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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

West China Union University

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

Chicago Jan 13/43

Dear Mr Evans:

Copy of your letter acknowledging the Atherton Family Gifts was a gem of the finely reflecting sort. Thank you.

Please keep tab on Wesleyan gifts. There should be 700-800 come in this college year, sent as usual through the Methodist Board.

I am sending you, a letter from Changhiangan. While this is a personal letter, I am sure you may copy for good uses. The matter of aid in living quarters should come before our next Finance or Executive. It might get welcome recognition from W.C.R. if reported favorably.

I had a letter from the W.C.R. President a few days ago in which I noted the following:—

"The report of the generous gift of Americans to China for 1942 was thrilling; we hope to duplicate it, or do even better, this year."

Well! the surgeon who got his hatchet sharpened found me so well following my trip to N.Y. that he ordered me to keep on taking care of my health, with an expressed hope that an operation might not be required. Occasional visits were called for, however, with "we will watch, wait & see".

So far so good. All well here.

Greetings & good wishes —

Cordially

Mayling Soong

P.S. More of the "Chancellor's Office" note paper and envelopes will be appreciated — 3/2/43

January 15, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of January 13th was most welcome. This brings us good news regarding your own health and I strongly recommend that you come to New York immediately for a second cure, which you can follow up later on. I myself feel that Manhattan is the fountain of youth and that I grow younger with each succeeding day (?).

I hope Dr. McConaughy's wishes for additional funds during 1943 are realized. However, we have been admonished to re-study our programs with the hope of getting along with less than actually has been allotted to us.

Your letter from Chang Kia-ngau has been read with great interest. In fact, I have read it several times. As the implications involved are altogether too apparent to ignore, the resourcefulness of the Research Institute of Chinese Culture which is paid for with Harvard-Yenching Funds is amazing. I am afraid the universities on the West China campus are due for another jolt, when consideration has been given by the various Boards of Trustees to a letter which is in the process of being written by a committee appointed by the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

I have every kind of sympathy with the universities that based their calculations upon implied promises of income from funds which were supposed to be given outright without restrictions, only to find later that in the actual administration these funds were not available. I could argue at some length on this and, as a matter of fact, I have done so with some of the Trustees of the H. Y. Institute, but the facts are that there is nothing which can be done. It is a condition which must be met and not a theory.

Briefly, the Harvard-Yenching Institute is insisting that adequate instructions in Chinese Cultural Studies be carried on, and after that any of the universities may use their funds as seem best for furthering the Chinese program. I am afraid the situation has reached the turn where it will be impossible to do anything in the colleges but make a right-about turn and follow the desires of the Institute. You have no idea of the issues involved reaching to the point of cutting off funds from West China and allocating them elsewhere. The mere fact that we have some deeply interested Board members on the Institute and also that Dean Donham is so thoroughly interested in our college projects is the reason that the situation was not changed.

You are aware that Cheng Te-k'ung is now on the Yenching budget at the full Yenching faculty salary. This indicates to me that he has left West China. That, in and of itself, is an indication of what can be done by an entrenched group such as the Research Institute on Chinese Cultural Studies.

Possibly this is a time more convenient than any other to clarify issues and put West China on a purely educational basis and eliminate the politics. Cheeloo is another example of what can happen to a university involved in political issues.

All of the foregoing has been said as representing impressions gained from correspondence submitted by the H. Y. Institute and which has come to our office, but is said with all sincerity and with the hope that you will understand that I am not endeavoring to influence anyone.

The most ridiculous part of the program is that the report of June 30th showed a surplus of Chinese $867,811.88 of which only $59,606.24 was outside of the budget. Thus, more than $800,000 was available for salary advances which were voted in April but not implemented until after June 30.

More than a year ago we tried to get West China to give us a statement regarding salary requirements and were told that the budgets took care of them properly. We knew at the time, from several sources, that it was not true, but there was nothing we could do about it. It is a very pertinent factor, however, that the field did not use the money budgeted until forced to by the rise of commodity prices.

To put it another way, had commodities not advanced rapidly during the year, West China would have had an enormous surplus in its general budget. To my mind, it is further evidence that there is nothing but guess work in operating budgets at the present time.

Contrariwise, we have a very complete budget from Fukien Christian University to which they call attention that it is based upon present prices and costs, and that further advances or recessions may be added or deducted on a ratio basis.

I do not know what your answer will be to Chang Kia-ngau and, as a matter of fact, what I am writing to you cannot by any manner of means be passed on to the field in the same way. I am quite sure also that the West China Trustees will not raise a hand to make further appropriations for the Research Institute. In that case it puts you on the spot, but you have a good defense in that you are here in America at the present time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

West China Union University

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago. Jan 21/43

CHENGTU, WEST CHINA

Dear Mr Evans:

Replying or rather responding to yours of Jan 15th, in particular to the receipt of "various Bds of Trustees to letter ... ting written committee appointed by W.Y.S. Bd.;" and related items.

I am of the opinion that some things not yet clearly stated regarding "instructions in Chinese Cultural Studies" should be gone into more fully or carefully than appears to have been the case. This no doubt is due to lack of information. I am very sorry that this whole W.Y.S. matter has fallen on your desk or heart mind, for I do not believe it should be a responsibility upon you since the causes were not of your making.

1-II-43

I do not have clear cut views of the whole matters involved, especially regarding all the Universities and their grants from the Hall Estate via N.Y. Trustees, but it does seem that if the "various Bds of Trustees" are to have a common letter from the Institute Committee they might well get together on a common understanding & if possible formulate a basic pattern of operation in US & in China.

I have ideas that I am not free to write as to the time & place of Cheng Te-kun's move to Yenching. That and other matters must await a clearer understanding of these matters upon which I am not sure that we see eye to eye. When we meet again lets clear up on them.

Regarding my reply to Mr Chang Hsiangan I will ask for specific information - including that which you desire - regarding these NYS and Salary etc matters. Let me have your items, in confidential & personal, as between us.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

March 2, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have purposely refrained from acknowledging your letter of January 21st as I had hoped to have a copy of the letter being written by the Harvard-Yenching Institute. I do not understand what has happened to it, unless the Committee feels it will be better to have it held for the Spring Meeting of the Board. We have agreed here to hold off a bit longer and then if the letter is not forthcoming to take it up with Dean Donham.

This situation is not the first one which has been "dropped into my lap." It is only one of half a dozen others growing out of our lack of decision and purpose covering the past few years.

I believe that a very careful study of the paper prepared by the Harvard-Yenching Institute will not leave questions unanswered as to the course of procedure. The point of difference comes in the varied interpretation which the Colleges have attempted to put into that document. The lack of adherence to those fundamental principles is the cause of the present action. We have been compelled to notify the field that the $30,000 (approximately) held from back income of the Institute is available for salary adjustments in the entire staff at West China. This is due to pressure of various trustees of the Institute who would not vote for the $78,000 without having these balances become a part of the general university budget.

Relative to specific things to write to Mr. Chang Kiangau, I would think that a very frank statement of the situation growing out of the use of the Harvard-Yenching Funds is necessary, regardless of what has been done in the past. The first consideration is the use of these funds within the university budget for the development of the Department of Chinese Cultural Studies. After that comes the museum and research. It also should be said that the balances we have on hand are to be used as a part of the current budget to make such adjustments in salaries as are necessary. I can talk this over to much advantage when I see you again.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 4, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have had opportunity today to interview several of those who would have most to do with the proposal we were discussing yesterday regarding the visitation to America of a certain Chinese friend. A special committee on Executive Leadership has been meeting and it has presented an occasion just suited to the needs. This approach has been done without revealing any of the inside information which we discussed.

Had you been present you might have been able to brush aside some of the larger objections which seemed to be fundamental in the approach with each individual, which was done separately. I find what appears to be a stonewall of objection to any involvement whatsoever with anyone who has had such close political connections. This objection naturally would be increased were the complete background known. I must tell you, however, that more is known than you seem to think, and all do not share in your estimate of this gentleman.

Another phase is his educational background which is known to be in Japan. One individual pointed out that while this might have no bearing upon the general situation, yet for our Colleges or the Associated Boards to sponsor one not a product of the institution would hardly be wise. One individual stated that by all of the laws of the Medes and Persians, plus the Chinese history this gentleman should be shot after Generalissimo's release from captivity, but that he is under definite obligations to Chiang Kai-shek because he was forgiven and put in a responsible position and backed up for a number of years. However, certain of his colleagues have been put out of commission.

Our best judgment seems to be that he is a man of great force, probably more honest than the average person of like ilk and exceedingly frank in his dealings with people, but his past political connections and life would make it practically impossible for our Colleges to sponsor the program which you suggest.

It is not in my thinking to discourage a project without making some constructive suggestions. Would it not be possible for United China Relief to favor such a program as you suggest? Or, failing there, would not some commercial or engineering society in America be willing to undertake such a project. If we kept out of the picture as related to United China Relief and he was brought here for a seriessof

of lectures on Home Economics, no harm would result to us.

If you wish me to present this to Dr. McConaughy, I will state the facts as most befitting the occasion and get his judgment. There are certain things to be said in favor of the idea, but there are very few as far as I can view the situation now which could be arranged logically where the Associated Boards or West China would profit by such a move.

Please let me know your reaction and forgive my frankness. I know that you would not wish anything else.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago. Mar 12/43

Ack 3/13/43

Dear Mr. Evans:

Back at 2110 - after stopovers from New York for four days - I have before me your letters of March 2nd and 4th, also copy of Mr Corbett's letter "to the Presidents"

To say that I am surprised beyond belief at the information that a friend of mine might have been shot is putting it mildly - since I have talked with the persons - each about the other and failed to learn intimation of any ill will. More, I have kept in close touch with my friend for the past fifteen years in banks & Government service - antedating the time you mention, up to the present position he now occupies.

I could believe he has at least one enemy who may be seeking his harm, but not the person you mention. I may be able to check on the information you have, certainly I will try to do so, respecting yours as in confidence. Please do likewise.

MAR 12 1943

I had thought of speaking with Pres. McConaughy but decided that too many irons in the fire might cool all of them.

I will send an air mail to Chengtu in a few days - and will mention H.Y.I as that I can the subject of your Mar 2nd letter, & will hope for helpful reply by time of our Spring Meeting. Sorry we did not talk this matter over, but I do not know just what I could have said except the remarks made re "Cultural Studies" which I can let you have in writing if desired.

Disappointments quite General re the Madame's condition & postponement of her address at the Stadium. Now dated there for the 22nd.

Thank you, & thank Mr. Corbett for his letter.

Cordially yours

Joseph C Beech

March 15, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am grateful for your very understanding letter of March 12th which is characteristic of your Christian grace and good will. Would that I could look at situations with such poise and spiritual fortitude. Your confidence will be kept as this is an especially delicate situation.

Enclosed herewith is a letter which the Harvard-Yenching Institute is sending out to the Presidents and Boards of Managers in China, as well as to the Boards of Trustees here in America. It is a much milder document than the one I first saw and has been toned down considerably. As a matter of fact, it holds out to the Colleges hope for further support and assistance in the post-war period, while at the same time emphasizing the necessity of a larger measure of cooperation. I shall be most interested in your reaction.

We can well imagine the disappointment of the postponement of the visit of the Madame. However, she is proceeding now on her westward trip, which we trust will be fully as illuminating as those held in the East.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

Res 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago. Ill. March 17/43

ack 3/22/43

Dear Mr Evans:

On this day, that a saint's merits are so closely linked with snakes in a little patch of Heaven", we might, we might, consider at some length the robbery of the spiritual significance of a life by associating it with earths wigglers of one kind or another.

Sr Patrick proved protest just as the letter you enclose, with yours of March 15th does in its 4th paragraph, beginning with "Urgent as will be China's need for young scientists and technical experts" ... etc. etc. and ending with, "Too narrow specialization ... can become a peril to civilization". My wonder increases when I note its author - as I suppose.

Without attempting to express my reactions, I wish to express my highest regard for the substance and spirit of the letter. And to add or stress, not only the fact of the presence of colleges in Chungking offering very exceptional opportunities for a united program or programs, but the "Chinese Cultural Studies" affords the finest & most strategic field in which to institute progress to that desired end.

As to the method of approach. I would like to see a joint meeting of a selected group, not finance committees,

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meet and consider this letter from the Chairman & Director of the RYJ Trustees, especially that part of it that contains references to better methods and better programs, here and on the field.

Despite the promise of reward I am not very hopeful that individual considerations will bring important results. But I wonder what would happen, legal considerations aside, if a joint committee had this letter, together with some members of the RYJ trustees, before them, and a complete statement of the fixed programs and entire financial appropriations before them, — and were also faced with the problem of making the best methods and the best uses in its use.

I would like to see the several college administrators, with some faculty members, deal with the same subjects. Have in mind - first the "duration", but in the back of the mind, the larger problem of after the war and prospect of enduring peace.

If we can work out this problem in a satisfactory fashion & put it into practice, we would have proper justification for accepting additional grants from the RYJ Trustees.

Thanks for your letter & its appreciations beyond just measure.

Cordially

March 22, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your St. Patrick's Day effusion met with a most sympathetic response. I happened, however, to have access to an earlier draft which was greatly revised and can feel the hand of Divine Providence working in the final draft.

I am thoroughly conscious of what you say regarding the application of available funds to be carrying on any one of our institutions and of how difficult it is to build a budget when the income is totally inadequate. Undoubtedly this letter will have a strong bearing upon the spring meetings of our various Boards. It is quite possible that out of it will evolve a group meeting of selected individuals to give thought to the implications. One might have wished that more progress had been made in framing the structure of the proposed United Board in America before having it announced to the field in this manner, but the implications are that it will be of great benefit which we hope will be true and to that end it can be of no particular harm.

There is one very definite conclusion--the Institute is correct in the emphasis it places on the undergraduate work. It is stressed in the printed memorandum and has been repeatedly dwelt upon in my own letters to the field, as well as those of the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

I will let you know any other reactions and keep you informed also of what progress will be made toward setting up committees to deal with this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

From Joseph Beech

ASSOCIATED BOARDS
FOR
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Friday. Afternoon. Memo

Dear Mr. Evans. Memo, for you, should we not meet face to face.

① I talked with Mr. Welch this Am. and mentioned the minute re the cable from our Board Chairman to the Chairman of the Bd of Directors Chang Kia-ngau. Will you please pass that minute with the remarks, as noted by the stenographer, to him. In the letter that was received from Pres. Tsang re this visit of Mr. Chang Kia-ngau. He suggested that the invitation be sent through ~~the Minister~~ Ambassador Wei. Perhaps our invitation might well go via that route. I will be at the Embassy Monday if opportunity offers & it seems advisable, I may make an advance reference to the matter.

② Am leaving with you, (attached) for file & notification - the RF letter re the Bogen order. It should have gone to you on April 6th. If a copy reached you, please let me have this copy for my file.

③ I have notified the RF of the reported probable loss of the Auth Electric Co. order (1 box) taken out to Karachi by Dr Agnew. On return of Dr Agnew to Karachi in April to check on his cargo left there, the Auth Elec. Co. box was not found. The RF will make a provisional claim to the Ins. Co. I have agreed to notify them if the box should be discovered. Talked with them re disposition of other orders shipped out & still in U.S.

ASSOCIATED BOARDS
FOR
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

On Sunday Evening —

(4), I will meet with the "Friends" & the 9 men (C.O.) who are planning to go to China soon. If there is any way that they could serve us or we can aid them please let me know. I will leave for Phila 3:30 Sunday - Leave, Nat'l Bible Inst. about an hour earlier.

Hope everything has gone along well with you this week. Thank you for your large share for WCCU —

Cordially JB

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2110 Fargo Ave. May 11th 1943
Chicago – Ill.

ack 6/21/43

Dear Mr. Evans:–

A deluge of mail awaited me here on arrival. I will drop you a note before retiring.

In a general letter from Dr Wilford in which the admittance of patients into the new Univ. hospital is mentioned, also the action of Bishop Cheng re Dr Brown, the present administration of the hospital, the health of some members of staff;– and now, a cable, that Miss Manly had died – T.B. was earlier reported.

He states that the income for the United Hospitals the past year was over $8,000,000. The expenditures were somewhat less. He calls it a successful year & gives the impression that the $8,000,000 were "receipts" for services.

He also adds this:– "Dr Dsang was attacked by an expelled student – at assembly this Monday. He received some superficial injuries, but the affair made quite a stir among the students. The offending student was arrested & is now (Feb 20) held by the police."

A very complete statement of the hospital building situation and uses to which the space, or spaces,

is or are consigned. Conclusion Nanking Univ, Cheeloo Univ. Ginling College — and now Yenching Univ are patients in the Univ. Hospital with inadequate room to breathe. The nursing school project need was set forth —

Will you please receive and credit for Special Student aid the enclose Check for $25.00 Please acknowledge receipt to the persons whose names are on the Check, Polo, Illinois — {Mrs Bessie D. Greig / Miss Ada M. Decker

Sent receipt 6/11/43

When you write please let me know if any of the Wesleyan promised gifts for this year have been received. If not received by you, will you please call the Special Gift dept. Methodist Board & ascertain if any Gifts received. The Gifts might have been sent in the name of Mr. Darr. This matter slipped my mind while in N.Y.

Hope you have your head above the waves and the air is exhilerating —

Cordially Joseph Beech

6-11-43

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF THE
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

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JOSEPH BEECH, D.D., CHANCELLOR

~~OFFICE OF THE TREASURER~~
~~150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY~~

Chicago , Ill . May 15, 1943.

ack 6/21/43

Dear Mr. Evans:

Because of the departure of Mr. Dean and because the GE Xray Company have called me re the storage on our equipment at Frisco I am seeking information.

I believe I have all information regarding the Xray goods, but I have nothing whatsoever regarding the disposition of the two frigidaires and the rate of storage paid or to be paid, I have the invoice and freight and insurance charges paid by R.F. and know they were consigned to Dr. Agnew, S.F.-I also know that the original bills of lading are not available at present.

I am writing to Mr. Manuel about the dispositions made re the X-ray equipment ,- by Mr. Dean, and will ask him for information re the frigidaires . If you have the information I am seeking please pass it on to Mr. Manuel for me or write me direct.

Efforts should be made to find a safer and a cheaper storage place & rate. I am asking Mr. Tunnecliffe who represents our Church at S.F to see what he can do for us in this connection , and desire to give him all available information in advance.

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago, Ill. May 24/43.

Dear Mr. Evans:

As requested I am returning the letter addressed to the Board of Governors, with comments that may be helpful in your reply to Mr. Simkin.

1. I am sorry that Mr. Simkin feels called to leave the university and especially that he raises the matter of disposing of his properity on the Middle School campus.

2. Whatever disposition may be desired , it seems logical that the matter should come from the University authorities on the field as well as from the mission or one of its representatives, in all matters pertaining to properties, especially the sale of properties.

3. Of course this need not apply to temporary rental of a home, especially in times like these, and to such a desirable and co-operating person as Mr. Riggs of the American Board. And I am of the opinion that permanent occupation by Mr. Riggs as a member of the staff would meet with hearty approval.

4. I am also of the opinion that the Governors would give sympathetic consideration to a minute from the Faculty recommending the sale of the said property to the Canadian Mission Board or the American Mission Board.

5. But I believe the matter should be presented in due form to the Annual Meeting of the Board or its Executive Meeting . There may be time for Mr. Simkin and the University to present the matter to the November Meeting of the Board if reply is made now to Mr. Simkin. I hope that can be done.

6. In sending forward the request dealing with the sale of property it is highly desirable that prices be quoted on the basis of costs, rather than the ficticious prices that now prevail for homes in or near the campus. Mr. Simkin has doubtless kept the costs , in relation to gold values, of the erection of his home.

7. Since the Board of Governors has the first option on the property in case a sale is proposed they should have the prices in gold before taking up their option, and I hope Mr. Simkin can supply us with those figures.

8. You are free to quote me in your reply , or even send a copy of this letter along with your reply, if you desire to do so.

Cordially yours

Joseph Beech

Fully Mr. Simpson Evans

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2110 Fargo Ave Chicago Ill. May 26/43

ack 6/21/43

Dear Mr. Evans:

Regarding the fellowships asked for Dr Ronald Ely Sung, by Dean Lindsay, will you please let me know what is the procedure now regarding the securing permit for entrance to the U.S. required by the Immigration Bureau.

The matter has been placed before the Dean of the Medical Dental School of Rochester University. But in the meantime we should have in mind the next step in case the fellowship is granted

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago. June 1/43

Ack 6/21/43

Dear Mr. Evans:

Sometime ago I received a letter from Dr Lindsay, later there came the cable which you forwarded, regarding a fellowship for Dr Ronald Sung (D.D.S) in Dental surgery—

Dean Whipple writes me as per the enclosed letter. I take it the first line of his letter refers to the type of fellowship I asked for a fellowship in Oral Surgery. I think he can get about what he wants as Dr Whipple suggests.

Will you then forward cable "Hnata", or Lindsay Hnata, "Rochester grants Sung US $1200 Scholarship Seeking Immigration Permits"

I believe the above will be quite clear to Hnata or Dr Lindsay & will permit them to go ahead with their passport & travel permits, and perhaps allow time for his arrival here for Fall Term.

6-1-43

I have written you re requirements of the Bureau of Immigration. They will need such a document as the Dean's letter to permit a Chinese to enter the USA. I asked Dean Whipple to help us in the Immigration papers. You will see he awaits what I asked of you. You may address him directly or through me on the matter.

I sent Dr Lindsay's letter to Dean Whipple, with request to return. I do not have it so cannot forward to you. But you have the ideas required.

Awaiting your earliest reply

Cordially Joseph Beech

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2410 Fargo Ave. Chicago. June 7/43

Ack 6/21/43

Dear Mr. Evans:

Ten days to two weeks ago I sent to you an airmail letter, with request that you cable the University or Lindsay that (1) Rochester Univ. had granted a fellowship to Dr Ronald Sung equal to $200,

(2) That the Bureau of Immigration be requested to grant landing permit.

(3) That this information be sent to me for Dean Whipple that he might issue papers re request for admittance of Dr Sung; etc — or sent direct to Dean Whipple, not to me.

So far no word has been received here, so I have written Dean Whipple that progress would be reported soon —

Can it be possible my letter did not get to you? I sincerely hope not as I enclosed Dr Lindsay's & Dean Whipple's letters —

Please let me know by return cable. Joseph Beech

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6-17-43

Thank you for copy of your acknowledgement of receipt of $500 from Wesleyan. I will write you soon re the use to which it should be placed

Cordially JB

P.S. 2. Will you please let me have a copy of a cable sent via our Chairman to the Chairman of the Bd of Directors Chang Chiangan. I have word that he is Deputy Director General of Military Transportation of the Military Affairs Commission of which Mr Chiang Kai Shek is Chairman. I want to write him, and would like to refer to the cable sent to him also.

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June 19, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your air mail letter came yesterday, but could not be attended to the.

However, the cable to Ashley was delayed pending investigation with the Government regarding Chinese coming to America. The cable, therefore, was modified to request the field to secure immigration permits which must be done in China and not America. The cable reads as follows:

"ROCHESTER GRANTS SUNG AMERICAN 1200 SCHOLARSHIP SECURE IMMIGRATION PERMITS."

This is written in haste and I will write you again on Monday.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 21, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I have studied all of your correspondence and note with chagrin that I have not answered your letter of May 11th. This does not mean that the items have been neglected, but you should have been more promptly informed of our actions.

Your letter of May 11th mentions a communication from the field quoting various items of interest, also the attack upon President Dsang, which we later heard of elsewhere. We likewise received a statement regarding the use of the property and have made good use of this in the Medical Committee of the Associated Boards which has been set up recently.

The check for $25.00 was acknowledged to Mrs. Greig and Miss Decker of Polo, Illinois as requested.

Your other question regarding the Wesleyan gift has been answered meanwhile the receipt of same has been acknowledged through the Methodist Board.

Your letter of May 15th referred to The Rockefeller equipment and I am informed that information has been mailed to you since you wrote us.

Your letter of May 24th returned the letter from Robert and Margaret Sinkin and have used your material accordingly. We will hope for a reply in time for the Annual Meeting in the Fall.

In part I replied on Saturday to your letters of May 26th and June 1st, as well as your letter of June 17th. We have taken considerable time, because of several cases now before us, to check with the Department in Washington regarding the procedure relative to Chinese entering the United States. There were a number of reports that the usual method was not sufficient. We now find that there has been no ~~[illegible]~~ change recently. The requirements in China are,- (a) A completed "Section Six Certificate", (b) Passports and a United States Visa,- (c) A statement from some responsibile person stating the purpose of coming to USA. In America they should have papers showing where they are to study and the financial arrangements.

6-21-43

As far as Dean Whipple needs to go is to write a letter committing himself as far as he can in saying that Rochester is ready to accept Dr. Sung as a student. That must be sent to China.

I think you will find the real difficulty will be in getting out of China. Recent arrivals tell that story and the conditions have not improved recently.

Unfortunately the minutes for West China are not yet completed. Thus nothing has been done about following through on any of the actions. Even the Associated Boards minutes are still in the works. This is due to the lack of help and the terrific pressure regarding the budgets for 1943-44. I will send you all information as soon as it comes through.

This letter is a hodge podge. I started to give to Miss Brown, only to have Mr. McBrier interrupt with an investment committee meeting, so I am finishing the typing.

Most sincerely yours

CAE/B

C. A. Evans.

Crossed - ref. cable

July 7, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

The following cable was received yesterday from Lindsay:

"PLEASE ASK WHIPPLE CABLE DAVIS AMERICAN EMBASSY CHUNGKING RONALD SUNG SCHOLARSHIP GRANTED."

We shall be glad to help you in any way possible.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago, Ill. July 9/43

My dear Dean Whipple:

Our cable to Dr Lindsay read as follows:-
"Rochester grants Ronald Sung American $1200 Scholarship. Secure immigration permits"

The enclosed reply cable, mailed to me by Mr. C A Evans seems to indicate that the U.S. Embassy requires direct cable from the Rochester University or you, that scholarship is granted before they issue immigration permits. to Ronald Sung

Will you please cable the Embassy as requested -- at our expense -- or forward your cable by Air Mail - Special to Mr. C A Evans 150 Fifth Ave. New York (11) N.Y.

We may be called upon to present a letter from you for, forwith. Permit to Land. But that can await fuller information.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech

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July 9, 1943

Dr. Chang Kai-Ngau,
Care, President Lincoln Dsang,
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan.

My dear Dr. Chang:

At its recent meeting, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the West China Union University requested me, as Chairman, to write you a word of greeting, expressing our appreciation of the great service you have rendered and are rendering as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Will you please accept, then, the assurance of our high esteem for your services and our sincere greetings in this summer season? We believe the West China Union University is a thoroughly worthwhile enterprise, and we are glad that it has the support of so many men of character and influence in China itself.

With every good wish,

Faithfully yours,

Herbert Welch

July 16, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I promised you some time ago that I would send you the copy of the letter written to Chang Kai-Ngau by Bishop Welch. It appears to me that Bishop Welch has handled the situation with extreme cleverness, anyway it seems to have accomplished all that is needed at the present time without involving the Board in any manner. If Dr. Chang Kai-Ngau does come to America certainly we wish to put every pressure upon him to come to the Annual Meeting in Toronto, November 4th and 5th.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

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

SEPTEMBER 18, 1943

DR. JOSEPH BEECH
PASSAVANT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
305 E SUPERIOR
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RECEIVED YOUR CARD REGARDING OPERATION. LOOK FOR LETTER MONDAY MORNING.

C. A. EVANS

coming letter 9/18/43

September 18, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
Passavant Memorial Hospital
303 E. Superior
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

While I regret that it was necessary for you to have to experience the "thrusts of pointed pain" yet I am glad to know that the operation is over with and it also gives me pleasure to quote a telegram which I sent you this morning as follows:

"RECEIVED YOUR CARD REGARDING OPERATION. LOOK FOR LETTER MONDAY MORNING."

(It irks me every time I write to China and cannot quote cables).

Apparently the powers that be felt it necessary for you to undergo this trial and likewise the same powers have done well by you along with the Lord's assistance. Had we known that you were going through this siege we could have at least helped by prayer and sympathetic contact. As usual, however, you "go on your own" and report results later on. It is amazing, however, that instead of a postal card I did not get a squib of paper two inches long and one inch wide announcing the event.

May I say that this telegram was worded as above because of government restrictions. We could not say even that we hoped you would get well.

Everyone in the office joins in the earnest wish that you will be on your feet again at no distant date and that we will soon see you in person.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

(Via Air Mail)

WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago - Sept 25th '43

ack 9/27/43

Dear Mr. Evans.

After 15 days in hospital I was turned out, and found myself carried up the back stairs to our aptm. night before last - and so I was "at home" later than expected. But all at the hospital thought it wonderful that, at my age - I recovered so well in my 15 day stay - I should have done better for everybody did so much for me, conditions & service & treatment by all, just about perfect. So, I am here for another 10 days under orders to be "wise". Something different to understand at my age also. Thank you for your letter & good wishes.

I write at this time about a matter

Rec'd 9-27-43 dl

6-25-43

that should have been cleared before I went into the hospital.

Paid 10/13/43
Vo. 4006

OK for check for $140
David Dai
Chr

The enclosed letters explains this AM, - now Noon - written Dr Dai saying I would write you to pay him $100 ~~$140~~ as he finds needed, when he reaches New York.

I suggest & request that you do this for him - You may charge it against the Wesleyan balance on your books. In due time I will explain it to them as an item under "Student Aid." If not altogether agreeable to them, I will ask you to change it to my account at proper time. I quite agree Dr Dai should make this honor - about the best thing ever happened to our Dental staff -

A letter just rec'd. says "Minister Chang Kia-ngau planning to leave by air by end of July. He is appointed by the Government to look into banking & economic affairs with a view to solution of post war affairs." No word further, but I'll on look out for him & get him in touch

With your Chairman Dr Welch. Know we'll show should know about him. Let me know if any word re him

Sincerely yours J. Leighton Pearce

September 27, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I am returning herewith the letters enclosed in your communication of the 25th, but they are of insignificant importance as over against your complete and final recovery. We are grateful beyond words for the progress you have made and praise God for the miracle which has been performed. May you go from strength to strength and increase in vitality.

As requested, I will see that Dr. Dai is paid the $140.00 when he arrives in New York as I agree with you that this is one of the outstanding opportunities for one of the dental staff at Chengtu.

We have received the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers of West China and mention was made of the trip of Chang Kiangau. Certainly when he arrives in this country, we will make every effort to get him to the West China meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P.S. Omit the item [redacted] report in agenda. I hope you may be able to put [redacted] of Directors report instead. JB

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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago. Oct 18/43

ack 10/22/43

Dear Mr. Evans:

Doubtless you have learned that Mr Chang Kia-ngau is now at the Shoreham Hotel Washington D.C. & you may have written him re the Executive invitation to attend the Governors Meeting this coming November. Lest you may have not, or have, written him I am writing to suggest that he be urged to be present with us as the guest of the Governors and offering him every service you may be able to render. His last act for the University while I was in Chungking in route to US was to give $100 000 for Charity beds & Scholarships so that a Christian University might the better serve the poor people that come to it. General now Governor Chang Chen joined with him in that gift. Inflation had not then broken loose. He has been responsible for much more since then, and has the cause of the University greatly at heart. By his visit

Dr. Wheeler 10/20/43

11-18-43

Received - 10-20-43 AR

here a fine opportunity is afforded us of getting him loyally in the family spirit of cooperation with the Governor.

I have written these words, because I have a night letter from him in which he says among other things -:- I much doubt that I shall be able to join you at Toronto:--- that may express Oriental courtesy, rather than conviction - so I am writing to him again, have asked Bp Welch to write & now this letter to you -

I paid the doctor a visit last week - He gave me a good report & told me to continue the good work & see him again in a month -

I am planning to go to Toronto - & will D.V. - unless he advises otherwise when I see him about 1st of November -

I may not have good grounds for going on to New York. One of the threads of attraction is to visit Wesleyan & keep up that connection. Another is Mrs. Belcher - daughter of Benj Moore. She lives in the East but may have gone South. Will you ask Mr. McBrier if he can secure her present address from Mr. Benj Moore's brother at Montclair. If you get the information, let me have it, here or at Toronto. Cordially Joseph Beech

Secretary
Personnel
11-19-43

October 22, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of October 18th came to hand promptly, but we have been swamped with the Planning Committee meetings and I am hastening to reply.

We got in touch with Dr. Chang when he arrived in New York and had a very satisfactory telephone conversation. Dr. Wu yi-fang introduced me by telephone and it was all a very pleasant occasion. I used all the persuasion possible to put the Governors meeting on his schedule, but he said he was unable able to give me a definite answer until after being in Washington. He said he would return the last week in October and let me know his position. I doubted whether I should write him any further, but after talking with Dr. Arnup yesterday I concluded that it might be a good idea. I believe, Bishop Welch has also written to him.

I believe it is well within the province of the Chancellor to make a periodic trip to New York, especially to keep alive the very fine connections at Wesleyan. I am going a bit further in asking that you bring Mrs. Beech with you to Toronto at the expense of the Board as the Treasurer agrees to this, and we think it will be fine for you to travel together. Please do this.

Mr. McBrier is coming to the office only at intervals and he has not been in since your letter came to hand. I will drop him a line and ask him to report to me later on. I will give you this information about Mrs. Belcher as soon as possible.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via Air Mail

October 26, 1943

Dear Dr. Beech:

For some time the Board of Governors of West China Union University has been endeavoring to find a suitable occasion wherein, to a degree at least, some recognition could be made of the remarkable service you have rendered the University. This time appears to be forthcoming at the Annual Meeting in Toronto, and I wish to add my personal word of gratitude that a kind providence has given me the opportunity of knowing you so intimately and well.

Others will speak of your achievement; whereas, I am stressing the quiet, earnest, and continued labor which has produced an institution which will live through the ages. Your persistent, kind Christian spirit has achieved success and I honor you far beyond my poor words to express.

I am also conscious that from day to day your deepest interest in the University continues both in prayer and in effort for its welfare. I know I can always call upon your good judgment in times of need.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

November 9, 1943

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

As requested, I am returning herewith Dr. Agnew's letter with an extra copy for Mrs. Agnew. The expressions of appreciation, as you know, were taken care of at the Governors' meeting.

It certainly was heart warming to see you and Mrs. Beech at Toronto and I trust the trip was not too much and that you are now basking in the glory of your achievements.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 18, 1943

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

You should have some word regarding the Recognition Service in honor of Dr. Beech held in Toronto on the evening of November 4th. You will recall that you wrote a letter regarding the contribution which Dr. and Mrs. Beech have made to educational work in China, a collection of which was presented to Dr. Beech on that occasion.

The Service was held in the Faculty Room following a dinner in Burwash Hall. Bishop Welch made a very delightful speech linking Dr. Beech's sturdy characteristics and other qualities with the beech tree. This was followed by Dr. Cartwright who read a resolution prepared for the Board of Governors of West China Union University. Dr. Jesse H. Arnup of The United Church of Canada and the newly elected Chairman of the Board of Governors, paid high tribute to the work which Dr. Beech has accomplished in China and his remarkable gift in making friends for the University. Thereafter, the Secretary presented the letters as "estimates" of friends of the Beech Family.

Dr. Beech responded and told of how the hand of God had ever led him on and how that in faith many things have been accomplished. Dr. Beech alluded to the letters as that of a labor of love, and I want you to know how deeply he appreciated each one. They will be bound in book form and remain as a constant witness of this occasion, and an enduring testimony of his wide circle of friends.

With many, many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:W

C. A. EVANS, Secretary of the Board

REV. JOSEPH BEECH, D. D.

Chancellor of West China Union University

Through forty years of service in China as a missionary of the Methodist Church, Chancellor Beech has been instrumental in building West China Union University from a small college to the greatest educational center of the "new China" beyond the control of the Japanese invaders. At present the University is "host" to a large number of other colleges and higher educational institutions that have moved to Chengtu from "occupied" cities and towns further east.

Chancellor Beech was recently decorated by the National Government of China, at the request of the Ministry of Education and the National Yuan, with the Medallion of the Flowery Jade, and the Diploma of the First Class. This Medallion, for unusual services in the field of education to all China, has been awarded only once before to an American - Professor John Dewey of Columbia University.

"The service of Chancellor Beech in founding a university in this country, with contributions of money and men, is a model for the people of China," says the Special Order of the Government making the award. "Hereby a special order is given to recognize his merit and service with appreciation and admiration by the President of the Republic of China."

Chancellor Beech first went to China in 1899 and was stationed in Chungking. He was principal of Chungking Institute for a few years before being transferred to Chengtu, a city further to the westward on the very frontier of China, near the Thibetan border. He served as superintendent of the District Day School, superintendent of the Bible school, and president of Chengtu College. This latter has since expanded into the West China Union University, supported by several denominations collaborating with the Methodists. Chinese young men are being trained as pastors and teachers so that they can take the places of the missionaries.

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Chancellor Beech, born in Staffordshire, England, came to the United States at the age of six. He was brought up in Elizabeth, N. J. and Brooklyn, N. Y. He received his education at Hackettstown, N. J., and Wesleyan University. He holds a Ph.B. degree from Wesleyan University and that University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1911. He was a delegate from China to the General Conference in the United States in 1936.

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2110 W. Fargo Ave.
Chicago 45. Ill.
Nov. 21. 1943.

ack 12/21/43

Dear Mr. Evans -

We are enclosing a list of names which we feel appropriately belong to the one you already have for the "Book of Estimates". Sorry we have delayed so long in sending it but circumstances have prevented.

We both enjoyed our week end at Whitby with Dr. and Mrs. Cascallen and arrived home on Tuesday.

Again, I want to thank you for your part in the plan to make it possible for me to be present at the meetings and especially the one held on Thursday evening. We all prize the "Book" very highly and it will be held as a precious possession by all of our children.

Very sincerely yours.
Miriam D. Beech.

Board of Governors
of the
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LINCOLN DSANG, PHD., D.D., *President of the University*

JOSEPH BEECH, D.D., *Chancellor*

November 24, 1943

To the Friends of Dr. Beech:

On November 4th the Board of Governors of West China Union University at its Annual Sessions in Toronto, Canada held a special meeting in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Beech.

Prior to this meeting we secured testimonial letters from the members of the Board of Governors and Cooperating Mission Boards, but could not widely publicize the proceedings as we wished to have it a complete surprise. We felt, however, that other friends would like to be included and if you are interested in sending us a letter of this nature, it will be included in bound form with others now in hand.

This is one of the most worth-while tasks which has fallen to my lot. The Beechs certainly appreciated the thought involved, as well as the expressions of appreciation for all that has been done in China for the cause of Christian Higher Education.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS, Asst. Secy.,
Board of Governors.

CAE/B

P. S. Please mail to our office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y.

December 22, 1943

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Beech:

Primarily this is a word of Christmas Greetings to the Beech Family.

You are constantly in our thinking and again and again references are being made to the great contribution which you have made to Christian education in China. Our wish is for your continued well-being and happiness. May the good Lord richly bless you.

Mrs. Beech's letter enclosing the additional list came to hand and we have received a splendid response from that list. The book should be published very shortly now, but we are waiting for several who have requested that we hold off until we can get their "estimate" in our hands.

It would have been a very nice thing to have had this book for a Christmas Greeting from the Board of Governors. Seemingly things do not happen as rapidly as that these days. Anyway, I want you to know that we are still working on it and it will not be delayed much longer.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

(Ans.) 1/5/44

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago File
Dec 31/43

Dear Mr. Corbett: Thank you for:- Copy of letter to the Presidents of China Colleges - Resume of Planning Comm. Meet. and Appendix K.

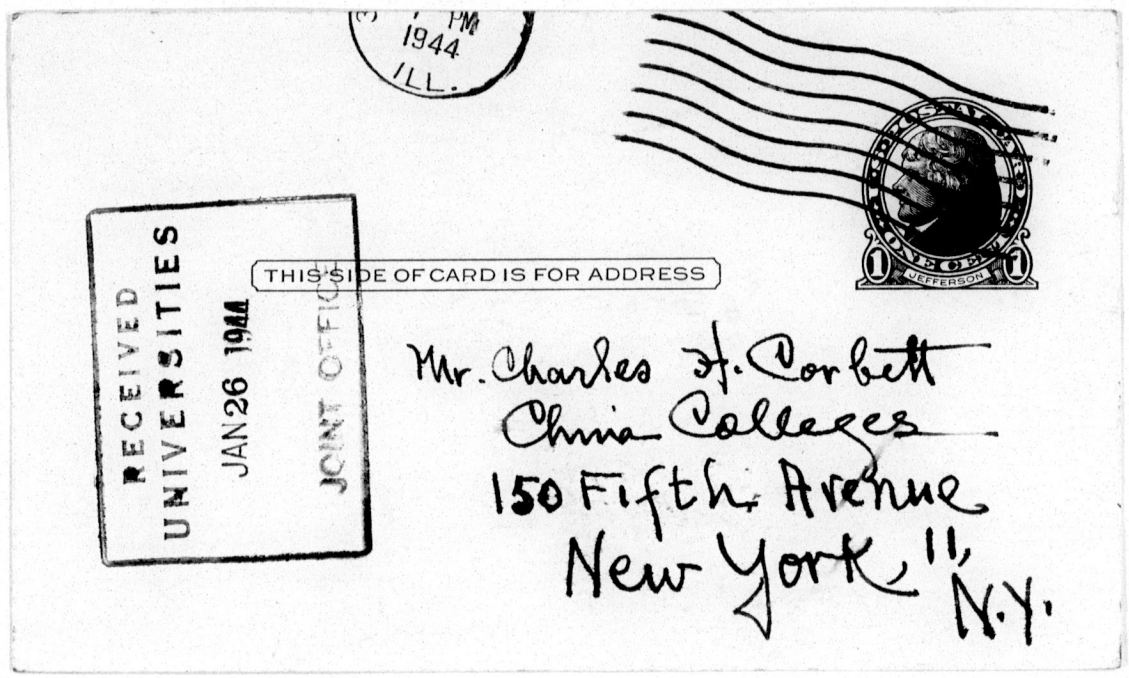
Just to aid in keeping your lists correct -

Dr Harrison Mullett, (Toronto) of the W.C.U.M. Dental College was among the repatriates on the Gripsholm arriving N.Y. Dec 1/43

He came from Hongkong. where he was a prisoner from the date of its fall to the sailing of the repatriates.

The fact that he was in the Canadian Group doubtless accounts for failure to find his name.

Cordially yours Joseph Beech



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WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA
Res: 2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago-45 Ill.

Jan 19/44

ack 1/21/44

Dear Mr. Evans:

I had a letter from Dr Armp on Dec 23 - among other things he said you would be sending out a call for the special meeting - with late comers from Chengtu - as soon as determined. Saw Dr Armp at the Foreign Missions Conference here recently. He said Mr Mullett was in hospital with Scarlet fever. I have not learned anything about Phelps arrival so I suppose you are "at sea" also as far as the date is concerned. But please let me know as soon as you can determine the time, as I have requests for "dates" here abouts that I am holding up till I know the time of the New York meeting.

Following my operation + the miserable diarrhea that I had at Toronto - and that cut short my stay in that region, - health has been on the up grade. Its fine to feel fine again.

Thank you for having Dr Dai call me from N.Y. for arranging his passage - In this connection I perhaps should mention the fact that Dr Sung is not satisfied with his course at Rochester. I am writing him to make the best of what he has. Hope you are like minded.

Dr Lindsay writes that he plans to leave

JAN 19 1944

Chengtu in March & bring with him Dr Eric Cheo. He desired a scholarship or rather fellowship for him at Rochester. He requested that I take up the matter ~~with~~ for Dr Cheo with Dr Whipple. The Dean had Dr Sung there at that time. While I feared it was not good policy to apply for a second fellowship so soon after Dr Sung was admitted, I did write & forwarded Dr Lindsay's letter. The dean replied: "At the present time we cannot place him for we feel that others on our list should have precedence" etc.

At the same time he reported re Dr Sung had made "a good impression & he hoped his opportunity here will prove of value to him".

I am writing Dr Lindsay by Air Mail today re these affairs (I hear that Dr Agnew is ill with typhus fever) It looks as if Dr Dai will not lack for a place. I am glad he is so well qualified for leadership in such a time.

When does Dr Wu plan to leave for Chengtu?

On re reading Dr Lindsay's letter to Dean Whipple I find the following — "A cable should be addressed 'Lindsay, Huata, Chengtu — Fellowship granted — or — Unavailable'" Dean Whipple wrote to Lindsay but did not cable. Do you think a cable should be sent? Dr Whipple wrote Lindsay on Dec 14.

Thank you for your gracious letter to Dr Mo Beech Dec. 22

Cordially yours — Joseph Beech

My Cheerio to your staff & Mr Porter

January 22, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Glad to get your letter of the 19th.

We have tried to find out when Dryden Phelps is to arrive in America but no one knows. A cable was received by the Baptist Board from India, but that is all. I am sorry that I cannot be more definite about the date of the meeting but you can well understand the difficulty.

I am in thorough accord with your attitude toward Dr. Sung's position. Possibly later on something will develop which will be of more benefit to him.

I hardly think it necessary to cable regarding Dr. Cheo, but when another message is going to West China, I will include a word regarding him.

We are all glad to learn that you are feeling so much better and hope to see you at a not too distant date.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago, 45.
Jan 28/46

Dear Mr Evans

This is a late at night hurry up note.

Some time ago I wrote to Dean Whipple of Rochester Med-Dent College for ~~a~~ ~~Schol~~ fellowship for Dr Eric Cheo at request of Dr Lindsay.

Lindsay expects to return to Canada leaving China in March & bring Dr. Cheo with him. He requested Dean Whipple to cable "Fellowship granted" or "Fellowship unavailable."

I now discover that no message went to Lindsay - But word came to me that fellowship could not be given now. I wrote Lindsay to day. We should cable him. Can you include ~~that~~ "Lindsay Fellowship unavailable" in your next cable to Hunta soon, or now, spirit? Do it please - Helge

Cordially Yours Joseph Beech

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CHENGTU, SZECHWAN, CHINA

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

Res. 2110 Farga Ave, Chicago 45 Ill
Feb 9th 44

Dear Mr. Evans-

Well that was a clock tick from Heaven and as such was exactly on time. I refer to that "Priceless book" - as one member of the family valued it. At about 10 P.M. Monday it was delivered at our apartment. Joe Jr was here from Atlanta, on business, Raymond & his wife came down to celebrate the triple February birthday party - and two of Mrs Beckes sisters were here for the same event. Four of them were booked to leave early Tuesday morning. Raymond & wife out for the evening read through the book about midnight. So it did seem Heaven sent and you & Miss Brown the angelic Heralds.

One thing I miss is the name of the Miss, who did so much of that labor of love or devotion. So she had better get on her writing costume right away -

The book truly is a grand idea executed in glorious fashion - Thank you from the hearts of us all -

2-9-44

Yours re the N.Y. Meeting on 16th Unless all means of travel fail me I will be there. Will you please phone Nat'l Bible Inst 340 W. 55 St ask if they will reserve a room from me as from the 15th. If it cannot be done, try Prince George where I suppose D. Kilborn will BOOK, perhaps Dryden also — Fine if we three could be together while in N.Y. Please drop me an air mail in reply —

KLB made reservation 2/10/44

Had a good time & a good crowd — mostly women, at Evanston First Methodist Church Speaking & Showing Univ. Movies this afternoon So I am tired enough to sign off now

Cordially yours
"Jos Beech"

You may know that name by this time.

February 10, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

I do have some faint recollection of having heard the familiar name of "Joe Beech." If I recall he is a man of very pleasing personality, wonderful persuasive abilities, a loving disposition and indomitable persistence, and a devoted family. I stop there because I find myself so involved that the letter would go on endlessly.

I have reprimanded Miss Brown very severely for not including her estimation of this same "Joe Beech." She threatens to copy the first paragraph of this letter, which I tell her will not be original at all. I have an idea, however, that you will be able to use one of those blank sheets before very long. If there are others to whom a reminder might be sent, and you would especially like to have, I shall be glad to follow up any suggestion.

Apparently you have made a good impression at the National Bible Institute. They state that they will be welcoming you with open arms. A lady intimated this, and so you should be careful how you enter the building on the fifteenth. We have made a reservation for a week beginning with the fifteenth, which I presume you can use to good effect around New York. Anyway it will be an inspiration for you to be with us.

Your words of gratitude for the small amount of work involved in the book of "Testimonials" are all too effusive. We really wanted to do it and so no amount of work involved was too much or even was considered as labor. As a matter of fact, it is a very small thing to do for one who has done so much.

Devotedly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via Air Mail

Copies of this in H. D. Robertson's file

Chengtu. Feb. 17th, ' 44.

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech;

On January 26th I wrote you about many matters presently engaging our attention and of interest to you I thought. Since that date we have received the minutes of the Board meeting and a covering letter from Mr. Evans. I hope you have had time to spend with the Minister and that he will return with good impressions of future relationships. His remarks as reported were of great interest to us and I have no doubt many points were made clear in the discussion that must have followed. The minutes are still being read by individuals so I have not had the opportunity to prepare any reply for the office; when I send it I shall ask Mr. Evans to let you have a copy. There are several matters that should be dealt with at the meeting of the Board or Executive in May and I shall write about them in time. At this time I have one or two special matters, needing your attention.

Miss Tsai Wen-na, Admission to Graduate School

The Head of our Department of Sociology and of the Frontier Research Institute is Mr. Li An-che, formerly of Yenching, Southern California, and Yale. In a letter to Professor Martin H. Neumeyer, Department of Sociology of the University of Southern California Mr. Li wrote,

> One of our graduating class, Miss Tsai Wen-na, is expecting to go abroad for further training. She is one of the best of her class. Being a native of this province she got married very early. Her husband is a famous general fighting on the front against the Japanese. She is anxious to get the best qualification possible so that she may help him in post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction work. The government is also encouraging students with broader outlook to undertake advanced studies. I should like to recommend her to you and your graduate School.
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> Sheis going to graduate before the end of next June and then proper transcript of her credits will be submitted. Her thesis is a case analysis of the intra-relations of an old-fashioned Chinese family, illustrating social process and its bearing on personality adjustments. She is able to pay all the necessary expenses but her application for passport is dependent upon the permission of a school for admission. Owing to the difficulties in communication I am writing on her behalf in advance. Will you please inform me of the possibilities.

You of course know the general referred to, Yang Sen, and Mr. Li asked the president if he would write to you asking you to take up this matter with Professor Arthur J. Todd, Head of the Department of Sociology of Northwestern University. One of our professors in the department who I believe studied at Northwestern, Mr. Chiang Chih-ang, has written to Prof. Todd in the interests of Miss Ts'ai. This is not a university matter as all arrangements are being made by Miss Ts'ai herself and the university has no responsibility; but if you can inquire and find out for us the possibilities we shall appreciate it.

Insurance on University Buildings

Last spring I referred this matter to the New York office. The company with which we are insured through Barry and Dodwell, Chungking, informed us that it was no longer possible to give us insurance in gold dollars, because of exchange control board regulations. As national currency was depreciating so rapidly even then it seemed impossible

to insure for anything like replacement value and there was little hope of keeping up with inflation. So we doubled our insurance in terms of national currency and arranged with the company to cancel this policy when we were informed that our New York office had insured in gold. We received a cable saying that it was possible to place the insurance in New York and asking for details. These were sent but up to the present no further information has been received. The policies date from May 31st. Building costs at present are ten times what they were a year ago; we cannot put any valuation on the buildings and pay the very high premiums in national currency with exchange pegged as at present.

Dental Clinic Section of New Hospital

After two or three years the Board has taken action and released the thousand dollars needed to complete that building which has been in operation all these years. The clinic has been making good money in the meanwhile and when it seemed that nothing would be done at home we persuaded the hospital to take sufficient from the income of the clinic to meet this overdraft. Now that we have the grant from the Board I am proposing that the balance from the thousand gold (the present exchange is double what it was when the account was cleared) together with the clinic grant be put to the credit of the OPD which still has a debit balance, due to the rising cost of building at the time. We have lost a lot of money over the slow rate of building on a number of buildings and failure to get materials at the proper time. We were badly caught in the arrangements made for the completion of the central section of the college building proper and there is a good sum to wipe off in some way; if you can have a talk with Leslie he will make that clear to you. However we all feel that we did the wise thing and it is a treat to see this eyesore filled in with what is a very fine looking building and most of it in use; the PUMC on the third floor, the Yenching science people on the second, the library and offices on the first and various uses made of the ground floor. Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay are planning to leave for furlough in a short time and you will get later information from them.

Simkin House -- The Housing Question

You will remember the correspondence over the building of this house in the early twenties; the Board of Governors ticked off the field for allowing the house to be erected. When the Simkins decided to go to Chungking and carry on work of the Friends in the Canadian Mission Agency they wanted to sell their house and were offered double what the university paid for it. As it seemed to me they were not at liberty to sell the house to others than the university I had the unpleasant duty of insisting on this procedure. At the time it was rumored that the government would soon bring to an end the sale of their gold bonds at the official rate and in order that the Simkins might get their fifteen thousand gold we agreed to the sale; the house now would cost double that to build and the Simkins got a good bargain too. Since we were disappointed in the hope that the PUMC would pay half the price in gold in New York we found ourselves with the task of finding the money for the house ourselves and it was then that the east and west cultural association insisted on their right to the house. We finally compromised by allowing them to pay half the cost inlieu of rent for ten years; Loh Chong Shu is the prime mover in this organization and has very big ideas for its development but some of us did not favor the idea especially in view of the great need for residences for the Chinese staff. There has been lots of talk and agitation about this matter of housing, much of it beside the point, and there are now three ideas floating about; a university housing committee is actually functioning, a missions committee is half born and a proposal for the turning over of all mission property to the university has been referred to the home board by our mission council. The old mission houses cannot be made suitable for two families without the spending of a lot of money and no one can afford a whole house these days.

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We are expecting to be in the news in a big way very soon and opinions differ as to whether we shall be bombed; if the enemy are able to do it the example of what we are doing to German cities may stimulate them . Plans for cooperation with the medical unit of the AAF are under way but it will not involve any building of a permanent nature as suggested in my former letter. There is also a plan for a hospital unit from the university being sent to the front as evidence of our desire to help in the war effort. Our missionary personnel is being reduced to a very small number because of furloughs, non-return from furloughs and the financial pressure on missions. The Associated Boards should make a thorough study of the situation before the annual meetings in May and get information to the field at the earliest moment; and the statement as to financial support should be definite and final so that we can plan accordingly.

Thank you for sending on the enclosed letter to Gordon Jones. Kindest regards to Mrs. Beech and to other old friends. I hope you have good health.

/s/ H. D. Robertson

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

Res 2110 Fargo Ave Chicago 45 - Ill

Feb 21/44

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Dear Dr. Evans

This was started in due time, but it is now March 1st. Got myself into four China meetings all calling on J.B. for a speech. Two of them ran into the late hours, but Joseph did not regret if so long as seed for some reapings were sown. I am about due to start for my May 5th speech. The next as reported is the 24. Another promised is changable & I will hold it till I hear from you.

Much as I admire "Testimonials to ..... November 4, 1943" I would admire it more if a statement were written on the fly page stating the why & wherefore on this date and the origin of these tinted pages bound in red & gold. Shall I bring it to you - or will you send it duly embossed in pearl to me.

~~With greetings to you & yours~~

Cordially Yours Joseph Beech

Dr Muller spent the night of the 23 with us. Delightful to be with him again. He is now well on to complete recovery

Expense account - Trip to New York Week of Feb 14-19/44

Ply Travel, Chicago to New York to Chicago 2/16 50	$33.00
Chicago Elevated & Taxis	.60
Pullman Berth Bag & Tip .35	4.79
N.Y. Hotel bill - NPB	.35
Train Meals (2)	6.00
N.Y. Buses Cars & Bags	2.65
	.75
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Joseph Beech

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For Mr. Evans
For information re a Wesleyan man of my college days who has fallen in love with China & three Chinese —

March 3, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Beech,

I was sorry to miss you on both my brief moments in Chicago, but there is no help for that. If I find myself in that neighborhood again, I shall try to see you, with what I hope will be better results.

Despite the letterhead, I am not yet quite in the service, but merely wasting a few hours in an induction station while the tests are made to finish my pre-induction physical exam. I have, so far, managed to be assigned where I wanted to go — to the marine corps.

The essential question I want to ask of you — and which I can now put as well

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in a letter as I could have in person - is this. I want to get a job teaching English language or literature in China after the war. Can you tell me what the chances are and what the best channels of approach?

My background is this:

A.B. Wesleyan '35; Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in general scholarship, high distinction in English, distinction in Art.

1935-6 teaching as an "intern" at George School, a Quaker prep school in Bucks County, Pa.

1936-40 Teaching at Harvey School, Hawthorne, N.Y., a sub-prep school (boys through the eighth grade, preparing for Andover, Hotchkiss, et al.). Both of these jobs included English teaching, dormitory work, dramatics, music, and coaching of various teams (I had been active in all these extra-curricular things in college).

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1937-40 summers, I helped Joe Dalton organize and direct a Gilbert & Sullivan repertory group which toured New England resort towns and the Middle Atlantic coast with some success. This company subsequently fought a short but bloody engagement with Broadway, in which I was a casualty.

1940-1941 I worked as various things, chiefly the manager of a motion picture theatre in Danvers, Mass., then decided to accompany my wife to Oregon, her home, for a visit. Arriving here, I got a job at Reed College teaching drama, speech, and literature.

1942-4 Our son was born in February '42 and we settled definitely in Oregon. I have taught at Reed since then. In June, '42 I commenced my study of the Chinese language, which I have pursued ever since.

That is a very brief record and perhaps inadequate to give you a sufficient background for advice. Here are a few more-or-less pertinent points: I am an Episcopalian, but not a very religious person—

St Johns College

surely not the sort to appeal to a missions board as a strong evangelical influence to send abroad. This is not to say that I am irreligious or even un-religious; I simply could not be a very notably religious man, though I believe I'd not seem un-Christian at all. My interest is in teaching English to the Chinese and Chinese to Americans, both for the sake of furthering a sympathy and exchange of civilized intercourse that I consider indispensable to the peace of the world and to the advancement of culture. That is, I want to teach in China at least long enough to acquire a good knowledge of colloquial Chinese and the ability to read either books or newspapers at a fair rate of speed. This would presumably mean not less than five years of residence in the Orient.

If, out of your years of association with Chinese higher education, you can give me any lead that might produce the job I want, I should be most grateful.

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As I contemplate the field without any guidance, there seems to be no clear road anywhere, and yet I feel sure that what I want to do needs doing.

Thanks in advance, and I shall look forward to seeing you some day in the nearer more distant future.

Yours

Frank A. Kiernan Jr. ×
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P.S.
My new address:
5412 S.E. Foster Rd
Portland, Or.

March 4, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, 45 Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your note of February 21st is at hand and I am hastening to send you a check for $48.14 in payment of the expense account.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 23rd but regret that you will have to return to Chicago on the 24th. Please come to us earlier in the week.

We will do anything you wish us to do in relation to the book of "Testimonials." So, please command us.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. Evans

In reply to yours re the Red Book & file "Testimonials"

It seems that the fly page should have a ~~page~~ statement setting forth

① The why or wherefore of the idea re the Book's origin

② Its presentation occasion

③ The Whose Who re its procurement & presentation etc etc

There are a good many of the Testimonials addressed to Joe Beech or Joe Beech. Some might suppose that Joe Beech had made his pre funeral address — as they might not know him as well as Mr C & E. Enough, to the wise.

Cordially JB

N.Y. Mar 22/44

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

Sunday Mar. 26th 1944 – at 2110 Fargo Av. Chicago

ACB 3/31/44

Dear Mr. Evans –

While the memory, notations visible I send you here a foot note with a mere "Foreword"

The Foreword tells you every thing. That I was glad to be with you all for the days of listening for the most part re reports that were worth listening to.

Many more things might have been said – which leads me to remark – the wisest word of tongue or pen are those unuttered when – when, when, the word would rob the perfume from the flower –

I failed to meet my friend Stubbell in Washington as he is now in Moscow But I did meet Mr. Peck and 4 others in the Cultural Relations Division. Well Blessings on you all – Keep the tarnish off that West China sign of yours, as brightness is of its essence Cordially Jas. H. Beech

March 31, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago, 45, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Beech:

Your letter of March 26th came to hand and I hope a check has been sent to you for the expenses of your last trip to New York.

I am laying upon Miss Brown's conscience the Foreword for your book. She tells me it is my task and so there we are. In that case you will, in the course of events, have a properly inscribed page to add to your collection.

I am having the case of Mr. Frank Kiernan investigated and we will write him again.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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2110 Fargo Ave. Chicago 45 Ill.
April 19, 1944.

Ack 6/9/44

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have gathered all available information regarding the shipment of 16 cases forwarded on S.S. Steel Sentinel, November 13 1941 to Dodwell Co. Rangoon, consisting of Hospital Equipment, and sent it to Mr. Manuel of the Rockefeller Foundation. Request was made that he make claims to the Insurance Company for the lost cases, # 3, 5,6,8,11,12. Cases: #4, 7, 9 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, reached Chengtu. Dr Cunningham reported.

I am making a like request to you for insurance for the lost or appropriated Auth Electric Co., N.Y. case. In general statement to you Dec. 18/41 the value was listed at $450 . I assume you have the invoice and particulars re insurance. You may also have the following statement from Dr. Agnew, but I will quote from his statement - per adventure. " When I left America for China, January 1942 I took consignemnts of dental and medical supplies------While on the ocean Singapore and Rangoon fell --- The ship~~ll~~ ultimately docked at Karachi. The goods were left with the American Army Service and Supply at Karachi. I proceded to Chengtu by plane. After some months returned to India. A considerable amount of my materials ~~her~~ were lost or appropriated. "" The Auth Electric Co. case, 108 pounds sent with me was lost or ~~a~~ apprpriated"/

His letter to me is dated Chengtu, Sept.15,1943
And signed , R. Gordon Agnew.

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Since no further word has come from any source whatever , we must accept the statement of loss, and seek insurance to cover it, I will appreciate it if you will do us that favor, counting on me for any service I can render.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Beech

P.S. By comparison with the RF Commercial Invoice sheets , I see that this one box cost about $100 more than the total six boxes of the ~~boxes~~ R,F shipment. JB

For your records: The Bogen NY annunciator system sent to the RF office in Calcutta, was stored by them , at Dr. Kilborn's suggestion, with the Hospital Supt. of the Canadian Mission Hospital. Ratlan, Central Provinces, India.

Fns. Paid by check 3836, 5/25/44 to the Rockefeller Foundation
$ 42.75

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

9 a.m.
2110 Fargo Av Chicago - April 28/44

ack 6/9/44

Dear Mr. Evans.

The enclosed letter came to hand a few moments ago. With the mentioned letter to you, uncertain, I am sending his letter to me, on to you for the Executive or such use as you may deem wise. You are free to copy it. Return the original to me -

We had a very good, tho brief, visit with Dryden Phelps. The Church, Univ. Community, is much on his mind. Sorry he was not bound for N.Y. instead of Calif. He came East to say farewell to his boy "Bill" prior to his going into the service

I leave this afternoon for Kansas City, Mo. Evil Conf. Address while there care Hotel Bray. (or care Evil Conf of Methodist Church. K.C. Mo.). It may end on the 7th of May.

Good wishes & every suitable blessing on you these & coming days Cordially J B

(Dr Beck)

May 24, 1944

Dr. Joseph Beech
2110 Fargo Avenue
Chicago 45, Illinois

Dear Dr. Beech:

We all missed you greatly at our Annual Meetings. It was not just the same without your presence. You are all the more in mind as I have a special task in hand to do for you which I cannot postpone much longer.

This note, however, is to let you know that we have received $800.00 from the undergraduates of Wesleyan University designated for "Dr. Beech's work at West China Union University." I have acknowledged same to Mr. Paul A. Reynolds and thought you ought to know immediately that the gift has just come to hand.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Beech

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In Honor Of

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Beech

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-at a-
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West China Union University
Toronto, Canada -- November 4, 1943

Proposed at an informal conference of the officers and several members of the Board at the close of the Annual Meeting, November 23, 1942. Under this Edict the Secretary's Office covertly communicated with a group of friends of the family--the result being set forth in the following letters of appreciation. The task of compiling and collating was the loving service of the secretarial staff, all of whom have a deep affection for Dr. Beech.

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Signature etc etc

E. G. Enochs

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I think the entire setup could be moved down so as to bring the "Presented etc" nearly central on page. Thus, leaving a little more space above "Testimonials etc"

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