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Exhibit B

January 30, 1946

Hua Chung College

Possible Costs

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Moving and Rehabilitation

The basis for this estimate are stated in the notes which follow the figures. The figures are in U.S. currency assuming exchange at 1350 to 1.

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Preliminary Rough Estimate

UCR	1. Moving from Hsichow to Wuchang	U.S. \$50,000
	2. Repairs to buildings and building equipment, Temporary basis	40,000
	3. College furnishings - desks, tables, shelving, etc. Permanent basis (usable in new buildings)	40,000
	4. Replacement of books - first year (Ultimate total, \$180,000)	60,000
	5. Replacement of laboratory equipment - permanent basis	40,000
UCR	6. Reequipment of families of staff and faculty	<u>45,000</u>
		<u>\$275,000</u>

50,000 needed by Apr. 1.

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Dr. Bien contemplates occupancy of the present buildings on a "refugee basis", which, according to Dr. Taylor, will be possible within two months time, provided labor and materials shall be available. The completion of all procedure contemplated above will take much more time. It is hoped that new buildings may be started during the coming year.

Items 1, 2 and 3 are discussed in the main body of this report.

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B-1 - Exhibit B continued

Items 2 and 3 are based on U.S. \$180,000 as the approximate prewar cost of the property used by the college at Wuchang. The present condition of buildings is as stated in Exhibit A.

Item 4 is based on an estimate of U.S. \$180,000 for total replacement of books, made by Dr. Wei and submitted to the Chinese Government some time ago. We now understand that a considerable proportion of the original library has been located and may be recovered. This is taken into account in the figure of this item.

Item 5 is a rough assumption made without any supporting data.

Item 6 is based on figures assumed by Dr. Bien and Dr. Fenn in discussions carried on last November. Replenishment of furniture, clothing, etc. was promised to our people when they agreed to go with the College to Southwest China and therefore must be provided. The figure contemplated by Dr. Bien and Dr. Fenn was N.C. \$400,000 for each adult member and possibly N.C. \$50,000 for each child. On this basis, with 140 persons to be provided for, the total cost may be equivalent to N.C. \$60,000,000 or U.S. \$45,000 at present rate of exchange.

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February 11, 1946

Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, D.D.,
242 East 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Arthur:

A surprising cable from Gilman, just received, says:

"Inform Sherman purchase price unobtainable."

This, of course, is in reply to our cabled request that we be given some rough estimate of what the plots of land adjacent to the Boone Compound would cost. Since Mr. Taylor in Hankow had assured us that they were for sale at reasonable prices, it is surprising to learn that the purchase price is unobtainable. We could hardly appropriate money on this basis.

Yours ever,

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February 11, 1946

Dr. Francis C.M. Wei
99 Brattle Street,
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Francis:

Miss Gammack has recently received a letter from a Chinese girl which includes the following statement:

"I just heard that the Library of Congress gives away surplus books to educational institutions all over the world. It might interest you to try and see if you can procure some books for your schools in China... If you have not heard about this you can find our the details from the Cultural Division of the State Department."

We have been surprised to receive today from Gilman a cable saying:

"Inform Sherman purchase price unobtainable."

This, of course is in reply to our cabled request that we be given some rough estimate of what the plots of land adjacent to the Bonne Compound would cost. Since Mr. Taylor in Hankow had assured us that they were for sale at reasonable prices, it is surprising to learn that the purchase price is unobtainable. We could hardly appropriate money on this basis. We shall await advice from you after your return to town and after the Council meetings end on Thursday.

Affectionately yours,

JTA:M

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February 26, 1946

Rev. John G. Magee
Dwight Hall, Yale Station
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear John:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I am sending to Dean DeVane which is self-explanatory. We want very much to have you and Luther Tucker present with us on the fourteenth, and I am writing to urge your attendance if it is at all possible. We feel a great deal may hang on the decision of the meeting, and you can help us.

I have thought of you many times since you went to Yale and I should have written before to tell you how excited I am about it and thankful that you can be there. My best wishes are with you and my prayer that God's help will be with you.

Affectionately,

Arthur M. Sherman

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YALE COLLEGE
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

WILLIAM C. DeVANE, *Dean*
RICHARD C. CARROLL, *Assistant Dean*
RONALD C. MARSH, *Registrar*

March 2, 1946.

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Doctor Sherman:

I write in answer to your letter of February 26th.

I am sorry to say that I shall not be able to be present at the meeting on March 14th because of the tremendous pressure of business here. Thursdays are always very bad days for me and that particular Thursday is impossible. I shall talk to Dean Weigle and urge him to see that Yale is properly represented at that meeting.

With all good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

William C. DeVane

William C. DeVane
Dean of Yale College

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HUA CHUNG COLLEGE

(Central China College)

WUCHANG, CHINA

Temporarily located at
HSICHOW, VIA TALI, YUNNAN

May 21, 1946

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Rev. R. K. Orchard
Livingston House
42 Broadway
Westminster
London, S.W. 1, England

My dear Mr. Orchard:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hua Chung Trustees held on April 24, 1946. Included therewith is a copy of a report by the Treasurer relating to the problem of financing.

I wish to call your attention particularly to the immediate needs for funds to cover the cost of moving the college back from Hsichow to Wuchang and rehabilitating the college, its faculty and staff on the old Boone Campus.

The Treasurer's report also discusses briefly the plan for expanding the Wuchang Campus with new buildings and equipment at an estimated cost of U.S. \$1,720,000.00. We realize that such a development cannot be started for at least a year. Therefore, the money for this plan is not being solicited at present. However, this plan is placed before us as a reminder that the money which is needed immediately is only a beginning if the College is to meet the needs of the important Wuhan Area.

Referring to the immediate needs which are estimated to cost a total of U.S. \$275,000.00, please note that \$95,000.00 is expected from the United China Relief and the Chinese Government. Also I am glad to report that the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church has contributed \$100,000.00. This leaves \$80,000.00 to be obtained from the other supporting missions and from the Associated Boards.

May I ask that your Board take this matter under consideration as soon as possible and advise me as to what we may expect from you.

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May 21, 1946

A cable received yesterday from John Coe announced the following: FIRST HUACHUNG GROUP ARRIVED CHANGSHA SIXTEENTH SECOND EXPECTED NINETEENTH. The repair work is now being pushed to completion. The property must be ready for the College to start operations not later than September first, with an adequate faculty housed reasonably well in the old buildings, and with a student body of at least 300.

We hope you will be able to help in the immediate emergency need as well as by the continuation of your annual grant to the college for operations.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur M. Sheaman
Board of Trustees
President

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cc - Rev. Noel B. Slater
China Christian Universities Association
58/9 New Bond Street
London, W.I., England

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June 14, 1946

The Rev. Carl Heinmiller, Executive Secretary
Board of Missions of the Evangelical Church
1900 Superior Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Heinmiller:

Dr. Francis Wei, President of the Huachung College, Wuchang, China, has recently received and transmitted to the Board of Founders of Huachung in New York a letter from Hankow dated May sixth, signed by Mrs. John Coe, and containing the following passage relating to the Evangelical Church Mission:

"I now give you a copy of a letter from Mr. V. L. Farnham, Supt. of the Evangelical Church Mission, Changsha, to Dr. Taylor, written on April 29th:

"At our recent mission meeting the matter of our Mission cooperating with Hwa Chung College was discussed at length, and the following action was taken:

"Whereas the Missionary Society in its program for Evangelical Missions, has recorded its interest in active participation in the support and conduct of union Christian institutions--with Evangelical missionaries to serve on the staffs of these institutions--and

Whereas the Mission has been informally approached by Hwa Chung College with regard to our cooperation, Voted that we recommend to the Board of Missions cooperating with Hwa Chung College, on a temporary experimental basis, as follows:

- (a) A grant of US\$1000 yearly.
- (b) Supplying of one missionary teacher on the staff."

"I do not know if either of the members of the Commission, or Dr. Talbott spoke to you about this during their recent stay in Hankow or not. If they did not you can consider this an initial approach, and I would be glad if you would refer it to President Wei, or others there charged with the responsibility of dealing with such matters.

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June 14, 1946

The Rev. Carl Heinmiller, Executive Secretary
Board of Missions, Evangelical Church
1900 Superior Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Mr. Heinmiller:

I am not absolutely positive that the proposal suggested in this letter enclosed is your mission. The only thing we have to go by is the copy of a letter from Mr. V. L. Farnham, Superintendent of the Evangelical Church Mission in Changsha. They did not give us your name or the address of the Evangelical Church Mission in the United States.

I hope we have not made a mistake in referring this matter to you. I will be looking forward with pleasure to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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June 23, 1946
Shanghai, China

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I arrived in Shanghai on June 19th and called on Mr. Pickens the next day. Mr. Pickens has not heard from you or Mr. Lyford concerning my travel allowance. But his office is paying for my passage to San Francisco. I am wishing to ask you or Mr. Lyford to me at San Francisco the sum to cover my traveling expenses from there to New York. Please communicate with my wife about this, as I am going to telephone her immediately after my arrival in San Francisco.

I may be able to sail on the S. S. "General Meiggs" leaving here on or about July 4th.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you.

With warmest greetings,

Ever yours sincerely

(Signed) John F. Lo.

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AMERICAN CHURCH MISSION

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SHANGHAI June 24, 1946

The Rev. A. M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10

Dear Dr. Sherman:

Dr. John C. F. Lo has given me a letter to forward on to you. He showed me a letter from you dated in April in which you told him that you were writing to me about paying for his expenses. So far I have not received any letter from you, but on the strength of his letter (which I do not have before me for he has to show it at the American Consulate) I am paying for his passage. I have also advanced to him US\$25. to be used on the trip. This I hope you will reimburse to Hua Chung College on the Special China Funds account in Mr. Whitney's office.

Will you get in touch with Dr. Lo when he arrives on the S.S. GENERAL MEIGGS at San Francisco and send him money to pay for his travel across the United States. Getting US Dollars is difficult in Shanghai at the moment. He will be with Bishop Gilman and I think the best thing to do is either to send him a letter c/o the ship, or c/o Bishop Gilman in turn c/o Bishop Block in San Francisco, on instructions and finances.

I had a note from my wife not long ago on how much she enjoyed the visit of you and Mrs. Sherman for dinner. We are looking forward to Mrs. Sherman's visit out here in the fall and only wish that you could come with her.

These are exciting days in China and, as Mrs. Roots used to say in Hankow, we are living on the top of a volcano. Anything can happen but we hope that there will be nothing very drastic, and that China may eventually find herself at peace again. Yesterday a demonstration of students urged the Americans to leave in order that civil war would be avoided. These people just cannot look at themselves and find out where the trouble really is. There is going to be a financial break some-day soon and when it comes we are going to be blamed for it. I cannot believe that we are right the way we give them everything without any question.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Claude

Acting Treasurer.

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November 14, 1946

The Rev. Carl Heinmiller, Executive Secretary
Board of Missions, Evangelical Church
1900 Superior Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

My dear Dr. Heinmiller;

At a meeting of the Board of Founders of Huachung College, held on October thirty-first in New York, I told the meeting of a letter received from President Wei dated October fifteenth in which he gives us the good news that a sum of U.S.\$1,000 in Chinese currency had been received from the China Mission of the Evangelical Church through Mr. Vernon Farnham.

The Founders have asked me to write you expressing our appreciation of this participation in our common task of Christian higher education in Huachung. We trust that this relationship with Huachung will become official and lasting and that the hope of appointing a member of the faculty will be realized.

May I take this opportunity to invite you or some representative of your Board to be present at our regular Board meetings which occur twice a year? The next one will be in February.

With fraternal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Sherman

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November 18, 1946

To: Mr. Arthur Allen

Dr. Sherman and I would like to meet with you on Friday, November 22nd at 3:30 p.m. in my office to discuss the purchase of property for Huachung University. We hope this will be satisfactory with you.

J. Earl Fowler

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The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church

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AND TREASURER
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December 5, 1946

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
802 Broadway
New York 3, New York

Dear Dr. Sherman:

This is to acknowledge yours of November 14 with its invitation to send a representative of our Board to your regular Board meetings twice a year. Since your letter was written, a merger of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church has been effected to create a new denomination under the name of Evangelical United Brethren Church. It is our hope that a representative of our new Board of Missions may be able to attend your Board meeting in February and we will appreciate receiving information concerning the time and place of the same at your convenience.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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December 13, 1946

Dr. Carl Heinmiller, Executive Secretary
~~The~~ Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church
1900 Superior Avenue
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Dr. Heinmiller:

Thank you for your letter of December fifth. I am happy to learn of the hope you expressed of a representative of the Evangelical United Brethern Church being able to attend the meeting of the Board of Founders of Hua Chung College in February.

The Associate Secretary of our Board, Mr. Earl Fowler, will send you the information of the time and place of the meeting in due time.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Sherman

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December 30, 1946

The Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S. T. D.
242 East 19th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Sherman:

I am returning herewith the letter that you left with me the other day. Copies have been sent to all of the members of the Executive Committee and also, I took the liberty of sending a copy to Dr. Mc Mullen, Executive Secretary of the Associated Board of Christian Colleges in China.

I am also returning the letter from Dr. Wei of November 12th, which is being mimeographed to be sent to all of the Board members, along with the annual report. As soon as the mimeographing is completed these will be sent out.

Cordially, and hastily,

Yours,

J. Earl Fowler.

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March 28, 1947

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
242 East 19th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Sherman:

The last time you were here in my office you asked me to look up the correspondence between Dr. Addison and Mr. Samuel Seng, Director of the Boone Library School. I have had this on my desk for some time and would suggest that you stop in and look it over when you have the opportunity.

The letter received by Dr. Addison from Mr. Seng dated June 3, 1946, definitely states that he was writing to Bishop Gilman telling him that he was ready to re-unite with the college. I think it would be a good idea for you to read this letter and then communicate with Dr. Wei to see what action has been taken.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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April 9, 1947

Dr Arthur M. Sherman
22 E. 19th Street
New York, New York.

My dear Dr. Sherman:

In a letter received from Dr. Francis Wei this week there is enclosed a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Huachung University of March 15, 1947. I am wondering whether you received a copy of these or not. Just in case you haven't I am enclosing the copy that was sent to me for the Board of Founders records. These should be returned to be put in our file.

I have not read them carefully but there are various things that concern the Board of Founders and I am wondering whether you do not want to call a meeting of the Executive Committee to take some action. Please let me know if you want me to send our any notices.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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May 5, 1947

Dr. Robert J. McMullen
United Board for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Dr. McMullen:

As I understand the set-up of the functional committees of the United Board, they are composed of one or more members of the College Committees. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Huachung Board of Trustees, I was given authority to appoint the following to represent the new Huachung College committee. I, therefore, submit the following names.

Committee A. Oliver S. Lyford
B. Arthur M. Sherman
C. Lewis B. Franklin
D. Kenneth Latourette
E. R. Pierce Beaver

Yours faithfully,

Arthur M. Sherman

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June 10, 1947

Arthur E. Fox, Secretary
Executive Committee
Princeton University Bicentennial
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I received the enclosed air mail, registered letter from Dr. Francis C. M. Wei, the President of Huachung University in Wuchang, China.

I shall be very glad to act as the representative of Huachung at the Bicentennial of my Alma Mater if it is not too late so far as you are concerned to make arrangements for me to do so.

It will expedite matters if you will kindly address your reply with any necessary information to my home address below.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur M. Sherman

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242 E. 19th Street
New York 3, New York

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June 13, 1947

Dear Mr. Wang,

The Board of Trustees of Huachung University invite you to come to the United States for a year of graduate study in preparation for your further service as a member of our faculty.

We have provided \$1200 for your living expenses which you can draw from our treasurer upon arrival in New York.

We look forward to greeting you in New York and being of any assistance in our power.

Yours sincerely,

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June 13, 1947

The Rev. Mark H. T. Li, Principal
Boone School
Wuchang, China

Dear Mark:

It was good to get your letter. I have been so very sorry to hear of your forced vacation because of poor health and I hope to hear that the prolonged rest will restore you. You have been under a severe strain of responsibilities and anxiety during and since the war years--enough to break the health of the strongest of men.

I am sorry to hear of the passport difficulties. As chairman of the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China I am enclosing an invitation to your son-in-law to come to the United States for post-graduate study. As you see I also confirm the assurance given by Dr. Wei regarding the \$1200 scholarship.

We cannot at this time, however, in view of the high cost of a year's post-graduate study in this country, guarantee to be responsible for the amount of money he will need over and above the \$1200. It is estimated that the above sum will take care of lodging and meals. The amount may be less in some parts of this country. This estimate is for our eastern cities. In addition to this the cost of tuition, books, clothing, travel from China, and return will require about \$2000.00 more. In fact, the Committee on Faculty Scholarships of the United Board estimates the total cost of a year's scholarship to be between \$3000. and \$3500. depending on the part of the United States selected, the amount of clothing required, books, etc..

I am sorry to be so discouraging about finances but so many foreign students in this country have been in serious trouble because of insufficient funds--especially in the matter of return passage money. It is a very expensive business to live in the United States just now.

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The Rev. Mark H. T. Li

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June 13, 1947

We have not the funds in the Huachung budget to increase the scholarship allowance. I will take it up with the ad-interim committee for Huachung when it meets next week but I have not much hope it will be able to furnish the guarantee you desire.

Ever with affectionate regards.

Yours sincerely,

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June 14, '47

242 EAST 19TH STREET
NEW YORK 3, NEW YORK

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Dear Mrs. Kallomay. J. EARL FOWLER

Directed the letters to
Rev. Mark Li & Mr. Mangrich one copy
each by ~~long~~ special delivery on Friday
afternoon. I did not thank you
directly of the letters but kept the copy
for my files. Did you send the other
copies direct to Mr. Mai. I had written
the enclosed long hand letter to be enclosed
with the copies to Mr. Mai. Will you
send it on to him if the copies have gone,
typing on it and to the effect that this is
the case.

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I will be out of town Monday &
Tuesday - the 16th & 17th

Sincerely yours,

Arthur D. Sherman.

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Huachung University
Wuchang, China
October 3, 1947

Dr. A. M. Sherman
Mr. O. S. Lyford
Mr. J. E. Fowler

Dear Friends:

Ever since our arrival in Wuchang on August 19th, I have been thinking of writing to you. But the process of "getting settled" has been long and distracting. Only yesterday the painters finished their jobs of painting the windows and doors. We are living in three rooms on the first floor of one of the faculty houses just outside the old city wall. Our space is rather limited, and we have no separate dining room or study. Eventually, we hope, the college can get better accommodations for us.

We spent two hot weeks in Shanghai with our folks. It was not too difficult to secure up-river passage, but all the river boats were crowded.

The college this year has over 500 students. We are badly in need of more hostels for both men and women students, and more houses for faculty members. Many junior families have already moved into the newly built red-brick one-story houses. These houses have no bathrooms and no servants' quarters. There is also an acute shortage of class-rooms. Two of my classes, each containing 130-140 students, meet in the Assembly Hall where no desks are available. But the students seem to be in good spirit, and doing the best they can under the circumstances.

I think we have a fairly strong faculty this year. The Department of Economics-Commerce, however, should be further strengthened by the addition of one full-time Chinese professor. Both Dr. Van Sant and Dr. Fulton are helping in this department, which has the largest number of students in the whole college.

The political situation in this part of China is pretty stable. The cost of living here is somewhat lower than that in Shanghai or Nanking. But it is still impossible for many Chinese faculty members to live decently. Families with children or babies have to budget for such items as milk, eggs and fruits. I am afraid some of the babies in the community are plainly undernourished.

Our children stood the long trip from Scranton to Wuchang fairly well. Minno, our little boy, caught mumps in Shanghai, and Catherine had hers soon after our arrival in Wuchang. We have an American breakfast every day, and Chinese meals the rest of the time. Both children are glad that there are so many playmates around here.

Our teaching keeps us very busy. The city electric current is not too dependable, and many nights we have to resort to candles. We shall soon provide ourselves with a kerosene lamp for emergencies.

Our best wishes and warmest greetings to you all.

Sincerely yours,
John C. F. Lo

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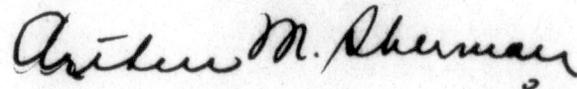
October 8, 1947

To: The Members of the Huachung Committee of the
United Board.

The meeting of the United Board of Christian
Colleges in China on Tuesday, October fourteenth,
is of so serious a nature that I am impelled to
urge all members of the Huachung Committee, who can
conveniently attend this meeting, to do so. To my
great regret I cannot be present as a previous and
long-standing engagement in Richmond, Virginia will
take me out of town on that day.

The time is 2:30 and the place is 150 Fifth
Avenue in the Chapel on the second floor.

Very sincerely yours,



Arthur M. Sherman

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Dear Earl - I said the enclosed
yesterday. Would it be a good
idea to have copies made for
yourself & one for Mr. Lyford.
and perhaps one of Irvine. If
so will you send for them.

How we ever failed the
notice of lack of bath rooms
in the new apartments is
a mystery to me!

Very sorry I can't be with
you at the meeting of the United
Board tomorrow -
Arthur M. Sherman

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October 21, 1947

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
242 E. 19th Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Sherman:

I am returning herewith letters you received from John Lo. I have given copies to Mr. Lyford, Fr. Swift, and Mr. Coe and have a copy for my own file.

With every good wish.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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December 5, 1947

To: The Huachung Committee of the United Board

Some of us have been deeply concerned about possible trouble in the Yangtze Valley, especially affecting the work of our Huachung University. When Dr. Richard Bien was in town I was talking over the situation with him and he was reassuring in his attitude. A few days later he wrote me a letter with the following quotation from a letter he had recently received from Dr. Francis Wei, dated November eleventh. I am passing this on to you.

"I always have the feeling that this center is perfectly safe. In the first place, the Red Army has never entered the important cities in other provinces except in the Northeast, for instance Kaifeng, Tsinan, and Loyang which would have been easier for them to capture if they had intended it. Then in the second place, Wuhan is such an important city of international significance, that the National Army would have to defend it at any cost. My faith had been justified. I was in constant touch with the Governor while the situation was very tense. Except in a brief period of a day or two about three weeks ago, he was always very reassuring. Day before yesterday, the High Political Inspector of Hunan and Hupeh, Mr. Kao-I-Han, came to see me in my office, and he told me that the Wuhan center was now well defended that there would be absolutely no danger of the Communists getting near to us. I do not think that there is any cause for hesitancy in your buying (laboratory supplies, etc. AMS)."

Dr. Bien adds:

"Coupled with his not withdrawing any request for building (construction of residences, etc. AMS), it is reasonable to think that my old surmise was correct, the particularly alarming pictures of 'Time' are in pursuance of a policy to call American public attention to the urgency of aid to China."

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur M. Sherman

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December 19, 1947

Dr. Francis C. M. Wei
President, Hua Chung University,
Wuchang, China

Dear Mr. Wei:

Dr. Lobenstine, Mr. Lyford and I met unofficially on December 12th to review the financial problems which you have placed before the Huachung University Committee in your recent letters to Mr. Lyford. All of the principal points in these letters have been duplicated and sent to the members of the Committee, together with copies of your Annual Report of President and the minutes of the meeting of your Executive Committee. Since December 12th we have received the first three copies of Huachung Newsletter, all of which give abundant evidence of the vitality of your whole organization.

I expect to call a special meeting of the entire Huachung Committee at an early date to consider and act upon your recent proposals, but it seemed wise to first have them reviewed by such of the New York members as were available. As one result of this preliminary meeting, we decided that it is desirable that we hear from you again before we have this larger meeting.

I asked Mr. Coe to meet with us on the 12th and he assisted us greatly in our discussion by supplementing the information which your documents contain. He also provided us with extracts from your letter to him of December 4th, which bear upon the matters before us. While we were meeting your letter of December 5th arrived at Mr. Fowler's office.

Your Executive Committee, at its meeting on October 11th, recommended that construction be started as soon as possible on six new faculty residences and two new hostels and that the cost of these eight buildings be paid out of the building funds now available in New York. They estimated that the cost, complete including equipment ready for operation would be U.S. \$100,000. The governing reasons given for this early procedure are the pressing need for better housing and the probability that costs will go up as time goes on. Further reasons mentioned are the necessity of sustaining the morale of the faculty and students and keeping the good reputation which the Universe now has in the community. These are valid reasons and I am sure they will be given careful consideration by the Committee who are deeply conscious of the fine service which you all are rendering, but we must also have before us the other side of the picture.

First we must face the general political and economic conditions in China and in fact throughout the world. We understand from your letters that political and military conditions in the Suhan area at present are reassuring. For this we are thankful but apprehension persists about the more distant future, especially in relation to the expenditure of larger sums for building at this critical time in the evolution of the new China. If China were settling down, with a fair prospect of peaceful, progressive improvement, - political and financial, - we certainly would be disposed to adopt some such procedure as you propose, but we have no evidence, other than that which you have given us of your immediate neighborhood, which indicates that there is even a strong national trend in such a direction. It looked to some as though the trend is strong in the opposite direction and it is argued that since this is the case we must be prepared for an upset in the situation which you describe in Wuhan.

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An adequate development of land and buildings for a Huachung Campus for 800 students and a faculty of 90 would cost much more than all the U.S. funds which are now available. We have no doubt that the money for such a campus will be forthcoming when China is on its way to recovery on a sound basis. To this end, however, each step taken from now on must be sound and must succeed as you go along. We must be wise as well as progressive and forceful. If, for instance, you should build some fine new buildings and then they should be destroyed or commandeered by one army or another, we would find it even more difficult to raise money for replacement. It is a fair question whether this is the time to take large financial risks. In a year from now the picture should become clearer. In the meantime we do not have to be idle in carrying out our plans for the future. Before any large buildings are put up or even planned in detail we must have a competent architect draw up a general plan for the campus as a whole. This will cost money but such expense can be met and the very fact that work on it is pending will help the morale of the institution. Mr. Bergamini prepared a sketch plan for the whole campus including the Boone property but some members of the Board of Founders were not well impressed with it and we do not know whether he went any further with it. We doubt if you can draw Mr. Bergamini away from the Philippines now, but it is worth trying.

We cannot understand where Mr. Slater can expect to receive in Great Britain enough capital to meet the cost of such a library as you contemplate or that the donor would be willing to have the money invested in a new building without careful consideration of the points mentioned above. However, if the money is placed at the disposal of the University and the plans for the building conform to a general plan which we - acting for the time being as Directors, - can approve, I believe that our Committee's consent will be forthcoming.

The three "chairs" for professors mentioned by Mr. Slater will produce a fine stimulus for all the teaching staff, and will also help to secure other "chairs".

The difficulty with the Harvard-Yenchung Institute regarding the annual contributions to Huachung is due to some confusion in the respective records. Mr. Lyford is working on this and hopes to get the matter straightened out shortly.

Please let me have, as soon as possible, your reactions to the above comments about the plans for new buildings. You no doubt realize that we are obligated to get the consent of the donors of our building funds before starting on any considerable expenditure.

Ever with warmest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur M. Sherman.

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Wuchang, China

Mr Fowler
January 14, 1948

Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S.T.D.,
242 East 19th Street,
New York 3, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Sherman,

I received during the last weekend your kind letter of December 30, enclosing a cheque for US\$25 for my discretionary fund. Enclosed please find receipt for this amount from the Acting Treasurer of the university, Dr. Paul L. Ward.

It is very good of you to think of us in this way. The economical conditions in the country are such that we have to increase all our fees as decided by the Senate yesterday to five times as charged in September. Aside from book rental and laboratory fees, every student in February will have to find NC\$5,540,000 of which \$2,000,000 will be for board; \$1,600,000 for tuition; and \$800,000 for library, medical, athletics, and registration, and \$300,000 for hostel. Only tuition, library, medical, etc., amounting to \$2,400,000 will go to the university operation budget for the term; the others are to go to student expenses with the balance refundable at the end of the term, or to be made up if the amount should not cover the actual cost.

These charges are not higher than those in the Christian middle schools in the Wuhan centre, and much lower than the fees in the other private university, namely Chung Hua University in the same city with us. Students coming from farming, business, or landed classes may not find the fees too high; but those from white-collar class families will be seriously affected. About a quarter of our students come from such families.

For this reason I decided to offer to the Senate US\$600 to \$700 for my discretionary fund for special aid to needy and worthy students. With the higher rate of exchange for the American dollar, all the stipends of the scholarships will be increased by four or five times, and so scholarship students with special aid may be able to get through the term. Such gifts as you have sent to me will go to the financial aid for the students. Therefore, I wish to thank you for the gift on behalf of the students who are going to be benefited by it. Please make our needs known to our friends in the States whom you have a chance to meet. Unless the economical situation in the country is to change radically within the next six months, which is to my mind not likely, we may have to give even further aids to more students, in order to help them to finish college here.

Referring to your letter of December 30, I wish to say that you are seeing our building situation very clearly now. The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on January 3 are in the process of being duplicated, and I am holding this letter in order to enclose a copy of the minutes for you and the Huachung Committee.

I wish to call your attention, and that of the Huachung Committee, particularly to Vote #2, which sets forth the reasons of the Executive Committee for reaffirming its previous action (Vote #3 in the minutes

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of October 11 meeting) requesting the Huachung Committee of the United Board to authorize the commencement this spring of the building of two hostels and six residences.

The Rev. Stephen Chang is leaving for the States and the Committee voted (Vote #7) to ask him to represent the Committee officially in interpreting the Huachung situation and needs in any meeting of the Huachung Committee and the United Board which he may have the chance to attend.

By Vote #5, the Executive Committee adopted for recommendation to the Huachung Committee and the United Board in America a memorandum setting forth the needs of the Huachung Practice School for buildings for its work. You will remember that the Practice School, as clearly stated in the memorandum, is the laboratory for our Education students, and therefore, it ought to have its proper place in our program as the laboratories for the Science students in the College of Science.

For several years, as I have repeated from time to time to the Huachung Board, predecessor of the Huachung Committee of the United Board, we feel that the status of our School of Education (now College of Education) is somewhat precarious, as according to the old law governing colleges and universities in China, no private institutions should have a College of Education or Teachers' College. In the middle of December, a new law governing universities and colleges in China was promulgated and one clause in this law provided that universities which had had a College of Education might continue it. This stabilizes the status of our College of Education, and ours is the only College of Education, not only under Christian auspices, but under any private auspices; and we ought to do everything possible to demonstrate that we are determined to do the best in preparing students for teaching in secondary schools. Adequate buildings ought to be given to the College of Education in its Practice School so as to meet its legitimate needs. A copy of the memorandum referred to above is being sent to you together with the minutes of the January 3 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors.

Yesterday, I sent to you and Earl Fowler a cable as follows:

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DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE REQUEST HUACHUNG COMMITTEE URGE BENTLEY
ASSIGN BERGAMINI BEFORE APRIL FOR HUACHUNG CAMPUS PLANNING WEI.

At the same time another cablegram was sent to Mr. Bergamini as follows:

DLT BERGAMINI 1015 MAGDALENE MANILA
DIRECTORS HAVE CABLED BENTLEY REQUESTING YOUR ASSIGNMENT BEFORE
APRIL FOR CAMPUS PLANNING WEI.

These cablegrams have been sent by action of the Executive Committee at its January 3 meeting. In line with the suggestion made in your letter of December 30 to me that the first step in implementing our building project ought to be the appointment of a competent architect to prepare a general plan for the whole campus and the location of the various buildings we have in mind or we ought to have in the future.

As I wrote you, I have been in correspondence with Mr. Bergamini.

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Just before the Executive Committee meeting on January 3, a letter was received from Mr. Bergamini dated December 22, showing that he was still very much interested in our general planning and would like to have a hand in it since he had spent so much time on the plans. To quote from his letter: "We must both take the matter up at once with Bishop Bentley in hopes that he may be able to arrange for me to continue to handle your work." It is because Bergamini had written this way that the Executive Committee ordered me to send the cablegrams which I did yesterday. I hope you will be able to get the Huachung Committee to come to a decision with regard to Bergamini's appointment for Huachung, and approach Bishop Bentley on the matter.

By Vote #4 the Executive Committee meeting on January 3, acted that "the salaries for January on be 200% of the December figures with the understanding that should any government plan be adopted which led to a higher figure, it should be followed by Huachung."

This vote was taken after Dr. Paul Ward, the Acting Treasurer, had reported fully the financial conditons of the university. This action will require only funds safely within our budget limit as approved by the Huachung Committee and the United Board, and the action is fully justifiable, because, take for instance the highest salaried professor, he was receiving in December the equivalent of only about four tans of rice at its present price, whereas before the war, he was receiving every month the equivalent of 44 tans of rice. In other words such a professor is receiving now less than 10% of prewar purchasing power. By doubling the payment he will be receiving only 20%, and by February, or at the latest March, he will be receiving an even much smaller percentage, unless the payment should be increased again, if our budget should permit it.

This is the reason why I have written repeatedly during the last few months to you and Mr. Lyford urging that the Executive Committee in the field be allowed the discretion to increase our subsidies providing that such increases will not call for additional funds outside of the salary items in the budget. The inflation is getting worse and worse, and I am afraid that the time may come when we must not lose any day in readjusting our subsidies plan to the inflation situation. It is no longer possible to follow strictly the government plan, because, the government has bigger and more complicated problems confronting it, and its readjustment to subsidies scales is always two or three months later, causing hardships on the salaried people for that period.

Let me repeat once more that as far as the military situation goes, the Wuhan centre seems to be quite safe. During the last week, I have been in touch with the government and business people, and they are all more reassuring.

I was in the Governor's house for dinner in the evening of January 8, and he informed me privately that the Provincial Government had granted Huachung University NC\$100,000,000 in recognition of our work in the university. This money has not been appropriated for any purpose because the official notice has not yet reached us. I shall report later after the notice has come. NC\$100,000,000 is very little in terms of purchasing power or of the American currency. But the Provincial Government has only limited funds at its disposal, and technically we are not under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government as an

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institution of education. So the grant shows special appreciation of the Provincial Government for which we are grateful.

We have now 225 Christian students in the present student body of 499. This makes the percentage of Christian students 45.1%. Twenty-two more students are being prepared for baptism, and when these students have been baptized, we shall have about 50% Christian students in the university. The encouraging thing is, since our return to Wuchang, the percentage of Christian students is increasing every term.

In this present term, we have 48 full time teachers, two doing part-time teaching and part-time administration, four voluntary part-time teachers being missionary wives, and four on furlough in America, making the total teaching staff 58 members. Of the administration staff, 18 are full-time, and three part-time, making a total of 21 members.

Of the total teaching and administration staff of 79, 56 are Christians, including missionaries, which is 71% of the total number; in other words, 29% are non-Christians.

According to various reports we have the highest Christian percentage both in the student body and in the faculty and staff. At Christmas time, 21 students were baptized. Adding this number to the 22 preparing for baptism, we shall have before the end of the year at least 43 students baptized. It is likely that this number will be higher, because next term, some more students may apply for baptism. We are very proud of our religious program, particularly because of the fact that all churches cooperating in the university have been able to work together in presenting a united front to the non-Christians, without however losing the identity of any of the churches, but keeping faithfully their respective traditions.

Term examinations will begin next Monday, January 19, and the term will end on January 31. The second term will start on February 22 with, therefore, only three weeks for the winter vacation. I do not propose to leave Wuchang during the winter, because there is so much to do.

With kindest regards and the best wishes to you, Mrs. Sherman, and to the members of the Huachung Committee,

I am

Yours affectionately,

(signed) FRANCIS C. M. WEI

* Jan. 15 - The newspaper yesterday had it that the grant was building purposes.

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February 11, 1948

The Rt. Rev. John B. Bentley, D.D.
281 Fourth Avenue
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My dear Bishop Bentley:

At the meeting of the Huachung Committee of the United Board on February fifth we had the advantage of the presence of an experienced Chinese educator from Central China, Mr. C. C. Lao, and our Head of the Physics Department in Huachung, Dr. Richard Bien. Dr. Bien was former Acting President. We had also a very good representation of the Boards associated with us in the University. In due time you will get a copy of the minutes showing our action.

I am writing now to say that the Committee voted to request permission of the National Council to use up to \$100,000 of the money allocated to Huachung from the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. We did this upon the urgent representation of Dr. Wei of the need, especially of faculty residences, increased dormitory accommodations for students, and a building for the School of Education. I think I needn't say anything about the desperate need of living accommodations but a few words about the building for the School of Education may be useful to you in presenting our request to the National Council.

We have the only Christian School of Education in China and the only one recognized by the Government. It is also the only place where teachers can be trained for service in the Christian middle schools of Central China. Someone may ask why we do not use Boone Middle School for the practice school of the School of Education. The answer is that not only is it planned to move Boone School two or three miles out in the country but also that the practice school must be under the administration of the University as it will be used exclusively by them. It would never do to have in Boone School, for instance, an outside institution directing its program and methods of teaching, etc.. Moreover, parents who send their children to Boone School or one of the other middle schools and pay for it may not want them in a practice school. Another reason for not using Boone Middle School as the Practice School for Huachung University is that it is a

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President Wei and the University Senate are beseeching us to allow them better facilities in order that Huachung may retain and strengthen the leadership it has among the institutions of higher education (government colleges) in Central China. Dr. Wei writes that he will have great difficulty in keeping up the morale of his faculty if, after ten years of privation and exile during which they have been buoyed up by the hope of better things on their return to Wuchang, they are now denied this fulfillment of their hopes. It would be a serious matter to refuse their request.

We all recognize it may be taking a risk to erect buildings now in China but we think we should take it. It will require sometime to get the over all plan for the layout of the University prepared, but we can begin with the erection of small residences right away and follow it soon with one or more of the other buildings. As far as morale of faculty and students is concerned, as well as our leadership in Central China, we may be taking a greater risk by not getting our relief program of proper accommodations started.

You will be happy to learn, as we have been, of the fine increase in the number of baptisms among the students. We have now the largest percentage of Christians in Huachung of all the Christian colleges in China.

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Meeting
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April 1, 1948

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
242 E. 19th Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Sherman:

A letter from Dr. Wei dated March ninth advises us that on March eighth he received a letter from the Reverend Noel B. Slater of the Christian Universities Association of Great Britain dated February twenty-fifth. Mr. Slater told Dr. Wei that the Trustees of the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trust had agreed to give \$45,000 (a little over \$180,000) to Huachung University for the new library building provided that the name of Mr. Joseph Rank is associated with the building.

Both Dr. Wei and Mr. Slater urgently request that no publicity be given this great gift until permission and instructions are received from Mr. Slater.

Another letter dated March twenty-third from Dr. Wei mentions that the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors met on March eighteenth. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

"As preliminary information I wish to say that the Executive Committee accepted the recommendation of the Senate to recommend to the Huachung Committee the acceptance of the donation of \$45,000. Sterling from the Joseph Rank Benevolent Trusts in London for the new Library Building in Huachung with the condition attached, which is that the name Joseph Rank should be associated with the building when it is erected."

Dr. Wei also advised us that the Executive Committee took action to double the subsidies for all members of the faculty and staff for the month of March. When the subsidy scale was adopted on January third the exchange was 82,000 National Currency for one American dollar. When his letter was written on March twenty-third the exchange had increased to 435,000 to 1. As you will see, this is more than five times the former rate. This greatly increased exchange rate made possible a special bonus equivalent to the March subsidy. A sub-committee consisting of members of the Executive

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Committee resident in the Wuhan area, was appointed to revise the subsidy scales from time to time, so as to keep up with the prices, as long as the increases remained within the limits of the salary items in the budget already approved. Even with these increases we are still not paying as much as forty per cent of the pre-war purchasing power. The scales being paid now are more than the government University faculty and staff receive.

The statistics regarding enrollment are also very gratifying. For the new term 469 students enrolled; 173 women and 296 men. Of this amount 211 are Christian students, or exactly forty-five per cent of the total enrollment. Thirty-two students are being prepared for baptism which will bring the percentage of Christian students above fifty per cent.

I know that you will all rejoice with me in this very fine report from Dr. Wei and, especially, for the very generous gift that has been received from the Joseph Bank Benevolent Trusts.

Very sincerely yours,



J. Earl Fowler

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May 3, 1948

The Rev. Arthur M. Sherman, S.T.D.
242 E. 19th Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Sherman:

This is to advise you that the National Council at its recent meeting, re-elected you as one of its representatives on the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, to serve for three years, 1948-49-50.

With very best wishes and kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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May 3, 1948

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
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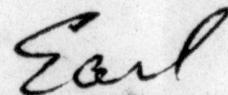
My dear Dr. Sherman:

I know Mrs. Sherman has told you the National Council passed the resolution to release \$100,000.00 of the money from the Reconstruction and Advance Fund for Huachung University. However, inasmuch as you are very much concerned and had written to Bishop Bentley making the request in the name of the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, I am officially notifying you that the \$100,000.00 has been released for construction of new buildings in Wuchang.

I have written to Dr. Wei telling him of this action taken by the National Council and have also pleaded with him to be very careful in going ahead with any construction. I am sure that Mrs. Sherman told you of the magnificent speech made by Dr. Franklin which made possible favorable action by the National Council.

With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,



J. Earl Fowler

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Carbon and file on this action given to Bp. Bentley's office

May 3, 1948

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
242 E. 19th Street
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Sherman:

I know Mrs. Sherman has told you the National Council passed the resolution to release \$100,000.00 of the money from the Reconstruction and Advance Fund for Huachung University. However, inasmuch as you are very much concerned and had written to Bishop Bentley making the request in the name of the Huachung Committee of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, I am officially notifying you that the \$100,000.00 has been released for construction of new buildings in Wuchang.

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With very best wishes and kind regards.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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July 2, 1948

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
242 E. 19th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Sherman:

I am enclosing herewith a letter just received from John Van Wie Bergamini which I thought you would be interested in reading. Please be sure that this is returned to me.

With every good wish.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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July 12, 1948

Dr. Arthur M. Sherman
242 E. 19th Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Sherman:

This is just to advise you that we have received the following cable from Mr. Bergamini today:

"CONSIDERING ALL CIRCUMSTANCES APPROVED PROPOSED
HUACHUNG BUILDING PLANS."

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler
Associate Secretary

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March 4, 1949

Mr. Oliver L. Lyford
54 Dana Place
Englewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lyford:

I have just received a letter from John Coe in which he asks where the money for the purchase of the Chekiang Guild is to be drawn from. I would like to call to your attention the fact that this was left in the hands of the Interim Committee by the action of the Board of Trustees at their meeting in February 1948 and I can find no further record of any further action.

With every good wish.

Very cordially yours,

J. Earl Fowler

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P. S. I have already spoken to Dr. Sherman regarding this and he suggested that I see if you could throw some light on this.

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