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Received: March 25, 1944

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Professor Charles H. Corbett
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Professor Corbett:

This is going to be a business letter rather than the story of our adventures. But in case our previous letters did not get through to you, here is a brief outline of what has happened.

As of course you know, we escaped with the Lindsays into the mountains on December 8th 1941, eight minutes before the Japanese closed down the university. Our escape had been suggested to us by Randolph Sailer and Leighton Stuart; ten or more others were going to make similar get-aways, but failed owing to the suddenness of the war. We had originally hoped that Japan would be defeated in six months or a year, and that we could go back to Peiping with the Chinese armies.

In September 1942 we received an invitation from the folks at Chengtu to join the re-organized Yenching, but we were still thinking in terms of going back to Peiping. Also the Chinese Eighth Route Army Command told us that it was at that time not advisable to attempt to cross the Japanese operated Shansi Railway, at least for my wife - the escort available was not strong enough to guarantee her safety, and I was unwilling to take unnecessary risks.

By the winter of 1942 we had realized the impossibility of staying on leading a guerilla life for the remainder of the war - a matter of years rather than months now that the Japs had been able to consolidate themselves throughout the East Indies. However, immediate action was impossible. We were advised to wait until August 1943 when tall crops permit easy and safe movement across enemy occupied zones. This also would allow me to complete a course of lectures I was giving to their radio technicians, in their spare time, on physics and maths.

The journey from Fuping in Hopei Province to Yen-an in Shensi took two months. It was an exceedingly strenuous trip; we both lost about 20 pounds weight. After resting there for a month we sent telegrams to the British Embassy in Chungking and to Chengtu saying that we had arrived in Yen-an and were hoping to proceed to Chengtu later. This was by way of a feeler. The reaction was interesting. A message came from Chengtu through the Embassy to the effect that the university did not feel able to invite me to go and work there because my name was "too red"!! Nevertheless they were asking the Embassy to make arrangements with the Chinese authorities to let us come through the blockade. By about December 20th we received word that these arrangements were complete, and shortly after that we received a telegram from Ralph Lapwood welcoming us, telling us that travel funds were awaiting us in Sian, and advising us to proceed first to Chungking.

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It was January 11th by the time we were able to persuade the Yen-an people to let us leave them. They lent us five thousand national currency for the trip to Sian, which was far more than necessary because it turned out that on crossing the blockade line we were warmly welcomed by all the Kuomintang officials and entertained as guests of the government. In Sian we received ten thousand national currency which had been forwarded at Lapwood's request by the British Consul at Chengtu. The total fifteen thousand was only just enough to get us to Chungking. There were delays on the road due to snow and engine trouble; we arrived at the Capital on February 2nd, 1944.

In Yen-an we had been pumped full of what we regarded as pure anti-Kuomintang propaganda about the state of affairs in the universities-- lack of academic freedom, students' fear of discussing any political subjects. But in Sian the missionaries told us practically the same things, and warned us that owing to our having stayed two years in communist areas, it would be practically impossible for us to renew our intimate friendships with the students, because, no matter how non-political our friendships may be, the political authorities would suspect and embarrass the students who indulged in friendship with us. Our name might after all, in certain circles, be regarded as too red, and we would not be permitted to continue in those free and happy relations with our students that we had found so valuable in Peiping for so many years.

Some of the Embassy people backed up this idea with the same story. However, Ralph Lapwood wrote us from Chengtu inviting us to go there, saying that he was sure it would be "alright". But that was merely academically "alright." After all I do not, as you will understand, like being merely a physicist. And to have this cloud hanging over us is exceedingly frustrating in one's personal relationships. It grieves us very much, the more so in that we have never done or said anything against the National Government here, and more especially have we never done anything to harm the reputation of Yenching University with the National Government.

Lest this seems in a complaining tone, I must hasten to say at this point that we are heartily grateful both to Sailer and President Stuart; had we not escaped we should still be in the internment camp at Weihsien; none of the younger British internees have been repatriated as far as we know. And of course there is no other way for westerners to escape except through the communist territories. And although this circumstance makes our relations with the Yenching people uncertain, the experience we have had up in the guerilla areas has meant a great deal to us. We know more about the China of today probably than any other westerners anywhere. This knowledge is embarrassing us just now, but after the war maybe we can make good use of it. Our chief anxiety is that the two sides may come to cooperate with each other; and mere indulging in propaganda pro or con this side or that is not going to help such a reconciliation. After we have studied this side of China carefully and dispassionately, as we have done the other side, then we shall be in a better position to help, if outside help is either necessary or desirable.

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After careful thought I told the Embassy people I should like to be assigned some kind of war work, wherever I was most needed as an experienced research physicist. This seemed the right thing to do under the circumstances. Although our furlough is overdue and although we have been living under very hard conditions indeed for the past two years, I felt, and in this Claire fully agrees, that to shirk this responsibility was unworthy.

As soon as I made this idea known, Dr. Needham, head of the British Scientific Mission in China, snapped me up like "manna from heaven" to quote his own phrase. While negotiations with London appear to be proceeding smoothly, although at the usual liesurely pace, it remains now to clear up any questions about our connections with Yenching, and come to a mutual understanding about the future.

When Lapwood wrote to me from Chengtu he advised me to try for an appointment from the British Council assigned to teaching in Yenching; because their treatment would be less stringent economically than what they could afford to offer me. Since it is the British Council that pays me if I work for Needham, and it would have to be through Needham that any such application as suggested by Lapwood would have to pass, you will realize that I can do nothing but agree to Needham's own idea that I work with him. He has been in urgent need of a physicist, and has been trying to find one in England for the past six months. All the younger worth-while physicists in England are busy on war work, and not one could be spared for the work in the China field.

However I can hardly claim more than is offered by the British Council during the period that I am working for them; the cost of travel to Chungking and the absolute necessity for furlough at the end of the war - or even sooner if our health does not hold out that long - can hardly be claimed as their responsibility. I am planning to keep up the regular medical examinations as required by the Yenching appointment. Claire was checked up thoroughly at the Canadian Mission hospital the other day; Dr. Allen found nothing seriously wrong. I feel perfectly alright also, and because I can stand strain better than Claire, I am assuming for the moment that there is also nothing the matter with me.

Then there is the question of our indebtedness to the Eighth Route Army authorities. They accepted us as unpaying guests, fed, housed and clothed us for two years, they gave us of their very best. All we could do in return was a few lectures which in Yenching would count as about "5 credits" per semester. There was no administrative work, no laboratory work, none of the extras that go along with a full-time job. I consider that this can never be regarded as adequate return for all they did for us.

I am particularly anxious that my retirement annuity be kept alive. The certificate for this I managed to bring out with me; it is number 1597-G. Would you please also send me a statement about the money held to our credit by your office. Our last statement from Mary Cookingham was of the amount on hand October 31, 1941, namely US \$1288.00. To complete the business side, would you please also let me know what the New York authorities are suggesting to do about (a) salary from December 1941 to the present, (b) travel expense out of Peiping, (c) compensation for complete loss of entire household in Yenching, (d) guarantee of furlough after the war, or earlier if needed, and finally (e) regularising of the University's loaning me to the British Council for the duration of the war or until furlough is needed.

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A further word about the kind of work I am planning to do. This Sino-British Scientific Cooperation Office is under the British Council for the Cultural Relations, and headed by Dr. Needham of whom you have no doubt heard a great deal. The whole purpose of the Office is liaison work, breaking down the blockade of China's scientific workers and other intellectuals caused by the Japanese war. Needham has already done a great work here during the past year; there is an enthusiastic welcome for him and his work here in China. We arrange for the importation and distribution of books and literature from both England and America to Chinese universities, research institutes and government departments. Yenching and the others in Chengtu have already benefited by this service. I personally feel that this kind of work is exceedingly valuable, and my being on the staff here will eventually be a good contact for Yenching too. I may be able to help liquidate the prejudice that still exists in certain Chinese circles against the missionary universities. One of our most important pieces of work is the securing of expert advice from authorities abroad on specific problems raised here by Chinese scientists and technologists. The opportunities for establishing and cultivating good will between China and the west are boundless. Our mailing facilities are of course through diplomatic channels. My particular task is handling all the American correspondence.

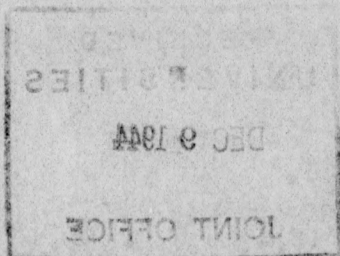
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Sincerely yours

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Claire and William Band
(Physics Department
Yenching University)



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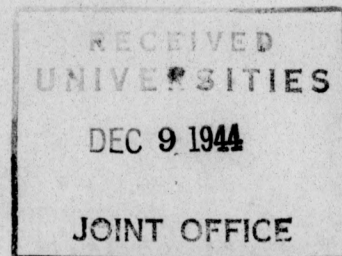
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Claire and William Band
(Physics Department)
Yenching University



Chengtu

March 24th 1944

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mary,

We were more than happy to hear that you got back to the States safely and "on the job" again; now we feel the New York Office really belongs!

Dr. Lossing Buck has kindly let us have some of his household goods in exchange for a little U.S. currency, on the expectation that you will be good enough to pass it on to him and charge our credit with the Office over there. Would you please arrange for him to receive U.S. \$45, (fortyfive dollars) from our account?

Will be writing again; meanwhile best wishes from us both

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Claire and William Band

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Chengtu
March 24th 1944

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April 3rd 1944

Dr. S. D. Wilson
c/o Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dean Wilson,

You probably saw the letter I wrote to Corbett dated Feb 25th, giving among other things the reasons why I had decided against teaching at Chengtu in favour of the "war service" work of this office. Now I have just returned from a three weeks' visit at Chengtu with the Yenching group, and I feel I ought to write again in case my first letter conveyed too adverse an impression of the work going on there.

Now that I have seen them at work I can give them my whole-hearted support as an onlooker. Their standard of teaching remains the highest in the whole group of universities there, and their setting this example has had a very good stimulating effect on the whole university community there. Our characteristic Yenching spirit is being well maintained, and the group - staff and students - have won a place of respect in Free China which would not have been possible had Yenching remained closed since December 1941, living only as a memory.

The Yenching group in Chengtu fully realise the limitations of their program; they know that their main purpose is to keep alive the Yenching traditions, and to hold together an active nucleus of staff and students against the time when we can move back to our permanent campus in Peiping. Personally I found the Physics Department with about the strongest staff of any physics department on the campus; there is actually no need for my teaching services under present conditions. But I have gladly accepted Ralph Lapwood's invitation to help as and when I can in an unofficial way with planning problems, personnel and organisational difficulties that arise in connection with the efforts at ever closing cooperation with the other universities on the campus. I feel I can do something along these lines in my spare time.

While in Chengtu I spent the whole three weeks visiting the science departments as Dr. Needham's representative; I collected lists of wants for imported equipment and literature, and a great body of information as material for more publicity work as part of our Office's liaison duties. My mission seems to have been more than welcomed by all, and I can only hope that the promise of better understanding and appreciation of the science work done by the Christian universities in China will be partially fulfilled. Perhaps I am too ambitious, but I have hopes of establishing good will with all the colleges in the group and help develop much closer cooperation and rationalisation of their various programs as an indirect by-product of my work!

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Your letter to Ralph about coming to China was subject of several discussions between us all while I was in Chengtu. If I may, I would like to give you my own personal feelings on the question. While a few of the Chinese staff may not realize it quite so clearly, most of the group do realize that it is no time to rebuild Yenching now, and in asking you to come out they do not visualize it merely as a move to expand the Science College; the Chemistry staff is of course weak at present, and there is a question whether second-rate or outside help should be contracted for just to qualify the department for registration, and your coming here would solve that problem at once. But the main thing as I see it is to have someone here like yourself who has both experience and authority in dealing with the college personnel specially with regard to the question of planning our move back to Peiping and rebuilding the College after the war. For example there is the very serious question as to whom shall and who shall not remain with the staff; the question will lead to unpleasantness between the group here and the group in Peiping unless wise and careful leadership is available here on the field. I feel very strongly that you are the only man who can handle this situation adequately. The question as to when your presence in Chengtu would be necessary is a more difficult question to decide! To come immediately would seem unnecessary if the war were to last another two years; I should estimate that one session or at very least one semester before the Japs are defeated would give you a good chance to size up the situation and lead the group in planning for the move. Ralph will write at length and explain the details of the present situation, leaving you to decide for yourself when would be the most strategic time for your coming out.

There are several points about the life here that you ought to know, I think, before deciding whether to come out - or should I say in making your plans for coming out because I know you will not be able to stay away indefinitely! First is: almost all necessary food is available in Chengtu - good milk, eggs, homemade butter, plenty of fruit and vegetables almost all the year round, only question is you have to pay high for them all. At the present rates of exchange we have to spend U. S. \$8.00 per day for good food for one person in Chengtu; it is considerably more expensive to live here than in America. Second is: you need all the clothing and bedding you can bring in because it is very hard - almost impossible - to get any thing here worth using; and the trouble is that you can only bring 15 kilograms per person of baggage from India over the hump. By special arrangements we can get extra by "freight planes" but it is limited and much delayed because the traffic is reserved for military material. Of course these factors will all change with time; prices are continually going up faster than the exchange, so US\$8 per day is a minimum. Possibilities of freight will have to be investigated nearer the time for your travelling.

Both Ralph and I have come to the fairly obvious conclusion that it will be more than necessary to have a small committee responsible for planning all aspects of the re-opening in Peiping of the Science College, and that in order to handle the complicated situation such a committee should be given all necessary authority by the Board in New York. The membership should include only people of long established Yenching experience; the committee could include people now in Peiping, but these could not act until after Peiping is liberated, and most of the planning will have to be at least tentatively done before then. For instance we cannot wait until we are in Peiping before our campaigns for reconstruction funds begin in America and Britain or we shall be too late - there won't be anything left! Nevertheless exact plans must wait until we do get back to Peiping and see what has happened to our buildings and equipment; having members on the spot will facilitate evaluation of losses, searching for books and apparatus around Peiping and Tientsin that could be bought back and so on. But the most ticklish problem will be the

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personnel question. This will not solve itself at the last minute; everyone will come claiming to be on the list, specially the weak brothers we don't want! There must be an efficient and acceptable selection committee with its ideas pretty well worked out in advance. I think it would help a great deal if the group now in America - yourself with Adolph, E.O. and Alice Boring - could get together on this question before you come out here; you could arrive at some concrete suggestions.

My own idea is that you, as the Dean, should appoint an advisory executive committee, and so make the thing consistent with our original Yenching Constitution.

I hope you will let Alice Boring read this letter. I saw hers (two of them) to Grace Boynton, and appreciated the way she changed her mind about the value of working out here after receiving some of the letters from her friends on the staff here. I can see that her mind was not definitely made up about coming or not, and that a word from anyone like me might decide her one way or the other, so I must be careful! But I feel I must say something, not in the way of advice but of information. Weighing against her coming are the following: apart from the actually high cost of living there is the great disparity between westerners and Chinese which I know she is exceedingly sensitive about; it is quite impossible to try to live on anything like the same standards as our Chinese colleagues have to live on and maintain health - even the Chinese staff do not maintain proper health and efficiency on what they get, and many of them have to find extra sources of income which are naturally closed to us. Others with less influence just suffer silently for the cause. Another point which she seems to think weighs against her coming out is that Yenching was supposed to be growing independent of western help as regards personnel. In this I think she is mistaken. If the missionary colleges have any business being in China at all after China becomes "New" it will be almost entirely as centres of international liaison and cultural sharing, centres at which great interchange of western and Chinese intellectuals can most easily be planned. I have always felt that Yenching's great contribution has been the wonderful spirit of free and natural friendship between the different nationalities on the campus - a thing which was found nowhere else in China. To throw that overboard as unnecessary after the war would be a serious blunder, surely? At least it was, outside of merely technical research, one of highest purposes I had in life between 1929 and 1941, and to have anyone suggest that I withdraw from that wonderful partnership with the Chinese, as being unnecessary just doesn't fit in with my idea of what Yenching stood for! I know Alice wasn't thinking of my withdrawing, but I'm putting it this way just to let her know that I cannot conceive of why she should think of withdrawing either! So I regard this as a very good reason why she should not reject the idea of coming out here before the war is over. Ralph will write to her directly giving the details of actual work she could do and again leave the decision to her own judgment.

I think this is all the urgent business. There are many more things to discuss, but this letter is already too long.

With very best wishes to you and your family; hope that your health will remain excellent and that you will be able to give our "invitation" favourable consideration!

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ William Band

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

CHUNGKING.

April 4th 1944

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
N.Y. U. S. A.

Dear Mary,

It is good to know that you are looking after things at the New York Office; things will be much more efficiently done now!

For our news please look through the long letter I've enclosed for S.D. Wilson before kindly forwarding to him.

About three weeks ago I sent a short note to you via Dr Lossing Buck; he let us have some of his household goods on the expectation that you will be good enough to pass on to him and charge our credit with the Office the sum of U.S.\$45. Hope this will not cause you any trouble because Dr Buck is also under the Associated Boards.

I suppose my long "business letter" to Prof Corbett dated February 25th has been passed on to you; in case it went astray, however, here are the main items again:

Can you please keep alive our retirement annuity? I managed to bring the certificate for this with us, it is number 1597-G. I am willing to pay the entire cost of this (New York's half and my own) while I am working for the British Council; but it will be necessary to keep my name on the Yenching staff list to prevent the annuity being converted into something else. I naturally do not want to be dissociated from Yenching just because I have to do war work, anyway. What is the Board planning to do as regards back salary, compensation for complete loss of household goods in Haitien; and can they guarantee our furlough as soon as needed, if necessary even before the war is over?

While in Chengtu for a visit I was advised to present my bill for travel expenses from Peiping. These expenses do not come under the responsibilities of the British Council, and we have to be regarded as a Yenching refugee up until the time I reported at the Embassy for war work. The Chengtu Office has already paid half of these expenses which were advanced by the British Consulate in Chengtu last December.

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The other half I owe to the Eight Route Army, and under the present state of affairs it is impracticable to attempt to repay them. I have asked instead that the U.S. equivalent be placed to my credit with your Office so that I can arrange to compensate the proper quarters when that becomes practicable. The sum involved is N.C. \$10,000 which at present equals U.S. \$250 at official rates.

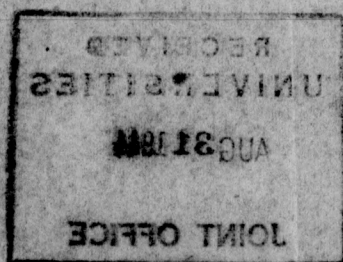
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April 10, 1944

Professor William Band
British Embassy
Chungking, Free China.

Dear Professor Band:

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter of February 24, which arrived exactly a month after it was written. I have heard of your work at Yenching from time to time, but I believe this is the first occasion when we have exchanged letters.

Your questions about your status in relation to Yenching University were referred to the group of five repatriates who are advising the Finance Committee of the Trustees: -

Miss Speer, Miss Cockingham, Dr. Galt, Dr. Stanley Wilson
and Dr. Randolph Sailer.

They also were given an opportunity to read your letter. Their advice I have embodied in the enclosed memorandum which has been approved by Mr. Evans. I trust the recommendations will prove satisfactory to you. I need not tell you how cordial everybody feels toward you and how glad we all feel that your wanderings are at an end.

We understand the circumstances which led to your taking up work with the British Council, and do not anticipate any difficulty in "regularizing" your status. I can well appreciate why Dr. Needham snapped you up as "manna from heaven." We still think of you, however, as belonging to Yenching.

I had an opportunity to take lunch with Dr. Needham when he was in New York and was much impressed with his ability. I wrote to the presidents of all our Colleges on December 3, 1942 announcing that Dr. Needham would shortly arrive in China and giving a few facts about his work.

Since then I have discovered a good deal more about him. In looking through the filing cards in the main Public Library here, under the heading "Science," I ran across a list of Dr. Needham's books, and learned for the first time about his keen interest in the relations of Science and Religion. Last Saturday afternoon I spent reading a major portion of his book "The Great Amphibium." As I visited Swanwick in 1929, I was interested to note that the substance of this book was first delivered as a series of lectures at Swanwick in 1931.

It occurs to me that there are several ways in which you can directly benefit our Colleges. We have been unable so far to get a really clear picture of the microfilm situation. We have been told that there is at least one "reader" on the West China campus, though we are not sure that it is in good condition. We know that they have at least one projector. We have heard that there have been unaccountable delays in the delivery of medical microfilm by the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China through the China Red Cross. We knew also that the microfilms sent by Dr. T. H. Williams have proved extremely useful. But this is about the extent of our information. From most of our

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institutions we have no reports about microfilms, readers, projectors, etc., as it never occurs to anybody to write us these facts. We think it is probable that Nanking is getting some agricultural films but we do not know for certain. We shall therefore appreciate any information you can give us, as well as suggestions as to how we can help.

We have taken a few steps looking toward the restocking of our libraries after the war. Through the courtesy of the Library of Congress a Chinese scholar representing us was allowed to go through some of the stacks of duplicates and to pick out 4,000 books. These are recent and valuable publications. This, of course, is only a beginning.

We are also continuing subscriptions to scientific and research publications on behalf of several of our Colleges and are piling them up in this office, to transmit to China when the opportunity comes.

We are also in contact with the American Library Association which has a Committee headed by Dr. Charles H. Brown of Iowa State College, working to link up individual American universities with institutions in China for the purpose of sharing books with each other. The idea is that the American universities would share such books as they can now spare, hoping that later the Chinese universities would reciprocate. This scheme is designed to include Chinese government institutions as well as private ones. This movement will probably gather momentum when the shipping of books to China again becomes possible.

The interest of the American people in China is much greater than ever before, and persons who have recently come from England say that a similar condition obtains there. Some of our Chinese friends in this country have been alarmed lest China should be "over sold" to the American people and that there would be a reaction. One can never be sure what will happen during a period when people's emotions are under constant strain for waves of feeling are apt to spread unaccountably. But we feel that there is a solid basis for understanding because for many decades the churches have been instructing their members about China. They are not so easily stampeded as those whose interest in China is very recent and who move quickly from extreme admiration to extreme disapprobation.

We are glad to know that you are having a check up of your health, and that Mrs. Band is in good shape.

You should see how well the Gripsholm repatriates now look after four months of life in America. The change has been remarkable.

With very best wishes to Mrs. Band and yourself

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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MEMORANDUM ON STATUS OF PROFESSOR WILLIAM BAND

IN RELATION TO YENCHING UNIVERSITY

The questions raised by Professor Band in his letter of February 25, 1944 to Mr. Corbett were referred to the group of five Yenching repatriates who have been advising the Finance Committee. The consensus of their advice is as follows:

Relation to the British Council

There should be no difficulty about regularizing the loan of Professor Band's services to the British Council. Professor Band is asked to state the date when he took up work with the British Council in order that this may be on record in the New York office.

Retirement Annuity

It is recommended that the University pay its half of Professor Band's retirement annuity up to the time when he took up work with the British Council. It is noted that Professor Band is willing to pay the entire cost of the annuity contributions (the University half plus his own) during the loan period.

Salary

The portion of Professor Band's salary which would normally have been paid to him in U.S. dollars, has been regularly credited by the New York office to his personal account, and the amount held for his credit at the end of February 1944 was U.S. \$2,296.

In regard to the local currency portion of his salary from Dec. 8, 1941 to the date when he took up work with the British Council, the recommendation is that the principle already in operation in respect to other members of the staff be applied. This means that Professor Band would be paid salary in full, less a deduction for the remuneration earned by any teaching he did in the interim. The amount of this deduction would be left to Professor Band to determine, and would be based not on Yenching salary standards, but on standards obtaining where the teaching was done.

As for maintenance, the consensus is that if the University pays Professor Band's salary he should be responsible for payments on that part of the maintenance which is not already met by the services he has rendered in teaching.

The question is still open as to the exchange rate to be used in transferring the local currency portion of his salary into U.S. currency. The rate of 8 to 1 has been used in paying back salaries of some Chinese members of the faculty now in Chengtu, and it is proposed that this rate be used in paying Professor Band.

Professor Band is asked to state what disposal he wishes to have made of the money now to his credit on the books, and the sums which will be credited in carrying out the settlement here proposed.

Travel*

As for travel, it is recommended that the University assume responsibility for this item. It is noted that Professor Lapwood has already advanced NC \$10,000. The only other sum mentioned in Professor Band's letter was an item of NC \$5,000. He is asked to make an estimate of the total amount required for travel expenses.

Furlough

It is recommended that the University assure Professor and Mrs. Band of a furlough after the war. If a furlough appears to be needed before the termination of the war the University should give the matter consideration in the light of the travel situation obtaining at that time.

Compensation for Household Goods

Inasmuch as no member of the faculty has as yet received compensation for the loss of household goods, and because it is impossible at the present time to be sure that they are all irretrievably lost, or that compensation may not ultimately be paid by the invading forces, it is recommended that this question be left in abeyance, with the assurance that Professor Band will receive treatment similar to that accorded to other members of the faculty.

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May 12, 1944

Professor Charles H. Corbett
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
New York, N.Y.

Dear Professor Corbett:

Very many thanks for your good letter of April 10, which arrived two days ago - also exactly one month after it was written. Yes, I believe I had the honour to work in your own department at Yenching after you returned to America?

I am much gratified by the memorandum concerning my status with Yenching University; please convey my thanks for their consensus recommendation to the group of five repatriates who advise the Finance Committee. We both appreciate the warmth and cordiality of our welcome back to the land of the living by all our friends now in U.S.A. We are looking forward to seeing some of them out here before long.

With regard to specific points in the memorandum, my appointment with the British Council dates from February 1st 1944. My last local currency salary received in Peiping was for November 1941. I received no remuneration for teaching services while with the 8th Route Army, but borrowed (they desired it to be regarded as a gift) a total Border Region currency \$600 for out-of-pocket expenses while we were stationed in Hopei. At that time one Border Region \$ was worth about 50 cents Peking currency, although the "official" exchange was one-one. I don't know whether the Finance committee would want to deduct this from my salary or not, and am willing to leave the decision up to them. It ought to be pointed out perhaps, that all our essential needs were provided for to the best of the ability of the Army H.Q., free of charge. The out-of-pocket expenses were for small extras like peanuts or fruit which we were able to pick up from passing pedlars.

For transferring the local salary into U.S. currency I am willing to accept the rate of 8 to 1 as used in the case of Chinese members now in Chengtu. As regards maintenance during the past two years, I agree to accept responsibility for the part not met by the services rendered in teaching.

My estimate of full travel expenses has already been sent to Miss Cookingham in connection with negotiations with the Chengtu Treasurer; which I think will answer the travel item.

With regard to disposal of the money to my credit on the books, it is rather difficult to suggest what to do, as I am quite ignorant regarding restrictions on exchange during war time as between US and British, or US and Indian funds. I think for the present it better for you to continue to hold the money, and remain more than welcome to whatever interest there may be involved while it is in the University account. If I can find ways of spending a little in India for some urgently needed supplies, I may later ask for some to be sent there. It will be impossible to do anything about repaying the 8RA people for a long time yet, probably until after the war.

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May 12, 1944

Received June 6, 1944

Dr. Needham mentioned having met you in New York at the time I wrote to you. I have recently read his later book called "Time: The Refreshing River" which is also very interesting.

With regard to the microfilm situation in general, there are now roughly 150 current scientific journals being sent out here from Britain and America on microfilm. Only six copies of each are received, and circulated by a Chinese organisation centred in this city. Owing to extremely difficult and irregular communications here during wartime the circulation of films is unreliable; also certain institutions seem to hold on too long before passing their film to the next on the list. We are pushing the British Council to increase their number of copies to 16 so that one copy can be placed in each strategic centre in Free China, so avoiding the troubles of slow circulation. I believe the US agency connected with the OWI are being asked to make a similar increase. A few organisations here have duplicating services, select more important or topical articles from the microfilms, type and duplicate them for wider circulation. This kind of service might be increased were more duplicating machines available, but the British Council have replied to our suggestions on this line that such a gift of duplicators was outside their field. We are hoping however that they will agree to increase the number of copies of the microfilms being sent.

With regard to the Christian Colleges in particular, I have recently been visiting Chengtu, and while I didn't make a special study of the microfilm situation in any detail, I did see plenty of evidence that what facilities they had were making a good contribution to their work. They have only two microfilm projectors, and it is very difficult to find a time when there is one of them free except during class periods when the majority of students and staff are unable to visit the library. The medical people complained to me about the lack of medical microfilms being received there; I think it is undoubtedly due to circulation problems. If you at that end could urge the people who produce the films to make up to 16 or 20 copies for China, then we could be sure of at least one copy being sent directly to Chengtu for permanent stationing there. The only other way would be for the Associated Boards to purchase special copies and address them specially to Chengtu, so that they would not go through the hands of the normal distribution agency here.

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My exact salary etc., with the British Council is still uncertain; the letter from London has been lost along with several others, and we are awaiting another copy. Meanwhile President Mei has written to Dr. Needham suggesting terms for "seconding" me to the Council. We hope the thing can be cleared up before long; when it is, I shall report to you at once.

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Very sincerely yours, /s/ William Band

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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July 16th 1944

Dear Mary,

Would you mind transferring from
our account the sum of U.S.\$10.00 (Dollars ten)
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he is kindly leaving behind for me. Hope the
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We have had a pleasant meeting with George
Taylor at the OWL - he is so much fatter than
he used to be that it was not easy to recognise
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The weather here is hot and sticky, but we
are bearing up well. Hope all goes well with you
and the other Yenching folk over there.

With best wishes to all
Sincerely yours

Clair and William Bond

Dear Miss Cookingham,

had a good time with the Bonds as we stayed at
the same place in Chungking - The Friends International Center. They were finding
the summer quite trying in Chungking. I hope that they can have a fireproof
next year (1945) as they both need one. They had an interesting and valuable
experience on their travels but it was not easy!

If it is convenient for you to hand the \$10 to Arjun Fairfield for me or to
send to our treasurer Harold Belcher, 14 Beacon St. Boston, Mass. please do so.
I am here at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. having a thro check-up and
trying to find out what ails me.

I enjoyed serving on the Board of Managers of Yen Ching while I was in China.
The University is carrying on with good spirit through the difficult days in
the Far West.

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July 1st 1944

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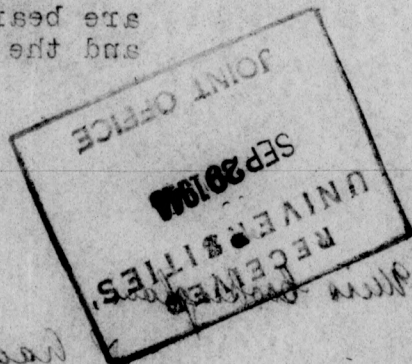
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Best regards to all.

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August 7th 1944

Dear "S.D."

Thank you so much for your good letter of May 6th, in reply to mine of March 12th. We were very pleased to read of your activities at Cal. Tech. and to hear that your family are all well and going ahead in such a promising manner.

Ralph tells me that you never received his long policy report of April 1st. This was sent to you in the Diplomatic Pouch from here to the British Embassy in Washington, and should have reached there about the middle of May. Could you make enquiries at our Washington Office, c.o J.A.V. Butler? Meanwhile I will make another copy here and enclose it with this, as I consider this report very important for you to read.

The summer heat here is getting me down a bit. We neither of us feel inclined to face another summer here if we can help it. It's a good deal worse than Chengtu, they say.

When you wrote, we were awaiting news of the second front; that has now come, and we are almost waiting for the collapse of Germany! Spectacular progress is being made on all fronts now. Personally, we shall make tracks for England as soon as the European war is over, and will not wait for the Japs; that is if we can persuade all concerned to let us do that!

With all best wishes to you all from us both

sincerely yours

Bill Burch

Hearty Congratulations on your honorary D.Sc! We are all proud of you for it.

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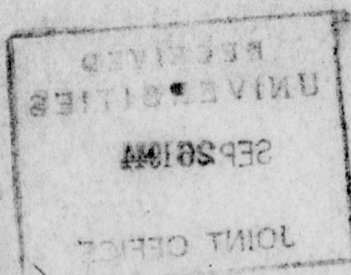
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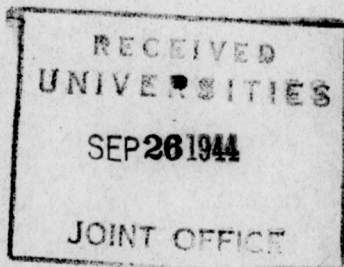
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About the same time as we received Mr Corbett's letter of April 10th, President Mei wrote to Dr Needham suggesting that Yenching would be willing to "second" me to the British Council in Chungking for a period of one year, to be renewed annually if all parties concerned agreed. Dr Needham on his part agreed to this. But although I have now been working for the Council here for more than six months, and my appointment has been accepted in London, there is still no very definite information about exact terms offered. Meanwhile of course we are assured at least of subsistence.

My work is interesting, and I am happy to have had this opportunity to take part in the Council's liaison work in China. Two weeks ago both the Needhams went to Kunming and have left me in full charge of the Office for the months of August and September, so I am kept fairly busy.

In my first letter, of February 25th, I reported that Claire had had a satisfactory medical report, and that because I felt perfectly fit, I was assuming there was nothing wrong. Last month an unpleasant succession of stomach troubles forced me to consult the doctor, and he gave me a thorough overhauling. While on the job, he did the same again for Claire.

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My blood count is down: haemoglobin 81% compared with 95% in Peiping; red cells 4.47 million, white cells 6,100. Blood pressure 50-90 (also down). Weight 138 lbs compared with my standard 156; I used to weigh 150 - 154 in Peiping.

Claire's blood count is down lower than in February: haemoglobin now only 76%, red cells 3.66 million, white cells 7,100; which makes her definitely anaemic. Weight only 99 lbs compared with standard 114, which she used to weigh in Peiping.

Chungking seems to agree with us even less than the guerilla areas! We neither of us seem able to gain any weight though we both eat as much as our appetites allow. The climate is so enervating that we have no desire to eat more than the minimum. The summer here has got us both down in a way which never happened in the North, and it is said to have been a comparatively cool summer for Chungking. We certainly do not wish to go through another summer here. And local residents tell us the winter is miserable! So altogether we do not feel so hopeful as when we first arrived.

So it seems to us that now is the right time to begin discussing the arrangements for our furlough to come after this first year with the British Council, which terminates the first week of February 1945.

Apart from health considerations, there are other reasons why our furlough should start next spring. These arise because of the increasing and unexpected speed with which the war is progressing on all fronts. If we agreed to a second year with the British Council we might find ourselves facing a situation in which Yenching needed all available help preparing for the move North before we had really started our furlough, and so completely tired out that we could offer no useful assistance.

In the Memorandum attached to Mr Corbett's letter of April 10th it was stated that "If a furlough appears to be needed before the termination of the war the University should give the matter consideration in the light of the travel situation at that time."

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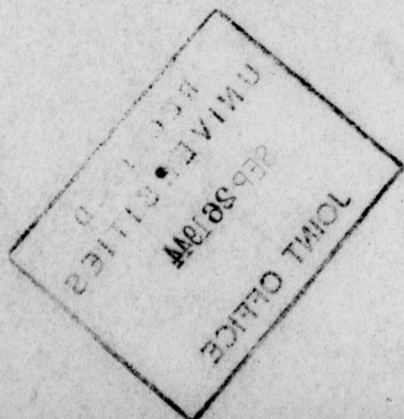
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Total passage per person	about	U.S. \$450.

Of course there will be some delay in India, where living expenses are fairly high.

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Chungking, Szechwan, China.

Dear Professor Band:

My reply to your letter of May 12 has been unduly delayed, as I have been hoping to be able to report what has been done with your excellent article, "Science in the Christian Universities at Chengtu, China," which made a very favorable impression here. While I was on vacation in July, Mr. Ballou wrote to the British Council in London requesting them to inform us by telegram whether they intended to publish your article and if so whether we could have reprints of it. We have not yet had a reply to this request, though we know it was received because a letter came from the British Council's treasurer, C. P. Harvey, Esq., asking Mr. Ballou to elucidate some features of our financial arrangements with you, and saying that no doubt by the time this letter reached New York, the telegraphic message would have been received.

As Mr. Ballou was away when Mr. Harvey's inquiry came, I answered it, explaining the main points of our agreement with you, including the promise of a furlough, and the fact that you are considered a member of the staff on leave. I did not however, attempt to quote figures to him on previous salary rates because I felt it would simply confuse him. Instead I told him that most of the mission boards in America no longer attempt to fix the salaries of their missionaries in West China, but leave it to them to determine in relation to changes in the price index and the rate of exchange. I said that at last year's price level, when the rate of exchange was the equivalent of 40 to 1, it cost the missions about US\$4,000 to support a couple without children, exclusive of rent. I suggested that he might get in touch with the offices in London of the London Missionary Society and the Friends Service Council if he wished light on what the British missions are doing. I trust this will result in a satisfactory arrangement for you that will allow adequately for variations in the cost of living.

Coming back to your article, we have made a few typewritten copies which we have circulated discreetly, with a note on the title page that it is not to be published without the consent of the British Council. When we get the answer from London, we shall then be better able to decide on the next step.

The information about the date of your taking up work with the British Council, and other details in your letter which are relevant to the financial agreement with Yenohing have been given to Miss Cockingham.

Your comments on the microfilm situation are appreciated. We have also received comments from Dr. Fenn, which with your letter, have given us a much clearer conception of the situation. I understand that the bottle-neck in the distribution of the medical microfilms was discovered by Dr. Forkner and that there has been an improvement since that time.

We are watching with concern the present campaign in Hunan, wondering how it will affect Lingnan University, Seeshew University, Fukien Christian University and Hwa Nan College. We have no doubt as to the ultimate outcome of the war, but

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Professor William Band

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August 23, 1944

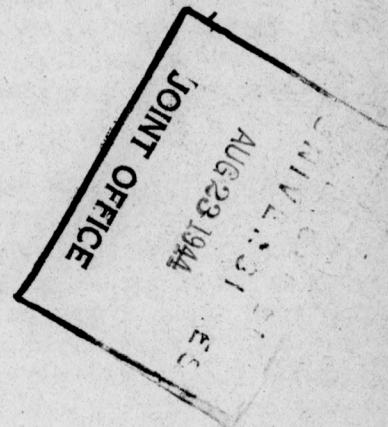
realize that the next few months may be very difficult ones in China. We are rejoicing today in the news of the liberation of Paris, which we heard by radio at the breakfast table. We hope it means an early end of the war in Europe.

We shall continue to watch your work with interest, and shall appreciate being informed about it from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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August 31, 1944

Mr. William Band
Sino-British Science Cooperation Office
British Embassy, Chungking

Dear Bill,

I have been intending to write to you ever since I received the statement of your travel expenses which you referred to in your letter of May 12. Mr. Robinson wrote Mr. Evans on March 25 reporting that your travel expenses to Chungking amounted to C\$20,000.00 which, at the exchange rate of 40 to 1, is equivalent to US\$500. It is our understanding that you wish to have \$250 of this amount added to your account here in New York and the balance you are drawing in Chinese currency in Chengtu.

In order to have a definite statement in the files I have prepared the enclosed copy of your account as I have worked it out. If you have any corrections or suggestions to offer I shall be glad to hear of them and I am sure we can make any changes that are necessary. All arrangements are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees since yours is a special case. Probably the Board will meet early this fall.

Your letter of April 4 which you sent with official mail came to me from Washington three days ago and reminded me that I had not yet sent you a financial statement. Mr. Corbett, in his letter to you dated April 10, has answered all the questions which you raised in your letter but I will briefly comment on some of the items again.

We are keeping up the payments on your annuity regularly and beginning with February we will charge the full amount, \$18 per month to your account here. No one is being remunerated for losses of household goods in Peking until we are able to return and see what is left.

Dr. Buck has arrived in New York and was in the office to see Mr. Evans yesterday but he did not present your note. Probably he will bring it when he comes in again.

I was much interested in your letter to Stanley Wilson about the future of Yenching. I can imagine we will run into plenty of problems when the time comes to start work in Peking again. The more thinking we do on the subject now, the better. I have sent on to the people concerned all the letters which you and Ralph Lapwood enclosed.

I hope we can return to Peking next summer. I shall be interested in hearing about the experiences which you and Claire had during the two years after Pearl Harbor. I am sure there was nothing dull about your trip through to Chungking. With best wishes to you both,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cockingham

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Via China Clipper
cc to Mrs. Band, Chengtu

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Financial statement for the period December 1, 1941 to February 1, 1944

Salary for 1 month

Basic salary	Chinese \$360	
1/4 in U. S. \$	- 90 @ 2 to 1	US\$45.00
3/4 in U.S.\$	- 270 @ 8 to 1	33.75
Exchange compensation - 1/2 of above		16.88
Total for 1 month		<u>US\$95.63</u>

Salary for 26 months, December 1, 1941 to February 1, 1944

	26 X \$95.63	US\$2,486.38
Less annuity payments	26 X 9	<u>234.00</u>
		2,252.38
Less payments held in New York	26 X 36	<u>936.00</u>
		1,316.38
Less Cash received for teaching	\$600 @ 2 to 1 or Peking \$300	
	C\$300 @ 8 to 1	<u>37.50</u>
		1,278.88
Add money required for travel to Chungking (letter Robinson to Evans dated March 25, 1944) Chungking \$20,000 - half of which is being paid in Chengtu - C\$10,000 @ 40 to 1		<u>250.00</u>
Total amount due Mr. Band		US\$1,528.88

September 25, 1944

Mr. William Band
C/o Mrs. Band
Yenching University
Chengtu, Szechuan

Dear Bill,

Your two letters of August 17th came through very promptly. We have sent a check for \$5 to Mrs. Copland as you requested. We have no difficulty in making payments to people in Canada.

Copies of your letter regarding furlough are being sent out to the members of our Yenching Committee. I will write you again when some action has been taken.

I am sending this letter to Chengtu to Claire along with other mail destined for the same city as an economy measure. I am sorry to hear that you have both lost weight and that your blood count is down. Several people who returned on the Gripsholm had a satisfactory blood count when they first returned to America but are finding the count below normal after several months in the homeland. It seems very queer but probably there is some explanation. Keeping up with the parade here takes lots of energy!

With all good wishes to you both and to all Yenching friends,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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October 14, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Band
Yenching University
Chengtu

Dear Claire and Bill,

It was good to see your hand writing on a letter which Dr. Buck brought in the office this week. We have paid him \$45 from your account as requested.

It is nice to have you people in Chengtu so pleased to have me in this office. It seems to me I have very few opportunities to be of service but at least I am here in case anything does come up.

Stanley Wilson has come from California for a PUMC meeting and he and Alice Boring are sitting in my office while I write. Hubert Liang and Shirley Duncan were in last week and Marnie Speer and Frances Schlosser were here earlier this week. Frances Schlosser has finished her training at Johns Hopkins and is very keen about getting back to China to do nursing.

Did I write you that we paid \$10 from your account to Roland Cross after he returned and presented his letter? I hope you are able to get most of the things you need from these departing friends. I also hope that plans work out satisfactorily for your furlough next year. I am sure you are ready for one.

Best wishes to you and all my friends in Chengtu,

Sincerely yours,

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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October 29th 1944.....

Dear Professor Corbett:

Thank you for your letter of August 23rd in reply to mine of May 12th; it has crossed another one of mine, dated August 17th, which proposed a definite date for our furlough. I trust that this has reached you safely also.

I am happy that the article on "Science in the Christian Universities at Chengtu, China" was so well received, and I hope that you will be able to make the maximum use of it. The people at the British Council prefer that no mention be made, however, of my connection with them, in any published material.

Thank you for replying to the British Council people about our salary in the way you did. I have still not received any contract from them, but they seem to be treating us in the same way as their other London appointments to the China field, and the terms are quite generous. You may rest assured that we have no financial worries.

Since our last letter, which must have made you think we were heading for a breakdown in health, the weather has cooled off, and we are picking up again. But we still feel very definitely that we shall not face another summer out here; the four months from middle May to middle September are so unbearable that another dose would just about knock us out.

We shall be leaving here early in February for England, and plan to spend about six months recuperating with our folk at home. By that time will be the beginning of the Autumn term, & I am hoping to get a part-time teaching position for one academic year in England. During this time I can get back into advanced study and make valuable contacts in Britain. Following this, I could very profitably spend six months in U.S.A. to complete the furlough by either visiting different centres or taking some advanced courses in one definite place.

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Corbett Oct 29 page 2

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
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150, Fifth Avenue New York City
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29th Oct. 1944

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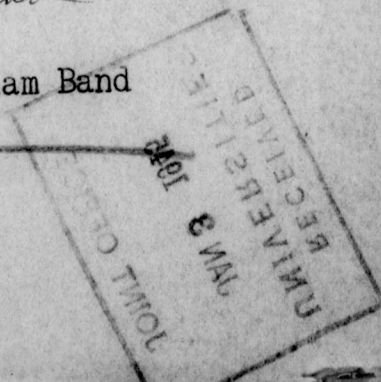
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With best wishes from us both

sincerely yours

Bill Brand

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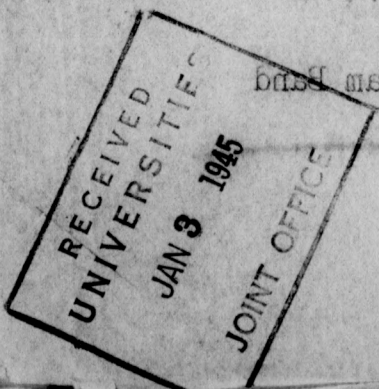
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William Bond



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November 27, 1944

FURLOUGH FOR PROFESSOR WILLIAM BAND

It was explained that Mr. and Mrs. William Band are now in Free China and desirous of obtaining furlough leave.

Mr. Band has been working on loan to the British Scientific Mission in China and has not been on the payroll of the University since February 1, 1944.

In regard to his salary from December 8, 1941 to February 1, 1944, the recommendation of the Reconstructed Administrative Committee in this country is that in general the principle already in operation in respect to other members of the staff be followed. It was suggested to Mr. Band that the exchange rate of 8:1 be applied to the local currency portion of his salary and Mr. Band agreed to this suggestion.

With regard to travel to Chungking, the Reconstructed Administrative Committee recommended that the University assume responsibility for this item. It was also recommended that the University assure Professor and Mrs. Band of a furlough after the war or if a furlough appeared to be needed before the termination of the war the University should give the matter consideration in the light of the travel situation obtaining at that time.

After discussion, it was

F-3843 VOTED to approve the recommendation of the Reconstructed Administrative Committee and to advise Professor and Mrs. Band that their return travel to England will be provided, with the usual furlough salary.

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November 29th 1944

Miss Mary Cookingham
Associated Boards of Christian Universities in China
150, Fifth Avenue
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Dear Mary,

It is one month since we sent off the other copy of the enclosed letters, and during that time we have received your two letters of September 25 and October 14.

Thank you for attending to all the little financial transactions on our behalf; it is a great convenience to be able to pay for things in the U.S. with the local price and exchange situation being what it is.

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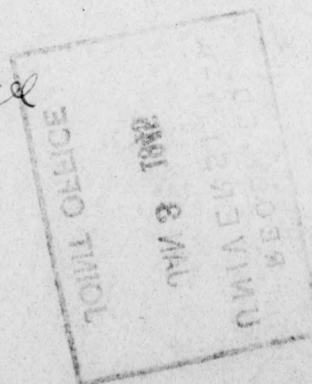
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It seems we shall not be visiting Chengtu again before we leave for home. Ralph is planning to visit Chungking and stay with us for a short time, so we shall have a good long discussion about Yenching people and plans.

All the best
sincerely yours

Claire and Bill

William Band



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British Council Cultural Scientific Office,
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November 23rd 1944

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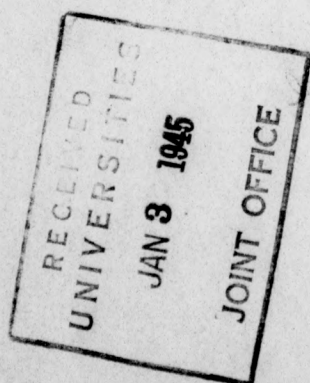
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December 14, 1944

Professor William Band
British Scientific Mission
British Embassy
Chungking, China

Dear Professor Band:

The Board of Trustees of Yenching University met on December 1, 1944 and voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee "to advise Professor and Mrs. Band that their return travel to England will be provided with the usual furlough salary. This leaves you free to start when you are ready. Your suggestion that you might come to the United States during the latter half of your furlough was not discussed, it being felt that this topic had better wait developments. There will be time to consider it after you reach England. Your furlough will be apaid from funds held in hand by the trustees.

After various delays we now have your article off the press and it makes an attractive booklet of 20 pages, with nine illustrations all of which are appropriate to the text. We found it necessary to condense the article and in order to do so had to eliminate the numbering of the paragraphs. The main parts omitted were at the beginning, where you told about the Japanese seizure of Yenching, a story which we have already published several times and therefore could more easily spare. The other omissions were brief paragraphs here and there which could be sacrificed without affecting the main story.

When the revised version came to us from England we were curious to see what parts had been omitted. I note only two important changes. One was your use of the simile of a liquid crystal. I suppose the British Council thought that this would be over the heads of the average reader. More important than this was the omission of your conclusion, which I imagine was because you commended Christian idealism in rather too forthright a way for a cautious governmental agency.

The letter we received from the British Council thanked us for consulting them before publishing the article, and gave us permission to do what we pleased with the revised version. We concluded that the feeling you wrote about, namely that the British Council desired not to be mentioned in connection with what you had written referred to the original version, so on the inside of the cover we have printed a brief acknowledgment of the Council's courtesy. We are sending them a copy with a covering letter, so you will be protected in any case.

I was glad to learn from your last letter that you and Mrs. Band were in better health than when you previously wrote. I trust you will both maintain what you have regained. I am sending a copy of this letter to England in care of Mrs. F. Chayter, along with a copy of the booklet.

We are glad that the tide seems to have turned in China. Conditions looked very ominous for a while.

With very kind regards,
Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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December 16, 1944

Mr. William Band
Sino-British Science Co-operation Bureau
British Embassy
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Dear Bill,

I was glad to receive your letter of October 29 acknowledging mine of August 31. Early this month the Yenching Finance Committee approved of the arrangements which the Reconstructed Administrative Committee had recommended. I am enclosing a copy of the section of the minutes which refers to you so that you will have all the information available. I presume Mr. Corbett has also reported to you the action which has been taken. I am glad your furlough has been properly approved and that you and Claire can make definite plans for your trip to England.

At present the balance in your account is \$3,728.88 but from this amount \$198.00 should be deducted covering your annuity payments from February 1 to December 31. I do not know whether you will wish to draw on this amount before you reach England or not. In case you do I am sure Miss Priest or Y. P. Mei can arrange for the desired payments.

Travel is certain to be expensive these days. We will appreciate it if you will travel as economically as possible. Mr. Evans states that travel by air has not been approved except from China to India for members of the faculties of our Universities in China. Bills for your travel can be sent to Chengtu or New York. Probably you will want an advance from Chengtu and then you can report on your expenditures to this office after you reach England.

Please keep us informed as to your plans and let us know from time to time where to address you.

All good wishes to you both for a comfortable trip and a pleasant furlough go with this letter. I shall look forward to seeing you in New York whenever your plans bring you this way.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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January 3, 1945

Professor William Band
King's Lynn
Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
England

Dear Band:

This is just a brief acknowledgement of your letter of December 2nd, enclosing a letter from A. G. Pye and Company, indicating the general apparatus situation.

A number of letters have come from Dr. Tsai at Peking and I am hoping to hear soon from Dr. Chu Sheng-Lin. It is apparent that the people actually on the campus are able to give the best picture of apparatus needs for the emergency next year or two at Yenching University. It appears that a considerable amount of scientific equipment was turned over to Yenching University which formerly belonged to the North China Development Company. Just how useful it will be remains to be seen. Apparently the campus plans to use 110 A.C. for general installations. The gas plant has entirely disappeared and of course will need to be replaced.

No word has yet come from the New York Office indicating the extent to which funds are available for re-equipment. Negotiations, however, are under way to secure Dr. S. D. Wilson for full time work in the spring on this whole question of laboratory re-equipment.

Our Christmas Greetings to you both. The enclosed sheet of diary memoranda indicates somewhat the scope of our interests during the past year.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Adolph
Acting Professor
Biochemistry and Nutrition

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Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
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c/o The British Ministry of
Information
29 Stephen House
Dalhousie Square
CALCUTTA

January 6th 1945

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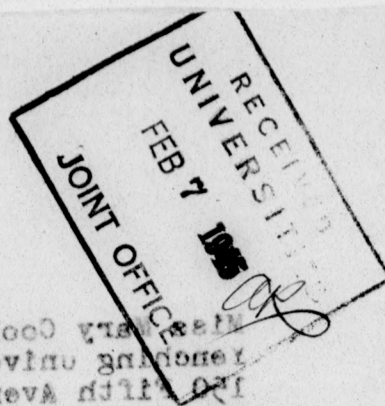
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c/o The British Ministry of
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20 Stephen House
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CALCUTTA

January 6th 1945

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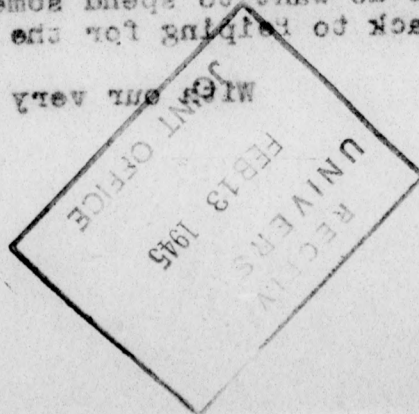
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February 10, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. William Band
c/o Mrs. F. Chaytor
"King's Lynn"
Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
England

Dear Claire and Bill,

Your letter of January 6 written in Calcutta arrived this week and now I am wondering if you have already arrived in England or just where you are at the moment. It was nice to hear from you and I am glad you were able to get away from Chungking earlier than expected. From all reports together with one days personal experience I judge Chungking weather to be pretty awful.

I doubt if you received the letter which I wrote you on December 16 giving you all the details of the Finance Committee's action in regard to your furlough. Here is another copy anyway and I am also sending you one by ordinary mail so eventually you should receive the information. If there are any questions please let me know. Now that there is only the Atlantic Ocean separating us correspondence can be carried on with speed and more satisfaction.

I shall be interested in hearing about your book. I hope you have time to write while details are fresh in your minds.

With the best of good wishes to you both,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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Via Air mail
CC via ordinary mail

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NEW STANDARD 3 LETTER

"Kings Lynn" Hooton Rd.,
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February 10th 1945

Charles H Corbett Esq.,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue New York

Dear Professor Corbett,

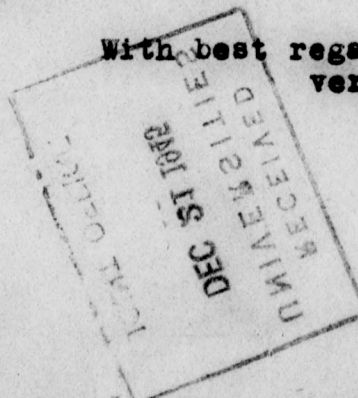
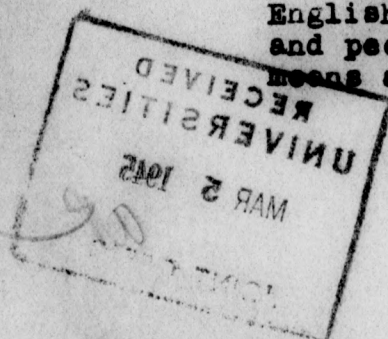
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The pamphlet you sent has not come through. But we have seen the copy at the British Council in London; it makes a very attractive little publication indeed, specially with the addition of the excellent and appropriate photographs. I am very glad indeed that you have been able to make such excellent use of the article, although I would have been still better pleased had the conclusions been published as well! I don't see why the British Council should have demurred about Christian idealism. I will make a point of tackling them on that next time I am in London.

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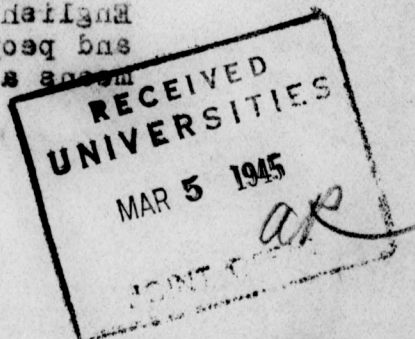
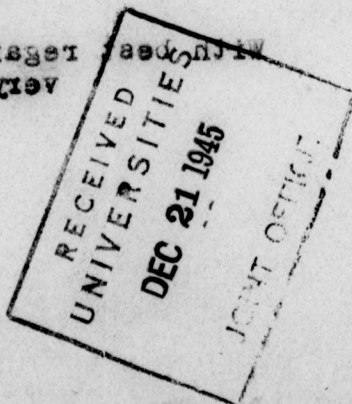


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February 10th 1945

Dear Mary,

We were very pleased to receive your letter of December 16th telling us that our furlough had been formally approved by the Finance Committee. By the same mail we also received Mr Corbett's letter to which I will enclose a reply.

We hope you will forgive us, but we arrived home before this formal approval reached us! As you may know, there was considerable uncertainty about the situation in Chungking in the middle of December, and our Ambassador advised us to evacuate, our case being rather special. The British Council have advanced us all necessary funds, and we came by air all the way, as the only practicable way of getting home within a reasonable time. As it was we were waiting in Calcutta for five weeks while the air passage on was being arranged.

As you say, of course Yenching would not approve payment for air passage from Calcutta to the United Kingdom. All we wish to ask for is the cost of the sea passage from Bombay, and rail across India, which with the necessary air hop from Chungking to Calcutta, comes only to the approximate equivalent of £100 each.* If the British Council will not pay the difference, we shall have to find it ourselves. We feel it was very much worth while in the time saved and the extra comfort of the journey - which meant a great deal to us after what we have been through.

With regard to our drawing on the funds to our credit with you, we feel that it will be better to try and carry on here with what we have been able to save from our British Council salary for the time being, and hope to be able to get by with that until I feel like taking on some remunerative work - as mentioned in my letter of October 29th. This will save all kinds of red tape bother regarding exchange regulations etc..

* Do not send anything to the British Council unless you hear again from us about it.

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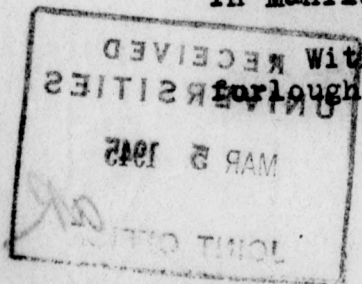
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I have had to register under the National Service Act, and have also had my name entered in the Central Technical and Scientific Register for War Service, but I do not believe that I am liable to be called up. In case notice is served on me it would help me in my application for postponement if I had a formal letter from the University stating that I am employed by a missionary institution, and that I am only resident in the United Kingdom temporarily until such time as I can return to the field. If I can get six months clear, then I shall feel ready to take up work of national importance through the Central Register and so become exempt. Could you arrange for such a letter to be sent to me; I may not need it, but I would like to have it in case. Many thanks.

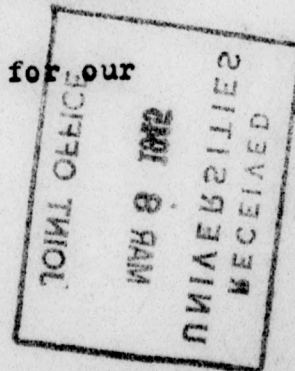
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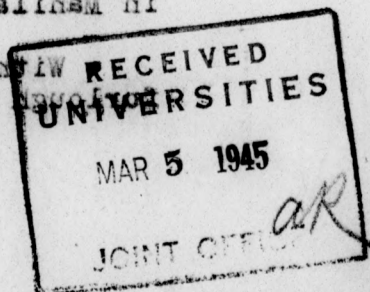
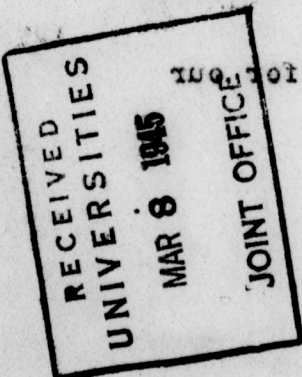
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"Kings Lynn", Hooton Road
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February 24th 1945

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University
150, Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.
U. S. A.

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by m.c.

Dear Mary,

Yesterday we received your letter of February 10th with the carbon of letters previously sent to Chungking. The latter we did receive, forwarded here, and have replied to them under the same date as yours (February 10th!). They went by ordinary mail; will send this by airmail so it may catch them up. Thank you for keeping us so well posted.

In our letter of 10th we suggested you hold on to our credit balance. After consulting with our bank we have now learnt that government regulations here make it obligatory upon us to make an effort to collect all foreign currency owing to us abroad and sell it to the Bank of England. We have therefore reported that our credit balance with you is U.S.\$3530 up to date, as per your statement of December 16; and we here must ask if you would kindly arrange to have this amount transferred for the credit of our account at The Midland Bank Ltd., 62, C astle Street, Liverpool 2, either by mail or cable transfer (not draft).

Because we are not really starting our furlough yet - but expecting to obtain remunerative employment any time in the near future, we cannot claim, at the present moment, either travel expenses or furlough salary as being to our credit with you. Before this claim can be made we have to be able to report definite furlough plans, and then we shall know what we can do with the U.S. currency concerned. We are still hoping to be able to take our furlough in the States. We can settle with the British Council about our passage home personally for the present.

We also understand that the Retirement Annuity payments are a responsibility of the University, and so we do not have to make special application for US.currency here for payments of the premiums. For future payments it will be in order for you to make the automatic reductions from forthcoming claims that we shall be able to make on account of the promised furlough, for half premium for one year.

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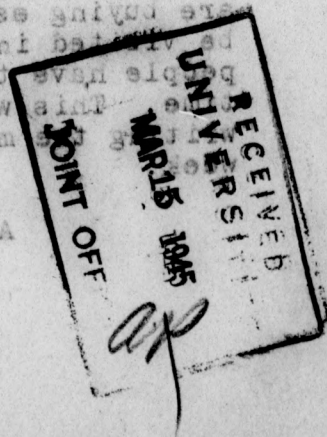
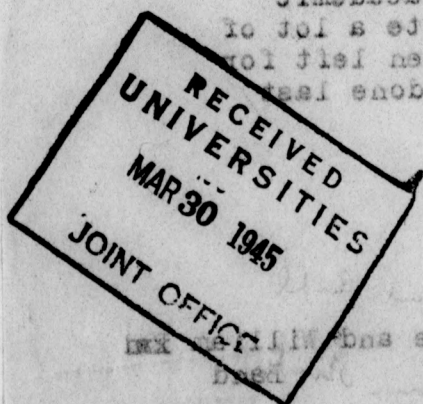
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March 7, 1945

Mr. William Band
"Kings Lynn" Hooton Rd.,
Willaston, Wirral
ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Band:

Miss Cookingham has shown me your letter of February 10th and we have conferred upon the questions raised there.

We are, of course, very glad that you had an opportunity for such a fine trip back to England, by that we mean air travel. In that you were very fortunate indeed. We note that the approximate cost for travel was £100 each and we are crediting your account with \$308.00 at the official rate of \$4.04. When you ascertain the exact cost we are sure the Committee will be willing to consider making adjustments on any excess cost beyond the above credit, which otherwise you would be required to pay out of your own pocket.

It would seem as though you have made a wise decision in allowing funds to remain here pending future developments. Of course they are always ready and available in case you desire to have them forwarded. Our understanding is that you were loaned to the British Scientific Mission from February 1st, 1944 for a year. In that event your furlough allowance would begin February 1st, 1945, and as the field in the past has been paying for fourteen months furlough, including travel both ways, this would carry you through until the 1st of April, 1946. The rate per month in your case would be \$180.00 plus \$50.00 rental allowance. It is our understanding that you wish this credited to your account here in the United States each month. In case that you find it necessary to take on some employment quite naturally the University should be notified so that salary adjustments could be made during that period. You are, however, due for a furlough with the understanding, of course, that it is spent in preparation for return to China either by rest or by further educational preparation. If we have not stated the case according to your understanding we would appreciate hearing from you.

Your request for a letter covering your status with the University is very proper and we are enclosing same herewith. We trust you will find it effective in establishing your standing with Yenching University.

We are all glad that you are having a real vacation and trust that the family will pick up quickly and that you will find real enjoyment during your days of absence from China.

With every good wish to you, I am

Via: Air Mail
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Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 13, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Band
C/o Mrs. Chaytor
Kings Lynn² Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
England

Dear Claire and Bill,

Mr. Evans has already replied to your letter of February 10th but I thought a statement of your account here might be of interest to you so I am sending such a statement with this letter. If there are any questions about it please let me know.

I am happy to hear that you had a comfortable trip home. It must have been quite a change from some of your trips taken since leaving Peking. I think the rationing system is a wonderful plan by which everyone gets a fair distribution of food. We eat well in America even though they are restrictions. So many people who returned on the Gripsholm have gained weight and are now having difficulty getting into their clothes so you two better buy clothes a little too large for you!

C. F. Wu was in Manila, I believe, but we have had no word from him. Alice Boring told me last Saturday that she had heard some time ago that C. F. Was studying medicine in Manila.

We have recently had a letter which Lang Gilkey sent to his family from Weihsien through Chengtu. It was dated October 10th and all was well in camp at that time.

Grace Boynton has arrived on the West coast but is resting there before coming east. I hope she makes a speedy recovery now she is in America.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

Via regular mail
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Statement of Account for Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Band
Yenching University

Payment received in New York April 3, 1941		\$1,000.00
From Salary March - Dec. 1941	10 months @ \$36	360.00
" " Jan. - Dec. 1942	12 " @ "	432.00
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		\$2,260.00
Salary* for 26 months (Dec. 1941 - Feb. 1, 1944) @ 95.63		\$2,486.38
Less Annuity	" " 26 x 9	234.00
		2,252.38
Less Salary payments credited above	27 x 36	936.00
		1,316.38
Less Equivalent of cash received for teaching		37.50
		1,278.88
Add 1/2 travel to Chungking reserved in New York		250.00
		\$3,788.88
Less payments made from New York		
To Mr. Rowland Cross	\$10.00	
Mr. Copeland	5.00	
Dr. J. L. Buck	45.00	\$60.00
Less Annuity Feb. 1, 1944-Feb. 1, 1945	12 x 18	216.00
		276.00
		\$3,512.88
Travel Chungking to London @ £100 each @ 4.04 to 1		808.00
Furlough Salary and rent for Feb. 1945 (\$230 less annuity \$9)		221.00
		\$4,541.88

* Salary for 1 month

Basic salary	Chinese \$360.00	
1/4 in US\$ - 90 @ 2 to 1		\$45.00
3/4 in US\$ - 270 @ 8 to 1		33.75
Exchange compensation 1/2 of above		16.88
Total for 1 month.		\$95.63

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March 23, 1945

Mr. William Bend
c/o Mrs. Chaytor
"Kings Lynn" Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Bend:

A week ago Miss Cookingham sent you a statement of your account, a copy of which I am sending with this letter.

The amount quoted from the December 16th statement did not take into account the annuity payment for January, 1945, which of course was your obligation. Deducting this \$18.00 from \$3,530.88 leaves \$3,512.88 which is shown on the revised statement. We have noted your comments on travel and furlough salary and will be glad to leave these items pending until we receive definite word from you as to your plans for the future.

Since it is very complicated sending money from one country to another we want to be quite sure that we are handling your funds in a way which will cause the least possible inconvenience in the future. If you take another position this year there will, of course, be regular monthly payments to be made for you on your annuity. Since these amount to \$18.00 a month we are reserving the balance required for the present year, that is, \$198.00 as there is no assurance that such funds can be remitted to cover the requirement.

If you decide to study in America for a year before returning to Peking, and we hope that you will be able to do this, we presume that you will require more than your furlough salary for that period. Would it not be wise to reserve a certain amount of the money now in New York for your study allowance?

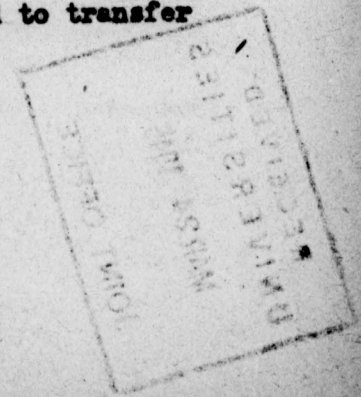
As soon as we hear from you we shall be glad to transfer the amount necessary to your bank in Liverpool.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via: Air Mail
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Statement of Account for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Band
Yenching University

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To Mr. Rowland Cross	\$10.00	
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March 29, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. William Band
"Kings Lynn" Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral

Dear Claire and Bill,

Mr. Evans has answered most of your letter to me dated February 24 but I will write briefly on the subjects he omitted.

I have inquired from Mr. Ballou, Mr. Evans and Mr. Corbett and none of them have had a letter from Mr. Noel B. Slater in regard to publishing your pamphlet in England. Permission will gladly be given but unfortunately we have only a few copies on hand so that we cannot send you 5000 for distribution. Mr. Corbett suggested that if Mr. Slater wants to publish your report we could send you copies of the pictures used. I am sure the pamphlet will be good publicity material. It is very interesting.

As for pictures for your book we have some in the office here which I think you would find appropriate and it is always possible to collect from various other sources once we know what you require. If you do come to America to study in the near future it might be simpler for you to select your pictures after you arrive. I hope you are making progress on the book.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

Mary Cookingham

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Kings Lynn, Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
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April 21st 1945

C.A. Evans Esq.,
Acting Executive Secretary
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.
U. S. A.

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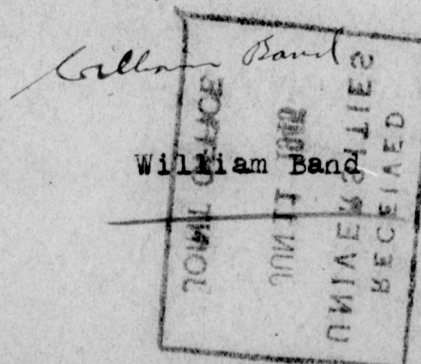
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Your suggestion regarding the need to retain some funds for tuition expenses is most acceptable. I think that if we left U.S.\$1,000 balance, it would be a safe estimate. That would leave, say \$2,500 to be forwarded to this country, the exact balance left with you being then \$1,012.88, which we regard as deposit to be drawn only when we actually take our furlough. I think we can get a permit to leave that much abroad, and you could arrange to send the stated amount without in any way causing us inconvenience.

We are expecting big news from Europe every day now. But we are wondering whether communications between here and America will become normal before the need for shipping in the Orient can be reduced.

With renewed thanks
sincerely yours



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Kings Lynn, Hooton Road
Wiltshire, Wiltshire
ENGLAND
April 21st 1945

U.S.A.
New York City, N.Y.
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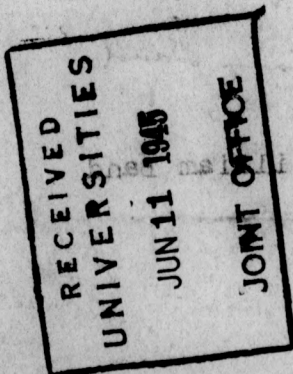
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Kings Lynn, Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
England
May 6th 1945

*Answered
by Mrs Ballou
5/26/45*

Miss Mary Cookingham
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A..

Dear Mary,

We have replied separately to Mr Evans' letter of March 23rd, suggesting that we leave \$1000 as a deposit to be drawn when we take our furlough, to cover extra expenses for tuition, travel etc., in America.

The China Christian Universities Association have now decided that they cannot afford to publish the pamphlet on Science in the Christian Universities in Chengtu in the same style as you have done, and they will issue it in installments without illustrations in their regular bulletin. Mr Slater says he has now written to Mr Ballou asking for a few more copies of the pamphlet.

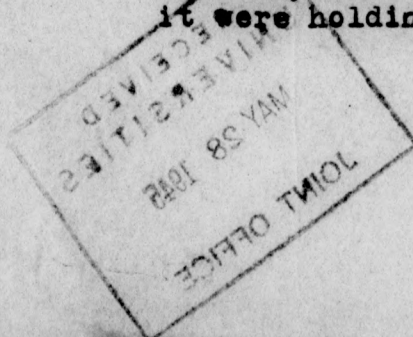
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Yesterday we attended a Conference on China at Liverpool University, sponsored by the British Council Friendship through Education Committee. We met Kenneth Loh, of Yenching there; you may remember the two tennis playing brothers Kenneth and Charlie Loh between 1935 and 1938? Also George Yeh, the Ministry of Information Director, and several other Chinese professors. The meetings were not very well attended, probably because everyone is as it were holding their horses for VE day!

With best wishes
sincerely yours

Claire and Bill

Claire and William Band



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King's Lynn, Boston Road
Wiltshire, Wiltshire
England
May 28th 1945

Miss Mary Cookingham
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150, Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

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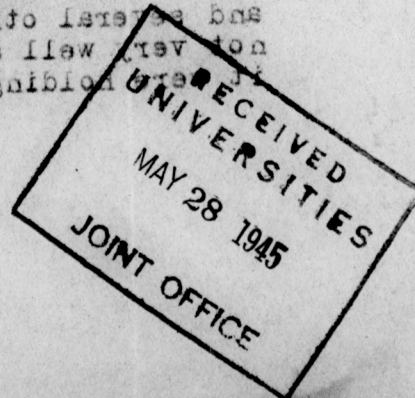
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May 26, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. William Band
Kings Lynn, Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral, England

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Band:

Mary Cookingham has shown me your letter of May 6th. I made an inquiry in connection with it and so she suggests that I write the answer.

"Paper shortage" is the euphemistic formula much in vogue just now with all publishers. I went to interview one myself about three weeks ago and his opening remark contained those words, with the added comment, "We are now making plans for books which we hope to publish two or three years from now." Circumstances alter cases, however, and those under which you acquired the information that forms the material for your book ought to alter your case a good deal. I consulted with Mr. Cogswell of the Friendship Press, he being the one publisher with whom I am well acquainted. He would not want to use your manuscript himself - he would hope you could secure a commercial house. (The Friendship Press is the publishing agency for the Missionary Education Movement.) From what I could suggest to him as to your book's probable theme and contents, based upon what Miss Cookingham reported from a conversation with Miss Boynton, he felt there would be a good chance of its acceptance on this side of the ocean. Certainly the paper shortage has not been as severe here as with you. Furthermore, the problem with which your observations and study are concerned is now and will continue to be one of the major foci of international interest among American people. Hardly any subject outside the United States gets people more excited and more divided than that of what goes on in Northwest China. So if what you have written is good stuff (!) Cogswell feels there would be a good chance of getting a publisher. He certainly will be glad to do anything he can to help.

How soon will the manuscript be ready? How could you get a copy of it over here? There might be complications at this point. Should a good deal of editing or retyping have to be done the expense would mount rather rapidly unless some way we could manage to work it in here in the office. I am not sure what could be done in that regard but certainly Grace Boynton would be delighted to help on any minor editorial problems which might be suggested by the publisher. She, by the way, is improving rapidly and already gives little if any outward suggestion of the precarious state in which she left China.

There appears to have been a hold-up somewhere along the line of the extra copies of your pamphlet which we sent according to directions received from Mr. Slater. I am writing to the British agency in Washington to inquire if they were received, although it has not occurred to us that any delay could have arisen between here and there. I wish we had had a larger printing made.

It has been a pleasure to have Dr. Mei here since the first of the month. At the moment he is visiting in Boston and Cambridge but will be back next week.

With best wishes for a pleasant and refreshing furlough, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou

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Kings Lynn, Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
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June 9th 1945

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635, Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California
U.S.A.

Dear S.D.,

Thank you very much for writing to me so promptly after receiving our address from Lapwood. It is good to know that you are doing such good work at Pomona, and that your health is steadily improving. After your further year there, I think you will be able to return to China at a very strategic time.

We are a long way from returning to normal in this country, and a lot of people are wondering whether we ever will, and are waiting for the results of the general election for weeks from now before deciding! I can only find one research theoretical physicist still in his peace-time work in the whole country - Max Born; the others are all in war work. There is no honours school in operation in most of the universities; academic work has practically ceased except as training men for radi-location or other army or air or navy technical jobs. Liverpool is probably typical; and all the students eligible to enter a re-opened honours school have been contacted, and none of them know whether they will be either free or able to enter; it is therefore still questionable whether the school re-opens next fall.

On the other hand in this country there is a very hopeful awakening to the importance of science in human affairs, and we - all parties - intend to put far more money into development and research, both pure and applied, to keep the country not only abreast, but if possible, ahead of every other country in scientific achievement. It will take several years, however before these new plans get properly started.

Interest in the Far East over here is at the moment overshadowed by the General Election, at least so far as newspaper headlines go. We are doing our bit to correct this! The voting is scheduled to take place on July 5th; and on July 3rd there is to be a general meeting of the Friends of the Christian Universities in China in Liverpool, and I am scheduled to be the chief speaker. July 4th will get a bit lost between these two dates!

W. Band

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Regarding Tu Lien-yueh's further study, I have already written to you, dated April 21st, giving him general support. Personally I am not in favour of the College making a guarantee of a job plus finding a scholarship abroad to precede it; I think the guarantee ought to be other way only - that on his return to China the man guarantees to offer himself to the College for a stated period, in return for the College having found him the opportunity for study and Ph.D. abroad. From this point of view I believe in finding as many opportunities abroad as possible, and so building up as large a group of qualified young men from among whom we can choose the best. It is impossible to predict with absolute certainty who will make good in America or Britain; but it is fairly easy to see afterward who have really profited by the experience.

So far as Physics is concerned, there are already a select group of excellent returned students in China from whom I think we could choose; but we shall be competing with the national universities in finding first-rate staff members after this war, and the national universities are liable to get first choice; I would like to see a large number going out these next few years under obligation to offer themselves to us on their return. This will be the best way to make sure of an adequate first-class staff to keep pace with the reconstructed national universities.

Our department is already more-or-less committed to keep Chen Shang-yi and Ch'u Sheng-lin, both with US Ph.D.'s, and personally I would not wish to plan to substitute either of these men by anyone else, and I think they will both stay with us. Ch'u is of course still in Peiping. Unless there is considerable expansion envisaged, there is no point in adding more in pure physics. But we definitely need someone thoroughly qualified in radio and related fields - it will be still more important in future than it has been in the past - and Tu could be trained to be acceptable for that post. Again there are others, like Pi Teh-hsien, equally good, and already trained, but there is no obligation upon them to return to us. The more possible men become trained the better chance we have of getting a suitable man at the right time. Our problem ought not to be to find a suitable man, but to select the best from a number of possibles. I would recommend that Tu be found a chance for study provided he also agrees to give us first choice afterwards, but that there be no guarantee on our side to accept him back.

If times were more normal, I would probably be more inclined to give Tu a scholarship as well as guarantee of continued employment, but under the probable conditions in the future I feel that too many commitments may become an embarrassment to the university. Nor do I feel that present, or near-future, conditions of study in Britain or America, to be such that we can honestly expect a man to get the best preparation for a guaranteed return to our Department as a senior staff member. In this country there is practically nothing for a student to do, and will not be for a long time, and if, as you put it, England has not stripped her universities to nearly the extent that America has, I don't see what the Chinese can find over there at all!

Well, that's hardly fair, after all! In China now things are pretty low in the matter of research and advanced study - no journals since 1939 or 1940, almost no books, and no imported apparatus, and economic conditions simply appalling; so far as physics is concerned, they've been marking time for five or six years now in West China, and that's a long time for ambitious physicists, and very demoralising, when you know that the destinies of the whole world depend upon physics and physicists working in other countries. I think that before condemning Chinese students for wanting to go to America for advanced study, we ought to make due allowance for the frustration that they have been experiencing in their own country all these hard years of near-defeat by the Japanese. Our scientists have been fully mobilised for the war, in China there has been practically nothing for them to do - they are not wanted for the war, and that's not their fault, either.

I'm afraid we have not followed your advice regarding taking a few months' rest; during these first four months we have completed the writing of a 200,000 word book about China, and are now negotiating with publishers. In spite of this work, our health has steadily returned towards our usual excellent shape. From now on I'm hoping to get a chance for study. A few days ago I already communicated a paper on theoretical research, and hope to be able to produce several more during the remainder of this year.

With very best wishes to you and your family from
Claire and yours sincerely

William Band
William Band

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June 9, 1945

Mr. William Band
Kings Lynn, Hooten Road
Willaston, Wirral
ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Band:

Agreeable to your instructions our Accounting Department reports that we have sent to you \$2,500 through Barclay's Bank, which we trust you have received by this time. This leaves \$1,012.88 in your educational account on the books of Yenching University.

We certainly are looking forward to seeing you with great pleasure.

Most sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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Earle H. Ballou Esq.,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150, Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y. U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Ballou,

It was most helpful of you to go to so much trouble in connection with the possibility of publishing our book in America, and we very much appreciate your helpful suggestions.

The manuscript is in fact already complete, and we have submitted it to one of the best British houses - George Allen and Unwin, in London - who expressed interest in response to earlier feelers. They would not, it appears, be able to publish within a year of acceptance, but we believe even that would be good speed under the circumstances in this country.

It is not impossible that Allen and Unwin may have American contacts through which simultaneous publication might be arranged, if strategic encouragement came from people like yourselves at that end; I will investigate these possibilities if Unwin's wish to accept. If they do not have such facilities, we shall probably have to re-type the whole thing again to have a good copy ready for sending to America; I understand that copyright in Britain can be arranged so as to allow simultaneous or earlier publication in the States. But copyright laws in America are too complicated to be well understood over here.

The question of getting the MS over to you I think now depends only upon passing the censorship authorities, and presumably this will become less stringent with time. I will enclose a synopsis with this letter so that you can see more clearly the nature of the book and can judge more fully as to whether it would be acceptable. The book is on the long side compared with present-day publications in this country, and we may have to cut it down before it is finally accepted; it would be gratifying if the whole thing could be published in America without material alteration. We should of course be very grateful to Miss Boynton for any help she could give in meeting publishers' suggestions. We are very happy to hear that she has so much recovered.

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Politically our attitude is as strictly neutral as possible regarding the N.W. of China; but there are sufficient facts for the thing to be "explosive" material to partisans on either side of the fence. At the end of the book we try to present a point of view which may help to resolve the conflict at least among western observers. But our main concern has to be to present facts uncoloured by political prejudice; and our adventures, both with the guerillas and with the nationalists have been sufficiently exciting to make the facts worth recording factually!

We are glad to hear that Dr. Mei has arrived in America; he has done a good piece of work in Chengtu and deserves a "break".

In two weeks' time we should have some definite progress to report from Allen and Unwin, and shall then write to you again.

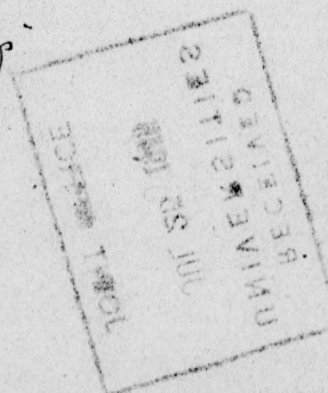
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Clare and William Band

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Enclose synopsis of book "Dragon Fangs"



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With many thanks for all your help.

Very sincerely yours

William H. H. H.

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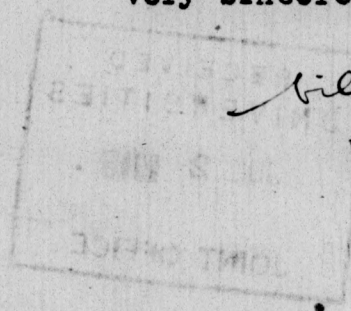
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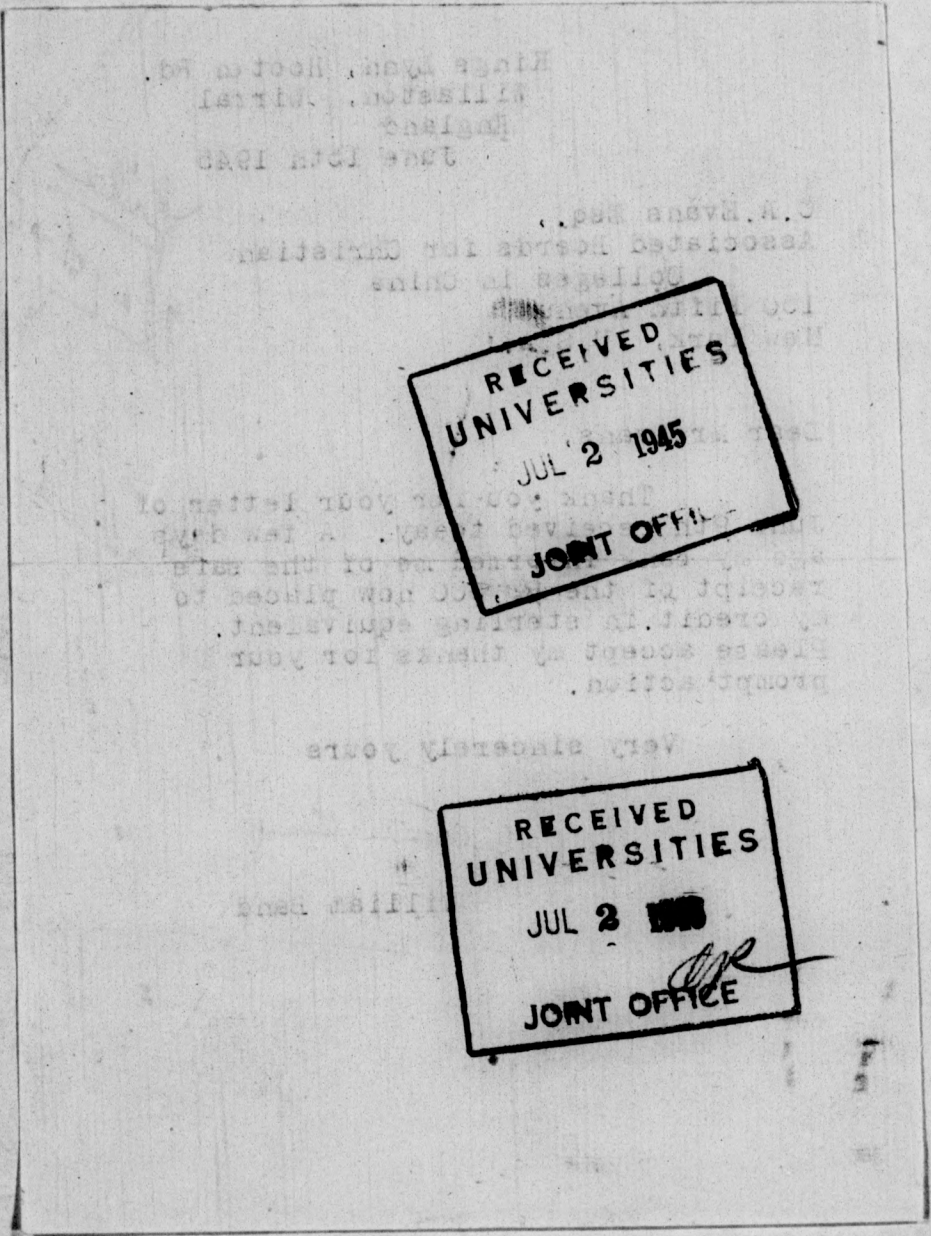
Thank you for your letter of
June 9th received today. A few days
ago my bank informed me of the safe
receipt of the \$2,500 now placed to
my credit in sterling equivalent.
Please accept my thanks for your
prompt action.

Very sincerely yours

William Band

William Band





Kings Lynn, Hooton Road
Willaston, Wirral
December 2nd 1945

Prof. Wm.H.Adolph
School of Nutrition
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York
U. S. A.

Dear Adolph,

Yours of November 1st arrived some time ago.
Thank you also for the Yenching Catalyst, which we
found most interesting.

You probably received mine of October 20th very
soon after, in which I gave you rough totals for the
various groups of items needed in physics.

Nothing much more to report here beyond the
enclosed circular from WGPye & Co of Cambridge from
whom we had a considerable number of pieces. In a
covering letter they said that approximately 50-60%
increase over pre-war prices should be estimated, and
that they would endeavour to supply any apparatus
required on receipt of a definite order, or if nec-
essary forward their quotation giving current prices.
They cannot send me catalogues, but I can refer to
old ones at Liverpool University; and from these I
would like to make out a list of college physics lab
equipment in mechanics, heat and optics. For
electrical equipment I would prefer to consider Central
Scientific at Chicago, unless the prices there are much
higher than at Pye's. Central Sci. are more standardised
for replacements later.

It is good to hear that you have already written to
the people at Peiping, and I shall be interested to know
the results.

With the season's greetings from us both to
all of you

very sincerely yours

William Band

William Band

*2/12/45
for Tsai
only for Chih-shan
as and yet for my office
as it is separate to the Science
Department*

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