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Hotel Durant
Berkeley 4, Calif.
Jan. 17, 1945

My dear ~~Mr. Batton~~,

As I received your note concerning ~~I was~~ Miss Ming-yu Wong I was about leaving Minneapolis for Seattle so I telegraphed you "approve loan to Wong" for which I hope the matter had been taken cared of. Miss Wong has not been connected with the University very long, perhaps three years but I understand funds been provided for her study by a special gift to Univ. and some of her folks. As I did not receive any letter from the field as re. any further help to her here so a loan may be the best plan now.

In ref. to my mails, really the travel now is more difficult and I am often uncertain of my travel time schedule and living quarters and had to make arrangements for. Some accumulation of mails I

had no opportunity to clear promptly. Miss Brown has kindly taken care of my mails and so I tried to keep her informed as closely as I can. I would hesitate to trouble you or Mr. Evans for the mails. I hope this arrangement would meet with your approval. At present I'm staying at this Hotel until 23d. Inst. not knowing where I would stay at Los Angeles and Chicago. But I may be addressed Jan 24 - Feb 8 c/o Pres. Office, Univ. of So Calif., Los angeles 7, Calif, and Feb 10-17 c/o Pres. Office Univ. of Chicago then I'm going to the East, schedule to be arranged.

As to Mr. Albertson I have been thinking of this question for some time. This is my latest thought. We do want more vacancies filled, should not discourage this by all means. Naturally he would be

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serving in the forestry Dept. However, the latter has now only very few students as majors; we have besides Mr. Carathers going; the soil conservation and hydraulic engineering are more gov. enterprises. For these reasons we should be cautious in getting into this field. Dr. Ruland was telling me of few possibilities for Nanking which you may like to get in touch with.

Nothing has yet come from Dr. Guy as regards Dr. Hamilton. I suppose the State Department is not quite ready to send any Philosophy representations.

With best regards to Mrs. Ballou and yourself.

Yours very cordially,

G. F. Chen

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NEW YORK OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Jan 20, 1945 file

My dear Mr. Evans,

Thanks for your kind note sending me mails which were just forwarded here. Mr. Yen Choh-ren had served to Christian schools for long time the last being for ten years an important right hand man to President Li of Hanchow College until he resigned, for special reasons, to join this Univ. at the suggestion of Dr. Fenn. Although his service, as Dean of general affairs, has been rather short but he has done very conscientious work during my absence. When cable to Chengtu please indicate my sympathy. Mr. Ufford or Fidell, some officer of Baptist Board in N.Y. had written me last summer, supported him and interested in him may be you can inquire and through Mr. Ufford some help can be given to his funeral & medical expense or his family at Shanghai. His brother Ku Tsiun-ren is now working in the Business office at Chengtu.

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Please inform Miss Brown of my appreciation of her taking care of my mails and her remembrance. My address (1) at Los Angeles c/o Presidents Office, Univ. of So. California, Los Angeles 7, Calif (Jan 24 - Feb 7) (2) at Chicago c/o Presidents Office, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill (Feb 10 - 17) (3) then I will be in the East schedule to be worked out and will report later.

Many cordial regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Y. G. Chen

January 24, 1945

Dr. Y. G. Chen
c/o The President's Office
University of Southern California
Los Angeles 7, California

Dear Dr. Chen:

It was awfully good to hear from you again. I am sharing your schedule with the other members of the staff, and we shall await with keen interest any further reports you may be able to send us, and shall look forward in hope's that you may be coming to New York not too long after your return East.

I have passed on to Dr. Herrick Young, the Presbyterian candidate secretary, your comments on the prospect of a place in which to use Mr. Albertson. I am afraid we have little reason for encouraging him to feel that the way will open in the near future for him to go to China. Perhaps, after another year or two, the situation will be clearer and more favorable.

You refer to Dr. Guy and Dr. Hamilton. I got the impression from a conversation I had with Dr. Guy in November that it was not likely any proposal would be made to Dr. Hamilton in the near future. Dr. Guy then told me that the State Department had already approached four other men. Until replies had been received from them and the matter in each case settled one way or another, it was not likely that others would be approached. One of these men, Dr. White of the Columbia Library, has already gone.* I notice I mentioned him and the general situation regarding these visiting professors in the copy of my letter to Dr. Hamilton written November 25, which I sent you. Now, with the complete stoppage of civilian travel in the direction of China I assume that the State Department's program has been held up like that of all the rest of us, and that nothing more is likely to be done until the situation eases a bit. Perhaps after you get back to Washington you will be able to make a few discreet inquiries. I fear that Dr. Hamilton's chances are not too good, not because his field is philosophy but because one of the other men whom they have approached has the same field.

I understand Mr. Corbett sent you a draft copy of the tentative constitution for the proposed Federated University in the vicinity of Shanghai. That has aroused considerable interest on the part of those who have seen it. We would be very glad indeed to have your comments, especially if they are adversely critical at any points. We want to know where the difficulties are likely to appear if it seems desirable to move in the general direction of an institution so set up and organized.

California must be a pleasanter place just at present than this part of the country, with our streets full of dirty snow, slush and more mud than asphalt pavements have any right to throw around.

With best regards from us all, I remain

Very cordially yours,

*Later: I have just learned that Dr. White did not go.

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Windermere
CHICAGO
P. O. STATION 37

Feb. 15, 1945

My dear Miss Brown:

I am glad to inform you that after a long tedious journey in war-time travel I am heading toward the East now. Hoping to see you again in the next two or three months.

From 17th to 22d Inst. I may be addressed as follows: Wade Park Manor, East 107th at Park Lane, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

From Feb 23d, to March 9th: c/o Division of Cultural Cooperation, Department of State, Grant Bldg, Washington 25, D.C. Colombia 2000

Wardman Park Hotel

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Thanking you again for all your kindness and remembrance in regard to mails.

With very cordial regards.

Yours very sincerely,

G. F. Chew

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Division of Cultural Cooperation
Department of State, Wash. DC
Feb. 26, 1945

WARDMAN PARK HOTEL

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Washington 8, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ballou:

I am glad to tell you that I'm at last in the East after a long tedious voyage. My present plan is to come to New York in the Middle of March for a week, then leave for Boston, Cambridge for two or three weeks then after middle of April I'll be New York little longer. The Department or rather Division has not discussed with me about my next steps yet.

In re. to my opinion on the proposed Federated East China University it was rather difficult for me to write out one. Since it is necessary for me to do so I'll simply make the following comment:

(a) In the proposed constitution it seems to be implied that the plan of federation and the erection of a central cite be made more or less in one step. I suggest that federation be considered as a first step to insure a desire for it. Then as a next step when such funds being available some central cite & bldgs be provided, and before this step in the meantime the original campuses be temporily used. After the war, it may be necessary to use all the ~~than~~ available funds then for rehabilitation & relief for existing & returning institutions.

(b) Some other name be used instead of "East China" as it would exclude Kiukiang & Nanking out of

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Washington 8, D.C.

the area.

I have not seen Dr. Guy yet, as soon as I do I will inquire about the Hamilton situation.

Please share my comment on the "E.C. Federated Univ." with Mr. Corbett.

With best regards to friends in the Associated Office.

Yours very sincerely,

G. F. Chen

March 1, 1945

Dr. Y. G. Chen
c/o Division of Cultural Cooperation
Department of State
Grant Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Chen:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of a few moments ago, I am enclosing the original cablegram from Dean Chi-wen Chang which was received this morning.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you in New York in the not too distant future, and in the meantime with every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 1, 1945

Dr. Y. G. Chen
Division of Cultural Cooperation
Department of State
Grant Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Chen:

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We are anxious to have a full representation of those interested in this important matter, and cordially invite you to be present.

This will be a dinner meeting and is being called for Thursday, March 15th, at 5:45 p.m., in the Park Room of the Parkside Hotel, 18 Gramercy Park South, New York, N. Y.

Kindly let Mrs. W. Plumer Mills, at the office of the China Colleges, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., know whether or not you can attend.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Pitney Van Dusen

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Henry Pitney Van Dusen

March 5, 1945

Dr. Y. G. Chen
Blair Lee House
1651 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Chen:

Enclosed find copy of cablegram sent today.

In the light of conditions in Chengtu, it seemed necessary to include the words, "unless earlier return imperative" to which I trust you will agree.

I am writing a letter, of which a copy is enclosed herewith.

We are looking forward to seeing you around the fifteenth.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 12, 1945

Dr. Y. C. Chen
Blair Lee House
1651 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Chen:

This is to confirm hotel reservation for Saturday, March 17th, at the Prince George Hotel, 14 E. 28th Street, New York.

They will hold the room until 8:00 P. M., Saturday evening.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

CAE:EW. C. A. EVANS

April 20, 1945

Dr. Y. G. Chen
Prince George Hotel
14 East 28th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear President Chen:

This is to extend to you a formal invitation to be present as the guest of the Associated Boards at our Annual Dinner. A copy of the invitation which is being sent out is inclosed for your information. Please disregard the reference to the cost!

We would also like to have you give the Dinner a brief message, perhaps of farewell as you are about to return to China. We do not ask for much on this occasion - only five or six minutes in fact. But we do want all present to see and hear something from you. In like manner we are hoping that Dr. Mei will have arrived so that he may give us all a word of greeting. In this way you and he will nicely balance one another. We can discuss any question of detail at your convenience between now and May 7. What we hope to have at an early date is your acceptance.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. A copy of the schedule of meetings is also inclosed.

Landon Montague

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May 10, 1945

Dr. Y. G. Chen
Hotel Lafayette
16th and I Streets
Washington D.C.

Dear Y.G.:

There are at least two things about which I should have spoken to you yesterday. I forgot them in the pleasant, casual luncheon conversation. First, Mr. Riggs has just landed in Los Angeles. His wife inquires if there is any information about the University of Nanking people that he should know. I presume she refers to personnel, new appointments, or expectations that people will return when they can. Have you any desires regarding Mr. Riggs's future work which you would like to make known to him at this time? Secondly, I have had a letter from Professor Hamilton at Oberlin. He quotes a sentence from you as follows: "But I shall keep in touch with you and hope it will be possible to see you or to see both Mrs. Hamilton and yourself in China." I have answered him that I feel sure that under present circumstances there is no hope whatever of the State Department sending a person like himself to China, as we hoped last fall might be done. You know how very tight the restrictions on passports and military permits for Americans now are. Is there any even later word which we can send Professor Hamilton?

I am sorry to bother you with these two matters so near your expected departure, but at any rate it gives me a chance to bid you Godspeed again and to express once more the satisfaction it has been to become better acquainted with you during the past nine months. I wish it might have been a time when we could have furthered more directly your hopes and dreams for Nanking. Certainly, however, the wide contacts you have made and the friendships you have established will be useful when the time comes again that we can push for extra funds to support such very worthy objects as a "Bowen Memorial."

Very sincerely yours,

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May 10, 1945

President Y.C. Chen
Hotel Lafayette
16th and I Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Chen:

Just a few lines to wish you a safe and comfortable trip back to China and great success in the work which you will take up again when you arrive. We have appreciated the opportunity to get better acquainted with you and trust that you have not been too much wearied with your heavy schedule in the United States.

We shall send you in due time a revised copy of the report of the Planning Committee, but meanwhile I want to tell you of one change that has been decided upon, namely the elimination of the term "university College" which was borrowed from the British report but which has met with so much disfavor from American and Chinese sources that it has been dropped. Instead there will be substituted the words "university of type II;" and on page 2 of the report where the two types are described they will called "type I" and "type II." The other main change will be to insert a paragraph from last year's report referring to specialized and professional education. As you will probably be the first one to arrive in China after the Annual Meeting we feel it is important that you should know of these changes.

It is our confident hope that the next twelve months will see China's deliverance from the invader. You may be sure that we shall be thinking of you and your university constantly, and praying for its great fruitfulness.

With very kind regards,
Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

May 11, 1945

Dr. Y. G. Chen
Hotel Lafayette
16th and I Streets
Washington, D.C.

Dear Y.G.:

You will remember that after we talked about the proposal from China of a Visual Education program at Nanking and the suggestion of Dr. Arthur Rinden as the one to head it up, I said it would be well to tell him that such a proposal had come.

I have just received a reply to my letter. Dr. Rinden has been on a long tour, so that the letter was late in reaching him. I inclose a copy of it. Of course there is nothing definite on which to plan and it may be some time before any definite step can be taken under any circumstances, but I am sure you will be interested to see that the proposition attracts him and that, other things being equal - there are a lot of "other things" - he seems to be willing to consider it.

With the hope that this reaches you and the further hope that you do not have to wait around so long that you become impatient at delay, I remain

Cordially yours,

Inclosure.
Special Delivery.
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Dr. Chen left this Report with KKB

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SUMMARY OF DR. Y. G. CHEN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Dr. Y. G. Chen, President of the University of Nanking, arrived in Washington on July 13, 1944 to spend a year in the United States as a guest of the Department of State. Dr. Chen has been connected with university administration for the last twenty-three years, during eighteen years of which he has been president of his university.

For the first month and a half he spent his time making some preliminary preparations for his trip and visiting some smaller colleges, such as Massachusetts State College, Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, and Smith College.

At Amherst, he was very much impressed with the work in the home town and college of Elija Bridgman, who was the first pioneer promoter of cultural relations between America and China in 1829. Before he left Amherst, there was an open meeting of the town to hear him speak at Jones Library. He was appraising Mr. Bridgman' contribution. Throughout his travel he has been doing similar things. Later he visited Yale University, Columbia University, Cornell and Syracuse University. These were the earlier visits.

Starting from Washington again the latter part of October, he went from Coast to Coast, from Washington, D. C. to Washington State and along the Pacific Coast for a tour of four months to th university centers in the Middle West and Far West. He also visi Western Reserve University, Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, Oberlin College in Ohio, Butler University at Indianapolis, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan State Colle at East Lansing, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, Universi of Washington at Seattle, College of Puget Sound at Tacoma, the University of California at Berkeley, Stanford University at Palo Alto, University of Southern California, the University of Califor nia at Los Angeles, California Institute of Technology at Pasadena the University of Chicago and other institutions on the way, visit ing other educational and related organizations during the journey

Aside from visits, he was also making speeches to university groups, assemblies, faculty groups, rotary clubs, China societies or groups, foreign policy associations, Institute of Pacific Relations meetings and other academic groups or social groups and also had quite a number of interviews of newspaper representatives. Half of the material of the talks was on educational subjects and half on general subjects. After the talks a great number of questions were raised outside of educational fields, the political and

economic

economic conditions in China, etc., although the preliminary approach has been educational. Through these talks a great deal of interest in China has been shown and many questions explained. In one connection the Cleveland Plain Dealer quoted President Wilkins of Oberlin College regarding Dr. Chen's visit, "He is an outstanding scholar and one of China's outstanding citizens".

While in Los Angeles, the University of Southern California was celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Graduate School when he was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Pedagogy, "in recognition of distinguished service in the field of education". Some years ago he was awarded a medal by Columbia University for service in education.

In general, his trip is an effort (a) to see war-time education in American universities and also to note the forces of social, political, religious and economic influences as an educational value, (b) to study new tendencies in the post-war period in university education and post-war planning, (c) to observe different phases of university administration and organization, and (d) to promote what he can in the way of cultural relations and cooperation between China and America, in reference to their exchange of faculty, graduates and students.

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June 5, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Chen:

We have received from Professor J. Lossing Buck a request that two letters he has received from agriculturists in America who want to serve in China, be forwarded to Dean Chang. As we suppose that Dean Chang may now be on his way to England we are sending these letters to you asking that you hand them to the person who is handling such matters. The letters are as follows:-

Letter from Merle A. Foster to Prof. Buck, dated may 21, 1945
Letter from Malcolm T. MacCallum to Prof. Buck, dated November 7, 1944.

Professor Buck feels that both these men have had valuable experiences. Whether they can fit into the present situation in China is a very different question.

I trust you trip home was both comfortable and speedy and that you found your family in good health. We were very glad indeed that you could come to America so that we could receive your advice and counsel.

With very kind regards,
Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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Wernersville, Pa.
Nov. 7, 1944

Dr. Lossing Buck
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Buck:

This past Saturday I stopped off in New York to see Mr. Chang at the China Relief Headquarters, during the course of our conversation he mentioned the fact that there were some excellent positions open in the agricultural field in China. It was his suggestion that I speak with you and he was anxious to have me meet you. However, your secretary informed him that you had left the office for the day, and would not be back until Monday. It was impossible for me to remain so I told Mr. Chang, I would write to you giving my qualifications.

I am 44 years old, 6 feet tall, a member of The Dutch Reformed Church, and single, although I am contemplating marriage in the very near future. I graduated from our local high school in 1919, spent one year at Penn State College, then transferred to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Here I completed the course in Agricultural Education in 1924. Returning to Penna. I secured employment with B.F.Barr & Co. in Lancaster, the largest Florist and Landscape Gardening establishment in this section.

In 1926, I purchased a florist business in Columbia, Penna. In the summer of 1928 my father became quite sick, so, I sold my business to return home and help him manage our certfied dairy. About that time we were milking about 40 head of Guernseys. We also raised 1500 turkeys and had about the same number of Leghorn laying hens.

In 1931, I accepted a position as manager of the Guernsey Dairy Riviera Farms near Reading, owned by Mrs. William H. Ludin, and operated by Mr. C.B. Marshall of Pittsburgh. Here we milked between 50 and 60 head of Guernseys, bottling and retailing, the certfied milk in Reading. This herd of cattle was really outstanding, winning many prizes at our county fairs throughout the State. I also had 2000 laying hens and each year I raised about 800 capons which were also sold on the Reading market. Mr. Marshall died in 1938 and the stock was sold. I then started a wholesale florist business, selling floral supplies, but specializing in peat moss. When war was declared I was no longer able to secure imported peat, so took a part time job with State Department of Agriculture in the Bureau of Plant Industry as a Nursery Inspector. Here I remained until I was drafted into the army on September 17, 1942. In May of the next year I was released from the army as a T/Sgt. When I arrived home I was obliged to go into a defense plant so I took a job with the American Chain and Cable Co. as an expeditor. I was given my release on Oct. 6th when the Government cancelled all Government contracts with the Company. During the past month I have been helping a friend to buy registered Guernsey milk cows for his dairy.

The years of training and experience that I have had in agriculture, I feel certain would qualify me for a position in which I could be of real service to your country and I am able to give you the best of references.

I would be very glad to come to New York for an interview if you feel a man with my qualifications could be of service.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Malcolm J. MacCallum

(COPY)

1767 Lanier Place, N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.
May 21, 1945

Dr. J. Lossing Buck
c/o Universal Trading Co.
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Buck:

This letter is written at the suggestion of Mr. Charles K. Moser of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, under whom I am taking a course in the International Problems of the Far East.

It seems almsot as if I am writing to a personal acquaintance since I have heard so much favorable comment about you from our mutual friend Dr. Robert L. Pendleton, with whom I was closely associated for three years in Los Banos. We are about the same age and hold many ideas in common.

When we were together recently, Dr. Pendleton suggested that my experience and training should be of considerable value in southern China where agricultural education of the Philippine type could be used to advantage in the rehabilitation and improvement of the agricultural program.

My first experience in the Philippines was as a Supervising Teacher in one of the agricultural districts of Leyte. A few years later I returned with my family and was assigned as Auditor and Acting Principal of Central Luzon Agricultural School at Munoz. Shortly after returning to the United States I completed the work for the M. S. in Agricultural Education at Iowa State College, Ames, and was employed by the U. S. Office of Education in Washington.

When the University of the Philippines wished to open a department of Agricultural Education in the College of Agriculture at Los Banos it developed that I was the only man in the United States who had all the qualifications asked by the Board of Regents. We spent a very interesting three years in organizing the Department, of which I was Professor and Head. Mrs. Foster was made Principal of the Rural High School -- the practice teaching section of the Department.

When our contract was completed we returned to the United States and I made a special individual study of the technological unemployment in the slaughtering and meat packing industry for the Labor Department; after that I spent six years as an agricultural economist in the Department of Agriculture. I resigned from this service to devote full time to the management of our own secretarial and business school, which we operated wuite successfully until the wartime shortage of teachers, Mrs. Foster's illness and my own agreement to go to South America forced us to close, after four full years of operation.

After three months as agricultural economist in Peru with a food mission, I was ordered to Paraguay where I acted as adviser to the Minister of Agriculture in matters of agricultural education and was also appointed (by decree-law) as the Director General of Agricultural Education for Paraguay. I was there for fourteen months before a change in the political situation permitted me to return to the United States.

June 1 will end the spring semester at American University Graduate School (affiliated with the Department of Agriculture Graduate School) where I have been giving full time to study in economics to raise my minor to a major toward the Ph. D. degree in economics. Previously, I had completed the course work, languages and residence for the Ph. D. in agricultural education when the school abandoned the degree.

A recent physical examination, including chest X-ray, showed me to be in excellent health. There are no 'entangling alliances' of family of property which would interfere with my leaving the country: our army sergeant son is in a hospital in England recovering from a badly damaged left arm; the daughter is a WAVE officer, stationed in Boston with her husband -- a lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. Mrs. Foster is employed in the State Department here in D. C. and feels that there should be no objection to my going to the Orient in advance -- I went ahead of her to Los Banos and to South America. This accounts for the entire family.

We plan to visit Boston the first week in June. If this lengthy letter seems to indicate that I might be able to render useful service in China, we trust that you will give us an opportunity to arrange an appointment with you in New York so that we may answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Merle A. Foster

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/s/ Merle A. Foster

June 11, 1945

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

Dear Dr. Chen:

I am happy to announce in my first letter to you since you returned that there is $40.00 available for you with Miss Priest, which is received from the Speakers' Bureau of the Chinese News Service in connection with your trip to Danbury, Connecticut on April 11th and the Town Hall, New York City, on April 22nd. The Chinese News Service paid that to our account and I have notified Miss Priest accordingly.

We have had weird news about the exchange situation and commodity prices within the last few days and we are beginning to wonder if the 'sky is the limit'. Soon our imaginations will be unable to cope with the situation. In spite of this you are living the reality and I hope you will be able to cope with the increasingly difficult situation.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW

C. A. EVANS

Via:China Clipper
cc :Next Clipper

June 13, 1945

Dictated June 12

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

Re: Dr. Arthur Rinden.

Dear President Chen:

One of the letters which I sent to you at Washington by Special Delivery did not reach that city before you flew away. I inclose the copy which I sent with it of the reply I received to my earlier letter to Dr. Arthur Rinden regarding the Visual Education project outlined by Mr. Swen sent by Miss Priest.

You will see that he was interested. Since he wrote me this letter he has been in New York again and I have had a chance to talk with him and with Dr. Harold S. Matthews, who has succeeded Dr. Fairfield as the China Secretary of the American Board. Unless unforeseen complications arise, we feel confident that if the University of Nanking still wants Dr. Rinden to work on this project when it is possible for him to go back to China - especially after the return of the University to its home campus - satisfactory arrangements can be made. Dr. Matthews was very sympathetic to the proposal. It is not likely that Dr. Rinden will feel it wise to plan for a return to China until after the fighting stops. Family considerations are one important factor, but he also believes that a good deal of preparatory work had best be made for such a program as he wishes to carry out before he transfers his base to China. At present he is serving the Yale-in-China Association and, while he is not closely bound by a contract for a definite period of years, he would hesitate to cut loose at short notice. This, of course, leaves out of consideration the extreme doubtfulness as to whether he would be permitted by government authorities to go to China within the next six months or even year.

I should also report in this connection that the Committee on East Asia of the Foreign Missions Conference took action last Friday afternoon supporting the request of the National Christian Council that Dr. Rinden become its Secretary for Visual Education, or words to that intent. They have been after him for some time, as perhaps you know, and the CEA made him some months ago Chairman of its Committee on that subject in this country. On Friday I raised the question as to whether such an action by them would in any way prejudice his appointment to the faculty of Nanking. It was agreed that it would not. In fact the hope was expressed that some dual relationship could be worked out whereby he would have the advantage of a University connection and the facilities furnished by University laboratories etc. while serving the Church of China through the NCC. It was felt that this would be a good thing for all parties, since it would bring the churches into closer relationship with a University like Nanking and would extend the helpful influence of the University out through many of the communions in China. All this of course is still very tentative, but I have been greatly pleased by the interest shown by Dr. Rinden and the willingness to cooperate evidenced by Dr. Matthews. He, of course, was speaking only informally, but I do not believe any serious difficulty is likely to arise when the matter becomes a subject for concrete decision.

We shall hope now before long for a letter telling us of your journey home and how you found your family and things in general. I have just returned from a meeting of The Shanghai Tiffin Club where Dr. Decker spoke most interestingly not only of his visit to China but also to Australia and New Zealand. It was a good thing for a lot of business men there to hear a fine address such as he gave them.

With heartiest good wishes, I remain Very sincerely yours,

[illegible] Earle H. Ballou

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June 13, 1945

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Dear Dr. Chen:

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Harold L. Leupp of the University of California together with my reply.

My impression is that sending books to the American Library Association will definitely react against all of our Colleges and I hope that he will be able to keep in his possession such books as he may be able to accumulate.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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