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**June 6, 1939**

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**AMERICAN BOARD PROPOSES \$1800 AMERICAN ANNUAL PAYMENT FROM  
FAMINE FUND SEVEN YEARS AND FURLOUGH PLUS TRAVEL FOR RIGGS  
BOARD ASSUMING ALL OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CASE  
DECISION**

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
June 8, 1939

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President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
c/o West China Union University  
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear President Chen:

We cabled you this morning as follows:-

"AMERICAN BOARD PROPOSES \$1200 AMERICAN ANNUAL PAYMENT FROM FAMINE FUND SEVEN YEARS AND FURLOUGH PLUS TRAVEL FOR RIGGS BOARD ASSUMING ALL OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES CABLE DECISION."

This was worked out after some correspondence with the American Board and a conference with Dr. Fairfield with all of the figures before us which were involved in the Riggs support.

Over the past six years the income has averaged less than \$1500, but the expenses have run in the neighborhood of \$2700. The American Board is willing to assume the spread between income from various cooperating units. The Cornell-in-China work has been decreasing steadily and this last year only \$50.00 came to hand. They feel that they can work up more of an interest in other churches if the Riggs are directly under their Board, but they cannot assume the entire amount of expense. The average which we have taken from Famine Funds when figured on the basis of the past five years has been slightly above \$1100.00 net including travel or outfit allowance. By including outfit allowance in the annual appropriation, the total figure will run about \$1200.00 outside of the travel.

As the Board assumes medical and annuity payments, it seemed to be a wise adjustment if they were willing to take the responsibility. While apparently it will cost them a slight advance over the present annual appropriation, yet the door is open for them to put the pressure on the interested churches and secure more if possible.

As the matter stands, neither the American Board or Nanking Trustees are in a position to pay a single dollar for travel unless authorization is received from China, - thus the necessity of the cable.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via "President Pierce" - 6/11/39  
c.c. via China Clipper

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER  
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Chengtu, Szechwan

8th June, 1939

Miss Margaret Kees,  
% Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Miss Kees:

We have just received word from Mr. Parker that you have applied for the position in the Department of Foreign Languages and after careful consideration we have accepted your application. I hope there may be no question about the final arrangements.

We have suggested to Mr. Parker that he should ask Miss Ward, who was on our staff formerly and who has lived in Chengtu, to give you full information concerning the equipment that you will need here. I am sure you will find this information of great value and would only add that, if anything, there are fewer goods available in the local markets than when Miss Ward left for home. We have suggested in our letter that you get in touch with Mrs. W.P. Fenn, who is coming out to join Dr. Fenn this summer. The trip from Hongkong to Chengtu is rather difficult and we feel sure it will be easier for you to come in with the Fenns than to attempt to make the trip alone. Dr. Fenn can help you in securing the necessary permits and passes that are required at the various junctions. Mrs. Fenn is spending some weeks in Japan and as it was suggested in one letter that you were doing so as well, it may be quite convenient for you to arrange to reach Chengtu at the same time. We expect the fall semester will open sometime between the 10th and 15th of September.

We can assure you of a warm welcome into our group and hope you may have a good trip and find Chengtu interesting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu, Szechwan

8th June, 1939

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of May 23rd has reached us and we have spent a few days in studying the qualifications of the two candidates. After careful consideration we sent you a cable yesterday: "Appoint Kees Chenyugwan." I hope there was no question about this cable. As Dr. Wu of Ginling College was sending one we added the three words to the same cable, but I am quite sure it would be clear to all of you.

We wish Miss Kees had a little more training in English, but it may be that her experience in teaching will offset her lack of training. As she was planning to sail on June 30th we hope there is ample time for her to complete her equipment for five years in China. You should warn her that it will be necessary to bring quite complete equipment for Chengtu. We suggest that you ask Miss Ward to send Miss Kees complete information about the things that are needed in Chengtu and the things that are available in the local markets. I trust that this has been done already, but am reminding you in case it was overlooked.

We have sent you word already that the fall semester will open not later than September 15th. The best plan will be for Miss Kees to get in touch with Dr. and Mrs. Penn and come in with them. Mrs. Penn is sailing also on June 30th and it may be the same boat, but in any case will you make the connection between Miss Kees and Mrs. Penn, so they may be in touch with each other after Mrs. Penn's arrival in Japan. It is not an easy trip from Hongkong to Chengtu these days and we feel it would be much better if Miss Kees came with another person. I believe Dr. Penn has written to Mr. Spitzer to meet him and come in in the same way. Please keep us in touch with their plans, as we may be able to help in securing permits and air reservations if possible and necessary. You may be interested to know that there are only two airplanes on the service between Kunming and Chengtu at the present time, so it takes a good deal of planning to secure places.

After reading over the qualifications presented by Miss Banta together with your letter, it seemed to us unwise to ask her to come to Chengtu at this time. If there is any question about her ability to adjust to unusual circumstances the present time is rather difficult.

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Please let us know by cable when the appointment of Miss Kees has been officially made, as we are planning definitely on having this person in the department and it is important to have the appointment confirmed so there may be no mistake about arrangements for classes. Thank you very much for all the trouble you have taken to find these candidates.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Y.G. Chen

YGC:ME

Via CLIPPER MAIL

P. S. Yesterday we received the cable inquiring about our decision regarding the support of the Riggs family. Today we cabled you as follows:

Approve proposal Riggs

which means that we agree to the payment of US\$1,200 00 per year for a term of seven years plus the cost of furlough and travel, this amount to be taken each year from our regular Famine Funds budget. At the same time we understand that the American Board will assume all additional charges and at the same time will take over the receipts from the special funds that have been subscribed toward the support of this family.

We have not heard yet whether Mrs. Riggs and the two younger children (or it may be three) are returning in September with Mr. Riggs. Will you check this matter with them immediately and cable us definitely their sailing date, who will come - that is the number in the family - and any other plans. It is so difficult to arrange for houses that we must know at the earliest date possible. We have an option on one house which is not entirely satisfactory but I do not see anything else to do but to plan for them at this date.

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June 12, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu  
Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

I have been asked by Dr. Hugh Moran of Cornell University to write you in behalf of a Chinese student in the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, who is securing his Ph.D. this month in Soils and Erosion.

His name is Tien Liu, and I understand that he formerly made his home in Malaya where his father is in business. Dr. Moran speaks particularly well of his ability to get along with people, stating that he has a real talent for handling men. He would like to return to China and engage in the work of rehabilitation now being carried on by the University of Nanking. If there is any possibility of your having a place for him, I suggest that you let me know or write directly to Cornell.

Dr. Decker brought back very inspiring reports of the work being done by Nanking in West China.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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June 13, 1939

Dear Dr. Chens:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 6th, written just after your return from the Hongkong meeting. We are glad to have your observations on this meeting, and regret that your letter arrived just a little too late for us to have it at the meetings of the Associated Boards and of the individual Boards of Trustees earlier this month.

The problems which you discuss in your letter are all serious ones, and must be given very careful study during the months just ahead. Of course it was such problems as these that occupied much of our time during our meetings this month. We were fortunate to have with us all four of the leaders who have just come from China - Dr. Decker, Dr. Arnup, Bishop Ward, and Mr. Cressy - as well as others who know the situation intimately such as Bishop Gowdy, President Yang, and President Lee.

Cooperation in Chengtu. Everyone has expressed gratification at the progress being made in cooperation among the four universities working together on the West China campus. It is recognized that certain institutional lines must be preserved for the present, and that there are other limitations which must be kept in mind. At the same time, we all agree that there is a large and growing sphere in which the four institutions can work together unitedly with an increase both in economy and in efficiency.

Situation in Nanking. From Dr. Decker and others we had received information along much the same lines as what is contained in the reports from Dr. Bates which you quote. We all realize the likelihood that as the war goes on, the tension in Nanking will increase. The difficulties of the situation becoming greater to the invaders, they are likely to attempt more and more repressive measures. And as America demonstrates its increasing hostility toward the tactics which the Japanese are employing in China, there will be an increasing likelihood of Japanese reprisals of various sorts. All these are probabilities which we must keep in mind as we plan for the months lying just ahead.

Financial situation. Nearly all of the Colleges have within recent months sent requests for substantially larger financial assistance than was required last year. As we have all anticipated, there is increasing difficulty in securing substantial amounts of money here in America on the plea of a continuing emergency. Our first emergency campaign was gratifyingly successful. Our second campaign has not been going quite so well, but will at least attain most of its objectives. But it would be unreasonable to hope that a third successive emergency campaign conducted along the same lines would be nearly so productive as the first two. These are factors which we must face frankly as we deal with the needs of the Colleges for 1939-40. It is obvious that we will have to do some radical pruning down of the requests that are coming to us. The Finance Committee of the Associated Boards will be working on this problem during the weeks just ahead.

With all good wishes for the closing weeks of the academic year, I

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Very sincerely yours,

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B A GARSIDE

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

27th June, 1939

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Your letter of June 12th arrived on the morning of June 24th. We are very much interested to know that Liu Tien has finally reached the stage of securing a Ph.D. Mr. Liu graduated in 1924 and entered Cornell the next year, so he has had a long experience in America. We remember him very clearly and feel he would have a very successful career connected with the Y.M.C.A. or some similar organization. As far as inviting him to join our staff is concerned, it is quite out of the question, as we find in checking with Dean Chang that the Soils Department is well staffed and we do not have sufficient money to invite another professor.

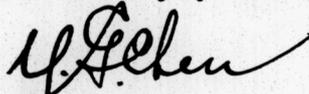
Will you write to Dr. Moran and tell him that we appreciate Mr. Liu's desire to return to the University of Nanking, but it is out of the question because of lack of sufficient money and also because we do not have an opening in any field that seems to us would be interesting to him.

We are sure you are quite familiar with the work on the campus through Dr. Decker's reports and will know by this time of the severe bombing of Chengtu on June 11th. We are going along quietly at present and hope to be able to finish the present semester without further interruptions. Our plan at the moment is to have commencement about July 15th. West China held their commencement yesterday and planned a very quiet occasion, holding it in the Administration Building.

We shall be very much interested to know the results of the meetings held in June, both of the Associated Boards and the University's, and hope you will let us know your personal plans for the coming year.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Caldwell,

Sincerely yours,

  
Y.G. Chen

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President Y. G. Chen  
President Lincoln Dsang  
President Shuming T. Liu  
President Wu Yi-fang

July 3, 1939

Dear Friends:

Within the last few days a number of letters have been received from Chengtu giving us further details as to the disastrous bombing of the campus on the evening of June 11th. We are all distressed at the damage and loss of life that occurred - yet at the same time are profoundly thankful that the losses were not even greater. It certainly seems providential that at least two of the bombs which struck vital points on the campus did not explode.

We are particularly solicitous about injuries to Dr. Chen and other members of his family and to Mrs. Liljestrang, but trust that by now all of them have recovered from the cuts and bruises which they suffered.

Here in America we have tried to do everything possible to avoid a repetition of such a happening. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards was held on June 19th, primarily for the purpose of discussing the bombing of the West China campus. Copies of the minutes of that meeting are now being sent to all of you. You will note from these minutes that telegrams had also been sent before that date from the Foreign Missions Conference at Swarthmore to the Canadian government and the United States Department of State containing the request that strong representations be made concerning the bombings.

Within a few days after the June 19th meeting, Dr. Cressy and Dr. Hume made a special trip to Washington during which they conferred with representatives of the State Department and also with both the Chinese and Japanese Ambassadors. In all three instances, copies of the resolution to the State Department which is attached to the June 19th minutes as Appendix A, were presented.

Dr. Cressy, who is well acquainted with the Japanese Ambassador, presented the matter quite strongly. He pointed out that even from the standpoint of the selfish interests of the Japanese themselves, it was the height of folly to bomb such an objective as the West China campus which had no military significance, and on which was being conducted work supported by American denominations with a membership of more than twelve million people. The reaction of all these American friends and supporters can only be that of further resentment and hostility to the Japanese government, and a further strain upon relations between Japan and the U.S. Dr. Cressy believes that the Japanese Ambassador was keenly impressed by these facts and that he was quite sincere in promising that he would make strong representations to his own government urging them to see to it that instructions were given to their forces to avoid the repetition of such a bombing on the West China campus. Of course, we all know that even if the government in Tokio is sincerely desirous of avoiding those happenings which may cause serious international repercussions, Tokio can not always control the activities of their military forces. But we do believe that the obvious folly of such an action as this, after the difficulties the Japanese have already endured in the sinking of the Panay, should impress even the most obtuse Japanese military officials.

One of the matters which Dr. Cressy and Dr. Hume took up with the Chinese Ambassador was that of asking the Chinese officials in Chengtu to take

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Pres. Chen  
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steps to remove all possible military objectives - such as the radio broadcasting station, and Chinese army barracks from the vicinity of the West China campus. The Ambassador pointed out that it would be much better if a request for the removal of such objectives were made direct by the University authorities to the local Chinese military officials, rather than to have such a request sent from Washington to the Chinese National Government, and then transmitted by it to the local officials. We therefore leave in your hands the initiative as to whether any further representations should be made to the local military officials beyond what you have undoubtedly already said to them long before this letter reaches you.

There has been some discussion of the possibility of suggesting to both the Japanese and the Chinese governments that West China campus and possibly a somewhat larger area, be made a neutral zone, which both sides of the conflict would respect. This matter has not been pressed, however, because it seems to us that it might create embarrassment among our friends in Chinese government circles, and that in any event it would not be feasible as a method of procedure. If our judgment on this point is incorrect, and if you believe that such a suggestion for a mutual zone might be worthwhile, we leave it to you either to take the initiative in the matter, or to send us a request to take the proposal up from this end.

Dr. Cressy and Dr. Hume also discussed with Senator Key Pittman and other key men in Washington the possibility that some of these men in public statements which they are making from time to time might make some reference to the bombing of the West China campus in such a way as to impress upon the Japanese the seriousness with which American officials regard such matters. Some of the men in Washington seem sympathetically inclined toward this suggestion, but I doubt whether anything definite will be done. There is some doubt as to whether it would be entirely wise, anyway, for nobody knows when the Japanese military leaders may start anti-American campaigns in much the same way they are now pursuing an anti-British policy.

You may be sure that we will continue to do everything we can from this end to guard against such tragic occurrences in future. We would welcome all the suggestions you can make as to other steps we might take. Please caution us if any of the things we are now doing or planning as indicated above might do more harm than good.

We are all gratified to note that, despite the bombing, you have gone on and finished up your work for the spring semester and are making plans for continuing in a normal way on the West China campus in September. We have been particularly gratified at the statement in President Wu's letter of June 19th that the Universities' Joint Council had met to consider the policy for the next school year, and had decided to carry on as usual on your present campus. She states that "most people feel that after the summer months the weather conditions of Chengtu form a natural protection, and there can be only occasional raids." She also points out the important factor that "University work depends upon books and equipment and it would be very difficult to find any suitable place to move to when all the necessary equipment." All of the group here in New York join in admiration for your courage in thus deciding to carry on. We realize that you <sup>will</sup> face difficulties and dangers during the months - perhaps even years - just ahead. But it does seem as though almost any place the institutions might move would still be subject to much the same dangers, and that to attempt to transfer staff, faculty and equipment to any other location would create very grave problems.

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Pres. Chen  
Pres. Deung  
Pres. Liu

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July 3, 1939

Let me assure you on behalf of all of the Boards of Trustees, the Associated Boards, and your friends in America generally, that we will do everything we possibly can to give you our support in these difficult times. In the end, China, and our Christian Colleges there, will emerge victorious from this present crisis.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

University of Nanking  
Chengtú Szechwan

Ask 8/30/39

4th July, 1939

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

We appreciate very much your telegram and letters of sympathy which have come since the word concerning the bombing of Chengtu reached New York. I believe you know that after suspension of classes for three days, while the classrooms were being put back in shape, we continued our regular work and are planning to close the semester with Commencement on Saturday, July 15th. Ginling College has also continued regular work and we expect to have joint Commencement exercises. The Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday, July 9th. We shortened the semester by one week and that has brought the week of examinations between Baccalaureate and Commencement. Both occasions will be very quiet, simple affairs, but we feel it is only fair to the graduates to give them some recognition at the close of their college work.

From certain letters that we have received from New York we know that you are all anxious to hear of our plans for next fall. Immediately after the raid there was some thought of moving the institution away from the campus. We have an option on a large building 150 li from Chengtu, where it would be possible to carry on the work in a limited way. However, after very careful consideration by the administration and the Executive Council of the institution, we have reached the decision not to move but to continue our work as usual in cooperation with the other institutions here. We shall take the precaution of scattering our staff families to the nearby countryside and are looking for a piece of land where we may construct a temporary building to house students if it becomes necessary for them to move from their present dormitory. I think that you know that our student dormitories were constructed upon our arrival in Chengtu in early 1938 and at that time the site near the radio towers seemed to be the only one that West China Union University felt they could spare for such a purpose. The Chengtu radio station is now the most powerful one in all "Free China" and is used largely for transmitting official business. In all other cities the radio towers have been one of the first targets and there is a good

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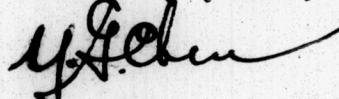
deal of apprehension among the students for fear the dormitories will receive a fair share of the bombs really intended for the towers. Another fear is that through incendiary bombs the dormitories, which are of very light structure, will be destroyed by fire. We shall try to move the winter clothing and bedding of the students to this temporary building in order to give that much protection to them in case the dormitories are in danger. Of course it is understood by all our students that they are to leave the dormitories as soon as the alarm is sounded of the approaching planes. They will scatter into the nearby country and in this way we hope to protect as many lives as possible.

I am enclosing a copy of a telegram that has been received by all our institutions from the Ministry of Education. This will indicate to you the present attitude of the Ministry concerning institutions in this part of China. I am sending this information to you confidentially and feel sure you will use it discreetly. We want to keep you informed of our plans but feel it would be unwise to make any great publicity of the location of this radio station or of our own plans.

In spite of this warning from the Ministry of Education we are planning, at the present time, to continue in Chengtu, but if the campus should be bombed continually and if more serious damage results from raids we should probably consider it was unwise to stay here and take steps to move to the country. All of the new plans for greater protection of staff and students will require the expenditure of more funds, but we do not see that there is anything else to do at this time and, although we shall try to keep expenditures at the lowest possible figures, we shall need a number of thousand dollars to provide for the safety of our staff and students. It is very difficult to know what next autumn will bring, but we are planning to open the institution about September 15th.

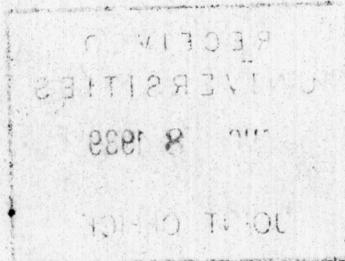
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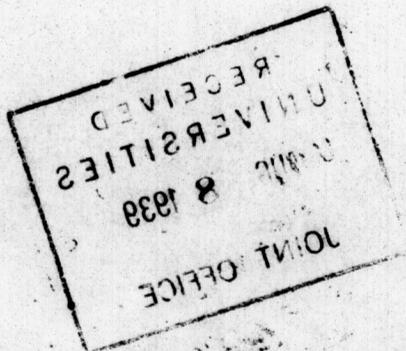
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Telegram from the Ministry of Education      June 1939

Generalissimo's order, May 11, 1939 (through  
the Executive Yuan):

According to the report of General Pai Chung-  
hsi the enemy has ordered the air force to do their  
best in destroying all cities of importance and  
places rich in natural resources, west of Peiping-  
Hankow and Hankow-Canton Railways. Please order  
all schools and technical and cultural institutes to  
move from the city into the country.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu Szechwan

8th July, 1939

Mr. E.H. Cressy,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Cressy:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 19. I am glad to say that the members of my family are making a good recovery. My sister Mary was the most seriously injured and is still confined to her room. Nearly all of us were bruised and shaken and suffered from trouble with our ears due to the concussion. The house where we were living was so severely damaged that the Methodist Mission is now having it torn down. Temporarily we are in a small house, but will be moving into more satisfactory quarters during the summer. All the members of our staff who suffered slight injuries have now recovered. I am sure you know from the cables and reports that one of our young staff members, Chang I-cheng, was killed, but there were no casualties among our student group.

Immediately after the raid the Universities' Joint Council met and decided to remain on this campus next year. This action was taken on June 18 and I presume the office has received a report from Mr. Robertson. As far as the University of Nanking is concerned, we have spent considerable time in making a survey of the surrounding country in trying to decide what is best for staff and students and in formulating plans for next year. We are holding an option on a "Kong Kuan" of a large size, which is 150 li from Chengtu. It is also 50 li from Rensheo, where the Rural Leaders Training School has been located for about one year. There would be sufficient room to house the academic work of the school and provide for the student dormitories, but there is no space to take care of our staff families. The place would require some money to put it into adequate repair and make it possible to carry on school work, even under limited conditions. We are holding these buildings in case the campus is repeatedly bombed and it becomes necessary to move for the protection of life, but it is clearly understood by all staff and students that we have no intention of moving at the present time. I am writing to you quite frankly, as you have been in Chengtu and know the location of our dormitories and will remember that they are very near the radio towers.

Our second step has been to locate pieces of land, a few li from the campus, where we could erect temporary quarters for our staff and provide for a place where the students, who are very nervous, could go if necessary. At the same time it would give us

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a place where the winter clothing and bedding of the students could be stored. One of the great fears among the students is that our dormitories may burn and destroy all their belongings. We feel this fear is quite justified and are taking steps to meet their request for provision to take care of their extra things. We have four pieces of land in mind, all of which are available and all of which are within 5 li of the campus. Our plan will be to erect simple temporary buildings for the staff families on some joint project, the staff members providing some part of the cost of construction. A great many hours have been spent in working out the details and it has now been announced to the faculty that we are ready to go ahead with construction. Another step that we have taken is to purchase a truck. One happened to be available and we have bought it so that we shall have some means for transportation should we need to move our staff and students away from this campus.

The next step that has been taken is to make plans for more adequate shelters in times of raids. You know that it is impossible to have dugouts in Chengtu, but we are trying to build shelters above ground that will give protection against flying shrapnel. Practically all the wounded in the last raid were victims of pieces of shrapnel and if we can provide a place where people can feel reasonably safe it will help to maintain the morale of staff and students. All students are strongly urged to scatter into the country and many staff follow this procedure. We have had several alarms since the raid of June 11 and have found that the students have responded to the request to scatter in an admirable way.

Yesterday, after various meetings of the Executive Committee and Administrative Committees, we had a general faculty meeting, explaining to the staff our plans and reasons for the decision to remain in Chengtu. We asked for a vote on the recommendations from the administration. You may be interested to know that practically everyone voted in favor of the following recommendations:

1. To continue the work of the University of Nanking on the campus of West China Union University as long as it is possible to use the present buildings and at the same time to minimize the dangers to the lives of staff and students as far as possible.

2. To continue to hold an option on the buildings 150 li from Chengtu.

It was very gratifying to the members of the administration committee, who had worked many hours on these plans, to have the full support of the faculty group. We shall now go ahead and make definite plans to continue our work and to open the institution on September 15.

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This letter has grown very long and is somewhat fuller than the one that was sent to Dr. Garside a few days ago. We will send him a copy in order that he may know the results of this later meeting. We appreciate very much all the work you are doing in your trips to Washington and other places in the interests of our institutions in West China.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Y.G. Chen*

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President Y. C. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chongku, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Founders held on June 7, 1939. I will not attempt to discuss these at length since most matters are clearly covered in the minutes.

We were very happy to have several people present who had recently visited Chongku, or had been on the field. Bishop Ward, Dr. Crossy, and Dr. Becker gave splendid reports of the situation in Chongku, and these enabled the members of the Board to more clearly understand conditions. Mr. Riggs was able to report on Nanking and the things that had been done there.

You will note in Minutes 1064 and 1065 <sup>definite</sup> final action of the Board in recognition of the cooperation of the West China Union University, as well as the fine way in which the members of the University of Nanking staff have contributed to the united efforts in Chongku.

Minute 1066 is an attempt again to express to you the growing and continued confidence of the Board of Founders in the administration of the University.

In connection with the budget for 1939-40, the detailed action of the Finance Committee, which has already been sent you in the minutes of May 5, 1939, was approved with the notation as given in these minutes.

The emergency askings were necessarily transmitted to the Associated Boards for consideration. This is not an easy matter to formulate, and the Associated Boards has a special committee that is working on this subject now. In connection with the consideration of the emergency askings for this coming year, it was apparent that the coordination of requests, particularly in those places where colleges are working together, would require considerable study and coordination, and ~~this~~ was the reason for the action 1061.

At various points in the discussion of conditions in Chongku, dormitory needs were mentioned. It was felt that we have did not have as complete

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a picture and understanding of the requirements of the entire group as was necessary to deal intelligently with this question. It is hoped that some further information can be sent to us which will help us to understand the needs of the entire group, as well as of the individual college groups on the campus.

Bishop Ward presented the request concerning the library facilities on the campus. Since this affects all the Colleges working there, it was thought well to take an action asking the Associated Boards to give the matter careful study.

The election of officers brought about a few changes due to the fact that Dr. Decker felt, in accepting the chairmanship of the Associated Boards, he would not be able to continue as President of the Nanking Board of Founders. Accordingly, other arrangements have been made, and Dr. Theodore Cuyler Speers has been elected President. It so happens that Dr. Speers is out of the city and we have not been able to get his final approval of this action, but we can see no reason why the position will not be accepted.

The Board was greatly gratified to know of the honors given to the members of the staff in Nanking, and wished to make note of it officially in the minutes, as shown in action 1076.

I am sure you would have been greatly gratified if you could have been present at the meeting and could have seen the very great interest and careful consideration that was given to all of the problems arising. The concern and interest of the members of the Board have been greatly increased by the importance of the considerations of the last few months, as well as by the fresh and careful presentation of the facts from the field from those who had been able to visit Cheongta recently.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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*See letter of July 4, 1939 fr. Y. G. Chen*

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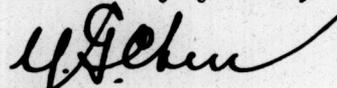
Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

We wrote you quite fully a few days ago in relation to our plans, but since that time we have had a meeting of the general faculty and I felt you would be interested to know the support and reactions of that group. Mr. Cressy asked us to cable him our immediate plans, but instead we are sending him a letter by Clipper mail and enclose a copy for your information. I am sure you will be interested to know these facts and we shall try to keep you informed from time to time, as all plans made today may be radically changed by events which we can hardly foresee.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Y. G. Chen

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*(I hope you will not mind having this information in this form. The days are hot and this summer is leaving on holiday so I am cutting corners! We are so apprehensive of rains these clear days - if only we can go through Sat. 15th safely, we can breathe students in the country. Everyone, particularly Pres. Chen is very wary. Both of us will stay on the campus all summer. E. M. P.)*

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## WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

CHENG TU, SZECHWAN

July 12th, 1939.

To the Officers and Members of the  
Associated Boards,  
Dear Friends,

Your very kind letter of June 27th, signed by Mr. Parker, expressing your concern and your sympathy on receipt of the news of the bombing of the West China Union University, has been received, and we are taking this early opportunity of stating our deep appreciation of this kindly and generous expression of your personal interest. We are indeed grateful that under such circumstances of anxious uncertainty our faculty and students proved themselves an example to others in their attitude toward the actual events and the prospects for the future.

At a meeting of the Universities' Joint Council held on June 17th the following action was taken, unanimously:

RESOLVED to make known to the Government officials responsible for educational matters and to all others concerned that we plan to take all possible precautions to protect the lives of the staff and students, and with everyone understanding the conditions we propose to continue the academic work of the Universities on the W.C.U.U. campus next year.

This expresses our considered opinion in the light of all the circumstances. We are still hoping the Japanese Government may be constrained by the weight of the representations made to take serious and trust-worthy precautions against further bombing of our property, representing as it does interests in countries whose friendship and respect are desired by the Japanese people. It is difficult to conceive of any change of location which would allow us to continue the work of the Colleges of Science and of Medicine and Dentistry.

So, we assure you that we are not contemplating any radical change and wish our original requests for emergency funds to stand. International complications threaten to become more acute in view of the most recent developments along the coast of China, and we cannot do more than assure you that we shall be glad to advise you of any change in plans we believe it wise to make.

Please convey to all members of the Associated Boards our deep appreciation of their personal interest, as well as of their highly successful efforts to create interest and to secure funds for the work of our institutions. We believe that in the Providence of God we have been prepared against this day of special trial and of special opportunity, and we pray for the courage and the steadfastness necessary to meet it.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

*Shun-ying T. Liu*  
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Chengtu,

Szechwan.

17th August, 1939

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of July 3rd. We are very much interested in the steps taken by the Associated Boards to prevent if possible the repetition of the bombing of the University. Unfortunately the copies of the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards and the resolution presented to the State Department have not as yet reached us. We think, however, that we should reply to your letter and attempt to answer the several points raised as to the future.

First, as to the request to remove all military objectives from the vicinity of the university. This matter has been kept before the officials here and we think everything possible along this line has been done. You are of course aware that the military officials responsible for the bombing do not hesitate to designate almost anything as of military importance and to state that Mission or foreign property was "adjacent" to places of military importance and therefore liable to suffer damage by accident. It does not seem to us practicable that the radio station near our property could be dismantled and moved. Moreover in the statement of apology made by the Japanese Consul General in Shanghai, as reported in the press, no mention was made of the radio station in connection with the bombing of June 11th. We shall take every possible precaution to give no occasion whatever for the charge that our property is being used for any military purpose.

Then as to the suggestion of a neutral zone. It is our opinion that your judgment was correct in thinking this proposal might create embarrassment among our friends in government circles and perhaps cause local misunderstanding. Moreover recent developments in the diplomatic world rather suggest that such a "neutral zone" might only tend to increase our difficulties should certain conditions arise. However, this suggestion seems to us to be closely linked up with the relationships which obtain between the Japanese government and the governments of Great Britain and the United States and may very well be kept in mind by the members of the Board as the future situation develops.

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Since the 11th of June the Japanese bombers have failed to reach Chengtu, although it appears that on more than one occasion they made the attempt. The distance they have to fly makes it practically impossible for them to find favorable weather conditions over the entire flight. The latest attempts have been made during the week of the full moon and Chungking was raided on four successive nights. Nothing has happened during these months to cause us to revise our decision to continue work on the university site, but we shall of course be guided by events as they develop.

Entrance examinations for all the institutions were held as usual late in July with a total of 1,350 students presenting themselves. Not more than 450 will be admitted.

We would like to assure you all that we are very conscious of the loyal and generous support given to us and to our appeals for special financial support. We are following with the closest interest every turn of events that suggests a clearer appreciation of the situation created by Japan's policy in China and we shall continue to count on your understanding and confidence in the prudent conduct of the affairs of the institutions under our leadership.

Thanking you most sincerely for all your efforts on our behalf we remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Lincoln Garside*  
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August 21, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

Your letter concerning Dr. Tien Liu of Cornell was rather slow in reaching me because I was away on my vacation when it reached New York. I have likewise been slow in writing you for the same reason. I shall get in touch with Dr. Moran as soon as he returns from a trip to California, and then he will be able to take any further action he may see fit in this matter.

It is to be my privilege and pleasure to be connected with the China Colleges again this year, with a special responsibility for the University of Nanking. It is my intention to send out two pieces of publicity during the next year, one about the first of November and the other about the first of April. I hope that I may receive from Chengtu considerable material in time to incorporate it in the first report.

American opinion in general is swinging strongly towards active aid to China. There is a definite possibility that an embargo on Japanese trade may be enacted by the next Congress.

I strongly feel that I would rather be in China now than anywhere else, and I still hope that it may be possible some day to return. Mrs. Caldwell is quite well and we are looking forward to the day when we can once more take a more active part in helping China.

We are very happy that the bombing of Chengtu did not result in more serious injuries to yourself and your family. Please convey my particular sympathy and best wishes to Miss Mary Chen.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Chengtu, Szechwan

22nd August, 1939

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

We have received Mr. Parker's letter of July 10th together with the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Founders, held on June 7th. We are very grateful to the members of the board for their expressions of confidence and appreciation of the situation that exists at the present time.

Appointment of Dr. Bowen as President Emeritus:

We were very keenly disappointed to find that our request to have the Board of Founders appoint Dr. Bowen as President Emeritus of the University had not been considered. From previous correspondence we were under the impression that this question would be settled at the Annual Meeting. As no reference is made to it we can only assume that it was overlooked. We feel rather embarrassed about the matter, as we had assured Dr. Bowen a number of times that it was only a matter of formality in waiting for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Founders. Will you please give me an explanation of the reason it was not brought up at the meeting.

Library at Chengtu:

When we wrote endorsing the appeal from West China Union University for additional library facilities, particularly stackroom and more space, we tried to make clear that we were endorsing their appeal on condition that the funds would be secured entirely outside the usual channels. It seemed to us it would be unwise to put this library building in ahead of the current needs of the institutions on this campus, including West China Union University. We would prefer very much that none of our regular or special funds, including the so-called emergency funds, should be taxed in no way for the library projects.

We read with interest action No. 955 in the Associated Boards' minutes.

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The Harvard-Yenching Restricted Funds:

We have read with interest action BF-1064 which appoints two members of our board to confer with the other universities regarding the use of the balances in the restricted funds of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. We are entirely in agreement with the suggestion that these funds should be made available for use in the institutions and we hope some action may be taken whereby this will be possible within the near future. It would seem to us important to work out a very definite plan for the use of these funds so that they may bring permanent value to the work of the cultural studies departments in all the institutions.

We would be very much opposed to any consideration to have the Harvard-Yenching Institute Restricted Funds used for a project such as the West China Union University library plan. It seems to us that there are many places where these funds could be used to great advantage to strengthen the work that is already under way in the six institutions sharing in the Harvard Yenching Institute. There would be no objection on our part if West China Union University desired to use their share in extending the stacks and building of their own library, but we question very much the advisability of using joint funds for this project.

Dormitory needs:

We have read the reference to the need for additional dormitory accommodations and land and are not quite sure what the board had in mind. As far as I know we have not made a request to the Board of Founders or to the Associated Boards for additional dormitory accommodations in Chengtu. As a matter of fact we are now considering building some very inexpensive straw-roofed dormitories, about two miles from the campus. They will probably provide facilities for about 100 students and the main purpose is to provide a place where some of the younger students and the ones who feel very nervous about air raids may live. As some of you know our dormitories are very near the radio towers and this is a source of great concern to some students. We are thinking of this plan for two reasons, firstly, to have a place where the students can go should our dormitories be bombed; and, secondly, to have a place where some of their winter clothing and bedding may be stored, so it will not be all in one place. You may be interested to know that the city of Chengtu has loaned us about 20 mow of land in their new city planning scheme. We are allowed to use this land without rent as long as we remain in Chengtu. We shall put up this building for the students as well as a number of inexpensive houses for our Chinese staff. The land is situated outside the city between West China Union University and Szechwan University campus.

Housing for staff:

After the raid in June when fire destroyed a portion of the city, it seemed important to make some plan so our staff families could live outside the city gates. We are planning three centers where inexpensive residences are being constructed. They are now being built and we hope some of them may be ready about the time that we open school on September 18th. Two groups will have thatched roofs and the other group will be of slightly better construction with tiled roofs, all will have plaster walls which are commonly used in this section. This project will require some additional money, but we are trying to manage with the increase and gain in exchange so that it will not interfere with our program which has already been approved by all the boards.

Applications for entrance:

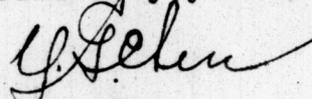
I am sure you know that the four universities decided to hold their entrance examinations on the same date in several centers. We are just planning on the final announcement at this time and expect to admit about 120 freshmen. Of this number 43 will come to us from Shanghai and Hongkong and 12 from our own Middle School in Wanhshien, making 55 of the 120. We had 621 applicants, but regret to say that many of them are not well qualified these days.

Resignation of Dr. Decker:

We regret very keenly that Dr. Decker felt it was necessary to resign from the chairmanship of the Board of Founders. He has written to us and we understand his reasons for doing so. We are sorry that none of us have met Dr. Speers but shall look forward with pleasure to our associations with him.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Y.G. Chen

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Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

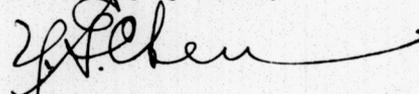
During recent years we have received several grants from foundations, such as the Rockefeller Foundation, which have been a great help to our young staff members who wish to study abroad. In almost every case the grants have been given to the Colleges of Agriculture and Science and we have on the staff a number of men who have received advanced training in England and the United States as a result of this help.

We have not received any special grants for the men in the social sciences in the College of Arts and we find our staff in this college needs strengthening. We would like very much to have the opportunity to apply for one or two scholarships for our Chinese staff in the College of Arts, who would take advanced study in the fields of economics, political science, history and sociology.

From the reports of the Associated Boards we understand that plans are being made to create a special fund for fellowships of this kind to be granted to men from the cooperating institutions. Will you please let me know if it will be possible for us to make formal application to have two scholarships for the year beginning September 1940? We have in mind one or two staff members who seem to us promising material for such aid.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Y.G. Chen

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31st August, 1939

Dr. H.H. Love,  
Department of Plant Breeding,  
Cornell University,  
ITHACA, New York, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Love:

Some weeks ago we received a letter through our office in New York, advising us that Cornell University had kindly offered to grant some fellowships with free tuition to members of our staff. The letter was too late for us to plan for the fall of 1939, but we feel it is not too early to plan for the fall of 1940.

We would like to request that one scholarship be granted to a staff member in the Department of Agricultural Economics. As you know we have received liberal grants from the Rockefeller Foundation during recent years and have been able to build up a strong Department of Agricultural Economics. However, there is tremendous pressure for these men to take positions in other organizations and we feel it is important to begin to build up younger staff members to replace those members who feel they would like to go into other work. Since the move from Nanking we have not used as much money as formerly and have built up a fairly adequate reserve fund, part of which we intend to use to assist young staff members to secure advanced training. We would like to have them take their training at Cornell University and if it is possible for you to help us to arrange for at least one scholarship or fellowship, giving at least free tuition, we shall appreciate it very much.

There is another request that I would like to make. We are very anxious to find a professor to teach courses on prices and statistics in the Department of Agricultural Economics. We are looking for a Chinese who has received advanced training at Cornell University and hope that it may be possible to find a promising candidate. It is not essential that this man be a graduate of the University of Nanking, as we would be very glad to consider any well qualified Chinese whom you are ready to recommend.

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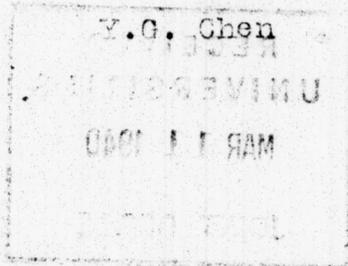
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I have appreciated very much your recent letters and we know the friends at Cornell are watching developments in China with great interest. We continue to have air raid alarms, but fortunately the planes have not bombed the city since June 11th. Plans are being made to open the autumn semester on September 15, but we do not know yet how many students may be enrolled. There has been a good deal of apprehension on the part of some of the families and some students will naturally be withdrawn from Chengtu. We had 621 applicants for entrance examinations and anticipate we shall have a freshman class of around 60.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,



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I have appreciated very much your recent letters and we know the friends at Cornell are watching developments in China with great interest. We continue to have air raid alarms, but fortunately the planes have not bombed the city since June 11th. Plans are being made to open the autumn semester on September 15, but we do not know yet how many students may be enrolled. There has been a good deal of apprehension on the part of some of the families and some students will naturally be withdrawn from Chengtu. We had CSI apply for entrance examinations and anticipate we shall have a freshman class of around 50.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

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5th September, 1939

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

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Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Last spring you wrote to us concerning the possibility of securing fellowships at Cornell University. It was too late in the year to consider the proposition for the year 1939-40 but we feel we should begin to plan for the following year. Of course with the war in Europe nobody can say what next year may bring and it may be quite possible that study abroad for Chinese students will be out of the question. We have written to Dr. Love, making a definite suggestion about a fellowship for one man for next year. I am sending you a copy of the letter and if you will be good enough to follow the matter from your end we will appreciate it.

We are making plans for the opening of the new semester which is scheduled to begin on September 14. It is very difficult for us to know how many students may return to the campus. There has been some apprehension and we know some have transferred to institutions which are even further in the interior than Chengtu. There were around 1,350 students taking entrance examinations for all institutions of which 621 were for the University of Nanking. Even so we do not anticipate there will be a freshman class of more than 60. Communications are far more difficult than when you were here and there are many problems connected with entering new students today. Our staff continues as usual and in order that they may be given adequate work we are offering several short courses, mostly at the request of the Ministry of Education. There will be two or three hundred students who are taking short courses, of two years or less, in various departments in the institution. This is an effort to train men to a certain extent to fill the many vacancies at the present time. We have places for all our graduates and have a waiting list for positions.

In spite of threatened air raids there is a good deal of building activity on the campus. The new Chemistry Building is going up slowly, Cheeloo is building two dormitories and our University is constructing houses for 34 families in three different centers. In addition we are putting up some temporary dormitories with thatched roofs, two miles from the campus, in order to have a place for the younger students or the ones who are nervous may move away from the radio towers.

We are always glad to hear from you and appreciate very much all the work that you are doing for the institution.

With cordial wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Y. G. Chen*  
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September 9, 1939

President Lincoln Dsang  
President Shuming T. Liu  
President Y. G. Chen  
President Wu Yi-fang

Dear Friends:

I am sending this joint acknowledgment to the four of you, so as to save a bit of postage.

Your joint letter of August 17 has reached us. We have read with interest your description of the situation on the campus in mid-summer, and your plans for the coming year. We hope that the preparations for opening the autumn semester have gone forward without interruption, and that within a short time all four of the institutions will be embarked upon another successful and peaceful year of operation.

During the last ten days the development of war conditions in Europe has completely changed the picture there, and has also modified the situation as regards the Far East. The Russo-German Alliance, Japan's break with the Axis Powers, the formation of a new cabinet in Japan, and the preoccupation of Great Britain and France in the European struggle, all combine to create a "New Order in East Asia", in a sense quite different from what our Japanese friends mean when they use that phrase. Whether China will be harmed or benefitted by this new re-alignment of forces, it is still too early to foresee. It seems to us, however, that there are increasing grounds for optimism with every month that passes. We earnestly hope that there may be some favorable break in the present dead-lock before the close of the current academic year.

The European situation will affect our China Colleges in another way - through increasing our difficulties in raising special funds for the work of the coming year. It is too early to reach any definite conclusions, though it is generally accepted now that the difficulty of raising special funds will be much greater under prevailing conditions than we had anticipated. Within the next fortnight there will be meetings of the Associated Boards Committee on Finance and Executive Committee to work out more concrete financial details. We will write you again as soon as those meetings are held.

I am sorry that there have been so many delays in getting minutes to you. The mimeograph paper on which our minutes are normally printed is so heavy that it is very expensive to send them to Chengtu by air. Any other type of mail is likely to be very much delayed. We have now set up a procedure in our office whereby, in cases of all minutes of interest to our friends in Chengtu, a few copies will be run off on flight-post paper so that they can be sent to you first-class air mail.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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September 29, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechuan  
China

Dear Dr. Chen:

In connection with the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees included herewith, we wish to call particular attention to action EF-1027, in which we ask Dr. Lobenstine to act as our special representative, and to study the situation with you regarding the work of the University of Nanking.

We hope that you will be able to make use of Dr. Lobenstine's time when he is available, and that he will be able to bring us a first-hand report of your situation.

Sincerely yours,

*J. J. Parker*  
Secretary

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30th September, 1939

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Ack. 11/24/39 J.S.P.

Dear Dr. Garside:

Following your request we have made a careful study of the funds from the Rockefeller Foundation for emergency purposes and are sending this to you for use in making the report to the foundation. Our grant was <sup>US</sup>\$15,000 and as it was received last year we are considering that the average exchange for the period was 6 to 1, which makes C\$90,000. However, I am giving you items which total somewhat more than this as part of this money was not sold until after the end of July and exchange averaged slightly more than that amount. The money was used as follows:-

1. To restore the salaries of our staff to 100%	\$50,000
2. Residences and temporary dormitories for staff and students	\$40,000
3. Deposit on emergency buildings at Renshow	\$ 2,000
4. Purchase of a truck for emergency purposes	\$12,000
Total	C\$104,000

It seems to us that these items are all emergency needs which can legitimately be charged against this grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The need for residences came after the bombing on June 11th when it seemed important for us to arrange for places for our staff families outside the city. At the same time we are erecting some inexpensive dormitories for the use of the students in case the campus should be badly damaged in an air raid and we had to move the students away from the present dormitories. As a matter of fact we are planning to have the freshmen live in these new dormitories.

I believe we have written to you in previous letters that it seemed wise as a precautionary measure to have an option on some buildings away from the campus in case of continual or serious raids. While these buildings will not

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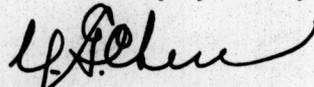
provide adequate facilities to continue all the departments of the institution they will provide shelter in time of need. We have paid \$2,000 as a deposit in order to hold the option.

I do not think that we need to make any further explanation about the purchase of the truck, which serves us in several ways: first, in transporting our freight from Chungking, and second, for moving our families and students quickly in case of need.

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I have not mentioned the need for restoring salaries as it seemed so obvious here with the very rapidly increasing cost of living since the Chinese dollar depreciated to its present level. Our staff has been on a cut basis for several years and there have been many cases of hardship among our families. We are now restoring all salaries to 100%, using the basis of September 1937. Will you kindly use this information in presenting a report to the Rockefeller Foundation and assure them of our deep appreciation of their assistance at this particular time. They have enabled us to meet these needs and without these gifts there would have been serious hardship on the institution as well as the individual staff members. Because we received this grant at favorable exchange we have been able to arrange more adequately for the protection and safety of staff and students.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Y.G. Chen

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October 2, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear President Chen:

We have received a suggestion from the American Council of Learned Societies that we investigate the most urgent deficiencies in library and laboratory equipment of our colleges in China. The Council, on receipt of a report from us, would then be in a position to seek help from American universities.

Last year a large amount of more or less useless material was collected. It is hoped this year that the Council will in this way be able to make an important contribution to the welfare of the colleges, both Christian and national, in China. I should appreciate receiving, therefore, at your earliest convenience the following information:-

- 1) exactly what types of books would be most welcomed by the Library in the event that they could be secured as gifts from American university libraries; also, what types of portable laboratory equipment are most needed.
- 2) how might such contributions best be shipped from New York.

I have talked recently with Dr. LeSourd of the Missionary Education Movement, who tells me that he has informed Dr. Fenn that the Movement is ready to put \$2,000 into motion pictures to be made by Dean Wei's department. We are hoping that through this enterprise the University of Nanking will receive considerable benefit.

With my best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . . . New York, N. Y.

October 3, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 31st. In this you raise the question as to possible help from the Associated Boards in securing fellowships for one or more members of the staff in the College of Arts.

As you know, the Associated Boards is just beginning to experiment in the direction of securing fellowship and scholarship grants for the staff members of the various Colleges. For many years we have all been aware of the urgency of the need for many more fellowships and scholarships than have been available in the past. This need is particularly great among the Chinese members of the staffs of our various Colleges, outside of a few special fields where the Rockefeller Foundation and other American organizations have taken a special interest. But until recently no concrete steps were taken by the group of Colleges as a whole to meet this need. Even now we have only begun to experiment, and have not made a great deal of progress.

Last year the Associated Boards authorized us, as a part of our Emergency Campaign, to seek fellowships and scholarships for our staff members up to a maximum of U.S. \$3,000. About all we were able to accomplish during the limited time we had available was to secure a few fellowships and scholarships which consisted largely of tuition. We did not make much progress toward obtaining actual cash to cover the expenses of travel to and from China, and of living here in America. This year the Associated Boards is authorizing us to seek as a part of this year's campaign, a total of U.S. \$5,000 for scholarships and fellowships, of which up to one-half may be in the form of fellowship and scholarship grants from institutions covering tuition and other University expenses, and at least \$2,500 shall be in cash to assist fellowship-holders.

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with travel and living expenses. Since our campaign is just beginning we do not yet know how successful we will be.

The Associated Boards has a sub-committee responsible for making further studies in this field of fellowships and scholarships, and for taking the initiative in collecting candidates for whom we shall seek such aid. That committee has not yet met so we can not give any statement as to its plans and policies.

It would, however, not only be entirely in order but quite desirable for you to send us formal application for the two scholarships which you had in mind when you wrote. We would be glad to bring these applications to the attention of the Committee on Fellowships whenever a meeting is arranged. You will of course send us as full information as possible concerning the applicants, so that we can pass this on to any institutions in America that may be interested.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 4, 1939

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President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 22 to Mr. Garside, and to thank you for your careful notes on the various items mentioned.

We are very sorry indeed that the appointment of Dr. Bowen as President Emeritus somehow failed to get into the agenda for the Annual Meeting. This was a complete oversight on our part, and we will hasten to rectify the error as soon as we can arrange for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders.

You will have already received the schedule of proposed apportionment of the special funds to be raised this year. You will note in connection with it that a certain amount has been indicated for joint work at Chengtu, as well as specific items for the various Colleges. The amount for joint work is not marked particularly for any one item, and of course would be used for the library only in case you folks on the field agree on the use of the money in that way. It was felt that we were too far away from the situation on the field to try to specify the detailed use of the money. We are sure we can all depend upon you to see that the money is used in the most helpful and advantageous ways.

The Harvard-Yenching Restricted Fund balances are still being discussed. A joint group, representing all the universities concerned, at a meeting several days ago gave considerable thought to the matter. Since some word should be sent to the Harvard-Yenching Institute before their November meeting, it seemed to be the feeling of the group that it would not be wise at this time to ask for distribution of this balance, but instead ask that we be allowed to reserve final judgment until we see what the needs are towards the close of our current year. There are a number of other considerations which are related to this matter, which make it necessary for us to proceed slowly with the final decision.

We are glad to know of the arrangements you are making for dormitory requirements, and for housing of the staff. Also, we are very much interested in your plans for enrollment for the coming year.

Dr. Theodore C. Speers, who was elected as President of the Board upon the resignation of Dr. Decker, has been away most of the summer. He is now back, and we have had an opportunity to confer with him regarding University matters. You will be interested to know that Dr. Speers approaches his duties as President of the Board with a desire to do everything he can to make the work successful, and he is undertaking his duties with that in mind. If you should wish to write him a personal note, his address in New York City is: Central Presbyterian Church, 593 Park Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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October 13, 1939

Dr. Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu  
Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

Since I received your letter with its enclosed copy of the letter which was sent to Dr. Love, I have discovered that he is critically ill. Therefore, I have just made a trip to Cornell where I tried to push through the matters you discussed with Dr. Love.

First, Dr. Moran, who is our steady friend in Ithaca, introduced me to Mr. Donald C. Kerr who is in charge of the International House and serves as a general director of matters concerning foreign students in Cornell. He introduced me to a Mr. Kuo who is a graduate of Nankai University and served for some time as an assistant to Dr. Buck in Nanking. Mr. Kuo, I understand, is scheduled to receive his Ph.D. either in the autumn of 1940 or the winter of 1941. You probably knew enough about Mr. Kuo because of his previous contact with the University of Nanking, so that there is no need for me to describe him further.

Mr. Kerr will help us to get in touch with any other promising candidates who may be available. He also was good enough to say that he would take up with the Dean of the Graduate School the granting of a tuition scholarship to a student from the University of Nanking next autumn. I will let you know definitely the outcome of this request.

Cornell has set a fine example for other institutions in this country in its treatment of Chinese students since the outbreak of the war. It was resolved that no Chinese student would be allowed to suffer want as a result of the situation in the Far East. So far, the University has appropriated more than \$10,000 to this cause.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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October 13, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
The University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

The minutes enclosed herewith are those of the joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion of the Associated Boards held on October 4.

The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate and complete the organization necessary to carry forward our special campaign for this year. You will note that we have departed from the use of the term, "emergency." This seemed to be absolutely necessary under the present conditions in America. It was also very advantageous to bring the promotional organization within the frame-work of the Associated Boards, rather than have a special group on the outside promote the campaign. These are the reasons for following the particular form of organization given in the minutes.

Sincerely yours,

*J. P. Parker*  
Secretary

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Copy to: Miss Priest

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20th October, 1939

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Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

We have just received a letter from Miss Hilda M. Anderson, written from Nanking, in which she encloses a copy of her resignation to the Board of Founders, sent to you under date of October 4.

We are sorry that Miss Anderson has felt it is impossible for her to continue on the staff of the University, but under the circumstances we feel there is no choice but to accept her resignation. I am, therefore, recommending to the Board of Founders that the resignation of Miss Anderson should be accepted with the usual adjustment of allowances and salary.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Y.G. Chen*  
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October, 1939

Dr. B. A. Garfield,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garfield:

We have just received a letter from  
Miss Hilda M. Anderson, written from Nanking, in which  
she enclosed a copy of her resignation to the Board  
of Founders, sent to you under date of October 4.

We are sorry that Miss Anderson has  
felt it is impossible for her to continue on the staff  
of the University, but under the circumstances we feel  
there is no choice but to accept her resignation.  
I am, therefore, recommending to the Board of Founders  
that the resignation of Miss Anderson should be  
accepted with the usual adjustment of allowances  
and salary.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Y. C. Chen

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October 25, 1939

Dr. Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechwan  
China

Dear Dr. Chen:

Since my last letter to you I have received the enclosed statement from the College of Agriculture at Cornell. This may help you to decide on the qualifications of Mr. Kuo for a position in the University of Nanking.

In the past few weeks I have condensed the annual report which we received last June from Chengtu and published it under the title, "A University in Exile". We are using this pamphlet as the basis of an appeal to all the people in this country who have contributed to the University of Nanking in recent years. It is being accompanied by a letter signed by Dr. Theodore Cuyler Speers, President of the Board of Founders. I am enclosing a copy of the pamphlet in this air mail letter, because I want you to be sure to receive it. Other copies will be sent by regular mail. I am anxious to secure your criticism.

So far, the European war has not cut off our support to the extent we had feared. However, it is still too early to be sure that we will suffer no adverse effects.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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Agricultural Experiment Station

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ithaca, New York

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Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management

October 21, 1939

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
The Associated Boards for  
Christiah Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Mr. Donald C. Kerr, Secretary of the International Association of Ithaca, has asked me to write you concerning my opinion of Mr. Leslie T. C. Kuo and his work.

Mr. Kuo has completed one year of graduate work at Cornell following a year of work in journalism at the University of Missouri. He is majoring with me in Public Administration and Finance, and minoring with Dr. Pearson in Prices and Statistics, and with Dean Clarke of the College of Architecture in State and Regional Planning. The oral use of the English language is some handicap to Mr. Kuo in his course work but he writes very well.

I have been particularly impressed by Mr. Kuo's ability in spite of some language handicap to do independent work and to complete, without assistance, minor research jobs which I have given him.

Mr. Kuo has had two terms of Professor Pearson's work in Statistics and will probably take his course in Prices during the second term of this year. He also receives considerable training in Statistics in connection with his other work.

I hope it will be possible for Mr. Kuo to complete his doctor's degree but recognize that he is faced with a difficult financial situation and that he might prefer to accept an opportunity for work in China. He would not be able to complete a doctor's degree here before February or June of 1941. Consequently I am glad to recommend Mr. Kuo with the conviction that he will do a high grade of work and make a great contribution in the reconstruction of his country.

Dr. J. Lossing Buck was familiar with Mr. Kuo's work in China and might well be consulted concerning his qualifications.

Sincerely,

(signed) M. P. Catherwood

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copy - Mr. Kerr

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October 25, 1939

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President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

We have had a special action by the Executive Committee of the University of Nanking Board of Founders, electing Dr. A. J. Bowen President Emeritus of the University. This has been done as a special action in order to accomplish as quickly as possible the matter which you requested in this regard.

We are very happy now to have this relationship established, and I am writing to Dr. Bowen, notifying him of the action and welcoming him to this relationship.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.  
October 26, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
Miss Elsie M. Priest  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Friends:

Enclosed find two copies of the Annual Report of the Treasurer for the year ending June 30, 1939. Considerable time was taken in setting up the schedules and it is hoped that the ground was thoroughly covered. It would seem, therefore, that there should not be much room for further comment.

We cannot, however, pass by without recognizing the fine things which have been done in Chengtu, and of the assistance which has been rendered kindred institutions on the campus.

We are exceedingly grateful that the Associated Boards' program for the past year was so successful and that the measure of help gained from the exchange situation was the salvation of our Colleges.

While it takes up considerable space in the report, yet the details of the transactions in Endowment had not been reported to the Board previously and, as a consequence, it was felt imperative that the transactions be listed.

The Plant Section requires no further comment and Current General likewise is thoroughly covered. It will be noted that under Hospital a portion of the \$5,000 of emergency funds was designated, the balance being taken from the general Emergency Fund. There is no necessity for further comments on the Current Special or Cash Situation.

The recommendations have already taken proper form on our books as we have transferred the Harvard-Yenching appropriation to the field treasurer's account and it was necessary to establish the loss on the Fyndall Avenue property before closing.

Within the last week I have had a lengthy conference with the Treasurer, Mr. Morris, who is with the Bankers Trust, and we have reviewed the entire security list. Just at the present there seems to be no reason for making any changes, although we are watching the individual items very carefully.

With sincerest best wishes to both of you, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via air mail to Pacific Coast - Empress of Canada -  
sailing from Vancouver 10/28/39

C.C. via "President Loft"

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University Hospital  
Nanking, China  
November 1, 1939

Dr. Y. G. Chen, President  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu, Szechuan

Dear Dr. Chen:

Re- an Appeal to the Cooperating Boards  
for Restoration of the Cuts.

In a recent letter from Chengtu the urgent question is raised as to how, in these emergency times, can the hospital raise sufficient funds to meet the gold salaries of the staff members appointed by the Board of Founders. It has frequently been a burning question in our own minds, here in Nanking. It was discussed frankly with Dr. Alexander Paul and Dr. Lloyd Ruland who, as representatives of two of the supporting boards, have recently been here with us. Dr. Searle Bates has also discussed the matter with us. From the reactions of all these people, it would seem that an immediate appeal to the three cooperating boards is justified, asking at this time merely for the restoration of the cuts. Considering the urgency and also the risk of delay through the mails, we are taking the liberty of forwarding to America copies of this letter though we realize the appeal does not become official till it has been forwarded to them through you and through the official channels of the University.

The comparison of the U.S. dollar receipts and expenses regularly in our budget, consisting respectively of the Cooperating Boards' grants and the Board of Founders salaries, are presented below. This is exclusive of the Cooperating Boards' salaries for one doctor only from each board and exclusive of the U.S. dollar payments for foreign supplies which are now so increasingly necessary.

	Meth.	Pres.	UCMS	Total
The nominal grants	U.S.\$ 750	\$ 800	\$ 750	\$2300
The present percentage of cuts	55%	28%	50%	44%
The loss to the Hospital	\$ 410	\$ 220	\$ 375	\$1005
The present actual grants	\$ 340	\$ 580	\$ 375	\$1295
	Wilson	Hynds	Bauer	Total
The expenses thru B.of F. salaries	\$1420	\$ 960	\$ 960	\$3340
The difference to be made up				
from local receipts				U.S.\$2045
at aver.exch.for year ending June 15,1939 @ 6.07				C.N.\$12,413.
at rate of recent months, as Oct.1939 @ 13.57				C.N.\$27,750.

It is doubted that mission boards have held down their native work grants in general to this degree since the depression, either in union or non-union budgets. It is certain that mission boards seldom restrict their denominational hospitals to such a small working grant and to a missionary staff of one doctor only. Because of the war, Christian hospitals now have a new opportunity for the spiritual message with the medical relief. In occupied areas, through the lack of the former well qualified Chinese staff, it is imperative that the foreign staff must be kept up. The cost of foreign drugs and supplies have gone up 300 to 400 percent and native supplies, as coal and rice, almost in the same proportion. The income through the patients' fees decreased abruptly with

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the war and it is now increasing only gradually. The income through the relief organizations has been of utmost value but as the emergency becomes more chronic these funds, too, are rapidly decreasing.

Because of the war, mission board finances have been distinctly helped by the exchange rate and it is hoped that this fact may add some economic encouragement to their favorable consideration of this appeal for a correlated boost in our time of need.

Requests for increase of grants or of personnel to a union institution, with the missions, are invariably "waited" down to the bottom of their lists or relegated to a foot-note, and with the boards at home, appeals for union institution budgets have long been known to suffer from cooperative "ininitiative". For this simple appeal for the restoration of cuts, we sincerely hope there may be no risk of its being bogged down by heavy machinery. Appreciating your constant leadership and cooperation in these matters but regretting the distance between us and you in Chengtu, we trust that you will not disapprove of our initiative in this move and that you may share with us in making this a more official and a more vital appeal to the Cooperating Boards.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ J. Horton Daniels, M.D.  
Superintendent

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10th November, 1939

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Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside,

We are very glad to know that the Chinese Government has conferred the decorations on the four men connected with the Associated Boards who have done so much to secure funds for China during these emergency years. You will have received the details of the honors that have been conferred and I am sure it gives you an opportunity for a very pleasant gathering of the whole group of the Associated Boards.

We have been somewhat distressed because these four names conveyed so little to the minds of our group here on the field and it seems to me it would be a good idea if it were possible for your office to furnish us with a brief biography of the most important men connected with the office. I am sure this would be most worth while as their names come up at various times and we are asked about them. At the same time would you give us a list of the most important and largest donors to the Associated Boards during the past few years, indicating after each name the institution in which they are interested. I think there is great danger of having all institutions approach the same group of people, especially when it comes to the larger donors, but if the field group is informed of the interests of these people they can be guided accordingly.

We are sending you a letter which we would like to have mimeographed and sent out to a list of friends of the institution around the Christmas Season. Last year you were good enough to do this for us and we felt it was very worth while in keeping in touch with some of our friends in America. We are enclosing a list of names to whom we would like to have this letter sent and will appreciate if you will arrange to have it done for us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Y. G. Chen*  
Y. G. Chen



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*Will you please share this request with Mr. Parkes?  
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November 15, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechwan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

On a recent trip to Dickinson College I was informed by President Corson of the exceptional record which had been made by a young man from Fukien Christian University, who is now looking for a position as a teacher in an agricultural college in China.

He is eager to return to his native land, and I must confess that his transcript certainly looks very good. In the event that you care to get in touch with the young man, I believe it would be possible to do so by writing in care of the College of Agriculture, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. His name is Tien-hsi Cheng.

We have been very fortunate so far this year in our efforts to raise money for the Colleges in China. We are considerably ahead of our financial position of a year ago, and with hard work we hope to raise enough money to provide for the most urgent needs of our institutions in China. The renewal of the gift from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, which was announced yesterday, was most reassuring.

I have just finished a long conversation with Mr. Ying Chia-ping, who is now studying transportation with the Greyhound Bus Company. I have heard from various quarters that he has made an unusually good record in this country and has reflected much credit on the University of Nanking.

Sincerely, yours,

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
William McPherson, Acting President

Dept. of Zoology  
& Entomology

College of Agriculture  
John F. Cunningham, Dean

November 7, 1939

Name: Tien-hsi Cheng  
Age: 27  
Place of Birth: Foochow, China

Academic Degrees:

B.S. Fukien Christian University, Foochow, 1933  
B.Ph. Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, 1937  
M.S. The Ohio State University, 1938  
Ph.D. " " " " 1939 (September)

Teaching Experience:

Trinity College, Foochow, and Provincial High School  
of Lungchi, Fukien, 1933-1936 (teacher of Biology and English).

Membership in Honorary Societies:

Phi Beta Kappa Scholastic Honorary Society, Dickinson College  
Chapter, elected to membership in 1937.  
Gamma Sigma Delta, National Honor Society of Agriculture, U.S.A.,  
Ohio Chapter, elected to membership in 1938.

Fellowships and Scholarships:

International Exchange Fellow, Dickinson College, 1936-7  
University Scholar and Industrial Research Fellow, Ohio State  
University, 1937-1939.

Position at present: Post-doctoral Industrial Research Fellow, University  
Research Foundation, Ohio State University.

Research work and Publications:

Field and laboratory tests on the effectiveness of volatile  
organic liquids against the Locust Borer, *Cyrtus robiniae* (Forst).  
Master's Thesis, published by the University.  
Methyl Bromide as a fumigant against household pests (Dow Chemical  
Company Research Project).  
Toxicity of Yellow Phosphorus to Cockroaches (Ph.D. Dissertation,  
scheduled for publication in a journal of Economic Entomology).

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November 17, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

I do not believe we have called special attention to an item which was included in the allocations of the emergency fund for 1939-40, which will be of particular interest to you.

In the special fund we are raising this year, we have placed a small amount for scholarships to be used by faculty members of the China Colleges in America. This amounts to \$5,000 and contains two items. \$2,500 is to be secured in the form of scholarships to be granted by certain colleges in America. These will not be in cash, but will be in the form of tuition scholarships, etc. The other amount of \$2,500 we hope to have available as cash grants which can be made to faculty members coming to America, to assist them in their expenses while they are here.

The amounts placed in the fund this year are, of course, not large and will not be sufficient to cover nearly all the requests that will probably be made. However, we felt that a beginning in a small way needs to be made, with the hope that this service can be increased as time goes on.

In using these funds for next year, the Associated Boards will be glad to consider applications from the various Colleges in China for the placing of any members of their faculties who are trying to come to America in the school year 1940-41. We, of course, cannot guarantee that we can give all the help required, and we cannot make any assignments until applications have been received.

This letter is being written to you so that you may take advantage of the placing of applications for any of the faculty members who may be in need of assistance next year.

Sincerely yours,

*J. S. Parker*  
Secretary

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P.S. On October 3 Mr. Garside wrote you regarding the same subject, but since this letter is being sent to all the Presidents of the China Colleges, we are mailing you a copy.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
CHENG TU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

18th November, 1939

Ack. 1/9/40

Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

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We are all very much troubled about the delay in the construction of the Chemistry Building. You will remember that all the institutions on the campus shared in the funds for the erection of this building, but there have been delays in securing building materials and excepting for the foundations no work has been done on it yet. This is creating a very serious problem for all of us as we face a shortage of classrooms. We are sometimes puzzled to know if we should erect another classroom building outside the campus. It would not be as convenient for our staff or students, but it begins to look almost necessary. You will know that a gift was received for a small social center for students and while it is not sufficient to complete the building we are hoping there may be additional funds from some common project. This building will go up rapidly as they are using the small local bricks and there is no shortage at present. The Library was rearranged this summer to make more adequate use of the space, at the same time many of the most valuable books were packed into boxes or moved to other buildings in case there should be an air raid and we wish to prevent all books from being destroyed should the library be damaged. Therefore, the pressure for more space in the library building is not very acute at the present time. Naturally West China is anxious to complete their library building, but under the present circumstances it is not needed as greatly as the classrooms.

Will you please give my kindest remembrances for the Christmas season to Mrs. Macmillan, Mr. Evans, Mr. Parker and Mr. Caldwell, and assure them of our deep appreciation of all the work they are doing on our behalf. We realize this may be a very difficult year in which to secure gifts for the colleges in China, but feel sure every effort will be made to continue the support that has been so welcome in past years.

With personal regards and greetings,

Sincerely yours,

*Y. G. Chen*  
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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
CHENGDEU, Szechwan, China

18th November, 1938  
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Dr. B.A. Garstide  
Associated Schools for China Colleges

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With personal regards and greetings,

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*[Signature]*  
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President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtu, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen:

Attached hereto are the minutes of a joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion, of the Associated Boards, held on November 10, 1939. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 1939.

The considerations of the Committees at this meeting largely concern matters of current interest in America, and the actions are clear in themselves without further explanation. The report of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity occupied an important position in this meeting. However, you will note that it is not the final report of the Committee, and their work is being continued in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee.

We have recently had application from two members of the student body at Colgate Rochester Divinity School for graduate fellowship work in some of the China Colleges. These two men are interested in spending two or three years in China, either as graduate students or teaching fellows. They suggest that graduate scholarships may be awarded to them by the Divinity School, which would cover cost of transportation in case anything should be available in any of the Colleges, in which they could do some teaching for their maintenance while there.

If you are interested in using such persons, we will be glad to give you the details regarding them.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Enclosures

Copy to: Miss Elsie M. Priest

Via "President Harrison"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER

November 24, 1939

President Y. G. Chen  
Miss Elsie M. Priest  
The University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechuan, China

Dear Dr. Chen and Miss Priest:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 30 dealing with the Rockefeller grant. This has arrived in good time, and we have been able to forward the complete report to the Foundation. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Letters received from Chengtu in today's mail indicate uncertainty as to the application of allocations of the "special funds" as given in action EF-1023 of the minutes of the joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Committee on Finance of the Associated Boards, September 22, 1939. We have perhaps erred in not explaining this action more fully, and we hope that you will pardon us for taking for granted something which was not made clear.

As it became certain that the total amount of the special fund for 1939-40 would have to be reduced very considerably from the total of the amounts asked, the Committees concerned endeavored to reach the required reduced figure and at the same time leave the field authorities as much freedom as possible to apply the amounts available at the points most needed. In studying the askings, it was apparent that there were among the items from the four Colleges in Chengtu several which were either sufficiently similar or of such common interest to make their efficient administration a matter of mutual consideration. The amount of \$17,520 U.S. currency allocated for joint work does not cover all such items, and a process of selection is, therefore, required. The impossibility of having intimate knowledge of rapidly changing conditions in West China forced the Committees here to allocate the amounts in general terms, thereby leaving the application to the authorities of the Colleges on the field. The wise course of procedure would seem to be for the representatives of the four Colleges to determine the projects of mutual interest to which these funds should be applied.

On items allocated to the University of Nanking, the first of \$21,796.92 is to cover the budget deficit as outlined in the regular budget. The second item for "special needs" of \$6,000 is given in general terms so as to allow you to select the most important needs in the light of present conditions. This has been done because of the fact that the amount allocated does not cover all the askings and the Committees in New York do not wish to handicap action on the field, which can direct its use to the most needy points.

We can assure you of our complete confidence in your ability to use the available funds wisely. The only precaution we will try to mention is to remind you that the availability of the money depends upon the success of our efforts in raising it.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Copy sent by regular mail to Miss Priest.  
*via "Pres. Hayes" from San Francisco.*

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28th November, 1939  
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Dr. B.A. Garside,  
Associated Boards for China Colleges,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK CITY, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Garside:

You will have received a letter from Dr. Daniels, superintendent of the University Hospital, Nanking, requesting additional support from the cooperating Mission Boards at this time. Dr. Daniels has stated clearly the present status of the grants made to the Hospital and has indicated the serious handicap caused by the cuts to the group in Nanking. At this particular time there are three salaries that have to be paid in United States' currency as well as many invoices for drugs. The Shanghai firms are now billing almost entirely in United States' currency due to the fluctuation of the Chinese dollar and this has created a very serious hardship for the group in Nanking.

It is well known that mission hospitals in several places have been obliged to close throughout the occupied territory and as Nanking is in a strategic position and is serving a large number of people we hope it may be possible for the Mission Boards to recognize its needs and restore their grants to the former level. We are very sympathetic to the need as expressed by Dr. Daniels and endorse heartily his request, hoping it may be possible to give some aid before the close of the current year.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Y. G. Chen*  
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Dr. F. A. Garfield  
Associated Boards for  
150 Fifth Avenue  
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Garfield:

You will have received a letter from Dr. Daniels, Superintendent of the University Hospital, Nanking, requesting additional support from the cooperating Mission Boards at this time. Dr. Daniels has stated clearly the present status of the hospital and has indicated the serious financial situation. At this time there are three salaries that have to be paid in United States currency as well as many invoices for drugs. The Shanghai firms are now billing almost entirely in United States currency due to the fluctuation of the Chinese dollar and this has created a very serious hardship for the group in Nanking.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
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President Y. G. Chen  
University of Nanking  
Chengtou, Szechuan  
China

Dear Dr. Chen,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 10. In this you comment on the field's lack of knowledge as to the background of the four men whom Ambassador Hu Shih recommended to the Chinese Government for decorations last October, and ask us for further information.

Of the four, I am sure that Mr. E. M. McBrier is best known to all of our friends in Chengtu. He first went to China more than fifty years ago as a China Inland Missionary, resigning from a business partnership with his cousin - F. W. Woolworth - in order to take up missionary service. Called back to America a few years later because of the serious illness of a brother, Mr. McBrier went back into partnership with his cousin, F. W. Woolworth, and helped build up the retail business that bears Mr. Woolworth's name. He retired from active business connections almost twenty years ago, and since then has been devoting himself entirely to missionary and philanthropic interests - mainly, the Christian Colleges in China. He has given over a quarter of a million dollars to Yenching University, and substantial sums to other Colleges in the group. It would be almost impossible to make any accurate list of his benefactions, because he gives quietly and without ostentation.

Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer is also well known to most of our friends in China. He has been serving the missionary enterprise for about thirty-five years, as a secretary of the Missionary Education Movement, as a secretary of the Methodist Board of Home Missions, and as a secretary of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. He has visited the Far East on various occasions, and has done a great deal of writing and speaking over the years for the advancement of better understanding between China and America. He was a charter member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking when it was organized in 1910, and was the Board's first secretary. Between 1928 and 1932 he was an active leader in the groups that worked for the creation of the present Associated Boards for the Christian Colleges in China. He was President of the Associated Boards from the time of its organization in 1932 until the annual meeting on June 30, 1939. At that time the Associated Boards accepted his resignation from the Presidency because this year he is giving all of his time to traveling about the country working out the details of the merger between the Northern Methodist Board and the Southern Methodist Board.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis's first interest in Christian higher education in China began when he was one of the two trustees of the estate of Dr. Charles M. Hall. From 1915 to 1928 Mr. Davis, together with Mr. Homer H. Johnson, were making an intensive study of American-supported educational institutions in Asia, in order that they might carry out Mr. Hall's bequest of one-third of his fortune for the support of this educational work. As you

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know, in the distribution of the Hall estate, six of the Christian Colleges in China received endowments totaling \$2,400,000; and at the same time had an additional \$1,800,000 placed in trust for them in the hands of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Harvard-Yenching Institute itself was created for the advancement of Chinese cultural studies, with an endowment of approximately \$4,500,000. Since the settlement of the Hall estate, Mr. Davis has continued to have an interest in all these Colleges in China. For several years he has been a member of the Yenching Board of Trustees, and since last June has been President of the Board. He has been one of the most active

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Mr. Paul D. Cravath has had a long and distinguished career as a lawyer. He is active and influential in a wide variety of philanthropic, social, and musical enterprises, and is well known throughout the eastern part of the United States. He has had a warm interest in China for a great many years, has spent a large amount of time there, and has rendered distinguished legal services to the Chinese Government on various occasions. He has long been a good personal friend of President Leighton Stuart, and has been a member of the Yenching Board of Trustees for about four years. During 1937-38 and 1938-39 he was the National Chairman of the Emergency Committee that took the lead in securing our China Colleges Emergency Fund. He was in very poor health during the early part of the year, so asked to be relieved of the Active Chairmanship of our Emergency Committee, though he is continuing as the Honorary Chairman of the Associated Boards.

Plans are now being made for a dinner here in New York the last week in January, at which the Chinese Ambassador has promised to be present in person and to confer the decorations upon these four friends awarded by the Chinese Government on October 10.

In your letter you ask for a list of the major contributors to the Associated Boards, and observe that "there is great danger of having all institutions approach the same group of people, especially when it comes to the larger donors, but if the field group is informed of the interests of these people they can be guided accordingly."

It is to guard against this danger you mention that the promotional department of the Associated Boards has been built up. We have assembled a list of almost 100,000 actual and potential friends of the China Colleges - individually and collectively - and have carefully recorded under each name the nature and source of interest, the amount and designation of gifts made, and all other facts that would help us to cultivate intelligently

December 12, 1939

and productively the friendship of each individual donor and prospect. All the members of the Associated Boards staff, and the representatives of the individual Colleges, are trying always to work together in the closest harmony, and to avoid duplications and conflicts in our approaches to individual donors.

There is a general understanding with each of our Colleges in China, that no appeals for support will be sent from China to anyone here in America except with the knowledge and approval of those of us here in America who are engaged in promotional work on behalf of the Colleges, individually and collectively. This understanding is of course primarily for the purpose of avoiding misunderstandings, conflicting appeals, and resulting losses in good will and support. Of course all of us here in America have to depend ultimately upon the field to supply us with the facts and the inspiration through which our American friends are impelled to give to the support of either an individual institution or the Colleges as a whole. We are constantly calling upon the field for pictures, reports, letters, and material of every kind. Frequently we write to the leaders in one or more Colleges, asking that they send certain letters to certain individuals. Occasionally our leaders in China take the initiative in suggesting to us that it might be desirable to send certain communications to friends with whom they are personally acquainted - but as a rule such letters are not actually sent to these individuals until after the field and our New York office have cleared the matter between us.

It seems to us that the continuation of this present policy would be more efficient and more productive than for us to burden the busy leaders of the Colleges in China with lists of present and potential contributors, with rather complicated information as to interests and points to be guarded.

We have read with interest the very fine letter which you wrote on November 13 to the Nanking Board of Founders and other friends. We are asking Mr. Caldwell, who is giving special leadership to our promotional activities on behalf of the University of Nanking, to take the initiative in having this letter mimeographed and distributed both to the friends whose names you list, and probably to a large number of other Nanking friends whose interest he has been cultivating. This letter comes at a very opportune time, just before the Christmas season.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. G. GARSIDE

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