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1436 W. 56th St.,
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July 21, 1927.

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garride, Secy.
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City



Dear Sir:

As your records will show, I am a member of the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Forestry at Nanking. I evacuated that city March 22nd and sailed from Shanghai on April 7th, arrived at San Francisco April 29th and since then have been visiting friends in California and doing everything possible to regain my health. I am feeling much better and am anxious
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to return to my former home
city, St. Louis. Mo. I am
therefore enclosing herewith
both an Eastern and a Western
Application for Clergy Fare
Certificate for 1927, filled
out to the best of my ability.

Mr. J. B. Griffing, of the
Banking staff, assured
me that you would furnish
the necessary credentials
so that the letter would be
sent to me either direct
from the Passenger Association
or by you.

My destination on this trip
is St. Louis and I wish to stop
off at Kansas City for a few
days, and Mr. Griffing said

this Western Application would only
serve as far as Kansas City.
I really ought to leave Los Angeles
by August 8th and therefore
would much appreciate your
kindness in giving this matter
your prompt attention. I en-
close herewith my personal
check in your favor for \$2.²⁵
as I understand \$2.05 is required
and I have added a few cents
for postage, and would appreci-
ate the despatch by air mail,
if possible, of the Certificate.
I did not get the information
until this evening, too late to
get a money order, and I am
leaving for San Diego on an early
morning train, so hope you
will accept my personal check
and that there will be no delay
occasioned thereby.

Thanking you in advance
for your kind offices in
securing me the reduced
rate, and hoping to receive
same within two weeks
if possible, I remain

Sincerely yours,
Virginia Dassel

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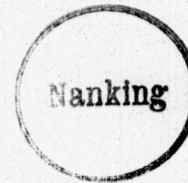
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1436 N. 56th St.
Los Angeles.

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c/o Dr. Lois Schroers,
1205 Wallingford Place,
West Palm Beach, Fla.
April 3, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
University of Nanking,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.



TRANSFER

Dear Sir:

You will doubtless recall receiving a copy of the papers sent to Washington last September regarding my claim for losses at Nanking.

When the Secretary of State acknowledged receipt of the documents he sent me some printed forms, but from the wording of the letter I understood that if the matter were taken up later by the Government, such a form would have to be filled out. The news that the matter has been settled makes me fear that I may have delayed too long. I enclose a copy of the letter I have today written the Secretary of State, and will much appreciate the favor if you will give me the benefit of any information you may have as to what the members of the faculty have done - if they have all sent in their claims on the printed form furnished by the Government of the U.S.

My health has improved but I am at present out of employment and do not wish to throw away the money for legal aid in filing this new application if I delayed too long.

While I shall not remain in West Palm Beach much longer, I think I would receive your reply more promptly if you would address me here, instead of sending it to my permanent address in St. Louis.

Assuring you that any information or advice you may give me will be gratefully received and duly appreciated, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Virgine Darcel

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1205 Wallingford Place,
West Palm Beach, Fla.
April 3, 1928.

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Your Ref. So.493.11 D 24/-

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I respectfully refer you to your communication of Sept. 26, 1927, as per above reference number - advising me that my letter of Sept. 19, 1927, had been received enclosing documents in regard to my desire to be reimbursed for personal property losses sustained at Nanking, China, at the hands of Nationalist soldiers in March, 1927.

In paragraph two you advised that copies of the documents had been sent to the American Consul General in Shanghai with instructions that he include my claim in any representation " he may deem it appropriate to make with a view to obtaining a local settlement on account of losses sustained by American citizens during the recent disturbances in China."

In paragraph three you informed me that "while papers relating to your losses have been forwarded to the Consul General at Shanghai, it will be necessary to have the claim prepared in accordance with the form referred to (which was received by me) should it ever become the subject of diplomatic discussion with a foreign government."

This morning I read in the paper that "the Nanking incident" of March, 1927, is closed so far as the United States is concerned - that the Chinese foreign office had announced that Hwang-fu, Nanking foreign minister has come to terms with John Van A. McMurray, American Minister to China.

I now beg to enquire whether my failure to have my claim prepared prior to this date will preclude me from making claim on the form provided by you now. I realize that it will be necessary to employ a lawyer to draw up the claim in accordance with the form prescribed and as I have been in ill-health and out of employment I hesitate to incur any expense in making out the claim if my application will arrive in Shanghai too late to be considered.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Virginia Darcel

I enclosed a self-addressed envelope which will reach me without delay, although my permanent address remains as given in the letter referred to above, "c/o Miss Polly F. McKee, American Bridge Co., 506 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

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1805 Ellingford Place,
West Palm Beach, Fla.
April 3, 1937.

The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 11, 1937.

I respectfully refer you to your communication of Sept. 28, 1937, as your above reference number - advising me that your letter of Oct. 19, 1937, had been received and enclosing documents in regard to my desire to be represented for personal property losses sustained at Hankow, China, at the hands of Nationalist soldiers in March 1937.

In paragraph two you advised that copies of the documents had been sent to the American Consul General in Hankow. The instructions that he should make my claim in any representation he may deem it appropriate to make with a view to obtaining a local settlement on account of losses sustained by American citizens during the recent disturbances in China.

In paragraph three you indicated that while papers relating to your losses have been forwarded to the Consul General at Hankow, it will be necessary to have the claim prepared in accordance with the form referred to (which was received by me) if it ever becomes the subject of diplomatic discussion with a foreign government.

This morning I read in the paper that the Hankow incident of March, 1937, is closed so far as the United States is concerned - that the Chinese foreign office had announced that Wang-yi, Hankow foreign minister has come to terms with John Van D. Holmberg, American Minister to China.

I now beg to enquire whether my failure to have my claim prepared prior to this date will preclude me from making claim on the form provided by you. I realize that it will be necessary to employ a lawyer to draw up the claim in accordance with the form prescribed and as I have been ill - hospitalized out of employment I hesitate to incur any expense in making out the claim if my application will arrive in Hankow too late to be considered.

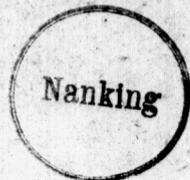
Your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
Walter H. ...
I have enclosed a self-addressed envelope which will reach me without delay, although my permanent address remains as given in the letter referred to above, c/o Miss Holly E. McKee, American Bridge Co., 608 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

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University of Nanking

May 8, 1928

Miss Virginia Dareel,
c/o Dr. Lois Schreers,
1205 Wallingford Place,
West Palm Beach, Fla.

My dear Miss Dareel:

I am exceedingly sorry that through an oversight we failed to reply to your letter of April 3rd asking for further information as to presenting your claim for losses incurred at Nanking last year. I am afraid, however, that there is not much we can say in the way of helpful suggestion. There has not been any unanimity of procedure on the part of the Nanking personnel, some having presented their claim with expectation of receiving whatever recompense may be agreed upon, others having presented lists of losses accompanied by a statement that this information was given for record only and was not to be used as the basis for any later claim for indemnity, still others having refused to present any statement of losses whatever.

It seems to me that your own correspondence with the Department of State does everything that can be done at this time. I trust that before this you will have received from Washington the information asked for in your letter to them dated April 3rd. While I believe the Government has made it clear that any claims for losses are entirely between the Government and the individuals involved, our offices will be glad to do anything we can to assist.

Very sincerely yours,

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