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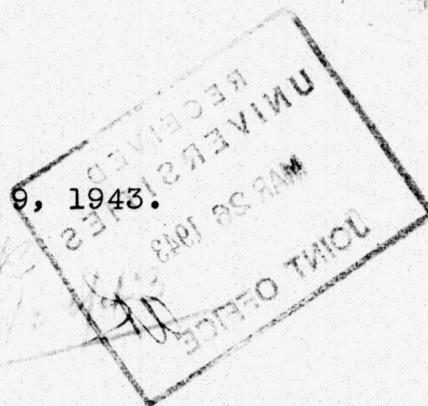
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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
CHENG TU, SZECHWAN, CHINA.

January 9, 1943.



Mr. Carl A. Evans,
Associated Boards, New York.

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Sincerely yours,

Elie M. Priest

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Chin M. Dick

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March 3, 1943

Miss Elsie M. Priest
University of Nanking
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

Your letter of November 10th requests us to deposit \$350.00 to the account of J. Lossing Buck in the Irving Trust Company. We did this in his account at the Twenty-first Street Branch.

Appropriations are now being made up for the next fiscal year and as things now stand, out of the five missionaries for Nanking, there are the Daniels and Thomsons still on the quota with Dr. Fern being loaned to the Associated Boards, for which a vacancy allowance is being paid. Miss Shannon is being loaned to the University and if she becomes a member of the mission and appointed to Nanking, it will fill one of the vacancies, of which there are two aside from Dr. Fern at the present time.

The Buck situation is in process of adjustment, although the Presbyterian Board has not received final word from the field on this situation. He has been written to indicating certain methods of taking up adjustments which should be followed through according to instructions. The appropriation situation at the present time calls for three vacancies at \$1,300 each for Nanking which I trust will go through, but, of course, subject to the securing of personnel.

It is quite logical to assume that Dr. Buck will be entitled to one passage to America to be paid by the Presbyterian Board. This, however, should be taken up in the manner suggested in correspondence with him by the Board. A letter has been written to the mission chairman calling attention to the possibility of having Dr. Buck as an affiliated member which will allow him to continue his payments on the pension fund.

I believe this answers the questions raised in this particular letter.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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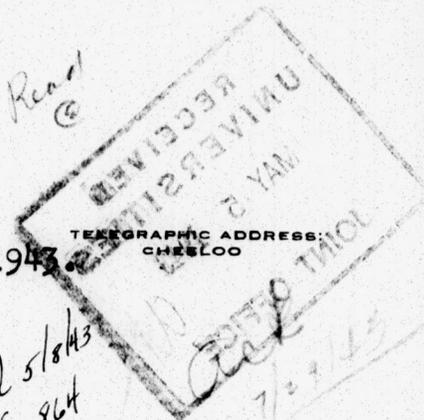
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四川成都齊魯大學
CHEELOO UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, CHINA

Office of the ^{Treasurer} ~~President~~

March 10, 1943



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

Dear Mr. Evans;

Will you kindly deposit three thousand seven hundred and fifty American dollars (US\$3,750.00) to the account of Dr. Wallace Crawford of West China Union University, and charge this amount to the current appropriation for Cheeloo University.

Cheeloo was in need of some funds for current expenses and Dr. Crawford wished to transfer this amount to New York for future needs. He has paid over to Cheeloo University the equivalent or seventy-five thousand dollars (C\$75,000 00) this amount being 3.750.00 at the official rate of 20:1.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter so we may know the transfer has been made. Dr. Crawford will write to you concerning the deposit you are holding in this name - he may wish to have this amount placed in a special account.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

Elsie M. Priest, Treasurer.

cc Dr. Crawford.

P.S. It is not too early on account of the uncertain delays in mails to mention balances at the close of this year. In May I will send you a preliminary statement showing exactly how much we have drawn on the field throughout the year and the plans for the balances that may then remain. Some checks or payments are delayed so you will need to be prepared to meet them even after the close of the fiscal year. Just now we are living from hand to mouth hoping hourly that the government will fix the exchange rate at a higher figure - we keep our field balances almost too low for safety. It means I have to figure balances every morning to be sure we can go through that particular day! I am trying to manage with Cheeloo through this payroll with funds we have on hand but we are not sure it will be possible.

For your information the index of cost of living is now over 7000 - and everything is soaring every day. We hardly know how we can manage and today the presidents were discussing next steps - it is not easy and looks as if much of the work would be closed within six months unless we have relief from some source. We are seeking for funds in China, and have hope of some gifts but it takes great sums to keep the work open.

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Chengtu, Szechuen
March 13, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans;

Altogether too many weeks slip away without a letter to you and others in the office. This year the work is very heavy and I have no person to help me carry the correspondence. We hope Miss Turner will be able to secure return passage and will arrive safely by summer.

Deposits for Y.W.C.A. Last summer the business secretary, Miss Agnes M. Moncrieff, of the Y.W.C.A. (national) asked us if we would help them to transfer funds to Chengtu. Our checks are accepted by the Central Bank of China without question and under our license we can negotiate without having delays in credits. We agreed to help them as we have agreed to help many mission organizations and it was arranged that their treasurer in New York would make deposits in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. in our name. There is one missing link. Under the arrangement now, you send us the bank report when checks are withdrawn but you do not send me information when deposits are made. Therefore I have no way of knowing what deposits are made to our account, unless the item appears from your office on our monthly statement.

According to Miss Moncrieff, the secretary in New York - Miss McFarland - has deposited monthly US\$500.00 beginning with August 1942 and in addition, has deposited the following November 1942 - 5,000, and February 1943 - 5,000. Their account stands as follows:

To February 28, 1943

Monthly deposits August - February (7 mos.)	3,500 00 ✓
November special deposit	5,000 00 ✓
February special deposit	5,000 00 ✓
Total in Central Hanover B&T for Y.W.C.A.	US\$13,500 00 ✓

It happens the organization had some large field balances and like all the rest of us they are using field funds first, holding in United States currency any money possible. There fore nothing has been drawn against this account to this date, but I am faced with this problem. I have nothing except their word that this money is in our bank account. I am sure they are correct in saying it is there, but that is not quite good enough evidence for me. Will you send me a record of all deposits made to the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. for University of Nanking and let me know the balance according to the bank so we may reconcile our bank account? The blue slips issued by the bank would be sufficient evidence for me. Meanwhile if the Y.W.C.A. needs funds, of course, we will provide for them, but it is not quite satisfactory to me unless we have something definite from you or the bank.

Bank accounts; Please send me statements from the bank - keep the checks in New York but let us know the balance according to the bank so we may make a reconciliation monthly. This is needed for Gihling College, University of Nanking, West China Union University. The slips giving the information about checks withdrawn is satisfactory if we have the deposits and balances as well.

American Board (congregationalist): A few years ago their funds were being sent out to me and then someone decided it would be better to send through Mr. Fuller in Chungking. Now the American Board committee with Mr. Harold W. Robinson as treasurer have again asked me to handle their funds from New York - or rather from Boston. The reason for this change is the cost of transfer from Chungking to Chengtu - all their people and work is here and farther north, and while we have free transfer from Chungking to Chengtu, evidently Mr. Fuller has been unable to secure the same privilege for he charges them each time. It amounts to a considerable sum in the year. Hence from this time on you may receive remittances from time to time for this mission.

I have already written to you that we have handled the amount of six thousand dollars for Mr. Robinson for his American Board account. I have given a letter to President Wu to hand to you asking that this amount of US\$6,000. be paid to Mrs. Lew (daughter of the governor) Mr. Belcher treasurer of the American Board should send you this deposit to meet the payment - he has been advised to do so by Mr. Robinson. If there is any delay, please write to him directly for this money.

Fire at Yenching: Last night or very early this morning a fire broke out in the dormitory

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for women staff, the section over the nursery school. Nine women staff including three westerners escaped with scarcely more than their night clothes. Miss Ruth Van Kirk was seriously burned and will be in hospital for some weeks. The other westerners are Miss Penelope Piercy (English - came out under Y.W.C.A. for student work, and has recently been transferred to Yenching) and Hilde Kiang (German married to a Chinese). Miss Van Kirk is one of the American Board Mission members assigned to Yenching. Two weeks ago she was thrown from a ricksha by a motor car and suffered rather seriously as a result - had been out of the hospital only two days. Yenching will report to you the loss - a quick estimate indicates it is around two hundred thousand, not to mention the personal loss to the nine women staff - a few items of clothing were rescued but for the most part everything was burned. Not only is clothing exceedingly costly, but almost impossible to secure now. The whole community has been checking over wardrobes to see what could be shared - it is amazing how often we can divide our few belongings! Please do not take this figure as any official report to you - there has been no time to go over it carefully yet and besides everyone was too weary and discouraged today to view it intelligently. I know Dr. Mei will report to you in detail within a few days - as I was writing I am mentioning it to you as it is very much on our hearts today.

Cost of living: You asked me to keep you informed and I have not done so consistently - you must change the amount for the Ginling College staff almost immediately, perhaps it had better be made retroactive to January 1st 1943. According to the latest index it is now around 7000 and mounting almost hourly. It is impossible to live on less than is being paid to the Baptist, Presbyterian, etc. mission members. Even they are feeling it is too low but for those of us who are considerably lower, we feel we could manage on that figure! Let me give you a few figures to illustrate the problem we are all facing. I have been studying the cost of fuel lately as it is one necessity for all households - Chinese and foreign alike. Take a small household, four persons (it happens to be our own at this particular time) -

We use: Coal for a kitchen fire all the year and this heats any water we have for the bathrooms or for laundry
 coal for one fire in one room for three-four months of the year from eleven or twelve o'clock in the morning (we do not have a fire all day as we are at school during the morning, although two of our household are not teaching afternoons. If a household has small children with the mother remaining home with them, a fire throughout the day is required for 3-4 months)
 coal for an occasional fire evenings for 2 months of the year.
 wood to start the fires - estimated about 160 bundles per year.
 The coal is estimated at about 10,000 catties or around 5 tons.

The price of coal today is 18,000. per ten thousand catties and wood is 20. per bundle. Therefore:

Coal for a family of 4 persons	36,000 00	
Wood	3,200 00	39,200 00

If we take the Canadian mission salaries at the exchange they receive (16.66) it will require several thousand dollars per year more than their total salary to buy fuel only. There will be a slight margin for some of the American mission boards - but hardly more than a mere fraction of the amount needed. What is the answer? If we buy fuel we have no money to buy food, and if we use our money for food we cannot buy fuel to cook it.

We are just as careful as possible now - most households are economical to a dangerous stage - there is an appalling amount of sickness among our western staffs. Already we have had eleven cases of some kind of fever, something like typhoid, several cases of typhus, and a general run-down condition. I am maintaining we must not cut down on eggs and milk any further, but all we can afford is a low minimum. We allow each person in our household one cup of milk each day - the price is now 3.00 per cup, or 12. per quart. This must cover all uses for we have no canned milk - we have used some bean milk but it is also costly now.

There is plenty of food in this province - good food. It is possible to live entirely from the products of the province and to live well. All the essentials are here - fruit, vegetables, meat, sugar, salt, grains. Of all places in the world, most likely this is the most ideal place for refugees! But, if we have no money, are we to starve and see our fellow workers starve? I do not dare give you the figures of the increasing number of cases of tuberculosis among our young Chinese staff and students - it is terrible. Al-

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most every day a new case is reported to me. One of our young lads, just graduated last June, was reported today. He has no money except the salary we pay him which will not cover even one egg or one cup a milk a day. ^{in addition to his regular living expenses} I have figured that if I can find money for just one egg and one cup of milk a day with possibly one cup of bean milk also, it will require 400. per month. There was a time when I could manage this amount from my salary, but today it is impossible - and with sorrow, I have to turn the case down, knowing it will mean a long dreary number of months for the lad if he manages to live at all. There are six T.B. cases a few of us are continuing to support but there are many others that need help.

You may reply that the grant from U.C.R. Aid to Universities faculties will help - yes, in a limited way. It is rather fearfully tied up with red tape and regulations, and is only to be used for a fraction of the staff. Take the University of Nanking - 157 can secure aid under the U.C.R. fund, but 152 are not eligible. We are grateful for the help given in this way but rather sad that they have eliminated the so-called ABCCC (Associated Boards etc) institutions as being so well supported by the ABCCC that no further aid is to be allocated.

Next year: What is to happen? Ginling College staff must be given more money to meet their living needs. Some people claim it costs 70.00 per day for food and living alone - we are managing on less than this amount and I know Ginling college staff are also for they have to manage on considerably less. Nobody can buy any clothes, but shoes will wear out and we have to replace some things.

We have used our savings - rather meagre usually - sold our "surplus" belongings and still our bank balances are perilously near the wrong side. Frankly I have nothing to sell - I came from Nanking with two suitcases over five years ago, have had no chance to replace a single thing in that time, and the few household things I managed to secure in the first year of exile before prices mounted so severely are very much needed by the group - we have loaned our surplus bedding to less fortunate refugees from Burma who could save nothing.

Even if we decided it was cheaper to send our staff back to America, it is not possible to do so - people who left last October are still waiting in India for passage.

We know there are thousands of families in different parts of the world who are less fortunate than we are - who have scanty food and no pleasant campus! It is spring here and the flowers are lovely - as I write I have before me a bowl of fragrant flowers that remind us of the miracle of spring and the hope it brings. Your cablegram has arrived - Dr. Fenn is away in Fukien etc. but I have seen that all the presidents received a copy. I had one of the staff copy the passage from Ephesians so everyone would be sure to read it. It happened we had a meeting of the five presidents and the special committee on Aid to the faculties this morning - some serious problems had come up, and then all were feeling sad over the Yenching fire. I decided this was a good opportunity to give the message to the group and they all appreciated it very much. There are so many problems before, and I am rather discouraged these days - there seems no way to solve them. We spend hours trying to find a way out - does it mean we must close some of the work? and which departments?

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TO: CARL EVANS
ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR CHINA COLLEGES
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

UNIVERSITY NANKING PLANS TO CELEBRATE FIFTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 29TH TO MAY 1ST WITH EXHIBITION AND OPEN HOUSE FOR FRIENDS AND ALUMNI. PRESIDENT AND FACULTY WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIAL PROGRAM VIA SAN FRANCISCO STATION KWIB EVENING APRIL 29TH EIGHT TO NINE CHUNGKING TIME. WILL YOU CO-OPERATE PROGRAM CHINA UNIVERSITIES SPECIAL MESSAGE UNIVERSITY NANKING?

ELSIE PRIEST
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN



There is no charge for this service, but we do ask that you work hard for and give generously to United China Relief. If there are no agencies in your locality for China Relief, we will be pleased to accept contributions here. Make all checks or drafts payable to United China Relief.

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Associated Christian Universities in W. China
Chengtou, Szechuen, China,
March 27, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

You will find enclosed a copy of the summaries of the budgets for 1943-1944 for the five institutions of the Associated Christian Universities in West China: Cheeloo University, Ginling College, University of Nanking, West China Union University, and Yenching University together with the budget for the Joint projects on the campus. The budgets for 1943-44 were sent to you under date of December 5, 1942, and we hope reached you before the end of January. We are sending the same summaries at this date to be sure you have the information for the meetings to be held in May.

When the budgets were prepared in November 1942 for the year 1943-1944, it was difficult to give a very accurate forecast, and even today we find it is not easy to make a prediction concerning the needs for next year. There are a few items that need explanation, and as the general principles apply to all five institutions, I am taking this opportunity to write in the name of the Associated Christian Universities in West China.

In figuring the budgets for each individual institution, only such items of income as were guaranteed for 1943-44 were included. No attempt was made to include "probable" receipts from any source. You will note no item was included as being anticipated from United China Relief. We feel sure there will be other additional receipts, but as they are not definite as yet, we present the anticipated shortage for the Associated Christian Universities in West China as C\$19,261,814 22 for the year 1943-1944. There are two items that should be noted as they will reduce this shortage - (1) in the askings for Yenching University, no item of income anticipated from their Trustees was included, and (2) it is quite clear now that Ginling College will close this year with about C\$200,000 00 to be carried forward to next year.

Last November no attempt was made to figure the expenditures item by item but a general estimate was made by increasing all appropriations for 1942-1943 by 50%. Since January 1943, the increase in all prices has been at the rate of 10% or more - per month, so we should estimate at least an increase of 100% for 1943-1944 if the present status of work is to be maintained. There is one other point that should be mentioned. Beginning with November 1942 we have given all staff members an increase in salary based on the cost of living index. It was arbitrarily decided that this increase should be 20% of basic salary times 20% of the cost of living index (using 1937 prices as 100). This percentage was adopted by four of the institutions but Yenching University adopted a higher scale - 25% of the basic salary times 20% of the cost of living index. This change in salaries was not made until November 1942 and the revised budgets were figured on this basis so when a general increase of 50% was made for all salaries, actually it means an increase of 38% for salaries. I need not tell you that this will be far below the amount we must have to meet monthly payrolls. In other words - the amount of the anticipated shortage, although nearly one million American dollars at the present official rate of exchange, is far short of the amount that will be needed to continue the work of the institutions without very serious retrenchment - or quite frankly, closing of a portion of the work now being done.

This letter is not written to paint a very gloomy picture but to try and give you some idea of the problems we are facing. We are making an effort to share our problems with the faculty and staff urging them to cooperate in every way to find ways to meet the need. Some staff will be dropped, all projects will be on a self-supporting basis, and every economy exercised - but the fact will still remain that we are very far short in meeting monthly needs unless we receive very substantial gifts and increased appropriations over 1942-1943. As far as is possible the salaries and budgets are on a comparable basis for all five schools.

Efforts are being made to secure additional funds from sources in China, and we are still hoping it may prove possible to receive some change in the exchange that is being given to us. You will be kept informed of any change that may be made, or grants received.

On behalf of the five institutions, I wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation of the support and untiring efforts that have been made to keep open the work of the Associated Christian Universities in West China. With best wishes for your meetings to be held in May,

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

Elsie M. Priest, Treasurer

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ASSOCIATED CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES IN WEST CHINA

Chengtu, Szechuen
April 5, 1943

Mr. Dwight W. Edwards,*
United China Relief, Inc.,
Chungking.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

On behalf of the Associated Christian Universities in West China - Cheeloo University, Ginling College, University of Nanking, West China Union University and Yenching University - we wish to present a request for a change in the rate of exchange allowed officially at the present time by the Ministry of Finance. We know you are closely in touch with the officials in the Ministry and before presenting the formal petition, we wish to send this information to you for your support and advice.

During these war years our institutions are largely dependent upon funds from America and England. For the year 1942-1943 the amount of money received from sources outside of China is as follows:

<u>Associated Christian Universities:</u>		
From United China Relief	US\$ 15,000 00	US\$ 15,000 00
<u>Cheeloo University:</u>		
From United China Relief	US\$ 45,000 00	
From Board of Governors, New York	27,097 00	
From Board of Governors, London	£ 400	
From British Aid fund	£ 2,000	US\$ 72,097 00
		£ 2,400
<u>Ginling College:</u>		
From United China Relief	US\$ 44,000 00	
From Board of Founders	22,900 00	
From British Aid fund	£ 2,000	US\$ 66,900 00
		£ 2,000
<u>University of Nanking:</u>		
From United China Relief	US\$117,650 00	
From Board of Founders	29,942 00	
From funds for Agr. work -Famine Funds 1919	41,150 00	US\$188,472 00
From British Aid fund	£ 2,000	£ 2,000
<u>West China Union University:</u>		
From Board of Governors	US\$ 32,837 00	
From United China Relief	110,000 00	US\$142,837 00
From British Aid fund	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
<u>Yenching University:</u>		
From United China Relief	US\$ 95,000 00	
From Board of Trustees	50,000 00	US\$145,000 00
From British Aid fund	£ 2,000	£ 2,000
		US\$630,676 00
		£ 11,400
Total		

If we include the salaries of the missionaries who are on the staffs of the institution although paid directly by their own mission boards, the total should be increased by approximately US\$105,400. making a total of US\$721,076. and £11,400. Please note the amount allocated from United China Relief for the year 1942-1943 was US\$431,650.

The total budgets for the institutions for the year 1942-1943 amount to the following:

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Budgets for 1942-1943:

Associated Christian Universities	C\$	296,250 00
Cheeloo University		2,344,666 00
Ginling College (current)		1,792,751 90
" " (buildings)		118,500 00
University of Nanking		7,110,718 84
West China Union University (current)		6,465,991 66
" " (buildings)		197,500 00
Yenching University (current)		2,410,380 00
" " (buildings & initial exp.)		<u>1,152,850 00</u>

Grand total of all budgets for 1942-1943. C\$21,889,608 40

The income from abroad is included in these budgets - US\$630,676 00 and £11,400 which at the official rates of 19.75 and 79.18 is equal to C\$13,358,503. or 61% of the total budgets for the year 1942-1943.

You will know from previous correspondence that we have made every effort to balance the budgets for this particular year, but are far short of having the funds in sight for 1943-1944. The cost of commodities continues to increase at the rate of about 10% monthly. This means our budgets will need to be increased from 80% to 100% for the year 1943-1944 - an increase in Chinese currency of about twenty million dollars. Where will this money be found? It is not likely that the United China Relief can increase their appropriation of US\$431,650 00 for the year 1942-1943 very substantially for the year 1943-1944, and we have received word that the individual Boards of Trustees feel it is not possible to send any increase in their appropriation to the field - in fact, several institutions have received word that it will be necessary to take from the field appropriations the necessary funds to carry the Associated Boards office. This will be a heavy drain on the field budgets.

As we look ahead to 1943-1944 - the fiscal year for all institutions begins July 1, 1943 - we must plan immediately for the work. If there is no hope of securing additional income, steps must be taken to close part of the work being undertaken. Staff contracts will be issued in June and before that date the plans must be completed. We shall consider closing departments and definite parts of the work as a last resort and still hope to find funds to continue our present program. Do you feel it is possible to count on receiving a subsidy for the exchange adjustment for the year 1942-1943 - dating the subsidy as from July 1, 1942 and counting on the amount received during the year from United China Relief, or US\$431,650 00. We shall await your reply with interest and are ready to present a formal petition to the Ministry of Finance when we know we are working in accordance with your advice and in line with what has been done already by your office.

Sincerely yours,

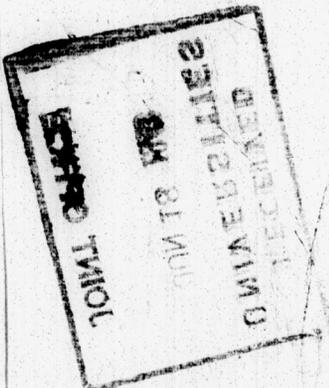
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	Budgets for 1943-1944:

Grand total of all budgets for 1943-1944: \$21,322,308.40

The income from abroad is included in these budgets - US\$30,070.00 and \$11,400 which at the official rates of 19.75 and 25.18 is equal to \$15,322,308.40 or 71% of the total budgets for the year 1943-1944.

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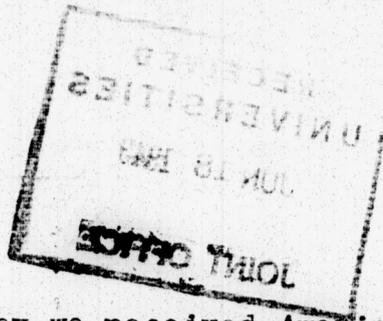
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Treasurer's Office
University of Nanking
April 12, 1943

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



Dear Mr. Evans:-

Yesterday we received American mail some dated as late as March 17, 1942, but from the report in your letters, the mail from China to the United States is exceedingly slow. Up to March 10th, you have not acknowledged receipt of the detail budgets we mailed on December 5th. I am assuming you must have received them by this date or you would have cabled for further details.

During March we sent you several letters which we thought would be useful for the May meeting. I fear none of them will reach you in time.

I wish to express our very deep appreciation of all the work you did personally and in the various boards and committees, to secure the additional grant for the University of Nanking. This grant of \$30,000. will be just about enough to cover our needs through June. I am not predicting at this date whether we shall be able to close without a deficit. The cost of living is increasing very rapidly. It is now 7500 or 75 times the average cost for the year 1937. In planning the budgets for all five schools for this current year, we arranged for the monthly increase based on the cost of living index. In planning we estimated that the factor would reach three times the basic salary by June, 1943. To my dismay, the factor for the month of April is three times the basic salary. This means we are two months behind our anticipated schedule. I am hoping we can make adjustment to meet this difference, but mentioned it to show you how difficult it is to plan ahead these days.

You will know that we are all working on the increased rate of exchange subsidy. It is quite clear that the rate will not be changed, but we are hopeful that we may receive a subsidy to equalize exchange. The five presidents asked me to prepare a letter to be sent to Mr. Edwards for his information and support before presenting a formal petition to the Minister. You will find enclosed a copy as I fear you will find it interesting to check the amount of funds we have received from abroad during this year. We have not yet heard from Mr. Edwards, but I hope to have word during the next few days and will keep you informed. If it proves possible for the Chinese government to grant us subsidy equal to the present exchange, we shall have funds to carry forward to next year.

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For your information, I have received all monthly reports through the month of February for University of Nanking and Ginling College.

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

Elsie M. Priest

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Treasurer's Office
University of Nanjing
April 12, 1943

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Yours sincerely,
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Chengtou, Szechuen, China, April 12, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am feeling very neglected by the Board of Founders. After all the actions taken to assure us of the great interest they have in the missionaries supported by the Founders, it is a trifle disconcerting to find the resolutions are merely for appearance in minutes. Last December you cabled that the salary for University and Ginling staff was increased fifty percent, effective April 1, 1942. According to the action taken by the Board of Founders the salaries of all Western staff must be paid in New York - yet, to the date of February 28, 1943, you have not changed the salary or made any explanation.

Under the arrangement you desposit my personal salary to my account in Cheshire National Bank of Keena, New Hampshire and in turn I draw checks for sale in the Central Bank of China. I assumed naturally that you would deposit 114.80 instead of 74.80 per month and drew checks accordingly. When the checks are presented, there will be a serious overdraft for I was in debt and took for granted I could depend upon your cable that you would adjust my salary from April 1942. Fortunately I am the only person on the University of Nanking staff to be involved at this time.

May I make a request? We have many worries these days and I cannot waste time or energy on my own salary - and yet like others I have to count on money to live. In the first place, will you ask the Board of Founders to change their action and let the salaries of all University supported missionaries be paid from my office for the duration of the war. Please make the change effective from June 1943. In other words, beginning with June 1943 the field treasurer will pay all University Western staff in China. At present this includes Margaret Turner - when she returns from furlough - and myself. I am paying Lossing Buck, but we do not consider he is one of the Board of Founders' supported missionaries - his salary comes from field funds. In my own case it means you need not be troubled to deposit anything further to my bank account after June 1, 1943, but please adjust all that is due me from April 1942 to June 1, 1943. You will continue to pay the insurance premiums.

The second point will be decision as to the amount of salary to be paid to the staff. It is rather pathetic that we must wait about a year for any action from you - these days we may all starve in the meantime! I realize you are far away and do not have to face our problems so it must seem of no great importance to you or the Founders, but it becomes a very vital question to the few people who are dependent upon your decisions and actions. If the wheels could turn a bit more rapidly we would be happier. There are four cooperating missions in the University - every one has taken action to provide for their mission members more adequately than has been done by the University board. Will the Board of Founders take action authorizing me to pay salaries according to the average paid by the four Boards? At this time the United Christian Missionary Society is the highest and the Methodist the lowest - the Baptist and Presbyterians are more nearly the average, and if they have found it is necessary to give their missionaries a definite amount of increase to meet living expenses, you may rest assured the rest of us cannot manage on less. Even the London Missionary Society (who have always paid very low salaries) missionaries receive considerably more per month than either the University or Ginling College.

I realize this practically reverses the actions taken by the Board of Founders in 1941, but in the last two years there has not been any evidence as far as I know, to show any interest in the field group - we have never received a single individual word or even a Christmas message.

What have you done about furlough salary for Margaret Turner - it appears as an adjustment to August 31, 1942. Does this mean you have not paid her regularly?

Now that I have written all this about the University of Nanking, may I apply the same plan for Ginling College? All Ginling salaries are paid in China any way - fortunately for them, but according to your recommendation, they are wretchedly paid and are having a very hard time to try and exist on US\$108. per month - I have written to you several times but you pay no attention to our requests. If you will authorize an average salary, I will be in touch with the various missions cooperating in Ginling and will adjust their salaries accordingly.

I much prefer to have the Boards in New York take the responsibility to fix the salaries, but when you let months pass without consideration of the problem, I feel

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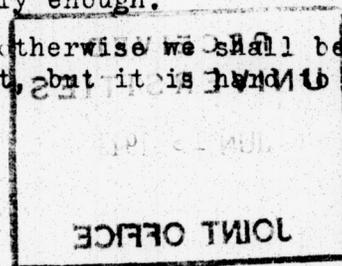
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Beginning today the campus went on Daylight Saving Time in order to save electricity for our bills were impossible. The city will not change so there are some complications, but as far as the campus is concerned it works smoothly enough.

You had better give me a reply to this letter by cable - otherwise we shall be upset for everyone needs money. I may cable you before May 1st, but it is hard to give facts in a cable of 25 words.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest
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Chengtou, Szechuen
April 15, 1948.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
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Dear Mr. Evans:

This month we have come to the end of the tuition fees and field balances so have drawn heavily against balances in your hands to meet expenses for April. Lately we have been transferring through cable for both Cheeloo University and Yenching University, but your cable informed me this method was out now, so I had to think of some other way of drawing for the two institutions - we have no drafts or checks for them.

Therefore I have borrowed checks from University of Nanking, using the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. checks which can be sold through Central Bank of China. I cabled you to be prepared to meet the first one, but will repeat in this letter to be sure you have the facts:

Checks drawn on University of Nanking, Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co

No. 1526	- for Y.W.C.A (against their balance in bank)	US\$ 2,000.
1527	- 1/2 for Yenching, 1/2 for Cheeloo	20,000.
1532	- Joint funds appropriation in full	15,000.
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1531	- Yenching University	10,000.
1533	- University of Nanking	10,000.

This means you must deposit to the University of Nanking account, Paid 6/19/43

From Yenching University	US\$20,000. - 10,000. Dep 5/11/43	
From Cheeloo University	10,000. - Dep 5/11/43	
From Joint Funds (Sustaining)	15,000. - Dep 6/21/43	

and of course take care of the 10,000. for University of Nanking check. Paid 6/19/43 No. 7803

Besides the above we drew a check on the West China Union University account in Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. for US\$30,000. Be ready to meet this check when it appears -- all through Central Bank of China. Sustaining Fund Paid 6/19/43 No. 3982

I am worried over Yenching University - I asked you by cable to tell me how much money they had available - you have not sent any reply or any statement to me, and it's hard to keep that group within budgets. There is no person in their administration who has had any experience dealing with finances and it seems hard for them to come to the realization that there may be a limit to the funds available. But until you give me some backing, I am helpless

Next month we shall draw about the same amounts - perhaps more for Nanking and at least 10,000. for Ginling College. I am not looking forward to August with any anticipated joy - how can we pay salaries that month?

If the sustaining funds are delayed until the end of the calendar year, could you arrange with the various boards of trustees to let us draw in advance all other funds for the entire year (between July and December 1943)? That might prove the solution. Let me know definitely so we can plan accordingly.

Just now we are re-figuring the budgets on the basis of the calendar year - in order to present a petition to the government for an exchange subsidy, and when finished will send you copies for your information.

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Sincerely yours,
Edwin M. Tippet

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Treasurer's Office
University of Nanking
April 26, 1943

Mr. Charles H. Corbett
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifty Avenue, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Corbett:-

In your last letter to the presidents, you asked for a list for all the staff members connected with the institutions. We had just prepared a list of our staff to be presented to the UCR Faculty Aid Committee and I am making the liberty of including a copy for your information. This divides the staff according to rank and gives information concerning their dependents. You may not need all these facts, but on the other hand they will do no great harm. From page 4 is the list of staff who rank below the instructors. Most of them are younger staff members who are just beginning as assistants/instructors or staff assistants in various departments. On page 7, we have included the staff of the Nanking Theological Seminary who are closely affiliated with the University of Nanking. They are such a small group that in reporting for Faculty Aid, for rice, or various other subsidies, it has become more or less the custom to include them with the list for the University of Nanking. We have also listed the western staff who are now connected with the University. I believe this will give you the full information concerning our faculty and staff.

Your second request was for the Board of Directors in China. Since we have been in West China, we have not called a regular meeting of the full Board of Directors, but have made use of the Emergency Executive Committee which was appointed in 1938 by a majority corresponding vote of the Board of Directors. This committee has taken the place of the former Board of Directors during these years we have been in Chengtu. Membership is as follows:

- Dr. S.N. Cheer, chairman (dean of the College of Medicine, Central University representing University of Nanking alumni)
- Dr. A.H. Cressy, representing Baptist Board
- Bishop W.Y. Chen, representing Methodist Board (alternate Dr. F.P. Jones)
- Mr. Luther Shao, representing United Christian Missionary Society
- Mr. A. T. Roy, representing Presbyterian Board
- Pres. G.G. Chen and Miss Elsie Priest, ex-officio members.

As soon as the war ends, we shall have the board re-organized with full representation once more. We are still sending the information to all the members of the original board as far as it is possible to find them. For the time being, this committee, as listed above, will continue to serve.

I have collected a few pictures which may be of some use to you in the publicity work concerning the University. As a matter of fact, some of these pictures concern Ginling College, but they are all labelled on the back. We appreciate all the letters you send us with the information of activities at home. We feel very much cut off these days and depend very much on your letters. We hope you will send us full reports of the May meeting and keep us informed of the trend of thought among the administrative group in America.

Very sincerely yours,
Elsie M. Priest
Elsie M. Priest.
Treasurer.

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. C.A. Evans
0 Fifth Avenue
w York, N. Y.

May 25, 1943

Dear Mr. Evans:

Early in the month we received word from Dr. Kung that orders had been given to allow all missions and philanthropic funds to receive an exchange subsidy of 50%. Immediately, Dr. Fenn cabled to you advising that this had been passed, but I have not written until I was sure of the procedure and the way it would work for all the schools. Yesterday, Mr. Small was cabling you and I asked him to include a sentence as follows: "CENTRAL BANK INSTRUCTS FUNDS CABLES CHASE NATIONAL NOT BANK CHINA"

According to Dr. Kung, the order was effective from May 1st. We had sent checks to Chungking which totalled US\$45,000. covering University of Nanking \$20,000, Ginling College 10,000 and Yenching University 15,000. Our letter was dated April 28th and Dr. Kung gave us the information on May 3rd. Immediately, we sent an application to receive the additional 50% on this remittance and after ^{waiting} impatiently for three weeks, the money came two days ago. This is the first time that any mission funds have received the benefit of this exchange subsidy.

Mr. Kwok, general manager of the Central Bank, has written me quite fully about the procedure and I am quoting but one as it deals with cable funds.

"Your procedure of sending us checks for collection in New York is acceptable as usual. We would, however, suggest that in future your New York Office sending your funds better through the Chase National Bank to us under General License 75. Upon advise from the said bank we shall notify our Chengtu Branch to credit your account with whatever due to you including the Government subsidy of 50%."

You will note he states very definitely that all funds to be cabled to the field must come under General License 75 through the Chase National Bank. Otherwise, we shall not receive the subsidy from the government. This is in accordance with my conversation with Dr. Kung. When I asked him if it would be possible to receive the subsidy from the Bank of China drafts, his reply indicated that for the present the Central Bank was the only bank authorized to give this subsidy. I am quite sure in time the Bank of China will receive the same privilege as it is the designated bank to deal with foreign exchange. The government is making a point of the fact that this 50% is an exchange subsidy and not a change in the rate. West China Union University has two remittances from the American Women's Hospital - one for US\$600. and one for US\$1,000 - both cabled through the Bank of China. Yesterday, we sent them to the Central Bank in Chungking as test cases. If they accept them, it will make the problem much easier.

Mr. Kwok is ready to accept our checks on the Central Hanover Bank & Trust and will grant this exchange subsidy against them. The rate we receive is 29.17 and of course, it is a great help to all the institutions. May I call your attention once more to the fact that I have no way of drawing funds for Cheeloo University and Yenching University, except through the checks of the University of Nanking. I understand the checks are presented to you for payment and you will note we write in the lower corner the name of the school. At the same time, I will write you a letter each time we draw checks for our friends. It is not entirely satisfactory, but I feel handicapped to know how to handle their funds in any other way. In addition to Cheeloo University and Yenching University, I have drawn some checks for the Y.W.C.A. and the American Board Mission. I am sending you a list of all the checks we have drawn this year and wish you would check it over and see that the University of Nanking is properly reimbursed. If you know of any other way to handle these remittances, I shall be glad to follow your suggestions. If we cable for funds, it is more costly for each institution.

In the future, please do not cable me the small balances, but send the cable indicating that you have deposited this amount in the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. for the account of University of Nanking. Please give me the details of each item in the same way that you have in the past. As soon as I receive your cable, I will draw a check and sell it through the Central Bank. In this

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way, we can assure our friends of receiving the subsidy from the government. This reminds me that I ~~sent~~^{have} one remittance in the last cable which is unclaimed so far. It is the "John Howard Nichols Scholarship US\$100." To whom should I pay this money?

We have just received the second grant from the British Relief Funds. West China received £2,000. and the rest of the schools £1,200. The government allows the additional subsidy which gives us a rate of 118.76 per pound. This money is a help and I am trying very hard to save it to apply on 1943-1944. All the presidents have agreed to this policy and unless we run short next month, we shall try to balance this year with the available funds without touching this grant.

During these days I shall send you a report from the field standpoint of the funds and balances for each institution. This will be a guide for the closing at the end of June. I am sure you will make the usual effort to send me the statements as early as possible after June 30th. I shall appreciate if you will send either University of Nanking or Ginling College a letter earlier. It makes no great difference as I will complete the set of books according to the statement that has arrived. If everything goes well this year, I hope Mr. Small will handle West China closing. I shall do the other four schools. With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest
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Chengtu, Szechuen
May 28, 1943.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards, New York.

Dear Mr. Evans;

I have just received word from the Central Bank that they will grant us a "blanket" application privilege for our group here. I will prepare this type application to cover the following institutions:

Cheeloo University
University of Nanking
Yenching University
Church of Christ in China

Ginling College
West China Union University
Nanking Theological Seminary
possibly Y.W.C.A. and the
American Board Mission

Mr. Kwok has also informed me that we may apply on this same application for small individual checks so I feel the whole situation is well covered for our group. I was anxious to secure a blanket application instead of having to be troubled with individual applications each time, and this will make the matter quite easy to handle. I understand it has been arranged that the missions must go through the N.C.C. office but that would be a fearful nuisance to our offices and so I have arranged this way.

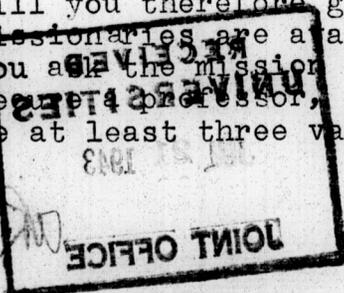
There is another matter which I have been intending to call to your attention. Last November we released Dr. William P. Fenn for practically full time as the representative of the Associated Boards. He is one of the regular appointed representatives of the Presbyterian Board to the University of Nanking, so the contribution for his services to the work of the Associated Boards comes entirely from the University of Nanking. We are glad to help in any way that is possible but it is rather hard on the College of Arts to make this sacrifice for it is a very real sacrifice in the teaching schedule. We are much handicapped to find anyone to head up the Department of Foreign Languages especially in the absence of Dr. Fenn. When he accepted it was with the understanding that you would send immediately, or secure on the field, some person to take his place. Nothing was done and as far as I know you have taken no steps to make good this promise to the University of Nanking.

As we face a serious shortage in this department (English) will you please see what can be done? Miss Lucy Wiatt has given half time this past year and is leaving July 1st for India - (she was loaned by the Baptist Mission) and Miss Susie Mayes has been serving for two years under the Methodist Mission. She is planning to leave if one of their own middle schools reopens in Chungking this autumn. That will mean we shall have no representative from the Methodist Mission here. We realize it is difficult to secure a person from home but could you press the mission boards to pay us an adequate amount to enable us to engage someone in China? To give us US\$600. or even US\$1200. per year for a vacancy means little these days - even for a Chinese professor we must pay on an average US\$100. per month and you may know that several mission boards have now arranged to allow US\$5.00 per day for missionaries. Even then we shall not be able to do anything more than pay for food. Many of us are trying to exist (and it is merely existence these days) on far less.

Will you therefore give this matter very serious and immediate attention. If missionaries are available to send to us, we shall welcome them but if not, will you ask the mission boards to pay in cash an equivalent that is adequate to send a professor, or a refugee missionary, to fill the position. There will be at least three vacancies in English Department this fall - probably five.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer M. Priest



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May 29, 1943.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans;

During the past few days we have sent you from Ginling College, University of Nanking and West China Union University a statement showing the expenditures against the appropriations for 1942-1943 to this date in order to facilitate settlement at the close of the fiscal year. Last night as I was thinking over the various institutions, ~~it~~ I realized that I had left out one important item in all three institutions - the account N. 31 representing all items paid by your office in New York and chargeable to the current appropriation of this year. Of course we intend to cover these items and it was only my own stupidity that it was overlooked. I was thinking of items we had used on the field and neglected to take into consideration items paid in New York. There is ample balance in all schools to cover these items and still meet the drafts as proposed - but I mention the point in this letter for fear there may be some confusion.

On May 31st I am sending to the Central Bank the following:

✓Ginling College - check on Central Hanover B & T	US\$15,000 00	7/20/42
✓University of Nanking	" 40,000 00	7/20/42
✓Yenching University	" Univ. of Nanking check 10,000 00	7/20/42
✓Cheeloo University	" " 15,000 00	7/20/42
✓West China Un University probably	20,000 00	7/20/42

Please be prepared to meet these checks and refund to the University of Nanking the two items of US\$25,000 00 for Cheeloo and Yenching.

I have just received your letter enclosing the minutes of the Finance Committee of Ginling College in which you propose an increase of another 50% salary for the Western Staff members effective January 1943. I suppose you mean 50% of the original salary or US\$36.00. I understand you will let me know if this has gone through the Board so I may make it available to the staff. At least two of the group are very much in need of a vacation and rest away from the heat of Chengtu. There has been no money to manage a summer vacation for anyone but if this is passed, I think it will be enough to send these two - at least - to one of the mountains for necessary rest. If it does not go through - well I suppose the college can face the possibility of heavy medical bills and substitute teachers which never makes sense to me. The Methodist Board has just cabled us that all single women will be paid US\$5.00 per day - at the new exchange rate of 29.17 - which is about right for the moment. For those less than this amount, it means trying to sell clothing or belongings to meet the daily expenses. Our food alone does not cost quite US\$5.00 per day but there are such heavy demands on all of us. To give one egg and one cup of milk to a student with T.B. or a young staff costs C\$250. per month - there are eleven cases that have to receive help. There is no money in University funds now so a few of us are trying to help these less fortunate people but I can assure you it is not easy. I give this only as an example to show you that we cannot be expected to exist on enough to buy one bowl of rice and continue to do effective work without something to help on cases of need.

Very few people will be able to afford a summer vacation and many have been on this plain for three and four successive years without a single break - but for those who are on the edge of a physical breakdown, I consider it is essential and only good planning for any institution to meet the expenses through a salary that is adequate. The nearest mountain resort will cost approximately five to six thousand dollars for the two months. If I do not hear from you by the end of June - or say the 20th of June - I will cable for definite instructions concerning the Ginling staff. Meanwhile I am practically promising that this regulation will go through the Board - it helps to keep people from worrying!

Sincerely yours,

Edwin M. Priest

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May 29, 1943

Ms. C. A. Evans,
New York.
Dear Mr. Evans;

During the past few days we have sent you from Gaining College, University of Nanjing and West China Union University a statement showing the expenditures against the appropriations for 1942-1943 to this date in order to facilitate settlement at the close of the fiscal year. Last night as I was thinking over the various institutions, it realized that I had left out one important item in all three institutions - the account of the representative items paid by your office in New York and chargeable to the current appropriation of this year. Of course we intend to cover these items and it was only my own stupidity that it was overlooked. I was thinking of items we had used on the field and neglected to take into consideration items paid in New York. There is ample balance in all schools to cover these items and still meet the drafts as proposed - but I mention the point in this letter for fear there may be some confusion.

On May 21st I am sending to the Central Bank the following:

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West China Union University probably	"	Univ. of Nanjing	check on Central Hanover B & T
Shiao University	"	"	"
Yenching University	"	"	"
University of Nanjing	"	"	"
Gaining College - check on Central Hanover B & T	"	"	"

Please be prepared to meet these checks and return to the University of Nanjing the two items of US\$25,000.00 for Cheeoo and Yenching. I have just received your letter enclosing the minutes of the Finance Committee of Gaining College in which you propose an increase of another 50% salary for the "Western staff members effective January 1943. I suppose you mean 50% of the original salary of US\$30.00. I understand you will let me know if this has gone through the Board so I may make it available to the staff. At least two of the Group are very much in need of a vacation and rest away from the heat of Chengtu. There has been no money to manage a summer vacation for anyone but if this is passed, I think it will be enough to send these two - at least - to one of the mountains for necessary rest. If it does not go through - well I suppose the college can face the possibility of heavy medical bills and substitute teachers which never makes sense to me. The Methodist Board has just called us that all single women will be paid US\$5.00 per day - at the new exchange rate of 29.17 - which is about right for the moment. For those less than this amount, it means trying to sell clothing or belongings to meet the daily expenses. Our food alone does not cost quite US\$1.00 per day but there are such heavy demands on all of us. To give one egg and one cup of milk to a student with U.S. or a young staff costs US\$250. per month - there are eleven cases that have to receive help. There is no money in University funds now so a few of us are trying to help these less fortunate people but I can assure you it is not easy. I give this only as an example to show you that we cannot be expected to exist on enough to buy one bowl of rice and continue to do effective work without something to help on cases of need.

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Sincerely yours,
C. A. Evans

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July 6, 1943

Miss Elsie M. Priest
Chengt'u, Szechwan
CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

A long letter from you dated March 13th came to hand the day after the meeting of the Ginling College Board. It was also just too late to report in detail regarding the fire in the Yenching dormitory.

First of all, may I refer to the various items which you cover:

Deposits for Y. W. C. A. In addition to the deposits quoted in your letter of March 13th, the following were also made:

\$500.00 each in March, April and May, as well as June and July.

\$200.00 in April.

It is our understanding that this situation developed through the request of the General Secretary in China and that Miss Monarloff is the one with whom you transact business.

The question has arisen as to the possibility of securing the exchange grant provided by the Chinese Government for the Y. W. C. A. It is our understanding that the Y. W. C. A. intends to deposit \$500.00 a month and this is done under General License #75 under which our bank accounts are likewise carrying on. With the new exchange grant, quite naturally the Y. W. C. A. is anxious to secure its share of the income and I trust you will let us know at once how the account is working.

Bank Accounts. Statements from the bank accounts are being made out and will be forwarded to you with the monthly reports. We have been sending a list of the checks, but obviously that is insufficient.

American Board Funds. This \$6,000 has caused us no end of embarrassment and trouble. Our Treasurer would not allow the funds to be drawn from the Hanking account and we were required to wait until after the Annual Meeting of the Board when Mr. Corbett was appointed an Assistant Treasurer, and then the funds were transferred from the University of Hanking to the Associated Boards account which permitted the clearance of the item—the final payment being made on June 30th. It required a special trip of Dr. Wu, Yi-fang to Washington to get the matter straightened out from that end and now that the transaction is completed, please do not get us in another.

Fire at Yenching. The cable regarding the fire in the Yenching Dormitory for women staff came to hand, but your added report clarifies the matter still further. The news was reported to the Yenching Trustees at once, but as no dependable figures were available as to the losses involved, no action was taken. Approaches have been made, however, to the Methodist Board to restore the property but no action has been recorded by that Board.

The Cost of Living. Your statement regarding the cost of living came at a most

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opportune time and same was presented to the Nanking Board at its meeting on the 10th of May.

Here in America we are bound very largely by agreements and understandings with other relief agencies and we cannot work in the unhampered manner which we would like, however, you know by this time the understanding regarding income for next year and may I say that we are working with more confidence and assurance than that displayed by the members of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards or of the Trustees of any other Board. We are determined that insofar as possible the lifeline to China will be kept open and funds will be made available to the best of our ability.

I am grateful for your taking care of the cablegram which was sent from our office and wish only to add that it is our desire insofar as possible to share with you the burdens and trials insofar as it can be done, which we know is far too little.

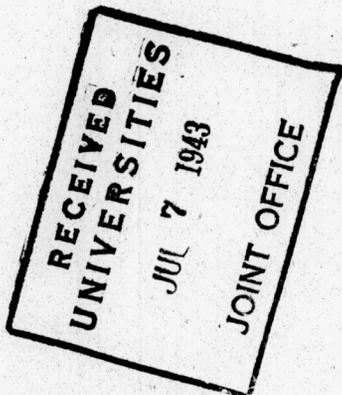
May the good Lord be with you and sustain you in all things.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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August 2, 1943

Miss Elsie M. Priest
Chengt'u, Szechwan
CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

Your letter of April 15th referred chiefly to the checks being drawn against various bank accounts and the request to deposit certain funds in the University of Nanking account. As a result may I report the following deposits in the University of Nanking account:

- From Yenching University \$10,000.00 deposited May 11th.
- " " " \$10,000.00 " June 18th.
- " Shantung Christian University \$10,000.00 deposited June 11th.
- " Joint Funds \$15,000.00 deposited June 21st.
- " University of Nanking \$10,000.00 deposited June 19th.

We also deposited \$30,000.00 on June 19th to the West China Union University account.

Your question regarding Yenching brings before me the trials we have faced in endeavoring to meet the present situation, while at the same time keeping within bounds on the Yenching Board appropriation. I have been told that expenditures must be limited to the bulk appropriation of the University and that while, in general, restrictions must be placed upon the expenditure program, yet the ardor and enthusiasm of the group must be maintained. As a result one of Mr. Corbett's letters dwelt largely upon the necessity for care of expenditures with the hope that this would reach to the conscience of the entire group. I am not so sure that it is an effective method and have, therefore, adopted the plan of stating definitely the total appropriations which are approved by the Board and limiting expenditures within these amounts. Thus, it is that for 1943-44 the Trustees appropriations for the Chengtu unit, including the Harvard-Yenching appropriation for cultural work, the Princeton-Yenching Foundation appropriation for the College of Applied Social Sciences and the regular income from Endowment Funds will be \$45,000. The appropriation from the Woman's College will be \$15,000. The amount voted in Sustaining Funds is \$105,000, of which 50% is underwritten and the balance to be secured.

We hope you will be able to give us the re-figured budgets on the basis of the calendar year and, if possible, expenditures on the same basis.

Mission

As I am now in the process of endeavoring to get the Boards to increase their appropriations and personnel, it would seem inadvisable for us to make other approaches about passing appropriations in advance. However, on the basis of funds we have on hand and the knowledge you will have of the appropriations for the year, it would seem in order for you to make such drafts as are essential for carrying on the work and we will make the adjustments in our office. There are sizable balances

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in all of the Colleges due to either Accounts Payable or regular reserve field funds, and there is no reason why the cash cannot be used to be later replaced.

Gradually, we are getting the upper hand of the mass of detail which came about through the spring meetings and we hope to be in closer touch with you from month to month.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Accounting Office

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August 16, 1943

Miss Elsie M. Priest
Chongtu, Szechwan
CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

Your letter of April 12th came to hand and has been checked by our Accounting Office and returned to me for final disposition. On two occasions during the past week I have endeavored to make a reply but have cast it aside for other correspondence which I could answer with more facility and understanding.

Primarily, may I say that I have discussed with the Treasurer of the Nanking Board your request to rescind the action which was taken regarding the payment of salaries. I have also discussed it with two other members of the Ginling and Nanking Boards and I am sure that in no case would either one of these Boards rescind the action which was taken, which naturally referred to normal conditions. It is recognized by all that under prevailing circumstances we could not pay the foreign salaries from America and you are authorized to proceed on that basis until there is some sort of stability restored, and that more normal conditions prevail in faculty relationships. The action back of paying salaries from our office was fundamental and nothing will be created or changed by a reversal of that action at the present time.

As regards to foreign staff members an immediate cable was sent to you when action was taken and, if you received same, there is no cause for the comments in your letter of April 12th.

As the staff is largely absent from the office this morning, I cannot secure the exact dates of cables, letters and actions, but in one of our discussions we had the presence and good judgment of Dr. Wu to help us.

Margaret Turner has been paid on the furlough basis of \$100.00 per month, but has received nothing since we remitted to her for her salary to May 1st. We then gave her \$600.00 travel allowance, which was the amount that she requested, and as she has left England you will be compelled to make adjustments from what appears to be the 15th of July. Anyway, the letter she wrote me informing me of her sailing was dated July 15th. We did not pay her salary after May 1st as we did not know whether she had embarked or not. It is quite possible that you will get some call from her from India asking for aid.

Regarding your own salary, I find that on June 18th our Accounting Office deposited adjustments of your salary from April 1, 1942 to June 1, 1943 amounting to \$760.00. I do not know that you are getting reports from your bank, and the only ones we receive are acknowledgments for our deposits. As they have been informed that we are making regular deposits on the account, there is no reason for their not getting in touch with our office in case of any discrepancies in the account. However, I will write a letter requesting that a statement of the balance of the account be sent to you or to be forwarded to us to be included in our mail.

I am sorry that no Christmas messages came through to you, but we have evidence that a cable was sent requesting that all of the Universities be notified of our deep and abiding interest in this work of the Kingdom and I am greatly chagrined that it was not

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Miss Priest

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distributed. We did not send individual cables to the Colleges as such messages are prohibited here in America and there was a desire to save money by avoiding duplication.

I wish I could take time to write periodically and go into the details of our activities here, which, I am quite sure, would help greatly in estimating the kind of things we encounter at this end. There would be no sense in any of you staying on the field were not the major portion of our waking minutes spent in an effort to secure funds for the on-going budgets of the Colleges—but, I have not done this for many reasons which are too numerous to indulge in at the present time.

Finally, may I say that the action of the Nanking and Ginling Boards has put it in the hands of those in authority in China to make such adjustments as are necessary for foreign staff. I am constrained to say that on the same day your letter of April 12th came to hand, I received one from Fukien, which has received less attention and far less funds than either Nanking or Ginling, and it served as a counter-balance to your letter. In that case, I feel greatly chagrined that I have not paid more personal attention to their requirements.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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August 19, 1943

Miss Elsie M. Priest
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

Your letter of May 28th deals further with the exchange proposition which, I believe, is working satisfactorily at the present time. Before you receive this letter, however, conditions will change materially as the newspapers of America carried news that the Stabilization Fund is to expire automatically and not be renewed. What this will do is a question. I am trying to get the answer here in America.

The Presbyterian Board paid us \$920.84 last year as a ratio of vacancy for Dr. Fenn and this is being made available to you outside of the budget. They consider that there was only one vacancy at Nanking last year. Now, however, that the Buck situation is cleared there will be another one. The others of the five staff members are the Thomsons, Miss Shannon and Dr. Daniels.

The Methodist Board has been paying for two vacancies and presumably there should be five on the staff. We understood that Miss Susie Mayes was appointed by the Bishop to the Nanking staff; whereas, the Women's Division does not participate with the University. No questions have been raised because of unsettled conditions and a desire on the part of the Methodist Board to help wherever possible.

I am addressing a memorandum to the Methodist Board setting forth the essentials in your request and will let you know the outcome.

In regard to salary adjustments, because of increased costs, all of the Mission Boards have had campaigns to cover emergency expenses. The Presbyterian Board tells me that to gain any additional amount from Presbyterian funds, application should be made to the Mission on the field, or such agency, or committee handling war emergency funds. They are not making adjustments here in America.

Part of our program for 1943-44 is to forcefully present the claims of the Colleges in a larger participation of both personnel and cash contributions. We cannot secure the total amount of our proposed budgets unless the Mission Boards too, accept full responsibility and do their share.

May I report on the receipt of the Project Report Sheet for Ginling College. This came to hand and is now performing valuable service as a succinct presentation of the work of Ginling College.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Miss Priest:

Your letter of May 29th came to hand altogether too late to be of any use in closing the books, but I am glad to have it in hand as it gives us advance information regarding the various deposits required.

I felt sure that you would realize that no consideration had been given to our cash disbursement sheets during the year in the setting up of our cash reconciliations. We realized, however, that these accounts would be taken on to your books before the actual closing was accomplished. The checks, which you have listed, were properly protected by the following vouchers:

Ginling College	U. S. \$15,000.00	Voucher 1635
University of Nanking	40,000.00	" 7827
Yenching University	9,145.95	" 10749
Women's College	854.05	" 736
Cheeloo University	15,000.00	" 871
West China Union University	20,000.00	" 3992

You have had other information regarding the advance of the salary - it being on the practical basis of a 100% increase, but to cover requirements in any event.

The latter part of your letter deals with the increase in cost of commodities and expenses incidental thereto -- all of which are out of date at the present time if we are to believe telegraphic reports as well as reports from those who have flown through in record time.

We sincerely trust that it has not been necessary to secure teachers on account of undernourishment as that certainly does not pay if we are looking at it from the pure dollar and cents situation and neither does it "make sense to me."

I am convinced that the furlough question is at the head of the priority list not alone for your good sake, but for that of all of the staff members at Chengtu who have been so overworked. The question arises as to who will stand at the head of the list. I certainly am hoping that you will be able to get out and that you will come prepared for a good long furlough. I never did approve of you trotting back to the field after six months in the United States when you were here the last time. I am serious about this and I am only reflecting the desires of both Ginling and Nanking Boards in bringing this about as soon as possible. I am constantly told that a person cannot continue from year to year without some respite from a continuous drive and if it applies to me, it applies to you even with greater force. When the Boards meet in the fall, I shall bring this matter up and see if there is not some way in which we can get priorities to be of assistance in this most essential project.

Most sincerely yours,

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August 23, 1943

Miss Elsie Priest,
Nanking University,
Chengtou, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

Your letter of April 28th took exactly two months in transmission. It was very welcome as were also the enclosures. The list of the teaching and administrative staff and their dependents is just the kind of document which gives us a solid foundation for an intelligent presentation of the cause of the Colleges. Photographs are always welcome, and so was the Nanking University pennant.

During the last few weeks I have been devoting such time as I could spare from other duties, in studying the treasurers' reports from China, in order to prepare the kind of reports required by U.C.R. In this way I have become acquainted with the fine work you are doing and I admire the business-like way the treasurer's work is carried on. I have asked Dr. Fenn to communicate to the several treasurers the categories which U.C.R. asks us to use in classifying the income of the Colleges, but I might as well repeat them here, for mail does many queer things. The five categories applied to income are as follows:-

1. Income from the Chinese Government (National and Provincial)
2. Income from Private Sources in China (including student fees)
3. U.S.A. Income Other than U.C.R. (Including income from Endowment, Mission Boards, Foundations, etc.)
4. Income from Countries Other than U.S.A. and China (Great Britain and Canada)
5. Total Amount from U.C.R.

Though the treasurers have not been notified in advance that income should be classified in this way, I have found it possible in most cases to analyze the 1941-42 accounts according to this schedule, but usually in each account there are a couple of items that puzzle me, because income from various sources has been lumped together and it is difficult to separate it again. In such cases I make the best analysis I can and indicate in a foot-note that there is a certain amount of uncertainty in this item. U.C.R. has been well pleased with the reports so far rendered, because it has relieved their anxiety in regard to one important question, namely, whether the missions and foundations were getting out from under the Colleges and transferring the burden to U.C.R. We have been able to show that this is not so.

You will see at once that it is important to credit the Missions with their full contribution, both in cash and personnel. In some cases such figures probably must be a composite product, because you can scarcely be expected in Chengtu to have all the facts about what the Missions are paying out for interned, repatriated or furloughed members of the College staffs. But if we can have the field figures for Mission contributions in personnel in a little fuller form, so that we may know exactly who have been counted and at what rate, then we can add whatever sums may be necessary to make the picture complete.

I think we are fortunate that U.C.R. is asking such reasonable questions and not insisting on a total change in the set-up of our books. At first they tried to get from us statements based on the calendar rather than the academic year, but we explained that it would be very difficult for us to shift over, and they did not insist. Our relations with U.C.R. are extremely cordial, and one reason is the high quality of the financial reports from the field. If U.C.R. does not give us all we ask for, it is only because they do not have enough money to meet all demands.

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Miss Elsie Priest

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August 23, 1943

We know you are are burdened with a load of anxiety, and wish we could help to relieve the strain. You may be sure that the utmost will be done here to keep the Colleges going. Having endured six years of war, you certainly are not going to be abandoned now. We are determined to see you through!

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Charles H. Corbett

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Chengtu, Szechuen China
September 17, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans;

Thank you very much for the adjustment of salaries for the Western staff. I was beginning to feel the situation was quite desperate and as we did not receive any cable as stated in several letters, the word has just now reached the field. Immediately I gave the Ginling College staff the adjustment as voted and it has brought relief to them for the time being. Many of the Chinese staff were receiving considerably more per month than our Western staff even although we find it is almost essential to supplement food - and even one egg is now 4.00.

You have been generous to the University of Nanking staff - it puts our salary on the same basis as the Presbyterian mission. I am accepting the change gladly for there are so many things to replace that the future is appalling. Today I do not feel I shall have the courage to start and re-furnish a house and re-equip bedding etc. If the war ever ends so I can go home, I shall consider very seriously allowing someone else to have the joys of picking up the threads.

For the present I am taking in cash from the office 114.80 (120. less personal insurance 5.20) and will ask you to adjust the balance of 80.00 per month from time to time to meet my obligations at home. You paid the full salary to June 1st. Will you be good enough to make the following adjustment? Please deposit to my account:

June through October 1943 - 5 months at 80.	400 00
Send to my mother, Mrs. Homer Farnum Priest, 54 Washington Street, Keene, New Hampshire	<u>100 00</u>
Send to Cheshire National Bank, Keene, N.H. bal. \$	300 00

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This will clear my personal account to November 1943 and I will send you word later about the next few months. I have refunded to the university the money that had to be borrowed to live last year and shall try to meet the monthly needs from the funds I draw here - if it proves insufficient, I will sell funds through my own personal checks. I have obligations at home which are seriously in arrears and hope during the next few months to catch up a bit.

We are living very simply. I am not quite sure that it is not too simple. There is a limit in being economical as the man discovered when he had convinced his horse to live on sawdust.

I am going to Chungking the end of this month for a couple of weeks - some of our alumni are anxious to have a meeting and the president wants me to go down to meet with them. They are also ~~so thoughtful~~ very thoughtful about the need for a little change - the work is heavy and I have little chance for a rest. I expect to return about October 10th. The planes are running only every two weeks these days.

Sincerely yours,

Elie M. Priest

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September 17, 1943.

Mr. Carl A. Evans,
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Dear Mr. Evans;

You will find enclosed the first set of Reports for the Regents of the State of New York for the University of Nanking. This soft paper is hard to work on but I believe it is all clear enough for you to copy in your office. Another complete set of both financial and statistical report will go forward by the mail next week. Please be sure to let us know if these reports fail to reach your office. Tomorrow I will mail the ones for Ginling College and in a day or two for Yenching University - I am asking Mr. Small to handle the one for West China Union University.

Cable from you the end of June: In several letters you refer to a cable you sent advising me of the change in salaries for western staff of Ginling College and the University of Nanking. This cable never reached me. In July I received a remittance amounting to Chinese \$ 68,866.00 through the Central Bank but to this date I have no knowledge of the sender. Did you send me some money to be distributed as usual. It may be something in China - but as I have not found the source or the purpose of the remittance, I am making inquiries. The bank has not given me any satisfactory reply as yet as to the source of the fund. You may not know that many organizations send their funds in my care and sometimes it is several weeks before I discover the person who owns the money - this may be such a case. In case you cabled the funds to me, please repeat. This would be around US\$2,300.

Cable regarding professor in Forestry: The cable concerning the new professor - John Edwin Corathers to represent the U.C.M.S. has just arrived in the absence of President Chen who is in Chungking attending the Political Council meeting of which he is a member. After careful checking with the Dean of the College of Agriculture and with members of the U.C.M.S. mission here we are sending a cable approving this appointment. Your letter of July 24th has not arrived yet. We are very weak in Forestry at this time and shall be glad to some help to build the department to a stronger position - of course, a young man without language is of little value to the department for the first three years but after that he ought to be of some assistance. I have hesitated personally on the whole future of the institution - who can know what the post-war plan will bring for us? But I presume that is lack of faith so I add my vote to the others in sending for him.

Closing for the year 1942-3: The last trial balance is off the books and I hope to have final statements finished in a few days. I will send you a letter about each institution and draw one final check to close out balances - that may be the clearest method of handling the closing as far as you are concerned. I have all my final statements and the work is nearly completed for all the schools. This year I am asking Mr. Small to handle the West China closing as he has been here two years now and may as well start to do it. I am doing the other four schools as usual. We have no serious deficits - although there are shortages in some departments that are proving a difficult problem. I long for either a lot of money or some wisdom.

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Drawing funds from New York: You know we have the arrangement with the Central Bank of China to draw our funds and receive the full exchange and subsidy. Even small personal checks are included as a favor to this campus and we have the unique privilege of receiving immediate credit for all checks presented - others wait four months for collection. You will know I have been using the University of Nanking checks on the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. for all the various organizations. It is a convenience to them and I have been very careful to make in the corner of each check "Yenching" "Cheelo" "Y.W.C.A." "American Board" Nanking Theological Seminary" etc. I realize it means you must see that these funds are collected and deposited to the University of Nanking account. I hope this is not too troublesome. There is no other way I can manage unless I have bank drafts - and cables are so costly if I must cable you every time we need any money. It is my plan to draw only once a month but occasionally needs come that necessitate more frequent drafts. Let me know if this plan is working satisfactorily for your end. We are only dealing with Central Bank of China - all checks go directly to them.

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State of New York
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Chengtu Szechuen China
September 20, 1943.

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JOHN B. COLE
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Will you please give the enclosed note to Dr. Wu?

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Sincerely yours,

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September 22, 1943.

Mr. Carl A. Evans,
Associated Boards, New York.

(See Budget in West China) ack 9/3/43

Dear Mr. Evans;

You will have received the cable from Dr. Fenn giving the totals for the budgets for the calendar year 1944. I am enclosing the summaries for each of the five institutions, showing the anticipated expenses less the income that may be termed "assured" and then giving the amount that is required for the year. You will see we have made no estimate of anticipated income for the sustaining funds from United China Relief sources.

May I say that we used the budgets for 1943-1944 as approved and in use at the present time as the basis for these figures. First of all we made a careful study of the probably cost index for the calendar year - and while it is most difficult to forecast the future, an attempt was made based on the experience of the past few years. The budget figures were increased by a definite formula and the same basis was used for all institutions - I worked out all the details and feel sure it gives as accurate a picture as is possible to forecast at this date.

After the figuring was accomplished the results were as follows:

Amount required by each institution before January 1, 1945:

Cheeloo University	C\$ 4,853,949 00
Ginling College	4,710,625 00
University of Nanking	15,693,952 00
West China Union University	13,428,466 00
Yenching University	6,193,786 00
Associated Chr. Univ. in W. China (joint)	<u>700,000 00</u>
Total	C\$ 45,580,778.00

I trust this does not seem too staggering a total - it is given as a fair estimate and we can give details for every item showing the exact amount of increase estimated and our reasons for the same. Meanwhile the cost of living continues to increase every day - is now 159 times the cost of 1937. (the index is 15927).

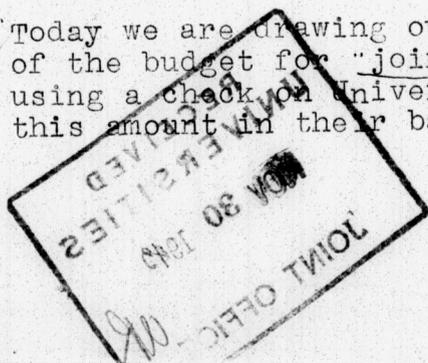
Except for Yenching University there has been no item of contingency included - in fact, in spite of the large amount, it represents a minimum expenditure for nearly all items.

Today we are drawing our check for US\$7,500 00 representing the first quarter of the budget for "joint" projects on the campus - the total is \$22,500. I am using a check on University of Nanking account, and will ask you to replace this amount in their bank account.

Sincerely yours,

Elvis M. Priest

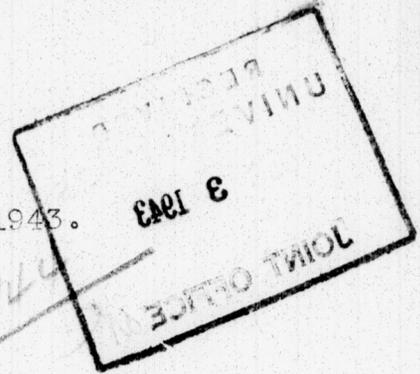
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CHENG TU, SZECHWAN, CHINA.



September 28, 1943.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards, New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:

For some time we have been thinking of the possibility of having a regular program - once a month or something like that - in the interests of the China Colleges over the San Francisco radio. They come over clearly and with our equipment we can re-broadcast so thousands of persons can hear the program. I do not know what is involved from your end - it may be a matter of expense. Before the Pacific war, the Presbyterian Church had a regular program from San Francisco and we listened in with great interest and appreciation. Is it practical for the China Colleges?

Our idea is not to make it exclusively for one institution but for all Christian education - in other words a program sponsored by the Associated Boards. In particular cases, special emphasis could be given to one school. For instance, Ginling College always observes Founders Day in early November and this year the plan is to have it emphasize and honor Mrs. Thurston and her work in establishing the college. Then on November 25th and 26th the University of Nanking is to have a special program to bring alumni together - we are calling it the anniversary of leaving our own campus for the sake of a name. It is not a very important occasion in the whole history of the institution, but if there was a regular program and a few minutes were given to the fact that we have completed six years in exile and are starting on the seventh - etc. it would be warmly welcomed.

President Chen intended to write about this program - the regular one for all the institutions as well as the specific one for the University of Nanking on November 26th Friday 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Chengtu time but he was rushed in leaving for the Peoples Political Council meeting in Chungking and I have been slow in sending you this information.

We have no way of knowing what is involved and if it is a question of funds, I would hesitate to attempt the plan. However there is so much being said and written these days about cultural relations between China and America and some efforts are being made to emphasize the programs of the colleges. This might be one way to bring in a bit of pleasant publicity that would be of help in post war planning. If you find there is any hope of doing this kind of program, let us know by cable when and how - (which station) and if it is feasible say a word about Un. of Nanking on November 26th - that will be the regular time for our weekly "out-door" campus moving picture and radio show.

I am running away for two weeks in Chungking. The excuse is a special meeting of the alumni members who were formerly regular members of the Board of Directors together with some friends of the institution, but the real reason is the need of a bit of rest. The machinery creaks a bit this autumn and some of the group felt I must get away for a bit of rest from the routine of my several offices. I shall be back long before this reaches you - expect to fly back on the 12th.

Sincerely yours,

Eric M. Priest

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Chongtu, Szechuen, Oct. 13, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans:

YESTERDAY I RETURNED FROM TWO WEEKS IN CHUNGKING TO FIND A LARGE MAIL FROM HOME - COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 15TH THROUGH AUGUST 28TH. THIS MAIL REACHED CHINA ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 8TH AND WAS OUR FIRST INCOMING MAIL FOR ABOUT A MONTH. OUR SERVICE FROM USA SEEMS A BIT BETTER THAN THE REVERSE. I HAVE NOT HAD TIME YET TO GO THROUGH ALL THE MAIL - SOMETHING OVER SIXTY INDIVIDUAL LETTERS, BUT HAVE GLANCED THROUGH YOUR LETTERS TO TRY AND CATCH THE HIGH POINTS THAT SHOULD HAVE IMMEDIATE REPLIES TO CATCH THE NEXT MAIL.

MAY I EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION OF ALL THE TIME AND CARE YOU HAVE TAKEN TO SEND US THE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS. ONE BY ONE I WILL SORT THEM OUT AND SEE THAT ALL QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED IN TIME. TONIGHT I AM ONLY TRYING TO GIVE A GENERAL STATEMENT AND TO TAKE UP ONE OR TWO SPECIFIC ITEMS.

IN YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 19TH YOU RAISE THE QUESTION OF FURLOUGHS - MAY I SAY A WORD IN CASE YOU ARE UNDULY TROUBLED OVER THIS QUESTIONS. IT IS TRUE IT IS NEARLY NINE YEARS SINCE I WAS HOME - AND THEN FOR A SHORT FURLOUGH - AND IN GENERAL I BELIEVE THIS IS VERY UNWISE PLANNING OF THE USE OF MISSION PERSONNEL. ON THE OTHER SIDE, I HAVE HAD AN EXCEPTIONAL HEALTH RECORD THROUGHOUT THE TWENTY ODD YEARS IN CHINA, AND PARTICULARLY DURING THIS PARTICULAR TERM, AND I DO NOT THINK THERE HAS BEEN ANY SERIOUS EFFECT TO ME PERSONALLY IN HAVING HAD A LONG TERM. I HAVE PROBABLY SHOWN IRRITATION WITH MY FELLOW WORKERS OR IN MY LETTERS - BUT PERHAPS THAT SHOULD NOT BE BLAMED ON A LONG TERM! I BELIEVE STRONGLY IN THE PRINCIPLE THAT FURLOUGHS SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN DUE AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THAT BELIEF THAT WE SENT MARGARET TURNER HOME ON HER FURLOUGH INSPITE OF SOME HESITATION ON THE PART OF SOME OF THE GROUP.

HAVING STATED CLEARLY MY PERSONAL BELIEF, LET ME STATE THE APPLICATION OF IT IN MY OWN CASE. I HAVE A PECULIAR POSITION IN WEST CHINA - I DO NOT REFER TO MY TREASURERSHIPS AND THEY ARE MANY AND VARIED - BUT TO THE WORK THAT MUST BE DONE "BEHIND CLOSED DOORS". THERE ARE MANY RELATIONSHIPS TO CULTIVATE IN THE WEST, EVEN AMONG OUR OWN GROUP, AND IT HAS FALLEN TO MY LOT TO HELP IN A SMALL WAY TO KEEP SOME OF THE SMALL HILLS FROM BECOMING MOUNTAINS. THE LAST YEAR OR TWO THE PROBLEMS HAVE NOT BEEN EASY - PRICES ARE HIGH, RENTS MAKE BUILDINGS AND SPACE VERY IMPORTANT CREATING UNTOLD WORRIES, AND AS THE WAR DRAGS ON THE NERVES OF ALL ARE WORN MAKING IT NECESSARY TO SMOOTH OUT ACTUAL AND IMAGINED WRONGS. I HAVE A SMALL SHARE IN ALL THIS TYPE OF THING - MORE DEFINITELY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING, BUT IN SOME MEASURE IN ALL INSTITUTIONS. (WHEN ONE OF THE STAFF OF P.U.M.C. CAME TO ME WITH HER TROUBLES A FEW WEEKS AGO, I WONDERED IF I HAD ENERGY ENOUGH TO TAKE ON ANOTHER SCHOOL.)

THEREFORE WHEN THE PRESIDENTS ASKED ME IF I WOULD BE WILLING TO STAY ON THE CAMPUS FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR, I PROMISED TO DO SO. IT IS NO MORE THAN MANY PEOPLE ARE DOING IN THE WAR EFFORT IN OTHER WAYS, AND I AM GLAD ENOUGH TO CONTINUE TO SERVE IN A SMALL WAY TO KEEP OUR INSTITUTIONS RUNNING. SO I AM HASTENING TO WRITE TO YOU THIS EVENING TO EXPLAIN THAT I SHALL NOT BE COMING HOME ON FURLOUGH UNTIL THE WAR ENDS AND LIKELY UNTIL WE ARE BACK IN NANKING. THEN I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RETURN HOME FOR A "LONG" FURLOUGH. MOST LIKELY SOMEONE COULD BE FOUND TO TAKE OVER MY WORK IN THE TREASURERSHIPS - BUT IT IS THE TASKS THAT ARE NOT LISTED IN ANY CATALOG OR EVEN IN A TANGIBLE FORM THAT MAKE IT MOST DIFFICULT TO LEAVE.

I WAS UNUSUALLY WEARY THIS SUMMER AND WENT DOWN TO CHUNGKING FOR TWO WEEKS - PARTLY TO ATTEND SOME MEETINGS BUT LARGELY FOR A CHANGE OF SCENERY, TO MEET OLD FRIENDS, AND TO HAVE A REST. YESTERDAY I FLEW BACK (STRANGELY ENOUGH PLANES ARE THE CHEAPEST WAY TO TRAVEL JUST NOW) AND FEEL MUCH REFRESHED AND READY TO PICK UP THE THREADS ONCE MORE - A GOOD THING IF ONE JUDGES BY THE APPEARANCE OF MY DESK!

I COULD NOT CLOSE THIS LETTER WITHOUT EXPRESSING TO YOU PERSONALLY MY OWN APPRECIATION OF THE HEAVY LOAD YOU ARE CARRYING AND THE CARE YOU HAVE TAKEN EVEN WITH THE MOST MINUTE REQUESTS - ADDING MACHINE RIBBONS AND THE LIKE - AND IN VOICING MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION I KNOW I CAN SPEAK FOR ALL THE CHINESE ADMINISTRATORS WHO DO NOT OFTEN EXPRESS ALL THEY MAY FEEL. IT IS A HARD TASK THESE DAYS AND WE HOPE IT WILL NOT WEAR YOU OUT.

Sincerely yours,

Elise M. Priest

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Chen, Zechen, Oct. 13, 1943.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Yesterday I returned from two weeks in Chungking to find a large mail from home - covering the period from July 15th through August 28th. This mail reached China on or about October 8th and was our first incoming mail for about a month. Our service from USA seems a bit better than it used to be. I have not had time yet to go through all the mail - something over 100 individual letters, but have glanced through your letters to try and catch the high points that should have immediate replies to catch the next mail.

May I express my deep appreciation of all the time and care you have taken to send us the detailed information about the various institutions. One by one I will sort them out and see that all questions are answered in time. Tonight I am only trying to give a general statement and to take up one or two specific items.

In your letter of August 19th you raise the question of turnoughs - may I say a word in case you are unduly troubled over this question. It is true it is nearly nine years since I was home - and then for a short turnough - and in general I believe this is very unwise planning of the use of mission personnel. On the other side, I have had an exceptional health record throughout the twenty odd years in China, and particularly during this particular term, and I do not think there has been any serious effect to me personally in having had a long term. I have probably shown irritation with my fellow workers or in my letters - but perhaps that should not be blamed on a long term! I believe strongly in the principle that turnoughs should be taken when due and it was because of that belief that we sent Margaret Turner home on her turnough in spite of some hesitation on the part of some of the group.

Having stated clearly my personal belief, let me state the application of it in my own case. I have a peculiar position in West China - I do not refer to my treasurerships and they are many and varied - but to the work that must be done "behind closed doors". There are many relationships to cultivate in the west, even among our own group, and it has fallen to my lot to help in a small way to keep some of the small hills from becoming mountains. The last year or two the problems have not been easy - prices are high, rents make buildings and space very important creating untold worries, and as the war drags on the nerves of all are worn making it necessary to smooth out actual and imagined wrongs. I have a small share in all this type of thing - more definitely in the University of Nan-king, but in some measure in all institutions. (When one of the staff of U.S.C. came to me with her troubles a few weeks ago, I wondered if I had energy enough to take on another school.)

Therefore when the presidents asked me if I would be willing to stay on the campus for the duration of the war, I promised to do so. It is no more than many people are doing in the war effort in other ways, and I am glad enough to continue to serve in a small way to keep our institutions running. So I am hastening to write to you this evening to explain that I shall not be coming home on turnough until the war ends and likely until we are back in Hanking. Then I hope to be able to return home for a "long" turnough. Most likely someone could be found to take over my work in the treasurerships - but it is the tasks that are not listed in any catalog or even in a sample form that make it most difficult to leave.

I was unusually weary this summer and went down to Chungking for two weeks - partly to attend some meetings but largely for a change of scenery, to meet old friends, and to have a rest. Yesterday I flew back (strangely enough planes are the cheapest way to travel just now) and feel much refreshed and ready to pick up the threads once more - a good thing if one judges by the appearance of my desk!

I could not close this letter without expressing to you personally my own appreciation of the heavy load you are carrying and the care you have taken even with the most minute requests - adding machine ribbons and the like - and in voicing my personal appreciation I know I can speak for all the Chinese administrators who do not often express all they may feel. It is a hard task these days and we hope it will not wear you out.

Sincerely yours,
F. M. Davis

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Chengtu, October 13, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans;

Before I become so absorbed in the daily routine that I allow the report from the Chungking contacts to fade away, let me send you a few observations tonight.

Many of our alumni are in important positions in banks or the government and through them I was able to meet and talk with several persons in Chungking. One of our alumni placed a motor car at my disposal - in wartime Chungking that is a great luxury but it made it very easy for me to cover the long distances there. I am writing my personal reactions in the hope that they may be of some interest to you as you plan for the future.

1. Exchange rates: This question was uppermost in my mind and I had an opportunity to talk with the manager of the Central Bank, of Central Trust, of Hongkong Shanghai Bank. Corp. etc etc - the same reply was always made. There is little hope of any immediate change in the exchange rate. To be quite frank about it, I do not think the business men and bankers are interested to have it changed for it means greater profits to them as it now stands. As to the government circles - of course I do not know, but it is not likely that any immediate change will be sanctioned. "Wait until the Burma Road is open" is the usual reply - then goods will begin to move and it will be time to take of changing rates. Meanwhile inflation continues at a tremendous pace - the importation of the gold bars will not be likely to do anything more than slow down prices for about four months when the race will begin again.

2. U.C.R. educational planning committee: While I was in Chungking the UCR Educational committee met to study over the requests for the first nine months of 1944. These included the Christian Colleges, which were listed at C\$30,000 000. (Dr. Fenn cut totals by ten million which he anticipated as being raised in China - too optimistic in my mind) The total amount available is only a bit more than thirty million so it looks like serious retrenchment for all of us. Unless exchange rates are increased, we must look for about fifty percent of our anticipated shortage. Is this possible? Or shall we begin to plan to close the schools? This is the problem we are facing earnestly and solemnly. I was glad to meet with the U.C.R. group and very much encouraged to find in general the attitude of that committee is that the major part of the money must go to the Christian colleges. In spite of pet schemes and personal interests, the committee took this stand and I felt it showed a fine spirit. I do not mean they are willing to cancel entirely their own interests, but they are not pressing for more than their fair share and hope there may be additional balances to add to the Christian colleges. When all the figures are in I believe the total for the Christian Colleges will be just over nineteen million - less than was granted for the preceding nine months when the total would come to 22,500,000. Mr. Edwards will send you the final and formal figures - I did not have all items but it will be something like 19,000,000.

I cannot speak for all the twelve schools but I do know the five largest ones and I believe they can be used as the basis of discussion. To July 1st we have no deficits. We have struggled diligently to keep all estimates figured carefully, to keep all expenditures within estimates. Do not think it has come out accidentally that we have no large deficits on the Chengtu campus - it has meant almost "Blood, Sweat and Tears" to close our books with small surpluses. We have figured our estimates in the most scientific method possible - a careful study of the cost of living index and an attempt to keep our salaries (which are the largest part of the budget) in line with the index. All institutions have been figured on the same standard - Yenching a trifle higher than the others - and the figures we have given to you represent the money that is anticipated as being actually required to maintain the work that is being done today on the campus. Perhaps some must be cut - but let us do it intelligently if it must be done. The point I wish to emphasize is that the estimates we have sent you are carefully prepared, present a fair and true picture of our needs, and do not include "padding".

3. Faculty Aid; You will know we received C\$874,000 00. for "aid to University faculties from UCR" but after the first grant, I understand the Associated Boards asked that the so-called ABCCC schools be eliminated from the grants controlled under the "Aid to Un. faculties" committee with G.S. Tsiang as executive secretary. I was dismayed but it was not until this visit to Chungking when I found out the true facts, hence, you have not heard from me earlier!

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There is just about money enough to take care of the medical bills for the professors assistant professors and instructors through this semester - naturally it will depend upon actual cases of illness, but judging from the past experience this is true. I was very much encouraged to have you grant the two requests for faculty aid sent to you this summer - commodity grant and medical aid to assistants. This leads me to believe you are ready to consider the needs of the faculty members of the Christian colleges and when our funds are exhausted at the end of the semester we may call upon you for another grant - probably to come from the small reserve fund represented by the 5%.

May I outline to you briefly the method of handling these special relief funds - we have a committee made up of one representative from each of the five institutions with myself a member at large - I act as secretary-treasurer. We have drawn up our own regulations ^{which are} with our fair but carefully planned to give the greatest number of persons some aid in cases of medical needs, thieving, deaths, emergency needs etc. At present the total allowed any one person is a maximum of 3,000. This is too low and if there was more money I would change it to 5,000. Every case is reviewed by the committee with great care - having first been reviewed by the committee of the individual institution and recommended by them. We meet regularly once a month and take up every case - often spending hours to be sure no person is neglected. The faculty is very grateful for this aid. Without it there would be suffering for salaries do not cover such items these days.

You responded so generously and promptly to our call for the commodity grant (which we hope to distribute next week) and the medical aid for assistants that I am encouraged to hope you will hear our cry when it is sent in a few more months. I was assured by the Chungking committee that they were most sympathetic but that the decision rested entirely with the Associated Boards. Mr. Tsiang was willing to have me present a request to his committee for endorsement but when I found the decision rested with the New York group, I decided it was not necessary and I would appeal to you through the UCR committee as was done in the summer for the commodity grant. I have the cable reporting you have sent the 47,000. through the Bank of China - that is a nuisance for it delays matters for two weeks, but I have the channels cleared now so I can secure funds through the Bank of China if that is your best method of procedure.

4. Reverse Lend-lease: This is another brain storm - not mine originally but I am greatly interested and recently have done a good deal of thinking and working on this idea. I have no idea whether there is anything in it - whether it is acceptable to the groups involved, governments and otherwise. In case the day comes when all sources of income cease - to paint the darkest hour - when it looks as if we must close colleges etc. etc. will it be possible to appeal to the government to grant us aid to apply on the reverse lend lease. It has been proposed as a possibility - on the grounds of continuing the important task of maintaining the christian colleges "the greatest ambassadors for cultural relations" as stated by one official. We know nothing can be done by you or by any American - the initiative must come from Chinese sources, and we are trying to see that some of the Chinese sources do a little thinking along this line! It has pitfalls and dangers - it may be such an insignificant amount that the government will not consider it important (What is a mere fifty to one hundred million to a country that issues twenty billion banknotes every three months) On the other hand China needs something tangible on reverse lend-lease to take her place with the other nations and it may appeal to certain official groups. I spent many hours working out reports and statements of conditions and comparisons during the summer for this purpose of presenting the needs as concretely as possible. When in Chungking it was suggested that I talk over with a few business friends the whole possibility of reverse lend lease and its relation to the financing of the colleges - I have done so in a limited and guarded way. Of course I did not go to government officials - that must come from Chinese themselves. The idea would be to ask the Chinese government to make substantial grants to the colleges which represent large American interests - and to ask the American government to give China credit on the reverse lend lease. So far there is no reciprocal agreement but I feel sure China wants one! Do not think your worries are over - far from it, but I mention this to show you we are doing some thinking out here and a bit of planning. I will keep you informed of developments.

5. Report of damaged property in war areas and occupied China; Strangely enough within a week I have received three requests (1) from Ministry of Education (2) American E

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bassy and (3) from Dr. Fenn sent by Dr. Vandusen. They all ask the same questions and I am thinking over the replies - will try to send them next week. It is no small task for we do not know the extent of the damage lately - the best i can do is report to the latest date we have data. I shall see to it that the same report goes to all three places - I wonder who originated the request and if they are designed to reach the same person eventually.

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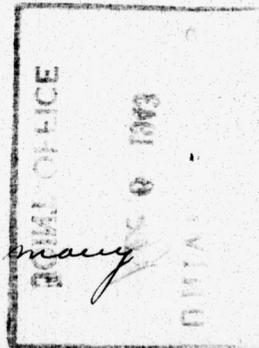
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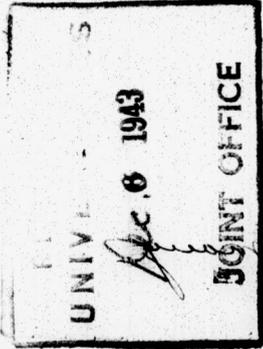
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With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Elaine M. Priest



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Chengtu, Szechuen, China
October 19, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans;

Today we received a cable from Frank Meleney of the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China which made clear the request in your cable of the 11th. When we received your cable we understood you to mean that Mr. Fan was being asked to remain in America to serve the Blood Bank as a bacteriologist. Consequently we cabled you as follows:

REGRET IMPOSSIBLE RELEASE CHINGSENGFAN LONGER. URGE IMMEDIATE RETURN CHINA FULFIL ROCKEFELLER AGREEMENT.

The cable today makes clear that the work is to be located in Changsha Hunan in connection with ninth war area and not in America at all. This is a very different matter and we are cabling to ask you to advise Mr. Meleney that the University is ready to release Mr. Fan for this war work. The cable will go in the morning as follows: ADVISE MELENEY ABMAC UNIVERSITY WILLING TO RELEASE CHINGSENGFAN SERVE CHANGSHA BLOOD BANK. MISUNDERSTOOD FIRST CABLE. IMPORTANT FAN RETURN CHINA. We are replying through you in order that it will be clear to you why we seem to have changed our mind.

It is almost imperative that the men who are under Rockefeller Foundation grants should return to China immediately. There is serious dissatisfaction with the great delay in having them return and we have pledged ourselves to do everything possible to urge the three from our institution to return this autumn. Therefore when we received your cable and understood it to mean you were asking us to sanction Mr. Fan remaining another year in America, we felt we could not agree. As soon as he returns, it is the responsibility of the field to arrange for his release from teaching - we are not keen to put off having him join his department, but as a contribution to the war effort we are all willing to release him for this work in Changsha.

There is another reason - he has been away from his family quite long enough. His wife did not wish us to use the family as a reason for his return, but it was very hard on her to face having him remain away another year. The support of a family these days is difficult and we are at the end of our funds to care for these families. It is time the men returned and took over their share of the support. Mrs. Fan and her young son have moved to a tiny village outside of Chengtu as it is cheaper to live out there - and before we sent the cable we asked one of the staff to go and call on her. She is managing for herself and child but it is not easy.

In the same cable sent on the 18th, you will receive the following:

NEED FUNDS URGENTLY CHILD WELFARE PROJECT. CABLE STATUS 1943 APPROPRIATIONS. Advise WuYifang Founders' Day November seventh.

The Child Welfare Project is a project under the five universities under the directorship of Mrs. Wu, who joined Ginling College staff this last summer, partly for this purpose. As I recall the figure, the appropriation is C\$495,000. for the period April to December 1943. To this date - and it is nearly November 1st - we have not received any funds. I have borrowed a little here and there to carry on but even that has not enabled them to go ahead with much work - consequently little is being accomplished. There must be some problem somewhere - Mr. Edwards and the group in Chungking report that you are responsible for this money and will send it directly - or rather, that "New York" is responsible. This may not mean the Associated Boards at all - but if it means the office of the U.C.R., could you find out for me and send me some money?

Frankly I feel we have enough projects without launching out on this new one now but as long as it was approved, as long as staff has been employed and plans made, we must have the funds to support the effort.

The item giving Dr. Wu information about the date fixed for Founders Day is in response to her cable or perhaps it was a letter - merely information for her.

We are ready to distribute the commodity grant - 800. to each adult and 300. to each child of the five universities. It is a very welcome grant, and everyone is most grateful for this help. It leaves a small balance (after taking out the above) which we propose to leave in the common medical fund for the five universities as the medical fund for faculty will be used - most likely depending on the health of the staff - by the end of this semester.

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Some months ago the American Red Cross through the International Committee in China consigned ten bales of white cotton cloth to our four institutions - Cheeloo University, Ginling College, West China Union University and the University of Nanking. We have just distributed it to the faculty members - they are most grateful for this help especially the refugee institutions. After six years there is little left of bedding brought from home. I estimate this gift was worth in terms of prices in Chengtu today just over a million dollars. If you have opportunity will you express to the proper authorities the appreciation of the Associated Christian Universities in Chengtu? The cloth has been divided so each staff member receives five yards, his wife receives four yards and each child receives two yards. In this way every yard is distributed and used by the individual families - in accordance with the conditions of the gift.

Cheeloo University is in trouble once more and the rest of this letter is more or less confidentially written to give you some information. Most likely you will hear from other channels about the matter - a group of faculty members is trying to put Dr. Tang out of the presidency. They have brought serious charges against him - some on a personal basis, some in his official post. There was a meeting of the Board of Directors last week when these charges were presented, and except for the intangible items, all were proved to be groundless. Both Dr. Struthers and I testified about several items - attempting to exonerate Dr. Tang of any blame. Dr. Tang immediately resigned and it was with the greatest difficulty that he was persuaded to continue for the present time. The idea is to try and find a permanent president by January 15, 1944 - whether it may be Dr. Tang or someone else, I do not know. All I can say is that there is much underground political work being carried among the staff, and we are fearful of results.

Dr. Tang has not had much experience as an administrator, and has been placed in a most difficult post, but my observation - which is shared by others who have worked closely with him - leads me to believe he has conducted Cheeloo University in a most admirable manner since he took up the task last February. It is not easy these days to be a college president and especially to direct and guide a group of the calibre and character of the faculty members of Cheeloo University. It is a new experience to me to find such un-Christian men and women on a staff - the institutions I have known for twenty years are far from perfect, but they certainly do not spend their time creating crimes committed by the leaders and using the lowest political methods to bring censure against the officers. There is no spirit of cooperation or fellowship among the Cheeloo group. I can only compare with the University of Nanking which I know rather well - our people may disagree and quarrel over certain points (and they are not unusual or perfect in this respect) but underneath it all is a feeling of mutual respect and real affection for one another that carries us over the stormy days. In Cheeloo nothing of this kind seems to exist - and the men who were re-instated by Dr. Tang after having received unfair treatment by ex-president Liu have now turned against Tang. That is contrary to Chinese ethics!

The storm is quiet for this particular moment but it will be with us again in a few weeks. I am weary of this type of thing, and it is hurting all the rest of the institutions on the campus. I cannot go into great detail here, but can assure you that it is a most deplorable situation. I have a radical idea - there is not enough money to carry all the Christian institutions - and if Cheeloo staff continues, this method against every officer appointed, I believe the time has come to close them completely. Their medical work is being done by West China anyway and the other students could be dispersed or absorbed without any serious difficulty. The contribution being made by Cheeloo is not sufficient to continue this type of thing. The Western staff here is very weak indeed - not able to guide or help greatly, and unless someone with strength and authority

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... into the picture soon, why continue this uneven struggle and drag the whole campus down?

My connection with Cheeloo University is one of courtesy only - I was asked in 1938 to act as their treasurer in Chengtu. It was an official action taken by their Board of Directors at a meeting in Shanghai, and I have done so to the best of my knowledge and belief. It has taken hours of my time - far in excess of the time given to any other institution. I have been obliged to do the book keeping myself for nearly two years as we have not been able to find a suitable assistant, and I confess to a great weariness of it all. I have no further interest in ~~furt~~ continuing an institution that refuses to work together and does nothing but attack innocent people who have worked night and day for the institution.

Elaine M. Priest

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Chengtu, October 26, 1943.

Dear Mr. Evans:

There are two items of business that should be cleared:

University of Nanking: In the summer I asked you to stop payment on check 1517 payable to Hwa Chong Trading Co. for US\$700. dated January 20, 1943. The check was reported destroyed in error and the owner now requests us to pay this amount to Mr. Sutseng Dunn who is leaving for America. You will find a copy of the letter I have given Mr. Dunn and upon proper identification will you pay him this amount of us\$700. He may be months on the way but I believe has reached India and is traveling under a government permit.

In a letter written in September I asked if you sent me the equivalent of C\$ 68,000 during July - I have now discovered the owner of this money. It belonged to some middle schools and was sent to me only as custodian until they could decide how to divide it. They might have told me about it, but evidently did not think to do so, and after three months came to a conclusion so the money has been divided among them to the satisfaction of all, I trust.

Checks for other institutions: Since July 1, 1943 we have drawn the following checks for other organizations - this money should be collected and re-deposited in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. for the account of the university of Nanking.

July 8, 1943	No. 1548	Central Bank of China	5,000.00	American Bd. Mission
8, 1943	1549	"	6,000.00	Yenching
	"	"	15,000.00	Cheeloo
8, 1943	1550*	"	30,000.00	University Nanking
8, 1943	1551	"	2,000.00	Y.W.C.A.
17, 1943	1553	"	10,000.00	Nanking Theo. Sem.
17, 1943	1554	"	10,000.00	Cheeloo
23, 1943	1556	"	2,000.00	Wang Ih-tung**
August 9, 1943	1557	"	2,000.00	Y.W.C.A.
9, 1943	1558	"	15,000.00	Yenching
	"	"	15,000.00	Cheeloo
11, 1943	1559	"	10,000.00	American Bd. Mission
Sept. 2, 1943	1562*	"	20,000.00	University Nanking
2, 1943	1563	"	15,000.00	Yenching
	"	"	3,000.00	Y.W.C.A.
11, 1943	1564	"	5,000.00	American Board
18, 1943	1565*	"	20,000.00	Un. of Nanking
18, 1943	1566	"	5,000.00	Nanking Theo. Sem.
27, 1943	1567	"	7,500.00	Joint funds campus
27, 1943	1568	"	15,000.00	Yenching
Oct. 4, 1943	1569	"	9,000.00	Y.W.C.A.
19, 1943	1571	"	10,000.00	American Board
19, 1943	1572	"	15,000.00	Yenching
"	"	"	5,528.68	Cheeloo

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Please note the ones marked * indicate the ones drawn against the appropriation or balances for the University of Nanking. Please collect all others, except I understand the Y.W.C.A. makes deposits directly to our bank account - in that case I presume it will be easy enough to check now that you send us statements. Cheeloo University is as follows: according to our reconciliation we have a balance of 20,528.68 ^{in your hands} at the end of June. The first check of 15,000. and the balance under check 1572 make up this balance, and the rest applies on the regular appropriation for Cheeloo, or in other words 25,000. has been drawn against 1943-1944 accounts. I fear we are drawing too fast on Yenching - that account is hard to control, but anyway I have given them the equivalent of 66,000. so far. Will you please collect the amount due on the American Board account? I am trying to arrange so this mission cables directly to the central bank in Chungking but temporarily I am helping them out - 30,000. should be collected. Please also collect 15,000. from Mr. Cartwright as treasurer of the Nanking Theological Seminary - Mr. Jones was away so I had to arrange for the funds during the first

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quarter. with check no. 1567 for 7,500. we drew the first payment for the Joint Funds for 1943-1944, covering the first quarter of the appropriation. I understand the appropriation is 22,500.

Wang Ih-tung:** You will know that Harvard-Yenching Institute has granted a fellowship to Mr. Wang and in the cable from Dr. Elisseff, it was indicated that the University of Nanking must pay US\$1,000. against travel. We will do but it must come from the Board of Directors reserve for Harvard Yenching Institute placed in your hands - please take from this reserve of US\$11,000. this amount of 1,000. and deposit the same to our bank account. The other amount of 1,000. or the balance of the check will be refunded by Dr. Elisseff when Mr. Wang presents his accounts - we have told him to arrange for this repayment to your office. Mr. Wang is having great difficulty in securing passage and I am not sure has reached India yet - but he is trying to go this year. we consider him a promising student and shall appreciate any favors you give to him. He is to study at Harvard under the Harvard-Yenching Institute fellowship working in the field of History.

Property losses in Nanking We have been asked both by the Chinese government and from the committee under Dr. van Dusen to prepare such a statement, and I am trying to do something about it. Naturally I feel very puzzled for how can we know two things: (1) the amount of damage and the loss of equipment for all we have is rumors, (2) the value of replacement in the present state of world finances. But I will do my best to present something for Nanking and Ginling. I have no full statement for either Cheeloo or Yenching - it is practically impossible for me to give even a value should everything be destroyed. For Cheeloo you had better ask Dr. Lait for nobody has any knowledge of values. Is there anyone in the repatriated list for Yenching who would know these facts? Nobody here knows and the present administrators were not administrators in being so are rather lost in such matters.

western staff; We are beginning to think about returning to Nanking and one thing is very much on the minds of President Chen and myself. You know we have the hospital in Nanking and naturally none of the hospital staff is here with us. It may mean gathering them up from the four winds. we want very much to have our hospital staff here and ready to start it when we return. Both Dr. Chen and I have very painful memories of our serious struggle to manage the hospital in the summer of 1928 after the trouble of 1927 when we opened the hospital under compulsion to hold the property without a single doctor to help us. We cannot go through that agony again - and so I wish you would try to gather up our old western staff to be here. We have written the Presbyterian Board about Dr. Horton Daniels, superintendent who was interned in Manila, hoping he is on this repatriation list. We do not know yet. Also, will you press the Methodist Board to send out Dr. C. S. Trimmer and the U.C.M.S. board to send out Dr. Brede. Dr. Chen is writing to all of them, and copies will go to you. we are also writing to their boards, but I wish you would push it a bit. we could use them all here - there is work enough for them, and I have an idea if they could come to Chengtu first, and go down with us to Nanking, the planning would be more intelligent. Anyway get in touch with Dr. Daniels if he is there and do some intelligent planning for the hospital. Now that Miss Turner is practically here (I hope she reaches Chengtu today) we can get some of these important letters finished. I have been unable to do much in the way of anything except the most important letters.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

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November 5, 1943

Miss Elsie M. Priest
Chengtu, Szechwan
CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

Your letter of August 7th is at hand and I am glad to note that the adding machine ribbons arrived. I presume we should try to get some more through at a little later date. I am noting this for January 1st.

Reports and Statements. I am glad to know that the unexpected \$10,000 enabled you to close the Nanking year without a deficit.

The Harvard-Yenching report came to hand and Dr. Elisseeff also informs us that his copy was received promptly.

Margaret Turner: I believe I have written you elsewhere that Margaret Turner cabled for \$400.00 extra from Bombay, which we wired back immediately.

I am hoping that hereafter a shorter route will be available for people traveling to and from the Orient.

Ginling College. We are grateful for the memorandum regarding the settlement with Mrs. Byrne which apparently closes the transaction.

Miss Mabel S. Jones. As requested, we have paid \$2,000 to Miss Mabel Jones and charged same against the University Account #31.

Ginling College Salaries. I note your paragraph regarding the salaries of Ginling staff members. I have cabled twice and written twice, and I am now more or less inclined to cable Dr. Fenn with the hope that the information will reach you. The last action of the Ginling Board was that an adjustment be made according to the need, with the understanding, of course, that there is no additional funds in America and that reconciliation must be made in the field budget.

You will have received the larger portion of the \$65,000 granted by United China Relief for salary adjustments--this larger portion being for the group at Chengtu.

University of Nanking Salaries. According to the action of both Nanking and Ginling the salaries are to be adjusted on the field and not in America, as we do not know the basis upon which you are working at the present time.

Thus, according to your previous instructions, we will make no adjustments at this end.

Request from UCR for Budgets 1944. We have received the 1944 budgets and are placing our requests before United China Relief and other agencies before the 15th of the month.

We certainly have a task on our hands to secure the \$963,000 which we have set as our goal. Everything possible, however, is being done to accomplish this end.

Balances at the End of the Year 1942-43. Regarding the balances held in field accounts, I am advising that the appropriations be used, as it is not so much a case of annoyance on my part as it is the possibility of their being captured as a credit against future fund raising. I am fully cognizant of the fact that the rate was being negotiated, but when we are compelled to audit our books and show such balances - even to

Miss Priest

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November 5, 1943

those carried in the bank - it requires a tremendous amount of explaining to convince auditors that these cash balances are not available for some other use. In our Associated Boards accounts we are clearing out every dollar that we can and getting same into the individual university accounts. The banks, however, do not wish us to carry large balances in case there is some sudden turn which would still further freeze the funds.

I cannot go into all of the reasons for this, but they are valid and we must abide by them.

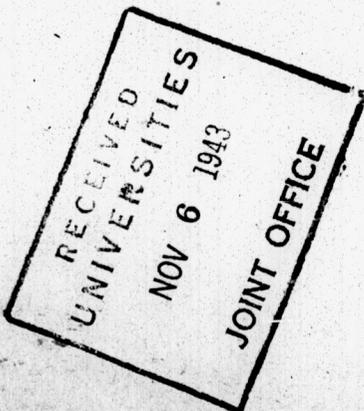
Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Accounting Office

Via China Clipper
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(Dictated November 2, 1943)



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Previous correspondence requested:

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of the Treasurer
Chengtu Szechwan

1st December, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

*check made up
11/24/43 but
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Dr. Buck's Bank Account - We have received your cable advising us that Dr. J. Lossing Buck's account in the Irving Trust Company is definitely blocked. The day before we sent the cable asking about this account, we sent a cable to you asking that you deposit US\$1,075. to Dr. Buck's personal account. I hope you did not make this deposit and are still holding this money in New York.

Dr. Buck has issued checks amounting to US\$1,224.30. As far as he knows none of these checks have been paid and one has been returned to him with protest fees. The list is as follows:

Major Grant Mahony	June 26, 1943	US\$400.00	* ← Paid 1/4/44 to 7889
Lt. Han Chiang	July 1	150.00	
Frank E. Blake	Sept. 1	300.00	
L.G. Kilborn	" 7	193.30	
Ray Johnson	" 22	50.00	
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Dryden L. Phelps	Oct. 26	30.00	
Walter G. Lowdermilk	Nov. 9	50.00	
* Endorsed Nicola Distefano - protest fees		1.30	US\$1,224.30

Paid 1/4/44 to 7889

It is very embarrassing to Dr. Buck to have his checks returned in this way so we have agreed to try and help him out. Will you be good enough to cash them in the office as they are presented to you and charge them against our field account in the Famine Fund section. We will deduct them from Dr. Buck's salary and I hope during the year to be able to clear the whole account. In case you have not deposited the amount of US\$1,075. please hold this money to apply on these checks and charge as usual to Famine Funds. For your information, Dr. L. G. Kilborn and Dr. Dryden L. Phelps are staff members of West China Union University who have left for furlough. The Bucks bought some of their personal household equipment, which is the explanation for the checks. * Dr. Ray Johnson and Dr. Walter Lowdermilk are two of the United States government experts who have been in China for the past year.

Moving Picture Films: We received your cable asking for information about the order for 20,000 feet of film. We had written you on November 16 asking that you take steps to order these films and have them shipped by boat to India, but in response to your cable we replied as follows:

"Project film wartime industries needs 10,000 feet 16mm cine negative fastest film double perforations 10,000 feet 16mm cine positive film single perforations contact Willys Peck Washington secure priority ship boat India arranging from India details letter 16th"

I hope it is all clear to you and that you have been able to make contact with the State Department to secure the necessary priorities. We have tried to make clear that we did not wish you to try to take steps to send these films by air, that would be too costly. Please keep us informed of the progress that you are able to make.

Travel Expenses - Miss Turner: Miss Turner has given us the report of her travel expenses from England to Chengtu and has refunded to us the money that was left in her hands, US\$219.53. For your information we are enclosing the detailed report of her expenses from England to Chengtu.

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1st December, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

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"	"	193.30
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It is very embarrassing to Dr. Buck to have his checks returned in this way so we have agreed to try and help him out. Will you be good enough to cash them in the office as they are presented to you and charge them against our field account in the Finance Fund section. We will deduct them from Dr. Buck's salary and I hope during the year to be able to clear the whole account. In case you have not deposited the amount of US\$1,075.00, please hold this money to apply on these checks and charge as usual to Finance Funds. For your information, Dr. L. L. Kilborn and Dr. Grayden L. Phelps are staff members of West China Union University who have left for Fuzhou. The Bucks bought some of their personal household equipment, which is the explanation for the checks. Dr. Ray Johnson and Dr. Walter Lowdermilk are two of the United States government experts who have been in China for the past year.

Moving Picture Films: We received your cable asking for information about the order for 20,000 feet of film. We had written you on November 10 asking that you take steps to order these films and have them shipped by post to India, but in response to your cable we replied as follows:

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
MAR 30 1944
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Sincerely yours,
Elsie M. Priest
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 Treasurer

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Sincerely yours,
 Elsie M. Priest
 Treasurer

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of the Treasurer
Chengtu Szechwan

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Mr. C. J. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City 10, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans, Statement of Financial Condition June 30, 1943

We have pleasure in enclosing the audited statement for the University of Nanking for the year ending June 30, 1943. You will note we have given you the statement of the financial condition on June 30, showing clearly the funds we had on hand at that date and the various items of assets and liabilities. Please note that under the bank accounts we have indicated the funds that are frozen in Shanghai or other cities in China. As we are not sure how much of this money will be an asset we have made provision to provide for the loss to cover the part that belongs to the University general funds. In these bank accounts there are several items of funds belonging to our friends, who had deposited their money to our account hoping we could move it to West China. Naturally, we cannot be responsible and have notified the individuals in every case, that they must take their chances on collecting their funds after the war. We are keeping them in our accounts for the sake of record.

Under "Investments" we are carrying as one section the items that are in the New York savings banks, which are recorded on your statements as "Board of Directors' Reserves". These check without any question with your records, excepting you have shown the accumulated interest. Our auditors have accepted your statement as the authority for having this fund put here on our books. The main purpose of these reserves is to keep the money in American currency so do not be concerned with the amount of exchange that was used to show the Chinese equivalent. I did not feel it was wise to increase the exchange at this time and thus show a large credit balance in the exchange account, which would really be a fictitious figure.

As usual, we are carrying several accounts for our friends and you will note that some of them owe us money whereby some of them were carrying fairly large balances on June 30. I think it is all clear to you.

On page four, I wish to call your attention to the items which have been placed in reserve for 1943-44, and for rehabilitation. Of these reserves we had \$203,604.73 left over from 1942-43, and this money will be carried over to this year's budget. Because of the great need of houses for our staff we built very simple houses to take care of ten families, but did not finish them before the end of the year. Therefore, a reserve was made to complete the residences and put some of the others in repair. The one new item is the amount for "Nanking Rehabilitation". This is money that has been raised in China, largely through the various anniversary campaigns and will be set aside to help meet the cost of returning to our own campus. However, if conditions become too serious, we have reserved the right to use this money to meet urgent needs in Chengtu, but we hope very much to be able to use it for the purpose for which it was given.

The Detailed Financial Statement for the Year

You will find attached the detailed financial statement for the year 1942-43. Following the request received from Mr. Corbett, we have grouped the income in the five categories as requested by him. I believe it is all clear and hope you will have no difficulty in reporting these items to the UCR and the Board of Founders. There is one item that may not be quite clear without a word of explanation. Our books were set up last year to use the official rate of CN\$20 - US\$1, and we decided to continue the records throughout the year at this rate, although exchange was CN\$29.17 from May 1st. Therefore, the gain on all checks sold after May 1st was put into "Interest and Exchange" and these have been listed under "From other Sources in China".

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Of course the bank interest, which is a fairly substantial item, is also a part of this account, but I suppose to be absolutely accurate the subsidy should really be considered as coming from the United States rather than from sources in China. I mention it in order that you may not be confused over this item. In the section "From Board of Founders" we have included the Harvard-Yenching Institute and have indicated the deficit of CN\$153,312.28. We have already reported this to Dr. Elisseeff and asked if there is any likelihood of securing an additional grant to meet these expenses. If the reply is in the negative we shall need to do either one of two things: first, decide to take the money from the reserve in New York; or, second, try to absorb it on the field.

Under the expenditures the items are given so I believe they are all clear to you. Under the Colleges we have included the various projects in total only. On page five we have given the special expenses and the reserves. There is an item showing that the 55th Anniversary cost C\$110,988.20, but after July 1 we sold one of the exhibits for C\$110,000.00, so the Anniversary expenses were really C\$988.20. This will be brought into this year's records as a receipt and will be credited to the current budget.

We paid to West China Union University C\$150,000 as rent of buildings last year and, while we hope this charge may not be repeated this year, there is no promise and we must be prepared to meet it. One of our greatest burdens on the campus is the very heavy charge that is made for the use of land. When we first came we were allowed to use a little over an acre of land to erect some residences for our staff members. This last year the rent for this land only, was C\$15,574.17. It will be twice this amount for this year. For our agricultural work we paid C\$58,201.80 last year, but already this year we have made a payment of C\$65,000. and the total will be well over C\$100,000 for the agricultural land we are using. Naturally, with this heavy charge for the land our farms cannot make a profit. It is one of the penalties we are paying for being exiles. It is not all West China Union University land as some belongs to the various missions here.

Reconciliation with your Report

According to your detailed report for June 30, 1943, the funds in your hands for 1942-43 were as follows:

Balance July 1, 1942	US\$ 51,319 50 ✓	
Income for year	158,513 26 ✓	
Scholarships	230 65 ✓	
Famine Funds	41,150.00 ✓	
Interest on Directors' Reserve (not inc. in field investments)	✓ 1,045.05 (a)	
N.C.C. fund withdrawal	✓ 200.00 (b)	US\$ 252,458 46 ✓
Expenses per your report	128,337 63 ✓	
Deposits Central Hanover B. & T.	63,495 96	
Reserves: (letters requesting payment)		
Wang Chi-wang	200 00	
Wen Chi-loh	✓ 2,500.00	
Cheo Ying-peh	1,000 00	
		195,533 59 ✓
Balance in New York July 1, 1943		US\$ 56,924 87 ✓
<i>Therefore to reconcile this acc with your books:</i>		
Per report dated Aug. 18, 1943 your balance		US\$ 80,875 78 *
Add Directors' Reserve interest		✓ 1,045 05 (a)
" N.C.C. withdrawal		✓ 200 00 (b)
		US\$ 82,120 83
Balance of deposits required to meet checks drawn from Central Hanover B. & T.	21,495 96	
Reserve for letters (see above)	c - 3,700 00	25,195 96
Balance per reconciliation		US\$ 56,924 87

Paid 12/9/43 - by acct 1943/44 as per letter

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Mr. Evans - 3

12-8-43

In order to keep track of accumulated interest on reserve accounts, we have shown the amount that appeared on your monthly statements. This is for record only, we do not intend to draw this money, so really your balance is \$56,924.87, less the interest held in your hands or \$1,045.05, leaving \$55,879.82, which we are drawing for current needs. There are many outstanding checks on Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. We lack sufficient information to check intelligently on the old checks. If you will make a reserve of \$21,495.96 - or else deposit this money in the bank, it will cover every check issued. We must make this provision or we shall be confused and use the money twice. I have written you about the funds to pay to three persons who hold a letter addressed to you:

Wang Chi-wang	US\$ 200 00	- 1
Wen Chi-loh	2,500 00	- Paid 12/9/43
Cheo Ying-peh (originally Ting Chuh-po)	1,000 00	- found copy of this letter etc
	US\$ 3,700 00	

Later paid
3/14/45 - 500.00 - No 8090
4/19/45 - 500.00 - No 8104

We have used the equivalent in China, so you must reserve these items to be paid when letters are presented.

I wrote you in the spring asking that US\$200.00 be deposited in our account from the National Christian Council deposit, originally \$4,600. It was voted from the field, but I do not find you made the deposit, so the letter may have been lost. Please make the deposit now to clear the account.

This seems clear to me and I trust you will find it agrees with your records. I wish we could set aside some of this balance to cover funds used up in China, at this date I hardly dare do so for we need every cent. after January we will check again - and hope for better days.

Dep 200.00
11/14/43
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Sincerely yours,
Elsie M. Priest

Elsie M. Priest, Treasurer

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
CHENG TU, SZECHWAN, CHINA.

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City 10, N.Y., U.S.A.

8th December, 1943

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3/25/44

Dear Mr. Evans,

As we clear the accounts for the year and check over the money that is available, I am uncertain from your records if you have deposited to the University of Nanking the full amount that is due us on account of the accommodation we have granted to our friends. As I told you in several letters, it is difficult to sell funds for Yenching University, Cheeloo and so forth except through the Central Bank. As these schools have no account in New York we have used the University of Nanking bank account with the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company in order to give them the privilege of securing their funds through the Central Bank. It is a nuisance to the University of Nanking, but I do not see any other way of handling it.

The only solution would be for us to use drafts on your office. I shall be glad to know your reaction to this suggestion and if you feel it would be better to have us draw drafts directly against your office, we will take steps to have them printed in Chengtu.

In the meantime we need to be sure that you have refunded to the University of Nanking for the funds that we have drawn as a favor to other organizations. We started using this method the 1st April, 1943, and we are giving you the list of these drawings to December 1st. Will you please check over your records and if deposits have not been made to the Central Hanover and Trust Co. for the account of the University of Nanking to refund for all these checks, please have it done immediately.

Yenching University

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✓1537	" 28	15,000 00
✓1540	June 1	10,000 00
✓1545	" 18	10,000 00
✓1549	July 8	6,000 00
✓1558	Aug. 9	15,000 00
✓1563	Sep. 2	15,000 00
✓1568	" 27	15,000 00
✓1572	Oct. 19	15,000 00
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Part of these figures included in Miss Priest's letter 10/26/43

Cheeloo University

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✓1583	Nov. 11	10,000 00
✓1588	Dec. 1	10,000 00

Joint Funds

No. 1532	Apr. 14, 1943	15,000 00
✓1567	Sep. 27	7,500 00

Child Welfare

✓No. 1577	Nov. 1, 1943	10,000 00
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Nanking Theological Seminary

✓1553	July 17, 1943	10,000 00
✓1566	Sep. 18	5,000 00
✓1578	Nov. 1	10,000 00

American Board Mission

No. 1538	May 21, 1943	2,000 00
✓1543	June 15	6,000 00
✓1548	July 8	5,000 00
✓1564	Sep. 11	5,000 00
✓1571	Oct. 19	10,000 00
✓1582	Nov. 5	5,000 00

** 7,000 Dep Nanking Central Hanover 9/24/43*

learned through Bank. ✓ cleared Feb 1944

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Sincerely yours,

Elain M. Priest

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

8th December, 1943

CHENG TU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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Sincerely yours,
Chairman

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GINLING COLLEGE
Office of the Treasurer
Chengtu Szechwan

10th December, 1943

*for Report - See - - -
Reports + State. Ginling
Field file*

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have pleasure in enclosing the audited report for Ginling College for the year ending June 30, 1943. You will find a copy of the statement of financial condition at the end of June, and the detailed financial report for the year.

The Statement of Financial Condition

Following our usual custom we have reported in detail the bank accounts and investments in China and have indicated the liabilities according to the various categories. I wish to call your attention particularly to the reserves carried over to 1943-44. Following the decision for all institutions, the last payment from the British Aid Fund was carried over to this year and there was C\$280,141.23 left over in the current budget of last year. According to your report the Methodist Mission paid before June 30 the quarterly payment for July to October, and this was entered on our books before I realized it did not belong to last year. Therefore, I am carrying it over into this current year. Under the Restricted Funds Reserve you will note the item "Moving Expenses and So Forth", for C\$129,974.10. As you may know, part of the College moved from the Hospital Building to the Canadian School Building, and there were several changes that had to be made to adapt the building for the use of Ginling College. It was necessary to build a separate kitchen and a separate hot water kitchen, all of which cost money these days.

You may wish for an explanation of the money reported held in New York, which according to your statement is C\$424,909.80. Last May I wrote you a detailed letter about the withdrawal of funds for Ginling College, and in that letter asked that you set aside US\$15,000. as a Directors' Reserve to offset the funds we had used on the field. If you check over our investments against the funds we should be holding for reserve purposes you will see we are far short in the investments. This has been the policy for the last few years, to use the invested funds on the field on account of the depreciated currency. You acknowledged the letters sent from the other institutions at the same time, but there was not any acknowledgement to the one about Ginling College, so I am assuming it failed to reach you. Also you did not make a reserve of US\$15,000. as requested. Will you be good enough to do this at the present time in order that we may feel that our special funds are covered. You are already holding US\$9,000. and this will increase it to US\$24,000. Until I hear from you, I am holding this amount of US\$15,000. in the New York office account. Therefore, the final analysis of the funds we are holding in New York is as follows:

*Entered 7/30/43
as per Miss Pratt
letter 5/20/43*

Methodist Mission 1943-44	US\$ 1,287 50*	
The Lily Ho Quon Schol.	1,000 00	<i>Endowment Fund acct</i>
The Episcopal Bd. for a teacher	864.00*	3,151 50
Deposited in New York		15,000 00
Balance available for the field		3,093 99- <i>O.K.</i>
Total	US\$ 21,245 49	

We have kept our books at the official rate of 20:1 to July 1st, carrying the extra subsidy in our interest account. Therefore, the balance in New York at 20:1 equals C\$424,909.80. In making the ^{5 cents more} statement of the funds ~~already~~ in your hands it is necessary for you to set aside \$36,212.14 to cover checks which we have issued on the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. Your statements do not show any large deposit to the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, but the checks had been drawn and you must either deposit in the bank, or place in a reserve account this amount of money to meet the total amount of the outstanding

** These two items will be drawn in 1943-4. The Quon scholarship is entered for record only. Deposited Central Hanover July - 15,000 - Pratt letter 7-29 Sept + Oct - 18,000 - 4% overdraft.*

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checks. As you know we have not had full information about the checks and deposits in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company and it is difficult for us to check the outstanding checks, but I am very certain that this money must be kept to meet these checks. When this is done you should have a balance of US\$3,093.99. I will draw this amount in a special check in order to clear the account for ~~next~~ ^{last} year, so if you will be good enough to make a deposit in the bank the account for 1942-43 will be closed.

Depositing now - Bal. Acct Payable \$6,856.71

The Detailed Financial Report

The receipts of the detailed financial report for the year were not arranged quite in accordance with the request from Mr. Corbett, but I believe the information is sufficiently clear to give you the necessary facts. There are two items I wish to call particularly to your attention. Under "Scholarships and Grants" you will find an item of C\$189,468.20. This includes the Ministry of Education loans to students, and perhaps should have been listed under the items "From Chinese Sources". In the account under "Interest and Exchange" we have carried in addition to the bank interest the additional subsidy received on all drafts after May 1st. On page 3 you will find "Emergency and Extraordinary Expenses", part of which are reserves for items which we expended during the summer, and on page 4 we have indicated that the balance for the year is C\$280,141.23. I hope the statement is sufficiently clear to give you all the information that you need.

*card not rec'd by Dr. Wu is in file give her
EMP:MT the enc. Christmas cards from
Encs. H.E. Dept. students.*

Sincerely yours,
Elsie M. Priest
Elsie M. Priest, Treasurer

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all the information that you need.

Sincerely yours,
Blaise M. Priest, Treasurer

If Dr. Wu is in the office
He has the Christmas card from
H. S. Dept. students.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of the Treasurer
Chengtu Szechwan

21st December, 1943

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

This morning we have sent you a cable as follows!

"EXHAUSTED FUNDS AUTHORIZED TO JANUARY FIVE INSTITUTIONS NEED
FUNDS CABLE FURTHER AUTHORIZATION IMMEDIATELY PRESIDENTS SEND
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS"

You will remember that you cabled me, authorizing withdrawal of funds for the first six months only and it is now practically January 1st and no word has come from you releasing any funds for the second half of the year. We shall not have enough money to meet the January payrolls in any of the schools, so I cabled this morning, hoping to receive cabled authorization before January 1st.

have deposited for Joint Funds \$11,250.00 - 1/2 year -
We have only drawn \$7,500. for the Joint Funds program, but expect to draw the second quarter next week. This will amount to \$7,500. You have authorized only \$10,000 for the Child Welfare Program. According to information from the Changking Committee the appropriation is C\$495,000, but I am inclined to think this is only for nine months. There is great confusion on the field over the statements which are only for nine months as many people confuse them with the reports for the full year. According to your cable we may expect US\$33,000. for the Child Welfare Program. Mrs. Wu, who is the director of the program has prepared a very careful report and it is on its way to you. I hope you will include the grant for this work as we have now exhausted all the funds, and it is hardly fair to Ginling College to ask them to continue to pay the salaries and carry this work. *Dep. Child Welfare Program 16,500. in Nanking, at CHBTC*

Last week the treasurer of the Baptist ^{Mission} Board received a cable from his Board stating it was possible to make reserves in New York in a limited way for individuals, the money to be deposited in China. Does this mean that the situation has become easier and the regulations are less strict? We have many requests of this kind, but have consistently turned them down. I wish you would keep me informed if there is a change in the situation.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

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31st December, 1943

UNIVERSITY OF HANKING
Office of the Treasurer
General Secretary

Mr. O.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

This morning we have sent you a cable as follows:

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Sincerely yours,
Miss M. Priest

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Chengtú Szechwan

21st December, 1943

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N.Y., U.S.A.

*Made to Mr. Evans
to file*

*See Report & Statement to Yenching
Field folder*

Dear Mr. Evans,

We have had the books for Yenching University audited and enclose the statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943. You will be interested in the expenditures for the initial expenses of opening Yenching in Chengtu and will note, on page 3, that it cost \$1,444,297.50. There are still items, especially for the College of Science, that are not included but will be carried into this year's report.

On October 24, 1942 you sent a cable to Mr. Edwards giving the appropriations for the twelve Christian Colleges. Mr. Edwards sent me a copy and we worked on the basis of this information throughout the year. In a few cases we received advice of changes in the appropriation, but for Yenching the appropriation for the year, as stated in this cable, was as follows:

Yenching Trustees ("more if needed")	US\$ 50,000 00	
Sustaining Funds	50,000 00	
Temporary Buildings	<u>45,000 00</u>	145,000 00

Later you advised us that the Woman's College Appropriation for Chengtu was		<u>15,636 00</u>
Total appropriation for the year		US\$ 160,636 00

Please note our statement is made up on this basis. As a matter of fact we actually drew \$166,500. which was \$5,864 more than the appropriation. In closing the books we carried this over to 1943-44, so it does not appear on the statement and will be used as part of the appropriation for this year. It was August before Mr. Edwards sent us the report of the actual money he had drawn from New York, and it was not until that date, ^{that we knew} that he had drawn one draft of \$12,500, which was not recorded on our records. Consequently, this balance together with a draft which we drew in July for \$6,000., and which at that time we believed belonged to last year, had to be carried to 1943-44.

According to your statement dated June 30, 1943, the appropriation under Class A was \$50,000. This agrees with the cable and there is no question. Under Class B you indicate two items in Sustaining Funds, as follows:

Sustaining Funds	\$ 47,500 00✓	
Sustaining Funds - build ings	<u>21,250 00✓</u>	68,750 00✓

*+ 2,500.00
Women's College*

The cable indicated that the grant from Sustaining Funds would be \$95,000. for last year. This makes a shortage of \$26,250. I feel sure there must be some explanation, but this one copy of the June statement, which is far from being complete, is the only report we have received from your office for the entire year. Mr. Robinson has written you several times asking for details and feels very much distressed that you have not sent him satisfactory replies or statements. As he was appointed the Controller I left the correspondence in his hands and have not written you about Yenching affairs. I am hoping that it may be possible for some one of the missionaries who is returning after repatriation to take over the entire responsibility for Yenching, but until that day I wish you would send me regular monthly reports as you do for the other schools.

You will note we have a balance of C\$834,609.64, but of this amount \$528,000. must be used to finish the Science Building and equip it for the laboratories and classrooms. I presume somebody has written you that Yenching was permitted by West China to use one floor of their central Medical Building, on condition that Yenching University paid for the construction of that floor and the fittings. We had anticipated that it would cost \$120,000. It begins to look as if it will cost nearly three times this figure. In addition there is the furniture and the

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necessary laboratory equipment. This leaves a balance of \$306,609.64, representing the amount to be carried to 1943-44. If you changed the appropriation for Yenching University and we must absorb this cut of US\$26,250, it means that we shall have to call on the Trustees for sufficient money to finish up the Science Building and balance the budget for this year. I hope there is some other explanation, but when we have only the one sheet giving the analysis for the budget 1942-43 as of June 30, 1943, it is difficult for us to know exactly why you have made this cut.

Since July 1st we have drawn US\$92,764. against the appropriation for 1943-44. I realize this is \$7,764. more than 50% of the appropriation for 1943-44. You authorized only 50% of \$170,000. but I do not believe the last draft will be presented before January 1st and we simply had to have funds to meet the December payroll. I am rather troubled about Yenching University, for they are giving considerably higher salaries than the other institutions and even the most careful planning seems to plunge us into a potential deficit. Will you please give me a detailed report of the situation in Yenching University and let me know if there is any possibility of the Trustees making a further appropriation. When the institution first opened in Chengtu you made quite clear that the Trustees were prepared to pay "more if needed", so the psychology of the group has been that there was plenty of money available. Our difficulty seems to be largely a matter of being kept in ignorance of the actual condition.

Sincerely yours,

Elsie M. Priest

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Since July last we have drawn US\$2,704 against the appropriation for 1943-44. I realize this is 7,704 more than 50% of the appropriation for 1943-44. You authorized only 50% of \$170,000, but I do not believe the last draft will be presented before January last and we simply had to have funds to meet the December payroll. I am rather troubled about Yenching University, for they are giving considerably higher salaries than the other institutions and even the most careful planning seems to plunge us into a potential deficit. Will you please give me a detailed report of the situation in Yenching University and let me know if there is any possibility of the Trustees making a further appropriation. When the institution first opened in Chengtu you made quite clear that the Trustees were prepared to pay "more if needed", so the psychology of the group has been that there was plenty of money available. Our difficulty seems to be largely a matter of being kept in ignorance of the actual condition.

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CHEELOO UNIVERSITY
CHENG TU, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
CHEELOO

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N.Y., U.S.A.

31st December, 1943

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I have not yet sent you the financial statement for Cheeloo University for the year ending June 30 and take pleasure in enclosing the audited statement together with the detailed report for the year 1942-1943. According to our records you were holding US\$20,528.68 for the account of Cheeloo University at the close of June. This money was drawn as follows:

*Dep. Nanking
Central Bank - \$10,000.
2/25/44 - No. 889*

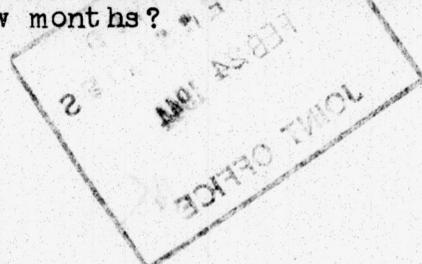
August 9	Check #1558 (U.ofN.)	US\$ 15,000 00
	(the check was for US\$30,000. 15,000. for Yenching: 15,000. Cheeloo)	
October 19	Check #1572 (U.ofN.)	US\$ 5,528 68
	(The check was for US\$20,528.68, 15,000 for Yenching: 5,528.68 for Cheeloo)	

*These extra
Dec. 21 - 25,000 - 10/26
Feb 1 - 20,000 - 12/18
" 25 - 10,000 - 12/31*

This clears the appropriation for last year for Cheeloo University. Since July 1st, 1943, we have drawn in addition US\$55,000. on the appropriation for the year 1943-44. I mention this so you may check up the account and see that this amount of money has been deposited to the University of Nanking bank account. This means that since July 1st we have drawn a total of US\$75,528.68, which includes the balance of last year and the amount stated above on this year's appropriation.

In the report for the year you will note we closed with a balance of CN\$383,393.93 and this amount was used to help to pay for the construction of the residences badly needed for the staff members. I believe the details are sufficiently clear to give you the necessary information.

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Sincerely yours,

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CHEELOO

31st December, 1943

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York 11, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Evans,
I have not yet sent you the financial statement for Cheelo University for the year ending June 30 and take pleasure in enclosing the audited statement together with the detailed report for the year 1942-1943. According to our records you were holding US\$20,528.08 for the account of Cheelo University at the close of June. This money was drawn as follows:

Amount	Check #1558 (U. of N.)	US\$ 15,000.00
(The check was for US\$30,000.00 for Yenching: 15,000.00 Cheelo)		
October 12	Check #1572 (U. of N.)	US\$ 5,528.08
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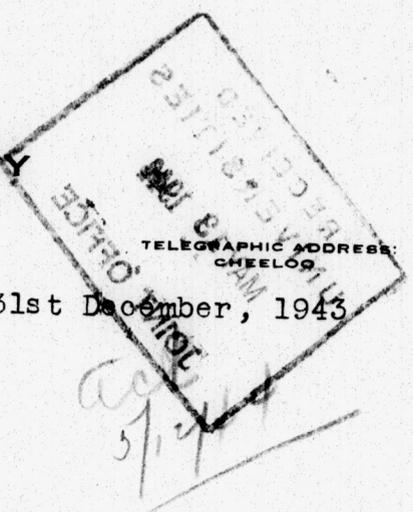
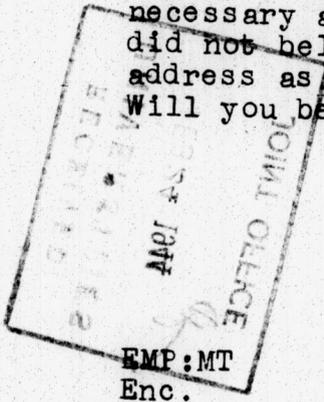
During the past few months I have received a cable-gram and letter from the Carey Press, 19 Furnival Street, London E.C.4, regarding magazines and books which were ordered by Shantung Christian University. The total amount of the bill is £155.10.11d. You will find a copy of the statement together with a copy of the letter from J.R. Evans, Manager. I have written Mr. Evans that this account, which dates from 1937 through June 1942, covered books and magazines ordered by Dr. Lair in Tsinan. The institution in Chengtu has never received any magazines or books from the Carey Press.

In as much as Dr. Lair is in the States at the present time, it seems to me he should approve the payment, or make the necessary adjustment with the Carey Press. We cabled that it did not belong to Chengtu and in our letter we gave your address as well as Dr. Lair's name in care of your office. Will you be good enough to try to clear this account.

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