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**WILSON, ROBERT ORY**

Born on October 5, 1906, in Nanking, China

Son of Methodist missionaries -  
William Fisk Wilson and Mary Rowley Wilson

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**Education**

Hillcrest High School - Nanking  
Princeton, N. J. High School - Honor Roll  
Princeton, N. J. University - Magna Cum Laude  
Harvard Medical School - (1929) Cum Laude

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Member of Staff of University of Nanking since 1935.

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At time of Japanese occupation of Nanking, Acting Head  
of the Hospital.

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"Since taking up medicine my personal life has been  
relegated to the background."

"I feel that I can do more good at the University of  
Nanking Hospital than any place in the world; it has  
been a consideration since childhood."

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September 20, 1935

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Dr. Robert O. Wilson  
St. Luke's Hospital  
Amsterdam Ave & 113th St.  
New York City

My dear Dr. Wilson:

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Nanking Committee on Instruction. You will note that the Committee cordially recommended that the Board of Governors approve your appointment to the Nanking University Hospital staff. I am sure we can count on approval by the full Board, and will take steps to that end as promptly as possible. Another fortnight should be adequate to complete these formalities.

I believe we have not yet cleared finally the question of your routine medical examination. This can be handled here through the office of Dr. Vaughan here at 150 Fifth Avenue or in any other way most convenient for you. You can make arrangements with Dr. Vaughan for this examination, or we can make the arrangements for you, or we can send you the medical blanks and you can have the examination conducted by some of the medical men there at St. Luke's. As soon as this matter of health clearance is disposed of, we should be ready to complete the details of your appointment.

We hope that everything has been going along smoothly and that you will be able to get out to Nanking early in 1936.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

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**St. Luke's Hospital**

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS

AMSTERDAM AVENUE AND 113TH ST.

NEW YORK,

Sept 26 1935

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Mr. B. A. Gauside  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City.



Dear Mr. Gauside,

I have your letter of Sept. 20 and note that formalities with the Board of Governors should be completed shortly.

No complications have arisen on my side and I see no reason why I should not be able to sail any time after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

As to the medical examination, it is so difficult for me to get away during the day time, I wonder if you could not forward the blanks and I can have one of the staff here conduct the examination. It would speed the matter up and I would have no difficulty getting a satisfactory job done.

Hoping to hear from you shortly,

Cordially yours

Robert Wilson M.D.

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING and ROBERT O. WILSON this fifteenth day of November, 1935, WITNESSETH:

That the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING hereby agrees to and does employ ROBERT O. WILSON for a position on the staff of the University Hospital for a term of from one to three years on the following schedule of salary and allowances:-

1. Salary at the rate of Gold \$960 per year beginning on date of departure from home of appointee.
2. An outfit allowance of Gold \$100.
3. Travel expenses from New York, N.Y. to Nanking, China, by the most direct route. If the term of service exceeds two and one-half years, homecoming travel expenses from Nanking to New York will be provided at the rate of 20% for each six months in excess of two and one-half years up to a regular term of five years.
4. Residential quarters in Nanking.
5. Medical attention for sickness without charge. (Drugs, prescriptions, and hospital expenses excepting a fixed charge of \$2.00 per day, are included). One-half dental and oculist bills if incurred with prior consent.

The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and full travel expenses to the address given above, by the most direct route.

ROBERT O. WILSON hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees that if for any reason he resigns the position before the expiration of two and one-half years, he will reimburse the university for the share of his outgoing expenses proportionate to the uncompleted part of two and one-half years of service; and if he resigns after two and one half years but before the completion of three years no payment shall be made by the University for travel expenses to New York; except in the case of his serious illness.

It is further agreed by ROBERT O. WILSON that he will give his whole time and attention to the work for which he is hereby employed, and that he will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING.

This agreement may be extended to a regular five year term of service if signed by the parties hereto ninety days prior to its expiration.

WITNESS the hands and seals of the parties hereto this fifteenth day of November, 1935.

WITNESSES:

B. A. Gaudin  
Secretary, Board of Founders

V. G. Mason, M.D.  
Witness for Appointee

On behalf of the UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Robert Wilson  
President, Board of Founders

Robert Wilson M.D.  
Appointee

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO and ROBERT G. WILSON, is witnessed by the following:

That the UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO hereby agrees to employ ROBERT G. WILSON for a position on the staff of the University for a term of from one to three years on the following conditions:

1. Salary at the rate of \$10,000 per year, payable on the 1st of September from here on.

2. An explicit allowance of \$500.00.

3. Travel expenses from New York, N.Y. to Chicago, Ill. and return, in the event of a visit to the University, shall be provided for by the University. The University will also provide for the cost of travel for each visit in excess of the one-day limit, but not in excess of \$100.00.

4. The University will provide a laboratory.

5. The University will provide a desk and office in the Department of Chemistry, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

6. The University will provide a telephone in the Department of Chemistry, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

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December 2, 1935

Dr. Robert O. Wilson  
St. Luke's Hospital  
Amsterdam Ave. & 113th St.  
New York City

My dear Dr. Wilson:

We will forward to you one copy of the employment agreement between yourself and the University of Nanking as soon as we have been able to get Dr. Speer's signature on it. He is expected back on the fifth. The other copies will be retained here and forwarded to Nanking.

I have now begun exploring the various possible methods of trans-Pacific travel for you. Dr. Daniels suggested that you consider travelling third class on one of the Empress boats, as this would involve the saving of about \$80 in comparison with the tourist class on the President boats. But since you are spending Christmas in California, you would have the expense of travel northward to Vancouver so a substantial part of this saving would be lost. I find, however, that the first Dollar Line boat leaving San Francisco carrying tourist passengers after Christmas is the President Cleveland sailing on January 10th and arriving in Shanghai January 31st. This is a week or more later than we had hoped you could get away. The President Coolidge sails from San Francisco on December 27th and arrives in Shanghai on January 13th, but this has a double disadvantage of hurrying you away too soon after Christmas and also that the minimum fare is \$30 more than it would be on the Cleveland.

Another alternative would be for you to take one of the lines carrying freight primarily, but with accommodations for a few passengers. If you are a good sailor and would enjoy a somewhat leisurely voyage with only a few other passengers besides the officers and crew, we might get accommodations for you on the Barber line or one of the other freight lines from Los Angeles or San Francisco.

We would be glad to have your comments on these various types of accommodations. If convenient, would you telephone me so that we can discuss these matters in a little more detail than is possible by letter?

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

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Nanking

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December 18, 1935

Dr. Robert O. Wilson  
St. Luke's Hospital  
113th St. & Amsterdam Ave.  
New York City

My dear Dr. Wilson:

We enclose herewith a steamship ticket for your passage on the S.S. Corneville sailing from Los Angeles to Shanghai on January 18th.

We have already handed you a check for \$200 covering advance to meet all expenses of your travel to China aside from the steamship ticket.

In accordance with our previous instructions, you are requested to keep a careful account of all necessary travel expenditures en route and to report to Miss Priest on your arrival in Nanking. Experience has shown such expenses can usually be kept below a total of \$175 but we are advancing somewhat more than you are likely to require so as to provide for any unseen emergency en route.

May we call to your attention the following provisions concerning travel as included in our Nanking schedule of salary and allowances: "The University expects economy to be observed. It allows for first-class railway travel; regular cabin special or tourist class on trans-Pacific boats; moderate priced hotels; meals; tips up to \$15 per adult for entire trip; passport; baggage transfer; taxicab if necessary." Before leaving, will you please give us definite instructions as to the payment of your salary? As I have already stated to you, our office will be glad to make payments as you may instruct on account of your insurance or other personal obligations. The balance of your salary will be transmitted from month to month, along with other salary checks which we send in care of Miss Priest. Your employment agreement states that your salary begins on the date of departure from your home address which we will consider in your case as January 12th, 1936. If specifically requested, your first month's salary will be advanced to you just before sailing - otherwise, it will be paid in the regular way after you arrive in Nanking.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you a safe and pleasant journey back to China and a very happy term of service in the University Hospital.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

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Copies for Dr. Daniels & Miss Priest

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December 25, 1955

Memorandum to Miss Cloud:

Re Dr. R. O. Wilson, University of Nanking. Dr. Wilson desires us to pay premiums on his New York Life Insurance Company policy, the amount being \$24.24 each in February and August.

The February notices will come to him care of his father, Rev. W. F. Wilson, Victorville, California, and Dr. Wilson will send them on to us for payment. He will then communicate with the life insurance company, requesting them to forward premium notices to our office.

Dr. Wilson desires to pay \$10.00 per month to Princeton University, Office of the Bursar, Princeton, N.J. to be applied on a note for \$198.45 dated June 30, 1954, copy of which is attached herewith. Kindly continue these payments until otherwise notified.

Dr. Wilson is leaving for the home of his parents at Victorville, Calif., his address being c/o Rev. W. F. Wilson. Steamship tickets are to be sent to this address.

*W. F. Wilson*

CAE:RC

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Victorville, Calif.  
Jan 2, 1936.

*ack 1/9/36*

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 5th Ave.  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

The first lap is over. My steamer ticket was here waiting for me and seems to be in good order. I understood that that did not come out of the \$200 for travelling expenses. So far the expenses have amounted to about \$75 and I see no particular expense coming further until I get a ticket on the Shanghai Nanking Railway. The railroad companies have mislaid my trunk somewhere but are looking it up. It would be somewhat of a calamity to lose it.

Before leaving Philadelphia I visited the Trimmers and found Mrs. Trimmer at home. She mentioned the fact that she thought Miss Hynds was leaving the field next year. If that is so do you think we could connect my wife up with the position? Miss Hynds does not talk Chinese so they have that in common. A proposition of that kind would sound very pleasant to me.

Sincerely,

*Robert Wilson*

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P.S. I have written the Bursar of Princeton University about the note for \$198 which they hold of mine. Mr. Evans said that the \$10.00 would be paid monthly. I am writing the New York Life Insurance company today about my small policy. The policy number is 9 360 548 and \$24.24 is due on Feb. 1 and August 1 of each year. I shall ask them to send the statement to you and if you take the amount out of my check for that month I shall be much obliged.

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January 9, 1936

Dr. Robert O. Wilson  
c/o Klaveness Steamship Line  
Sailing on Steamship Corneville  
January 18th  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Dr. Wilson:

Glad to learn that you reached California safely and that everything was going smoothly with your plans for sailing for China next week.

I had a very delightful conference with Mrs. Wilson yesterday. We certainly hope that when you get to Nanking the situation there will permit arrangements whereby she will be rejoining you sometime this year. Sorry there was not time to exchange correspondence with Nanking concerning these latest developments before you had to sail, for there is a remote possibility they might have been able to revise financial arrangements in such a way that the two of you could have gone out together.

The probable retirement of Miss Hynds next summer may provide an opening for Mrs. Wilson, although experience has shown that it is not usually wise to call on the wives of staff members for full time professional service. Household and family responsibilities are almost certain to demand an increasing portion of their time and attention. Certainly this is a possibility which you should explore as soon as you reach the field. I am writing a letter to Dr. Daniels discussing the whole matter in a preliminary way.

We are corresponding with the Bursar of Princeton University with regard to your note, and will begin sending them \$10 per month as you direct. We are also making payments on your life insurance policy as you direct.

With every good wish for a pleasant voyage across the Pacific, I am

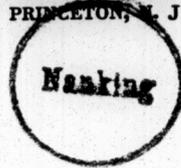
Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE BURSAR  
PRINCETON, N. J.



G. A. MILLS, BURSAR

January 7, 1936.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,  
% Assoc, Bds. for Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

We have this morning received a letter from  
Doctor Robert O. Wilson regarding the reduction of a  
note which we hold against him.

He has advised us that his employers, The  
University of Nanking, have been instructed to pay  
off the note at the rate of \$10 per months from his  
salary and that payments are to come through your  
organization.

✓ We thought that it might be a good idea  
to write to you giving you the amount of the note.  
The note is for \$198.45 and is made payable on  
June 30, 1936. At that time, we shall, of course,  
be perfectly willing to renew for him whatever  
balance remains.

Sincerely yours,

*G. A. Mills*

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University of Manking

January 9, 1956

Mr. G. A. Mills, Bursar  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Mills:

We have before us your letter of January 7th  
regarding the note which you hold against Dr. R. O. Wilson.

Before leaving for China, Dr. Wilson gave us  
instructions to pay \$10.00 monthly upon the note, which we have  
in our possession, and this will be done periodically, the re-  
mittances going directly to your office.

Very truly yours,

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# NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

DARWIN P. KINGSLEY, PRESIDENT

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Mr. Robert O. Wilson  
 150 5th Ave. Board for Christian Colls.  
 New York City, N.Y.

..... Mar..5,..1936..19....

Dear Sir:

According to the records of this Company, the above is your permanent address, to which you desire all communications from this Company to be sent.

You are now in a district not handled by this office, and on the supposition that you prefer to transact your business with the Company, through our Branch Office nearest to you, the record of your policy (or policies) has been transferred to our

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Office \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Office. Located at { \_\_\_\_\_ 51 Madison Ave. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ New York City, N.Y. \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a policy (or policies) not listed below, please communicate the fact to the Cashier of the new office;—or to the Comptroller of the Company, 51 Madison Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

Yours truly, \_\_\_\_\_ H. H. Wahrmond \_\_\_\_\_ Cashier

<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>How Payable</u>	<u>Next Payment Due</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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University of Nanking

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New York Life Insurance Company  
51 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Gentlemen:

We are writing you regarding policy 9,360,548 on  
the life of Robert O. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson is now in the Orient in connection  
with medical work at Nanking Hospital, Nanking, China, and has  
asked us to make payments of his premium. As we understand it,  
the notice coming from your Southern Pacific Clearing Office informs  
you that the notices are to be sent to 150 Fifth Avenue, New York  
City hereafter.

Very truly yours,

CAE:BG

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# NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

51 MADISON AVENUE, MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

FREDERICK M. JOHNSON  
SECRETARY

H. T. SNEDEN, PREMIUM CASHIER  
A. F. SEARING, ASSISTANT PREMIUM CASHIER

## PREMIUM COLLECTION DIVISION

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Mailing

New York, March 19th, 1936.

Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. C. A. Evans.

We have your inquiry of March 12th  
in reference to policy 9360548, Robert O. Wilson.

We have the mailing address under  
this policy in care of your Board, 150 Fifth Avenue, New  
York City, to which address notice for the February 1st, 1937  
premium will be mailed on or about January 17th, 1937.

We trust that this covers the  
information desired.

Yours truly,

*H. T. Sneden*  
Premium Cashier.

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University of Nanking

March 20, 1956

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New York Life Insurance Company  
51 Madison Avenue  
New York City

Attention: H. T. Sneden, Premium Cashier

Gentlemen:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 19th regarding policy 9 560 548 on the life of Robert O. Wilson.

We note that you have received word regarding the mailing address under this policy, but you state that the next notice as of February 1, 1957 will be mailed to our address on or about January 17, 1957. It was our understanding that on August 1st we should receive a notice for the semi-annual payment.

We are writing you in this respect as we do not wish to have any lapse in the payment of premiums.

Very truly yours,

CAE:RC

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# NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

51 MADISON AVENUE, MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

FREDERICK M. JOHNSON  
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H. T. SNEDEN, PREMIUM CASHIER  
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PREMIUM COLLECTION DIVISION

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*Dr. Robert O. Wilson*

New York, March 24th, 1936.

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Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

We have your inquiry of March 20th  
relative to policy 9360548.

We sincerely regret that when writing  
to you on March 19th we referred to the semi-annual premium  
to be due February 1st, 1937, inasmuch as the next notice  
of premium to be mailed from this office will be for the  
August 1st, 1936 semi-annual premium of \$24.24 (to be mailed  
on or about July 17th.)

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S.C.*

We trust that you will have no further  
annoyance.

Yours truly,

*H. T. Sneden* 8  
Premium Cashier.

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Y. M. C. A.  
Waterbury, Conn.  
May 18, 1936.

Mr. Sarside,  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City.



Dear Mr. Sarside:

Since I am no more familiar with your name & address than is indicated, I am writing to insure you receipt of letters so addressed before forwarding a small sum of money. I understand that the most convenient way to forward money to someone in the Naumking Hospital, is through you.

I would like the money to go to my brother, Dr. Robert Q. Wilson, at the University Hospital, Naumking, and would appreciate your letting me know if this method is not too much of an inconvenience to you.

Very truly yours,

Franklin H. Wilson

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE BURSAR  
PRINCETON, N. J.

G. A. MILLS, BURSAR



May 28, 1936

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
c/o Assoc. Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 5th Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

We acknowledge with thanks the check for \$10.00 to be applied on the note of Doctor Robert O. Wilson. This leaves a balance of \$148.45 remaining on the note. A receipt for the payment is enclosed herewith.

Doctor Wilson's note will actually mature on June 30, 1936. We have therefore prepared and are enclosing herewith a renewal note for a period of two years. Would you be good enough to forward this to him for his signature? We would do so ourselves but we are unaware of his present address.

There will be accrued interest charges of \$19.41 due on the note to June 30, 1936. If it is agreeable we shall apply the next two monthly \$10.00 payments to cover this accrued interest.

Sincerely yours,

*G. A. Mills*

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May 29, 1936

Mr. G. A. Mills, Bursar  
Princeton University  
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Mills:

We have your letter of May 28th,  
discussing the status of the note of Dr. Robert  
O. Wilson.

In accordance with your request we  
are forwarding to Dr. Wilson the new note for  
\$148.45 due on June 30th, 1938. For your infor-  
mation, his present address is, The University of  
Nanking, Nanking, China.

It seems to us quite agreeable that  
the next two monthly payments of \$10 each be applied  
against the accrued interest on the new note.

As soon as Dr. Wilson has signed and  
returned the note (which will require about eight  
weeks) we will forward it to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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G. A. MILLS, BURSAR



June 1, 1936

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
c/o Assoc. Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 5th Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

We wish to acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of May 29, 1936 informing us that you  
have forwarded the renewal note to Doctor Wilson for  
his signature.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. A. Mills".

JFH:MG

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June 17, 1936

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson,  
St. Luke's Hospital,  
Amsterdam Avenue & 113th St.  
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

I am glad to report that the Nanking Executive Committee has now confirmed the Candidate Committee's recommendation for your appointment.

I have been making inquiries as to the most suitable sailing for you. I first tried to get you on the PRESIDENT JACKSON sailing from Seattle on August 15th, for that is the most economical way we could send you and would also have the advantage of a large contingent of outgoing missionaries. But that boat is already crowded and no more space is available for anyone. So I turned next to the PRESIDENT COOLIDGE, sailing from San Francisco August 7th. It arrives in Shanghai August 24th. The Dollar Line thinks probably they can find space for you on that boat. It has a number of other missionary passengers, and I am sure you will find it offers you a very pleasant voyage. It will also give you an opportunity to visit with Dr. Wilson's parents in California if you wish to do so. I will let you know just what reservations are available as soon as I hear from the Steamship Company.

Usually an outgoing appointee signs a regular employment agreement form. But since you are going out to rejoin Dr. Wilson, it seems to me it would be better to wait until you arrive in Nanking. Then you and Dr. Wilson together can sign whatever employment agreement is most satisfactory to you and to the authorities of the hospital and the university.

I am asking our Associated Boards promotional staff to do everything possible to help find special funds to cover your outgoing travel and as much as possible of the increased cost of your salary after reaching Nanking. We may be getting in touch with you on that point a little later.

Let us know what we can do to assist you. I am enclosing your Eastern and Western clergy application forms, which you will need in connection with your travel across America.

Very cordially yours,

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Enc.

Copy for Dr. Daniels

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Naoki

June 17, 1936.

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Dear Mr. Sarside,

Your letter this morning made me very happy - in fact I'm so excited it is hard to get down to earth.

I'm sorry I 'messed up' the Application Blanks, but hope they are properly filled out.

The Church I attended All Souls - 1145 St. Nicholas Ave. has for many years been in the hands of the colored people, and I don't know about the records.

I'm sure any boat that I sail on will offer me a pleasant journey and companions. I am certainly looking forward to the Trip, and especially its destination.

Dr. Bob sends his best to the staff at 150-5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Sincerely, Marjorie Wilson

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June 17, 1936



*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a letter or memorandum.]*

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June 20, 1936

Memo to

Mr. Hedrick  
Mr. Sherwood  
Mrs. Macmillan

Our Nanking Founders have just appointed Mrs. Robert O. Wilson, who is hoping to go out this summer to join her husband, Dr. Robert O. Wilson, one of the new members of the staff of the Nanking Hospital.

When Dr. Wilson was appointed last year, it was on the basis of a single worker. His marriage took place just a few days before he sailed. The University of Nanking Hospital felt that it had strained its resources to the limit in adding Dr. Wilson to its staff, and does not see where it can provide the funds required to cover Mrs. Wilson's outgoing travel and to meet the increased salary which will have to be paid Dr. Wilson when she arrives. The Hospital has therefore asked us to do all we can to get special support from the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, sufficient to cover her outgoing travel and as much as possible of the increased salary. The cost of the travel will be approximately US\$375. The salary increase will be around US\$70 per month.

Mrs. Wilson has given us the following memorandum with regard to friends whom she thinks might profitably be solicited:-

"Mr. William Conroy, a former patient, is a thoroughly delightful man. You may remember that he was one who wrote a reference for me. He is a partner in an Insurance Company with offices at 99 John Street.

"The Auer family, of which my sister-in-law is a member, all have money. The brother, (Mr. John Auer) and the uncle (Mr. Charles Auer) work at 648 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn. The firm is John Auer and Sons.

"The uncle, aunt (Mrs. Charles Auer) and brother live at #1 Grosvenor Road, Kew Gardens, L.I., N.Y. I think the Kew Gardens home would be the best place to approach the family. They are all charming people."

I believe that we should confer together early next week as to how we can best follow up these leads and others that we ourselves have or might get from Mrs. Wilson.

B. A. GARSIDE

*Mrs. Kenneth Post  
Do not want to see*

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Nanking

June 24, 1936

Mrs. Robert O. Wilson  
St. Luke's Hospital  
114th St. & Amsterdam Ave  
New York City

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

We are glad to report that we have now secured accommodations for you on the "President Coolidge" sailing from San Francisco August 7th and arriving in Shanghai August 24th. The space being reserved for you is Bed C in Cabin 149. This is a very good cabin on Deck B, and I am sure you will enjoy it. Since I feel we were quite lucky to get this space and since the steamship company was unable to hold the reservation very long without a definite confirmation, I took the liberty of accepting this space on your behalf. Enclosed is the cabin plan of the "Coolidge."

Apparently, therefore, the only thing that remains to be done is to secure the funds for your outgoing and as much as possible to assist with your support after you reach Nanking. I am sorry you were not able to see Dr. Young this afternoon or this evening for he is very much interested in helping secure these funds for you, and a personal interview would do much to give him a good start.

Dr. Young is leaving the city early tomorrow morning and does not plan to return until Monday, July 6th. If his present plans work out he should then be able to spend several days following up the contacts we are able to give him. Of course, it is important from many angles that we enlist the interest and support of friends before you actually sail for China, for once you are on the boat they will have a feeling that you can get out to Nanking whether they help or not and that the matter is not nearly so urgent.

From your letter of June 10th we understand that even though you are leaving the Hospital on July 5th you will still be around the city for about a week longer, so that you should be able to see Dr. Young during that time. We can discuss definite arrangements with you later. Of course, we cannot embarrass you by asking you to take any active share in approaches to friends for support. All we should ask you to do is merely to give us names of individuals who might be interested, and information which would help us to get in touch with them most effectively. From that point on we should take the initiative. I hope that Dr. Robert S. Speer, as President of the Nanking Board of Founders, may be willing to write letters of introduction to these friends which Dr. Young could take along when he sees them.

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Mrs. Wilson

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June 24

I hope that sometime during the next few days I can find an opportunity to see you again and to talk over some of the issues you have already suggested and others that we may be able to think of. Even with the best luck in the world one is not apt to meet with success in every approach, and the more approaches we have the more productive the final result is likely to be. You suggested Saturday afternoon of this week as about the first date you would have any free time. I would be glad to get in touch with you Saturday afternoon at your convenience both as to hour and place. Will you telephone me at your convenience?

Very cordially yours,

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July 7, 1936



Dr. John A. Taylor  
 2 East 54th Street  
 New York City

My dear Dr. Taylor:

You are, I believe, acquainted with Mrs. Robert O. Wilson, formerly Miss Marjorie Jost, whose husband, Dr. Robert O. Wilson, has recently been appointed medical missionary on the staff at the University of Nanking Hospital, Nanking, China.

It is in this connection that I am requesting the courtesy of a brief interview for Mr. George C. Aydelott, one of our American Secretaries who will present this note of introduction.

You will be conferring a favor upon the Board of Founders if you find it agreeable to comply with this request.

Thanking you for the courtesy, I am

Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Speer  
 President Board of Founders  
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July 7, 1936



Dr. Walton Martin  
230 East 49th Street  
New York City

My dear Dr. Martin:

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Mr. Walter E. Kelley  
Riverdale Avenue & 206th St.  
New York City

My dear Mr. Kelley:

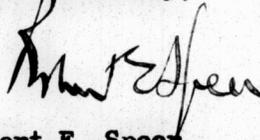
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July 7, 1936



Dr. Albert C. Herring  
 15 East 77th Street  
 New York City

My dear Dr. Herring:

You are, I believe, acquainted with Mrs. Robert O. Wilson, formerly Miss Marjorie Jost, whose husband, Dr. Robert O. Wilson, has recently been appointed medical missionary on the staff at the University of Nanking Hospital, Nanking, China.

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July 7, 1936



Dr. Lewis F. Frissell  
772 Park Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Frissell:

You are, I believe, acquainted with Mrs. Robert O. Wilson, formerly Miss Marjorie Jost, whose husband, Dr. Robert O. Wilson, has recently been appointed medical missionary on the staff at the University of Nanking Hospital, Nanking, China.

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Yours sincerely,

Robert E. Speer  
President Board of Founders  
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R. E. Speer

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Ans.

WALTER E. KELLEY

66 PALMER AVENUE  
BRONXVILLE, N. Y.

Telephone  
Bronxville 0916

July 15, 1936.



Robert E. Speer, Esq.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I am in receipt of your letter of July ninth in reference to the appointment of Mrs. Robert O. Wilson to the staff of the hospital in Nanking, China.

I should like very much to contribute to the fund which you mention, but I regret to advise you that under existing business conditions I will find it impossible to do so.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter E. Kelley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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5 Hankow Road  
Nanking, China  
July 27, 1936.

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 5th Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Nanking

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter regarding the Princeton note which you have been kindly taking care of for me arrived a couple of weeks ago. I had been hoping to hear of confirmation of my wife's sailing date and waited until that time to reply. The confirmation arrived and this letter serves the double purpose of returning the Princeton note and of thanking you for your untiring efforts in behalf of the two halves of the immediate Wilson family.

It does seem a long time to drag out the payment of \$148.45 but at present I see no other solution and will trust you to continue the payments.

My wife reports that in you she has found a real friend and I thank you sincerely for that. In spite of the apparently thoughtless way that matters shaped up in New York for me after signing up to come out here, thanks to the kindness of our friends here and in America, matters seem to be ironing out and I sincerely hope will be soon settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

I am enjoying the work thoroughly, especially since being shifted to full time surgery and my only regret is lack of time for language study. I was able to put in an hour a day with a teacher for the first five months but since summer vacations started it has become impossible. Possibly during the winter I will again find some time.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Wilson

Send note to Princeton  
Ack.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
130 E. Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tamm:

Your letter of August 18, 1936, regarding the proposed amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, is hereby acknowledged. The proposed amendments are being reviewed by the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior. The Department of Justice is currently reviewing the proposed amendments and will advise you of the results of its review in due time.

Sincerely,  
John E. Quinn

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Dr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Garside:

I have just had a telephone message from Dr. John A. Taylor of 2 East 54th Street stating that he had been out of town and had only now received my letter of July 9 with reference to the possibility of contributing toward the expenses of Mrs. Wilson's appointment. He wished to know what the situation was, how much had been obtained, and whether there was still need. I told him that I was sure there was, but that I would ask you to send him word as to the present status of the matter. Will you or your office be good enough to do so? Dr. Taylor seems so sympathetic that I should judge that he would be glad to assist if there is still need.

I enclose a letter from Walter E. Kelley. This and Dr. Taylor's telephone message are the only replies I have had to the letters which I wrote.

Thank you for returning the material from Dr. Patton with regard to titles in China.

I am writing to Dr. Chen at the address which you have given. Perhaps if he is to be here in September when I shall be away he might come up for a visit of a day or so in Lakeville with Mrs. Speer and me. As soon as you have made out a schedule for him for September, will you be good enough to let me know?

Very cordially yours

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August 24, 1936

Dr. Robert O. Wilson  
University of Nanking Hospital  
Nanking, China

My dear Dr. Wilson:

I have your letter of July 27th together with the note payable to Princeton University. I am forwarding the note to the Princeton Bursar today.

Mrs. Wilson is due to arrive in Shanghai today, so I am sure you two are having a very happy reunion. We hope that she has had a safe and pleasant voyage. We trust that the two of you will have a long and happy period of service together there in Nanking.

Thus far we have not been able to secure much concrete response to our efforts to secure special support for you and Mrs. Wilson. But all of the friends whom we have approached have been very cordial, and we hope that in due course we can develop enough special support to assist substantially in your maintenance there in Nanking. The development and continuation of special support for staff members in China is always a task which requires constant attention, not only by our office here but by the staff members interested. A little later on we may be calling on you and Mrs. Wilson to help us with this task by supplying information about what you are doing.

Thank Mrs. Wilson for remembering to send me a card while she was aboard the "Coolidge."

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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G. A. MILLS, BURSAR



August 25, 1936

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
c/o Assoc. Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
150 5th Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 24, 1936 enclosing a renewal note signed by Dr. Robert O. Wilson.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the renewal note and the original note which you may return to him.

Sincerely yours,

*W. M. Young*

W. M. Young  
Assistant to the Bursar

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