studies in the whole university raised higher as time goes on, and the other

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is to make specific investigations in fields which vitally touch Chinese life. The latter is generally approached through historical and philosophical lines. Frankly, we are not in favor of making Chinese civilization a curio store for the purely scientific enjoyment of Western sinologists. We appreciate the value of the kind of work that has been done in Egypt, the Near East, etc., but we believe that in China we should first devote our energy to the study of live cultural forces and enhance their development, and then do what we can to increase the common human knowledge about things of ancient times.

Your letters of October 15 and 18 quite adequately reflect Mr. Farley's side of the story. We have always considered our difficulties with Mr. Farley as a family affair, and hence except for some general statements of our attitude, we have never bothered our Trustees with the details of the administrative problems on the field. Mr. McClure might have shared with you some of his experiences. Professor Rederick Scott, who will be in the East sometime in the spring, can give our Trustees his experiences and relations with Mr. Farley. Professor Scott is one of our oldest members of the staff. He was Dean of the university for ten years, beginning with 1917. Bishop Gowdy will also be in New York in the spring, having left here on January 16, and will take the "Empress of Japan" from Shanghai on January 27. I am writing to these three persons asking them to take the occasion to meet our Trustees and explain our conditions here, especially with regard to Mr. Farley. Mr. Scott can be reached at 527 Berkeley Avenue, Claremont, California; Mr. R. W. McClure at 960 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California, and Bishop Gowdy at 150 Fifth Avenue. We hope very much that you will arrange in some way so that either Professor Scott or Bishop Gowdy, or both, can meet with our Trustees. Our present decision is not, as you will find out from the former correspondence referred to above, based on any temporary reaction to your cablegram of January 9, but is a result of our thorough consideration and deliberation over a period of years, and we hope that no further complication will arise in this case after our Trustees have been fairly acquainted with our situation here.

As to the financial arrangement with the Farleys, I understand it is the wish of our Trustees to keep them on our payroll until the end of June, 1939, the end of our present fiscal year, for which the appropriation is made in the emergency budget. Mr. Farley should not have any difficulty in making the adjustment in America after having made some connections with the Harvard-Yenching Institute and other institutions such as the arts museum, etc., which seems to be probably the best channels for him to work through. He may also join any one of the other China universities if there is such a chance. We should not be jealous about it. Our general attitude is that he should find the best place for his special interests, for which, unfortunately, Fukien Christian University is probably not the place. To make for pleasant future relations and to avoid possible complications for any claims Mr. Farley might make, I would suggest that the Trustees give Mr. Farley as early notice of our decision as possible. I am also writing to Mr. Farley direct, by air mail, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ C. J. Lin

President

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February 14, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

President C. J. Lin has sent us a copy of his letter to you dated January 19, 1939. Undoubtedly you have received your copy which quite naturally will change your immediate plans.

As the matter now stands the Board of Trustees and the Board of Managers are agreed to continue salary payments until the 30th of June, 1939. After the conclusion reached by the field, I suppose there is not much point in discussing the situation still further. Under prevailing circumstances, it is just as well that you did not go to Cambridge as it would have only added complications. We have not notified Dr. Elisseoff of the latest developments.

If we can be of any assistance to you in making a new connection, please let us know as we desire to be as much benefit as possible.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Chicago , Illinois.

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February 15th , 1939.

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

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Dear Dr . Evans ,

I have been intending writing to you for some time to tell you about my work and how I have been getting along . I shall do so and then come to another matter which has arisen very recently indeed . We arrived in Chicago on January 6th and I began work at the Field Museum the following Tuesday morning . The sixth was Friday and the day was devoted to arriving . Monday morning I had to get the three children started in school . From Tuesday morning January 16th to Monday night February 6th I was in the Field Museum in my office every day , six days a week ( we are not allowed to work on Sunday ) from opening time in the morning until closing time in the afternoon . The Field Museum people gave me one of their large storage rooms ( bones ) where I have an immense table and can have and do anything that I want to . I am allowed the full use of their excellent library and the privilege of taking the books , as many of them as I want, from the Museum Library to my office and of keeping them there as long as I want to .

Alas , on Monday night , a week ago Monday , February , a minor tragedy , as far as my work is concerned , happened. I came down with the flu . Last week I was home from the Field a 11 week long and in bed. This week Monday I went back but felt so done up that I had difficulty in staying out the day . I did so however and went back again today . I felt desperate to have my month's work interrupted in this sudden and ruthless way . I might add that an epidemic of flu has been going around in Chicago with thousands of people down , many of the museum staff , thousands of school children and many others . It was and is so bad that they even considered closing the public schools .

I feel that even the short time of a month's work has produced some very profitable and hopeful results. I have a number of articles under way all of which I expect to have finished within about a month. One twelve thousand word article lacks only the concluding paragraphs. Another article has progressed to about this same length and lacks about a third of being finished . One shorter article I finished complete last week . I am now awaiting the illustrations for it before sending it off . Now I am working on a long article which approaches monograph length , being already about twenty thousand words . It is a kind of general correlation of my study of Fukien trade from 850 to 1350 A. D. , in Fukien during the past fifteen years and now during this past year in Europe and the Near East . One reason for working on several articles at once is the fact that I have to go through a great mass of literary material which bears on and is necessary not only for one particular study and article but for several different ones. Writing in this way therefore saves a large amount of duplication .

I feel that one of the most important results of the work so far is that I am working out a kind of technique and method

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of handling or treating these various materials and bodies of information which I have gotten together through study, research, travel and excavation and collecting. ~~That~~ how to work these results together is a thing which often puzzles many researchers. I think I have made some progress at it, and given health and freedom from mental anxiety and disturbance and I hope to get ~~somewhere~~ at it. I not only hope, but given these conditions and I am positive that I will. "Ay there's the rub!", but before I take it up one thing more. In a few weeks now I expect to finish up some of this material and get some of it off to Professor Elisseeff for criticism and I hope for publication, at least some of it. In all the work I encounter one difficulty which I cannot overcome, that is the fact that all the material, the physical material is in China on the University campus. Now for the "rub".

All, all, all of life is changed in a moment! Last Friday afternoon I was awakened, in bed ~~bed~~ with the flu, to receive a letter from President Lin saying that my service with the University is over ~~over~~, that my return will not be requested and will not be desired and that I am free to seek employment elsewhere, wherever I will. And now I stop, my head and my heart in a whirl at the very thought of it, and at the thought of what I shall say to you or to President Lin about it. I have not yet written to President Lin but I shall do so very soon. (I thought I would await a letter from you first but this letter has not come and so I write now first to you). I shall write to President Lin telling him how very, very, very much surprised I am at his letter, how grieved I am that he seems to feel as he says he does, and that I very much hope he will rethink and reconsider the matter and change his mind. In all honesty and sincerity, I cannot believe that this letter represents President Lin's mature and considered judgement in regard to the matter.

Now what shall I say to you and to the Board. For this first time I shall be brief. When I sailed from Foochow in June 1937 President Lin handed me a final steamer letter in his own handwriting, not a dictated letter, asking me and my family to return to the University and saying that they would all be looking forward to my return. Before this I had had the official action of the Board of Managers, as I remember it, ~~saying~~ us to return and stating that our return was expected after furlough. A year ago this month I had President Lin's official letter repeating the official request for our return and asking me to make plans for it. You had letters in regard to the matter, too, I believe. (It may have been a little later than February.) Finally out of the blue in June came the sudden cancellation of our immediate return. You know what has taken place since then. You know how earnestly I have tried to keep in intimate touch with the field. You know how earnestly we have been willing to do anything and everything ---- barring one thing only, our unwillingness for another immediate indefinite separation. We were ready and willing to return to the field in October. You know that I said from early summer and during the fall and winter that I would come back next summer, "No matter what". Now suddenly and unexpectedly out of a clear sky come this letter. I suppose you have it or a similar one from President Lin.

Our return to the field is requested and planned for before we go on furlough. Throughout the year of absence it is repeated, again and again. Suddenly this letter comes saying our return is not desired. I said I will be brief and I will.

From the time I was five years old I planned to go to China as a Missionary. In the spring of 1922 I was examined by the

Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church Candidate Committee<sup>3)</sup> and was accepted as an educational Missionary for the China Field. I was turned over to the Board of Trustees of the University and was appointed as a regular Missionary to the University. They fully understood that I wanted to and expected to go to the Field for life. This had always been my one thought and plan and ambition. As you so well know my feelings in this respect have never changed.

I do not believe that any missionary anywhere has more completely and fully lived up to such an intention than I have. Everything that I have done has indicated my intention in this direction. Of course I expected to do my work and the work of whatever Mission I was serving and do it to the best of my ability with God's help. I believe I have done so. All my time, all my energy, all my mental and physical and spiritual resources have been put into the life and the activity of Fukien Christain University, and in no sense for personal gain or advancement or selfish purposes, as this letter of President Lin's would seem to portray. Believe me, think for yourself how one with my interests and abilities could have worked for himself and with many kinds of profits during these years if he had wanted to do so. Believe me, I have not done so. In all sincerity and earnestness my whole and complete thought has been for the University. Had I been working for myself, I should during all these years have been sending things home against an evil day, for use and study and research and sale at home if any- with wars and rumors of wars and other difficulties I should by any chance lose my job. I have never done so, not one single, single piece in sixteen years. Not even have I brought them home on furlough. My sole and whole interest and intention has been the University and her work and her life. How many invitations I have had from America, from dealers, the best in New York City, from Museums and institutions. Not one single piece have I ever sent or taken or sold. Forgive me for mentioning any of this, I do so simply to force the truth of my original argument, obvious though it ought to be without these supporting illustrations.

I am not now worried about a job. I do not fear that my family would starve. If nothing else we could go onto one of my fatherinlaw's good farms in North Dakota and he would be more than delighted. I might add that many folks have urged us for years to leave China and come home and stay in America. No, I am not worried about a job in America. I am worried about a job in China, My job there, the job that I have given my life to do so far, and that I want to see through to fullfilment for the University. I don't mean alone Fukien archaeology either. That has been only a small part of my work, although President Lin's letter would seem to suggest that that has been all. There is no argument here. The registrars records will show exactly what I have done and taught every semester for fifteen years. I wish to keep on taking my full part in the University's life as--a social, religious, spiritual and intellectual, as I have done at all times in the past.

President Lin's letter suggests that I and my family have been a heavy and difficult burden to the University and one which has hindered its delovement for a long time; further that we have had a limited and narrow activity and have always been at adds with the University life and the Community life, a continuous problem and a misfit. Perhaps President Lin feels this honestly to be the case. If so I am genuinely grieved and sorry. If it were true, if I believed it to be true, I doubt if I would be writing this letter at all. It it had been true and were true now in all honesty

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I cannot believe we would have stayed and worked in the same community for fifteen years. If President Lin's letter to you should have conveyed any such ideas and if these should have been or should be verified by any other executive of the University it would seem just possible that they might have had a common source. As I hope and expect and pray to live and return to the University and spend twenty or more years on the University campus and in Foochow, these things cannot be true. Before you accept them or believe them please investigate other sources. Mr. Yang Hsin Pao who was my student in 1927 and who is at Drew University now in Madison, New Jersey, and has been on the University Administration as Alumni Secretary for many years I feel could give you some idea of how I have been regarded at Fukien Christian University by students, both as a friend and Missionary and as a teacher. Mr. Paul Wiant, secretary of the Methodist Mission in Foochow has known me for fifteen years. He is also a member of the University Board of Managers. I am sure that he would have some ideas about my work and my person and about our family in the Foochow Community. He is in America now and can be reached by addressing a letter to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions or through Dr. Frank Cartwright. In short, ask any of our friends and acquaintances of the past sixteen years anywhere.

Of course, any Missionary family is a great burden and expense and hinders in a measure the development of an institution, by the very cost of paying for such a family. There will come a time when the family grows up and they will be outside the University's expense. The expense of a Missionary family is something which has always distressed me and particularly when I consider what the money would do when the exchange is so high. But there are other sides to even this question. My family costs the same as any other of the same size and age and no more.

I cannot tell you how distressed I am to have to write such a letter as this and how much these letters (I mean President Lin's) interfere with the business to which I was supposed to devote these few short months. I close.

If the Board of Trustees were to think that all that President Lin's letter suggests and implies were true about me and my family I can easily understand that they would say we ought to go at once. President Lin may be completely sincere in his judgement but in all honesty, I believe he is wrong and mistaken and I pray that the Board of trustees will not accept his ideas without further thought and investigation. A mere consideration of the facts as known, the facts which led to your letter of commendation from the Board of Trustees last December, will hardly lead to the position which President Lin has arrived at. Nothing has changed since then. There are no new facts except the fact that I am here and have not returned to the field as President Lin's sudden cable of January requested. I have had no communication of any kind either from the field or from you since then (except my salary check etc.)

My wife and I went out to the Field as life-time Missionaries. For the past sixteen years our whole life and thought and interest has been the University. Everything that we have and have had has gone into it. We have given our all, spiritual, mental, and physical, our strength and our means. We have had and we have now no other interest or objective but China the cause of China and the cause of the University. We went out as Missionaries for life under the Methodist Mission and the University Board of Trustees. We are and have been for years associate members of the Methodist Mission in Foochow. We want to return to Foochow and to the University.

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The thought of not returning is simply not conceivable to us. I ~~person~~ cannot believe that the Board of Trustees will not return us to the field. I ask them to do so. It is not that we are afraid of unemployment and starvation or difficulties in the United States. I believe life would be easier in the United States. In many ways it would offer greater opportunities. I would like it and enjoy it in many ways. But we believe our work to be in China and at the University. We have left an unfinished task. We believe we have something more, not to get it but to contribute. We want to go back. We have no other interest or thought or desire. We want to return.

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Now I must close with apologies for a longer letter than I had intended. You know the situation so well from our much correspondence and conversation that there is hardly any need of my saying anything at all.

With sincere thanks for everything, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Malcolm L. Forley*

P. S. Please pardon two items of business. Our rent here is \$42.00 per month. You may therefore deduct eight dollars for overpayment on last month's rent allowance and subtract the same from future payments until further notice.

P.S two. -- I have received from your office a Income tax notice. May I bother you with one or two inquiries about this. This is the first time I have ever received such a notice. Why do I get one this year ~~instead-of-last-~~ and none last year? On how much do I have to pay income taxes and at what percentage rate, on the entire salary and allowance amount or the amount over a certain amount? Aren't there certain deductions that can be made? I am absolutely ignorant about income taxes never having paid one or even seen a blank. I have heard that there are deductions for certain benevolencies, charities etc., etc

If I am now to be off University salary as a result of this last letter should there be some change in the income stated in your notice to the government or how about it? Would my income include income only from October to June which would be less than \$2500.00. Even though I continue on University payroll after June that amount would be on next year's statement. Am I correct or am I all wrong and should there be some change or not in the statement sent to the Government? I apologize for all these questions. I am not trying to avoid income tax but I don't want to pay any that I need not or should not pay.

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5823 Maryland Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois  
Saturday Morning, Feb., 25th, 1939. <sup>act 2/1/39</sup> [7]

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

Imp. Kindly send me a draft for \$40.00  
made out to Miss Eva M. Asher , and charge  
to my March salary account. Thank you

paid 3/3/39  
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Dear Dr. Evans ,

Your personal air-mail letter of February 20 reached me a few days ago . I thank you very much for it and I shall try to answer it briefly . I have been so low after the flu , working at about one third efficiency or less that I have not got to it before. I am looking forward to a happy day when I shall not have to trouble you with problems any more and I thought when we came to Chicago that there would be at least five months of uninterrupted , concentrated activity . Alas, the Chicago episode was begun with President Lin's cable waiting in the Mail box and it was interrupted in less than a month by the flu and President Lin's Clipper letter. If you should wonder why I have not written more along with all the other things during the past years , let me say , the course of the past years has been like that of the past months most of the time.

Let me begin by correcting a few possible misunderstandings . When I last wrote to you it is just possible that in the feeling of my early reactions to Pres. Lin's letter I may have lead you to believe that I wished the Board of Trustees to take the matter into their own hands and make an issue of the case against Pres. Lin's decision. This is the very last thing that I had in mind and that I would want them to do . Under no circumstances would I want to return to the University against Pres. Lin's desire no matter what the Board of Trustees might want . This I want to be perfectly clear . Nothing is ever gained in this world ( or at least very rarely ) by forcing an issue in a case of this kind. Whatever progress is made is accomplished by arriving at a mutual understanding and agreement. This is what I want to see accomplished in the present case . Moreover , I am absolutely convinced that it can and will be accomplished if the Board of Trustees are interested enough in it to do so .

You letter perhaps suggests or implies that an impasse has been reached and that the only thing for me to do is to leave the University at once . First of all I do not believe, in all honesty, that an impasse has been reached at all . And even if on the surface of it , it should appear to be so , many an impasse has been passed , and frequently without serious difficulty . You say you would not want to go back and would look for something in this country, as though doing so would be almost as simple as saying so . If I felt , and believe me , if you have devoted some thought to the matter , it has been on my mind a good deal of twenty-four hours a day for a long time, - I say , if I felt that we could not go back to the University and live in peace and happiness with our neighbors , all of them , and all our Chinese associates , from the top down , and work to the University's best interest and development , I would not want to go back , be the cost what it might be . But I do not believe any of this for one minute. We have lived on the University campus longer than any other living being ( I am the oldest resident ) and we have worked with one and all and without conflict or disagreement of any kind for all these fifteen years . The matter which has arisen

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and suddenly found expression and temporary outlet in the present ( what you might call ) crisis , while rather complicated is as easy to understand as two times two . By A combination of circumstances over which I have had no more control & than I have over the war , and finally capped by the war and the exigency in the English Department, has now made me the goat of the situation . In all honesty you know perfectly well that this is wrong and unfair and unjust .

I have now written a paragraph which ~~####~~ is extra . What I started to say is that we have lived on the University campus in all happiness for fifteen years . We have had no enemies and no disagreements with anyone . Forgive me if I offer one testimony- telling testimony . We have had the same servant , and a young man too , continuously in our employ for almost fifteen years , ever since we started housekeeping . If you know anything about servant problems, this fact will appear to you as rather significant . This servant is the trusty cook who has been living in our house and in charge of our property during all the time that we have been on furlough , War scares and all . He is there now .

One thing more , you say you would not want to go back under the circumstances . Forgive me if I mention again , that we were officially requested to return before we left the University campus in 1927 . In addition to the official request I had and still have President Lin's personal farewell letter to me in which he cordially and sincerely , I believe, requests our return . This request and every plan for the accomplishment of it has been repeated again and again during the year up to June , and then from August on up to January . You know these facts as well as I do . If the situation was really so serious and fundamental as ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ perhaps you feel it to be , --- I do not , truly , in any way ---, it is positive that I should not be writing to you now , that we would never have been asked to return when we went on furlough, that we would have been informed of the severing of our relationships with the University before we went on furlough, that then and there we would have packed up and moved out not to return . Nothing is known now that was not known in the spring of 1937 . Nothing has developed since , except the war and the difficulties entailed .

I have the very greatest possible sympathy for President Lin's supremely , almost inhumanly difficult situation during these unusual times . My heart has bled for him and his troubles again and again during the year and in previous years . I have written to him during this past year , more than once and said so in all honesty and when the present situation was undreamed of as it was by me at least until the letter came . Since I last wrote to you several things have happened ( or did I tell you about them in my last letter ? ) Mr. Paul Wiant , member of the University Board of Managers has passed through Chicago . A letter ( personal ) has come from Miss Asher . It is not difficult to understand the series of difficult circumstances which led up to President Lin's letter . My being on furlough , and not able to return alone, or as Pres. Lin may have interpreted it , -probably did-, unwilling to return, Miss Thomas' continued sickness and inability to return , The Scotts' early furlough occasioned by Mrs. Scott's very bad health , Mrs. Stowe's being in America, and thus her help withdrawn , and finally at the last minute after the situation had been eased by the engagement of Mr. Sidney Davidson , his sudden sickness and death leaving the University without anyone for the English Department . It was then , as I have just learned during this week , that President Lin sent the

January cable again asking for my immediate return, the cable which we could not understand. Of course I knew nothing of these later developments any more than you did. I have only learned of them this week. However it is easy to understand how President LIN on the top of such a succession of difficulties topped by your last cable of January, -saying that I would not return until summer-, driven to the last extremity, could have sent the letter which he did send. I might add that this cable did not reach me until January 6th. If at the moment of receiving it I had been in Minnesota with all my baggage and my home available, if I had actually had my sailings all ready and had been ready to start at once, I could barely have reached the University in time for the Spring opening. I would have been late. As it was, if I had done my utmost I could not have arrived at Shaowu until a third of the semester was over, or even more of it. Of course, as you well know, I knew none of these circumstances and could not understand, as I wrote to you at the time at once, why President Lin should be telegraphing cabling again after you had so recently cabled to him the situation.

May I add one thing more? I am afraid that President Lin has felt that I have been using the family as an excuse for forcing more furlough time for study and research and writing. When the University so badly, and more badly than any of us knew in this country, needs my help, I deliberately took advantage of a situation and used my family as an excuse to gain more time for the promotion of my own private research interests. This I fear is the way President Lin has viewed the thing and this might easily have prompted the letter in question. Before God, you know and President Lin ought to know that this has not in any sense been the case. It is just at this point that the Board of Trustees, who have certainly been very closely informed of my thoughts and actions since June at least, could clarify and clear up the matter. President Lin has been near the scene of action. This has been upon him, He has been bearing the major burden and responsibility of it. He has cabled again and again for my return. I have not come. I have been occupied with research, with academic matters. I have wanted to pursue them further at all costs. I have used the family as an excuse. I have refused to return. He has had more than he could bear. He has at last been driven to it. He has told me, "all right, stay home and take care of your family". I do not know what President Lin has written to you. I have no idea. But this is the way --- and I am sure I am very near the truth of the matter -- I visualize the trend of events.

I can only repeat that I fully expected to return to the University, family and all up to June of last year. You know that I had made full preparation for it including sailing plans. Since then you know full-well what has happened. I have had one desire and one only, to return to the University as soon as possible alone or with family. But if I were to be in the United States, naturally I did not wish to waste the time. Nothing, absolutely nothing could be so untrue and unfair as to believe that I have used the family as an excuse to accomplish this purpose. From the very first beginning of the matter I said I would go back alone and indefinitely without the family as soon as I had been able to have a little time to care for them and arrange for them. It could not be done in two months or a few weeks. Any Field mission meets these family problems and expects them and knows how to deal with them and does continually. Alas, the University is not a mission and this is the first time since President Lin has been the University head that such a series of situations has arisen. President Lin is a young man. His family consists of two children. He is in his own native land and a few

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miles away from his home and that of his wife. The University faculty consists of native Chinese, Mission members whose furloughs and finances, and family affairs are under the control of the Local Mission, and lastly, faculty members appointed by the University Board of Trustees. The truth of the matter is, (--- you yourself asked me the question once when I was in the office in New York---) it was just this type of insecurity which has led all the other University Missionaries with families to sever their connections with the University during the years, --all except the Suttons and ourselves. Every man must have some kind of security, if he has particularly if he has a family, and more particularly if he is going to spend his life ten thousand miles away from his native land and in a country constantly torn by war, as China has been ever since we went there in 1922. I arrived in China during a battle and I left the day before the last war began.

You know full-well that every action of mine of the past months since October has been taken with the full cognizance of yourself and the Board of Trustees and following such approval and advice as they have been kind enough to give me.

May I refer to the last paragraph on the first page of your letter? You speak of the Board of Trustees "over-riding" the Field action and thus minimizing the authority of the Board of Trustees. In the letter which President Lin has sent to me he has not given me any official action of the Board of Managers. Actually the two foreign members of the Board of Managers were out of Fukien at the time. Bishop Gowdy, the Board of Trustees' official representative of the Foreign Faculty members on the Field was not even consulted in President Lin's action. This is strictly for you, but it is true. I mention it in view of your statement.

Finally there is one more thing and then I ~~close~~ You told me more than once when I was in New York that the Board of Trustees considered me as the chief connecting link in the University's relationship to the Harvard - Yenching Institute (or words to this effect). During the month of December after the Annual Meeting (I believe) of the Board of Trustees you wrote me the happiest letter than I have received from almost any source during the course of a distressing year. It was the one in which you expressed the feelings and the expressions of the Board of Trustees in regard to my efforts. I accepted the letter at its face value, as being entirely sincere and genuine, and I still so consider it. I do not have the letter before me but I remember it distinctly. Among other things you said that the comments of the Board of Trustees in regard to my work "were heartening to hear" or "warmed ones heart to hear". And further that they expressed "in no uncertain terms that they expected and wished my relationship with the University to continue and be a permanent one". (Here again, I do not have the exact words but I believe I repeat the thought correctly). I say, I accepted these statements as being absolutely genuine and I still do. If they are true expressions, then something should be done to insure the continuance of my connection with the University, since such would seem to be the desire of the Board of Trustees. Your personal letter would seem to suggest that I calmly accept the matter as finished and proceed to look for a job in the United States. This I would calmly do if I felt that the matter were or ought to be settled and finished in this way. Truly I do not.

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Two members of the University Board of Trustees are specialists in the field of Chinese Studies, Dr. Lewis Hodous and Dr. Carrington Goodrich. Another member of the China Colleges Board is very much interested in it, Dr. Hume. All three of these members have seen parts, at least, of the University and my collections and I believe are interested in the work at the University and in my part in it. (Dr. Hume too is a specialist in Chinese culture, particularly in his own field of Medical History). Perhaps I am wrong, but believe that these three members at least would like to see Chinese studies at Fukien Christian University continue and me have some part in them.

Your suggestions that I leave the University do not seem to fully take consideration of the great stakes involved, first for the University (for the University always comes first) and second, for me personally. Even after all of our conversation and correspondence and the annual reports to the Harvard-Yenching Institute it would be almost impossible for you to have any idea of the immensity of the University collection of excavation material and my own personal collection of similar material and museum specimens. The Caldwell Collection in your offices has been valued by a professional assessor at \$25,000.00 U. S., I believe it was. I could easily take ten collections of equally size and of different materials, porcelain, pottery, bronzes etc. out of my private collection at the University, and after a little rearrangement and unpacking, no one, not even my wife would miss them. In addition to this there is the tremendous collection of broken ceramic material from excavations, this less valuable commercially but priceless from the point of view of research. (The University and my own sherd collection).

Every piece of all this material, with all the excavation and research notes, labels, etc., etc., is in China in the University buildings and in our own home. I am in the United States. The University is at Shaowu. If I do not go back what will become of all this material, University and my own, whole material and sherds? This is the stake but only part of it, perhaps half of it? ~~(The material)~~ **This collection represents years of constant effort.** So far it has been in the formative process and all effort has been towards making it and towards gathering the extensive information which has come with it, information bearing on the cultural history of Fukien and South China. Now the collection is ready to bear fruit in the way of published research and the carrying on to completion ~~of projects~~ of projects begun many years ago and now through years of effort brought almost to fruition. To suddenly leave them all and abandon them would mean irrepairable loss for the University.

I can readily understand that these seemingly academic matters may appear to have little interest or little value for a University and a Nation at this period of her National crisis. I can see that a University executive might easily care so little about them under the circumstances as to care not one whit ~~whether~~ what becomes of them or their truly limitless possibilities, at such a time as the present when the University's very life is threatened. But these conditions will not last forever. This crisis will not continue indefinitely and then the day will come when the University will stand or fall, as every University does, years depending upon her academic life. When such a time comes these sixteen years of effort will bear fruit if they have been preserved, If not, they will be lost and gone forever.

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Now I close . I have written to Bishop Gowdy in this country telling him of President Lin's letter to me and saying that I still want to go back and hope the matter can be cleared up and adjusted. I have cabled personally to President Lin more than a week ago .

Cable as follows , ----

Letter received. Earnestly pray you will change your mind.  
Most desirous return Fall Semester.  
Family or alone , if necessary .  
Letter follows.

Farley .

A letter goes to President Lin by China clipper. It contains little more than this cable , an expression of great surprise and regret that Pres. Lin has felt prompted to send his letter , and a sincere hope that hee will change his mind and that we may be able to return .

I have written to Professor Elisséeff , a full report of my work as I promised to write to him last December and a simple statement, practically without comment, of President Lin's letter and our hopes that he will change his mind and that we may return this summer.

Aside from the above I have only told my mother and two personal friends about the matter. I have not even told my brother. I have so far made no application for positions which I will very much need to do if the matter is adjusted. I am so confident that it will be and ought to be and therefore will be that I have kept the matter secret awaiting the accomplishment of the adjustment.

Nevertheless , and particularly if I am to accomplish anything for the University in the way of writing before June , the matter is urgent. It is impossible to do creative writing with this matter on ones mind and the further correspondence burden entailed. As I have already stated , I believe the crux of the matter is for President Lin to know and be assured from outside sources, but official sources, you , the Board , Bishop Gowdy , that I have not used this crisis for personal aims. I believe that President Lin thinks that I have deliberately and wilfully used the family as an excuse and taken advantage of the crisis to have this extra time at home for research and writing . How he could possibly think so I do not know , but following the line of reasoning I have suggested on page four and under the tremendous burden and pressure and series of crises which I have outlined , he might easily have arrived at this point and fired me . I believe this is exactly what has happened. I think if this situation were cleared up the whole matter could easily be adjusted . President Lin should know that I have taken every step with full cognizance and continuously seeking of advise of the Board of Trustees. As for my family , I have done only what I have been compelled to do by all sense of honor and justice and fairness and plain necessity . Absolutely the last thing in the world ,-- it is unthinkable that I should have used them as an excuse .

I close . Again I apologize for so long a personal letter , and I thank you sincerely for yours. I can only pray that this matter will resolve itself as I am prayerfully convinced it should.

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm S. Farley

February 27, 1939

A RESUME OF THE FARLEY SITUATION

Mrs. Farley and the children returned to America the Summer of 1936 because of her very serious dental trouble. Mr. Farley returned to America in the Summer of 1937 and immediately went to Europe to study. The H. Y. I. granted him a \$400.00 appropriation to finance visiting museums and archaeological work in the Near East. He left the field just before the outbreak of hostilities in the North and at that time discussed with President Lin the possibility of having a two-year furlough. This President Lin refused and it was Mr. Farley's intention to return at the end of the year.

On May 23, 1938, we received the following cable:

"MOVING SHACWU FARLEY SUTTON RETURN IMPOSSIBLE."

This was communicated to Mr. Farley who immediately made plans to delay his sailing from Europe until the fall. Meanwhile the Board met and guaranteed his salary until June 30, 1939.

On August 15th, we received the following cable:

"RETURN SUTTON FARLEY UNIVERSITY BEGINS SEPTEMBER FIFTEENTH REPLY - CHING JUN LIN."

Explanatory letters from the field were exceedingly late in coming in, but we relayed these messages to both Sutton and Farley. Mr. Farley had released his sailings and could not get others immediately, due to the large exodus of people from Europe. Several cables were exchanged with him as he desired more information. We could not give this as it had not been received from China. He arrived in America on October 6th and, after lengthy discussions with him as to family conditions, we cabled Dr. Lin as follows:

"FARLEY HERE. RELUCTANT RETURN CHINA WITHOUT FAMILY. DO YOU DESIRE FAMILY TO RETURN NOW PER YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER SEVENTH. CABLE REPLY - EVANS."

Subsequently, the Government refused to allow the family entrance to Foochow.

On October 14th, we received the following reply:

"DESIRE FARLEY RETURN HE MUST DECIDE WHETHER FAMILY COME LIN."

This put it up to Mr. Farley who wrote the field by Clipper mail stating the reasons for not returning immediately, but, if he could have a few months with his family, he would be glad to return then.

On January 5th, we received the following cable:

"FARLEY EARLY RETURN URGENT - C. J. LIN."

Mr. Farley's response to this was that having settled his family in Chicago and having made arrangements for going ahead with his work for the balance of this year, and because of the illness of his family which had delayed his work, he felt that he could not return until the fall semester 1939. Accordingly, we cabled the field as follows on January 10th:

"FARLEY WITH OR WITHOUT FAMILY WILL RETURN FALL SEMESTER 1939."

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Our office has talked with Mr. R. W. McClure, Dr. Willard J. Sutton, and a letter has been received from Dr. Roderick Scott. We now have so much material at hand that it seems unnecessary to mimeograph it all for the Board. Briefly, the situation is as follows:

Mr. Farley went to China in 1922 under a contract signed by the Board of Trustees to teach English. He soon developed a passionate interest in Chinese archaeology which the field claims has interfered with his English work. They claim to have offered financial assistance to develop the work more and make it a University project which Mr. Farley refused, with the exception of some cases which are used for the display of part of his collection. Mr. Farley states that the only real offers from the University were of such a nature that it dispossesses him of his entire collection without remuneration, but that at no time would he accept any money, as it was always his intention to donate it to Fukien.

On January 19th, President Lin wrote a letter to Mr. Farley and also one to our office stating that the matter had been given lengthy consideration at the Board of Managers meeting and that they had concluded not to ask the Farleys to return to the University and to make arrangements to definitely terminate the services on June 30, 1939.

We have received a letter from Mr. Farley couched in the most humble and contrite language, and begs that the trustees over-ride the action of the field and send him out to the University as his original contract was with the Board of Trustees. It is hoped that a further communication from him will be in hand before the meeting on the afternoon of the 28th.

We wrote to Bishop Gowdy who has just returned to America requesting latest information in time for this meeting. He telegraphs from Rochester, Minnesota as follows:

"LETTER RECEIVED TOO LATE. BEFORE FARLEY LEFT FOCHOW LIN TOLD HIM HE COULD NOT HAVE TWO YEARS. I THINK HIS TAKING TWO PROVOKED LIN - GOWDY."

The outstanding factors seem to be, - first, the larger salary which American staff members are receiving as compared to Chinese staff members. Secondly, the clashing of temperaments, the desire of the President to have his entire staff under his thumb which often wastes considerable time for one of Mr. Farley's dynamic temperment.

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Return of Sutton and Farley. We received your cable reply about ten days ago, stating that you could not give us the definite sailing date for Dr. Sutton and Mr. Farley pending Mr. Farley's return from Europe on September 8. That means that they will not be able to get here in time for the work of the fall semester which begins on September 15 and ends January 16. We do not understand why you could not have Dr. Sutton return earlier without waiting for Mr. Farley. If we knew definitely the date of their coming, we could schedule their courses even though they arrived two or three weeks late. As it is, we are not able to announce their courses, and probably cannot look forward to their arrival much before the first of November, which will be too late for this term. Nevertheless, we shall be glad to see them back and to have them ready for work next spring.

We were encouraged to cable for the return of Dr. Sutton and Mr. Farley because of the assurance from Mr. Evans' letter of July 14, and the minutes of the Trustees meeting on July 12 which came a month later, that the Trustees would be willing to assume the additional financial support of these two families. As we wrote you last May, our only difficulty is financial. The Suttons and Farleys are among our most valuable and loyal members. Our Trustees should be prepared to support them until they are ready to retire, for it would not be fair to them to have to adjust themselves to work in the United States later.

Our assumption is that the American Government would not allow Sutton's and Farley's families to come with them at the present time, and that they might come out alone. Your cable reply coming about two weeks after we cabled you would indicate that you had consulted with both Sutton and Farley before you sent the reply. We, therefore, took it to mean that Sutton would be willing to do that. As our work will continue to be carried on in Shaowu, we shall have them go up there for their regular work. We have recently learned that an old American Board missionary and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs, are returning to Shaowu in October. It is not impossible for us to accommodate the Sutton and Farley families at Shaowu now, as we can repair a couple of additional buildings used for many years as a girls' middle school. If they come alone, they can live with the rest of the faculty members. Dean E. M. Stowe is going up next week to help carry on our English work, as well as the work of his own department, namely, Religious Education. A German Catholic Father will teach a course in German, and another one will give a series of lectures on Modern German Philosophers.

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March 1, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University was held and your situation was discussed pretty much all of the afternoon. Dr. Carrington Goodrich and Dr. Frank T. Cartwright were among those present, and we had hoped that Bishop Goady would reach the East in time, but it will be the middle of the month at least before he arrives in New York and possibly later.

If there is any angle to the situation growing out of President Lin's letter of January 19th to you and to us, I do not know what it could be. Every implication involved in the separation from the university was considered with meticulous care. As if by telepathic communication practically every point raised in your letter of February 25th, but received only this morning, was anticipated. There were most commendable and generous expressions of your energy and passion for the work in China and particularly as it referred to your archaeological research work, and full credit was given to the fine contribution you have made to the life and work at Fukien.

The letter which President Lin wrote to you, dated January 19th, was presented to each member of the Committee together with a resume of the various steps involved in the development leading to the letter of January 19th. There was a brief letter from Bishop Goady, although he was not apprised of the action of the field until just before leaving Shanghai on his return to the States.

The Board requested a reading of that portion of your letter of February 15th dealing particularly with your idea regarding returning to China. The phrase, "The thought of not returning is simply not conceivable to us. I cannot believe that the Board of Trustees will not return us to the field. I ask them to do so," was interpreted to mean that you desired the Board of Trustees to take some action contrary to that of the field and there was a very emphatic unanimous feeling that this would be impossible. The deliberations finally culminated in an action concurring with the request of the field subject to several minor questions which we can clear here in the office. As personally I know the answer to these questions, there is no chance whatever of the Board reversing its action.

In all frankness, if I am permitted to summarize the most important factor in reaching a decision, it was the fact that Fukien needs an English teacher

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and that the university budget is limited, and that in this limited scope, there is not a place for a program of Chinese archaeological work in which you are interested. This applies now more truly than even in the past, especially with the conditions prevailing, of which you speak, and of which the Board is familiar.

Personally, I do not think there is a remotest chance of your changing the mind of the field, unless by some *hocus-pecus* you can transport yourself across the Pacific and immediately enter into the life of the institution, - and so I am painting the situation as I see it.

When the minutes have been given definite form, we can write you more conclusively, but I can say quite emphatically that the University will accept its full share for returning your household effects. The collection of ceramics, however, is a matter for very careful study and thought.

I regret very much indeed that it is necessary to write this letter because all the fine things which we have said regarding your contribution to the life of the University has been sincere and it is just too bad that these relations seemingly must come to an end.

With sincerest best personal wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS.

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and that the university budget is limited, and that in this limited scope, there is not a place for a program of Chinese archaeological work in which you are so deeply interested. This applies now more truly than even in the past, especially with the conditions prevailing, of which you speak, and of which the board is familiar.

Personally, I do not think that there is a remotest chance of your changing the mind of the field, unless by some hocus-pocus act you can transport yourself across the Pacific and immediately enter into the life of the institution.

When the minutes have been given definite form, we can write you more conclusively, but I am sure that the university will accept its proper share of expense for returning your household effects. The collection of ceramics, however, is a matter for very careful study and thought, as there are many phases of the subject to be considered.

I regret very much indeed that it is necessary to write this letter because all the fine things which we have said regarding your contribution to the life of the university have been sincere and it is just too bad that these relations seemingly must come to an end.

With sincerest best personal wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS.

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5823 Maryland Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois,  
March 4th, 1939.

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

Dear Dr. Evans ,

Your letter of March 1 st has just reached me this afternoon and I thank you very much for it . I had fully intended to answer it at once this evening but a series of unexpected accidents has taken every second of my time until this minute , 11 P.M. Saturday night . I shall not therefore ~~not~~ be able to answer it until tomorrow .

Your letter indicated that the Board of Trustees has taken ~~action~~ <sup>our return to</sup> confirming President Lin's action with regard to the University . In spite of the ~~final~~ <sup>decidedly final</sup> tone of your letter , I still wish to return to the University and I by no means despair of doing so . Is it therefore beside ~~the~~ point and out of order to ask you to hold your official communication of the Board of Trustees' action until I have had a chance to answer your letter? I would like to express one or two more views before you send this communication to President Lin. I have of course no idea of the nature of the communication but ~~is~~ for instance it should be to the effect that the Board of Trustees ~~heartily approve~~ of President Lin's action in regard to the Farley Family " it might ~~make~~ my situation infinitely more difficult . I believe you will appreciate the tragic humor of this . As I have said , despite the pessimism which you express in your letter , I am hopeful that President Lin will change his mind and ask us to return as we have been for eight months , ever since August .  
(planning to do )

Of course if the Board of Trustees think that President Lin's action is a wise one , as indeed they may , then it is obvious that "I am stepping off on the wrong foot" and I have nothing more to say . I have gone on the assumption that the Board of Trustees were as surprised at President Lin's communication as we were , and under this assumption I wanted to have at least a fair chance to state my case with President Lin directly without having it prejudiced . If I am wrong , then what I have written is beside the point and I apologize. You have the advantage of me . I am blindfolded . I have no knowledge of the situation except President Lin's letter and of course I have no knowledge of the Board of Trustees' reaction to the whole situation.

In any case I am writing you tomorrow in answer to your letter. Please excuse this hurried letter just before midnight at the close of a long hard week.

Very sincerely yours ,

*Malcolm L. Farley*

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8823 Maryland Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
March 6th, 1939.

Dr. E. A. Evans,  
Fukien Christian University,  
150th 5th Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Evans,

Your letter of March 1st has reached me as you already know from my immediate acknowledgment of it. I shall now attempt to answer it in part, as I assume it is proper for me to do so. First of all I want very genuinely and sincerely to express my very deep appreciation to you and to the Board of Trustees for all the time you both have given to this matter. Believe me, in the wildest flights of my imagination I could not have dreamed that anything having to do with me or my affairs would ever have occasioned the Board of Trustees as much consideration as they have given to me during the past months. Very truly, I regret that I should have had to be the unwilling object of all this time. Equally do I regret that the matter should have finally had to be terminated in this way. Once again, I do appreciate the large amount of time that you and the Board have given to it and I sincerely thank you for it.

I take it that your letter is intended to close the matter once and for all, except for minor details of a financial character, up to the end of June. Therefore I presume the proper that I should properly, like the Arabs, "fold up my tent and silently steal away". I shall do my best but since I do not by any means feel so final and hopeless about the situation as you do (---perhaps my optimism is due to sheer ignorance ---) I should like to bring up once again one or two matters, if they are not inappropriate.

I very greatly regret that you had not yet received my last letter before the Board of Trustees met. Not that it would have made any difference perhaps in their final decision, but I feel that it would have clarified their attitude to the case. No man likes to be fest condemned and maligned upon incomplete or misunderstood evidence, and I am no exception to this rule. You indicated in your present letter that the Board had anticipated in their letter all that my letter contained. Even so, I do not think (discussion) it would be quite the same. The thing I refer to is the matter of the impression left with the Board of Trustees. My last letter has completely corrected that impression, I hope, but the Board of Trustees has apparently gone away and even taken final action with a completely wrong impression of my whole attitude to the situation. It is quite true that in my first letter that I wrote to you as you have quoted in your letter of March 1st, but I had not the remotest idea in the world or desire that the Board should take action contrary to President Lin's. This would only have been to force an issue from which no good could possibly come. I have discussed the matter so fully in my last long letter that I apologize for taking the matter up here. I do so only because I want the matter to be perfectly clear. What I hoped the Board of Trustees would do was to negotiate to clear up a temporary misunderstanding and thereby bring about the adjustment which, until your decisive

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action I was fully confident would be made . I wanted and still want President Lin to change his mind and I was only asking the Board of Trustees to cooperate with me towards this end . If you were to reread all my correspondence in regard to the matter , with the Board, with President Lin himself , and with Bishop Gowdy , you would see how consistent I have been on this point .

It is the rule of furloughs that when on furlough the official correspondence of Faculty Members is with the Board of Trustees . Thus during the past months almost all of my correspondence has been with your office and not with the field. Logically so . You are nearer at hand and are in more continuous communication with the Field by cable , air mail and reports from many sources than any faculty member or missionary can possibly be. For instance , although writing frequently to the Field and to President Lin his letter which arrived in late November or the first week in December in answer to your cable and air letters of October was the first communication that I had had from him since the beginning of the year 1938 , except through your office.

Thus your office was in the unique position of being able to state from first hand information all the negotiations relative to our plans for return . This would have cleared the situation completely in the eyes of President Lin and exonerated the Farley family . He would have then known that we had taken every step with the full knowledge and so far as possible advice of the Board of Trustees. It was in the capacity of simply clearing a wrong impression and severe misunderstanding that I had hoped, and to be truthful, confidently , unquestioningly, expected that the Board would take care function . Such a position on their part would in no way have offended President Lin , it would in no way have even questioned the Autonomy of the President or the Board of Managers , and I am convinced would have squared the whole matter to the benefit of one and all .

It is my absolute conviction , as I have already stated in my letter to Bishop Gowdy and perhaps to you that President Lin's action had little if anything to do with the question of my teaching English or Archaeology or anything else . Under the difficult critical situation which the University was facing in regard to the English question , a situation which I had no knowledge of at all until President Lin's late letter , and the final developments of which occurred after that and led to President Lin's January cable , again conditions which I have only learned of during the past two weeks since President Lin's letter arrived, -- I say, under these difficult and critical conditions my failure to come looked to President Lin (not fully realizing how little I could know of the actual conditions which had developed on the field and so rapidly) like insubordination . President Lin thought that I deliberately took advantage of my being in America and of the unusual circumstances to gain an extra year of furlough to forward my private research and study . He cabled for me to come . I deliberately , as he would interpret it , refused to come , thinking that my position was so sure that I could get away with it. It looked like an act of pure insubordination, something which no University President would brook from anyone . ( I would not blame him .) The result was that President Lin fired me using a plausible explanation for doing so . This is the way it seems to me.

This has been my conviction from the first , growing as

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I have gained knowledge of the turn of events from the field during the past weeks . ~~At the bottom of page one and the top of page two you have interpreted the Board of Trustees's action as being a question of Archaeology or English .~~ Quite honestly, could there possibly be any question of this ? The records in the Dean's office indicate that I have devoted about seven eighths of my time for the past fifteen years to teaching in the Department of European Languages and Literature (-the department has gone under various names during the years , but it is the department of English primarily-). The other eighth has gone for occasional courses in French language, Chinese art , and for administrating the Department . The records show that ~~three~~ or four fifths (--a little less during certain years of affluence and abundant faculty--) of all the courses taught in the department have been taught by me. Every course taught in any department must be passed by the Academic Relations Committee and the Faculty . No faculty member is free to go ahead and offer and teach just anything that he wants to . Since 1922 , I have literally been the English Department , getting whatever help I could for the large and heavy teaching burden from other sources of faculty wives etc., etc. These are simple matters of fact, corroborated by University records . They can't be disputed. These were the conditions up to 1936 when the welcome addition of Miss Thomas as a full-time member of the English staff relieved conditions somewhat . But I left for furlough during the summer of 1937.

One more thing, is it likely that President Lin would have been telegraphing for my immediate return to teach English ( during the months of December and January ) if he had been sure that I would not or was unwilling to teach English ? You have interpreted the action of the Board of Trustees as being a question of English or Archaeology . President Lin's letter uses this as a plausible explanation of his action because my passion for and interest in archaeology is well-known . It is also a fact , by no one so well-known as by myself that a small university such as F. C. U. could not and cannot, and least of all under present difficult circumstances afford a specialist in Chinese archaeology . I said repeatedly in your office in October , "once on the Field , archaeology will have to be forgotten completely until peace comes again " . I have had no other thought or expectation . President Lin has dismissed me because my failure to return ( during a time of crisis concerning which I had almost no knowledge ) looked like a deliberate act of insubordination and a taking advantage of a difficult situation to gain personal advancement.

Either the Board of Trustees considers me to be a liar and insincere or they know that such is absolutely not the case . There is nothing in any word or act or letter of mine during the year or any year to suggest it . In writing to the Board of Trustees as I did I had looked for explanations which would make this situation clear and lead to an adjustment . It still pray that such an adjustment will come . I have sufficient confidence in President Lin's sincerity to believe that when he has my letter of explanation he will accept it and reverse his action . I hope that the action of the Board of Trustees will not reach him until after he has had my Clipper letter as their confirmation of his action could only make it much , much more difficult for him to arrive at an independent and right action in regard to the matter, Why , because if with all the light that the Board of Trustees has on the situation , since all my correspondence has been

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with them , they still confirm President Lin's position unquestionably , then that position would seem to be correct and approved and my action of the past three months entirely wrong and disapproved . If it has been wrong , then my prayers and earnest deliberations in regard to the matter have apparently not got us very far .

Once again I apologize for writing far , far more than I intended . Feeling as I do, completely , disgraced and maligned in the eyes of the Board of Trustees and even yourself, it has been difficult **not** to make this one more attempt, **not** to change what has taken place but to exonerate myself before the Board . If the Fukien matter is not satisfactorily arranged , I shall offer my services to the China Colleges for any position, anywhere. Naturally I could not well do so if they consider me as untrue, dishonest , unloyal , noncooperative , ~~maligned~~ maligned and disgraced , as I now feel that they do consider me . May I add , that I have worked at many tasks during my forty-three years of life , an inconceivable variety since I began before I was ten years old and this is the very first time that I have ever been fired or lost any job whatsoever , no matter how small or inconsequential . My College and University record , my Army ~~rees~~ record ( more than two years ) , my record as a civil service official in Minneapolis , and many others have never indicated that I have been non-cooperative and have not worked for the highest good and growth and development and advancement , not of myself , but of the cause for which I have been working . My sole thought in writing as I did in my first letter was to express the hope that the Board of Trustees might express surprise at my dismissal and the hope that some adjustment could be reached . If in the first emotion of an unusual circumstance I expressed myself otherwise , I apologize for it and verily I hope that attitude of mine may be rectified with the Board of Trustees.

You have written in your letter one paragraph which I do not understand, viz., "The collection of ceramics , however , is a matter for very careful study and thought , as there are many phases of the subject to be considered." The collection of art objects at the University consists of two parts , what belongs to me and what belongs to the University . The University collection consists of a small number of gifts , a number of gifts which I have made to them , and a large amount of broken ceramic archaeological material. The University financed a trip to Tê-hua and of course the ~~archaeological~~ archaeological material from this trip belongs to them . For one semester I was delegated by the University to do half-time archaeological work and the immense archaeological material , all broken pottery , which I secured under those conditions of course belongs to the University . There are other groups of archaeological material also in this category . Furthermore , the University put at my disposal some years ago , the sum of \$200.00 Mex. for purchases for the University museum . This was used , all except a small balance turned back to me before I left the field and the objects purchased put in the room where my collection and the University collection are partly housed . These objects are all invoiced , labelled etc, etc. as University property .

The other part of the collection of objects of Chinese Art and archaeology at the University is that part which is purely personal . As any private individual buys books or pipes or

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victrola records or land or anything else , I have bought objects of Chinese art , first because I was interested in them and the cultures they revealed , secondly because I conceived what I considered to be a glorious ideal of gradually through the years , a life-time of services in the University's employ , building up a large and important and representative collection and eventually upon retirement, or after ~~our~~ children were cared for , giving the whole thing or the major part of it to the University .In the meantime it was my idea to have it constantly available for teaching and study purposes . As such it has functioned for all these years , limited only by the limits of space since it has been of necessity housed in one room in the University Arts Hall and the rest in our home. This immense collection has been entirely purchased from our private savings and is like our clothes or our books our private property . It consists of thousands of objects , not simply ceramics , but objects of all materials , embroideries , hundreds of Chinese scrolls (paintings) bronzes, lacquer, enamels , brasses, objects of stoneware, pottery, and porcelain, soapstone , jade , glass etc., etc., etc. I have for instance one thousand Chinese bronze mirrors , one of the two largest collected in the world and one of the most important for study purposes.

As I have already said , it was our full intention to give the major part of this collection to the University for them to have in perpetuity . Of course we could not do so when our children were still small and had all their education before them . It was our hope and expectation to have all this collection of whole objects , university and private , and archaeological material housed permanently in the new University Library -Museum building which was almost ready to be built a few years ago . I had hoped to get the collection installed and housed in this building before going on furlough . The building was not built and so the collection is at present in one room in Arts Hall and the rest in the University house in which we were living before we went on furlough. ~~Briefly this~~ It was my plan to have almost the entire collection in the Arts Hall as a loan collection under arrangements such as Museums all over the world take such loan collections in the West . At the present time the University room housing a part of the collection is jammed to capacity and is so full of specimens that there is of course little room to get around and limited room for individual labels .Naturally there is no room in that room for tons of broken pottery . This pottery I have cared for and relabelled and moved to keep it away from white ants again and again awaiting the new building and a place to house it for study and research. Briefly this is the situation in regard to the ceramic and other collections.

Yesterday I had lunch in the Chicago Northwestern Station with Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy and with Dr. Soper and Family . Bishop Gowdy is, I believe on his way East ~~fulfi~~ filling various engagements enroute .

Again I am under the necessity of apologizing for a long letter , the last one that I anticipate for some time to come.

I am Again thanking you for your kindness and patience , si

Yours very sincerely ,

*Malcolm L. Forley*

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March 6, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of March 4th just came to hand a few minutes ago and I am answering to assure you that we have not communicated with the field, as, first of all, the minutes are not ready and secondly the items upon which we were to give further investigation have not been completed.

The trustees had no more light upon the situation than the copy of the letter President Lin wrote you, and a covering letter which said exactly the same thing and contained no new information. Dr. Roderick Scott had written a letter but it was not considered as he is a board-supported staff member. The same thing probably would apply to reaction from Mr. Paul Wiant. When Mr. McClure was here, he discussed your situation personally with me, but it had not reached the critical stages at that time. Even so, he told us nothing new which we had not already received previously.

The trustees were very reluctant to take the action which they did, as they recognize your value to the university and your deep interest. They could not, however, take an action compromising that taken by the field.

If I were asked to sum up in a few words the conclusions of the trustees during that long discussion, I would say that it would be about as follows:-

Had you processed the same degree of interest in following up the English work as was manifested in the archaeological and musical interest, this impasse would not have been reached.

In the many conversations we have had together, I have reached the conclusion myself that you are an individualist, which is no criticism whatever, as we need people of this type. But the degree to which one permits such a characterist to dominate their lives, determines their success or failure on the foreign field. It isn't a point I desire to debate with anyone, as it is simply a conclusion based upon my own impressions.

If you can convince the field to change their action, I am sure that the Board of Trustees will concur therein. But, knowing the entire situation as I do, I am not very optimistic.

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Mr. Malcolm F. Farley

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One of your strongest holds on this whole situation would have been to eagerly grasp the opportunity presented by Dr. Eliassoff and come to Cambridge and worked with him until June. As it now stands, I am sure, he will not desire to intercede in your behalf with the university, and I do not see how he can conscientiously interfere with the action that has been taken by the board, either by withdrawing N. Y. I. funds or doing anything detrimental to the interest of the university. But, this is past history now and cannot be changed.

If you receive any cable reply from the field or a reply of any other nature, please let us know at once, as we wish to keep in close touch with conditions.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 17, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5825 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

We are reporting to you the cable which has been received from Dr. Ching-jun Lin. It consists of two words, "FARLEY DROPPED." Undoubtedly it is a reply to the cable you sent and probably after your Clipper letter had reached him.

Therefore, the action of the Board of Trustees taken on February 28, 1939 became final. That action instructed the secretary to notify you that the Board of Trustees confirmed the action of the Board of Managers and the Administration looking to the termination of your relationship with the University as of June 30, 1939.

Before passing on this information, we have checked with members of the Board readily available by telephone as to the advisability of having a meeting to further consider the situation, and it is unanimously agreed that even in the light of the latest correspondence from you, no action could be taken which would in any way tend to alter the action of the field.

I am sure the members of the Board of Trustees or officers will render every possible assistance to you in your effort to seek another connection. Everyone is mindful of your fine missionary spirit, and, I am sure, that your experience will be of great value in establishing yourself elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS.

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5823 Maryland Ave.,  
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Dr. E.A. Evans,  
160 Fifth Avenue,  
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*Art E. Farley  
Capt. T. L. Fairchild  
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Dear Dr. Evans,

Although it is just past midnight I write to thank you for and to acknowledge your letters of recent date. Your air-mail letter of March 17th reached my hands at about six P.M. this evening, your letter of March 17th last night and your letter of March 6th just after I had sent my letter of March 6th to you. I am not answering these letters now but am simply sending off this brief note to thank you very genuinely for them and the large amount of time you have taken for them and others. Believe me, I have appreciated it.

After your letter of March 14th, received last night, I felt rather encouraged. Your letter of today should discourage me completely in the further work from President Lin. It does discourage me but not completely. The World events of the past year prove that there is nothing final in this world except death and that is final only so far as this world is concerned, if we accept the Christian faith.

You have assumed that President Lin had already had my letter when he sent this last cable. I consider it to have been impossible for him to have it by the time he sent the cable. I missed the first clipper after receiving his letter and perhaps the second. My letter went out to China on the clipper leaving a week ago Wednesday, ~~that is~~ on March 8th. Had he been at the University (old campus) he could not possibly have received the letter before March 15th, a week from the date of leaving the U. S. This would seem very unlikely. President Lin's letter took more than three weeks to reach me. Thus I feel confident that he had not yet received my Clipper letter, and to be honest I would like to have him at least have it before the whole thing is considered closed.

Now I must close and get to bed or I shall be down again with flu which is still hovering around me. I shall write further a little later.

Again thanking you for your letters and your kindness, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Malcolm L. Farley*

P. S. Would you therefore mind waiting a little while longer?

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March 20, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your undated letter presumably written Saturday arrived this morning.

Others here in the office do not share your optimism, although, of course, we do not know the contents of the letter you sent to China. Of course, we would all be exceedingly happy if the situation could be worked out where you could return and carry on the English and French work of the University. There seems to be, however, too many factors against this, which is the reason for our lack of optimism. One of them is an apparent willingness on President Lin's part to send a final cable before waiting for your communication.

I am also anxious to have you give serious consideration to the future, as the days are rapidly approaching when teaching positions for next year will become scarce.

Of course, as far as our office is concerned the action taken by the Board and later confirmed by telephone conversation is final, unless some word is received from China. In that event, I am sure the Board will be very glad to cooperate with any recommendations.

With sincerest best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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5823 Maryland Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
March 23d, 1939.

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Dr. E. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

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Dear Dr. Evans,

Many thanks for your letter of March 20<sup>th</sup>, which reached me last night. Please accept my apologies for my undated letter of last Saturday evening, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Some day I shall have to write another long letter, perhaps my last, to speak of some few more things which are very much in my mind and on my heart. I shall not do so now. You speak of my optimism. All I can say about it is that it is not "positive pessimism". It is the optimism which believes that there is still a chance, and does not want to spoil that possible chance unless it is necessary to do so. If I still am able to maintain even a faint shadow of optimism after all that has happened it is because I cannot but still believe, in spite of all that has happened and all that has been written, that I am in the right and that someday it will be apparent. During all these past sixteen years I have tried and have lived prayerfully, I believe. Interpret this, and prayer too, in any way you want. (I am not a fanatic, ~~not religiously~~ certainly not religiously, and I am a scientist. I am accustomed to facing facts). It means at least, that I have not lived thoughtlessly and carelessly. Therefore it is hard for me to believe that I have been completely wrong all these years. It is the possibility of this being the case that would completely and absolutely undoe me and make me feel that it would be unfair for me to impose myself upon anyone.

You say you are anxious to have me give serious consideration to the future. This implies that you do not think that I have been doing so. Let me reassure you. I do not have a prospect in the world but I began looking for a job the day President Lin's letter arrived or rather the next day. My optimism has not been so great as to make me entirely improvident. I am not counting exclusively on the "ravens". I do not however have a job or even a remote prospect. So far my efforts have not unearthed anything. Your office which has more teaching jobs under its charge than perhaps any other of the kind, has not offered me a job yet.

Believe me, jobs are scarce. If President Lin had fired me or at least hinted at last December or November it would have given me a much better chance to land something before fall. You will perhaps remember that Prof. (and Dr.) Beeman, who had every qualification in one of the best possible fields was unable to find anything at all practically for two or three years. I hope I shall be more fortunate. Indeed I hope to be back in China before that.

My I just add that I cannot do what most missionaries do when they lose their field jobs, namely take a charge, because I do not have a theological training and am not ordained.

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I cannot teach in an American University, as I could have and was actually offered two excellent positions sixteen years ago, because of the rigid Doctorate requirement and I do not have a PhD. They were not the fashion in the Middle-West when I went out to China in 1922. Only one member of the University Faculty had one at the time and he was from the East. President Lin does not have one, Prof. Scott does not, Prof. Kellogg does not, Prof. Beach did not etc, etc. etc. etc. They are the fashion now.

I cannot teach in hardly any American high school because of the requirements for recent work in the departments of education of the State University of the state where the position is sought. Sixteen years ago I was eligible. I had completed my requirements for the states of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota etc., etc. But that was sixteen years ago and requirements have changed.

Thus though I have been continuously looking around for six weeks now I have as yet no job. President Lin suggested that I would be happier in this country working in the field of Chinese studies, especially archaeology, rather than teaching in the field of English Literature. It is just a bit ironical that all my tools which would make such work profitable and possible are on the University campus, as out of my reach as though they did not exist in this world. If I had them, I could support myself by selling a few through the usual dealers and meanwhile quite probably offer the rest as bait for a favorable position. But they are in China, on the University campus. I expect them to stay there. I do not contemplate moving a single object away. I fully expectate them to ultimately become the property of Fukien Christian University (which I love with all my heart) not as the unfair booty of war or conditions over which I have no control, but as a gift from Mrs. Farley and myself, the gift which we have always intended and for which we made this unique and really priceless collection. I expect, when, I cannot say, but in the not too remote "ultimately" to return to Fukien and use them for the glory of Fukien Christian University and of God. To that end, I shall bend every possible effort. If the University is interested they will help me. If not I shall do what I can to accomplish it alone. Meanwhile--I shall and until this can be accomplished to the happiness of all, I shall do what I can here or somewhere in America to fill six mouths three times a day and to this end I have been directing my physical, spiritual, and mental energy to such a degree during the past six months--weeks, that I am fairly well worn out with it.

In the days of the golden month of December, during the ascendancy of my star, Dr. E. C. Goodrich wrote to me and asked me to prepare a paper for the American Oriental Society which meets in Baltimore on April 11th-13th. I accepted and I am, I believe on the printed program. Dr. Goodrich urged me to accept and considered it an honor and an opportunity. He suggested that I speak of archaeology in Fukien. I agreed to do so.

During the past few weeks the matter has been somewhat on my mind and in view of the uncertain uncertain future I have felt that I ought to cancel the trip and save the money for my family. Last night I received another letter about the matter from Dr.

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Goodrich . It seems too late to cancel the address now and I am expecting to go through with it . If I do so , it will bring me to New York City for a few days almost exactly the middle of April or perhaps the first week past the middle . Would you care to see me as a personal friend , entirely non-officially , and preferably outside of the University Offices --- I don 't feel as though I belonged there anymore , at that time? If so , I should be happy to have a talk with you . If you prefer not to see me , don't hesitate to say so .

The Board is of course no longer directly interested , but I should like to say as a mere announcement , that in spite of wars and rumors of wars , being fired , out of a job , a man without a country , without a home, without a job and without a prospect , in spite of this and all the correspondence, and time and nervous energy that it has consumed , ~~I have written~~ ( not to mention weeks down with the flu as well ) , I have written almost a full dozen articles and have completed the first draft of a monograph on the great trade between China and Fukien and the Near East from 850 to 1350 A.D. , a book of about fifty thousand words . Of course now, I have lost several of the possibilities for having it published . Thus , though several other things , indeed most everything else that we have done and worked for during these long years , have "gone with the wind " , in spite of all obstacles , the greatest that I have ever had to overcome in two months and a little more of time , this "writing time " has not completely "gone with the wind" .

This letter has got away with me , almost three pages instead of one. I close. My mother write me from Kentucky , the address to which her money was regularly sent last winter that she has not received the usual ten dollars for January and February . It has been regularly deducted from our salary and I have of course assumed that it has gone to her. I wonder if you would be so kind as to have the matter checked . Thank you very kindly .

With sincere best wishes, I remain

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm L. Farley

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March 25, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

I am glad indeed that you wrote me on March 23rd even if it does extend to three pages.

I certainly sympathize with you from the depth of my heart and I am confident that every other member of the Board feels the same way. May I add that I do not know of one of that body who would not do everything possible to be of any assistance in helping you to get located. What turn that would take I cannot tell, but the good will is there nevertheless.

Please let me disabuse your mind of any thought that our office will not give you a most hearty welcome whenever you are here in New York. Personally I am anxious to see you. It is unthinkable that you should come to this area and not give us the opportunity of a conference - if for no other reason, I would want to see you personally.

I find that Saturday the 15th is already preempt, and a meeting on the afternoon of the 14th has likewise been set up. If you could arrange it, I would like to have you as my guest at lunch on the 14th, - but, I will leave this arrangement in your hands after giving you my availability.

We find that payments to your mother are going forward quarterly as you requested instead of monthly, and this morning a check will be forwarded for the past three months. If you wish this changed, kindly let me know.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 29, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

On June 22, 1938 we received \$75.00 from the American Council of Learned Societies. This was a personal grant to you and we have never received instructions as to its disposition.

Undoubtedly this will be of considerable use to you at the present time and I certainly will welcome your instructions.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Chicago , Illinois.  
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Dr.E. A. Evans ,  
China Union Colledge ,  
150 Fifth Avenue ,  
New York City .

Dear Dr. Evans ,

Many , ~~many~~ thanks for your very much appreciated letter of March 25th which reached me several days ago . I intended to answer it by return but have been prevented until now from doing so by a number of unexpected duties . The very friendly tone of your letter has cheered me considerably and I thank you very genuinely for it .

I am sure , in spite of what I have written to you that you do not think of me as going around day after day crying or with a long face . I ~~can~~ assure you I have more fortitude than that and I have been working desperately at my writing during all the time when I have not been engaged in correspondence , which has been considerable to be sure . The facts are as they are and when I have written I have faced them . When everything has been said and done it still remains that we are out of a job after many years, half a life-time on the field , and that all our worldly goods and accomplishment and service are on the field in China . I wish to change this situation and when I have written I have been facing the facts . But that aside, we have not gone around moping and we are working every day of our lives,--- but none of this did I intend to write . Your letter was and is appreciated and I write to thank you for it . I care more than anything else what the Board of Trustees thinks about the whole situation and I am most of all concerned that they should see the situation in its true light .

In telephoning from the Museum to Mrs. Farley today she informs me that ~~you~~ a letter has just come from you about financial matters . I have not been home, since I am writing from my museum office, and I have not yet seen the letter but I will answer it in part . Your treasurer there does have a check for \$75 .00 for me from the American Council of Learned Societies . I spoke to her about it when I was there in October and asked her to add that to the rest of the money which she was holding for me . Altogether I have more than \$300.00, I believe which I have not drawn . I shall do so soon however and shall either write about the whole matter before I come East or shall see her about it then . I also wish to get a few drafts and to send some money back to Miss Asher , refund on my expense account which I have already sent in to her direct .

Thank you for the information about the money to my mother . This way is entirely satisfactory .

Thank you very much for your invitation to have lunch with you in New York . I shall be most happy to do so but I am not able to make a definite date at this time since I do not know when I shall arrive in New York . The Oriental

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Society does not close until the evening of the 13th of April. After that I shall be stopping for two or three days in Washington D. C. to see Mr. Mortimer Graves of the American Council of Learned Societies, I expect, and others. Then I shall come on to New York. I shall write you later and let you know when. In any case I want very much to see you and I thank you for your invitation. May I add one more note of optimism, I am so thoroughly convinced that our work is in China and on the campus of Fukiên Christian University, that if we do or I do not return this summer I shall hope to return next summer and the summer after that. I am sure, ~~only~~ only that I, but that we shall return.

With renewed thanks and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

*Malcolm G. Tarpley*

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April 3, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 31st and wish to assure you that at no time have I been discouraged by evidences of pessimism on your part. What I have been more concerned with is what one might, for a better term, characterize as overoptimism. With no other knowledge than that which you also possess I read a final emphasis in Dr. Lin's correspondence to you which seemed to escape your notice.

While I did not see a copy of the letter which you sent to Dr. Lin, I feel confident that you did not take the attitude of one who had accepted the decision and made some pretty definite claims for the return of household goods from China, at the same time expressing a confident optimism in your own capacity to carry on elsewhere.

My point is that I would not beg the field for any reconsideration under the circumstances, because frankly I believe Fukien will be the loser.

One reason that I am desirous of seeing you is to discuss with complete frankness this situation, as well as any possibilities of other chances in China. Our office is prepared to back you up to the limit of our powers and do everything possible to get you located. At the same time we do wish to know what your attitude would be under such circumstances, and to that end I welcome a personal interview aside from the opportunity of seeing you personally.

We note that you will see us about financial matters when you come East during the middle of the month. I, therefore, am awaiting your visit with most pleasant anticipations.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 4, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

A letter has just come to hand from President Lin dealing almost entirely with freight allowance. He calls attention to the schedule of salaries and allowances for foreign staff as revised February 22, 1930, quoting the following:

"A freight allowance of one ship ton will be allowed for each adult and one half ton for each child, when traveling to or from the field. It has been found that the allowance described above is sufficient to cover the freight charge in ordinary cases, and without special permission the maximum allowance described above will be expected to cover freight. An exception may be made when the candidate first comes to the field, when an allowance of three tons may be made for each adult, one half ton for each child."

President Lin interprets this as follows:

"For freight allowance for regular furlough the Farleys would be entitled to one ship ton for four adults (counting two children twelve years, or more, of age calling for full fares) and one half ship ton each for two children, making a total of five ship tons for the family. But since we are not asking the Farleys to return they might be classified under the exception which allows three tons per adult and one half ton for each child. For the Farley family this would amount to a total of thirteen ship tons (4 adults @ 3 tons each = 12, and two children @ one half each = 1 = 13 ship tons)."

He further states regarding the collection as follows:

"We do not know what to suggest about the disposal or transportation of Mr. Farley's collection. We thought perhaps whatever institution, in China or America, he finally joins might be glad to handle the collection for him, depending entirely upon his own wish."

I am passing this on to you for your information and have only acknowledged the letter to President Lin adding that I had the great pleasure of seeing you again a short time ago and was greatly pleased with your attitude and loyalty to the institution and the Chinese. This is about the least which I could say, as his letter called for some comment and acknowledgment. I did say, however, that in view of the circumstances it would not matter much to

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the field to have the collection remain at Fukien for the time being.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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5823 Maryland Avenue ,  
Chicago , Illinois.  
May 24th , 1939.

Mr . C. A. Evans ,  
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Ave,  
New York City .

Dear Mr. Evans ,

I fear you will think that I have been neglectful in writing to thank you for all your favors to me during my stay in New York , now almost a month ago . I assure you , I have expected to get a letter off to you very much sooner. The fact of the matter is , I found when I returned after exactly three weeks' absence that I had a great many , many, things to do , the usual accumulation after three weeks and they all seemed to have to be done at once. Meanwhile other ~~think~~ unexpected things have arisen to be done and so the matter has gone. Before there is any further delay therefore I steal a few minutes to write a short letter to you .

Many thanks for your letter of May 4th and for the information which it contained. I very much hope and I somehow still believe , with no apparent reason for doing so , that I shall never have to take advantage of the freight allowance which this letter accords our family for moving our possessions to the United States. I have just received a personal letter from Miss Asher in which she stated that the long Air-mail letter which I wrote to President Lin in answer to his fatal letter had not yet reached the University at the time of her writing which was about April 15th or 18th . This puts the whole matter in a different light , except that I quite confidently felt that this letter had not reached him . I had come definitely to the conclusion that it had been lost and such now appears to be the case. Since I did not send a copy of it by regular mail President Lin does not yet know what my answer to his letter was. I am therefore in a different position , just what position I do not know. I am thinking about the matter. This situation however does not in my mind change anything that I told you about my plans or about anything else . It does however , it seems to me , make the situation look more hopeful and less determined from the other end .

I write to thank you for your very generous hospitality to me when I was in New York and for giving me so kindly of your time. Believe me, those two long conferences with you have meant and do continue to mean a very , very great deal for my peace of mind , without which ( -and with all the other uncertainties continuing to weight upon me , since none of them are at all settled as yet and probably won't be for an indefinite period of time --- the length of the war perhaps -- ) I am afraid I should find it next to impossible to do any constructive work . Again , many , many thanks for your hospitality , for your time , and for your understanding . Since I have returned , everything that I said to you about the whole situation as it concerned me and as it concerns everybody has been more than confirmed in my conviction mind , by my reconsideration of the whole situation and by many things that have come to me from many sources . Moreover , after reconsidering and reconsidering the whole situation , after all my conferences with people in the East everywhere , I am more and more convinced that I should and must and shall eventually return to the University to live and work , unless the whole province is completely blown up by the Japanese in the meantime and the whole thing ended once and for all . (This I do not expect) . Thus though I shall not be writing about the matter , any more than I have during the past month , I hope you will continue to remember all the matters of our discussion ( including my plans , forced plans , though they be , for the coming

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months ).

I enclose in this letter an application blank for Central Clergy Bus Certificate . Will you kindly fill in the necessary information which ~~to~~ you are accustomed to fill in and have the Clergy Certificate mailed to me ? Many thanks for your services .

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Relative to the money which your treasurer is holding for me, May I ask her now to send our April salary check to us here and to send the May check when it is due ? I am trying to make some banking arrangements here in Chicago ~~+~~ and when I have done so I shall write about the rest of the money which your treasurer is still holding for me . This will all be taken care of before the end of June. Many thanks for your services . May I ask your treasurer also to send the money for the June quarter to my mother at her address at Little Falls , Minnesota . She has now left Louisville , Kentucky .

During the past week we have had the pleasure of having Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy in our home in Chicago . Tomorrow Paul Wiant and family are stopping off for a few hours enroute West on their way back to China.

If you should be coming West I hope you will come and see us here in Chicago too . We would be delighted to have you .

I have been working very hard since coming home on two articles , one for the Asia Magazine ( concerning which I told you ) which is supposed to appear in the September number of Asia, and one for the Harvard Journal of Chinese studies . The Asia article, I just finished last night and I am sending it off to the Asia Company with illustrations etc., etc. on June 1 st .

Now I must close . Again please receive my very genuine thanks for all your many services to me . This letter too is for you personally , not for the University files .

With best regards to you , I am

Yours very sincerely ,

Malcolm S. Farley

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May 26, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 24th and I am greatly interested in all that you have to say regarding the situation at Foochow and your own personal plans. I have the greatest admiration for your courage and fortitude, and I wish I could share your optimism.

Recent reports from South China are none too reassuring - the Japs having recently bombed Foochow and the outlying area, and the insulting attitude of the Navy indicates that they intend to prosecute the war with as much energy as possible. Of course, this may mean their eventual downfall, but from financial circles we learn that seemingly the only immediate salvation for the Chinese is a break in the morale of Japanese people. The Japanese are making desperate effort to get Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and if they succeed in doing this, it will be a body blow to China's cause, and I am afraid to higher education in China.

We are, however, hoping and praying that unforeseen forces will operate to the benefit of China and bring about an end to this horrible situation.

I believe I gained as much from our conferences while you were in New York as you did, if not more. I was greatly encouraged with what you told me regarding the progress you are making in getting your work published. This may mean infinitely more than we can conceive of at the present time. It will stimulate your desire for further research.

The application for clergy certificates is returned herewith together with a covering letter which should serve your purpose.

I note what you say regarding salary and as requested, we are enclosing check for \$402.50 representing your April and May salary, less adjustments as indicated on the voucher. As requested, we have sent money for the June quarter to your mother at Little Falls, Minnesota.

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Bishop Gowdy has been in the office several times recently and we have had opportunity to visit with him at more or less length. We were only able to have a short hour with Paul Wiant, but I would have desired a more lengthy conversation.

I sincerely hope that your plans will carry forward so that things will work out to the mutual advantage of you and the University. Please be assured again that we are willing to do anything possible to be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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5823 Maryland Avenue ,  
Chicago , Illinois,  
June 26th , 1939 .

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Mrs. A. Evans , Associate Treasurer ,  
China Union Colleges ,  
150 Fifth Avenue ,  
New York City .

Dear Mr. Evans ,

I have not before now been able to write , as I said in my last letter that I would before the end of June , to take up some financial matters. I am not prepared to do so just yet . Therefore if my June salary has not yet been mailed to me may I ask you to hold it until you hear further from me, perhaps this week , or if not, soon after . This will be a great favor to me. I still have no banking arrangements and would like to get some made before I ask you to send to me what is finally due. I also want to have taken out of that some small bills and I would like to do this before the matter is closed . Thus if your treasurer there will kindly hold everything until I write full instructions I shall greatly appreciate it . I shall write either this week , if I am able to find the time , or if not , about the middle of July .

This is to be a short letter but I would like to tell you one or two things before I write in more detail at the next time . My article on archaeology in Fukien ---- merely a preliminary, general, short, survey account -- has been accepted by the Asia Magazine for their archaeological series which you already know of , and is to be published in the October issue. I have another short article ready for the mail this week which is to go to the Oriental Society of Great Britain . It is not absolutely certain yet , but it is probably that it will be published in the Transactions of the Society for 1939-1940 and will be read at one of the meetings of the year . A third article I am hoping to send off to Harvard this week, ( and during the summer several others , quite definitely). Moreover , I have just been very fortunate in receiving a "Grant-in-aid" of \$500.00 from the American Philosophical Society . This grant is effective at once , and will carry us through the summer , I hope . It is given to enable me to continue my work and especially to get ready for publication of my monograph on the trade between Fukien and the Near East, which I am expecting the American Council of Learned Societies to publish . These bits of information are for your personal consumption, Mr. Evans. I felt that you would be interested to know how I am getting along .

Finally , and this too is for you personally , I have this week received a personal letter from President Lin which is as different from the critical one of last February , as anything could be , and proves , if it is what it seems to be, all that I have said to you about our relationships in the past , and all that the long correspondence from between from me to you from February to April was designed to prove. I shall send you a copy of this letter as soon as I can make one . (I am writing this letter from my office at the Field and I do not have President's Lin's letter ~~hesitant~~ <sup>eventual</sup> It is the most hopeful thing that I have had and points the way to our return to the field , if seems to me , if anyone is interested in that return . Now I must close . Of all these things , more later'.

I am going next week to my Alma Mater , Hamline University , to give two lectures on China , and I am extremely busy with that and many other matters .

With very best wishes to you , I am as ever

Yours very sincerely

Malcolm L. Taylor

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June 27, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

I appreciate your letter of June 26th and for the information contained therein. It is especially gratifying to know of the progress you are making in getting your material in shape. You have been very fortunate in getting the \$500.00 from the American Philosophical Society.

We have had several letters from the field dealing in some measure with your situation, but nothing which alters conditions in any way. We have, however, noticed a different tone which I have attributed largely to our very frank discussion of the problem, for I have not hesitated to speak plainly. However, there is nothing else at the present time which can be done and, agreeable to your suggestion, we are not making any further reference to you. This will have a finer effect than were we to continually dwell upon the situation.

As suggested, we are holding your salary adjustment until further notice from you, although we would have preferred to have had it adjusted before closing our books for the fiscal year on Friday.

With sincerest congratulations on the progress you are making,

I am

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 1, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of October 30th is at hand requesting checks against balances held on hand to the credit of your account. As agreeable thereto, we are enclosing the following checks:-

1. Bernard Quaritch Ltd., London.....\$11.50
2. W. Haffer & Sons Ltd., Cambridge..... 12.85
3. Megan Paul, Trench Trubner & Co., Ltd..... 2.00
4. B. H. Blackwell, Ltd., Oxford..... 10.90

We note that later on authorisation will be issued to make payments on the balance.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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5823 Maryland Avenue ,  
Chicago , Illinois ,  
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Mr. C. A. Evans ,  
Fukien Christian University ,  
150 Fifth Avenue ,  
New York City .

Dear Mr. Evans ,

Many thanks for your letter of November 1 st and the various checks which it contained at my request . In order to assure you that you had not lost a friend I hastened (letter) at once to answer your letter upon receipt of it . Then I held the, thinking that I would hear from the U.S. Veterans Bureau about my insurance . Now I have decided to still hold that letter . I do thank you for your letter and for your various comments about various matters and I assure you that you have not lost a friend , however much your remarks may have hurt . One of these days I shall send to you one or both of the two letters which I wrote last week in friendly answer to yours , one or both or some other instead . For the time being let me again thank you .

In this letter I write to make final settlement of our present financial accounts . In view of the fact that I have, on Board of Trustees ( University ) property, some thousands of dollars' worth of personal property , all that I have to show for almost twenty years of work , and this not in any way tangible , I cannot say that my accounts with the University and permanently closed , never to be opened again . But this letter will close them at least temporarily . This being the case I shall not frequently, at least, be troubling you with my letters again ( until I send the letter which I have suggested above ) . But all my thoughts and all my prayers and all my efforts shall still be with the University both in this country and in China, with her and her Faculty and her Secretary and her Board of Trustees , and though in a very real sense exiled and excommunicated from her in the flesh I shall nevertheless be with her in the spirit , which , if what I would be persuaded ( - but am not - ) to believe is true , will be a much happier condition for all concerned , save for myself .

On a separate sheet I am indicating my needs in regard to life insurance check . Please may I have the balance of the amount due to me mailed to me with the Life insurance check at my Chicago address ? The account will then be closed . Again let me thank you for your past services in these financial matters .

You spoke of many persons , I believe , enquiring about the Farleys' plans . I do not know what you have replied to such enquiries . But if you wish to reply you may say that the Farleys ( at least Mrs. and Mr. Farley -- I do not say as much for the children- ) are expecting to spend the rest of their active life , some twenty or more years, perhaps , in China and are planning to return to this land just as soon as the opportunity offers itself . Meanwhile as their present and immediate plans , you know nothing --- which is the truth -- , neither do we -- but you believe it to be their expectation to continue on in Chicago where Mr. Farley is working at the Field Museum in the Department of

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Anthropology ( Chinese ) and Archaeology . Meanwhile any and all friends of the Farleys and indeed of Fukien Christian University, coming this way or passing through Chicago will be most heartily and cordially welcome at the Farley residence at

5823 Maryland Avenue , telephone in the

Chicago directory , Plaze 2582 . This until further notice . We can of course also be reached at my wife's address in Churchs Ferry, and at my mother's in Little Falls , Minnesota .

If you or any of the Board Members or the Secretaries there should come through or to Chicago , they would be most welcome in our home , I can assure you . We would truly be delighted to see you .

With sincere best regards to you and to all and with renewed thanks , I remain as ever

Yours very sincerely ,

*Malcolm Farley*  
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November 10, 1939

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5825 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

I would like to see one or both of the two letters you wrote to me last week. I bet my head for a football that they were good and warm for which frankly I do not blame you, but which, nevertheless, does not change what I have said in any way. You are the best judge as to how far I have been right, and anything I have written has been simply for your own betterment.

Personally, I would be delighted to have you keep in contact with our office as I have enjoyed your friendship immensely, and it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know that you are not one of the kind who will sever a friendship because of a frank discussion of a personal situation. In that respect you rise immeasurably in my estimation. I wish that I could talk with you, which would be infinitely better than corresponding.

One of the great things which has been outstanding in people's evaluation of your services has been the loyalty and devotion to the cause and to the people. I know that you will always have the deepest affection for all that Fukien is, has been, and stands for.

As requested, we are enclosing checks herewith closing out your account - but, let us bear in mind that when, and if the time comes that your effects are to be returned to America, or transported elsewhere, the University also has an obligation. This, of course, will have to be taken up for adjustment at the proper time, which brings me to say that I sincerely hope that you do get back to China some day. First of all, it would seem absolutely necessary because of your personal effects still being on the campus. Secondly, because of the contribution which you can make, and for the development which will come with that further contact with the Chinese and with China. To all inquiries as to your future, I have replied that it is your very definite hope to return to China, but for the time being you are still in Chicago and carrying on courageously at the Field Museum.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Wynn Fairfield, President of the Board, was in the office and made inquiries regarding you--asking whether I had any knowledge as to your future plans. He expressed the hope that an opportunity would open whereby the experience you have gained, and your splendid services might be available in some much needed field. This is only indicative of the keen interest that members of the Board have in your welfare.

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Mr. Farley

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Again I want to assure you that aside from the Board of Trustees, this office is deeply concerned regarding your future. Some of the finest contacts which have been made, and if we may go as far as to say also from a promotional standpoint, are those who have been previously in China in service in our Universities. One of our outstanding examples of this character is in the one who gave of himself so liberally in the building up of Cheekee University only to be forced to transfer his interest to Yenching University where he was instrumental in developing its building program and endowment. Dr. Luce is in the office today attending one of our meetings and through his influence his son has given more than \$100,000.00 to the work, aside from the other hosts of friends that Dr. Luce has created for China work - but, the best of it is the fine spirit which he shows in the contacts in and out of our office. These cases might be multiplied as far as the interest and spirit goes.

And to you, who has gained so much, as well as given so much, I extend my very best and warmest wish for your future welfare, and of your family.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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5823 Maryland Avenue ,  
Chicago , Illinois.  
March 15 th , 1940 .

Mr. C. A. Evans ,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue ,  
New York City .

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Dear Mr. Evans ,

Many , many thanks for your two letters , the one of February 23 d and the second of February 28 th . They have both been very much appreciated . It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to learn of the Boards' and the University's activities .

I am of course interested in what you say about the Legers , the Scotts , and Miss Asher , and also about the meeting some time ago of the Fukien Board . For many months we heard quite regularly from Dr. Sutton about the situation in Foochow and about the University in particular . Now for some months we have had very little from him. The past week , however, has brought a letter from Paul Wiant . As you of course know , things in Foochow were quiet at the last reporting but the long-time blockade was as severe as ever, making it extremely difficult and most of the time impossible to get in or out of the port except by long overland routes .

I write to ask the possibility of a very great favor from your office . In view of my situation I know of course that I have no particular right to ask it . Mr. Wiant has written in his letter that my Kuliang house suddenly appears to be in a very bad situation and unless I at once spend several hundred dollars , local currency , in repairs the roof is likely to fall in and the house and the contents will soon be gone. Not yet quite ready to say good-bye to the house which would then become a complete loss I am constrained to send the money for the repairs . I have an account in Foochow with Dr. Sutton to take care of my insurance ( fire) and my cook's wages for guarding out campus property but it is hardly enough to meet this sudden emergency . I am wondering therefore if you would be willing to let me have a University draft for the amount needed , as you have regularly done in the past when I have wanted to transmit money to Foochow . I would send you the amount desired and you could send me a University draft (in U. S. currency ) to cover it . This University draft I would then mail to Mr. Wiant . You may wonder why I don't go to the bank and get such a draft here . I could do so of course with less bother than writing twice about it , but I believe the University draft would be more negociable on the field . Mr. Wiant could exchange it and deposit it to the Mission account or he could sell it to the Mission Treasurer in Shanghai where the University name is so well known . Thus I suggest a University draft .

If you could and would care to render me this service I would be most grateful . If doing so would infringe upon your office's policies or something else I shall quite understand .

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Kindly let me know when you have time and I shall either drop the matter at once or send the money for the amount which I need .

Again let me thank you for your two good letters .  
With best wishes and sincere prayers for all the activities of the Associated Boards and the China Colleges , I remain

Yours very sincerely ,

*Malcolm F. Farley.*

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March 18, 1940

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Farley:

Your good letter of the 15th came to hand this morning, and I must congratulate you on the generally improved appearance of this letter.

Your request to secure a Fukien check to be sent to Sutton is noted, and certainly we shall be glad indeed to be of any assistance. If you will send us your check, therefore, we shall be very glad to issue one on the Fukien account and return it to you immediately, or send it directly to China, if you so desire.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time. If for no other reason than your long-standing interest and service in China, we feel this is due you; but aside from that, we exist for the purpose of making it easier for all who are interested in our universities to establish contacts of any character.

I sincerely trust that you and your family are getting along without additional hardships this winter, and with sincerest personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

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5823 Maryland Avenue ,  
Chicago , Illinois.  
June 5th , 1940 .

Rev . C. A. Evans ,  
Associate Treasurer ,  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China ,  
New York City , New York .

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Dear Mr. Evans ,

Many thanks for your letter of March 18th which reached me on scheduled time . I expected long ago to have replied to it and to have sent you the money for the check for Fukien of which I spoke when I last wrote . A number of things have kept from doing so until now . I have been extremely busy and I have been extremely short of cash . Thus I asked Dr. Sutton to turn over to Mr. Wiant some funds which I already had on the field to take care of my house repairs until I should be able to send out the necessary money .

Now however I should be grateful for a University draft made out to Mr. Paul P. Wiant of the Methodist Mission of Foochow, China , for the sum of \$20.00 . With the very high rate of exchange now prevailing I think and hope that this will take care of my house repair needs . I am enclosing a U. S. money order to you to cover this amount and I shall be happy if you will send to me here at our Chicago address the check for \$20.00 U. S. currency indicated. I will forward it to Mr. Wiant myself . I shall be grateful for this service .

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I had a letter from a member of the W.F.M.S. yesterday , direct from the field and one a few days ago from a student at F. C. U., Shaowu . I have also had a letter from R. Scott in this country . It has been a long time however since I last heard direct from Dr. Sutton . I hope things are going well with him. Mrs. Sutton also owes letters to Mrs. Farley .

I shall not today discuss the matter of the wars either in China or in Europe . They are almost too bad to talk about , but they are both of them so much on my mind that they seriously interfere with my work and have all during these months ,-- work which in view of all that is going on in the world today , I must confess, seems futile and useless indeed . After being in the front line trenches , so to speak , since I graduated from High School , it is hard now to be so remote from these overwhelming activities . Most people in this country, I find, are only too glad to be as far away from them as possible both in person and in thought . Not I !! It is torture !! But enough , I said I would not discuss the wars!

Needless to say our immediate and remote plans are very uncertain indeed . In fact they become progressively more uncertain as the days pass . But we expect to be here in Chicago for some time , how long we have no idea , but long enough to receive your reply .

Meanwhile, to you and to all the Board we extend our sincere

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best wishes and thanks . Again let me thank you for your letter  
of March 18th . I remain ,

Yours very sincerely ,

*Malcolm F. Farley.*  
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June 10, 1940

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of June 5th came to hand this morning enclosing money order for \$20.00 which I have converted into a Fukien check for the same amount, made payable to Paul P. Wiant.

Ordinarily we have not been transmitting money to the field -- either drafts are drawn by the field treasurer or a deposit is made in the Bookstore Account here in America and authorizations issued to draw a check on this account. However, we have complied with your request and the check is enclosed herewith.

Dr. Sutton has been exceedingly busy. He has made some effort to do some research work, but without much success as the regular task of taking care of the campus, acting as treasurer, forwarding book orders, writing letters to our office, and his family seem to keep him pretty well occupied. There are prospects that he will return to America this Fall. You probably knew that Lois Jane was operated upon for a ruptured appendix requiring a second operation before she began to mend. She is now home at Alfred and the family expects to spend several weeks or a month at Ventnor, New Jersey.

I do not wonder at your reluctance to discuss the war situation of this distracted world. Any discussion seems to be out of date within twenty-four hours. It is, however, a situation to call forth the deepest spiritual forces which are put within our power, and possibly that is one reason why we are faced with such a situation. There has not been a relative advancement in spiritual power with the advance of science.

I am greatly interested in your future and, as a matter of fact, at the Annual Meeting of the Fukien Board you were mentioned a number of times. There is nothing but the warmest regard for you among all of the Fukien constituency that we know. Our sincere hope is that you will be able to make a profitable connection whereby your especial training and desires may find full expression.

Very truly yours,

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September 30, 1940

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Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
Apt. 1  
5823 Maryland Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Farley:

The enclosed pamphlet explains what we are trying to do this year for Fuhsien Christian University. We are fortunate in that more than half of the goal of \$50,000 has already been pledged, and of these pledges, \$10,000 is in the bank.

Our greatest need at present is for an increased mailing list. If you feel that you can help us by circulating these pamphlets and by adding to our list, you will be making a very substantial contribution to the welfare of the institution.

I have been much interested in your article in "Asia" magazine. You have broken into the select circle of experienced writers on Chinese art, and I should like to congratulate you.

With best wishes for the future,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell,  
Field Representative

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5823 Maryland Avenue ,  
Chicago , Illinois.  
December 2 , 1940 .

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Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell ,  
Fukien Christian University ,  
150 Fifth Avenue ,  
New York , N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell ,

Your letter to me of September 30 ieth and the folders announcing the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund for Fukien Christian University reached me in due time. I regret that I was unable to reply to both of them long before this , as I fully intended to do . It happened at the time that I was very much pressed for time making some plans for the continuation of my work here in Chicago for the immediate present and for the near future . Certain documents and manuscripts had to be prepared at once and during the entire month of October and more than half of the month of November I was occupied with these matters . Thus, please pardon my neglect in not writing to you sooner.

May I thank you for your congratulations to me in regard to my recent publications in Asia magazine . You may be sure that your words and your interest were and are very much appreciated . Actually , besides the two Asia articles, I had three other articles published -- one of them is still in press --, and the first Asia article was reprinted twice , once in English and once in Chinese . I hope that the coming months will see still further longer and more important studies on Fukien culture and archaeology .

I need not tell you how much I am interested in the folder about Fukien Christian University . I guess you already know how very much our thoughts and interests lie in her present and future life . Mrs. Farley and I have admired the way in which the Board of Trustees, the Faculty , the Church in China, and the Student Body of Fukien Christian University have carried on during these tremendously difficult years . During these months since our absence from the field our entire thoughts and interests and sympathy have been with the University , one and all . We have had only one chief regret . This is the fact that we too have not been on the field during our more active part in this heroic work . We still have but one plan , purpose , and desire , and that is to return to our unfinished work there . This we expect some day to do .

In regard to the folders , I shall be very happy to distribute them where I think they may do most good . Actually we have very few , if any , connections here in Chicago of the kind that might serve Fukien Christian University . It is our plan and hope to be able to make a small contribution to this Anniversary Fund ourselves a little later on when we are able to do so . Meanwhile be assured that the Campaign and the entire University activity have our every interest and support .

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With sincere best wishes to my friends in the Board  
rooms there and to you and your family for the Christmas  
Season, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

*Malcolm F. Farley*  
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