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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
January 7, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan, China

Dear Mr. Robertson,

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 29, in which you deal with a number of matters, chiefly arising from the minutes of the October 16 meeting of the Executive Committee.

The following items dealt with in your letter do not seem to call for any further comment at this time: (1) Secretarial Duties, (2) Building Policy, (4) Coles Fund, (5) Insurance, (6) Memorandum from Harvard-Yenching Institute, (7) Suggestions from the Associated Boards.

As to the bursarship, we are all distressed that as yet no appointment has been made. As you know, there are a number of very difficult problems to be faced just at this time in finding and sending any new appointees to China. But our office here in New York is following up a number of possibilities, and we certainly hope that some satisfactory solution can soon be found. There is, of course, one other possibility which has come to the forefront in recent months - that some man with the necessary experience and qualifications who is now in occupied China may have to give up his present position because of disturbed conditions. We are following up from this end any leads we can discover as to qualified men in occupied China who might possibly be re-located in West China for the bursarship. We hope that from your end you will also be on the look-out for such a man.

Dental Clinic. Mr. Evans is writing you a detailed statement on this point.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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January 8, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I am hastening to acknowledge your letter of December 16th enclosing communications to Dr. Beech and Dr. Dye. These have been forwarded as requested.

We have not taken any action regarding the sale of drafts #774 and #775 for \$5,000 U. S. each. I have tried to link up these procedures with the letter written by Miss Priest on December 4th and can visualize something of what has happened. Presumably one of these drafts was sold, for the University of Nanking check and the Nanking account should be reimbursed, but to satisfy our Auditors and justify the payment, we must have the draft.

In the case of the draft, presumably sold to Cheeloo University, we are totally at a loss to understand how the money could have been received. If same was sold on the open market, the draft will be coming through and we will have to refuse it, as the authority for drawing on current appropriations at Cheeloo rests with the Treasurer at Tsinan. We have tried to reconcile this request with last year's appropriation of \$5,000.00 made available for West China by Cheeloo, but we find \$2,500.00 of that has been drawn.

On second thought we telephoned to the Auditors stating the case and requesting a statement as to their attitude and the possibility of our approving your request. They go a bit further and state that in the absence of a concrete statement as to what has actually been done with drafts #774 and #775, and that we cannot make payment of funds which later might become involved in case the drafts were presented in America.

In Monday's Clipper we wrote to Miss Priest informing her that a U. S. dollar account was opened for West China. That letter was briefly written to get the account in operation, but we are writing more fully today answering some questions which were raised in Miss Priest's letter of December 4th. We will enclose some more checks in this letter for West China up to the extent of the postage allowance.

Upon recommendation of the Auditors, the Cheeloo draft, if it is received, will be paid from West China funds. This is simply to avoid the return of the draft to China in case it is presented.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
Via China Clipper - 1/13/41
c.c. via "President Monroe" - 1/12/41

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
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With every good wish, I am

Very cordially yours,

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January 21, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Ack
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Dear Mr. Robertson:

We are hastening to get into this Clipper mail a word or two regarding the building of the budget for 1941-42 for West China Union University. Of course anything which is said at the present time is merely suggestive as neither the Finance nor Executive Committees have reviewed prospective figures for the coming year. The schedule upon which we are basing calculations is shown in the monthly budget analysis.

Endowment Income - Mission Boards. There has been no change insofar as we can judge at the present time, with one exception:- which is a decrease in the Friends Service Council appropriation of approximately \$250.

Special Gifts. The Atherton family will probably maintain this \$1,600. as long as Dr. Beech is connected with the University. We can definitely count upon this.

The \$1,000 General Administration is from the Harvard-Yenching fund for the purpose of caring for administrative expenses. This will remain the same.

General Endowment Income - Coles Estate. Under the authorization granted at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee, it might be well for you to include in your budget items covering expenditures in this fund. If you can conscientiously use \$2,300 of this fund for the designated purposes, it might be well to include this in the budget. It would be advisable, however, not to overreach.

General Endowment Income must be reduced materially. At the outside \$11,000 is the most which can be expected with income constantly decreasing.

Class B. Special Funds

Harvard-Yenching Institute. With the present situation existing and without further authorization, we cannot include more than LC\$80,800. It is of course entirely within your province to make application for such funds as you see necessary to cover the budget.

We take it that T. K. Cheng will finish this year, and this amount of LC\$1,800 will not be included next year.

You will see from the following schedule that we have omitted Sustaining Funds entirely. Your budget therefore will be built to include such assistance as normally would be requested from the Associated

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Boards, which will appear in your budget in the form of a deficit. It might be wise to include any special items which might be eliminated in case of necessity.

No rate of exchange has been agreed upon, and in building your budget kindly designate what rate has been used wherever it appears. Of course this budget must be in hand by April 15th in order to be presented to the Associated Boards for final discussion and action.

Mission Board Cash Grants

American Baptist F.M.S.	2,500.00
American Baptist Women	750.00
Church Miss. Society General	500.00
" " " Women's College	125.00
Friends Service Council	1,000.00
Methodist Board	2,500.00
Methodist Women	700.00
United Church of Canada	3,000.00
" " " " Women	1,750.00
Special Gifts: Atherton family	1,600.00
General Administration	1,000.00
Coles Estate	2,300.00
Endowment Income	11,000.00
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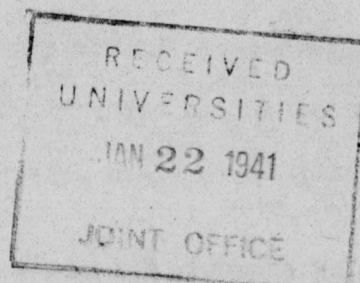
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Harvard-Yenching Institute	LC\$	80,800.00
Income-Maria S. Ackerman Fund	US	385.00
" Scholarship Fund		8.00
" Kate Atherton Fund		165.00
" Hodgkin Memorial Fund		430.00
	LC\$80,800.	US\$38,784.83

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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January 22, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechuan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson,

Supplementing the letter I wrote you on January 13, I am glad to report that the West China Executive Committee has now taken the following action:

"E-1510 VOTED That the Executive Committee approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee (FC-1483) that approval be given to the request of the field authorities that the appropriation for the work of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Chengtu during the fiscal year 1940-41 be LC\$80,800.00."

We are glad that this matter has now been cleared up, and are sorry that it has been so long delayed.

Very cordially yours,

B A GARSIDE

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West China Union University,
CHENG TU, Sze., 4th Feb. 1941.

Dear Dr. Garside,

Acknowledging your letter of the 7th - I wish to deal with one or two matters which are urgent.

(1) Bursarship. I would like to add to what I have said previously with reference to the Bursarship that what we need in the Bursar's Office is a missionary who will do the actual work on the books which is required under our present system. This will mean a man with accounting training and at the same time with the willingness to do the most important work in connection with the books of the office. As you know, Miss Priest has been doing this since Mr. Albertson went on furlough, and she agrees that the kind of person needed is one who will do the actual work and not simply supervise the staff. I think I might go so far as to say that the chief consideration really is that the person appointed should have accounting qualifications. I think that Dr. Beech would agree with me in this representation of the situation. We also are doing everything we can to discover a qualified missionary now in China, but up to the present have not succeeded. We shall continue our search.

(2) Harvard-Yenching Funds. A recent letter from Dr. Elisseeff and the memorandum prepared for the Board of Trustees of the H-Y Institute by Dr. North seem to require immediate action on our part. Dr. Elisseeff asks the amount of U.S. currency received by the University for 1939/40. He must have missed this item in our financial report, as it is stated quite clearly there as US\$3,100. The memorandum, a copy of which I presume you have, page 2, Section D at the bottom of the page, makes it clear that "provided the three policies preceding are observed, the Colleges may apply income of the Restricted Fund in excess of that required for Chinese Studies to the general needs of the College."

In a letter written on August 13th, which was delayed en route and did not reach us until December 28th, Dr. Elisseeff said "I cannot report the starting of your Research Institute to the Trustees until the second Monday of November, but I personally am not in favour of it." We have not received any report of the meeting of the Trustees in November, but a letter from Dr. Elisseeff written on the 9th December deals with our annual report and makes reference to his ideas as to publications by the Colleges receiving support from the Restricted Funds.

In your letter to President Dsang of February 7th, 1940, which reached us on the 14th March and was read by Dr. Beech, you indicated that the Executive Committee wished suggestions from the field as to how this surplus should be disposed of. The plan which we discussed with Dr. Beech and which was reported to you for the setting up of a Chinese Cultural Studies Research Institute was the first step in the direction of using the annual grant of the H-Y Board of Trustees to the Board of Governors, i.e. US\$11,842.12.

In your letter you indicate that on June 30th 1940 there would probably be a surplus in this account of somewhere between US\$22,000 and US\$23,000. Owing to the favourable exchange this amount will be somewhat larger on June 30th, 1941.

The situation as to the relationship between the Harvard-Yenching Institute Board of Trustees, the Board of Governors and the University Administration, has never been quite clear, and perhaps this is a good time to have this relationship determined. If the H-Y Institute Trustees were aware that the Board of Governors had a surplus of US\$25,000 is there danger that they would cut the annual grant? Does the Board of Governors regard this surplus as at their disposal to use in any way which seems wise to the University Administration and to the Board? Does the Board of Governors wish the University to plan the use of the annual grant of the H-Y Institute Trustees to the Board of Governors of approximately \$12,000 per year?

Dr. Beech is in a position to express the views of the field and to advise the Board of Governors in this matter. I think it also most desirable that he should endeavour to explain our situation more clearly to Dr. Elisseeff. The situation which has arisen is almost altogether the result of exchange and this factor should be given consideration.

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If Dr. Beech is in New York, I hope you will let him read this letter. I am enclosing a short notes for him and for Mr. Evans.

Yours sincerely,

H.D. Robertson
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West China Union University

Changtu, February 4th, 1941.

Dear Dr. Beech,

Today we replied to your cable as follows: "HOWEN-CHUIN INVITED TO FUNDS HSIAO WRITING". The Science College had already recommended inviting Ho Wen-chuin and his wife, Pen Yuin-hwa, and Dr. Dsang had agreed to write asking your assistance in securing travel expenses for them. I know that you yourself have been hoping that Ho would return to the University. We are, of course, impressed by what you say about Mr. and Mrs. Hsiao and would like very much to invite them to join our staff. It seems out of the question, however, to invite both Hsiao and Ho. I tried to word the cablegram to suggest that if Hsiao does not insist on an immediate decision you might postpone the final answer until our Clipper letter reached you, so if you can get in touch with Ho and find out definitely whether or not he is returning to us this year you would know what we feel about a contract with Hsiao. Their work is not altogether along the same line, but we cannot see how we can afford both men. Biology seems to be pretty well provided at the moment, and Dr. Pen Dse-fu is returning this summer, after two years in the United States, to Dr. Kilborn's Department of Physiology. We are all impressed with the ability and the future prospects of Dr. Hsiao, and would like very much to have him if funds were in sight. Mrs. Hsiao's qualifications also appeal to us.

Dr. Graham has telegraphed that he expects to be in Chungking tomorrow with his freight. Best and Hoffman have four trucks and should have left Rangoon, but we have not heard that they have reached Lashio. Dr. Crawford is steadily improving. Apparently only Dr. Allen's arrival in Kunming saved his life.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

H. D. Robertson

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February 13, 1941

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by Priest

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We are enclosing herewith the January West China trial balance sheet, cash statement, budget analysis, various invoices and copy of Journal Voucher #395.

We did not make any distribution of undesignated gifts from the Associated Boards for the month of January as there is a possibility of restudying the allocations to the various Colleges.

The budget analysis shows that you are overdrawn in the Current Field Budget under Special Appropriation, whereas the local currency appropriation in the Current Budget of \$100,000.00 has not been drawn upon, and only a small amount of the Harvard-Yenching appropriation has been paid. There is still a balance of \$5,920.68 in Accounts Payable which is the balance brought forward July 1st, less payments made since that time.

Income from all sources is keeping abreast of the estimates in the budget and we are hoping to close the year without a deficit.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 2/14/41
c.c. via "President Taft" - 2/15/41

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West China Union University
Chengtu, Feb. 28th, 1941

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Dear Dr. Beech:

Dr. Dsang has written you on certain points in your letter. I wish to mention several others.

Harvard-Yenching.

We have replied to Dr. Elisseeff's letters and done all we can to answer the questions which he raised. We are, of course, aware of the importance of securing and maintaining his confidence, and I hope it will be possible for you personally to discuss with him the reasons for our setting up what we call the Chinese Cultural Studies Research Institute. You know the effect the coming of the University of Nanking and Cheeloo has had on our people here in this connection. I am rather concerned over the matter of publications and shall make a longer explanation when I prepare the covering letter for our 1941-42 estimates. The three Presidents concerned have had the matter under their consideration, and I believe are writing suggesting that the joint publication be supported by non-restricted funds, while each institution will be permitted to use restricted funds for their own publications. Personally I wonder whether Dr. Elisseeff will be happy about using funds for publications of the value of which he may not be convinced. You will remember our discussion here as to the difficulty of deciding whether particular articles are worth while. I am also concerned that the three institutions here who use H-Y funds have not yet been able to get together and agree upon a programme which seems to me would be more likely to meet with the approval of the Trustees of the Board. All this, of course, is personal between us.

We are expecting to return in June. I think you should take this opportunity to make it clear to the field the relationship between the field and the Board of Governors and the Board of Governors and the H-Y Board of Trustees. As you know our people here are concerned about the fact that in the case of Cheeloo and the University of Nanking the yearly grants are at the disposal of the field, whereas in the case of West China large reserves have been created and the annual grants are apparently subject to the control of the Board of Governors. What I desire is that the situation may be ^{made} clear to us here.

The Wesleyan University gift by way of the Methodist Mission has been cleared up. The Pharmacy Building is getting under way. Lumber, brick, lime, etc. have been secured and the shell should go up very quickly. It is reported that skilled labour wages will be increased to \$5.00 a day shortly. In Chungking wages for skilled and unskilled labour have risen in a startling fashion. Here we have been forced to raise the servants wages from a basic of \$15. to \$20., to grant a rice allowance of 1,3 deo to a single man and 2 deo to a married man, with rice at round \$30. a deo. When our estimates come before the Board we shall count on you to add a useful word in explanation of increased costs and prices. Because of the uncertain future it has been decided to purchase sufficient rice to carry us through the summer until the next harvest. This will involve an expenditure of \$100,000, and at the same time we are not assured of any support from the government. The situation we find ourselves in is, of course, impossible. Increases of every kind have more than off-set the favourable exchange.

A sister of Mrs. Lan T'ien-ho died recently. Lo Chung-shu's father is very ill with cancer.

The Currie party came and departed before the arrival of your letter. Clipper letters are now taking at least three weeks to reach us. Mr. Currie was the guest of the Government and together with the party stayed at the Moral Endeavour building. Governor Chang Chuin and Madame Chang gave a tea and invited the members of the Sino-British and Chinese-American Associations. There was also a dinner given by the Government, and our Presidents entertained them at lunch. The party was taken to see the Military Academy, and Air Force HQ and the new air fields in course of construction. Men who had knowledge along special lines were invited to meet members of the party, and apparently much information was secured. Mr. Currie should be back in America by the time this letter reaches you. The Political Council is opening in Chungking this week.

There is not much to say about the situation here other than that the

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West China Union University
Chengtu Feb. 28th, 1941.

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recent disciplinary action was thought necessary and is defended by those in the know. I understand it was played up in the American Press. The all-important question is that of currency, and a solution of this is not in sight.

May I again remind you of the Sage account which should be cleared up while Dan Dye is with you.

Also, we are very anxious to get John Kao's case clarified. It would be splendid if you could see him personally.

We have not heard of Dr. Brown's sailing date since we sent the cable.

Our radio news these days keeps us anxious about events which appear to be just over the hill, but I fear any comments are likely to be without value.

We expect to mail our Clipper copy of the estimates within a few days. These are, of course, most unsatisfactory because present conditions and future possibilities make an accurate statement out of the question.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

H. D. Robertson

P. S. In response to our telegram we received the following from Mr. Li this morning.

"Arranging release from Peiping Library cant answer definitely now."

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Dear Mr. Evans,

These estimates are being sent in response to yours of January 21st. Detailed estimates are being mailed by air in China and should reach you long before the date required. You will notice the change from other years in the form of our estimates. This is partly because the present form corresponds more closely with that of the other universities here, and also to accord with the suggestion in your letter of Jan. 21st. You will note that the rate of exchange used is that of 15:1. The salary upon which the Mission personnel estimates are based is a nominal one and is the same as that used in the other institutions. I shall deal with the estimates item by item. Please compare with the statement sent you of our budget for the current year as revised in November 1940.

Income.

Tuition and fees from students are estimated at the present scale and for the same number of students. There seems every likelihood that the tuition fees will be increased as from September, but at present we cannot make any estimate as to how great the increase will be. We are, therefore, leaving it at this figure. Receipts from students for Dormitories and Board, as compared with the Residential College fees in the old budget, indicate the tremendous increase in the cost of living. Receipts from the Board of Governors are \$100,000 as for the present year; Equipment shows a slight increase over the US\$12,500; H-Y and Restricted items are as in your letter and monthly statements. Government Grants, Rents, Gifts, remain practically the same. Projects are self-supporting as previously. Subsidiary Units are estimated this year at \$300,000 rather than \$600,000 for the Hospital; \$60,000 for the Middle School indicates the increased costs at present prevailing. The estimated adjustment with Cheeloo is the same as for the current year. The Amount to be Secured, or Adverse Balance, I shall deal with separately.

Expenditure.

Administration, Operation and Maintenance show increases, indicating the high cost of supplies and the cost of living bonuses. The items under instruction for the different Colleges also show increases for the same causes; and some provision is made for increased staff in the College of Arts if money is available; in Science and in Medicine & Dentistry, provision is made for salaries at present rates for members of the staff studying abroad and expected to return this year. The Library estimates show a very large increase. This is explained by the slight increase in personnel, the very greatly increased cost of supplies, and an increased estimate for books. The Library Chinese Cultural Studies item is here separated from the other Cultural Studies estimates. Library Branches indicate the staff in Branch Libraries - Science, Medicine and Dentistry, and Hospital (2). The Museum increase is accounted for by cost of living bonuses. C.C.S.R.I. shows an increase which provides for Mr. Cheng Tek'un's salary and the possible addition of another staff member. Projects call for no explanation as they are all self-supporting, with the exception of the Wenkiang Station - Public Health, a three-year programme for which was adopted last year by the University, providing \$5,500 for the present year and \$7,000 for each of two succeeding years. Under Student Service the increases are small and all accounted for by increase in costs. The \$5,000 for Religious Activities provides for a full-time person and increased activities which, we take it, will be in accord with the desire of the Board that we should stress our religious activities. Special Restricted Funds through Board of Governors corresponds with the item under receipts. Staff Subsidies indicate the amount required if cash and rice subsidies are continued at the present rate. Equipment is the Colleges' share of the \$13,558.33 (gold) at 15:1. Residential Colleges cancel receipts from students: dormitories and board. Subsidiary Units are as under receipts.

Deficit.

You will note that the deficit estimated on the 1940/41 budget was \$83,148.00, to be met by our adjustment with Cheeloo and by funds secured by the Board of Governors from the emergency appeal. We shall probably

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manage to do this provided we secure from the Government further assistance, to be used for rice bonuses. At the present time the arrangement is that the staff pays \$10,000 per deo of rice and the University has to secure the balance. This rice bonus costs the University over \$10,000 a month at the present rate of \$30 per deo of rice. This price should be compared with former rice prices of \$3. and \$6. a deo. We have reason to believe that the Government will give us further assistance, but we have no definite assurance of this. The grant of \$20,000 received from the Government was used to give rice assistance to the staff for the months of November, December and January. In order to meet the situation which would arise if rice continues to increase in price, plans are now being made to secure sufficient rice to carry us through the summer. The seriousness of this situation cannot be exaggerated. Previous letters from the Presidents and from the individual Colleges have made clear the situation which has arisen.

The item for Staff Subsidies \$247,800 is, of course, only an estimate. Conditions may be worse or they may be better. Moreover, we have included in our receipts US\$7,000 (or NC\$105,000) as an adjustment with Cheeloo. This also is a variable item. This shows how unsatisfactory the deficit estimated at \$388,272.00 really is, and at this date one cannot do more than indicate that if prevailing conditions continue, to carry on the work of the University as at present would require some such amount as this to enable us to balance our budget. In other words, the chief value of these estimates is to make clear the extraordinary increases in costs which have taken place during the current year.

I hope I have made it clear how difficult it has been for us to prepare anything in the form of accurate or satisfactory estimates at this particular time. The Board of Directors will meet later in March or early in April and consider the situation. It seemed necessary to provide you with such a statement even though it does not meet the case as did the estimates of former years. I would like you to see that Dr. Beech has a copy of the estimates, together with a copy of my explanations, at the earliest possible moment. This letter should reach you by the middle of March, and I hope that after consulting with Dr. Beech and Dr. Garside you will write us and indicate what further information you would find useful.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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NOTE: See the following: Mar. 3, 1941- to Miss Grace Myers Mar. 3, 1941- to Nardin Park Methodist Church and Feb. 15, 1941- from Nardin Park Methodist Church

March 4, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chungku, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Marshall R. Reed, D. D., Minister of the Nardin Park Methodist Church, 5151 West Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, has sent us \$30.00 as coming from the Alothea Class, the President of which is Miss Grace Myers of 7830 Prairie Avenue, Detroit.

Dr. Brown was in the church speaking on medical needs, but this class became interested in a scholarship. They prefer to have it designated to a girl student and if it is possible will you not kindly have the recipient of this gift communicate with the President of the Alothea Class, expressing appreciation and telling something of the work.

Of course, this will be included as a part of your emergency program and will be forwarded with the regular emergency gifts.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 6, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Without going into further detail, but in order to clear things from my desk I am proceeding to acknowledge letters which have accumulated for several weeks due to the incorporation and launching of the United China Relief drive. The work of our office has been centered around this problem for sometime and Mr. Garside has been loaned to the new corporation for several months. The goal is five million dollars in five months and will include all of the major China Relief activities. The Colleges are in for \$140,000.00 for the balance of this year.

Your letter of November 20th dealing with the Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation seems to need no further acknowledgment. This covers the analysis of the \$82,800.00. Another paragraph deals with the Coles Estate from which we have already given authorization to draw an amount to balance the deficit in the University Gates Account. The \$8,000.00 additional which you included in the revise budget will have the consideration of the Finance Committee very shortly. The new Committee has requested that more frequent meetings be held and some things which were of importance and requiring additional time and consideration were omitted at the last meeting.

We have already written you regarding John Kao although he still does persist in particularly ignoring our office except when he desires funds. Reports from other sources indicate that he is working night and day on his educational work.

Adjustments are already in process with Mr. Simkin on drafts #751 and #760 and we are grateful for the requisition No. 00052 covering purchases by Dr. Agnew.

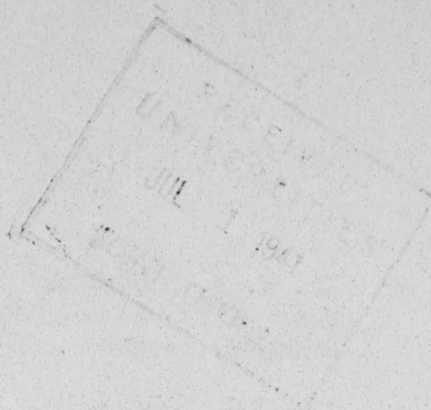
Reconciliation of June 30 which you enclosed has been dealt with in a previous letter.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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West China Union University,
CHENG TU, Sze., March 8th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am enclosing a statement prepared by Miss Priest which I hope will clear up all matters concerning drafts and bank arrangements. We were careful to sell drafts on the current budget account which would realise \$100,000 on the field at a rate better than that estimated in your budget. (see my letter December 9th)

Harvard-Yenching Institute. I have not had your reply to my request in letter of November 20th asking that the NC\$5,049.94 be made available for us from your current income from the Institute. In the same letter I also asked your consideration of our request that NC\$1,800 in addition to this year's grant of \$80,800 be granted to cover cash subsidies for the staff.

Coles Estate. In accordance with your request, please secure consideration of the following items to be charged to the Coles Estate accumulated funds:

✓ (1) University Gate balance (granted)	NC\$2,345.32	US\$137.96
✓ (2) Biology Building - old bal. electric wiring, fixtures	950.42	55.91
✓ (3) Insurance & Upkeep budget 1939-40	5,274.51	310.27
✓ (4) Insurance & Upkeep budget 1940-41	8,000.00	470.60
✓ (5) Repairs on buildings, over-spent budget 1939-40	724.01.	52.59
✓ (6) Administration Bldg. changes to provide satisfactory toilets	4,000.00	235.30
✓ (7) Fire Pump, trailer & accessories, half cost	11,000.00	647.60
✓ (8) Education Building - west wing	60,000.00	3,529.41
(exchange rate 17:1)	\$92,294.26	5,439.64

(1) you have already authorised; (2) Dr. Beech will remember this item; (6) increased accommodation has been necessitated by recent conditions, and a small addition has been made to the original buildings; (7) half the cost of this pump has been guaranteed from Joint Funds, this is to provide for the balance; (8) Education Building. If money could be advanced from this Fund to erect the West Wing of the Education Building great pressure for teaching space would be relieved. The foundations are in and the plans, of course, were adopted in 1925. We would hope that ultimately this amount would be restored to the Coles Estate Fund if and when the Cadbury family is able to make a further gift for this building. Items (3), (4) and (5) are self-explanatory.

Insurance. Recently we have placed insurance on the University Hospital plant for US\$70,000.

Dr. Campbell's Orders. on January 11th

Dr. Campbell reported that the Columbia Dentoform Corporation had written him saying that the New York Office had instructed them to consider the order as cancelled. (Order of November 25th). Dr. Campbell wishes the Cleveland Dental Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio; the Columbia Dentoform Corporation, New York; and the S.S. White Company, Philadelphia to fill and despatch his orders. Would you please attend to this matter?

The present cost of living is occupying our minds and causing us great anxiety. It is good to know that the appeal for special funds is progressing favourably.

Yours sincerely,

H.D. Robertson.

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Very truly yours,
W. C. C. CHENG

West China Union University,
CHENGDU, Szechuan, March 8th, 1941.

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H. D. Robertson.

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Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Enclosed you will find the West China trial balance sheet, cash statement, budget analysis and various invoices. You will also find a copy of Journal Voucher #396 and a copy of a letter from the Associated Boards dated March 1st. This letter conveyed to West China \$1,645.00 covering Undesignated and Allocated Gifts for the month of February. You will notice the total received up to March 1st is \$7,200.00 or sixty per cent of the total allocation.

It would hardly be proper for us to send out these statements without again calling attention to the local currency appropriation against which no drafts from the field have been allocated.

I trust that the field will not permit this to run until action is required by the Board, as the complex in the West China Board is such at the present time that any action taken will call for drastic action in handing remittances to the field. At the last meeting of the Finance Committee, I was questioned as to the method of remitting funds to China and made as good a representation as possible for the field treasurer with the hope that latitude would be allowed to care for the transmission of funds.

There is one individual on our Finance Committee who has sufficient determination to stir up considerable trouble, if he so desires. If possible, I would like to prevent this.

I believe the other statements in the report will not require further elucidation.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via "President Coolidge" - 3/16/41
c.c. Via "President Harrison" - 3/15/41

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West China Union University,
Chengt'u, Szechwan, March 15, 1941

Dear Dr. Beech,

On March 3rd we sent to Mr. Evans the estimates for the year 1941-42 and asked him to consult with you. I hope you are in New York and can make a study of the statement and of my covering letter in good time, so that any point not clear can be referred to me before the meeting of the Executive in May. The item "United Hospital \$300,000" may seem strangely small; it does not indicate the actual income and expenditure of the hospital. In actual fact \$900,000 would be a more accurate estimate, but the budget looked so embarrassingly large.

Harvard-Yenching Funds.

On February 28th I sent you a Clipper dealing with the Harvard-Yenching funds problem. In this letter I enclose estimates made by the Chinese Cultural Studies Research Institute and estimates for the year 1941-42; also the budget for the year 1940-41. You will note that the Research Institute Committee here estimated an amount equal to practically our whole budget for the present year. Later we cut this down and tried to get the total estimate within the income of US\$8,250 @ 15, i.e. NC\$123,750, but these estimates will need to be revised when we hear from you and from the Executive Committee as to how much we can expect during the coming year. I do not know of any reason why we cannot use the total gold income, because originally the gold income was the same and we fixed the national currency at a rate of 4:1, namely \$33,000. I can see difficulties on the field of dividing the total sum available between the four divisions: Museum, Library, Institute and Department of Chinese. I therefore advise that you or the Executive give us clear instructions based on what you know to be Dr. Ellisseeff's wishes. Is it possible for us to get the budget item for books 1940-41 NC\$2,000, Gold \$200 and Gold \$600, and the estimate for books 1941-42 Gold \$800, out of the Harvard-Yenching reserves?

Ginling College Staff Accommodation.

After considering several different building schemes and finding them all much too expensive both for them and for us, I had a bright idea and suggested to them and to the Hospital Building Committee that Ginling College make over to the Hospital the amount they were prepared to invest in a building to house their staff, and in return we agree that they shall continue to occupy their present quarters in the Internes Section of the new Hospital, and we use the \$50,000 which they have available for this purpose to finish the interior of the Private Ward section. Both parties agreed and this seems to be a very satisfactory solution of Ginling's problem and a most useful addition to our Hospital funds. I do not think it wise that you should give this arrangement much publicity, in case Ginling supporters might think the arrangement too favourable to us, but I am sure you will be glad to have this news.

Coles Estate.

In a letter to Mr. Evans of March 8th I suggested eight items which the President and myself and the Property Committee agree might be proper charges on the Coles Estate accumulated funds. Please advise the Executive Committee which of these items you favor. I have already written you with reference to the possibility.

Dr. Dsang has written and has received assurance that the University will be given further Government assistance to meet this year's rice subsidy. It is a great life!

Yours sincerely,
/s/ H. D. ROBERTSON

P.S. We have today received by ordinary mail from the Edward Hazen Foundation their cheque No. 8383, dated October 18th, payable to your order, for \$50. What shall we do with it?

Dr. Kilborn has written re the Hospital Building situation.

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*of advancing money from these funds to enable us to put up the missing wing of the Education Building. This seems to me a good idea and that reminds me, what is the latest news with reference to the funds which you have been securing from the Dental Clinic?

Dr. Graham arrived in Chengtu on the 12th February with all his cargo, personal, Mission and University, in good shape. He used trucks belonging to the Roman Catholic Red Cross. Drs. Best and Hoffman are still in Lashio according to our latest reports. Evans has not succeeded in forwarding any of the Albertson-Crawford goods, and we are very anxious about them, as Kunming is being repeatedly bombed. Planes visited Chengtu today for the first time in months. Apparently they were on reconnaissance and took photographs of the new air field. There was considerable anti-aircraft and machine gun firing in that area. Six planes were seen, nine were reported in the group. We are having bright, sunny days and clear moonlight nights.

Mr. Augustine Li.

Today Dr. Dsang received a letter from Augustine Li, saying that it was necessary to consult with Mr. Yuan, Director of the National Library, Peking, who was now in Hongkong, before he could accept our offer. He also wanted to know what we could do in the way of travelling expenses, as he wished to bring his family and his books. He did not say where his family was. Under present conditions this certainly does constitute a problem. We presume that travelling expenses may be charged to Harvard-Yenching balances. Are we justified in charging all his salary to the current H.Y. budget? *

Just as I was packing up to leave the office I found a page of shorthand notes which had slipped out of my improvised book, and as I had no time to re-type the letter before getting it to the Post Office I just did the missing paragraphs at home! Apologies for such a messy letter.

MR

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HARVARD-YENCHING FUNDS FOR YEAR 1940-41

INCOME:

\$82,600.00

EXPENDITURES:

Archaeological Museum:

Salaries of Staff	1,680.00	
Wages of Servants	600.00	
Insurance	100.00	
Photography	400.00	
Equipment	240.00	
Purchases	<u>2,478.00</u>	5,498.00

Library - Div. of Chinese Cultural Studies

Salaries of Staff	5,160.00	
Office expense and supplies	280.00	
Maintenance of buildings	900.00	
Periodicals	500.00	
Chinese books	3,250.00	
Western books	<u>2,000.00</u>	12,000.00

Chinese Cultural Studies Research Inst.

Salaries of staff	24,000.00	
Supplies and expense	1,000.00	
Travel and research material	3,000.00	
Field work	10,000.00	
Publications	<u>8,000.00</u>	46,000.00

College of Arts

Salaries of instructors - Chinese	17,760.00
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Departmental Supplies & Exp.-Chinese	1,060.00
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Scholarships

Harvard-Yenching Scholarships	<u>192.00</u>
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NC\$82,600.00

HARVARD-YENCHING FUNDS FOR YEAR 1941-42

REQUESTED INCOME:

US\$8,250 @ 15 - NC\$123,750.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:

Archaeological Museum

Salaries of Staff	NC\$1,920.00	
Wages of servants	1,000.00	
Photography	500.00	
Equipment	200.00	
Purchases	<u>7,000.00</u>	10,620.00

Note: Appropriations subject to change to provide sufficient funds for subsidies for staff supported by these funds.

Library-Division of Chinese Cultural Studies

Salaries of staff	7,560.00	
Office expense and supplies	1,000.00	
Maintenance of buildings	4,990.00	
Binding	500.00	
Periodicals	500.00	
Chinese books	5,000.00	
Western books US\$500 @ 15	7,500.00	
" "	<u>1,000.00</u>	28,050.00

Note: Appropriations subject to change to provide sufficient funds for subsidies for staff supported by these funds.

Chinese Cultural Studies Research Institute

Salaries of staff	37,268.00	
Supplies and expense	2,000.00	
Travel and research material	2,000.00	
Field work	6,000.00	
Publications	15,000.00	
Scholarships	<u>192.00</u>	62,460.00

Note: Appropriations subject to change to provide sufficient funds for subsidies for staff, including Chinese Department.

College of Arts

Salaries of instructors - Chinese	21,120.00
Dept. supplies and expense - Chinese	<u>1,500.00</u>

NC123,750.00

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ESTIMATES FOR CHINESE CULTURAL STUDIES
RESEARCH INSTITUTE 1941-42

(as prepared by the Committee)

<u>Salaries:</u>	5 research fellows at \$5,000 each (incl. Cheng Te-k'un)-----	\$25,000
	3 assistants, at \$1,000 (cash & rice bonus)	5,400
	1 technician (" " " ")	1,680
	2 writers, at \$1,000 (" " " ")	2,000
<u>Publications</u>	- including 4 numbers of "Studia Serica", each costing about \$2,500, and 4 monographs about \$12,000-----	22,000
<u>Field Work</u> (including Museum)	This includes investigation \$8,000 and collection \$8,000	16,000
<u>Research Work</u>	- outside the Institute	2,000
<u>Office Expenses, Servants, etc.</u>		2,000
		NC\$ 76,080
Books and Periodicals purchased abroad		US\$ 800

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West China Union University
Chengtu, March 25th, 1941.

Dear Dr. Beech:

On March 11th, Dr. Kilborn wrote you a detailed statement of the present situation as regards the Hospital. On March 15th I wrote dealing with the Harvard-Yenching Funds, Coles Estate, and Mr. Augustine Li. I have had no letter from you since 24th February when I received your letter of January 29th.

This letter contains the items of our Emergency Appeal for 1941-42:

1.	Deficit - amount to be secured before June 1942	\$388,272	US\$26,885
2.	Travel for members of staff staying abroad		2,000
3.	Transportation		3,000
4.	Fellowships		2,000
5.	Toilets at Hart College		400
6.	Replacement of equipment lost in fire West Wing M-D Building		5,000
7.	Central Block, Medical-Dental College Building		5,000
8.	West Wing, Cadbury Building		3,000
			<u>US\$47,285</u>

Deficit

1. As you will note from the Budget forwarded to the office, this is naturally the first emergency item for the year. I have already explained in my covering letter that this is altogether the result of the recent increased cost of living. We, of course, hope to get some assistance from the Ministry, but do not know how much nor whether it will help us beyond the end of this academic year. You are in a position to explain how seriously the increase in cost of living has affected the salaries of our Chinese staff.

2. Travel for Staff Members

Several members of our staff are now in the United States and will need travelling expenses to return to China. Others hope to leave for the States during the year and their travel must be found.

3. This question for transportation is more acute than ever. Until the Yangtze is open again we shall have to meet these extraordinary charges. The amount suggested will probably not meet our needs.

4. We are putting in an item each year for fellowships. This practice has been approved by the Board.

5. Toilets at Hart

You may remember that there has always been difficulty in this connection at Hart because the provision was made inside the building. The situation has recently become so acute that we must erect two small buildings on either side of the door at the back. This is a small amount but we have no other provision for the funds necessary.

6. Fire Replacements

This year at best we can only receive US\$2,668.17 from the Sustaining Funds. US\$500 and more must be used to pay for the Fire Engine. There will, therefore, be practically nothing available for re-equipping the departments housed in the section of the Wing of the Medical-Dental College which was destroyed by fire. We, therefore, must have funds for this purpose.

7. Central Block, Medical-Dental Building

As you know the Rockefeller Foundation made a grant last year of NC\$40,000 and the C. W. Service Estate has provided another \$35,000. We are all very anxious to have this block completed and you know the reasons. The amount suggested would not be sufficient, but it would be a great help.

8. West Wing, Cadbury Building

I suggested this in case you did not feel like allowing us to use money from the Coles Estate. You know all the arguments in favour of putting up this wing, and it was included among the items which the Board of Governors submitted to the Sustaining Funds Committee last year.

I wish you luck on this list!

Special Appeal for U.S. \$50,000 for Hospital supplies and equipment to open the new Hospital, and \$25,000 for operating expenses etc.

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1. In a letter written March 20th Dr. Kilborn quotes from a letter from Dr. Robert Brown: "There is one important matter which probably should have action before I return that it might come before the Board of Governors meeting in May or June. To get hospital needs as an approved part of the university program it is necessary for a request to come from the University authorities to the Board of Governors. After their approval this may share a part of the funds raised in America or a special campaign might be put on with the approval of the Board of Governors. The following is a suggested request which I would be glad to have you present to the University authorities for approval and then forward to Mr. B. A. Gardide, the new Secretary of the Board of Governors.

1. Hospital supplies and equipment to open the new hospital US\$50,000
2. Operating expenses due to unfavorable exchange and additional equipment during the first five years \$5000 p.a.

25,000
US\$75,000

When Dr. Kilborn referred this matter to me I at once thought that it was possible you had not been consulted by Dr. Brown when he made that suggestion to the field. I know how careful you have been in presenting all hospital matters. I therefore insisted on the action of the Finance Committee in forwarding this special appeal to you for your consideration and necessary action.

Government Rice Bonus Assistance

Dr. Dsang and the rest of us have been much worried over this matter. Recently the division of the \$1,000,000 (later increased to \$3,000,000) fund provided by the Ministry of Finance to help evacuated schools was announced. Nanking got \$60,000, Cheeloo \$40,000 and Ginling \$30,000. We got nothing because we were not an evacuated institution. Then the President learned that the 1941 budget of the Ministry of Education had all been allocated. Therefore it was impossible for us to get any assistance from the Ministry. That left us in a unique position, not being able to look for assistance from either quarter. Dr. Dsang then appealed strongly to all who might be of help, and we now have reason to think that we may secure, perhaps, \$50,000 from the Ministry. This, however, will not carry us through to the end of the present term. It seems to us missionaries that the Government should realise its responsibility to our staff as well as to the staffs of Government Universities. We feel that the work we are doing is of national importance and should be recognised in this way.

May I remind you of the matters referred to you in former letters, which I am anxious to have dealt with:

1. John Kao's study. I have today received a letter posted by him in Bangor, Maine on October 31st. There was a Kunming stamp on it, but no other indication as to where it has been hiding. In this letter he says that he cannot get his Master's degree this year. I believe John has made a good impression on the people in the office in New York. Please try to arrange additional financial support in his case. I do not think the University can manage it.
2. Coles Estate. Are we to understand that this income is to be taken away from the Board of Governors sources of income and set up as a special fund as is the case with Harvard-Yenching funds?
3. Travel for Ho Wen-chuin.
4. Harvard-Yenching Funds and Policy, relationship between the Harvard-Yenching Trustees, the Board of Governors and the University.

Yesterday we received a telegram from Best who had arrived safely in Kunming with all his four truck loads of University, Hospital and Mission supplies on Saturday, March 22nd. That is a great relief to us all, and we are looking forward to having them in Chengtu shortly. We hope too that he will be able to clear up the situation with reference to the Albertson freight. Dr. Crawford is not recuperating very quickly. It appears now that he probably will be off work for the rest of the term.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) H. D. Robertson

P. S. Please forward the enclosed to Mrs. D. S. Dye

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West China Union University, Chengtu.
March 25th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans,

At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee it was agreed that the Departments of the College of Science and of the College of Medicine and Dentistry might place orders in the United States for supplies to be brought out by members of our staff returning from furlough, up to 25% of the gold allowed each department for this current year, 1940-41, on the understanding that the bills would not be presented to your office by the firms concerned until July 1st, 1941. This action was taken because of the advisability of making use of the services of missionaries returning to West China in the late summer. The transportation problem is becoming more and more difficult and increasingly expensive.

Please inform Mr. Caldwell that I have not yet received any reply to my letter of September 16th concerning the books he has forwarded to Rangoon. Recently I had a letter from the Foo Hsing Trading Corporation enquiring about these books.

Yours sincerely,

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March 26, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chongtu, Szechwan, CHINA

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Dear Mr. Robertson:

Enclosed is a check for Shanghai \$100.00 received from Mr. George D. Fung of 378 - 9th Street, Oakland, California, which he desires to be set up as a loan fund for a medical student. Apparently the young man's intentions are good, but his cash is limited.

I sincerely trust that this LC\$100.00 will produce a much larger amount than the relative five dollars of American currency. It will hardly be worth a thousand word essay in English every four months to gain this amount. However, here it is with our blessings.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I find your letter of December 28th has been side-tracked because of the book orders contained therein - at least they were until February 28th and during the balance of the time it has been my responsibility.

We are concerned about the books which were forwarded to Rangoon in charge of Mr. Manton and have received word from him along similar lines as stated in your letter. The lot which was sent out was the choicest of all of those received, but you should have seen the balance. Some have helped to heat the building, others were given to the Salvation Army, and some to the Soliders and Sailors Home. We are definitely out of that sort of a program now.

I am sending to you other copies of the Harvard-Yenching statement which you state did not reach your hand.

I think you mean the fellowships for the year 1941-42 which have been given careful attention along with that of Mr. Meng Szu-min's application. As this application came in after two others had been acted upon there is no further means of rendering assistance for the coming year. Even if we could secure a scholarship, the question of funds for subsistence and travel would still remain and surely those are not in sight.

I note that the request for books states that they are from Dr. Beech's Special Book Fund which would appear on the surface that these are likely charges for the regular budget.

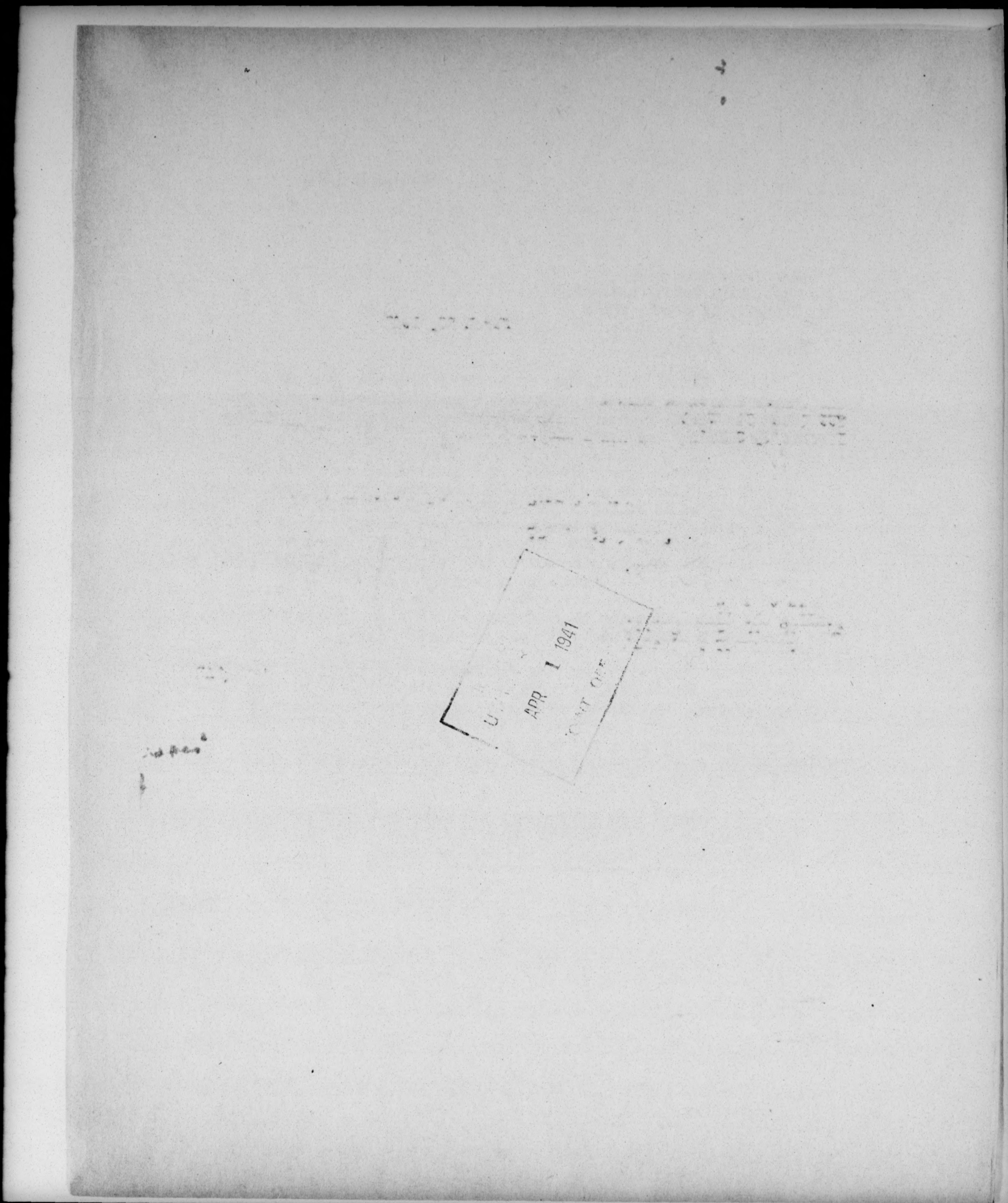
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Dear Mr. Evans,

West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechwan, W. China,
April 4th, 1941.

On March 3rd I wrote a covering letter with the enclosed estimates for the year 1941/42. On March 8th I wrote enclosing a statement prepared by Miss Priest, clearing up all matters concerning drafts and banking arrangements. In this letter I repeated our request for additional sums from this year's Harvard-Yenching Funds and made suggestions for the allocation of the balance of the accumulated funds of the Coles Estate. I also asked about Dr. Campbell's orders and would like you to inform me as to whether or not the companies concerned are forwarding the orders placed and if so by what route.

On March 25th I wrote you concerning our decision to allow the Departments of Science, Medicine and Dentistry to order supplies on next year's gold budget, with the proviso that no bills are to be presented to your office before July 1st.

Apparently my letter of December 28th dealing with fellowships and Caldwell's books at Rangoon still awaits an answer. I am very anxious to get the two books which I asked you to secure for me. If Mr. Caldwell can arrange with one of the men returning this summer by Rangoon that might be the best way to get the books brought to West China. Dr. Thompson of Nanking, Drs. Dye, Agnew and Mullett of West China will be coming back this year.

Please pay to the World Peace Foundation, 40, Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass., their bill for transportation charges on publications sent in April, dated September 1st, 1940, amounting to \$4.58.

Mr. Pen Dze-fu of the Medical Faculty has been studying in Canada since September 1939. He plans to return in the early summer. Dr. Kilborn is writing him to get into touch with you through Dr. Arnup's office. I presume he could use a Clergy Fare Certificate from Detroit or from Toronto if you are able to get a ticket from Toronto through to the coast. Unless Dr. Beech succeeds in securing special funds for travelling expenses of our men returning to China, the travel for Mr. Pen will have to be charged against our emergency funds. We are still hoping, however, that there may be some special fellowship funds which can be used for this purpose. It is possible that there will be no Tourist rates on the Pacific at that time. In that case I suppose he would have to travel steerage, as we could not afford first class passage.

I am enclosing letter from the President to John Kao. Unfortunately the letter which John wrote on 31st October did not reach us until March 25th. As intimated in previous correspondence the University is not in a position to continue another year's support unless you have found fellowship funds which could be used for this purpose. We have heard it suggested that certain business men who have become interested in John and his future might provide some support. Dr. Beech has been kept informed and requested to take up the question with you and John.

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Dr. Cressy is sending off his report to the Associated Boards by Monday's mail.

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Yours sincerely,

H.D. Robertson.

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West China Union University,
Chengtu, Szechwan, W. China.

INDEXED April 9, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Changtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

We are enclosing herewith the West China March
trial balance sheets, cash statements, budget analysis, various
invoices and copies of Journal Vouchers #398 and #399.

You will also find a letter from the Associated Boards
transmitting \$14.50 representing designated gifts received for
West China. We may report that the Rockefeller Foundation has
contributed \$50,000.00 toward the Associated Boards' budget for
this year, and as soon as the details are in hand we will notify
the field.

You will note from the budget analysis that the field
budget has been over spent and presumably any receipts from the
Rockefeller Foundation must be considered as covering this over-
draft.

A call is going out to the West China Finance Committee
wherein the budget situation must be reviewed. We will report on
this later.

We believe the figures require no further comment.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan.
April 14, 1941.

Dear Dr. Beech:

On March 25th I wrote you about many things. This I am enclosing with the President's report to the Board, which I will be glad if you will kindly pass on to the Secretary. May I recall your attention to matters already mentioned:

Scholarships

A letter from Mr. Parker reported the allocation of grants for fellowships \$300 for John Kao and \$500 for Ruth Dsang. Because of the difficulties in connection with travel etc. owing to the war, and fearing possible developments Ruth Dsang has decided to postpone her going abroad for one year. We expect, however, that the \$500 made available for this year will be reserved, or at least promised a year from now. We await your consultation with John and your recommendations with reference to his continued study in the United States. We have no money available here, as you know, but there may be considerations which will decide his staying to complete the work for his degree. Meng Szu-ming case has been before you for some time. We hope you will allow us to use the Harvard-Yenching balances for his travel and first year's living expenses and that his second year may be provided by Dr. Elisseoff in the same manner in which he looked after Cheng Te-k'un. Information by cable after the Executive meeting is to be desired in order that he might reach the United States early in the summer. Income from the Forster Estate should be available for him too. Ho Wen-chuin and his wife - we await information from you as to their plans. Wu Kwei-chang - we are cabling later in reply to your cable. We have no source of funds to cover travel and living expenses, except emergency, or rather sustaining funds. We are uninformed at present as to whether or not we shall have any funds available from this source this year; moreover anything available will probably be used up by the necessity of purchasing rice to help the staff.

Items for the Agenda of the Executive of the Board in May

I have covered all these matters in my recent letters to you. I hope you will have time to prepare in consultation with Evans an agenda for the Board which might be sent out before the meeting of the Executive. One fears that things are sometimes overlooked because they have not been put down on the agenda by someone previous to the meeting. We are of course still anxious that you should secure clear cut statements as to

(1) Harvard-Yenching annual grant; (2) Appointment of a Bursar.

West China Secretary in the New York Office

We have heard indirectly that Dr. Garside is now giving all his time as the representative of the Associated Boards to the United China Relief Incorporated. He has always looked after the West China Business and is one to whom our letters have been directed, together with Mr. Evans. We have received one or two letters from Mr. Parker and one or two from Mr. Caldwell, but I would appreciate your giving some consideration to this matter and advising as to our letters in the future. If you yourself were keeping in touch with the office it would probably be most satisfactory for us to write you direct. I feel that this is a very important matter. 1940-41 Budget Deficit because of increased price of rice.

In my letter of the 25th of March I suggested that we had hoped that Dr. Dsang would secure help from the Ministry. This now seems to be out of the question. We are not an evacuated university and we are not a government institution of this province. Therefore there is no way by which we can receive this special assistance. Last year, 1940, the annual grant of the Ministry was \$35,000. This calendar year, 1941, the grant has been raised to \$85,000, but only about \$20,000 of this can be used for such assistance to the staff. That means only \$10,000 up to the end of June. In all the rice bonus will cost the University, i.e. for assistance to staff and servants, between \$80,000 and \$90,000 to the end of July so you can see what a difficult position we are in. Please make every effort to have the members of the Board realise this.

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West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan
April 14, 1941.

Miscellaneous

As far as I know no word has yet come from the Browns. They should have reached Hongkong before this. The Best-Hoffman party arrived this morning safe and sound. Best is to return to Kunming to bring the remains of the Albertson Shipment and any other West China goods still there.

Here is another item for the Coles Estate reserve, Gold \$100 to cover cost of rubber hose in new Chemistry Building and Biology Building to be used in connection with pumps in the Buildings, for fire protection.

Wishing you a very successful series of meetings,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

H. D. Robertson

Confidential

I have spent much time trying to understand your letter to Leslie about Will Small. I have written to you and Arnup several times intimating that everyone here would be pleased if he could be appointed. The only objection I have heard was that certain Missions had the policy of not appointing father and son to the same field. I do not think in this case that this should carry much weight, as the father will shortly be retiring in any case. He will get a splendid introduction to the work under Miss Priest and as long as I am here he can count on my experience for advice. We shall probably include your suggested wording in a cable to be sent in a few days.

Very confidentially may I suggest the possibility of the Associated Boards making a special grant to West China in view of the fact that we have received nothing from the special fund for the evacuated colleges, whereas our faculty has the same need. In other words, we should get at least as much as Nanking, viz., NC\$60,000, or gold \$3,000 to put us on the same basis as the other institutions cooperating with us here. Whatever you do in this connection would have to be done discreetly and only after careful consideration.

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Chengtu, Szechwan

April 21, 1941

Dear Dr. Beech:

There is still no letter from you dated later than February 1st. Meanwhile I have written you on February 28th, March 15th, 25th, and April 14, and Leslie has sent you a statement on the new Hospital.

I understand that Dr. Brown reached Shanghai the first week in April and expects to be in Chengtu this week. The Best-Hoffman party arrived on the 14th and Best leaves again with the four trucks for Kuming this week. We hope to bring away everything that is still in Kuming. I hear that Leighton Stuart is in Chungking, but do not know whether he is coming on to Chengtu, Paul Monroe is also reported in the Chinese Press to have arrived in Chungking.

We have no definite information as to the time of the meeting of the Associated Boards ^{or} of our own Executive Committee. This letter has a bare chance of reaching you in time.

Librarian

On Thursday I sent the following cable: "Augustine unable to accept. Are Harching reserves available Meng Szu-ming. Favourable Bursar." Interpreted this means that Mr. Yuan, Director of the National Library of Peiping, has written Dr. Dsang to say that it is impossible for him to release Mr. Li - so that it is that! Mrs. Lindsay on the receipt of this news has written to say that she does not feel she is able to continue in her present position in September, and you can understand that this is very true. Meanwhile we have applied to Mr. Balfour to the Rockefeller Foundation for a fellowship for Den. Gwang-lu, and he hopes to leave in the early summer for New York. So the Library position is definitely bad.

Bursar

We took your advice and included the words you suggested, indicating that if possible Bill Small should be appointed to this position. If so, he should have several months with Evans in New York and should get the idea that he himself will be definitely expected to do the final clerical work in connection with the bookkeeping system.

Ho Wen-chuin

We have been awaiting news from you and from Ho as to his plans as they vitally concern our next year's work.

Meng Szu-ming

Correspondence has already been carried on with Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Parker and yourself with reference to Meng Szu-ming. We are anxious that he should get away this year if possible. Dr. Elisseeff will, I think, look after him during his second year's work, but we have no funds to meet the first year's expenses. In view of the large sum available from the reserves of the Harvard-Yenching Fund and Meng's good work in Yenching, which is known to Dr. Elisseeff, and his value to the University in future years, we strongly urge that these funds be made available for this purpose. The second year he will work under the direction of Dr. Elisseeff.

Wu-Kueh-chang

As indicated previously we have not yet received any information as to whether funds would be available for us this year. You know the

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situation with reference to the cash and rice bonuses for the staff. It is therefore, impossible for us to grant any University funds from this end to cover Wu's travel or living expenses. Because of his age it is very much to be desired that he should go abroad as soon as possible. If anything can be done at that end we shall be very ahappy to have Wu go.

A letter from Parker indicated that \$500 was available for Dr. Ruth Bsang and \$300 for John Kao. Because of the uncertain situation and for other reasons Dr. Ruth Bsang has decided not to go this year., but we would like the money to be reserved or provided for in next year's appropriation for scholarship aid. Dr. Leslie is arranging for her position in the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, to be kept open for her a year from now.

The Associated Boards will have before them greater demands for financial assistance than ever before. We have hesitated to ask for money to erect a semi-permanent auditorium in which to accomodate 1500 or more people, because of the amount required to meet the pressing needs of the staff. However, that is one of our great difficulties and the cause of much dissatisfaction here. We should have done this years ago when building costs were much less. Financial conditions are likely to become more complicated rather than more simple in the next year or two, and one can only hope that the members of the Associated Boards will be able to find the funds commensurate with vision.

I hope you have a good meeting of the Executive of the Board and that you will give some time to the consideration of the question of the New York Office staff, particularly in its relation to our University.

Trusting you are in good health, and hoping that you may find time for a letter in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

H. D. Robertson

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West China Union University,
Chengtu, Sze., 28th April 1941.

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Please take note that we are sending by air mail in China post two requisitions, No. 451 in favour of Dr. H.J. Mullett to buy medical supplies US\$300, and the other No. 452 in favour of Dr. D.S. Dye for Biology supplies amounting to US\$200. Both these men will want to know that this money is available at the earliest possible moment, as they are returning to China this summer.

This letter will be too late for the Board meeting I fear, but I trust that we have provided you with the information you desired and that you had a good meeting. The financial difficulties arising from the war in this country have caught us pretty badly and we are very distressed over the present outlook.

I hope you will write me about the secretariat at the office, and if Dr. Garside is not continuing there I feel that it is a very important matter to have a proper understanding between the field and the office in this question of correspondence. I have written to this effect to Dr. Beech as well.

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P.S. With the international situation developing as it is, we shall be even more worried over exchange and financial matters. I would very much appreciate it if you could find time to write regularly by Clipper and let us have the benefit of your information and advice. There has been no change in the political situation locally requiring mention. I see no prospect of any change in the international relations of this country other than a closer drawing together of our three countries. The fate of future generations seems to be in the balance and dependent upon the strength of our convictions and the depth of our courage.

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UNIVERSITY NOTES in WEST CHINA MISSIONARY NEWS, April 1941.

News has just been received that thanks to the influence and kind assistance of the British Ambassador and the Chinese Counsellor, Sir Arthur D. Blackburn, a grant of NC\$21,000 has been made to the University by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to promote a Natural Dyestuffs project under the direction of Professors Frank Dickinson and William G. Sewell. They plan a survey of the available plant products in Western Szechwan; of the method of cultivation and, if used as dye, the method of extraction and use; of the experimental cultivation of dye-containing plants so as to determine the best conditions to yield the maximum quantity of dye; an investigation of the best method of extracting the dyeing principle from the natural product, the determination of the best method of dyeing, the production of suitable mordants and assistants for use during the process of dyeing.

The British Embassy has promised to secure the necessary seeds from India on condition that the planting of olive seed is included in the project.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Glass from England who have been appointed jointly by the Friends Service Council and by the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives to work in Chengtu are now on their way to Rangoon. Mr. Glass is expected to give some service in the Pharmacy Department of the University; his professional experience will be very valuable in connection with the war-time supply of locally produced drugs for hospital use.

In the Museum there is an interesting collection of Chinese and Burmese objects which Dr. Graham purchased on his return from furlough. The exhibition includes bronze mirrors, porcelain from various dynasties, gowns and embroideries from Burma.



April 29, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

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Dear Mr. Robertson:

After some months of negotiation, we finally secured a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies for the transportation of books over the Burma Road. It is probable that if more money is needed, it will be forthcoming.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am sending by airmail to Mr. Manton in Rangoon. He has been very helpful. I must confess I was very much surprised to hear that the Fooching Trading Company had decided to send you a bill. We were assured that there would be no charge for its services.

I hope no one at the University will build his hopes too high regarding this shipment of books. We received many thousands of volumes, most of them entirely worthless. It required several weeks to cull the better volumes. Even so, many of the books included are of very doubtful value.

On the other hand, there are some which should be really worthwhile. I am not sufficiently well-informed to evaluate the Rockefeller reprints myself, but I have been assured by those better informed that this is a really valuable collection. I know that there was considerable dispute in the Foundation regarding the advisability of giving them to a library in China, rather than keeping them in America.

We have had a large number of offers of books for China. In recent months we have steadfastly refused to accept any at this office, but in a number of instances we have suggested that books be mailed directly to Chengtú. You may have received several bundles as a result of these instructions.

I am sorry we were so slow in getting under way as regards this shipment of books, and I trust that there will be no more difficulty originating on this side of the Pacific.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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May 3, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chongtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held a couple of days ago consideration was given to a request from Dr. Robert E. Brown for \$50,000.00 to be included in the program for the United China Relief, Inc. The Committee was faced with the difficult task of giving approval to the budget of the University covering an itemized statement of its needs and resulting in a deficit of US\$38,000, and giving its favorable recommendation to the Executive Committee upon the \$50,000.00 for hospital equipment which has not been approved by the West China Founders or Board of Managers on the field. As a result it flatly refused to approve this recommendation, and the question has been raised as to the proper procedure in launching a campaign which did not have the approval of the field or the governing body of the University. A checking of the various steps which led up to the procedure reveals the fact that permission was given in our office on the strength of the needs of the hospital, and emergency and pressure of the case to launch the program.

We all recognize the need and the justice of the application, and at the same time we recognize our laxness in not firmly vetoing such procedure without full reference to the Board of Managers in China, and proper vote from the Board of Governors.

Personally, I would say that this request, if put in proper form, could well be included in the application for the United China Relief. The list, which we have at the present time, however far exceeds the request, and certainly we are not in a position, nor do we have the time to make a study of these requirements and make the adjustments. No one expects to have a detailed accurate list, but other applications for the United China Relief are based upon rather accurate estimates. The procedure, therefore, must be as follows:-

Your Board of Managers must pass upon the request for this equipment which must be presented to such in a form which can be included with the United China Relief requests. It must also receive the approval of the West China Executive Committee or Board.

It is impossible to get a letter through in time for the former, and the latter does not meet until Fall.

However, if the recommendation is approved and is in our hands promptly, we will circularize the West China Committee.

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Our office accepts a share of responsibility in allowing this loose procedure, but having come to the consciousness of the fault, it must be corrected.

Very truly yours,

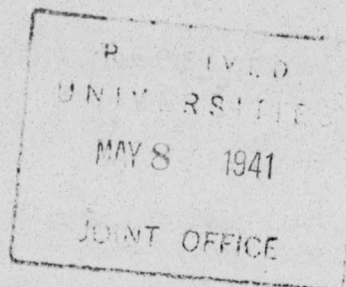
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cc: Dr. Brown

Via China Clipper - 5/5/41

c.c. via "President Cleveland" - 5/3/41



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West China Union University,
Chengtu, May 5th, 1941. 1795 6/30

Dear Mr. Evans,

Dr. Campbell assures me that nothing more need be done about his orders. Apparently the companies have made satisfactory arrangements. The enclosed letter to Dr. Dye from Mr. Spooner re John Kao would interest you and I think you might read it. We are forced to leave the decision to you in New York, as we have no information here of any sustaining funds for this year or next. Naturally we are all agreed that if possible John should return with a degree as the result of all his hard work.

Please advise Mr. Caldwell that his cable re transportation of books from Rangoon was received and that I am in communication with Mr. Manton. It would seem to me now that the best plan would be to hold the books until one of the men returning this summer reaches Rangoon. However I shall ask Mr. Manton for his advice.

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Finances have been a worry since last autumn. West China does not appear to be in such a good position to meet emergencies as are other institutions here. This makes it all the more difficult for the administration. The rising cost of living has necessitated cash bonuses as well as the provision of rice for the staff at a fixed rate. The prices of all necessities have now reached a level higher in terms of gold than that indicated by the rate of exchange. In other words, our staff must pay in local dollars many times what they have been accustomed to pay for everything they buy. This means that they simply cannot buy articles of clothing and other necessities because of the amount required for food. The Board will again be forced to think in terms of the amount of gold which was required when the rate of exchange was NC\$2, \$3, or \$4. to U.S. \$1.00.

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I would like to bring to your attention again our situation in the matter of an Assembly Hall where a reasonable proportion of our total student enrolment can meet. We should have planned and built this hall two years ago when building prices were so much more reasonable. If there is any chance of a special sum being available for such a building, even if temporary, it would help very much to make things run more smoothly here. Everybody feels that this is a very much needed accommodation and that the lack of it is a very great disadvantage, but no one knows where it is possible to secure the necessary funds.

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CHENG TU, May 19th, 1941.

Mr. Evans,

Acknowledging yours of April 9th, together with March Trial Balance Sheet, of April 10th authorising requisition No. 4102, and also of April 22nd and 24th.

We have been much concerned about your repeated references to the field budget being overspent and no drafts having been drawn against the local currency appropriation. We cannot understand how you reach that conclusion. Miss Priest has taken the time to prepare a very careful report of drafts and withdrawals and it would seem that this ~~could~~ not fail to make the situation clear. We have taken great care not to overdraw, and are anxious not to get that reputation.

I have delayed one week writing in the hope that some news would come from the meeting of the Associated Boards and of the Executive Committee of our own Board of Governors. We have been disappointed. I mentioned to you and to Dr. Beech how anxious we were to get a cablegram immediately after the meeting. Information as to the change in the time of the meeting did not reach us until the very day of our own Board meeting - although the decision was taken in March. Our Board of Directors met on Saturday the 10th May, and the minutes will be on the way this week. The final decision as to the budget for 1941-42 was left to the Executive Committee, as the Board felt unable to deal with the situation until some word had been received from the Board of Governors. As far as I know, none of the institutions here has had any indication of possible results from our representations concerning the situation which has arisen because of the extreme increase in the cost of living. The Chairman, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, was unable to come to Chengtu, but we were very happy to have with us General Chang Chuin and Mr. Lu Dso-fu, both of whom encouraged us to hope that we would be able to carry on the work of the University despite the almost desperate financial outlook at the moment.

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CHONGTU, May 19th, 1941.
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West China Union University,
Chengtu, May 24th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am forwarding to you the necessary application forms for Clergy Fare Certificates for Dr. David S.K. Dai who is proceeding to the United States and has a fellowship at the Murry Leonie & Guggenheim Dental Clinic, which enables him to study in New York City. On his way to New York he plans to visit Canada and to spend two months there under the direction of Dr. Arnup.

Please see that his certificates are sent to him c/p The President Lines, Limited, San Francisco, California. He sails from Hongkong by S.S. "President" on June 11th or 14th.

Thanking you for your assistance,
Yours sincerely,

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May 24, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I have before me a number of letters which have been pending clearance through the contacts with Dr. Beech or the Executive Committee, or the Finance Committee. One of these letters was addressed to Dr. Garside under date of February 4.

The first item regarding Bursarship has been cleared in the appointment of William Small. We have invited him to come to the office for a short period, or as long as he desires, with the hope of getting him familiar with correspondence procedure at this end. I have not received a reply as yet to this proposal.

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Harvard-Yenching Funds. I presume you have the action on West China Union University taken last November by the Institute. Anyway, here is another copy to be sure. Of course, I cannot comment upon Dr. Elissseff's letter not being thoroughly familiar with its contents. There is no further action or reference to the West China account in the minutes of the April 1941 meeting of the Institute.

In referring to the attached memorandum, you will notice that the West China account was commented upon at length, yet it was accepted and placed on file.

If the Finance Committee of West China Union University votes a larger portion of the income from Harvard-Yenching Institute, you will see the necessity of making a much clearer and more detailed report covering the expenditure.

As far as any balance accruing on our books from past receipts, that is a matter which has been definitely handled by the Board of Governors in consultation with the Institute. The Institute has known that the University in the past could not use the entire amount and has realized that a certain amount has been set aside for special use. The financing of Dr. Graham was done through this account, but it is entirely subject to the action of the Board of Governors, and I am quite sure no action will be entertained which will involve any expenditure within the Current Budget. It must be for special items. As a matter of fact, my recommendation would be that it remain intact for the time being.

There are no other items, I think, requiring special attention in this letter.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 5/28/41
c.c. via "President Pierce" - 5/30/41

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West China Union University,
Chengtu, May 26th, 1941. *RCIF*

Dear Mr. Evans,

Acknowledging your letters of April 17th re deposit of \$1,000 and of May 12th, Clipper, via Miss Priest. *6/30*

On May 19th I wrote you including statement of drafts and withdrawals, up to May 1st. This will make it clear to you how concerned we are over your repeated statements that our budget appropriations are over-drawn. This appears to be even more serious now in view of the fact that your letter states that the West China Board of Governors took a certain action under the impression that the field was overdrawn. I would like very much to have your early reply to my letter and your comment on the statement presented.

Request for \$50,000, to be included in the programme of the United China Relief, Inc.

Your letter of May 3rd has been given careful consideration by Dr. Dsang, Dr. Kilborn, Dean of the College, Dr. Brown and myself. Dr. Brown has prepared a statement presenting his understanding of the steps leading up to his undertaking while in the United States to secure funds for the equipment of the hospital. Also, Dr. Brown and Dr. Kilborn have gone carefully over the original list of items prepared by Dr. Beech himself and supplemented by suggestions from the College here. I enclose copy of a revised list prepared by Dr. Kilborn and Dr. Brown, which totals \$55,220.00. In addition there should be an amount sufficient to cover the purchase of a truck or trucks necessary to bring the goods from Rangoon to Chengtu, and to procure the necessary gas, U.S. \$10,000. My letter of March 25 to Dr. Beech, dealing with the items of our special appeal for the year 1941/42 referred to this request which had come to us from Dr. Brown through the College of Medicine and Dentistry here. Our Finance Committee gave approval to the request being sent home, but on the understanding that it should not affect in any way the other items in the list presented as the University's special appeal. A second item of \$25,000 is requested for "operating expenses due to unfavourable exchange and additional equipment" during the first five years", i.e. \$5,000 each year; a total of \$75,000. At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 10th, a report was made by the President of the items in the special appeal for 1941-42, including these two items, but with the explanation that they were not to conflict with the items in the regular annual appeal. Moreover, when the matter was discussed in the Finance Committee, it was understood that Dr. Beech and the Board must sanction this request. I might mention that in Dr. Brown's communication to Dr. Brown, Dean of the College of Medicine, no mention was made of Dr. Beech, nor in your letter has his name been mentioned. So far as I know, no word has come from Dr. Beech to anyone on the field with reference to this request, and up to the present all matters connected with the new University Hospital have been his special care. On the basis of my letter to Dr. Beech, which apparently you did not have when the Board met, you may already have taken action on this matter.

In our opinion Dr. Brown's suggestion that article XVII Section I of the Byelaws of the United China Relief Incorporated, providing for the addition of other agencies "raising funds for relief and rehabilitation in China" affords an opportunity for this particular request to be included quite apart from the regular University appeal, and we hope very much that this will be done. From your letter I judge you feel as we do that this is a very important matter, and after consulting with Dr. Beech you will circularise the West China Committee, urging the adoption of this list and its presentation to the Board of the United China Relief. This action would certainly be supported by the Board of Directors here.

Dr. Robert E. Brown Hospital Equipment Fund.

Dr. Brown informs us that he originally objected to the use of his name in connection with the Fund, but that it seemed to have advantages when he was in the United States and personally making his appeal for funds. There was no suggestion of the Fund being a memorial fund. We

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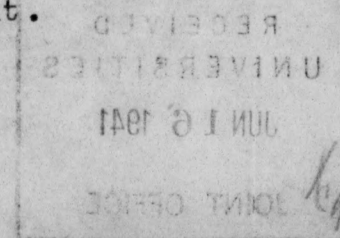
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The Luce party were in Chengtu for a matter of hours only on their way north. They thought they might return, but flew direct to Chungking and Hongkong. We understand they had quite an exciting trip in the war area. The Presidents here made good use of their opportunities. H.D.R.

Dr. Brown has a letter from Dr. John Earl Baker, Supervisor of the Burma highway, dated May 15th which states:

"If you have trucks there is no reason why you should not bring in all they can carry. Your trucks will have to be measured for calculation of toll - unless you bring along dealers specifications. Be sure to have your huchao and all other customs papers ready"

Trucks which make return trips to Burma for goods are required to haul three loads for the government to one load for themselves. This is because of the shortage of trucks. It would seem advisable to send from the US sufficient trucks to bring in all the hospital equipment. The trucks can then be sold, sometimes at a profit.



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Mr. Parker's cable asking for travel funds for Ho Wen-chun and wife and Ben Dye will receive the same response. This money must be found some place, and that means by Dr. Beech or by the Board of Governors. We shall leave the amount to be advanced to Ho Wen-chun to be decided by Dr. Beech. I think my cable will probably be worded as follows: "APPROVE KAO EXPENSES HOWENCHUN WIFE TRAVEL TRAVEL"

The Ince party were in Chengtu for a matter of hours only on their way north. They thought they might return, but flew direct to Chungking and Hongkong. We understand they had quite an exciting trip in the war area. The residents here made good use of their opportunities.

H.D.R.

Dr. Brown has a letter from Dr. John Earl Baker, Supervisor of the Burma Highway, dated May 15th which states:

"If you have trucks there is no reason why you should not bring in all they can carry. Your trucks will have to be measured for calculation of toll - unless you bring along dealers specifications. Be sure to have your huchao and all other customs papers ready"

Trucks which make return trips to Burma for goods are required to haul three loads for the government to one load for themselves. This is because of the shortage of trucks. It would seem advisable to send from the US sufficient trucks to bring in all the hospital equipment. The trucks can then be sold, sometimes at a profit.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I am forwarding to you the necessary application forms for Clergy Fare Certificates for Mr. Wang Yueh who is proceeding to the United States and has a fellowship at Rutgers College, New Jersey.

Will you please see that his certificates are sent to him c/o The President Lines, Limited, San Francisco, California. He sails from Hongkong early in July. (Robinson sails June 25)

Thanking you for your assistance,
Yours sincerely,

HDR/MR.

H.D. Robertson.

West China Union University,
Chengtu, May 27th, 1941.

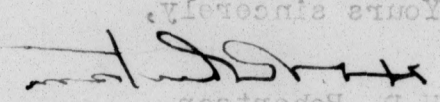
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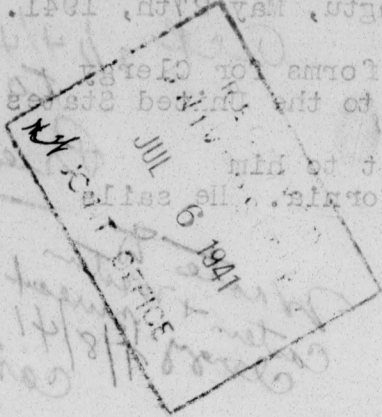
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West China Union University
Chengtu
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Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. Robertson wrote on May 26, dealing with the request for \$50,000 to be included in the programme of the United China Relief Incorporated, and urging that you take steps to have this item included under article 17, section 1, of the By-laws of the United China Relief.

We are writing today to bring to your attention the action taken by the Board of Directors in connection with the appeal to the Ministry of Education to grant the University's request that the Department of Pharmacy be raised to the status of a College of Pharmacy. We can perhaps best indicate the situation as regards the Department of Pharmacy by quoting from the statement prepared by Dr. Meuser and presented to the College of Science:

1. Whereas, there is urgent need for early preparation for the development of Pharmaceutical education throughout China immediately at the close of this war, and particularly during the after-war reconstruction period.
2. Whereas, it is highly desirable to establish Colleges of Pharmacy in the various provinces of China through which to train the necessary personnel for the adequate development of Pharmaceutical education and the general profession of Pharmacy in China, and
3. Whereas, the present Department of Pharmacy of the West China Union University is the only nucleus of pharmaceutical education permanently resident in Free China, and it is of vital importance that the standard and status of this institution be made and maintained as high as possible for the purpose of training fully qualified pharmacists to take their places as leaders in the various pharmaceutical activities throughout the country and as teachers in the Colleges of Pharmacy likely to be established in the future, and
4. Whereas we believe it important that at least a portion of the leaders in the future Colleges of Pharmacy and in the profession of pharmacy throughout China should be educated under Christian auspices, thus bringing all branches of the medical sciences under Christian influence, and
5. Whereas, the high professional standard necessary to train leaders and workers in pharmacy throughout China can, we believe, best be accomplished through raising the status of the present Department of Pharmacy of the West China Union University to that of a College of Pharmacy, with its own Faculty and budget so that it may be adequately expanded and adjusted from time to time to meet new and existing needs, without unduly affecting any other Faculty or Department, and
6. Whereas, the Department of Pharmacy, at present in the College of Science of the West China Union University, is now in a position to comply with the regulations of the Ministry of Education governing Colleges, in the matter of staff, equipment and budget, or could readily make the necessary adjustments to become so, and
7. Whereas, we have reason to believe that the Minister of Education would welcome the establishment of a College of Pharmacy in the West China Union University, and has requested that a statement and budget be forwarded to him by the President, therefore,

RESOLVED, that we recommend to the President that he forward an urgent petition

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to the Minister of Education that the status of the Department of Pharmacy in the College of Science be changed to that of a College of Pharmacy. The College of Science recommended to the President that a suitable petition be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, and that a special committee be asked to consider the statement and budget presented by the Department of Pharmacy. This special committee gave the matter careful consideration and reported to the General Faculty which passed the following recommendation:

RESOLVED on the recommendation of the College of Science to recommend to the Board of Directors that a petition be sent to the Ministry of Education that the status of the Department of Pharmacy in the College of Science be changed to that of a College of Pharmacy.

When the Board of Directors met, this minute of the General Faculty was presented for their consideration, and the following minute was passed:

RESOLVED that a petition be sent to the Minister of Education that the Department of Pharmacy in the College of Science be changed to a College of Pharmacy; this change to be subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

Footnote: It is understood that the proposed College of Pharmacy will not require any larger grant for equipment and salaries from the University than that which the University would make available for the Department of Pharmacy if it remained as a department in the College of Science (College of Science appropriation in University budget 1940-41, C\$86,448 and US\$4,250; Department of Pharmacy appropriation C\$16,688 and US\$500). It is also understood that the funds necessary for the support of extra staff necessitated by the Department becoming a college shall be secured from sources other than those of the present regular University budget. The number of students will continue to be as at present, approximately one hundred in the four years.

By this footnote, which is appended to the minutes of the General Faculty and of the Board of Directors, you will note that we have sought to ensure that if the Ministry gives its permission for the change of the Department into a College, there will be no additional financial charge to the University budget. To make this clear beyond doubt, the statement was included in the note/the resolution indicating the relationship of the Department of Pharmacy budget for the year 1940-41 to that of the College of Science for the same year. In view of this provision the General Faculty and the Board of Directors feel that the University is in a position to take advantage of the present situation and wish to act accordingly. However, Dr. Meuser feels that if at all possible the negotiations with the Ministry should be carried on during the summer months, and we are therefore writing to ask if there is any method by which you can secure the consent of the Board of Governors to this action being taken without waiting for the annual meeting of the Board in October. In the case of the request for \$50,000 for the Hospital, you suggested the possibility of circularizing the members of the Board or Executive Committee. Would it be possible in this case for you to consult with Dr. Beech and then put the matter before the members of the Board by correspondence?

We have been careful to see that this suggestion was considered by the College of Science, the special committee, and the General Faculty before being presented to the Board of Directors and to the Board of Governors. In view of the fact that the Minister of Education himself has taken a personal interest in this matter and expects action on the part of the University, it would be a good thing if the petition could be presented without too much delay. Under ordinary circumstances, this

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It is now nearly a month since the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board, but we have received no indication of any kind as to what actions were taken at that time. We presume that there is some reason for this delay, but meanwhile we find it very difficult to plan for next year's work. We are sure you will understand why this should be so.

Examinations for the graduating students begin this week. So we are nearing the end of the term. As we write an air raid warning has been sounded; we shall likely have frequent visits during this month, but shall hope that attention may be confined to military objectives. We are going through a period of extreme heat, with sun in a clear sky day after day.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Lincoln Dsang
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Yours sincerely,

Signed: Lincoln Dunn
R. D. Robertson

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June 9, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtú, Szechwan, China

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of May 19th is at hand, and I note your inquiry regarding the previous statement covering overexpenditure on the current budget. A glance at the April 30th trial balance sheet shows an overexpenditure against the ~~filled~~ appropriation of \$3,232.14. Practically the only funds available to offset this overdraft are in account No. 175.6 in the Sustaining Funds, but you have not authorized us previously to use any of these funds.

We are very sorry if any delay at this end has caused any great inconvenience in Chengtu. As a matter of fact this mail is carrying to you the minutes and comments thereon. Had we been faced with no other task than that of West China, the situation would have been comparatively simple. As it is, however, we need four hands and two brains, and even at that there would be considerable delay in contact with the field.

Balances on the Coles Estate have been treated with in another communication.

Covering the Bank Deposit Request. As \$2,000 is included in the \$4,600 shown on the balance sheets, there is a very small amount available at the present time. We are not making a deposit from the Hospital Building Fund as draft No. 746 through the Associated Mission Treasurers amounting to US\$1,068.15 has not been identified as yet. We are hoping to clear this as soon as we can get word from Dr. Beech.

We can see no reason why the \$2,000 from the 1939-40 Sustaining Funds cannot be credited to the overdraft in account 31, and will do so. This will leave \$1,278., which will be deposited to your account in the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.

We have studied through your reconciliation of cash and drafts, and call your attention to \$1,000 deposited in your bank, which is listed as checks 2, 3 and 5 for \$1041.25. On our books the amount is simply a bank deposit. After making adjustments on our books to conform to your figures insofar as we can do same at the present time, we find the two accounts, Harvard-Yenching and General, as listed on the enclosed sheet.

It is possible that we will write you further upon receipt of a clearer understanding regarding the Hospital Building Equipment funds.

Sincerely yours,

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Drafts on Harvard-Yenching appropriations

	US\$	LC\$
Draft #783	600.00	
" 780	1,000.00	
4/4 Deposited Central Hanover	<u>1,000.00</u>	
	2,600.00	44,200.00
3/17 " " "	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>34,000.00</u>
	4,600.00	78,200.00
Balance to pay-----		<u>4,400.00</u>
		82,600.00

CURRENT EXPENSE - GENERAL BUDGET (ACCOUNT 31.1)

(Drafts, etc. paid 1940-41 budget not shown on Miss Priest's statement)

1940			
July 18	Draft 981	Victoria R. Peterson	71.03
June 23	" 707	Kelley & Walsh	5.55
July 26	" 709	American Express	100.00
Aug. 2	" 710	Fannie C. Timberlake	101.15
21	" 715	T. H. Lou	60.00
	" 711	Gordon H. Jones	161.53
Sept. 23	Morris W. Ehnes (Money paid hospital account of Dr. Cheer)		1,200.00 (Mr. Evans' letter 12/4/40)
30	H. W. Wilson (Letter Dr. Beech 6/1/40)		182.00
Oct. 19	Draft 714 - T.K. Wang		169.34
11	Baker & Taylor letter Dr. Beech 6/1/40)		14.15
1941			
Jan. 7	Draft 713 - Dr. J. M. Wong		69.77
Feb. 17	" 706 - Hsin Ho Trading Co.		<u>288.00</u>
			2,422.52

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West China Union University,
CHENGDU, June 11th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Acknowledging your letter of May 24th which came to me by way of Miss Priest.

In my letters recently I have been regretting the fact that up to today which is five weeks after the meeting of the Board, we have had no word of any kind from anyone reporting on the Board's action, and that this is causing us anxiety and uncertainty as to possible plans for next year.

Your report that William Small has been appointed to the Bursar's Office is the first intimation we have had. I am glad he is going to spend some time in your office, as that experience will be of very great value to him when he takes up his work here.

Harvard-Yenching Funds.

I hope very much that you will take up this question with Dr. Beech and, if the Executive of the Board has not dealt with the matter, make a clear statement to us as to the situation. My letter to Dr. Garside to which you refer set out our position clearly, I think, and we would like to have the decision of the Board of Governors as to future procedure. We have had no report of the action of the Harvard-Yenching Institute of West China Union University to which you refer. You suggest that you are enclosing a copy, but apparently that was not done. Also, we have not seen anything of the attached memorandum which you mention. As to "a much clearer and more detailed report" I do not know what you desire, as each year a report in great detail is presented both to your office and to Dr. Elisseeff. Do you mean that this is not satisfactory?

As to Dr. Graham's support, we were always given to understand that Dr. Beech had arranged that from unrestricted funds, quite apart from the Board of Governors. Dr. Garside definitely asked for suggestions from the field as to how it might be used.

Executive Committee Meeting.

I can only conclude that you are under the impression that we have had a report on the meeting of the Executive Committee. None has reached us. Consequently we have no word of the consideration given to our statement of the present critical situation here due to the economic changes which have taken place in West China within the last year. All the institutions here are facing a situation beyond their power to deal with. As far as I know, however, no information has come from the Boards concerned as to the possibility of securing the financial assistance necessary if the institutions are to continue to carry out their work as in the past year. There must be some explanation for this failure to respond to our representations. But lack of comment or information of any kind is, as you must admit, very disturbing. Within the next two weeks contracts for the coming year must be made with the teachers, but we are not in a position to do this as we have no information as to the action taken by our Board in dealing with our estimates.

On June 2nd I wrote you concerning the proposal to change the Department of Pharmacy into a College, and asking for the approval of the Board of Governors. On May 27th we cabled you "Approve Kao expenses; Howenchuin wife Pendzefu travel" in reply to yours of May 19th. On May 26th I wrote in reply to your letter of May 3rd dealing with the request for Gold\$50,000 to be included in the programme of the United China Relief Inc. for equipment for the University Hospital. On May 19th I wrote enclosing report prepared by Miss Priest of all drafts and withdrawals up to May 1st, and dealing with the Bank deposit and the current appropriation US\$12,500.00 Account overdraft.

I am enclosing personal letter to Miss Mary C. Jones, American Friends Committee, 20, South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia. Would you be kind enough to see that this is forwarded to her.

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Enclosure f Dr. Beech.

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West China Union University,
CHENGDU, June 11th, 1941.

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West China Union University, *Aug 1/41*
Chengtu, dictated June 29th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Just a short letter to report that the closing exercises for the year 1940-41 were held as planned, but both the Baccalaureate Service and the Graduation Exercises had to be cut short because of air raid alarms. These alarms reach us in time for the city people to escape into the country, and it has been our policy to allow students to go into the country if they desire to do so. However, we were fortunate in being able to carry on to the extent we were. Governor and Madame Chang were present and his speech was of high order. It is being translated and a copy is being sent to New York.

We are much disturbed over not receiving any report as to the action taken by the several Boards in the matter of Universities' estimates. The staffs have broken up for the summer and we have not been able to take the usual action in the matter of planning for the coming year. Your letter to the President enclosing copies of action taken by the Associated Boards in the matter of further and more effective cooperation has been received, and the Presidents have been meeting to consider the matter. I understand that a letter is going to you this week, dealing with that subject. Proposals seem to indicate the continuing of work in Chengtu of the four institutions for a period of several years, and do not seem to have any reference to the period when each institution returns to its own place. I suppose it is natural that the several institutions here should be optimistic about the possibilities of their return at an earlier date. But no one can look far into the future.

I trust you received my May 19th letter presenting the financial situation as it appears to us at this end. It will be a satisfaction to us to hear from you that everything is quite in order. We have had no acknowledgment of my June 2nd letter dealing with the College of Pharmacy.

I am sure you must have been very badly over-worked these last few months, and I hope you are able to get away for a real change and rest.

Yours sincerely,

H.D. Robertson
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Where are they?

P.S. June 30th. Funds for the new Dental Clinic promised by Dr. Beech. Cable re budget received this morning. We hope to receive by letter details of the ^{Hodgkin} R.Y.I. \$12,000. I presume that the H.M.F. is available as usual. We are hoping that the greatly increased requests from all of the Universities will be met by funds from the U.C.R. Committee.

Enclosures f. D. Beech
Mr. Williams
Mr. Smith
Mr. Thompson
Mr. H.D.R.

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June 30, 1941

Mr. H. D. Robertson
West China Union University
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Rec'd 9/22/41

Dear Mr. Robertson:

I have your letter of June 11th, requesting me to "take time off to deal with the many important matters", and I am perfectly willing to agree with your admonition. As much as I like you, however, I would rather take time off for a good swim in a nice cool place in a charming summer resort. June has been too hot a month to think of having pleasure in writing letters. However, it is an enjoyable task nevertheless, and I have not failed to chide myself because of failing to take more time in keeping up the interest with the field. However I do not think we have done so badly at that. Mr. William Small is in the office getting used to us and to our method of doing things, and last night referred to the pressure of work and asked: "Is it always like this, or is there a let-up sometime?" I could name you a university from which I have a folder containing sixteen letters unanswered and still to be digested.

After our West China Finance Committee meeting the other day we cabled you as follows: NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AMERICAN DOLLARS GENERAL APPROPRIATION 20,000 HYI 12,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AS LAST YEAR ASKING ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR 29,000.

As a first word of admonition, the Committee voted the Harvard-Yenching appropriation, with the understanding that the amount would be used only for the Harvard-Yenching cultural budget, which in effect is a senseless thing to say as you know full well that a report must be made upon this fund to the Institute. You will of course see that the admonition of the Committee is carried out.

May I write at the same time on the Finance Committee minutes of June 18th. Lightweight copies are not available, but I will send you typewritten transcripts herewith.

Request for \$50,000 from United China Relief. You will note that there was some misapprehension about the status of West China's application to the United China Relief. Article 17 section 1 alludes only to properly incorporated bodies aside from those already participating. We are not at all optimistic about projects beyond the \$450,000 we are asking for current budgets for next year, although we have filed a list of other projects amounting to nearly \$1,400,000. We will, however, follow through on this request.

The action covering 1555 needs no further comment, although the Committee was firm in the belief that segregation of amounts would be necessary to keep track of the source of gifts.

Harvard-Yenching appropriation for 1941-2. I have already alluded to this, which requires no further comment.

Special Request from Harvard-Yenching Balances. You will see from this action that we have granted a request for additional amounts from the Harvard-Yenching balances on hand both in the current budget and in 1941-2. We are waiting for your reaction about depositing funds in your bank account before issuing further authorizations.

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Mr. H. D. Robertson

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tions.

In the answering of this letter various communications which have been held will have been cleared. And incidentally we sincerely trust that the letter covering the Executive Committee meeting has been received by this time.

I presume that we should have taken time to at least acknowledge your letters covering budget items, which came to hand late in March. These letters, however, became a part of the study presented to the committees of the Associated Boards and were not immediately available. This of course will cover your letter of March 3, and your letter of March 15th, all of which have been covered with the exception of the check from the Hazen Foundation. If this check is made payable to our order, it must be returned to us for collection. This letter of the 15th was written to Dr. Beech, who I am sure has answered the ^{question} about Augustine Li.

Your letter of April 4th called attention to the authorizations for departments of Science, Medicine and Dentistry, which later on were superceded by actual requisitions. I am sorry that there was nothing more that could be done regarding the books at Rangoon. However with the return of Doctors Thomson and Dye we are hoping that all freight will be assembled for transportation to Chengtu.

The bill for the World Peace Foundation transportation was taken care of as requested, and we are working upon passage for Pen Ze Fuh. We do not know how this transportation problem will work out.

A letter from John Kao gives us up-to-date news, which it is impossible to pass on today. I will get it ready for the next Clipper mail.

Your reference to the telegram of March 7th reminds me that this was made up when Dr. Beech was in the office and at a time when a multitude of other things were passing over my desk. I do not recall now the purpose, and it is too late in the day to undertake a thorough investigation. I am sorry to slide over this question without a definite answer.

Your letter of April 28th cleared up several previous questions, namely that of requisitions for Dr. Mullett and Dr. Dye. Previous statements authorize us to draw an equivalent to U. S. dollars in last year's budget, which we could not locate after a careful study.

We are greatly interested in the appropriation from the National Government for NC\$21,000 for a dyestuff project. We have heard a great deal about this and have a small amount included in the askings from the United China Relief, which, however, we do not hope to secure.

✓ We have received applications for Dr. David Dai, and these certificates were sent to the American/President's office in San Francisco.

Thanks for your letter of May 5th. We are greatly relieved to know the prospects of getting some of the freight through from Kunming.

I have already answered your letter of May 26th and wish to acknowledge also your cable approving expenses for Kao, Ho and Pen.

We are noting to have all of the papers available for Dr. Thomson and Dr. Dye when they arrive in Rangoon.

With every good wish to you, I am

Very truly yours,

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