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Mrs. J. E. Williams (Lilian)

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TRANSFER



May 6, 1927

Mrs. J. E. Williams
c/o Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Quite apart from the message which will be coming to you from the Trustees of the University of Nanking I want to add and express my own personal, deep sympathy with you in the loss of Dr. Williams. His eager zeal for all that pertained to the work of the University, and his confidence in it impressed me from the first time I came in touch with University affairs. I want to join with many, many others in praise of him and in the sorrow we all feel at his loss.

Faithfully yours,

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emphasis from our sense of personal loss

Nanking

My dear Mrs. Williams:

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It was a great satisfaction to meet your daughter when she called the other day at our offices. Unfortunately I was engrossed in committee work and was unable to command the time for any extended conversation, much as I desired it. I deeply appreciated her coming and am grateful to have the touch with you through her.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, I was asked, as vice president of the Board, to send to you an expression of the deep feeling of the Board in the tragic event which took from your side your devoted husband, and from the University its faithful and most useful vice president. We had all come to know Dr. Williams, even those of us who had not had the years of fellowship with him in his work as a missionary of the Presbyterian Board. The circumstances of his martyrdom might easily lift the ~~emphasis from our sense of personal loss~~ and place it upon the conditions in China in which he was so deeply concerned, but it is not of this I would write. It is to assure you of our deep joy in his years of successful ministry in this unique re-

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lation to a great people, and of our profound sorrow that he is taken from it and from us, and then to say to you how genuinely we admire your own fine fortitude in bearing the sorrow which has come to you, and how we welcome the Christian spirit in which you are looking upon both the work of the University and the people of China at this critical time.

On behalf of the Board of Managers, therefore, permit me to assure you of the sympathy - really too profound for expression, - and of a sense of fellowship with you, so far as we are permitted to enter in to the sacredness of your feelings, in the irreparable loss which has come to you in this tragic bereavement. May God guide and comfort you and your family as you go bravely forward, unselfish and unafraid.

Faithfully yours,

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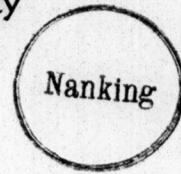
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Fukien Christian University
University of Nanking

Shantung Christian University
Peking University

West China Union University



Cable Address
Nanfushan, New York

CENTRAL OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City
ERIC M. NORTH, Secretary

Telephone
Chelsea 2130

TRANSFER

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

May 18, 1927.

The Reverend Frank Mason North, D. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I believe that you will recall that at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking the Board voted "that the Vice-President be requested to prepare a communication to Mrs. J. E. Williams expressing our very deep sympathy with her in the death of Dr. Williams". I do not know whether you have as yet had opportunity to write Mrs. Williams; if not, I believe she can be addressed at 38 St. Botolph Street, Boston, Mass., in care of Miss Mary Williams.

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North
Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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University of Nanking
West China Union University
Peking University
Shantung Christian University

CENTRAL OFFICE

120 Park Avenue, New York City
ERIC W. WOODRUFF, Secretary

Call - A 13333
New York, New York

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

May 18, 1927

The Reverend Frank Mason, Jr., D.D.,
103 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I believe that you will recall that at the meeting of the year of
graduates of the University of Nanking the board voted that the Vice-President
be requested to prepare a commission to Mr. J. E. Williams expressing our
very deep sympathy with her in the death of Dr. Williams. I do not know
whether you have as yet had opportunity to write Mr. Williams; if not, I can
lieve she can be addressed at 35 St. Botolph Street, Boston, Mass., in care of
Miss Mary Williams.

Sincerely yours,

Recd. by _____
 Sect. _____
 University of Nanking

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P. 27 Resolution proposed by
Dr. Bowen and approved by Dr. Speer

The Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at its first regular meeting since the death of Dr. Williams, desires to make formal recognition of the unique services he has rendered to the University from its earliest conception.

Dr. Williams was one of the very first of the missionaries in Nanking to see the value of union in higher educational work. It was due very largely to his vision and to his wise persuasive powers that in 1909 final understandings and agreements were concluded with the Missions ^{on the field} and with the Boards and the Regents of the State of New York that resulted in the organization of the University of Nanking. No one will ever know of the constant thought, the anxieties, the faith and the prevailing prayers of Dr. Williams in those first months. The Trustees cannot overstate their deep appreciation of Dr. Williams' foresight, persistence and confidence that the right steps were being taken in the organization of the union work.

Then, we remember with gratitude Dr. Williams' long, arduous and successful years in America raising money ~~for the~~ for the University; making so many good friends for China and for the University; his happy and most friendly relationships with all classes of Chinese in China; his deep and abiding spiritual emphasis and concern that the University be a great spiritual force in the regeneration of China and his entire faith that God was leading in this union adventure.

We wish to record an ever increasing sense of loss in the untimely taking away of Dr. Williams. He has been our counsellor, our friend and our constant reminder of the great opportunities the University of Nanking offered for Christian service and stewardship. We believe that as he lived and labored not in vain, so he has laid down his life not in vain, but his spirit of devotion and kindness will continue to bear good fruit for the Kingdom throughout the years to come.

No. 2.

The Board of Trustees desires to convey to Mrs. Williams and to her children its deepest sympathy in their sorrow, and to express to them, profound gratitude for the splendid Christian spirit and attitude they have ever shown in this most distressing loss. We feel sure that this kindly Christian spirit will deeply affect the Chinese people and is entirely as Dr. Williams would desire.

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University of Nanking

June 21, 1927

Mrs. J. E. Williams
38 St. Batalph Street
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Mrs. Williams:

Herewith I am sending you three copies of the minute pertaining to Dr. Williams adopted by the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking at their meeting on June 9th, 1927.

I believe there was mailed to you last week a copy of a more general statement pertaining to the situation at Nanking which was referred to as being the minute regarding Dr. Williams. The present enclosure is the correct one.

Very sincerely yours,

Acting Secretary

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THE LITTLE HOUSE
15 CENTRAL CLOSE
AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS



TRANSFER

Dec 5th 1927.

My dear Miss Garfield.

I have your letter of Nov 21st with
enclosure of leaflets on the University
of Nanking. I hasten to say that
it will be my great privilege to help
in any way possible to tide over
in this critical time in our
beloved University. All that I can
do with my pen, I will gladly do,
and I will use the leaflets, my faith,
my love. My constant prayers are
for our work. Deeper to me than
any work on earth. Our men
out there are facing their salmon

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to be men of iron and steel, I am
very proud of what they are doing,
a work that has cost so much, in
patient service, in tears, and blood,
must go on. God is working there, and
my beloved one, and His little I
can do will be gladly done.

Thank you for calling my
attention to this.

Very Sincerely -

Lillian C. Williams.
(Mrs. John E. Williams)



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Nanking

TRANSFER

*Books returned
11/9/28*

University of Nanking

October 22, 1928

Mrs. J. E. Williams,
15, Central Close,
Auburndale, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

We have just received notice from the Dollar Steamship Line of the arrival of a shipment from the University of Nanking containing, among other things, a quantity of books and other personal belongings addressed to you.

Mr. Li Siao-yuen wrote us on August 28th that he was notifying you of the fact that this shipment was being sent to you so I trust you have a fair knowledge of the contents. We have received from the Customs office the enclosed blanks which they require to be filled out and notarized if the shipment is to be passed through the Customs without the payment of import taxes. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you would fill out these declarations and have them sworn to and return them to us at your earliest convenience.

As soon as the shipment has been turned over to us we will forward your packages at once.

Very sincerely yours,

Gossard

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MRS. JOHN E. WILLIAMS
15 CENTRAL CLOSE
AUBURNDALE
MASSACHUSETTS

DEC 3rd 1928.

Dear Miss Laxside. **TRANSFER**

The books arrived on time
and are greatly welcome.

Thank you heartily for your
care and trouble in packing
and posting them. I enclose
87¢ for postage.

gratefully -
Helen C. Williams
88¢ in postage (enc. 6.74)

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University of Hanking

January 23, 1929.

Mrs. J. E. Williams,
15 Central Close,
Auburndale, Mass.

My dear Mrs Williams:

We are grateful for your letter of January 19th, telling us that you find that neither of the books, concerning which Mr. Breda inquired, were included in your shipment. I will pass on this word to him.

I have been thinking all month that I should write to tell you of the final distribution of the Charles M. Hall Estate. I am not sure whether you noticed the announcement made in the press on ~~January~~ ^{January} 29th, telling of the distribution of this estate. All six of the universities in this office received a share of these funds. Hanking received \$600,000, of which \$300,000 was paid over to the university in the form of an unrestricted endowment and \$300,000 was placed with the Harvard-Yenching Institute to be held in trust for Hanking, under certain conditions. Although Hanking did not receive as much as was hoped for some years ago, at least we were all gratified that the university did receive \$100,000 more than we had expected. For the last year we have understood that Hanking would receive only a half million dollars, so the announcement of the university's share as \$600,000 came as a pleasant surprise. The amounts received by the other universities were as follows:

Yenching	\$1,500,000
Lingnan	1,000,000
West China	600,000
Shantung	350,000
Fukien	250,000

We all realized that the splendid work Dr. Williams did with the Trustees of the Hall Estate several years ago was largely responsible for the generous interest they took in the University of Hanking. I know you will be happy to learn that the seeds Dr. Williams sowed so well some years ago have at last borne this very generous fruitage.

Very cordially yours,

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C.C. to Miss Lane.

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December 17, 1934

Mrs. John E. Williams
152 Grove Street
Auburndale, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Miss Priest has just shown me the letter you wrote to her dated December 8th. In this you tell of your wish to get the University of Nanking motion picture film for use at Christmas time.

We will be glad to send you a copy of the film. It is 16 mm., and consists of four reels of about 400 feet each so it requires about one hour for projection.

Unless you wish to suggest some different date, we will send the film to you by parcel post on Thursday, December 20th. We hope this will give you time to make use of it to whatever extent you desire and to return it to us so it will arrive not later than the morning of December 29th.

With all good wishes for the approaching holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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MRS. JOHN E. WILLIAMS
152 GROVE STREET
AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Thanking

March 4th 1935.

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My dear Mr. Garride,

I have true shamefully remiss
in failing to acknowledge, and
thank you for the thanking
film which you so kindly
sent me at Christmas. It was
very much appreciated. I
was called away suddenly

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at the newspaper, and left my room
Richard to his trip to you, while
hope was not too late, and
that they were returned with
no damage? We saw them
here, with sadness - and joy
magnified - my children were delighted.
So much of me is there still, and you
will understand how glad I was to see it
all, so changed, and improved. I planted
all the vines on the building and many of
the bins. Thank you very sincerely
William C. Williams

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MAR 5 1935

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Nanking

March 6, 1935

Mrs. John E. Williams
152 Grove Street
Auburndale, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4th.

We are happy that you enjoyed the Nanking film, and can appreciate to some extent the mingled emotion with which you viewed them.

The films were returned to us in good time and in good condition. We have had occasion to use them in a number of other places.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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University of Banking

October 30, 1935

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Mrs. John E. Williams
152 Grove Street
Auburndale, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Last week we received a letter from Miss Priest at the University of Banking, giving us information that a letter addressed to the University indicated that a legacy had been left to Dr. John E. Williams by Selma Hammargren of New York City.

We have traced the will, and enclose a copy herewith. You will notice it is dated July 14, 1922, and the residual estate is divided between Dr. Williams and the Salvation Army. A copy of the letter of counsel is attached herewith, and you will note that in all probability there will be no residual estate.

We are writing to Mr. Hayes, *see letter of 2/25* informing him of your address, and are suggesting that he communicate directly with you hereafter. You will note that the will imposes no obligation upon Dr. Williams to use this money for the University.

Very truly yours,

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MRS. JOHN E. WILLIAMS
152 GROVE STREET
AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

20th 1936.

My dear Mrs Mac Miller

I am sorry indeed I did not see you while you were in Boston. But I hope when you come again I can see you, and talk over the things which interest us both. Miss Anderson gave me a rather dismaying outlook for Dr Chen's work while in Ohio County. I am too far from headquarters, and too far from

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The people who are at work to give
any mal advice. For I am somewhat
out of touch with the plans. However
I had a long talk with Dr. Chee
before I saw Mr. Wheeler, or Mrs.
Anderson, and I repeat what I said
to them as my personal opinion.

1st. Intellectual ranking university in
this country is very low, if it
exists at all: I never hear it
mentioned. Out of course I am in
American Bd Territory.

2. Dr. Chee must prolong his visit

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MRS. JOHN E. WILLIAMS
152 GROVE STREET
AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

be good this few months. he promised
other wise his visit will not amount
to much.

3. He should speak for friendship &
interest, rather than money—

4. Draw up the people who once
knew, and loved Nantucket
University. They are many—but
other things have put it out
of their hearts.

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Mr F F Pontius of Cleveland told me
he felt "many people thought the
University was destroyed in 1927,
and do not even know it is
functioning."

Printed Circular letters may help
but there is such a flood of
printed letters coming to our doors
I expect many of them are not
even read, and I fear they do not
provoke much interest.

Dr. Chee^{3rd} has a real story to
tell. This I found
helped him most of all, as he
is so modest, I think he would
not ~~sure~~ tell the story. He
was a hearty friendly folk, and
make sure they know. That
making University is a
great success in China
where it is serving the needs of
China, and greatly appreciated
by the people.

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Dr Chee is so modest (and polite)
he seems to do without much force
but he is essentially a Chinese gentleman
of the finest type. When the
disaster fell on March 24th 1927.
He was dean of the College, a cheerful
friendly kindly going man.
Since then he has proved himself
a man. He went back into the
damaged mess - and found
menacing soldiers & marching
all over the beautiful buildings
The faculty all scattered. Elem houses
banned. The beloved

men who had ^{4th} ~~men~~ at the head
gone. The MRS. JOHN E. WILLIAMS
152 GROVE STREET
AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS library books.
filled in the streets torn & destroyed
six thousand dollars in the
sacks. While the soldiers could
not find a way to open.

Dr. Chen, said to me, as I lay helpless
in Shanghai. "I must go back
to night." I must try to save the
University. So he left his
young wife and baby - and went
back. When they asked him to
be President he hesitated a

for awhile and then said:
"I am a trained Chemist.
I am not an administrator
But since there seems to be
nobody else I will try to do
my best." and he has held
the place 9 1/2 years. of
terrible problems to face. kept the
confidence of his pupils. and
at last was able to take his hands
off the wheel long enough to
come to the U.S. It will be up
to all of you to help him

make good ⁵ in cheerful friendly
sympathetic MRS. JOHN E. WILLIAMS
152 GROVE STREET
AUBURNDALE, MASSACHUSETTS but indifferent
America. Rev Wheeler will help.
his cordial friendliness will
be a great help and he
knows people. But I feel it
must be Dr Chen, who tells
the story. God bless him.

Please forgive this long letter. I
am at your service if there
is any way I can help — I never
speak in public anymore

I will be glad to send you a list
of people he could see.
I will be here until after

Nov 3rd. Where I expect to go
to Ohio for a month.

Sincerely and cordially yours
John C. Williams

Mornay Williams
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Lydecker Street,

Englewood, N.J.

30th October, 1918.

Rev. J. F. Williams, D.D.,

Vice-President,

Nanking University.

My dear Dr. Williams,

Your letter of the 28th inst. is received, and I am very glad to have such encouraging word as to the affairs of the University.

I feel as if I were quite ill-prepared to give the sort of service that is demanded on the Board of Trustees. I am, as I think you know, a member of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University, and am also chairman of the Educational Committee of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, which has under its general charge all of the schools in China in which the Northern Baptists are interested, X as well as those in our other mission fields, Japan, India, the Philippines and Africa. Among these institutions, one of the most interesting is the Rangoon College, now affiliated with the University of Burma, where our Baptist college, Rangoon College, will be, with the University College, the State college, the two first colleges that form the nucleus of the University, the State institution which will guide the entire educational system of Burma.

The problems which lie before these various educational bodies in the countries, which we have hitherto called mission lands, are now among the most important and perplexing problems, it seems to me, to be found in the entire world. For these institutions are going to be the fountain heads of educational

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impetus for more than half the human race, and that portion of the human race which, while so far largely under-developed, is accelerating its development in a marvelous manner, and which, just because its educational institutions are as yet in an inchoate stage and its people more or less plastic, affords the greatest possibilities for good or evil in the history of education. As I have been thinking the problems over, I am coming to believe that perhaps the most important feature will be proper training in the social and ethical relations of men and particularly the responsibility of an elevated standard of social and ethical relations on the part of the more highly educated to their less educated brothers. Succinctly expressed, what I have in mind is the inculcation of the obligation of service without the natural tendency toward the dangers of professionalism. All of the great professions, of course, recognize the obligation of service, the profession of law, the profession of medicine, certainly the profession of the clergy, and so on, but there has always been a strong tendency to turn the profession into a class, and the consequence has been that very often the professions have been the conservative element in the community as against the people. Sometimes this has worked well, but generally I think it has worked ill. It was this tendency, I apprehend, that our Lord had in mind when he pronounced the woe against the Scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 23, 13) because they shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men, and again, even more specifically the woe against lawyers (Luke 11, 52) "For ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves and them that were entering in, ye hindered." The selfishness of the competent has been the bane of all civilizations, even the

Christian civilization. Now I take it that the purpose of education is to make men competent, and it seems to me the chief end of Christian education should be to make men competent without making them selfish. How this is to be done I confess I do not know, but it seems to me a vital problem in all of these educational enterprises.

Pardon me for inflicting this long screed upon you.

Very sincerely yours,

Horace Williams

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December 2nd, 1918.

Mr. Mornay Williams,
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I hope you will not take my delay in replying as any index of my lack of appreciation of your very helpful letter in regard to the ideals of education on the Mission field. I was absent from New York for sometime and recently our family have been undergoing the siege. Mrs. Williams and three of the children have been down at onetime. We are getting thru with that, however.

In anticipation of the Trustees' Meeting, I hope you can look over President Bowen's report which in a concrete way will be dealing with some of the fundamental questions you have raised in your letter. Please note particularly Mr. Reisaner's report on the agricultural work as opening up a line of work for developing leaders with the Christian spirit outside the traditions of the professional ministry or the other lines of professional service. It is opening to us in China a line of least resistance and of deepest appreciation upon the part of the people. You will be interested also in the new catalog which has just arrived.

We are expecting Mr. C. T. Wang, who is a member of our Board of Managers in China, to be present for the meeting and to speak to us of conditions in China and the opportunity for Christian education.

With the war settled in the right way I hope our Trustees will be prepared to undertake cheerfully a bold program for Christian education where we are charged with responsibility of leadership.

Very cordially yours,

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19 Hansow Road
Nanking, China
Oct. 31, 1936.



Dear Sir,

Oct. 11-27-36

I arrived in Nanking
to find most of the community
away on vacation. After a
perfectly delightful second
honeymoon spent in Piping
with Dr. Ferguson, we settled
down again and I have
become acquainted with
the foreign and Chinese
people.

I am doing clerical
work at the Hospital in

the mornings, and having
an hour of Chinese a day.

Mr. Wilson is also continuing
his study. Both the Chinese
and foreigners are pleased
with his work, like his eager-
ness and ability to under-
stand their problems.

I have felt no ill
effects from the change in
climate, except I need
added rest and have
an excellent appetite.

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Would you send to
my mother out of our
next check six dollars.
Her address is —

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Mrs. Jane E. Jost
304 Hillcrest Ave.,

Wood-Ridge
New Jersey.

I hope your wife has
continued to improve in
health.

Yours Truly,

Marjorie Wilson

P.S. Miss Priest is a peach.

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November 27, 1956

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson
19 Harker Road
Hanking, China

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thanks for your good letter of October 31. We are glad to know that your arrival was such a happy one, and that life in China is starting off so pleasantly. I know that you are living a busy life, and that every one on the Hanking campus is happy to have you there.

We have sent your remittance of six dollars to your mother, as requested.

By the time this reaches Hanking, you and Dr. Bob will be spending your first holiday season together in China. We hope that it will be a very happy one, and that the New Year will be pleasant and prosperous for you both.

Very sincerely yours,

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19 Hanbow Road

Nanking, China

March 19, 1937.



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Dear Mr. Tarside,

Nanking has certainly been an excited town this last week.

Everyone was more than happy to see Dr. Bowen, and we know he is glad to be back. Dr. Ferguson has also been here, so you can imagine what a busy time it has been. To-night at a University dinner we will have three presidents with us.

The Hospital keeps the doctors very busy, it has been crowded all

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winter. I am not doing
very much there now.

We are certainly
going to miss Dr. Daniels
next year. We are going
to live in the house
during furlough. We are
very happy about it, es-
pecially as Robert Jr.
is expected in early June.

I have been keeping
very well, and I know
the doctors feel that I
have improved a great
deal since arrival.

After June we
will settle down and
live quietly for awhile.

after you had Bob
all settled to come ~~to~~
to Nanjing, I popped up.
and now we are doing
the same kind of thing.
I do hope it is not
going to cause too
much trouble.

We are very happy,
and we do so like being
here. We are in the
midst of a fast growing,
fast changing community
and it is very interest-
ing.

I do hope your wife's
health has continued
to improve, and that

she is able to be home
with you again.

Would you again
send my mother two
dollars, please.

~~4/28/37 - 2nd
No 5980~~

Mrs. Jane E. Jost
304 Hillcrest Ave.
Wood-Ridge,
New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Wilson.

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MRS. ROBERT O. WILSON

Dr. Young

A CITATION FOR GALLANTRY

OCT 21 1937

Today there came to my office a brown-eyed young woman who had just returned from China. A slender little person weighing less than a hundred pounds, she looked more like a high school girl than an "old China hand" just back from occupying a ringside seat at our latest undeclared war.

About two years ago she and her young doctor husband went out to China, he as a staff member of one of our university hospitals, she - a graduate nurse - to assist in the wards. Late in July of this year their baby girl was born in the hospital where both of them have been serving.

When the baby was three weeks old, the air raids started. For about a fortnight Helen and Doctor Ted* remained in the city. Whenever she heard the menacing hum of the enemy planes, Helen would take the precious baby down into the cellar of their home for protection against the bombs. Hardly a sultry August day passed but part or most of it was spent in the stifling cellar as wave after wave of bombers flew overhead, dropping their deadly cargoes.

Doctor Ted went on with his hospital work, now multiplied many fold by the unending stream of wounded civilians. At first the doctors suspended their operating when the raids began, but after a time they went calmly ahead with their surgery while the bombs crashed about the city.

Hurried diplomatic officials urgently advised that all Americans at once evacuate China. But Helen, Doctor Ted, and all their American colleagues in the University and the University Hospital, pointed out that now they were needed more than ever before, and that they could not desert their Chinese friends and co-workers.

At last Doctor Ted and the other members of the University group

* These are not their real names, of course.

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insisted that for the baby's sake Helen and Det must go for a time to the coolness and comparative safety of the mountains at Kuling. Reluctantly Helen agreed, and started out with the baby on the difficult journey.

After three days of travel in the mid-summer heat - first on a small, overcrowded, foul-smelling boat, and later by cart and sedan chair - they reached Kuling.

But they could find little of rest and comfort and even less of peace and quiet. Day after day frantic consular officials urged them to leave while they could. One by one the possible avenues of escape from China were closed.

Late one evening Doctor Ted arrived at Kuling looking very sober. Only a single means of exit remained open, and that might be cut off at any time. Regretfully he told Helen that he felt that she should take Det back to America for awhile, for it would be almost impossible for so young a baby to survive the conditions they might have to face in the months just ahead.

Helen protested, but in the end acknowledged the wisdom of Doctor Ted's recommendations. With several other mothers having small children, and a few workers compelled by age or illness to withdraw, she started on the long and dangerous journey to Hongkong.

First they made their way to Hankow where they hoped a train would be waiting to take them southward to Canton. But no such train was immediately available. Days passed before a train was secured. Even when the train did set out it was crowded and uncomfortable beyond description. With the railway glutted by military traffic and menaced by air raids their progress was slow and halting.

When at last they neared Canton, they found themselves coming

into a veritable inferno. Enemy planes seemed to be everywhere, dropping their bombs not only along the railway but also on the defenseless towns and villages whose dwellers needed to be convinced of the good will of their friendly neighbor.

Their arrival in Canton was marked by a terrific air raid. Bombs fell like hail stones in the area around the railway station. They saw neighboring buildings blown into bits. Streets which an instant before had been crowded with struggling humanity were strewn with mangled bodies.

There was no one of their own nationality to greet the little band of Americans. After trying to plan their next movements they sought to find temporary shelter until they could go on to Hongkong. In the war-torn city it seemed impossible to find any refuge at all. Finally they managed to get crowded quarters in a Chinese inn, paying exorbitant prices for their miserable accommodations.

After a night of discomfort, sleeplessness, and constant menace from the raids, a British good Samaritan discovered them and took them to the comparative comfort and safety of the Shamsen. Here, too, everything was overcrowded, but they were grateful for the privilege of sleeping on the floor until they could find transportation to Hongkong.

Finally a small steamer was secured. They forced their way to the wharf through milling crowds of bewildered people. Loaded far beyond its capacity, the boat moved slowly down Pearl River. Once more they found themselves with ringside seats at an air raid, with bombs falling on the city along both banks, and even throwing up geysers of water from the river about them.

They reached Hongkong, and boarded a steamer headed for America. That was some three weeks ago. And now the brown-eyed little lady who looks like a sixteen-year-old high school girl was sitting peacefully in my New York office, describing her travels as calmly as if she had just come over on the Staten Island ferry.

"How did Det stand the trip?" I inquired.

"She was marvelous through it all. Of course for the first few weeks, with the crowds and the travelling and the air raids, she couldn't sleep much, and had dark circles under her eyes like a little old woman. Didn't eat well, and lost some weight I'm afraid. Now that I have her in a quiet place she sleeps nearly all the time, and her eating should improve."

But Helen herself was eager to do some questioning. "I have had practically no news of what has happened at the University since I left. What word have you had?"

I sketched briefly the news we have received during recent weeks by cable and by China Clipper - of how the University had gone ahead with its plans for opening despite the continuing air raids. Of how as many as possible of both the American and Chinese staff members had remained on the campus making preparations for the year's work. Of how the University had actually opened for the autumn semester and was carrying on its work, with staff and students retiring to their dugouts when the sirens announced an approaching raid and returning to their interrupted classes as soon as the "all clear" signal sounded. Of how the administrative officers were struggling desperately to keep the institution going despite the large losses of regular income from Chinese sources and the heavy emergency expenses necessitated by the war conditions.

"What about the Hospital?" she asked.

I showed her three cablegrams from the Hospital recently transmitted to us through the facilities of the United States Department of State.

The first cable stated that all the other hospitals in the city had been wrecked by bombs and compelled to close, throwing upon the University Hospital the full burden of caring for the enormous number of wounded and destitute civilians. It contained an urgent plea that funds be secured in

America to purchase desperately needed medical supplies and to assist with the operating expenses of the hospital. The message, signed by Secretary Cordell Hull, closed with the statement "In transmitting this message the American Ambassador states that the University Hospital is the only large hospital now operating in the city and is doing excellent work."

The other two cables from Dr. Ted and his colleagues asked that we purchase and forward at once by China Clipper lists of indispensable drugs and supplies costing about five thousand dollars, their own stock being entirely exhausted and none being available anywhere in China.

"One of the things we are trying to do this week," I told her, "is to find money to purchase these supplies."

She sighed. "How I wish I were at the Hospital right now! If it hadn't been for the baby, they could never have gotten me away. I won't be happy until I'm back there, where I belong."

"Incidentally, young lady," it occurred to me to ask, "what are you using for money these days?"

She sketched briefly the way in which she had made her journey homeward on the slender travel allowance advanced to her by the field treasurer of the University. "I was able to save thirty-eight dollars, which I must return to you." She started to reach into her purse, then hesitated. "I had to spend a few dollars out of that to buy Dot some clothes. Can I give you thirty dollars now, and the balance in a few days?"

"I'm amazed that you could possibly save anything," I said. "Keep the whole thirty-eight dollars for a few weeks until you can get settled, then we will adjust the account."

The relieved look in her eyes led me to ask another question. "How do you stand on the matter of salary?"

She explained to me that just before she left, she and Doctor Ted had agreed that half of their joint salary would be paid to him on the field and the other half to her here in America. "I'm afraid it won't be very much though," she added. "You know that all the members of staff voted this summer that because so much of the University's income from Chinese sources is cut off by the war, we will all try to get along on 40% of our regular salary."

"You folks can't possibly live on 40% of your salaries," I said. "We must get the Board of Founders together to see if there isn't some way in which they can find funds to provide at least a little more than that - for the American members of staff anyway."

She smiled and shook her head. "The American members of staff agreed last summer that they would share whatever cut our Chinese staff must take. We wouldn't accept any restoration unless the same provision could be made for our Chinese colleagues."

"Well, suppose we do a bit of figuring," I suggested. "The regular salary for yourself, Doctor Ted, and the baby is \$110 per month. Forty percent of that is \$44. Not so good."

"That isn't the worst of it," she said a bit ruefully. "You know Doctor Ted is still paying off a college debt at the rate of \$10 per month."

"Then that leaves only \$34 per month - \$17 for Doctor Ted and \$17 for you and Det. You 'll starve to death on that."

I looked at her appraisingly. Though attractively dressed, her clothing seemed to hang a bit loosely about her slender body. "Why, you have been losing weight already. The first thing you must do is to put on about ten pounds."

She colored faintly. "Don't be alarmed. I borrowed this dress from my sister to come to the office. You see, I was able to bring very

little baggage from China, and the few clothes I had with me don't look very presentable."

"It will be a long time before you can buy a new outfit - on \$17 per month - to say nothing of living expenses for yourself and the baby."

"Our relatives have urged that Dot and I live with them. Of course I wouldn't want to be dependent upon them in any event - but now I have a special reason for earning some money." An eager light came into the brown eyes. "In addition to supporting the baby and myself, I must save up enough money for a trip back to China. I must start the very minute the raids and fighting in our city have ended. I belong back in the Hospital with Doctor Ted, and I want to get there as soon as I can.

"The hospital here in New York where I was a nurse before I went to China will take me back on its staff. So I plan to find a little apartment here in the city, put Dot on a bottle, and get back into nursing."

I wanted to say to her "You get some rest, take care of that precious baby, and let the Board of Founders do the worrying about providing your support and getting you back to the field." But I remembered the state of the University's finances and the multiplicity of its emergency needs. So I restrained my generous impulses, and asked the accounting office to make a small advance on her salary account.

When we handed the check to her, her face lighted up. "This looks like a small fortune. Now I can pay my nursing registration fee, rent rooms near the hospital, and get back to work."

She hurried away, her head filled with valiant dreams of supporting that precious baby and herself, and earning in addition enough money to get back to China some day. As she left I made obeisance to the gallantry not only of Helen and Doctor Ted, but also of their hundreds of colleagues, both Chinese and Western, going forward courageously with their work in all the Christian Colleges and Universities of China. But I knew that the burden they are

bearing in these days is too heavy for them to carry alone, and that if they are to continue long at their posts help must speedily be provided for them.

New York City
October 21, 1937

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Nov. 4, 1937.

Ack. 11/12/37.

My dear Mr. Sarside,

Bob's sister sent me a letter yesterday, enclosing "our story."

She also said that a very kind person had made a contribution towards our salary. If you could send me the name and address I'd like awfully to thank him.

We are getting settled in our new place, across the street from the hospital. I hope to go 'on call' Monday.

It will probably be difficult for me to get

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down to the office often. If any
news comes from the hospital
I wonder if you would send
me the news, also my part
of Bob's salary each month.

The baby is doing nicely,
which makes me very happy.

Bob is writing a
diary form of letters which
he sends every week. It
goes to the different members
of the family, and when it
is returned I will send it
to you. A most interesting
account of the war in
Nanking.

If there is anything I
can do to help I will be only
too glad.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Wilson
1105 Amsterdam Ave.

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November 12, 1937

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Mrs. Robert O. Wilson
1105 Amsterdam Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for your note of November 4th, and also for the draft of the story which you returned with a few notations.

The friend who made a contribution to bring your salary back to normal for the next few months instructed that the gift be kept anonymous. I will however, convey your thanks in due course.

We are asking Mr. Evans to see to it that regular remittances are made on your salary account.

We will look forward with interest to seeing the diary which Dr. Bob is writing.

Glad to learn that the baby is doing nicely. We are troubled lest it is too large a load for you both to take care of her and also to carry on your nursing work, but we know you will succeed in the undertaking if anyone could.

We will try to see to it that you receive copies of all informational material from Hanking. Mr. Wheeler is sending out a news letter this week, and I am giving him a notation to be sure that your name is included.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG/am

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December 27, 1937

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson
1105 Amsterdam Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

All of us have read with the keenest interest Dr. Bob's diary running from August 15th through October 19th. We will await with keen interest additional installments which are no doubt on the way.

I am wondering what plan you have as to the ultimate disposition of this very valuable material. Already we have made some publicity use of it, but there is an almost inexhaustible store of material which we have not yet used, and which we would be glad to utilize from time to time as opportunity offers. On the other hand, I am sure that you and Dr. Bob would like to share this material with other members of your families.

Because of the volume of material, it would be a rather expensive job to type off additional copies. Possibly some condensed version could be prepared by taking excerpts of the greatest general interest. We would be grateful for your suggestions and instructions.

In the hope that you and the daughter enjoyed a very pleasant Christmas, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Dec. 28, 1937.

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Dear Mr. Larocde,

I'm very happy
to know that Bob's diary
letter has been interesting.

A great deal
of mail arrived on the
Pres. Hoover the other
day. I hope most of it
is for me. Apparently
my letters have not
been getting through.

Fortunately
I've been very busy;
However, I do hope I'll

be able to get down to
the office soon.

I certainly spent
a few awful days
when Nanking was falling.
I'm so proud of Bob.
I wish I could be with
him.

The baby is six mo.
old to-day. She is really
quite a young lady.

Do whatever you
like with the letter. Use
it for whatever purpose
you see fit. All members
of the families have seen

It I have a copy of the
first long one, so that there
is no hurry to get it
back.

Hoping you have
a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Wilson

January 21, 1938

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson,
1105 Amsterdam Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Marjorie:

I believe that from January 1st on the Manking Founders will be able to restore from our emergency funds the salary cuts of the Western staff at Manking. So we won't need any longer to depend upon the generosity of the anonymous benign godparent who felt inspired to help you, Elizabeth, and Doctor Bob.

In writing to thank our kindly friend, I'd like if possible to send him a picture of your charming self and your charming daughter. Do you have such a picture, preferably one quite recent so as to show how the young lady has grown? Something simple like a snapshot would do quite well if it does the two of you a fair amount of justice. I have a faint hope that you might have had pictures taken recently for Doctor Bob's benefit, though I know that is quite a long chance.

If you don't have anything in the line of pictures, would you give me a ring on the phone, and let's see what we can scheme up.

In sending a picture it would be nice to autograph it with some appropriate expression of thanks, as for instance "To a fairy godparent, from Elizabeth Wilson and her mother", or something of that sort.

Every variety of good wishes.

Cordially,

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January 25, 1938

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson
1105 Amsterdam Avenue
New York City

Dear Marjorie:

Thanks for the picture of little Miss Elizabeth. She is a very charming young lady. But I am sorry that you did not also send us a picture of yourself, for that would have been of great interest to a certain anonymous friend.

I am sending along the picture of Elizabeth at this time but I still reserve the possibility of coming later on for pictures of yourself and Dr. Bob.

The latest instalment of Dr. Bob's diary is particularly interesting. Rex Wheeler is trying to find some effective channel for giving it the publicity it deserves.

Very cordially yours,

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February 17, 1938

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson
415 West 115th Street
New York City

Dear Marjorie:

Thank you for your letter of February 3rd sending us page 50 of Dr. Bob's diary. We are putting this material with the parts of the diary we already have.

Rex Wheeler has been trying to find some magazine which could publish this material. He narrowly missed getting it in the Atlantic Monthly, but found that they were not able to take it because their April issue was already overcrowded, and they felt that the May issue would be too late. I believe he is now exploring other possible leads.

Thank you for sending us your new address. At your convenience will you let us know your new telephone number?

Very cordially yours,

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Saranac Lake, N.Y.
August 11, 1938

Dear Marjorie:

Your letter of July 24th reached the office just as I was dashing off for a few weeks' vacation, so I brought it along. Margaret and I have enjoyed this latest letter from Doctor Bob. Gladhe was able to get away to Shanghai for a brief breathing space. I return the letter herewith.

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If the situation in November is such as to permit your getting back to China of course our office will be glad to help with the arrangements. What may happen in China during the months ahead is still filled with uncertainty. If the Chinese can continue their present resistance another year or so until the Japanese are worn out or other nations take a hand in the situation, we might have another period of terrorism through the lower Yangtze Valley as the Japanese withdraw. On the other hand, if the Japanese keep control, they will undoubtedly make life within the interior of China increasingly impossible for Americans. Lovely prospect either way.

I'm passing your letter along to Mr. Evans, with a request that he see whether there are any steps we should take to help you with your plans before I return later this month. After that I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

We want to see young Miss Elizabeth some of these days. I can appreciate the fact that she is getting to be quite a young lady now, and is rapidly gaining poise and dignity.

Cordially,

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415 West 115 St.
New York City, N.Y.
July 26, 1938.

7/26/38 Mrs. Wilson called.
Cable would not be returned.

Dear Mr. Arnold, Ach 8/11/38

Enclosed is the
letter from Bob. Parts of it
will interest you.

I am hoping to
go back in November - or
about that time. We will
go to Hankow if possible,
otherwise live in Shanghai.
Bob wants to go with him
next year. We are planning
on taking a combination
freight-passenger boat.

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Elizabeth is quite a young lady, over a year old! Some say I will be able to bring her down with me. Right now I am working, therefore I cannot get down to talk things over with you.

I'm terribly excited about the whole thing. I wonder if the Japanese will let us go up river to Nanking.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Wilson.

P.S. No answer to cable yet. I may come through your office.
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Possibly the same line that Bob went out on. Do you think I can get any help on my passage?

Thank you so very much for your advice about the "Digest" article. I finally had a brain-storm (I get one occasionally) and sent a cable through Mr. Ray Mackay in Washington. He wrote saying they had fine reports of Bob's work in the State Dept. He is quite a wonderful person, don't you think so?

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TELEGRAM FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY, NANKING, AUGUST 26, TRANSMITS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR YOU QUOTE YOUR PRESENCE URGENTLY NEEDED ON HOSPITAL NURSING STAFF, BOOK MAERSK NOVEMBER 30 IF POSSIBLE, IF NOT AVAILABLE TRY DECEMBER 15 MAERSK KLAVENESS OR ANY OTHER AVAILABLE BOOKING. AM WELL AND HOPE TO MEET YOU CHRISTMAS DAY LOVE BOB END QUOTE

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Aug. 27, 1938.

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Dear Mr. Garside,

I'm awfully glad that you are back from your vacation, (I don't mean to be mercenary) as I feel that I can go to you with all my problems.

I will try to make this as clear as possible. Enclosed is the cable which arrived today. I really feel that Bob would not send such a message if there was no reason for it. I had told him that no matter what happened I could not possibly sail before November.

I have expressed to everyone my desire to work at the Hospital as soon as I returned. I talked with Dr. Daniels about it when he was in New York last spring. He was due to arrive in Shanghai Aug. 23 and was to proceed immediately to Nanking. (If permitted) The cable may be connected with his arrival, we of course do not know.

Bob wrote from Shanghai in May saying that Nanking was more quiet, several families planned to return in Sept. and he hoped we could come in Oct. or Nov. He has never said anything about working at the Hospital.

I immediately made inquiries and found that the Maersk Line was the only one I could afford. (190 L.A. to Shanghai) All the others charge $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ for Elizabeth. I wrote to Bob telling him that I would plan to sail Nov. 30 or Dec. 15. I asked him to let me know by return mail if I should make my booking.

Miss Mynds is at the Hospital. Miss Lucy Greer and Miss Sarah Glenn were there I think in April. I am under the impression that they have returned to their own posts, but Bob's letters are scattered about the U.S.A. and I cannot be sure.

The Readers Digest article is to appear in the Oct. issue. Bob did not want his name signed to it and after talking it over with the Digest people they still wanted the material and are using it. I am to have the proof reading very soon and I would appreciate it if you would read it over and give me your opinion of it. (Mr. Wheeler has a copy of the cable which Bob sent) It is to be written in such a way that no one would ever know the source of the material. I am sure that Bob will not object to it. I do not know how much the Digest is paying for the article, but I do not feel that I should use the money unless absolutely necessary. Our future is so uncertain, we may have to practice medicine here in America after our five year term and every cent will count.

Bob saw Elsie Priest in Aug. and any person on the Univ. staff wishing to return to America was given 400 dollars with the understanding that the Univ. would not pay return passage.

There are so many things needed that the whole trip is an expensive one for me. I had to start from scratch when I arrived here. Fortunately I have been able to save enough to buy the things we must have before returning.

I hope this will help, I'm sorry the Wilsons are such a lot of trouble for you.

Sincerely,

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Sept. 15, 1938.

Act 9/21/38

Dear Mr. Sarside,

I looked at my passport yesterday after talking with you and found that it could be renewed.

I had an opportunity to go down this morning, and applied for a renewal.

The request has gone to Washington and I shall probably hear in about two weeks.

A letter from Bob today says that travel into the interior (meaning Mankang, I suppose) must be approved by the Japanese.

If I may, I'd like

awfully to hear what Dr. Daniels
reply to your cable was. Also,
I'm anxious to read "what war
means." Do you know if Dr. Bates
is going up river with the University?

I went to the Canadian
Pacific office today and found that
the passage was not really much
more than some of the better freight
lines. It would certainly be a
much better trip for Elivick.
I asked about third class, but
they are very reluctant to make
bookings for women.

I'd like to help, and
can pay some of my passage.
I'm working again and will be
unable to get down to the office.

Sincerely,

Marjorie.

September 21, 1938

Mrs. Robert Wilson
415 West 115th Street
New York City

Dear Marjorie:

Thanks for your letter of September 15th.

In accordance with our conversation, Mr. Evans and I sent out a cable to the Nanking Hospital asking whether they wished to make an official request for your return. Thus far, we have had no reply. As soon as any word reaches us we will pass it along to you.

We will be interested to learn what happens to your application for an extension of your passport. The experience of all of our other China Colleges people has been that applications for renewals of passports, as well as applications for new passports, are always turned down at Washington unless they are accompanied by an official letter from us stating that the return of the staff member is a matter of urgent necessity. Once such an application has been turned down it is doubly difficult to secure favorable action later even though we put on all the pressure we can.

We are trying to get a copy of Timberley's book, "What War Means" and will send it along as soon as we succeed. So far as we know, Dr. Bates is not planning to join the University in Chengtu but expects to stay on the campus in Nanking and to help with the work there.

Just as soon as some reply comes from Nanking, we will take up the matter of your return with our Nanking Executive Committee, and should then be in a position to discuss more intelligently the matter of your steamer accommodations. We can appreciate the emotions with which you have to endure these delays in the working out of your plans for return to China, but hope that decisions can be reached before very long.

Very cordially yours,

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Sept. 23, 1938.

Recd 9/26/38

Dear Mr. Garisde,

Enclosed is the note that I received from the State Dept. today.

The Digest is out, you have probably seen it. I tried to have them take out one line in particular but could not work fast enough. It was certainly different from what I expected and was led to believe. I'm afraid I should have gone about the whole thing differently.

An air mail from Bob written on Aug. 16 said to go ahead and print anything with or without his name, he did not care. The only drawback being that I might not be able to get up to Nanking or the Japs might not allow him back in if he came to meet us. I don't think that I should do anything now until I hear what the reaction is going to be.

What about Europe? That of course is a foolish question. Maybe I'm wrong but it seems that the United States is the best place for Elizabeth right now. I feel that Bob and I should get together before we are unable to. (possibly for a long period)

I wish I knew what to do. Life is certainly a merry-go-round, but I'm getting very dizzy.

Have you any suggestions? They will certainly be welcome.

Sincerely,

Marjorie

P.S. I think I shall stick to nursing.
I'd be terrible as a secretary.

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Dear Mr. Gant...

Dept. Today...

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ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL
PRIVATE PAVILION
NEW YORK

Sept. 24th
Ack 9/26/35

Dear Mr. Harold,

I have some information for you as regards Bob's cable. A letter written Aug. 28 arrived today.

Quote "Bob Smyth (our new consul) said he wasn't sure what the regulations were now concerning messages of a more or less private nature but that he would send the cable and look up the

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reputations afterwards. We put
in some soft soap for the
State Dept. about Marjorie
being urgently needed on
the Staff of the Hospital, a
statement that doesn't by
any means stretch the
truth, though of course
the exact application of
the need may be subject
to interpretation." End quote.

Now what do we do?
Shall we try again to
get a renewal? If not,
that is, if you feel that
it is quite useless I

want to cable Bob.

Thanks very much
for giving me your
precious time.

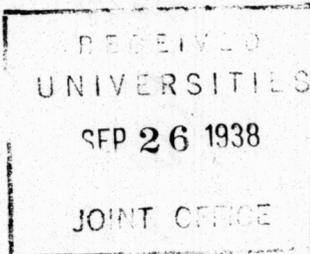
Sincerely,

Marjorie.

P.S. The Stone family
with two children returned
to Nanking Aug. 24th.

Brady and MacCallum,
also Bates are bringing
their families up.

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Sept. 26, 1938.

Act 9/26/38

Dear Mr. Garside,

You have already received a deluge of letters from me expressing my views on our different problems. However, I have thought things over very carefully these last few days, and the letter from Bob has made me come to a firm decision.

I am no longer worried about the "Digest" because Bob does not "care a rap what they print" as he expresses it. As long as I cannot get a passport now for plain Marjorie Wilson and daughter Elizabeth I am going to cable Bob. I don't want to ask for one under false pretenses, and as Bob said it was a lot of "soft-soap" about being urgently needed at the hospital. I honestly do not think that the China picture will be so changed in one month that the State Dept. will re-consider. We have been going on indefinitely for over a year and it has not been easy. I've been trying to play the game and keep my chin up. If we do not come to a decision now and abide by it we may be caught and go on again indefinitely.

Charles Ferguson in Shanghai says that Bob looks well but has the "appearance of utter exhaustion!" We are both unhappy and Bob just lives and dreams for the time when we can be together again.

Bob was alone during the period of occupation and the months following. There are three surgeons at the hospital now, two Chinese and Dr. Brady. We could go back later, depending of course on events.

I'm not trying to be dramatic or let my emotions get the better of me. I'm thinking of Bob, the baby and myself. I see no other way out.

I'll be happy to hear from you before I cable Bob.

Sincerely,

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September 26, 1938

Dear Marjorie:

We can appreciate your emotions these days. But don't worry too much - we'll get you and Dr. Bob together again yet.

An official cable came from Nanking Friday morning requesting your return. The Nanking Executive Committee that morning authorized us to proceed with arrangements for your journey. While we will have to leave to the hospital authorities the final decision as to the source from which your outgoing travel expenses are to be met, we will be glad to give you such aid in meeting these expenses as you may require and will report the figures to the hospital authorities for their disposition.

The letter from the State Department is the one we knew they would write. Evans is writing Shipley making an official request for your return, and there is a fair hope that the Department will approve the extension of your passport.

Until we can get word from Washington, sit tight and don't worry. And obviously you shouldn't send any cables or take any other radical steps until we have had a chance to talk over any moves you may think of making. We are nearly as anxious to get you back as you are to go. If it isn't safe for you and the young daughter to go to Nanking, or if you don't want to stay in Shanghai awhile until the situation up-river is clarified, you and the Doctor can veto the trip, but we will at least try to open the way if you do want to go.

Cheerio.

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson,
415 West 115th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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October 3, 1938

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson
415 West 115th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Mr. Garside wrote you on September 26th, but subsequent to that we received word from the State Department indicating that the Department would be agreeable to issuing your passport under certain restricted conditions. We have received copies of this letter and undoubtedly you have also received the passport.

The action of the Executive Committee of the University of Banking makes it possible for you to proceed at your convenience in securing sailings. We shall be glad to cooperate with you in this respect, when a decision is reached as to the time you desire to sail.

Please bear in mind that the less expensive accommodations are absorbed very rapidly.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

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From C.A. &
seen by M.S.

OCT. 16th

ack 10/17/38

Dear Mr. Garside,

We seem to have every-
thing under control now, and I'm
ready to take the clipper. However,
the clipper will have to be the
Empress of Asia sailing on Xmas
Eve.

A cable arrived from
Bob yesterday - he does not anticipate
any trouble in connection with
the Digest article.

We will leave N. Y.
about the first of Dec. as I
am spending some time in
Arcadia, Calif. with Bob's people.

I'm going to work

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until the middle of Nov. and will
be down soon after. Would you take
care of Elizabeth's insurance for us
while we are away?

You can't imagine how
happy I am.

Sincerely,
Marjorie.



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October 17, 1938

Mrs. Robert Wilson
415 West 115th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Mr. Garside has turned over to me your letter of October 16th, and we rejoice with you that the way seems to be open for your return to the Orient. We note that the reservations have been made on the "Empress of Asia" sailing December 24th.

Most certainly we will take care of Elisabeth's insurance for you in the usual manner for those who are on the field.

Most assuredly we are looking forward to seeing you before you leave for the west.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

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ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL
PRIVATE PAVILION
NEW YORK

Oct. 20, 1938.

ack 10/22/38

Dear Mr. Harsick,

Mr. Evans
sent a cable to Bob
yesterday telling about
our arrival. I know he
was worried about it.

In his last
letter he said that Miss
Hynds and a Mrs. Shih
(whom Dr. Daniels got in
Shanghai) were going to

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start the Training school
again. They want me
to teach when I get
back, and I'll be very
happy to help. I'm
afraid I'd wait with-
out something to do.

May I have my
clergy certificates or
books - whatever one
is supposed to have.
Would it be possible
to have some help
with my expenses -

you said something about
it in a former letter.
May I have a hundred
& fifty dollars? Could
it be managed.

I certainly feel
like a new person.

Sincerely,

Marjorie.

P.S. Won't it be wonder-
ful not to have me
around bothering you.
M.

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