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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

attended to file 3/10/42

1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
January 1, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I noted receipt of your letter of December 28th regarding $1200 paid to the Methodist Board in my letter of this date regarding the United Hospital, but I have decided to add a sentence that should be remembered in connection with this $1200 payment. attended to

It should be remembered that there was a bill of goods ordered at the instance of Dr. Cheer for E.E.N.T. goods amounting to twelve hundred and sixty odd dollars. He desired to retain personal possession of these goods. That was agreed to providing he would pay the University their purchase value. This he promised to do.

To replace these goods a $1200 E.E.N.T. order of Dr. Peterson's Methodist Hospital was taken over by the University Medical College, payment for the same to be made to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions.

This order of E.E.N.T. material was a part of the Rockefeller Foundation grant of $20,000. This item has not been reported to the Rockefeller Foundation since it simply refers to an exchange of goods of approximately equal value. The difference in price between the Methodist purchase and the original cost of the goods, amounting to sixty odd dollars should be, as a matter of course, placed to the credit of the Rockefeller grant on the University books for the purchase of University equipment to that amount.

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Cordially yours
Joseph Beech

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West China Union University
Chancellor's Office

1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
January 1, 1941

(thank you for yours of Dec. 28th re the $1200 paid to Methodist Bd of M).

My dear Mr. Evans:

I thank you for your letter of December 21st with its kind words and for your Christmas greetings to Mrs. Beech and myself.

The cable message that you quote as follows: "Urge permission erect pharmacy building", was probably caused by a letter of mine to President Dsang calling his attention to the fact that permanent buildings erected on the campus should have the approval of the Board of Governors.

I was informed that materials were being collected for the erection of one of the two proposed pharmacy buildings. I was later informed that building funds were in hand for the erection of the first or smaller unit of these two pharmacy buildings. Two thousand dollars was contributed from Canada. Other gifts were not specifically reported, but they come from other donors including Chinese or the Chinese Government.

I surmise that this cablegram was sent to ask us to urge permission by the Board of Governors for the erection of this building at the January meeting of the Governors Executive. I am prepared to recommend erection whenever we can have a meeting authorized to deal with this question. Plans drawn on the field by architect Young are reported enroute. I have one blue-print copy of the front elevation only.

I have looked through all the minutes that are available here regarding the United Hospital in Chengtu. I am sure that the contract calling for the set-up of this United Hospital organization was sent to me before I returned to China about two years ago. It may have been stored away in the basement along with other material that I did not deem necessary to take to Chengtu. There should be a copy of that United Hospital agreement in your files. If there is not, action by the University authorities should be in some of the minutes sent forward in 1938. If this cannot be found among your files, I suggest that you call Mr. Cartwright for the loan of his copy. I am certain that the matter came to the Mission Board's because action was required of them.

Quite aside from the contract, I am certain that the West China Union University is an actual, if not legal, participator in the United Hospital. All of our clinical work is done in the United Hospital and several of our University Medical-Dental staff are represented in its teaching and administrative staffs. I am also certain that the University has allocated funds to meet a deficit of the United Hospital on at least one, if not two previous occasions.

This matter of the relation of the United Hospital to the University has been permitted to go forward as an emergency matter without stressing its legal implications except as an emergency to the Mission Boards and the University. One reason for this was the fact that we were in the process of erecting our own University Hospital. When that hospital is completed it will be necessary to have some satisfactory understanding of the relation of the hospital to the mission hospitals and to the United Hospital organization, if that is to continue to exist when the University Hospital opens. The United Hospital is under the direction of the Hospital Board, composed of representatives from the Mission Hospitals, the Missions, and the University, or its personnel.

I judge this request for $500 is another matter for the Executive or Finance Comm.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

New York N. Y.
3 January 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago Illinois

NEWS OF DR KATE MEANS DEATH MAY NOT HAVE REACHED YOU

SERVICE ELEVEN OCLOCK TOMORROW SATURDAY MORNING WESLEYAN

UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

E. H. A. Macmillan

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE.

1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
January 3, 1941

My dear Mr. Evans:

Your end-of-the-year letter regarding a written statement in your possession from Alice W. Lindsay, head librarian of West China Union University, makes a very fitting close to our correspondence of the year. It is a reminder to me and another mark of your gracious kindness.

A similar token came with the greetings of you and Mrs. Evans to Mrs. Beech and myself with Christmas greetings and good wishes for the New Year. We thank you both for this remembrance.

As to the replacement of the books that I turned over to the Library replacement of which is authorized by Mrs. Lindsay, let me say that I have not forgotten about the books. That particular addition consisted of about twenty large volumes. To put that large a case in our Greenleaf Avenue apartment would require some member of the family move out, or that we pay storage on some of our furniture.

Perhaps I can find an edition of that set or some other set that will be more in keeping with our present surroundings. Meantime, may I impose upon your patience as well as space to request that you keep the order until some later day when we can find something of approxiamte cost of that set that we can rejoice in without finding it in the way.

It is contrary to my principles to make mention of my disappointment, for time sometimes changes them into appointments. I recently spent $3.55 in a long distance call to Mr. E.J. Ries, General Manager of the Ritter Dental Manufacturing Company. I had called on Mr. Ritter last November. I had written him not long thereafter, but a letter from Mr. Winegart stated that Mr. Ries's contribution for the Dental building had not been seen, consequently I asked him for $500 by long distance phone. He stated the difficulties, but promised that he would take up the matter. I asked him to report to Mr. Maddock. I now have a letter stating Mr. Maddock has received from Mr. Ries a promise of $200, so I am disappointed, but my friend Mr. Maddock seems to be glad since the former promise by the member of that company was only for ten dollars. I squandered another $2.10 on a long distance call to Dr. Brown to come from Toledo,--to get my report about the Red Cross correspondence and to prepare a statement for Chengtu on the whole matter. I am more optimistic about the returns from my visit to Washington and long distance calls on this matter than I was with the Ritter Company. If the University Medical College follows our suggestions immediately upon receipt of our Clipper letter, we should have a reply via the Washington Red Cross authorities by the end of the month.

Cordially yours,
Joseph Beech

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1644 Greenleaf Ave.—Chicago. Jan. 4/41

Dear Mr. Evans:- Reply to yours of Jan. 2/41

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I have asked Katharine to copy my file copy of the reply to Mr. Chang, and enclose it with this note - Your "carbon" reminder will be need later, if not now. I would like a copy of the ~~[illegible]~~ latest budget you report if extra copy available ——

In reply to your first and second paragraphs:—
I judge that conversations of Mr. Chang, regarding which I will observe "under cover", have tended to create unstable Equilibrium. Suggestions of the other made would have been in timed letter if made before Mr. Chang left Chungtu, In which case he might not have left with support of H.Y.C.

I appreciate the forces at work through Japanese Channels that emphasize Chinese Cultural (ancient) studies for "new order" reasons; and that this may have produced an opposite reaction among China's enlightened intelligentsia. I also appreciate the war psychology that calls for hands on the plow or fingers on the trigger, but that should not blind out Cultural values that enrich a people & promise re-rival. You may recall the builder of the Great Wall burned the books of poetry & philosophy and higher learning, and that the bones of scholars buried in the wall sprang to life.

All this may be beside the mark, but it was in mind when the advice to return "with open mind", & weigh the realities as he views the landscape one.

We should not forget in this instance - that "well co-ordinated document" which came from the H.Y.C. Trustees to the Executive Comm. in Toronto, in advice

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in this particular case. If we do, others beside yourself may be amazed.

A word to the wise is as good as a dictionary - especially if it is a good word.

So again, best of wishes to you & Mrs Evans and your fine associates in all capacities.

Sincerely
Joseph Beech

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PS. Prof Elisseeff's note on Dec 17 & 19th re his promise to see Augustine Li on his next visit to N.Y. I asked him to call Wa 9-8703 and ascertain if I were in N.Y.

He also quoted an N.Y.U. Trustee minute re T.K. Cheng's status of Asso Professor - and suggested Salary of not less than LC $3,200 -

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

1644 Greenleaf Av. Chicago Jan. 8/41

Ack 1/12/41

Haddam conn.

Dear Mr Evans:-

Though somewhat delayed in transmission due to Mr Atherton's vacation in California - I now have his letter of Dec 13th saying that he sent to you $500 in November and on Dec 13th there was sent $1,100. making total of $1600 from the Atherton family

In his letter to me he states that the fund is to be use as I may direct. Since he states the same in his letter to you I judge no further word is called for than applied as heretofore —

I was shocked to get a wire on last Friday night stating that Dr Kate Mead's funeral was to be held on Saturday morning. So sorry I could not be present. Sent a wire night letter to her husband. Poor Chap! How will he ever get by the days. So go, one by one the friends of years

With best wishes

Cordially Joseph Beech

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January 10, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Mr. Garside has asked me to answer your letter of January 9, in which you ask whether there are any fixed meetings which you should put on your calendar for January and February. As far as we know, there are no meetings scheduled of this kind. Mr. Evans hopes to take up with you certain financial matters which should be discussed with the Committee on Finance, but it is his suggestion that if you are going to find it possible to be in New York at some time that is convenient for your other engagements, he will arrange the meeting of the Committee on Finance to suit your schedule. You will be hearing from him directly concerning this.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter from Dr. Goodrich in reference to Mr. Augustine Li. I wrote to Dr. Goodrich upon receipt of your recent letter, and this is the reply which he has sent. If you think it advisable for us to get in touch with Dr. Williamson, as he has mentioned in his letter, I will be glad to check with him. 1-3-41

In the meantime, we have had the name presented to us of another Chinese librarian who might be worth considering for this position. Mr. J. Periam Danton, the Librarian at Temple University, who is also an official of the American Library Association, suggested the name of Mr. Yungling Suen to Mr. Caldwell the other day in Philadelphia. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Danton, giving the basic facts concerning Mr. Suen. You will note that full information can be secured from the American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. You may want to check this up to see whether you should give any consideration to the possibility of Mr. Suen being available.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
in the City of New York

Department of Chinese
and Japanese

January 9, 1941

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Parker:

I know Mr. Augustine Li quite well since he was a student at Columbia in the School of Library and later served as cataloguer of our Chinese collection. We had to release him at the end of June last year due to the expiry of the grant made for the cataloguing of the collection.

I think any one of the Chinese universities would be fortunate in securing his services. He knows library techniques very well indeed and gave us complete satisfaction in the work he performed here. If you wish further technical information about him, I suggest that you consult the Director of Libraries of this university, Dr. C. C. Williamson, South Hall.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) L. Carrington Goodrich

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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Philadelphia

Sullivan Memorial Library

January 9, 1941

Mr. Oliver Caldwell
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges
in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Caldwell:

The Chinese librarian about whom I spoke to you is Yungling Suen, and his address is Institut des Sciences de l'Education, Palais Wilson, Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr. Meng has a brief outline of Mr. Suen's background in a letter of October 31, 1940 from me. If you wish a fuller statement with credentials and the like, I am sure the American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, will be glad to let you see the dossier that they have.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Danton
J. Periam Danton
Librarian

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January 13, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am grateful for your letter of January 8th and as there are no questions to be answered, I can reply promptly.

I understand Mrs. Macmillan telegraphed to you regarding Dr. Kate Mead. She certainly was a remarkable woman.

Incidentally, do you recall a Mrs. (or Mr.) Morrell of Northport, Connecticut, whom we believe was a contributor to West China Union University? She gave $10.00 several years ago for West China, but the question is, when did she, or he, give a sizable gift to West China for a building or plant? The pastor of the church has asked that question and I would like to give an intelligent answer.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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letter from H.D. Robertson Nov. 29

January 18, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

The field is requesting further action on the erection of the dental clinic. You will recall that you stated in your letter of October 11th to the field that there was $1,200. available for this work.

As a matter of fact, we have received $310. in cash, and the Commercial Investment Trust is holding several hundred dollars, which they will not release as the funds have been subscribed and paid conditionally on the strength that the full $2,500. will be forthcoming. It is a long way from securing this fund at the present time.

You will recall we discussed this question, and it was my understanding that did a draft for $1,200 come in, we were to charge the uncollected portion to the account containing funds you have secured from Wesleyan.

Of course we cannot give authorization unless funds are in hand, and is it proper for us to release any amount of this without knowing that the total will be available? What is your judgment?

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

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January 23, 1941

ack 1/27/41

West China Union University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Re: Pension of Dr. Joseph Beech

Gentlemen:

According to our records Dr. Beech served forty years in China, eighteen years under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the balance under West China Union University.

The present basis for retirement under our Board for a man and his wife is $18. a year for every year of service.

If Dr. Beech were granted the retirement allowance for forty years at $18. a year for each year of service, his retirement allowance would be $720. In view of the disability of one dependent, an allowance of $260. is added, making a total of $980. a year. The share of the Board of Foreign Missions for eighteen years of service on the above amount is $441. a year.

As the pension allowance has been changed by the Board of Foreign Missions from time to time, it should be understood that the annual payments from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church may be subject to change.

I am transmitting this letter for your records in order that you may have a clear understanding of our responsibility.

Very truly yours

M. W. Ehnes

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Treasurer

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Chicago. Jan. 27/41

Dear Mr Evans:

Since I am now using up my stock of paper, University, to the vanishing point. I will be obliged if you will send me some of both sizes, with some envelopes.

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Believe it or not! a letter just read from Mr. Fuller. Shanghai - states that upon receipt of my letter approving the allocation of the $966 Wesleyan gifts he was writing the same to Mr. Stockwell the West China Treasurer.

Meantime - the gold $966 was paid to you and duly accounted for on your books.

So. Mr. Fuller & Mr. Stockwell must explain the next act, I judge. Did you write Mr. Fuller that you had the $966.?

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Mr Fuller also added a sad note as follows. "Most mothers with children have left. There is a lonesome bunch of American men in occupied China"

Cordially Joseph Beech

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Rec'd 1/29/41

Chicago Jan 27/41

Dear Mr. Parker:

Since the Committee on appointment of Parsons will have Mr. Small's name before them, as I see by the enclosed letter, - it seems fitting to send along to you this letter of Mr. Small to me on the subject. I have written to him in reply, - noting the list of counts in his favor - and stating my guess that, - with character as the fundamental experience in the work of bursar would probably reckon high in the choice the Committee might make.

To you, I might add, that I am quite of the opinion that when we have "scored" the candidates, the

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matter might very properly be referred to the President for his views, together with his associates views.

The 1940-41 budget shows that funds from foreign sources listed are:—

Bd Governors Natl Currency $125,000
Harrand Yenching — 83,600
Coles Estate 8000
N.C. $215,600

Missionary Salaries - though foreign aid - do not touch the Bursars office - they are direct Mission Boards business with their missionaries with Missionaries $147,000 NC

The total budget for 1940-41 is $1,491,814 —

Better call it a million and a half, for the expenses will out run the estimates. Of course Sp. Gifts and "emergencies" will add to the foreign gifts, but the budget will be the main job with "field" quota constantly on the increase. This by way of propriety in mentioning the President & Exec. Authorities

Cordially Yours Reed

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

11614 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago- Jan 29/41

Dear Mr. Parker:

A letter from Mr H D Robertson, Chengtu, included in Clipper mail to Mr. Evans & forwarded here by Mr. Evans says " Parker's letter ... with yours, has been considered by Prs. Dsang Mrs. Lindsay (present Librarian) and me. We decided to cable "Approach Li". We take it you would approach Li offer him the position on the conditions set out in Mr Parker's letter. We agree he should have ~~position~~ rank of professor. You know the salary scale of June 1940 Minutes. We ... cannot leave the actual salary to you -- as we definitely wish to have Mr. Li appointed Librarian ....."

You will recall that I dropped you a card saying that Mr. Li had decided to sail for Shanghai, - and giving his address in Shanghai, - via SS President Coolidge Jan. 24th. He did not stop here, and so I wrote him care SS. Coolidge S. Frisco telling him to get in direct communication with Prs. Dsang, that I would also write to Prs Dsang to communicate with him, Li.

I have just sent the following cable: —

Augustine Li Steamship Pres. Coolidge:

"Position Librarian, professor, authorized; telegraph acceptance Chengtu (Signed) Beech"

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Why ~~that~~ cable to you did not read as Mr. Robertson's letter states, "Engage Li", I cannot guess, Unless it is easier ~~to~~ say what one does not mean. Lack of definition is a common human trait.

Perhaps this may apply to Mr. Li. Will you therefore Enquire if Mr. Li left for Shanghai, as he ~~was~~ to he planned to do. If he has done so, I suggest that you send Clipper Letter to him in Shanghai Contracting him for position of WCUU Librarian, with ~~rank~~ of professor and salary of Professor. (Salary scale is shifting due to costs of living rates) If I recall correctly, you were given Li's Shanghai address on my Card.

Roberson states that ~~the~~ question of his family we will have to meet + that also applies to a house.

You may be aware of the fact that Houses on the WCUU are like top seats in heaven - difficult to attain.

But since they are urging Li's appointment, do what you can by letter to secure him - and that at once. My reason for the cable was to head off a possible contract with the "accounting Co" care of which he is addressed.

I will send Clipper Mail letter to Dr Dsang next Monday.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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Quick

Chicago. Jan 30/41.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Yours of Jan 28th re charging of two books to the Kate Atherton Special Book acct, received:

These books should have been in their regular current budget for Library.

But since refusal, may delay the receipt of books unduly, and since they are quoted here at $2.00 each, I am agreeable to charging them to this Special account. If you call attention to the fact that there is nothing "special" about such books & that they should be in the Library budget, it may discourage other similar requests.

For a time one of the Chengtu missionaries received "Fortune" forwarded to her by her brother. She in turn deposited it in the University Library. It stopped when she left on furlough. It may have been given since her return.

But "Fortune" is just the kind of book that should be contributed to the Library

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or made a charge on the Kate Atherton Fund

On the enclosed card $.10 is quoted as the U.S. mailage rate. Postage abroad may add considerable. Will you call up & get their special rate to Colleges in China? I will enquire in my next Clipper mail (Feb 3) if it is being given as formerly.

If the postage does not push the price too high, and if the Japs keep off the land, I would think it worth while to risk an order. Such a number as this "Aviation" should be available in our Library.

Yours JB.

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Chicago. Jan 31/42

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Yours of Jan 30th received, ~~together~~ with check enclosed therein I hope your natural color has returned, if not here is the antidote for all such hemophilia, for all such ailments as ~~between~~ you & me. apologies not received, I am allergic sometimes, but not when my thanks are due. Apologies for troubling you. The matter would have righted itself in time. So pardon my intrusion & believe me grateful for your labors of love

Will you be gracious - still, by sending me the amounts with dates of payments on the "Mead" account, with stipulations or designations if any are noted?

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Chengtu
Jan 16.

Another Clipper letter - recd today from Dr. Robertson

1 He urges - again, Action on the Cable re Pharmacy Building - (See Bdg re action by Mail to Executive)

2 He wants scholarships for two of our Staff for study in US - one in physics + one under the N.Y.I. clause, see Memo of N.Y.I. re Regulations

3 He states that Dr Pauford, who flew to Kunming following Albertson's death - contracted same type of malaria on the border. Dr Allen flew down to rescue him, saved his life + brought him home, invalid. Still no report on the equipment salvaged, but expenditure "terrific".

4. Troubled re possible Exchange shifts. "Sold drafts (774) so the Bd Govs will not suffer". "Assure N.Y. Office we are using best judgement in selling gold drafts"

5. Wants $600 US from N.Y.I. for Cook to be purchased + taken out by Cheng Te kun. Noted ROC

6. To Mr. Evans. "Cancel "requisition order No. 00283 page 3 3/3 "the costumes of China" Mason.. from Mrs Lindsay".

7 Graham still at Lashio awaiting trucks.
Best Hoffman still at Rangoon with 4 trucks.

Yours cordially
Joseph Beech

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

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January 31, 1941

ack 2/10/41

West China Union University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Attention: Mr. C. A. Evans

Re: Pension of Dr. Joseph Beech

Gentlemen:

On January 21 I sent you a letter stating the basis on which this Board would pay the pension of Dr. Beech for his years of service. Will you kindly send me a reply stating the basis on which West China Union University will pay a pension to Dr. Beech.

Sincerely yours

M. W. Ehnes

M. W. Ehnes
Treasurer

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AGREEMENT made this day of November, 1940 between the BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY, party of the first part, and the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, party of the second part, covering retirement for Dr. Joseph Beech.

It is the understanding of the said BOARD OF GOVERNORS, party of the first part, that Dr. Beech sailed from America on October 4, 1899 and arrived on the foreign field in January, 1900. At the time of his retirement forty years had been spent in service in China, eighteen of which was in the service of the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, party of the second part. The present basis for retirement under the said party of the second part is eighteen dollars ($18.00) per year for service which would produce a retirement for Dr. Beech of Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars ($720.00). In view of disability of one dependent, Two Hundred Sixty Dollars ($260.00) is added to this amount, making a total of Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars ($980.00).

As Dr. Beech served 18/40 of the time with the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, it is

AGREED that the said Board will furnish directly to Dr. Beech 18/40 of Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars ($980.00) or Four Hundred Forty-One Dollars ($441.00) per year.

It is further understood that the party of the first part desires to continue the salary of Dr. Beech at the same figure as the year last preceeding his retirement. The basic figures are as follows:-

Salary	$1,300.00	
Service Allowance	300.00	
Allowance for Dependent	260.00	
Rent	480.00	
TOTAL		$2,340.00

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the said party of the first part continue

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the annual payment of $2,340.00 to Dr. Beech less the Four Hundred Forty-One Dollars ($441.00) agreed to be paid by the party of the second part or a total amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars ($1,899.00).

In the event that the basis of retirement of the party of the second part increases or decreases, it is understood that annual payments from both parties will be adjusted on the same ratio of years of service, as outlined hereinabove.

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February 4, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have checked up in regard to Mr. Augustine Li, and Dr. Goodrich reports that he left here with just five days in which to reach the steamer, and that he expected to go directly to California and sail. I have also found out definitely that he left at the time expected, and that he hoped to see you in Chicago but apparently was unable to do so.

I have written to Mr. Li in Shanghai, enclosing your letter and asking him to reply to the offer directly to the people in Chengtu. I have also sent a Clipper letter to President Dsang and Mr. Robertson, telling them what we have done, giving Mr. Li's address in Shanghai, and suggesting that they will probably be hearing from him shortly.

I do not believe there will be anything else for us to do in this matter, unless the arrangement for Mr. Li fails in some way. In that case, we will have to make a search for some one else.

I passed on to Mr. Evans your note regarding the Pharmacy building, and I believe he is writing you concerning it. We are sending a request to the Executive Committee regarding the use of the funds for the Pharmacy building, and we hope to have a response from the members very shortly.

Thank you for your word regarding the "Statistical Review" which you used at the First Methodist Church in Evanston. That is one job on which I will always look back as one of the most interesting and enjoyable tasks it has been my privilege to do in my missionary career.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Please return this for my file when you have finished with it. See notes on other side & also my neffy, which please forward to Mr. Cheng

117 Trowbridge Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
February 7, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

copy sent to Mr. Evans JB

Thank you very much for your letter of January 3 which has given me some ideas of what has been going on in Chengtu. I appreciate your frankness about the situation.

I have written Mr. Li Fong-fu in New york and hope to see him next time I go down. I have also been in close touch with Dr. Sidney Hsiao who has shown me his correspondence with you. But he has also shown me a letter of appointment in a most concrete way from President Francis Wei of Hua Chung. I have advised him to wait for a few weeks for your reply and I hope that we act as quickly as possible otherwise we would be losing an opportunity of enlisting a very promising scholar.

Mr Evans. You know the neffy by Cable re Hsiao.

I have a letter from Mr. Robertson enclosing a list of books to be purchased in this country. Regarding the fund for the books, he writes:

See over.

> "In the Budget of the Institute for the year 1940-1 there is an item of gold $600 to be used for books purchased abroad. Dr. Beech knows about this and you should correspond with him and secure his permission to charge the cost of these books against this amount. Please make clear to him that this $600 should be in addition to the NC$46,000 which the Board of Governors has already approved."

I will be very much obliged if you could write to Mr. Evans about this so that I can send the bills to him. The postal service is operating under great difficulties at the present time and I don't think it advisable to send the books to Chengtu by post. Could you suggest anything regarding the transportation?

Please be sure to look me up when you should come this way in the near future.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours,

V. K. Cheng

~~Cheng Te-k'un~~

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

The suggestions that I will make to Mr. Cheng Tehtsun, when I have heard from you, are:- ① that the book order has {your / my}* approval, but with the understanding that, he or some person starting for Chengtu will take them in charge, b/that he submit list of books prior to closing the order- (Some may be too costly or unwieldy to ship under present foreseen conditions & may not be strictly urgent.)

② I know of no one going to West China except Dr Brown and Mr. Cheng. If Mr. Cheng cannot take, or see the books through from Hongkong, I will consult Dr Brown. I will also consult with Dr Dodgen or Dr Mullet who will be due to return next Autumn - if not delayed for special reasons.

Please say to Mr Baike - that I have a letter mid-state of Jan. 24th aboard SS. Pres Coolidge in reply to my letter to him, to get in touch with Pres. Dsang, or await word from him in Shanghai prior to making other commitments - he reminds me that he is "officially" connected with the National Library Peking. He may see T.L. Yuan, the Director, in Shanghai -

Yours JLB.

* I assume that you may be able to order at better discount than McCheng could secure - If I am right - you might well suggest that to him.

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Mr Kirkland
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February 10, 1941

Dr. Morris Ehmes
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Re: Retirement of Dr. Joseph Beech

Dear Dr. Ehmes:

I have at hand your letter of January 23rd outlining the basis of retirement allowance which you are providing for Dr. Joseph Beech who has served forty years in China. You have stated that according to the agreed calculation you are willing to pay $441.00 a year toward the total amount of Dr. Beech's allowance.

The basic figures as accepted by the Board of Governors of West China Union University for completing the total retirement allowances are as follows:-

Salary	$1,300.00
Service Allowance	300.00
Allowance for Dependent	260.00
Rent	480.00
	$2,340.00

As you have stated, it is the purpose of your Board to pay $441.00 per year and the Board of Governors of West China Union University will pay the balance or $1,899.00.

It is further understood that if the basis of retirement of your Board is increased or decreased that the annual payments from your Board and West China Governors will be adjusted on the same ratio of years of service, but that the total amount of $2,340.00 will be maintained. According to this understanding, we have remitted four months' retirement allowance to Dr. Beech.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Dr. Beech
Accounting Office

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February 20, 1941

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Dr. Horace E. Campbell collected several boxes of medical journals for West China Union University. They are held in the American Board shipping room, and we have been informed that they cannot continue to give us space. They ask whether or not we can accept them here, which is beyond any possibility. The Methodist Board will move their sixth floor very shortly for remodelling.

Do you think these are worthwhile keeping? I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply, and thank you in advance.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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P.S. Sad news reported here yesterday concerning the evacuation of Japan Korea & occupied China by the missionaries as authorized by the M. recently. Mr Gammon made the report. He lunched with us tomorrow. Then many we have the joy of your companionship once more

1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
February 25, 1941

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Since receiving yours of February 20th regarding the books collected by Dr. Campbell, together with copy of my letter of June 14th to Dr. Campbell and copy of Mr. Meekan to Dr. Canright; I have talked over the matter of these books with Dr. Brown.

I asked him to convey to you the subject matter of our conversation. In brief it was: For Dr. Brown to take the shipment under his care as far as Rangoon or Bahmo, Burma. Bahmo is the steamship terminal on the Irrawaddy River, about sixty miles from the China border. The books to be left in care of the aviation corporation near there, until such time as transportation could be provided to Chengtu.

The other alternative is to take possession of the books and store them at the University expense preferably in Boston. I think Dr. Campbell would cooperate in this suggestion,- if, upon further consideration Dr. Brown does not feel like taking responsibility for them to the points mentioned.

As I understand it Dr. Campbell was asked to secure these medical journals by the Dean of the medical faculty. If I am correct in that, there ought not to be any question regarding expense involved in the care of and shipment of the books.

Dr. Brown is of the opinion that a steamer will leave shortly from Boston for Manila or beyond. Dr. Brown plans to leave on March 21st. I forgot to ask the name of the port from which he will leave. However he should be in New York by the time this letter arrives.

A previous letter from you concerned matters of a financial nature. Since I intended this C$1166.25 to be made available to Dr. Brown for the purchase of equipment at Shanghai, I suggest that you inquire if he would like to take this amount with him for the purchase of equipment in Shanghai or elsewhere. I acknowledge yours of February regarding Mr. T.K. Cheng and books that he expects to purchase. Of this I have written to you in a previous letter.

Unless circumstances unforseen change intentions that are seen, I should be in New York about the middle of March. Continue to forward mail here until definite word regarding my departure from here is sent to you. Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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February 26, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

We have a notification from the United Church of Canada informing us that $1,000.00 from the Estate of Dr. Service has been forwarded to China, together with interest amounting to $635.00. Further checking with The United Church of Canada reveals the fact that $2,000.00 was given originally, of which $1,000.00 was sent to the field for the medical unit.

I have written The United Church of Canada three letters without very satisfactory results and do not wish to write them again. I believe it would be out of order for us to make any further approach to that Board, or to any individuals.

Do you have any information regarding this gift which would permit us to set it up on our books? Dr. Service died early in 1930, but beyond that we do not seem to be able to assemble other information.

I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your convenience and await your reply with interest.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 5, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of February 25th is at hand and we have written to the American Board regarding the books assembled by Dr. Campbell. After a conversation with Dr. Brown and also after a study of the storage facilities of the Methodist Board, we have decided that it is best to try and store the shipment in Boston for a period at least.

Dr. Brown left the office last night and has started westward. There are a lot of loose ends which have not been cleared, but trust in the course of events things will work out satisfactorily.

I note your paragraph regarding the $1166.25 and have not discussed the matter with him as the matter was put through our books in the usual way, as indicated in my letter of February 18th. We certainly got you wrong on this check, but your letter of November 13th indicated that this was an adjustment which was to be cleared through our books and the paragraph referring to the setting up of an account to which this might be credited never occurred to us. We have discussed with Dr. Brown the possibility of giving authorization through the Associated Mission Treasurers, and before sailing he is to let us know what amount might be approximately the right figure for his use.

Up to the present time we have received less than $3,000.00 from Dr. Brown as the result of his effort toward procuring additional equipment.

A cable came to hand from Chengtu this morning which reads as follows:-

"NO NEWS BROWN LABOUR COSTS RISING ALARMINGLY PLAN BEGIN REMAINING HOSPITAL SHELL WITHIN FORTNIGHT FAILING TELEGRAM."

We are getting in touch with Dr. Brown today if possible by telegram or telephone, as it was our impression that he had acknowledged

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a previous cable which came to hand some days ago.

I will let you know any further developments.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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March 10, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I find that your letters of January 30th and 31st have not been acknowledged -- probably they appeared complicated, but I am directing myself to them with fortitude and determination.

One letter deals with the special request from China for books from the Kate Atherton Fund. I shall be happy to remind the field that such purchases are in line with their own budget. We have proceeded with the purchase, however, of these particular items.

Our report on Fortune Magazine is that it is $7.00, plus $2.00 for foreign postage. Upon receipt of further instructions, we shall be glad to proceed with the order.

Your letter of January 31st deals with a number of items, some of which have been properly cleared. For instance, the cable regarding the Pharmacy has been sent -- action having been taken by the Executive Committee.

We have also received word regarding the request for scholarships, but will make a note of this as being a further demonstration of the need for action.

We still have no report on the equipment which was held up at the Chinese border when Mr. Albertson was taken ill.

I am sure the Finance Committee will not desire to take definite action on the request for US$600.00 from Harvard-Yenching Institute Funds for books. Between the two of us, the handling of the budget this year has not been done very intelligently -- either that or they are maliciously endeavoring to change the appropriation to drafts in gold rather than the local currency appropriation. So far, not one dollar of local currency has been drawn.

We cancelled immediately Requisition No. 00283 on the order for Mrs. Lindsay.

I take it that you mean you desire information on the Mead Memorial Hospital Library Fund and same is as follows:

Nov. 19, 1937	William Mead	$25.00
Dec. 27, 1938	" "	600.74
		$625.74
Interest to 12/31/40		54.93
Total 12/31/40		$680.67

Library Hospital
Books or Furnishings in Hospital Library
Or Endowment for Library

With the hope that we have covered your various requests, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Chicago. March 15, 1941

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Dear Mr Evans:

Snowing blotches of snow this Am. So, with my typist away, I inflict my pen on you-

This should reach you on Monday Am. & explain my failure to visit you at that time.

When Dr Brown last called long distance from Indiana, he stated that he would be in Chicago this week & would call here. So far I have neither heard from him nor seen him. He may have called up on Sunday or Monday Pm. when the house was deserted. If he does not call today I will call his Son at Omaha regarding his movements, this evening —

Reason for awaiting him here, is receipt of a letter from Chiang Red Cross Committee Chairman in response to letter mailed them a short time ago. He stated that they, A.R.C., would supply our order for sheetings from their supply in China. He also stated that Dr Barker had requested the Washington headquarters to include our Dorcas order in their next shipment to China. (this may be delayed as shipment from Kobe is broken down for time being) The Committee also cabled Washington to this effect, but

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with the proviso that Dr Brown could take responsibility of transportation from Lashio,-as was stated in our request to Washington or to Chungking (Committee)- finding his own trucks outside the A.P.C organization.

I am planning to stop at Washington enroute to New York to help the matter along by getting T.V Soong to join us. But I should know Dr Brown's decision re transportation before leaving here if that is possible-

Dr Brown may have been informed of this matter by the Washington Headquarters when the cable reached them, I hope so. The letter came to me by Clipper - via Dr Killborn - dated Chengtu Feb 16th.

So I shall hope to see you by Tuesday or Wednesday -

Please hold mail + request the 6th Floor to do so —

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

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150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Dear Mr Evans:

Replying to yours of Feb 26th regarding money sent to Chengtu -

I do not have any direct information regarding the Dr Service gift or its transfer to the field.

I have written you re a gift from Canada, sent out for the Pharmacy Bldg.

I shall be glad to take up the matter of the Dr Service gift - with Mrs Service - if you will request it when I get to N.Y. next week

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

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April 23, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

We have received the following cablegram:-

"AUGUSTINE UNABLE ACCEPT. ARE HARCHING RESERVES AVAILABLE MENGSZUMING. FAVORABLE BURSAR."

I interpret this to mean:-

1. Augustine Li has turned down the offer of the position as Librarian.

2. They are asking if money can be taken from the Harvard-Yenching Reserve funds to enable Meng Szu-ming to come to America.

3. They are willing to have William Small appointed as Bursar.

You will recall that in the postscript of your letter to Dr. Kilborn you told him to cable either "Favorable Bursar" or "Unfavorable Bursar", which would indicate their attitude towards your confidential letter to him. I am expecting to see William Small sometime this week, as he is in New York. I hope to have him meet both Dr. Decker and Dr. Cartwright while he is here, so that the Committee will be able to make a final recommendation to the Executive Committee.

I have your card of April 14. I will see that the item for a report from the Chancellor is put on the agenda for the meeting on May 7.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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April 28, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of April 23rd came to hand with enclosures. I am returning same herewith.

We have copied the request for an emergency appeal for 1941-42 and will refer to the Finance Committee the $75,000.00 requested for the hospital. I do not see how all of these requests can be absorbed by the Sustaining Fund askings.

I am sorry in deed to hear of your illness, but wish to thank you for your card after your trip to Washington and congratulate you thereon.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 WEST 49TH STREET,
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 20, 1941

My dear Chancellor Beech:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of The Rockefeller Foundation held May 16, 1941, the difficulties of West China Union in obtaining supplies were reported. I have the honor to inform you that an appropriation in an amount not to exceed $10,000 was made to the University for equipment of the new West China Union University Hospital during the year 1941.

We shall be pleased to forward payments under this grant upon request, and we would ask that a complete statement of receipts and expenditures be sent us some time after the close of the period. Under the terms of this appropriation, any unused balance as of December 31, 1941, reverts to the Foundation.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Norma S. Thompson

Secretary

Chancellor Joseph Beech
West China Union University
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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ASSOCIATED MISSION TREASURERS
Post Office Box 251
Shanghai

April 10, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have just received your letter dated February 13th about the $966.00 for Dr. Joseph Beech, per his letter of June 14th, 1940. This item became quite involved due to misunderstandings and the crossing of letters. However, we believe it is all clear now, and at Dr. Beech's instructions it has been handled in the following manner:-

$48.30 to the Methodist Mission, West China, Sze.
500.00 to Chengtu University Hospital, Beds Endowment
417.70 to Chengtu Scholarships

In our letter dated December 28th, 1940 to Dr. Beech this was all explained and verified. This fund is no longer in my possession.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Glenn V. Fuller

Glenn V. Fuller

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1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
June, 3 ,1941.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have written to Miss Norma S. Thompson , Secretary of the Rockefeller Foundation to make an innitial advance to you of $2500 as a credit against bills to come for the West China Union University Hospital .

I have also written Mr.Rollin C. Dean of the R.F. to place orders that will amount to approximately $2000 and send the invoices to you for payment .

Again , he was told that if he desired duplicate copies of the lists of articles to be purchased , I was sure you would accomodate him if he would phone the request or send the sheets to you.

So much for the orders and payment of this quota.

I am reserving $3000 for possible X-ray purchases, as and when the University cables instructions . $5000 is reserved for hospital furnishings, lighting and water equipment. These may be purchased in Chengtu, or Hongkong or here as desired . On this last item I have written them that they were free to order the goods and send bills to you for payment.

What I would like to have you do regarding accounts of this grant from the R.F. is to open a special account on your books "WCUU Hospital , R.F. grant, of 1941." Bills may come in from several directins but I will aim to have the cash on credit before the bills reach you. Then please keep all invoices or bills paid for the rendering of our final account. The deadline for this grant is Dec. 30th, 1941.

I asked for, but did not get anything for freight charges. We may be able to save something , discounts etc on the purchases or order less than my schedules listed. I have asked Mr. Dean , as a favor to a friend, to look after the shipping , extra invoices for customs etc and bill you .

Here is a tip-off to you. "Priority" will probably have all freight space on steamers leaving N.Y. for the Orient after July, if not before. I am aiming to get my orders in before then.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

No typist available - so please pardon" pencil punches"

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Chicago June 5/41

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Dear Dr Evans & Dr Parker:

Have spent the day negotiating with G.E. & Pan Co and visiting a South Chicago Dentist - who has equipment he is willing to contribute to the Dental College.

Returning I find letter from Mr & Mrs Wen-chen Ho, Ames, Ia. & Air Mails from Tseng Te-kun, & Dr & Mrs H.H. Hsieh. They make vivid the news of today re the transfer of all the President boats to Army & Navy, with no other ships available. Tseng was booked to sail today. Yesterday the ship was Cancelled & Coolidge also. Have notice re the rest. They are all of them at sea No ships - No where to go - & no money to stay long where they are. "What What do?" Wallace Wang & Li Ming Hsiang are there, in the "same boat" without a bottom.

Mr Ho stated he would be ready to sail in August. I have written him to be ready to sail at the "drop of the hat" - if you were able to telegraph him a sailing was available at any time - from N.Y. or Frisco.

What about Darlings if any from New York?

C.A. Will you call Rollin Dean & talk with him re

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possible prospects for shipping that Equipment aside from my possible suggestion on the Red Cross ships - if that can go. One of my fears, in view of todays doings of Japs at Java, is no US ships are to be in Japanese waters, lest they might need them for their own job.

Tell me I am all wrong + ships from N.Y. to the Far East are sailing as usual if you can.

A fine letter from Prss. Dsang, except moans about the high cost of living. He states that Currie, Hemmeway, Jimmie K, + Henry Luce have all been up the University - Loud with wonder at the beautiful + precious Campus + the Universities' Co-operation there on. So perhaps we can get a look into "Life" also.

We have much to pray for these days - even if we know not how to pray. But one thing seems clear. The Emergency Aid to China for the Colleges - must get close to the life of the staffs + students, re living costs, + relief to staff members left at sea without boats, by our wars

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Cordially Joseph Beech

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1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago, June 11/41

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Please receive, and acknowledge as indicated on check enclosed -

I think Dr. Agnew or Dr. Mullett will want to draw this for equipment. if & when they can return. I will write and authorize them to draw for this purpose.

Yours cordially
Joseph Beech

Enclosure-
Check of Mrs. N.D. Lamm, Sharon, Pa. McDowell Nat'l Bk.
for- $10.00

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Paragraph quotation from Dr. Kilborn's letter of Nov. 8, 1940 to Joseph Beech.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Oct 6/18/41

"In regard to money for equipment, I note that you have informed Dr. Brown that U.S. $3233.63 is available. We have just received from Mr. Fuller in the Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai, a bill for something over U.S. $1000.00 for electric wire bought by Dr. Brown while passing through Shanghai, or rather ordered from England by him. Unless this can be paid for by funds in the U.S.A. I know of no other gold funds to meet this bill. I believe that at least one quarters payment of the China Foundation gift for equipment made two or three years ago was turned into gold. Is this included in the $3233.63 you mentioned? If so, can this be used for the wiring? I think Miss Priest is expecting to get the money from that fund."

Dear Mr. Evans:

Prior to answering yours of June 9th, I have travelled through correspondence to and from Dr. Kilborn. To date I have not found any clue except the quotation written above from page (3) of his November 8th, 1940 letter, regarding your reported draft through the Associated Mission Treasurers for $1068.15 marked "charge to Dr. Beech for hospital equipment".

I do not regard my statement to Dr. Brown that I had gifts for hospital equipment credited with you as authorization to draw payment for wire which Dr. Brown ordered without authorization from anybody so far as I know.

Dr. Brown informed me that he had ~~reached~~ made this purchase when he reached the United States, and I assumed that he would pay this bill from his ~~own~~ gifts received.

You do not state when you received notification of this draft through the Associated Mission Treasurers. If you have received it recently, perhaps it was sent forward to you from Mr. Fuller by authorization of Dr. Brown as charged against my gifts for equipment.

In my request for funds for equipment from the Rockefeller Foundation I included $1500.00 for lighting equipment, ~~including~~ wiring and fixtures. I assumed that most of this would be spent on fixtures, but, if the wiring represents this charge to you from Shanghai, we must make it a first charge on the R.F. grant of $1500.00 So, until there is further light upon the matter, place it against funds that the R.F. have paid or will pay to you.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

Joseph Beech

See Enclosures { $10 Check from Dr Lamm
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June 11, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

There is nothing new regarding the transportation situation on the Pacific. We have tried all of the travel agencies in town without success and a letter from T. K. Cheng and another from Wallace Wang indicate that they have secured the Pacific Coast for sailings without success. Stephen Tsai, as I told you, sailed last week on a Japanese boat, but he is excused on the fact that he is to go in occupied China. I'll let you know of any new developments.

Your letter of June 3rd came to hand and yesterday a check for $2,500.00 was received from The Rockefeller Foundation. We are holding this against receipt of bills for orders which you are placing. The new account is West China Union University Hospital R. F. Grant for 1941.

I have had several conversations with Mr. Dean on other matters and he also referred to having received a communication from you.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

We have just had a telephone call from Mr. John Marshall, of the Rockefeller Foundation, inquiring about Mr. Mark Tseng and his relationship to the position of Librarian at West China Union University.

I am not familiar with what contacts you may have had with Mr. Tseng in this connection. Mr. Marshall says that Mr. Tseng is supposed to go back to China this summer and is having some difficulty about getting sailings. At the same time, there is the question of where he will expect to go in China and, if the University wishes to consider him for the position of Librarian, some definite understanding should be reached as soon as possible.

We have no record here of Mr. Tseng's background, but Mr. Marshall tells me that he was a fellow with the Rockefeller Foundation from 1936 to 1938, taking training in the library work at Columbia and the Library of Congress. Since 1938, he has been an assistant in the Harvard-Yenching Library.

Will you please let me know where the matter stands with Mr. Tseng and whether you think it wise for us to propose his name to the people in Chengtu? I will need to keep Mr. Marshall posted as to what relationships we have with Mr. Tseng.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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June 18, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am acknowledging your letter of June 11th enclosing check for $10.00 which we are holding for the disposition of Dr. Mullett or Dr. Agnew. I note that you have written them accordingly.

I have before me your letter of recent date regarding the $1068.15 to which I referred in my recent communication. I am wondering if the $68.15 is an accumulation of interest on the funds. This draft was drawn sometime ago, but to be exact it was January 7th.

I will study the recommendation you make still further and will let you know the outcome.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Chicago June 20th 14.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Replying to yours of June 18th received.

The $1068.15 (for Electric Lighting Wires) reported to you, stands. I find it in a statement of account from Dr Leslie Kilborn received two days ago, Dated June 13th Chengtu. At that time they had no word from Dr Brown —

I take it, that you knew the plane that Dr & Mrs Brown travelled on was downed, en-route to Chungking. No one injured. Chengtu had not heard about it. Thought it was about May 13th that time. Will write you a letter next time. Yours J.H. Reed

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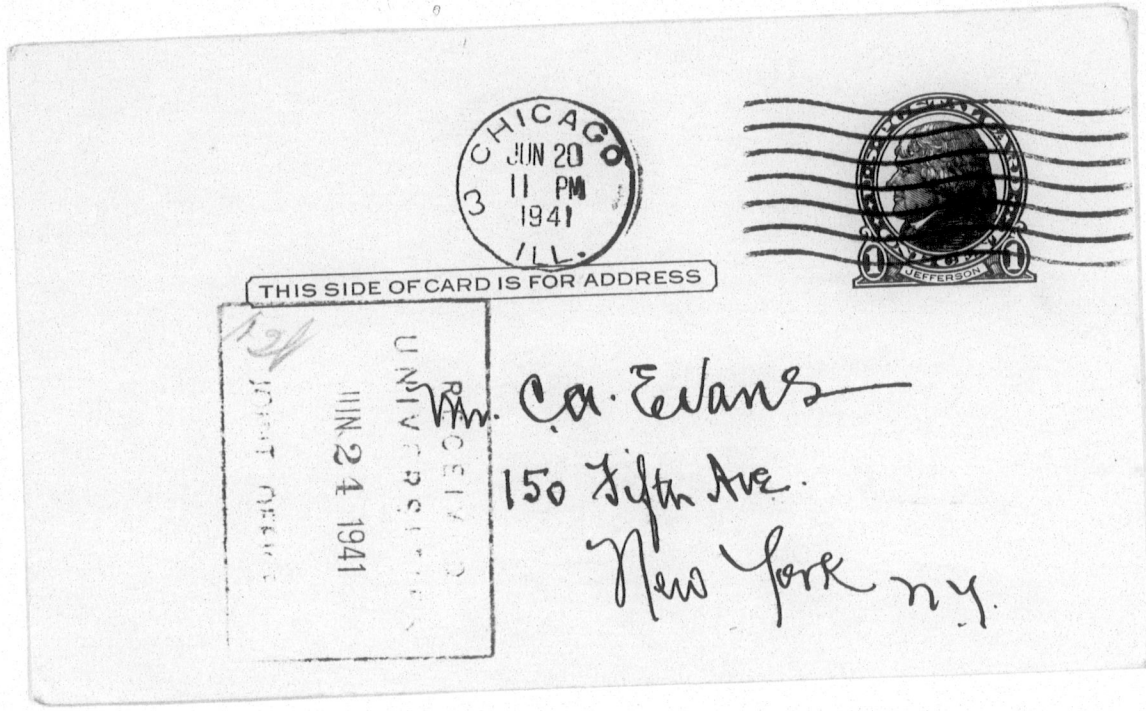

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CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Chicago. June 21/41

Ack 6/24/41
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OR care

Dear Mr. Evans:

Wrote a card to you & promised a letter later on. This is not that letter.

Paid 6/24/41 no 3639

The Enclosed Air Mail from Dr Hsieh arrived this morning. Something should be done re meeting Dr Hsieh's position. I suggest ① that you take up his case with Dr Decker. Hsieh is on of the Baptist Corps in the University; ② that additional cash be given him or made available at Hong Kong. ③ that you recommend the trip to Manilla, costs $400 or less, ascertain the costs of steamship fare from Manilla, or Clipper, to Hong Kong (If my memory is all right, the Clipper fare is US$90+

④ that this advance sum be charged against the budget of WCUU, with confirmation by Executive later on, provided it cannot be taken care of otherwise.

⑤ As I recall Dr Hsieh's contract with L.A. Hospital expires July 31st.

Dr Hsieh would like to take 4 months in the G.E. X ray plant here. I have seen their Export mgr. who promised grant in aid of $100 per month for 4 months. This will take care of him, but not enough for his wife also. If you care to take chances on no war in Far Eastern Pacific at end of 4 months, it would benefit University to help, as necessary, for Hsieh to take this X ray work. See Wilford's opinion in enclosed

Please return Hsieh's letters - Yours Joseph Beech

Note: Prof Ellsworth telegraphed $350 extra through to Tseng Te-hua.

Ack 6/24/41

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CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Hotel Greenleaf Ave. Chicago. June 28/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for yours of 24th with copy of letter to Dr. Reich with the good news that $200 has been sent to him.

In a recent letter from my fine friend in the Red Cross Headquarters Washington, to whom I had written re Steamers for our marooned staff members, advised as follows: "It seems to me that your problem & your Chinese staff is one for Ambassador Hu-Shih or better your friend T.V. Soong. I believe Dr Soong can arrange for their passage, & if I were you I would not hesitate a moments in putting the problem before him." Mrs. T.V. was the party I got to appeal to the Red Cross Headquarters with good results.

How many of our Chinese colleges staffs are held up? If no immediate prospects open up. it might be well to follow their R.C. advice.

Cordially yours
Joseph Beech

PS Between Personal friends, how goes the United China income?

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June 23, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Thank you for your card of June 19 in response to my inquiries about the address of Dr. Lambert, and the matter of the Librarian at West China Union University in relation to Mr. Mark Tseng.

I am trying, through Mr. Marshall, to arrange to see Mr. Tseng and talk with him about the position at Chengtu. As soon as I have made further progress in the matter, I will let you know.

Mr. Evans is in constant touch with the steamship companies about accommodations on the Pacific. I have checked with him on the question of the "President Harrison" and he tells me that it is entirely booked, and that there is no possibility of getting anyone else on this steamer. He says that this was true even before the other ships were withdrawn. There is also some question as to whether the "President Harrison" will sail beyond our Pacific coast. The possibilities of freight lines are being explored and some passengers may be gotten as far as Manila in this way. Dr. and Mrs. Ho are on our list for arrangement for passages just as soon as accommodations can be gotten.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago
July 7/13th/41

Dear Mr. Evans & Mr Parker:

INDEXED I might begin this letter with the following that I wrote to Mr. Ito, when he was leisurely planning his return to China, "Go to the Pacific Coast at once & go on the first boat sailing to China for there may not be any boats until the War is over"

Mr & Mrs Ito notified me they were leaving Ames July 4th I wrote them an air mail letter to get in touch with Dr Hsieh by phone & with Tseng Te-kun by Telegram re Sailing on the Dutch Steamer that might be sailing July 9th The enclosed letter is his answer.

I do not know what is the best manner re tickets & money. The Dutch Steamer rate was $410. I suggest that you Air Mail Mr. Ito, authorizing him to book passage & telegraph you, if need be, re Costs. Their Tickets or Cash will be forwarded upon receipt of this information.

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But Mr & Mrs Ho cannot wait long on Pacific Coast without expense. So I think you should make them an advance travel check of one or two hundred dollars—

I consider both the folks reliable, but urgency of departure should be encouraged.

If they cannot get back to China I may try to get them a refuge in Hawaii where they might earn their living—if allowed to stop by "customs".

Since no later word than the Dutch Steamer, has reached me. I am assuming that Mr. Tseng Hung, Li sailed on the 9th. Have you had any word from them? Have you any assurances re later sailings?

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

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1644 Greenleaf Ave. July
Dear Mr. Evans: fr Chicago 14/41
You + Mr. Parker will be glad
for me following: " July 9-
" Dear Dr Beech. I am definitely leaving
" for Manila this afternoon. Wong
" and Li will be with me. Please
" cross your fingers for me
" Sincerely T. K. Chang (Tseng).

From Sunland Calif July 16. Dr Ho writes:-
" I started my research work on
" Medical mycology - study of fungus
" diseases of human beings & animals
" The work keeps me going day +
" night. (At Univ Calif. L.A.) Lodging
" and living high in this lovely city.---
" I do not have any definite
" plan, and certainly wish to find
" an opportunity to stay in the
" U.S. for a short time... etc. etc "

Dr Ho quotes Dr HH Hsieh as planning to
Rangoon + Burma Rd—

Here's hoping the summer is +
will be kind to you + all with you—
Cordially Joseph Beech

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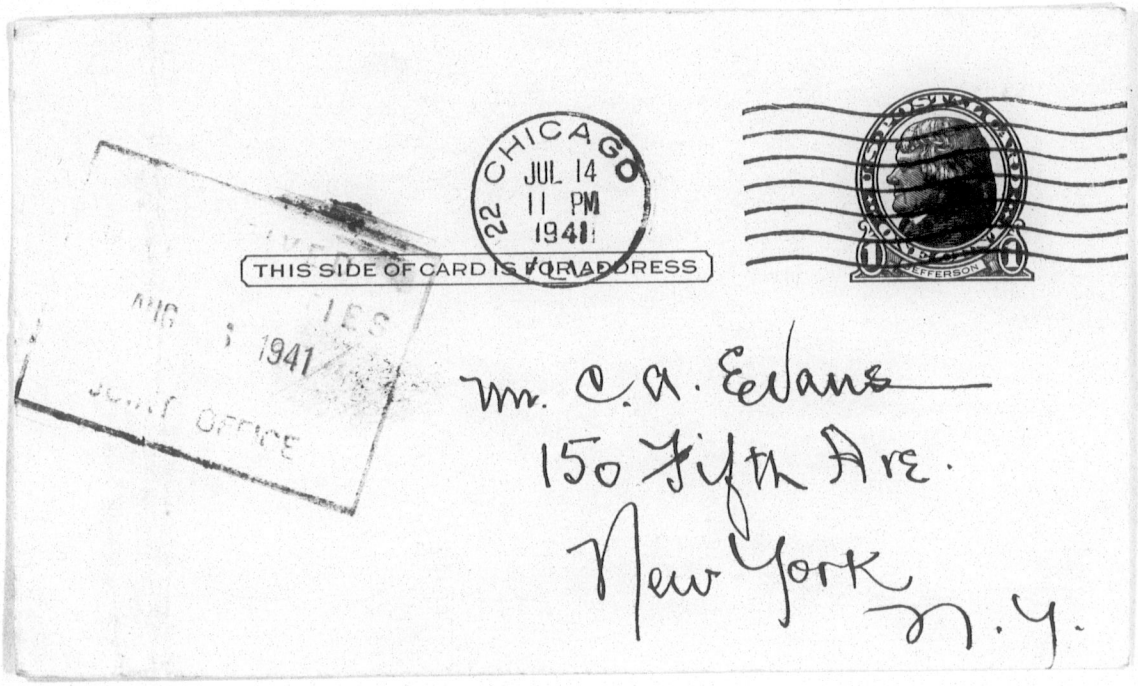

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July 15, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

In accordance with your advice, we have secured the passage for Mr. and Mrs. Ho on the Dutch ship leaving California July 21. Including taxes, their tickets are costing $833. This has been charged to the West China University account.

I am somewhat perplexed concerning the ultimate disposition of this amount. We recently received a cable from the four presidents on the Chengtu campus, indicating the serious financial situation brought on by the inflated prices in West China. Furthermore, a letter from the University tells us that the administration is stunned at the rising cost of travel. The budget has already been seriously overspent.

Could you help us to find the money necessary to send our friends back to China? Something will have to be done quickly to solve this problem.

What should we do as regards Dr. and Mrs. Shieh? Do you wish us to secure passage for them on this same steamer? If you do, please telegraph us immediately.

The entire steerage of the ship leaving on the 21st has been reserved for Chinese students. We hesitated to book Mr. and Mrs. Ho in steerage, but it probably would not be too late to secure passage for some of our other friends by steerage if you think it best to do so. The cost is only $135. to Manila.

We are telegraphing the Hos that their tickets are being sent them by airmail.

Sincerely yours,

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1644 Greenleaf Ave.
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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZE., CHINA

Chicago, July 16/41.

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Ack 7/19/41

Dear Mr. Evans;

This is a response to a letter from Mr. Robertson forwarded by your office. In this letter he refers to some matters that I covered as best I could in a letter to the President & HDR dated June 6 - July 6.

I wish you would advise me regarding their United China Relief askings and hopes for others to ask. Is it understood that China Relief Comm gets money, but allocates it all to the seven or more bodies for their respective distribution ? If this is right what becomes of their request for $50,000 for hospital equipment from WCUU ? What becomes of the four Presidents request for funds for the " China Technical Institute" mentioned in this letter? Should this go via your office or direct to Mr. Garside & MR/ Luce as they evidently have done ? I have no light whatever re these URC procedures and I prefer to do nothing regarding these matters until I have your , confidential or public word regarding the right procedures. If requests of this sort are to have priority in the Colleges' share of funds, with the individual colleges getting what is left, we should know it. Mr. Luce was in Chengtu he may have started this idea. Please let me know, confidentially or otherwise, how these special appeals for URC are coming along,and the light sought on the above ?-?-?-? .

I know that the request for the hospital equipment $50.000 came too late for consideration or inclusion last Spring. Can anything be done about it now, if so what , and in what manner?

Mr. Robertson says,"Dr. Brown is somewhat better but not yet fully recovered." This is my first and only word that he arrived there or was ill . Have you informarion ?

I told Pres. Dsang & HDR that they should address you unless regarding WCUU matters, unless or until you authorized otherwise. I suggested that they ask you to send me copies of their letters typed in NY, instead of enclosed from Chengtu. (Over)

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I will write Chengtu regarding the plans and sailings of our staff members . I will also tell them the use to which they may put the Hazen gifts for religious activities. I will also write them re the Dental & Clinic Bldgauthorization .

I was , and still am, stuck re making funds available for staff members who may be stranded at any point enroute along the way or here.

I will suggest to them that they make funds available for them at Hongkong or Rangoon subject to telegraphic authorization.

We must see them taken care of while they are detained here. I will be glad to be"middle man" for you in such matters ,

Hoping you can let others carry on for you now for a time. You have my authorization for a period of rest from work and worry, before the Fall battle begins.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Chicago. July 19/41.

✓ Rangoon. Panel, amount
Diathermy 3 + 4/mth

Dear Mr. Evans:

Two things sought after in this letter.

I Equipment.

(1) Can you let me have, direct or via others, information regarding the Dr Cotui promise to Mrs Brown. to send to Rangoon or elsewhere, One Truck, One service Wagon, one Diathermy?

Has it been shipped - or is it to be sent - When? How?

(2) Have you other equipment to send out? If so what is it & when & how will it go? Mr. Dean has mentioned it.

II. Stationery. Will you please ask Mrs Whitehead to send to me, paper like this sheet. She still has a small quantity. Also envelopes like the one enclosing this letter.

OK

Be sure of my appreciation

Upon receipt of your letter re "bookings" for Mr Mrs Ho I wrote them to change tickets for steerage if the S.S. Company would agree - they were favorable to the change.

* See below.

I also wrote the Hsiehs regarding their sailing, & asked Mr. Ho to give them the information received from you & the suggestions of my letter.

I sent both Air Mail & am expecting reply by tomorrow or Monday.

Cordially yours

Joseph C. Beech

* What, if any, agreement was there with the Dutch Steamer Co., if perchance the Hos did not sail on the designated July 21 ship?

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19 July 1941

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am specifically answering your letter of July 16th without embellishments, as we have a very limited staff today.

Regarding the $50,000 request for hospital equipment, no agency can make a direct appeal to UCR without the authorization of the participating group. In other words, West China must first approve the $50,000 as has been done by the Finance Committee. The Associated Boards must next approve it and this in a tentative way has been done by including the amount in our asking for the second and third stages of the campaign. This does not mean that it will or will not be received, but probably not, for it would seem that $4,000,000 in addition to the $1,000,000 in hand must be secured if this request is to be given consideration.

There is, however, one qualification in this statement and that is that the American Bureau is endeavoring to set up a permanent organization, as the American Red Cross and the Lease-Lend legislation will practically take away their entire business. In the program they are recommending, we have added $50,000 for hospital equipment, as the UCR Disbursing Committee has requested the American Bureau to submit a program covering the entire medical situation in China. There is some prospect of this being given favorable consideration by the Committee.

Neither had I heard about Dr. Brown's illness prior to Mr. Robertson's letter I knew that he had arrived from the newspaper dispatches covering the attack on his airplane. The first of the week I hope to get off a letter to the field dealing with travel for staff members. A telegram from HQ just this minute came, asking for release from first-class to steerage which I am doing.

More than a hundred cases of equipment are ready to leave Philadelphia as soon as shipping facilities are arranged for the trucks which are being purchased by and through the Friends Service Committee. Their ambulance drivers will take the equipment through to Chengtu from Rangoon.

Most cordially,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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July 21, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am answering your letter of July 19th by paragraphs as enumerated.

1. Dr. Co Tui telephoned our office that three items on Dr. Brown's list would be furnished. They were as follows: a Dodge Panel Truck, a station wagon, and a diathermy machine. It was understood that the motor trucks were in Rangoon and delivery would be made there. A telephone conversation confirms this. About three weeks ago they shipped the diathermy machine to Rangoon. In this connection it would seem that Claude Thomson will have to be informed about this and make the effort to pick up the shipment on the way in.

2. We have a bill from the Liebel-Flarsheim Company for a Bovie Electro Surgical Unit with accessories. There is also a short-wave generator. This has been sent to Arthur Thomas in Philadelphia to be consolidated with other shipments going to Rangoon and to be taken in by Claude Thomson and Dr. Dye.

Mrs. Whiteside (not Whitehead) is sending you stationary you requested.

So you were the one to start the ball rolling about the changes in bookings for the Ho's. I have had quite a session with the steamship company representative this morning, because I gave approval to this change by telegram on Saturday. It seems that they do not sell steerage to women and if the ticket is split it leaves a Chinese lady in a room with one berth vacant. We had this in mind when we made the first reservation, but when the request came by telegram on Saturday it appeared that some arrangement had been made. I have been compelled to withdraw my authorizations and allow the company to follow its regular course. Of course, if they do not sail the money is to be refunded.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Chengtu, Szechwan

Hongkong
May 5, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Beech:

Your letters of April 10th and 14th came to hand this morning on our arrival at Hongkong. As there is Clipper mail leaving this afternoon I will try and answer as much as available information will permit. I secured considerable information in Shanghai but found it would be difficult to ship any of the things we need from that port. The Japanese are prohibiting shipment of electrical supplies, machinery and in fact most things to any place that is not under their control. Also the freight rate from Shanghai to Rangoon is more than it is from New York to Rangoon, that is US$32. per ton; rate from Hongkong to Rangoon is HK$31 per ton, which is much better but still higher than before the war. I will get further prices here in Hongkong especially for indent orders to be shipped from New York to Rangoon. You mentioned that you did not know what orders I had placed. You will find in the New York office a telegram or letter giving this information. You will also find a rather detailed list and suggestions about the equipment needed. I think this letter was written to Mr. Caldwell ad he was representing West China Union University. It may be however that business matters will be handled by some one else. I am not clear on this point. I has placed orders for the two Diathermy machines - one a surgical unit, the second a short wave treatment machine.

Purchases. I asked the office to purchase -

1 standard typewriter, elite type - Royal or Underwood
2 sewing machines
2 general E. infra red bulbs (G.E.) about $1.75 each
1 book of forumlas

I did not place orders for any other equipment. Electrical switches and sockets or hardware was not selected as I wanted to wait and see what was already in hand in Chengtu, before placing further orders. I had purchased electrical wire last year. They now tell me it would cost 80% more than that at the present time.

Red Cross. Regarding the request list of supplies presented to the Red Cross, I agree with you the first section including drugs, surgical supplies and cloth will most probably be granted by them. In fact Dr. John Earl Baker had approved our request and then had to cancel it along with other orders in a calbe to Washington. This was because they could not get transportation for the supplies already sent into Burma. So you will have that lever of our request having been approved. If we can convince them that we will be able to transport the goods they will likely authorize the purchase and shipment. In fact the section #2 of hospital and surtical supplies are even more important than the drugs since many of these drugs have already been shipped into China and we could probably draw from these stocks. But if possible get the entire order. I am sending you herewith* a slightly revised list. You may not feel it is wise however to introduce any new changes in your request to the Red Cross. We can use all of these things or distribute any surplus to any needy hospital.

I would suggest that no further purchases of X-ray machines be made until I am able to get advice from Chengtu. A portable X-ray was given to me in New York and will go with your shipment. Mr. Wm. R. Johnson of the Red Cross has his office here in Hongkong. He tells me that the capacity of the road is woefully inadequate. Mili-

*not sending the list now

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tary supplies and some medical things have first place. He thinks it will be rather difficult to get much heavy material over the road. We may have to confine our shipments to the lighter things. I will try and contact Dr. Baker as soon as possible. He is now Director of the Burma Road.

American Bureau. You write that I telegraphed that the American Bureau was granting $10,000.I intended to indicate that our grand total including the American Bureau was $10,000. I think you will find the word total in the telegram. Possibly it was not clear. Except for special items on which we have conclusive information and on which we get good prices, I am delaying purchases until we are a little nearer to the total amount required. It will also be best to save some of these funds for permanent equipment items, which we are not so likely to get from the American Red Cross or other organizationw. You evidently have the same idea. I also approve of your suggestion of holding the shipment and forwarding them together unless you find that increasing scarsity of shipping space, freight rates or government export restrictions makes it advisable to send things we already have on hand.

Building. I note what you say about going ahead with the shell of the remaining building. If possible I am in sympathy with the idea if there is any chance of getting the additional funds to modernize it and make it useful. These buildings have no chimneys or outside stairs, which makes them unsuitable for use without modernization. While coming over on the boat and while in Shanghai I have given this question consideration. I learned from some of my engineering friends that it is possible to build the shell of the building and put in temporary floors and light partitions probably of "Biteo" which can be replaced later with reinforced concrete floors which will make the building larggly fireproof. It seems that the day is past when we should build a four storey hospital building in a center like Chengtu and not plan to make it fireproof. The Szechuan University buildings are being built fire proof. It is much more important that a hosptial should be. But if it seems possible to do this type of construction I shall be glad to cooperate with your desire in getting the building up. But even then unless we can get the list of essential supplies we cannot make a hospital with just buildings. It was a great disappointment that the funds were not available to purchase these supplies last fall and get them in over the road before the rainy season began. It is doubtful now whether much can be done during this season.

Consignment in Rangoon. I do not know what facilities Rev. F.E. Manton has for handling shipments. They tell me that our Methodist Mission does this work. Rev. H. J. Harwood is there. But if you have some connection and prefer to ship to Rev. Manton it will be all right. Be sure to inform us and send the necessary papers so we can take delivery or authorize delivery to be made. I think this covers most of the items in my new information. You evidently had not yet received my letter sent back from the steamer when you wrote me.

With kind personal regards, I am

/s/ ROBERT E. BROWN

P.S. I am negotiating a paging call and public address system for which we will need to save funds.

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July 29, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am returning herewith letters from H. H. Hsieh and Wen-chun Ho.

I have taken considerable time to study through this situation and find that, undoubtedly, we should have been more alert regarding the H. H. Hsieh account. There is, however, a loophole through which we can share the responsibility with you in that I find a field letter quoting a telegram which seemed to place the entire responsibility upon you. However, this does not excuse us.

We have had considerable difficulty in getting an adjustment with the Steamship Company because of the representations made by Mr. Ho. He has demanded a complete refund plus commissions, and presumably this was a desire to help Dr. and Mrs. Hsieh in their predicament.

I have agreed to all of this and find that, between the two couples, they secured approximately $1100. We have also released to them the commission which Mr. Ho has claimed. I have tried to reassure the San Francisco office of the steamship line, and also the New York office of the character and standing of Mr. and Mrs. Ho. Their attitudes and representations were not very creditable However, the incident is past, although quite frankly the New York office will do some thorough investigation before they sell us any tickets. They will be sure also that they are according to the rules of the Company and that there will be no changes later on.

West China has saved some money in this deal, but has lost something else which we certainly cannot afford to lose at the present time. When I say this, I also repeat that our own part in the office here must have had no little effect upon the attitude of our friends.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Grand View Hotel
465 Grant Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

July 18, 1941.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Have you received my last letter written in Los Angeles, more than ten days ago? I was expecting your reply about the X-Ray machine, and the loan of another two hundred dollars from Mr. Evans.

Yesterday we were notified by the steamship company to leave Los Angeles right away, so here we arenow. I have not had a word from Mr. Evans; therefore I still think our money is not enough, but it is already too late. Since we bought the tickets two weeks ago they had already put on $21.00 extra charges on account of increased prices and besides we paid about $15.00 for excess baggage on the train. Do you know, Dr. Wilford ordered 17 reels of moving films and after that I wrote them that these are for education and then they sent to me 23 more reels free of charge, and of course they are very heavy.

The company told us to embark on the 21st inst., but refused to tell the name of the boat. Our tickets are issued by Java Pacific Line, Inc., 681 Market Street, San Francisco. I wonder whether or not your message will reach me through that agent, in case you have something to tell us.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. H. Hsieh

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BOTANY & PLANT PATHOLOGY SECTION
IOWA STATE COLLEGE
AMES, IOWA

July 20, 1941.

Dear Chancellor Beech:

Your card of July 14th and letter of July 17th reached me duly yesterday. We have done just as you advised in your letter. I sent two telegrams to Mr. C. A. Evans, one inquiring the transportation between Hongkong and Chengtu, and the other requesting to change our first-class tickets to steerage in order to save money for delayed expenses in Manila and Hongkong. I received yours and Mr. Evans' reply at the same time yesterday. In his letter I learned that the New York office is not in a position to arrange any transportation between Hongkong and Chengtu, and Mr. Evans suggested that we had better wire the University as soon as we arrive in Hongkong. So this settles our problem at least temporarily.

We are sailing tomorrow and hope to reach Manila three weeks later. From there, we have to change steamers for Hongkong. We have seen Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hsieh and also Mr. T. F. Pen. As far as I know, they are going to sail on the same steamer and none of them takes first class. We will write you again as soon as we reach Manila, Hongkong and Chengtu.

Florence joins me in sending our best wishes and kindest regards to Mrs. Beech and yourself. Good-bye.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Wen-chun Ho

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

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1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois
August 16, 1941

My dear Mr. Evans:

This is to acknowledge yours of July 17th, July 19th, July 21st, July 29th and July 31st (2). I have answered yours of the 17th, acknowledged yours of July 21st, but without comment. I have the following comments to make on these letters and other matters:

8/19 Mrs. Bruen

I thank you for the information in yours of July 19th regarding the $50,000 for hospital equipment and other matters concerning the American Bureau. In this letter you speak of one hundred cases of equipment being ready to leave Philadelphia as soon as shipping facilities are arranged for, etc. What are these hundred cases? Are they for West China University in part or otherwise? Where is Mr. Claude Thompson that you mention in yours of the 21st?

Mrs. Bruen Note

I am in touch with Dr. Gordon Agnew, who plans to sail from California probably in late October. I am asking him to render assistance in connection with the shipment that will be made by Mr. Rollin C. Dean and I have asked him to pick up the truck and station wagon and diathermy that Dr. Co-Tui was to send out. I need information regarding these items and how we can get authority to take possession of them. I had expected that Dr. Brown would go to Lashio, but a recent letter from him intimates that he has hopes of someone else bringing up the goods. I wish you would telephone or have a telephone message sent to Dr. Co-Tui with request that he write to me information that I can pass on to Dr. Agnew in regard to this matter. I received the "stationary" sent forward by Mrs. Whiteside and also your list of sailings, etc.

I think I have written to you regarding the sailing of our two families, Ho and Hsieh. I wrote the University and entrusted them to make financial arrangements if further aid was needed, by them enroute to Chengtu. I am sorry that Mr. Ho made trouble for your New York office and the Steamship Company. But I am glad that they have succeeded in getting in the steerage rather than in first class.

Miss Kee

Yours of July 31st concerning $227.55 and $50.00 from Wesleyan University I wish that you would hold all receipts from Wesleyan until I see you in New York. The University received from the Methodist Mission that $966.00

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that the Methodist Board now wished to collect from us since it was paid over to you also. We must hold all Wesleyan money to make this adjustment. I judge that the University applied the money for scholarships, hospital beds in accordance with agreements for that year. I now have photographs of ten students that were awarded these scholarships. If I am correct in this they have spent the money before they have received it. In fact, since the money was turned over to you.

I may not go east until I go to the Board of Governors meeting in Toronto. Present indications that I will go to Toronto via Battle Creek and Detroit. I have an engagement at Wesleyan University November 9th, and I may go direct to Middletown from Toronto. If I do this I will not get to New York much before the middle of November. If you know of any reason why I should reach New York at an earlier time, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

Joseph Beech

P.S. Dr Brown's letter dated July 9 received a few days ago. He sends a "mass of material re equipment "an order" or to order etc. etc that I supposed he had attended to — at Shanghai - Hongkong or in U.S.A. I hardly think it proper to send it on to your desk, but I will do so if you say the word and have any prospects of cash available. JB

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August 19, 1941

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of August 16th at hand, and I am dictating a word in reply.

The cases going forward from Philadelphia consist of medical supplies, books, laboratory equipment, and equipment, which have been gathered together for a period of several months. They are to be picked up by the American Friends ambulance unit, who will operate the two trucks we have purchased.

Dr. Dye and Dr. J. Claude Thomson will collaborate in this work. Dr. Thomson's address is c/o the Mountain Rest, Lithia, Massachusetts, where he will be until September 1st.

We will keep the Wesleyan University fund as requested.

I am greatly interested in the time you mention for coming East. It is quite possible that we will want you before that time. If so, I will write you later on.

If there are funds for the orders you have for Dr. Brown, they can be placed through our office. Otherwise, of course, we can buy nothing without the money.

With all good wishes to you, we are

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Joseph Beech
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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Please to advise me what funds are available to the Dr Brown Equipment account. In a former letter dated July 9 and in another, reed today, dated July 23, requesting equipment, to b purchased he speaks of funds in New York. I quote,- " A note from the steamer to Mr. McKenzie asking for statement of funds with him, has not come. Will you see him. Mr. Evans has some money. I brought out $ 700 with me for freight on two tons of electric wiring."

Among the many things he requests, I must improvise a priority list. I want to know what funds are available, free from commitments, before I attempt this part of the job – Sorry to trouble you, but will you connect with McKenzie & let me have the complete picture of Brown's Equipment fund.

Enclosed find letter from Dr. D. P. In a letter to me he treats of. (1) "Returning staff" (2) delays at Hong Kong. (3) Regrets re action of H/S re Wong Sau-ming - wants me to see Prof E.

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③ Asks if N.Y. funds on reserve require Prof E reference. ④ agreeing to my request for an all-out "agenda list" for our Bd & Exec. Meetings instead of "this & that now & then". ⑤ Speaks of Dental Clinic Bldg Funds, Miss ~~Streeter~~ Roberts coming furlough, promises all the information I requested sent for the Governors re Hospital Bldg.

I have no urgent reason to make a trip to the East, but I am becoming restless owing to no information of the promised Red Cross Shipment of our Goods. The hold up is evidently due to a General Shipment of R.C. goods to Orient, with which our Grant is included. "Priority" etc create impediments

Hope you are well and retain your good hopes for the world in General & your own immediate concerns.

Cordially J.B.

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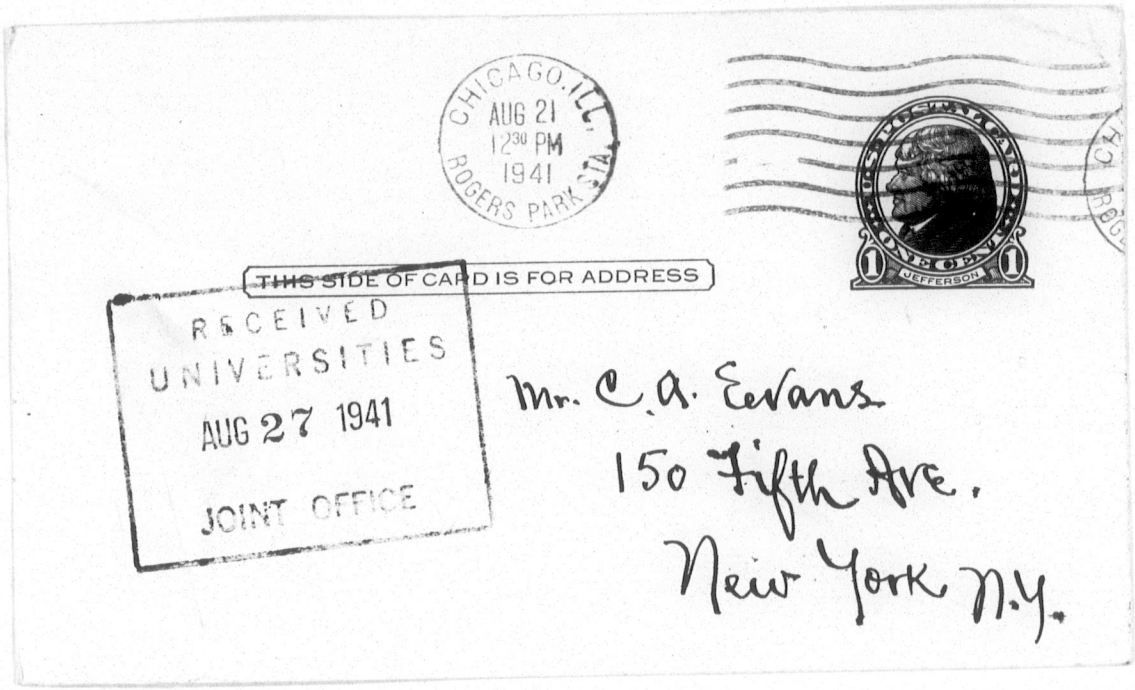
1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago

Dear Mr. Evans: ACR 8/23 Aug 21/x1

Thanks for your letter of 19th inst.
One line - "They (Thomson & Dye) will operate
"the two trucks we have purchased," - needs
clarifying. Does the "we" refer to your office
or to the truck & station wagon reportedly
sent out by Dr Cotui's office. I am banking
on these for the R.F. grant of equipment. So
let me know by return mail - Obliged J.B.



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August 23, 1941
Utica, N. Y.

Dr. Joseph Beech,
1644 Greenleaf Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dearly beloved Dr. Beech:

It warms my heart to see your scribble, and knowing how I love it my charming secretary sent me your card of the 21st. I can readily see how I caused confusion by mentioning "two trucks" in reference to two different purchases.

By memory the matter stands thus: The two trucks secured by Dr. Brown are Studebakers and are held on hand in Rangoon and will be delivered upon proper application. I believe thmis has been written to Dr. Brown.

The two trucks which will be used under the good auspices of Thomson & Dye were purchased and paid for to transport the merchandise being shipped by Arthur Thomas Company, over the Burma road. As you know the Friends Service Committee is sending out fifty ambulance drivers and mechanics and they purchased fifteen Chevrolet trucks with all the money they had altho they had ordered seventeen. They offered the other two to us with the understanding that the merchandise referred to above would be taken in by the ambulance drivers and we could later sell the trucks if we wanted to. Robert McClure is on the way out to supervise the Unit and he promised to carry out this contract, if war permits.

Not so long ago we received a letter from Mr Robertson urging that the orders be gotten through and if necessary to purchase a couple of trucks for the purpose. So, you will see, we have worked along the same line of thinking as the field. These two trucks were paid for out of the University of Nanking account and left to the field to make the adjustments.

I hope this sets you right on the truck question. If not ask me another and address it to the office as I expect to be back in the N.Y. Area the first of the week. With more love than ever, I am

Your humble servant

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August 27, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

In addition to my letter dated Saturday night, I am writing regarding yours of the 19th.

The balance we have available in Dr. Brown's equipment fund is $4,390.51. This is net after having paid the Liebel-Flarsheim bill. It would seem that the $700. to which Dr. Brown alludes was taken before the balance was turned over to us, as we have no charge of this character on our books.

May I say that there is but $1.00 downstairs which has not been sent up to us, but is included in the above amount.

I shall write to Mr. Robertson in reply to the letter you sent me, and will send you a copy of the letter. I am of the opinion, however, that it would be very inadvisable to pursue the question regarding Mr. Meng's scholarship without having more complete evidence in hand than is available in our office. I would think it best for us to give you all of these facts before arriving at any decision as to our approach to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. You are aware, of course, of the difficulties at the present time in getting Chinese into the United States. I requires personal acquaintanceship with the applicant by some American, as well as two sponsors, all of which are filed upon blanks supplied for the specific person. It is no easy task and requires an endless amount of time.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Please thank Mr Parker for forwarding the letter from Pres. Dsang under date of July 26th He states ween enrollment for entrance 1000+ only room for 200. (I will enclose for your confidential care with our other comment). (Also note from Dr Brown)

Thank you for copy of Yours to Mr. Neergaard – Also for yours of Aug 27th Stating Balance of $4 390.51 acct Dr Brown

Note your opinion re approaching Prof. Elisseeff further re Mr. Meng. One of our W.C. folk, Mrs Hsi wife of Dr Hsi, got as far as N Kong & could not proceed due to failure re visa etc. Dr Hsi D.D.S. is at Boston

I am waiting for a promised letter from Dr Kilborn re equipment before doing anything further re such matters.

Hope you are keeping fit Some very hot spells here & then too cool

Unless the Pacific US-Jap continue, short of war – we may look for a fear will find our University bombed – they were visited, but no reports of bombings today. Cordially JLB

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September 4, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am grateful for your letter of August 31 written on a day of good deeds, and for the privilege of reading President Dsang's letter and that from Robert E. Brown.

I am greatly interested in the report on the bombings of Chengtu. Truly it is getting near at home under these circumstances. However, there is a distinct breaking of Japanese morale reflected in under-ground reports which we have been receiving through several channels. I wish I had time to give you a complete resume on conditions as we see them today. Suffice it to remark that there is practically universal opinion that if Japan does not fight within the next two or three weeks she must face an ignominious failure and tremendous face.

I have read President Dsang's letter and sympathize with him greatly in the personal needs which he is facing. I am doubtful as to the propriety of the Board of Governors taking any action upon this situation as it would establish a precedent difficult to over come and might in the long run work decidedly to his disadvantage. We recognize the good will and the gratitude expressed for the efforts made in the United States for assistance. We feel very humble, however, and wish it could be more.

We are frantically working in an effort to get funds for China unfrozen. All of our China accounts are frozen and the United States Government is acting the part of an ignoramus in its attitude toward such simple matters as the transfer of funds from one bank to another here in the United States.

I wish you were nearer where I could run in and talk with you from time to time as I need the stimulus which your calm quiet attitude always engenders.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

While I was away on vacation, Mr. Mark H. Tseng, concerning whom we had corresponded regarding the Librarianship in Chengtu, wrote that he had been unable to come to New York as he had planned on his way to the Pacific coast. In his letter he stated that his situation faces the same difficulty as that of Mr. Augustine Li. He, therefore, felt that it would be impossible for him to consider the opening at the present time. He did not give me any further address, so I am not sure whether he has gotten off to China or not. In any case, I think we should proceed with the search for other candidates. Do you have anyone else in mind?

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Sept. 9, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Mr. C. A. Evans of Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China requested us for some specific information which is to be passed on to Dr. R. Gordon Agnew, who is to make delivery of two trucks and one diathermy machine donated by us to West China Union University. The two units of Studebaker chassis for ambulance were shipped to Rangoon via S.S. Annskakel on June 5th in care of Mr. C. T. Chen, Director of the National Red Cross Society of China, 36 Barr Street. The diathermy machine was shipped via S.S. Exbrook also on June 5th in care of Mr. Chen. The trucks were consigned to Dr. Robert E. Brown and the diathermy machine was included in a shipment consigned to Dr. Robert K. S. Lim in care of Mr. C. T. Chen. Mr. Chen has been requested to deliver the diathermy machine to Dr. Brown.

In accordance with our arrangement with Dr. Brown he is to fly to Rangoon to make delivery of the ambulance trucks and diathermy machine. We wrote to Dr. Brown via clipper mail on July 21st informing him of the shipments and also requested him to see Mr. C. T. Chen.

We do not have the address of Dr. Agnew and shall appreciate your passing on the information to him.

Sincerely yours,

G. P. Waung
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Dear Mr Parker INDEXED

Acknowledging yours
of the 8th re Librarian.

My last letter from Augustine
Li stated that he looked
forward to the W.C.U.L. position
in the near future. The
University administration
has this information & is
keeping touch with him.

I have no other prospects
in mind. But we should
keep up the search as
Events may prevent Li
Carrying out his intentions

Cordially yours

Ps. Card from Mr & Mrs Wei Chun Ho dated
Brisbane Aus. Aug 10. Said, "Routed this way for
Manila due to F.E. Tense Situation."

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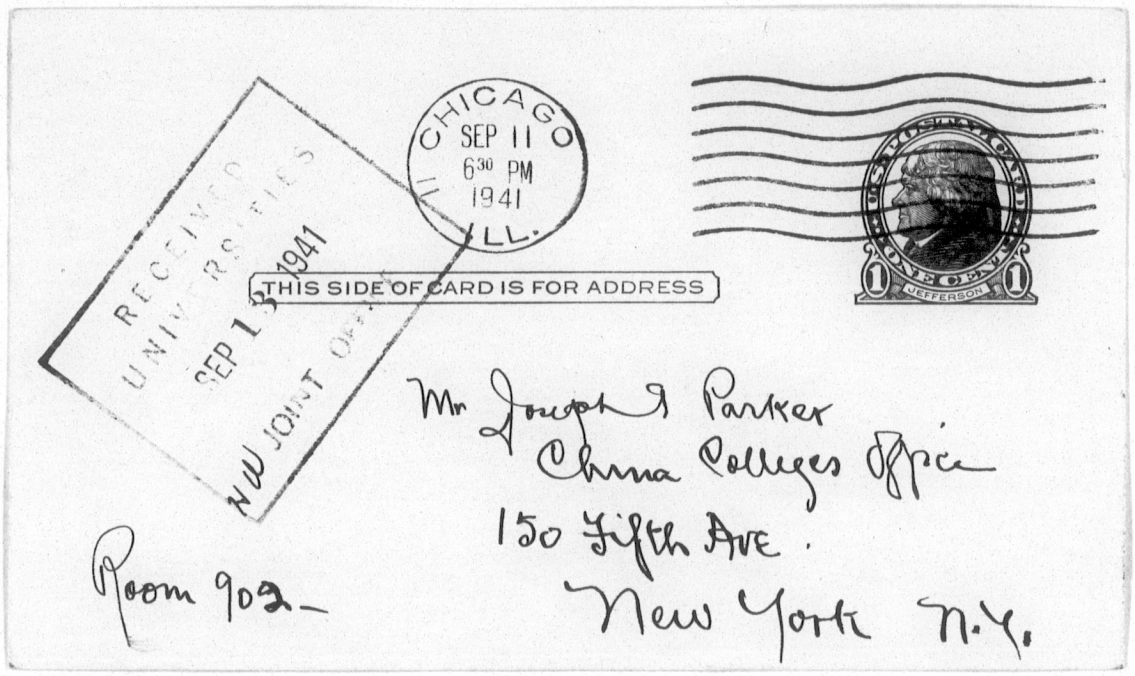

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When I started this letter I planned to enclose one to Mr. Evans dealing with the cost of living situation but recent events make that unnecessary. Please read and forward.

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Dear Mr. Evans;--

Today's news is that Guam and Wake Island are in J hands while Manila and Honolulu are being attacked so it does not seem that Clipper or any other kind of mail for that matter, will be getting through for some time. So before this meets your eyes lots of things will have happened and you will have had some anxious hours planning to meet whatever situation arises in China. Meanwhile we are making a first attempt to get the Central Bank to take our drafts and if they accept them we shall be greatly relieved we have to send them to Chungking as the branch here is not staffed to deal with foreign exchange. So we shall not know for several days what luck we shall have. Shanghai and Hongkong are cut off completely from China except for the radio stations, the one in Shanghai being controlled by interests inclined to the Axis. The S. well family is supposed to be in Hongkong but Dr. Mullett is said to have left on Saturday. We have no word of the Simkins and we presume the ship Dr. Agnew was to sail on never left port.

Your letter of Oct.1st reported a gift to Dr. Meuser from Percy C. Magnus of $250.00. we have issued drafts for this amount to Dr. M.

After reading your letter to Miss Priest as to our drafts we are very glad we kept strictly to the regulations as fixed by the Ministry of Finance and so avoided any possibility of our drafts giving you any trouble in New York. Until the Pacific situation is cleared up and in our favour I presume there can be only a nominal rate of exchange between China and the U.S. For long enough we all have been talking about the probability of this war breaking out and still now that it is on us no one seems to have much of an idea as to what the course of events is likely to be. A cable has come to the Baptists saying funds were being sent through the Bank of China we still are hoping the Central Bank will accept our drafts. But we would like to have definite information as to what funds are available as we do not want to present drafts that cannot be honoured in New York.

It is reported that on Tuesday a plane will take letters for the U.S. via Australia so we are sending this with a prayer. This morning the Japanese radio said the Kowloon was occupied and Hongkong had been given 24 hours to surrender or be blown to bits. Christmas Greetings.

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

1644 Greenleaf Ave, Chicago, Sept.18/41.

ack 9/20/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

I enclose two checks to your order to be placed to the credit of the Beech miscellaneous hospital equipment fund set up about three years ago. See below for source.

In an air mail letter from Dr. Kilborn , dated Aug. 20th he states;' I have cashed your all out check to my order on the Bank of China for local currency $ 5936.90 and have paid Dr. Lindsay the equivlent of US$100 for student aid as specified by you. I have also paid Dr. Best, from this fund ,for hospital equipment he brought from Rangoon . I will expend the balance on hospital equipment or furnishings as you have requested.'

Some time I recieved from one of our Chinese friends US100 to be paid to Dr. Lindsay for student aid. As conditions threatened to blow-up at that time I retained the amount and authorized Dr. Kilborn to pay Dr. Lindsay the amount from my Chengtu account. Since Lindsay was paid from funds that we may rightly consider as equipment, I am returning the $100 to you for credit to equipment.

From this same fund and funds deposited at the coast that may rightly be designated equipment or travel I have paid personal items amounting to $120 . This I am returning and asking that you credit it back to the equipment fund in your care.

I closed with you on Nov.20/40 the AMT balance Sh$1166.25 on your $500, by an AMT check for this amount in your favor. You converted it back to gold on your books.

I opened several accounts to facilitate payments enroute and at Chengtu, these I combined with other funds at Chengtu and Shanghai. I sent to Mr. Fuller a check for Sh$2700 to be paid to Dr. Brown for hospital equipment. (It might have been $2400 as an unknown debit had been charged but not then reported). This Chengtu balance and the balance paid Dr. Brown cleared off the accounts , except the Hongkong balance, reserved for forwarding posts. If you have an account with the Am. Exp. Co. Hongkong, let me know and I will ask them to pay it to your account as I make little use of it. So , money in Chengtu, I have none; money in Shanghai I have none , may find it in the red; money at Hongkong I have none except at your call , about a dozen HK dollars, Hope you managed to leave the office long enough to see a little of the sky this summer, if not you may be running for a fall as well as an Autumn.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

1644 Greenleaf Ave. Chicago Sept 20/41

ack 9/24/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

Yesterday I completed negotiations with the U.S. X ray Corp for a complete X ray Unit. I have notified Mr. Dean of the transaction & requested him to call on you for the Cash upon delivery of the Machine to the Foundation.

Other items are under consideration that may call for payment. So, I have asked Norma S Thompson, Secy R.F. to send you a check for $5000. This together with payment made to you of $2500 will leave $2500 of the original Grant of $10,000 in her hands for future calls

Cordially Josephine Beech

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Please pass the word on — that after Sept. 30th our Chicago address will be, 2110 FARGO AVE.

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am grateful for your letter of September 20th informing us of the purchase of the X-ray unit.

We will await further information from Miss Thompson regarding the $5,000 and will pay for the machine out of this appropriation as directed.

I wish I could take time to write you a lengthy epistle covering a variety of subjects close to our minds and hearts. A series of engagements, however, for the rest of the day makes it imperative that I be about other business.

These continued communications from you show of your constant thought and interest in the welfare of West China for which I praise the Lord.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. We have noted that after September 30th your Chicago address will be changed to 2110 Fargo Avenue.

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Dr. Joseph Beech
1644 Greenleaf Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of September 18th came to hand together with two checks -- one for $100.00 and one for $120.00. We are glad to get this word from the letter from Dr. Kilborn dated August 20th. Presumably, they were cleaning out funds which they had on hand in China.

Both checks which you enclosed have been credited to the Equipment Account of the Hospital.

We have an account with the American Express Company in Hongkong to the credit of which we send checks at intervals and from which the Company pays the cost of postage and other miscellaneous items. If you wish to make any deposit thereto, we shall be glad to give you credit at this end.

Vacations this summer were more or less hectic. A few days here and there and more or less constant touch with the Federal Reserve Bank, and our office made up the sum total of vacation. However, I felt greatly rested when September rolled around and I feel in excellent health at the present moment. I trust this is also true of your own good self.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
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ack 10/15/41

Dear Mr Evans:

I have just received the enclosed by Air Mail, from Mrs Georgetta Waters Box 575, Summerland, Calif, & send it on for your information.

Thank you for yours of the 22 inst & the 23 inst also,

Your "presumably" line is not correct. They are not cleaning out funds they had left on hand. The fact is that I am cleaning out all funds that I had left on hand: in Shanghai, to Dr Brown's order; in Chengtu to Dr Kilborn's order; & will authorize AK. Am Exp Co balance to credit your account. These three items complete & close out my last trip to China account and freight &c charges on Hospital &tal. Equipment.

The balances are all that remain after all bills paid and exchange losses duly charged off.

I have written Mr. Dean to bill you for $3250.00 for X ray, less 15% & 5% net $2624.38, at his option.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

Mrs. to morrow 2110 Fargo Av.

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Kindly forward this letter to
Chancellor Joseph Beech.

Reached me today
Sept 24, G. Valerio.

Sept. 9, 1941.

Chancellor Joseph Beech,
1644 Greenleaf Ave.,
Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

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My dear Chancellor Beech:

After one months and half journey we are glad to be in Hongkong. We wrote you from Honolulu, Brisbane and Manila. Dr. and Mrs. Hsieh and Mr. Pen went to Singapore and planned to go interior through Burma. We are now here waiting the reply from President Lincoln Deang about our air trip to Chungking. I wrote President from Manila and also here. I wired him yesterday again, so should hear from him within a day or two.

The living expences in Manila and here are very high but there is no shortening of money to remain here for sometime. Kindest regards to Mrs. Beech and yourself.

Yours sincerely

Wen-chun Ho.

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2110 Fargo Av. Chicago 10/1/42

Dear Mr Evans:

So many Air Mail - Sp Del - of late that I can afford a card to you. Rec'd word from Washington that Dr Agnew expected by the 16th of this month. He leaves Toronto on Sunday or Monday 11-12th. Am endeavoring to get some of the MWTC order with Dr A. Have written Mr. Dean to try to get Bogen goods ready.

Thought you would like to know these items. Most of our goods cannot go with Dr A, perhaps "none" will be ready. I hope he can overtake the good Dean Sent. or they can overtake him. Since we have little for him, he may not expect much in way of Checks for the forwarding. But do what you deem right in this matter. There will be our Toronto Station wagon awaiting him - I suppose If he does not have word Co this may have. Cordially JB

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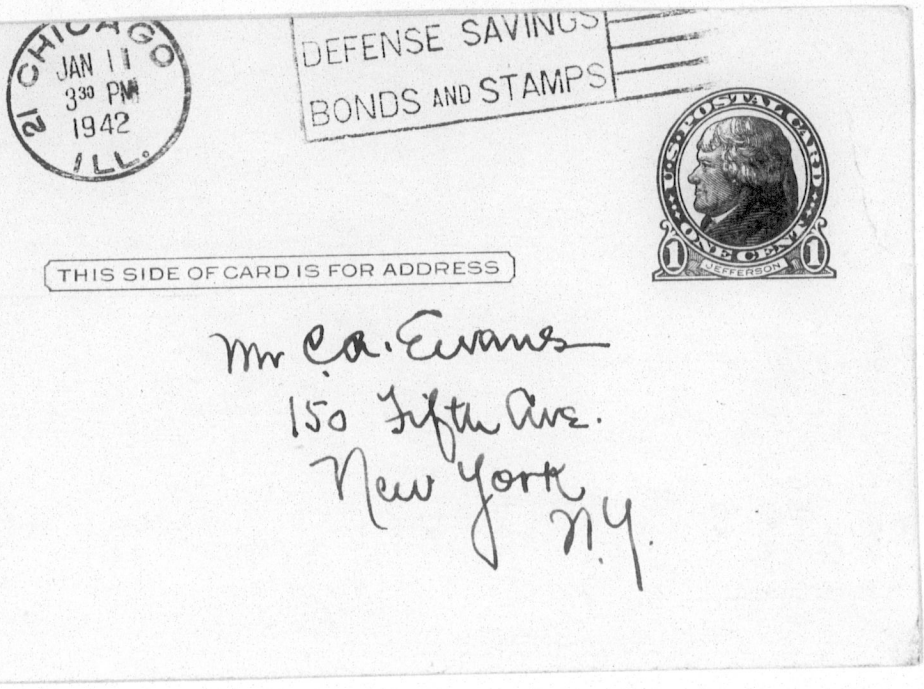

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Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am acknowledging your letter of September 26th enclosing letter from Wen-chun Ho. We believe, all of this group are now in Chengtu as we have had definite word that William Small has arrived also.

Sidney Maddock called me last Friday requesting definite word regarding the Dental Clinic Building for which the American Dental Association is endeavoring to raise funds. He is planning on getting out a new pamphlet and requested a picture of the building, if possible, and also the exact cost for erecting the shell. I alluded to the fact that, to the best of our belief, the building had been erected, but there was no basic equipment available. He stated that he understood that and was waiting to get the money for the building first.

Do you happen to have at hand any definite information which will help us on the two points which he raised? He also asked where the money came from to erect the building. At the present time, we have a record of $901.40 of actual cash received.

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Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Dr. Agnew was in the office today, and we are trying to segregate the various shipments of supplies going to China, and more particularly those for which he is to take responsibility. As you have written regarding these shipments, I am asking if you will confirm such understanding as we now have on the subject.

1st - A miscellaneous lot of orders being assembled by Arthur Thomas Company, to be cared for by Drs. Dye and Thomson in cooperation with the Friends Ambulance Unit, and for which we have purchased two trucks.

2nd - Gifts from the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China to Mrs. Brown, consisting of two autos and a diathermy machine, to be picked up at Rangoon by Dr. Agnew.

3rd - X-ray equipment, two refrigerators, an incubator, and sundry laboratory glassware and equipment, being assembled by the Rockefeller Foundation, to be claimed at Rangoon by Dr. Agnew and transported to China.

4th - Various supplies donated by the Red Cross, which are to be packed and shipped to Rangoon. (Who is supposed to take care of the transportation to Chengtu?)

5th - The supplies ordered by Dr. Brown through you are not definitely on record in our office. How are they to be handled? (This is aside from the second paragraph above.)

Please give us an answer to each one of these questions to the best of your ability, as Dr. Agnew is very anxious to get the situation straightened out as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

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West China Union University.

2110 Fargo Ave, Chicago, Oct. 18/41.

ack 10/22

My Dear Mr. Evans:

In reply to yours October 15th and the inquiries regarding University shipments of equipment.

First Inquiry: Refer to Dr. Claude Thomson, 99 Claremont Avenue, New York, Apt. 421. Telephone number the same as Union Theological Seminary, Monument 2-7100, Extension 421. As I understand it, Thomson and Dye are caring for this shipment to be made from New York and Philadelphia, and I believe no assitance is expected from Dr. Agnew although Dr. Thomson has offered to assist us and has given the following address for any shipments he may make - The Arthur H. Thomas Company, West Washington Square, Philadelphia, with covering letters to Mr. William H. Liggett who is handling Thompson's shipping.

Second Inquiry: You have stated this correctly. I requested Dr. Agnew to call on Dr. Ce-Tui or Mr. Wang and get authorization to take delivery at Rangoon.

Third Inquiry: You have stated the case correctly for all goods being assembled by Mr. Dean of the Rockefeller Foundation . Ihave also requested Dr. Agnew to connect with Mr. Dean. He has done this to my knowledge by telephone and I hope he has followed it up by a personal visit. Copy of these invoices should be in your office if Mr. Dean has requested payment. I am still in doubt as to a receiving agent at Rangoon. I am awaiting Clipper reply from the Baptist Business Agent and Treasurer at Rangoon as requested that I should do by the Treasurer of the Baptist Board, 152 Madiosn Avenue.

Fourth Inquiry: You have stated the case correctly, with the exception of my present understanding that these goods will be shipped through to Chungking or to Chengtu by the Red Cross. I have stated to the Red Cross that Dr. Agnew will be glad to render assistance if goods arrive before his departure from Rangoon. Our equipment is a part of a general very large Red Cross shipment to China, priorities and other new inventions have to be complied with.

Fifth Inquiry: At the request of Dr. Brown I turned over his large and miscellaneous batch of orders to Mr. Charles F. Neergaard, 41 East 42nd. Street, New York. I sent these orders to him on September 17th, with request that he quote what could be secured with estimates. I have failed to hear from him to date. I wrote him again, air mail, October 16th and I requested Dr. Agnew to see him. Will you favor me by getting Mr. Neergaard on the phone and ascertaining if he received these Dr. Brown orders. Dr. Brown's list is difficult to interpret. For one thing, I have letters from Andersen Meyer, Hong Kong, which indicates that some of the goods in Dr. Brown's list "have been sold." As I understand it they have been "sold" to Dr. Brown.

The General Electric X-Ray Company feared their ability to get our X-Ray machine to New York in time for shipment from that port. They promised to ship via Pacific port to Rangoon with expectation that the shipment would travel on the same steamer as Dr. Agnew. I am awaiting Dr. Agnew's arrival in Chicago to give him all the available information regarding this or other shipments. I will write Mr. Dean to make their shipments without waiting for the X-Ray.

Replying to yours of October 15th re Dental Clinic Building. I have given Mr. Maddock the information regarding the reported cost of the building that has been erected on borrowed funds. I know of his renewed effort and hope it will succeed.

Cordially yours, Joseph Beech

Joseph Beech

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Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

We are in receipt of your night letter dated October 21st, which instructs Dr. Agnew to contact Mr. Neergaard and the Bogen Company regarding the call system for the West China Union University hospital.

Dr. Agnew is attending a convention in Texas, but will be back in New York next Monday, October 27th, at which time we will give him your instructions.

We are glad to have the answers contained in your letter of October 18th, and appreciate the time you have taken to check the various items.

With all good wishes to you, we are

Very truly yours,

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Acting Executive Secretary

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Dear Dr. Beech:

One or two matters call for another letter to you. I fear the effort you made in July was too much as I have had nothing since. I hope both you and Mrs. Beech are well and that you had a good summer. It is thought now that Miss Robertson should leave China on furlough, overdue as she cannot resume her work at the office. She plans to go to Toronto where she has a friend. I have written to Mr. Evans to secure the necessary permission from Washington for her to pass through the U. S. on her way to Canada; you might check up on that as we must wait till the Am. Consulate in Hongkong receives word that permission is granted.

Board Meeting. We got another report home from the President but have had no news by letter of the meeting scheduled for the 5th and 6th of November, I suppose everyone wonders what we are thinking of when we keep on cabling for funds to meet the rice subsidies; but what are we to do when the currency of the country buys less and less, in other words depreciates at the rate of exchange remains the same, There seems no third road to take either we get more gold and carry on the work or we close some of the work and carry on what we can; you know how difficult it is to do that. Rice is now fixed by the government at $45.00 per teo which means we have to pay yo our teachers $35.00 for every teo they need, an average I think of five teo per month per teacher for the whole staff. The central government ought to subsidize all schools to this extent but they refuse to see it that way, and if this is not simply a war condition but really a new standard of living, the future does not look so good for private institutions. I have asked Mr. Evans for a cable, you too in my Oct. 3rd letter, immediately after the meeting of the Board and would appreciate a Clipper from you before you leave New York.

Agnew Cable. Gift of Equipment. Long cables came from the N. Y. office asking us to guarantee freight up to $2,000.00 on supplies that apparently Dr. Agnew had secured. The Medical men fear there is danger of duplication as he may not know what you are trying to get. So we replied he must consult with you and you have no doubt been in touch with Evans over this. The transportation situation should improve under McClure and the Friends Ambulance unit; they expect to have seventy trucks and station wagons, etc. under them. I understand the International Red Cross, so-called, has disappeared and the personnel becomes the International Relief unit associated with the Friends A. U. and their men, Evans bros., operating the Kweichow service station, Thompson, Nanking Chemistry, and Dye are to bring most of the university supplies this year; our news of the sailing of Agnew and Mullett is scanty.

Beech cheques. Under the new arrangement by which the Central Bank takes all our drafts Miss Priest has sold your three cheques; Hazen fund for $50,00 each, N.C.$2130.00; one personal $5.00, N.C.$106.00. Please advise as to use. Mr. Evans has sent us two gold drafts through the Bank of China and we are trying to get them to put our account in gold with the Central Bank in Chungking;otherwise we shall lose on the exchange and also the premium which we are allowed between Chungking and Shanghai. There have been wild rumours recently of the rate of exchange on the dark market in Sh'am, as low as 30 for 1 Am. dollar but we have no reliable information.

Harvard-Yenching Funds. For three weeks Dr. Stelle, the associate of William Hung at Yenching, has been in town looking into the work of the three institutions here. He is a young man, Harvard Ph. D. and very keen to see the work of the institute prosper. His comments to us and his report to the Board of Trustees will I feel sure have practical results. I wrote you about T. K. Cheng and his ideas about salary; from every other aspect his coming bucks us all up and promises a splendid future. But we have not got the relations between the Museum staff and the Research staff and the Department staff ironed out as yet; this is a problem for the President and Mr. Fang and I know they are worried about it as the solution means adjusting the ideas of the mentrained in the old methods and the younger, modern-trained men. But at the present time we certainly are not doing what the Institute expects

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us to do either in teaching methods or contents of courses. It is of course in the Middle Schools that the youth of China are being let down but that does not relieve us of our responsibility not only to give the best possible teaching to such students as choose to study Chinese but also to set standards for others to follow. I w question whether anything can be done till we have a Head of the department who has been trained in modern methods and who is prepared to reorganize the whole works; it is unfortunate that Dr. Fung-fu has not executive ability as he is our only man and it is so difficult to bring in someone from outside. Evidently the Board of Governors is letting us have the whole grant this year and that is rair; you remember how our peoples talked about the other institutions getting the annual grant and their Boards having nothing to do with it. I am glad to be able to report that Dr. Stelle regards our three Research men as good a in their lines and I hope the bulletin they are putting out gets Dr. E.'s approval. It will take a little time for the joint publication to find a smooth-working organization and under present conditions publishing problems are very difficult. But in the Christian Colleges we now have some of the very best Chinese scholars and if the H-Y Trustees make it possible for them to do their work under the most favorable conditions possible in these times they are doing something very worthwhile. Do you remember promising Mr. Wen, Head of the Research Institute that you would try to get for him certain equipment for the study of Phonetic and anthropology. I wrote once about this and I know you were interested in the problem. Here is the list again;- Oscillograph, Tuning Fork, Kymograph, one small type, one a larger type, Laryngoscope, a Sound Recording Machine and a moving picture camera. Added are now, Zund-Burgnets Voice Indicator, and a Nasal Olives (?) and a Stroboscope. You will have to consult with some one about these, and please mention them when you write so I can report.

Hospital and Medical College. You will be interested to learn that the clinic for students is now carried on in the O. P. D. of the hospital under the Dep't of Medicine. Dr. Liljestrand wants to move his work out here ar once but Dr. Brown does not favor the idea Also they are making it possible for a certain number of T. B. students being cared for in rooms in the O. P. D. section, the money coming from some orgainzation in China. There has been a check-up on the condition of the students' health this autumn.

I hope you are spending some time in New York this year and helping Evans deal with his many problems; his reports on the results to be expected from the United China Relief appeal are not optimistic and we must have extra help from some source. The Presidents carry on and did not get any holiday this last summer; Dr. Dsang is not well since getting back from th Chungking and will take a week or two soon. I was interested to hear Dr. Stelle remark that he had not met four brighter people in China, Their method of cooperation could be improved but there seems to be something in the Oriental character that he does not like being tied to routine and regular attention to business. I hope the Boards will always provide for the finances being looked after by a foreign member of the staff; it helps the administration a great deal.

Sent letter to Dr. Agnew on Nov. 27 Please forward the enclosed to Mr. John Small % Dr. Arnup, Mission Rooms, 299 Queen st. W. Toronto. He may have obtained joined the Canadian Navy by this time. What is Washington doing really in the negotiations with the J. ambassador; at one time it looks like an attempt to come to an understanding and then overnight the J. press talks as if war is on the eve. The latest effort being made by the J. to read into the words of Hull some inner significance implying Am. wants to keep on good terms with J. and is willing to do anything to avoid a scrap, is disturbing to the Ch. observers after all that has happened. I am inclined to think the allies are stronger in the East than in any other part of the world. And it now looked as if the great battle may be fought in the Caucasus of all places. Kindest regards,

(Signed) H. D. Robertson

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PS Thanks for promised telegram re work of Dr Rogers return.

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
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2110 Fargo Av. Chicago. Oct 24/41

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

ack 10/30/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

I fail to find a letter copy to Mr. Maddock that I thought was in file. But I remember reporting the matter of expenditure to him & Mr Wingart in Mr. Maddocks office.

At all events I repeated what had been written from the field by Dr Kilborn, that large saving in cost of Erection of Dental Unit had resulted from going ahead with the buildings that was started, as you remember, from the so called borrowed fund by the Dental Dept for erection of the building. Regarding which borrowing the Executive Bd or the Governors spent some time considering. In the first instance the money was advanced from the credit balances from "Emergency funds"

Later when the expected from Mr. Maddock did not come through, I advised that they use funds from the Hospital building fund since building work on that project was held up by action or lack of action by the B. G.

Under date of April 1/41 Dr Kilborn sent me a statement of hospital building & equipment funds. In this fire bricks etc etc appeared, and a charge

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of CC$ 64,261.87 = Circ. US$ 3,800. From this it appeared that the original so called borrowing from Emergency balances, (See over) had been charged against the hospital building funds.

This led me to ask for a complete account for the Toronto Governors meeting. That has been promised. Though I thought my generosity in approving of having the tied up hospital Eddy fund used for the dental unit had resulted in the "emergency fund" borrowings being charged to the hospital acct. I said nothing except to ask for a complete statement of account.

As a matter of fact I was glad that the use of these funds - borrowed or advanced led to a saving of fully 100% or more owing to the rapid rise in building costs.

I outlined this to Mr. Maddock + he commended my judgment. My object was to hasten the securing of the expected fund from the A.D.A. Mr Evans (H.E.) is now at work with Mr. Maddock and I am still hopeful that the amount needed - or promised - will come through.

Under the circumstances we need to be careful not to complicate this matter awaiting a complete and full statement from Dr Kilborn, as promised. His statement that the building, dental unit, was about finished implied some further charge to the CC$ 64 261.87. I did not report this exact figure to Mr Maddock - as I recall, the figure $ 3,500 + was used. So with this confidential family conversation, I'll await the promised report. Cordially Joseph Bleech

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October 29, 1941

Dear Dr. Beech,-

I had hoped to write you long before this date in order to give you pictures of the new dental clinic unit but the too many duties involved in the moving into the new quarters have prevented an earlier letter and still prevents me from sending the pictures with the exception of one. This one you will recognize as having been taken from the south over the settling-pool. Actually the picture is taken from the top of the new Pharmacy unit. The picture gives you a good view of part of the southwest end of the college and hospital block. Canning Young has not yet provided me with small sketches of the ground floor and second floor plans of the building. Therefore you can expect another letter from me in the near future.

The new clinic rooms are so great an improvement from our old out-dated quarters that one is tempted to do a bit of boasting. We are very appreciative of your efforts and interest in raising the funds for the erection and completion of the building.

The Hospital Building Committee is getting very short of funds and would be very grateful if you can in the near future turn over to the Board of Governors a gift for the erection of the building.

I have another matter in which you can be of help to us. We have at present three young dental graduates who wish to enter the U.S.A. next summer in order to take up fellowships in advanced dental studies. I had secured paying fellowships for two of these men before last summer and they were all ready to sail in July and August. Unfortunately the U.S.A. suddenly and without warning demanded that all foreigners, students included, should have two Americans domiciled in the United States to act as sponsors for them when applying for an American visa. This, of course, was impossible to accomplish in a short time. Therefore the men were not able to go. Will you be willing to stand sponsor for these men and secure another to act with you. I will provide you with biographical data which will help you to evaluate their character, personality, ability and future possibilities. According to the form of affidavit which I have seen it would seem that the sponsor must state that he has known the applicant personally. Such a condition will keep most students from entering the United States. It will be very hard for them to find people living in the States who know them personally to whom they can appeal for assistance. Will you take up with Washington this point and discover whether it is an absolutely necessary requisite. It seems to me that the Government's objective would be met if one of the sponsors be an American citizen living in China knowing the man and the other sponsor living in America and able to follow him during his stay there.

Can you help in this matter of securing visas, and if you can will you let me hear from you as speedily as possible as it takes a long while to get all papers in order before purchasing passage. I have had the experience now several times to get men started in April to get their papers and still by July no papers have been received. Having to write to Washington from here will slow up the progress considerably.

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Monday morning, December the 8th, and a date to be remembered in American history I imagine. At seven this morning we heard the Shanghai radio announcer say that Japan had declared war on England and the U. S. and the J. troops were taking over the settlement. Banks were to be kept closed, and the Am. Consulate had advised all Am's to stay at home unless business made it necessary for them to move about. That is as far as I got then and it is now three o'clock. Everyone is excited. From J. sources come the news that the Oklahoma was sunk in Pearl Harbour and two cruisers at Singapore; also that Hongkong is being bombed by big fleets of bombers. A J. landing has been made some place on the Malay coast. We shall have a more satisfying picture of what is happening when we get the evening B.B.C. broadcasts. We know that President R. has asked Congress for a declaration of war against J. and that the British will follow immediately. But how was it possible for the aircraft carriers to get so far across the Pacific; their objectives must be very important because their chances of getting back must be slight and they must be written off as lost by the board of strategy. Price is getting direct telephone messages from Ch'ng and bulletins are being posted; I thought you would like to have this story of our reactions, if this ever reaches you and if this war leaves us anything to think about.

Tuesday. The news is still bad. It seems that the Oklahoma and the West Virginia have been sunk and Pearl Harbor badly damaged. Also the Japanese claim Wake Island and Guam and landings on islands of the Philippines. Hongkong is blocaded and telegrams are not being accepted here. The Sewell family is supposed to be there. But we are thankful for the reaction in the U.S. indicating a realization of the meaning of the war; it has taken a long time but we hope we shall not have to use the phrase "too late." Caldwell has written Spooner asking for a letter to Mortimore Graves; please send it on to him.

Greetings to Mrs. Beech and yourself.

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Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of October 24th is gratefully acknowledged.

I can now readily understand your reticence about handing information on regarding the dental unit.

As yet, I have not had a report from Sidney on the amount of funds which they hold in hand. Little driblets keep floating into our office in checks made out to West China, but there must be a considerable accumulation up there to the C. I. T.

I am inclined to believe that if Sidney could continue with his present program stating that the funds which were used for the erection of the building had been temporarily loaned for the purpose of avoiding the excessively high cost of material, I think it would be the best thing to do.

I trust this meets with your approval, and again I am grateful for this letter giving your understanding of the conditions.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. Maddock has a total of nearly $1,200.00 in cash gifts for the Dental Building at his office and yours. He has promises for approximately $1,000.00 more. He feels confident that the amount asked for will be forthcoming. Of the amount asked for $750.00 will be contributed by the President and other members of his own Company.

Therefore, Mr. Maddock will telephone or write you authorizing you to send the cash available to the field in order to be ahead of any possible fixing rate of exchange by the Government.

I request that you cable the administration of the University $1,500.00. I will guarantee you for the difference between his cash amount and the $1,500.00 which I am asking you to send forward. You may consider this a promissory note on my behalf, if you so desire.

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Very sincerely yours,

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2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago. Ill. Nov. 27/41

Dear Mr. Evans:

A letter here, from Dr. Agnew, states that he will be in New York, week of Nov. 23–29th. From your letter of the 25th, just received – I assume you have not seen him at 150–5th. He was to attend the Dental College of Dentistry banquet & speak there.

Re Agnew. Please consult with him re shipment of goods by his steamer. He intimates there will be delay to about Dec. 26th.

Re X-ray. The X-ray shipped to the Pacific Coast is due at S.F. today. And will probably be "shipped on" on the S.S. Post on Dec 6th. This word from the Chicago G.E. X-ray office this Am. (This might well be quoted to Mr. Dean, if you think so)

Re Bozen Co. I have looked over the Bozen list, and insofar as I can see, if should be ordered. There is no other prospect of getting any paging system inside three months & that may mean six months – the way things are now going – This order & its transportation & insurance is chargable to Dr Brown's fund.

Charge of account. But in the end we may charge the R.F. with it, if we cannot secure other needed goods on that account.

Report of Transport Costs. Do your best to make a workable agreement & report from him for the R.F. for all transportation charges to Chengtu. Mr. Leonard A Crain has kindly promised me that he

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do every thing he can to help us, With Crain at one
end of the line and McClure of UCCM at the other Dr Agnew
should get through - But. ask him if he has secured that
The Order from CMR order, from the C. Medical Relief, for the truck Dragon shipped
to Dr Brown - Rangoon. If not secured - please interpose your
Good offices

The Auth Electrical Supply Co. order might well
Auth Order Go forward to the West Coast with the Bogen Co goods -
But please consult Dr Agnew re all these matters.

If you ascertain there will be free space on his
Please Reply boat please let me know, as I expect to have
more Goods shipped from Chicago.

Auth Bill I gave you my O.K. for payment of the Auth bill
before leaving N.Y. Net Jot $4.50 - this Chargable
as advised for the Bogen Co. bill etc.

Cordially yours
Joseph Beech

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PS Enclose HOR Letter

(2) Glad to see H Truce reports $2,500,000 of $5 000 000 has been given.
Suppose you received his appeal for $5+ to all "Timers" re Chinese
3 Washington visit - Created new HOPE. Wrote Atherton to cooperate with RC mgr
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December 3, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of November 27th came to hand promptly and Dr. Agnew has come and gone. He has had access to this letter and, as a matter of fact, has a copy of those portions in which he is particularly interested. He has conferred with the Steamship Company and has been assured that there is sufficient space to care for the extra shipment which he is carrying. I have admonished him that money which he is spending must be reported to the Rockefeller Foundation and that settlement must be made with the field treasurer on arriving in China and forwarded to our office.

Dr. Agnew has been in touch with the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China and has secured a considerable appropriation for transportation of the goods donated by the Medical and Surgical Relief Committee, Inc. (I believe the amount is $4,000.00). One of the conditions is that he will share some of the goods with Dr. Lim.

The order for Bogen & Company has been placed and they have promised to ship it in time to reach the boat Dr. Agnew is taking, which is the PERIDA sailing from San Francisco on the 26th.

We are hoping that material from the Auth Electrical Supply Company will be in readiness to reach this same boat. Everything is being done to hurry them along. Priorities, however, play an important part in present-day business and it is a thing we cannot overcome.

You will be interested in learning that the letter sent out to "Timers" has brought in more than $150,000.00. That, and the article in the READERS' DIGEST will total more than $200,000.

It is encouraging to know that the Washington visit inspired new hope. Please do not hope too much as "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

I am returning herewith the letter from Mr. Robertson.

You will recall the action which was taken at the Board meeting about

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the return of Miss Robertson, and this information has been passed on to the field. The last Clipper mail took these minutes as it was impossible to get them ready before that.

I notice the criticism about our attitude regarding rice subsidies and only last week came another cable signed, "BELLYANG" stating that the Executive Directors had voted for an additional subsidy. This, of course, means US$50,000.00 for the entire group at Chengtu and this is impossible. We have sent out $5,000.00 and a special committee of the Associated Boards has been appointed to give further study to the situation.

I am glad to know of the visit of Dr. Stelle from Yenching and that he is pleased with the work that is being done. This will not hurt the University in any way. Dr. Stelle has enjoyed the confidence of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and his recommendations are of considerable weight.

May I omit comment upon the operation plans for the new hospital. We have ample here to keep ourselves busy and to keep out of mischief.

I am in agreement with your suggestion to approach Dr. Elisseeff for equipment for Mr. Wen. This will have to be carefully worded and I am putting it on my docket for consideration at the earliest possible moment.

Your suggestion about the church is good. I cannot see money for this project in sight for some time to come.

I don't know how much I have helped you, but it is the best I can offer for today.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thanks for your letter of Dec 3rd- with its welcome news. Please keep the way open & make sure it is used by (1) The Boeen Co. I do not like the way they seem to delay till the last moment.

(2) This applies to the Anth Electric Co also. All the goods ordered were "on stock" when ordered & not under priority regulations. So please turn the heat on to both these parties.

Very glad for Agnews success with the Med. Relief Comm— I expect to ship quite a quantity for him from Chicago- pump pipe etc. etc.

Final item is cause for this immediate letter:

The Technical Mgr. W.B.L. Woods Hole Mass; Dr Samuel E Pond has written regarding (1) Books & pamphlets—

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(3) Instruments that they will reserve for WCMU Medical + Scientific colleges-

(a) I have asked him to hold the scientific publications subject to our call, when the advices from Chengtu regarding shipment reach me - in response to my Clipper letter.

(b) I have asked him to pack, for export, the instruments and ship to you, for forwarding to Dr Agnew's Ships. I made it clear that I would contact you by Air Mail, asking you to write to him, Dr Pond, immediately.

I judge the instruments will not be heavy enough to preclude express shipment + that they will meet an urgent need at Chengtu these days-

Time is the essence here, so I am accepting the instruments without reservation, other than limitation re weight + bulk, subject to your OK.

Will you please follow this up at once and wire or write Dr Pond re this shipment. I advised shipment to you first, there might be ships in for-warding to S.F. Calif. If you get it in time, forward to Dr Agnew.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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Dear Mr Evans:

Events of the past 30 hours are not conducive to letter writing. But here is a registered letter from Rangoon that should be reported to you - even if nothing can be done about it just now.

The news got me onto the phone to say continue to prepare for, but make no shipments until further notice. That refers to my Chicago orders. I am supposing that similar action has occurred at your end of the line.

Wrote Agnew this morning saying 'Expect your steamer due to sail on the 26 will not sail, but if it does you may not be allowed on it. Asked him to keep you informed'.

Since the Kroy order may have been held up on the Pacific coast & be due to go on the ship with Dr A.'s, I have had the Kroy on the phone. They have promised enquiry & promised to call back this PM.

That is all this time, except to say that one sentence in Mr Churchill's address should be kept in mind for what it may be worth " Note that it was "the High Command" not the Imperial Government of Japan that declared war" Cordially Joseph Reed

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2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago.
Dec 11, 1941.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

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Dear Mr. Evans:

In connection with the purchase of materials for WCCU Hospital , which has been csrried on through Montgomery Ward & Co to take advantage of stocks on hand or procurable from their related firms, it became necessary for me to make personal contacts and purchases of a few items . This I have done and shipments have been made to MW&Co for inclusion in their export license or licenses. I am listing below items that I have paid for directly, by personal checks. I will be obliged if you will send me your check for the amount in repayment. In due time statements will reach you for the other purchases made through MW&Co on behalf of the WCUU Hospital account, chargable, like this personal purchase of mine, to the R.F. grant.

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

West China Union University Hospital , (Rockefeller Foundation Grant)
to Joseph beech Dr.-

* One Worthington Pump, 300 gals per minute, with five horse power electric motor, $140 , plus sales tax $2.31, total ------ $142.31
One Crane foot-valve $1.51 tax .03 1.54
Total $143.85

Goods purchased and paid for by Joseph Beech and delivered to Montgomery Ward & Co, for export license and to be included in shipment of goods purchased from them.

Received payment for the above $143.85 from Mr. C.A.Evans, Asst Treas, WCUU,

Chicago, Ill.
December 11, 1941.

Joseph Beech
Chancellor WCUU.

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* I expect the original bills of these purchases sent to MW&Co, will reach you with their general list of purchases JB

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Do not be surprised if you see me in your office about next mid-week. Affairs of the past few days have created a situation that leads me to think that consultations may be called for in N.Y. including yourself, and in Washington also—

If Mr. Rollins Dean has billet the Rt Grant for his purchases, through your office — please let me have the statements of same mailed (by return mail)

Well it has come — the world over except So. America — We should be able to give Hitler more to think about before he makes his proposed drive on Stalin — that however is, or may, involve things one prefers to forget for the moment. We certainly got off on the wrong wing at Honolulu. British reverses in Malaya indicate they fared no better. Still I expect Manila Singapore will keep up the fight — until China wins the war in that arena — with our aid.

Japan will certainly try to cut across Thailand and Burma but I do not expect China to sit (* Thailand it is Britains or Burmas and they) want for that event. The Road is their life-line, more * I expect they will defend it at the cost of more Jap lives. — So — let's hope it's a long one —

Cordially Joseph Beech

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December 18th, 1941

Dear Dr. Beech:

Do I judge from the lack of replies that I receive that--I do not write again? I remember once Dr. Endicott referring to the 'letters from wives' he 'chucked in the waste paper basket, some without scanning.' But then this is coming in my official capacity. And if it contains a bit of news--that is Miriam's share!

I am the kind of a secretary not so easy to find on the mission field. You ask 'Why?' Because I am not sure that on my own I would send this request to you; I am doing as I am 'told.' Missionaries so dislike writing a letter or a minute with which they do not agree, such individualists are they. Isn't that so? You may prove that my hesitancy is not necessary; in that case the gain would be ours.

This year we have reorganized our Book-purchasing Committee, taking in the two new members, Dr. Cheng Teh Kuen and Professor Wen Tsai Iu, the latter a very enthusiastic head of the Chinese Research Institute.... or as we call it, the Chinese Cultural Research Institute. C.C.S.--for short. Their desire to get a good start leaps beyond the budget which we have at our disposal for certain types of publications. They have moderated very satisfactorily their book lists to fit their 'pocketbooks.' But the need of certain periodicals from their beginning of publication is their present desire. We do not know whether or not these can be secured--when the war is over. But Dr. Cheng is of the opinion that they can. And as it was in the case of the Toung Pao, that is a large expense. I am not sure that you were here when we faced a bill far beyond our western book budget. It fell to me to see that it was met--though I had not done the ordering. At last I persuaded the Chinese Department to assist us--much to their reluctance. And now the Chinese Research Institute uses it all the time! At present the Chinese book budget is entirely taken up with the opportunity of purchasing those very valuable books which because of war exigencies are being thrown on the market here. And there is the probability that what is here may represent a large part of such not taken away to Japan. We hear that there is a tremendous amount of that done in the east. That even publishing houses have been taken over entire and all their stock sent to Japan. Too, both the University of Nanking and Cheeloo are keen to secure all THEY can. Competition in purchasing is strong.

On a separate sheet I will make a list of the sets of periodicals for which we are asking, and which they feel are much needed. What is your advice regarding their purchase? So long have you been a Santa Claus -and our good angel, that the first gesture is always toward you! This time instigated by Mr. Fong and Dr. Cheng. I ask for advice--they asked for the funds necessary.....

There is no need for me to expatiate further. There is no doubt of the need--and of the lack.

And now what can I tell you that you have not heard. Indeed though I am writing this week, I shall not be able to send this month probably. But it will be in readiness. And miraculously this is a slack time--the first I have had this autumn. I made another attempt to leave the Library in June. I am really very weary--

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and cannot quite get over the disappointment of spending this whole term in treadmill work, when I wanted to spend it in learning something about China. I thought I had 'done my share' for a non-missionary lady!' There have been, however, compensations. We have had lately two bouquets, one from the Central University who made a public pronouncement of our 'great cooperative spirit'- the greatest in the Library! And second from Dr. Stelle who has been here under the H.Y. Institute. So few do we get that we certainly appreciate them when they come without any enlarging of our 'head size.' Den is certainly a marvel of serious work and responsibility- no holidays, no clock. I have turned over to him most of the duties in order that I can hold on when he needs me to be here. I am not very peppy these times--and last spring almost kuahed. Spent two months at the mountain to try and overcome the weariness, didn't succeed very well. Miss Robertson was with me for the two months utterly exhausted; her work was entirely too strenuous for one person and her Chinese assistant had been taken away. So now they have only a Chinese assistant, capable but not stenographic. She is still on her back, was expecting to furlough in April, but who will?

This autumn with the increased registration we have been busier than ever, the main and the four branches...we the bottle neck. You remember the suggestion you made to fill in that east section of the readingroom for offices? Then the Chinese Research Institute filled in the other side, but later got accommodation in the Friends College and so we now have the Chinese cataloguers in the north end. That leaves the stockroom free for teachers and very much more quiet. And we have space to work--and certainly look much more businesslike.

Our stackroom is full-and people's attics are full. And we can never bring back our books until the Museum moves or we have a new stackroom. And my study has a big bookcase in it--and Mr. Robertson's bedroom has a heap of political history books therein. He offered to take them in last bombing-season--and there's no place now to put them if they did come back.

From August, periodicals and book orders seemed to be coming with considerable regularity and catching up from January 1940. I think I wrote you earlier that the English books and periodicals were coming with much greater frequency than the American publications. The other day I was asking Dr. Rowe of the Library of Congress and he states that under present conditions the American has become disorganised, the English having more experience in transporting under difficulties, have been able to regulate more quickly the changes necessary to the changing of routes--under durance vile, I add!

I have just sent to the postoffice as to how much can go into a letter under the new route by Durban and so I think that I shall have to put the list on this sheet and skimp my extraneous remarks.

Complete sets of periodicals desired:

1. Royal Asiatic Society of Gt Britain & Ireland, Complete from 1827 to 1937 in Heffer catalogue, #566, for sale £185 (page 2)
2. Same as above and same catalogue of R.A.S. Straits Settlement Branch set from 1878 to 1933, £72
3. Asia Major, asked for by Professor Wen, can find no particulars here.
4. Memoirs of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta
5. Bulletin of the Geological Socy of China
6. Memoirs and Publications of the Geological Survey of China
7. Bulletin and Memoir de la service geologique de l'Indo-Chine, Hanoi particularly those numbers dealing with Archaeology in Indo-Chine.

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December 22, 1941.

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

It was good to hear your voice again this morning, and it seems in order for me to report with the latest findings regarding shipments. First, the United Church of Canada has told Dr. Agnew they approve reshipping their trucks and equipment to Newport News, Va. Secondly, the China Defense Supply Organization has promised space for shipment of these goods from Newport News. They have also promised to provide passage for Dr. Agnew. Thirdly, the Medical Supply Committee providing the material for part of the shipment is agreeable to this transfer.

Dr. Agnew is inclined to make haste in starting shipment eastward to make this next boat if possible. It will go by the way of Cape Horn and Rangoon.

Mr. Dean of the Rockefeller Foundation is still investigating the whole situation, but in general agrees with the foregoing. The government states definitely that there is little chance of shipping from the West Coast of the United States.

This is hastily dictated, but carries with it an added measure of Christmas greetings.

Most sincerely,

CAE:MM

C. A. Evans

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December 24, 1941

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Thank you very much for your kind note about the West China pamphlet. I am sending you under separate cover several copies of the document in its present form.

I am quite ashamed of myself for the omission of your name. I have several times used the story of your accomplishments in articles that I have written, and one such manuscript is now awaiting publication. I mention this to show you that the omission was entirely inadvertent. The folder is mine, and my only excuse is that I asked for a complete list of the Board of Governors from the people in charge of such matters and printed the list as I received it.

I would suggest that we put your name as Chancellor of the University on whatever copies you may desire for your own work. In other words, if you can use some of these pamphlets to circulate among your friends, we will have your name printed on them. It will not be difficult to do this, and it would partly make amends for my neglect.

You will notice that Dean Sage's name has a "Jr." after it in the list of Governors. I thought this would take care of that problem.

I am wondering if in the future it would not be a good idea to have Dr. Dsang's name on our publicity. The reason it was not on this particular item is that this is supposed to be something prepared and presented by the Board of Governors in this country independent of the field as a plea for funds for the university.

I should be very grateful to you if in the future you could help me in the preparation of any publicity we may send out for West China. As you know, I have a very warm regard for the university; it is my conviction that it is one

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of the most ~~wh~~whwhile institutions of the kind in the world. It is a great privilege to be able to help in a small way to advance the welfare of this institution, and I wish to assure you that I shall always be happy to receive from you any suggestions or criticisms you may desire to make.

I hope you have a very happy holiday season.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago, Ill. Dec. 29/41/

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am sending you a first draft of a letter to Miss Thompson of the Rockefeller Foundation re the dispositions under their grant of $ 10,000 for equipment of the West China Union University Hospital

It is true to fact but not to form and will serve your purpose as well as a copy of the original. I send it along in advance that you may be informed of the statement of the case.

I have also written and will mail shortly, a letter to Miss Thompson requesting the balance of the grant be paid to you . It is $2,500 I believe.

Please keep me informed of any doings or plans re the West ~~XXX~~ China shipments. I am writing Mr. Dean suggesting that the X-ray shipment be returned to the company in Chicago or to New York or elsewhere as he may see fit. But I am blind as to the advisability of sending it to Rangoon. This applies to the other shipments here or there.

Cordially yours.

Joseph T Beech

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First draft of letter to

Chicago, Ill., December 29th, 1941.

My dear Miss Thompson:

Listed below you will find the equipment purchases made for the West China Union University Hospital, charged or chargable to the $10,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant, in accordance with your letter of May 20, 1941.
(Items marked * have been paid for by our Asst.Treasurer.)

Items;

* I Invoice from Mr. R.C.Dean -
Miscellaneous equipment, shipping and insurance charges. 1,975.66 $2,001.26
Shipped from New York, November 13/41.

* II Invoice from Mr.Dean - (freight to Rangoon - Insurance)
Frigidaires. Shipped to Pacific Coast for Rangoon 331.10 381.10

* III Invoice from General Electric X-ray Corp.and Mr.Dean.
X-ray Machine complete.Shipped to Pacific Coast only. 2,624.38

* IV Invoice from Auth Electric Co, to Mr. Evans and Mr.Dean
Nurses call equipment.-(shipping & insurance, exclusive) 450,00

* V Invoice from Worthington Pump Co to Mr. Evans & Mr. Dean
Pump 300 gals per minute & motor 5 h.p.
Held at Montgomery Ward & Co for shipment by them. 143.85

VI Invoice for water piping, toilets etc, with Mr.Dean
Mdse from Montgomery Ward & Co 577.02
Shipping, Packing ,Insurance (Not final) 358.85 358.23

VII Invoice from David Bogen & Co , with Mr. Dean
Mdse - Call system (Shipping & Insurance to be by Mr. Dean) 641.59

* VIII Furnishings and equipment , to be made or bought in Chengtu.
Statement of detail expenditures to be rendered later.
This sum was Placed to the credit of the University Bursar, by
Mr. Evans, Asst Treas. some time ago. 1,000.00
Subject to slight change — Total charges paid,or contracted, $8,177.43 8178.05

IX Held in reserve for delay and emergency charges to Rangoon
and for transportation Rangoon-Chengtu, via Burma Rd 1,822.57 50%
Total amount of the Rockefeller Foundation gran $10,000.00

1,821.75

Owing to delays already encountered due to the restrictions and shipping difficulties , and to the unpredictable hindrances that may be encountered before the shipment reaches Chengtu. I am compelled to request an extention of time for one year after December 31, 1941, ~~for the item I X~~ for the part of your appropriation listed under Item IX. This has been fully explained to Dr. Alan Gregg and I trust it may be approved.

JHB.

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CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Home address. 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago. Dec 30/41

Dear Mr Caldwell.

Thank you for yours of the 24 inst. and the pkg. of "Quint-ge Like Men"
My reference to Dean Sage was as it appeared on page 5, "Dean Sage's Biological Expeditions" Since Dean Sage is much better known than his son - this sort of activity may surprise his "Connections in the business & philanthropic worlds."

I will appreciate if if you will reserve in the N.Y. office about 50 copies of the pamphlet for my use, and mail about 10 more copies here. As for my name appearing on it = that is not important except where "correct record" is required or is advisable. I suppose this may also agree with President Osanga's position in matters of this kind. — Thanking you for the "good job" done with best New Year wishes Cordially yours Brock

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